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Magic Moments

Women love receiving flowers and chocolates on any occasion but especially when the only reason for giving is to acknowledge the love between two people. It's those Magic Moments that remain in our memories forever. Tell us your most romantic moment in time for Valentine's Day and you could win dinner for two at George and Harry's in Dearborn, a \$200 Gift Card for Murray's Jewelry in Redford, a singing valentine by a barbershop quartet from the Renaissance Chorus, and two tickets to the Red Wings game 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14. On Feb. 8, the Observer Community Life section will feature readers' Magic Moments. Send yours by Jan. 30 to Hugh Gallagher, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Memo

Tell a story

Canton's sixth annual Storytelling Festival returns Saturday, Jan. 24, to the Summit on the Park. Canton Project ARTS sponsors the event, which features a family performance at 1 p.m. and an adult performance at 7:30 p.m.

The cultural program features the storytelling talents of Barbara McBride-Smith, LaRon Williams and Corinne Stavish. Storytelling is an ancient art form that both entertains and educates, Stavish said. Tellers engage audiences when they give lively, dramatic interpretations of folk and literary tales.

Tickets for the family performance are \$3 each and tickets for the adult performance are \$5 each.

Tickets may be purchased at the Summit front desk or at the door.

Have brunch

Join Canton Project ARTS on Sunday, Feb. 8, for Brunch with Bach and Friends at Summit on the Park. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. and feature the Professors of JAZZ from Michigan State University.

The afternoon will also include works by well-known area artists and a delicious brunch prepared by Summit Gourmet.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Summit. For more information call (734) 394-5193, Ext. 5193.

Election reforms prompt inquiries

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Election officials, such as Canton Clerk Terry Bennett, have as many questions as answers after Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed legislation that limits elections to four months of the year.

The law, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2005, limits elections to the fourth Tuesday in February and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, August and November.

Lawmakers are hoping that with a continuity in election dates, more voters will show up at the polls. Currently, there are no limits on when elections can be held.

Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township currently have primary and general elections in August and November, respectively, so the change won't affect those communities.

However, the election reform package requires that all elections be run by municipal and county clerks. That means Plymouth-Canton Schools, which encompasses all or parts of six communities - Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Salem Township, Superior Township and Northville Township - will have its elections run by Wayne County.

"If a school district is totally contained in one community, the city or township clerk handles the school elections," said Bennett, Canton Township clerk. "In the case of Plymouth-Canton Schools, Wayne County is responsible for holding school elections and establishing an election coordinating committee to decide the process."

Bennett said the coordinating council is made up of the secretary of the school board, the county clerk, and all city and township clerks located within the school district.

Local school districts will have to reimburse the municipalities that run their elections.

A provision in the new law allows school districts to hold a fifth election for a millage or a bond issue, if enough petition signatures are obtained.

"We will need to work on policy and establishing the linkages to municipalities to work out the details," said Judy Mardigian, Plymouth-Canton school board president. "My concern is that we have so many municipalities the costs to hold an election will go up."

The district's elections clerk, Elizabeth Adams, said it costs the district an average \$17,000 to hold an election.

Mardigian said the annual school board election in June will have to be changed.

"I don't think that moving the school board election to May would be a problem," said Mardigian. "I wouldn't want to run an election in November or

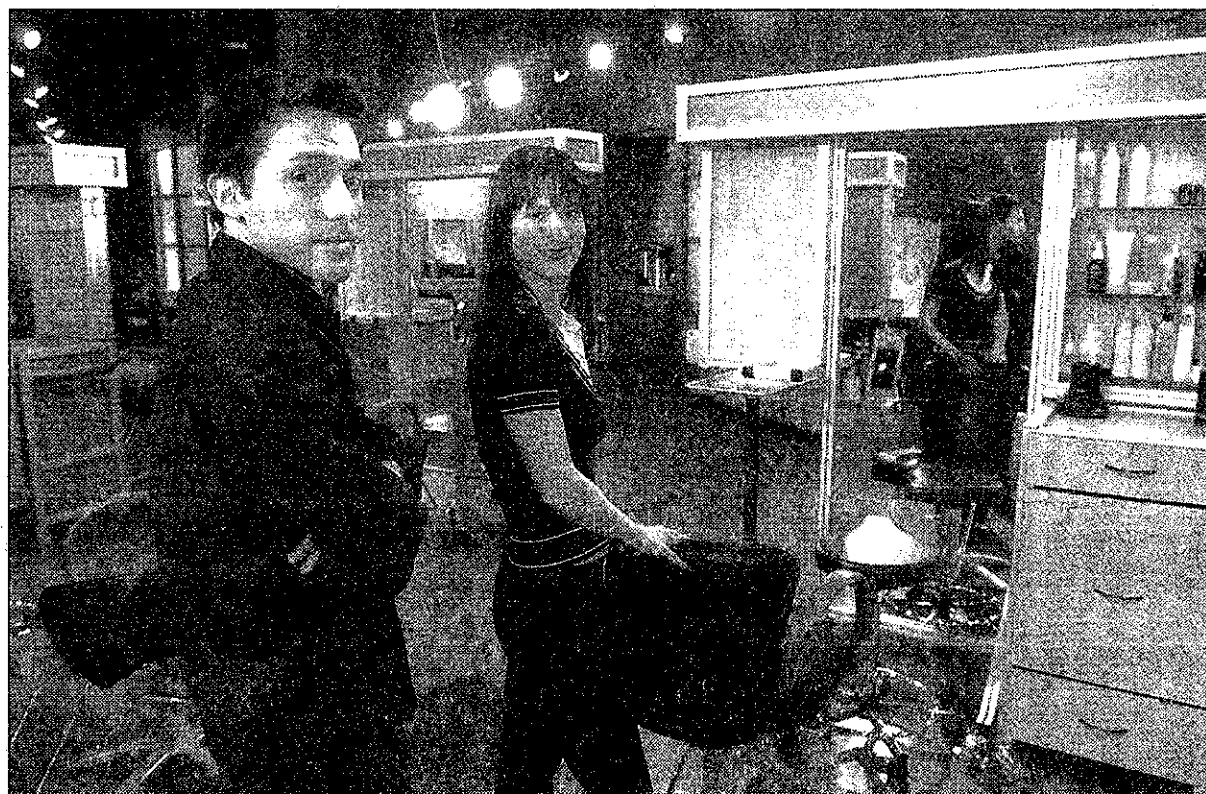
February because many seniors are out of town for all or part of the winter."

Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said she favors the new law.

"From now on, we'll know from year to year the dates of elections," she said. "I was a little surprised that the school can call for one special election, considering that's what we were trying to eliminate."

Not only will voters know when elections are held, they'll no longer have to remember where to vote. Under the law, precincts must be the same for both municipal and school elections.

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Ashka Salon in Canton is a dream come true for Steve and Lisa Curry. The new salon, which opened in November, is in the Canton Center Crossing Plaza.

Ashka is dream come true for couple

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

High school sweethearts Lisa and Steve Curry made their dream come true with the November opening of their Ashka Salon in Canton.

"We look to find the creative element in what we do," said Steve, a graphic artist and musician turned hairstylist.

The salon at 6529 Canton Center in the Canton Center Crossing Plaza is not a pipe dream or overnight decision.

Three years of research gave birth to Ashka, which in the ancient Middle Eastern language of Sanskrit means hope.

"We looked at salons that we felt were a model for operations and structure," Steve said. "We chose models

that are successful."

Their salon is a corporation with a structure that allows for titles, growth and promotions, as well as training and education. "We are not just hairdressers who

PLEASE SEE SALON, A4

At 79-young, he has no plans to quit

Whether he's raising money for the Goodfellows, campaigning for the Community Literacy Council, heading up some program for Canton Rotary (or the Lions Club, which he just joined), or just putzing around his house, John Schwartz shows no signs of retiring.

Which is odd, since Schwartz, 79 (he'll be 80 June 1) has already retired twice. But he just keeps going.

PLEASE SEE VOLUNTEER, A5



John Schwartz, a longtime community volunteer, looks over some plaques and awards he has received for his involvement.

Help pick 'Best Of' winners for Canton

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Entries must be received by Wednesday, Feb. 11. Drawing winners will be notified by phone. Look for the People's Choice awards in Filter on Thursday, March 25, April 1 and April 8, and the Best of Canton awards on March 25.

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Carving artists

Plymouth primes for annual ice festival

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Mother Nature appears to be in a cooperative mood, the Japanese carvers who give the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular its international flavor are ready to do big things and plenty of other attractions are on hand as the 2004 ice festival kicks off today (Thursday).

With weather forecasters saying high temperatures will swing between the high teens to near 30 through the five-day festival, carvers are eagerly anticipating the 22nd annual affair, which runs through Monday.

"It looks like Mother Nature is going to be on our side this week," said Mike Watts of Watts Up Inc., the festival's organizer.

"It's going to be in the temperature range we like, we're trying some new things and it all seems to be working."

Watts is particularly excited

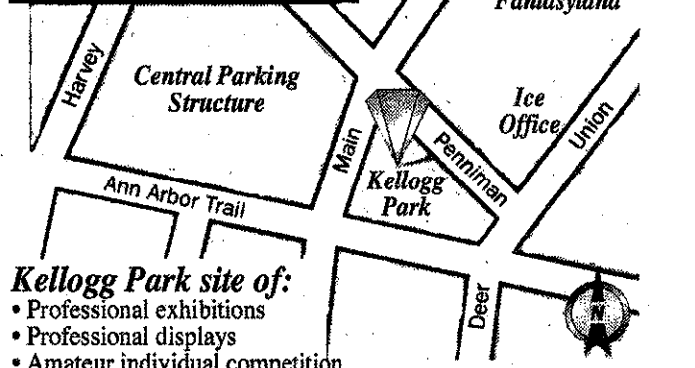
about the Japanese offering, which he says will be the largest sculpture in festival history.

Japanese carvers will use more than 100 blocks of ice to sculpt a carving that weighs more than 16 tons. And that's not all the Japanese will be doing.

"They want to show their appreciation for Plymouth and for the festival, so they'll also be doing some smaller carvings," Watts said.

Of course, the Japanese aren't the only ones who will be carving. The student and amateur competitions were filled with carvers as the festival opened, meaning some 75 students and amateurs will take place in competitions over the weekend.

Though the professional competition has been eliminated, professional carvers – including four world champions – will be providing demonstrations throughout the weekend, Watts said. Included



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among them: Tajana Raukar of Plymouth.

"We're actually going to be having some new things, some positive things," Watts said.

"It's going to be an exciting festival."

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Company gets tax relief for \$2 million expansion

A Canton-based manufacturing company is planning a major expansion, with the hope of eventually adding as many as 30 new jobs.

Williams-Bayer Industries, a manufacturer of automotive components, has been operating out of a 17,400-square-foot facility on Koppnick since January 2001, according to Wilbert Williams, company president.

At the end of January, they'll move to a new larger location on Dewitt, just off Michigan Avenue.

Williams said operations would begin in the new 26,000-square-foot plant in February.

The company got some tax relief from the township at Tuesday night's board of trustees meeting. The board approved a request for a tax abatement which would amount to a 50 percent abate-

ment over four years. In its request, the company said the cost of the improvements will amount to more than \$2.2 million.

Williams said the move to the new location was not dependent on getting the abatement, but it certainly minimizes the financial impact on the company.

"Since this building is larger from a tax standpoint, it would cost us more for ownership," he said. "The cost of occupancy would be increased. It was somewhat crucial to get any type of financial relief. These are costs that we cannot pass on to our customers."

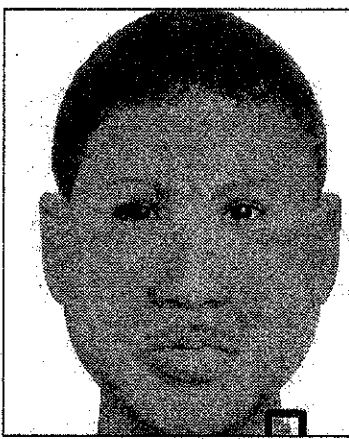
Williams said the company employs 31 people at the moment.

"After the expansion in the short term we plan to add eight to 10 more," he said. In the long term, we hope to add maybe 20 or 30."

Police seek information on party store robber

Canton Police have released a composite sketch of a man who robbed the Cracker Barrel Party Store on Ford Road on Dec. 11. Police say the man entered the store about 10:30 a.m., brandished a gun and left with an undisclosed amount of money. He fled east on Ford in a white car.

He was described as a black



male, about 6 feet tall, 230 pounds, wearing blue jeans, a blue sweatshirt, a jacket, gloves and a ski mask.

Anyone with information is asked to call Canton Police at (734) 394-5400.

Township sells land to auto dealer Dick Scott

Auto dealer Dick Scott will buy about eight acres of township-owned land for \$874,000.

Canton trustees approved the deal Tuesday. The land is on Michigan Avenue and Lilley Road.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said Scott has indicated he has no immediate plans for the property, but he noted in his request for board action that while the property is now zoned industrial, with a special land use it can

support the sale of new vehicles.

The land was originally acquired by the township as part of the vertical expansion of the Sauk Trails Landfill. Canton has no immediate use for the property and considers it surplus.

Yack recommended that the down payment of \$46,000 and all interest and/or cash-out payments be placed into the community improvement fund.

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr., *Vision*, the men's glee club of the Detroit High School for Fine and Performing Arts, will perform at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19 at the Canton Public Library.

The concert is part of the library's "One Community, One Voice," presentation by the library's Multicultural Committee.

Vision will perform, gospel, classical, pop and jazz music. They are directed by Sheryl Valentine.

"They are a fun group," said Marcia Barker, library Friends, Volunteer and Program coordinator.

"This is strictly an entertaining evening."

Last year, the event some 100 people, and library officials expect the same this year.

Participants may also wander through the library too see display cases filled with books and materials at Martin Luther King Jr.

You may also log on to the library's Web site at www.cantonpl.org to review the King collection.

During intermission, the township's Human Relations Commission will honor three students who are winners of its Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest. Students were asked to write about "which of Martin Luther King's ideas appeal to you the most and why." The first-place winner will receive \$150, second-place, \$100 and third-place, \$75.

Seating is limited. Library officials ask patrons to register for the program by calling (734) 397-0999.



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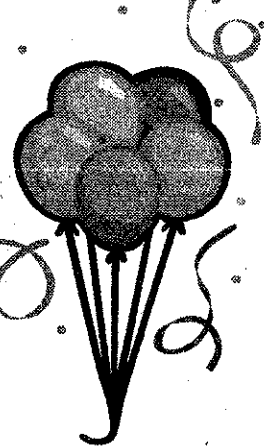
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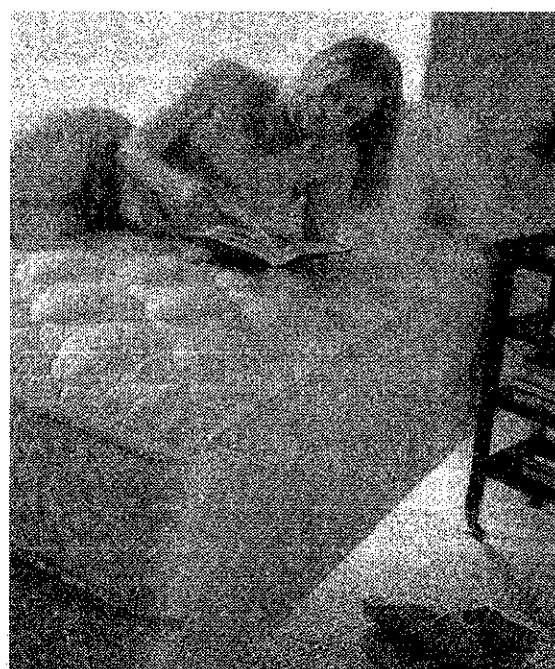
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Miss Hannigan, played by Shelby Crosier, is beset by the orphans in 'Annie Junior,' to be presented Friday at Discovery Middle School. This is the first production by Ever After Productions in conjunction with Canton Township.

The sun will come out

Annie Junior, the popular Depression-era story from Broadway, will launch the first performance by Ever After Productions at Discovery Middle School at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16.

Three other performances are scheduled for 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Jan. 17 and 2:30 p.m. Jan. 18.

Tickets are \$8 in advance (\$10 at the door) and can be purchased at Summit on the Park.

Ever After Productions was formed this past summer by Canton resident Emily Sherman to do community theater productions in partnership with Canton Township. Focusing on children's theater, the performers are all students from 6-18 years old. Most are Plymouth and Canton residents, although some do come from other communities.

Sherman, who's the arts programming director for Northville and Northville Township, said the idea was to get local kids involved in the performing arts.

And, in partnership with Canton Township, she's eagerly looking forward to



Mia Topalian plays Annie Junior in the first production presented by Ever After Productions at Discovery Middle School Jan. 16. Ever After Productions was formed this past summer by Canton resident Emily Sherman to do community theater productions in partnership with Canton Township.

the opening of the Village Theater in Cherry Hill Village.

"There are so many possibilities there," Sherman said. "I'm thrilled that these kids are going to be on a real stage with real curtains and a real audience. It will be great

for the community."

With the opening of the theater, Sherman also envisions offering classes, focusing on production and other elements of the theater. She's also thinking of starting a stage crafters group.

For the first production she chose *Annie Junior* because "everyone loves it" and it allows for 50 kids to participate.

"There are two big choruses, a lot of speaking roles," she said. *Annie Junior* is the licensed version of the Broadway hit *Annie*, which has been shortened to one hour and rescored for kid's voices. Auditions for the next Ever After Production, *The Music Man Junior*, will be held on Jan. 25 at the Summit. Aspiring performers should come anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. and plan to stay for half an hour. There is a \$5 audition fee, payable on audition night. There are 25 speaking roles and 35 chorus parts.

The Music Man Junior will be performed May 14, 15 and 16. For more information call Jennifer Tobin at (734) 394-5484.

Salvation Army behind in fund-raising for 2004

BY WAYNE PEAL
STAFF WRITER

Despite a boost from its holiday kettle campaign, the metro area Salvation Army is running well behind its fund-raising goals for 2004. Local Salvation Army programs are more than \$1 million short of this year's \$5 million fund-raising goal and may face cuts without additional help from the public.

Officials at Salvation Army headquarters in Southfield say shelter, food and clothing programs all may have to be curtailed.

The problem, they say, is that individual and corporate donations are falling but need is growing.

"We're serving far more people than we were just three years ago," Community Relations Director Nathaniel Warshay said.

On average, the Salvation Army currently provides shelter to some 2,119 metro area people per night. That is compared with 938 three years ago.

In that same time, the local demand for meals has grown from 3,800 to 5,050 per day.

"We've even used a consultant who has shown us how to provide meals for less," Warshay said.

"But even at 50 cents per meal it's still several thousand dollars per day."



Take a chance

Nancy Spencer, president of Canton Goodfellows, just put this queen-sized quilt, 'Civil War Star,' made by Magdalene Van Hoeck, on display at the Canton Public Library. The quilt is being offered in a raffle, with proceeds that will go to support the Goodfellows in its yearlong fund-raising effort. Tickets are \$1. You may buy tickets at the library's reception desk or by calling Spencer at (734) 397-8975. The drawing will be at 1 p.m. Jan. 30 at the library.

Let the Whalers wait on you at Max & Erma's

Watching the Plymouth Whalers serve up wins is nothing new to local hockey fans. But, on Jan. 20, those fans will get an opportunity to see the Whalers serve up Garbage Burgers and Asian Potstickers in Canton.

It's all part of Max & Erma's Plymouth Whalers Celebrity Server Night, scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the company restaurant at 2240 Canton Center North. All tips received during the event will

be donated to the Karmanos Cancer Foundation.

"This is a great way for the players to connect with the public and benefit a worthy cause at the same time," said Jodi Tinney, regional marketing director for Max & Erma's.

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want a pretty room to work in," Lisa said.

At Ashka, employees go to Boot Camp, in which they learn a certain set of skills, such as technical and, most importantly, communications — verbal and non-verbal. "We educate in body language," Lisa said. "We have to be interpreters and mind readers."

When a customer walks into Ashka, the Currys want her to relax and enjoy. "It is their moment of luxury," Lisa said. "Women don't have the time to pamper themselves."

Enter the Ashka staff. Each client receives a complimentary head and shoulder massage, hand massage, sea salt foot soak or makeup finishing touch with all salon services.

"These are things that pamper without taking a lot of time," Lisa said. "We have to say, 'It's OK, pamper yourself.' Having your hair done is not the only way to pamper yourself, she added.

Ashka is an Aveda salon, which means they use and sell Aveda products, chosen by the Currys "because they advocate

ecological responsibility," Steve said.

The Currys want to make it clear this not an ordinary salon where you drop in, get your hair cut, colored and styled. The stylists will work with clients to determine what is best for their hair and lifestyle. It's more than having your hair done in a way that looks good — it's something you can't do on your own at home.

"We could be unique. We show them how to do their own hair. We'll hand them the hair dryer and brush," Lisa said, adding the salon will offer blow drying clinics.

The Currys already know that 80 percent of women want a medium-to-long layered cut. "They want to tie it back when they need to," Lisa said. "People are mostly looking for timely hairstyles."

Color is also big. "You can decorate your cut with color. For highlights, people like to go lighter. People like to have a splash of blonde. It's something to play with," Lisa said.

While offering salon and spa services, the Currys wanted Ashka to be an inviting and exciting place. When they chose their 3,600-square-foot salon, they wanted it to be functional with room to grow

and pretty with angles and arches.

The salon boasts curbside appeal with interesting colors, high ceilings and the warm, relaxing wood. All the light-colored wood furniture is on coasters, allowing for mobility and flexibility. The Currys designed their own furniture and worked with Engineered Aluminum Fabricators to make it a reality.

"We designed and they make it tangible. We are the prototype," Steve said. "We knew pretty much what we wanted."

Indeed they did. Lisa knew in high school she wanted to be a stylist. "I think it goes back to my grandmother," she said. "She was an Avon lady."

While Lisa was in the salon business, Steve went into graphic arts and is also a musician. "At that time, in graphic arts you were limited. I was looking for a creative outlook. The next thing I knew, I was enrolled in cosmetology school."

