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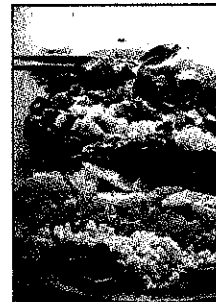
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Memo

Appealing ideals

High school students who have written essays, based on any one of Martin Luther King's ideals, will be honored at an annual King event Jan. 19 at the Canton Public Library. The contest deadline was Tuesday. The essay contest is sponsored by Canton's Human Relations Commission in conjunction with the Canton Community Foundation. Awards will be given to the top three essay writers.

Early Christmas

Canton Lions Club members are thanking Sam's Club on Ford Road at I-275 for bringing an early Christmas with a \$1,000 donation that helps the club support its charities.

Musical miniatures

2002 Plymouth Symphony Youth Artist Winner Zachary Shemon will perform in the Plymouth Symphony Society's Orchestra Canton presentation of Musical Miniatures, conducted by Nan Washburn at 8 p.m. Jan. 17 at St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley. Before the concert, guests will have the chance to hear a special preconcert chat featuring Washburn, symphony music director and conductor, at 7:15 p.m. Following the performance, guests are welcome to mingle with the musicians at an afterglow reception. Concert tickets are \$17 for adults and \$15 for senior adults. School-age children, kindergarten through 12th grade, are admitted free to all subscription concerts. Call the symphony office for tickets at (734) 451-2112 or by email at plymouthsymphony@aol.com

Made of steel

The Spotlight Players will present *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling Feb. 6-9 and 13-15 at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. The dinner theater is \$30, which includes family-style southern cuisine and the performance. Tickets must be purchased at least 48 hours in advance. Call (734) 394-5460 for tickets or go online at www.spotlight-players.net

Serving the arts

If you're interested in the arts, Canton Leisure Services needs you to serve on a Cultural Commission, which will serve as an advocate for the arts, heritage and humanities of the Canton community. If you're interested, send a letter of interest to Ann Conklin, leisure services director, at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, 48188 by Jan. 16.

More people bring more precincts

With Canton's ever-growing population, the township is adding two new voting precincts before the August primary elections.

Both precincts are being added to the western portion of the township, where development has increased dramatically over the past few years.

And there may be more to come.

"It is very clear that shortly, with the amount of growth occurring on the western side of the township, that more precincts will have to be added

to accommodate the growth," Township Clerk Terry Bennett said. "There are about 6,000 more residential units in planning somewhere in Canton."

Precinct 8, which is currently bounded by Joy, Beck, Hanford and Napier, is being split in half to create a new precinct, No. 39. The new precinct will be bounded by Ann Arbor/Joy Road, Ridge, Hanford and Napier. The voting place will be Plymouth High School just off Beck Road. The remaining Precinct 8 will continue to vote at Resurrection Catholic

Church.

Precinct 37, which is currently bounded by Cherry Hill Road to the north, Napier to the west and the school district boundary line to the south and east, is also being split to form Precinct 38. That will be bounded by Napier to the west, Cherry Hill to the north, Denton on the east to Central Park then the school district boundary line south and west to the township border.

Voters in Precinct 38 will vote at Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, while those remaining in District 37 will

continue to vote at Dodson Elementary School.

Although the precinct boundaries will not change, voters in Precinct 35 will change voting locations from Cherry Hill United Methodist Church to the new Human Services Building at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

Bennett said the church site was a temporary one until the Human Services Building was completed.

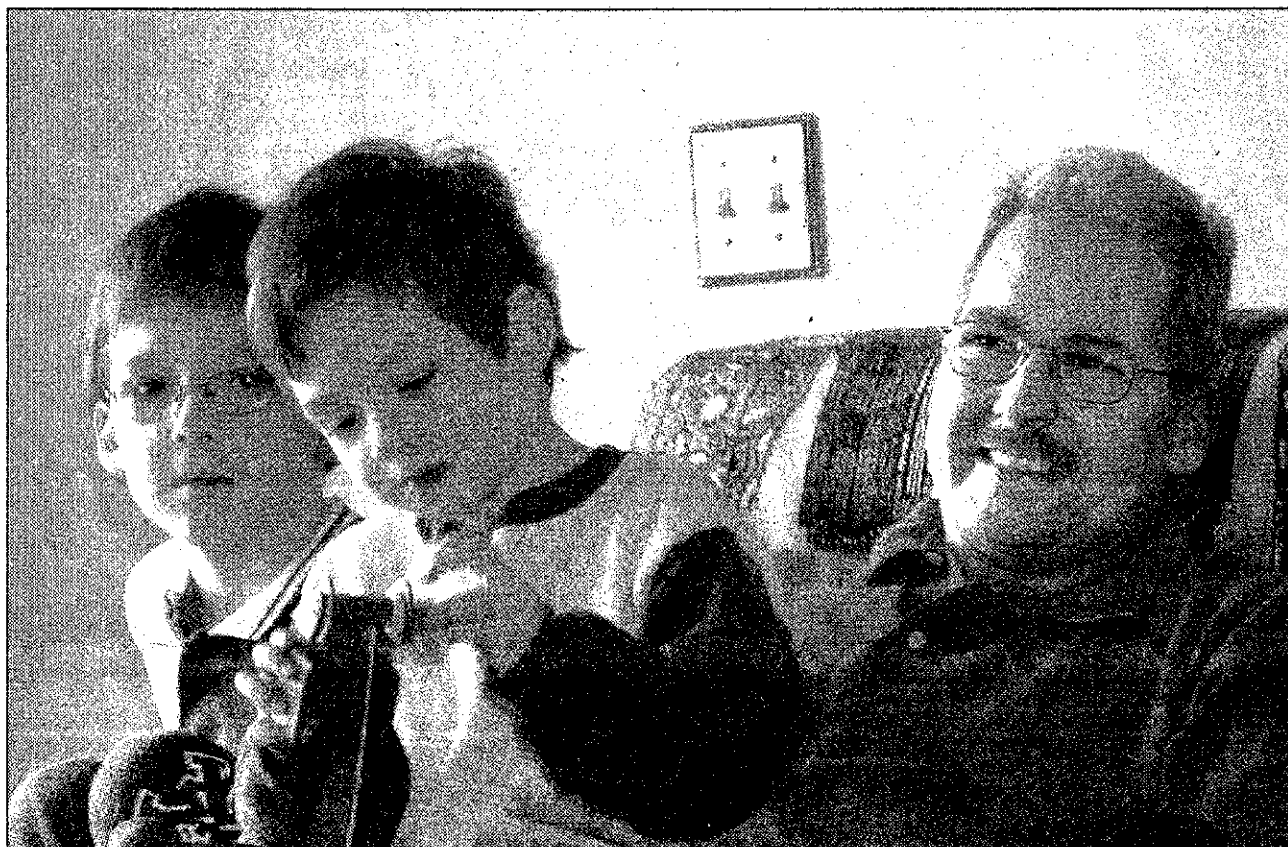
Once the new precincts are approved by the township board of trustees, Bennett said,

the street indices that define the addresses for the precincts have to be sent to the state to be included in the state voter registration file.

Once the state has entered the information, it is returned to Canton where it has to be proofread to make sure the information is correct.

When that is completed, new voter registration cards will be mailed to all voters in the affected precincts.

Bennett said she hopes the new cards will be ready to mail by March 1.



Sons Blake, 6, and Derek, 3, enjoy their dad, Army Staff Sgt. Robert Ratliff of the Michigan National Guard, while he is home on leave in Canton.

Unexpected leave gives family Christmas gift

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Janette Ratliff got a belated Christmas gift — her husband.

"It all happened pretty quick," she said. "In mid-

November, it looked like he wouldn't get any leave."

At 170-something on the list to travel home from his post in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, Iraq, Army Staff Sgt. Robert Ratliff, who is with the

Michigan National Guard, was shocked when through a series of scheduling glitches, he was on his way home to Canton — in time for Christmas a day late.

Better late than never for the Ratliff family,

which includes Blake, 6 and Derek, 3. A nod comes from Blake when asked if he is glad to see his dad after nine months.

"I've spent most of my

PLEASE SEE SOLDIER, A4

To Charlie, consider yourself part of the Johnson family

The "family" in Johnson's Family Restaurant is more than just part of the name.

The eatery, which has been in operation at Ford and Lilley roads since the early '80s, is a genuine family operation.

Started by Leah Johnson, the restaurant is now run by her son, Charlie.

He's the president, Leah,

now 76, is the vice president.

"She still comes in occasionally and gives it a white glove inspection," Charlie said. "She'll tell me what I'm missing and what I'm not."

The restaurant's 37 employees include Charlie's wife, daughter, two sons, his sister-in-law and his brother-in-law's wife.

And some of the regular customers are sort of like family, too.

Pictures of Jimmy Durante, Lucille Ball, Laurel and Hardy and other old-time celebrities adorn the walls. Many of them were brought in by customers. Music albums and a photo of the Harmonicats are above the

PLEASE SEE RESTAURANT, A8



Charlie Johnson, president of Johnson's Family Restaurant on Ford, has a story about the Three Stooges mural in the background.



In this photo taken by resident Alfred Brock, is what appears to be a tent, which reportedly was put up by a homeless person. In a wooded area north of Ford Road, the tent and other belongings were removed this week by Canton police.

'Homeless' tent north of Ford Road removed again

For the second time since last summer, Canton police have removed a tent and other "housekeeping" items from a wooded area just north of Ford Road and east of I-275.

In July, Canton resident Alfred Brock, who lives not far from the location, notified police that he and his son were walking along the bike path north of Ford when they noticed what appeared to be a tent in some woods.

Police investigated and found what they described as a "homeless Vietnam veteran" living in the tent, which was on private property. After questioning the man they determined that he was not violating any laws other than trespassing and told him to move on.

Township employees later destroyed the tent. Canton Police Lt. Rob Cripe said they located the man's mother, who lives in Westland.

"He could have lived with her," Cripe said, "but he said he'd rather live in a tent."

Cripe said the man apparently received some sort of government check.

"He was homeless by choice," said Police Detective Sgt. Todd Mutchler.

Last week, Brock and his son were again walking along the bike path when they noticed what appeared to be a different kind of tent in the same area.

Police again investigated and found a tarpaulin forming a makeshift tent over some holes in the ground. They also found bags of clothes and a propane heater.

They did not find anyone in the area, but confiscated the clothes and told the department of public works to destroy the tent.

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American Profile

Bernard Lafayette, a civil rights worker who worked closely with Martin Luther King Jr., has dedicated his life to building peace.



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Coaches needed to help with reading and writing

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Linda Flanigan is looking for a few good people who like to help kids.

"We match volunteers with middle school students who need extra help with writing, reading and study skills," said Flanigan, program coordinator for the Wilcox Learning Center in Ann Arbor.

Flanigan has 12 Plymouth-Canton students who are in need of adult volunteers or coaches. "We try to work with the kids on their study habits, how to improve their reading comprehension and expand their vocabularies, and to

become better writers," Flanigan said.

"This is a last chance for these students," Flanigan continued.

"As a child goes through school they stop teaching reading by the fourth grade. Reading becomes a tool, not a subject. If they are struggling with reading comprehension in middle school, high school will be a struggle. They don't understand the structure of language. For whatever reason, these kids have fallen through the cracks."

Volunteers are asked to give two hours a week. A good coach is someone who wants to help students in the middle

school age group, who is patient and has a positive attitude. Equally important is someone who has the ability to convince these kids they can succeed.

"Many times, these kids believe they can't do it," Flanigan said.

She believes students in the program - generally referred by educators - can be successful readers and writers, with some help. "These are not children who are learning disabled, special education students or who have difficulty speaking English."

Some coaches are former teachers. But that's not a

requirement. Most of the current coaches have full-time jobs. The current session in which coaches are needed runs January through May. "I will take as many coaches as I can get," Flanigan said.

Coaches are trained and provided with lessons plans. "You can be working with students by Jan. 20," Flanigan said. To volunteer call her at (734) 216-1790, email her at linflani-gan@comcast.net or pick up an application at either the Canton or Plymouth public libraries.

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COP CALLS

A resident of the 46000 block of Ford Road told police someone stole several thousand dollars worth of jewelry from her home on Jan. 5.

The woman said she left her home about 12:05 p.m. on Jan. 5 and returned less than two hours later. Someone had forced open the rear door of the duplex and numerous items of jewelry were missing.

THEFT FROM AUTO

A resident of the 4500 block of Reston told police someone broke into his locked Ford Bronco between 11:30 p.m. Jan. 4 and 8:30 a.m. Jan. 5. He said the vehicle was parked on the street in front of his house. The thieves ripped a CD/radio from the dash and also took two CD holders and 24 CDs.

COMPRESSOR TAKEN

A worker at a construction site in the 44000 block of Michigan Avenue reported that someone stole an air compressor valued at \$1,500 from a

trailer sometime between 6 p.m. Dec. 23 and 9 a.m. Jan. 2. The locked trailer was broken into and the compressor removed.

LAWN JOB

A resident of the 1900 block of North Liberty told police that someone did a "lawn job" on his lawn sometime between 1-8 a.m. Jan. 6.

A car drove over the lawn causing damage and striking a tree. The resident said it was the second such incident in a week.

PURLOINED CHOCOLATE

An employee of Farmer Jack on Joy Road reported to police that a shopper loaded some items into a cart, then stuffed six packages of marshmallows and four packages of chocolate into her purse.

She paid for the items in the cart but left the store without paying for the concealed items.

She was issued a ticket for retail fraud.

@ THE LIBRARY

Did You Know?

■ January's "Lunch and a Book" discussion will be *Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich? Bring your lunch and join in the conversation at noon Jan. 8.

■ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offer updated information on Mad Cow Disease online at www.cdc.gov?

■ If your New Year's resolution includes taking up a new hobby, why not check out our newest special multimedia collection on sewing? It's available online at

www.cantonpl.org/special/sewing.html.

■ Ninety-nine percent of U.S. public schools have Internet access, up from 35 percent eight years ago?

Web Watch: Check out these new web sites:

- www.earthcalendar.net
- www.northern-lights.no
- www.healthatoz.com

New Adult Books

- "Brief Intervals of Horrible Sanity" - Elizabeth Gold (nonfiction)
- "The Progress Paradox" - Gregg Easterbrook (nonfiction)

■ "Buried Diamonds" - April Henry (mystery)

■ "Suburban Sahibs" - S. Mitra Kalita (nonfiction)

■ "Recipes for Easy Living" - Curtiss Ann Matlock (fiction)

New Children's Books

- "You Bad Dog!" - Leslie Baker (picture book)
- "Pilot Mom" - Kathleen Duple (picture book)
- "The Malted Falcon" - Bruce Hale (fiction)
- "Clever Lollipop" - Dick King-Smith (fiction)
- "A Box of Friends" - Pam Munoz Ryan (picture book)

New CDs

- "Everything to Everyone" - Barenaked Ladies
- "Right Here, Right Now" - David Benoit

■ "The Legacy, 1961-2002" - Glenn Campbell

■ "In Time: The Best of R.E.M." - R.E.M.

■ "Room on Fire" - The Strokes

New Audio Books

- "E Pluribus Unum" - Forrest McDonald (nonfiction, cassette)
- "Stone Cold" - Robert B. Parker (fiction, cassette and CD)
- "The Hanged Man's Song" - John Sandford (fiction, CD)

New CD-ROMs

- "Instant Immersion Mandarin Chinese"
- "Backyard Football 2004" (ages 7+)

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FOR THE RECORD

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

Deaths

B

Bailey, Kenneth W., 88, formerly of Franklin, died Dec. 23

Barkal, Sharon G., of Dearborn Heights, died Dec. 30

Barrett, Paul J., of Southfield, died Jan. 1

Boyer, Richard Bennett, 62, of Westland, died Dec. 27

E

Elston, Mary Jane, of Beverly Hills, died Dec. 18

G

Godfrey, Robert A., 70, of Farmington Hills, died Jan. 2

H

Hartley, Imogene C., of Westland, died Dec. 30

M

Markarian, Deborah Sue, 55, of Wayne, died Dec. 30

Moore, Gordon E., 91, of Farmington, died Jan. 3

Moroney, Elsie H., of Rochester, died Dec. 30

N

Newcomb, Jean D., 90, died Dec. 23

Nieporte, Sandra Lee, of Westland, died Jan. 5

P

Pinnegar, Helen L., 82, of Westland, died Dec. 18

R

Reynolds, Glenn R., 55, of Waterford, died Dec. 27

Rosemont, Estelle T., 90, formerly of Beverly Hills, died Dec. 29

S

Sincock, Dorothy L., 84, of Plymouth, died Jan. 1

Skogg, Norman G., 77, formerly of Redford, died Dec. 25

Sprague, Samuel E., of Beverly Hills, died Dec. 31

Storck, William F., 86, of Canton, died Dec. 30

T

Tankey, Rita Marie, of Livonia, died Dec. 27

Testaseca, Anthony, 88, of Farmington Hills, died Dec. 27

W

Wells, Lillian M., 81, of Canton, died Dec. 31


Physical Therapy
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Medicine balls, also known as plyoballs, are nothing new. The ancient Greeks used leather medicine balls. Today's versions are made of polyurethane or vinyl and weigh between two and thirty pounds. While athletes have long used them to train for sports, physical therapists may introduce them for plyometric exercise, which builds strength and can improve muscle coordination and reaction time. Medicine balls also provide a good upper-body workout when they are used to play catch. Physical therapists may also use much smaller hand therapy balls, which provide resistance training for arms, hands, and fingers. They are useful for alleviating such conditions as tennis elbow. They can also help ease the discomfort of arthritis and

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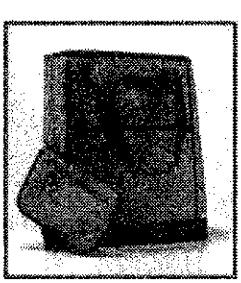
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Fana and George Bosidis have opened the Greek Flame Restaurant at the corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy Road.

Husband works for wife at the restaurant

George Bosidis may spend time working at the new Greek Flame Restaurant, but there is no mistake about who is in charge.

"This is my restaurant — the other one (in Romulus) is his and this one is mine," his wife Fana Bosidis said.

Early last month, the Canton residents opened their new restaurant at the northeast corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy in Garden City. The building had been vacant for about two years since N and N Coney Island closed.

"My husband heard the restaurant was for sale. We looked at it and decided it was a good location, so we went from there," Fana Bosidis said.

Once the property was acquired, the couple spent 10 months renovating the interior and exterior of the building.

"We gutted the inside, so it's all new. We have new roof, parking lot and canopy," Fana Bosidis said.

"We were left only with the walls and building structure. It was a slow process, especially when you are rushing to finish."

"We would fix one thing and then something else would be wrong," George Bosidis added.

Married nearly 29 years, the couple has been in the restaurant business for 12 years.

Along with owning Metro Coney Island, George Bosidis is also partners with his brother-in-law in Nick's Bar and Grill, both located in Romulus.

"Right now we're putting in 16- to 18-hour days. A restaurant takes a lot of hours, especially at the beginning," Fana Bosidis said.

"You work seven days a week. I couldn't even go shopping for Christmas."



Fana and George Bosidis have opened the Greek Flame Restaurant at the corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy Road.

When it comes to owning a restaurant, it helps to be a jack of all trades.

"We do everything that needs to be done," she said.

Currently open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, the Greek Flame features breakfast anytime, gyros, Greek salads and Coney dogs.

"The Coney dogs are especially popular. We also have home-cooked specials," George Bosidis said.

"Once we get settled with our employees, we'll

be open more hours."

The response to the restaurant has been very good, Fana Bosidis said, as many people were glad to see a new business in the vacant building.

"I've never seen anything like it. Customers have been thanking us for opening," she said.

"The city has been very helpful. We've been fortunate to deal with such good people from the city and our customers."

If strings are your thing, the youth orchestra invites you to audition

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Lynne Ellen Kaiser encourages parents to have their kids audition for the budding Celebration Strings Youth Orchestra. It's changed her family.

"All of a sudden, it's become a passion," Kaiser said, of daughter Kelly's interest in the violin.

So much of an interest that the 10-year-old orchestra member has her family following her to music festivals, including attending concerts for a folk group she plays in.

"The orchestra was just a natural extension of what she wants to do," Kaiser said. "It has expanded her musically in so many ways."

Called a "hard-working bunch of kids" by their conductor Lindsay Riemer, seven students — including Kelly Kaiser — are already the core of the Celebration Strings Youth Orchestra.

But the orchestra needs more young musicians. Of immediate need are students who play stringed instruments. That's the continuation of phase one which will include an audition for the orchestra Jan. 10 at Evola Music in Canton.

"There will be no sight reading," promised Riemer, who is in particular need of viola and cello players, with a secondary need for bass players. Of the current seven orchestra members, six play violin and one the bass.

To audition for the new orchestra, applications are available at the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra office, (734) 451-2112. The audition will consist of playing music and a scale of the student's choice. Students should be ages 9 to 15.

Kaiser says the audition is nothing to be intimidated by. It is simply the first step to a great experience for young musicians. "Kelly is so enthusiastic about it and loves Lindsay. She really puts a lot of effort into it for the kids. She gives one-on-one attention."



Betty Huang plays bass in the budding Celebration Strings Youth Orchestra, part of the Plymouth Symphony.

Sure, there are bigger orchestra kids could audition for. The Kaisers love the Celebration Strings because it is still growing — and each student plays an important role. "They get individual attention and it is customized to each child's level," Kaiser said. "Everyone's contribution is important. You're just not one of many in the crowd."

The second and third phases of the building plan include wind instruments and then brass to complete a whole orchestra.

"This is a string program and we want to keep it that way," Riemer said.

The youth orchestra, Riemer

said, is designed to complement the students' school orchestra. "This should absolutely complement their school programs. I really need them to do their own orchestra for their development. It's a strong program and we want to keep it that way."

Members of the youth orchestra pay \$135 per semester. "They are getting a tremendous amount of attention," Riemer said. In addition to rehearsals, Riemer also works with the students individually. One student in particular is interested in learning how to conduct.

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FROM PAGE A1

leave giving her a break," Ratliff said. "I've let her sleep in the mornings. Janette has been under the real stress."

Unfortunately, the visit will come to an end Saturday when Ratliff is scheduled to return to duty in Iraq, where his job is to provide communications systems for the military. He hopes to be home for good by the end of summer, if not before.

"I set up the phone hub that is attached to the medical evacuation unit. It's the 9-1-1 center of Iraq," said Ratliff, a master plumber who works with Local 190 in Ann Arbor. "We are rated as having the highest rates of data flow. We're proud of that."

That Ratliff is in Iraq came as no real surprise to his wife. When they started getting inkings he would be leaving, the longtime reservist just started getting ready for the inevitable. "It was such a tense couple of months. When they did call, I didn't want that call. That was a hard day," Janette said.

The call consisted of "report tomorrow" and Ratliff was on his way. He spent the first two months in Kansas, followed by time in Kuwait and finally to an airfield north of Tikrit. In fact, Ratliff rolled July 4 into Baghdad — appropriate timing as far as he is concerned.

"I went into panic mode," Janette said. "I thought, 'Holy cow! What am I going to do?' But I am highly practical and realized I didn't have a choice."

She prepared Blake, who ordered his mom not to mention the word "daddy" to him when they dropped Ratliff off to start his tour of duty. Derek



After nine months, the Ratliff family of Canton is together again - until Saturday - when Robert returns to Iraq with the Michigan National Guard. Robert and Janette are parents to Derek, 3½, in foreground and Blake, 8½,

was only 2 at the time. "I am a stay-at-home mom, so that made it easier. I was used to running the household."

Tours of duty are not foreign to Ratliff. He had been a weapons specialist in the Naval Reserves for 16 years, head-quartered 80 miles away at Selfridge Air National Guard base. He was also in the SeeBees as part of a construction battalion. This tour is not the first in the Middle East for Ratliff. He was also part of Desert Storm.

"I was the last in the group to come home on the Theodore Roosevelt," he said. "I was the one wearing the white suit."

Finally, he transferred to the Michigan National Guard four years ago to complete his 20 years of service. And that's how he ended up in Iraq this time.

"I got used to him being gone in a hostile environment. I just quit watching the news," Janette said.

When Hussein was captured recently, Ratliff was only some 10-15 kilometers away. "I have been in his palace," he said. News of the dictator's capture brought rousing cheers from his unit.

"We believe in what we are

doing. We are there for a purpose," Ratliff said, adding that he is returning Saturday to finish his job.

"It is so alien," Ratliff said of Iraq and its culture. "I have seen architectural designs that are amazing and I have seen people living in mud huts."

Not at any front lines, Ratliff said he nonetheless can hear explosions, mortar rounds and small weapons fire. Outside the gate where he is stationed in Iraq, a suicide bomber literally exploded not too long ago. Ratliff could hear it, but didn't go to see it.

"All the Iraqi natives I have met are friendly," he said. "They want what we want. To raise their families and make a living."

Ratliff has been given the opportunity to join other military personnel on the Black Hawks and get closer to actual fighting. He has declined.

"I have a wife and kids to come home to," he said.

"My years of volunteering for that are in the past. I have a job to do and then come home."

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■ Dearborn Federal Credit Union on the west side of Canton Center, south of Ford, includes 6,500 square feet on three acres.

■ Integrated Health Associates, north of Cherry

Hill, east of Ridge. The project includes 37,825 square feet on two acres.

■ B.A.P.S. Hindu Temple, on the east side of Canton Center, north of Geddes.

■ Ford Quality Care Center on the west side of Canton Center, south of Hanford.

■ Beginner's Inn Daycare expansion on Canton Center, north of Warren. The project includes 1,200 square feet on two acres.

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School foundation benefits from grant

Community Financial recently presented a check for \$1,500 to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation. The funds will be used to support the Foundation's "Classroom Library Fund."

The donation resulted from the credit union's annual Community Shares program to benefit educational programs in Michigan. The Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation is one of eight recipients that will receive a total of \$5,200 from the credit union's program this year.

"Our goal for the Classroom

Library Fund is to raise \$100 for 100 books per classroom in the Plymouth-Canton district," said the foundation's Executive Director Carole Kody. "Community Financial is an annual supporter and is helping us get that much closer to our total goal of \$100,000."

Community Financial CEO Roger Ballard made the check presentation to Kody at Plymouth High School, where the student credit union is located.

"At Community Financial we are passionate about increasing financial literacy so that children will be better pre-

pared to avoid financial pitfalls as they enter adulthood," said Ballard. "Contributing to educational programs and operating student credit unions in the communities we serve helps to provide a solid foundation for financial literacy."

In addition to Plymouth High School, Community Financial operates 16 other student credit unions located in elementary, middle schools and high schools in Michigan.

Since the Community Shares program began in 2000, more than \$20,400 has been contributed to educational pro-

grams in communities served by Community Financial. Other recipients include the Northville Education Foundation, Novi Education Foundation and Michigan community schools in Gaylord, Hillman, Atlanta and Lewiston. Headquartered in Plymouth, Mich., membership in Community Financial, (formerly known as Community Federal) is open to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school in Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi, Alpena, Otsego and Montmorency.



Joining in accepting Community Financial's donation to the Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation are (from left): Plymouth High School Student Credit Union volunteers Laila Papp, Chris Holmes, and Jillian Thomas, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan, Foundation Executive Director Carole Kody and Community Financial CEO Roger Ballard.

Schoolcraft head to speak at celebration

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For the past several years, third-grade students at Tonda Elementary in Canton Township have shared a partnership with students at Harms Elementary in Detroit, meeting at Focus: HOPE to learn about each other and celebrate commonalities and differences.

So, it was a no-brainer when Tonda Principal George Belvitch suggested to Superintendent Jim Ryan this year's Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday Celebration luncheon on Jan. 19 be held at his school.

"Our school is conscious of diversity and the issues, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is one of those days to recognize that," said Belvitch. "We need to reach out to each other more and more, and the school district is the place to take the leadership role in that direction."

Belvitch, who has been principal at Tonda since it opened 10 years ago, said the school has gone from "one of a predominately Caucasian population to one that's changed to include many different cultures."

"It adds a lot; more ideas, more ways to look at things," he said. "It's a good thing for everyone."

The third-annual event will feature Dr. Conway Jeffress, president of Schoolcraft College, as the main speaker. He'll discuss living through the 1960s and his views on Dr. King's work; his career at Schoolcraft College; and the partnership between Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and Schoolcraft.

There is no school on Jan. 19 for students, but teachers will have workshops in their school buildings. In the past, the district held nearly 150 separate workshops at Salem High School for educators.

"That was one of the victims of the \$3.6 million in cuts to lower the deficit for this year," said Ryan. "We used to budget \$10,000 for that, but we just can't afford to do it this year."

The luncheon is open to 200 people on a first come-first served basis. Tickets, which cost \$10 each, can be obtained by calling (734) 416-3154.

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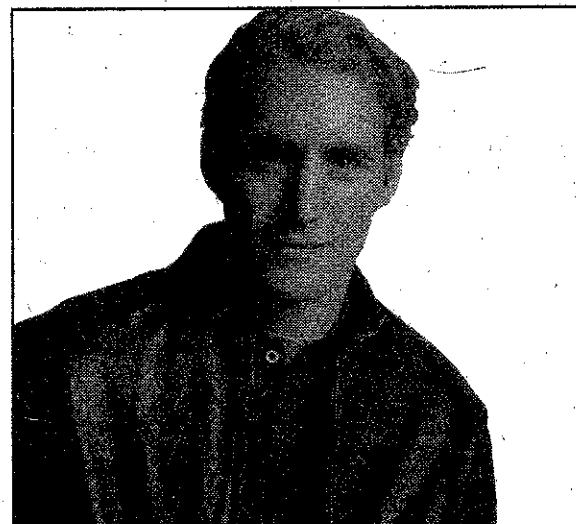
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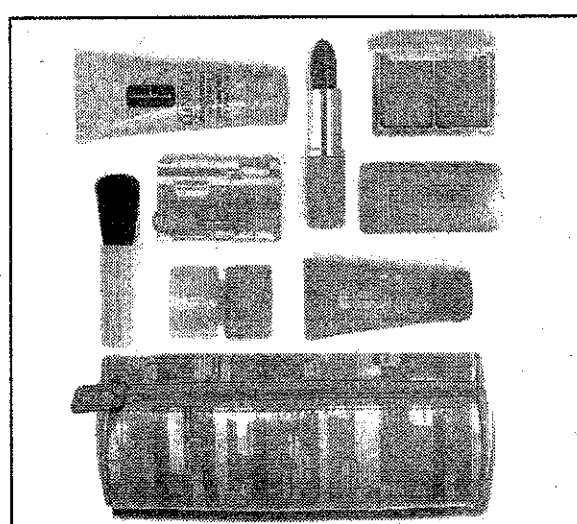
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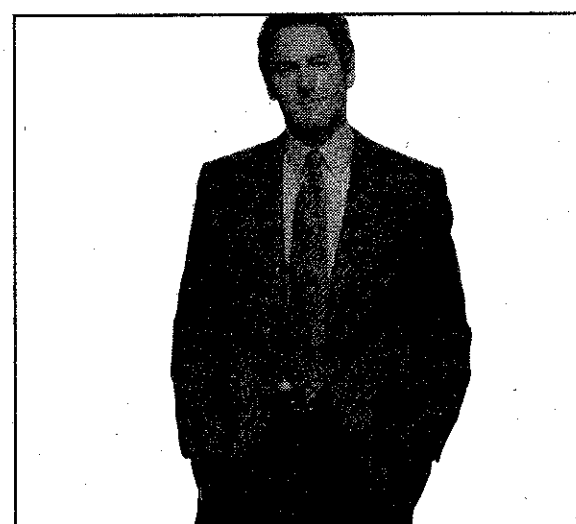
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OUR VIEWS

Be a good neighbor, shovel your snow

We were prepared with our shovels and blowers on call for the first real blast of winter weather Sunday, but managed to dodge the bullet. There were no snow emergencies, no school closings, but there still was snow to shovel.

