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Barn moves

Local developer Marcello Scappaticci has offered to donate a barn from the historic Cassady Farm to Plymouth Township, Located at the corner of North Territorial and Sheldon roads, the Cassady property is being redeveloped into the Cassady Place Condominiums.

Scappaticci, wanting to preserve the barn and its historic value, contacted township officials in December. It was decided that Plymouth Township Park, at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha, would be the proper place for the barn to take on a new life as a nature center.

Scappaticci has agreed to dismantle, move and reassemble the barn, foundation and slab for the barn, at his expense. He has also agreed to provide equipment and personnel to help create the paths. Ultimately, the township could include insulation, electricity and plumbing to widen the use of the barn. Site preparation work and reassembly could take place as early as this spring.

Elected

Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann has been selected by his peers in the Conference of Western Wayne to assume a leadership position for the coming



the newly elected treasurer, joins new Chairman Tom Fiedler of Belleville, Vice Chair

Sandra Cicirelli of Westland, Secretary Al Haidous of Wayne and Chair Emeritus Kevin Kelley of Redford Township.

"I am honored to have been chosen to serve in this capacity," Mann said. "There is a recognition that Plymouth Township champions low tax rates and combines it with a great quality of living. I look forward to having the opportunity to share this message with other elected officials."

The Conference of Western Wayne encompasses 18 communities with more than 700,000 residents. The communities cover 320 square miles and have a tax base of \$23 billion. Mann is in his third year as supervisor, having been elected in 2000. Prior to his election, he was a member of the Plymouth Township Police Department.

School petitions

School election petitions are now available for anyone wishing to declare candidacy for the June 9 Plymouth-Canton Board of Education election. Forms are available at the E.J. McClendon **Educational Center on** Harvey. Deadline for filing is 4 p.m. April 7. Petitions must contain at least 40 valid signatures of registered voters. The deadline to withdraw once you've filed a petition is 4 p.m. April 10. Call (734) 416-3095.



Final performance

Plymouth Symphony Conductor Nan Washburn and Concert Master Juliana Athayde share a bittersweet moment on stage during Saturday's concert at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Athayde is leaving the PSO to continue her education in Cleveland. She was honored at Saturday's performance with a plague, bouquet and standing ovation for her five years of performance. For more on Athayde, please turn to page A2.

Severance may offset layoffs

BY TONY BRUSCATO

The Plymouth-Canton school board has given Superintendent Jim Ryan the go-ahead to move ahead with \$5.6 million in cuts to balance the 2003-04 budget, including teacher and staff layoffs, increases in breakfast and lunch prices, as well as an end to Sunday activities at the high school complex.

Ryan's list of proposed cuts is predicated on Gov. Jennifer Granholm's projected state budget that calls for keeping the current level of state foundation grant for schools, which for Plymouth-Canton is \$7,025 per

Among the cuts: 20 teachers, which are expected to save the district \$686,000. Ryan said he's hopeful that with a \$10,000 incentive to encourage eligible teachers to retire or leave the district, most of those to be given layoff notices April 15 could be rehired.

"We're hoping the severance incentive gets some folks to declare, and we can work at trying to take back the most senior of the cuts," said Ryan. "I would like to get them all hired back by the time the school year ends."

Plymouth-Canton Education Association President Chuck Portelli said he's not surprised at the number of teacher lavoffs.

"The district saves \$50,000 every time a teacher is laid off," he said. "The more people who take the severance and leave the district, the more it will save jobs for people that could be laid off."

Among other staff cuts will be one administrator, who has yet to be named, two secretaries, five paraprofessionals, and a number of aides.

Additional budget reduction recommendations include cutting major projects, \$400,000; ordering fewer instructional supplies, \$100,000; administrative building reductions, \$300,000; and a 10-percent cut in the athletic budget, \$200,000.

PLEASE SEE SEVERANCE, A5

Township cops make drug bust

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township's participation in the Western Wayne Community Response Team is starting to pay off.

In a combined effort between the CRT, township patrol officers and the Western Wayne Narcotics Enforcement Team, Plymouth Township police arrested a township man for distribution of drugs out of his home in the 9000 block of Northern Street.

When police searched his home, they found additional narcotics, counterfeit money and equipment designed to distribute narcotics.

Matthew Hernandez was arraigned March 6 on five felony counts of delivery and manufacture of drugs. One count was for methamphetamine, which carries a maximum penalty of 25 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine.

PLEASE SEE BUST, A5

OLGC principal removal angers parents

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Anyone from the Our Lady of Good Counsel parish who showed up at Monday's parish council meeting expecting answers as to why longtime principal Tedd Behn is being let go walked away largely unhappy.

The Rev. John Sullivan, the OLGC pastor, made the deci-

sion in February not to bring back Behn, the principal at OLGC School for 17 years. The school educates more than 600 students in grades K-8.

Sullivan has, to this point, been very quiet about the decision not to renew Behn's contract. On the administrative intent form the principal filed in January, Behn indicated his plan to return to the role. However, when he got it

back from Sullivan, the pastor SHOCK AND SURPRISE had written, "I feel it is time

for an administrative change." That's the only thing Behn has heard to this day. Behn said he hasn't spoken to or met with Sullivan since the decision was made.

"I was shocked," Behn said Tuesday. "I've been here 17 years, and I thought I'd retire from here. And I'm not ready to retire."

Apparently, Behn wasn't the only one surprised by the decision, which is Sullivan's to make as the pastor of the parish under Archdiocese of Detroit rules. According to Richard Laskos, public relations associate for the Archdiocese of Detroit, the

PLEASE SEE OLGC, A7

Graffiti alters mural message

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Two years ago, Jay Densmore had a giant flag painted on the outside of his Plymouth Furniture Refinishing building on Main Street.

"I put it there to make people think about our veterans, to thank them for what they've done for us," said Densmore. "They (World War II-era veterans) are dying off at a thousand a day, and soon no one will be around to tell the story. If they're not remembered ... we all owe them a lot."

Despite the words "Remember Our Veterans" around the flag, vandals apparently took the message differently, spraypainting "So Let's Go To War" on the lower part of the building, apparently in reference to a possible conflict with Iraq.

Densmore said Plymouth police told him they noticed the graffiti early Saturday morning.

"It was pretty upsetting," said Densmore. "The flag has been up there for a few years and it has no connection with the war. I think whoever did it thought I was supporting going to war, but it wasn't that at

Former Plymouth resident Jerry Phillips, who now resides in Van Buren

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Jay Densmore of Plymouth Furniture Refinishing stands outside his building on Main street where vandals spray-painted graffiti.



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BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

It was a night of excitement and bittersweet moments as the Plymouth Symphony took the stage Saturday at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

While the symphony was welcoming an art exhibit featuring Russian artist Felix Braslavsky, members were also bidding farewell to Concert Master Juliana Athayde, who is leaving the symphony after five years to continue her education in Cleveland.

To celebrate her final performance, Athayde performed Prokofiev's Troika! from Lieutenant Kije, Shostokovich's Symphony No. 5 in D minor and Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto Op. 35.

"It was bittersweet," Athayde said. "I spent five years there; that's a good chunk of time. I joined them as a college freshman and now I'm a grad student.

"It was definitely great to be playing with people who have been so supportive and have been there for me all the time. I felt like everyone wanted me to play well, and that's always a nice feeling."

Athayde's accomplishments belie her youth. At age 21, she's already played the violin for some 19 years. She has studied with masters such as Zoya Leybin of the San Francisco Symphony, University of



PHOTO BY DONALD J. ALLEY

The Plymouth Symphony's Concert Master of the past 5 years, Juliana Athayde, performs Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto Op.35., her last performance as a member of the Plymouth Symphony. She plans a move to Cleveland to pursue her Master's Degree.

Michigan School of Music Professor Paul Kantor and virtuoso Pinchas Zuckerman.

She has performed with the Young People's Symphony Orchestra, the Diablo Symphony and the San Francisco Symphony, where she was a featured soloist during 11 performances of its "Concerts for Kids" series.

A Bay Area native, Athayde was concert master with the San Francisco Orchestra for three years before moving east to study music at U-of-M. She earned her bachelor's degree last year. She had a chance to return to the Bay Area when she recently won a job with the San Francisco orchestra, but she turned it down to stay in

She will be the only student in a class with Cleveland concert master Bill Preucil, learning how to be a concert master for a major orchestra.

Athayde said it was a good time to turn down such an offer, even with a potential sixfigure salary, to do what she really wants.

"It would make total sense to take this great (San Francisco) job, but I'm going to stay in Cleveland," Athayde said. "(Preucil) is going to teach me how to do what I really want to do. I figured this is the only time I'm going to be 22, single and able to turn away from one great opportunity to take another great opportunity that will, in the long-run, hopefully serve me well."

AROUND TOWN

CHORUS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Plymouth Community Chorus, as part of its music education program, is offering three scholarships to students pursuing an education in the vocal field of performing arts.

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior, and two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to students in the sixth through 11th grades. The scholarship will be awarded at the May 4 performance of Broadway Legends.

The scholarships are intended to assist in the pursuit of studies in the field of vocal music, an applied vocational career in the field of vocal music, academic study of voice, or the study of voice for the purpose of organized recreational or community

Applications must be postmarked by April 5 and can be obtained by calling Sherrie Northway at (313) 533-4796 or by writing to Plymouth Community Chorus, P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, MI 48170.

TINY TOTS PROGRAM

The Plymouth Salvation Army is taking registrations for its Tiny Tots Pre-School program for Fall 2003.

The program for 3-year-olds meets from 9:20-11:20 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To be eligible for this group, children must turn 3 before Sept. 1.

The group for 4-year-olds meets from 9:20-11:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. To be eligible for this group, children must turn 4 before Sept. 1, 2003.

For information or to sign up, call Peggy at (734) 453-5464.

CHARITY RECEPTION

Jennifer O'Neill, actress, author and national spokesperson for Silent No More, will be the featured speaker at the second-annual Benefit for Life II charity reception, scheduled for 6:30 p.m., April 3 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth.

Joining O'Neill and serving as master of ceremonies is James C. Hunter, best-selling author of The Servant. The reception will focus on the beauty of life, born and unborn.

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"We are proud to have (O'Neill) join us for this special evening," said reception organizer Barbara Serra. "With (O'Neill's) broad background as an actress, published author. and national spokesperson, we know she will challenge and encourage us."

All proceeds will be used to further the prolife educational work of Right to Life of Michigan. St. John's Golf and Conference Center is located at 44045 Five Mile Road in Plymouth. For more information on attending the charity reception, contact Barbara Serra, (248) 371-0466 weekdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets are available by reservation only.

KOHL'S SCHOLARSHIPS

Kohl's Department Stores is accepting nominations for its third-annual Kohl's Kids Who Care volunteer recognition program. Each year, Kohl's recognizes kids across the country who work hard to give back to their communities. The program recognizes and rewards kids who volunteer in their communities. Nominees must be between the ages of 6 and 18. They will be judged in two age groups: 6-11 and 12-18. The deadline for entries is March 15.

Two winners will be selected at each store – one from each age range - to receive a \$50 gift card. Those winners will go on to compete for one of 94 regional scholarships worth \$1,000 each. Regional winners will compete for one of the 10 national scholarships worth \$5,000 each. In addition, Kohl's will contribute \$1,000 to a nonprofit organization on behalf of each national winner.

Area residents can nominate a youth volunteer by downloading a nomination form from www.kohlscorporation.com or by picking up a nomination form at a local Kohl's store.

KIWANIS GOLF OUTING

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The Kiwanis of Colonial Plymouth is planning its 21stannual Kiwanis Golf Outing and Feast. The event will be played at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Thursday, Aug. 7. Reservations can be made by calling Rob Noel, (734) 453-6000.



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City gets 'good amount' of interest in Bathey site

BY TONY BRUSCATO

Plymouth city officials are receiving a fairly good amount of interest in nearly 16 acres of property along Mill Street once owned by A&E Holdings, otherwise known as Bathey Manufacturing.

The city gained ownership of the property in January as the result of a negotiated settlement with former owner Wendell Flynn, after a 20-year battle in which Flynn failed to pay \$3 million in back taxes, interest and penalties.

City Manager Paul Sincock said interest has been growing in the largest tract of land available in the city.

"We have a list of nine people who have expressed interest in the property," Sincock said. "We've taken a couple of groups through so they can get a perspective on it."

City planners are currently working on a land use for the site, which is expected to be revealed to the city commission in the near future.

However, there appears to be little interest in the industrial and office segments, leading to speculation residential will eventually be constructed on

"I've not heard of any interest for manufacturing, which is probably welcome news for some of the neighbors in the area," said Sincock. "Some of the groups have expressed interest in some type of condominium development, and perhaps single family homes

Mayor Bill Graham believes Plymouth is still a hot market for developers.

"The city is still a hot area to be when it comes to residential," Graham said. "The large piece of property will certainly afford for some significant development in the city's boundaries.

While the list of interested parties is being kept quiet, one reportedly intrigued by the property is Joseph Freed & Associates from Wheeling, Ill., which is developing a 163unit residential project at the former Daisy BB Gun factory on Union Street. The Bathey property is located just across the railroad tracks from the 11-acre Daisy site.

One of the pluses for the city owning the property is being able to have a say in how it's developed.

"We're able to call the shots,



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The BMC property on Mill is for sale, and city manager Paul Sincock said it is drawing considerable interest.

and we're rarely in that position," said Commissioner Stella Greene. "We, as a city bought the property so we could make the best use of it, and have some say in determining how it's used.

"Personally, my first choice is to see additional residential, but I'm not ruling out any other type of configuration," she said. "I'm open to seeing what developers can submit to the city."

After chasing down back taxes for 20 years, Sincock is certain of what he'd like to see on the site.

"I'd like to see a taxpayer; somebody who pays their taxes in a timely manner,

somebody who pays their water bills in a timely manner," he said. "That's what we're interested in."

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Assault suspect could be tied to Township to pursue new hall similar Plymouth investigation

BY JACK GLADDEN

STAFF WRITER

A 21-year-old Canton man has been charged with thirddegree criminal sexual conduct in connection with an alleged assault on a 15-year-old girl.

Jody Preston Yanez was arraigned on Saturday, March 8, in 34th District Court. A plea of not guilty was entered in his behalf and he was remanded to the Wayne County Jail. A preliminary exam is scheduled for Friday, March 21, at 35th

District Court in Plymouth. He could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

Yanez, who was scheduled to stand trial in Oakland County on Tuesday in a similar case, is also a suspect in an incident in Plymouth Township.

Canton Police Sgt. Todd Mutchler said the Canton girl told police she met a friend at a coffee shop in Plymouth where she was introduced to a man known as "JD." She said they went for a walk and she gave him her telephone number.

The man called her the fol-

lowing day and asked her to meet him at Westland Mall. When they met at the mall, she told police, he asked her if she wanted to go to a movie and they returned to Canton.

He began to make sexual advances during the movie, then took her to an apartment complex on Haggerty Road where he sexually assaulted her in a sauna room, she said.

She did not report the assault immediately, Mutchler said, because she was afraid and embarrassed. Her mother found a note the girl had written to a friend and she and her daughter went to the police.

Police were able to identify the suspect, Mutchler said, and Yanez was arrested. Based upon information obtained during the investigation, police got a search warrant to seize Yanez' computer for forensic evalua-

"We're looking for specific evidence to use in our case," Mutchler said. "Apparently he was sending instant messages to her."

Mutchler said Yanez is also a

suspect in at least one other CSC case in Plymouth Township.

Tom Tiderington, Plymouth Township Police Chief, confirmed that his department was looking into a similar case but said it was too early in the investigation to discuss details.

Meanwhile, in Oakland County, officials asked for a delay of the trial set for Tuesday due to the new developments in Canton.

In the Oakland County case, Yanez was charged with assaulting a 15-year-old Wolverine Lake girl who subsequently became pregnant, according to assistant prosecutor Paul Walton

Yanez entered a plea in that case on Nov. 25, Walton said, but then withdrew it to seek probation under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act. He was not given probation but was released on a \$10,000 personal

He was still out on bond when he was arrested in the Canton incident. jgladden@oe homecomm.net | (734) 459-2700

BY BRAD KADRICH

Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann remains undaunted in his plans to build a new township hall complex, despite the fourth cut to state revenue sharing in two years and the nagging feeling that more will come.

The budget revealed last week by Gov. Jennifer Granholm took another 3-percent bite out of the state revenue sharing apple, meaning another \$73,000 out of the township's budget. In the four cuts, according to township treasurer Ron Edwards, Plymouth Township has lost some \$250,000.

Still, Mann appears committed to pushing forward on the \$10 million-plus project, which would see a new complex built on land the township will purchase from auto magnate Don

Massey at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty. The Plymouth Township

Board of Trustees met Tuesday night in a closed session to discuss the purchase, although no decisions were actually made. Mann has previously indicated Massey is seeking some \$1.7 million for the nine-acre parcel; the township has had it appraised at \$1.6 million, while a Massey appraisal has its worth

set at \$1.8 million.
"In this economy, construction costs are never going to be cheaper," Mann said. "We saw that with the WTUA expansion project in Ypsilanti. We got almost twice as many bidders as we expected. We're never going to get lower interest rates, and that saves the taxpay-

Since Mann's plan is to pay for the township complex through bonds, he knows he's going to have to sell it to residents who will foot the bill. The issue will be put to voters and, if they approve it, the established millage will be dedicated to paying off the bonds.

When those are paid off, the millage is removed from residents' taxes. "If voters approve it, we have a set stream of revenue that can go only for that," Mann said.

He also knows it might be a tough sell in tough economic times, but he feels it's still a necessary expense, and he's confident he can sell it to vot-

"It's not the time to be asking (residents) for more money," Mann acknowledged. "But you have to look at the need. It's something we need to do; we've put it off for too long. But we Wayne County, and that's going to remain true, even if this passes.



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Cause still unknown in Maybury Park farm fire

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BY PAULINE LUPERCIO CORRESPONDENT

The incident happened a month ago and there are still no official answers regarding the deadly fire at the Maybury State Park living farm.

John Burn, specialist sergeant with the state police fire marshall's division, said the cause of the fire is still under investigation. Arson, he said, is not likely.

"The actual scene examination has been completed and has been for some time. The scene was turned back to the DNR for their disposal," said Burn. "That is why the debris has been cleared [from the site.]"

But the actual cause of the deadly fire is still yet to be determined. A full 30 days have passed since the barn was burned to the ground, but Burn said it is not unusual for an investigation of this nature to "drag on for some time."

"We are still waiting for

some results and some other things that we are looking at," he said. "Once we have those details, then hopefully we be able to issue a statement as to what we believe happened out there."

Northville Township firefighters received the call on Feb. 12 at approximately 9:45 p.m. and arrived at the Eight Mile and Beck location to find the barn in flames. Fire departments from the cities of Northville and Novi assisted in the firefighting effort.

With no water supply on the scene, and not enough water brought in by the tanker truck to fight the barn fire, township firefighters made the executive decision to use the water supply to save the surrounding buildings.

Fifty animals died as a result of the fire.

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Donations pouring in for Maybury fund

BY PAULINE LUPERCIO CORRESPONDENT

Donations continue to come in for the Northville Community Foundation's Maybury Farm Endowment Fund and Foundation director Shari Peters said she is keeping tabs on where the money is coming from, as well as what the donations are for.

According to Peters, more than \$7,500 was collected by press time by the state certified, 501(c)(3) organization. The group's goal, said Peters, is to raise \$1 million dollars to help rebuild the barn, replenish the animals, and fund the basic upkeep of the farm.

Were far short of the million dollars, and that is what we absolutely need," said Peters. "Although we have received a fair amount of donations, we still need a considerable amount. Our next step is to contact our corporate friends."

But for now, Peters said the envelopes containing five, \$10,

and \$20 donations - from individuals from Northville to Grosse Pointe Woods to Clinton township - are "touching."

"There's no rhyme or reason to where the donations come from," said Peters. "Everyone wants to help. The fire sure did touch the hearts of a lot of people.'

After thank-you cards are written to each and every donor, Peters said the money is deposited into an account at Northville's Community Federal Credit Union before being placed into the endowment fund by local investors. Copies of all checks received and all deposits made are kept on file.

Very accurate records are being kept on every dollar received," said Peters. "We have crossed every "T" and dotted every "I" and kept incredibly accurate books so as to avoid any intimation of fund mismanagement.'

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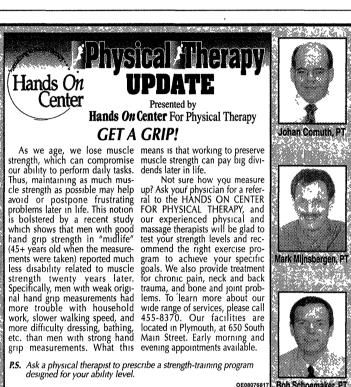
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BUST

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Hernandez also faces a possible seven years in prison on one charge involving ketamine, and four years in prison on each of three marijuana charges.

Hernandez is being held in the Wayne County Jail on a \$50,000 cash bond. He's scheduled for a pre-trial hearing March 21 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

"It was a combined effort from our patrol officers, our NET, our CRT and the Western Wayne narcotics

team," Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said, "We received information that Hernandez was selling various drugs from his mother's residence and ... he was selling to kids as young as 15 and 16 years old. With that information, we initiated a concerted effort to investigate him, arrest him and put him out of business."

Police say Hernandez was supplying, among other things, ketamine to teenagers. According to Tiderington, ketamine is an animal tranquilizer that is becoming a very popular drug among teenagers and young adults. "He wasn't

just selling a little marijuana," Tiderington said. "Ketamine is cheap, and it's viewed at least by the kids as a somewhat non-risky type of drug. But there have been deaths associated with it."

This is the third drug arrest in Plymouth Township in the last month.

In late February, police raided a township apartment complex and arrested two people, one for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, the other for possession and loitering in a place where drugs are sold. In mid-February, township police arrested a Plymouth Township man, Joe Young, after a search warrant turned up about 1.6 pounds of marijuana in his Parkhurst home.

Tiderington credits teams like the CRT for the successful arrests of late.

"With the cooperative effort we've created the last six or seven months, it's given us the opportunity to follow up on leads that might not have developed in the past," the chief said. "It gives us a much more comprehensive ability to address what's going on in the community."

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GRAFFIT

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Township, stopped in to thank Densmore for his support of

"I just came over to thank you for respecting our veterans and not promoting a war, for remembering what we did," Phillips told Densmore. "I was a Vietnam War-era veteran, and we weren't treated all that well when we came home. In fact, we were told not to go home in our uniforms."

As for a possible war with Iraq, Phillips supports the

U.S. military, saying President Bush should complete the job that wasn't concluded in 1991.

"I think we should go back and finish it," he said. "We can't wait for this guy (Saddam Hussein) to pull the

trigger." Meanwhile, Densmore said he'll paint over the graffiti when the weather gets warmer, and hopes word of his support for veterans will keep other pranksters from doing the same thing.

"I hope whoever did it will stop and think it wasn't right," he said.

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SEVERANCE

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Cost savings and revenue generating recommendations. designed to add money to the general fund, include eliminating Sunday activities at The Park, \$22,000; increasing breakfast and lunch prices, \$100,000; preschool and extended day fee increases, \$85,000.

"For the most part, what we've tried to do is to have as little impact on students in the classroom, and look into

In planning the \$5.6 million in cuts, the district increased its prediction of the number of students that will attend **Plymouth-Canton Schools** next year.

administrative and noninstructional areas," said board member Judy Mardigian. "You can't make cuts of this magnitude and not touch students, but I think to the greatest extent possible that has been the goal."

Trustee Tom Wysocki agreed. "We've done a lot of talking in workshops and study sessions, so we're prepared on what needs to be done," he said. "There's been a lot of work and thought to not affect kids and their education, and the things we're cutting are not things that tug at parent heart strings."

There were areas the board listed as "untouchable" while arriving at places to cut the budget. They included class size in kindergarten through second grade, the elementary Talented and Gifted program, no double sessions or four-day school weeks, keeping bus transportation and middle school athletic programs.

In planning the \$5.6 million in cuts, the district increased its prediction of the number of students that will attend Plymouth-Canton Schools next year, thereby increasing the expected amount of foundation money from the state. The plan also calls for approval from the Board of Education to use \$2 million of the projected June 30, 2003, fund balance of \$11.1 million.

"While we look at the painful future, we've done the best we can with the scenario we can control," said Patricia Brand, executive director of business services. "We're now walking into a time where our future is being determined by the state, with level revenue and expenditures that are sometimes beyond our ability to control."

With last week's announcement by the governor that the foundation grant will remain stable, the district's refigured budget deficit dropped from an expected \$9 million to \$5.6 million.

"It's not as unpleasant as we thought, but it's still painfully unpleasant," added Brand.

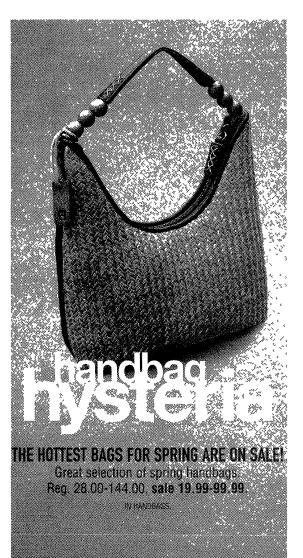
Board President Elizabeth Givens said the district will eventually need to change the way it thinks to avoid more drastic cuts in the future.

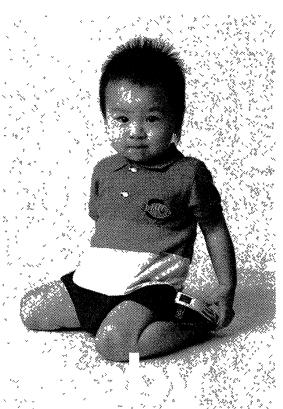
"We still need to look longterm at some new ways of thinking in public education because the issues aren't going to go away," she said. "We're going to have to behave more like private education in thinking about how to pay for everything. I don't think miracles happen in Lansing."

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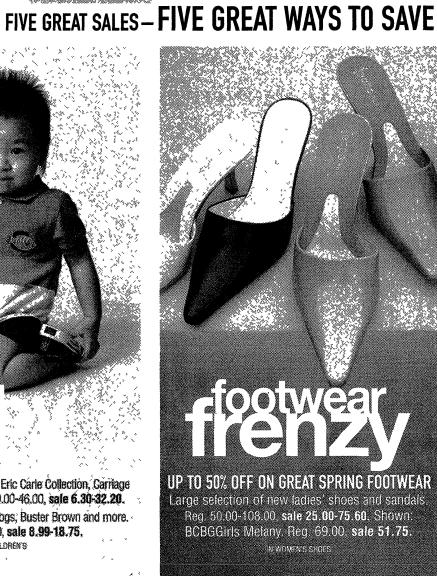
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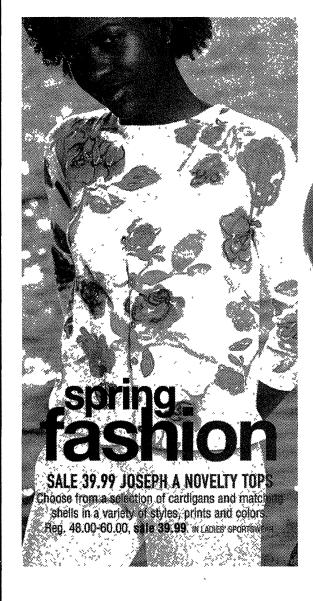
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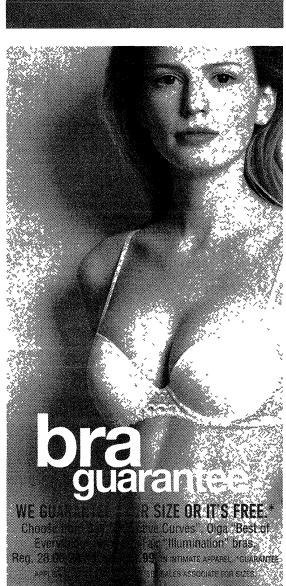


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Jane Johnson

Services for Jane Johnson, 69, of Plymouth were held March 8 at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth with Rev. Michael Bryan officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

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Mrs. Cromp was born May

23, 1930, in Buffalo, N.Y., and

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Margaret Mary Cromp

72, of Plymouth were held

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson was born July 29, 1933, in Clarksville, Tenn., and died March 7 in Livonia. She was a homemaker and also worked for AT&T for 12

She and Robert had been married for 50 years. She came to the Plymouth community in

1937 from Tennessee. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth for 30 years. She loved visiting their cottage on Platte Lake in Honor, Mich. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and sis-

Survivors include husband, Robert Johnson of Plymouth; children, Craig (Mary) Johnson of Denver, Paul (Diane) Johnson of Anaheim, Calif.,

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Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Lewis R. Beeton

Services for Lewis Beeton, 78, of Plymouth were held March 10 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiat-

Mr. Beeton was born March 10, 1924, in Detroit and died March 6 in Westland. He was a supervisor in sheet metal work for Crown Heating Company for 39 years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1977 from Detroit. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth, the Local 80 Sheet Metal Workers Union and the Plymouth Elks. He and Thresia had been married for 54 years. He liked Tai Chi and traveling. His hobby was clock repairing. He was a veteran of World War II as well as the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include wife, Thresia Beeton of Plymouth; daughters, Nancy Flummerfelt of Wolverine Lake, Joan (Dennis) Menzo of Shelby Township and Pamela (Richard) Whiddon of Saline; grandchildren Adam and Andrea Menzo; and Zachary, Nicole and Elizabeth Whiddon; sisters, Gloria Silver of Plymouth, Beverly Reining of Ontario and Donna Masters of Ontario.

Memorial contributions may be given to Angela Hospice. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral



Mildred W. Allen

Services for Mildred Allen, 75, of Westland were held March 10 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. John Paton officiating. Burial was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton.

Mrs. Allen was born March 27, 1927, in Geneva, Ala., and died March 6 in Ann Arbor. She has resided in Westland for 50 years, previously from Knoxville, Tenn. She worked as a nurses aid at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. She was a member of Community Free Will Baptist Church and the Senior Center of Westland. She Mack officiating. loved her grandchildren and playing the lottery. She had been a cancer survivor since age 50.

Mrs. Allen was preceded in death by her husband, William R. Allen, Sr.

Survivors include sons, William Riley (Carol Tane) Allen of Virginia Beach, Va., Larry D. (Karen) Allen of Plymouth, and Michael R. (Mary) Allen of Canton Township; daughter, Barbara A. (Robert) Flanagan of South Lyon; and grandchildren, Billy Jo, Sheila, Christopher Nicholas, Michelle, Robert, Dawn, Dayna, Derek, Kyle and Zachary.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 29350 Southfield Rd., Ste. 42, Southfield, MI 48076.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

James Robertson

Services for James Robertson, 70, of Plymouth were held March 1 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack Spitza officiating.

Mr. Robertson was born Jan. 8, 1933, in Erin, Tenn., and died Feb. 26 in Superior Township. He was a salesman. He was a member of the First

Baptist Church of Westland. Survivors include wife, Jacqueline Ann Robertson of Plymouth and son, Mike

Robertson of Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Westland, 1033 S. Wildwood, Westland, MI

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

John B. Lundy

Services for John Lundy, 58, of Plymouth were held March 8 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert W.

Mr. Lundy was born Feb. 13, 1945, in Detroit and died March 5 in Superior Township. He was an electrician.

Survivors include wife, Denise Lundy of Plymouth; daughters, Dawn (Todd) Holappa of Canton and Susan Lundy of Plymouth; son, John J. Lundy of Plymouth; sister, Diane (Stan) Johnson of Westland; grandchildren Robert and Amanda; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the John Lundy Children's Education Fund, 4797 Napier Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Glen W. Taylor

Services for Glen Taylor, 83, of Plymouth were held March 11 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Michael Bryan officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Taylor was born Aug. 17, 1919, in Addington, Mich., and died March 8 in Westland. He was a tool maker.