Steve relied on his graphic arts expertise to design the studio, furniture and the Web site. He also did the carpentry inside the salon.

The Currys worked together in a salon, where they learned a lot. But they wanted more. "I



Steve and Lisa Curry want to make sure the Ashka Salon offers time for pampering. Clients receive complimentary check, shoulder and hand massages.

wouldn't do a business unless Steve was involved," Lisa said.

But Steve was interested in pursuing his music with Fountainhead, his rock and alternative band. He worked for four years with record companies and played locally.

"The record companies are focusing on young, more pop-oriented bands," Steve said. "Things are so crazy right now. Record companies are closing up."

That made the timing all the better for the Currys to make their dream come true.

"We get to make people feel good all day," Lisa said. "We get to change people's lives every day."

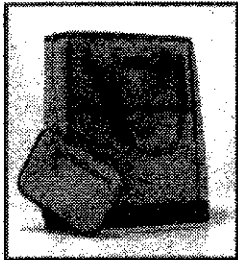
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FROM PAGE A1

Born John O. Schwartz III on June 1, 1924, at the family home on 8207 Lilley Road, he's a true native of Canton.

His family owned 35 acres at the site which is across Lilley from the present Mettetal Airport. The family ran a truck garden farming operation in the then-rural township.

In the 1930s, during the Depression, they got into greenhouses - growing flowers and selling them wholesale.

"You'd do anything you could to make a living back then," Schwartz said.

The operation grew and in 1946, after serving a stint in the Army Air Corps in Burma, China and India, Schwartz returned to the family home and joined the greenhouse business.

After his parents died he took over the business, along with his wife, Mary. And he began joining. Joining organizations. Like the Plymouth VFW (of which he was commander for a while), Southeastern Michigan Florist Association (president), Metro Detroit Flower Growers Association (charter president), Canton Rotary (charter president), Canton Library Board (president) and ... well, you get the idea.

And he became active in raising money for charitable organizations. And just improving the community.

But for all his involvements and activities, it was his work with the Canton Public Library that kept him involved for years. In fact, there was no library in Canton when Schwartz and a group of other residents decided that there should be.

Through their work they managed to get a 1-mill tax approved by the voters in 1979. In 1980, the new library opened on the third floor of the administration building. Schwartz served on the library board from the beginning and was president for a few years.

In 1986, the library had outgrown its quarters in the administration building and



Schwartz

business, became a kind of adjunct building manager, checking on the construction progress and just fixing things up as needed.

Schwartz was president of the Library Board when Jean Tabor was hired as director in 1985, a position she still holds.

A few short years later, when Schwartz was 65, he got a call from Tabor.

voters approved another 1 mill to build a new building.

Schwartz, while still on the board and still running his greenhouse

"She said 'John, why don't you give up those greenhouses and come to work for the library as building manager?'" he recalled.

He thought about it briefly, then called his suppliers to cancel all his orders. He found a buyer for the greenhouses and went to work for Tabor at the library.

"I was only supposed to work half time," he said. "But there was so much to do, I never worked half time. It was always full time."

He was a hands-on manager, doing much of the work himself rather than contracting it out.

One of his most noticeable contributions was the "READ"

term that he built by and on the east side of the building facing Canton Center Road. In the summer, the word read is spelled out in flowers against a green background. That project won a state award for the library.

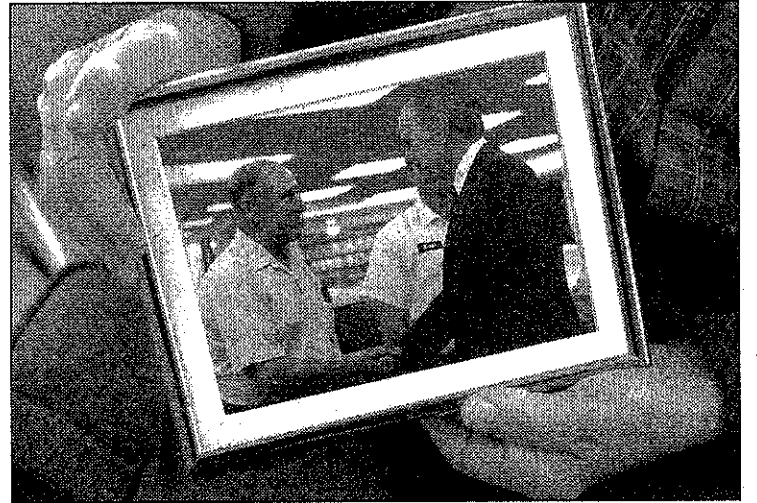
When he was 75 he retired again - from the library.

But he's still active in more organizations than he can count.

Why does he do it?

"That's what my wife asks me all the time," he said.

"I don't know. I just wanted to get involved with the community. And sometimes you just learn that people need help and I want to help."



John Schwartz holds a photograph of the time he met President George Bush in 1993 at the Canton Public Library.

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OUR VIEWS

Time to close I-275 bike paths

The idea of bike paths along I-275 from Monroe to Oakland counties was probably not only unique for the 1970s when they were built, but satisfied the need for an urban population that was becoming increasingly aware of the need for recreation and open space in its concrete jungle.

Almost 30 years later, the bike paths have become an anomaly in almost every way. It is rare to see a bicyclist, walker or runner on the bike paths today. To do any of these activities to the rhythm of loud and speeding traffic, accompanied with gas fumes, defies the healthy purpose of outdoor activities.

It's time to face facts. The paths aren't what they used to be and aren't being used to the extent planners may have anticipated. The paths do not appear to be in overwhelming use. Maintaining them clearly is not a priority for the Michigan Department of Transportation, and patrolling them consistently is neither cost-effective nor easily accomplished.

A jurisdictional issue also plagues the bike paths, some portions of which are in less than admirable shape. Yet another portion in Canton has been closed for some time awaiting repair.

The bike paths essentially belong to MDOT. But maintenance belongs to Wayne County by contract, with direction and money coming from MDOT officials.

That means when there is money available, the bike paths may get fixed. When there isn't money available, or the project is not a priority, the bike paths get closed for repair.

Safety along the paths technically belongs to the Michigan State Police, who patrol the freeways. Local police respond to calls along the paths. That's not the same as patrolling a neighborhood. Ideally, bicycle patrols would be appropriate — if enough people used the paths.

When asked by MDOT officials a few years ago to take control of the paths, local officials, such as Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, declined. In addition to costs, there's plenty of liability, something the local communities weren't interested in accepting.

The bike paths were a good idea whose time has passed. The paths no longer serve as intended or are used as intended. MDOT would be further ahead by closing the pathways entirely and saving everyone a potential headache and costs.

All Americans have reason to honor King

Next week, a flurry of programs and activities will take place to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Each year in January, we pause to reflect just where are we in the continuing story of the national civil rights movement.

On Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, some of our towns will hold parades and daylong workshops with the themes of tolerance, understanding and equal rights for all.

It is proper to celebrate King's life in such a way. He has, after all, become an American symbol of justice and the power of positive change. More than any leader, regardless of color, he is the man who carries the message forward even from beyond the grave.

Just as John F. Kennedy inspired his fellow Americans as to what we could accomplish as a nation, Dr. King's legacy continues to inspire us as to what we can accomplish as individuals.

We all should remember that M.L. King Jr. Day is not a "black" holiday, nor a celebration of his life. It is a dedication to his cause, which should be the cause of all Americans: justice and equality for all.

If your community has a Martin Luther King Jr. Day march, join it. If it has a school program, take part. If it doesn't have an M.L. King Jr. Day celebration, then start a movement to begin one. Or at the least take time to read his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. It's short, direct and challenges all Americans to live up to the principles of this country.

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LETTERS

Cut overhead

Your column in defense of higher funding for Michigan's state universities and colleges would be justified if there was not evidence of continued wasteful spending at these institutions.

Since you were a regent at the University of Michigan, I will give you a recent example of wasteful spending there. A relative of mine who works there was shocked this past December when the wife of a dean spent \$4,000 on flowers for the department's Christmas party. My relative also related other examples of waste at a time when the university is complaining about state cuts.

Every state institution should be mandated to use zero base accounting and explain every dollar they budget. Unless you haven't noticed, the businesses and residents of this state have been suffering through a recession for the last 2½ years. My family suffered a 30-percent reduction in revenue last year and have rearranged our finances accordingly. I haven't seen any cuts from the colleges and universities other than tuition increases for their students. They have not cut any of their overhead. When that happens, then I will feel sorry for them.

Randall E. Martin
Canton

Senseless arguments

Arguments opposing the war in Iraq frequently make little sense.

"Bush should have waited for U.N. support." United Nations oversight permitted Hussein to continue his torture, murder and weapon development from 1991 until our troops were prepared to act. The U.N. has exacerbated Israeli-Palestine relations for 50 years.

"Resources should be spent on our real needs at home." Destruction of the Twin Towers proved we have greater needs elsewhere.

"It is all about oil." How much oil is there in Afghanistan or Kosovo?

"Corporations contributing to conservatives are getting rich." Teachers unions, Hollywood stars and trial lawyers contribute mostly to liberal causes that could not manufacture weapons or deliver fuel at any price.

"Iraqi citizens have no ability to implement a democracy." The English said that about Americans centuries ago. It took time, but we made it work.

Hank Borgman
Farmington

Denying our dream

The answers to questions asked of the "nine" seeking the Democrat nomination as the party's representative for the presidency of the United States all indicate a considerable lack of knowledge and understanding of our Founding Fathers' writings.

The Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Federalist Papers, the rule of law, the market system and the concept of limited government seem to be little understood.

When and where the candidates did have knowledge of our nation's problems, their solutions contradicted our Founders' intent, would deny the benefits

of free enterprise, cede social power to the federal government and diminish the inalienable rights of each of us.

The "nine" all support federal aid to education, a denial of states' rights and people's rights. They all support a government plan for dispensing and financing medical care, admitting, even boasting, that the government-care programs in other states — Germany and Canada, for example — are superior to the present care conditions in the United States today.

Is it lack of understanding that prompts the Democrats to praise others' systems and deny the superior care given in the United States? Is it socialist envy, somewhat akin to the Islamic, Muslim, Arab, terrorist, adopted hate of American accomplishment, superiority and prestige?

The nine aspirants all thought poorly of the administration's efforts to combat terrorism. They decry the reason and benefit of the Patriot Act. Profiling is continually attacked. Our effort in Iraq is belittled by some, condemned by others as unnecessary and misdirected.

Recent "improvements" in the behavior of the leaders in Iran and North Korea seem to be the result of our country's resolve and the understanding of many in the world that freedom is important and our country will work to see it prosper and grow.

The responses to questions by the "nine" deny our dream. They have no real answers for a republic that supports the free market and limited government. Vote our Constitution and our heritage. Many in the world would like to copy our example.

Those who would carry envy and hate to produce today's smog could join the parade given knowledge, understanding and a religion that truly believes man should not maim and kill his neighbor.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Nothing is secure

As a victim of identity theft and credit card fraud, I feel that our public lawmakers should take a far more aggressive approach towards eradicating this problem and severely punishing the criminals involved.

It seems as though every day I receive numerous credit card solicitation notices with pre-approved credit and checks inside. If that's not enough invitation for mailbox theft, we also receive our insurance claims in the mail with all of our Social Security information on it. Nothing is secure anymore. Even though mail fraud is supposed to be a crime, who gets prosecuted?

Just look in your mailbox on a daily basis and I am sure you'll find pre-approved credit card applications, home mortgage information and health insurance claim forms. Many of these will have your Social Security number right on the letter. We need to stop all these bank card companies from sending this much personal information in the mail.

Let's stop this invasion of our privacy and act now to stop mail fraud.

Cynthia Jamian
Bloomfield Hills

Military threat

At this time, when our civil liberties appear to be challenged, it is troubling to read an organization as the Citizens for a United Michigan, headed by a military person, is attempting to deny voters the opportunity to vote on a ballot issue.

The ballot issue is irrelevant, next to the fact that such tactics are hypocritical, un-American and smack at repression.

I would not trust any group with military connections. We are dangerously close to a military state now with all the security controls being enforced. The USA changing to USSA (United Socialist States of America) could be an unpleasant reality if the voters of Michigan do not pay attention to shady politics.

Edward Parrine
Farmington Hills

Money, money, money

We live in a society, and in a community, where for all practical purposes, money is everything.

We want it. We try to get it. We envy those who have it. But worse, we look down on those who do not have adequate income, as if we are somehow better than they.

How stupid can we get? I guess the answer to that question is: We can get as stupid as we are.

Most of us in this community do not know how lucky we are. Lucky, because the very fact that we happen to be living here, no matter how we may have gotten here, indicates that most of us, by virtue of being here, know where our next meal is coming from.

And most of us have roofs over our heads to protect us from the rain and snow, and warm beds in which to sleep every night. Most of us are on the inside looking out.

I wonder, how many in this community have had the experience of being on the outside, looking in? Have you ever been homeless or broke and hungry? Are you somehow better than someone who is broke and hungry? Or are you better than someone because you have a nicer house, car or clothing?

Are you a better class of person than those less fortunate than you? I don't mean to bring you on a downer. I just think we should all be more aware of the world around us.

Kenneth Kemp
Farmington Hills

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QUOTABLE

"I couldn't tell you who was on the board at the time, but I remember Doris Kelley. She was sitting at the end of the table taking notes. I never imagined that 34 years later we'd be on the same staff."

— Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, about Doris Kelley, who retired after more than 30 years at the township

Duggan is the tough guy who can set DMC right

Mike Duggan started his new job as CEO of the Detroit Medical Center last week. Both Duggan and the DMC have been in and out of the news fairly regularly for the past several years — Duggan as former Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara's chief deputy and then Wayne County prosecutor, and the DMC as hemorrhaging cash and facing insolvency. So I called Duggan's PR person to schedule an interview and, voila, he returned the call ... punctual to the minute.

Both in person and in the media, the 45-year-old Duggan comes across as a short, balding, intense and pugnacious guy; imagine a miniature, aggressive but friendly bulldog sniffing energetically at your pant leg and you get the idea. I think he's taken a bum rap over years for McNamara's alleged flaws, thereby obscuring that administration's very considerable achievements: Pulling down abandoned houses in Detroit, fixing up the physically dilapidated Detroit schools, sorting out the suburban bus system.

There was lots of criticism when Duggan's appointment to head the troubled DMC system was announced: He doesn't know anything about medicine or hospitals, it was said. His appointment was a monument to cronyism. He'll antagonize (a) the doctors, (b) the patients, (c) the other hospitals, (d) the Wayne County politicians, (e) you pick.

DMC is an aggregation of eight hospitals and three medical institutes. Detroit Receiving Hospital, the only Level 1 trauma institution in the city, is one of the best emergency outfits in the country. Hutzel Hospital excels in obstetrics, delivering more than 5,500 babies in a year and coping with the vast majority of high-risk pregnancies in the entire region. The Karmanos Cancer Center and the Kresge Eye Center are national quality.

But the medical center also takes in the poor, the uninsured and the underinsured. As a result, it's losing lots of money; the current rate is probably as much as \$10 million a month. Last year, an emergency \$50 million public grant was arranged to keep DMC afloat while (unnamed) wise people tried to figure out how to fix a system that has been broken for years.

When we talked, Duggan sounded both informed and upbeat. Why did he get the job? "I know some professional hospital administrators wouldn't take it because they thought things couldn't be turned around. ... For me, health care for poor and uninsured people has always been close to my heart."

"And the opportunity to run Detroit's largest private employer is a real challenge, especially one with terrific assets, a wonderful medical staff

and lots of talented people who have been caught up in a non-functional system."

Duggan's first priority — one endorsed by every expert I talked with — is to show the world that he's for real and DMC can survive and prosper by finishing off the stalled refurbishment of Detroit Receiving. "My very first hire was Mary Zuckerman, who is as good a big project manager as anybody," Duggan said. "When I went over to Receiving, the whole place looked like it wasn't even open for business, and the parking structure was in complete disarray. We have the money to get the job done. It's just an issue of managing and driving the construction."

In the longer run, Duggan will have to figure out how to attract patients and cut costs even further. He says some of the DMC hospitals compete unnecessarily and expensively with each other, and he wants to work out how best to collaborate with other hospital systems in the area — Henry Ford, St. John and Oakwood, in particular.

Ultimately, some kind of financial and managerial model will have to be developed to stabilize DMC. The obvious example is Chicago's Cook County system, where big hospital operations were rationalized and a network of 20-odd federally qualified local health centers were opened to serve poor and underinsured patients who otherwise would jam the expensive emergency rooms at the big hospitals.

In an anti-tax climate, the obvious question is finance. A new Detroit Wayne County Health Authority was created at the same time the \$50 million bailout was adopted. It is supposed to work out issues of governance, finance and politics — no small matter in these anti-tax days. Duggan says the authority is the responsibility of "other people," although he adds, "a countywide tax is simply unrealistic."

I think Duggan has no choice but to push the authority as far as it will go. Given the harsh realities of Wayne County politics, this may be the toughest assignment of them all.

Some non-Detroiters may think that what happens to the DMC is of no particular concern to them. I'd advise thinking again. DMC accepts annually around \$125 million in uncompensated health care costs. If DMC were to fold, poor patients would overwhelm the St. Johns and Henry Fords and then flock to suburban hospitals, the obvious first choice being William Beaumont in Royal Oak, just up Woodward Avenue from the city's borders.

Duggan's got a tough job, and I wish him well. As he says, "Hospitals are the only business I know that the government requires you to take in every customer, but won't pay the cost of treating them."

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



Phil Power

A college degree doesn't have the impact it used to

As a senior at Michigan Tech (Michigan's forgotten University), I have a feeling that what concerns people on my campus is quite different than the concerns of students in Ann Arbor, Lansing and the like.

We are a largely down-to-earth group of people, and our concerns are few — but practical. Ask the average Tech senior their top three concerns and they will be, in this order: Getting a job, getting a job and getting a job. Now that I think about it, perhaps we're not that different at all.

There was a time when you went to Michigan Tech because you were assured that you would not have to be concerned about getting a job. Well, times have certainly changed. I don't doubt that they have changed for other university students as well.

It is disconcerting, as an undergraduate, knowing that I may be filling out graduate school applications sooner than job applications, but I think it speaks to a noticeable trend in higher education. Whereas 10 to 20 years ago, high school was considered a requirement and college a luxury, I firmly believe that higher education, at least at the undergraduate level, has become a basic requirement. Simply carrying your bachelor's degree is no longer considered a unique quality.

This issue, in my experience, is one that is being hotly debated in the world of higher education. Universities have begun to recognize that, while undergraduates keep the lights on, the graduate students bring in the research dollars that buy new lightbulbs. I realize that is a gross oversimplification, but it begins to speak to a reality that some among us face: Go to graduate school or face underemployment.

I believe the reason for this phenomenon is twofold: The first is the natural evolution of our education system in the United States.

Over the past century or so, education has become progressively requisite. That is, initially grade school was a basic requirement, high school was more specialized and college was left to the scholars and the wealthy. As our society developed, more advanced levels of education became more basic and still-higher levels were left to those in pursuit of a higher cause.

Currently, the system has evolved to a



Andrew Dobos

Simply carrying your bachelor's degree is no longer considered a unique quality.

point that an undergraduate university education has become the bare minimum for employment and advanced degrees are what any college degree at all used to be.

The second reason, I believe, is somewhat a cause of the first. The slowdown in the economy that came with the new century created a shortage of jobs that were available to college graduates. It's not that there were fewer jobs than normal, but that the economy was simply returning to a more normal level of jobs and there were too many "qualified" individuals. So, the qualifications had to be raised.

Normally, I suppose this wouldn't be a problem. However, it has become a problem in light of the poor economic picture of the past few years. As the state and its taxpayers have been tightening their belts, public higher education has suffered drastic and crippling funding reductions. Michigan Tech has been hit especially hard because of dwindling enrollment and the increasing costs of funding a school with such expensive programs.

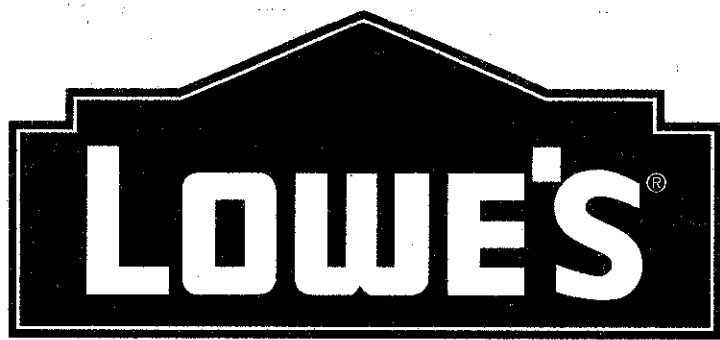
The funding issue then naturally begs the question, "How are students going to pay for the education that is now required of them, when the costs are rising and the number of available jobs is decreasing?"

Aha! Now that's an issue of grave concern for the students.

If we are to continue to make higher education a requirement of our children, then as taxpayers, we can't continue to ignore the needs of our universities. In her rationale for cutting the state's allocations to its universities, Gov. Jennifer Granholm indicated that it was the desire of the taxpayers that higher education, rather than K-12, be the bearer of the most weight from the revenue shortfalls.

Taxpayers, it is time to tell Lansing that universities cannot continue to be the governor's punching bag. If the fund-cutting trend continues, the business community in Michigan will begin to crumble quickly as college students ship out to states that take universities seriously.