There are residents who made sure their walks were clear Monday morning for children headed back to school and for postal carriers to make their deliveries, and there were those who chose to shirk their responsibility.

Shoveling snow is a given in Michigan in the winter, and keeping your walkways clear should be, too. Homeowners and businesses who leave their walks unshoveled are like the bad apple in the proverbial bushel. They create hazards for pedestrians, especially in heavy snowfalls.

Some communities issue tickets to residents who don't clear their walks within 24 hours of a snowstorm. It's sad that local government must take such action to get people to do the right thing. But then if we all did the right thing we wouldn't need so many laws.

Kudos to those residents and businesses who cleared their walks. You've proven to be good neighbors to your community.

We study schools

Two years ago today, President George W. Bush signed into law the No Child Left Behind initiative, designed to set standards for America's students through expanded testing and tougher standards for teachers.

Though the law won bipartisan support, it is now drawing criticism from Democrats and some Republicans for what they say is a lack of adequate funding and fairness. The debate sets the stage for education to be a major issue in this year's presidential, congressional and state legislature races.

Education has always been an important issue for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. We have long focused on what goes on in local schools and at local school boards.

Public schools are often the major employer in many O&E communities. Schools take a major share of state taxes. Even those who don't have children in schools know how important a good school district is when they go to sell their house.

Most important, our future is tied to education. Schools are a focus of our hopes and for that reason are a continuing source of controversy over what's taught, how it's taught, who sets standards, what those standards should be and how much it will cost to reach the goals we set.

This year, the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* will take an in-depth look at public education in our communities. In addition to our regular coverage of local school systems, we will provide background on issues confronting educators and political leaders.

We will dissect the education issue from a variety of perspectives with a special emphasis on how these issues impact our local school districts, students and taxpayers.

Topics will include the politics of education. The No Child Left Behind initiative is a major step forward in attempting to set a national standard for educational advancement. What are those standards? Who sets them? How does testing help improve a school district? Are the tests and standards fair? Do the penalties for not succeeding encourage improvement? Who's in charge of our schools?

In the months ahead, we will explore:

■ **Financing education:** What is the impact of Proposal A? Which districts have benefited, which have lost? How has school financing been affected during a down economy?

■ **In the classroom:** What's being taught in public schools? How are curriculums set? How are textbooks selected? How many districts are offering career/vocational education? Who are the teachers in public school classrooms? Where are teachers trained and how are they being educated?

■ **Challenges to education:** How do schools compete with computer games, MP3s, television and sports? How do schools use technology to benefit education? Is there an ideal school size? Are some too small or too big?

■ **Schools and society:** Are school districts different because of the quality of instruction or because of the quality of students who come into the schools? How does the home environment impact school performance? How does parental involvement help?

■ **Alternatives to public education:** What makes private and parochial schools different? Why do some families choose to home school?

We'll seek your input. After all, our schools are everyone's concern. In the end, we hope to give our readers a comprehensive look at the issues in the real world.



Just before the holidays, guests crammed into small tent awaiting the moment when the first spade of dirt was dug at the long-awaited groundbreaking for a new facility for the Canton Chamber of Commerce on Hanford at Canton Center.

LETTERS

Bad business image

On Nov. 18 I took a piece of antique needlework in to the "Creative Framing & Gallery" to be framed. On receipt it said it would be ready by Dec. 2. When I arrived I found the shop dark and the door locked. Many phone calls later, no answer.

I went up to every door, finally a note on the windows said "Pick up items before Dec. 20. We will no longer be responsible after the 20th." Shopkeepers around had no idea what was going on and could not help. I was told that many other customers had asked, and that UPS and Fed Ex could not make deliveries.

On Dec. 20 I left at 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to attend my sister-in-law's funeral, and came back at 3:30 p.m. and stayed until 5:30 p.m., they never opened. There were a number of notes taped to the door so I know I wasn't the only one waiting.

Received a call on Monday, Dec. 22 that I could pick up my needlework at Frame Works on Tuesday. It had gotten mixed up with another person's order and was incorrectly framed. Thankfully Frame Works is going to re-frame it.

This attitude of M. Boggs, owner of Creative Framing, was totally inappropriate and sends a bad message for the good shopkeepers of Plymouth. I'm afraid other people are going to get the wrong ideas and go to another community.

I've dealt with other shopkeepers and businesses in Plymouth and always received the most courtesy and very best work possible.

I can only hope that Ms. Boggs is not going to go to another community with the same attitude and work ethic. She should think carefully whether she should even be in the business trade.

Finally, kudos to Annette Horn, owner of Native West, who went out of her way at a busy time to offer help to all.

Many thanks also to the people of Frame Works for trying to make everything right.

C.J. Bellanger
Plymouth

Stewart's record

As evidenced by the blatant innuendo in his Jan. 1 letter to the editor and the salacious Web site he ran during his unsuccessful campaign for public office in 2002, Jonathon Grant continues to gather and create political gossip against state Rep. John Stewart for self-serving purposes.

Although most Michigan voters did support the recent bipartisan vote to balance the state's budget, while minimizing cuts to basic services, Stewart and the 16 other Republicans could have just as easily voted along party lines. Instead, they courageously chose to reach a compromise, to spare public schools from losing as much as \$200 per student mid-year.

While Grant busily spreads his contrived stories and hearsay about Rep. Stewart around water coolers, at local watering holes and in frequent letters to this newspaper, he doesn't have a clue as to the real efforts put forth by a dedicated Stewart during his first two terms as state representative.

It's time to set the record straight. Some highlights of Stewart's most recent endeavors:

■ Stewart organized a successful health forum for community residents in December, which featured Dr. Joseph Weiss, a member of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Medical Society, and Paul Reinhart, Medicaid director of the Michigan Dept. of Community Health.

■ On Jan. 30, Stewart will hold a manufacturing summit to address the concerns of tool and die companies and other small businesses.

■ Stewart will be the keynote speaker at the Michigan Association of School Administrators Convention, also Jan. 30.

■ Stewart was the keynote speaker at the Michigan Festival and Events Conference on Nov. 8 in Traverse City. Over 800 attendees from across the state listened as he promoted events in Plymouth, Northville and southeast Michigan.

■ On Oct. 28, Stewart spoke at the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, promoting healthy activities and safe schools for all Michigan children.

■ In September, the Michigan Municipal League conferred on Stewart a "Distinguished Legislator Achievement Award" for directing money collected as court fees back to local communities.

■ On a regular basis, Stewart quietly assists families in his district with such matters as getting their children accepted into the college of their choice.

Stewart spends many additional days commuting to Lansing over and above when the House is in session. He wants to do the best by the people he represents in the Plymouths, the Northvilles, Wayne and east Canton.

Martha A. Trafford
Canton

Linebacker thanks

On behalf of the Salem Linebackers, booster club for the Salem High School football program, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community who took time out of their busy day to visit the Canton Big Boy during our fund-raising days in October, November and December.

I would especially like to thank Rana Mata and the staff at Canton Big Boy for their generosity and commitment to our program. Your support is truly appreciated.

Also, congratulations to Frank and Becky Prince of Canton, winners of the December door prize — a Big Boy pie.

Linda Sorensen
Salem Linebackers

Grant not credible

Last week, Jonathon Grant had his third letter in six months printed in the *Observer* bad-mouthing Representative John Stewart.

What do you call a sore loser who loses the primary election for state representative, then is obsessed for the next two years with dragging our representative's name through the mud in campaign material disguised as "letters to the Editor?"

Grant bad-mouths everyone else in an effort to get himself elected state representative on Aug. 3. I know, I wasn't shocked at those lies either, because this seems to be Grant's character, or lack thereof.

What do you call a person with a spotty record in voting in elections, let alone running in them? Whose Web site contained obscenities and personal insults directed at elected officials? These very things were reported in the well-respected political newsletter "Inside Michigan Politics" during the last campaign but, more importantly, I saw them first-hand.

From the looks of it, Grant's dirty-play book is already wide-open, and the election is eight months away. He no longer has credibility, and isn't worth a single more "Letter to the Editor." Let him pay for political advertising like any other candidate.

Lastly, what do you call the ethically and morally-devoid tool of Betsy DeVos? I call that person Jonathon Grant.

John Sturk
Plymouth

Gas prices and the holidays

With the holiday season, one would hate to think about the topic of greed, but when it comes to the service stations in our area, not only are they greedy, they are our area Scrooges!

Let's examine the reason for the significant increase in the cost of gasoline on holiday weekends. I was filling my tank in Garden City on Dec. 18, and the price was \$1.37 a gallon. I noticed a man going out to change the numbers on the sign. When I asked the clerk if the price of gas was going down, she laughed and said it was going up 13 cents a gallon!

Why, I asked. She replied that it was Christmas and gas prices ALWAYS go up on holidays. I later noticed the same trend was happening in Canton and Westland.

According to the Fuel Cost Index in the U.S. (excluding Hawaii and Alaska), gasoline prices went DOWN 1.5 cents per gallon, but our neighborhood stations decided to gouge the consumers who were traveling to see their loved ones this holiday season.

I am asking for consumers to drive pass stations that practice this heartless act and support stations that set and maintain prices at a non-gouging holiday rate.

Jerry Thorne
Canton

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"We lived in Canton and were driving home one day and saw this place was empty. Mom started looking in the window and the owner of the mall was there and they started talking. She decided to start her own restaurant here."

— Charlie Johnson, owner of Johnson's Family Restaurant

Long-term damage being done to state universities

The trouble with really big mistakes is they have a way of sneaking up on you, so that by the time you notice things are going badly wrong, nearly irreversible damage has been done.

Historic examples abound.

In the 1930s, the British government thought it was smart to appease Hitler and the Nazis. It took nearly a decade (and a world war) for the Brits to discover their mistake. In more recent times, President Lyndon Johnson for years thought the war in Vietnam was yet another battle against the worldwide Communist menace,



Phil Power

when it actually turned out to be a civil war between the north and south with the Americans in the role of the foreign invader hated by both sides. By the time he realized his mistake, thousands of young Americans were dead and he was forced to step aside, his presidency in ruins.

In today's Michigan, I fear we're also in the process of making a really big mistake, one that doesn't seem particularly consequential now, but

will likely have terrible results long term: The profound cuts in state support for higher education over the past several years.

Time was when our colleges and universities were regarded as among our state's crown jewels. No more, at least not by the budget and policy makers in Lansing. Consider these facts:

■ Current state support for the 15 public universities in Michigan is \$1.39 billion, the lowest in four years.

■ In a little over a year, nearly \$250 million has been slashed from state appropriations for universities, about 15 percent.

■ After absorbing another \$73 million in budget cuts for this fiscal year, universities now get \$200 million less in state funding for operations ... than does our prison system!

■ University of Michigan Provost Paul Courant estimates the cuts have stripped away \$1,500 in per-student state support, and other universities are reporting similar reductions.

How come?

One easy answer, of course, is that when the state's budget is as badly out of whack as it is, everybody has to suffer — including colleges and universities. Another is that for more than a decade, experienced and powerful legislators like former state Sen. Joe Schwarz (R-Battle Creek) fought for university appropriations. Schwarz was term-limited out of office last year, and there doesn't seem to be anybody in the Legislature who has the strength or wisdom to take up the burden.

What surprises me, however, is that two of our most senior political leaders — Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema — are complicit in all this. Granholm has degrees from the University of California at Berkeley and Harvard Law School, while Sikkema has a Harvard B.A. and a U-M business degree. Of all people, they ought to know what a great university can do for a state ... and how much damage can be done to once-great universities by systematic strangulation over time.

As Peter Luke, the able Lansing columnist for the Booth Newspapers, pointed out at year end, former Gov. John Engler made it a matter of basic policy to link spending for public universities with overall spending for education. Granholm has chosen to decouple the two, favoring spending on K-12 schools over higher education. And she's done it in a somewhat gratuitous way, taking public slaps at "new buildings and weight rooms and the great capital improvements on campus" and making remarks to the effect that any institution (universities, get it?) can easily find ways to cut budgets by 5 percent. (Remember, it was the Republican Legislature in the budget negotiations back in December that stayed Granholm's hand from cutting university aid by another \$15 million.)

The fact is that state universities are being starved, long-term damage is being done and it will take years and years to recover. The U-M is losing some of its brightest and best faculty members to other schools, while class size is going up and morale is going down.

At one of the nation's best schools, Michigan Technological University, President Curtis Tompkins is facing a faculty revolt over budget cuts, while people at Michigan State University are very, very unhappy, even with President Peter McPherson, the most dynamic leader State has had in a generation, back from Iraq.

Stanford University, probably today the best in the country, got that way by following the strategy of "spires of excellence" propounded by Frederick Terman, the former dean of engineering. The idea was that the only way to achieve a seriously excellent university was to erect a few centers of very great quality and use them as the lever by which to ratchet up everything else. Of course, it is also logically possible to follow the reverse policy and achieve morasses of mediocrity.

But that's what you get when you are in the process of making a really bad mistake and nobody is able, or willing, to realize what is going on.

Phil Power was a U-M regent from 1987 to 1999. He is the chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

Citizens ban together to support a Department of Peace concept

World Peace! Now there is a concept few can argue against. During this time of year, Peace is foremost in the minds of almost everyone. After the holidays, though, thoughts of Peace are pushed to the back of one's mind as the hectic world in which we live once again takes most of our time and energies.

But for a growing number of citizens, the concept of Peace is taking a tangible form as the "Department of Peace." The idea of a Department of Peace has been around since Gen. George Washington was president. Over the years, the concept of a Peace Department



George T. Mills

was introduced more than 100 times! It was recently revived as a bill introduced to the 108th Congress by Rep. Dennis Kucinich and numerous other co-sponsors, including Michigan's John Conyers.

Throughout the *Observer* readership area, numerous "Peace Circles" are being formed as a grass-roots foundation to provide local politicians with the support encouraging them to endorse the bill.

These Peace Circles are composed of about a dozen citizens each and are both non-partisan and non-denominational. As more people become interested in joining a Peace Circle, new ones are formed to develop a "social intimacy" among the participants.

Each group is composed of members of a particular congressional district. In the 11th Congressional District, a Peace Circle was formed called "Citizens for Peace." They have held two monthly meetings, with another scheduled for Jan. 13.

Members of the "Citizens for Peace" group met Dec. 16 with Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and briefly described various aspects of the

"Department of Peace" concept. They described why there is a need for a Department of Peace at the cabinet level. They added their personal observations and vision of the Department of Peace. The department would include community involvement ranging from education of the young on peaceful means of problem-solving and non-violent intervention, to proactive strategies promoting national and international conflict resolution.

One important aspect mentioned was that the Department of Peace would cost a fraction of the costs of the business of doing war. Furthermore, rather than establish another bureaucratic layer of government, the Department of Peace would be formed from existing governmental resources similar to the establishment of the Homeland Security Department.

Rep. McCotter was most cordial and graceful in meeting with the 10-member "Citizens for Peace" contingent. He listened attentively as several members explained various aspects of the proposed bill. Providing insight and information regarding the process of passing such a bill, he said that he didn't feel the bill would be passed as this time due to current war on terror.

The "Citizens for Peace" will continue to work towards what they feel is a "better way." After all, said one member, women's suffrage did not happen overnight. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said "our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives."

Dr. King would be pleased with the efforts of this diverse group of men and women.

(For additional information regarding the Department of Peace and local "Peace Circles" in your area, visit the Web sites: <http://www.dopcampaing.org> and <http://www.renaissancealliance.org>.

George T. Mills, USN, retired, lives in Livonia.

LETTERS

Where's the patriotism?

France, Germany and Russia are owed \$100 billion by Saddam Hussein's Iraq for illegal weapons, castles, bombproof shelters and perhaps hiding places for WMD. France's opposition has cost the U.S. support of the United Nations and months of delay.

Now they have the gall to demand the U.S. pay Iraq's debt to them and still share our reconstruction contracts. Hussein's French accomplices can bid low and sabotage reconstruction while on our payroll.

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... What happened to the patriotism of two years ago?

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Johnson's Family Restaurant and its recognizable sign have stood on Ford Road since the 1980s, when Canton had few eateries.

RESTAURANT

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old-fashioned lunch counter. "Customers bring stuff in and they like to see it displayed," Johnson said. There's also a painting of the Three Stooges, but it's not quite right. "My wife had a girlfriend of hers paint it," he said. "She put Larry over Moe's picture and Moe over Curley. She didn't know which one was which. Who doesn't know the Three Stooges?"

Of course it's not the pictures that keep customers coming back. It's the food — good, old-fashioned, down-home cooking.

"Monday is meat loaf day," Johnson said. "Thursday is cabbage, Friday is fish. We have homemade specials at least once a day."

He'll whip up a Swiss steak occasionally and the breakfast menu includes country fried steak and eggs.

Breakfast is the busiest time for the restaurant, although lunch and dinner are also served Monday through Saturday, when Johnson's is open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

With the influx of restaurants in Canton in recent years, Johnson's has seen a slight decline in the dinner crowd.

But when Leah Johnson opened it up about 20 years ago, it was almost the only restaurant game in town.

The Roman Forum was open a half mile east on Ford Road, which was still two lanes.

"My mom and dad had another restaurant Downriver,"



Charlie Johnson is the president of Johnson's Family Restaurant on Ford Road. A genuine family operation since the 1980s, Johnson's was started by Charlie's mom, Leah, who is now vice president.

Charlie said. "We lived in Canton and were driving home one day and saw this place was empty. Mom started looking in the window and the owner of the mall was there and they started talking."

"She decided to start her own restaurant here."

The biggest changes Charlie has seen is the growth in Canton.

"It's still a nice place," he said.

"It just takes you a little longer to get home."

Reflective of that growth — and the increasing diversity of Canton's population — is the opening of a new restaurant next door to Johnson's: a Japanese sushi restaurant.

"They're nice people," Charlie said.

"I wish them well. If people want sushi, they'll go there. If they want eggs, they'll come here. I don't do sushi."

Leisure Services has hefty lineup for winter

Classes and programs for all ages and interests have been included in this winter's Leisure Services sports schedule. From tots to adults, Canton Leisure Services has something for everyone. Here are the details starting with tots:

START SMART SPORTS

Each Start Smart Sports class is six weeks and gives children from ages three to seven the opportunity to participate in age-appropriate activities that will help to teach them the fundamentals of sports. Though Start Smart Sports classes are designed for children, a parent also attends and both learn new skills, make friends and get loads of exercise. Dates, times and locations vary depending upon the class. To find out the specifics, check the Discover catalog or log onto leisure.canton-mi.org/images/discover.pdf. Registration begins 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 10 at the Summit. The cost to participate is \$65 for Summit on the Park members, \$70 for Canton residents and \$80 for non-residents. A parents meeting will be held one week prior to the start of the each program. Start Smart classes include:

■ **Start Smart Basketball** which includes a participant kit of bright basketballs, cones and a jersey along with fun and general skill instruction. Start Smart Basketball I is for children ages 3-5 and Start Smart Basketball II is for ages 6-7.

■ **Start Smart Soccer** introduces the basic soccer skill sets, encourages fun in sports and provides a great kit of soccer balls, cones, and shin guards. Start Smart Soccer I is for children ages 3-5 and Start Smart Soccer II is for ages 6-7.

■ **Start Smart General class-**

es are an adult/child class that covers basic sport skills like throwing, catching, swinging and kicking with all of the equipment provided. Building motor skills adds fun and success to this class. Start Smart General is for children ages 3-5

WINTER YOUTH SPORTS

■ **Youth 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament**

Tot and youth basketball players and teams in grades three through twelve can register for the Canton Leisure Services 3 on 3 basketball tournament. The tourney will begin following the Youth Hoop Shoot Competition on Saturday, February 28 at noon. Boys and girls divisions will be set up for grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-12. Awards will be given to the tournament winner and runner-up. All games will be officiated and teams are guaranteed two games. The cost per team is \$40 for Summit members, \$46 for residents and \$52 for non residents.

■ **Inner tube Water Polo Tournament**

Canton Leisure Services will host an inner tube water polo match for boys and girls that like to play in the pool, splash around and learn a new sport. The match will be 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 in the Summit on the Park aquatic center. Teams compete to score goals while staying afloat on their inner tubes and will be set up based on the number of participants. No experience is necessary as all rules and equipment will be provided at the pool. Come dressed to swim and bring your friends for a fun afternoon of inner tube water polo. The cost to participate is \$8 for Summit members, \$10 for residents and \$12 for non-residents.

■ **Youth Hoop Shoot**

Competition

On Feb. 28 Canton Leisure Services is sponsoring the 2004 Michigan Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA) Hoop Shoot basketball skills competition. This event is FREE to the community for boys and girls ages 8-15 years old. Players will have 60 seconds to score points from various locations on the court. Winners will represent Canton in area competitions. Certificates and ribbons will be given to participants. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. with contests starting at 9 a.m. Participants may pre-register or register on-site the day of the event. On the day of the event all contestants are required to provide a valid birth certificate for age verification.

■ **Indoor Archery Camp**

Back by popular demand, an indoor archery camp with Bob & Rachel Fenton will be offered with at Plymouth Christian Academy Gymnasium for youth and teens age 9 to 18 (archers will be grouped by age and ability). Bob & Rachel have taught archery camps in Canton for the last five years. The registration fee, \$85 for residents and \$97 for non residents, includes daily refreshments, equipment (you may bring your own if appropriate for your abilities), and an official camp "Certificate of Participation." The camp will be 6 to 8 p.m. March 22-25.

■ **Lacrosse**

Lacrosse players in grades fifth through eighth are invited to play in the youth lacrosse league. New and experienced players can join either our fifth and sixth grade team or our seventh and eighth grade team. Indoor practice time is avail-

able in February with the outdoor league running March-June. Players are required to supply their own equipment which includes a helmet, stick, mouth guard, protective equipment and shoulder pads. Teams must have a minimum of ten players and no more than 25. Included in the \$100 per player fee is a uniform, indoor practice time, a 12-week league schedule and end of year jamboree tournament.

■ **Youth Volleyball League**

Spiking's the name and volleyball is the game on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. at the Summit. League play begins February 8 through the February 29 at the Summit. Players should register as a team but individuals can also register to be placed on teams. Teams are composed of six to ten players in the seventh or eighth grade. The team fee does not include the game official fees of \$10 per match at the court. The cost to participate is \$55 for Summit members, \$65 for residents and \$75 for non residents.

ADULT SPORTS PROGRAMS

■ **Racquetball**

A moderate to competitive level racquetball league will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Body Rocks Racquetball Club. The league lasts 12 weeks (January 21 through April 7) and awards are given to the first and second place finishers. League format will be a round robin season. Returning players from the winter and fall 2003 seasons can register by phone with a credit card from January 5-9 by calling (734) 483-5600. New players can begin registering Jan. 10.

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
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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. The auction is to be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON FY 2004 CDBG PROJECT PROPOSALS

The Charter Township of Canton is accepting project proposals for the FY 2004 Community Development Block Grant program. The FY 2004 CDBG allocation is expected to be approximately \$414,000. Questions or requests for a proposal application form can be addressed to Gerry Martin, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, 734-394-5194 Extension 5194.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF HEARING Pickwick Village Subdivision Street Lighting Special Assessment

NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, to all property owners in the proposed district described below and to all other interested persons:

1. That a petition for the formation of a special assessment district for the installation and maintenance of streetlighting has been filed with the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, pursuant to Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended (MCL 41.289b).

2. That hearing on the said petition concerning the necessity of said improvement and the formation of this special assessment district will be held before said Board of Trustees at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan 48188, on the 27th day of January, 2004 at 7:00 P.M.

3. That any property owner or other person interested in said proceedings may appear at said hearing, file objections to the entire petition or any part thereof, and be heard on said objections.

4. That the proposed special assessment district is located in the Charter Township of Canton and is described as follows: Lot numbers 1 through 292, Pickwick Village Subdivision, Liber 94, Pages 62, 63, and 64, Register of Deeds, Wayne County, Michigan.

5. That said petition and the estimated costs and expenses of said assessment are filed in the office of the undersigned at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, and may be examined at any time during the regular business hours of said office, prior to said hearing.

6. That any property owner or other interested person who fails to appear and object to said petition or to the formation of the proposed special assessment district at the time and place of said hearing may be deemed to have waived his right to object under Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended (MCL 41.289b).

7. That proposed layout of actual streetlight placement can be viewed in the Office of the Township Clerk between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. AFTER INSTALLATION, MINOR VARIATIONS MAY OCCUR IN THE LAYOUT BECAUSE THE ACTUAL PLOTTING OF LIGHTS HAS NOT BEEN FIELD TESTED BY DETROIT EDISON.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk
Charter Township of Canton

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Sports

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Sidelines

Hockey champs

The Mullet Hunters In-Line Hockey Team ended the year by winning the Bantam Open League Championship with a 12-4 win over the Warriors 12-4 Sunday at the In-Line Hockey Center in West Bloomfield.

It capped a banner year for the team of 15-year-olds, who have played more than 100 games since March, including 11 tournaments and four open leagues against top competition. Their tournament record included five championships and three runners-up finishes. They also won three league titles.

The biggest highlight was winning three national championships against the Best of the Best Competition.

The championships came in the NHL Rules in Wixom, TORHS America in Rochester, N.Y., and the AAU Junior Olympics in West Bloomfield.

Team players are: Mike Hargreaves (Hartland); Ryan Lammers (Rockwood); Lee Downs (Commerce Township); Kevin Etzel and Dan Bara (Northville); Dustin Gazley, Matt Wooster and Scott Ozog (Novi); Tom Pashkot and Corey Perdue (Livonia); Nick Harris (Westland); Brandon Egglesfield, Jeff Loos, Nick Siekirk, Nick Pesant and Kevin Tollison (Canton). The team is coached by Jay Pesant, Jerry Lammers and Scott Etzel.

Coach needed

Plymouth HS is in need of a ninth grade girls softball head coach for the upcoming spring season.

Anyone interested should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

Registration

The Canton Community Junior Baseball/Softball Association will have spring registration from 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25; from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7; and from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 27.

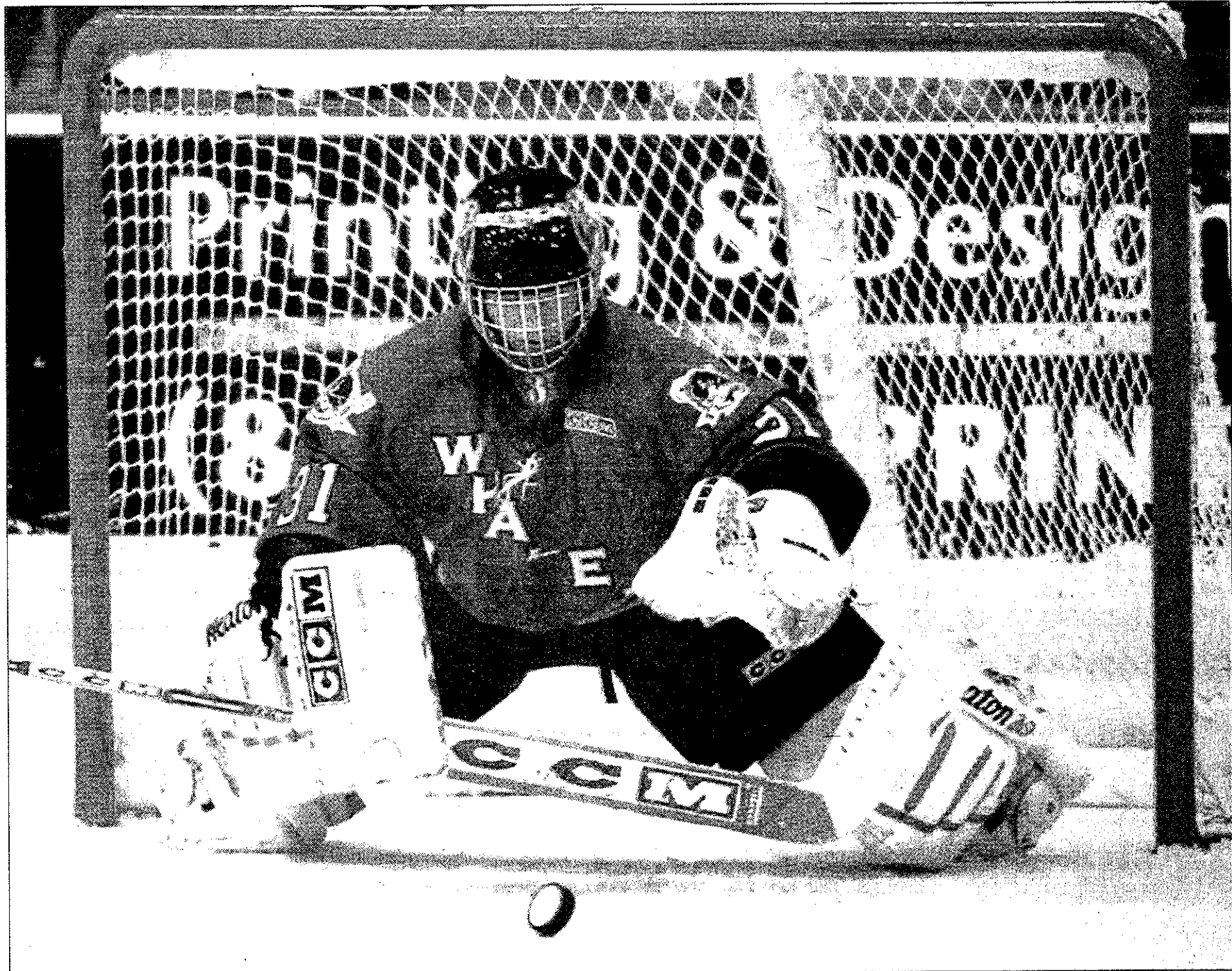
All registrations will be in the Ballroom of the Summit in the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Registration is open to boys and girls 4-18 years who are residents of Canton or Plymouth or are in the PCCS school district.