He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth. Mr. Taylor was preceded in

Taylor. Survivors include daughters, Bethany (John) Whitley of Plymouth and Lvnda (Donald) Sell of Plymouth; sons Douglas Taylor of Plymouth and Lewis Taylor of Westland; brother Bill Taylor of Bancroft, Mich.; sister Beatrice Perry of Washington; nine grandchildren; and nine

great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Odyssey Hospice, 26111 Evergreen Road, Suite 303, Southfield, MI

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

James Murphy Collins

James Murphy Collins, 74, (formerly of Plymouth) died March 8 at his home in Crossville, Tenn. He was a retired builder and former special assistant to the honorable Carl D. Pursell. Memorial services to be held at Tansi Community Church, Crossville, Tenn.

Survivors include wife, Linda; children, Cynthia, Patricia (James), Jeffrey and Karen; grandchildren Willard, Sherri, James, Bryanne, Amanda and Alexandria; and great-grandchild, Derrik.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Cumberland County, Crossville, Tenn.

Arrangements made by Hood Funeral Home.

Eunice F. Pontone

Services for Eunice Pontone, 85, will be held at 12:30 p.m. Friday at McCabe Funeral Home in Canton.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Frank Pontone; daughter, Nancy (Michael) Fant; grandchildren, Dustin, Aaron and Natalie; sister, Dorothy Bendick.

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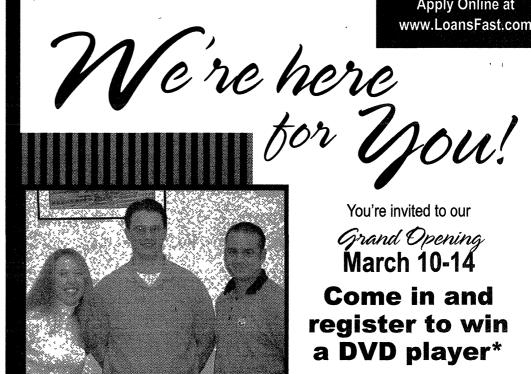
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archdiocese has no standing in the decision.

"He may call the Archdiocese for input," Laskos said. "But that decision is the

However, Sullivan hasn't explained the decision to anyone in the parish, and parents, angered by the lack of communication, showed up in droves Monday for the parish council meeting.

The majority of parents on hand thought they were coming to hear Sullivan explain the decision. However, Sullivan declined to do so in anything more than vague general terms.

"I will not, I cannot divulge all of those (reasons)," Sullivan told the gathering. "That's not your position to know. If someone loses a job, he knows why. If he doesn't want to tell you, that's up to him.

"(Behn) was a good principal, and he did a lot of good things over the years," Sullivan added. "Now, there's an administrative period and there needs to be a change."

The lack of explanation further fueled some anger among those in attendance, many of whom were upset about being left out of the decision-making process to begin with.

Maureen Callahan, who has been a member of the parish for some three years, was one of those upset about the lack of information.

"When we don't understand why decisions are being made, and we feel that we are being shut out from the decisionmaking process, we become fearful of what these changes may mean," Callahan said.

"With no explanation given as to the reasons for the recent changes, we are left to speculate, which is enormously unfair to Mr. Behn, to our pastor, and to our school's fine reputation."

SOME SUPPORT

Not everyone at Monday's parish council meeting was angered by the decision to let Behn go. A few people expressed willingness to accept the decision as Sullivan's to make, and tried to move forward in replacing

"I don't know if all of the anger will be gone (after the meeting), but it's a start," said



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Stan Olszewski, a member of OLGC since 1977. "People who are concerned about the school are concerned about a portion of their kids' lives. Father had to make an administrative decision to move us

forward." Much of the discussion during Monday's meeting centered around communication, leading some to believe that was Behn's downfall. When asked why the problems weren't addressed in a performance review, Sullivan responded, "Who says they weren't?"

But Behn said no such performance review has ever taken place.

"If he has a review he says was signed by and discussed by both of us, I'd like to see it," said Behn, who is currently looking at other employment opportunities. "He's never given me a job review."

Sullivan said the decision to let Behn go was not "a whim of mine," but rather had been

one three years in the making. But Behn said Sullivan has never expressed any dissatisfaction with his administra-

Sullivan, who has been the pastor for some 10 years. called teachers at the school "exceptional" and said he had no doubt they would stay on. Also staying, according to Sullivan, is assistant principal Jack Curry.

According to Sullivan, a search committee to find Behn's replacement will be formed at April's parish council meeting. The committee, he said, would be comprised of teachers, staff, the parentadvisory board and the parish council.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to start interviewing in May," Sullivan told the assemblage. "Hopefully, we'll be able to announce a new principal before the end of the school year."

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Fond farewell

Dozens of people turned out at the Plymouth Community Arts Council last Friday for dual purposes: To get a sneak preview of what will be available at Friday's annual dinner-dance and auction, and to say farewell to former executive director Jennifer Tobin, center. Tobin left last month to take the reins of the new Canton Performing Arts Center. The annual auction is one of the PCAC's largest fund-raisers.

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Bond request should be made clear to residents

The budget revealed last week by Gov. Jennifer Granholm took another 3-percent bite out of the state revenue sharing apple that is a large part of the financial meal in Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

While a 3-percent cut doesn't amount to a lot of dollars for either community (\$73,000 in the township, \$30,000 in the city), the fact that revenue sharing has been cut several times in the last couple of years ought to be a red flag big enough to make officials in both governments leery about spending a lot of money until the budget ship rights itself.

In Plymouth Township, Supervisor Steve Mann is pushing ahead with plans to build a \$10 million township hall complex at the corner of Haggerty and Ann Arbor Road, on land the township will purchase from Don Massey.

We don't dispute the need for a new complex, what with the township offices now lodged in five cramped buildings at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley. With maintenance costs and safety issues abounding, a new complex should definitely be a top priority.

There are a lot of advantages to the plan. The township is likely to get more than enough in the sale of its current location to purchase the Massey property. The economy, in terms of construction costs and interest rates, makes this a good time to bid such a contract.

For instance, nearly a dozen contractors bid on the Western Townships Utilities Authority's expansion project at its Ypsilanti plant, nearly double the number of

expected bidders, according to Mann.
But that's a double-edged sword, because the same lull in the economy that has interest rates low and a bevy of construction firms underbidding each other makes it tougher on the taxpayers who will have to bear the

Township residents will have to approve the millage for the bonds, and it's a request they can expect to see from their government before the year is out. As Mann correctly points out, board members aren't likely to be daring enough to ask for a tax increase in an election year.

With another \$73,000 disappearing from the general fund, and more cuts likely if the governor can't find revenue elsewhere, we believe the township board should be focusing hard on maintaining its general fund budget.

While we reserve judgment on the township hall bond issue until such time as the request actually comes, we have this piece of advice for board members: Remember the failed millage request of the late 1990s, and make things clear to residents before you go to them hat in

Legislature must act on budget challenge

As Jennifer Granholm traveled the campaign trail, and then again as she toured various town meetings at which she sold her budget message, the state's first woman governor promised to make K-12 education a top priority.

At the same time, legislators on both sides of the aisle agreed the state's budget was in such bad shape that nothing but a bipartisan effort would solve it, and they promised to deliver just such an effort.

In unveiling her budget in an unusual personal appearance before the House and Senate appropriations committees, Granholm kept her promise.

Now it's time for legislators to do the same.

Granholm's budget pretty much preserved K-12 funding, if you don't count a 25-percent reduction for items such as adult education and talented-and-gifted programs and an 80-percent slash to MEAP scholarships.

Her solution for the rest of the \$1.9 billion budget mess is about equal parts aggressive slashing of what she thinks is government waste and ambitious optimism about what she thinks the state can generate in revenue.

The biggest losers in her budget are the state-funded universities and the students who wish to attend them, who will likely be hit with double-digit tuition increases; and patrons of the arts, who saw their favorite destination for state money cut by 50 percent.

Granholm campaigned on the idea of a "lean, not mean" government that reduces waste and lives within its means. She believes the budget she delivered does exactly that. And, unless they have a better plan, it's incumbent upon legislators to finally mean it when they say they'll deliver a bipartisan effort to solve the state's financial problems.

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Third-graders were treated to special readings from books by Dr. Seuss during a guest reading by Annette and Kyle Frederick and Michele Mitchell LaMothe, who helped the school celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and the National Education Association's "Read Across America" program. The readers read in honor of Phyllis Mitchell, who taught third grade at Fiegel from 1968-88. The family also donated a series of Dr. Seuss books in her honor.

LETTERS

Great women

March is National Women's History Month. It was established to recognize and celebrate women's accomplishments. And I would like to tell you about four great women who live and work here:

Jennifer Tobin shares her energy and devotion to the arts with all of us, but especially children. Many, many children have been a part of the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Children's Theater over the years. My oldest son, Andrew, 20, now a college student, was part of the first group of Whistle Stop Players. Jennifer shares her love of performing with kids, not so they will become great actors, but because she knows the arts are magic. She knows that when children are involved in the arts, it helps them become the best children they can be.

Jennifer's last official act as director of the arts council was to write a letter of recommendation for my middle son,

Christina Deininger is one of the newer teachers at Central Middle School. She's also a new mother. In addition to teaching math and science, she's taken on extra announcer. He stumbled to introduce the duties as a coach for the Math Counts team, which my youngest son, Mark, is a part of. She spent the first day of winter break at a Math Counts Regional Competition with her students at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Jenny Melkvik is a math teacher and Math Counts coach at East Middle School. She also spent the first day of winter break at the Math Counts Regional Competition. Jenny proudly sat in the first row with her students during the competition. More than 100 students from a dozen schools participated, and six of Jenny Melkvik's students finished in the top 10.

Cathy Sobie is a parent of two teenage girl and does day care for Plymouth-Canton teachers, including Mrs. Deininger's little girl - which means that Mrs. Deininger and other teachers can spend time helping other people's kids, like my son.

These women have many things in common, but their greatest accomplishment is their dedication and willingness to share their talents and time with children every day. They do so because they know it's important.

> **Debbie Madonna** Plymouth

Welcome new PTO

In response to Tony Bruscato's article, "Fiegel PTO resigns in clash with principal," the Fiegel staff looks forward to welcoming and working with a new PTO board, that as the bylaws state, "shall cooperate with the school to support the improvement of education in ways that will not interfere with the administration of the school and shall not seek to control their policies."

We are anxious to begin the rebuilding and healing process supported by our new PTO board's child-centered focus.

According to the PTO bylaws, "The children are the reason this organization was formed." This is also the desire of the Fiegel staff. Our administrator's focus is on what is best for children and their learning. Mr. Johnson has supported the staff in implementing policies that have

provided positive student learning experiences and their safety.

Our goals cannot be met when a few vocal individuals attempt to break down and publicly criticize our school and personnel rather than working together to come to a mutual consensus that would benefit and build our learning communi-

Fiegel is an exciting and enjoyable place to learn and work, due to the leadership and example set by our administrator, Mr. James Johnson, and the dedication of our highly trained staff.

Fiegel teachers and staff members

Plymouth

Obnoxious announcer

On Feb. 20, 2003, Lwas a spectator at the PCS Penguins-University Liggett girls' hockey game at Arctic Edge. The public address announcer introduced the incorrect team as the opponent. It only spiraled downward from here.

In the countless youth hockey games I have attended over the years, I have never witnessed such a display of unsportsmanlike conduct as exhibited by this visiting team's starting line and he then went into his "obnoxious act" when introducing the home team. This childish behavior continued throughout the game, when announcing the home team's goals and when they won the game.

Regardless if this is a paid position or that of a volunteer, such one-sidedness is not a good example for any of the students and parents in attendance. In addition, on at least two occasions music was played while play was in progress instead of ceasing once the puck is dropped. On a positive note, as an away team spectator I only have to endure these antics once this season while the home team fans have 10 games to experience this classless and unprofessional demeanor.

> **Deborah Redford** Plymouth

Important lesson

I read with interest your article on Miller Elementary School's talent show. I have some personal experience with this, because my son attends Miller and tried out for the show this year and last. I think it is unrealistic to expect that the show can accommodate every act.

My son (who plays piano) did not make the show last year, but he still enthusiastically attended the performance. Hearing the performances of the kids who were chosen gave him something to work toward in the ensuing year.

He practiced extremely hard (dedication to a task is unusual for him) and was accepted into the show this year. My experience has been that Mrs. Zabowski is very, very fair. The pianists who were chosen last year were more skilled than my son, and their performances were something to emulate. I think that he learned an important life lesson through the tryout experience.

Ellen Mozurkewich Plymouth

Diplomacy first

The League of Women Voters urges President George W. Bush to continue International cooperation is essential in guarding against terrorism and protecting all nations from attack, particularly those involving nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.
Working with the United Nations provides the United States with many for-

working with the United Nations to

resolve the situation with Iraq.

eign and domestic policy advantages: ■ It ensures a full and exhaustive debate of a range of alternative policies

and actions

■ It builds unity of purpose by clearly defining the objectives to be fulfilled

It assures the world that the United States is not acting solely for its own benefit, while reassuring the American people that the United States is not acting

■ It provides the legitimacy of international law

It increases the chances of long-term success through international peacekeeping and nation-building efforts

The United Nations should be an important component of U.S. foreign policy. Resolution of past crises has shown the effectiveness of multilateral action.

Paula E. Bowman

president, League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County

Parental responsibility

My son, a third-grader at Miller, took the Cognitive Abilities Test in January. This test is used as an entrance test to the TAG (talented and gifted) program.

Although he had scored above average, he was not invited for the phase II of testing. He was disappointed. There are 200 third-graders vying for 26 spots in next year's fourth-grade class. These children too must learn to cope with disappointment if they do not

I am sure that the kids at the variety show competition were never led to believe that they "weren't good enough" if they didn't qualify.

However, it seems that children should do the best they can do and just be happy giving their best effort. Parents should recognize, encourage and support their children in their endeavors and not apply too much pressure or express disappointment if their own expectations are not

> **Tammy Sergeyev** Canton

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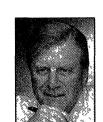
"We know there are people who for various reasons haven't learned to read or write. That's why we're here, to provide one-on-one tutoring to help them become better contributing citizens."

- Carol Saunders, president, Community Literacy Council

Granholm carves new ground for Democrat

ast week, Gov. Jennifer Granholm delivered the most painful budget message heard in Michigan in many, many years.

She proposed balancing the estimated \$1.7 billion budget deficit for the fiscal year that begins in October by cutting \$937 million in state spending and proposing around \$400 million each in new revenues (increasing the tax on diesel fuel, for example) and accounting maneu-



Power

The big winners: Public schools (the \$6,700 per-pupil foundation grant will be retained) and early childhood education. The big losers: universities and community colleges (a 6.5-percent cut), graduating high school seniors (\$2,500 college merit scholarships for those who did well on the MEAP test will be cut to \$500) and state employees (\$250 million in negotiated wage and benefit

increases were zeroed out of

the budget). Legislative and media reaction was generally admiring. Granholm did the run-up to her budget message in a spectacularly effective series of show-and-tell performances around the state. And her overall tough approach — "The days of spending beyond our means are over," she said in an unusual personal appearance before the House and Senate appropriations committees won praise from Democrats and Republicans

Upon reflection, three things stand out. First, Granholm may wind up carving entirely new ground for a Democratic politician.

Her predecessor, Republican John Engler, had an entirely different style - aggressively blunt and determinedly non-inclusive. And during the last years in office, Engler tried to do an impossible balancing act, simultaneously cutting taxes, increasing spending and finding all kinds of accounting gimmicks to balance the budget.

Granholm wants to "build a government that is lean, not mean." She says that at times of budget crisis a government cannot be or do everything for everybody and that tough-minded decisions must be made about spending priorities. For a Democrat to be a budget hawk is a new approach. Perhaps Granholm's is dictated by the stringency of the times, but I wouldn't be surprised if it really works.

Second, nobody should assume this budget is going to solve all our problems. It's based on lots

of assumptions — attitudes of state employee unions, saving money by diverting some prisoners to less expensive drug treatment plans, closing loopholes like transfer taxes on property sales — that may not pan out. The economy could fall into full-blown recession. The inevitable legislative and lobbying arm-twisting has yet to take place.

Moreover, the fact is that the state faces something like a \$1 billion "structural budget deficit" that will dominate budget discussions for years to come. As the widely respected Citizen's Research Council pointed out in a report issued last year, the combination of tax cuts over the past decade and relatively high expectations for state services have resulted in budgets that are intrinsically unbalanced unless something fundamental is done. This debate has yet to take place, but it surely will.

Third, Granholm is coming awfully close to inflicting real, long-term damage to one of Michigan's greatest long-term competitive advantages - our high-quality state universities and the research and development efforts they support. Support for higher education has now been cut by something like 10 percent over the past two budget years. This is the biggest cut since the recession in the early

To her credit, Granholm said the higher education cuts were the most painful part of her budget. But she also said quite clearly that, "Higher education is not as critical as making sure a child is ready to go to college in the first place."

The fact remains that massive budget cuts for universities can do an awful lot of damage in a very short time, damage that takes many years to repair. Students and families will inevitably get hit with big tuition increases, not to mention the loss of \$2,500 college scholarships. Universities will have to cut courses, increase class sizes, reduce library and computer facilities and do all the things that save money but likely cut quality.

What keeps Michigan distinctive and fuels our economy and the prosperity of our citizens is the aggregate excellence of our investments in human and intellectual capital.

Gov. Granholm and the Legislature need to be especially thoughtful about the long-term consequences as they come to closure on this part of the budget.

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

Stolen Pen Caper never should have gotten as far as it went

here have been basically two descriptions of 18-year-old Charles Savino going around since the Stolen Pen Caper came to light last week.

One comes from those who believe things went too far, that Savino and his friends were teenagers playing a harmless prank. The other comes from Plymouth police, who portray Savino as a braggadocious, smart-aleck kid

who was disrespectful of the local constabulary. No matter which is true, one thing is clear, at least from reaction to the story that appeared in the March 9 Observer: In the court of public opinion, at least, the cops lost this one.

> The incident happened in August, when Savino, a Canton Township resident, borrowed a pen from Plymouth police Officer Sam Poules. When Poules went to use it later that shift, he found the pen's innards missing. Savino swears one of the other kids took the ink cartridge out; the cops insist Savino is responsible because

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he borrowed the pen.

Savino said he went looking for the cop to apologize and arrange to get him a new pen, but instead they arrested him. The police say Savino was "bragging" about the incident on the street, a show of

disrespect that led to charges being brought. A report was written, and Savino pleaded guilty two weeks ago to a charge of disorderly conduct.

Last year was a tough one for Savino. On New Year's Day, he was the passenger in a car driven by best friend Eric Dodsworth that was hit by an off-duty Wayne County Sheriff's employee. The off-duty employee was later convicted of drunken driving. Dodsworth died in the crash, and Savino was badly hurt. He spent time alternating between the hospital and doctor visits and testifying against the driver.

It was May before Savino, the eldest of four sons, was cleared by doctors to resume normal activity. Three months later, he was on the other side, finding himself in trouble with the police.

The penalty for pilfering a cop's pen? A \$300 fine (which includes court costs) and a year's probation. If Savino stays out of trouble for the year, it'll be like nothing ever happened.

Except it did happen, and the reputation police have with the youth in town took another hit, whether they want to admit it or not. This is a town that isn't always perceived as kid-friendly, and that reputation was enhanced.

"I look at the (police) report and I see a kid trying to say 'I'm sorry' and make amends," said Kathleen Savino, Charles' mom. "To me, this was a cop with a bruised ego trying to make an example of someone."

That's from Savino's side. From the police perspective, it's a matter of getting respect on the street. If the theft of a pen valued, by the officer's own admission, at \$1 seems trivial,

Police Chief Wayne Carroll begs to differ. It's not the amount of what he took; it's his actions that are brought before the court," Carroll said. "He took his chance and laughed about it up and down Main Street. I think we would have

lost respect if we had taken any other action." I have a lot of respect for Wayne Carroll and his department. But I think he's got it backward. Here's a kid who spoke glowingly of Poules and the other young officers in Plymouth, who now

vows never to set foot downtown again. The Stolen Pen Caper is exactly the kind of incident that makes people, particularly youngsters, distrustful of cops. One local law enforcement official told us he would have handled the situation much more differently.

"I would have chased him down and chewed his a-- out," the cop said.

But that's not what happened here, and Carroll said once the report was filled out, everything else simply followed the normal judicial course. The complaint was written, the prosecutor decided to proceed and the probation department made its recommendation. Judge Mike Gerou, whose job was created because the court docket at the 35th District Court had swollen so badly, sentenced Savino after he entered his plea.

"You might think it was a joke, but it wasn't a joke," Carroll said. "The man had his day in court." All true enough. Savino certainly could have taken his chances with a trial, but his lawyer advised him not to. As it ends up, his mom is out \$300 and, in a year, Savino's record is cleared of the incident. No harm, no foul, right?

Maybe not. It's pretty easy to believe Savino and/or his friends were laughing it up, enjoying the joke at the expense of a cop, a claim Savino denies. They certainly wouldn't be the first kids to do that, and they won't be the last.

If the idea was to teach the kids a lesson, to show them they can't "dis" a cop, this case certainly accomplished that. It's highly unlikely youngsters hanging out in downtown Plymouth will feel comfortable enough with

police to interact with them, at least for awhile. But maybe this should be about more than that. Maybe it should be about justice, about the punishment fitting the crime. A lot of smart people - Poules, Carroll, Gerou, even the kids - were involved in handling this case.

Surely one of them should have realized cases like these are why court dockets are so clogged to begin with.

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Third-Annual Kohl's Kids Who **Care™ Program Recognizes Youth Who Contribute to Communities**

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Menomonee Falls, Wis., -More children would volunteer if more opportunities were created for them and they were asked, according to a groundbreaking youth volunteerism survey that is the first to poll both volunteering and non-volunteering youth on the subject.

Nearly half of children who do not currently volunteer cited the same reason for not doing so; no one asked. Almost seven out of 10 youth who currently do not volunteer would likely do so if opportunities were created for them by schools or other organizations, according to the survey, which was conducted on behalf of Kohl's Department Stores by Teenage Research Unlimited (TRU), one of the country's leading research firms specializing in youth.

"The findings of the study demonstrate the importance of creating opportunities and inviting young people to get involved," said Steven A. Culbertson, president and CEO of Washington D.C.based Youth Service America, a resource center committed to making youth service the common experience for all youth in America.

"Today's youth recognize the benefits of volunteering for their communities as well as themselves, and we can help plant the seeds of lifelong community service by introducing them to volunteer opportunities when they are young," said Culbertson.

According to the survey, 70 percent of the youth who volunteered began doing so before the age of 12, prior to their schedules filling up with other activities. Having the time to volunteer becomes much more of a factor among 15 to 18 year olds than it is among 10 to 14 year olds who do not volunteer.

The survey findings come as Kohl's Department Stores announces its third annual

Kohl's Kids Who CareTM volunteer recognition program. The program recognizes youth, ages 6-18, for outstanding service to the community with national finalists receiving \$5,000 for their post-secondary education. This is the first year that Kids Who CareTM commissioned a survey that polled young people directly.

"The Kids Who CareTM program provides the kind of recognition that encourages even more young people to make a difference in the community," Culbertson said.

Julie Gardner, senior vice president of marketing at Kohl's said, "We know that kids volunteer because they want to help someone. Kids Who CareTM is about encouraging young people to make a difference and have doing it."

The survey also found that 81 percent of young volunteers started with an activity organized by their school, a club or religious organization. Through their experience, these young volunteers felt

they really helped someone else while having fun. They felt better about themselves and planned to continue in volunteer activities. In fact, 85 percent of this year's young volunteers plan to volunteer next year.

"Creating opportunities for kids to volunteer is key to raising the levels of youth service and spreading the benefits of volunteering," Culbertson said. "The Kohl's study quantifies the benefits of creating volunteer opportunities, which is that more kids will volunteer."

Kids Who Care™ recognizes and rewards kids who volunteer in their communities. Nominees must be between the ages of 6 and 18. Nominees will be judged in two age groups: 6-11 and 12-18. Nominations forms can be obtained at Kohl's stores and at www.kohlscorporation.com. The deadline for entries is

March 15, 2003. Kohl's California stores, which open in March, will accept nominations between March 23 and May 3. National winners will be announced in August.

Two winners will be selected at each store — one from each age range — to receive a \$50 gift card. Those winners will go on to compete for one of 94 regional scholarships worth \$1,000 each. Regional winners will compete for one of the 10 national scholarships worth \$5,000 each. In addition, Kohl's will contribute \$1,000 to a non-profit organization on behalf of each national winner.

The Kids Who CareTM volunteer recognition program is part of the Kohl's Cares for Kids program, which raises funds for children's hospitals, features fundraising gift cards for local schools and non-profit youth groups and provides an employee volunteer program to encourage volunteerism to benefit local nonprofit organizations.

Kohl's commissioned Northbrook, Ill.-based TRU to conduct the survey. TRU is the first marketing research firm to specialize in the teenage market. TRU boasts the world's most widely subscribed-to syndicated teen study and remains the only full-service marketing research firm solely dedicated to understanding teens. Kohl's survey has an error rate of plus or minus three percent. Based in Menomonee Falls,

Wis., Kohl's is a familyfocused, value oriented specialty department store offering moderately priced national brand apparel, shoes, accessories and home products. The company operates 457 stores in 33 states. For a list of store locations, or for additional information, visit Kohl's Web site at www.kohls.com.

Follow your favorite high school sports team each week in the Observer

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Wayne County Sheriff Warren track before they get too deep Evans today announced the creation of a new high-powered program designed to keep atrisk youth from getting into trouble with the drugs, alcohol and the law.

To help illustrate the consequences of this type of behavior, Evans has teamed up with several prominent local victims groups, each of which will give graphic presentations to tour participants.

"When a juvenile, or even an adult, is heading down the wrong path, often the only thing that will wake them up is a dose of reality," Evans said. "That's exactly what we're calling this new program."

Using experience from his days turning around the oncetrouble - but now nationally accredited - Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility, Sheriff Evans has assembled a program that speaks to the many temptations youth face today and the potential consequences of their decisions.

The daylong program will operate every Tuesday-Thursday and include a full spectrum of experiences, including a tour of the County jail, supervised interaction with inmates, time spent in criminal courtrooms and hard-hitting presentations given by Mothers **Against Drunk Driving** (MADD) and the anti-violence group, Save Our Sons and Daughters (SOSAD.)

Evans said that this type of early intervention is the key to keeping kids out of trouble, or from getting into trouble again.

"By focusing more on effective guidance and training and less on punishment, we have dramatically reduced juvenile crime in Wayne County over the past several years," Evans said. "The Dose of Reality Tour should help us cut those numbers even further by getting kids back on

into the criminal justice system."

A powerful way of waking people up to the consequences of their actions is meet face-toface the victims of crime, or the family members left behind, said SOSAD founder and president, Clementine Barfield.

"Children know the cruel reality of violence and death because they deal with it every day," said Barfield. "They often times act out with anger and our goal is to guide them safely through their challenging and traumatic time to teach them the embrace peace as their way of life."

The program also will feature sessions with members of True Life Crusaders and Pioneers for Peace. These individuals suffer from physical and mental impairment as a result of their own criminal behavior or the criminal activity of others.

Participants also will have the opportunity to witness sentences being handed down in a courtroom to people who have been convicted of a crime. Thirty-sixth District Court Judge Leona Lloyd said this is a critical - and effective - part of

"For years I have included reality tours as part of my sentencing regiment. In doing so I feel we have saved hundreds of live," Judge Lloyd said. "It has brought parents closer to their children and helped them to make life-altering decisions."

The Dose of Reality program accepts individuals from ages 13 through adult. Each class can accommodate up to 30 participants and varies slightly from day to day. The tour accepts class tours or individual referrals from parents or interested

For scheduling information, please call 313-224-0667 or visit the Sheriff Department's Web site at

waynecounty.com/sheriff

SEMCOG suggests RideShare to save on gas

As gas prices rise in Southeast Michigan, SEMCOG, trip commute distance? the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, suggests sharing a ride to work as one way for consumers to keep their commuting costs low.

Can consumers save money by sharing a ride? Absolutely, says SEMCOG. To find out how much, visit SEMCOG's Web site – www.semcog.org – where a RideShare Cost Savings Calculator is available to calculate savings. Locate the calculator under the RideShare logo on the home page.

The calculator asks five simple questions:

1. What is your daily round

2. How many days per month do you normally work?

3. How many miles per gallon does your vehicle average? 4. How much per gallon do you normally pay for gasoline?

5. How much do you pay for monthly parking? Once these questions are answered, the calculator calculates the savings. And savings are significant. Sharing a ride

with one person (assuming a commute of just 20 miles and gas at \$1.75 per gallon), annual savings amount to nearly \$1,500 per year. Sharing a ride

with three people increases the savings to nearly \$2,200 per year. Commuting with a ninepassenger vanpool further increase savings to \$2,600 per

SEMCOG's RideShare program is free, computerized service that matches car and vanpool partners for the daily work commute. Users will be matched with others who share

common neighborhoods, work locations and hours. Those who register as carpool or vanpool participants are also eligible for RideShare's Guaranteed Ride Home Program, which offers

taxi fare reimbursement should

an emergency arise during the workday and there is a need to get home in a hurry.

Other benefits of RideShare include reducing congestion, air pollution and energy consumption. To find out if the RideShare program will work for you, call (866)510-POOL or complete an application online at www.semcog.org.

The 2000 Census revealed that 84 percent (or 1.9 million) of Southeast Michigan workers age 16 or older drive to work alone.

Nine percent (or 20,000) commute to work via carpool or vanpool.

Red Cross launches 'Together We Prepare'

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross is celebrating Red Cross Month this March by launching a new campaign called "Together We Prepare Michigan."

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter joins more than 1,000 American Red Cross chapters, Blood Services regions and Armed Forces Emergency Services stations nationwide in working to make the United States safer from disaster.

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter is encouraging local residents to join a grass-

roots effort to make sure southeast Michigan is better prepared should disaster strike by doing five simple things: make a plan, build a kit, get trained, volunteer and give blood.

"With the possibility of war, terrorist attacks, natural disasters and everyday emergencies, being prepared can help save lives," says Jim Laverty, CEO of the Southeastern Michigan Chapter.

These five actions of 'Together We Prepare' will help metro Detroit residents make their homes, schools, workplaces and communities safer."

"The Red Cross is in nearly every community across the country, so we are well-positioned to organize preparedness activities," says Laverty.

"Every individual has the opportunity to play an important role. When we come together we become something bigger than us all." For more information on "Together We Prepare," including how to make a plan, build a kit, get trained, volunteer and give blood, visit www.semredcross.org.

For information of the Red Cross, visit the Web site or call (313) 833-2664.









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Parade

The United Irish Societies of Detroit's 45th annual Saint Patrick's Parade begins 2 p.m. Sunday, March 16, on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Third in Detroit. The parade will continue down Michigan Avenue to 14th Street. This year's theme is "All Ireland Free in 2003." To find out more about St. Patrick's Day happenings in metro Detroit, go to www.detroitirish.org. See pub story on dining page.

🌃 St. Paddy Day

Celebrate St. Paddy's Day with Irish poetry, dance and music 4 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at St. Regis Catholic Church on the corner of Lahser and Lincoln, between 14 Mile and 15 Mile in Bloomfield Township. Irish American author Thomas Lynch will read from his award-winning books. Mary Callaghan Lynch, soprano and artistic director of the Motor City Lyric Opera, will sing classic Irish songs with her husband, tenor Patrick Lynch. Callaghan Lynch's father, John, a musician, will accompany them. Dancers from The O'Hare School of Dance will also be perform-



ing in Irish costume. Free-will offering benefits The Christ Child Society. For more information, call (248) 647-4619.