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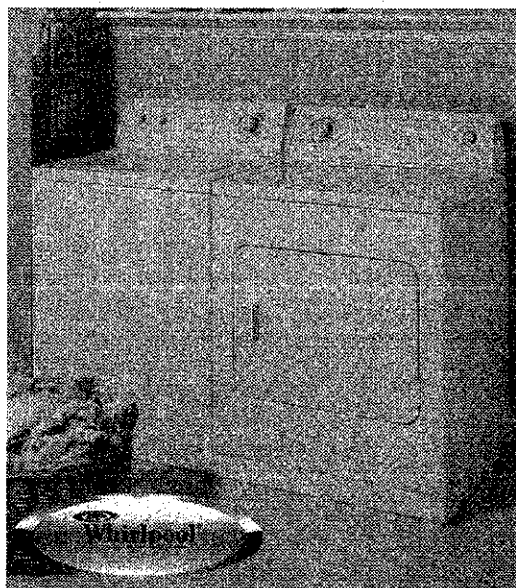
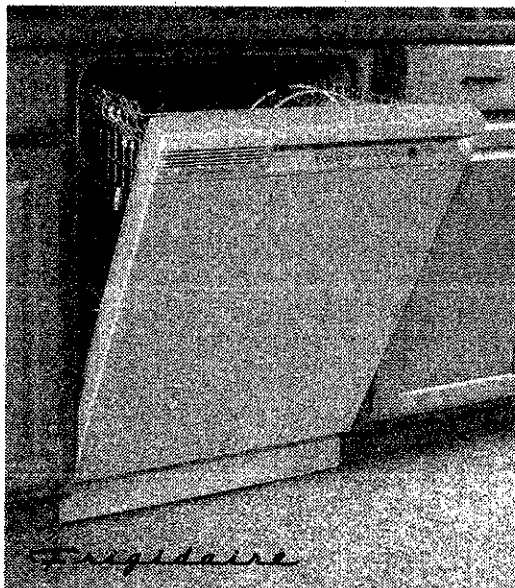
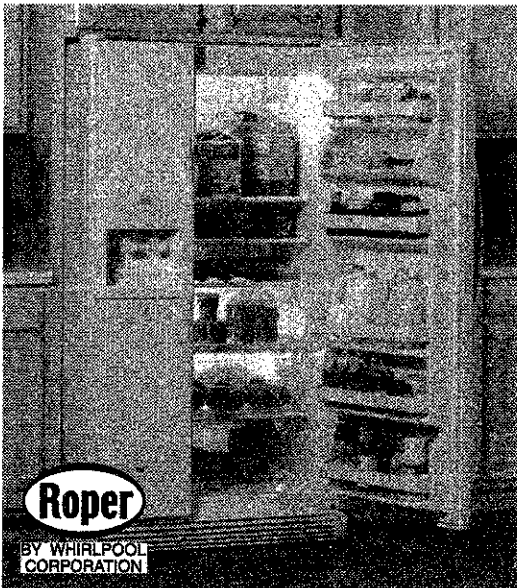
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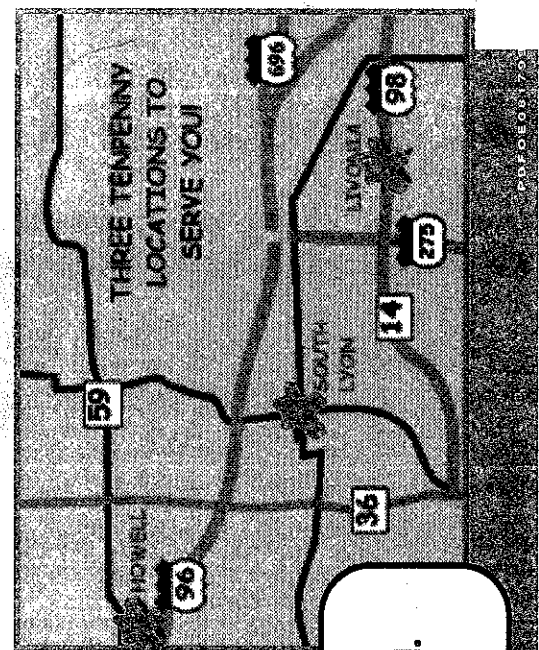
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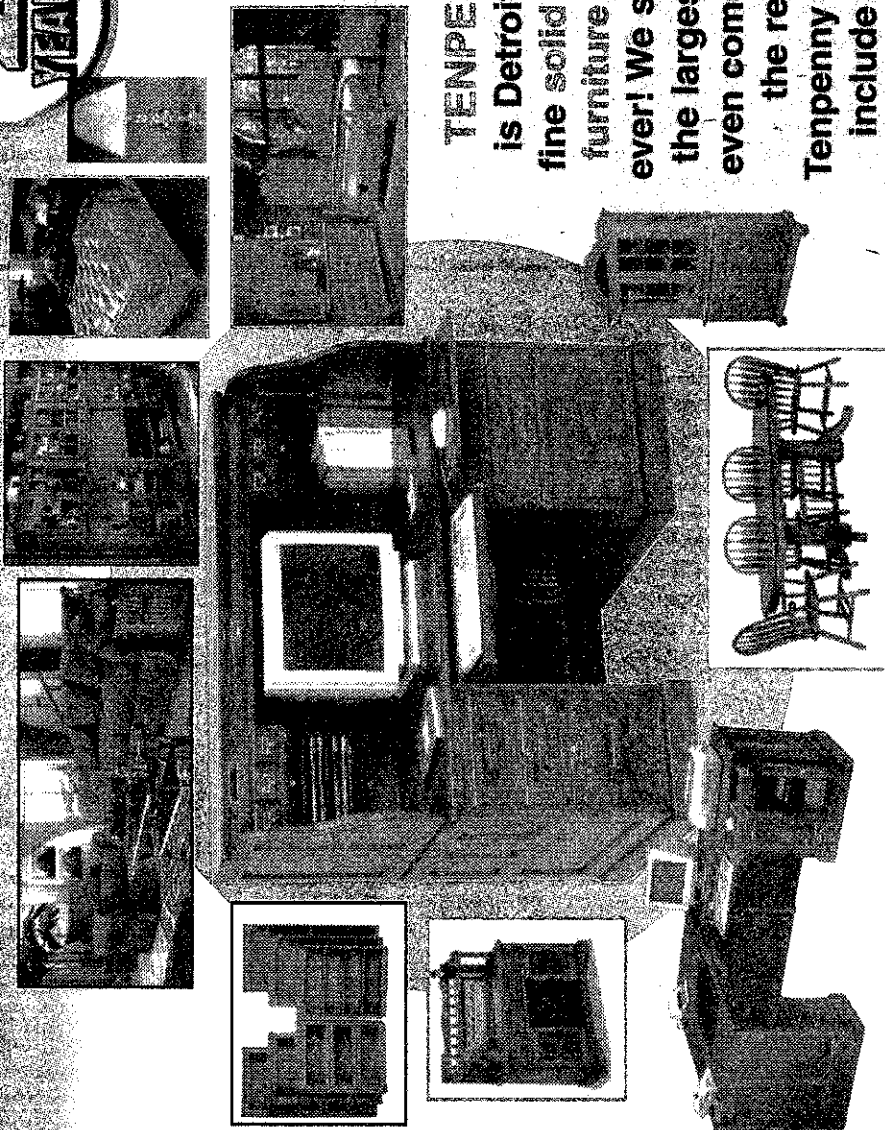
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Madonna honored

Madonna University wrapped up the fall season with its highest sports ranking in school history, taking 10th place in the United Sports Academy Directors' Cup rankings for the NAIA.

The Crusaders currently have 170 points with the men's and women's soccer teams each earning 50 points at the finish of their seasons. Women's volleyball earned the school 70 points following its run to the "Elite Eight" after finishing fifth nationally. Madonna finished first in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in both women's soccer and volleyball.

Points are given to NAIA schools based on each institution's finish in a total of 12 sports – six women's and six men's – with national championship teams receiving 100 points.

Complete standings can be found on the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics' (NACDA) web site at www.nacda.com.

Anderson moving

Just a few years ago, Ryan Anderson was considered the biggest baseball news, as far as prospects are concerned, to hit the state in a decade or so.

But Anderson's career hasn't panned out. Last Friday Anderson, from Westland, was designated for assignment by the Seattle Mariners. The Mariners were trying to open a roster spot for newly-signed short-stop Rich Aurilia.

The move allowed Seattle 10 days to trade Anderson, release him or send him outright to the minors.

On Tuesday, Anderson was sent outright to Triple-A Tacoma after he cleared waivers.

He remains in the Mariners' system but is not on the 40-man roster.

The 6-foot-10 Anderson hasn't pitched in three seasons due to surgery he first had in March 2001 to repair a torn left rotator cuff. The following March underwent labrum surgery, which was repeated last June.

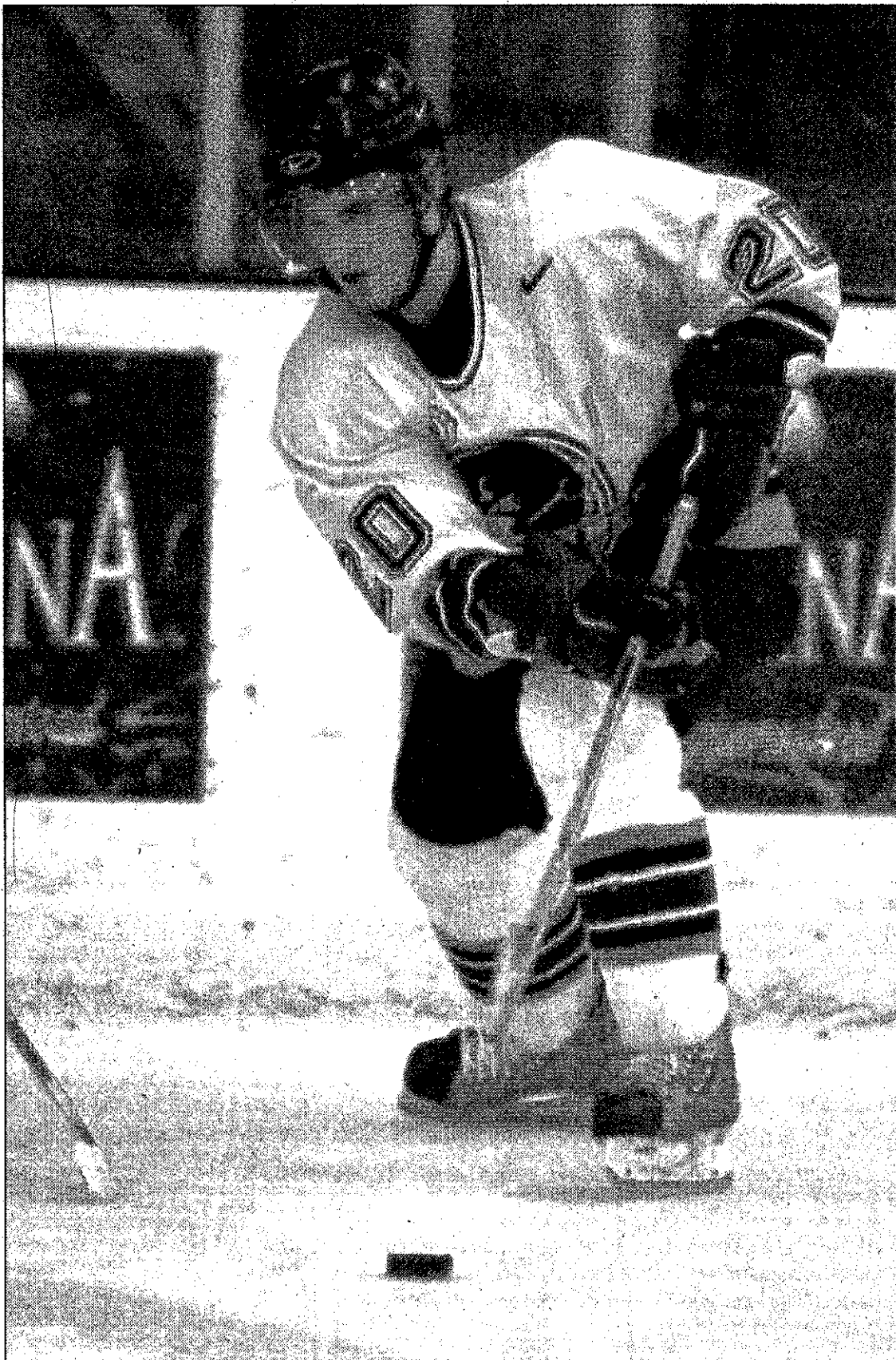
Nicknamed "Little Unit," Anderson was Seattle's No. 1 pick in the 1997 amateur draft. He drew comparisons to Arizona Diamondbacks' star Randy Johnson (the Big Unit) because of his height, his tough slider and a 100-mph fastball.

Anderson hasn't pitched in a game since going 5-8 with a 3.98 earned-run average for Tacoma in 2000. He had 146 strikeouts and 55 walks in 104 innings.

Little League

Player registration for the Plymouth-Canton Little League will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Jan. 17 at the Plymouth Public Library, located at 223 S. Main Street. Proof of birth date and residence required.

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James Wisniewski was an integral part of Team USA's gold-medal winning effort at the World Juniors. Wisniewski had two goals and three assists in six games.

Winning gold a career highlight for Wisniewski

Throughout James Wisniewski's hockey career, there have been highlights.

A standout since his first season with the Plymouth Whalers, Wisniewski – a Canton native – has become an Ontario Hockey League star and was drafted by the Chicago Blackhawks. This year, he was named the Whalers' captain.

But none of his previous accomplishments measure up to what just happened. On Jan. 5, Wisniewski helped Team USA capture its first-ever gold medal at the World Junior Hockey Tournament in Helsinki, Finland.

Team USA had to battle back from a 3-1 deficit after two periods to edge Team Canada, 4-3, in the gold medal match.

Asked where he would rank this in his career, Wisniewski replied, "There's nothing that can compare to that tournament, the win and what was at stake – the first-ever gold medal for the U.S."

"I just can't put it into words."

Wisniewski certainly did his part. Now in his fourth season playing defense for the Whalers, Wisniewski collected two goals and assisted on three others in the six games of the World Juniors.

There was a lot to appreciate with this victory. In the semifinals of last year's World Juniors in Nova Scotia, Team USA lost to Team Canada, then got beat by Team Finland in the bronze medal game.

"We weren't rated that high last year," Wisniewski, who was part of that team as well, reflect-

ed. "I think we kind of surprised a lot of people."

That fourth-place finish combined with the return of several key players to make Team USA the gold-medal favorite this year.

Not that being the favorite meant that much to any of the players. Being favored is one thing; living up to those expectations is another.

Wisniewski and his teammates knew that. "We were a lot more confident, just going into the tournament and being favored to win it," he said. "But you still have to go out and play."

Facing the two teams that beat them last year helped. In the semis, Team USA topped Finland and in the final got a measure of revenge against Team Canada.

Wisniewski's status wasn't all that certain going into the tournament. He'd suffered a separated shoulder, then a sprained wrist, in the weeks just prior to it.

"I couldn't practice the first three days there," he said. "I skated, but I couldn't do anything else. I worked on it a lot over there."

And he played. In fact, Wisniewski scored Team USA's first goal in the tournament. Both of his goals came on the power play, something Wisniewski is a specialist at. In fact, before leaving for Finland, he led the Whalers in scoring – not bad for a defenseman. He currently has nine goals and 32 assists; his 41 points is second

PLEASE SEE WISNIEWSKI, B6

Plymouth wins tourney, loses dual

A great performance by Plymouth's volleyball team at the Madonna Junior Varsity Tournament Saturday was followed by an inconsistent one Monday in a varsity dual match against Ann Arbor Greenhills.

At Madonna, which the Wildcats hosted, they won six-straight matches, beating Milford 25-15, 25-10 in the finals. Indeed, Plymouth won all 12 of its games.

"The team played consistent all day," said Wildcats' coach Kelly McCausland. "During the semifinals and finals, we played the best I've seen us play. They were intense and focused throughout the matches."

"The girls had a refuse-to-lose attitude."

Top players for Plymouth were Jeanine Moise with 37 kills, 15 blocks, 12 digs and seven service aces; Sarah

VOLLEYBALL

Haskins with 11 aces, 58 set assists, 10 kills and nine digs; Katie Hughes with 10 aces, seven kills and seven digs; Janet Hanchett with eight digs, eight kills and five aces; Lindsay Vogelsberg with 10 digs and eight aces; and Kim Klonowski with 16 digs.

On Monday at Greenhills, the Wildcats couldn't seem to recapture the spirit they showed at Saturday's tournament in losing, 19-25, 25-21, 25-20, 18-25, 15-13.

"The girls didn't seem to have the intensity and desire to win as they did on Saturday," said McCausland. "The level of consistency that we are used to playing at was not present tonight."

"We basically beat ourselves with

mental mistakes."

Moise again led the attack with 22 kills; she added eight digs, six blocks and five aces.

Haskins contributed 39 set assists and eight digs. Hanchett collected 11 kills and four aces. Hughes had four kills, five digs and three aces, and Lindsay Vogelsberg got four digs.

PCA tops Clarenceville

In a non-league dual match, Plymouth Christian Academy edged Livonia Clarenceville in the first game, then pounded the Trojans in the second for a 16-14, 15-5 triumph Monday at Clarenceville.

Lindsay Pew paced the Eagles with 15 set assists, 11 digs and eight service points. Bre Ruark added 15 digs, and Kelli Zeiler totaled 10 digs and nine kills.

Salem still perfect in WLAA

Suddenly, Salem's boys basketball fortunes have shifted.

When 2003 ended, the Rocks had one win against five losses. Since 2004 began, they haven't lost.

On Tuesday, Salem improved to 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 57-49 triumph at Livonia Stevenson. The Rocks are 3-5 overall; Stevenson fell to 2-5 overall, 0-2 in the WLAA.

The difference was easy to spot: Salem played all four quarters, Stevenson lasted just three. Going into the fourth quarter, the Spartans led 44-43; the Rocks outscored them 14-5 in those last eight minutes.

"We didn't make a basket in the fourth quarter," Stevenson coach Bill Dyer said. "We didn't have anyone who wanted to make plays. We're young and this is frustrating."

Certainly Salem played a role in those frustrations. "In the fourth quarter, we changed things up," Rocks coach Bob Brodie said, "and that kept them out of sync. They got a bit rattled."

"Instead of just playing our man-to-man, we kept changing our defenses."

Keith Hearn provided most of the offensive show for the Spartans, scoring

28 points with six 3-pointers. Next best was Jim Marcicki with eight points.

Salem got 20 points from Dominique Washington and 13 from Brian Bradley. The Rocks were 17-of-21 at the free-throw line (81 percent); Stevenson was 14-of-18 (78 percent), scoring all five of its points at the stripe in the final period.

Combined with last Friday's win over Wayne Memorial, the win over Stevenson has catapulted Salem into the team-to-beat status in the WLAA. Not that Brodie is ready to accept it.

"Nothing's easy in this league," he said.

A.A. Pioneer 58, Canton 51: For three quarters, Canton had once-beaten Ann Arbor Pioneer on its heels in this non-league game played Tuesday at Pioneer. But the Chiefs couldn't quite close it out.

The Pioneers outscored Canton 23-13 in the fourth quarter to get the win. "We played real well," said Canton coach Charlie Paye, his team now 2-4 overall. "We were up after three, it just got away from us."

Pioneer broke to the early lead, going up 21-12 after one period. But the Chiefs answered, outscoring the Pioneers 15-8 in the second quarter to narrow the gap



D.J. Bridges scored 20 points for Canton, but it wasn't enough to beat Ann Arbor Pioneer Tuesday.

PLEASE SEE SALEM, B5

Whalers let early lead slip away

A goal 25 seconds into the third period gave the Plymouth Whalers the lead Saturday against the Kingston Frontenacs. But the Whalers couldn't hold it, allowing two third-period goals to lose 3-2 to Kingston in an Ontario Hockey League matchup.

The loss left Plymouth three points out of first place in the OHL's West

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Division with an 18-13-8-3 record (47 points), trailing Sarnia. Kingston is second in the East Division with a 17-18-4-1 mark (39 points).

The Whalers, who played and won 4-2 in Sault Ste. Marie the previous night, didn't trail in the game until Eric Himmelfarb beat Plymouth goalie Paul Drew at the 10:04 mark of the final period. Drew Kivell and Bryan Rodney assisted.

Plymouth had taken a 2-1 lead 25 seconds into the third on a goal by Jonas Fiedler, the assist going to John Mitchell. It was Fiedler's 10th goal of the season.

Kingston tied it on a score by Brad Horan at the 3:58 mark of the third, with assists from Himmelfarb and Danny McDonald.

Mitchell gave the Whalers the early lead, getting his 15th goal of the season at 3:04 of the first with an assist from Fiedler.

The Frontenacs tied it on a score by Anthony Stewart with just 40 seconds left in the first.

Drew had 24 saves for Plymouth. Chris Beckford-Tseu made 29 stops for Kingston.

The Whalers have a busy schedule ahead. They play at Windsor at 7:30 p.m. tonight, then return to their home ice at Compuware Arena to host Mississauga and Kitchener, two of the OHL's top teams, Friday and Saturday. Both games start at 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING STANDINGS

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TEAM RANKINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill; 2. Westland John Glenn; 3. Catholic Central; 4. Salem; 5. Wayne Memorial.

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

103 pounds: 1. Jesse Gardocki, Livonia Franklin; 2. Steve Ludke, Garden City; 3. Ken Nelson, Redford Union; 4. Alex Fowler, Livonia Churchill; 5. Sam Santilli, Canton.

112: 1. Jason Crothers, Wayne Memorial; 2. Nick Poole, Canton; 3. Andrew Nadhir, Redford CC; 4. Mike Warren, Franklin; 5. Rowdy Glasgow, John Glenn.

119: 1. Justin Smith, Churchill; 2. Ryan Stump, Salem; 3. Justin Keatts, Wayne; 4. James Jones, Franklin; 5. Rob Carmichael, RU.

125: 1. Kris Felice, Churchill; 2. Mike Dendinos, Salem; 3. Steve Hogg, Canton; 4. Saul Fuentes, Stevenson; 5. Josh Wischmeyer, RU.

130: 1. Jim Moore, RU; 2. Corey Phillips, Canton; 3. Dave Burr, Salem; 4. Ryan Hawkins, Franklin; 5. Robert Bytner, Lutheran Westland.

135: 1. Tim Hammer, Wayne; 2. Ryan Webb, Canton; 3. Jamie Murray, Churchill; 4. Zak Vaughan, Salem; 5. Darryl Rice, John Glenn.

140: 1. Rece Cox, John Glenn; 2. John Gourlay, RU; 3. Rex Fugaban, Wayne; 4. Konrad Konsitzke, Canton; 5. Dave Watkins, Franklin.