New registrants must provide proof of age and residency.

Fees for recreational leagues range from \$75 to \$120; travel teams are higher. Fees are non-refundable; no credit or debit cards accepted. Games run from May to July.

For more information, please call (734) 394-5489 and leave a message.



Goalie Paul Drew stopped 42 shots in leading the Whalers to a 3-2 triumph Saturday over Guelph, one of the OHL's hottest teams. See the game story inside today's sports section.

Trade, captain's return lift Whalers

After a bad finish on the ice, the news was all good for the Plymouth Whalers Monday.

First, the return of team captain James Wisniewski, the Whalers' second-leading scorer and one of the Ontario Hockey League's top defensemen, was imminent. And Wisniewski was bringing some fantastic news with him — a victory with Team USA at the World Junior Championships, gained Monday with a 4-3 come-from-behind win over Team Canada in the championship game in Helsinki, Finland.

It was the first time Team USA had won the gold medal at the World Juniors in the 28-year history of the

tournament. Wisniewski, a Canton HS graduate, certainly did his share; he was fourth overall on the team in scoring with one goal and three assists in six games. Ryan Kesler, a Livonia Churchill graduate, also had a stellar tournament for Team USA, scoring three goals, including one in the win over Team Canada Monday.

The Whalers have certainly missed Wisniewski's leadership. After going 2-5-3 in their last 10 OHL games and falling a point behind the Sarnia Sting in the West Division standings, they made a move Monday that hopefully will bolster both the offense and defense.

Plymouth sent left wing Mike

Lombardi and a third-round choice in this year's OHL Draft to the Belleville Bulls for right wing Rane Carnegie, defenseman Mike Knight and a fourth round OHL Draft pick.

"We are excited to receive a proven goal-scorer in Carnegie and a very experienced defenseman with Knight," said Whaler general manager/coach Mike Vellucci. "With this move we solidified two areas we needed to address — a goal-scoring right winger and experience on defense."

The 6-foot-1, 200-pound Carnegie, in his third season in the OHL, has always been able to score goals. He had 18 in his first season and 21 goals and 25 assists

(46 points) in 60 games last year. Thus far this season, he was fourth among the Bulls in scoring with six goals and 16 assists (22 points) in 27 games.

Knight, who is 6-1 and 210 pounds, has also been able to score points. Last season he had seven goals and 21 assists (28 points) in 68 games for the Bulls; this season he has six goals and 11 assists (17 points) in 34 games.

The Bulls are currently last in the OHL's East Division with a 9-22-6-1 record. A rookie, Lombardi is two years younger than Carnegie (who turned 19 last Friday) and Knight. He has played sparingly this season, collecting one goal in 22 games.

Hopes are running high for the Chiefs

There's no question this will be a special season for Canton's gymnastics team. In fact, it already is.

The only real question is how special will it be. The Chiefs have already broken the team scoring record; they did that in their opening dual meet, scoring 144.65 in a victory over Northville-Nov.

Can they keep that kind of performance growing? On Monday, after more than a two-week layoff, Canton returned to compete against cross-campus rival Salem in a dual meet at Plymouth HS. The Chiefs weren't quite as good, but they won anyway, 140.60-135.80, pushing their dual-meet record to 3-0.

CANTON PREVIEW

Asked if this could be his best team ever, Canton coach John Cunningham answered, "Absolutely. Even when we have an OK meet like last night, we score more than 140.

"I had a really good team last year, a 139 team. This year, I have a 143, 144 team."

Which means the Chiefs should be among the state's best, perhaps among the top five. Cunningham has had good teams in the past, but the best was the

1996 squad which finished second in the state to Holland behind the performances of Katie Gilles and Brie Wall.

It was the '96 team's dual-meet scoring record which was eclipsed in the opening dual. The reason: The return of several of last season's top gymnasts, particularly Kara Ahern, now a sophomore; Audra Ahern, a senior co-captain (together with Mozhdah Rajaei); and two more sophomores, Mina Pirzadeh and Andrea Nyberg, certainly helps.

But the addition of four equally strong gymnasts this year pushes Canton's

PLEASE SEE **CHIEFS, B4**

Salem best at Saline Invite

Salem finally did something in volleyball it couldn't do all last season — beat Livonia Churchill.

The Rocks did it at a good time, too, edging the Chargers 28-26, 22-25, 15-8 in the final of the Saline Invitational Saturday. That gave Salem a 7-0-1 record in matches played in the tournament and a 14-2-5 record for the season.

ROCKS VOLLEYBALL

well was our team defense, and that includes our blocking," said Rocks' coach Tom Teeters. "Our team defense was phenomenal."

Against Churchill in the finals, Salem had 61 digs as a team, with Theresa Coppiellie leading with 25 and Jordan Falcusan adding 16. Those two had superb tournaments, Falcusan, the team's setter, totaling 108 set assists and nine service aces and Coppiellie collecting 39 kills.

Ellen Canale also had a great tournament with a team-best 46 kills; she also had six aces. Other standouts were Lauren Kurtz with 35 blocks; Lauren Price with 21 kills; Lauren Maronek with 13 kills; and Jill Niemi with five aces. The Rocks advanced to the finals with a 25-22, 25-20 win over Tecumseh in the semifinals and a 25-10, 25-16 victory over Southgate Anderson in the quarterfinals. In power pool play, Salem split with Churchill 25-23, 22-25 and defeated both Saline 25-21, 25-19 and Tecumseh 25-22, 25-8 to earn the No. 1 seed going into bracket play.

In their three-team pool, the Rocks beat Monroe 25-22, 25-18 and Clinton 25-15, 25-18.

"I would have to say the reason we did so

Rocks can build with strong team

Salem's best gymnast from last season is gone. Bethany Bartlett has graduated.

But don't lament the Rocks' fate too much. There's a lot back, and some newcomers could make Salem even more formidable than last year.

In fact, the Rocks' goal this year is to break the 140 mark at the state regionals and qualify for state meet, something they couldn't manage last season.

It could happen. In a loss to Canton Monday, Salem scored 135.80 (the Chiefs had 140.60) and is capable of something better.

At least coach Dana Driscoll thinks so. "They're looking pretty good," she said. "They have a lot of work to do, but slowly but surely they're getting there."

SALEM PREVIEW

Leading the returnees is Ashley Aquinto, a junior who finished first at the 2003 Western Lakes Activities Association Meet in the Division II all-around, scoring 36.7. Aquinto won three of the four events in Division II: the vault (9.25), uneven parallel bars (9.05) and floor exercise (9.3).

Also returning are Katie Waldeck, the team's only senior; junior Megan McCarthy; and sophomore Allie Vraniak. Aquinto, Waldeck and McCarthy will share the team's captaincy.

Bolstering the Rocks' hopes are newcomers Elena Gueroguev, a junior, and Sarah Bugosh, a freshman.

Gueroguev, who only competed for her club team before transferring from Westland John Glenn two years ago, and whose parents own the Eurostars Gymnastics facility, is the same competitive caliber as Aquinto. Against Canton, Aquinto scored 35.10 in the all-around, Gueroguev had 34.55.

"Ashley and Elena are my best all-arounders," said Driscoll. "Event-wise, I would say floor and bars are really strong, and the girls are working really hard to make beam one of our best events."

There's good reason for that. As Driscoll noted, balance beam "has always been a tough event for us. But they're working extremely hard and having fun, too."

PLEASE SEE **ROCKS, B4**

Rocks battle back to ice Vikings, 6-3

The key was keeping Chad Barry off the scoreboard — at least for two periods.

Which is just what Salem did in beating Walled Lake Central, 6-3 in a Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division hockey match Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The win improved the Rocks' record to 4-4-1 overall, 2-3 in the division.

Barry scored twice in the first period of this penalty-filled contest for the Vikings, with Dale Wrobel assisting on both, giving his team a 2-0 lead after one. But Salem countered that with two second-period goals, netted by Ted Panaretos and Andy Thackaberry. Ryan Jones got the first of his two assists in the game on Panaretos' goal. Thackaberry got what

proved to be the game-winner before the final period was two minutes old, with an assist from John Maurer. Aaron Cheesman made it 4-2 for Salem a minute later, Jones assisting, and John Peterson increased the Rocks' lead to 5-2 (assisted by Rob Quigley).

Barry got his third goal of the game with 7:35 left to narrow the deficit to 5-3, but Kyle Emmons' unassisted score :38 later clinched it for Salem.

Joe Moore was in goal for the Rocks; Mike Sidor was in the net for the Vikings. There were 23 penalties called in the game, 12 of them on Central. Eleven of the penalties came in the second period.

Whalers follow strong win with lousy loss

Talk about going from the top to the bottom in less than a day.

The Plymouth Whalers put together a very impressive 3-2 win over the Guelph Storm Saturday at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. The Storm boast the second-best record in the entire Ontario Hockey League and had lost just once in their previous 10 games.

But any momentum the Whalers gained from that victory was lost the next afternoon when they were beaten 4-1 by the Saginaw Spirit in Saginaw. The Spirit remain last in the OHL's West Division with a 10-25-2-3 record (25 points); Plymouth is second in the West with a 17-12-8-3 mark (45 points), one point behind Sarnia.

In the win over Guelph (25-8-5-0, 55 points in the OHL's Midwest Division),

the Whalers built a 3-0 lead by the midpoint of the second period and then had to hang on down the stretch — which they were able to do thanks to the goal-tending of Paul Drew. Drew turned away 42 shots in gaining the win. Danny Taylor had 36 saves for Guelph.

John Mitchell scored Plymouth's first goal, with assists from Tim Sestito and Erik Lundmark, in the opening period. Ryan Ramsay made it 2-0 at 1:19 of the second period, assisted by John Vigilante and Dan Collins, and Sestito pushed that to 3-0 at 8:29, with an assist from Mike Letizia.

The Storm battled back with two goals

in the second period, short-handed from Matt Ryan and a power-play goal from Ryan Card, but they could not get the equalizer. Dan Girardi had two assists for Guelph.

On Sunday in Saginaw, there was nothing good to report for Plymouth after the first period. Ramsay's power-play goal with 1:01 left in the opening period tied the score at 1-1 (Mitchell and Vigilante assisted), but the Spirit got a short-handed goal from Nick Lees in the second period and two third-period goals to gain the win.

Patrick Asselin scored twice for Saginaw and Georgi Misharin also got a goal. Tom Pyatt had two assists.

Ryan Nie had 41 saves in goal for the Whalers. Mike Brown made 27 stops for the Spirit.

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Huron Valley at Ypsi Calvary, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 9
Huron Valley at Lutheran South, 6 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Salem, 7 p.m.
Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Zoe Christian, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Lincoln Park, 7 p.m.
Garden City at Allen Park, 7 p.m.
St. Katharine at Card. Mooney, 7:30 p.m.
Luth. North at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.
U-D Jesuit at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Jan. 8
Huron Valley at Canton Agape, 6:30 p.m.
Clarenceville at Country Day, 6:30 p.m.
St. Katharine at Wyand. Mt. Carmel, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10
Canton at Grand Blanc Invite, 8 a.m.
New Haven Invitational, 8 a.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Jan. 8
PCS Penguins vs. Bloomfield, Blades Arena, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 9
Franklin vs. Notre Dame Prep, Stevenson vs. Canton, at Edgar Arena, 4 & 6 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Northville at Arctic Pond, 9:30 p.m.
(A.A. Pioneer Tourney at Ice Cube)
Churchill vs. O.L. St. Mary, 5 p.m.
A.A. Pioneer vs. E. Kentwood, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10
Salem vs. Northville at Novi Ice Arena, 6:10 p.m.
Redford CC vs. New Trier (Ill.) at Compuware Arena (Olympic), 7 p.m.
Canton vs. St. Mary's, at St. Mary's Arena, 8 p.m.
Redford Unified at N.B. Huron, 6:20 p.m.
A.A. Pioneer Tourney, TBA.

PREP WRESTLING

Thursday, Jan. 8
Stevenson at John Glenn, 6 p.m.
Northville at Canton, 6:30 p.m.

W.L. Western at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

Wayne at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Woodhaven, 6:30 p.m.
Garden City at Lincoln Park, 6:30 p.m.
Allen Park at Thurston, 6:30 p.m.
Lutheran Westland, Flat Rock at New Boston Huron, TBA.
Saturday, Jan. 10
Bay City Dual Tourney, 8:30 a.m.
Romulus Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Avondale Tourney, 9 a.m.
Canton at South Lyon Tourney, 10 a.m.
Salem at Adrian Invitational, 10 a.m.
Fordson Invitational, 10 a.m.

PREP BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Jan. 8
Redford Union at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Thurston at Robichaud, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10
Cranbrook Invitational, TBA.
W. Bloomfield Invitational, 9 a.m.
Rock-Kilgore Invitational, noon.
Southfield Relays, noon.
W.L. Western Invitational, 1 p.m.

PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Thursday, Jan. 8
Wayne-Westland at Edsel Ford, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Rockford Invit., 10 a.m.

PREP FIGURE SKATING

Saturday, Jan. 10
Ladywood at Arctic Edge, 3-6 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 8
St. Clair at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10
Schoolcraft at Delta, 3 p.m.
Aquinas at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Madonna at Aquinas, 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 8
St. Clair at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10
Schoolcraft at Delta, 3 p.m.
Aquinas at Madonna, 3 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Jan. 9
Whalers at Sault Ste. Marie, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10
Whalers vs. Kingston at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
TBA — time to be announced.

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL

SOFTBALL PLAYERS

The Canton Thunderbirds softball girls fastpitch 12U team is still looking for a few players. The coaching staff is good enough to help both the experienced or novice player. To qualify, players must be 12 years or less on January 1, 2004.

For further information contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355.

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL LESSONS

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

Lessons are by appointment only.

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

PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL

Tickets for TigerFest 2004, the Detroit Tigers' annual fan-focused winter event, are on sale. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 24, at Joe Louis Arena.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids 14-and-under and are available through Ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster outlets, the Joe Louis Arena box office or by calling (248) 25-TIGER.

The event will feature autograph sessions, photo booths and instructional clinics by Tiger players and coaches. Fans can take swings inside a baseball stadium or in the major league batting cage. There will also be a shuttle to Comerica Park for special tours throughout the afternoon.

For more information, such as participants and activities, visit

FASTPITCH CLINICS

Madonna University will conduct three sessions of Girls Fastpitch Softball Clinics, each session lasting four weeks.

Session One will be from 9-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24 and 31, Feb. 7 and 14; Session Two will be from 3:30-6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22.

The cost for each four-week session is \$120, or \$35 for one day.

All phases of fast-pitch softball will be covered in the clinics: hitting, bunting, infield/outfield play, base-running, pitching/catching and defensive positions. Pre-registration is required. There is a maximum of 30 girls per session. Checks should be made payable to Madonna University Softball.

For more information, call Madonna softball coach Al White at (734) 432-5783 or assistant coach Curt White at (810) 844-0109.

SOFTBALL CAMP

The Annual Mercy Softball Camp for girls in grades five through 12 will take place 9 a.m. to noon on six Saturdays in early 2004.

The dates are Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31 and Feb. 14 and 21. The camp will take place at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$50 for six sessions. To register contact Sue Graves at (734) 981-5455.

BASEBALL TRYOUT

The WaCo Wolves U-9 travel baseball team will hold winter tryouts for the 2004 season. The team will play about 50-60 games during the season plus a World Series. Please call Bill Hardin at (734) 516-3723.

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March 5	Fri.	Vancouver	7:30 pm
March 8	Mon.	Tampa Bay	7:30 pm
March 13	Sat.	Dallas	3:00 pm
March 14	Sun.	Nashville	7:00 pm
March 16	Tue.	Calgary	7:30 pm
March 27	Sat.	Colorado	1:30 pm
March 29	Mon.	Minnesota	7:00 pm
April 3	Sat.	Columbus	7:30 pm

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The gathering aims to inform about conditions associated with running, how to rehabilitate common injuries and how to choose the right running shoe.

Peter Galea, doctor of podiatry medicine, St. Mary Mercy Hospital Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Department physical therapists, and representatives from Running Fit will be speaking.

Pre-registration is required.

For more information, or to register, call Kevin Moore at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department at (734) 655-2419.

SOCCER REGISTRATION

The Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking Spring Youth Soccer registration during January during regular business hours - 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The office is at the Plymouth Cultural Central, 525 Farmer St. All first-time registrations require a birth certificate.

The fees for U6-U8 are \$60 for Plymouth residents and \$85 for non-residents. For U9 and older, the fee is \$65 for residents and \$95 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620. You can download forms and get more information at the Web site www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

AAU BOYS HOOPS

The Michigan Chargers, a 14-and-under (eighth grade) boys basketball team will be staging tryouts Friday, Jan. 9 to fill a guard position for the 2004 travel season.

Candidates should have at least one-to-two years experience playing travel basketball and fit the team concept.

If chosen, a commitment is required through the end of June, along with fees and costs. Pre-registration is required to arrange a tryout for a cost of \$5.

For more information, call coach Pete Bader at (734) 354-9621.

CC GAME REPLAYED

In case you missed it the first time, Fox Sports Net will replay the Michigan High School Athletic Association football and girls basketball finals over the holiday season at least once.

Of local interest, Redford Catholic Central's Division I football win over Utica Eisenhower will be shown at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16.

GYMNASTICS RESULTS

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Monday at Plymouth HS

Vault: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.60; 2. Megan Chappo (C), 9.30; 3. Ashley Aquinto (S), 9.10; 4. Elena Gueroguev (S), 8.75; 5. Mina Pirzadeh (C), 8.65; 6. Kara Ahern (C), 8.60.

Uneven parallel bars: 1. Chappo (C), 9.15; 2. Kelley (C), 8.85; 3. Aquinto (S), 8.60; 4. Kara Ahern (C), 8.35; 5. Kate Staley (C), 8.25; 6. Elena Gueroguev (S), 8.05.

Balance beam: 1. Kara Ahern (C), 8.65; 2. Katie Waldeck (S), 8.60; 3. Gueroguev (S), 8.55; 4. Chappo (C), 8.50; 5. Allie Vraniak (S), 8.45; 6. (tie) Megan McCarthy (S), Aquinto (S), Kelley (C), 8.05.

Floor exercise: 1. Kelley (C), 9.40; 2. Aquinto (S), 9.35; 3. Chappo (C), 9.30; 4.

Gueroguev (S), 9.20; 5. Audra Ahern (C), 9.00; 6. Kara Ahern (C), 8.95.

All-around: 1. Chappo (C), 36.25; 2. Kelley (C), 35.90; 3. Aquinto (S), 35.10; 4. (tie) Kara Ahern (C), Gueroguev (S), 34.55; 6. Allie Vraniak (S), 32.80.

SALEM INVITATIONAL

Saturday at Plymouth HS

Team standings: 1. Farmington Unified, 146.225; 2. Salem, 137.775; 3. Brighton, 137.175; 4. Hartland, 135.10; 5. Ann Arbor Huron, 121.60; 6. Fraser, 121.15; 7. Walsted Lake Unified, 119.00; 8. Adrian, 115.10; 9. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 114.05; 10. Saline, 113.80; 11. Westland John Glenn-Wayne Memorial, 111.65; 12. Parma Western, 106.75; 13. Plymouth, 102.5.

Vault: 1. Farmington (Caitlin McPherson, Kelly Patrick, Shannon

Jodoin, Sarah Tomkovich), 36.875; 2. Brighton, 35.85; 3. Hartland, 34.85; 4. Salem (Ashley Aquinto, Allie Vraniak, Sara Schmidt, Elena Gueroguev), 33.6.

Uneven parallel bars: Farmington (Alyse Quinn, Patrick, Jodoin, Tomkovich), 36.35; 2. Salem (Sarah Bugosh, Aquinto, Meghan Negele, Gueroguev), 34.15; 3. Brighton, 32.75; 4. Hartland, 32.1.

Balance beam: 1. Farmington (Sarah Houchins, Patrick, Jodoin, Marisa Karcz), 36.3; 2. Salem (Bugosh, Megan McCarthy, Katie Waldeck, Gueroguev), 34.1; 3. Brighton, 33.1; 4. Hartland, 31.6.

Floor exercise: 1. Farmington (Houchins, McPherson, Quinn, Jodoin), 36.7; 2. Hartland, 36.55; 3. Salem (Bugosh, Aquinto, McCarthy, Gueroguev), 35.925; 4. Brighton, 35.475.

CHIEFS

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prospects into the state's-best level.

"We have a really strong foundation of kids from last year," said Cunningham, "but we've notched it up with some really good kids this year."

Four freshmen join a junior, Megan Chappo, who are new to the team. All five could be, indeed should be, among Canton's top eight scorers this season.

The incoming freshmen are Alyssa Kelley, Chelsea Selden, Kate Staley and Kaitlyn Burns. Burns, Staley and Kelley are, like Chappo, Division 1 gymnasts.

In the dual wins over Northville-Novi and Salem, the Chiefs had five all-around scores over 35. Chappo and Kelley have two each, Ahern one.

Three of Canton's new gymnasts would be competing for club teams if injuries were not a problem. A long season filled with intense training sessions bring results, but also have led to injuries. High school teams shorter practices have made prep gymnastics more attractive, and doable.

"I never remember having the depth I have now," Cunningham said. "We're a good team now and we're just going to get better."

Indeed, even the loss of two state qualifiers from last year's team — Jessi Bates, whose family

is moving, and Bridget Fitzgerald, who decided not to come out for the team — hasn't hurt Canton. "I wouldn't even want to think about making out a lineup card with all those girls," Cunningham said.

That's because he also has gymnasts like senior Lauren Foley, who excels in the floor exercise, and junior Heather Wagner, who will compete in the uneven parallel bars and vault, to call upon. And both Aherns, Pirzadeh and Nyberg.

As for the race for the state title, the Western Lakes Activities Association Meet may provide a good look at whose best. Cunningham figures "six of the top 10 teams in the state" are in the WLAA: Canton, Salem, Brighton, Hartland, Northville-Novi and Livonia Unified.

The best in the state at present appears to be Farmington Unified. Rochester Adams is another of the top teams on the east side of the state; on the west, there's Rockford, Portage, Traverse City, Grand Ledge and Grand Rapids Forest Hills.

A top-five finish at state is certainly within Canton's reach. "The potential is there," Cunningham said. "I don't know when it will come to fruition."

Could this team match the '96 team's finish at state? "With a little careful planning we could do it again," he answered.

The Chiefs are on the rise. Staying that way — going up — will be the key.

ROCKS

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How high the Rocks can climb in the very tough WLAA is difficult to predict. "I hate to say," Driscoll said. "We could be in the 140 range. Our goal is to get to state meet."

Last season, Bartlett was injured in her first event at the conference meet and did not compete; Salem fell to sixth in the team standings, scoring just 134.35.

With the addition of Gueroguev and Bugosh, the Rocks should be better. They showed it last Saturday at the 13-team Salem Invitational, scoring 137.775 to place second in the team standings to Farmington Unified. Among the teams Salem bested were Brighton and Hartland, a pair of WLAA competitors. Brighton was first at the conference meet last season; Hartland was third.

COACHES WANTED

■ Redford Thurston is looking for a varsity girls basketball coach.

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

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

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

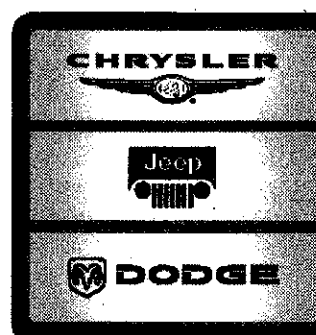
■ Plymouth High School is looking for a ninth-grade softball coach for the 2004 season.

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

■ Canton HS is accepting applications for a freshmen softball coach. Experience in fastpitch softball is necessary.

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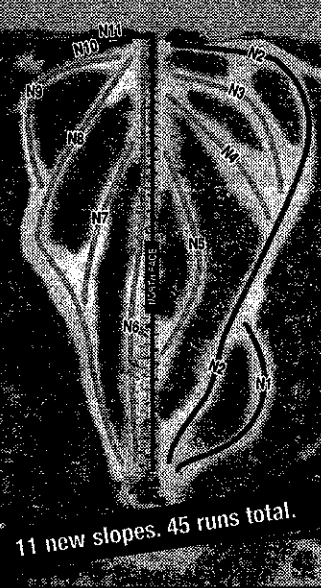
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'Calendar' note

The Michigan School of Gardening extends an invitation to a private showing of the movie *Calendar Girls* at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at the Imagine Theater in Novi.

The movie is an English-made romantic comedy about a garden club's special fund-raising effort.

In addition to the movie and refreshments, your \$10 ticket will make a sizable donation to the volunteering efforts of Detroit Garden Center (DGC).

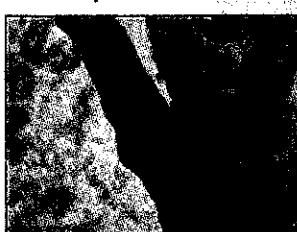
DGC members maintain the grounds of historic Moross House in downtown Detroit as a green oasis open to all, sponsor educational programs and help city youngsters grow through hands-on garden workshops.

To attend, send your check for \$10 per person to Detroit Garden Center, 1460 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48207. Include a phone number or e-mail address on your check.

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The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions.

The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book*, with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to: Ten Free Flowering Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Saturday, Jan. 31.

Or go online to arbor-day.org.



Above, sleek and sophisticated best describe these dark woods at Baker, Knapp and Tubbs at the Michigan Design Center in Troy. At left, this bronze piece adds a touch of elegance.

The Bold the beautiful

The dark woods of mahogany and cherry remain the popular style in contemporary homes, according to Terry Samuels, owner of Interiorspace of West Bloomfield and Designer on Call at the Michigan Design Center in Troy.

The sleekness of woods — softened by the neutral textures of wall colors of greens, blues and browns — brings contemporary to the forefront of furniture style, such as the Barbara Barry line, offered through Baker, Knapp and Tubbs at the MDC. The collection is French-influenced with art deco lines.

"It is a sleek and sophisticated collection," Samuels said.

Then there's the Thomas Pheasant Georgian Armoire, which brings a classic form mixed with a modern traditionalism, according to John Amato, sales associate at Baker. Woods are generally mahogany.

"What sets it apart is the sheen on the table," Amato said.

Winter presents a time of year when



The Thomas Pheasant Georgian armoire (far right) brings a classic form mixed with a modern traditionalism at Baker, Knapp and Tubbs at the Michigan Design Center in Troy. Velvet drapes and soft colors give the room a delicate

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St. James Antiques Show draws near

One of the exciting signs that it's a new year is the St. James Antiques Show, a January event at St. James Episcopal Church in downtown Birmingham.

This year's show, the 15th annual, will take place Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, at the church, 355 W. Maple, east of Southfield Road.

Different levels of the church will be transformed into an antiques wonderland for the event, which raises money for church and community projects.

ST. JAMES ANTIQUES SHOW

When: Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17

A preview party will take place 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15.

Where: St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple, east of Southfield Road in downtown Birmingham.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 16, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 17.

Admission: Admission to the antiques show is \$6. Two hours of free parking will be available at the Chester Street parking structure, on Maple between Southfield Road and Chester. Tickets for the preview party are \$40; call (248) 646-3224 for reservations.

Information: Call (248) 644-0820.

"It's all done by volunteers," said Mary Ellen Kass of Bloomfield Hills. She and her husband, Pete, are general chairs of the event.

"It's a hometown show. The whole church, everybody works on it."

"It's kind of like a treasure hunt," said Jim Taylor of Dede and Jim Taylor Antiques, one of the participating exhibitors.

A preview party is scheduled 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15. Tickets for the preview party are \$40; call (248) 646-3224 for reservations.

The preview will feature food by Amaryllis Catering of Birmingham, with hors d'oeuvres, wine and a sweet table. Party attendees will have an early start on buying antiques.

Select dealers will present a wide variety of antiques, such as porcelain, linen, fine china, silver, jewelry, clothing, clocks, books and furniture.

"You have a wonderful assortment of different things," Kass said. "It's a very buyable show," Taylor said.

Other exhibitors will include Carol Hutchins Cole Antiques, Shelley Barr Antiques, Histoire DeFrance, Pauline Work Antiques, Nostalgia Antiques, The Crockett Collection, Flounder and Firkin, Melrose Antiques, Annie Sales Inc., Lois Raitt Antiques, Ann Thatcher Antiques, Yours Very Jewelry, Don Butkovich Antiques and Appraisals, Wally's Clocks, The Lotus Gallery, Edna Tillman and Leonard Berry, Big Beaver Antiques, House of Memories Antiques, Crimson Rose Antiques, and Aimee of Dearborn.

The St. James Cafe will offer lunch, snacks and dinner. Door prizes donated by Birmingham merchants will be featured.

The idea for the antiques show began with Barbara Stokel of Birmingham, Taylor said.

The show raised more than \$18,500 last year, which went to projects both in and out of the parish.

Among these were Mariner's Inn, St. Anne's Mead, the University of Michigan and Michigan State University chaplaincies, and the Bill Bones Outreach Fund.

The show also supported the St. James J2A Pilgrimage Fund, which allowed young people to make a pilgrimage to Alaska and will provide future funding for the pilgrimage next year.

"The timing is very good," Taylor said.

"It's a reminder for everybody that spring is going to be sometime soon."

Interview building contractors thoroughly before hiring them

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Short and sweet may be great for giving speeches, but long and bland are more apt descriptors for how to conduct contractor interviews.

Homeowners – often in a rush to get a project started – will cut short the critical give-and-take process between themselves and the candidates in line for contracts that are worth tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars.

According to The Associated Press House of the Week booklet, *What You Should Ask Potential Contractors* (\$5.99 by visiting aphouseoftheweek.com or by calling (877) 228-2954), when homeowners are too soft on contractors or skip the hard questions, they open a Pandora's box "rife with possibilities for miscommunication, cost overruns, and finger pointing."

In the absence of a formal interview, the consumer only kicks the tires and misses what's beneath the hood. The worst case scenario is homeowners don't learn all they need to know and the contractor has no opportunity to tell his side of the story.

Booklet authors recommend consumers go well beyond contractor availability and workmanship to delve into a range of broader issues from reputation to financial acumen to communication skills.

Here's a sampling of soup-to-nuts topics both sides should prepare for:

- Quality of work and job experience
- Professional licenses and insurance
- Scope of work
- Budget and materials
- History of liens
- Consumer and contractor expectations
- Communication
- A face-to-face interview

projects the homeowner attitude that their project is more than a low-bid proposition.