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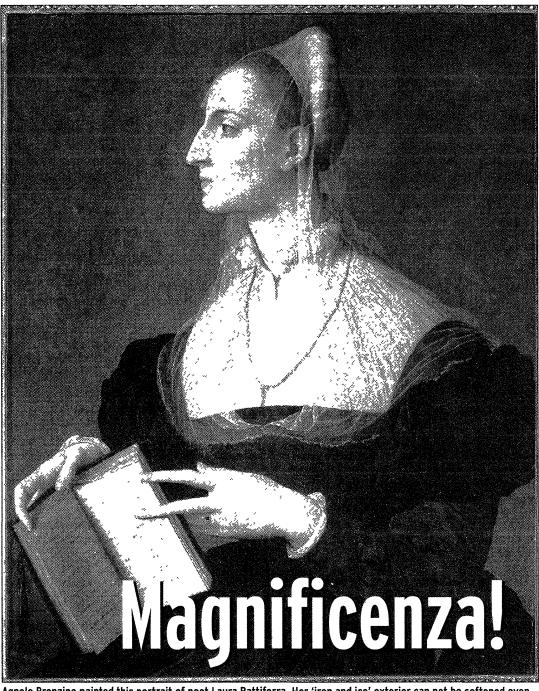
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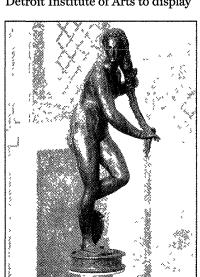
Agnolo Bronzino painted this portrait of poet Laura Battiferra. Her 'iron and ice' exterior can not be softened even by the delicate transparent veil and ruffled collar.

Italian art tells story of late-Renaissance Florence

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN ◆ STAFF WRITER

ith one quick tug, Alan Darr pulls down a black cloth unveiling a recently discovered Michelangelo drawing.

It's a rare opportunity for the



Giambologna bronze sculpture of Venus originally topped Tribolo's fountain of The Labyrinth at the Medici Villa. It can be found in the Garden Gallery along with a larger-than-life sculpture of Hercules.

this work by the Italian master. But then many of the paintings, sculpture, tapestries, decorative arts and drawings in the Magnificenza! exhibition have never been seen in America.

Magnificenza! The Medici, Michelangelo and The Art of Late from 77 lenders, including the Uffizi Galleries, Bargello Museum, Pitti Palace, Musee du Louvre, the Collections of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Art Institute of Chicago and Detroit Institute of Arts.

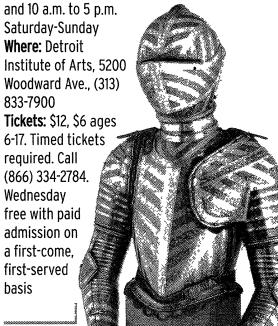
The unprecedented exhibit was organized by Darr to show the influence of the dynasty and the artist referred to by his contemporaries as "divine."

"We feel fortunate to bring this exhibit to Detroit," said Darr, exhibit project director and curator of European Sculpture and Decorative Arts at the DIA. "It's the first time many have left their museums in Europe. This the first time for the Michelangelo sculpture Apollo/David in America. It was the first twisting turning serpentine figure created in the style that was to become known as mannerism. Michelangelo

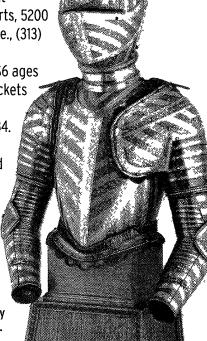
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MAGNIFICENZA! THE MEDICI, **MICHELANGELO AND THE ART OF LATE RENAISSANCE FLORENCE**

What: 180 paintings, sculpture, drawings and decorative arts focusing on the influence of the Medici and Michelangelo When: Opens Sunday, March 16, continues to Sunday, June 8; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday; until 9 p.m. Friday;



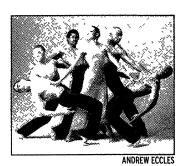
This suit of half armor was worn by Cosimo II as a boy.



ALVIN AILEY TROUPE

What: Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. When: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 13-15; and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 15-16. Where:

Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Tickets: \$18-\$86, call (313) 237-SING or (248) 645-6666. Tickets can be purchased on the Internet at www.MichiganOpera.org. Family performance: Buy up to four child tickets at half price with the purchase of one adult admission, 2 p.m. Saturday, March 15.



Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater performs through Sunday, March 16 at the Detroit Opera House.

Alvin Ailey presents 'Revelations'

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

Unparalleled athleticism and a particularly famous piece of choreography are headed to town.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, known for its unsurpassed physical verve, is set to perform its eponymous founder's sigr work Revelations, as well as other pieces, March 13-16 at the Detroit Opera House.

Revelations, which nowdeceased Alvin Ailey choreographed in 1960, is an American classic, the Swan Lake of modern dance, if you

"Revelations is one of my all-time favorites," said Ann Bak, company manager of Eisenhower Dance Ensemble in Rochester and a former member of the troupe. "It is just a wonderful historic work, and I am so glad they

still perform it." Set to traditional black spirituals, Revelations explores themes of religion and spirituality, translating transcendence into move-

PLEASE SEE REVELATIONS, B3

Irish gather to share music and dance St. Patrick's Day weekend

STAFF WRITER

Mick Gavin says traditionally St. Patrick's Day has been a time for boozin' in America, but he's changing that. Every year crowds have grown at his celebration of Irish music and dance. This weekend the Redford fiddler has organized two separate events — Sunday, March 16, at The Ark in Ann Arbor, and his annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest Monday, March 17, at Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Both feature live music and beautifully costumed step dancers.

"If you can't make it on St. Patrick's Day on Monday, you can catch us on Sunday at The Ark," said Gavin, who will play traditional Irish music with sons Mike and Sean. Gavin immigrated to the U.S. in 1974 and several years later patterned the Irish Fest after St. Patrick's Day celebrations in his native land. "On Monday, we're going to



Dancers from the O'Hare School kick up their heels at the Hellenic Cultural Center

IRISH MUSIC AND DANCE

■ 18th annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest, 3 p.m. to midnight Monday, March 17, Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, east of Newburgh, Westland. Tickets \$10 at the door, kids free, (313) 537-3489

Irish Gathering, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, The Ark, 316 Main, between Williams and Liberty, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$13.50, (734) 761-1451 or (734) 761-1800

■ Irish Spectacular with Motor City Brass Band, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 16, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, south of 10 Mile. Tickets \$10, \$8 seniors/students, \$25 family, (248) 424-9022

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went on to influence all the painters, sculptors, draftsmen. Michelangelo had a great impact on art the next 100 years."

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Lush oils, magnificent porcelains and sculpture illustrate the significant contributions as well of the first four Grand Dukes, who ruled Tuscany from 1537 to 1631. Cosimo I, his sons Francesco I and Ferdinando I, and grandson Cosimo II recognized the ability of the arts to paint a picture of power. Originally a family of bankers and merchants, the Medici knew in order to maintain control over the citizens of Tuscany they must be seen as patrons of the arts. Commissions for new buildings and the treasures to fill them kept artists and architects profitably engaged. At the same time, opulent portraits of duchesses such as Eleonora of Toledo, Cosimo I's wife, symbolized the wealth and dominance of the Medici dynasty.

PATRONAGE

"Even though the Medici reign began in the 1400s and lasted into the 17th century, we wanted to narrow it down, to show the birth of their patronage and through the most impressive period of the Medici dynasty supporting the arts," Darr said. "We anchored the show with

Michelangelo. There are three sculptures including a crucifix, one of his last works. Michelangelo was elevated in his lifetime to a place of respect. He was celebrated as divine and teacher of all artists.

As Darr walks through the 17 galleries one by one, the story of Late Renaissance Florence evolves. Bronzino, Vasari, Giambologna and Cellini were all major



The rise of Baroque painting can be seen in Cristofano Allori "Judith and Holofernes" from Palazzo Pitti, Florence.

artists of the period. The first dramatically showcases the DIA's own magnificent painting of Eleonora of Toledo against a burgundy wall. Nine works from the collection are shown in the exhibit. One of the most impressive is a porcelain *Ewer* purchased in 2000.

"Bronzino's Young Man with a Lute on the catalog cover shows influence of Michelangelo," Darr said. "There are 180 works. Drawings rotate each venue. We've got wonderful drawings."

Darr has arranged the galleries to cover subjects such as Cosimo I and his support of the arts, a form of propaganda he used to legitimize the family's rule. The signange in Gallery One tells the interesting story of his rise to power from the young age of 17.

Each of the galleries focuses on a specif-

ic area — sculptors and painters at the Medici Court, tapestry production, the waning of the Renaissance and rise of Baroque, and followers of Michelangelo.

FIRSTS

"Cosimo I and Michelangelo co-founded the First Academy of Art, where students were instructed to study drawings of Michelangelo," Darr said. "The Medici reign saw a number of firsts. They were the first in Europe to refine techniques for porcelain production, the first to establish a major tapestry manufactory in Italy."

Paintings on copper, inlay work including a cabinet with drawer fronts featuring animals crafted from stone, and a moving painting of St. George and the Dragon are among the treasures created under the patronage of the Medici. During the Late Renaissance in Florence the family spent a fortune on paintings for the Studiolo of Francesco I — a vaulted room filled with art, and stunning sculptures of Hercules and Venus for the gardens at Medici Villa. Darr covers them all in the exhibition.

Gallery 13 focuses on the story of Christine and Ferdinando. Here paintings tell of soccer games where teams wore his and her colors, and a wedding celebration that lasted two weeks. A mock sea battle in a flooded street and a variety of banquets, balls and theatrical events brought costs for the royal nuptials to \$7 million in today's money.

Magnificenza! showcases marvelous works too numerous to mention, including Michelangelo's recently discovered drawing of a candelabra thought to be designed for a royal tomb. It will be unveiled Sunday, March 16, when the exhibit opens in Detroit. Until then, Darr's keeping the fragile work hidden from

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Behind the scenes of Magnificenza

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

this scope.

Visitors to Magnificenza might not realize the years of planning and work that goes into organizing an exhibit of

Eleven days before the opening, couriers streamed in one by one with pieces for the exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts. In the galleries crews installed sculpture and paintings amidst works waiting to be

unpacked from large crates.

Project director Alan Darr seemed calm in the midst of all the preparations. He'd begun planning for this moment in 1995 with Marco Chiarini, former director of the Pitti Gallery in Florence. Together they approached the Art Institute of Chicago and Larry Feinberg, curator of European painting, who agreed to join the project to present Magnificenza! The Medici, Michelangelo and The Art of Late Renaissance Florence in Florence, Italy, Chicago and Detroit.

An exhibit of this scope requires an enormous amount of funding. Grants from the National Endowment for the

Humanities and National Endowment for the Arts made the exhibit possible, along with major sponsorship from Bank One Foundation, a natural fit since the Medici were bankers before coming to power.

"Particularly at this time with budget cuts, this a relevant exhibit. The Medici's patronage of the arts kept them alive," said Darr, who fell in love with many of the exhibit's works while studying for his doctorate in Europe. Darr joined the staff of the DIA in 1978.

We wanted to do something that hasn't been done before, focus on a period that's not been studied much in English literature. Detroit has a longstanding relationship with Florence since the 1966 flood when Detroit sent aid. The DIA also has one of the best Italian art collections outside of Europe.

"The Italians wanted to focus on a narrower period of time, but I didn't want it to be too scholarly. You don't have to be a scholar to appreciate the beauty and power represented by these artists."

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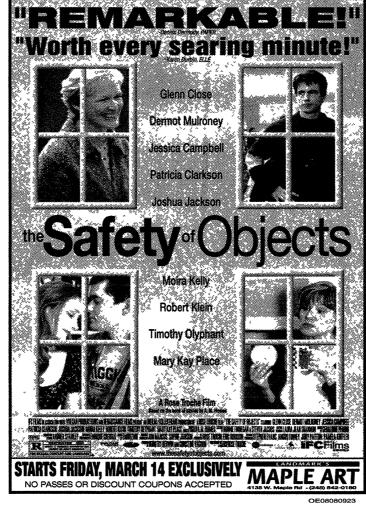
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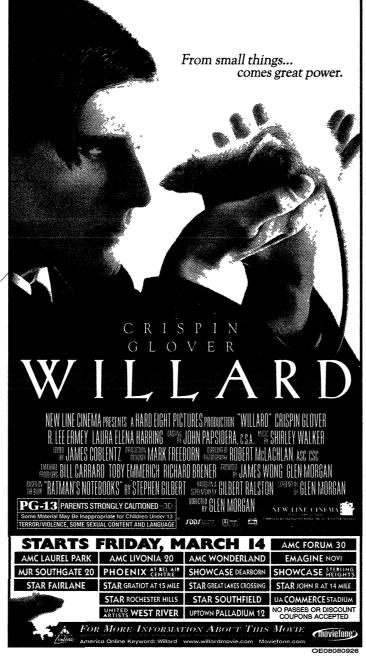
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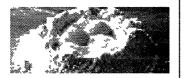
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- 2 p.m. Sunday, March 23. Shelley Perlove, art history professor at University of Michigan Dearborn, discusses Jacques Callot's drawings of the Medici court
- 2 p.m. Sunday, April 6. William Wallace, chairman and professor of art history at Washington University, St. Louis, talks about Michelangelo and the challenges of writing a modern biography on the Renaissance artist
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Copperfield says show is about fantasy and awe

STAFF WRITER

Life for David Copperfield right now is about dreams that come true.

Fantasy is his theme in performances David Copperfield: An Intimate Evening of Grand Illusion coming to the Fox Theatre March 14-16.

On his cell phone from a Las Vegas restaurant, the popular magician said the dreamy idea for his current tour makes sense to him.

"A good dream isn't about half of your fantasies coming true, it's about perfection," Copperfield said. "Everyone has dreams of finding the perfect love, driving the perfect car, winning the lottery...this show is about what it would look like if those dreams came true."

He said the strongest reaction from audiences currently is the car

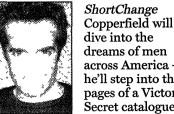
sequence of the show. He won't give away further details, but he will talk about the emotion he wants audiences to experience from his performance.

"Laughter, tears, joy, excitement it's all in this show. It's about telling stories...in one segment an audience member will be reconciled with a long lost loved one."

But there's more. Reunion, he said, is one of the most startling illusions he's created.

While standing on the arm of a crane Copperfield will be suspended over the audience. The participating audience member will disappear and then will reappear moments later in the selected location of their dreams - be it Honolulu or Hackensack.

And in typical Copperfield pizzazz, the show will have sex appeal. In the segment called



Copperfield

dreams of men across America he'll step into the pages of a Victoria's Secret catalogue where he'll magically remove a per-

sonal piece of clothing from two women in the audience. The illusion isn't too risqué, it's

OK to bring the kids. "My shows are always suitable for the whole family but it's not whitewashed to the point of being uncool," Copperfield said. "It has a sexiness to

it in a VH1 or MTV sort of way."

Another segment titled Killer involves his magic with a black African scorpion. This illusion is the most dangerous he's ever performed he said.

With today's technology it takes a lot impress an audience, he said.

Floating through the air, and through steel and making 13 audience members vanish are other highlights. But does the magician ever long for the days when pulling a rabbit from a hat was impressive?

"Not at all," Copperfield said. "In some ways today's technology can make things easier, but in more others it's more challenging.

"I've loved magic since I was a kid, I'm always looking for the most exciting illusions.

And is he a magician or an illusionist?

"If you say you're an illusionist you get paid 20 percent more," he said. "And it brings me to places like the Fox Theatre...it's a beautiful venue for a show."

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MAGIC MAN

What: "David Copperfield: An Intimate Evening of Grand Illusion"

When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 14-15; 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15; 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 16.

Where: The Fox Theatre, Detroit

Tickets: \$28-\$46: \$5 discount for kids under 12 and seniors over 65 at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis box offices and Hockeytown Authentics in Troy without service charge - also at Marshall Field's. To purchase tickets by phone, call (248) 433-1515 or online at www.olympiaentertainment.com or www.ticketmaster.com.



DaGavins play Celtic music at the annual Irish Fest on St. Patrick's Day.

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have a half a dozen pipers from the Windsor Police Band led by Bill Baird, and a mixture of Scottish and Irish music.

"We're going to celebrate on St. Patrick's Day itself just like we have for the last 18 years. There's something for everyone. It's really for families, but we have seniors, everybody. Children are welcome and we don't charge for children. We, bring in a lot of musicians, dancers. The children can watch the dancing and then dance themselves. Mom and dad can have corned beef and cabbage and sit back and listen to the music."

When they're done eating, they might want to burn off the calories by kicking up their heels. Carolyn Brazzil makes Irish step dancing sound simple. She'll be on hand to show guests how it's done. And lessons are free with admission.

"All you have to be able to do is count to three and seven," said Brazzil, a Windsor resident who grew up in Redford. Brazzil began dancing 15 years ago. By day she works in administration for Berkley Public Schools.

"Step dancing is Irish folk dancing," she said. "In Ireland it's what people did on Saturday nights for entertainment. Different counties -Clare, Kerry — had different sets. It's the origin of American square dancing, changing partners, swinging. It's lots of fun. If you mess up, we just laugh."

Brazzil says if she could learn to step dance, anyone can. She didn't start until after years of shuttling her daughters to lessons with Michael and Tim O'Hare at their Irish dance school, then located in Plymouth. They now have locations in Birmingham and Westland.

After learning the basics, Brazzil traveled to Ireland to study at the Willie Clancey School in County Clare. Later she learned authentic steps during a tour of Ireland with San Francisco dancer Larry Lynch. Thursday nights she teaches dancing to ages 4 to 70 at the White Heather Club in Ferndale, where she often shares a little history about the most celebrated Irish holiday.

I equate St. Patrick's Day in Ireland to our Thanksgiving," Brazzil said. "People go to church and there are family celebrations. Growing up in my house, St. Patrick's Day was a big holiday. You had to be dressed head to toe in green and shamrocks. I was raised proud to be an Irish American.

I'm 100 percent Irish American, fourth generation, and proud of it."

BRASS BAND

Deb Koepele is one-quarter Irish, and just as proud. The Canton resident plays flugelhorn with the Motor City Brass Band Sunday, March 16, at Southfield Centre for the Arts. The annual Irish Spectacular features songs like Molly on the Shore, The Girl I Left Behind, Annie Laurie, Irish Blessing and an Irish medley including Cockles and Mussels, Irish Washerwoman, Danny Boy and Wearin' of the Green. Guesting on the program is the five-piece traditional Irish band Modesty

Motor City Brass Band plays 20 to 30 concerts a year, including a series of four at the Southfield Center for the Arts. Members include lawyers, engineers, businessmen, a dentist, veterinarian and college students. Several members are music educators and retired band directors. Koepele is a music therapist.

"It's become a tradition," Koepele said. "It's neat to celebrate. It's our most well-attended concert and appeals to all ages. There's music there for everybody."

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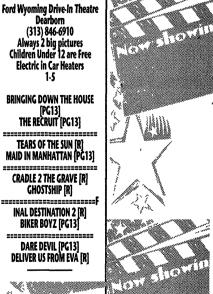
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REVELATIONS

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ment in a way that gets audiences caught up in the ascension. Indeed, it's not unusual for audience members to respond with calls and shouts during the piece.

"It's very engaging," Bak said. "It's one of those pieces that you always want to see." Revelations is slated for all but Thursday evening's Detroit

performances. Alvin Ailey Dance Theater has several newer works set for its Detroit shows, too. Apex, a one-act piece planned for Thursday evening's program, addresses the plight of refugees and topical themes

are projected on to surfaces

during the performance, and

there's also a vocal tract. The

piece unquestionably has a

at corruption in society.

Romeo and Juliet story with Wednesday and Saturday evening shows. Dancers don red or gold costumes, denoting group membership. And,

director at Michigan Opera Theatre, which hosted the

troupe two years ago. "The response is almost hys-

dark tone with a finger pointed Prayers from the Edge, a

a tribalistic tone, is slated for while the piece begins with a

terical," he said. "I think it's the combination of how they build on such a great tradition of dance and bring together such an array of musical styles."

The Winter in Lisbon, planned for several Detroit performances, is yet another example of the company's fervor for music. The 1992 work

added. "They really pull some-

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thing out of the choreography."

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dent discounts. (248) 788-2900. Royal Shakespeare Company Midniaht's Children, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 13-15, & 1:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 15-16, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. \$30-\$60, (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org

The Detroit Opera House RENT, inspired by Puccini's La Boheme, March 18-23, at The Detroit Opera House. \$20-\$55.50. (313) 872-1000

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Ridgedale Players

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www.ridgedaleplayers.com **Bloomfield Players**

The Wiz, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 14-15, March 21-22; 2 p.m. Sunday, March 16 & 23, Bloomfield Hills Lahser High Theatre, (248) 433-0885 Village Players

Cyrano De Bergerac production opens 8 p.m. Friday, March 14, at the playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. The show continues 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15, 2 p.m. Sunday, March, 16 and 23, and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 21-22. \$15. (248) 644-2075

Broadway Onstage Live Theatre Breaking Legs 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. select Sundays, through March 29, 21517 Kelly Rd., Eastpointe, \$14 (810) 771-6333

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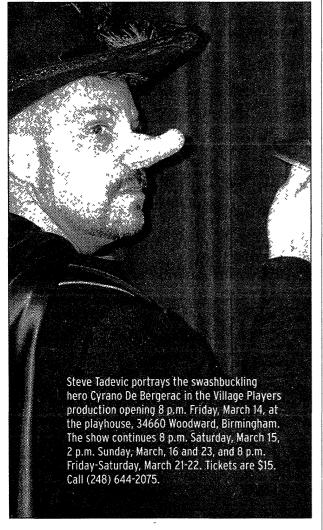
Eastern Michigan University

Child's Play XI, 2 p.m. Friday, March 14, 4 p.m. Sunday, March 16, Pease Auditorium, College Place at Cross. Free (734) 487-2255

FILM FESTIVAL

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International celebration of experimental and independent films featuring competition and curated screenings, through Sunday, March 16, 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 2 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday. Winner's screenings 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday. Screening Room (curated films) 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. For directions, call (734) 668-8397, \$7, available one hour before showtime at box office. (734) 995-5356 or visit www.aafilm-



The improv theater group Empatheatre performs 8 p.m. Friday, March 14, at Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor. This month's topic is "Divine Intervention." Empatheatre invites audience members to write down their stories, real-life and otherwise, which become a springboard for the performers. Tickets are \$12 (first four rows \$15), \$10 seniors and students. Call (734) 913-9733.

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Gifts of the Heart

Dinner, live music, silent auction 6 p.m. Saturday, March 15, River Crest. 900 W. Avon Road at Livernois, Rochester Hills. \$35 suggested pre-paid donation. (888) KIDSAVE. Proceeds to fund a trip for seven orphans from Kazakhstan to spend six weeks in Rochester this summer. For information, call (248) 377-2188

'70s Bash The Plymouth Community Arts Council is holding its annual dinner-dance and auction Friday, March 14, St. John's Golf and Conference Center, Plymouth. "Passions of the Past: A '70s Bash" is the theme of this year's event that raises money for the PCAC's educational and community arts programming. \$75.

(734) 416-4278 Luncheon on the Aisle

Learn behind the scenes secrets about professional theater and watch a portion of a rehearsal for the play *Meshuggah Nuns* 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 25, Meadow Brook Theatre, Oakland University, Rochester, \$75, \$30, \$28 seniors over age 62 and groups of 10. Proceeds benefit the theater. (248) 375-0850

Temple Beth El, (248) 645-2276. CHORAL

Metropolitan Singers Third annual Free Family Concert

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CLUBS

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9 p.m. Friday, March 14. Pigface. \$15, www.majesticdetroit.com The Lager House

Doors open 9 p.m. The Bookies 25th Anniversary Show, Friday, March 14, Broadzilla, Saturday, March 15, 1254 Michigan Ave., Detroit, (313) 961-4668.

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Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Tanyalee Davis, 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-15, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor \$5-\$10 (734) 996-9080. Improv Comedy Jamm Night!Improv Comedy troupe, Beer Money, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 & 26, \$5, The Sklar Brothers, 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 20-22. \$7-\$13

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MUSEUMS, PARKS AND TOURS

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"Stories & Hot Cocoa" 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15, Nature Center of Kensington Metropark near Milford/Brighton. \$3. Preregistration required; "Early Bird Migrants" 2 p.m. Sunday, March 16. Nature Center. \$5/adult, \$2/child. Bring binoculars/wear boots, (800) 477-3178

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Weekly ballroom/ Latin dance party with disc jockey, 9-11 p.m. Thursday, 2172 Franklin Road, north of Square Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, \$7, \$6 members. (248) 334-0299.

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Brahms' German Requiem center of Livonia Symphony concert



Conductor Volodymyr Shesiuk leads a rehearsal of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra's final concert of the season will be a big one as it teams up with 80 voices of the Ward Presbyterian Church choir on Saturday, March 15. The 80 voice choir under the direction of Carole Halmekangas has a reputation for performing excellent liturgical music.

The concert titled Of Kings and Resurrection features A German Requiem by Johannes Brahms which is considered the first major success of the composer's career. It is ranked by many "as the loftiest music ever given to the world."

In addition to the orchestra and choir conducted by Volodymyr Shesick, the concert showcases the magnificent Ward organ with choir director Carole Halmekangas at the console and soloists Yvonne Walsh, soprano and Ken Casey, baritone.

Robert Bennett, president of the LSO anticipates "this concert to be magnificent with the combined affect of orchestra, choir, and organ coupled with the beauty and marvelous acoustics of the church nave" -"to say nothing about the Brahms music," he declares.

Also on the concert program are works from two other giant composers; the Overture to King Stephen by Ludwig Von

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

What: Performs Johannes Brahms' "A German Requiem" with the Ward Presbyterian Church choir

When:

7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15

Where: At the church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, west of Haggerty, Northville

Tickets: \$16, \$8 students of all ages and available at all three Livonia libraries, at Ticketmaster outlets or at the church. For more information; call (734) 425-4855. Tickets will also be sold at the door on concert night

Beethoven and Symphony No. 104 by Franz Joseph Hayden. Both pieces, which will be in the first half of the program, should be a delight for the audience and will set the stage for the dramatic second half.

FILM BEAT

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Film Beat lists what's playing at alternative film theaters, special movie events and local flicks. Offerings and movie schedules may change after press time, so be sure to call ahead. Film beat listings and movie information can be submitted to: Nicole Stafford, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 801 East Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009 or e-mail nstafford@oe.homecomm.net.

DETROIT FILM THEATRE, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-3237, www.dia.org/dft. Adult admission, \$6.50, senior citizens, full-time students with valid identification and DIA members, \$5.50. Discount tickets available in book for five for \$25. Films screened Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. All Monday shows are in the evening.

March 14-16, Gerry, the latest from Gus Van Sant, director of Drugstore Cowboy. To Die For and My Own Private Idaho, is a journey of two men and a film that divides audiences - with Matt Damon and Casey Affleck.

March 17, Quai Des Orfévres (France), 1947, Henri-Georges Clouzot's noirish thriller and detective classic centered around an ambitious and lusty nightclub singer.

REDFORD THEATRE, 17360 Lahser in Detroit, call (313) 537-2560. Regular admission, \$3.

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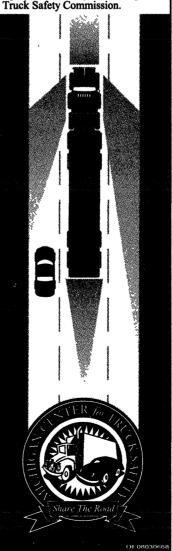
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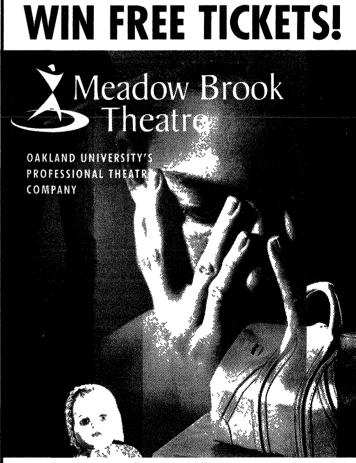
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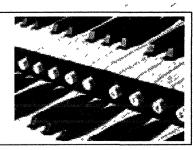
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Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day - so celebrate

BY MARY QUINLEY
CORRESPONDENT

Green beer mixed with a wee bit of blarney, a dollop of Irish fare and heap of lively entertainment will be on tap at many pubs this weekend and Monday in celebration of St. Patrick's

So, slip into something green. Then check out a neighborhood watering hole.

Here's a sampling of some local establishments:

At Farwell & Friends, 8051 Middlebelt, Westland, some revelers don goofy hats, others wear costumes. Everyone, said Billy Farwell, owner, enjoys the sing-a-long that begins at 4:30 p.m. Friday through Monday, 10:30 a.m. to midnight, corned beef and cabbage, Mulligan Stew (a mix of beef, rutabaga, potatoes, onions, carrots, peas and celery) will be served. The bar's open until 2 a.m., (734) 421-6990.

Sean O'Callaghan's, 821
Penniman, Plymouth, opens 7
a.m. and closes at 2 a.m. on St.
Patrick's Day. They'll be serving
corned beef melt, chips and
curry dip, burgers and Irish
Stew. The Shawn Riley Band
performs 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Galway Celts play 9 p.m. to 1
a.m. Friday-Sunday. They'll
begin playing at 4 p.m. on
Monday, (734) 459-6666.

Drink specials, corned beef and cabbage and Irish stew will be featured at **Jack Dunleavy's**, 340 N. Main, Plymouth. Listen to Irish music 2-10 p.m. The restaurant is open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m., (734) 455-3700.

Celebrate at John Cowley & Sons (formerly Cowley's Old Village Inn), 33338 Grand River Ave. in Farmington 7 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. WRIF broadcasts live 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Irish music by Blackthorn featured 10 a.m. to midnight. Corned beef sandwiches will be served all day. An Irish band performs 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, (248) 474-5941.

The recipe for green beer is simple. Yet, on St. Patrick's Day at **Blarney Bay Pub**, 27758 Warren, Westland, the ritual is a "big deal" for partygoers.

"Customers like to watch us make the green beer," said Ralph Barber, co-owner. "We add a little eye dropper of green food coloring as beer pours out of the tap." On Monday, doors open 7 a.m. Irish dancers, a live band and bagpipers, entertain 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. Irish stew, corned beef and cabbage and drink specials will be available. A \$5 cover beginning at 11 a.m., (734) 421-6940.

Jimmy Kochans, guitarist, plays folk tunes 5 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday and Monday at **J.B. Bamboozles**,



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Sean O'Callaghan's bartender Amy Dutton at the tap.

32350 W. 8 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. The menu and hours of operation same as Farwell & Friends (see above listing), (248) 426-6454.

Bagpipers, dummers and live Irish and rock music can be heard throughout the day at **Doyle's Tavern**, 860 Fralick Street in Plymouth. There's no cover charge and green beer is available upon request. Plenty of pints of Guinness will be available, the folks at Doyle's said. The bagpipers will play two sets between the hours of noon and 4 p.m. and then again from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Live

music in the eveining. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Traditional Irish food including Irish stew and corned beef and cabbage. (734) 207-9656.

Enjoy an Irish buffet of corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew, full salad bar and more 4-9 p.m. Monday at **Emmett's**, 15800 Middlebelt, Livonia. Cost is \$5 per person. Lunch, including corned beef specials, served 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., (734) 522-5600.