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145: 1. Dario Mainella, Stevenson; 2. Chris McGone, Wayne; 3. Ali Ismail, Clarenceville; 4. Jophn McCahill, John Glenn; 5. Danny Clement, Churchill.

152: 1. Daron Cruickshank, John Glenn; 2. Brad Bartram, Redford CC; 3. Ben Adams, Churchill; 4. Doug Fellows, Stevenson; 5. Will Schultz, Salem.

160: 1. Trevor Stewart, Redford CC; 2. Emilio Perez, Garden City; 3. Brandon Noble, Lutheran Westland; 4. Josh Loar, RU; 5. Kyle Lis, Stevenson.

171: 1. Manuel Schubert, Churchill; 2. Scott Schwarlose, Redford CC; 3. Bryan Longton, Wayne; 4. Jeremy Sparks, Garden City; 5. Dan Haller, Lutheran Westland.

189: 1. Jake Fairchild, John Glenn; 2. Neal Kemp, Lutheran Westland; 3. R.J. Ramsey, Wayne; 4. Jordan Schaefer, Salem; P.J. Caram, Canton.

215: 1. Eric Chambers, John Glenn; 2. Eric Vojtkofsky, Redford CC; 3. Hafeez Oureshi, Churchill; 4. Jacob Galindez, Lutheran Westland; 5. Jeremy Henderson, Salem.

275: 1. Jeremy Walker, Salem; 2. Pat Draheim, Churchill; 3. John Morasso, Redford CC; 4. Ryan Pokryky, Franklin; 5. Jameson Higgins, Lutheran Westland.

Note: The Observerland mat rankings are compiled by coaches Jim Gourlay (RU) and Dave Chiola (Franklin).

Ocelots stay unbeaten in conference

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOP

against the Pioneers. SC got 32 points from Ryan Baumgartner, 19 points and 13 rebounds from Derrick Ponder, 12 points from Marcus Johnson and 11 points from Ricky Morgan.

The Ocelots host Oakland CC at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Aquinas 95, Madonna 70: One could find several reasons why Madonna University is 0-2 in league play (and 6-11 overall) following Saturday's lopsided loss to Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Aquinas, in a game played in Grand Rapids. A cursory examination of the statistical summary would provide plenty of them.

However, the quality of the Aquinas team is not one. The Saints are good — the win, in their WHAC opener, gave them an 11-6 record. But they shouldn't be able to open up a 16-point lead over Madonna by halftime.

Nor should they shred the Crusader defense with 34-for-61 shooting, a 55.7 percent clip. Aquinas shot an even better percentage from three-point range (9-of-13, 69.2 percent) and was 18-of-23, or 78.3 percent, from the free-throw line.

Madonna shot well enough to win, making 28-of-57 from the floor (49.1 percent) and 8-of-20 from three-point range (40 percent). The Crusaders also had a slight edge in rebounding, 32-30.

Turnovers, however, continued to plague them. They had

20 of them to 10 for Aquinas. Also, Madonna had just 12 free-throw attempts (making six, or 50 percent), which means the Saints outscored them at the line, 18-6.

They also got a considerable boost from their bench, which outscored the Crusaders' bench 37-17.

Noel Emenhiser topped Madonna with 20 points, including five threes, and had six rebounds and four assists. Dan Kurtinaitis and Chris Behrns added 14 points apiece, Kurtinaitis getting four assists and Behrns grabbing eight rebounds.

Aquinas got 19 points from Tom Kuslikis, 17 from Jeff Jayson, 14 from Kevin Murphy, and 12 apiece from Aaron Alsgaard and Damien Mayo. Mike Blicher also had 12 assists.

It's only a matter of time. Going into the season, Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team was ranked in the top 10 in one NJCAA poll, in the top 20 in another. A couple of early-season losses dropped the Ocelots out of the polls.

But since that 4-2 start, SC has won nine straight — the latest a 96-68 romp over Delta CC in an Eastern Conference game Saturday at Delta. That makes the Ocelots 13-2 overall and 4-0 in the conference, which seems worthy of some national recognition.

"We're starting to jell as a team," said SC coach Carlos Briggs. "Everyone's accepting their roles."

"The big thing is, we're playing pretty good defense right now."

That was certainly apparent

Crusaders collect 2nd consecutive WHAC win

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOP

Madonna University's women's basketball team didn't win much in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference pre-season, but the Crusaders have done pretty well since.

Madonna won it's second-straight WHAC game Saturday with a strong second half, pulling away from Aquinas College for a 67-48 triumph at Madonna.

The Crusaders are 5-12 overall, 2-0 in the WHAC. Aquinas is 7-11 overall, 0-1 in the conference.

Madonna, which led 28-27 at the half, limited the Saints to six second-half field goals

assists and four blocked shots. Rehbine had nine rebounds. Lydia Prusinowski contributed 11 points and seven assists, and Stephanie Childs got eight points and 11 boards.

Stacey Szczepanski paced the Saints with 11 points. Heather Orr added eight points and 11 rebounds.

Schoolcraft 53, Delta 42: Schoolcraft College remained unbeaten in the Eastern Conference with a hard-earned victory at Delta CC Saturday.

The Ocelots improved to 10-4 overall, 4-0 in the Eastern Conference. The

Pioneers are 5-8 overall, 2-1 in the conference.

Turnovers played a pivotal role in the contest. SC had 23 of them, but Delta committed 30.

India Monteiro paced the Ocelots with 19 points and 11 rebounds; she also had four assists and three steals.

Ashley Gibson contributed 11 points and six assists, and Tiffani Pattillo had eight points, six boards and four steals.

Delta got 15 points, nine rebounds and four steals from Staci Gaeth, and 13 points, five assists and three steals from Molly Millar.

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Team results: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 360 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 236; 3. Canton, 169; 4. Dearborn, 156; 5. Northville, 132; 6. Salem, 115.

Event results

200-yard medley relay

Heat A: 1. Pioneer, 1:44.21; 2. Stevenson, 1:44.96; 3. Dearborn, 1:46.44; 4. Salem, 1:46.69; 5. Canton, 1:47.59; 6. Northville, 1:48.48.

Heat B: 1. Stevenson, 1:47.21; 2. Pioneer, 1:48.27; 3. Dearborn, 1:53.43; 4. Canton, 1:54.37; 5. Northville, 1:58.01; 6. Salem, 1:59.74.

Heat C: 1. Pioneer, 1:52.19; 2. Stevenson, 1:55.98; 3. Dearborn, 2:00.60; 4. Canton, 2:01.73; 5. Salem, 2:05.41; 6. Northville, 2:06.49.

200-yard freestyle

Heat A: 1. Sho Koba (AAP), 1:44.32; 2. Travis Hatt (LS), 1:50.83; 3. Chris Keady (N), 1:51.33; 4. Matt Jurcak (S), 1:52.88; 5. Justin Green (D), 1:53.46; 6. James Sattler (C), 1:55.87.

Heat B: 1. Wade Engers (AAP), 1:50.46; 2. Chris Culklin (N), 1:57.46; 3. Brendan Cummings (LS), 1:58.15; 4. Scott Petter (D), 1:58.84; 5. Aaron Vanproyen (C), 2:02.42; 6. Nick White (S), 2:10.78.

Heat C: 1. David Curtis (AAP), 1:51.97; 2. Jeff Pauza (LS), 1:59.06; 3. Sam Manees (C), 2:01.14; 4. Aaron Flohr (N), 2:02.61; 5. Pat Sautural (S), 2:06.80; 6. Jon Pepper (D), 2:07.47.

Heat D: 1. Devin Talbot (AAP), 1:57.47; 2. Sam Loria (LS), 2:01.19; 3. Dan Sorice (D), 2:04.40; 4. Jack Temple (N), 2:07.70; 5. David Conzelman (C), 2:13.33; 6. Steve Lent (S), 2:24.03.

200-yard individual medley

Heat A: 1. Nick Dixon (S), 2:02.29; 2. Joe Le (C), 2:06.12; 3. Craig Pfister (AAP), 2:06.19; 4. Will Blicke (N), 2:07.82; 5. Eric Tamborino (D), 2:17.83; 6. Chris Brown (LS), 2:22.89.

Heat B: 1. Robert Steele (AAP), 2:06.25; 2. Penn Chou (S), 2:14.22; 3. Steve Reasor (C), 2:16.28; 4. Jason Anderson (LS), 2:18.80; 5. Weston Laabs (N), 2:21.60; 6. Chris Majtenyi (D), 2:23.60.

Heat C: 1. Kevan Whelan (AAP), 2:07.52; 2. Nathan Phillips (C), 2:19.55; 3. David Gosdzinski (LS), 2:20.71; 4. Hunter Schwartz (N), 2:21.64; 5. Billy Horgan (S), 2:22.70; 6. Jim Bergren (D), 2:29.73.

Heat D: 1. Patrick Whitehead (AAP), 2:15.88; 2. Matt Carlson (C), 2:16.63; 3. Steve Bruistle (LS), 2:25.72; 4. Chris Folas (N), 2:30.40; 5. Matt Underhill (S), 2:38.49; 6. Kurt Vacheresse (D), 2:46.00.

50-yard freestyle

Heat A: 1. Alex Leach (D), 23.21; 2. Dustin Hennigar (AAP), 23.39; 3. Steve Helewski (LS), 23.70; 4. Brad Farris (N), 23.98; 5. John Faraoni (C), 23.99; 6. Michael Higgs (S), 25.04.

Heat B: 1. Jason Hass (AAP), 23.84; 2. Andrew Drake (D), 24.12; 3. Joe Hogan (N), 24.18; 4. Matt Massman (LS), 24.19; 5. Jordan Champine (C), 24.89; 6. David Xia (S), 26.26.

Heat C: 1. Jason Hitchcock (AAP), 24.27; 2. Andrew Schoff (LS), 24.63; 3. Brian DeGiulio (D), 24.78; 4. Neal Brunner (C), 25.12; 5. Rob Steiner (N), 26.29; 6. Jason Williams (S), 26.50.

Heat D: 1. David Greiner (AAP), 24.90; 2. Jonathon Bublitz (LS), 25.78; 3. Paul Spearman (D), 26.39; 4. Kyle Milinek (N), 26.49; 5. Kenny Brunner (C), 26.81; 6. Adam Clark (S), 28.40.

One-meter diving

Heat A: 1. Jon Ellis (AAP), 339.15 points; 2. Ken Stafford (LS), 319.30; 3. Andrew Murawski (S), 303.55; 4. Brad Lempe (N), 259.75; 5. Khalil Hussein (D), 135.10.

Heat B: 1. Alex Grauvin (AAP), 331.10; 2. Nate Lindman (LS), 250.70; 3. John Lundy (S), 245.95; 4. Mike Stamboulis (N), 110.85.

Heat C: 1. Russ Bornschein (AAP), 296.35; 2. Steve Smith (LS), 218.70; 3. Joshua Cudney (S), 141.30.

Heat D: 1. Aaron Harburg (AAP), 286.05; 2. Kevin Ahn (LS), 200.60.

100-yard butterfly

Heat A: 1. Nick Dixon (S), 55.07; 2. Steve Helewski (LS), 56.21; 3. Robert Steele (AAP), 56.81; 4. Will Blicke (N), 58.51; 5. Shogo Uno (C), 58.88; 6. Andrew Drake (D), 1:02.54.

Heat B: 1. Garrett Baringhaus (LS), 55.90; 2. Jason Hass (AAP), 56.43; 3. Dave Johnson (S), 1:03.27; 4. Nick Landis (C), 1:03.55; 5. Aaron Flohr (N), 1:04.30; 6. Mike Witkowski (D), 1:09.60.

Heat C: 1. Steve Bruistle (LS), 57.23; 2. David Greiner (AAP), 58.59; 3. Jordan Champine (C), 1:02.32; 4. Chris Majtenyi (D), 1:03.55; 5. Pat Sautural (S), 1:03.93; 6. Chris Folas (N), 1:06.12.

Heat D: 1. Josh D'Angelo (AAP), 1:01.23; 2. Kyle Milinek (N), 1:03.18; 3. Caius Boboescu (LS), 1:07.75; 4. John Kline (S), 1:07.89; 5. John Kruze (D), 1:09.57; 6. Chris Early (C), 1:16.01.

100-yard freestyle

Heat A: 1. Sho Koba (AAP), 48.52; 2. Joe Le (C), 49.17; 3. Alex Leach (D), 51.60; 4. Brad Farris (N), 51.69; 5. Brendan Cummings (LS), 53.69; 6. Michael Higgs (S), 55.73.

Heat B: 1. Dustin Hennigar (AAP), 51.04; 2. John Faraoni (C), 52.36; 3. Joe Hogan (N), 53.69; 4. Mark Stuber (N), 56.84; 5. Brian DeGiulio (D), 55.71; 6. Nick White (S), 57.86.

Heat C: 1. Ben Swanson (AAP), 53.83; 2. Sam Manees (C), 55.17; 3. Matt Massman (LS), 55.43; 4. Mark Stuber (N), 56.84; 5. Dan Sorice (D), 56.99; 6. Chris Ross (S), 58.82.

Heat D: 1. Devin Talbot (AAP), 53.25; 2. Neal Brunner (C), 55.61; 3. Tim Ransom (D), 56.13; 4. Jonathon Bublitz (LS), 57.05; 5. Rob Steiner (N), 1:00.45; 6. Tim Skeeters (S), 1:04.77.

500-yard freestyle

Heat A: 1. Wade Engers (AAP), 4:57.61; 2. Travis Hatt (LS), 4:58.65; 3. Chris Keady (N), 4:59.68; 4. James Sattler (C), 5:09.15; 5. Justin Green (D), 5:13.85; 6. Penn Chou (S), 5:39.86.

Heat B: 1. David Curtis (AAP), 4:56.92; 2. Garrett Baringhaus (LS), 5:07.50; 3. Scott Pepper (D), 5:23.04; 4. Aaron Vanproyen (C), 5:36.33; 5. Jack Temple (N), 5:46.85; 6.

Billy Horgan (S), 5:52.47.

Heat C: 1. Kevan Whelan (AAP), 5:01.11; 2. Chris Brown (LS), 5:36.91; 3. Ben Eberlein (C), 5:44.87; 4. Joe Gauger (D), 5:47.50; 5. Harry Moroz (N), 5:56.00; 6. Matt Underhill (S), 5:56.94.

Heat D: 1. Michael Zang (AAP), 5:20.71; 2. Sam Loria (LS), 5:33.12; 3. Bob Blaesser (C), 5:39.14; 4. Kurt Vacheresse (D), 6:09.84; 5. Steve Moore (S), 6:15.75; 6. Ryan Wales (N), 6:20.46.

200-yard freestyle relay

Heat A: 1. Pioneer, 1:32.30; 2. Stevenson, 1:36.42; 3. Dearborn, 1:36.58; 4. Canton, 1:39.22; 5. Northville, 1:40.01; 6. Salem, 1:40.77.

Heat B: Results not available.

Heat C: 1. Pioneer, 1:41.58; 2. Canton, 1:43.36; 3. Northville, 1:47.59; 4. Stevenson, 1:48.48; 5. Dearborn, 1:49.00; 6. Salem, 1:57.70.

100-yard backstroke

Heat A: 1. Matt Jurcak (S), 59.20; 2. Pat Buck (AAP), 59.57; 3. Eric Tamborino (D), 1:01.20; 4. Hunter Schwartz (N), 1:01.51; 5. Adam Whalen (LS), 1:02.88; 6. Nathan Phillips (C), 1:04.17.

Heat B: 1. Chris Buck (AAP), 1:01.17; 2. Jeff Pauza (LS), 1:02.07; 3. Chris Culklin (N), 1:02.12; 4. Tim Ransom (D), 1:04.88; 5. Bob Blaesser (C), 1:05.94; 6. John Kline (S), 1:09.04.

Heat C: 1. Michael Bolling (AAP), 1:00.89; 2. Nick Landis (C), 1:08.27; 3. Joe Gauger (D), 1:09.34; 4. Aaron Schultz (LS), 1:12.01; 5. Mark Stuber (N), 1:14.21; 6. Brian Lent (S), 1:17.54.

Heat D: 1. Nick Lundholm (AAP), 1:07.09; 2. Alex Marinica (C), 1:07.19; 3. Jon Pepper (D), 1:08.31; 4. Paul Young (N), 1:13.07; 5. Jim Crabill (S), 1:13.79; 6. Joe Fava (LS), 1:24.52.

100-yard breaststroke

Heat A: 1. Craig Pfister (AAP), 1:05.03; 2. Dave Johnson (S), 1:06.76; 3. Jason Anderson (LS), 1:08.16; 4. Weston Laabs (N), 1:09.81; 5. Jim Bergren (D), 1:09.87; 6. Steve Reasor (C), 1:10.85.

Heat B: 1. Patrick Whitehead (AAP), 1:07.45; 2. David Gosdzinski (LS), 1:08.55; 3. Shogo Uno (C), 1:13.06; 4. Brett Stieper (D), 1:13.63; 5. Malcolm Barrett (S), 1:16.74; 6. Dane Rupley (N), 1:19.37.

Heat C: 1. Andrew Ferrara (AAP), 1:10.88; 2. Charles Vitullo (D), 1:13.84; 3. Kenny Brunner (C), 1:16.73; 4. Jeff Weber (LS), 1:16.82; 5. Eric Martin (S), 1:19.92; 6. Dan O'Brien (N), 1:43.16.

Heat D: 1. Scott Stallings (AAP), 1:11.29; 2. Dong Han Lee (D), 1:14.52; 3. Dan Anthony (C), 1:14.75; 4. Scott Hubbard (S), 1:18.43; 5. Jeff Chuldzinski (LS), 1:24.19; 6. Adam Pulliam (N), 1:26.07.

400-yard freestyle relay

Heat A: 1. Pioneer, 3:23.37; 2. Stevenson, 3:28.32; 3. Northville, 3:29.85; 4. Canton, 3:31.30; 5. Salem, 3:31.47; 6. Dearborn, 3:40.74.

Heat B: 1. Pioneer, 3:35.24; 2. Stevenson, 3:41.63; 3. Canton, 3:43.15; 4. Dearborn, 3:48.88; 5. Northville, 3:50.48; 6. Salem, 3:53.65.

Heat C: 1. Pioneer, 3:45.17; 2. Canton, 3:49.37; 3. Stevenson, 3:58.74; 4. Dearborn, 3:59.85; 5. Northville, 4:15.90; 6. Salem, 4:21.11.

Canton fares well on trip to the west

No, the trip to the west side of the state on Saturday wasn't an overwhelming success for Canton's gymnastics team.

But, all things considered, it was pretty good.

The Chiefs placed third at the Rockford Invitational, located north of Grand Rapids, scoring 134.8.

Grand Rapids Forest Hills was first in the 14-team meet with 137.20; Portage placed second with 135.45.

One reason Canton scored a bit lower was that coach John Cunningham split his team in two, entering a B team as well. The Canton Bs placed 10th overall with a 121.8 score.

"I can't be displeased," said Cunningham. "We had two firsts and won some medals.

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"I really thought we had a good meet, with the exception of bars — we did not have a good bars — and we had to count three falls on beam."

In Division I, Alyssa Kelley accounted for Canton's only first-place finish; she won the vault with a 9.3. Kelley was also third in the floor exercise (9.25), fourth in the uneven parallel bars (8.75) and seventh in the balance beam (8.25). Her all-around total of 35.55 was fourth best. Other standouts for the Chiefs in Division I were Kara Ahern, who was fifth in beam (8.55), seventh in bars (8.45), eighth in both vault (8.2) and

floor (8.35), and seventh in all-around (33.55); Kate Staley, who was sixth in beam (8.35), seventh in vault (8.3), eighth in bars (7.7) and eighth in the all-around (32.1); and Kaitlyn Burns, who was fifth in floor (8.65), eighth in beam (7.85) and ninth in vault (8.1).

In Division II, Audra Ahern accounted for the Chiefs other first-place finish, capturing top honors in the beam (9.0). Audra Ahern also had a fifth in the floor (8.7) and a ninth in the all-around (32.65). Other Canton scorers in Division II were Mina Pirzadeh, ninth in the vault (8.35), and Chelsea Selden, ninth in the beam (8.3).

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 6, 2004

The Board of Trustees convened at 6:00 p.m. in closed session to discuss pending litigation and employee negotiations.
Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Shefferly **Members Absent:** Yack
Staff Present: Director Durack **Closed session adjourned at 6:54 p.m. Motion by Zarbo, supported by McLaughlin to move from closed session to open session at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 6, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Motion by Bennett to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter to chair the meeting. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Shefferly **Members Absent:** Yack

Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin **Staff Absent:** Director Faas

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda with the removing of C-4 to G-3. Motion carried by all members present.

Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of December 9, 2003. Motion carried by all members present.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. **Second Reading of Ordinance 160, Cultural Commission Ordinance.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to move to remove from the table and adopt the new Cultural Commission Ordinance No. 160. This Ordinance will be published and become effective on January 15, 2004. Motion carried by all members present.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON COMMISSION
FOR CULTURAL ARTS ORDINANCE NO. 160
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CANTON CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CANTON CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR MEETINGS, PROCEDURES AND COMMITTEES IN THE OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF AN ANNUAL REPORT; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:**

Section 1. GENERAL PURPOSE. The general purpose of this ordinance is to establish pursuant to P.A. 1947 No. 359 MCLA 42.1, as amended, a Canton Cultural Arts Commission to advise the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees and the Leisure Services Advisory Commission on the development of the arts, to promote and publicize projects that support the arts, to serve as advocates for the arts, to encourage networking and collaborations of the arts in the Canton Community.

The Canton Cultural Arts Commission shall act as an advisory Board with the duty to study, conceive, promulgate and develop plans for the enhancement of the arts in the Community.

The Commission shall further promote public awareness and enlist the support of interested individuals, businesses, industry, schools and civic organizations to further its purpose.

The Commission shall encourage the development of the arts in the community including, but not limited to, visual arts, drama, music, dance, heritage humanities, and other art forms.

The Commission shall assist in the development of partnerships and collaborations that promote the arts.

The Commission shall serve as advocates to the arts, promote and support arts education.

Section 2. CANTON CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION. The Board of Trustees hereby establishes and creates the Canton Cultural Arts Commission whose actions and authority are limited to the purposes as set forth in Section 1 of this Ordinance.