Likewise, professional contractors will seize the interview as a chance to show their professional skills and business abilities.

The interview is the first step in what may be a protracted professional relationship. As is noted in the booklet,

"Too often, the homeowner mistakes contractors as only hired workers or project overseers, when in fact a contractor should be viewed as combination counselor, project overseer, materials expert and cost-control coordinator."

"Even in housing markets where contractors can be hard to find, you need to satisfy yourself that all questions are answered before work starts. Don't assume anything. Better to ask early than be surprised later."

Group questions in writing by subject category. There's no harm in supplying the contractor with the topic list in advance.

In fact, good contractors – those with established, reputable businesses – will gladly answer questions. Real pros welcome inquiries because it helps weed out contractors who may skirt answers or pursue jobs based on price alone.

Such preparation serves several purposes.

Homeowners give themselves a consistent basis to judge the pluses and minuses of multiple contractor candidates.

Quality contractors may also raise points on materials or construction practices the homeowner may have no reason to know about.

E-mail questions on homeowner-contractor relations to david.bradley@aphouseoftheweek.com.



Resolve to keep alert for the unique. Monte Nagler took this unusual photo on Belle Isle.

Develop these resolutions for new year

A new year is upon us. As you make up your list of resolutions, don't forget to include your photography. If you found a new camera under the Christmas tree,



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

resolve to thoroughly read the instruction manual and familiarize yourself with all controls and functions. Check out existing equipment to make sure everything is in good working order. Resolve to change all batteries in your cameras to avoid a possible future problem.

Been procrastinating on insurance for your camera gear? Resolve this year to check into an insurance policy. Premiums are inexpensive when compared with the financial and emotional losses if some of your equipment is damaged, lost or stolen.

Resolve to take one of the many excellent photography classes or workshops that are available throughout the area. Or treat that budding photographer in the family to a class to get the photography juices flowing.

Resolve to enter a photography contest this year. There are many offered in the area. Unusual photographs with high emotional impact often place well and, of course, if you don't enter, you'll never know how well that special shot might have done.

Resolve to organize all your prints and negatives. Then, if you want to make an enlargement, the negative is at your fingertips.

And speaking about enlargements, have some of your favorite shots blown up and framed and get them on the wall. Having photographs to see every day will keep you inspired and will encourage you to photograph even more.

Resolve to photograph different subjects and in different conditions. If you've never taken rural country scenes, now is the time to start. Or if you've never taken close-ups of nature, why not begin now? You may awaken interests and hidden talent you never knew were there.

Resolve to take in more photography exhibits this

year, look at more photography books and closely study and analyze photos you see every day. If you do, you'll be pleasantly surprised at how much you can learn.

And finally, resolve to not be just a fair weather photographer. Foggy, misty days will give an element to your pictures that no other weather conditions will. And don't let winter weather keep you inside. Resolve to bundle up and head outdoors to capture some of winter's fantastic scenes on film. To all readers and friends, best wishes for a happy and photo-filled 2004.

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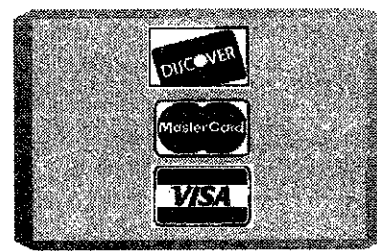
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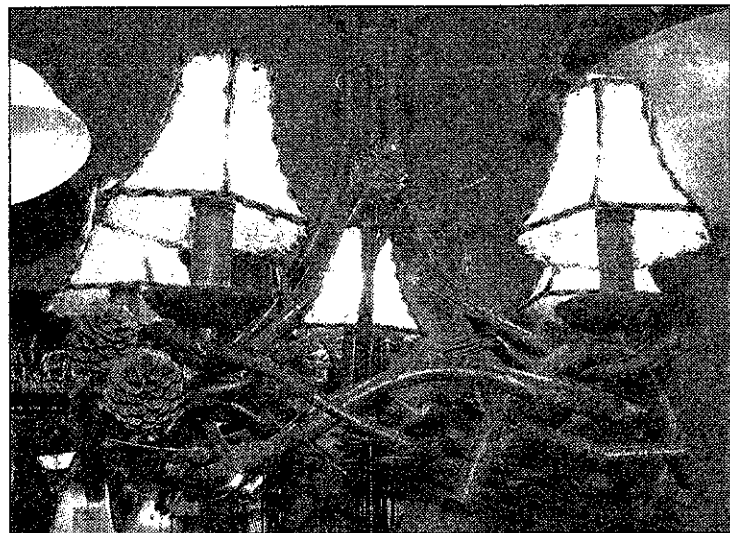
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Many homeowners want designers to help re-create that lodge theme in the home.

Colors trends are less conservative

Designers are also looking at new trends in everything from paint colors to lighting.

In colors, brown is the new black, according to Terry Samuels, owner of Interiorspace of West Bloomfield and Designer on Call at the Michigan Design Center in Troy.

"People are less conservative about paint," she said.

"Red is popular on walls right now, and citrus colors are used more often in contemplative settings.

"You're seeing very little use of wallpapers, and a lot of glazing and stria," Samuels said.

Stria is a finish that uses one color, then is mixed with thin layers of a very thin color and treated vertically or horizontally.

Sometimes lighting is "whimsical," said John Wohl, interior designer with TVI Design in Royal Oak.

Lighting is free-spirited, futuristic, retro, or even has an organic, natural feel to it — like pine cones in a hanging light in a lodge-themed home or the grasslike strands extending boldly on a chandelier for a contemporary touch.

"We have clients who want to replicate lodges," Wohl said.

"We're also seeing things from the atomic age and the

space age," Wohl said. "It is reminiscent of World War II."

Iron works in certain chandeliers bring a craftsmanship to lighting.

Silk is also a popular fabric in both traditional and formal settings.

Wohl looks at the patterns on display on racks at Baker Furniture at the MDC and runs through the floral patterns.

"It looks like it is right out of a Target ad," Wohl said. "It captures the younger spirit of the marketplace.

"It's not really the flower power of the '60s as it is not psychedelic, but it is just as fun."

These patterns can be used in bedrooms, kitchens and bathrooms, or even sunrooms.

More homeowners are looking at more detail in the kitchen, according to Samuels.

Homeowners are opening up that room, buying more beautiful wood cabinets and using natural stone and slate instead of ceramic tile, Samuels said.

The stone and slate is generally used in kitchens and baths, but you will also see it in foyers, too.

Consumers like stainless steel because it has a sleek look and is easy to care for, Samuels said.



Mahogany wood, shown in this table and chairs at Baker, Knapp and Tubbs at the Michigan Design Center in Troy, remains the popular choice in furniture for homeowners seeking a contemporary setting.

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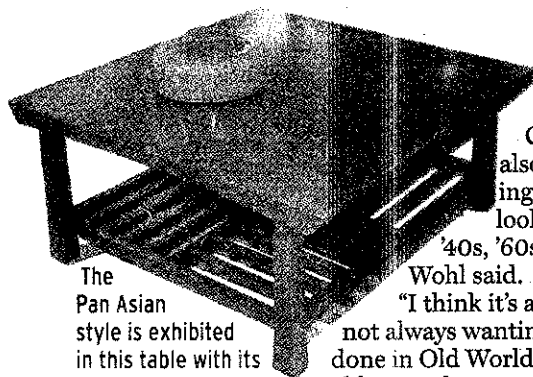
homeowners hunker down and spend more time with furniture and furnishings, so it's important they enjoy time inside their homes with their color, style and even lighting choices.

They don't always stick to strictly contemporary, either.

"Eclectic rooms remain the most popular," Samuels said. "(Homeowners are) doing their own thing, rather than adhering to one style."

Eclectic can be reflected in choices of accessory pieces. Interior designers and consumers are seeing a "flood" of accessories that they can use in the home, according to John Wohl, interior designer with TVI Design in Royal Oak.

"You have beautiful decorative items on the market where you once had to go to antique auctions or flea markets to get," said Wohl. "But you're not always getting the quality and the fine craftsmanship you once had."



The Pan Asian style is exhibited in this table with its simple, yet sturdy, structure.

Consumers also are looking at retro looks from the '40s, '60s and '70s, Wohl said.

"I think it's a reaction to not always wanting (décor) done in Old World, but to be able to embrace a new pop culture."

Consumers may want nothing more than a cast bronze piece to add a little elegant figure to the room.

It all depends on the mood, designers note.

Designers also are noting the huge Pan Asian influence in homes. "Part of it has to do with the Zen-like cultural influences and from inspiration," said Wohl. "That vein is coming out in the furniture and you're seeing a little more of that meditative, contemplative influence."

And Asian is popular.

"You look at pictures of rooms in homes in the *New York Times*, and you will see these simple (furniture) designs," Wohl said.

"One of the most important



John Wohl points out a little "flower power" in some retro patterns and colors available for bathrooms.



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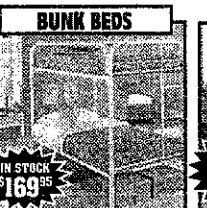


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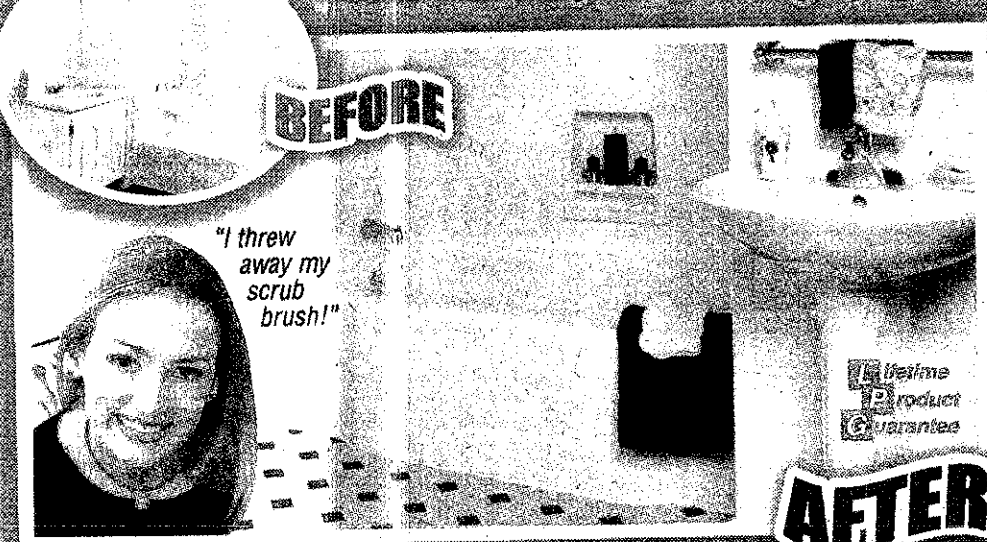
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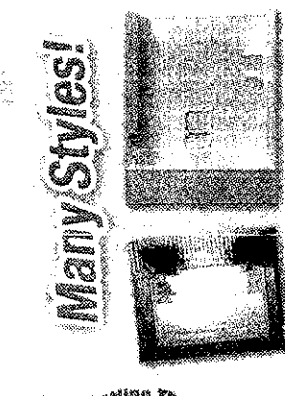
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Legally downloading music just got more affordable

For the last several years, we've all enjoyed a free lunch of downloadable music, served with a side of



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

schadenfreude, from the likes of Napster, Morpheus and KaZaa. (Take that, greedy record labels!) It's time to pay up.

It's not that the aforementioned services are shutting down (actually, they're likely to stick around

indefinitely), it's that the recording industry has finally cooked up fair, flexible, affordable alternatives.

How affordable? You can now buy songs online for 99 cents apiece or albums for \$9.99.

Sometimes less.

How flexible? You can burn your songs to CDs and copy them to compatible portable devices (more on that in a minute).

How fair? In most cases there are no subscription fees — you pay for music entirely a la carte.

To put it another way, the new online music stores cater

to customers, not record companies. They're not perfect, but they're accommodating and inexpensive enough to make you think twice before you steal another song.

I did. Just before the holidays, my wife mentioned how much she'd love to have the *Les Misérables* soundtrack. I wasn't about to venture into a mall three days before Christmas, so I thought I'd investigate my online options.

First stop: Wal-Mart (yes, Wal-Mart). The discount retailer had just unveiled its own music-download store (musicdownloads.walmart.com), this one offering songs for

just 88 cents each.

In fact, most albums sell for just \$9.44, which is what I paid for the 17-track soundtrack.

That's 55 cents per song. It took me all of 10 minutes to download them, and I had no worries about the quality or content of each file (as I would with a file-sharing service).

Wal-Mart, the newly reborn Napster (www.napster.com), and MusicMatch (www.musicmatch.com) deliver songs in the Windows Media Audio, or WMA, format. Apple's iTunes Music Store (www.apple.com/itunes) uses the lesser-known AAC format.

Notice that MP3 wasn't mentioned anywhere in there.

As a result, you may not be able to copy your new songs to your MP3 player, PDA, or other portable devices. Depends on the service, depends on the device.

Fortunately, there's an easy remedy: Burn your songs to a CD, then rip them from that CD to the MP3 format. Now you've got unrestricted MP3 files you can copy to any portable player.

Sure, it's an extra step, but at least it's legal. You paid for the music. You should be able to listen to it how and where you please.

On the other hand, you shouldn't have to pay \$17 for a CD with only two or three songs you like. Thanks to the new online music stores, those days are over. You can buy just the songs you want, and for a fair price. It's time to stop rationalizing theft and do the right thing.

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Tips help make painting job easier

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Here are a few tips to make your next painting job a little easier:

Start by protecting not-to-be-painted surfaces.

Next, fix holes and damaged areas by using a vinyl spackling compound; apply it with a putty knife. If the wall is textured, use texture touchup in a spray can.

For painting, start with the ceiling and use a brush to cut in where the ceiling meets the walls, and a roller to finish the rest; the procedure is the same with walls.

If you will be painting the next day, save cleanup time by wrapping the rollers in plastic wrap and placing them in the refrigerator overnight.

The next morning, you will be ready to roll.

I do not like cooking all the time but I seem to spend a lot of time in my kitchen. Every morning I need to figure out what to fix for dinner, not to mention breakfast and



Domestic Planner
Diana Koenig

lunch. I dread trips to the grocery store and worst of all, I cook the same things over and over again. Do you have any suggestions?

Meals can be relaxing and provide a good environment for social interaction. We do,

however, spend an enormous amount of time in food preparation.

If you plan ahead, you will accomplish more in a day.

Planning three healthy meals and snacks seven days a week for a family of any size is a huge task. It is imperative you have a fast, workable system to limit the amount of time you spend on meals. It is also important that the meals you plan are nutritious and appealing. Preparation and creative ideas will result in feeding your family in a fast, efficient, and healthy way.

Plan menus a week in advance by writing down the meals you will be preparing for each day of the week. If your children are older, they can prepare their own food for breakfast and lunch. Make nutritious food available for your family to prepare these two meals.

For breakfast have available cold and hot foods such as: Various cereals, muffins, bagels, bread for toast, fruit, oatmeal, eggs and frozen pancakes. Occasionally, you may want to prepare a hot breakfast and cook everyone's favorite dish. The following food items are available for lunch; peanut butter, jelly, cheese, lunch meat, bread, yogurt, apple sauce, fruit, soups, chip snacks, sweet snacks, salad and dinner leftovers.

Teach your daughters and sons to cook. At age 11, one of my sons began cooking oatmeal and frying eggs. He was proud of his ability to prepare his own hot breakfast and choose to eat when he wanted to. He also taught me how important it is to offer periodic refresher courses in cooking. I taught him how to prepare oatmeal using the stove method. He liked the idea of cooking and loved oatmeal so he cooked it every day. One day when I was shopping at the grocery store there was a sale on microwave oatmeal so I bought some. I told him about

my purchase but failed to give him other information he needed for breakfast the next morning.

He prepared his oatmeal in the microwave the same way he prepared it on top of the stove, using the same metal pan.

We awoke the next morning to our daughter's scream and the smell of burnt plastic. The smell lingered for days and we lived without a microwave for two months.

Despite the occasional mishaps, you can depend on your family to prepare some of their meals, as they depend on you to keep the pantry stocked. Make a list of everything you need for the week and then go to the grocery store. Shop during off peak traffic and shopping times, usually early morning or late evening. Keep a supply of brownie and cake mixes and a freezer full of quick meals.

You will be ready for unexpected dinner guests. This method also proves useful on nights when you need an instant meal for your family because of meetings, dance lessons, or sports activities.

Dinner is the meal you are probably responsible to cook. If you work outside the home you will need easy dinner preparations. Listed below are the things to do to make dinner efficient, different and delicious.

■ Prepare a meal in the crockpot for evenings you do not have time to cook. It is quick and easy to put meat in the crockpot and pour barbecue sauce or soup on top.

■ My husband barbecues two times a month. He does the meat while prepare the rest of the meal. I must plan ahead on the evenings my husband barbecues because he becomes frustrated if I have not fully defrosted the meat. It is especially hard for him to make hamburgers out of partially frozen ground beef. Not only is it hard to form patties from icebergs, but they are cold on the hands and fall apart on the grill.

■ Go out for dinner once a month. Search for coupons so you can get a discounted or free meal. There are six of us so 'buy one get one free' is a great deal.

■ Make your meals new and exciting but also keep time and cost at a minimum. Cook at least one new dinner meal a week so you can introduce your family to new foods. This will broaden their eating habits.

This is important but also a difficult task with children. When my children were young, I was frustrated with the limited number of foods they would try. To put it quite simply, they were 'picky eaters.' One day I decided to plan a meal in which each family member

would eat everything.

Corn was the first item suggested but only five out of the six of us like corn. We discussed pork chops but only four people liked pork.

Choosing our bread for the meal seemed easy but we soon found out some of us liked wheat and some liked white.

Finally, after a long discussion we came up with a meal everyone would eat. The meal consisted of French fries, applesauce, and vanilla ice cream. I decided we had a lot to learn about eating nutritious food. Everything on the menu does not have to be new but prepare at least one new dish or a different version of something you have prepared before. Leftovers can provide a fast meal. Do not use the word 'leftovers.' Your family may not like leftovers so you can creatively disguise leftovers.

For example: Take leftover chicken off the bone and make a noodle casserole.

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I received an e-mail from Carol who asked me for advice about the registration card she received with a new blender she received during the holidays. She writes: "I recently



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

read something you wrote about the necessity of sending in warranty registration cards. To answer all of the questions asked, I feel my privacy is being violated by total strangers. I don't think it is any of their business how much money I earn per year. Is this legal?"

In a previous column I pointed out the importance of sending in registration cards for one particular reason, and that is in case there is ever a recall on the product you have. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission takes a strong stand on companies who put out a product which can cause harm to any person and even a tougher stance on those manufacturers who can't identify who owns their products.

Several times each year we read or hear about something that is being recalled but not everyone reads the newspaper or watches the news. An example of that is the defective dip tube on the hot water tanks produced from 1993 through 1996. Only some 4 million homeowners had them repaired free of charge while another 18 million didn't know a thing about it. That warranty registration card puts the responsibility right on the back of the company to make you aware of any product recall. That fact alone could very well be a determination in a legal case where the unit breaks.

While reading your e-mail, I went under the Christmas tree and pulled out the registration cards from some of the gifts my children gave me. (I like to leave things opened under the tree because it helps me remember what a beautiful feeling I get every Christmas morning.) As I am looking at two different registration cards, I am amazed at how brazen these companies are.

We know certain telemarketers and companies pay to obtain mailing lists. I quote you a statement made on one of these registration: "(The cards) will also allow you to receive important mailings and special offers from a number of fine companies whose products and services relate directly to the specific interests, hobbies, and other information indicated above." In other words if you answer all of their questions, you can expect to get all sorts of unsolicited literature that will fill your mail box every week.

This particular company doesn't even try to hide the fact that they are going to create gain by giving away your private information.

Yes, Carol, I can understand why you would be concerned about sending them answers to very private information. Here are some of the requests for information I'm reading on only two registration cards: your date of birth, marital status, the gender and age of others in your house, your occupation, individual or family's annual income, level of education, which credit cards are used, whether you own or rent a home, or own a computer. Of course, they want your e-mail

address and they also want to know whether you contribute to charitable causes.

And there's still a whole lot more. The one question that really gets me is the one where they ask you what you plan to do in the next six to 12 months. Get married, have a baby, buy a house and buy a car?

Just to point out the nerve they have let me point out another sentence. They write, "Returning this registration card is the ONLY WAY to GUARANTEE you will be notified of any substantive issues that arise concerning this product."

This is simply not true. Under the direction of the U.S. Product Safety Commission, the public will be notified through several media under the direction of the U.S. Product Safety Commission of any problem with a product catching fire or proven to cause harm.

The way I fill out these forms is as follows: I print my name, address, date of purchase, the model and the serial number.

That is all I will send to them. Identity theft and revealing too much personal information are issues we deal with every day.

Is it any wonder why so many people don't read instruction booklets that come with products? We are afraid to even open the envelope.

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

Walkabouts one way to cut repair bills

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Mike Turner is aware his neighbors think it's weird that he walks around the outside of his house in pouring rain.

He just wishes more folks would don rain suits for a stroll outside. In Turner's eyes, such walkabouts can save a bundle in home repair costs.

The method to his apparent madness: He's on patrol for small leaks, matted leaves that trap roof moisture, and troublesome gutters. Any small problem that he nips in the bud avoids big repair bills later.

The multitude of items for inspection include warped

shingles, peeling paint or swollen siding, gutters that sag, wood molding that is soft, driveway cracks, fogged windows, warped floors, damp spots in the basement. The list goes on and on.

"Most homeowners are oblivious to what their home looks like when it comes to materials and construction," said Turner of The Home Service Store, a firm that manages home projects for consumers.

"The hidden cavities, wall surfaces and moving parts need to be looked at on a regular basis."

The key words: Take time to focus.

But homeowners rarely

devote specific time to poke and peek around their home. Turner ties his interior and exterior inspections to each season, thereby assuring he'll cover all the bases.

Unless caused by a catastrophic event, most major damage starts small and worsens over time.

"Real problems don't happen in a week but take six or 10 or 18 months to occur," said Turner.

"Slow and steady wins the home repair race."

He believes homeowner hesitance is akin to a conditioned response. Consumers balk because they're not conditioned to maintain a home. Turner points to the automob-

ile industry as one example where consumers have been taught to pay attention to routine maintenance details.

"When the oil is changed in your car, the lube shop puts a sticker on your windshield reminding you when to come back in, or a little light comes on to alert you it's time for service," said Turner.

Not all cues are visual. Some devices, such as pressure-reducing valves that regulate pressure between the public water system and your home water pipes, emit a moaning sound near the end of their service life.

Turner says this should alert the homeowner to call a plumber.

Survey reveals hot attitudes on ironing

(NAPS) - Some people do it in the nude. More people do it in the bedroom than in the kitchen. And a surprising number of people do it as often as twice a week. And the best reason to do it is to make more money.

It seems everyone is getting more and more into... ironing their clothes.

A new survey of consumers conducted by Niagara Spray Starch reveals that Americans are tackling this common household chore in creative ways and interesting places.

Nearly 40 percent of us wield a hot iron either while in our underwear or even in the buff.

Furthermore, more than a third of the population irons in the bedroom, followed by the kitchen and the laundry room.

A little entertainment also helps many ironers pass the time. Listening to music and watching television were among ironers' top choices.

The survey of more than

1,000 adults revealed that more than 70 percent of Americans iron their clothes as often as twice a week, and nearly two-thirds use spray starch. And the results of those efforts, at least in the workplace, are being noticed.

"We found that in an office

environment, more than 75 percent of those surveyed perceived co-workers with wrinkled clothes to be 'sloppy,' and those wrinkles reflected poorly on their performance," said Robert Kaufmann, senior product manager for Niagara.

"And women judged a

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Will You Reach Your Goals This Year?

By: Brian Tracy

What kind of goals do you have set for the new year? Study after study has revealed that the ability to set goals and make plans for their accomplishment is the "master skill" of success. It is the single most important skill that you can learn and perfect. Becoming an expert at goal-setting and goal-achieving is something that you absolutely must do if you wish to fulfill your potential as a human being. Why do so few people set goals? According to the best research, less than three percent of Americans have written goals, and less than one percent review and rewrite their goals on a daily basis. So the reasons why people don't set goals have been of considerable interest to me. I think that there are five basic reasons why people don't set goals. The first reason is that they are simply not serious. Whenever I speak with a man or woman who has achieved something remarkable, I learn that the achievement occurred after that person decided to "get serious." Until you become completely serious and totally determined about your goals, nothing really happens. The second reason why people don't set goals is that they don't understand the importance of goals. We find that young men and women who begin setting goals very early in life invariably come from families in which the importance of goals is emphasized. The discussion that takes place around your family dinner table is one of the most powerful formative influences in your life. If your parents didn't have goals, didn't talk about goals, didn't encourage you to set goals, and didn't talk about people outside the family circle who had goals and were moving toward a higher level of achievement, then you very likely grew up with the idea that goals are not even a part of normal existence. This is the case for most people. And for many years, it was the case for me. The third reason why people don't set goals is because they don't know how to do it. One of the greatest tragedies of our educational system is that you can receive 15 to 18 years of education in our schools and never once receive a single hour of instruction on how to set goals. Yet we find that in certain schools where goal-setting programs have been introduced since first grade, young people become excited about goal-setting - even if the goal is only to increase the scores by 5 or 10 percent over the course of the semester, or to be on time every day in the course of a month. Children become so excited about achieving goals that by the third or fourth grade, they love to go to school. They get the best grades. They are seldom absent. They are excited about themselves and about their lives. So encourage your children to set worthwhile and realistic goals from an early age. The fourth reason why people don't set goals is fear of rejection. The fear of rejection is caused by destructive criticism in early childhood and

is manifested, in adulthood, in the fear of criticism by others. Many people hold back from setting worthwhile goals because they have found that every time they do set a goal, somebody steps up and tells them that they can't achieve it, or that they will lose their money or waste their time. Because each of us is strongly influenced by the opinions of those around us, one of the first things that you must learn when you begin setting goals is to keep your goals confidential. Don't tell anyone about them. Often, it's the fear of criticism that, more than any other single factor, stops you from goal-setting in the first place. So keep your goals to yourself, with one exception. Share your goals only with others who are committed to achieving goals of their own and who really want you to be successful and achieve your goals as well. Other than that, don't tell anybody about your goals, so no one is in a position to criticize you, or to discourage you from setting your goals. The fifth reason why people don't set goals - and perhaps the most important reason of all - is the fear of failure. People don't set goals because they are afraid that they might fail. In fact, the fear of failure is probably the greatest single obstacle to success in adult life. It can hold you back more than any other psychological problem. The primary reason why you fear failure is simply this: You probably do not understand the role that failure plays in achievement. The fact is that it is impossible to succeed without failing. Failure is an indispensable prerequisite for success. All great success is preceded by great failure. If you wish to fulfill your potential, you have to be willing to risk failure over and over and over, because there is no way that you can ever accomplish worthwhile goals until you have fallen on your face so many times that you have eventually learned the lessons that you need for great achievement. In doing research for his classic book *The Law of Success*, Napoleon Hill interviewed more than 500 of the most successful men and women in America. All of them admitted to him that they had achieved their greatest successes just one step beyond the point where they had experienced their greatest failures. A key to succeeding through goal-setting is expecting temporary setbacks and obstacles as inevitable parts of the goal-achieving process. So these are the words and phrases to remember in setting and achieving goals: The first is get to it! Get started; take the first action at hand. The second is opportunity. Begin to prepare yourself now so that you will be ready for the opportunities that will inevitably arise. The third is ability. Resolve to learn what you need to know to live the kind of life you want to live. The fourth word is leadership. Take charge of your time and your life, and accept responsibility for your results. And, finally, stay with it. If you stay with it long enough, nothing can stop you from winning.

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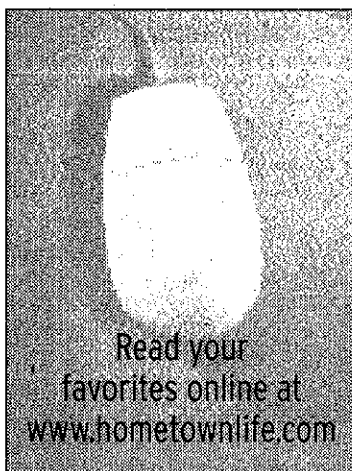
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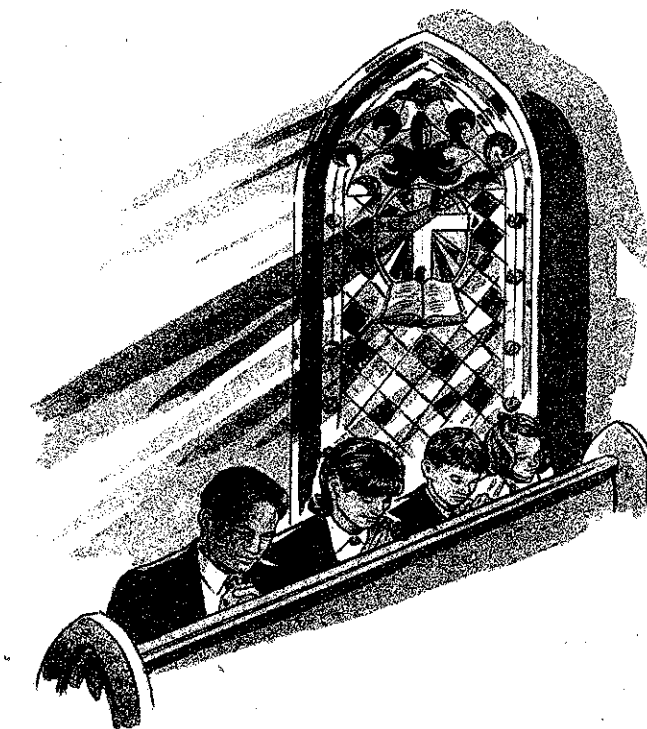
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JANUARY

Visionary ministry

Newly installed Trinity Church of the Brethren Pastor Michael Fletcher sets the tone for a new year with a visionary ministry. On Jan. 11, the Spiritual Challenge service includes a congregational anointing service. On Jan. 18, David Radcliff, director of The New Community Project, a faith-based, nonprofit organization in Illinois, delivers the morning's message at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. His topic, "Wonder Bread," focuses on ways in which Christians can extend God's love to the world around us. The community is welcome at the church at Inkster and West Chicago in Redford. On Feb. 4 (6:30 p.m.), all residents from West Chicago to Joy, and Inkster to Beech Daly, are invited to a meeting to consider the formation of a Neighborhood Association.

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Aerobics classes

Do you need to get your body back in shape following the holidays? Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Rd; Livonia, just north of I-96) is hosting an aerobic class 4 p.m. Thursdays (begin Jan. 8). The instructor is Val Stroup.