Bailey's, 1777 Canton Center Road, Canton will feature green beer, happy hour drink specials, corned beef and cabbage 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Kitchen closes at 1:30 a.m., (734) 844-1137. Sunday is family day at

Conor O'Neill's, 318 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. "A lot of children play the Irish music in traditional fashion," says Caroline King, general manager.
Customers of all ages are invited to bring their instruments to perform at this traditional Irish pub. The week-long party continues tonight 9 p.m.-2 a.m. with Irish singer, Gareth Woods. Tin whistle players perform 4-7 p.m. Friday and 2-4 p.m. Saturday. Irish music, including bagpipers, will be

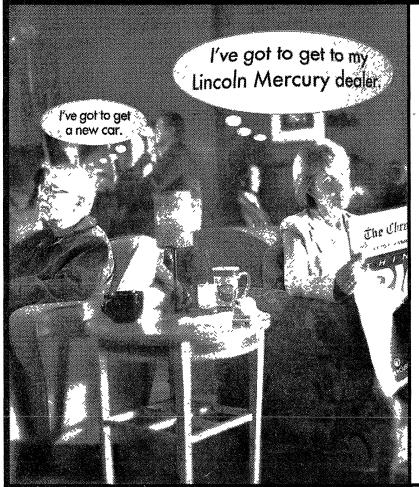
featured 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday, (734) 665-2968.

Dunleavy's, 34505 Grand River Ave., Farmington will serve corned beef and cabbage 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday and Monday, and 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday. On Monday a live band and a bagpiper will perform throughout the day. Irish stew will be available, (248) 478-8866

Lamb stew, corned beef and cabbage, Guinness beef and beer and Guinness chocolate cake is on the menu at **Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro**, 26053 Town Center, Novi. Meals served 11:15 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday and Monday, and, 4-8 p.m. Sunday. An Irish band performs 6-10 p.m. Monday, (248) 380-8460.

"It's really true. Everybody is Irish on St. Patrick's Day!" said Ed Jeffery, general manager, Rosie O'Grady's, 175 W. Troy St. in Ferndale. On Monday, radio station WCSX will broadcast live 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Hummingbirds play 3-7 p.m., and, Trademark Orange 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Traditional corned beef and cabbage and Irish stew served 7 a.m. to midnight, (248) 591-9163.

Mary Quinley is a Livonia resident and writes about food and travel for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.



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Antiques festival

A preview party begins the 13th Annual Community House Antiques Festival tonight with a strolling supper and silent auction to benefit The Community



The festival is scheduled 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 14-15, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at The Community House, 380 Bates in downtown Birmingham. The preview party is 6-9 p.m. tonight.

Daily festival admission is \$10, while preview party tickets are priced \$55 to \$125. Call (248) 594-6403.

Composting

Worried about fertilizer and its effects on water quality of the Rouge River? Learn about composting, healthy lawn care, garden maintenance, soil and water quality through a master composting training class 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, March 27, at the Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Long Pine Road (at Telegraph). This training program geared toward promoting Rouge River water quality continues for five weeks. The \$30 registration fee includes a soil nutrient test.

The class is sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority in cooperation with communities in the Rouge River watershed. For a program brochure and to register, call (248) 288-5150.

Garden antiques

Tired of the cold weather? Then think spring.

The sixth annual Michigan Home and Garden Antiques Market is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, March 14-16, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen (at Civic Center Drive, exit south on Evergreen from I-696).



Antiques merchants will show and sell antiques and accessories for the home and the garden like the items pictured above by Wendy Lewis of Beverly Hills, or items to wear within an antique garden setting.

Selections include jewelry, furniture, garden and architectural pieces, birdbaths and benches, ornamental iron and garden gates, quilts, folk art, vintage clothing, purses, perfumes and

Admission is \$6 with any ad or listing, or \$7 regular admission.

One paid admission is good for all days of the show. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Show hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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From casual traditional to formal, these ranch homes are unique

BY DOUG FUNKE STAFF WRITER

f the goal is to provide a functional, desirable and memorable living space, **Teich Davis Interiors** accomplishes that with the three models at Links at Fellows Creek, attached condominiums in Canton.

Consider that Teich Davis provides the icing on the cake - the homes - built by Robertson Brothers Group.

"You want it to have quality things," said Rick Anthony Bonner, the interior designer who spearheaded the project for the Ferndale-based firm. "It's a reflection on the builder.

"The ultimate goal is to make the environment such so people feel they want to live there - a place they could live - and they remember it. There's so many model homes out there ... sometimes it gets blurry. We like to do unique things so people remember," Bonner said.

At Fellows Creek, people will remember the king-sized beds piled high with pillows in the master suites. They will remember formal dining room tables set with fancy goblets and plates containing real and simulated food



Visitors will enjoy the formal elegance of this model home in the attached condominiums at the Links of Fellows Creek in Canton.

EXTRA TOUCH

They will remember oils, spices, vegetables, noodles and canned goods, again real and simulated, perched on kitchen counters, sinks and ranges.

They will remember inviting bathrooms with large towels, brushes, soaps and shampoos.

And candles – "they give a warm feeling," Bonner said – everywhere.

Each of the three ranch models at the Links at Fellows Creek has a slightly different theme - casual traditional, Asian and formal.

The casual features an entertainment center cabinet, two sotas and several chairs in the living room. The same drapery pattern unifies the living room and dining area.

The second bedroom is decorated as

an office with two chairs on opposite sides of a desk, a simulated

The casual home includes painted walls in the living room, grass cloth wall covering in the library and wallpaper in the laundry and Matching end tables and lamps are on either side of a king-sized

bed in the master. Bonner's philosophy: "In the bedroom, I really like it to feel sumptuous with a bed you want to go into. We really like to acces-

sorize baths quite a bit, give almost a spa quality." The Asian influence model includes artwork and a decorative kimono on the walls of the main living areas, reed shoots in vases,

chopsticks on the dining room table and silk bedding in the master.

INVITING LOOK

This home also showcases a large, bronze-tinted mirror in the dining area, black-and-white appliances and cabinets in the kitchen, a small dry bar in the living room and a combination guest bedroom/computer room.

Dual-use spaces are especially appropriate for smaller homes and condominiums, Bonner said.

The more formal model includes a large dining area with an elegantly-set table. Chairs, pillows and sofa in the dining room and

Meadow Brook Hall opens new doors

BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

The closet is often targeted sometimes with sighs or shudders - when thoughts of spring cleaning appear, or when "to

Comfort is the key for family members who gather

inside this formal setting near a fireplace at the Links.

do" lists are compiled. But a visit to Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester Hills could change that.

A new tour, Out of the Closet, debuts this week at Meadow Brook Hall. The tour will grant access to many areas of the mansion that had been off limits to the public, such as closets, bathrooms, secret vaults and

staircases. Meadow Brook Hall's magnificent artworks and furnishings have been on view for tourists

since 1971.

But Out of the Closet is an opportunity for visitors to see more personal, everyday details of the Dodge and Wilson family

"It's a lot of fun," said Sally Victor, interim director of Meadow Brook Hall.

To celebrate the new tour, and officially launch Meadow Brook Hall's local featured artist series, a gallery opening and reception will take place Thursday, March 13 (see related article).

TOUR

Victor said the new tour came about when a group of Meadow Brook Hall staffers walked

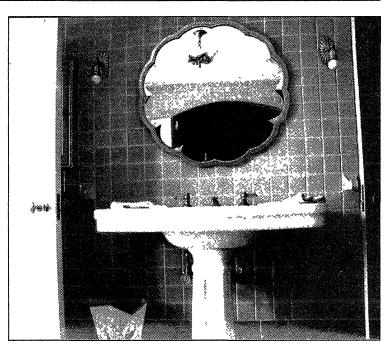
through the mansion, looking in closets and opening doors. Some of the areas hadn't been

opened in 10 or 15 years. We started to really get talking about the idea that what people are most interested in is to see how (the residents) lived," Victor said.

Meadow Brook Hall was the home of Matilda Dodge Wilson, widow of automobile pioneer John Dodge, and her second husband, lumber broker Alfred Wilson. It was built between 1926 and 1929.

The 88,000-square-foot, Tudor Revival style mansion the fourth largest historic house





Matilda Dodge Wilson's bathroom features a large porcelain pedestal sink and pink tile by Rookwood Pottery, one of the United States' foremost art potteries.

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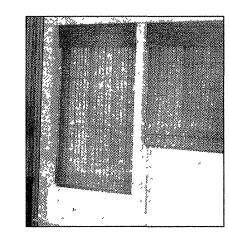
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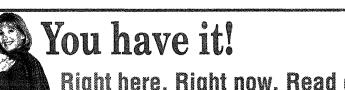
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Gardening business

The Michigan School of Gardening will present a class, Sales and Marketing Techniques, Wednesdays,

March 19-26, at the Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza. Fee is \$72. Register early. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com

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TOUR

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museum in the country - contains 64 closets, 24 powder rooms/bathrooms, eight secret vaults, five staircases and five

Handmade tile and goldplated fixtures are just some of the artistic, elegant elements that can be seen in the spaces Out of the Closet will reveal.

Each family or guest bedroom had at least one large walk-in closet or hall of closets. Hat stands, hangers and drawer liners were covered in coordinated fabrics that matched the adjoining bedroom, bath and dressing room. All closets had customized hardware.

Matilda Dodge Wilson's suite contains two walk-in closets, and a separate dressing room with shelving space on 1-1/2 walls. Handpainted porcelain handles are on the door in Frances Dodge's dressing room.

Mrs. Wilson's bathroom is about 220 square feet. It features a separate area for the toilet and sitz (seated) bath, which was used for therapeutic soaks for the hips and thighs; each area has a door for priva-

The bathroom is adorned in different shades of pink, purple and aqua. The bathtub contains a tile mural depicting the myth of Leda and the Swan.

Mrs. Wilson was very wellorganized. The Hall was planned and built to offer maximum convenience and stor-

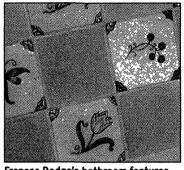
Some of the safes were to be used by guests who preferred

OUT OF THE CLOSET AND ARTIST SERIES

What: A new tour will grant access to many areas of Meadow Brook Hall that were previously off-limits. A featured artist series will showcase the works of local artists in the Hall's Cafe Cappuccino and Fountain Room.

Where: Meadow Brook Hall, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills.

Gallery opening: Thursday, March 13, featuring a wine-and-cheese reception and an Out of the Closet tour. Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission to the opening is free, although donations are welcome. For reservations or more information: Call (248) 370-3140.



Frances Dodge's bathroom features painted tiles with floral and dragonfly motifs by the American Encaustic Tiling Company.

to lock up their valuables.

ARTIST SERIES

The series will showcase the works of local artists in Meadow Brook Hall's Cafe Cappuccino and Fountain Room.

All of the displayed works will be available for purchase. A new artist will be featured every three months.

Lorraine Leigh will be the first featured artist, as her photographs of Meadow Brook Hall are exhibited.

"Matilda Dodge Wilson was a huge patron of the arts, and especially interested in discovering and supporting local artists," Victor said.

"It is only fitting that as we kick off our new Out of the Closet tours, our first featured artist, Lorraine Leigh, focuses her work on Meadow Brook Hall - unveiling the secrets and stories of the past."

"I wanted to focus attention on the stunning detail and craftsmanship that might be otherwise overshadowed by the sheer immensity of the Hall," said Leigh, a Rochester Hills resident. "I especially wanted to help others see the intimate qualities that made this a warm, livable home.

"Once you move beyond the initial awe of the size and scale, you realize that this is not an austere place - it's a cozy, family-oriented dwelling that pays tribute to the artisan's skill."

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MODEL

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living room match in color and

A large entertainment center is on a wall.

The den contains a desk, TV cabinet and a pair of chairs around a table. The master includes a sitting area with a two chairs and ottoman in front of a window.

'We buy everything directly from furniture manufacturers," Bonner said. "Some accessories we get locally."

Some furniture - coffee/display tables in the middle of a living room, for instance – are custom designed and built, he added.

"We don't like to dumb down models," Bonner said. "We want to show people what can

be without being too crazy. "This is real people," he added of the condos at Links at Fellows Creek ranging from 1,285 to 1,603 square feet and priced \$148,990 to \$179,900.

Cathie Ferdon, sales rep for

Robertson Brothers there, said well-decorated models are crucial to the showing process.

"They (prospective buyers) come in and say, 'We could move that couch from here to there.' They really do use it as a visual tool."

Bonner offers a couple of general decorating tips from his experiences.

"Plan ahead. What's the rule about cutting wood - measure twice. Make sure furniture fits the space. A major thing to think about is lighting, too lamps, built-ins.

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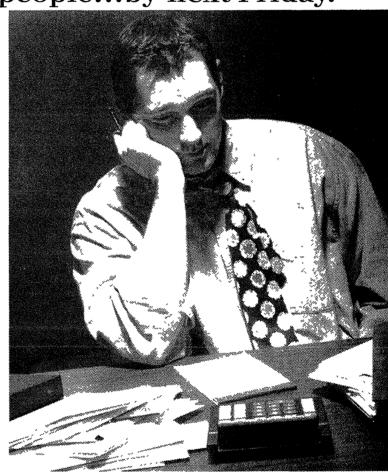
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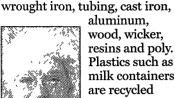


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oon it will be time to furnish our gardens with suitable pieces so we can have a restful place to sit while admiring our beautiful gardens.

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Marty Figley

Plastics such as milk containers into furniture. Styles range from rustic to very sleek, and there is something for every garden situation no matter what the size of the area.

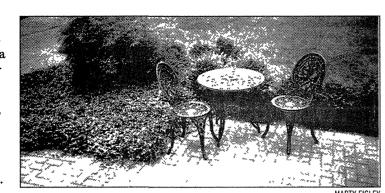
Before you buy anything, take a stroll around your property to see where a table and chairs, or a single chair or bench, will be placed.

As you shop, think of the pros and cons for each type and consider style, size, color, and how much care it will need.

Fabric cushions, if they aren't waterproof, may need to be taken indoors in inclement weather and a storage space will need to be found. If furniture is to be taken indoors for the winter, space will also be needed. You may wish to cover it for protection.

Wooden pieces need to be painted or stained regularly, and when wrought-iron furniture needs repainting, it can be a costly project, especially if done by a professional.

Sling chairs, captain's chairs and old-fashioned deck chairs will eventually need to have the fabric replaced. They do fold easily for storage, as do those made of aluminum. A new chair on the market is the Catskill Sling Adirondack by GPI Casual. It has a UV-resistant material sling back and seat



Our little Hummingbird Bistro set by Garden Pals Inc. is the perfect set for our front entrance garden. The verdigris finish blends with a nearby bench.

as opposed to wood.

Poly and resin furniture will need to be washed often, sometimes scrubbed if they aren't cleaned regularly. They can be left out all year round. Redwood, teak and white cedar are durable and last for years, and can be protected with a sealant, stained or painted. Redwood turns brownish and teak and cedar turn gray when left to weather naturally.

Aluminum furniture is light in weight and can be left out all winter. Care is minimal, other than needing an occasional wash.

No matter what type of furniture you choose, look for wellconstructed and sturdy pieces. It's no fun to sit in a chair and have it collapse!

FINDING THE SITE

Let your imagination guide you as you choose where the new (or refurbished) furniture will fit in your garden.

Color is such a personal choice, you might want to paint the furniture to match the colors in the flowers.

You won't need a lot of space for a pretty bistro table and two chairs. This will provide ample room to visit with a friend or to have lunch on a sunny day.

I saw two purple Adirondack chairs placed on the lawn at Chanticleer in Pennsylvania what a pleasant surprise! We had our boring, cream wrought-iron furniture painted a soft Williamsburg blue and enjoy it often. The flowers in

the umbrella match. Tuck a chair or two near a trellis where afternoon shade provides a cool retreat. Make several areas around the garden into places where furniture will allow you to enjoy each different part of the garden.

The benches we see in the front gardens or on porches are so inviting and also provide a place to set container gardens for a bright touch.

It's important to place furniture on a level surface. A small area can be paved in many ways. Brick, pavers, flat stones, cement, cement formed and colored to represent bricks or stones, a large slab of granite, or wood chips are all suitable.

Finish the edges of the area with low plants or another attractive material so the surface blends with the surrounding edges such as grass.

Measure so the size is right, or actually set the furniture in the spot before constructing the

What a treat it would be to walk around the garden and come upon a welcome place to sit and enjoy. This may be just the spot to encourage visitors as well as the gardener to "take time to smell the roses."

GOOD GARDEN TIP

Prune fruit trees – apple, peach and pear - now before the sap starts to move. Wait until early summer to prune ornamental trees.

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

Furnish gardens with restful areas Maintain compressor to extend refrigerator's life

everal million refrigerators are sold every year in this country.

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repair. You don't need to be a trained appliance repair technician to do this job. In fact, most consumers can do the job themselves.

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

A dirty condenser or compressorarea can cause the unit to run under extreme high

heat temperatures and eventually burn out the compressor. A replacement compressor installed on your beautiful refrigerator can exceed \$500. Quite often a dirty condenser is the prime cause for such fail-

What do you think about making sure it doesn't happen to you? The following necessary step in refrigerator maintenance should be done three times a year and all you need is a little muscle.

The first step is moving the refrigerator out away from the wall, using care not to damage the floor surface. If there is a water line hooked up to the back side for the ice maker and water dispenser, make sure there is plenty of slack line to allow movement without snapping the line.

Once the product is moved and you have plenty of room to kneel down behind it, get out the vacuum cleaner and a long handle condenser brush available from your local hardware store. Remove the cardboard backing piece at the bottom rear section which is held in place by clips or screws.

Pull the electrical plug out of the wall and get on the back side or underneath the refrigerator.

Using the vacuum attachment and the long condenser brush, clean it out as clean as you can. Make sure you don't bend or hit the fan blade and bend it, but do make sure the blade surface is free from lint or hair buildup.

Remove the front toe plate and clean from the front area as well. If the drain pan is removable, take it out to the kitchen sink and wash it with soap and detergent and sprinkle some peroxide in it before you put it back into place.

Remember that the cleaner the underside of your refrigerator is, the less the compressor runs, thereby saving you costs in energy consumption. The refrigerator will keep much better temperatures and the compressor will last a lot

The cardboard cover you removed may look quite a bit dingy, but please put it back on when you are finished cleaning. It was installed to deflect the air in a certain direction and you do not want to disturb that air flow.

Without proper air flow and an overheated compressor, the cost of operating the refrigerator can increase by as much a \$10 extra per month. If you have linoleum and you discover a brown spot on it under the refrigerator, do not be con-

This is due to the oil in the

Without proper air flow and an overheated compressor. the cost of operating the refrigerator can increase by as much a \$10 extra per month.

linoleum being drawn to the surface. It is not a fire hazard.

After you have the job done, slide the refrigerator back into place. Adjust the front legs so that the front of the box is 1/2inch higher than the rear. This will allow the doors to close by themselves and give you a better door seal.

This wasn't such a big job after all, was it? You can consider how you may have just added several more years of life to your product and feel pretty darn good about doing it. We have had a cold hard winter but it won't be long before the refrigerator compressor has to compete with it's worst deadly enemy, high kitchen heat.

Keep that refrigerator running at optimal levels by keeping the condenser clean. Just think about how many people in this country who don't know what you do right now.

That half hour didn't really cost you anything, it saved you a lot of money so take out that special person for dinner and tell them how smart you are. Stay tuned.

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



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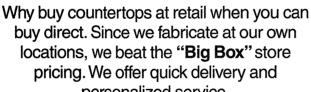
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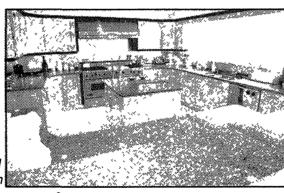
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AFCIs add protection against electrical fires

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interrupters are now available to homeowners looking fires.

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Electric Code requires AFCIs on all branch circuits servicing bedrooms in new construction after Jan. 1, 2001,

but it's been my experience that many local communities still don't require them yet.

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AFCIs replace regular circuit breakers in your home's electric panel. They have a computer chip that monitors the electrical flow. When the AFCI recognizes an arc fault, it shuts down the flow in a fraction of a

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makes contact with ground or a neutral wire, there is enough current draw in the circuit to trip the breaker or blow a fuse. Problems can arise when this contact is not solid or intermittent, and then, an arc (or spark) develops which could cause a fire.

Arcs most often occur when the insulation on wires breaks down. This allows a wire to be exposed to another wire or a ground source.

Sometimes this will happen when a heavy object is set on a cord in such a way that it damages the insulation. More often wire insulation is compromised between walls or floors, often by animals chewing on the wires or other physical damage. These out-of sight arcs are the most dangerous.

MANY FIRES BEGIN

Do you need them? According to the National Fire Protection Association, about 40 percent of home fires are caused by eroded wire insulation. The protection normally afforded by traditional fuses, circuit breakers or GFIs will not protect against arc induced fires. This amounts to numerous injuries, lost property and more important, lives.

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confident with advanced electric work. If you have never installed a circuit breaker, this is no place to learn.

Even when you were to shut the main breaker off, there is still live current in the panel box and the amperage is far more than enough the kill you. Seek the help of an experienced person or hire an electrician.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@ comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Know which receipts you should keep

Q: I try to keep my receipts from purchases, but am amazed at how much paper that is. What do I need to keep and what can I toss?

A: Paper clutter accumulates faster than dust bunnies! Your goal is to keep receipts for items you may need to return, major pur-

chases, and purchases you charged.

The important thing to remember is to set up a system that works for you and then

work at it. **Domestic** ■ Receipts **Planner** for items you may need to

return:

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your billfold

Keep these

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until you are sure you don't have to return any of the objects. This works well for clothing receipts and household items.

Periodically go through your billfold and discard receipts you no longer need. If you accumulate too many for your billfold, use an envelope labeled Return Receipts.

Receipts for items rarely returned:

Keep receipts for things like groceries and dry cleaning for a short period of time. You may need to return a grocery item or take back dry cleaning that wasn't properly cleaned.

You may then discard these receipts if you don't need them for tax purposes.

If you get a receipt for renting movies, keep it as a reminder for when the movie needs to be returned - and then discard it when you return the movie.

If you don't know whether you should keep a receipt or not, ask yourself: Why would you want to refer to it in the future?

If you want to remember the business for a later visit, put the information in your calendar or planner and discard the receipt. If you want to save a receipt for a special event, put it with your mementos or scrapbooking items.

Receipts for big purchas-

When you make a big purchase like a refrigerator, TV or stereo, you need to save the receipt for future warranty work.

For a TV or stereo equipment, you can place the receipt in an envelope and tape the envelope to either the owner's manual or underneath the equipment.

You can also make household files labeled Furniture, Kitchen, Electronics, Bikes, Cameras, etc. and use these to hold the owner's manuals and

If you buy tires for your car, place the receipt in your glove box. You will need it in your car if something happens to your tires. ■ Charge receipts:

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When I get home, I move these receipts to a container like a clear plastic shoe box. When you get your credit card bill, check the bill with

the receipts. If this seems like too much trouble, save the receipts, review your bill and only check the receipts when

something looks wrong. When the container gets full, discard the oldest. If your receipts have your credit card number on them, you need to tear them up or shred them before you throw them away.

■ Gift receipts: You may want a special envelope or container just for your gift receipts, especially during the holiday season.

This way you can provide the receipt if an item needs to be returned.

You can use these receipts to keep track of your budget for each person on your gift

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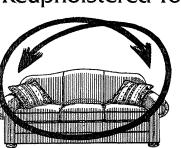
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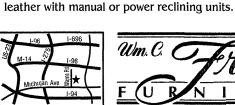
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Tales of an infrequent flier

ou could almost see the luggage rack tied to the top of the airplane. Our family headed out for vacation, a long weekend in Florida. Though we were accustomed to traveling, those occasions had always been reserved for business, sport or family, and we had always traveled by automo-

This family trip would mark my first airline flight in four years.

bile.

Unlike me, my husband is a frequent flier. He calmly held the family together as we boarded our luxury airliner, found our seats in coach and prepared for our departure.

Our daughter immediately found her window seat; our sons were too excited with the anticipation of sunny warm weather and a Yankees training camp baseball game to worry about anything.

Everyone in my family was calm and excited.

Everyone, that is, except me. There hasn't been a legal sedative formulated that would calm me down. Jittery and nervous, I scanned the cabin. The plane looked well put together, the flight attendants stood happily, welcoming other passengers on board.

They seemed like they did this thing called flying every

As the airplane rose into the air, every little noise heightened my awareness. Sitting next to my hus-

band, I hear a roar. "What's that noise?" $\overline{\mathbf{I}}$ clutch my seat in a moment

of panic. My husband, engrossed in his book, looked up calmly. "That noise would be

engines," he replied. I gasp. "Is that a good sound?" I now see that fear had locked up my brain and the synapse of logic was fail-

I know my husband would have been entitled to laugh at that question, but he did-

"Yeess," he slowly answered. "I would say that hearing the engines would

be a good sound." Then came the bumps, our plane hopping and dropping through the air. I clutched my husband's arm; I mopped the sweat from my

"What was that?" I asked. "Is that normal?" The drop came again. My daughter sat calmly across the aisle, listening to her CD, doodling in her notebook, scrawling "I Love Gymnastics" as the unsettled air banged us around.

Next to me, my son chewed on his fourth serving of Airheads. One row back, our oldest engrossed in a Vonnegut novel.

The plane continued to bump. I wiped my sweaty palms on my jeans.

The flight attendants calmly grilled steaks and boiled lobster for the firstclass passengers. Back in coach, passengers enjoyed cold drinks and a bag of

pretzels. As the plane calmed down, as the captain assured us we were less than 20 minutes from our destination, I began to relax. I began to think more logical-

I began to understand that engine sounds were a good thing, I began to realize that if the flight attendants could give first-class passengers a foot massage and uncork a wine bottle, all while bumping through the air I, too, could enjoy the

PLEASE SEE STANDISH, C6

Home service delivers grocery goodies

Business built on bringing necessities to its clients

BY KIMBERLY MORTSON STAFF WRITER

When Bill Ansara made visits to his grandfather's Westland apartment, he never went empty-handed. Most occasions, he would bring an armful of groceries for the elderly man who is remembered as "strongminded," but was limited in his ability to shop for himself due to his age.

It wasn't long before his grandfather's elderly neighbors started asking Bill if he would do the same for them. Twentyone years later, the Redford resident is president of Residential Grocery Service Inc., a Livonia-based business to which Bill, his wife, Norma, and three children, Billy Jr., Jimmy and Steve, devote their

RGS has worked with Value Center Food Market on Six Mile for the past four years where it operates a personalized shopping/delivery service for individuals, families and senior citizens.

Their customer-driven business streamlines the grocery shopping process through a 50,000-item (name brand and Spartan brand) selection of fresh produce, meats, deli, baked goods, canned foods, dairy, prepared foods, cleaning products, personal hygiene products and paper/household goods. They also offer a 1,000 products for people with special dietary needs, including sugar-free, low-sodium and low-calorie items.

"This is a very emotional subject to me," said Bill, who started a similar business more than two decades ago, but had little success. "It has taken me a long time to find a grocery supplier to work with me, to get the computer software together and to prove to people that we're reliable and honest and genuinely real."

After his initial attempt at the delivery service, Bill and his five brothers operated Something Different, a Westland party store that lived up to its name. The store featured traditional convenience store products as well as a deli goods and a line of jewelry.

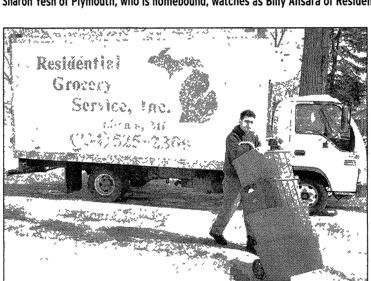
"They were pretty limited in what they could offer in a party store so it was always my dad's goal to branch out and get involved more with people," said Billy Ansara Jr. "He's back at square one now and has finally found the right combination with the store and location to make it work."

The process was designed to be as convenient for clients as possible, shifting the responsibility onto RGS staff to fill



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Sharon Yesh of Plymouth, who is homebound, watches as Billy Ansara of Residential Grocery of Livonia delivers her grocery order.



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Billy Ansara of Residential Grocery in Livonia makes a delivery to Sharon Yesh in Plymouth.

orders, complete paperwork and deliver goods.

According to Billy Jr., a customer (there are no eligibility requirements to use this service) calls RGS and makes an appointment for a home visit. Potential clients are given an extensive "grocery list" divided into 27 product categories. Clients check off the items they want, including size and quan-

Value Center Market is a Spartan brand store so personal shoppers then choose the products at the best price unless otherwise noted by the client.

"If someone wants macaroni and cheese and Spartan brand is four for \$1 we'll buy those unless the customer specifically asks for Kraft's brand," said Billy Jr.

ORDER, PLEASE

After RGS receives the grocery list, Norma Ansara, Bill's wife of 25 years, enters the order into the computer and then a personal shopper does all the legwork in the store to fill the order. According to Bill, the same person processes the order each week, so shoppers become familiar with the preferences and brands customers like and want. Within twothree days, the order is delivered in refrigerated trucks by uniformed drivers who bring the order in bags stored in plastic totes.

"Half the truck is 20 degrees below zero and the refrigerated side is 35 degrees so frozen foods stay frozen and produce and meats keep cool and fresh," added Billy Jr., 21, who oversees marketing and delivery. A minimum \$75 order must be placed and the delivery charge is \$20.

"I'll never grocery shop again since I found this service," said Sharon Yesh of Plymouth.

The 46-year-old suffers from a physical handicap that currently limits her ability to get out and do things for herself, things she says at one time she was accustomed to doing.

"I used to work in the theater as a designer. I worked 20 hours a day and would have loved this service even before I couldn't get around," said Yesh. "I have tried for the last two years to find a grocery store to deliver and couldn't.'

Yesh said her 80-year-old mother brought her a local newspaper where she read an article about Residential Grocery Service.

"Everyone I have talked to has been so nice on the phone. They'll look for the best price for you because they have Spartan brands or buy brand names, if you have specific ones you like, like I do for coffee."

Yesh said she also has to maintain a low-sodium diet because of her limited activities and found the dietary selection outstanding.

"How can you beat this? They do all the work for you, deliver it and carry it into your house for \$20," said Yesh. "I can't believe more people won't take advantage of this service once they hear about it."

PROUD OF CHILDREN

Bill said he's proud of his

children's involvement with the family business. Billy Jr. said his brother, Jimmy, 16, has been working on the businesses computer system since he was in the fifth grade. The Thurston High School student also designed the company's Web site. Brother Steve, 14, also a Thurston student, works as a processing assistant and delivery person.

We are a close family with strong values," said Billy Jr., who attends Davenport College and produces music in his free time.

"I love working with people and get a lot of reward from knowing we are doing something positive for the community," he said. "I know all my clients' names and spend a lot of time learning about who

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Teri Ballinger prepares an order working from a shopping list.

Community Literacy Council reading positive signs

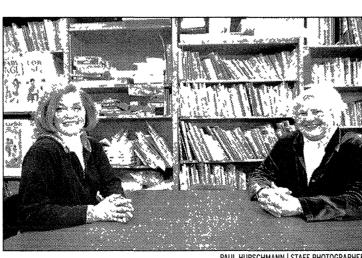
BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

When Carol Saunders retired from years of teaching children and directing the programs at the Starkweather Education Center, it didn't figure to take her long to get back into the game.

And it didn't. First, Saunders ran for - and won - a seat on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. Then, in September 2001, she joined the board of directors of the Community Literacy Council, members of which had been nagging her to join for some time.

By January 2002, she was president of that board, and heavily involved in the council's evolution.

Formed – as its name suggests - to help alleviate literacy problems, the Community Literacy Council is as busy now as it has been since its inception. With 20 active students being tutored in reading and



Community Literacy Council Tutor Program Coordinator Fran Relyea (left) and Carol Saunders, president of the council's board of directors, are happy with the success the council is seeing.

English, and another 31 on the waiting list, business has never been better.

"We know there are people who for various reasons haven't learned to read or write," said Saunders. "That's why we're here, to provide one-on-one tutoring to help them become

better contributing citizens."

GOOD NEWS

With March being National Reading Month, the numbers for the Community Literacy Council are particularly gratifying to Saunders and to Fran

Relyea, the council's tutor coordinator. The council recently completed one tutoring class, training people to become tutors, and will soon complete

Completion of that class will, for the first time, bring the supply of tutors into line with the demand for them.