Section 3. MEMBERSHIP. The Commission shall consist of up to 17 members appointed by the Township Supervisor with the approval of the Board of Trustees. Not more than one member of the Canton Board of Trustees will serve in an official capacity of the Commission. Members will be solicited from all aspects of the arts.

A Commission member's term of office shall be for three years, except that four of the members appointed to the first Commission shall serve for a term of one year, four members for a term of two years and three members for a term of three years. The terms of office shall expire on December 31, provided a member shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed to replace the member. Commission members will serve without compensation.

Membership may be terminated at anytime by the Board of Trustees should any member conduct himself in an unprofessional manner or have two unexcused absences in one calendar year. The chairperson shall inform the member and recommend to the Board of Trustees as to whether the member should be replaced.

Interested citizens may serve on committees to further the purposes of the Commission, but only Commission members shall constitute a quorum for official business. A quorum is defined in the by laws.

Members of the Township staff may be appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve as a liaison member(s) to assist in activities which serve the purpose of the Commission.

Section 4. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS. A. The Commission shall annually elect a member to serve as Chairperson, a member to serve as Vice-Chairperson and a member to serve as Secretary.

B. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings, shall appoint such committees as may be authorized by the Commission, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The Chairperson, subject to the rules of the Commission, shall decide all points of order or procedure unless otherwise directed by a majority of the Commission in session at that time. C. The Vice-Chairperson shall preside and exercise all duties of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson. D. The Secretary shall perform the duties customarily involved in such office. All official correspondence shall be approved by the Chairperson. A copy of the minutes of each meeting shall be sent to the Township Clerk and Supervisor.

Section 5. MEETINGS. A. All meetings of the Commission shall be considered work meetings and open to all Township officials, their appointees, authorized representatives of organizations with the Canton Community and to citizens of the community in accordance with the Michigan Open Meeting Act. B. The Commission shall meet regularly, not less than every three (3) months, on a date and time set by the Commission. A schedule of meetings shall be set annually by the Commission and posted on the Township bulletin board and website. C. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson as deemed necessary or advisable, with a 5-day written notice of the special meeting date to the members of the Commission.

Section 6. PROCEDURES AND COMMITTEES OF THE COMMISSION. A. The Commission will establish by-laws and governing rules as deemed appropriate and approved by the Leisure Services Advisory Commission. B. Minutes shall be kept of all regular and special meetings of the Commission and made available to the public in accordance with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. C. The normal order of business of the Commission shall be: 1. Call to Order; 2. Roll Call; 3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting; 4. Other Agenda Items; 5. Adjournment. D. All proceedings, decisions and resolutions of the Commission shall be initiated by a motion. The vote upon motions and resolutions shall be recorded by roll call. E. Robert's Rules of Orders Revised shall govern the conduct of the Commission unless alternate rules are adopted by the Commission and approved by the Board of Trustees. F. At a minimum, there shall be the following standing committees as determined by the Commission:

1. Annual Goals 2. Promotion and Publicity 3. Program 4. Development/Fund Raising 5. Strategic Planning. Additional committees may be established by the Commission. At least one member of each committee must be an officer of the Commission. Sub Committees must establish goals annually, develop appropriate operating procedures, and record minutes in accordance with the Michigan Freedom of Information Act.

Section 7. ANNUAL REPORT. The Commission shall, at the end of each calendar year, prepare an Annual Report to the Canton Township Board of Trustees, reviewing the prior years activities and providing recommendations for future activities of the Commission. The Annual Report shall be placed on file with the Commission Secretary and the Township Clerk with copies to the members of the Board of Trustees and the Leisure Services Advisory Commission.

Section 8. REPEAL. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 9. SEVERABILITY. Should any provision or section of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining provision or sections.

Section 10. SAVINGS CLAUSE. The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

Section 11. PUBLICATION. That the Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

Section 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Item 2. Appointment to Downtown Development Authority Board Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to appoint Mr. Mark Waldbauer to serve on the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term ending May 12, 2004. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. Reappointments to the CDBG Advisory Council. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to reappoint Mary Jane Weidenbach, Susan Wooley and Vera Leiberman to the Canton CDBG Advisory Council for additional two-year terms from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 4. Moved to General Calendar Item 3

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. **Approve Allied Communications to Complete the Wiring and Programming of the Township's Phone System as Required for New and Renovated Offices and to Purchase Additional Required Phone System Equipment.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$14,210 to Allied Communication for the completion of phone and fax wiring require that the final terminations in communication closets be made with respects to telephones & fax lines. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. Canton Public Art Committee. (Removed from agenda)

Item 3. Approval for Creation of Two Additional Voter Precincts in the Charter Township of Canton. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the report of the Election Commission and attach the minutes to the January 6th minutes of the Board of Trustees and approve the division of precincts #8, and #37; resulting in the creation of two (2) new voter precincts in Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan. This division of precincts will bring the total number of voting precincts in the Charter Township of Canton to thirty-nine (39), and further to designate Plymouth High School and Cherry Hill Methodist Church as the locations for the additional voter precincts. I move also to designate the Human Services Building as a change in voter location for precinct #35. Motin carried by all members present.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 5, 2004

A regular meeting of the Election Commission of the Charter Township of Canton was held Monday, January 5, 2004 at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan. Clerk Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to appoint Kirchgatter as chair of the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, McLaughlin, Kirchgatter **Members Absent:** None

Adoption of the Agenda Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Order of Business Item 1: Approval of the Creation of Two Additional Voter Precincts and Assignment of Voter Locations. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the creation of two additional voter precincts labeled, Precinct # 38 and Precinct #39, and assign voting locations: Precinct 35: move location from Cherry Hill Methodist Church to Human Services Center, Precinct # 38: Cherry Hill Methodist Church and Precinct # 39: Plymouth High School. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Bennett indicated that with the existing and proposed growth of the Township, a number of new voter precincts will need to be created over the next few years, as residential subdivisions are occupied. This is the first split of two existing precincts, Precinct #8 and Precinct # 37 to create two additional precincts, Precinct # 38 and Precinct # 39. Clerk Bennett explained that one existing precinct location is being moved. Precinct #35 was planned to be located in the new Human Services Center Building. In 2002, the building's construction delays did not allow the Township to occupy the building in time to run the Election Cycle in this building. A temporary location of the Cherry Hill Methodist Church was used. Precinct #35 has been now located in its permanent location of the Human Service Building and the new Precinct # 38 has been sited in the Cherry Hill Methodist Church. Precinct # 39 will be housed in the new Plymouth High School.

Clerk Bennett presented new Precinct maps, and indicated the process required to split precincts. A copy of the letter to the state was submitted for review. The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton must now approve the creation of the two new precincts at their January 6th, 2004 Board Meeting.

Trustee McLaughlin, who also sits on the Planning Commission indicated the growth on the west side of the Township would create challenges for locating future precincts. Thousands of additional homes are in the planning, engineering approval process.

Treasurer Kirchgatter asked if Election Consolidation had passed. Clerk Bennett indicated that it had and would become effective in January of 2005.

Motion to adjourn was submitted by Kirchgatter, seconded by McLaughlin. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 A.M.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

OTHER: Director Conklin updated the Board on Leisure Services Accreditation. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, Supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 7:15 pm

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Marian stops Ladywood spikers in CHSL opener

RICHARD L. SHOOK
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Birmingham Marian has its sights set on a big target this year.

Marian has state championship aspirations and showed Livonia Ladywood some of its flash and dash Tuesday night in a 15-11, 15-6 victory in their mutual Detroit Catholic League opener.

The Mustangs (21-2) have met and been beaten by Fraser in the state quarterfinals the last two seasons. Fraser was the state champion last year.

But new coach Cathy Johnson has the defending Catholic League champions sweeping the same road in hopes the path will be a little smoother this spring. "We're looking for a rematch in the quarterfinals," said Johnson, who brings her California volleyball mindset to Michigan's winter season. "We've already defeated most of the teams we'll play in the districts and regionals."

Ladywood coach Erin Craggs is hoping her team can make its freshmen and sophomores play like juniors and seniors before the season is over. The Blazers (10-6) have four freshmen and a sophomore on their 10-player squad and three of them see significant playing time.

"We've got a lot of young kids and they need to develop," Craggs said. "They came in and worked real, real well. I think we'll continue to work hard and improve."

Ladywood got three kills apiece from Courtney Phillips and Amy Szymanski while Danielle Palasak showed an effective jump serve and was rewarded with four aces.

Amanda Maly had six kills, four in the second game, to lead Marian.

Christine Cubbin had three. Freshman Claire Paszkiewicz served a pair of aces as the Mustangs were closing out the match. The Blazers scored the

first point of the first game but the Mustangs ran off the next seven. Marian played strong defense for the most part, keeping the ball in play and giving itself a chance to score points.

Ladywood rallied with four straight points on Julie St. Onge's serves and scored seven straight in one stretch to tie the score, 8-8. The Blazers held an 11-10 lead after a three-point run on the serves of Palasak but the Mustangs ran off three with Lauren Bluden serving for a 13-11 margin.

Marian, with Ashley Malone serving, closed out the match on a winning block by Janine Pesusich plus a kill by Bridget Durbin. St. Onge served three straight winners to get Ladywood off to a 3-0 start in the second game but Marian reeled off seven in a row.

The Blazers cut the margin to 7-5, taking advantage of a pair of missed Mustang hits, but Marian scored four points with Malone serving and three with the freshman Paszkiewicz serving before ending the match on a long hit by Ladywood.

"We were nervous in the first game," Marian's Johnson said. "It was our first league game and we were a little nervous. But we settled down in the second game. I thought Maly hit really well and we hustled. I was really very happy with them."

"Once we got our nerves out of the way we were all right."

The Mustangs play mainly on weekends in tournaments, reserving their single-match play for Catholic League opponents.

"I was not happy with the outcome at all," Ladywood's Craggs said. "I wasn't happy with too many things I saw. We were not passing well enough to have three attackers. We have the ability to put balls down - when our passing is there."

She hopes to remedy that - so the Blazers can do well in the Catholic League and state tournament, too.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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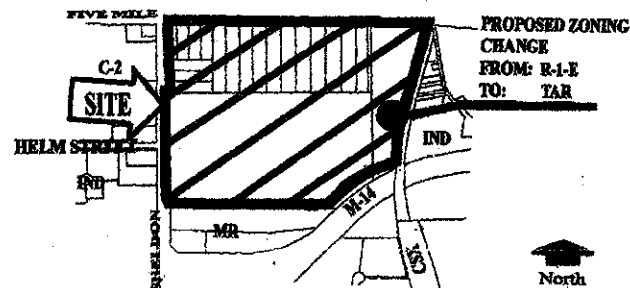
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
REZONE FROM: R-1-E, Single Family Residential District
REZONE TO: TAR, Technology and Research District
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, January 21, 2004
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcels R78-013-01-0001-000; R78-013-99-0001-001, and R78-013-03-0075-001 from R-1-E, Single Family Residential District to TAR, Technology and Research District Application 1815/1003



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 142 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R78-013-01-0001-000; R78-013-99-0001-001, and R78-013-03-0075-001.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

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KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary
Planning Commission

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Director earns top prize

Rick Eiermann of Garden City is a very special guy.

He is among the elite bowlers in the Detroit area and also serves the bowling community as one of the volunteer directors of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association.

He is able to give something back to this game which he has enjoyed for many years. His latest feat was to take home the winners trophy and first place prize money in the Michigan Majors Tournament of

Champions.

Eiermann was one of five hall-of-famers who made it to the ten final spots. The others were Mitch Jabczynski, Doug Evans, Harry Sullins and Dale Hoffmeister. In the final match, Eiermann defeated



Ten Pin Alley

AI Harrison

Jabczynski, 235-217. It was his second Michigan Majors T o F C title, the first one came in 1991.

The new Michigan Majors season begins on Jan. 11 at 300 Bowl in Waterford. Rick has just turned 50 and is now age eligible for the many senior tournaments going on regularly in this area. Note: Minimum age for a senior league is 55, and a senior tournament player may be 50 or over in most events.

■ The 54th Annual Hamtramck Singles Classic got under way last weekend at Hazel Park Bowl. It will run until July 25th and is expected to pack 'em in as usual. There are already over 7,700 bowlers signed up for this years competition.

The big attraction, of course, is the big money up for grabs. The tournament is open to men and women with each bowler receiving 80 percent handicap from 220.

Example: a 175 average bowler would get 36 pins per game. First place will again be \$25,000 and second \$12,500. Mike Lucente, the proprietor of Hazel Park Bowl says, "This is the best tournament bargain anywhere because even 20th place pays \$2,000, 80th pays \$1,000, 120th place is worth \$750 and 200th place still takes \$500. There are more prizes this year than last, making it an excellent event for everyone to enter."

■ More than one bowler in ten will win some money. The total entry fee is \$55 per bowler. There are also other ways to earn additional money, such as

optional divisions for actual pin-fall, ladies handicap, seniors handicap and doubles handicap.

There are also the usual jacks and brackets on each squad. All told, the tournament will pay out approximately \$500,000 for this year's event. For more information or entry forms, please call JoAnn Taylor or Cynce Loersch at (248) 546-0070 or 1-800-821-9217.

■ More good news for the tournament hounds. The Professional Bowlers Association will be here in March for the 2004 PBA World Championships to take place at Taylor Lanes on Eureka Road.

It will begin with the Popular Pro-Am on March 13 and 14. Early bird entries can get \$10 off on the entry by entering by Jan. 15 and Pro-Am entrants will also receive a discount on tickets to the championship finals to be held at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center March 20 and 21.

The entrants may receive a new ball by Brunswick based on the following selections: Entry w/Brunswick "Inferno" or "Raging Inferno" at \$175; Entry w/Brunswick "Monster Bruiser" or "SlayR" at \$155; Adult entry without ball is \$79; Youth entry without ball is \$45.

Amateurs will bowl three games with three different professionals as doubles partners. The pro score will be a minimum of 220 per game. There will be approximately \$10,000 in prizes based on eight full squads.

Handicap is based on 2002-2003 yearbook averages. If no previous average, your highest current average of 21 or more sanctioned games or more will be used. For more information on the biggest PBA event of the year, call Taylor Lanes at (734) 946-9092.

■ Preparations are under way for the 9th annual Senior/Youth Challenge which will take place on Saturday, Feb. 7 at Mayflower Lanes in Redford. It will follow along the same guidelines as in past years. The Youth League bowlers face off against the men's senior league bowlers from Mayflower Lanes.

There will be the usual celebrities on hand, loads of great door prizes and thousands of dollars in youth scholarship money for the kids. To date, this annual event has raised about \$30,000 for youth scholarships and various charities. More about this unique event in the coming weeks ahead.

AI Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached by phone at (248) 477-1839 or email at Tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net.

CC wrestlers are out for the year

Alpha test violation forces dismissal

Two Redford Catholic Central wrestlers have been dismissed from the squad for rules violations stemming from their initial Alpha Test at the beginning of the season.

The dismissals were verified Tuesday by CC athletic director Bob Santello, as well as the Michigan High School Athletic Association — which imposed no penalty, but let CC's sanction stand.

The wrestlers — a senior who won a state title last season and a sophomore who placed third at the state meet — were deemed in violation of the integrity of the Alpha Test,

which determines what classification they are allowed to compete at using a combination of weight and body fat content.

"We suspended them from the team until we could investigate the infraction," said Santello, who reported the incident to the MHSAA two weeks ago.

"We met with the administration and came to the conclusion that it would be in the best interest of all parties that they no longer be a part of the team."

Santello added that the investigation determined that

the wrestlers acted on their own and that coach Mike Rodriguez had no prior knowledge of the infraction, reporting the violation as soon as he discovered it.

The team also forfeited all matches in which the two participated.

"Kids are kids and they make mistakes," Santello said. "They made the wrong decision and sometimes in the long run, it works out to be the best thing. As we indicated to the MHSAA, the integrity of the school and the whole program is questioned because of something like

this. We feel the penalty fits the infraction."

MHSAA communication director John Johnson acknowledged that the penalty will stand as is and the school will face no further sanctions.

"The school has self-reported the violation and applied self-imposed penalties," Johnson said.

"That's what we ask all schools to do in situations like this and CC has fulfilled its obligation. It happens all of the time with schools self-reporting potential violations."

Livonia Churchill slams Salem, 6-1

A pair of goals in each of the first two periods gave Livonia Churchill more than enough of a cushion Tuesday night as the Chargers stopped Salem, 6-1.

"It was an ugly game," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said after his team improved to 10-2-1 overall and 8-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. "It was a little chippy — they were all good calls — but both teams got a little burr under their skin. The only thing I can say is we won."

Justin Stadler had a solid night for the Chargers with a hat trick and an assist. He scored in the first period from Corey Strong, then Zander Younce made it 2-0

with a power-play goal from Sean Burke and Steve Yarber.

Mike Dziewit made it 3-0 on a goal from Justin Tonti and Mike Sirek, then Brandon Hayes had a power-play goal from Stadler.

Andy Thackaberry got the Rocks on the board in the third period with a power-play goal from Kyle Emons and Aaron Chessman, but Stadler countered with a power-play goal from Hayes. The two hooked up again with 6:16 left to close out the scoring.

Justin Bolla got the win in goal for the Chargers, topping 15 of 16 shots, while Brandon DeMars made 19 saves for Salem.

CC 4, New Trier 0: Redford Catholic Central played what might have been its best game of the year and pitched a shutout against visiting New Trier (Ill.) on Saturday night.

"I think it was our best," said CC coach Todd Johnson said as his team improved to 6-4-1 overall. "We played with good intensity and we did a lot of the little things right. I think we're starting to get better."

Pete Pfeffer gave CC the only goal it would need in the first period, scoring with four minutes left with Billy Makela and Jimmy Burns assisting.

Burns scored with four minutes remaining in the second period from Pfeffer

and Kevin Horal for a 2-0 lead. In the third period, T.J. Quatlander (from Harrison Niemann and Burns) and Michael Evans (a shorthanded goal from Mike Oakleaf) closed out the scoring.

CC had 28 shots on goal, while Andrew Godoshian stopped 17 shots. New Trier fell to 38-7-4.

CC has its work cut out for it this week, playing Division 3 leader Cranbrook on Friday night and hosting Division 2's top-ranked team Trenton on Saturday afternoon.

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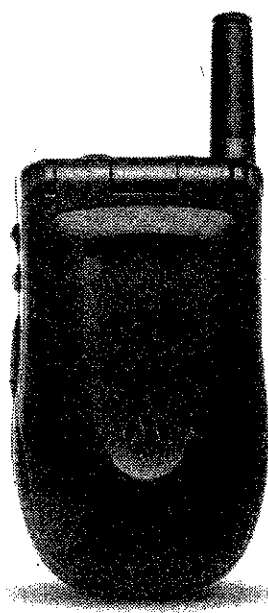
Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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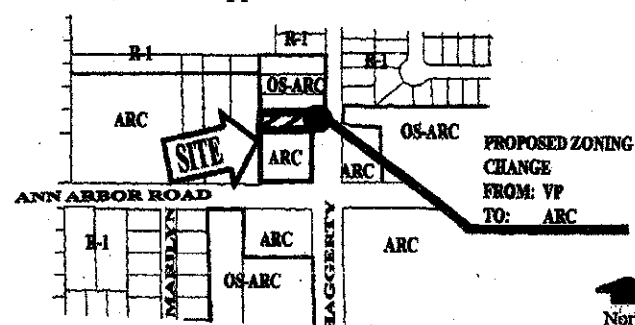
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
REZONE FROM: VP, Vehicular Parking District
REZONE TO: ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor District
DATE OF HEARING: January 21, 2004
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the north 88.33 feet of parcel R78-064-99-0013-701 from VP, Vehicular Parking District to ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor District. Application 1817/1103



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 143
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R78-064-99-0013-701.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42340 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

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KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary
Planning Commission

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to 29-27 at the half. An 11-6 Canton run in the third quarter put the Chiefs ahead 38-35 going into the fourth.

"They struggled to guard Andy Cortellini," Paye said. "His quickness bothered them. They pressed us, and when they did we got some two-on-ones (fast breaks) on them.

"Coming into the game, their pressure is what concerned me the most, but we handled it."

D.J. Bridges led Canton with 20 points. Cortellini had nine and Brad Waidmann scored seven. Kyle Washington's 18 points was best for Pioneer; Fletcher Walters totaled 13 and Benji Lawman had 10.

Pioneer improved to 6-1 with the victory.

PCA 63, Holy Redeemer 53: If this game taught Plymouth Christian Academy anything, it was don't put one into the win column too early.

The Eagles got on top quickly Tuesday over Detroit Holy Redeemer, outscoring the Lions 20-6 in the first quarter. After hitting five 3-pointers in that opening period, it seemed nothing could go wrong for the Eagles.

But when substitutes replaced the regulars in the second quarter, things did go awry. Holy Redeemer outpointed PCA 26-18 to pull to within 38-32 by halftime.

"It was a case of momentum," Eagles coach Doug Taylor said. "We had it early, then they got it in the second quarter. After that, we had to scrap for everything we got."

What PCA got was just enough to win, outscoring Holy Redeemer 25-21 in the second half. Aaron Ciborowski paced PCA with 21 points, 25 rebounds and three blocked shots; Dan Carty scored 17 points; Ben Baloga had 12 (with four assists); and Steve Sumner totaled 10 points and four assists. Holy Redeemer got 13 points from Tom Bartolo and 12 apiece from DeQuan Williams and Michael Stempien.

The non-league win gave PCA a 4-2 overall mark; the Lions are 0-6. Next up for PCA is a showdown Friday with crosstown rival Canton Agape Christian at Discovery Middle School, Agape's home court.

Agape 65, Detroit Business and Technology 33: Canton Agape Christian bolted to a 17-7 lead after one quarter and to a 34-15 advantage by halftime Tuesday, all but ending any hopes for Detroit Business in Dearborn.

Agape improved to 7-1 with the win; Detroit Business is 0-6.

The Wolverines got 27 points, including three 3-pointers, and 10 rebounds from Jordan Napier. Charlie Henry added 21 points and 10 assists.

Damon Luster's 16 points was tops for Detroit Business.