The class will run for 6 weeks with the registration fee of \$18 payable at the first class. Contact Linda Hollman at 734-522-6830 to register.

Past time

Make life easier in the New Year by ordering pasties that make great dinners and lunch box treats. Newburg United Methodist Church is making and selling Cornish pasties as a fundraiser. Phone orders will be taken 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 13-14, at (734) 422-0149. Do not leave orders on answering machine. Any orders faxes, e-mailed or left on the machine will be ignored. Cost is \$3 each. Order early. Only 1,000 pasties will be made. Pick up dates are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

Birmingham Bible Institute

Winter semester begins Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Grace Baptist Church, 280 East Lincoln, Birmingham. 22 courses will be taught by well-qualified instructors. Licensed by the Michigan State Board of Education, the institute issues certificates for courses that students have successfully completed. After completing longer study programs, they may earn a diploma in Bible or Christian Work or a certificate of Sign Language. For information and a free brochure, call (248) 646-2000, ext. 10, or visit the Web site at www.gbcbministries.org.

Marriage Enrichment Series

The Samaritan Counseling Center is offering a series of workshops entitled "Building a Shared World: Stages and Cycles of Relationship & Intimacy." The first begins with the topic "Stages and Cycles of Relationship & Intimacy" 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. Cost is \$10 per couple or single person per workshop or \$35 for all four. Call (248) 474-4701 to register. The program is open to all couples or individuals seeking to enhance their intimate relationships and/or lay ministry caregivers working with care

receivers who are struggling with intimate relationship issues.

Comic evening

Comedian Ken Davis will provide a mixture of humor and inspiration that delights and enriches audiences of all ages 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Tickets are \$8, \$32 for a family. Call (248) 374-7400.

Rally for Life

Celebrate life 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Join us to hear inspiring speakers and live music. Enjoy the fellowship of other Pro-lifers. For more information, call Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit at (248) 777-9090.

Single Point Lighthouse Cafe

The Single Adult Ministries present a coffee house with live entertainment 7-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$5. Hot dogs, goodies, and specialty coffees are offered. For more information, call (248) 374-5920. Free child care.

Housing the homeless

Newburg United Methodist Church takes part in an inter-faith rotating shelter program coordinated through Cass-Community Methodist Jan. 24-31. Approximately 60 men, women and children arrive each day at 4 p.m., have dinner and stay until the next morning, leaving after breakfast with a packed lunch to take with them. Newburg church also provides them with a small hygiene kit and an opportunity to obtain coats or other clothing dependent on need and donations available. Donations of new underwear and socks or gently used clothing is appreciated. There are many ways to help. For more information or to volunteer help in coordinating this project, call Barb Trzcinski at (734) 464-7106.

ONGOING

New worship service

Plymouth Baptist Church has added a

second Sunday worship celebration. The new service times are 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs are also provided for both services. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty. For more information, call (734) 453-5534.

Contemporary worship service

11:30 a.m. the fourth Sunday of the month at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-6038.

Worship services

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-1470.

Ablaze Young Adult Ministries

Presented by Detroit World Outreach 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Using cutting edge music, high-tech video and lighting, drama, multi-media, and a relevant message that can change lives, Ablaze is giving young adults ages 18 to 28 the opportunity to meet friends and hang out with people their age. Evening includes a live band, pool tables, ping pong, basketball, and the Motown Cafe in the Freedom Center on the Detroit World Outreach campus, 23800 W. Chicago near Telegraph, Redford. For more information, call (313) 794-0684 or visit the Web site at www.motownministries.org.

Redford Church

Detroit World Outreach, a non-denominational church for all colors at 23800 W. Chicago in Redford, has Sunday services 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. It also offers Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. for all ages. Wednesday night is family night at 7 p.m. Tuesday night it offers a young adult services for ages 18-28 at 7:30 p.m. Bishop Jack C. Wallace is the senior pastor. Call (313) 255-2222 or visit www.dwo.org.

HOME CALENDAR

Quilt presentation

CAMEO Quilt Guild will present Sally Wolff: A Creative Quilter Before Her Time, by Pat Olmsted, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at the UAW International Union Hall in Troy. The UAW International Union Hall is at 1640 Stephenson Highway, just north of 15 Mile (Maple). Guest fee \$5. Call (248) 689-8189 for information. This presentation will feature the extraordinary quilts of Sally Wolff. Wolff, born in 1912, has completed more than 200 quilts entirely by hand. Her craftsmanship and design skill have astounded quilters and quilt collectors alike. A number of Wolff's quilts will be displayed, including the two original quilts that started her quilting career.

The Community House

The Community House in Birmingham presents a variety of classes related to the home. Call (248) 644-5832 for information. In Quilting Made Easy!, six weeks beginning Monday, Jan. 12, learn to complete a laptop quilt in six weeks using a fast and easy method with a few simple rules. Class fee is \$47. A materials fee of \$10 is payable to the instructor. Additional materials will be needed throughout the sessions; the entire project will cost \$20 to \$25. In The Art of Picture Framing, Tuesdays, Jan. 13-20, expand your hands-on learning of framing techniques. The class fee of \$50 includes an 8-by-10 ready-made frame.

Birmingham Community Education

Birmingham Community Education

offers a variety of classes related to the home. Call (248) 203-3800 for information. The schedule includes Interior Design (fee is \$45), four weeks beginning Monday, Jan. 12; Handpainted Glassware (\$45), Monday, Jan. 12; Mosaic Mirror (\$99), four weeks beginning Monday, Jan. 12; Handpainted Furniture (\$99), four weeks beginning Tuesday, Jan. 13; Wednesday, Jan. 14, or Thursday, Jan. 15; Dog Obedience (\$49), eight weeks beginning Tuesday, Jan. 13; Laptop Quilt (\$45), six weeks beginning Thursday, Jan. 15; and One-day Workshop for Furniture Painting (\$99), Saturday, Jan. 17.

Interior design

Class offerings in the College for Creative Studies Continuing Education program include Elements of Interior

Design, 10 Saturdays beginning Jan. 31 (fee is \$275). Call (313) 664-7670 for information. An overview of the field of interior design, the course will show the methods used to create a room that is physically, visually and intellectually satisfying. Instruction will include the basic principles of space planning, drafting, color theory and materials and finishes. Students will work toward creating a finished residential room.

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

GARDEN CALENDAR

Enhancing decor

English Gardens will present free gardening seminars 1 p.m. Saturdays at each of its five metro Detroit stores this winter. Enhancing Your Interior Decor will be the topic Jan. 10. Is the house is looking a little bare after the holiday decorations have been packed away? Don't despair. English Gardens experts have a host of ideas to brighten your home, from fresh flowers and tropical plants to silk flowers and decorative accents. For more information about the seminars, call the stores in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; Clinton Township, (586) 286-6100; or Eastpointe, (586) 771-4200. For the nearest English Gardens location, call (800) 335-GROW, or visit the Web site at www.englishgardens.com.

Troy Garden Club

The Troy Garden Club will meet noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Big Beaver United Methodist Church, 3753 John R, just south of Wattles Road in Troy. Gail Morrell (Dudzinski), the owner of a garden maintenance company and an instructor for the Michigan School of Gardening, will give a presentation discussing the year-round maintenance of a perennial garden

and the right tools for the job. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation \$3. Reservations aren't required. For more information, call Rita at (248) 540-4249.

Royal Oak Garden Club

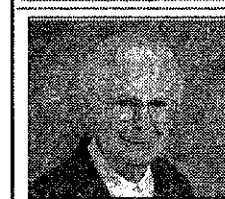
The Royal Oak Garden Club will meet 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, in the Royal Oak Public Library Auditorium, 222 E. 11 Mile. Robbin from Blumz by JR Designs will speak on the mathematics of plants - multiplication and division of the plants we love to grow and share with others. The public may attend. The club regularly meets 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month in the Royal Oak library. For more information, e-mail Cheri Martin at camlmartin@aol.com, or contact club president Rose Kudron by phone, (248) 288-4380, or e-mail, rkudron@yahoo.com.

Michigan Orchid Society

The Michigan Orchid Society will meet 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits in Birmingham. The meeting will feature American Orchid Society judge Alex Challis, who will talk about orchids of Japan and the Tokyo Orchid Show. Flowering orchids will be on display. Experts will be available to answer questions about growing orchids. The public may attend. Admission is free.

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Sister Mary Dennis Mooney, RSM
Sister of Mercy, Educator, Leader

(Farmington Hills, MI) Sister Mary Dennis Mooney, RSM died on Jan. 6, 2004 at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills. She was born on Jan. 24, 1908 to Henry & Augusta (Nugent) Mooney in Parnell, MI & baptized Martha Elizabeth at St. Patrick's Church. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in 1926 at Mount Mercy in Grand Rapids & was given the name Sister Mary Dennis upon her reception into the order. She spoke perpetual vows on April 15, 1932. Sister Mary Dennis earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mercy College of Detroit & a Master of Arts degree from Notre Dame University. She taught primary & elementary students throughout Michigan for many years & served as principal in several schools. Her teaching & leadership responsibilities took her to Manistee, Grand Haven, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Bay City, Hazel Park, Temperance, Cadillac, Auburn, Hemlock, Grand Rapids, Farmington Hills, Dearborn Heights, Holland & Wyoming, MI. She also taught primary grades in Civis, New Mexico for 4 yrs. Sister Mary Dennis was chosen as a leader of her religious community, later returning to the classroom. She served as a pastoral minister at Holy Name Parish in Farmington Hills for 10 yrs. before retiring to a life of prayer at McAuley Center. Sister Mary Dennis loved her work with children & young people. Her more than 40 yrs. of service to the church presented many challenges as she taught during the Depression, World War II and the postwar years. Her calm, pleasant manner and warm smile welcomed and set everyone at ease. One of the sisters commented, "She was the best principal I ever had," while another noted how much Sister Mary Dennis enjoyed her sisters' company and a good party. She was very close to her family and followed their activities with interest. Sister Mary Dennis is survived by many nieces and nephews and by the members of her religious community. A welcoming prayer service will be held on January 7, 2004 at 3 p.m. at McAuley Center, followed by a scriptural prayer and remembrance at 7 p.m. that evening. The Mass of Resurrection will be held on Friday, January 9, 2004 at 9 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel at McAuley Center. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1405.

RUTH

Charles Palmer (Pal) Former resident of Bloomfield Hills, Palmer, 72, passed away on January 2, 2004, in Rio Rancho, NM. He is survived by his wife Natasha, son Phillip and his wife Eve, Petaluma, CA; son Norman and his wife Sandra, Rio Rancho and three grandchildren, Jasmine, Justin and Tasha. Born in Alliance, OH, Palmer was a graduate of Mt. Union College where he was a member of the Key Club and Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. He did post graduate studies at the University of Michigan. He was a member of the Eike, the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, and a major supporter of the American Red Cross. He will be remembered by friends and family as a compassionate and kind gentleman. Memorial contributions may be sent to: Society for PSP Woodhollow, 1600 Bldg, Suite 515 1638 Green Tree Rd, Baltimore, MD 21208

CONDASH

Elma E. age 87 of Plymouth, passed away December 29, 2003. Mrs. Condash was born October 15, 1916 in Detroit, Michigan. She married George S. Condash, who preceded her in death. She is the dear mother of Linda Condash; Patricia (Orville) Butzin; and the late George "Rusty" Condash. She also leaves two granddaughters, Heather Heide (Ashok Bhatta); and Jennifer Fields; and a nephew, Howard Reed. Memorial contributions may be made to Leader Dogs of the Blind, Box 6000, Rochester, MI 48308, or to Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Rd., Ste. 100, Southfield, MI 48076

DERMINER

Leland E. age 78, January 4, 2004 at his Redford home. Beloved husband of the late Catherine. Dearest father of David (Cynthia) and James (Michelle). Loving grandfather of Aaron, Benjamin and the late Michael. Dear brother of Donald (Helen) and Roy (Myra). Family will greet friends on Friday, January 9 from 10 a.m. until the time of memorial service, 11 a.m. at the Fisher Funeral Home, 24501 Five Mile Redford Twp. 313-535-3030. Final resting place will be Acacia Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills. Memorial contributions to Acacia Hospice, Livonia would be greatly appreciated.



Bressida Age 91, January 4, 2004 at her Redford home. Beloved wife of the late William. Dearest sister of Albena Jones. Dear aunt of Ronald (Geraldine) Heinlein. Loving great aunt of Jeri Enders and Karl Harkness, and grand-aunt of six. Service was held Wednesday, January 7, at the Fisher Funeral Home of Redford Twp. Interment, White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

LEONARD

Martha Bryan, age 88 of Southern Pines and formerly of New Smyrna Beach, FL died Sunday, January 4, 2004. A memorial service will be held in Michigan at a later date with burial to follow in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, MI.

REIGNER

Mollie "Ann." Jan. 2, 2004, age 83. Beloved wife of the late Hal. Beloved mother of Judith (Steven) Crowe, Kenneth, Susan (Michael) Justice and Elizabeth. Dear sister of the late Robert Pocock. Cherished grandmother of 7. Arrangements entrusted to the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home (248-474-5200) Farmington, MI. Memorials suggested to Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Dr. #100, Southfield, MI 48076.

POGUE

Ann E. age 87, Jan. 6, 2004. Beloved wife of Arthur. Loving mother of Charlene (Charles) Reiser and Cheryl Lynn. Dear Grandmother of Chad (Amanda) & Chet. Dear Sister of Livia (Jerry) Baldwin. George (Rosalee) Jidov & James (Betty) Jidov. Visitation Thursday 6am-9pm and funeral service FRIDAY 11am at the CHARLES R. STEP FUNERAL HOME, 18425 Beech Blvd. Rd. (bet 6 & 7 Mile Rds) Interment Glen Eden Cemetery.

BOGG

Maureen M. in Florida, January 4, 2004. Wife of Robert. See detailed obituary @ DesmondFuneralHome.com

Learn about different paint choices

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Here are a few basic painting tips we think will be helpful to you:

When choosing the type of paint to use, remember that oil-based paint is more durable and will last longer

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Television remains a favorite entertainment form Clean up your act to fight germs

The ratings are in—the public thinks television is a prime channel for togetherness and recreation.

More than 50 percent of Americans say that their favorite ways to spend an evening are watching TV and videos and spending time with the family, according to a recent Gallup Poll.

It's no wonder that home entertainment purchases are booming and TV screens are growing by leaps and bounds. According to the Consumer Electronics Association, Americans tripled their spending on home theater systems to nearly \$1 billion a year between 2000 and 2002 and sales of consumer electronics products are projected to soar to a record \$99.5 billion this year.

Even traditional analog televisions are growing at a rapid rate; approximately 52 percent of all analog TV sales in 2003 will be in home theater screen sizes of 25 inches or larger.

No longer just a tube in a box, today's TVs are constantly evolving, with high-definition television (HDTV) projected to replace analog television by the end of 2005. And a host of options continually unfold, including direct-view TVs, LCD TVs, sleek, flat plasma monitors and cinema screens with their 16:9 aspect ratio (or width-to-height proportion)—a far different look from the traditional 4:3 ratio for TV screens.

"No matter what model they choose, Americans value the TV as a family and leisure focal point, and seek ways to integrate it into an attractive, relaxing room setting," says Doug Krieger, design director for Sauder. "Fortunately, form follows function in today's entertainment furnishings, with designs geared specifically for the full range of television options including 36-inch and 40-inch models, 60-inch flat screen sets and cinema screens."

Krieger offers several tips for harmonizing the TV viewing center with the rest of a home's decor.

■ Don't settle for anything less than a perfect fit, Krieger advises. "From trim corner stands to room-spanning home theater units, there's a furniture size and room style to match for every television," he notes.

Check out Sauder's Web site—www.sauder.com—for a complete guide to finding the right-sized and right-styled furniture for your model.

■ Check for safety as well as good looks. Width, depth and weight are all factors that must be considered. A TV that is too large or too heavy can create a safety hazard. Also, because contemporary TVs tend to be more front-heavy than traditional models, furniture should be designed to protect against tipping.

■ Select a furniture design and finish that will enhance the room's decor. A host of

contemporary and traditional designs allow entertainment components to blend gracefully with any decorating scheme.

■ "Seek multi-tasking furnishings that hold more than the television," Krieger advises. Sauder's sleek Premier Line Entertainment Credenza, for example, boasts drawer, cabinet and shelves in one compact unit.

■ Consider furniture with built-in flexibility. Sauder's Lockport Entertainment Center for large-scale TVs, for example, is expandable, allowing for future of ever-widening screens.

■ Incorporate electronic games and home videos into viewing sessions for variety and for increased family interaction, Krieger suggests.

"There's no limit to the shared good times that today's technology can foster," he says, "and creating a congenial family viewing center can add to the comfort and pleasure of at-home leisure."

(NAPS) — According to a new consumer survey of daily household cleaning habits, many Americans may be putting their families at risk without even knowing it.

Brillo® worked closely with Dr. Philip M. Tierno, the director of clinical microbiology and immunology at New York University Medical Center, to develop the survey, which ultimately revealed that not only are many of our regular cleaning habits ineffective, they may actually be making the situation worse.

For example, nearly half of all consumers allow the dust to collect in their vacuum for more than six months, and nearly three out of four wait more than a month before disinfecting indoor garbage cans.

According to respondents, the most alarming issue involves an item used every day in millions of homes across the country: the sponge. More than half of all consumers keep

their kitchen sponge for more than one month.

Kitchen sponges and scrubbers are the single most infectious source of bacteria in the home, and its potential danger doubles over time.

The sponge has been traced to the spread of five major food-borne germs — salmonella, E. coli, campylobacter, clostridium perfringens and staphylococcus.

These bacteria infect more than 7 million Americans a year, making them feel as if they've been struck with the flu or worse. In some instances, food-borne bacteria can even kill.

Tierno has taken the survey information and identified a simple way people can help curtail the spread of household germs and bacteria:

■ Toss the sponge — Ideally, to avoid the growth of dangerous bacteria, consumers shouldn't keep a sponge for longer than one week.

Plants cheer up dark corners

BY LEE REICH
AP WEEKLY FEATURES

The darkest days are upon us, making the darkest rooms that much darker. Let's cheer up those dark rooms with living plants and let's avoid using artificial lights in the process.

Artificial light is of limited use, either because plants must be set within just a few inches of them or because they cast an eerie glow over plants and furniture.

In either case, darkness might be more hospitable. Artificial lighting does have its place in indoor gardening, but let's put it aside for now.

There are plants that survive long periods in dim light.

Before going any further, let's determine what we mean by "dim."

The traditional measure of light is the foot-candle, the amount of light illuminating a surface 1 foot from a candle.

For comparison, on a sunny,

summer day your garden outdoors is bathed in 10,000 foot-candles, while only about 500 foot-candles peek through an overcast winter sky.

Drop that figure to 25 to 100 foot-candles for a dimly lit corner inside a room.

We must look to the depths of tropical jungles to find plants able to survive these conditions.

Tropical jungles are dense with greenery, with light intercepted by tree canopies, by vines clambering up the trees and by shrubby vegetation nearer the ground.

The needed plants are those found at ground level, perhaps also nestled into the crotches of large tree limbs.

They include maidenhair and birds nest ferns, as well as numerous palms, including the lady, parlor, kentia and bamboo palms. Vining plants also: philodendron, Swedish ivy and grape ivy, the former Scandinavian only in name

and the latter only distantly related to grapes.

Indoors, winter "weather" is dry as well as dark, and the drier and darker it is, the tougher the plants needed.

Some of the plants that are most tolerant of low light and dry air are dracaena, also known as corn plant, Chinese evergreen and the aptly named cast iron plant.

Although they're tough, any of these plants would appreciate a light-filled vacation once a year, or at least every two years. Summer seems most appropriate, because that's when we also are more often outdoors, so the plants won't be missed from their dark corners.

Much as these plants hunger for more light, after months of darkness they can tolerate low doses only. A few months in dappled shade is more than enough to recharge them for more dark days in dark rooms ahead.

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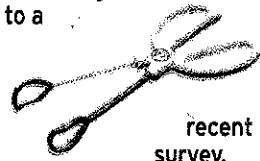
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recent survey. "Thirty-nine percent of the survey respondents say they grill outside even when it's below freezing," said Shaun Chinsky, of Weber-Stephen Products, which sponsored the 15th annual Weber GrillWatch Survey.

Whether cooking for a Super Bowl Sunday party, on a ski trip or for a family gathering, Chinsky suggests following these tips to ensure a successful winter grilling experience. Be flexible. You should be more flexible with your serving time because it probably will take you longer to grill.

Make sure the food is done. Use a meat thermometer to determine the internal temperature of the food.

Keep it simple. Cook foods that don't require as much attention, such as steaks, burgers and fish, which usually only require one quick flip.

Maintain consistent heat. Try not to lift the lid any more than necessary, because cold gusts blowing into the grill lowers the cooking heat.

Take advantage of the hot grill by cooking vegetables for side dishes, or try winter squash, potatoes and root vegetables. Grill whole or cut in half. Use the indirect grilling method to intensify the flavor of the vegetables. Use a heated platter. Don't put the meat on a cold plate that's been sitting outside next to the grill.

Matching up

Football and beer go together like baseball and hot dogs, but what about football and wine?

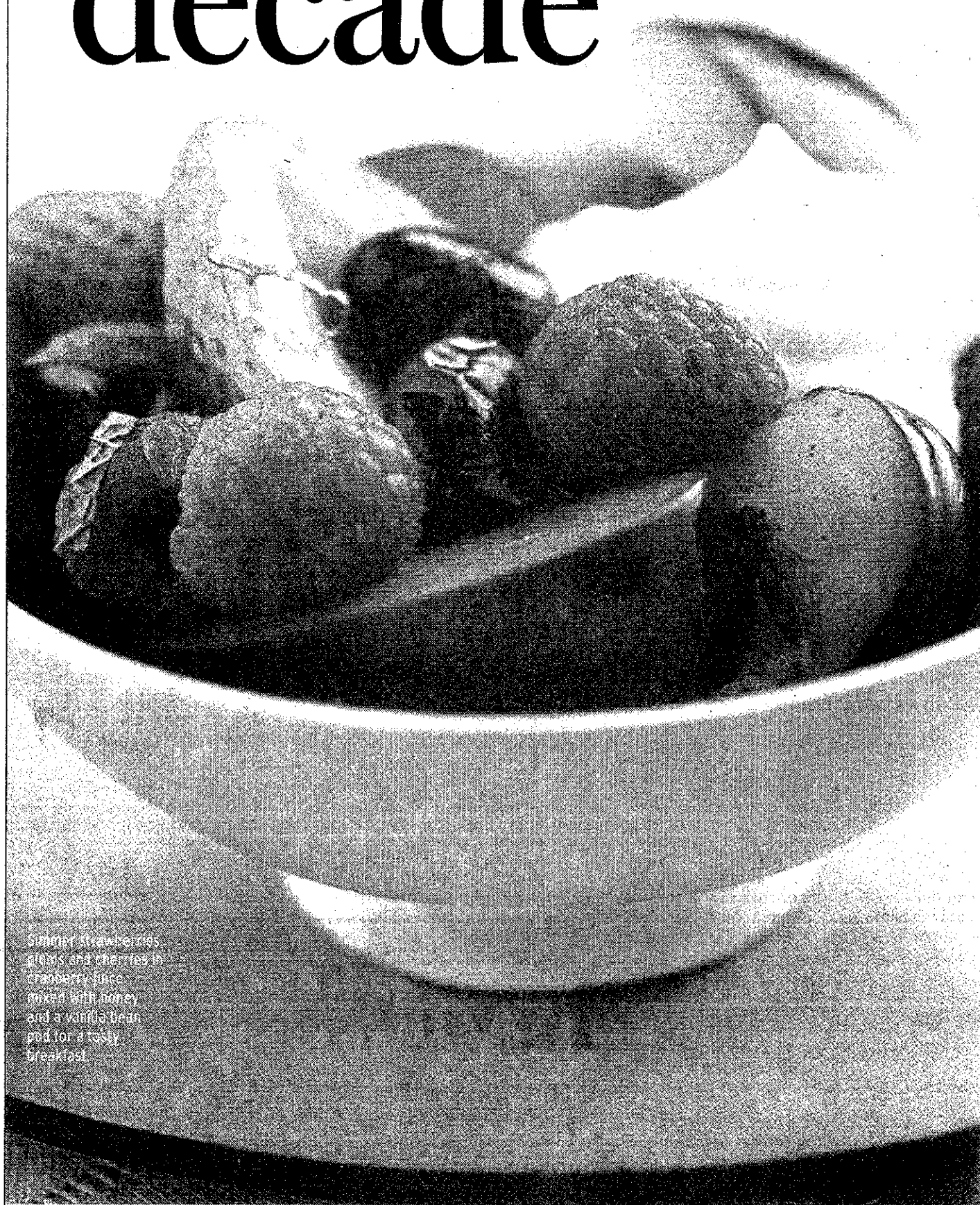
Traditionally wine is often benched for football Sundays, but if you prefer to serve something a step up from suds, a nice glass of cabernet sauvignon might be a nice change of pace. Look at the food you will be serving and select wines that will support the "food team" well. The flavors of the food and the wine should interact together and not overpower each other. The rich sauce and spiciness of buffalo wings would play well with something like a cabernet sauvignon or a shiraz-cabernet.

Watching movies

Italian food is one of America's favorite cuisines, and watching movies is a favorite American pastime. Why not throw your own dinner and a movie party?

Barilla, the Italian food company, and the TBS Superstation show *Dinner and a Movie* have teamed up to celebrate the best in Italian food and film. To help get you started, you can find recipe and movie ideas at www.barillaandamovie.com.

Delicious decade



Summer squash, zucchini, onions and tomatoes in a cranberry juice marinade with honey and a vanilla bean pod for a tasty breakfast.

Cookbook celebrates 10 years of Food Network

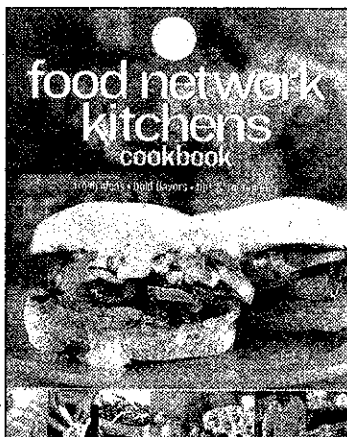
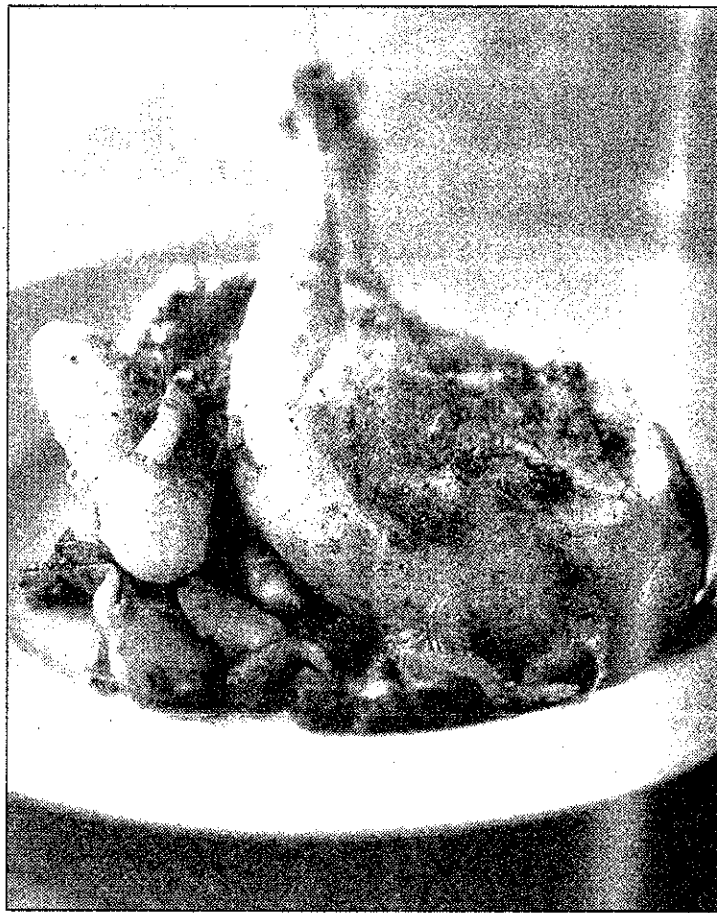
Since 1993, the chefs and cooks on the Food Network have sautéed, braised, roasted and fried their way through 30,000 recipes in pursuit of delicious dishes.

Now with a decade under the network's belt, the network has released the *Food Network Kitchens Cookbook* (Meredith Press, Des Moines, Iowa, \$29.95).

The 288-page book reflects much of the 10 years of cooking on the Food Network, best described as Modern American. The book emphasizes simplicity in the more than 160 recipes from morning foods, meats and poultry to noodles, beans and grains and sweets, pulled from the 11,000 cooking shows telecast on the cable network.

The Food Network has helped change the way Americans cook, what they eat

PLEASE SEE COOKBOOK, D3



PHOTOS BY FOOD NETWORK KITCHENS COOKBOOK

Above, sage, rosemary, thyme and onions add depth to roasted chicken. At left, a new cookbook celebrates the best recipes and tips collected from the Food Network's ten years on the air.

These wines from Tuscany are on the cutting edge

With the mention of chianti, centuries-old buildings and lengthy Tuscan history come to mind. Grabbing our interest was the discovery that Tenuta Sette Ponti in Tuscany's Arno River Valley had produced chianti only since the late 1950s.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Researching further, we learned that the winery name is easily explained by the seven bridges (sette ponti) that cross the Arno River between the towns of Arezzo and Florence.

The estate has a long history, not as storied, perhaps, as Ponte Buriano, the first of the seven bridges across the Arno, built in the mid-13th century and noticeable in the background of Leonardo DaVinci's *Mona Lisa*. Look closely! You'll see it.

WINE PICKS

Tenuta Sette Ponti wines dazzled us, but the following wines in our recent Tuscany taste-off showed well.

■ 2000 Tenuta San Guido Guidalberto IGT Toscana Rosso, about \$52, is a knockout blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot and sangiovese. Collectors should note that this is the first wine since the international hit wine Sassicaia that this producer has debuted.

■ 2000 Nozzole Il Pareto (\$65), intense cabernet sauvignon.

■ 1998 Cabreo Il Borgo (\$42), 70 percent sangiovese and 30 percent cabernet sauvignon.

■ 2001 Spalletti Chianti DOCG (\$10), a steal at this price.

All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

Tenuta Sette Ponti was originally the estate of Italian King Victor Emanuele III. In 1957, it was purchased from the king's daughters by Dr. Antonio Moretti for a family estate. Although grape growing is not new to the mixed agriculture of the property, wine-making is.