It's a sign the council is moving forward, after a period which Saunders characterized

as disinterest. "The council, for various reasons, got to a point where interest and involvement was decreasing," Saunders said.

"Leadership was a little unde-

cided."

Relyea was brought on as the tutor coordinator, and she's been busy trying to set a course for the council to follow, one she hopes will bring renewed public interest.

For example, she's joined the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. She's applied for grants from the Wilcox Foundation to help

publicize the council.

exploited every possible means of publicity I could find," said Relyea. "We did a lot of brainstorming on how we could get the word out." The Wilcox Foundation,

'What I've done is really

named for the late Jack Wilcox, provided a grant so the council could put out brochures. Some new blood was brought onto the board of directors. Saunders, in addition to her school board seat, joined the Canton Chamber of Commerce, heightening her visibility.

"We want as much exposure as possible," said Relyea. "It has brought in traffic, phone calls. It has brought in interest."

Nestled in fairly cramped quarters at the Starkweather building on Holbrook, the CLC is essentially self-funded. There are some grants, and they also get some money during their 'Friends of Literacy" drive. And the Plymouth-Canton school

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board funds them with some \$1,100 a month in federal money funneled through the state. That buffer from state money is what has Saunders and Relyea hoping the council can dodge the budget ax wielded last week by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

The biggest fund-raiser of the year, though, is the CLC's Spelling Bee, held in October every year to promote literacy and the council. And the council is trying to get service groups, such as Rotary and Kiwanis, to "adopt" it.

"Literacy is a great service project for everyone." Saunders-said. "Service

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GROCERIES

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the area for 25 years and people

have come to know me and

know how I'm trying to help,"

said Bill. "This service is a vehi-

cle for many people who don't

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GOING TO WORK

As word of mouth brings in more business, the CLC is preparing to handle the load. Another tutor class is winding down, and soon there will be enough tutors to cover the need. For the council, which has often seen more need than it could handle, that's good news.

groups want to see the com-

them all be able to read and

munity made better. How better to do that than helping

"There'll be tutors on a waiting list, which isn't a bad thing," Relyea said with a smile. "That's a nice problem to have.

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Lewis-Engberg

James and Carol Roark Jr. of Canton and Bradley and Gail Lewis of Brighton are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Lee Lewis, to Thomas V. Engberg, Jr., son of Thomas and Amy Engberg of Lima, Ohio.

Michele is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, and earned her master's degree from Indiana University in 1995.

Tom is a graduate with a bachelor's degree from Ohio State University. A July 26, 2003, wedding is planned at Whetstone Park of Roses.

STANDISH Of course we arrived in Florida safely, and of course, we FROM PAGE C5 arrived home with no problem. I learned a lot on that family

> flight to Florida. I learned whenever possible to fly first class.

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I learned that flying to Florida in a few hours is better than driving to

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"My three children are great,

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remember all those things I learned on this trip. I will remember all of the flights that come and go, every day.

I will remind myself of all that, on the next flight I make, sometime in 2007. Maybe.

Cathy Standish is a Plymouth resident and a regular contributor to the Observer. You can reach her via e-mail at Cate1956@aol.com.

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Spring Flower Sale

The Plymouth-Canton Breakfast Kiwanis Club and the Canton Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring a Spring Flower Sale. Flowers will be hand-delivered to the recipient on Friday, March 21 or Saturday, March 22. For questions, call Carol at (734) 451-3500.

AROUND TOWN

Food Tasting Show

Elite Catering Company presenting a Food Tasting Show at the Plymouth Community Arts Council from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 16. Early booking and show discounts. Contact Amy at (248) 476-3080 for information.

Football Coach Reception West Metro Detroit MSU Alumni Club

hosts its annual meeting at Dearborn Hills Golf Course with social hour 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and meeting/awards from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19. Call Grant Alberts at (734) 671-8653 for further info.

Student Art Exhibit

The Exhibit 9 Women, featuring works by senior art majors at Madonna University will be on display at the University Art Gallery. Mixed media, paintings, drawings, sculpture, graphic design and print making will be showcased. The first exhibit from 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 14, and the second, opening from 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 28, admission is free and the public is invited to attend. For more info, call Doug Semivan, at (734) 432-5710.

Preschool Open House

McKinley Cooperative Preschool, located in Westland, will hold a public open house from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 15. Call (734) 729-7222 for more

Pre-School Registration

Little Lambs Christian Pre-school registration is taking place at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 15. The school is located inside the First Baptist Church on N. Territorial between Sheldon and Beck. Students must be 3 or 4 years old by Aug. 1. For more information, call Shari at (734) 414-7792.

Bowl-A-Thon

WNIC afternoon disc jockey Chris Edmonds will be hosting Bowling For Braille Books at Seedlings 16th-annual Bowl-A-Thon at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at Cloverlanes in Livonia. Call (800) 777-8552 to register and reserve a spot at the event.

St. Patrick's Day Brunch

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day early with a brunch at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 13-16. Diners can increase their chances of winning a trip to Mackinac Island by taking a tour of the community. Please call Dodi at (734) 981-7100 to reserve a seat.

Youth Basketball Clinic

The Detroit Pistons Youth Basketball Clinic is coming to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville from 12:30-3 p.m. Saturday, March 15, for grades 4-6. Each child will receive two free Piston tickets and will be invited to attend the pre-game shoot-around at courtside. Call (248) 374-5937 to register.

Nursery Co-op Registration

Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op registration has begun for the 2003-2004 school year. Openings for 3- and 4-year-olds, various class times and days. Call Nola Wellman at (734) 453-0595 for information.

Fine Arts Competition

The PCAC has announced a \$500 fine arts competition for high school seniors in the P/C school district. Applications are now available at the PCAC. The deadline for receipt of materials is March 15. For further info, call (734) 416-4278.

Storytime

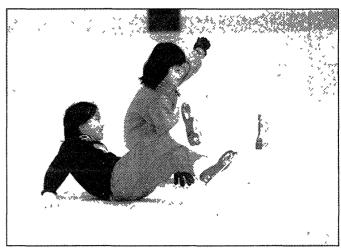
Peggy Price Heiney presents a special storytime for children ages 5-7.

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Pairs skating

Shannon Guo, 7, and Danielle Chen, 8, both of Canton, fall while practicing their figure skating techniques during an open skate recently at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The open skate schedule does vary because of skate competitions; call the center at (734) 455-6620 and follow the touchtone prompts.

Stories, creative dramatics and book selection round out this monthly session at the Plymouth Library. Registration is required. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

PCAC '70s Bash Tickets

The PCAC's annual dinner, dance and auction to be held Friday, March 14, 2003, at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. To purchase tickets, donate an auction item or help the planning committee, call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

Plymouth Symphony

Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2003 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Free blood pressure screenings will be taken at the Plymouth District Library 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. No appointment is necessary. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information. **Recreation Registration**

The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its classes for all ages. Classes include gymnastics, dance, core body exercise, tots jump-a-rama, tae-kwon-do, personal development, aerobics, clogging, senior trips and programs and much more. Call (734) 455-6620 for more information.

CLUBS

Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 17 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road. Gerald Wykes will speak on "Legends and Lore of the old French." Call Pat at (734) 425-3079 for info.

DAR-Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter

Sandwich luncheon at noon March 17 at the home of Shirl Hering (call for directions). The program is titled Online Research Suggestions & Aids.

Call Shirl Hering at (734) 455-5525. P/C Vietnam Vets of America

Chapter #528 meets every second Monday of the month at the American Legion Post #32, 9318 Newburg, Livonia. If you were a U.S. serviceman or woman and served between 1961 and 1975, you can join the Vietnam Vets. Visit the Web site for more information,

BNI Plymouth II

information.

The Plymouth Chapter II BNI Group meets Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant located at I-275 and Ann Arbor Road. We are actively looking for new members. Please call (734) 459-5696 for further

Independent Living Senior Apartment Homes

West Suburban Stamp Club

Meetings are the first and third Fridays at 8 p.m. at The Plymouth Historical Society in Plymouth.

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

SEPAC

Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators, SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets every second Monday of the month from 7-9 p.m. at Discovery Middle School in Canton. For additional information, please contact Rich Ham-Kucharski (734) 844-1714. Plymouth VFW

Fish fries continue every Friday from 5-7:30 p.m, through April 28. The price is only \$6 at the Plymouth VFW, 1426 S. Mill. All-you-can-eat fish and chips, additional items available. Call (734) 453-9866 for take-out.

MOPS-Plymouth

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

Colonial Kiwanis of Plymouth The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets at noon Thursdays at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For information call Ernie Hughes, membership chair-

man. (734) 414-0400. MOPS-Westland

Westland MOPS meets at Westland Free Methodist Church September through May on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Free child care. Contact Nikki Guenther at (313) 937-2479.

La Leche League

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

Canton Rotary Club

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The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road. All guests are invited to join in for lunch. For more information on community and international service projects, call Laura at (734) 207-8517 or e-mail to ExecSec@rotary6400.org.

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Stephen Ministry grows at Holy Trinity Lutheran

The Christian caregiving and ministry at Holy Trinity encircular therapy and the Lutheran Church in Livonia deat welcomed four new Stephen ministers, who were commissioned Sunday, March 9, at the 11 a.m. service. A new Stephen leader also will be commissioned. These new lay and pastoral caregivers join 12 Stephen ministers and four Stephen leaders already serving at Holy Trinity.

Stephen ministers offer care

and support for people experiencing life difficulties such as death of a loved one, job crisis, aging, separation or divorce, long-term illness, or needing the support of a Christian friend. They have received 50 hours of intensive training covering such topics as effective listening, confidentiality, the stress of hospitalization, feelings, and utilizing community resources.

Citing his reason for becom-

ing a Stephen minister, George Lemieux said, "It's time to think of myself less and other people more."

Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry; those receiving care can be sure that their identity and concerns will remain private. In addition to the training, Stephen ministers will continue to receive twicemonthly continuing education and supervision support sessions as they strive to offer the

highest quality Christian care-

Holy Trinity Lutheran
Church is one of more than
8,000 congregations throughout the United States, Canada
and 18 other countries – representing more than 100 different
denominations – that have
implemented this program of
lay Christian caregiving. The
Stephen Series was developed
by Stephen Ministries in St.
Louis. Holy Trinity has been

part of the Stephen Series since 2000. Clergy and lay persons are trained in a seven-day Leader's Training Course to return to their local congregations to recruit and train other

lay people.

Linda Grillis, another of the trainees, explained: "The training not only prepares us for the care we will be giving but it also helps us in many other relationships in our lives as we have become more empathetic

part of the Stephen Series since 2000. Clergy and lay persons are trained in a seven-day and better listeners. Becoming a Stephen minister has been a wonderful experience."

If you are interested or have more questions about the Stephen Ministry at Holy Trinity, or if you know someone whom needs care and support at this time, call Pastor Linda Golden at (734) 464-0211. For additional information about starting a Stephen Ministry at your church visit www.stephenministries.org.

Kids on Campus program begins July 7

Summertime can be a time for learning as well as fun for youngsters, especially if they're enrolled in Schoolcraft College's Kids on

Campus program.

The more than 100 classes range from Web Page Master, to Rocket Science, to Rockin' Through the Ages and Music on the Computer.

Classes are tailored to grade levels, but all students can participate in brown bag art seminar luncheons and supervised before- and aftercare.

The majority of classes last two weeks, and a second session of Kids on Campus begins July 21.

Students entering the first and second grade can explore the world of the theater and hone their acting skills; practice suitcase art; learn about the wonders of water; write and publish their own book; or discover how different cultures celebrate special events.

Third and fourth graders can run their own business; learn quilting; solve an imaginary crime in detective school; become a cartoonist; or discover the world of mythology and create their own legends.

Grades five and six can learn about budgeting; explore physics using toys; learn Visual Basic or advanced electronics; build and launch their own rocket; learn to write many types of poetry; or get practice in public speaking.

Seventh, eighth and ninth graders can get an introduction to statistics; use Macromedia Flash to created animated cartoons on the computer or create a simple computer game with Macromedia Director; or learn about musical history while composing music.

Six one-week camps give students an in-depth look at art and science, ecology, robots, architecture, and solving mysteries through science.

The Kids on Campus catalog is available in the Continuing Education
Services office, or you can download the catalog at www.schoolcraft.edu under the category Continuing Education.

You can register your child by fax at (734) 462-4572 until one week before classes begin, by mail until June 23 or in person May 5 through 9 at the McDowell Center.

For information, call (734) 462-4448. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, west of I-275.

U-M cardiology division hosts hockey benefit

On Saturday, March 22, surgeons, cardiologists, nurses, anesthesiologists, pulmonologists, perfusionists and physician assistants at the University of Michigan Health System will be trading in their scrubs and white coats for ice skates and hockey jerseys.

For the second year, the UMHS Section of Cardiac Surgery and Division of Cardiology will host the Hearts on Ice Hockey Challenge to score funds for Cardiac Surgery Transplant patients who can not afford the cost of postoperative medications. The

UMHS teams will also be joined on the ice by U-M alumni and members of the Ann Arbor Police and Fire departments.

The teams, the Blades and the Pills, will face-off at 5 p.m. in U-M Yost Ice Arena, 1016 S. State Street in Ann Arbor.

In addition to transplant patients and their families, former National Hockey League players John Ogrodnick (Detroit Red Wings, 1979-1987), David Shand (Atlanta Flames, 1976-1980), Rob Palmer (Los Angeles Kings, 1977-1982) and Pat Hughes

(Edmonton Oilers, 1980-1985), will be in attendance to cheer on the teams.

In between periods, children, ages 12 and under, will be invited to shoot and score against team goalies Dr. Frank Pagani, associate professor of surgery, and Dr. Michael Shea, section head of Cardiology Outpatient Services and Clinical Cardiology, and codirector of the Aortic Valve Clinic. If the goalies can block the shot, the shooter will donate \$5 to the fund. But, if the goalie misses, he will donate \$5.

A drawing will also be held for seats in the DTE Energy Suite at Joe Louis Arena for a Detroit Red Wings game in the 2003-2004 season.

Tickets for the game, which include one raffle ticket, are \$5 per person or \$10 for a family of four. Children, ages 12 and under, are free. Additional raffle tickets are available for \$5 each. Last year's Hearts on Ice game raised \$2,000 for the transplant fund.

For more information about Hearts on Ice or to purchase tickets, call (734) 763-8988 or visit www.um-surgery.org

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In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it, You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter Parade.

- Irving Berlin

Do you have a frilly Easter bonnet tucked away in your closet? If so, we want to know about it, perhaps take your picture in it. If you no longer have the hat, maybe you have a picture of that long-ago Easter when you were the grandest lady in the Easter Parade.

The Observer is planning a special article on Easter bonnets for its Sunday, April 13, edition. Contact Renee Skoglund, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150; (734) 953-2128; fax: (734) 591-7279; email: rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net. Contact her by Friday, March 28.

NEW VOICES

Alvin and Tina Rekaw of Redford announce the birth of their son, Adrien Guiseppe, on Jan. 30, 2003, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces, and was 21-1/2 inches long. Adrien joins big brother and sister. Anthony, 9, and Melina, 5.

sister, Anthony, 9, and Melina, 5. His grandmother is Elsie Rebottaro.

Michael and Roxanne Dowd of Canton announce the birth of their son, Blane Orion, on Feb. 7, 2003, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 9 pounds, and was 20 inches long.

Blane joins big brothers and sister, Mike Jr., 8, Drew, 6, and Marina, 2-1/2.

Grandparents are Ronald Truesdell and Gail Truesdell of Garden City, and Michael and Marjorie Dowd of Livonia. James Latterell and Linda Bauer of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter, Heather Marie Latterell, on Feb. 7, 2003, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Heather joins big brothers, Ricky, 8,

and Trevor, 5.

Her grandmother is Lois Latterell of

Garden City.

Joseph Shahan and Samantha Mohammed of Westland announce the birth of their son, Samuel Joseph Shahan, on Feb. 9, 2003, in Garden City Hospital.

He weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce, and was 20 inches long.

His grandparents are Bob and Laura Bauer of Taylor, and Valerie Smith of Westland.



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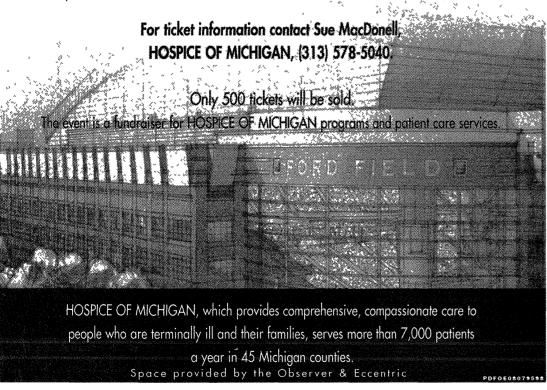
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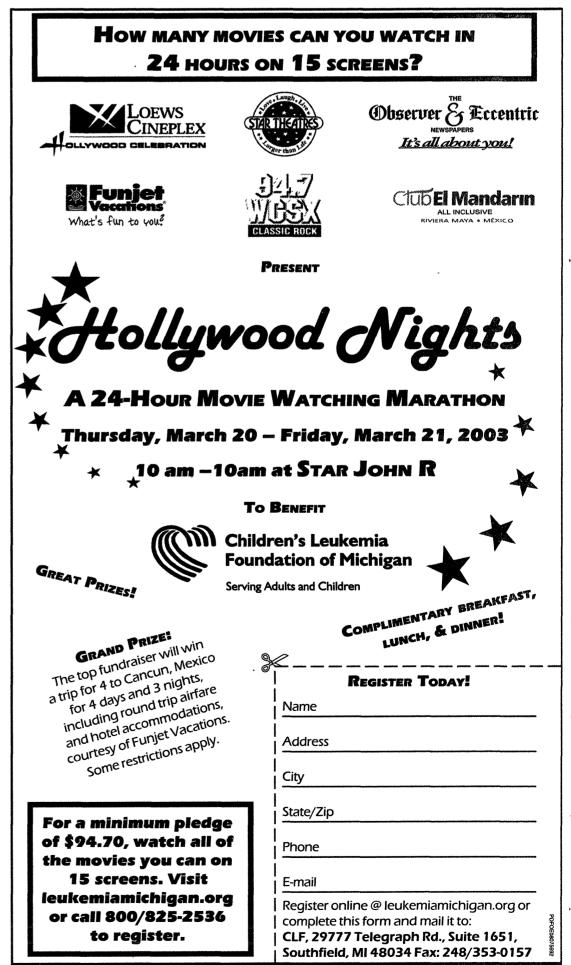
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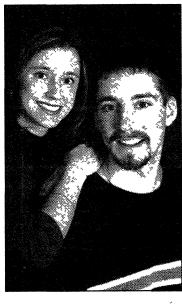
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When is the last time you told someone that they made your day? When we give someone an honest, well-deserved compliment such as this, it is also a blessing to us. It makes us aware of those who have been a positive influence in our daily lives. Ironically, the best way to "make someone's day" is to tell them how helpful they have been to you and that you appreciate their friendship. It seems we often forget to tell those who are closest to us that we value and enjoy their company. When it comes to praising people, there is usually nothing wrong with doing it in the presence of others. People don't usually like to "toot their own horn," so if we can do it for them by praising their actions, it usually will give them encouragement. Conversely, if you must criticize someone, it is almost always best to do that in private, making sure that the other person knows that you still value them despite your criticism. God wants us to use kind words which validate our fellow human beings, and to practice His Golden Rule of doing for others what you want them to do for you.

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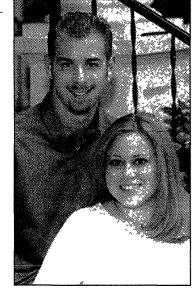
Marija Brandoline and the late James Brandoline of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Elizabeth Brandoline, of Farmington Hills to Christopher Paul Gayer of Farmington Hills.

Nicole is a 1997 graduate of Thurston High School and received her bachelor of science degree in nursing from Madonna University in 2002. She is employed as a registered nurse at Children's Hospital of

Michigan. Her fiancé, Christopher, is the son of Paul and Linda Gayer of Dexter. He is a 1995 graduate of Dexter High School. He received his bachelor of science degree in biochemistry from Alma College in 1999. He is currently attending Wayne State Medical School and will be a surgical

resident in July. The couple is planning a May wedding in Newburg United Methodist Church,

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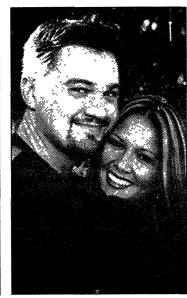
Kelley-Smolarek

Craig and Linda Kelley of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter. Sarah Marie Kelley, to David Thomas Smolarek of Allen Park.

Sarah is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She is employed at Quicken Loans.

David is the son of Thomas and Linda Smolarek of Livonia. He is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and is employed at Roush Industries.

The couple is planning to wed in May at St. John's Chapel, Plymouth.



Underwood-Hudson

Bill and Vonnie Underwood of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Chandra Lee Underwood, to Nicholas David Hudson of Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

Chandra is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed at Fox 2.

Her fiancé, Nicholas, is the son of David and Madeline Hudson of Westland. He is a crew chief on F-16 fighter jets in the United States Air Force.

The couple is planning a June wedding in St. Theodore's Catholic Church.



Randall-Fugua

David and Connie Randall of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Charisa Rachelle Randall, to Jason Keith Fuqua. Charisa is a 1998 graduate of

Stevenson High School. In May she will receive her bachelor's degree in business from Belmont University, Nashville, Tenn. She has an associate's degree from William Tyndale University. Her fiancé, Jason, is the son

of Keith Fuqua of Farmington Hills and Dolores Fuqua of Westland. He is a 1994 graduate of Garden City High School. He received his bachelor's degree in English from William Tyndale University, 2001, and is pursuing a teacher certification for elementary school teacher. Currently Jason is employed at R & D Enterprises of Northville.

The couple is planning a June wedding in Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville.

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI., 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number. Bagley Elementary School

Class of 1955

The Class of 1955 Reunion Committee invites alums and guests to a reunion party at the school on Saturday, July 26. Contact Web site "members.aol.com/bagleyreunion/" or

e-mail to www.Bagleyreunion@aol.com. Bentley High School

Class of 1973 A reunion is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at Burton Manor in Livonia. For more information, contact

Class Reunion Plus at (586) 446-9636

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Cabrini High School

Class of 1973 A 30-year reunion is being held on Saturday, Nov. 29, with a dinner/dance at Arnaldo's in Riverview. Michigan from 6 p.m. until midnight. The reunion committee is looking for Class of 1973 classmates. Please call Cathy Scimeca Cargo at (313) 388-0163 or email her at cabrini73@aol.com.

Cass Tech

Class of 1953 A 50-year reunion is being planned for 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. On Sept. 12-14, there will be a casino visit, boat cruise, and school tour. Cass Tech will be torn down. This may be your last chance to visit. Contact Al Weatherly at (586) 786-1718 or Iris Bennett Czajkowski at (248) 855-1583.

Catholic Central Class of 1961

For information about the Girls Catholic Central of Detroit 40th reunion, call Jan Seefeld (248) 398-7777 or Nancy Nowak Kush (313) 291-

Chadsey High School

Class of 1953 January/June A 50-year class reunion being held on Sept. 19 at the Warren Valley Golf Club on Warren and Beech Daly in Dearborn Heights. Contact Fred Osada at (313) 278-9828 for further information.

Cooley High School

Class of 1958 A reunion is being planned on the wood Dream Cruise Weekend, Aug. 15, 16, and 17. Being held at the Marriott in Livonia. Also planned are Hospitality Suite, trip to the Red Devin, casino and a farewell brunch. Looking forward to seeing you. contact Ev Randlett at (248) 851-6929 or Dave Armstrong, at his e-mail address,

Costello Elementary Classes of 1973-2002

DaveyArm@aol.com.

A reunion of staff, families and students who attended Costello from 1973-2002 will be held at Costello 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 29. Please RSVP (248) 823-3700.

Denby High Class of 1953

A dinner/dance reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 20. Organizers are looking for classmates. Please contact Doris Burrows Firestine at (586) 226-3319, Bob Pinder at (248) 332-8028 or Jean Sindon Like at (586) 268-4954. A picnic is also planned for Aug. 16. Contact Judy Pouliot Berry at (586) 716-0916 or Wilma Fisher Jed at (248) 642-7246 for further information regarding the picnic.

Detroit Western High School

REUNIONS

Class of 1978

A 25-year reunion is being held on Aug. 9 with a dinner/dance at Pvt. John Lyskawa VFW Hall, Dearborn Heights. Organizers are still looking for classmates. Contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail orozcodo@sbcglobal.net.

Eastern High School Class of 1953

The 50th Eastern High School Reunion Committee would appreciate your help in locating classmates for this event. Being planned for Nov. 15, 2003. Classes of 1952 and 1954 are also invited. For information, contact Chuck Wingard at (586) 777-1347 or e-mail

charliewing1@comcast.net or call Lena Brigolin-Maiorana at (586) 777-9248. Ferndale Lincoln High School

Class of 1953 January/June Alumni are asked to share their interest in attending a 50-year reunion in 2003 (September/October). E-mail Doris Swanson Winter at DJW1721@AOL.com or call Patt

Simmons Stasiak at (248) 548-4243.

Fordson High School Class of 1988

A 15-year reunion is being planned and organizers are looking for classmates. Please respond to either www.classmates.com,

classreunion1988@yahoo.com, or mail your name, address and telephone number to: Class of 1988 Reunion, 11349 Fenton, Redford, MI 48239.

Garden City High School Class of 1978

A 25-year reunion is being held on July 19-20 with a dinner/dance at 7-9 p.m. Roma's of Garden City, \$45 per person; followed by a picnic on July 20 in Garden City Park Contact Sherlyn (Alioto) Battani at sbattani@msn.com. Class of 1984

A 20-year reunion is tentatively scheduled for June 2004 at the Livonia Holiday Inn-West. More information on classmates.com or e-mail Michelle (Pietryka) Taylor at misidrew@com-

cast.net. **Greenfield Park Elementary**

Classes 1930 through 1970 A joint reunion party is set for June 28 at Stony Creek Metro Park. For information, contact Patricia Deacon at (586) 228-3201.

Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991 Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com or culbertson@taylorreunions.com or write: Taylor Reunion Services, P.O. Box 597, Dallas, TX 75221-9929

Henry Ford Trade School

Classes of Jan. and June, 1943 A 60th reunion is being held June 21 at Monaghan K of C Hall, Livonia, For further information, contact John J. Graf at (734) 421-3931.

Holy Redeemer Class of 1958

Holy Redeemer High School in Detroit hosts its 45th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 11. Contacts are Mary O'Gorman Burns (313) 937-3979 or e-mail at mary12341@hotmail.com; Maureen Tafelski Wilkie (734) 542-9271 or e-mail at mowilkiel@ yahoo. com; and Toni Kurzawa Forfinski (248) 347-6309 or email at tonifin@juno.com

Murray Wright High School

Classes of 1967, 1968 & 1969 A 35-year combined class reunion being organized. Those interested should call to get on the mailing list. Reunion coming soon, no date yet. Call Dede or Susan at (248) 746-9618.

Our Lady of Mercy High School Class of 1963

A reunion is planned for Aug. 16. Looking for classmates that have not yet received reunion information. Contact Joanne (Quaine) Schwartz at (734) 591-6514. **Our Lady of Victory School**

Classes of 1952 to 1972 A reunion for Our Lady of Victory School in Northville is being planned for September. Please call Jo Flattery Mudloff (1961) at (734) 662-9333 or Jane Flattery Johnson (1957) at (734) 453-

Pontiac Northern High School

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Class of 1983 Organizers are currently in the process of planning the 20th year class reunion to possibly be held in July. Please contact Mari-Lynn Flaig (Farr) at (248) 537-

0002 or e-mail sflaig@mac.com. **Redford Thurston High School**

Classes of 1982-1987 A reunion is being planned at the Double Tree Hotel in Novi on April 12, 2003. D.J. - dinner - dancing. Contact www. Heidirs325@Hotmail.com or (248) 761-3559.

Class of 1993

Looking for classmates to assist in planning reunion. Contact Daune Koester at either (517) 432-3949 or email dkoester@msu.edu.

Redford Union High School Class of 1983

A 20-year class reunion is planned for Oct. 18 at the Farmington Hills Manor. Organizers need help finding classmates. If you have the address of a classmate or would like more information, contact Lisa Adamic Brewer at

(734) 422-9698 or scottbrew@msn.com. St. Andrew High School

Class of 1963 The reunion committee is looking for classmates and faculty. Organizers are hoping to have the event in October.

Please call (734) 261-6555. St. Francis deSales

Class of 1953

A 50th class reunion is being celebrated on Sept. 27. For more information, please contact Mariette Gosselin-Carlton at (248) 333-2376 or e-mail to mariettelgc@yahoo.com.

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The Lee University Campus Choir from Cleveland, Tenn., will give a concert at Harvest Ministries Church, 23233 Drake Road, Farmington Hills, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 13. The choir has sung throughout the United States as well as abroad. They also have been several recordings. Call (248) 478-1511 or visit www.harvestministriescog.org.

Youth ministries seminar Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Livonia, will host "Effective Youth Ministries," a synod-wide, one-day workshop for developing youth ministries, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 15. The workshop features the Rev. Paul Hill, developer and director of the Center for Youth Ministries of Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque who has nearly 30 years of experience in youth ministry. He also teaches courses on youth and family ministry at Wartburg Seminary and the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Illinois. Tickets are \$20 per

person at the door. The Rev. Hill will preach at the 5 p.m. Saturday worship and both Sunday worship services, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Holy Trinity is located at 39020 Five Mile Road, east

i of Haggerty. For more information, please call (734)

Combined concert

Three area churches will combine music ministries to celebrate their faith in song. The first performance will be 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at St. Mary's Parish, 34530 Michigan Avenue, Wayne; the same concert will be given again 8 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at Sacred Heart Parish, 22400 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn; and again 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, The concerts will consist of contemporary selections as well as a large choral work based on an award-winning children's book, The Old Turtle. Call (734) 455-5910.

Concert

"Jack Bailey and Friends" perform inspirational songs by Bailey 7 p.m. Sunday, March, 16, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (734)464-0211.

Crop circles

Mystery of the Crop Circles, an awardwinning investigative video, will be shown 7 p.m. Friday, March 21, at Unity Church of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Admission by donation. Call (734) 421-1760 or e-mail: UofLivonia@aol.com. **Parish mission**

St. Edith Parish, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia, will host a mission 7:30-9 p.m. Sunday, March 23, through Thursday, March 27. The Rev. Wally Hyclack of the St. Joseph Christian Life Center will present "Christian Challenged." Babysitting available for children 3rd grade and younger. Call (734) 464-1222.

Parents conference

St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton, will host "Smart Discipline," a program for parents 7 p.m. Thursday, March 27. Learn ways to raise your children's self-esteem and get them to cooperate. Cost is \$7 per person. Childcare available. Contact Pastor Drex Morton at (734) 459-3333.

Lighthouse Cafe

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church's Single Point Lighthouse Cafe meets 7-10 p.m. Friday, March 28, in Knox Hall for an evening of relaxation and entertainment supplied by other Single Pointers. Cost is \$5. Hot dogs, goodies and specialty coffees. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

Open House

St. Matthew Lutheran School, 5885 Venoy (one block north of Ford Road), Westland, will host an open house 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 1. St. Matthew offers instruction from Pre-K (3-4-year-olds) through 8th grade. Learn more about our academic, sports and fine arts programs. Call (734) 425-0261.

Kids rummage sale

Need clothes? Need toys? Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, will hold a "Mom to Mom Sale" 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26. Maternity and infant-preteen clothes. Lots of toys and furniture. Table renters get free lunch and childcare. Bake sale. Call (734) 422-0149. Christmas crafts

St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton, is currently accepting applications for its Christmas Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. Please contact Gloria at (734) 981-0279.