On Friday, Agape hosts Plymouth Christian Academy at Discovery Middle School.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 15
Huron Valley at Acad. Bus. Tech, TBA.
Friday, Jan. 16
W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian vs. Canton Agape, 7:30 p.m.
at Discovery Middle School
Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m.
Benedictine at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Jan. 15
Huron Valley vs. Lutheran South at Livonia St. Paul's, 5:30 p.m.
Canton Agape at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.
Hamtramck at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Luth. East, 7 p.m.
Ladywood at Divine Child, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Troy Invitational, TBA
Fraser Invitational, 8 a.m.
Wayne Invitational, 8 a.m.
UM-Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m.
Midland Dow Invitational, 9 a.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Jan. 16
Franklin vs. Churchill (Edgar), 6 p.m.
Redford CC at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
W.L. Northern vs. Salem at Ply. Cultural Center, 8 p.m.
Stevenson vs. W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Redford CC vs. Trenton at Compuware Arena (Olympic), 4 p.m.
Canton vs. Northville at Novi Arena, 6 p.m.
Churchill vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 6 p.m.
P-C-S Penguins vs. Northville at Novi Arena, 8 p.m.
Ladywood vs. H.W. Regina at St. Clair Shores Arena, 9 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Thursday, Jan. 15
Divine Child at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.
Canton at Plymouth, 6:30 p.m.
Churchill at Northville, 6:30 p.m.
Franklin at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.
Salem at Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.
John Glenn at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.
W.L. Northern at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Williamston Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Stevenson Team Tourney, 9 a.m.
Highland Dual Tourney, 9 a.m.
Springport Tournament, 9:30 a.m.
Redford CC Super Dual, 10 a.m.
Luth. Westland Invitational, TBA.
John Glenn at South Lyon, TBA.
PREP BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Jan. 15
W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m.
Salem at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Brighton at Liv. Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
Wayne Invitational, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Wayne Invitational, 1 p.m.
PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Friday, Jan. 16
Liv. Unified at Berkley, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Holland Invitational, 10 a.m.
PREP SKIING
Thursday, Jan. 15
Ladywood vs. Marian at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.
COMPETITIVE CHEER
Saturday, Jan. 17
N.B. Huron Invitational, 10 a.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 17
Cornerstone at Madonna, 3 p.m.
Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Jan. 17
Madonna at Cornerstone, 1 p.m.
Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Jan. 15
Whalers at Windsor, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16
Whalers vs. Mississauga at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17
Whalers vs. Kitchener at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.

WISNIEWSKI

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among the Whalers and his plus-19 is first.

"I've always had a pretty hard shot," he said.

Wisniewski returned home with his gold medal last Wednesday (Jan. 7), then left the next day on the Whalers' five-hour bus trip to Sault Ste. Marie. The transition back to the OHL grind wasn't easy.

"It was hard because it was such an emotional experience over there," he said, "that high from winning the gold medal."

Last season, the Whalers were a favorite to go the distance, all the way to the Memorial Cup, but they were upset in the opening round of the playoffs.

"The Western Conference (the OHL's Midwest and West divisions) is so strong, in the playoffs anything can happen," Wisniewski said. "Maybe we can switch roles here."

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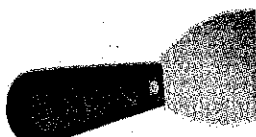
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Like that room?

These winter days always bring a new appreciation for homeowners as they arrive to a warm abode after a long day at work. The



early evening dusk usually finds them in a favorite room to relax and view the television, listen to a sound system, or just sit in comfortable furniture and mellow out.

Do you have a favorite room?

Have you remodeled or decorated something that you treasure or are just darned proud of, or do you just find yourself meandering into a particular room?

Do you travel often and decorate with items from a particular destination? We'd like to know about it and share your room with our readers.

Send us a photo or photos and a short summary describing that room and how you decorated, remodeled or furnished it. Submit the item to Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or *Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 or e-mail him at kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

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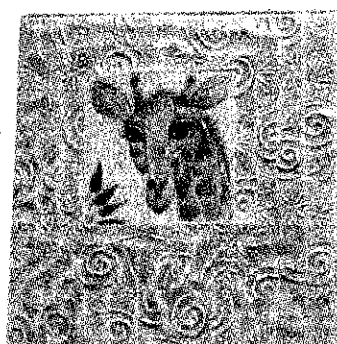
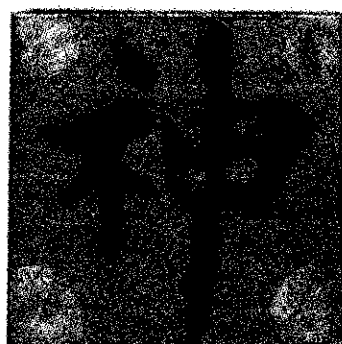
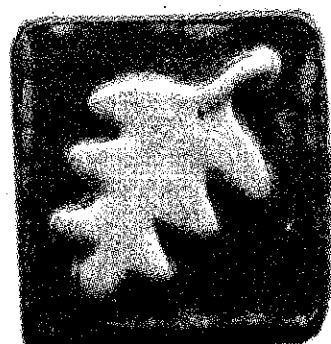
Studying can be difficult for many students. Here are a couple of tips



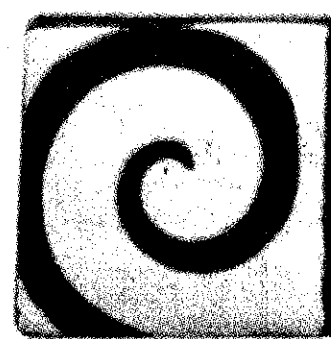
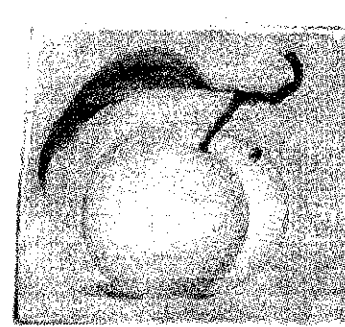
to help.

Prepare your study space by making sure you have a good desk and a comfortable chair. You also need a good study lamp. Bad lighting can cause eye strain and headaches. Natural light provides sharper visibility for tasks such as reading, writing or working on the computer.

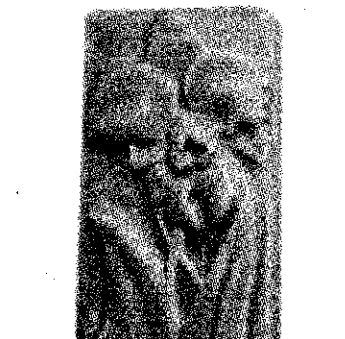
Try a lamp that replicates the full spectrum of natural sunlight, such as the Balanced Spectrum floor lamp from TechnoScout. To learn more, visit www.technoscout.com or call (800) 294-8324.



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DECORATIVE TILE GOES BEYOND THE SQUARE

I can't believe what you can do with tile," Theresa Schierloh said. "It's so sculptural."

The owner of Dancing Eye Gallery in Northville, the West Bloomfield resident says she has that reaction many times when she presents the work of tile artists.

Galleries such as Dancing Eye, as well as stores and showrooms, offer a limitless variety of decorative or art tile to homeowners.

The tiles adorn such areas as kitchen backsplashes, fireplace surrounds, bathroom walls, shower stalls, archways and stairway risers in many different ways.

"People like to make a personal statement," said Carol Ludwig, showroom consultant, Virginia Tile Company in Farmington Hills.

Personal statements can be made in custom design of individual tiles as well as the way they are arranged, in elaborate or simple groupings. A solitary tile, or a few, in just the right place can add just the right touch.

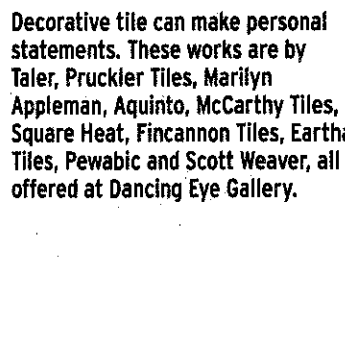
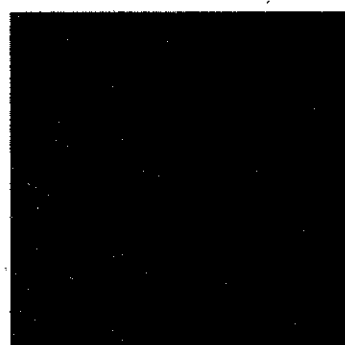
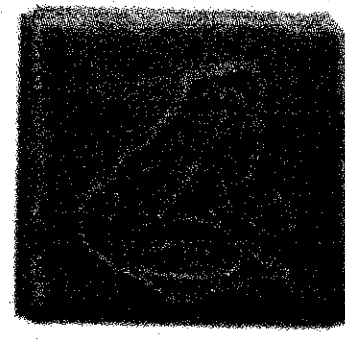
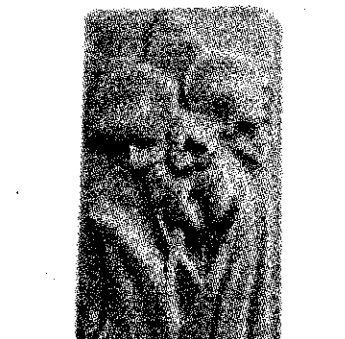
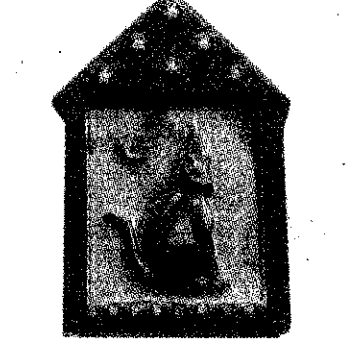
Ceramic isn't the only tile material - metals and glass are two others. Some types are made to be used as chair rails.

One of the displays at Virginia Tile shows a 1-inch insert of metallic tile in an arrangement of larger ceramic pieces; others feature glass mosaic work on stone or porcelain. One of Schierloh's featured artists installed a variety of tiles along an archway in a home.

"You can mix almost anything if you do it well," Ludwig said. "You're looking for a nice marriage of materials."

In her book, *Ceramic Art Tile for the Home*, DeBorah Goletz says that the manufacture of art tile in the United States began around 1875. Tile became a key element of Victorian design as economic growth after the Civil War stimulated an interest in home decor. Pewabic Pottery is one of the early tile-makers whose designs are reproduced today.

An effect of the Depression was that art tile was no longer produced on a large scale. The industry emerged again 30 years



Decorative tile can make personal statements. These works are by Taler, Pruckler Tiles, Marilyn Appleman, Aquinto, McCarthy Tiles, Square Heat, Fincannon Tiles, Eartha Tiles, Pewabic and Scott Weaver, all offered at Dancing Eye Gallery.

PLEASE SEE TILES, C3

Babylon visits to discuss decorating

Homeowners are focused on their homes for family life, relaxation, and even professional work. But making these homes as beautiful, comfortable, warm and inviting as we'd like can be an overwhelming challenge.

How do you do it? Where do you start? What are the options?

How can you save time and protect your budget?

Donna Babylon, author of 12 decorating books who

has appeared on more than 200 television shows on the Discovery and HGTV networks, will conduct seminars, demonstrations and workshops at Haberman Fabrics in Royal Oak, Friday-Sunday, Jan. 23-25. Do-it-yourself decorators, and anyone seeking practical design information and inspiration will enjoy these classes at the Donna Babylon Decorating Weekend. Register for one, two or three days.

Babylon has appeared on *Decorating with Style*, *Home Matters* and *Interior Motives*. Babylon writes a monthly Q-and-A decorating column for *Sew News* magazine and has teamed with The McCall Pattern Co. to create a whole line of *More Splash Than Cash* decorating sewing patterns.

Babylon discusses *More Cash than Splash Decorating Ideas: Magical Makeovers 5:45-8:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23*. Admission to the event is \$55, which includes the purchase of Babylon's book *More Splash Than Cash Decorating Ideas* (a \$15.95 value).

Babylon will go step-by-step through two rooms decorated for less than \$500. Guests will get ideas and the confidence needed for projects, learning why and how Babylon accomplished this magical metamorphosis. Popular painting techniques will be demonstrated, too.

Two seminars are scheduled 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. Guests also will receive the book *More Splash than Cash Window Treatments* (a \$17.95 retail). The cost for the full day's activities is \$105.

Saturday's conference begins with *Decorate with Confidence* scheduled 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

After lunch the second seminar, *In Windows with Style*, is scheduled 2-5 p.m. Babylon will share window treatment ideas and the secrets from the finest custom workrooms, including professional techniques like trim tricks and use of patterns, so you can create your own custom window treatments.

Decorate with Donna One Step at a Time is scheduled for 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25. This hands-on workshop is limited to 15 students. Tuition is \$80, and includes *Home Furniture Planner* kit (a \$15.95 retail).

Apply these newly-learned techniques as you develop a decorating plan for one room from your own home under Donna's professional guidance. Designed for do-it-yourselfers, the workshop will focus on floor plans, window treatments, color schemes, fabric selection, and faux finish painting techniques.

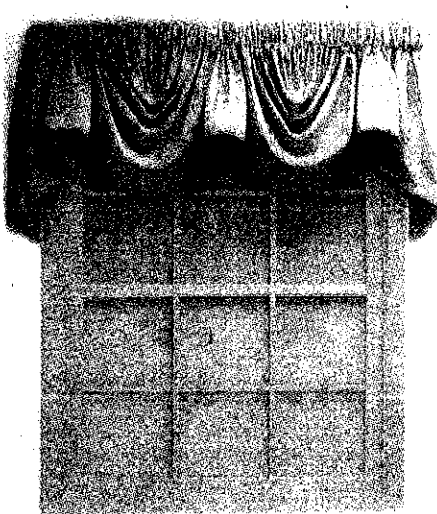
Advance registration required, for one two or all three days. You may register in person, by phone (248-541-0010), on Haberman Fabrics' Web site, <http://www.habermanfabrics.com/cart/index.php4>, or by mail.

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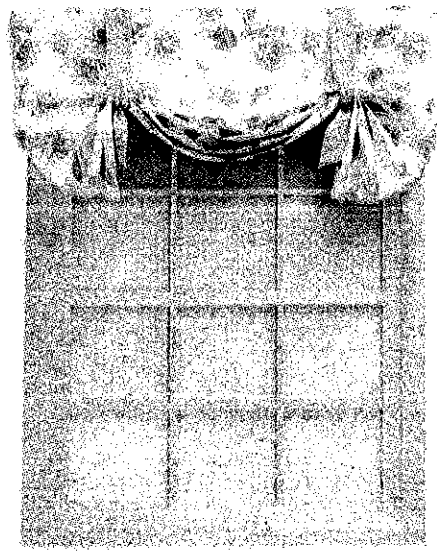
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Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.



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Apply a new layer of grout using a rubber float, wiping off the excess with a damp sponge. Finish the job by polishing the haze that remains with a soft, dry cloth.

Seal the new grout after it has had a few weeks to cure.

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.

Antiques show

The 15th annual St. James Antiques Show will take place Friday-Saturday, Jan. 16-17, at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple, east of Southfield Road in downtown Birmingham.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Food and door prizes will be featured.

Admission is \$6. Two hours of free parking will be available at the Chester Street parking structure, on Maple between Southfield Road and Chester.

A preview party will take place 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, featuring hors d'oeuvres, wine and a sweet table.

Attendees will have an early start on buying antiques. Tickets for the preview party are \$40; call (248) 646-3224 for reservations.

Call (248) 644-0820 for information.

The Community House

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, offers classes to enhance your home decor.

To register or for more information,

call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.community-house.com.

The schedule includes Knitting for Beginners (fee is \$95), six Mondays beginning Jan. 19; and Faux Finish Techniques (\$22), Tuesday, Jan. 20.

In the knitting class, you will learn the basic skills and complete a pair of child's or adult's mittens. Supply cost for practice and project materials will range from \$25 to \$40. A \$15 fee for a class workbook is payable to instructor Natalie Wilson at the first session.

"Faux finish" is a recent revival of an old art. The technique is fun, creative and a relatively inexpensive decorating process that can be applied to a variety of items.

In this fast-paced, hands-on workshop, you will learn about six techniques and tips that will make any of your projects look fabulous. You will create sample boards to take home.

Instructors Bob and Esther Kerr are experienced interior design professionals who own a store and teach decorative finishes.

Birmingham Community Education Birmingham Community Education offers a variety of classes related to the home. Call (248) 203-3800 for information.

The schedule includes Handpainted Furniture (fee is \$99), four weeks beginning Thursday, Jan. 15; Laptop Quilt (\$45), six weeks beginning Thursday, Jan. 15; One-day Workshop for Furniture Painting (\$99), Saturday, Jan. 17; Organize or Agonize (\$48), six weeks beginning Tuesday, Jan. 20; Puppy Preschool (\$45), six weeks beginning Tuesday, Jan. 20; and Dog Therapy Certification (\$40), four weeks beginning Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Heart of Home The second annual Heart of the Home House Tour will take place noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8.

The tour will showcase six beautiful homes in Franklin, Beverly Hills and West Bloomfield, from the historic to the ultra contemporary. It is sponsored by the Groves High School Senior Parent Committee. Tickets are \$20. They are available at the Groves High School Main Office, 13 Mile and Evergreen, and The Apple Tree Room in Franklin, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Michelle Henning, 5761 Woodwind Drive, Bloomfield Hills 48301 (include name, address, phone number, and check made out to Groves PTSA Graduation Committee). Maps will be distributed to ticket holders 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. the day of the tour at the Groves High School 13 Mile entrance. For more information, call (248) 626-5158 or (248) 626-2231.

Home show The 2004 Glenn Haegge Home Show will take place Friday-Sunday, Jan. 16-18, at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue in Dearborn.

Hours are 5-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission and parking are free. The show will feature hundreds of home improvement products/exhibitors and cooking demonstrations; an antique appraisal by the White Elephant Antiques Shop of Royal Oak (noon to 3 p.m. Sunday); and special guests Carson Kressley from the Bravo Network's Queer Eye for the Straight Guy (appearing 1-4 p.m. Saturday), radio financial host Rick Bloom (conducting seminars 10 a.m. Saturday-Sunday), and former Piston Rick Mahorn (signing autographs 1-3 p.m. Sunday).

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Theresa Schierloh arranges some decorative tile at her store, Dancing Eye Gallery in Northville.

TILES

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later, and now flourishes with an infinite range of designs and glazes.

Modern technology has combined with classic techniques.

STYLES

Since the late '80s and early '90s, tiles with relief surfaces have been popular, Ludwig said. Styles include one from Pratt and Larson in which color is added to the tile's underglaze after firing, resulting in an Old World look.

Also popular are tiles with shiny glaze crackle, Ludwig said. Among other examples at Virginia Tile — which also has showrooms at Michigan Design Center in Troy and in Sterling Heights — are tiles by Walker Zanger, featuring a turn-of-the-century pattern by Tiffany, and Tribeca with a black-and-white 1920s style.

Metal tiles by Bronzework Studio, Sonoma and Walker Zanger have such finishes as traditional and white bronze,

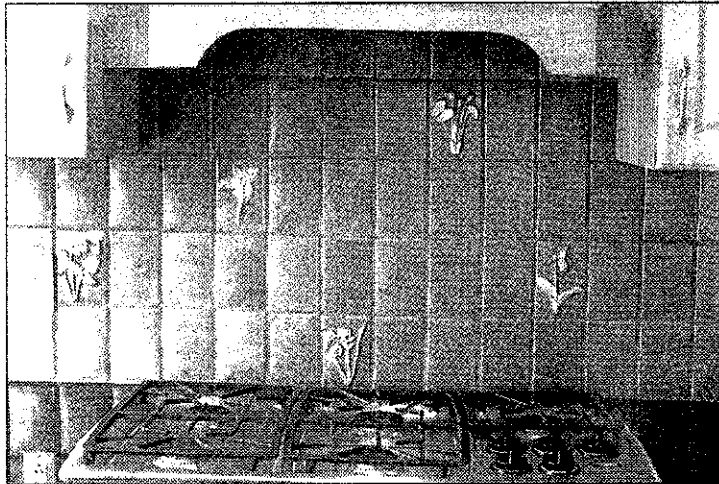
antique pewter, copper, silver nickel and verde brass.

Types of tiles at Dancing Eye — which also carries jewelry, furniture and wearables — include the works by Scott Weaver with storybook, morel and wildflower motifs; free-hand designs in bisque by Joanna Aquilto; and terracotta tiles by Pewabic instructor David Ellison. (The shop lists all of its featured artists on its Web site, www.dancingeye.com.)

Glass tiles, which Schierloh said are often used in showers, feature abstract designs. Other tiles have remnants from buildings for an architectural look.

Tiles don't have to be incorporated into a wall. Square heat tiles with Chinese characters can be used as trivets. There are three-dimensional shapes that can stand alone at table settings, and smaller tiles, about 1 inch in size, that can be scattered loosely on tables, set out in dishes, or used with gift ties or on quilts. Other tiles are made as drawer pulls.

Commemorative tiles can be ordered for baby, wedding or first Communion. Some of these are also at Across the



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Decorative tiles by Scott Weaver, one of the featured artists at Dancing Eye Gallery, adorn a kitchen backsplash.

Street, another Northville shop owned by Schierloh.

Most decorative tile doesn't require special care. Tile with crackle should be sealed before and after grouting, Ludwig said.

Showrooms and galleries present so many different tiles that a first visit can be overwhelming. Some allow customers to take home samples on a trial basis.

Ludwig recommended that customers bring with them pictures from magazines, sam-

ples of counters or cabinets, and an idea of their budget. It also helps to keep in mind where the light in a room is and, with backsplashes, where the plugs are.

Schierloh recommended that customers bring in field tile (the tile to be used as background). "I'll say choose a motif, choose a color and we can start from there," she said.

Insulate well for good temperature

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q: Westley: I am confused. Insulation is important, but condensation and mildew are a result of the radical difference between inside and outside temperatures. What's the deal?

A: Good question. Insulating effectively is a key to maintaining a comfortable temperature in your home without paying an arm and a leg to the utility company.

Once a home is properly insulated, it is important to create internal air circulation, and controlled ventilation.