Until 1997, grapes from the estate's vineyards were purchased by renowned Tuscan producers such as Antinori. The association led Dr. Moretti to ask proprietor Piero Antinori if he believed the estate could produce outstanding wines. Antinori thought it could.

Here's why: Hand-terraced vineyards, occupying 150 acres, at altitudes between 600 and 900 feet, rooted in

soils containing the renowned rocky galestro stones of chianti, are the grape source for Tenuta Sette Ponti wines.

The 2001 Tenuta Sette Ponti Crognolo (\$35) is a blend of 90 percent sangiovese and 10 percent merlot from vines averaging 25 to 35 years old. Depthful color in the glass leads to concentrated dark cherry, plum and black raspberry aromas and flavors. Kissed with a hint of fine leather and vanilla, this is one satisfying wine.

The name Crognolo comes from cornus, a wild bush which grows on the estate.

A new planting of 68 acres in 1997, 1999 and 2000 to sangiovese, merlot and cabernet sauvignon, indicates that Dr. Moretti is pleased with the harmony shown in 2000 Tenuta Sette Ponti Oreno (\$90), a blend of all three varieties in an international style. Average vine age is between 15 and 20 years. Dense color suggests a wine of concentration and power, well-delivered by the cabernet sauvignon fraction. Black raspberry, roast coffee and chocolate spark aromas with nuances of dark cherry and brown spices. Powerful, generous, lively and rich flavors last long into the finish of this outstanding Super Tuscan wine.

Oreno stems from the name of a stream running through the property.

With both wines, Tenuta Sette Ponti adds a cutting-edge dimension to the Chianti region and served notice that it is ready to compete on the highest levels with the legendary and dominant names in Tuscany.

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Stew beef, roast vegetables for your gathering



Festive, fabulous beef stew with cranberries and roasted root vegetables can be your menu centerpiece for the holidays.

The winter season offers so many opportunities for entertaining. Don't miss out on having people over just because preparing a meal seems too time consuming. Instead, simplify, and make a spectacular dinner.

Festive, fabulous beef stew with cranberries and roasted root vegetables is the menu centerpiece. Not only does it look and taste delicious, it gives you the time (and energy) to relax and enjoy the evening. Plus, there's an extra easy time-saving version of the recipe.

The beets, parsnips and onions roast in the oven while the beef simmers on the stove top. For extra convenience, you can prepare both the vegetables and the beef a day in advance, refrigerate, then

reheat them together at serving time.

Simmering a stew is so simple. Brown the beef pieces, add the seasonings and liquid and cover the pan tightly. Simmer gently until the beef is fork tender.

But wait, the easier version is equally delicious; it just requires less time. Start with a fully-cooked pot roast, cut into pieces, and simmer with the wine, broth and thyme-but only for 10 minutes. Combine the beef with roasted vegetables, and the stew is ready.

Complete the party menu with warm crusty rolls and a mixed green salad. Use packaged greens, tossed with fresh orange segments, candied almonds (packaged in the nut section or produce section of the supermarket) and a pre-

pared balsamic vinaigrette.

Pour a hearty red wine and sparkling water to drink. Finish with coffee and eggnog, holiday cookies and truffles.

Your guests will appreciate the delicious, leisurely-paced meal, an oasis in the midst of the hectic holiday pace.

BEEF STEW WITH CRANBERRIES & ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES

2 pounds beef for stew, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 tablespoon olive oil
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
3 cups ready-to-serve beef broth
1/2 cup dry red wine
1 tablespoon dried thyme leaves
2 tablespoons cornstarch dissolved in 1/4 cup water
1/3 cup dried cranberries

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES:

10 peeled and trimmed baby red beets, cut in half or 4 peeled and trimmed medium red beets, cut into 1-inch pieces
2 large parsnips, cut lengthwise in half, then crosswise into 2-inch long pieces
2 cups cipollini onions, cut in half or frozen pearl onions
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

Heat oil in large saucepan over medium heat until hot. Brown beef in batches with garlic; pour off drippings. Return beef to pan; season with salt and pepper. Stir in broth, wine and thyme; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover pan tightly and simmer 1-3/4 to 2 hours or until beef is fork-tender. Meanwhile heat oven to 425°F. Oven 30 minutes. Remove foil; coat vegetables evenly with balsamic vinegar. Continue roasting, uncovered, 10-15 minutes or until vegetables are fork-tender. Stir cornstarch mixture into stew; cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened and bubbly. Stir in vegetables and cranberries. Sprinkle with parsley. Makes 6 servings.

Cook's tips: Two pounds boneless beef chuck or round cut into 1-inch pieces can be substituted for the beef for stew.

Beef and vegetables can be prepared up to two days ahead of time, refrigerated separately and reheated just before serving. Prepare recipe as directed above, omitting the cornstarch mixture, cranberries and parsley. When it is time to reheat stew, combine beef mixture and vegetables in large saucepan over medium heat. Heat through, stirring occasionally. Stir in cornstarch mixture; cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened and bubbly. Stir in cranberries. Sprinkle with parsley.

Nutrition information per serving: 382 calories; 29g protein; 31g carbohydrate; 16g fat; 616mg sodium; 73mg cholesterol; 4.0mg niacin; 0.5mg vitamin B6; 2.3mcg vitamin B12; 4.3mg iron; 6.3mg zinc.

EASIER BEEF STEW WITH CRANBERRIES & ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES

Total preparation and cooking time: 1 Hour

1 package (24 ounces) fully-cooked beef pot roast with gravy
1 can (13-3/4 to 14-1/2) ready-to-serve beef broth
1/2 cup dry red wine
1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
2 tablespoons cornstarch dissolved in 1/4 cup water
1/3 cup dried cranberries
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Roasted Root Vegetables:
10 peeled and trimmed baby red beets, cut in half or 4 peeled and trimmed medium red beets, cut into 1-inch pieces
2 large parsnips, cut lengthwise in half, then crosswise into 2-inch long pieces
2 cups cipollini onions, cut in half or frozen pearl onions
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

Heat oven to 425°F. Place vegetables on 15x10x1-inch baking pan; drizzle with oil. Cover with aluminum foil. Roast in oven 30 minutes. Remove foil; coat vegetables evenly with balsamic vinegar. Continue roasting, uncovered, 10-15 minutes or until vegetables are fork-tender.

Meanwhile remove pot roast from container, reserving 1/2 cup gravy. Cut pot roast into 1-inch pieces. Combine beef with reserved gravy, broth, wine and thyme in large saucepan. Bring to a boil.

Reduce heat, cover pan tightly and simmer 10 minutes. Stir in cornstarch mixture. Cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened and bubbly. Stir in vegetables and cranberries. Sprinkle with parsley. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 358 calories; 31g protein; 30g carbohydrate; 12g fat; 348mg sodium; 86mg cholesterol; 3.8mg niacin; 0.4mg vitamin B6; 2.9mcg vitamin B12; 4.5mg iron; 7.8mg zinc.

Recipes courtesy of the Cattlemen's Beef Board and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

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COOKBOOK

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and how they look at food — literally — by introducing new ingredients. With 50 world cuisines highlighted by the network, viewers are taken on food-themed tours all over the world.

The book is described as a "labor of love" by the Food Network culinary team. "Though we think it's beautiful enough to sit on your coffee table, we hope it will get butter-stained and dog-eared in your kitchen," the book states.

The recipes aren't overly complex, and are accompanied by beautiful color photos. The book's editors advise to make cooking routine.

"Before you begin cooking, read the recipe from beginning to end so you know exactly what will be happening as you cook and you'll know what to expect in terms of time," they write. "Use the best quality ingredients you can find and have them all assembled so you don't have to do a harried last-minute

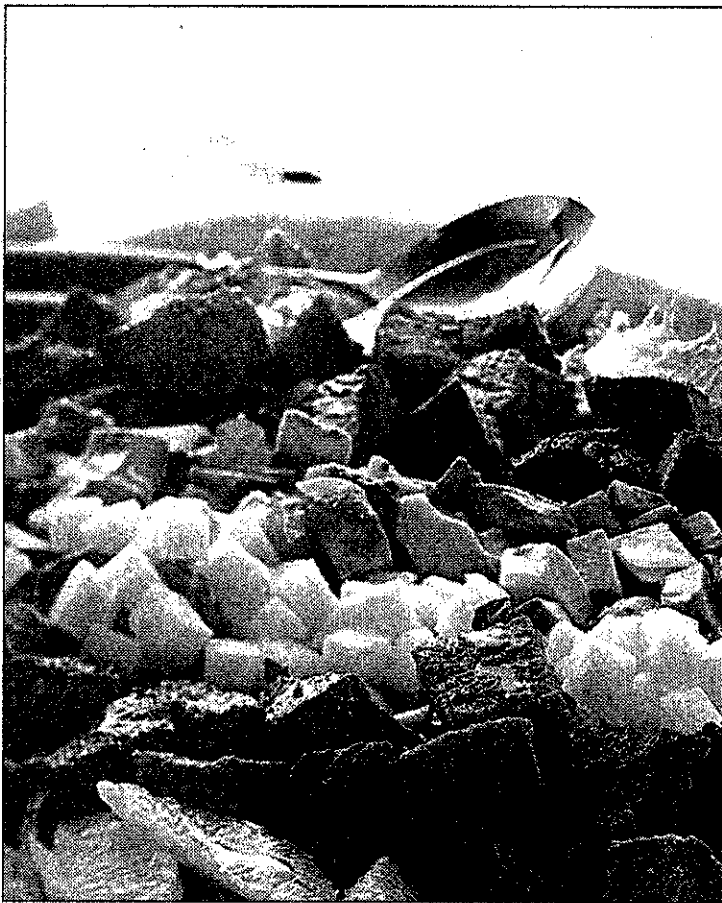
run to the store."

Check spices, baking powder and baking soda and yeast for freshness, they say.

The Essentials section in the back of the book outlines basic cutting techniques of chopping, slicing and dicing; how to store produce; what cheeses are used for specific recipes; and how to cut poultry and meat, bone halibut and devein shrimp.

If you've enjoyed the Food Network's television programming over the past 10 years, you'll probably enjoy the book's variety. There's corn chowder with summer herb salad; shiitake and sun-dried tomato lasagna; grilled tuna with artichokes, peppers and tomatoes; and Texas style chili. There's Vietnamese-style beef in grape leaves; grilled plum salad with aged gouda and pecans; and cheese strata with ham and tomatoes. And there's chilaquiles with pumpkin and salsa verde; baked polenta with broccoli rabe and sausage; and Cajun corn-crust-ed catfish with remoulade.

See accompanying recipes.



Below, this colorful southwestern cobb salad with chili-rubbed steak brings a variety of flavors and textures to the dinner table.

Cookbook offers decade of tasty recipes

PAN-ROASTED CHICKEN WITH HERBS & ONIONS

- 1 whole chicken (3 to 4 pounds), butterflied
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus additional for seasoning
- freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 6 cloves garlic, smashed
- 2 medium onions, halved and sliced
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons whole-grain mustard

Preheat the oven to 450°F. Turn the bird skin side up and fold the wing tips back and under. Generously season both sides with some salt and pepper. Heat a large, heavy ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat, add the oil, and heat until shimmering. Add the chicken skin side down and cook until nicely browned on one side, about seven minutes. Transfer the chicken to a plate. Reduce the heat to medium, add the garlic, onions, sage, rosemary, thyme, flour, the 1/2 teaspoon salt, and some pepper to the drippings and cook until the onions are very soft, about 10 minutes.

Lay the chicken, skin side up, on the onions. Cross the chicken legs and rest them on the chicken breasts. Transfer the skillet to the oven and roast the chicken until an instant-read thermometer inserted in a thigh registers 170°F, or about 40-45 minutes.

Let the chicken rest out of the oven for 10 minutes and then carve and put on a serving platter.

Stir the mustard into the onions and cook over medium-high heat until slightly thickened, about four minutes. The onions will look a bit oily at first but will emulsify once you stir in the mustard and give them a bit of time over the heat. Spoon the onions over and around the chicken and serve at once. Makes four servings.

RED FRUIT SALAD

- 2 red plums, such as Santa Rosa, pitted and quartered
- 2 cups strawberries, hulled and halved
- 8 ounces red cherries, halved and pitted
- 1/2 cup cranberry juice cocktail
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 vanilla bean, split and scraped
- 3 coin-size pieces fresh ginger
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 star anise (optional)
- 1 cup raspberries
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
- Creme fraiche or vanilla yogurt

Gently toss the plums, strawberries, and cherries together in a large bowl.

Stir together the cranberry juice, honey, vanilla bean pod and seeds, ginger, cinnamon, and star anise, if desired in a small saucepan. Bring the mixture to a simmer, then stir into the fruit mixture. Set aside to cool. Remove vanilla bean pod, ginger, cinnamon stick, and star anise, if using.

Gently fold in the raspberries

and mint. Serve in bowls topped with a dollop of creme fraiche or yogurt. Six servings.

SOUTHWESTERN COBB SALAD WITH CHILI-RUBBED STEAK

- Dressing
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1 tablespoon chipotle hot sauce
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro
- 1 scallion (white and green parts), very thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon finely grated orange zest
- Steak
- Kosher salt
- 1 tri-tip steak or other sirloin steak (about 1 1/4 pounds)
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

- Salad
- 1 ripe Hass avocado
- 1 head romaine lettuce, torn into pieces
- 3 ripe medium tomatoes, diced
- 1 orange, cut into segments
- 1/2 medium jicama, peeled and diced (about 2 cups)
- 4 ounces Cotija or feta cheese, crumbled (about 1 cup)
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the dressing: smash the

garlic cloves, sprinkle with the salt, and, with the flat side of a large knife, mash and smear the mixture to a coarse paste. Scrape the paste into a small bowl, add the mayonnaise, buttermilk, hot sauce, cilantro, scallion, and orange zest, and whisk well to make a creamy dressing. Set aside.

For the steak: position a rack and broiler pan about 6 inches from the heat element and pre-heat the broiler to high. Season steak with salt to taste.

Stir the chili powder into the oil in a small bowl and rub the spiced oil on both sides of the steak. Carefully lay the steak on the hot pan and broil, turning once, 8 to 10 minutes per side for medium-rare. Transfer the steak to a cutting board and let rest 5 minutes before cutting into bite-size cubes.

For salad: halve, seed, peel, and dice the avocado. Put the romaine into a large salad bowl. Arrange the steak, avocado, tomatoes, orange, jicama, and cheese over the lettuce in wide stripes and season with salt and pepper to taste.

At the table, pour about 3 tablespoons of dressing over the salad and toss well. Pass the remaining dressing. Serve the salad with warm corn or flour tortillas, if desired. Six servings.

Recipes courtesy of Food Network Kitchens Cookbook.

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- 5 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 3 tablespoons hot water
- 2 teaspoons instant espresso or instant coffee powder
- 1/4 cup chocolate syrup
- 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup whipped cream
- 2 teaspoons unsweetened cocoa powder
- Eight 1/4-inch-thick slices angel food cake, cubed

In small bowl, make a coffee mixture by combining 1 tablespoon of the sugar, the water,

espresso powder and chocolate syrup; stir until coffee powder dissolves. In a separate bowl, combine cream cheese, 1/2 cup of the whipped cream, 1 tablespoon of the coffee mixture and the remaining 4 tablespoons sugar in small bowl or electric mixer. Whip until light and fluffy.

Divide half the cubed cake slices among four foil cups, or other dessert dishes. Brush cake cubes with coffee mixture. Top with 2 or 3 tablespoons of cream mixture. Repeat procedure with remaining cake, coffee mixture and cream. With disposable bag and Number 18 tip, pipe a rosette on each serving using the remaining whipped cream. Sprinkle with cocoa powder.

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One-dish meals can help you ease back into the daily cooking routine.

And they can do it with robust flavor, solid nutrition and not too much fat.

Experts at the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) are recommending that, for health reasons, meals move away from meat to highlight vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans instead.

One easy way to make this change is with one-pot cooking.

Vegetables, grains and beans easily lend themselves to casseroles, stews and other one-dish entrées that make healthful and satisfying meals.

These meals can also be a good way to add fiber to your diet, and most Americans don't eat enough fiber.



This spicy rice is a one-pot meal that combines high-fiber whole grain (brown rice), legumes (garbanzo beans), vegetables (carrots and peppers) and dried fruit (raisins) with some flavorful spices.

A recent European study found that people who ate the most dietary fiber reduced their risk of colon cancer by 40 percent compared with those who ate the least amount of fiber.

An American study done about the same time reached a similar conclusion.

Whole grains, beans and vegetables fill you up without

the excess calories of foods high in animal fat. They provide energy throughout the day and help with weight management.

Whole-grain cereals and legumes such as peas, beans and lentils provide lots of fiber. Nuts, seeds and dried fruit also are rich in fiber.

The following recipe is a one-pot meal that combines high-fiber whole grain (brown rice), legumes (garbanzo beans), vegetables (carrots and peppers) and dried fruit (raisins) with some flavorful spices.

Try it as is, or with low- or non-fat yogurt on top.

SPICY RICE

1 1/2 cups water
1 1/2 cups non-fat, reduced-sodium chicken broth
1 medium onion, sliced
1 garlic clove, minced
1/2 teaspoon cumin
1/2 teaspoon turmeric
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
1 bay leaf
1 cup brown rice (uncooked)
1/2 pound carrots

Salt and pepper, to taste
1 large or 2 small red or green bell peppers
2 cups canned garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained
2 tablespoon golden raisins

In a large saucepan, bring the water and broth to a boil.

Add the onion, garlic, spices and rice, cover and gently simmer for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, slice the carrots on a slight diagonal, about 1/4 inch thick. Cut the pepper into 1-inch strips.

When the rice mixture has cooked for 15 minutes, add the carrots to the pan plus salt and pepper to taste. Simmer another 15 minutes. Add the bell pepper and beans, and cook for 30 minutes, or until liquid is absorbed. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper, as needed. Add the raisins to the mixture 2-3 minutes before serving.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 234 calories, 2 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 47 g. carbohydrate, 8 g. protein, 7 g. dietary fiber, 424 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of American Institute for Cancer Research.

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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

Make effort to get co-owner's cooperation

What do we do if one of our members does not keep up his unit and there are potential problems from a safety and health standpoint inside the unit?

Look at your condominium or association documents to see whether the association has a right to enter the unit and make the repairs and charge the cost of same back to the owner. This should be done after the association has made reasonable efforts by way of a nice letter and then a more threatening letter to get the co-owner to comply. If that fails, court action may be necessary. You are best advised to consult with your community association attorney as to the alternatives available.

Our association is confronted by a homeowner who has constructed a brick site that has a religious statement on it. Our deed restrictions require that construction plans show the nature, kind, shape, height and materials of a structure. We want him to tear the structure down. Do you have any comments?

While it is difficult to comment on your question without reviewing the deed restrictions, in a recent case out of the Michigan Court of Appeals, on similar facts, the court indicated that since there was no requirement that the plans submitted show the exact arrangement of the building materials for the structure and that there was no restriction on the signage that could be placed on the structure, the association could not prevail in keeping the homeowner from the free use of their property, including allowing them to arrange their bricks in a manner they desire. This case underscores the need to have restrictions as specific as possible in regard to the types of prohibitions which the association wishes to enforce.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track* second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit rmeisner@mich.com. This column should not be construed as legal advice.

New entryway adds curb appeal, value

Are you looking to add value to your home without spending a lot of money? Do you want to update the exterior look of your home without drastic construction or remodeling? Then consider upgrading the curb appeal of your home with a new entry system.

"It's one of the best investments you can make right now," says Nancy Nagy, president of Chicago's Lakeshore Funding and an experienced real estate broker. "Investing in housing continues to remain steady while other investments have been more uncertain. We're seeing many homeowners who are refinancing their mortgages and using the funds to update the exteriors of their homes."

Recent research from Therma-Tru, a door manufacturer, and NFO Worldwide found that an enhanced entryway can add as much as \$24,000 to a home's perceived value, approximately five times the cost of the entry system. There are few other upgrades to a home that deliver this kind of return on investment. In addition, 60 percent of individuals who replaced their front entry doors did it to improve the appearance of their homes.

DESIGN OPTIONS

New fiberglass materials and design options are making the rich look of a wood door more affordable and easier to maintain. Where many doors used to be wood or steel, today's best choice for style and performance is fiberglass. Fiberglass won't rot, warp or peel like wood; requires minimal maintenance; provides thermal protection; and offers unlimited possibilities for styles and finish options.

Before you select a door, you need to determine what design possibilities are locked behind the walls of your home. First, check the opening of your doorway to see what your home can accommodate structurally. Next, measure the height and width of the frame to determine your current opening. Most single doors are 3 feet wide and 6 feet 8 inches tall. But some of today's most popular doors are now 3 feet 6 inches wide and 8 feet tall, so you may need to enlarge your door opening.

UPGRADING

You can upgrade an exist-



Upgrade the curb appeal of your home with a new entry system. It can add value to your home without costing a lot of money, and update the home's exterior look without drastic construction or remodeling.

ing door by adding sidelights with decorative glass, which provides curb appeal and new light for the home's interior. You may need to work with a contractor to remove some of the drywall and create a new larger opening, which will need to be $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wider and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch taller than the size of your door and sidelight unit. You can generally find the specific rough opening requirements in the manufacturer's catalog or Web site.

REPLACING

If you have a single door, you can replace it with a door like Therma-Tru's new Classic

Craft® Mahogany Collection fiberglass door with a glass doorlight. If you already have plain double doors, you can replace them with double doors with glass doorlights. Or, you can install an extra-wide single door with decorative sidelights and fill in the rough opening.

Create a distinctive, grand look by expanding to double doors with glass sidelights and a transom, the glass piece above a door. You'll need to work with a contractor or architect to determine whether you need to install a steel lintel above the door for extra support. This requires a little more work, but it will give your home a completely new look.

Lastly, remember that an entryway is a system of components, not just the door slab. If you don't install quality hinges, sill plates, weather stripping and locking systems, the door won't perform like you expect.

Therma-Tru offers homeowners design ideas, installation tips and a complete door selection on its Web site at www.thermatru.com. The site features an interactive Door Designer where users can match door styles with glass sidelights, doorlights, transoms, and stain and paint colors to create the look they want. For more information call (800) 537-8827.

Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



Higher limits benefit many homebuyers

Recently wrote about how Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac increased their loan limits to \$333,700 for single-family purchases and refinances. These changes will help many would-be "jumbo" borrowers save thousands of dollars on new mortgages, but will do very little for most first-time buyers.

No worries, though. First-timers, bruised credit buyers and downsizing empty-nesters now have a great deal of their own. In spite of generally flat home valuations in most areas throughout southeast Michigan, the FHA has increased its maximum loan limits for single-family homes in those areas to a whopping \$226,100.

Qualified FHA homebuyers in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Lenawee, Livingston, Washtenaw, Monroe and St. Clair counties may now purchase homes with values nearing a quarter-million dollars for less than \$7,000 out-of-pocket. The new FHA limit for multi-unit dwellings in those areas is as high as \$357,000.

This is not only great news for homebuyers, but for sellers and Realtors, too. Because the FHA's underwriting guidelines are typically a bit more lenient than those used by Fannie and Freddie lenders, these increased limits should allow hundreds of otherwise ineligible potential new buyers to qualify for home purchases.

FHA CANDIDATE

You may be an FHA candidate if you can document your income and can show that you have been no more than 30 days late on your mortgage or rent for a year. Small collections that can be easily explained and readily paid off and old resolved credit blemishes are normally not show-stoppers.

It's best to show that you are responsible enough to make your monthly debt obligations on time all the time. However, if your credit report is "blank," or nearly so, a talented loan officer can help you "build" credit using non-traditional sources like utility and cell phone accounts.

With these new maximums in place, existing homeowners needing to consolidate debts may qualify to get 85 percent of their home's value — mortgage amounts up to about \$190,000 — for this purpose. The new monthly mortgage payment of approximately \$1,182 should free up loads of cash flow needed to pay off any remaining debts, or to start an investment program.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage broker and newspaper columnist. You may access his archives at www.HomeQuarters.Biz, and you may phone him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

Make good on your resolution to refinance

According to a new survey from Homestar Mortgage Services, 21 percent of people who failed to take advantage of record low interest rates to purchase or refinance a home this year actually intended to do so, but didn't. One reason may be that a majority of those surveyed said recent news reports have led them to believe that interest rates are no longer historically low.

"Recent publicity about rising mortgage rates has people believing that they missed the boat on low mortgage

interest rates, which is absolutely not the case," said Ray Brown, co-author of *Mortgages for Dummies*. "There are a few steps they can take now to make sure they accomplish in 2004 what they put off in 2003 — such as acting on their resolutions to refinance or purchase their home."

The Homestar research also shows that 70 percent of Americans who make New Year's resolutions say getting a jumpstart now would help them keep their resolutions in 2004. Ray Brown and

Homestar have created tips and tools available at www.homestar.com/askray to help those who need a jumpstart. These include:

- What consumers can do now to make sure they don't pay more for their mortgage than they should
- Why consumers should get pre-approved, not just pre-qualified, for a loan before shopping for a home
- Why rate locks are a good option for anyone shopping for a home in the near future and how to know what is — and isn't — a rate lock

Ray Brown is a veteran real estate broker with nearly 30 years of hands-on experience. In addition to his writing and speaking activities, he hosts a weekly radio program, Ray Brown on Real Estate, for KNBR. Ray's mission is to help people find their way through the mystifying process of buying, financing and selling their homes.

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Buy a home

Learn how to find and finance your home purchase at this free seminar 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, Troy Public Library, 510 W. Big Beaver Road, east of I-75 or 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham, one block south of Maple, west of Old Woodward. Find out what price home you can afford and how your credit history can influence your purchase decision. Sponsored by Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp. and Re/Max in the Hills.

Apartment Management Industry Excellence

Awards presentation 6:45-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, Novi Sheraton, 2111 Haggerty Road, Novi. Sponsored by the Property Management Council of Apartment Association of Michigan. The awards recognize achievement in the apartment

management industry. Reservation, including hors d'oeuvres \$40 for AAM members, nonmembers and guests, call (248) 862-1004.

Builder's Prelicense class

Learn how to prepare for the Michigan state builder's license exam at a 16-hour seminar offered by West Bloomfield Community Education with Oakland Builders Institute 6-10 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday, Jan. 20-29. The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople. The cost is \$180 plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions. Preregistration required by Friday, Jan. 16, call (248) 865-6633.

Home buyer seminar

Want information on how to purchase a home with little or no money? Attend this first time homebuyer seminar sponsored by the John Adams Mortgage Company. The seminar will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the Capital Title Building, 220A in Southfield. Carri Goldring and Marji Newton of John Adams Mortgage Company will conduct the seminar. Discussion topics include zero down programs; government loans; how to finance your closing costs; and

much more. Attendees will receive a gift valued at \$100, limited seating, RSVP to Katina Kovatch at (248) 855-8800, Ext. 390.

Zoning

Daniel P. Dalton will present NB's Practical Guide to Zoning and Land Use Law in Michigan seminar 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Holiday Inn in Southfield. Call (800) 930-6182 or send an e-mail to www.nbi-sems.com to register or for more information.

Scholarship contest

RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan announces its second annual "American Dream" scholarship program. It's open to high school seniors in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties. Twenty students will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. To apply, students must write a short essay on what the "American Dream" means to them and the role higher education plays in helping to achieve that dream. Essays and supporting materials will be judged on content, originality and creativity. The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 1. For more information, or to obtain an entry form, contact Jeanette Schneider at (248) 644-6420, or check online at www.manyhouses.com or visit any local RE/MAX office.

HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of Aug. 25-29 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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1867 Aberdeen \$225,000
42703 Addison \$190,000
7435 Admiralty \$217,000
47527 Adriana \$100,000
47590 Adriana \$100,000
47779 Adriana \$100,000
47900 Adriana \$100,000
44284 Arlington \$230,000
42225 Barchester \$206,000
40441 Bay Harbor \$154,000
40453 Bay Harbor \$189,000
45672 Baywood \$343,000
2614 Brookfield \$180,000
1945 Brookline \$196,000
6970 Bunkerhill \$215,000
795 Burlington \$205,000
6655 Carriage Hills \$200,000
40341 Chatsworth \$200,000
740 Cherry Grove \$297,000
431 Cherry Orchard \$205,000
537 Cherry Orchard \$227,000
581 Cherry Orchard \$28,000
2456 Cranbrook \$225,000
526 Delaford \$388,000
43057 Devon \$222,000
8705 Eastham \$444,000
42166 Echo Forest \$281,000
8630 Elmhurst \$221,000
44210 Fair Oaks \$214,000
48958 Fifth \$291,000
43486 Fredericksburg \$175,000
47891 Gladstone \$493,000
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49355 Northampton \$460,000
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1704 Orchard \$82,000
4736 Pond Run \$282,000

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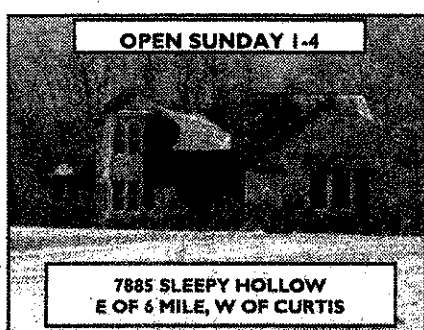
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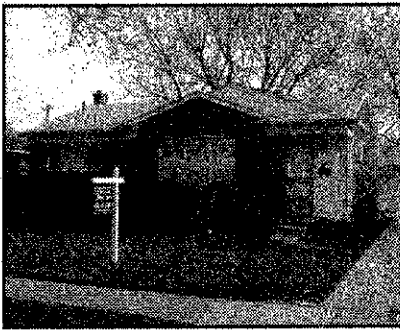
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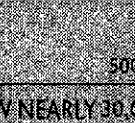
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Fears of overbuilding plague Utah development

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New housing for about 2,000 people in apartments, town

homes and condominiums is in various stages of planning or completion on approximately 75 acres along the Ogden River and downtown Ogden, Utah.

City officials and developers agree the residential aspect is key to the overall strategy for downtown revitalization, but some think there may be too many units going up.

About 900 units of apartments, lofts, condos, and other types of urban housing are planned for the 75-acre riverfront and mall projects, which are expected to cost several hundred million dollars.

"My concern is that we're competing with ourselves," Councilman Ken Alford said. "I can see the need to get people to move downtown; I just don't want the projects to compete with each other."

Recently adding to the mix is a 40-condominium conversion project under way in the Historic Ben Lomond Suites building, which the new owners say has found 13 buyers six months before its planned opening.