LENT

Lenten activities

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church. 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia, will host several Lenten Sunday activities: March 16 - A potato dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a contemporary service at 7 p.m.; March 23 - A potluck supper at 6 p.m. followed by a 7 p.m. concert by the "Cass Ambassadors," a group of men from the Cass Community Center who give testimony in song and story; March 30 - The video Gospel of St. Matthew will be shown 4 p.m. followed by pizza at 6 p.m. Cost is \$4: April 6 - A Bible-themed dinner at 6 p.m. Servers will be in Bible attire and guests are invited to wear robes and sandals. Authentic Bible foods. A program on the "Parables of Jesus" will follow at 7 p.m. Call (734) 422-6038.

Lenten concert

World-renowned University of Michigan organist Dr. Marilyn Mason will perform The Stations of the Cross by Marcel Dupre 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, in the sanctuary of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, corner of Beck and North Territorial in Plymouth Township. Included in the event will be a narration of the Paul Claudel poem, The Way of the Cross, accompanied by 120 slides depicting the suffering and death of Jesus from museums and churches around the world Lenten lunch. Call (734) 453-0326. St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland, will host a simple Lenten lunch of homemade soups, bread and beverage noon to 1 p.m. during the Fridays in Lent. Cost is \$3 per person. Call (734) 425-4421.

Pancake supper

First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne, invites everyone to its "Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper" 4:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4. Meal includes pancakes, sausage, ham, applesauce, coffee and mile. Adults, \$5; children 12 and under, \$2. Call (734) 721-4801.

Lenten service

St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford, will begin Lenten services 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5. The series will be held on successive Wednesdays until Holy Week. Maundy Thursday service will take place 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17. Call (313) 534-7730 for more information.

Lenten services

St. John Neumann Parish, 44880 Warren Road, Canton, will hold services every Wednesday during Lent at 7:30 p.m. On Fridays, soup and bread suppers will be served at 6 p.m. followed by evening prayer at 7 p.m. Communal Reconciliation will take place 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12, and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15. Individual Reconciliation will take place 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 16. Call (734) 455-

Lenten talk

Trinity Church, 14800 Middlebelt, Livonia, will host a Lenten conversation, "Sin and Self-deception: Thinking Anew about the Human Predicament." with Dr. Cornelius Plantinga 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 23. Dr. Plantinga is the president of Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids. He is the author of five books, his most recent being Engaging God's World: A Christian Vision of Faith, Learning and Living. The conversation is part of Trinity Word View Series and is open to the public for \$5. Dr. Plantinga will preach at the 10:45 a.m. service. Call (734) 425-2800.

Lenten retreat

The Bethany Peer Support Group of the Archdiocese of Detroit will host its annual Lenten retreat April 4-6 at St. John's Center, Plymouth. Titled "Sons and Daughters Come Rest in Me: I Call Your Name!", the retreat features daily Mass, a reconciliation service and inspirational speakers. Registration deadline is Monday, March 24. Call Jane at (248) 548-2765; Patrick at (248) 545-2566; Loretta at (586) 264-0284; Christina at (313):565-1457; or Angela at (734) 324-2332. Also visit http://bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org.

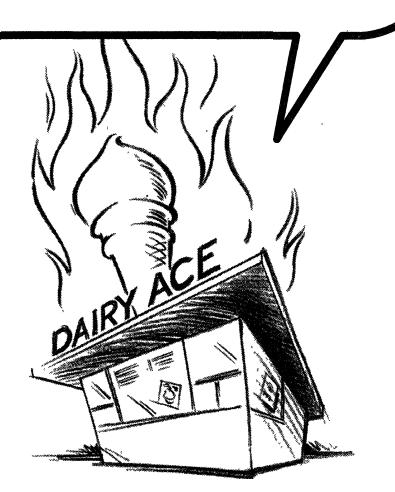
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The Bethany Peer Support Group for the separated and divorced of the Archdiocese of Detroit will host a Lenten retreat April 4-6 at St. John's Center -6 in Plymouth. Registration deadline in March 24. Call Jane at (248) 548-2765; Patrick at (248) 545-2566; or Loretta at (586) 264-0284. Visit the Web site at http://bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org.

Choral evensongs

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit, will offer its annual lenten service of choral evensong sung by the Cathedral and visiting choirs each Sunday in Lent at 4 p.m. Each service will be followed by a half-hour organ recital. Choral evensong is the Anglican adaptation of the ancient monastic service of vespers, and is one of the glories of Anglican liturgies. The cathedral has secure, lighted parking which is accessible via East Warren Avenue. Call Robert Kellerman at (313) 833-4438.

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All-Conference

Janell Twietmeyer, a senior at Alma College and a Canton HS graduate, was named to the all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association second team in women's basketball.

Twietmeyer averaged 10.2 points, 4.1 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game for the Scots, who finished second in the MIAA with a 9-5



were 17-9 overall) and reached the conference

record (they

tournament final before losing to regular-season champ Hope, 63-49.

Twietmeyer's shooting prowess was well established, too. She made 55.3 percent of her floor shots, including 40 percent of her three-point attempts (she had 48 three-pointers, nearly two a game), and hit 82.4 percent of her free throws. She ranked second in the conference in both free throw shooting and threepoint shooting.

In-Line hockey

Skatin' Station II is now accepting registrations for its spring youth and adult (17 and over) leagues. Cost is \$120 for 10 games, a jersey, championship shirts and referees.

Youth evaluations will be March 17, 18, 29 and 30, depending on league. Ages are determined as of Jan. 1,

Adult 17-and-over leagues begin April 1. Individuals are welcome as well.

For adult information, call Tonia on Tuesdays or Thursdays at (734) 459-6401, or visit the Web site at www.skatinstation2.com. Skatin' Station II is located at 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton.

Prep hockey

An organizational meeting for current and future student athletes who will attend Plymouth HS and want to play hockey will be at 7 p.m. March 20 in the Plymouth HS cafeteria.

For more information, call Kathy Lash at (734) 453-6518 or athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

Lacrosse meeting

The Plymouth/Canton Lacrosse Parent Booster Club has scheduled a meeting for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 in the Canton HS cafeteria.

Parents of all current and future lacrosse players are encouraged to attend this meeting.

For more information, call Nina at (734) 981-3290 or email them to SEGanz@aol.com.

Football meeting

The Salem Football Linebackers Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. March 19 in Room 2703 at Salem HS.

Parents of current and incoming Salem football players are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Mike Scherbaty at (734) 981-7135.

Rheault gives up hoop coach position

ll Jeremy Rheault wanted to do was coach.

It wasn't the money. Ask any high school coach if that's why he's doing it, and it's guaranteed such a bizarre suggestion will be greeted with laughter.

A buck an hour. Maybe. That's what they make.

Rheault had coached



the last 12 years at the school he graduated from two years prior to that: Canton HS. He has spent the past three seasons as the varsity basketball coach.

But now, that's come to an end. On Monday, Rheault resigned.

It was his choice. "He was not asked to resign," insisted Canton athletic director Sue Heinzman.

Rheault later retorted, "I was supposed to have an evaluation in a couple of weeks. I wasn't going to wait for that.

Why? Because he felt certain it wouldn't be a positive one.

This is the story of a young coach who was driven from a job he loved, not because he couldn't handle what happened on the court, but by those around

In Rheault's letter of resignation, which he submitted to Heinzman Monday, he states bluntly: "I am resigning due to the lack of administrative support and lack of communication that I have experienced."

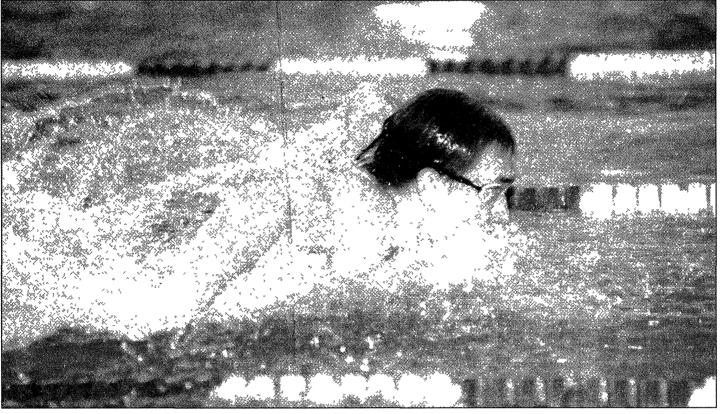
That, quite obviously, leads to Heinzman. It doesn't end there, however.

"I'm sorry Jeremy feels that way," Heinzman said Wednesday. "I feel badly. I wish that wasn't his decision. "I told him (Monday) I'd hold his letter

of resignation."

Not any more. Rheault's made his decision. He had problems this season, but nothing any coach doesn't experience. Like players and their parents complaining about playing time, to both the coach and, if they felt that didn't work, to his boss. Heinzman said she would not talk to players' parents or anyone else about playing time or similar matters regarding a

PLEASE SEE RHEAULT, D6



FILE PHOTO

Rocks place 6th at state championship

No, coaching isn't rocket science, but there are all sorts of factors to factor, contingencies to consider. Salem swim coach Chuck Olson has been around long enough to know how to manage a meet, how to give his team and his swimmers the best chance at winning.

He proved it again at last Saturday's Division I swim finals at Eastern Michigan University. The Rocks finished sixth overall with 109.5 points, scoring points on all three relays and in four of their eight individual entries. Best for Salem was senior Ben

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, D5

Salem's Ben Dzialo tied for second in the 100-yard butterfly at last Saturday's Division I state final. He also placed second in the 50 freestyle.

Whalers win division title for 5th time

A 3-2 win over the Saginaw Spirit Sunday at Compuware Arena was a big one in all sorts of ways for the Plymouth Whalers.

The victory clinched a fifthstraight Ontario Hockey League West Division title for the Whalers. They improved to 41-14-8-2 (92 points), while Saginaw fell to 11-42-5-7 (34 points).

Also, Chad LaRose's second-period goal was his 60th, tying the team record for goals in a season originally set by Sean Haggerty in 1995-96.

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LaRose will get the opportunity to break the record this weekend, when the Whalers complete their regular season with three games.

Plymouth took an early lead, getting first-period goals from Karl Stewart (from LaRose and David Liffiton) at 4:53 and, on the power play, from Sean Thompson (from John Vigilante and Jonas Fiedler) at

LaRose's second-period goal was unassisted.

The Spirit got two goals from Geoff Platt, the first a short-handed score with 1:15 left in the second period and the second on the power play at 10:03 of the third. Jeff Weber was in goal for

Plymouth, making 20 saves. Tyson Kellerman had 30 saves for Saginaw.

On Saturday against the Erie Otters at the Tullio Arena in Erie (Pa.), third-period goals by Stewart and LaRose gave the Whalers a 4-2 triumph.

LaRose finished that game with a point on every Whaler goal, getting two scores and two assists. Chris Thorburn also had a four-point night, collecting four assists, while Stewart finished with a goal and an

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, D2

Salem's Goethe captures state crown

STATE WRESTLING

BY C.J. RISAK

junior. He finished 47-7 wrestling at 125 pounds, placing fourth in the state. As a senior, he wanted to be even bet-

So Goethe worked on his mental, as well as physical, conditioning during the off-season. He concentrated on the present instead of the future.

Last Saturday at The Palace of Auburn Hills, his focused efforts earned him a spot in the Division I state finals at 130 pounds. He made the

Majed of Dearborn Fordson 7-5 in the title match.

Goethe's title-clinching victory boosted his overall season record to 50-2 and gave Salem its first state wrestling champ since 1992, when Dan Bonnett

was first at 138 pounds. Majed ended with a 54-3 record two of his losses coming against Goethe.

Salem's Ryan Stump also reached the finals at 103 pounds. A sophomore,

Stump lost to Anthony Biondo of Chippewa Valley 9-0 in the title match.

"Last year, I focused on trying to win Mike Goethe was a good wrestler as a most of his opportunity, edging Wissam more," said Goethe. "This year, I tried not to think about (winning a title). I did what my coaches told me: 'Just concentrate on wrestling and winning will take care of itself."

That advice proved accurate. In Friday's semifinals, he beat Troy Pitsch of Grand Rapids Northview 9-4 to reach the championship match.

"I took it one match at a time," Goethe said. "Everything just came

PLEASE SEE GOETHE, D3

Madonna falls short against Concordia

Twice Marylou Jansen has guided Madonna University's women's basketball team to the NAIA Tournament. And twice, her squads have come very close to pulling off a miracle.

On Wednesday in Sioux City, Iowa, Madonna came within a single shot of shocking No. 1-seed Concordia (Neb.) University, but the Bulldogs held on to get a 62-59 victory in the opening round of the NAIA Tournament.

Concordia takes a 34-1 record into Friday's second round, facing either William Jewell (Mo.) or Ohio Dominican. Madonna ends its season at 13-20.

This was certainly a game of championship caliber. Neither squad led by more than seven points, and the biggest advantage of the second half was four. Madonna was up 29-28 at the half.

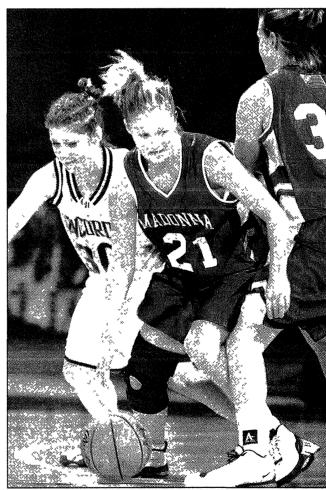
The Bulldogs opened up a 58-55 lead with 1:57 remaining in the game on a basket by Kayla Luehmann, but Madonna answered with two free throws by Nikki Blaszak 15 seconds later, making it a one-point game.

Concordia's Elizabeth Rhoden also hit two free throws with :56 to play, but Courtney Rehbine's short basket with :26 remaining again trimmed the deficit to one, 60-59.

Forced to foul to gain possession, the Crusaders sent Concordia's Dani Adams to the line with :23 left, and Adams hit both shots. Callie Gizicki's three-point attempt at the buzzer missed, allowing the Bulldogs to escape with the win.

Lindsay Simmon led Madonna with 23 points on 8-of-15 floor shooting. She also had seven rebounds. Rehbine had 13 points and Marwa Ayoub netted nine points, seven boards, three assists, three steals and two blocks.

Rhoden's 19 points paced Concordia. Sarah Harrison contributed 16 points and nine rebounds and Adams finished with nine points and five steals.



Madonna's Callie Gizicki (21) tries to evade Concordia's Elizabeth Rhoden (30) early in Wednesday's NAIA Tournament game.

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CC 5-peats as hockey champ

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BY PAUL BEAUDRY STAFF WRITER

As the seconds ticked off the clock in the third period, Redford Catholic Central goalie Jimmy Blanchard started getting excited.

First, he bunny-hopped down the ice on the toes of his skates, then he threw his stick in the air, then his blocker and his trapper.

And as the final buzzer sounded, Blanchard tore off the straps to his helmet, ripped it off his head and threw it high in the air – all while continuing to hop down the ice.

His enthusiasm was understandable; his eighth shutout of the year proved to be the best as Blanchard and the Shamrocks hung a 4-0 shutout on gutty Clarkston to win their fifth-straight state championship and sixth in the last seven years.

"He gives the other team fits," said CC coach Gordie St. John - the coach for all seven of CC's state titles – either in Class A or Division 1, but all since 1994. "He's been there all year long and as long as there's a breakaway through the defense, we're confident he can make the save."

Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier knew too well what he was up against with Blanchard, let alone the Shamrocks.

"I coached Jim six or seven years ago on a Little Caesar's AAA squirt team," said Krygier. "It's good to see him do so well. I'm happy for him."

While Blanchard played a solid game in goal, CC's offense kept the pressure on the Wolves (17-9-4) by keeping the puck in their end. It wasn't always easy getting the puck in the Clarkston zone, thanks to a soft version of a pressure defense. But held play in the Wolves end for long stretches of the game – and even when CC (26-3) didn't score, it proved to be the difference.

"We were able to go fourlines deep to their three and I



Catholic Central hockey players celebrate Saturday night at Compuware Arena after winning their school's fifth consecutive state championship by defeating Clarkston in the Division I title game, 4-0.

think that wore them down a bit," said St. John. "I thought they played hard."

The Wolves could have been a bit tired, having played the late game against East Kentwood in the semifinals.

But even with the Shamrocks hitting a couple of posts and some big saves by Clarkston goalie Aaron Catanese, the Wolves held their own in a scoreless first

"We did good at first, but after a while we started getting tired," said Catanese, who wound up stopping 26 shots on the night to 16 for Blanchard. "They were strong, but I think they also got a couple of lucky bounces here and a weak goal there."

The second period might have been the most complete 15 minutes put together by any team this season.

CC, which outshot Clarkston 9-0 in the first half of the second period, finally solved Catanese on the 10th shot. Tommy Mullen - who had

missed the semifinal because of an automatic disqualification for intentionally running into Brighton goalie Aaron Gidcomb in the quarterfinal - knocked in the puck to Catanese's left before he could slide over. Jason Lewarne got the assist.

The Shamrocks made it 2-0 with 4:19 left in the period as Brandon Naurato took the puck in the slot and slid it past Catanese on the stick side with Eric Giosa and Travis Hamway getting the assists.

The backbreaker came with 20 seconds left in the period as Giosa jammed the puck past Catanese during a pileup in front of the net, with Naurato and Hamway getting the

"We knew our shots would go in eventually," said Giosa. 'We just had to keep working hard. We didn't play our best in the first period, but the second period was one of our best of the year."

Clarkston kept struggling on offense. The Wolves mustered

just four shots on goal in the period and were outshot, 23-10, through two periods.

They had their chances. Clarkston was on the power play for a decent chunk of the game - and had a 5-on-3 advantage in the first period, but could not convert.

CC started the third period a man down with Harrison Niemann going off at the end of the second period for elbowing. Then Naurato went off for interference at 4:03, then Drew Kahle went off at 7:48.

Each time CC beat back the opportunity - and for good measure added one more goal with 2:46 left as Nathan Perkovich banged the puck in the goal to Catanese's stick side, with Lewarne and Billy Burns getting the assists.

"Our main goal in June was to win this game," said Giosa. "We were going for the state record and three of us have never lost in the finals in the four years we've been here."

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Eggert is CC's 4th Mr. Hockey

BY PAUL BEAUDRY STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central's Andrew Eggert has had a pretty good senior year.

For starters, he was named a Michigan High School **Athletic** Association Scholar-Athlete last month, juggling his time playing hockey

Eggert

with his 4.6 grade point average. Saturday night, he capped

off four years on the varsity hockey team with his fourthstraight state championship as the Shamrocks won their fifth-straight crown with a 4-0 win over Clarkston.

During the on-ice celebration, Eggert's day got even better.

"We were celebrating and (CC co-coach Todd Johnson) turned to me and said 'Four titles in four years is special, huh? The only thing better would be being named Mr. Hockey," said Eggert. "I looked at him and he said 'Yup, you won it.' I was just stunned."

Regardless if he was stunned or pleased or excited, being named the fourth CC player to be named by the state's hockey coaches as the state's best hockey player was an honor for the Livonia senior. "It's a great honor," said

Eggert, who now joins Jared Ross (2001), Keith Rowe (1999) and Mark Curtin (1997) in what seems to be CC's award in odd years.

"I think winning the state championships are a greater thrill because it's a team goal. But this is great."

Eggert - on the small side at 5-feet-9 and 175 pounds had six goals and 30 assists this season, and also carries a 4.6 grade-point average. He's been accepted academically to Michigan, but is still waiting to hear from other schools.

But hockey is still very much in Eggert's future, and he's shooting to go the Junior Hockey route, perhaps to follow former teammates Dave Moss and Brandon Kaleniecki on the Wolverines.

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"But I'll have to wait and see what happens after the (USAHL) draft this year," said Eggert. "I want to keep playing hockey." As a freshman, he was

by his own admission lost a little bit. But he kept improving and improving, working on the team concept more and more and becoming a more-rounded defenseman. "Now, I'm offensive and

defensive minded," said Eggert. "I'll take care of my defensive duties first and trying to keep the puck out of the net. But I have no problems moving the puck up or trying to get the chance to score."

Mr. Hockey earned him a spot on the coaches association Dream Team, where he was joined by CC goalie Jimmy Blanchard.

Teammates Brandon Naurato, Eric Reinhardt and Eric Giosa also made the Division 1 all-state team as forwards, as did Farmington's Keith Hay, Salem's Mark Nagel and Livonia Churchill's Jim Krygowski.

Defenseman Billy Burns also made the first-team Division 1 list.

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assist. Second-period goals by LaRose and Mike Letizia put Plymouth in front, but Erie knotted it with second-period scores by Alex Karaulchuk and Michael Blunden. Stewart's goal at 16:16 of the third period proved to be the game-winner.

Weber made 25 saves in goal to earn the win for the Whalers. T.J. Aceti had 17 stops for the Otters, who were 22-34-6-3 (53 points) through the weekend.

On Friday at the Sarnia

Sports and Entertainment Centre, Jimmy Gagnon's fourth goal of the season proved to be a very big one indeed, coming with just two seconds left in regulation to propel Plymouth to a 3-2 triumph over the Sting.

Sarnia remained second in the West Division with a 37-19-7-1 record (82 points).

The Sting had the early lead, getting a power-play goal from John Hecimovic just 3:16 into the game. Plymouth tied it at 7:56 of the first on a goal by Thorburn (LaRose, Stewart assisting), then took the lead on James Wisniewski's power-play goal

Weber made 25 saves in goal to earn the win for the Whalers.

at 10:41 of the second (John Mitchell assisting).

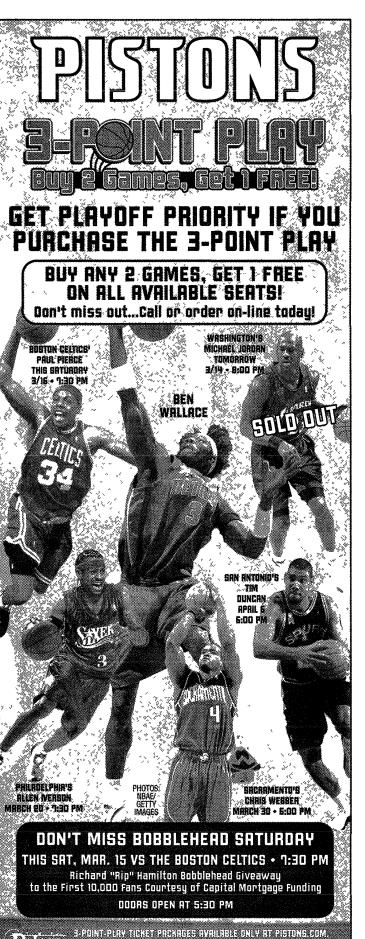
Gagnon's game-winner came on an assist from

Unless something drastic

occurs in the OHL's final regular-season weekend, Plymouth will enter the playoffs as the Western Conference's No. 2 seed, behind the Kitchener Rangers. Kitchener, first in the Midwest Division, has 96 points in 64 games; Plymouth has 92 in 65 games.

The top eight teams in each conference make the playoffs, with the No. 1 seed playing No. 8, No. 2 vs. No. 7, etc.

The Whalers likely firstround opponent could be either the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds (currently No. 8 with 61 points in 65 games), the Guelph Storm (No. 7 with 63 in 64 games) or the Owen Sound Attack (No. 6 with 64 in 66 games).



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Salem's Aquinto sparkles at state final

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

For Ashley Aquinto, things could not have gone much better.

For her Salem teammate, Bethany Bartlett, perhaps the same could be

Aquinto, a sophomore competing in Division II at last Saturday's State Individual Gymnastics Final at Plymouth HS, turned in a solid performance, winning one event and tying for second in the all-around.

Bartlett, a Division I gymnast, was facing tougher competition and was at less than full strength. Despite her

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assorted ailments, however, she still managed a 15th in the all-around.

"It was a very good day," summarized Rocks' coach Dana Driscoll.

"They were excited and I was excited." Aquinto sort of reversed her state performance of a year ago. "She didn't qualify (for state) on the balance beam last year," said Driscoll.

But after a spectacular showing at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet last month Aquinto won three of the four individual events, placing second on beam it seemed she was poised to make a run at the state all-around title.

Always strong in floor exercise, Aquinto concentrated on improving her vault and beam routines. With Driscoll able to focus her coaching efforts on the three individual state qualifiers, Aquinto resurrected a "new skill, something we had worked on a little bit at the beginning of the year, then dropped it."

The skill, a "no-handed cartwheel" for the beam, was reincorporated into her routine during practice last week. Putting something new in just before the state final may have been risky, but

as Driscoll pointed out, "It's hard for beam to be anyone's best event, but she was pretty confident."

With good reason, apparently. Aquinto scored a 9.3 to finish first. She added a seventh in the vault, a device for which she had also put

together a new routine and scored 9.25, and tied for ninth in both the uneven parallel bars (8.75) and floor exercise (9.1). Her all-around score of 36.4 tied with Shelia Orosey of Rochester Adams for second. Amy Schmidt of Grand Ledge was first with

a 37.225. For Bartlett, it wasn't an easy season to endure. "None of her scores were

too bad," Driscoll said of her performance Saturday. "She did pretty well considering the injuries she's had all

Her injuries start with stress fractures in her back, which may have led to the knee and hip problems that

have plagued her.

Still, Bartlett did well in the allaround, scoring 36.225. Her best individual finish came in the floor exercise; she was sixth with a 9.45.

The Division I champion in the allaround was Breanne Workman of Grand Ledge, totaling 38.425.

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together for me."

Goethe's success was a "surprise, but not out-of-the-blue surprise" to his coach, Greg Woochuk. "He worked hard last summer. He certainly worked hard enough to be at

"Mike did everything he was supposed to do, what he was capable of doing."

While Woochuk may have thought Goethe was proficient enough to win a state championship, he wasn't convinced the wrestler felt that way despite the huge strides he made throughout a career that began with a 22-22 record as a freshmen.

As a sophomore, he improved to 38-12. His 157 career victories puts him in Salem's top 10 for wins.

"I think (winning a state title) was one of his goals," Woochuk said. "But I don't think he felt capable of it, at least not until about mid-season."

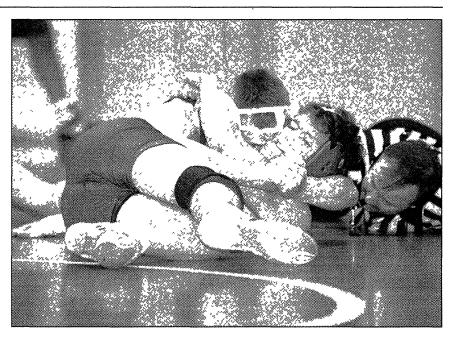
Beating some of the top wrestlers in Division II and Division III at the Williamston Tournament Jan. 18 got Goethe believing he was, indeed,

'I think he started to realize, 'I can do this," Woochuk said.

His first win over Majed, in the regional final, gave him a bigger boost in confidence.

For Stump, the good news is he'll be back next season, more experienced and more confident. He finished his sophomore season at 42-9 after going 21-11 as a freshman. Biondo, the Chippewa Valley wrestler who beat Stump in the final, is just a freshman. He finished

"He's been there with the best kids in the state," said Woochuk of



Mike Goethe (on top), here wrestling against Churchill earlier this season, became Salem's first state champion since Dan Bonnett in 1992.

Stump. "He beat back everyone he'd

"He had the technique, he had the physical sense of it. He just needed to believe in himself."

As far as Stump's future, Woochuk was optimistic. "He could be one of the best we've ever had, numberswise," he said.

Catholic Central had a pair of champions, Matt Steintrager at 112 pounds and Trevor Stewart at 160. Steintrager outscored Temperance Bedford's Deno Monnett in the final, 21-15, while Stewart defeated Hassan Berri of Dearborn 9-3 in the title match.

Steintrager finished the season with a 52-2 mark. Stewart was 43-1.

"It was pretty awesome," said Steintrager. "It was one of the happiest days of my life. I wrestle and practice wrestling all year round five days a week, two or three hours a day in the off-season, just to win the finals at that meet. And when I did it, I could hardly believe

CC's Sean Dong came in third at 103 pounds, stopping Jon Adgate of Ann Arbor Pioneer in the consolation final, 4-3.

"It was a good time at The Palace," said Stewart, a sophomore whose defeated Berri for the third time this season in the title match. "I had a few tough matches, but I got through them."

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STATE WRESTLING RESULTS STATE INDIVIDUAL 9-6. Final record: 31-8. Trevor Stewart, 160, Redford CC (champion): p. Tom WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS Gizowski (Roseville), 1:37; won by tech. fall over Bruce Bolhuis

March 6-8 at the Palace **DIVISION I** Ryan Stump 103 pounds, Salem (runner-up): decisioned

Greg Salinas (Hartland), 4-2 (overtime); won by major decision over Chad Vallone (Ufica Eisenhower), 12-2; dec. John Gruenberg (East Detroit), 7-5; lost by major dec. to Anthony Biondo (Mount Clemens Chippewa Valley), 9-0, Final record: Sean Dong, 103, Redford Catholic Central (3rd place): won

by technical fall over Bill Dias (Brighton), 17-2; dec. Ralando

Jackson (Saginaw), 12-7; pinned by Anthony Biondo (Chippewa Valley), 2:59; dec. Josh Williams (Grand Blanc), 4-2. Final record: 49-3 Matt Steintrager, 112, Redford CC (champion): won by forfeit over Elliott May (Clarkston); won by technical fall over Roy Setsuda (Walled Lake Central) 17-2: pinned Mike Colonna

(Utica Ford), 0:31: dec. Deno Monnett (Temperance Bedford). 21-15. Final record: 52-2. Nick Naber, 112, Westland John Glenn; dec. by Mike Colonna (Utica Ford), 10-3: dec. Matt Thome (Milford), 10-8:

Charlie Rabaut, 119, Livonia Stevenson (8th): dec. Adam London (Jenison), 5-0; dec. by Matt Dore (Bay City Western), 7-0; dec. Ghassan Hamka (Dearborn Fordson), 5-3; dec. by Danny Mason (Troy), 7-2; dec. by Tom Lyon (Grand Rapids Union), 6-4. Final record: 55-3.

dec. by Kenny Boles (Battle Creek Central), 5-3 (OT). Final

Drew Conner, 119, John Glenn: p. by Jimmy Shutich (Rockford), 2:44; dec. by Drew Minock (Howell), 4-3. Final

Brian Clement, 125, Livonia Churchill (runner-up): won by forfeit over Bryan Baldwin (Howell); dec. Alex Albrecht (East Kentwood), 13-8; dec. Jeff Clare (Walled Lake Western), 4-3; lost by tech. fall to Tony Lajoie (Clarkston), 20-4. Final record:

Mike Goethe, 130, Salem (champion): won by major dec. over Mario Cornejo (Bay City Central), 17-6; dec. Russ VanKley (Jenison), 12-7; dec. Tony Pitsch (Grand Rapids Northview), 9-4; dec. Wissam Majed (Fordson), 7-5. Final record: 50-2. Tim Hammer, 130, Wayne (6th): dec. Braden L'Amoreaux

(Clarkston), 5-0; dec. Randy Vanderveen (East Kentwood), 5-1; dec. by Wissam Majed (Fordson), 3-2; dec. by Cory Rogers (Davison), 5-4 (2 OTs); dec. by Tony Pitsch (G.R. Northview), 5-1. Final record: 39-6. Rece Cox, 135, John Glenn (runner-up): dec. Jordan Ruiter

(Grand Haven), 8-4, dec. Tony Ward (Davison), 10-8; dec. Cody Crossman (Hudsonville), 2-0, lost by tech. fall to Josh Churella (Novi), 17-2, Final record: 41-9. Daron Cruickshank, 145, John Glenn: lost by major dec. to

Brad Cususman (Utica), 15-4, dec Clayton Hendrixson (Howell), 10-3; dec by Eric Foster (East Kentwood), 6-4 Final Brad Bartram, 152, Redford CC: dec. by Nat Mosley

(Jenison), 23-4; dec. Jacob Wyatt (Lansing Sexton), 3:16; dec. Hassen Berri (Dearborn), 9-3, Final record: 43-1, Dario Mainella, 160, Stevenson: dec. Mark Stewart (Walled Lake Central), 5-4; p. by Jacob Wyatt (Sexton), 3:16; dec. by

Dustin Knaggs (Charlotte), 11-6, Final record: 46-12. Steve Wallace, 171, Wayne: won by major dec. over Rocky

Rocheleau (Lake Orion), 11-3; lost by injury default to Adam Baldwin (Howell); lost by injury default to Dash Dudley (Okemos), Final record: 44-2. Eric Schambers, 171, John Glenn (4th): dec. Miquel Rios

(Bay City Western), 6-2; lost by major dec. to Darrell Brault (Roseville), 14-6; dec. Rocky Rocheleau (Lake Orion), 3-0; dec. John Ostlund (Traverse City Central), 8-4; dec. Adam Baldwin (Howell), 3-1; lost to Darrell Brault (Roseville), 9-8. Final record: 44-12.