Mildew-causing moisture resulting from condensation — most apparent on windows and toilet tanks, but also existing in walls, ceilings and floors — can be eliminated by causing the air in the home to circulate from room to room.

Allowing hot air to stay at the ceiling won't solve moisture problems at floor level. A forced-air furnace will move the air around, but if you depend on convection heating from a wall-mounted unit to do the job, you may have a problem.

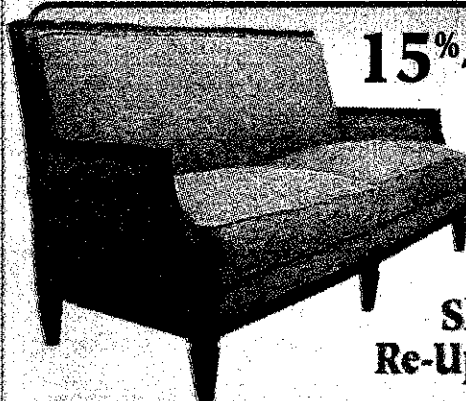
Ceiling fans, as well as the tabletop portable type, will do much to increase air circulation.

Normal heat exchange occurring at well-ventilated attics (and subareas) won't help as much when there are heavy layers of insulation in place, but will help keep moisture to a minimum. Steam vapors mustn't be allowed to congregate.

Bathrooms, laundries and kitchens need special ventilation to reduce the chance of damage caused by excess moisture. The solution: Insulate, circulate and ventilate.

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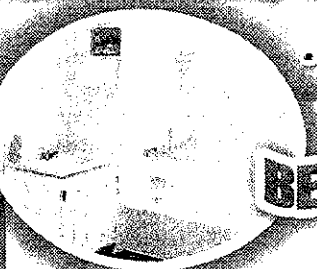
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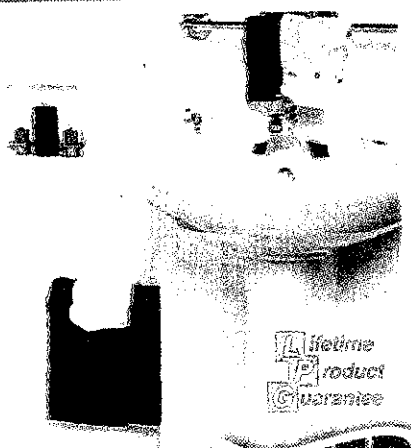
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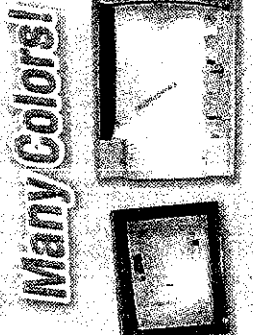


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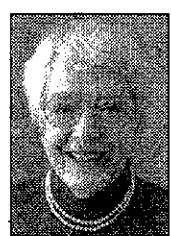
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Farmington Hills woman remembers her mahogany tree

Happy New Year and the best to all of you in 2004! In February, 2002, I wrote about mahogany seeds we had gathered in Cudjoe Key, Fla. Lo and behold, not long after



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

Naples, Fla., setting in shoeboxes and wondered what they were. They were told how to gather and preserve them, just the way we learned. Soon Carol and Ray went behind the police station gathering them (Ray stood on the car to reach up to get the biggest ones; Carol caught them). They took their 'catch' home and when the pods had dried and opened to reveal the seeds, she planted some of them, and later the tree sprouted. She remembers that the pods hung down, so the mahogany looked almost like an avocado tree.

They gathered the seeds in 1975 and Carol still seems pleased when she told the story. "The tree had leaves that resembled Ficus benjamina, and was shaped like a standard-type tree with a branching habit," Carol said. "Ray put Christmas tree lights on it. It grew seven feet tall, although it never flowered."

When she had some painting done 15 years later, the painters took the tree outside on the porch in November! The strong winds blew it over and it came out of the pot. The cold was too much for it and it died. Carol had given seeds to a friend, and her tree was shaped completely differently. It had a straight bare trunk with the foliage that grew in a round ball.

She seems to have very good luck when she grows things. In fact, her daughter said, "Don't keep your finger in the dirt for long, Ma, or you'll grow." Carol also grows lemon and grapefruit trees from seed. The stems of the lemon tree have prickles, something like a rose thorn only smaller. A friend sent her some 'Florida Dirt' and some sand which she mixes with commercial potting mix and pokes the seeds into the soil, "down to the second knuckle of my finger."

She used this mixture for the mahogany seeds. She says, "I wanted the same kind of soil that the plants grow in, in Florida." The citrus plants set near a doorway that afford a lot of light; the pot of mahogany seeds on a table that doesn't receive much natural light. She turns the lamp on in the evening and off when she goes to bed, and it does well with no additional artificial light.

She uses no fertilizer on the citrus (she hasn't found any citrus fertilizer) but the plants don't seem to mind. She will fertilize the mahogany with an all-purpose fertilizer. She waters the plants when she feels the soil starting to dry, by setting a pot of water in the sink, and setting the dry plant in that water until the soil is wet. Sometimes she leaves the plant in the water overnight so the soil is completely saturated.

At one time her mother-in-law grew a regular lemon in California and Carol grew a Ponderosa lemon. They measured to see which was the largest and Carol's lemon was the biggest one. "It was at least 8 inches high, the size of a large grapefruit with 2 inch thick skin, so I won the contest." She was told the peel was suitable only for drinks because of its thickness.

Carol's apartment is lively with her plants and pets. She has a 10-year-old cockateel named Checks, and a 9-year-old African Senegal parrot who talks, named Mickey Mouse. Mickey says his name is "Mickey Moose," Carol says.

In a tall, bulbous glass vase Fishy, a beta fighting fish, was swimming. A small Peace lily was braced in the top of the vase with the roots hanging down into the water. Fishy eats the roots.

I'm sorry to report the mahogany seeds didn't sprout. We have decided they were kept too long in a plastic bag before planting. Perhaps we'll get some more and try again with better success. Are you going to Florida or California?

You won't want to miss a visit from Martha Ferguson, former coordinator for the Michigan State University Extension office in Oakland County, who will speak at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1 at Goldner Walsh in Pontiac. Her subject will be Tropicals in the Landscape. This program is sponsored by the Michigan School of Gardening.

For further information, and to register, please call (248) 442-7336, or www.michigan-gardening.com, by Wednesday, Jan. 21.



Carol Pacione once grew a mahogany tree to seven feet tall.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dial-

ing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Arranging flowers

English Gardens presents free gardening seminars 1 p.m. Saturdays at each of its five metro Detroit stores this winter. Arranging Fresh Flowers will be the topic Jan. 17. Let English Gardens floral designers show you how to arrange fresh flowers. This step-by-step demonstration will feature lots

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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.

Herb study group

The Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Herb Study Group will meet Monday, Jan. 19, in the Gardens auditorium, 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. Lunch will begin at noon. The program, a review of herb-related books by various members, will begin at 1 p.m. The program is free. New members and visitors may attend. For more information, contact Joan Wysocki at jdwysocki@aol.com or (248) 349-5310, or call the Gardens at (734) 998-7061.

Meadow Brook Hall

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will have its annual meeting 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23, in the Coach House at Meadow Brook Hall, on the OU campus in Rochester. Mike Champagne, director of Seven Ponds Nature Center in Dryden, will give a slide lecture, Michigan Birds and Their Conservation, about many

birds that can be seen around Oakland County. Nonmember donation \$5. Reservations aren't required.

Tropical talk

Martha Ferguson, former coordinator for the Michigan State University Extension office in Oakland County, will speak at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. Her subject will be Tropicals in the Landscape. The program is sponsored by the Michigan School of Gardening. For more information, and to register, call (248) 442-7336, or visit www.michigan-gardening.com, by Wednesday, Jan. 21.

Shade gardening

The Community House Garden Club of Birmingham will present a program, Gardening in the Shade, 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at The Community House in downtown Birmingham. The Community House is at 380 S. Bates, south of Maple, between Southfield Road and Old Woodward Avenue. The program will be given by Sue Grubba of the Michigan School of Gardening, who has been designing residential and commercial landscapes for more than 15 years. It will feature a one-hour presentation and a 15-minute question-and-answer period. Guest fee \$5. Is your shade garden in a rut? Does it

seem the only plants that will survive are impatiens and hostas? If so, this presentation is for you. Learn how to design a shade garden and select plants that thrive in shady areas. For more information, call Pat Jerzy at The Community House at (248) 644-5832.

Gardening advice

The Michigan School of Gardening will present practical gardening advice that will save you time and money at an event 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Ray Hunter Nursery, 16153 Eureka in Southgate (1/4 mile east of I-75, between Allen and Dix). Jump start your spring garden planning with the following sessions: Landscape Tips, 10-11:15 a.m.; Perennial Tips, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; Soil Preparation Tips, 1:30-2:45 p.m.; and Putting Down Roots in the Wake of Lost Ash Trees, 3-4 p.m. Seating is limited to 75, on a first come, first served basis. A \$50 fee, payable at the door, grants access to any and all of the sessions. Cash, or checks payable to Michigan School of Gardening, accepted. Call (248) 4-GARDEN for more information.

Winter botany

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as far as my favorite, I come right back to the good old United States of America and head west to a spot about 50 miles west of the Four Corners (that's where the borders of Arizona, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico meet). It's called Monument Valley in Utah, just north of the Arizona border, and in my opinion offers some of the most breathtaking, photogenic scenery anywhere in the world.

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found anywhere in the world. These are towering, uniquely shaped rock formations that arise majestically from a flat desert floor to dramatic heights. Named centuries ago by the Native Americans who inhabited the area, the monoliths, such as Elephant Rock, resemble animals or people, such as the Five Sisters. The most famous formations are East Mitten and West Mitten which produce sensational photographs.

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You can tour Monument Valley yourself along a rough dirt but passable road (15 mile round trip) or hire one of many guides that will lead you through. Adjacent to Monument Valley is Mystery Valley, well worth seeing, but you must have a Native American guide for entry. It's sacred ground and tourists are not allowed unescorted.

Where to stay when photographing in and around Monument Valley? The best place is Gouldings Lodge which is located right in the valley. From right in your room in the early morning, you can capture dramatic silhouettes of the monoliths as the sun rises in the east. So the next time you head west, be sure to include Monument Valley on your itinerary.

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

New chemicals used to treat lumber

The popular, greenish-colored, pressure-treated wood (often referred to as Wolmanized because of one of the companies producing it) used for decks, playsets and



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

other outdoor projects is no longer available for home use.

As of Jan. 1, the Environmental Protection Agency has banned the use of chromated copper arsenate as the preservative used for wood that is intended for residential use.

Taking the place of this chemical are two compounds, alkaline copper quat and copper azole.

The EPA claims these preservatives have low-toxicity yet resist insects and mold as well as CCA.

Don't feel you have to rebuild your deck or tear down your kids playset.

The EPA also says there is no worry about all the CCA-preserved wood that is out there.

However, if you worried about arsenic leaching into the soil around your deck or swing set, a coat of oil-based stain

every couple of years should help.

To make the new preservative effective, the copper content had to be substantially increased. This material, of course, comes at a cost. The new pressure-treated wood will cost you between 15 percent and 35 percent more than CCA-treated wood.

One way manufacturers will keep the cost down is by producing different levels of chemical retention (protection). The lowest level will be on lumber intended for decking, such as 5/4 boards. (These 5/4 boards are the familiar 1-inch thick boards with rounded edges.)

The next chemical retention level will be on lumber intended for use above ground. Most of this lumber falls into the 2x category, or the 2-by-4, 2-by-6 or 2-by 8, etc., which is used for deck structures.

Ground contact grade retention will be higher yet. That will be found in 4-by-4, 4-by-6 and 6-by-6 lumber. This lumber is usually used for posts buried in the ground. Care needs to be taken so there is no accidental misuse of the lumber, in particular using a lower grade. The next generation PT lumber is significantly more corrosive to fasteners.

Due to the high copper content, there is a high risk of

galvanic corrosion between the copper in the wood and dissimilar metal in the fasteners and flashing. Galvanic corrosion refers to corrosion damage induced when two dissimilar metals are coupled in a corrosive electrolyte solution (in our area, even rain water can be an electrolyte).

Stainless steel or copper should be used whenever possible, at minimal a better grade of galvanized than has been commonly used. In any event, aluminum, commonly used for flashing, should never be used near this lumber. Unlike CCA-treated wood, the new treated lumber needs to be dry before sealing or staining. I've seen reports that say this can take up to six weeks in dry climates and as much as six months in humid areas. With the new pressure-treated lumber being more expensive than the old CCA, the need to use expensive fasteners, it's a sure bet that there will be a change in how we build our outdoor projects in the future.

Harry Jachym writes about home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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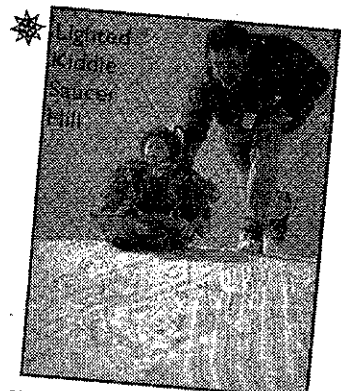
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JANUARY

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. 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.

Synagogue services

5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901

Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100.

Aerobics classes

Do you need to get your body back in shape following the holidays? Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Road; Livonia, just north of I-96) is hosting an aerobic class 4 p.m. Thursdays (began 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 Holliman at (734) 522-6830 to register.

Birmingham Bible Institute

Winter semester began Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Grace Baptist Church, 280 East Lincoln, Birmingham. Twenty-two 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.gbministries.org.

Marriage Enrichment Series

The Samaritan Counseling Center is

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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.

B'Jazz Vespers

Features the Paul Keller Sextet presenting a 65th anniversary tribute to Benny Goodman Orchestra's famous Jan. 16, 1938 Carnegie Hall jazz concert 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits at Bates, Birmingham. Free will offering taken for musicians. Free parking in adjacent lots. Call (248) 644-0550 for

information.

St. Hilary celebration

St. Hilary Church in Redford brings its year-long 50th anniversary celebration with an Opening Celebration Mass and Pancake Breakfast 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at 23901 Elmira, east of Telegraph, south of Plymouth Road. All former parishioners and grade school alumni are invited to join the celebration. For more information, call (313) 533-1560 or visit the Web site at www.home.twm1.cc.com/hilaryredford/index.html.

Rally for Life

Celebrate life 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Speakers and live music will be featured. Enjoy the fellowship of other pro-lifers. For more information, call Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit at (248) 777-9090.

Speaker

Rev. Roger Campbell will be speaking during the 9:45 a.m. services Sunday, Jan. 18 and 25, at Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church, 3600 Telegraph, one block north of Long Lake Road.

Infertility lecture

St. John Neumann Church presents the lecture "Infertility when you are a Catholic" 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 44800 Warren, Canton. Dr. Lorna Cvetkovich, board certified in obstetrics, gynecology and laser surgery, talks about the issue. She is a frequent speaker on Natural Family Planning, bioethical issues and women's health. No charge. For information, call (734) 455-5910.

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. For more information, call (248) 374-5920. Free child care.

Christianity dialogue

First Baptist Church of Plymouth presents Dialogue on Christianity and World religion 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at 45000 N. Territorial. No charge. For more information, call (734) 455-2300. Panelists are Rabbi Glenn Harris (Judaism), Haytham Abi Haydar (Islam), Andy Kathiresan (Hinduism), and Dr. Shouchin Man (Buddhism).

The bench vise: an extra pair of hands

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

There is nothing like experience. As contractors, one of the lessons we learned over years is that hard work pays off. However, as you may have discovered, hard work alone doesn't always yield desired results.

On the other hand, working smart - and hard - often produces superior results. Engaging one's brain before engaging one's body (and tools) will usually make a project go more smoothly, be safer and will produce better results.

Working smart can be expressed in many ways. An example is having a plan before beginning a building project - whether it's big (like a remodeling project) or small (as with a craft or repair).

Having the right tools and making sure that they are sharp and in good working order is another example of working smart. Aside from experience, patience, a good plan and good tools can make or break a project. And, using good, well-maintained tools can make a project much safer.

Having a helping hand is another means of making a job go more smoothly.

Someone on the other end of a board or at the bottom of a ladder can make a project simpler, safer and more fun. A helper isn't always available and, thus, one often must fend for himself. Our dad was an avid do-it-yourselfer. We were thrilled to be his helper whenever the need arose.

However, when we were in school or otherwise occupied, Dad managed just fine thanks to an "extra set of hands" that were always available to him in his workshop - his bench vise. We were amazed how something so small could be so powerful and cause Dad to work up such a sweat.

We learned that a vise can hold materials while you cut, sand, drill, solder or perform dozens of other jobs without

the material slipping or moving out of place. A vise is especially helpful when you use power tools. It's not only a convenience, but an important piece of safety equipment, as well.

FEATURES

A vise isn't a complex tool; it consists of a fixed jaw and a moving jaw that travels on guide rods or a guide bar, and is driven by a threaded rod with a handle to turn it. The jaws have corrugated or smooth metal faces that often are replaceable.

Depending upon the overall size of the vise, the jaw face size (width by depth) ranges from about 2 inches by 2 inches to 6 inches by 3 inches. The maximum opening (or vise capacity) typically ranges from 3 inches to 7 inches.

One slick feature that can really improve a vise's usefulness is an optional swivel base that will allow it to be rotated to the left or right.

Equally valuable is an optional anvil, which acts as a perfect surface for hammering out material.

Many vises are equipped with a secondary set of pipe jaws to hold pipes, rods, dowels, tubing and other circular material. Dad did much plumbing work, so he had a special pipe vise that was used exclusively for plumbing pipes. Although both of his vises were mounted on his workbench in his shop, many of today's vises are as mobile as the people who use them.

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ARGANIAN
Arany E., January 3, 2004, age 89 of Westland. Loving Sister of David (Lillian) and Mourad (Bobbie). Dearest Aunt of Jean (David), David (Elizabeth) and John. Dear Great-Aunt of Robert, Kate and Tamara. A Requiem Mass will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2004 at St. John's Armenian Church, 22001 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI at 11:45 a.m. following the scheduled Sunday Service. A Memorial Tea will immediately follow at St. John's Cultural Hall. Memorial contributions may be made to the A.G.B.U. Alex & Marie Manogolian School, 22001 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48075 or to The Armenian Relief Society (ARS), Racine "Sossit" Chapter, C/O St. Hagop's Armenian Apostolic Church, 4100 N. Newman Rd., Racine, WI 53406.



Sister Carol Marie Bockheim, RSM
Sister of Mercy, Nurse, Pastoral Minister

(Farmington Hills, MI) - Sister Carol Marie Bockheim, a Sister of Mercy for forty-nine years, died at McAuley Center, Farmington Hills on January 9, 2004. She was born December 7, 1937 to Julius and Helen (Kaupa) Bockheim and baptized at St. Anthony of Padua Church. She grew up in Grand Rapids with her six brothers, attended St. Anthony's elementary school and graduated from Mount Mercy Academy in June, 1955. In September of that year she joined the Sisters of Mercy in Detroit and was given the name, Sister Mary Cabrini. She completed her novitiate preparation in August, 1958 and spoke her perpetual vows as a Sister of Mercy on August 18, 1961 at Mother of Mercy Chapel, Sisters of Mercy Provinciate. Sister Carol Marie earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Mercy College of Detroit and served in Mercy hospitals in Michigan: Ann Arbor, Manistee, Grayling, Bay City, Lansing and Cadillac and in Iowa: Mason City and Sioux City. In the last-mentioned setting, she was instrumental in initiating a home health program and a hospice program. Her professional interests carried her outside the hospital and so she completed a graduate program in community health at Loyola University, Chicago. She then worked with care of the elderly and served with nursing homes in Battle Creek, Otsego and Fairview. She also worked with Mercy Housing for two years in Phoenix and Denver before returning to Michigan to be near family. For the past several years she served as a pastoral minister at Mercy General Health partners in Muskegon until illness forced her resignation and move to McAuley Center. Sister Carol Marie is remembered as one who always had the welfare of others in mind. Her personal needs were few and she had great empathy with those who were deprived of life's essentials. She shared generously of whatever she had and served as an advocate to obtain help from others. Her gentle, pleasant manner encouraged confidence in patients and others in need of help. She was a very prayerful woman, one who spent considerable time in reflection, reading and discussion. One of her sisters said, "I will miss her quiet, loving presence." Sister Carol Marie is survived by six brothers: David, Grand Rapids, MI; Ron, Dorr, MI; Julius, Byron Center, MI; Philip, Janison, MI; Paul, Rockford, IL; and Joseph, Kansas, HI and by nieces, nephews and members of the Sisters of Mercy. A welcoming service will be held at McAuley Center for Sister Carol Marie on Monday, January 12, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. There will be a prayer vigil at 7 p.m. that evening and the funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday, January 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel, McAuley Center. Arrangements are under the direction of McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, MI. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1405.

BROCKMAN

Mary Louise, age 75, of Tecumseh, died, January 11, 2004. Funeral Mass 11:00am Saturday, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Tecumseh. Visitation Friday 3-8pm Puse Funeral Home, Tecumseh. Condolences may be made to the family at: www.pusefuneralhome.com.