"It's encouraging to see it off and running so soon," said Dan Tabish, who co-owns the project. The current plans for the building are to leave the lower half as a hotel. But Tabish said if the condos continue to sell at the current rate, the whole building may be converted, which would add another 40 units.

IMPROVING MARKET

Data suggest that Ogden's housing market is improving. A preliminary 2003 year-end report from Collier's Commerce CRG, which conducts surveys of Utah real estate markets every six months, states that apartment sales outdid all categories in dollar volume, though actual figures have not yet been released.

Apartment vacancy in Weber County and statewide hit a 14-year high in 2002 but crept downward through the first half of 2003, according to Equimark Properties' most recent Wasatch Front apartment market report.

Weber's rate fell from 10.4 percent at the end of 2002 to 9.5 percent at the end of June, the report said. It also indicated that Ogden consistently has the lowest rental rates of all major Wasatch Front cities. Average monthly rates in Weber are \$24 lower than in Davis County and \$80 lower than in Salt Lake County.

Kip Paul, an investment broker specializing in apartments for Collier's, said that while Ogden may be overbuilding in the short term, the projects going up now will become long-term growth generators.

POSITIVE DIRECTION

"If you can get people living downtown, it creates the vibrancy you need to attract retail," he said. "It spins off in a positive direction instead of a downward spiral."

Mayor Matthew Godfrey said the river project is planned in three phases,

part of the reason being to be able to gauge the pace at which units fill up and react accordingly.

The mall project is also planned in several phases but may be delayed because it has yet find a developer. Godfrey said Denver-based Citiventure Associates LLC has until the end of the month to make a commitment, or the city will pass on it.

Paul cautioned that while the rental market does appear to be improving slowly, it's still very soft and is likely to remain that way as long as the real estate market continues to offer 45-year lows on mortgage rates.

Mortgage rates inching upward

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rates on 30-year and 15-year mortgages inched up this week, ending a three-week stretch in which these rates had moved down.

Even with the uptick, rates are still sufficiently low to keep the housing market healthy, economists said.

For the week ending Jan. 2, the average rate on 30-year mortgages rose to 5.85 percent this week, up slightly from 5.81 percent last week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, reported Wednesday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates.

Rates on 30-year mortgages dropped to 5.21 percent, the lowest level in more than four decades, in the middle of June. Since then, rates on these benchmark mortgages have

bounced up and down.

For 15-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates increased to 5.15 percent this week, up from 5.13 percent the previous week.

Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages, however, averaged 3.72 percent, down slightly from 3.73 percent last week.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.85 percent, 15-year mortgages were 5.24 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 4.06 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Each loan type carried an average fee of 0.7 point this week.

The housing market, powered by low mortgage rates, has helped to support the economy throughout 2003. Even though

sales of previously owned homes slowed in November, private economists predict home sales will set a record high for all of 2003.

Separately, the Mortgage Bankers Association of America said refinancing accounted for 49.3 percent of all home-mortgage applications filed in the country last week, down from 51.7 percent the previous week. The share of adjustable-rate mortgages, meanwhile, increased to 30.4 percent of all mortgage filings last week, up from 27.8 percent the previous week.

"The savvy homebuyer or refiner has the option of lowering monthly mortgage payments by choosing one of the many ARM products available today," said Amy Crews Cutts, Freddie Mac's deputy chief economist.



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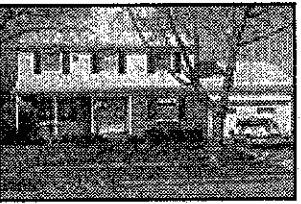
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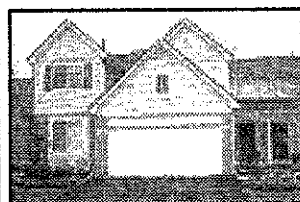
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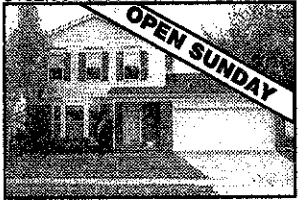
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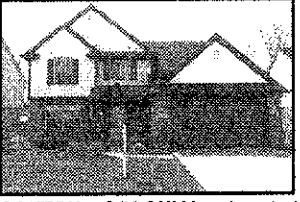
STUNNING NORTHVILLE ESTATE. Tread court setting w/ paver patios, deck & serene views. Over 6000 sq. ft. w/the prof. fin. walkout w/media rm/home theatre/sound setup, study, 5 BR/4.5 BA, island kitchen w/granite counters, butlers pantry & nook. Lux. master. Backup generator & 3 car gar. \$775,000 (847MC)



WELCOMING COLONIAL. 435 Robyn Drive, E. of Lilley, S. of Ford. You'll feel right at home the moment you step into this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial. Formal living room, outstanding kit/dinette overlooks the family room w/ fireplace. Partially finished basement, deck type patio, fenced yard & shed. \$215,900 (435RO)



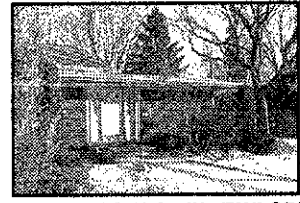
WESTLAND RANCH! Spacious 3 bedroom home with over 1400 sq. ft. New oak kitchen, hardwood floors, newer carpeting and a freshly painted interior. Huge family room, all appliances, 2 car garage plus a carport, close to the park, schools, & shopping. \$145,000 (932WA)



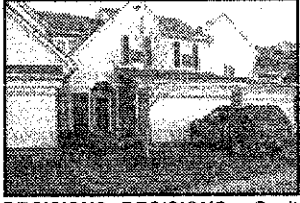
CANTON COLONIAL. Located across from park-this 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home features a large kitchen w/nook, family room w/ fireplace, 1st floor laundry, attached 2-car garage. Patio & sprinklers. Includes appliances too! Call now to walk through! \$279,900 (529BR)



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SHARP CONDO IN TAYLOR! Former model home with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath completely renovated in 1999. Open floor plan, solid oak doors and oak kitchen, vaulted ceilings, bath with dual sinks and whirlpool tub. Brick patio and nice landscaping. \$129,900 (433KI)



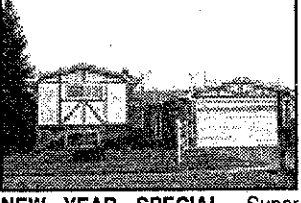
DECISIONS, DECISIONS... Can't decide whether to lease or buy? this beautiful 3 BR/2.5 BA condo gives you a choice! Great Canton location with award winning schools. Family room with soaring ceilings & fireplace, roomy kitchen with nook, & tasteful neutral decor. \$1,400 lease or purchase at \$219,900 (245MO)



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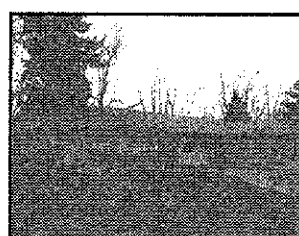
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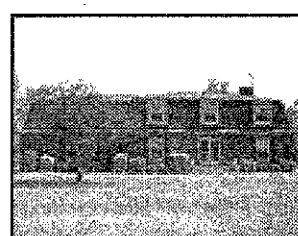
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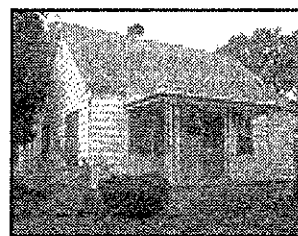
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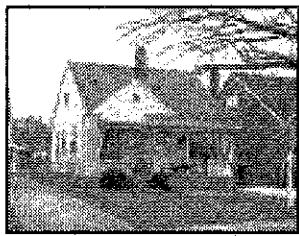
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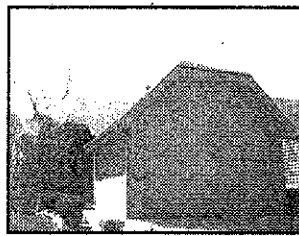
DETROIT \$69,900
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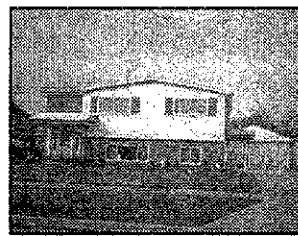
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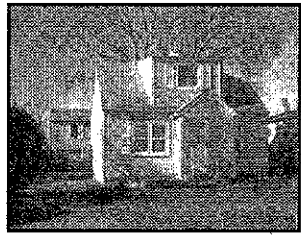
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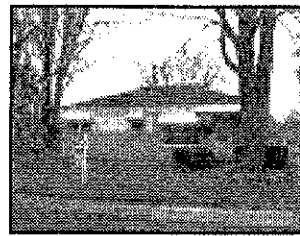
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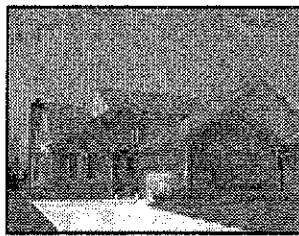
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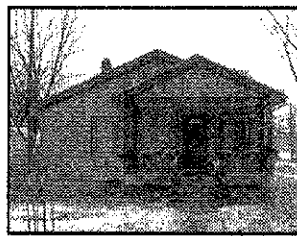
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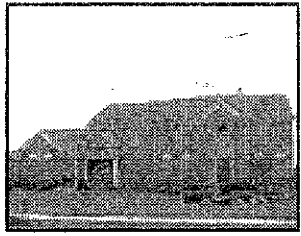
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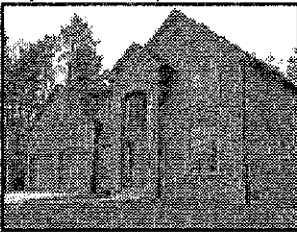
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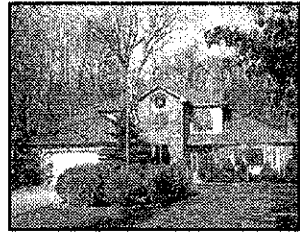
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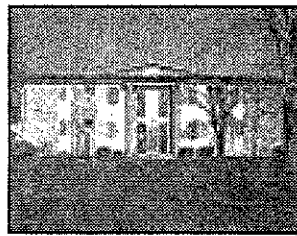
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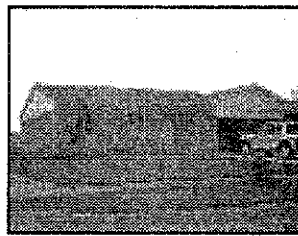
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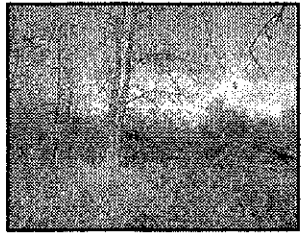
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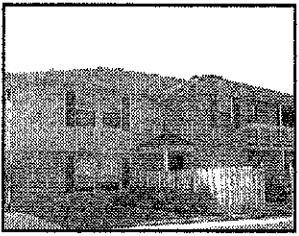
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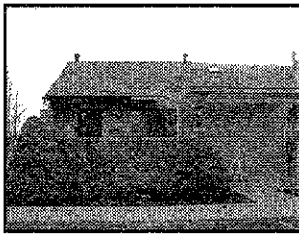
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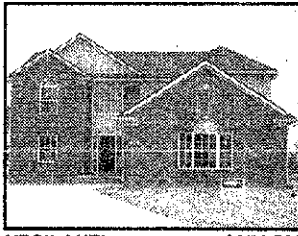
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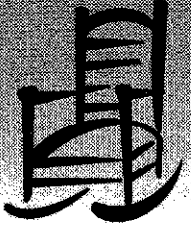
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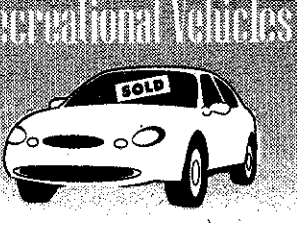
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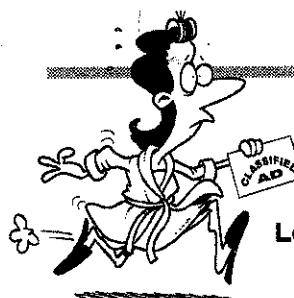
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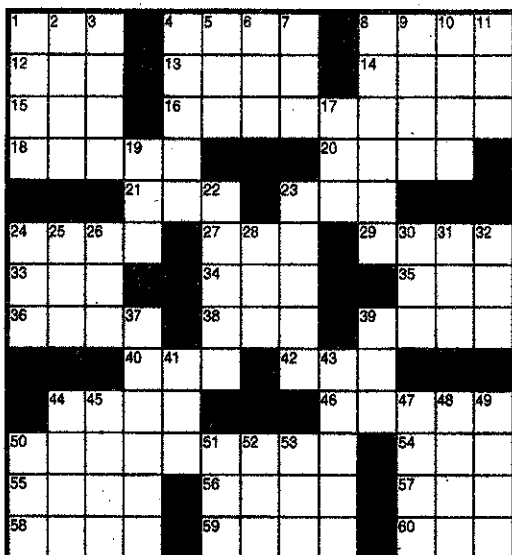
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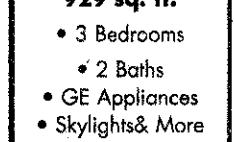
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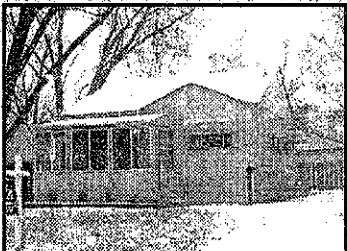
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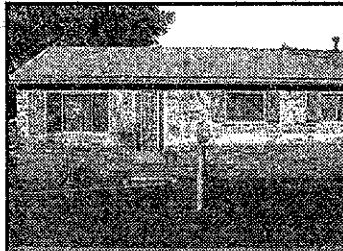
INKSTER - Great starter home. Nice 3 bedroom ranch w/newer roof, water heater, disposal, hardwood floors, freshly painted, enclosed front porch, fenced yard, 1.5 car garage w/attached workshop. Move in condition, city certs done. A must see! \$74,500 (60GRA) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - Old world charm & character. Spacious brick bungalow. Hardwood floors T/O. Natural woodwork, leaded glass, 2 baths & kitchen updated. Most windows replaced. Newer furnace, CA, roof, elec, insulation, HWH & sprinklers. Formal DR, FR, bsmt, 2 car garage. \$244,900 (05MOR) 734-455-5600



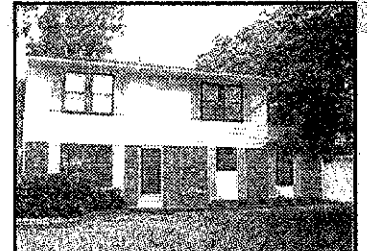
DEARBORN HTS - Move in condition. 3 bedroom brick ranch with 1 bath, eat-in kitchen, dining L, spacious living room, all vinyl windows, 2 car garage. \$150,000 (63SIL) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Brightmoor gem ranch. Exceptional quality remodeled kitchen - first class. Newer roof, windows, siding, gutters, HWH, fantastic finished basement w/FR. Garage is a mechanics dream, insulated with heat. Newer landscape & exterior lights. 3 BR & 2 BA. \$204,900 (36FAI) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Say hello to a good buy. Fantastic custom-built 3 BR ranch in Farmington Square. Excellent quality materials used throughout. Gourmet kitchen, formal dining room, French doors, wood floors. Huge basement and GR with fireplace. Many updates. \$350,000 (43BAY) 248-349-5600



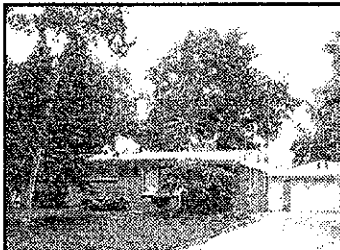
NOVI - Lovely 3 BR, 1.5BA home in truly move-in condition. A sliding doorwall leads from the FR w/fpc to an extensive patio that extends to a in-ground heated pool. Recent kitchen & bath upgrades, central air, newer roof & windows, fresh paint, newer carpet, neutral throughout. \$234,900 (59OAK) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Great house for the money. 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, 2 car heated garage, 35 year warranty on roof, CA, fireplace in living room, hardwood floors. Great buy. \$159,900 (63AME) 734-455-5600



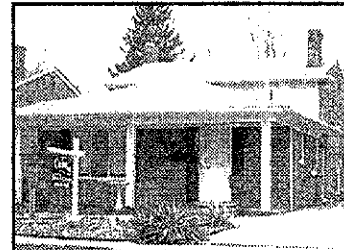
WESTLAND - This is the one. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath tri-level w/large eat-in kitchen, newer windows, garage, C/A & nicely landscaped w/pond in backyard. \$168,500 (55CHI) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Quiet suburban retreat. 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached garage, newer roof, bath, windows, furnace & CA + large deck w/Gazebo. 1st floor laundry, full wall fireplace. Take a look! \$159,900 (70GLO) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON - Walk to downtown. Absolutely immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch w/1 car garage, finished lower level, updated kitchen w/oak cabinets, LR w/coved ceiling, hardwood floors under carpet, neutral & move-in ready. Don't miss this one! \$189,900 (17GLE) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN - Ready to move. Custom built 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath tri-level in excellent condition. New cabinets, carpet & roof - 3 yrs & flooring - 4 yrs. Newer AC & furnace. Neutral, clean & loads of new additions. \$144,900 (30BUR) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Wonderful ranch home on a double lot w/Walled Lake privileges. 3BR, 2 full baths & whirlpool tub. Lots of fresh paint and carpet. Great access to freeways & 12 Oaks Mall. One car garage. \$230,000 (30PAR) 248-349-5600



INKSTER - Awesome! 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick/vinyl ranch with family room addition w/built-in curio cabinet & huge closet, part fin bsmt w/brick fpc, glass blk windows & loads of storage. Updated windows, CA, plumbing & furnace. Appl stay. \$115,900 (78BRE) 734-455-5600



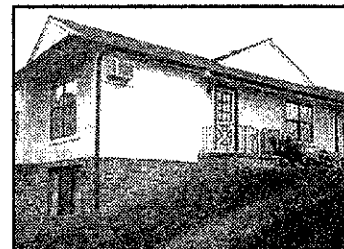
INKSTER - A honey for the money! A 3 bedroom home with CA. Many updates include kitchen w/oak cabinets, bath with ceramic tile, plumbing & elec. Family room leads to lovely deck + garage. \$79,900 (16LEH) 734-455-5600



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SOUTH LYON - 55+ ranch condo end unit w/2 BR & 2 full ceramic baths. Extra sink in dressing area. Great view from dining room window. Newer dishwasher. Large patio. Single car garage. Enjoy clubhouse & beach on Crooked Lake. \$136,500 (52CAM) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Large family home. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath quad on large treed lot. Roomy family room with fireplace. Dining room, eat-in kitchen and library. \$286,900 (42RIP) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN - Stop the car & come on in! Meticulously clean 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick bungalow w/neutral colors, newer Berber carpet T/O, newer kit w/ceramic flr, newer windows/doors, A/C, large mstr BR w/cedar closet, nice fin bsmt w/full bath/Jacuzzi tub, corner lot. \$144,900 (51WES) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Cute & cozy. 3 bedroom bungalow w/updated oak kitchen, roof, some windows, vinyl siding & much more + 2 car garage w/newer door & basement. \$131,900 (95DEN) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Classic elegance! Custom built on approx. 1 acre lots. Foyer w/wrought iron & wood trimmed staircase, 2 story GR w/fpc & crown molding, kitchen & master bath w/granite tops. All 3 bedrooms have a bath & WIC. Full basement w/walkout & 3 car attached garage. \$823,000 (51ROL) 734-455-5600



WATERFORD - Welcome home. Awesome best describes this home on a wooded lot. 2 story garage, marble fireplace, 1st floor MBR, 1st flr laundry, incredible finished lower level w/marble floors, full bath, 4th bedroom, FR w/daylight windows. A must see! \$347,900 (63SAL) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Awesome Northville condo. Better than new 2 BR, 2.5 BA end unit w/granite counters & oak cabinets, walk-in closets, FFL, finished lower level. 2 car garage & deck. All appliances included. Pets are allowed. \$169,000 (18CHA) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - Too many fine qualities. Spectacular best describes this stately 4BR, 3.2BA custom colonial deep in golf community. Certainly nothing spared. \$100,000 in upgrades & over \$40,000 in landscaping including pavers and custom deck. \$849,000 (57SAT) 248-349-5600



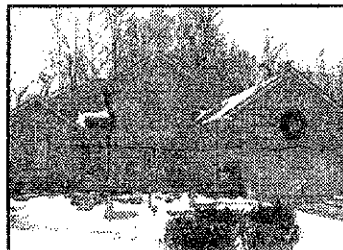
WARREN - Don't miss this one! Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch with finished basement, living room w/fpc, 2 car garage & updated kitchen, furnace, windows, shingles & much more. \$139,500 (00MAS) 734-455-5600



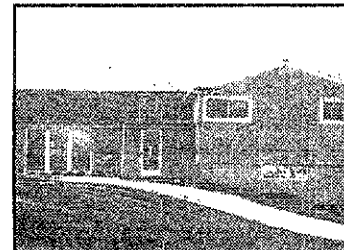
CANTON - Located on premium lot! Charming 2 story condo overlooking scenic pond. Offers upgraded Pergo floor in kitchen, all kitchen appliances, fireplace in great room, finished basement w/drywall, recessed lights & carpeting. Also, lovely deck for entertaining. \$172,999 (75HUN) 734-455-5600



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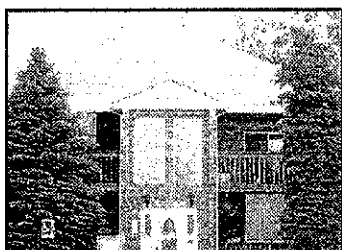
NORTHVILLE - 3BR, 1.5BA home recently updated w/carpeting, paint, crown moldings & ceramic bath. Kit has light Oak cabinetry and ceramic bath. Approx. 1/2 acre w/lots of perennials, trees and brick paver patio. Short walk to elementary school. Close to Maybury Park and easy access to x-ways. \$274,900 (47CHI) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Welcome home. Totally updated 3BR, 2BA home w/bonus room w/private entry. Great for home business. Family room all ceramic tiled, recessed lighting, custom paint. 2 car heated garage. Walkout lower level, tiered deck, pool & Novi schools. \$209,900 (11TEN) 248-349-5600



ROMULUS - Bright & cheerful. 3 bedroom, ranch w/partially finished bsmt, 2.5 car garage, updated windows, roof, furnace & more. Don't miss out on this warm & cozy family home. \$129,900 (32BAR) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Move in condition. Great buy on this 2 bedroom condo offering vaulted ceilings in living room w/skylights, open floor plan & appliances stay + 1 year home warranty included. \$105,900 (26SHO) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - The perfect condo setting. Large 2 bedroom, 1 full & 2 half bath townhouse w/finished basement, attached garage, private deck, all appliances, newer carpet & fresh paint. You must see this one. \$152,900 (75MIL) 734-455-5600



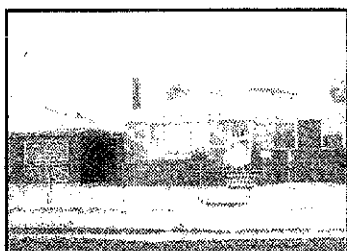
NOVI - Affordable condo. Motivated seller offering great price for this 2 story condo! 2 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, 1 car attached garage & partly finished basement. Newer furnace, C/A & 75 gallon hot water tank. Large MBR w/3 closets. All appliances included. \$129,800 (07ROC) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Everything you value. 4BR, 3.5BA colonial on quiet cul-de-sac, approx. 1 acre. Open floor plan w/hwd flrs, granite counters & butler's pantry. Formal LR w/bay windows & fireplace. Extraordinary master suite, DR & study. Northville schools & close to sports & state parks. \$549,900 (81DEE) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - Great beginnings in Tonquish sub. Do drop-in compare. 3 bedroom brick ranch with full basement, vinyl windows & central air. Spacious floor plan. Close to schools. \$129,900 (28ALG) 248-349-5600



WARREN - Located on large lot. Custom built 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/wheated Florida room, updated windows & roof, breezeway & oversized 2 car garage. Partially finished basement. \$139,900 (68BEH) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Wonderful court setting. Just move in & enjoy! Beautiful hardwood floors, updated kitchen w/oak cabinets, newer windows, roof, furnace, C/A, cement. Partially finished basement w/full bath, 2 car garage. Fenced yard. This home is very clean & well cared for! \$165,500 (45BAL) 734-455-5600



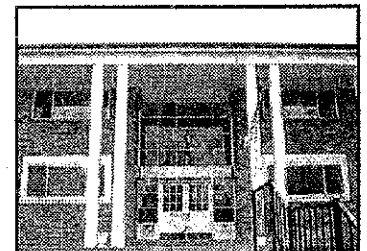
PLYMOUTH - A pleasure to show. Ranch has newer ceramic floor in entry, kitchen & dining room. Newer Kraftmaid kitchen cabinets, DW, stove, Dr has view of private treed lot w/patio & deck. Main bath updated w/ceramic & pedestal sink. Daylight windows in bsmt & 1.5 car attached garage. \$199,950 (31LAK) 734-455-5600



WESTLAND - Meticulous colonial. 4 BR, 2.5 bath on quiet cul-de-sac. Peaceful tree-lined backyard. 2 car attached garage, full basement, gas fireplace, newer windows including bay window in DR. Pool w/custom 2 tier deck. Livonia schools. \$245,000 (78SOR) 248-349-5600



WALLED LAKE - Hard to find ranch condo. Enjoy carefree living just minutes from freeways & shopping. 2BR w/fin bsmt w/built-ins. Spacious open floor plan. Kitchen w/oak cabinets & bar area. Attd garage w/direct entry. MBR w/large closet. 12 month warranty. Short walk to lake. \$138,900 (83MAR) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Attention renters. Fabulous starter condo. Be the 1st to enjoy this updated condo. Fresh paint, newer carpet, updated kitchen and 2nd bath. Great opportunity to live near historic district of Northville. \$104,000 (25FAI) 248-349-5600



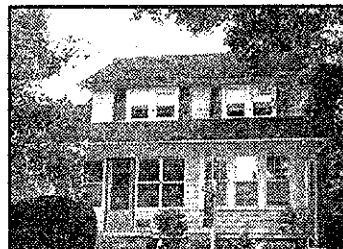
CANTON - Cute country home in the city. Approx. 1 acre home in Canton won't last long. 3 BR, 1 BA, extensive use of ceramic tile. Formal DR, completely redone. Updated kit w/oak cabinetry. Newer windows & furnace. Mini barn, mechanics garage. Doorwall to deck. \$219,900 (01DEN) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Move right in! Updated 3 bedroom bungalow with newer roof, furnace, A/C, windows, kitchen floor, sink, disposal, counter top & newer appl. Partially finished basement, private yard w/patio & garage. Great location. \$133,899 (23ELM) 734-455-5600



GARDEN CITY - Custom built ranch. Unique floor plan surrounds inground pool, offers large living area + 2 kitchens, 2 laundry areas, separate heating & cooling. Newer furnace & CA units, vinyl siding, newer roof, attd gar, sitting on approx 1/2 acre lot. \$193,500 (11DAW) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Downtown classic arts and crafts bungalow. Vintage built-ins & woodwork. Hardwood floors, inviting screened porch. Private library/study. Potential to grow gracefully. \$305,000 (21BAS) 248-349-5600



LINCOLN PARK - Quiet tree-lined street. Well maintained 3BR, all brick ranch in desirable area. Newer remodeled kitchen w/2nd kitchen in partially finished basement. Patio & shed in lovely backyard. One year home warranty offered. Move right in. \$107,900 (75MIC) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - For the finicky buyer. Beautiful spotless & updated 3BR ranch. Newer carpeting and painting throughout. Central air and water heater replaced in '02. Large lot allows for room to grow and includes a storage shed. \$149,900 (00CAD) 248-349-5600

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CANTON \$443,900
THE LOOK OF LOVE! Great location backing to pond. 2,603 sq ft, GR, DR, fab kit w/maple cbnts, Corian cnts, granite isl. Sound sys, mstr ste w/vltd ceil. Daylight wndws in bsmt. (23B8530)

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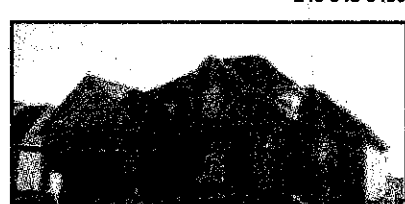
CANTON \$419,900
LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! Rare find! Enjoy court location which backs to a pond w/ ftn. Mstr 1st flr. 3 car gar w/hear. W/O bsmt, den off foyer, hrdwd flrs in kit, foyer, nook, & hilly. (B47539)

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LIVONIA \$357,900
IMPECCABLY MAINTAINED! Transfers perfect! Move right in, 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial. Beautiful kit w/accnt tile & isl. Lg FR w/FP & cathedral cell, mstr BR w/his/her closets/spacious BA. (10MAN2)

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CANTON \$349,000
QUALITY NEW CONSTRUCTION IN CANTON 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath cape. Hrdwd in foyer, kit & nook. Granite cnts in kit. Mstr st w/WIC, garden tub & enclosed shower. 9ft ceilings. Full bsmt. Anderson wndws. (29HOL2)

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LIVONIA \$290,000
LOVELY BURTON HOLLOW CAPE COD New siding, fl dr & gar dr. Newer roof '97, replmt vinyl win, updated kit w/all appl, updated baths, new carpet '98. Swim cld & elem school in sub. Home warranty. (12WOO2)

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LIVONIA \$289,900
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP SHOWS THRU-OUT! 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial features newer rf, carpet, Pergo flr in DR, updated baths, wood flrs in kit & nook, ceramic in foyer & lav, lg FR w/FP & much more! (P14475)

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NORTHVILLE \$279,500
VINTAGE NORTHVILLE CHARM Wonderfully restored and updated: new roof, furnace, central air, kitchen and windows. Pretty deck and private back yard. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. 100 Year old beauty! (46GRA8)

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DEARBORN \$249,900
2000 SQUARE FOOT DEARBORN COLONIAL Remodeled in 2002. 4 bdrm, 3 baths, custom kitchen, garage, fin bsmt w/bar-office. Hardwood floors, newer carpet, C/A. Near Levagood Pk. Land Contract terms. (D172)

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YPSILANTI \$238,900
BETTER THAN NEW! Upgrades & extras done! Professional landscaping, deeper bsmt, ext hrdwd flrs, C/A, upgraded cbnts. Sitting rm or 4th bdrm. Kit appl included. Move right in! (23H7629)

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BELLEVILLE \$223,900
MAKE A MUST SEE! Tastefully decorated 3 bedroom, 2 bath home loaded with upgrades! Huge backyard with custom wood fence. 2.5 car gar with storage. Close to freeways, school. (23K42770)