Scott Schwarzlose, 171, Redford CC: p. by Clint DeGain (Clarkston), 1:59; dec. John McClure (Holland West Ottawa), 8-3; lost by major dec. to John Ostlund (T.C. Central), 11-0. Final record: 40-12.

Jake Fairchild, 189, John Glenn: dec. by Matt Lyster (Portage Central), 7-4; lost by major dec. to Casey McClelland (Roseville), 12-2, Final record: 36-12.

Alex Murray, 215, Churchill (8th): dec. Ryan Badgley (Anchor Bay), 9-4; dec. by Phil Thiel (Traverse City West), 9-7 (OT); dec. Andrew Cribbs (Muskegon Mona Shores), 8-6; dec. by Jonathan Farley (Rochester Adams), 7-3. Final record: 43-

DIVISION II

John Gourlay, 135, Redford Union: p. by Keith Skrabis (Sparta), 0:49; dec. Mike Menoch (Birmingham Groves), 5-0; dec. by Jacob Viers (Ypsilanti), 7-5. Final record: 44-7. **DIVISION III**

Nader Al-Mooshi, 125, Livonia Clarenceville: p. by Josh Moulton (Napoleon), 3:24; dec. Brandon Daggs (Bridgeport), 7-4; p. by Nick Uhlmann (Clawson), 3:39. Final record: 43-9.

DIVISION IV

Pete Daniels, 140, Lutheran Westland: p. by Dan Ryan (Carson City), 1:19; p. Tony Herin (Hesperia), 3:11; lost by major dec. to Shawn Houtz (Quincy), 13-5. Final record: 36-14.

Dan Baseley, 145, Lutheran Westland: dec. Jake Wadel (Hart), 6-5; p. by Adam Monroe (Carson City), 0:37; p. by Kodye Tanner (Lawton), 0:55. Final record: 46-8.

Brandon Noble, 160, Lutheran Westland (8th): dec. by Bruce Wenzlick (New Lothrop), 11-9 (OT); dec. Arron Fitzpatrick (Martin), 14-8; dec. C.J. Burtch (Whittemore-Prescott), 9-6; lost by major dec. to Noah Kuhn (Mio), 10-2. Final record: 45-9.

Dan Haller, 171, Lutheran Westland: p. Stephen Labuda (Manton), 1:25; dec. by Josh Nicholson (Decatur), 7-4; dec. by Travis Smith (Union City), 6-2 Final record: 45-8.

Neal Kemp, 189, Lutheran Westland: dec. Dustin Gordon (Bangor), 7-5; dec. by Marc Spicer (Addison), 8-3. Final record:

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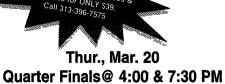


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representative.

ship, BOX 10433

BOX 10468

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humor. BOX 14102 escapism. Oakland **QUALITY GUY** County BOX 36111 Let us share a glass of

> Divorced white male, 5'10", 55, business man in Metropolitan Detroit. Seeks honest, caring woman, good sense of humor, people person, communications skills to share his enjoyment of plays, dancing, boating, get away week ends. BOX 14118

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dark hair, hazel eyes,

teddy-bear, seeks nice,

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COMPATIBLE? Single white professional

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Single white professional male, 45, 5'8", fit, communicative humorist, introspective. Enjoys bicycling, concerts, being outdoors Seeking fit, emotionally available, single, white professional female, 28 to 42, to share a happy healthy relationship Oakland County. BOX 36049

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earth and fun loving guy who seeks an attractive female who enjoys life and likes to have fun! Oakland County. BOX 36054 MORE THAN FRIENDS

Attractive, single white male, 40's, warm hearted and honest, enjoys travel, photography, concerts and ne outdoors. Seeking a bold lady with a sense of humor. Oakland county. **BOX 36064**

ADVENTUROUS Passionate, funny, intelli

gent, tall, handsome, well built, 6'3", 205 lb single white male, 36, looking for passionate. intelligent attractive, fun female for romance and possible relationship. long-term Oakland County. BOX 36072

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BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES

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OBSERVER'S BEST BOYS SWIM TIMES Through March 8

200-yard medle	
(Division 1 state cu	t: 1:44.09)
Salem	1:39.90
Canton	1:44.15
Catholic Central	1:46.59
Stevenson	1:45.30
Redford Union	1:49.72

zoo-yara treestyle	
(Division 1 state cut: 1:50.39)	
Ben Działo (Salem)	1:47.04
Andy Grant (Churchill)	1:48.92
Nick Dixon (Salem)	1:50.00
Matt Jurcak (Salem)	1:50.02
Joe Le (Canton)	1:51.12
Rob Cyrek (CC)	1:52.13
Yuhei Uno (Canton)	1:53.21
Joe Zatkoff (CC)	1:53.49
Nick Stone (John Glenn)	1:54.73
Andrew Carlin (CC)	1:54.91
200-yard individual medley	

200-yard individual medley (Division 1 state cut: 2:04.99)	1
Rob Cyrek (CC)	1:57,31
Nick Dixon (Salem)	1:58.89
Ben Dzialo (Salem)	2:03.78
Andrew Carlin (CC)	2:03.93
Joe Aumiller (Salem)	
2:04.64	
Jeff Nevi (Salem)	
2:09.05	
Andrew Drennen (Wayne) 2:09.09	
Yuhei Uno (Canton)	

Dzialo, who was second in the

50-yard freestyle in 21.53 and

Mattawan's Ben Tansey in the

Canton scored in one event,

Joe Le placing seventh in the

narrowly missed in a couple of

Although the Rocks didn't

match their last two finishes at

"The third was very nice two

state, Olson could not have

years ago, and the fifth last

year," he said. "But when you

take two swimmers like (Eric)

Lynn and (Mike) Johnson off

the team and finish sixth, then

this team has nothing to hang

Lynn took a first in the 200

individual medley and a sec-

ond in the 100 backstroke at

was top 10 in the 50 and 100

last year's state, while Johnson

In 2001, the Rocks enjoyed

their best-ever performance at

the Class A (that's what it was

called then) state finals, plac-

his top swimmers came to the

ing third because Olson and

conclusion that loading up

rect. The gamble paid off.

All the right moves

best for the team.

their relays — at the expense

of individual glory — would be

That conclusion proved cor-

At last Saturday's Division I

performance.

its head about."

freestyle.

been more pleased with their

100 freestyle in 47.86, and

100-yard butterfly in 50.64.

tied for second with

ROCKS

FROM PAGE D1

Steve Reasor (Canton) Joe Le (Canton)

50-yard freestyle	
(Division 1 state cut: 22.	94)
Ben Działo (Salem)	21.52
Joe Le (Canton)	22.32
Matt Vivian (Salem)	22.59
Dan Jones (CC)	22.73
Morgan Truscott (Churchill)	23.11
Andrew Carlin (CC)	23.47
Orlen Dashi (John Glenn)	23.66
Kris Kinsvater(Stevenson)	23.86
Bill Clark (Salem)	23.82
Jordan Champine (Canton)	23.89
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Jordan Champine (Canton)	23.89
Diving	
Dan Rais (Franklin)	249.05
Joe Rohde (CC)	233.50
Kevin Cafarelli (Canton)	203.85
Cody Stafford (Stevenson)	193.05
Ed Moore (Franklin)	191.05
Kyle Mullen (Redford Union)	184.20
Nick Reilly (CC)	180.90
Andrew Murawski (Salem)	178.10
Tyler Flood (CC)	174.85
James Quesada (Canton)	173.70

100-yard butterfly	
(Division 1 state cut: 55.99))
Ben Dzialo (Salem)	50.64
Yuhei Uno (Canton)	54.45
Rob Cyrek (CC)	54.58
Nick Dixon (Salem)	54.97
Garrett Baringhaus (Stevenson)	55.62
Mike Horgan (Salem)	55.89
John Faraoni (Canton)	56.81

(that's what it's called now)

Natatorium, Olson and his top

'We had to make some deci-

swimmer — Dzialo — faced

sions," Olson said. "He had

some options. But he wanted

to do as well as he could in the

Dzialo was part of all three

state-qualified relay teams. He

had also qualified in the 200

IM and the 50, 100, 200 and

Swimming the fly would

leave him three other events to

choose from. He could be part

team's sake; Olson, however,

believed putting Dzialo in two

So which relays? And what

The 200 free had long been

favorite for his other individ-

ual entry. He'd have plenty of

But when Olson saw who

else from around the state was

entered in the 200 free, he

changed his mind. And he

convinced Dzialo to change

"I thought the 50 (free)

a gamble. In such a short

couldn't swim with."

would be best," Olson said. "I

didn't see anyone in the 50 he

event, a single mistake can be

the difference between a first

and a sixth. Or even worse.

Still, the 50 free was more of

time to recover for a shot at

of all three relays, for the

individual events and two

relays would score more

other individual event?

considered the odds-on

the 100 fly state title.

points for the team.

500 freestyle, as well as the

finals at EMU's Jones

similar alternatives.

(butter)fly."

100 fly.

Shogo Uno (Canton) Joe Le (Canton) Be

Andrew Carlin (CC)

100-yard freestyle (Division 1 state cut: 49.99)		100-yard backstroke (Division 1 state cut: 57.09)
Ben Działo (Salem)	46.77	Nick Dixon (Salem)
Joe Le (Canton)	47.69	Yuhei Uno (Canton)
Rob Cyrek (CC)	50.26	Ben Działo (Sałem)
Andrew Carlin (CC)	50.34	Nick Stone (John Glenn)
Morgan Truscott (Churchill)	50.38	Jeff Nevi (Salem)
Dan Jones (CC)	50.38	Nick Yee (Salem)
Andy Grant (Churchill)	50.74	Matt Jurcak (Salem)
Brendan Cummings (Stevenson)	51.26	John Faraoni (Canton)
Nick Dixon (Salem)	51.42	Dale Donahue (Redford Union)
Kris Kinsvater(Stevenson)	51.49	Greg Scully (Churchill)

500-yard freestyle	
(Division 1 state cut: 5:01.49)	
Nick Dixon (Salem)	4:45.8
Ben Działo (Salem)	
5:00.92	
Nick Stone (John Glenn)	
5:06.66	
James Sattler (Canton)	5:07.4
Garrett Baringhaus (Stevenson)	5:07.9
Adam Sonnanstine (Salem)	
5:08.97	
Joe Zatkoff (CC)	5:09.5
Andy Grant (Churchill)	5:10.6
Joe Aumiller (Salem)	5:11.27
Mike Horgan (Salem)	5:12.10

200-yard freestyle relay		Cá
(Division 1 state cut: 1:32.99)		Cá
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lic Central	1:30.69	St

1:04.07 Matt Showalter (Salem) Andrew Knisely (Plymouth) 1:04.13 Ben Działo (Salem) 1:04.47 Andrew Drennen (Wayne) 1:04.51 Kris Kinsvater (Stevenson) 1:05.52 Jason Anderson (Stevenson) 1:05.8 Casey Johnson (Salem) 1:06.5 Andrew Carlin (CC) 1:07.21 Penn Chou (Salem) 1:07.33 Jeremy Bowling (Wayne)

100-yard breaststroke

(Division 1 state cut: 1:03.49)

400-yard freestyle relay (Division 1 state cut: 3:25.39)

Salem	3:18.06
Catholic Central	3:19.14
Canton	3:27.04
Churchill	3:27.60
Stevenson	3:31.20

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"There's always a risk,"

one little slip. "But when we looked at the lists, who was swimming here (in the 50) and who was swimming there (in the 200),

admitted Olson. "All it takes is

it made sense." That's when Olson's coaching experience showed. "We talked it over," he said. He knew in an event like this, his swimmer must be supremely confident. "They have to feel real good about it going in," he added.

Dzialo's competitive nature came through after that. He just missed capturing the title in the 50, finishing .07 behind Troy's Jon Thomas. Then he tied for second in the 100 fly with his season's best time.

Relays score well

In the relays, Olson replaced Dzialo with Mike Horgan in the butterfly leg of the 200 medley.

"He needed to get it done, and he did it," the Salem coach said of Horgan. Together with Nick Dixon, Matt Showalter and Matt Vivian, the Rocks placed seventh in the medley relay in 1:40.09.

In the 200 free relay, Vivian, Bill Clark, Horgan and Dzialo finished eighth in 1:29.36, and in the 400 free relay Dzialo, Matt Jurcak, Joe Aumiller and Dixon were 12th in 3:18.09.

Dixon, a sophomore, was the Rocks other big point-producer. He placed 10th in the 200 IM in 1:59.51, missing a spot in the championship (top eight) heat by .01, and was

sixth in the 500 free in 4:49.06.

"He swam great," said Olson of Dixon. "He went from 2:02 to 1:58 in the IM (1:58.84 in prelims), and his 4:45 in the 500 free (4:45.81 in the prelims) was six seconds faster than he went at last year's state meet."

For Canton, near-miss was the descriptive term. Le's preliminary time in the 50 free was 22.32, tying him with Portage Central's Matt Kamman for 18th, .01 out of 17th and .09 out of 16th, the final qualifying (and scoring) position.

That was nothing compared to what happened to Yuhei Uno in the 100 fly. He tied Birmingham Brother Rice's Mike Armour for 16th, both clocked at 54.45, forcing a swim-off for the final spot. Armour won.

It didn't get any better for Uno in the 100 backstroke. He tied again, this time for 21st. in 57.01.

Salem's other qualifiers were Jurcak in the 200 free (he placed 31st in 1:51.90): Aumiller in the 200 IM (he was 26th in 2:06.19); Vivian in the 50 free (he was 25th in 22.59); and Horgan in the 100 fly (he was 34th in 56.48).

Ann Arbor Pioneer won the team title for the secondstraight year, scoring 282 points. Holland was second with 240 and Brother Rice placed third with 239. (See statistical summary)

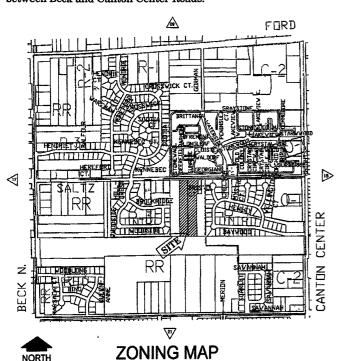
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 7, 2003 in the Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

SCHAAR/GLASS REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 064 99 0003 000 AND 064 99 0004 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/5 ACRES) TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (3 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE). Property is located south of Saltz between Beck and Canton Center Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, April 3, 2003. in order to be

included in the materials submitted for review. VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH **PLANNING COMMISSION**

PROPOSED ACTION:

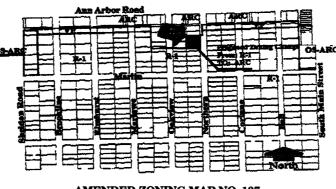
REZONE FROM: REZONE TO: DATE OF HEARING: TIME OF HEARING:

AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP

R-1, Single Family Residential District ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor District Wednesday, March 19, 2003 7:00 P.M.

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcels 059-03-0174-000, 059-03-0175-000, and the north 30 feet of 059-03-0176-00 from R-1, Single Family Residential District to ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor District Application 1777/0203.



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 137 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R78-059-03-0174-000. R78-059-03-0175-000 and the north thirty (30) feet of R78-059-03-0176-000.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN} that the proposed amendment to \\ \end{tabular}$ the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131 ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

> JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary, Planning Commission

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Crusaders win final 8 on trip

BY GEORGE STEPHENS STAFF WRITER

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It doesn't matter how you start, it's how you finish. The Madonna University softball team took those words to heart in Ft. Myers (Fla.) last week, winning their last eight games to leave the sunshine state with a 10-3 record.

The Crusaders showed some of that winter rust during their first five games of the trip. They won their first game against Dominican College (N.Y.) 7-0, but lost three of their next four games. Madonna dropped a game to St. Mary of the Woods 4-0, bounced back with a 3-0 win over Saint Anselm College (N.H.), then lost its next two games, to Anna Maria College (Mass.) and Missouri Valley College by scores of 3-2 and 12-5, respectively.

It was at this point that we began to see a different team.

The Crusaders started the streak with a 1-0 victory over Wingate University (N.C.). Jennifer Tenyer pitched a brilliant game, striking out six batters, while giving up no runs in the complete game shutout.

After that, Madonna scored more than five runs in the last seven games of the trip.

Ursuline College (Pa.) 7-3; Kenyon College (OH) 5-0; Mercyhurst College (Pa.) 7-5; St. Mary of the Woods 5-3; Point Park College (Pa.) 5-0; Ursuline College again 12-1; and Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Cornerstone University 6-3.

Over the last eight games, the offensive charge was led by Arin Fowler who batted .571 and accounted for eight runs batted in. Major contributions were also made by Stacy Sexsmith (.455 batting average with three RBIs) and Jamie Bobrowski (.375 with nine RBIs). Tenyer's dominating mound performances earned her Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher-of-the-Week accolades. She had four wins in four appearances, striking out 22 batters in 26 innings while walking just one. She allowed 22 hits and had a 1.32 ERA.

Sarah Golob went 3-0 with a 2.25 ERA and 20 strikeouts, while teammate Lindsay Bzdok went 1-0 with a 1.12 ERA and five strikeouts. Madonna will look to continue its winning ways at the Shawnee State (OH) Tournament this weekend, looking for its ninth-straight win Friday against Walsh University

The Crusaders went on to beat gstephens@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2014

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **BOARD PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 4, 2003**

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call Members Present: Shefferly, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Bennett, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Aaron Machnik, Ann Conklin, Tom Casari, Bob Belair, Jennifer Tobin

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Bennett, seconded by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 1: Consider a Draft Agreement and Endorsement of the Rouge Watershed Assembly. Director Machnik summarized the Watershed history. Discussion of the priorities of the Rouge Watershed Assembly took place. Director Machnik will bring the agreement to the Board on March 11th, if corrective language is made to the agreement. Staff members will continue to be Canton's representation on the Assembly.

Item 2: Update on the Performing Arts Center. Barry Nebhut and Dave Sas representing TMP presented the site plan and interior building materials selected for the Performing Arts Theater. Director Conklin introduced Ms. Jennifer Tobin, the new Director for the Performing Arts and Education Center. Director Conklin then presented the Canton Performing Arts and Education Center Capital Campaign Plan. Topics brought out during the presentation were: Solicitation Markets the Capital Campaign Fundraising Committee will be focusing on; the assistance of the Remington Group: Future plans: Proposed opportunities for Donor

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn the study session at: 9:12 p.m.

> THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: March 13, 2003

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP

REZONE FROM:

R-1-H, Single Family Residential District C-2, General Commercial District

REZONE TO: DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, March 19, 2003 7:00 P.M.

TIME OF HEARING: PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann

Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel 010-99-00015-000 from R-1-H, Single Family Residential District to C-2, General Commercial District. App. 1774



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 136 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R78-010-99-0015-000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131 ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired, audio tapes, and printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office.

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary Planning Commission

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Madonna should be in title hunt

STAFF WRITER

A year ago, Madonna University's softball team was a mystery. Even the Crusaders' coach, Al White, wasn't sure what he had.

We started seven freshmen a lot of times last year," he said.

All that uncertainty turned into a winning season, a 25-24 record with a 15-12 mark in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

The good news this season is nearly all of last season's team returns. Which means the doubt of last year has been replaced by a torrent of optimism.

"I don't want to brag," said White, now entering his fifth season as head coach, "but at the same time, I want to brag, know what I mean?

"This is by far our best team

It might not have been if White didn't get his Christmas wish. Asked what he wanted for the holiday in mid-December, he replied, "A pitcher walking through that door."

What White needed was to fill

SOFTBALL OUTLOOK

the graduation of pitcher Missy VanDoorn, who was 15-11 last season with a 1.24 earned run average.

So what happens? He gets a phone call from Sarah Golob, a 5-foot-11 hurler from Gilbert, Ariz., who pitched at Mesa (Ariz.) CC two years ago but sat out last year with a sore shoulder.

She had been recruited by several Pac-10 teams, according to White, but she was interested in studying sign language - something Madonna offers. Which led her to White.

"I'm going, 'Here's my Christmas present," White said. Golob will have three years of eligibility remaining.

When not pitching — Jenny Tenyer, Madonna's only senior on the roster who was 10-13 with a 2.41 ERA last season, also returns - Golob will be at third base. She'll be part of a lineup that will be strong everywhere.

Starting at catcher, with the return of junior Arin Fowler. "A the one hole in his lineup, due to lot of people think she's the best in the league," said White, a distinction she earned last year. Her numbers would validate that: Fowler played every game last year, and all but three innings behind the plate, batting .283 with one homer, 20 runs batted in and just five errors.

The infield consists of sophomore Krystle Shina (from Farmington Mercy), who hit .236 with two homers and 15 RBI, at first base; sophomore Tara Turner, who batted .207 with two homers and 13 RBI, at second; junior Emily Cunningham, who hit .325 with one homer and 15 RBI, at short; and sophomore Kathy Day (Livonia Ladywood), with 14 RBI, at third.

Outfielder Autumn Batyik has graduated, but Jamie Bobrowski and Mary Warchuck return. Bobrowski, a junior, was all-WHAC last season, batting .302 with a team-leading seven homers and 39 RBI.

Warchuck, a sophomore, hit .267 with one homer and 14 RBI. Allison Luczak, a junior from Livonia, and Marquita Cook, a sophomore, also saw playing time in the outfield last season.

A key bat will belong to

Tenyer, who hit anywhere from third to fifth in the lineup last season. She had a .294 average with two homers and 10 RBI, and she'll be the designated hitter when not pitching this year.

One newcomer who figures to see playing time is Stacey Sexsmith, a freshman from Southgate (Riverview Gabriel Richard HS) who can play any infield position and some outfield. "She'll see some time," predicted White, "but she won't be pushed into starting."

In the WHAC, Cornerstone should again be very tough, with Aquinas and Spring Arbor up there as well. But again, White believes Madonna will be promi-

"In my mind, we can definitely go to nationals," he said. "After the first two-and-a-half weeks, we should know where we stand.

"One one hand, I'm so excited about this season. Expectations are way up there. On the other hand, I'm scared because it may not come together."

If things do come together, this team could indeed be something special.

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MU gets 10 victories on spring trip

BY GEORGE STEPHENS STAFF WRITER

After months of practicing in a gym, Florida was probably the best place to kick off the season for the Madonna University baseball team.

The Crusaders did not disappoint, going 10-3 for the week in Homestead, hopefully setting the tone for the rest of the year.

Madonna started out strong, going 4-0 to start off the week by beating the Northwood University (Fla.) Seahawks, 5-2, the Lewis University (Ill.) Flyers, 4-3. They also went on to beat the Seahawks again, 4-3, and the King's College (Pa.) Monarchs, 10-1.

Through the first four games, Sterling Mintzer led the charge,

best interest of the school district.

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going 4-7 with a pair of homers and seven RBI.

The Crusaders' play slipped a bit the next couple of games, as they lost two of their next three matchups.

A 22-3 thrashing of the Dominican (N.Y.) Chargers was sandwiched between two subpar outings, an 11-0 defeat against Indiana Weslevan and 13-7 setback to the Muhlenberg (Pa.) Mules.

In the win over Dominican, Chris Woodruff went 3-for-3 with seven RBI and two runs scored.

Madonna picked up the pace however, going on a three-game winning streak, picking up victories against the Flyers, 7-1, the Monarchs, 10-4, and Indiana Wesleyan, 5-2.

THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Board of Education

Mark Cole picked up his second victory of the trip against Lewis, pitching six innings and giving up one run, none earned, while striking out six.

The Crusaders lost their ensuing game against the Chargers, 5-4, but it proved to be their last loss of the trip.

Madonna finished off its stay in Homestead with two victories, one over the Drew (N.J.) Rangers, 5-2, and the other against Rhode Island College, 9-

ry of the trip in relief duty over Rhode Island. He pitched 5 2/3 innings and struck out nine, while giving up two earned runs.

Cole picked up his third victo-

Overall, Cole went 3-0 in Florida, striking out 16 and holding opponents to an overall batting average of .164. He also carried an ERA of 2.08. This was enough for Cole to be named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher-of-the-Week.

On the offensive side of the ball, Woodruff was chosen WHAC Player-of-the-Week. The left fielder hit .429 with a pair of doubles, three triples and 15 RBI. He also stole four bases as well. Also helping to contribute to the Crusaders' success was Mintzer (.312, three homers, 14 RBI), Mario D'Herin (.353, five stolen bases), and Devin Cole (.320, seven walks).

From the mound, Roy Rabe went 2-0 with a 2.40 ERA and nine strikeouts. Adam Kline went 1-1 with two saves and a 4.32 ERA.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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 *District-Wide Bathroom Tissue*. Specifications and

bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS

Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For technical

information, please contact Jerry York in the PCCS Maintenance

Department at (734) 416-2955. Sealed bids are due on or before

2:30 p.m., Friday, March 28, 2003. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the

Friday, March 28, 2003 at 2:30 p.m.

Resolution Due: Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the *District-Wide Paper Towel*. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For technical information, please contact Jenny York in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2955. Sealed bids are due on or before 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 28, 2003. 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.

> THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary Board of Education

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Friday, March 28, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. Bid Opening: Resolution Due: Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. Board Review: Tuesday, April 8, 2003

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION

OF INTENT TO CREATE AND PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF A **BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE** CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing shall be held before the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton on March 25, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room located at The Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan 48188, regarding the adoption of a Resolution to Create and Provide for the Operation of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the Charter Township of Canton pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended, and to provide for the establishment of a Brownfield Redevelopment Zone also as provided in the Act 381 of the Public Acts of 1996, as amended. All aspects of the Resolution of Intent to Create and Provide for the Operation of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the Charter Township of Canton are open for discussion at the public hearing.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Electrical Improvements for Fiegel, Isbister, and Miller Elementary Schools, East, and Pioneer Middle Schools, and Salem High School. Specifications and bid forms will be available on March 10, 2003 by phoning TMP Associates at (248) 338-4561. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2003 and should be addressed to Dan Phillips, RE: Electrical Improvements Bid, PCCS E. J. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

> Board of Education, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Tuesday, March 25, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Bid Opening: Resolution Ready for Board: Wednesday, April 2, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. Board Review:

Publish: March 13 and 20, 2003

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH **TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2003** REQUEST FROM DIEBOLT INTERNATIONAL, INC. (a/k/aDADCO) TO EXTEND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE NO. 98-375

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2003, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider DADCO'S request to extend for an additional eight (8) years. Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 98-375. P.A. 94 of 1996 allows an applicant who was granted less than the 12 year maximum by the local municipality, to request, during the last year of the abatement granted, additional abated years up to the maximum of 12 years. The facility is located at 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymoth Township, County of Wayne, Michigan.

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

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, March 25, 2003, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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coach's job. "That's why we hired him - to coach," she said. "I don't talk about that with parents. That's in our handbook.

"Now I'm not saying they don't try to mask it and go around it."

Problem is, some of those issues do sneak through. And when they do, they can damage a team's chemistry.

Rheault believed he had answered all such questions. He believed he had his team, which had endured injuries to one key starter after another, headed in the right direction as the state tournament approached.

And the way the Chiefs played in their final regular-season game, a win over Livonia Stevenson, would justify that. But then, at what should have been a moment of triumph, came disaster.

As the final seconds ticked away in Canton's 54-48 win, D.J. Bridges fielded a long pass and headed toward the Stevenson basket, trying to deliver one last in-your-face slam dunk. The Spartans' Brandon Chitwood intervened, however, blocking Bridges shot as the buzzer sounded and sending Bridges crashing to the court.

Rheault rushed out to check on the well-being of his shaken player and, some in the crowd thought (in particular, Stevenson assistant principal Diane Burke), to confront Chitwood. As he sped past the Stevenson player, he took hold of his arms - a gesture that lasted one, perhaps two seconds.

It was similar to what a person in a crowded mall would do. brushing past a stranger. Chitwood thought so little of it, he didn't even glance at Rheault.

That "incident" snowballed into something that never should have happened. Heinzman said the school's rule is clear: "A coach cannot touch an opposing player. It's hands-off."

Her decision: suspension. For the next game, which happened to be Canton's first state tournament game.

Rheault was incensed by the action. He had taken other steps, apologizing to the Stevenson team, to Chitwood and their coach, Bill Dyer. He had sent a letter to that effect.

Didn't matter. Asked if any other action was considered, Heinzman said yes, but: "I believe I made the best decision I could make."

No appeal process was available to Rheault. He was forced to watch his team lose to Novi in their first state district game from the overhead track above the South Lyon court.

That was more than Rheault could take. Instead of supporting their coach, the Canton administration had abandoned him. It wasn't the first time this has happened. Rheault took the varsity job at Canton when Dan Young abruptly resigned due, at least in part, to a similar "lack of administrative support." Young is now an assistant coach with Catholic Central.

So why is this happening? Even though anyone who has seen the tape of "the incident" believes it too trivial to warrant any kind of action, Heinzman sticks to her "no-touch" ruling.

Some suggest Rheault may have overreacted. Perhaps. But his belief that there was "a lack of administrative support and communication" apparently left him feeling like a blind boxer: He wanted to fight back, but he didn't know who he was fighting. That's a shame. Heinzman said coaches are paid to coach and answer questions about personnel, playing time, etc.

Okay. Then administrators are paid to handle problems like this — not cause them. Sports Editor C.J. Risak can be reached at (734) 953-2108.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2003 REQUEST FROM DIEBOLT INTERNATIONAL, INC. (a/k/a DADCO) TO AMEND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES

EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE #2001-507

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2003, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider Diebolt International, Inc.'s (a/k/a DADCO) to amend Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2001-507 to reflect the actual total cost of the project. The applicant submitted an application and was granted a request for tax abatement covering an addition to their existing facility including new personal property. The actual total cost of the project exceeded more than 10% of the original estimated cost. The facility is located at 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

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MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC

Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

Barking dog, cooking odor irk neighbors

My condominium association refuses to help me deal with a barking dog in the condominium next to me. What recourse do I have against the association and my neighbor regarding this dog? It all depends upon your documents.

If your condominium documents prohibit animals, you have a right, as does the association, to seek removal of the animal. If your documents allow for animals, there should be a provision in the documents that precludes dogs from barking excessively. While that is usually a subjective determination, you presumably have recourse under your documents and so does the association, to seek injunctive relief and/or other remedies against the owner of the barking dog. I presume that you have attempted to amicably resolve the matter with your neighbor.

My upstairs neighbor is cooking exotic food on a frequent basis, which unfortunately, permeates into my apartment. I complained to the landlord. He said that he cannot do much about it. Do you have any recommendations?

It depends on the lease that the landlord has with your neighbor.