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LIVONIA \$209,900
LARGE NORTH LIVONIA RANCH! 3 BR, 3 BA, well maintained, updated, 2 fin rms in bsmt, fin rec rm w/woodburning stove. Driv off kit to lg deck w/covered Jacuzzi w/bat on bar, & much more! (M29520)

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PLYMOUTH \$204,900
A CHOICE LOCATION IN PLYMOUTH! Walking distance from downtown, limited traffic sub. 1236 SF, 3 BR, 1.5 BA, low maintenance in & out. Brk FP in FR, 2 car gar, newer wndws, furn, HWH, & more! (A42520)

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LIVONIA \$204,900
NEW OPPORTUNITY IN POPULAR KIMBERLY OAKS Loaded w/updates like a new kit & wndws. beautiful fieldstone gas FP, brk paver patio & more. This 1377 SF ranch is looking for new owners! (B32755)

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LIVONIA \$199,990
LOCATION, QUALITY, VALUE, & CHARM! This well maintained 3 BR, 2.5 BA brk colonial has it all with 1700 SF of quality living area, mstr BR w/full bth. Updates incl: wndws, kit, & carpet. Nice yd! (W19960)

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PLYMOUTH \$199,900
UPDATED PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HOME! Walk to local elem. school or walk to Hines Park, either way this charming ranch has location all over it. Full basement, 2 car det, FR w/a FP & tons of updates. (H11520)

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PLYMOUTH \$199,900
WELCOME HOME! You'll be proud to call this beautiful colonial your new home! Pride of ownership shines w/many updates: newer wndws, siding, rf, kit, elec bx, appl, & more. (W10063)

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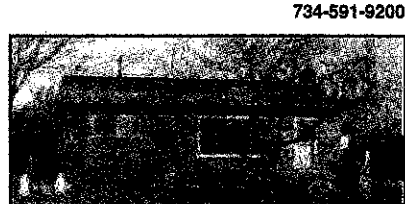
CANTON \$189,900
CHARMING CANTON COLONIAL 3 BR, 1.5 bath, lg eat in kit w/bay wndw & new dishwasher. 03, beautiful hardwoods in foyer, powder rm, & kit, brk FP in liv rm, c/a, newer rf 98, deck, & more! (M43939)

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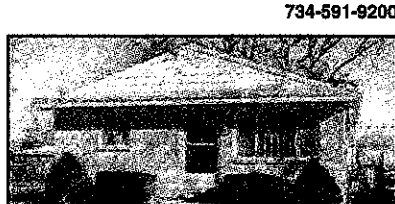
DEARBORN \$168,500
SUPER 3 BED BRICK RANCH IN DEARBORN Open flr plan, 1st flr ba w/Jacuzzi & 2 1/2 ba. 1st fl laundry, sep. mud rm & 20x10 Florida rm w/6 person Jacuzzi & elec. fp. Fin. rec rm w/wet bar, hwd floors. (27GUL2)

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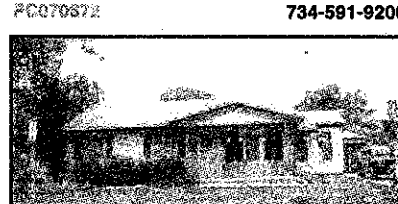
WESTLAND \$167,500
WESTLAND RANCH-LIVONIA SCHOOLS Move right into this lovely brick ranch. Updates include new furnace, ac, windows & refinished hardwood flrs. Large finished bsmt w/gas fireplace. (28BER2)

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WESTLAND \$164,900
BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH Updated brick ranch. Updated kitchen, custom cabinets & counters. Awesome bath with his/her sinks w/new ceramic tile. Hardwoods finished. Finished basement. (F744)

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ROMULUS \$160,000
OVER 1700 SQ FT OF SPACE! Updated kitchen & bath. Lots of cupboard space, fam rm w/FP, Florida room off master bedroom is plumbed for a Jacuzzi, fin basement w/kit & full bath & more. (A158)

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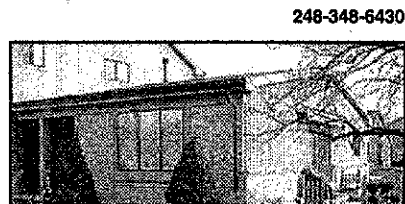
LIVONIA \$155,000
WONDERFUL HOME READY NOW! 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, all brick ranch, full finished bas't, 2 car garage. Cute, clean, many updates. Great neighborhood & Livonia schools too! (A9646)

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LIVONIA \$154,900
NICE LIVONIA RANCH This 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath home has hardwood floors, liv rm w/valued ceiling, updated kitchen, finished bsmt, 2 car gar, fenced yard w/brick patio. Livonia schools. (54HAR2)

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CANTON \$154,000
CANTON GROUND FLOOR, 2 BED RANCH CONDO Doorwall off D.R. w/elect awning. Crown moldings, fin. rec room carpeted w/fireplace. 1 1/2 baths, att. gar. C/A. All appl. Open plan. Pool & club house close. (13BED2)

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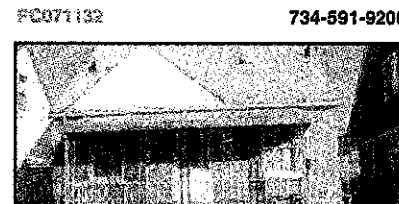
ROMULUS \$149,900
LARGE, BEAUTIFUL RANCH Come see this huge ranch, with four bedrooms. Home features two bay windows, eat-in kitchen, full, partially finished basement. Nicely landscaped yard. (B320)

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WESTLAND \$147,900
BEAUTIFUL BILEVEL IN WESTLAND 3 bedroom, bath and a half, well maintained home with new carpet, Anderson windows, updated kitchen, bath, and lavatory. Many more features to see. (C653)

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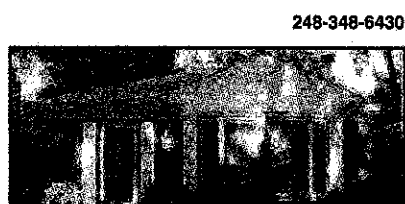
DEARBORN \$141,900
WHAT A BEAUTY! Imagine a home you can move into w/o doing a thing! Updates include wndws, steel doors, kit cbnts, roof, elec, front porch, drive. The list goes on. Must see! (23P4970)

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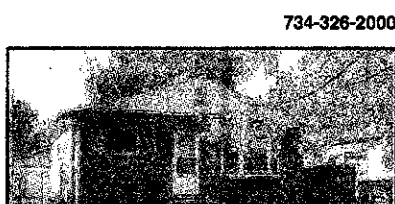
REDFORD \$139,999
A STUNNING 3 BR BRICK RANCH with 2 full baths, a completely remodeled kitchen with beveled countertops, finished basement with cozy family room, and a 2.5 car garage. (L16347)

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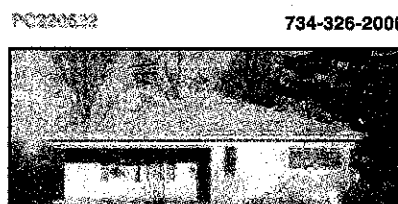
REDFORD \$139,900
SOLID BRICK RANCH! In area w/brand new homes. Within a block of Lawson Field - offers tennis, basketball, & play area. Nice floor plan with finished basement. (L19158)

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WESTLAND \$134,900
LIVONIA SCHOOLS 3 bedroom brick ranch w/ major updates. Newer windows, roof, siding, 2+ garage, hardwood floors. Part finished basement w/full bath, dry bar. Appliances stay. (F827)

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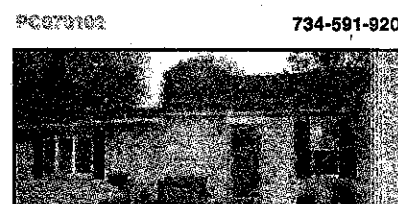
REDFORD \$134,444
GREAT VIEWS of lush greenery & mature trees. Open floor plan w/1384 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, new windows, hardwood floors. Attached gar w/roll up door, .30 acre lot. (23L16078)

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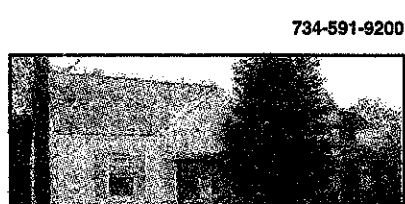
WESTLAND \$129,999
QUIET STREET 3 bedroom brick bungalow with newer vinyl windows, ceramic bath, hardwood floors under carpet, glass block windows in basement, 2 1/2 car garage. (B146)

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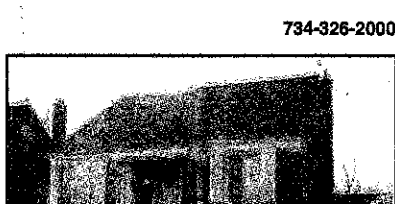
GARDEN CITY \$129,900
IMMACULATE RANCH Home features many updates inside and out including newer roof, vinyl siding, windows, carpet and paint. Oversized lot, deck. Must see. (E285)

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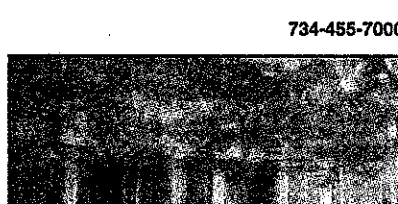
DEARBORN \$129,900
CHARMING DEARBORN BUNGALOW This freshly painted home has 3BR, 1BA, hwd flrs on main flr. Updated win, elect, HWH & upstairs carpet. Part fin bsmt, 2 car gar. Home warranty. (15MAD2)

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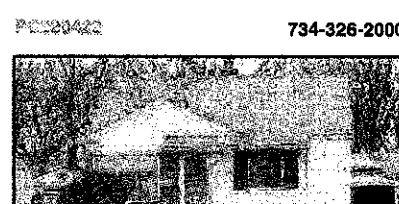
INKSTER \$117,900
WELL KEPT BUNGALOW AWAITS NEW OWNERS Desirable bungalow located in Cherry Hill Manor. 4 BR, 2 ba, 2 car gar w/shelving galore. Open flr plan. Bright bsmt w/glass block wndws. Manicured lawn-many updates! (22ARL2)

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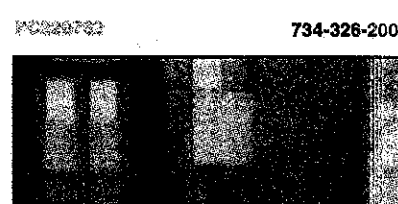
CANTON \$101,500
EXQUISITE CONDO! Welcome home! This 2 bedroom condo features updated berber carpet, extra large cabinets, newer appliances, crown molding, mirrored doors and more! (23F2033)

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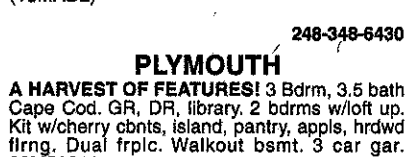
REDFORD \$100,000
BE THE SECOND OWNER Well maintained 3 bedroom ranch w/2.2 baths, part fin basement, 1 1/2 car garage. Clean move-in condition. Updated carpet, bath, copper plumbing and more. (B204)

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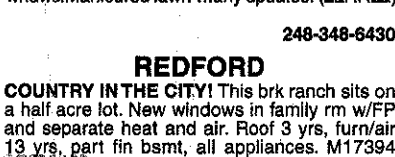
LIVONIA \$99,500
BEAUTIFUL LIVONIA RANCH CONDO! Gorgeous 1 bedroom/1 bath condo w/scenic view of pond. Close to shopping & highways. Enjoy the luxury of the condo swimming pool, tennis court, & clubhouse. (55EIG2)

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PLYMOUTH \$864,900
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REDFORD \$169,900
COUNTRY IN THE CITY! This brk ranch sits on a half acre lot. New windows in family rm w/FP and separate heat and air. Roof 3 yrs, furn/air 13 yrs, part fin bsmt, all appliances. M17394

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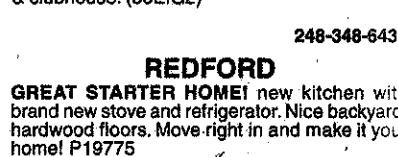
REDFORD \$149,900
OPEN CONTEMPORARY DESIGN! Great open floor plan with 3 BR, 1.5 baths, living room w/fireplace, large fr, hardwood flrs & more 2.5 car garage & covered patio. Super starter home! (31WOR2)

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CANTON \$135,000
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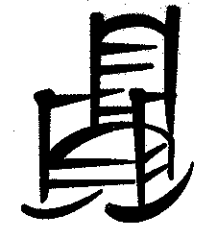
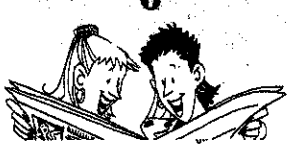
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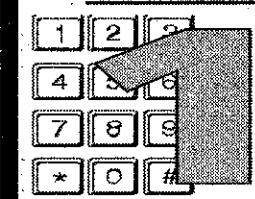
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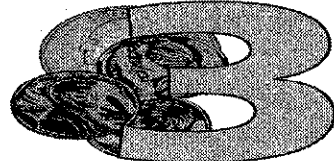
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SWCF, 44, N/S, N/D, who enjoys
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N/S, N/D, SWCM, 35-52, and are
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GOOD TIMES TOGETHER
SWF, 38, owns sized, loyal, hon-
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SOFT SPOKEN LADIES
SWF, 51, 5'3", with very blue
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SBF, 21, 6'2", 180 lbs., enjoys
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THIS IS LOVE
This outgoing, single black female,
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SWF, 60, Auburn hair, green eyes,
professional. Enjoys travel, week-
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59, attractive, outgoing, blonde,
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SWM, over 48, for a companion-
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WALK INTO MY LIFE
Loving and compassionate, SWF,
53, 5'6", salt & pepper hair, blue
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ing on cars, gardening, knitting
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and enjoys life. Ad#589076

TIME AT HOME
SBF, 27, 5'9", with long black hair,
Enjoys reading, drawing, crafts,
fixing things and more. Looking for
a SBF, 24-38, who is honest, with
a nice personality. Ad#589934

MY HEART & YOURS
SBF, 50, who enjoys playing chess
and bowling, seeking a family-or-
iented, SM, 45-60. If you think you
may be interested, call me!
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LOOKING FOR LTR
SWF, 59, easygoing, low mainte-
nance, 5'3", with an average build.
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Youthful, charming, energetic,
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BE MY BEST FRIEND
Very kind and caring, SWF, 46,
5'4", medium build, blonde hair,
Enjoys traveling, casinos,
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Seeks an intellectual, SWM, 46-60,
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CARING, DECENT & HONEST
Intelligent, humorous, outgoing,
SWF, 48, who enjoys reading, long
walks, movies and quiet nights at
home. In search of a caring, sin-
cere, SWM, 45-58. Ad#581965

COMPANIONSHIP
Expecting mother, with one child.
Separated black female, 25.
Looking for an open-minded, sin-
gle Black Christian male, 32-36,
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ren, for companionship. Ad#580709

SEEKING KINDRED SPIRIT
European, SWF, 58, 5'6", 135 lbs.,
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Looking for a SWF gentleman, 60-
75, to share life together. Ad#579933

BEAUTIFUL PERSON
Fun, easygoing and laid-back,
SBF, 25, 5'1", brown eyes, black
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eat and long walks. Looking for a
sweet, honest, dependable, tall,
SBM, 25-40, who likes spending
time with a companion. Ad#579508

LUCKY YOU
Open-minded SWF, 49, financially
and emotionally secure. Seeking
mature SWM, 43-57. Enjoys read-
ing, good movies, all music, open
to newer interests. One who is
looking for friendship first, and
possibly more. Ad#502459

HAPPINESS BEGINS HERE
SBF, 33, 4'11", 180 lbs., N/S, 1
Black Christian male, 32-36, at
least 5'9". She enjoys shopping,
movies and horseback riding. Ad#579038

READY TO SETTLE?
Attractive, full-figured, SBF, 45,
with many interests. I'm looking
for a financially secure, SM, 42-57,
a good friend. Someone who
knows what he wants in life. Ad#571927

FUN TO BE WITH
SBF, 31, single mom, intelligent.
Looking for a SBF, 30-40, who is
intelligent and fun to be with. Ad#578238

CLASSY
SBF, 43, tall, with brown eyes.
Interests are reading, music, and
much more. In search of a SBF,
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and understanding. Ad#578688

LEAVE A MESSAGE
SWF, 42, enjoys bowling, dining,
movies, long drives and much more.
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who is honest, caring and fun to
be with. Ad#578494

CARING & GIVING
SWF, 36, attractive, outgoing,
energetic and fun to be around.
Interests are water skiing, bowling,
traveling, reading and more. Look-
ing for a SWM, 30-46, who is
honest, caring and giving. Ad#578198

SMILE WITH ME
Laid back and kind SBF, 40, full-
figured. Enjoys movies, dining out,
church functions and quality time
with family. Seeking good-natured,
attractive and open-minded SBF,
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LYING IS NOT AN OPTION
SWF, 41, 5'6", 130 lbs., with blond
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camping, the outdoors, Harley's
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height-weight proportioned SWM,
over 18, who is outgoing, with
similar interests. Ad#577508

GET ALONG GREAT
Outgoing and fun-loving, SWF
Mother, 21, who enjoys dining,
movies, walks and meeting new
people, especially a SWM, 21-30.
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HONESTY ABOVE ALL
Want to be spoiled? I'm a fun-lov-
ing, SWF, 55, tall, with green eyes
& blondish-brown hair, who enjoys
movies, camping, sewing, cooking
and time at home. Looking for a
SWM, 55-60, who is honest, caring
and giving. Ad#577548

GOOD-NATURED
SWF, 55, 5'11", medium build, col-
lege graduate, non-smoker. Enjoys
working out, theater, movies, walk-
ing and time at home. Looking for a
SWM, 55-60, who is honest, caring
& good-natured. Ad#577508

SOMEONE TO TALK TO
SBF, 19, short, long hair, brown
eyes, tattoos and piercings. Enjoys
going to the movies, taking on the
phone and hanging out with
friends. Looking for a SM, age
unimportant, just to talk to. If in-
terested, please call Ad#574234

LOOKING FOR FUN
SWF, 35, enjoys races, fishing,
camping and much more. In
search of a tall SWM, 35-45, for
friendship to start. Ad#573872

SAVVY LADY
Cuddly, SWF, young-looking 62,
short, full-figured, Irish look-a-like,
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enjoyments are theatre, movies or
staying at home. I would like to
meet an easy going, good friend,
SWM, 45-55, for nice times. Ad#562887

R-E-S-P-E-C-T
SBF, 34, looking for a stable, com-
municative, honest, respectful,
educated, SM, 25-45. Could this be
you? Ad#573681

SOUND LIKE YOU?
Outgoing, SBF, 21, 5'5", 155 lbs.,
seeking a tall, truthful, silly but
serious, SM, 29-50, preferably
with no children, employed, with
transportation. Ad#573465

ONLY TIME WILL TELL
Single, white lady, 70, 5'5", 125
lbs., blonde, blue eyes, easy to get
along with. She has very versatile
interests, and wishes to meet an
honest, white gentleman, who is
truly single, 65-75, to start out as
friends. Ad#571130

NO TEMPER
Pette, SWF, 40, 5'4", 110 lbs.,
dark hair, hazel eyes. Outgoing,
laid back and up for anything.
Enjoys reading, walking, boating,
dining out. Seeking a fun and
spontaneous, SWM, 37-43, who
enjoys the outdoors. Ad#570152

THINKING OF YOU
Pretty DW, 47, 5'2", brown hair,
blue eyes, medium build. Looking
for a SWM, 5'8", slim to medium
build, for a sincere long term rela-
tionship. Preferably N/S and social
drinker. I love hockey, music,
movies, dining out and much more.
Westland area. Ad#570055

HIGH ON LIFE
Friendly, quiet, SBF, 51, pleasantly
plump. Enjoys the arts, walking,
movies, & Church activities. I
would like to meet a loving partner,
over 65, to enjoy life. Ad#570006

QUEEN OF HEARTS
This 55 year old, SWF is a full-fig-
ured 5'10" beauty with brown eyes
and a pretty face. She is intelligent,
humorous, compassionate and
loving. She enjoys antiques, golf,
Lake Michigan and is seeking an
attractive SWM, 45-60, to spend
time with. Ad#568884

FUN-LOVING
SBF, 50, 5'5", with brown hair and
eyes. Interests are time with
friends, basketball, football, music,
shows, etc. Looking for a intelli-
gent, sincere, trusting SBF, over
45, who is fun to be with and has
similar interests. Ad#568473

I'LL BE WAITING
Calm, laid-back SWF, 62, 5'2", 110
lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes. Loves
family activities, cooking, croch-
eting, cultural events and more.
Seeks a kind, quiet SWM, 55+, who
cares about his family and loves
animals. Ad#567461

YOU WILL LIKE ME
Attractive, blonde, fun-loving, SWF,
46, medium build, artist. Enjoys
travel and cuddling with someone
special, seeks a SWM, 60 plus.
Let's meet. Ad#567287

A DECENT LADY
Attractive, intelligent, fun-loving,
SWF, 66, Enjoys simple pleasures.
Willing to meet a SWM, 60 plus,
honest gentleman, to share fun
with. Ad#567167

ARE YOU THE LOVING TYPE?
Respectful, SBF, 28, 5'2", light
skin, red hair. Enjoys sports,
movies and shopping. Looking for
an attractive, SM, 18-35, who is
loving, open-minded & intelligent.
Ad#565558

HOW ABOUT US?
SWF, 61 years old, social drinker.
Enjoys walks, working out, photo-
graphy, dining out and more. Seeks
a warm, honest, secure, easygo-
ing, SWM, 57-68. Ad#564711

ONE OF A KIND
SWF, 48, attractive, intelligent, lov-
ing and dedicated. Seeking a SWM,
45+, a N/S, who is sincere, intelli-
gent, humorous and honest, for a
long-term, devoted relationship.
Ad#448774

COMPARE INTERESTS
Thin, SWF, 65, 5'7", attractive,
brown-eyed brunette, seeks tall,
athletic, energetic, trusting and
educated, SWM, 50-60, N/S.
Please call. Ad#563521

JUST ME...
SBM, 18, 5'8", dark complexion,
a smoker. Likes going to the
mall, watching TV and movies.
Looking for a sincere SBF, 18-26.
Ad#563856

UNDERSTANDING
SBF, 49, with black hair and brown
eyes. Enjoys music, singing, the
outdoors, etc. Seeking for a SBF,
40-55, who is educated, fun-loving
and communicative. Ad#561932

PURSUDE ME
SBM, 22, 5'8", searching for a
fun-loving SBF, 22-32, with ambi-
tion and goals. Must love child-
ren. Ad#561855

ALL AROUND GOOD WOMAN
Cute, laid-back SBF, 31, 5'8",
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plexion, hazel eyes, one son.
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I'm a very nice, attractive SBF, 36,
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ARE WE ALIKE?
SWF, 50, with above average-looks,
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FROM THE HEART
She's lovely SWF, 29, who values
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to theater and the Arts. Seeking
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ests. Ad#552859

A FRESH START
SWF Mom, 34, kids, looking for
new friend, family-man, SWM, 27-
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ily events. Ad#552869

WILL YOU ACCEPT ME?
I'm a 5'8", medium-built SWF Mom,
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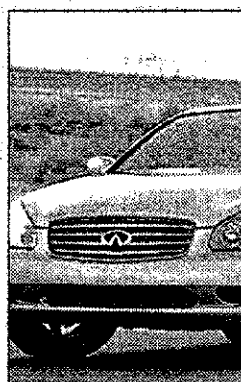
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The 2004 Toyota Prius

Advertising Feature

Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

"Someday," I said to my 15-year-old son and his friend as I drove them to Lifetime Fitness the other day in the Toyota Prius I was reviewing, "we're all going to be in vehicles like this." Then, putting on my best sage-seer-soothesayer air, I laid it on thick: "Ben," I said to the friend, "you have just gotten a peek into the future." At least they chuckled. But what I melodramatized was true: Toyota Prius is the future, and a future in a vehicle like that isn't such a bad prospect to get used to.

Prius, of course, is the five-passenger Toyota vehicle with a "hybrid" powertrain that represents the state of the art in designing and building energy-efficient vehicles that actually have a chance of making it in today's automotive mass marketplace. In fact, it is the first of such vehicles to move into the mainstream with consumer, after Detroit, especially had fielded a series of entirely electric vehicles that were too limited in range and horsepower to appeal to a truly typical buyer. It impressed the editors of Motor Trend magazine so much that the buff book made Prius its 2004 Car of the Year.

And Toyota's successful move into the mainstream is thanks to more than just the fact that Prius is routinely capable of delivering an impressive 60 mpg in city driving. The 2004 Toyota Prius also is stylish, plenty roomy for a compact sedan, and well designed inside — as well as roughly twice as fuel-efficient as any other sedan on the road. It also is very accessibly priced at a suggested base sticker of around \$20,000 (a few thousand dollars of which cost is fully attributable to the fancy powertrain).

Moreover, the U.S. government may allow buyers a tax deduction of up to \$2,000 for buying a vehicle that does something truly significant in helping us battle our national dependence on foreign oil. There is little we could do geopolitically or even militarily that would be as effective in making the United States more secure as if we all



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bought a hybrid vehicle and doubled our gas mileage!

Back to the car: Let's work from the inside out because of Prius's uniqueness. Under the hood, it's not as if Prius is an entirely foreign machine. The powertrain is stuffed into what seems to be an extremely tight space, dominated by sleek-looking "black boxes" (with the tiny, 1.5-liter internal-combustion engine almost completely out of view underneath) instead of the foundry work that pops out at you underneath a typical hood. Prius is a so-called "parallel hybrid powertrain" that mainly relies on two features to optimize efficiency and reduce emissions. For one thing, its engine only runs at an efficient speed and load. And it uses a "power split" device that helps the vehicle it run at its most efficient load and speed range most of the time. The engine runs at a maximum speed of only 4,500 rpm, where it makes 70 horsepower. The electric motor is rated at 44 horsepower from 1,040 to 5,600 rpm. It produces 258 pound feet of torque from 0 to 400 rpm, which is more than enough to get the car going without the aid of a gas engine. The way it works in practice is interesting. The driver sticks what looks like just a key fob — but actually is the key as well — into a slot on the dash just to the right of the steering column.

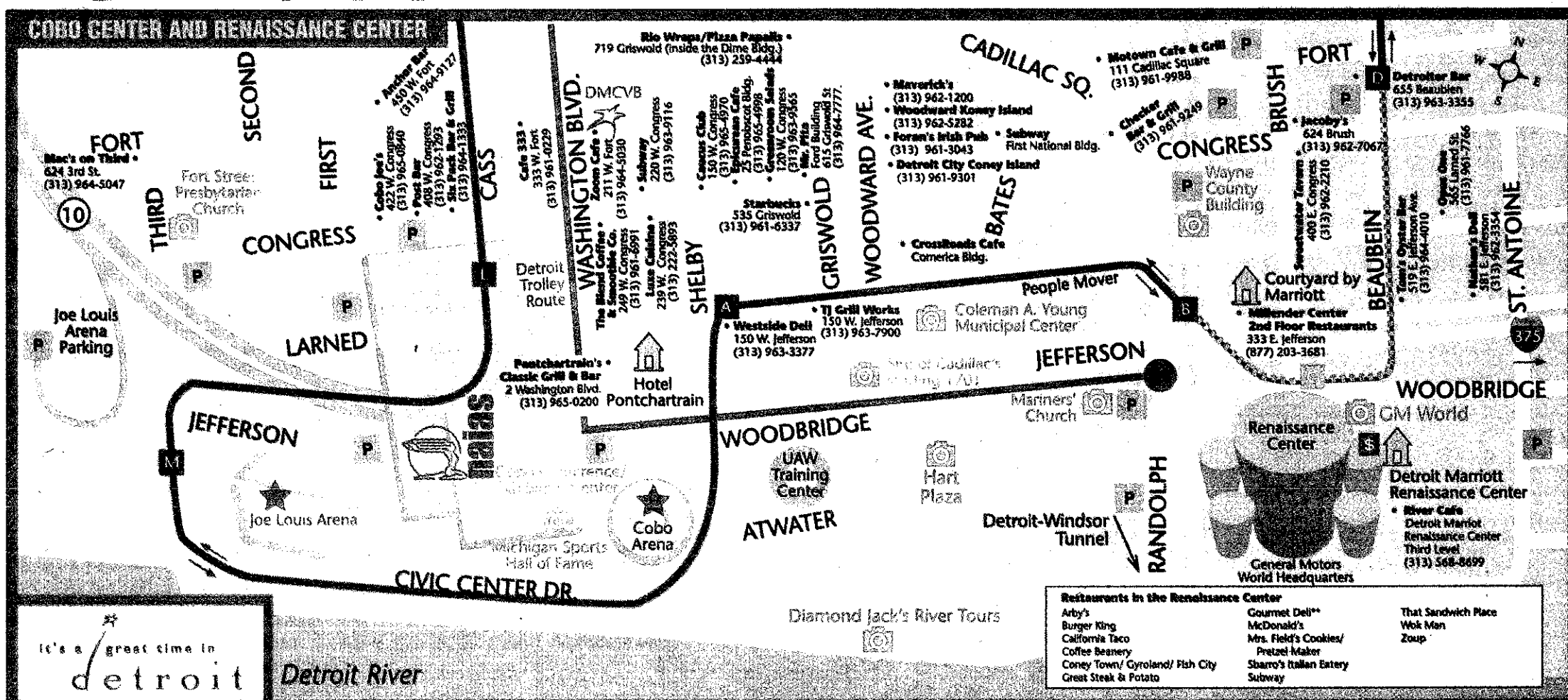
Then, with his foot on the brake, he pressed a button just above the key slot that says "Power" — like on a PC or CD player or other electronic device. Drive and passengers feel absolutely nothing, yet the car is most notably "alive." And that becomes evident as soon as the driver shifts the transmission into either drive or reverse, via a relatively tiny lever in the same area as the other controls.

Besides the quiet while idle, the biggest notable difference between Prius and some other small sedan is that its acceleration is relatively meager. That's because the battery system entirely powers the car until it reaches about 15 mph, whereupon the engine kicks in. But once the driver reaches any sort of normal driving speed, from subdivision speed to freeway pace, Prius presents more than enough pick-me-up to highly resemble a regular internal-combustion vehicle. Prius has adequate room in back for two and just enough room for three rear passengers, and a typical cargo hold, for a small hatchback. It is progressive in its styling — but not too far out. That's also a fair way to describe the car itself. And why Prius is the future.

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