Some landlords take the position that they have the right to evict a tenant if he is unreasonably interfering with the use and enjoyment of another tenant's apartment. You should advise your

landlord of the fact that the smell is obnoxious. If the landlord isn't willing to do something with the tenant causing the smell, you may advise the landlord that you will have to look for other accommodations and have a justifiable basis to break your lease.

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer, concentrates his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. He can be reached at bmeisner@mich.com.



STAFF WRITER

Open houses. Some Realtors tolerate them, others see the exercise as a colossal waste of time. Few admit to enjoying the activity.

Would-be buyers may use them to gauge the marketplace, curious neighbors to see how folks across the street or on the other side of the property line really live.

Sellers frequently get stuck in the middle. They wonder, especially when things aren't moving, why the heck not have one?

During an open house, sellers spiff up their homes, then leave a Realtor in charge, usually for several hours on a Sunday afternoon, to guide people who arrive without an appointment.

Advertisements in newspapers or cable TV, directional signs along major mile roads, and open-house signs atop the for-sale sign at the properties in question all bring people in. Balloons and decorative flags often let visitors know that this is the place.

The percentage of open houses that sell as open houses is very low - 1 or 2 percent," said Lee Douglas, Realtor with Century 21 Hartford North in Livonia. "If open houses worked and worked well, you wouldn't need a Realtor. Everyone could do their own.

"When I do it, I always tell the seller ahead of time the percentage that sells is very low," she said. "Because I feel I want to touch every single base, I do it anyway. I try to do it as soon as I list. I like to see people come through and get their reaction."

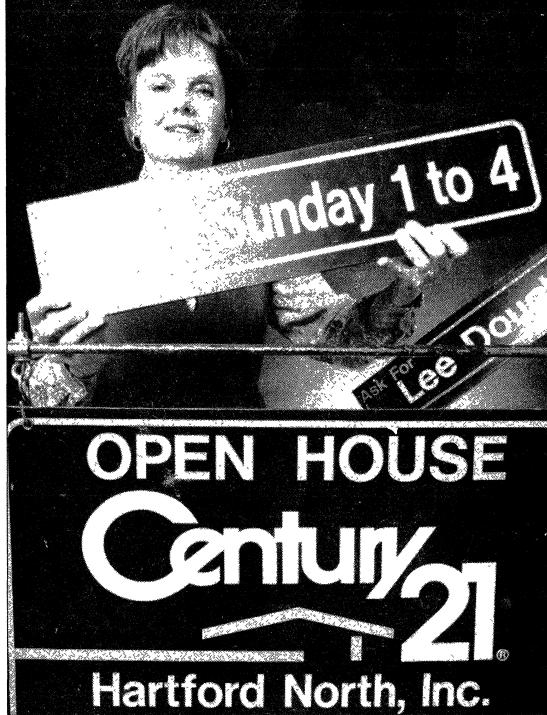
Especially on price, Douglas

"In 12 years, I've sold three or four," she said. "To me, the most valuable thing is to get feedback. And you never know - so why not try every avenue?

"Serious buyers (however) usually are working with an agent who can give them upto-date information," Douglas said of available houses and prices.

Those don't need open houses. But people new to the process can use them to get a feel for a particular market before focusing a search with the assistance of a Realtor.

"To professionally market a property, you have to market it to Realtors and online," said Gary Newville, broker with Hall & Hunter in Birmingham. "I don't personally think that open houses are that effective. I exposure for your seller. It's a



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Lee Douglas knows that signs directing people to open houses are a key element to their success.

think we can market much more effectively than standing there for four hours saying, 'Gosh, I hope someone comes

Saying that, Newville added that he will host open houses, if through open houses to get the seller so requests. But more and more sellers are wary, he added. "They don't know who's

walking in," he said. "They want appointments. They want to make sure people are financially qualified when they come "The biggest problem is

someone doesn't see the ad and they don't have the (financial) qualifications," said Louise Herrgott, broker/owner of Red Carpet Keim in Oxford.

"The big positive is property

good way to introduce yourself to new prospects," she added. Most visitors who stop by

open houses aren't serious buy-

ers, Newville said. "Some people like going decorating tips. Generally, we get neighbors who say, 'I always

wanted to come through. People see an open house sign and stop saying they always wanted to look in the neighborhood. About one in 10 come in with a Realtor," Newville said.

Mike Pelto, associate broker with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Troy, however, suspects that most people wouldn't spend a lot of time going through houses unless they were serious.

Perhaps not making the most productive use of their time,

but serious, he said. "I'm of the opinion you can't do better than a Realtor who takes the legwork, time and frustration out of the process."

Who's best served by open houses?

"People new to the area who can come in and get a sense for style and other amenities,"

Pelto said. Realtors — new to the business, or veterans when things get slow — can farm clients, folks who stop by not already working with an agent.

"I can't say they never work," Pelto said. "Sometimes, when there's nothing left to do, you do it. It satisfies sellers in so far as they think there's activity on

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How to set stage for success at open houses

Few purchase offers result directly from opening homes to walk-in traffic on a weekend afternoon, Realtors say.

That doesn't mean they're meaningless. Here's a compilation of practical steps and realistic expectations to executive produce a resoundingly successful open house, according to those who host them: ■ Advertise. Place an open house sign

atop the for-sale sign in front of the property the Monday preceding the Sunday That way, neighbors who have friends,

work associates or family members who may be interested in moving to the area can give them a heads-up. Drive-bys also

Some Realtors even mail post cards to neighbors and e-mail or telephone their

pool of buyer-clients advising of the upcoming open house and asking them to pass the word.

Reinforce the for-sale sign with newspaper advertisements heralding the event and directional signs on the big day,

■ Make sure the sellers are gone during the open house so visitors can be free to make comments and ask questions without the worry of offending or being followed around.

Ask your sellers to take kids, pets, valuables, collectibles, cash, guns and prescription medications with them out of the home.

Never show an open house alone or allow visitors to walk through unescorted. Bring along a colleague or family

member to help with the showing.

■ Visitors should be honest with host Realtors about their motivation for stopping; they should also indicate whether they're already working with an agent.

Realize that success can be measured on a lot of different levels, even with no

Feedback gleaned by sellers from visitors on price and condition of the house can be used to better market the property. Buyers who may not select that house can use the walk-through to better focus their search. Host Realtors may connect with new clients.

Then, too, some open houses do sell as open houses.

- Doug Funke

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Consider a flex-term mortgage

y fellow Air Force pilots and I used to grimace when the Top Brass told us, "flexibility is the key to Air Power." That usually meant that somebody in Operations screwed up, and it was up to us to compensate for their errors to make our missions happen.

Over time, I have learned that flexibility truly is an admirable attribute. I have learned to appreciate flexibility when I see it in other parts of my world, in my friends, and even in my mortgage business.

Homeowners often struggle when choosing between a standard 30-year fixedrate mortgage and other mortgage options. Shorter term loans build up equity more quickly, but longer terms mean lower monthly payments.

The problem is that using a shorter term mortgage results in a higher monthly mortgage obligation that can be a bit unnerving. It's tough to voluntarily make a higher payment. Other borrowers get frustrated with the notion of "restarting" the 30-year clock from the very beginning.

Many borrowers are opting into a new family of flexterm mortgages that offer them more latitude and control. Participating borrowers may choose their mortgage terms not just once at the beginning of their loan, but on a monthly basis.

The most innovative flexterm mortgage lenders will let you pick your own monthly payment by allowing you to choose between making a 15-year payment, a 30-year payment, an interest-only payment, or a lessthan-interest payment. For a \$200,000 mortgage, your resulting payment could range from \$1,600 to as low as \$600 per month. You can control your payment schedule every month, and your loan will be amortized to be paid off in 23 to 25 years.

This new breed of mortgage certainly piques the interest of all types of borrowers because it allows borrowers to better integrate their mortgage into their overall financial planning. Self-employed borrowers and commissioned salespeople can now opt to make a lower mortgage payment if they have a slow month, and a higher payment when business picks

As with our military, embracing flexibility may be just the key to you reaching your goals.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage specialist and newspaper columnist. You may reach him at (734) 797-5522, or via www.HomeQuarters.BIZ. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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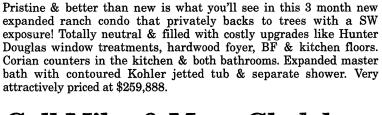
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43648 Abbey	\$275,000
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43915 Arlington	\$203,000
42221 Beechwood	\$200,000
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7048 Copper Creek	\$204,000
47949 Covington	\$370,000
6751 Devonshire	\$205,000
6495 Durham	\$217,000
6667 Edgewood	\$252,000
45914 Fountain View	\$368,000
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Land trusts preserve natural areas

(AP) - All over the Northwest and across the country, a growing number of conservation groups are joining forces and scraping together money to keep undeveloped land from being gobbled up by suburban development.

But it's not always a battle between developers and tree-huggers.

"Businesses understand that people live in a community because of the natural beauty in it, and they're really heartbroken when they see their community becoming nothing but a patchwork of strip malls and cookie cutter subdivisions," said Martha Nudel, spokeswoman for the Land Trust Alliance, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit

Founded in 1982, the Land Trust Alliance gives money, training and other help to more than 1,200 land trusts nationwide, which have preserved about 6.2 million acres of open space nationally in the past two decades.

Most of the groups were formed in the mid- to late-1980s, after Congress made it easier for people and businesses to get tax breaks for donating land.

Their fund-raising tactics vary from government grants, private donations, lowinterest loans, voter-approved bonds, membership dues, even back yard garden

In areas like the Puget Sound region of Seattle, population growth makes residential development an inevitability. That

could pit open-space advocates against the real-estate industry, but in many cases, land trusts say head-butting between conservationists and developers is rare.

"They see it the same way ... maintaining and increasing the value of a community. So there is a unity there," said Russ Shay, public policy director for the Land Trust Alliance.

Preserving open space may not make sense for many smaller developers, said Peter Orser, executive vice president of Quadrant, a real estate developer and home builder based in the Seattle area.

But it can reap huge rewards for those who can afford it, said Orser, who sits on the board of one of the state's largest land trusts, the Cascade Land Conservancy.

What people have come to acknowledge is that the quality of the community and the contribution back to the community is as important as just the development itself," Orser said.

Some land deals are huge, like the proposed Evergreen Forest Trust – a plan the Cascade Land Conservancy drew up with timber giant Weyerhaeuser Co. to preserve more than 100,000 acres in the foothills of Washington state's Cascade Mountains east of Seattle.

Setting aside part of the land for timber harvesting would set up a revenue source to pay off tax-free bonds to buy the land,

recently valued at \$185 million. Rep. Jennifer Dunn (R-Wash.) said the

deal "will protect vital habitats and watershed, it will allow the area to be used for recreation and it will keep the mills working so that timber workers can retain their jobs."

On the smaller end of the scale, the Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust has set aside 376 acres in the past 12 years.

"Our island is between the metropolitan areas of Seattle and Tacoma, so there's an intense pressure for development in a really wonderful island setting," said Julie Burman, the group's executive director.

In 2001, the 470-member group worked with the Audubon Society to acquire 30 acres near a tree-ringed pond that falls within the northern migration route for neotropical songbirds. Its biggest deal to date was the \$2.5 million 155-acre Shinglemill Salmon Preserve completed last year.

The Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust gets most of its money from federal, state and local grants. It also relies on private donations, dues from its 470 members, and various community fund-raisers, like tours of back yard gardens.

What's driving the land trust movement? Burman's theory is that "it's a recognition that the pressure from development is strong and if we're going to save special places, the time is now."

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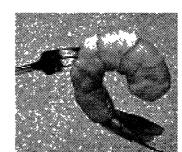
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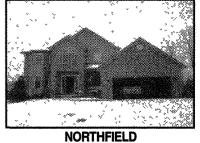
PLYMOUTH
VERY LOVELY, VERY UPDATED 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial w/updated windows, roof, bath, elect., Jacuzzi, HWH, full bsmt, 2.5 car garage and more. \$214,500 (P97MIC)

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SUNFLOWER SUB. Original owners 2,600 sq.

ft., 4 BR, 3.5 BA 2 story home. Gorgeous free form granite pool w/heater in park-like setting.

Also has a 3 season room overlooking pool area.



BETTER THAN NEW! Golf Course view on a

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LIVONIA
GOLD MANOR ESTATES COLONIAL. Great
Price! Sharp 4 bedroom colonial w/updated kit.
and bath. Very neutral! Includes all appliances. Professional landscaping. Stevenson High



Memorial stymies sale

MOVERS & SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

Robert R. Jones, president of a Bloomfield Hills residential

building company that carries his name, has been appointed to the bipartisan Michigan Land Use Leadership Council by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.



Jones serves as a director of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern

Michigan, a director and former president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders and a life director of the National Association of Home Builders.

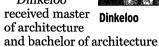
He also serves as a member of the alumni association board of directors of the Construction Management School, Michigan State University.

Derek W. Dinkeloo, RA, was promoted to associate from staff member at TMP Associates, an

architectural/engineering firm in Bloomfield

He was a designer at Ross Barney & Jankowski in Chicago before joining TMP. Dinkeloo

Hills.



degrees from the University of Michigan. He's a registered architect in Michigan and a certified architect with the National Council of Architects Registration Board.

Dinkeloo lives in West Bloomfield.

Barton Malow, a design, build and management company in Southfield, will receive the Michigan Safety Conference Safety Leadership Award for 2003.

The recognition is granted for significant and sustainable results for environmental, health and safety excellence in the workplace.

John Gleichman is director of safety and loss control for Barton Malow, Ben Maibach III is president.

Grubb & Ellis, a commercial real estate firm in Southfield,

represented the owner, DJS Holdings, in the lease renewal of 297,130 square feet of industrial space at Allied Commerce Center in Livonia to Exhibit Works.

Larry Emmons and Dan Labes, both senior vice presidents in the industrial group, handled the transaction for Grubb & Ellis.

Broder & Sachse, a commercial, residential and industrial real estate property management and development company in Farmington Hills, has purchased a 40,000-squarefoot office building at 380 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

Broder & Sachse will provide management services for that investment property, which is fully occupied, said Richard Broder, president.

(AP) - Town officials near

Indianapolis may have to settle

a dispute between a grieving

family and a property owner

who wants to remove a road-

side memorial for a teenager

Leaders in Fishers, Ind., are

weighing whether town work-

ers should remove a shrine for

Mitchell's family, property own-

Bryce Mitchell from a yard.

ers Bob and Tammi Heman

Over objections from

who died in a traffic crash.

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have asked municipal officials to take away a basketball back-

board and other items, claim-

ing that they are hindering

attempts to sell their home.

Since the house in the

they were deterred by the memorial, said Duane Trinkle,

Tammi Heman's real estate

Indianapolis suburb went up

for sale last summer, several

potential buyers have indicated

\$134,900 PINCKNEY

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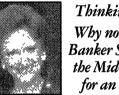
offers 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. Dining room, Rush Lake a private all sports lake. 4 BR, 2 bath, living room has beautiful hardwood floors. Too loft, hardwood floors-unique ceilings in kitchen many updates to list. Must see to believe 1 yr. & dining Multi-level deck, great landscaping. (BGSLY15BAU) 888-870-9131



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Fixed mortgage rates reach record low (AP) – Mortgage rates dropped to a new Recent mortgage rate declines were

low again last week, providing good news for people thinking about buying a home or refinancing the one they already own. The average interest rate on 30-year

fixed-rate mortgages fell to 5.67 percent for the week ending March 7, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reported in its weekly nationwide survey.

That surpassed the record low rate of 5.79 percent set the previous week and marked the fourth time this year that rates on the benchmark mortgage dipped to a new weekly low.

Last week's rate was the lowest since Freddie Mac began tracking 30-year mortgage rates in 1971. Records that reach back earlier than Freddie Macs indicate that rate is the lowest since the early 1960s.

Rates for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, plunged last week to 5.01 percent, compared with 5.14 percent. That new rate is the lowest since Freddie Mac began tracking 15-year mortgages in 1991.

Recent mortgage rate declines were spurred by falling rates in the Treasury bond market, influenced by concerns

spurred by falling rates in the Treasury bond market, influenced by concerns about a war with Iraq.

about a war with Iraq, economists said.

"The political and economic uncertainty of a war with Iraq is wearing on the confidence of consumers and restraining business expansion," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "That, in turn, translates into a weaker economy, which places downward pressure on interest and mortgage rates."

Rates for one-year adjustable rate mortgages dipped last week to 3.76 percent, down from the previous week's 3.83 per-

Low mortgage rates propelled home sales and home-mortgage refinancing activity to record levels last year.

As consumers swap higher-interest rate home loans for lower-interest rate ones, the extra cash has helped to support consumer spending. So have rising home val-

Earlier last week, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said the highflying housing market is likely to lose a bit of altitude this year. That could slow consumer spending, one of the economy's few bright spots, he cautioned.

Greenspan said a slowing in the homemortgage refinancing boom and in home prices could turn homeowners into more cautious consumers.

Refinancing activity has accounted for about 75 percent of recent mortgage applications, the Mortgage Bankers Association

Last week's mortgage rates don't include add-on fees known as points. Each loan type carried an average fee of 0.6 point this week. A point is 1 percent of the loan

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.87 percent, 15-year mortgages were 6.37 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 5.07 percent.

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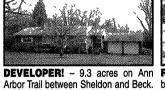


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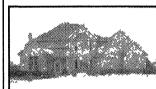


ROOM TO EXPAND - In this 4 NEW SUNFLOWER QUAD-LEVEL FINESSE AND STYLE - Live with bedroom, 21/2 bath colonial in well - Gorgeous family 4 bedroom, 2 bath established area - full quad. New updated kitchen, built-ins basement, formal dining room, updated and hardwood floor, newer roof, décor,



& immediately available.

comfort in this almost new 2 story offering a paver patio. Finished basement w/rec room and a formal dining room. 2 car garage, large FR/gas fp. Bright kitchen w/hdwd floors, 2nd floor laundry, fresh paint, ample



Craftsmanship abounds in this open & Inviting 2 bedroom ranch ready for a BUNGALOW - Pretty tree lined THIS...Exquisite brick custom ranch warm home. Hardwood trim, 6 panel new owner. Freshly painted with some street. 3 bedrooms, updates galore! home, approx. 4,000 sq. ft. of living doors, dual staircase, spacious oak decorator color. Newer kitchen floor, Roof, siding, windows, AC, both plus fin space, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 2 full kitchen & walk-in pantry, French doors sink - hardwood floors. Newer roof, bsmt FR. "Pesky" old/tree rooted sewer



paver patio. Three car garage. You've got to see! \$132,500 (493EL) \$454,900 (763CO)



w/garden area & strawberries! deck w/gazebo, large pole bar and Oversized 2½ car garage & fresh, neutral décor. \$219,900 (675SU)



kitchens, 2 fireplaces, beautifully



BEAUTIFULLY large kitchen w/new ceramic counters.

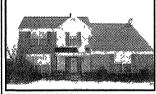


MAINTAINED CLEAN, MEAN MACHINE! - This 3 w/fireplace, formal dining, den/study, bottom! Living room with new carpet, prestigious beautiful oak kitchen w/center island,





PART OF PINECREST ESTATES COLONIAL - In popular Sunflower bedroom brick ranch is not only - Premium building site on 5.5 acres in Sub in Canton. Wonderful great room meticulous but updated from top to Salem Twp. This parcel is part of Pinecrest Surrounded by upscale properties and to sunný breakfast area w/doorwall to copper plumbing. Basement. Garage. line replaced, newer carpet, refinished finished basement, walkout to 6 acres Lovely master w/full remodeled bath & updated bath, hardwood floors in centrally located to Plymouth, Ann hdwd firs & a beautiful yard complete of private nature, secluded pond, nice walk-in closet. First floor laundry, side bedrooms, finished basement and Arbor & S. Lyon, this parcel awaits you entrance garage & full basement. 24x40 (approx. 5 car) garage! Backs to to build your dream house. \$169,900 (555SW) park-like area. \$149,750 (846ST) (000NO)



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GARDE AWARDS

Application deadline for Gender and Race Diversification Excellence awards, sponsored by the Great Lakes Construction Alliance, is Thursday, March 28.

Nominees will be judged on success at increasing the numbers of minorities and women involved in construction while promoting superior professional practices.

For information, call (313) 964-2662 or visit www.glca.cc

CAREER SEMINAR

Keller Williams Realty-Livonia sponsors free seminars on how to get into the residential real estate sales business and what you can expect noon Saturday, March 15, and 2 p.m. Friday, March 21, at its office, 31500 Schoolcraft, just west of Merriman.

To register, call (734) 266-9000.

BUILD HOME CLASS

Oakland Builders Institute presents a 16-hour seminar, "Home Building: Protecting You & Your Money," at two locations.

The class runs 6-10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, March 17-26, at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road; and 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, March 18-27, at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road.

Topics include financing, contracts, codes and permits, bidding materials and the building process.

Cost is \$180 plus \$30 for textbooks. To register, call West Bloomfield Community Education at (248) 865-

4488 or Bloomfield Hills Community Education at (248) 433-0885.

BUY HOME CLASS

Diane Adamick, senior mortgage advisor with Approved Mortgages, sponsors a free, no-obligation class for first-time home buyers 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, at Summit on the Park, Canton Center Road at Palmer,

To register, call (734) 455-2219 Ext.

FACILITIES MANAGERS

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter **International Facilities Management** Association hosts a program, "Achieving Excellence in Customer Service," 8 a.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Ritz-Carlton, 300 Town Center,

Cost, which includes breakfast, is \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. To register, call (248) 988-0606.

CREW PROGRAM

The Detroit Chapter Commercial Real Estate Women presents a lunch program on student ideas for retail development at noon Thursday, March 20, at the Fairlane Club, 5000 Fairlane Woods Drive, Dearborn.

Cost is \$35 for members, \$50 for non-members. To register, call Joanne Sisson at (248) 458-7203, or Anne Hiemstra, (248) 816-3834.

WOMEN/CONSTRUCTION

The National Association of Women in Construction Detroit Chapter sponsors a dinner program on planning strategies for business and personal financial goals 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Royal Oak Elks Club, 2401 E. Fourth St.

Cost is \$25 for members, \$50 for non-members. To register, call Heather Betts at (313) 965-7315.

LANDLORDS/STRATEGISTS

Detroit Organization of Landlords

and Real Estate Strategists hosts a dinner program on IRS 1301 exchange options 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at Gazebo Center, 13 Mile Road at Mound, Warren.

No charge for members, \$15 for non-members. For information, contact Don Gasparovich at (586) 786-

BUILDERS SHOW

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and Standard Federal Bank present the 85th annual Builders Home Show Friday-Sunday, March 21-23, at Cobo Center, Detroit.

Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Hundreds of exhibitors are expected to participate. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior

citizens, free for children 11 and under. For information, call (248) 862-1019 or visit the Web at www.builders.org.

PYRAMID AWARDS

The Washtenaw Contractors Association hosts its annual Pyramid Awards dinner 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 21, at Marriott Hotel Eagle Crest in Ypsilanti.

Cost is \$100 per person, \$175 per couple, \$700 per table for eight. For information, call (734) 662-2570.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Debbie Horner of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer and Paul Stutzman of Loanstar Lending co-sponsor a free class for first-time home buyers 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 29, at the Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty.

To register, call (248) 675-1256.

ARCHITECTURE LECTURE

Lawrence Technological University College of Architecture and Design presents a free lecture 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, in the architecture

auditorium, 21000 W. 10 Mile, Southfield.

Speaker: Brigette Shim, whose Toronto firm believes in the full integration of furniture, architecture and

For information, call Michelle Juras at (248) 204-2880.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

The National Association of Women in Construction Detroit Chapter is accepting nominations in three categories - Construction Woman of the Year, Longevity with Integrity (organizations/businesses in existence at least 15 years) and Distinguished New Constructor (less than 15 years old) for its eighth annual Construction Industry Night.

Deadline is April 15. For applications and information, contact Marie Miesik at (248) 398-1200 Ext. 207, or MMIESIK@DETROITDOOR.com.

CAREER DAYS

Real Estate One presents a free informational class on how to get into residential real estate sales noon to 1 p.m. Fridays at its Farmington Hills office, 32961 Middlebelt at 14 Mile.

To register, call Sharon Spindler (Ext. 404) or Steve Leibhan (Ext. 405) at (248) 851-4100.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience needed. Training will be provided.

For details, call (734) 459-7744.

FAIR HOUSING CENTER

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, a non-profit monitoring, testing, and information organization, always needs supporters. Basic annual individual membership is \$15, basic family membership \$25 and basic organizational membership

For information, call the center, (313) 963-1274.

ENERGY CD-ROM

The Building Owners and Managers International has released a CD-ROM, "The Property Professional's Guide to Building Energy Performance."

Cost is \$15 for BOMA members, \$25 for nonmembers.

To purchase or obtain more information, call (800) 426-6292, or visit www. boma. org/pubs/energy_cd.

BIA UPDATES

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan now provides weekly updates of news and information affecting the construction industry to members via e-mail.

Contact Rosalie Lamb at the association, (248) 737-4477 for details.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A book available from the Community Associations Institute can help community association managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as

Detailed information is provided on safety inspections and implementing an effective maintenance plan.

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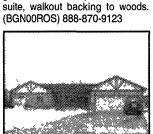




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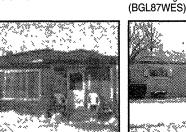
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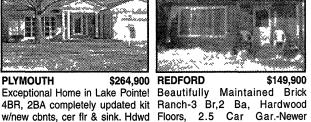
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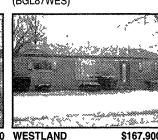






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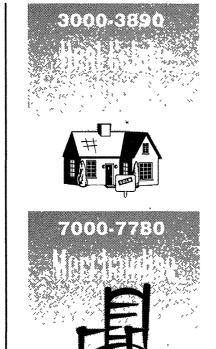


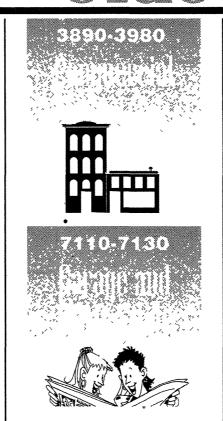
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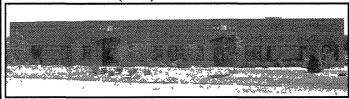
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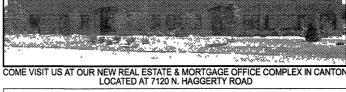
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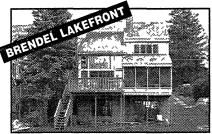
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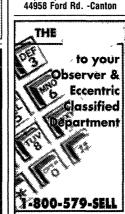
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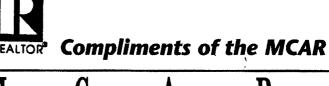
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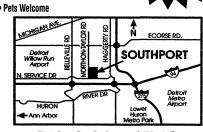
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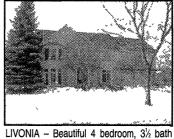


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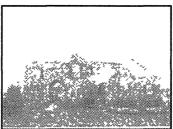
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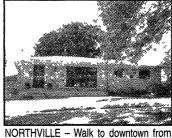




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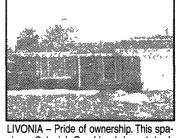
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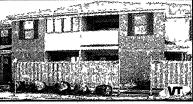
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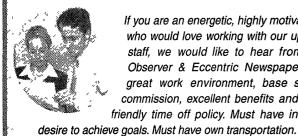
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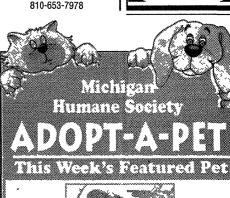
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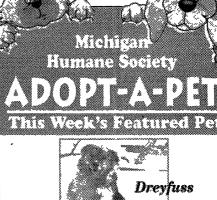
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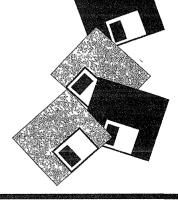
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2003 Lincoln Aviator Offers Luxury and Performance

Advertising Feature



BY DALE BUSS

With its all-new Aviator SUV, Lincoln has taken a big step forward for automotive consumers as well as for Ford Motor Co.

Starting at a price of \$40,000, the nifty Aviator provides a sublime mix of luxury, performance, utility and affordability in mid-sized SUV at a time when more buyers are looking for acceptable alternatives to ungainly, mammoth SUVs that cost \$50,000 and up.

And with a successful Aviator, Lincoln is helping redefine its heritage as a luxury-segment innovator just in time for Ford, which also debuted three other new Lincoln models last year in its biggest push yet to revive the venerable marque.

On a recent business trip to Washington, D.C., Aviator gave me the perfect package: driving comfort, a commanding-enough presence amid the hyperactive traffic of the tight little District, ample cargo space and reasonable fuel economy. And, just in case any of my passengers were politically attuned to "domestic-content" issues, Aviator offered the reassurance of having been manufactured in the good old U.S.A.

Drawbacks in the \$48,000 version I drove were few - but significant - including the lack of any sort of navigation system like those in competitive luxury SUVs, such as GM models that carry OnStar. Several times in trying to negotiate the labyrinth that is metro Washington, D.C., I sorely could have used a friendly operator on the other end of a hands-free help line, or even at in-dash electronic map. Lincoln says that a DVD-based navitation system will be available soon.

Overall, however, Aviator comes in for a landing pleasingly close to Ford's intended mark of a vehicle that offers distinctive design and "athletic" performance, along with the most flexible seating, roomiest cabin and best towing capability in its class. It truly makes a distinctive impression in an SUV field that gets ever more crowded even as the category grows increasingly politically incorrect.



Aviator: This mid-sized SUV is worth a hearty salute.

(Even in that context, Aviator is fairly defensible, with a curb weight of less than 5,000 pounds and highway fuel economy of 18 miles per gallon.)

The Silver Birch body color of the model I drove was complemented nicely by the dark vanes of the chromed, signature Lincoln grill and large halogen headlamps that dominate Aviator's face. There is just enough chrome - also including the roof rack, the window-belt molding and the rear-license-plate surround to remind you that it's a Lincoln. And the overall styling is just rounded enough to suggest slipperiness without making you worry that you're sacrificing interi-

A couple of particularly nice exterior features: The door handles can be grasped from either top or bottom, and the hood-release lever inside the cabin trips a secondary latch "presenter" that slides out from between the grill vanes to show clearly how to open the hood. However, the system for unlatching the two-part rear door was difficult for me to operate and not at all intuitive: The upper portion opened OK with the button on the key fob, but the full door would unlatch only intermittently in the model I drove. And when it did, it was too difficult for me to nudge the rear door open to a point where the hydraulic lifting mechanism would take over.

The 4.6-liter, 302-horsepower V-8 engine is powerful and smooth and the handling easily responsive enough to give Aviator a capable and nimble feel

despite its dimensions; the Goldilocks ride is neither bumpy nor splashy. Aviator's 40-foot turning radius surprised me by proving just tight enough to make a hasty U-turn once I discovered I was going the wrong way on a one-way avenue in front of the Treasury Department.

A much-appreciated safety innovation was the system that begins beeping inside Aviator if the vehicle is shifted into reverse and detects an obstacle behind it, with the frequency of the beeps increasing as it gets closer to the object. As you learn to work with this Rear Park Assist system, it becomes invaluable in parallel parking and other situations.

Inside, Aviator offers a fold-down third seat for seven-passenger capacity and great roominess throughout, including in the rear cargo compartment. Front seat headroom and legroom are more than ample and, indeed, as Lincoln puts it, may well be "best-in-class."

Aviator's interior styling is well integrated and warm, with a satin-nickel finish prominent on the dashboard and center console, selectively placed burled walnut accents and rich leather seating. A nickel foldaway lid for the audio controls is a nice touch, as is the analog clock at the center of the dashboard. Climate and other controls are easy to understand and use.

Altogether, Aviator is worth a heart salute.

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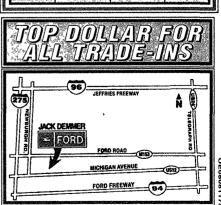


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