DAVIS

Alton L. "Jack" U.S. Army (retired) Chief Warrant Officer 4, age 69 of Rochester Hills, January 11, 2004. Loving husband of Joyce Lee. Dear father of Sybil Kay (Christopher) Kiddy. Grandfather of Rebecca Lee. Alton Lee Davis and Sybil Kay (Coy) Phillips. Brother of Margie Hardy. Memorial service Thursday, January 15, 2004, 6:00 PM at the Rochester First Church of the Nazarene, 1799 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills. Family suggests memorial to the church or charity of choice. Arrangements by Poterz-Rodetzky Funeral Home, Rochester. On line guest book www.modetfuneralhomes.com



FONDA
James R. died December 15, 2003 after an extended illness. The longtime Birmingham-Bloomfield resident had recently relocated to Sunnyvale, California. Born December 20, 1915 in Troy, New York, he was a graduate of Rider College in Trenton, New Jersey. In 1939 he moved to Houston, Texas, where he soon began work as a salesman of accounting machines for Burroughs Corporation. He married Mary Jane Quinby in 1943 while in the army and, in the fall of 1944, took his position with the 106th Division near St. Vith, Belgium, as a First Lieutenant of the Field Artillery. Shortly thereafter, the German offensive began and he was captured during the Battle of the Bulge in December, 1944. He remained a POW in Germany until the end of the war despite attempts by Patton's troops to liberate his camp in February. Resuming his work for Burroughs, he moved to Detroit in 1948 and Birmingham in 1949. He was Branch Manager in Akron, Ohio, from 1958-66, a salesman in Cleveland from 1966-69, and then returned to this area. He devoted his entire working career to Burroughs, retiring in 1983. He was a long-time member of Christ Church Cranbrook and was active in the Senior Men's Club in Birmingham. His survivors include his wife of 60 years, Mary Jane; his sons Jim (Santa Clara, California) and Rod (Bellevue, Washington); daughters-in-law Mary-Ann Fonda and Laura Haddad; grandson Kyle Haddad-Fonda; and sisters Louise Ditsch, formerly of Syracuse, New York, but now residing in Fallbrook, California, and Antoinette Curley of Troy, New York. Remembrances may be made to Christ Church Cranbrook or the International Red Cross.

MC BEE

Andrew J., age 21, January 8, 2004. Loving father of A.J., beloved son of Mark and Ann. Dear brother of Tim, Matt and Amy. Family will be receiving friends Saturday, January 17, from noon until time of service, 2pm at Lola Valley United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware (corner of Puritan) Redford Twp. Arrangements by Fisher Funeral Home of Redford Twp. 313-535-3030. Memorials to Common Ground Sanctuary, 1410 S. Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 would be greatly appreciated.

NYMSHACK

GRACE O., Farmington Hills, MI. Age 80, passed away Mon., Jan. 12, 2004 at Huron Valley Medical Center. She was born Aug. 23, 1923 in Chicago, IL, the daughter of John and Martha (Covinsky) Kostelci. She married Gerald Nymschack in Detroit and he preceded her in death March 4, 1976. Survivors include: five daughters, Lynell Parsons of Ypsilanti, Vicki (Dan) Salvatori of Plainfield, MI, Gail (Robert) Plepenberg of Ann Arbor, Kimberly (Jim) Ross of Hartland, MI and Debbie (Steve) Tappin of Farmington Hills, MI; and a son, Gerald Nymschack of Royal Oak; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one sister. The funeral service will be 11am Sat., Jan. 17 at STARBUCKS, 1410 S. Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Private family burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the donor's choice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home where the family will receive friends 4-9PM Friday.

Deckert

Wilfred, passed away peacefully on January 11, 2004 after prolonged multiple illnesses. He was born in Ebenezer, Saskatchewan (Canada) on September 16, 1919. He was the son of Sam (August) and Mary Walters Deckert. Wilfred served in the United States Fifth Air Force from 1942-1945, stationed in New Guinea. He married Prudence Raskins of Brisbane, Australia on May 22, 1944. After the war, they settled in Wayne, Michigan. In 1949 Wilfred survived a near-fatal train accident. He retired from his government service job at the Veteran's Hospital in 1973. When Prudence retired from the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, they moved to their cabin in Mio, Michigan. Wilfred built an addition to the cabin and a 2 car garage. They were very active in the community and made many friends along the Au Sable River. Wilfred was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 4128 in Mio. In 2000, they moved to Grass Lake, Michigan to live with their daughter. Wilfred was preceded in death by daughters-in-law Marilyn Deckert and Joann Deckert. He is survived by his wife Prudence Deckert, and daughter Helen Deckert, both of Grass Lake; his son, John Deckert of Livonia; granddaughter, Donna MacGonagel of Wyoming; nephew, Glenn Deckert of Ann Arbor; niece, Gloria Deckert of Wisconsin; his sisters, Violet Janzen of Yorkton, Saskatchewan and Beatrice Hoffman of Surrey, British Columbia; and a large extended family in Canada. He will be missed by many dear friends in Wayne, Michigan and Mio, Michigan. Funeral services were on Wednesday, January 14, at the Sherwood Funeral Home. The family would like to thank the many health professionals at Chelsea Community Hospital, Chelsea Retirement Community, Cedar Knolls Care Center, and Hospice of Michigan for their caring support. Sherwood Funeral Home 1109 Norwell Road Grass Lake, MI 517-522-3000

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

MAGILL

Alleen, January 10, 2004, at Henry Ford Village in Dearborn, Michigan from congestive heart failure while recovering from a fall. Born Nov. 1, 1917 in Washington, D.C., to M. M. O'Connor and Jane (Coyne) O'Connor. From Irish immigrant parents of modest means, she grew up smart, talented, and adventurous and managed to see the world and dine with heads of state. An accomplished pianist and valetudinarian of her high school class (Sacred Heart) in Washington, D.C., she took secretarial and business courses at Sister Business School and then, while working, took night classes at George Washington University. When she read a travel column in the newspaper about Hawaii, she determined to go there, although she had no job waiting for her. She took a train across the continent to California and then a ship to Honolulu, arriving 4/18/41; she immediately landed a job working for the ranking officers of the US Army Corps of Engineers on the island. She was there when Pearl Harbor was bombed; and it was there that she met her future husband, Robert F. Magill, who was with the US Navy and had come to Honolulu exactly one year after she did. At a party in May of 1942, they met and she was instantly drawn to him, testifying later that she knew as soon as she saw him that he was a man she could trust completely. They were wed July 20, 1943. Her plans to finish her degree after the war were put on hold by the birth of her four children in less than 9 years, in Washington, D.C. She continued at the piano, however; her children remember going to listen listening to her play Beethoven's Sonatas. She moved to Michigan when her husband left the US Treasury to head up the tax section at General Motors, where he eventually became Vice President for Industry-Government Relations. When the children were older, she finished her degree in English Literature at Oakland University, where she graduated magna cum laude. With her husband Bob, through his roles at GM and the Chamber of Commerce and National Association of Manufacturers, she went to state dinners throughout the United States with US Presidents and Senators, governors and captains of industry, and was a frequent guest of state. In addition to such formal occasions, there were vacation travels to South America, China, Russia, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, India, and Africa. She would bring back photographs and artwork from around the globe and place them imaginatively throughout her home in Birmingham, along with furniture that she restored herself. She attracted good, loyal friends wherever she was and volunteered much time in service to others. Through the Christ Child Society she helped disadvantaged students in literacy; she served on the Parish Council and was a factor for Holy Name Parish; she was active in book clubs and bridge groups; she helped lead several charity events which raised substantial sums for the Josephina Magno Chair of Hospice and the Nathanson-Rand Fund for Breast Cancer Research, both at the Henry Ford Health System. She was also a member of the American Association of University Women and a Sustaining Fellow of the Detroit Institute of Arts. She was a voracious reader throughout her life; she had high energy, carrying on an extensive correspondence with her friends throughout the country and always working on some project with her hands, such as the extensive, individualized photo albums for each of her children, containing pictures of her and her family going back to 1900 as well as of the growth of her own children and grandchildren; who she cherished. Wife of the late Robert F. Dear mother of Robert F., Jr. (Carol), Ann K. Nahligian (Richard), Douglas A. (Karen) and Thomas E. (Carol). Grandmother of Emily Wildley, Ann-Maria Kraft, Gil, Brian, Mark, Katie, Jenny, Krista, Connor, Sean, Michael and Chris Magill. Great grandmother of Stone and Claire Wildley. Sister of the late Thomas O'Connor. Also survived by many wonderful friends. Daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend, and child of God, she will be missed. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vass, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday 6-8pm and Friday 2-8pm. Scripture service Friday 7pm. Funeral Mass Saturday 10am at Holy Name Church, 645 Woodland at Harmon, Birmingham. Visitation begins at church at 2:30pm. Rite of Committal, Holy Name Cemetery. Memorial tributes to Christ Child Society, 15751 Joy Rd., Detroit, MI 48228 or The Nathanson-Rand Fund for Breast Cancer Research, Henry Ford Health System, 1 Ford Place, Ste. 5A, Detroit, MI 48202-3450. Obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

VASS

Marian, died in Petaluma, California, January 7, 2004 at the age of 88. She was born in Chicago, Illinois July 28, 1915. She is survived by her daughters, Dana Vass and Barbara Vass; her grandsons, Maury Harwood and Dylan Harwood and her great-grandson, Colton Harwood. Marian grew up on Long Island, New York in a house filled with music and song. Her brother was an accomplished pianist and introduced her to her husband-to-be, Siffreine Vass (Sev). Her brother Bill and Sev were members of the Dartmouth Barby Coast Band. They invited Marian to sing with them, and they produced a hit single, Marian and Sev were long time residents of Birmingham, Michigan, where Sev was an executive with Ford Motor Company. During those years, they participated in community theatre and music and raised their family in 1967 Marian completed her B.A. in anthropology at Wayne State University and in that same year Sev accepted a position as General Manager of Ford in Mexico City. As the wife of the general manager of Ford, Marian enjoyed the role of hostess for many events involving local and visiting dignitaries. She and Sev became fluent in Spanish, and Marian became a docent of the Museo Arqueologico de Mexico. They returned to the U.S. to deal with Sev's illness in the late 1970's. Following her husband's death, Marian lived in Atlanta for 10 years, and for the past 10 years had been a resident of Santa Rosa, California. She loved music, flowers, good conversation, travel and her cats. She was a talented writer and kept journals for many years, recording her impressions of her travels. She was interested in people, in the diversity and vibrancy of life. She faced her long struggle with lung and heart disease with courage and dignity. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Marian's ashes will be buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, N.Y., in the family plot.

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Plan your day and you'll accomplish more

I am tired and frustrated at the end of the day because I didn't finish everything on my list. I fear the next day will be a repeat performance of the previous day and that means I will never reach my goals. Do you have any suggestions?

Domestic Planner

Diana Koenig

On your mark, get set, go!! It is vital to start the race when the gun fires and to win, you must cross the finish line first.

The beginning and end of a race is important just as the first hour and last hour of the day make a difference

in the success or failure of organizing your home.

The last hour of your day determines the success of the first hour the following day.

It will help if the night before, you write a plan for the following day's events.

Your plan should include both things you want to do and things you have to do.

Write down more than you could possibly accomplish because you will get more done if you over-plan.

This could be frustrating for some people, so I suggest you do what works best for you.

The important thing is to have a written list to follow.

Divide your list into two categories.

First, write down what you

"must do" for the day.

This would include; appointments, meetings, driving children to activities, phone calls and a fun activity.

Schedule something fun under "must do" because it is your time off.

It is important to relax if you are going to keep up with your busy schedule.

Secondly, write down things you "hope to do." This list will be for things you have several days or up to a week to complete.

Some examples of jobs on this list would be to file household bills, get the car licensed, work on a sewing project and clean the windows. When you finish an activity or project, mark it off your list because it will give you a sense of accomplishment.

At the end of the day, throw away the "must do" list and mark off what you finished on the "hope to do" list. Review each list before retiring for the night.

After you have completed your written lists, prepare the house so it is ready for the next morning.

Make sure the kitchen is tidy.

This means loading and running the dishwasher or emptying the dishwasher.

I prefer to empty the dishwasher the last hour of my day instead of the first hour the following day.

Postponing bed a few minutes is easier than trying to squeeze it in to your morning routine.

This is especially true if you need to leave your house

each morning at a specific time.

Do a laundry check before bedtime because usually there is a load to fold and put away.

The two things that accumulate very quickly in a home are laundry and dishes, so you need to allow time to tackle both of these things several times a day.

Make sure all items are put away in each room.

If clutter accumulates, then it is difficult to have the house picked up during the last hour of the day and even harder to function efficiently the next morning.

Teach your children to be responsible to pick up items in their rooms before going to bed.

Each family member can decide what he is going to wear

the next day and lay it out in his room.

Start school lunches the night before so they can be completed quickly in the morning.

The last thing you need to do before bed each day is take care of personal needs and relax for a few minutes.

When I relax, I eat a favorite snack, look through a magazine or chit-chat with my husband.

TODAY'S REFRIGERATOR

BULLETIN:

"A successful ending to a well-planned day!"

Send your questions and success stories to: Diana Koenig, P.O. Box 1702, Manchester, MO 63011. E-mail dianakoenig@hotmail.com.

Ford Field hosts Home & Garden Show

Instead of footballs, showgoers will find flowers, not to mention hundreds of home and garden products and services, when they visit Detroit's Ford Field Home & Garden Show Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 19-22, and the Michigan Home & Garden Show at the Pontiac Silverdome Thursday-Sunday, March 4-7.

"Show visitors will discover the newest and best ways to make their existing or new homes more beautiful, functional and livable," said Mike Wilbraham, show producer for ShowSpan, Inc.

"We'll feature gardens and landscapes, experts and seminars - these are well-rounded events."

Displays will fill both arenas with home and garden products and services for new homes, remodeling and maintenance. All the major home product categories are available from the basics of heating, cooling, vacuums and appliances to fixtures, furnishings, landscaping, decorative accessories, windows and doors.

Spectacular gardens and landscapes with blooming annuals and perennials, waterfalls, reflecting ponds, fountains, brick walkways and patios will be created especially for each show.

The Ford Field Show will feature two-man 'grilling buddies' Mad Dog and Merrill offering tips for outdoor grilling as seen on ESPN, CBS and CNN and expert advice from Glenn Haeg, The Detroit News columnist and America's Master Handyman. At the Pontiac Silverdome Show, the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, Inc. District 1 will present a Standard Flower Show "Broadway."

At both shows, Chef Angus Campbell and Robert Garlough will teach Classic Desserts/Modern Styles and the Concrete Home Pavilion will describe Insulated Concrete Forms as an alternative to standard wood framing in building a new home.

In addition, seminars on building, remodeling, do-it-yourself projects and gardening and ideas, tips and advice from experts on home renovations, maintenance and landscaping will be available.

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

Advance discount tickets are offered online.

Weekday adult admission discount coupons are available at Speedway. Ford Field daily parking rate is \$3 and over 2,000 parking spaces are adjacent to Ford Field. On site Silverdome parking is available for a fee.

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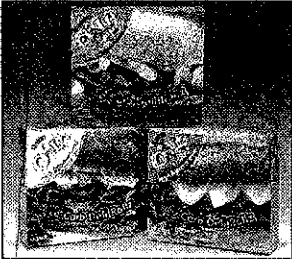


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Side dish

Lower the carbs

O' So Lo, a low-carb food manufacturer, now offers deli-style rolls for low-carbers. The new Lo-Carb Deli Rollz give consumers a



choice between Italian herb, onion and original flavors, and appeal to every taste.

Comfort food lovers can enjoy hot dogs, meatball sandwiches, Philly cheese steaks or subs. The original has just 3.8 grams of carbs and offers a wheat taste that the company says goes with any type of sandwich or spread. The Italian herb flavor has 4.2 grams of carbs and features savory herbs and spices. The onion has 5.2 grams and can add zest to simple sandwiches like ham and cheese, or gourmet treats like smoked fish and exotic patés.

Cider wins

A local family orchard took second place recently in the 2003 Michigan apple cider competition, held as part of the Great Lakes Fruit, Vegetable & Farm Market Expo in Grand Rapids in early December.

The Long Family Orchard & Farm of Commerce Township, owned by Rob and Chris Long, finished second out of 32 entries, the second-largest number of entries, according to Bob Tritten, district horticultural agent for the Michigan State University Extension in southeast Michigan.

"The quality of Michigan cider just keeps improving," Tritten said.

First place went to Koan's Orchard in Flushing. Alber's Orchard & Cider Mill in Manchester placed third.

Judges graded each sample on appearance and color, aroma and bouquet, acidity and sweetness, sugar/acid balance, body, flavor, finish and overall quality.

Consumers who wish to purchase apple cider during the winter can check for farm markets open at this time of year by checking the Michigan Apple Committee's Web site at

www.MichiganApples.com

More low-carb

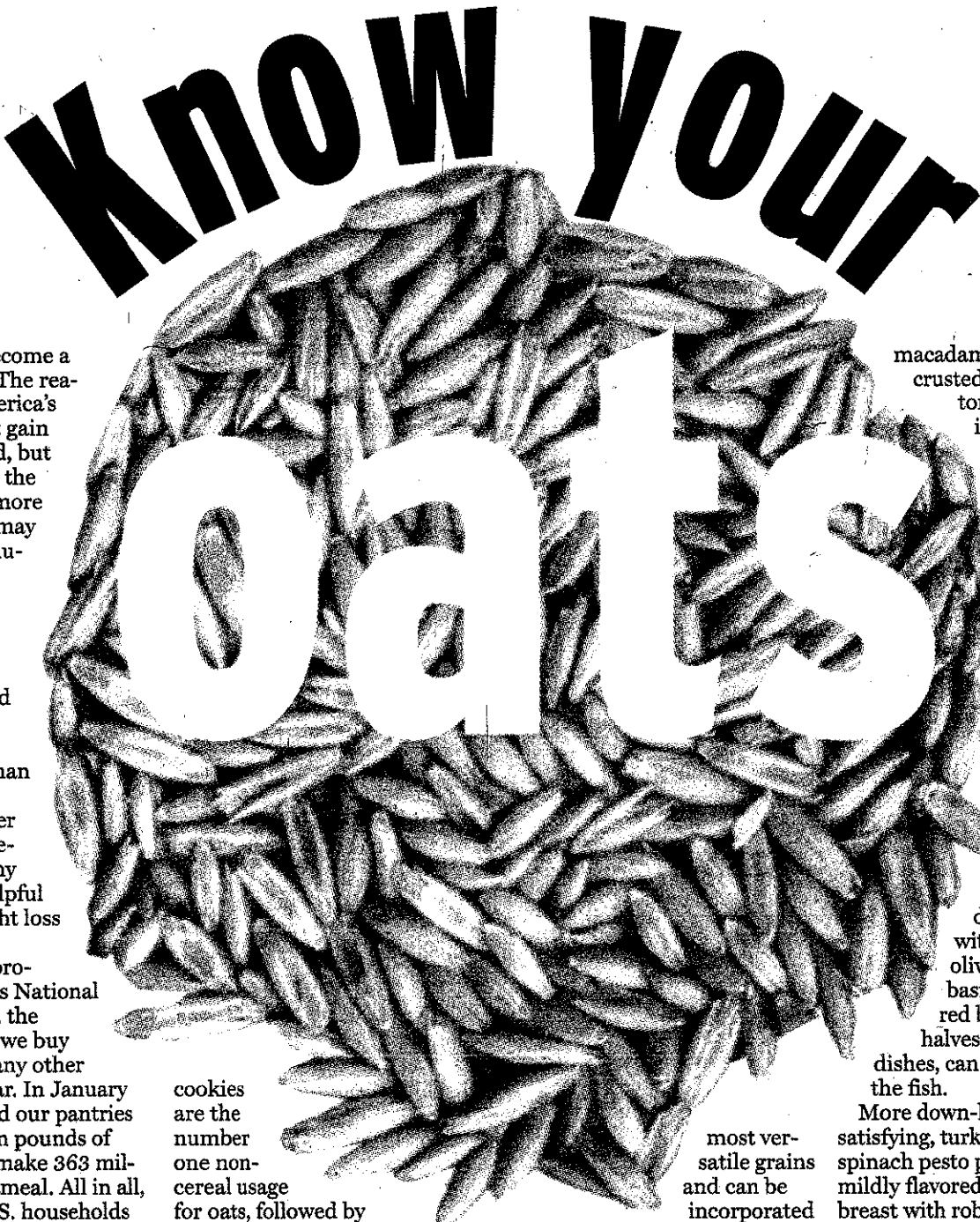
The stores of convenience retailer 7-Eleven have launched a national awareness campaign: Better Choices, Better Year with Atkins controlled-carb products.

Almost 50 products offering a diversity of convenience snacks, food and beverages catering to the many types of weight-management lifestyles, including controlled-carb, low-fat, low-calorie and high-protein, now are being merchandised in a single section to show customers the variety of healthier choices available.



QUAKER OATS

Wholesome whole-grain oats replace the more traditional bread crumbs in this macadamia nut and oat-crusted halibut, while the sweet-tangy tomato-orange relish pairs vitamin-rich oranges and sun-dried tomatoes with Kalamata olives, onion and basil.



Obesity has become a weighty matter. The reasons behind America's collective weight gain are multi-faceted, but the good news is the fact that eating more fiber-rich foods may be part of the solution.

According to recent reports from the World Health Organization and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, eating more dietary fiber promotes maintenance of a healthy weight and is helpful as part of a weight loss program.

Quaker Oats promotes January as National Oatmeal Month, the month in which we buy more oats than any other month of the year. In January 2003, we stocked our pantries with 36.3 million pounds of oats, enough to make 363 million bowls of oatmeal. All in all, 80 percent of U.S. households have oatmeal in their cupboards.

The most popular oatmeal toppings are: milk, sugar and fruit (raisins, bananas), according to Quaker Oats. Oatmeal

cookies are the number one non-cereal usage for oats, followed by meatloaf.

Whole grains such as oats are good sources of fiber and contain vitamins and minerals, a benefit in managing a healthy weight. Oats also are one of the

most versatile grains and can be incorporated into a healthy

diet in many ways, from hot cereal and baked goods to fiber-rich coatings for chicken and fish.

Easy and delicious

macadamia nut and oat-crusted halibut with tomato-orange relish delivers a nutritional bang.

Wholesome whole-grain oats replace the more traditional bread crumbs made from refined white flour in the nutty coating, while the sweet-tangy relish pairs vitamin-rich oranges and sun-dried tomatoes with Kalamata olives, onion and basil. Asparagus or red bell pepper halves, both easy side dishes, can roast alongside the fish.

More down-home but equally satisfying, turkey meatloaf with spinach pesto pairs lean and mildly flavored ground turkey breast with robust Kalamata olives, Parmesan cheese and garlic.

Whole-grain oats in place of cracker or bread crumbs from refined flour add fiber and make slicing easier.

TOP 10 OAT BENEFITS

1. Oats are a source of soluble and insoluble fiber. Soluble fiber promotes heart health when eaten as part of a daily diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol, while insoluble fiber benefits the digestive system.

2. Oats may help with weight control. People who eat breakfast regularly are more likely to weigh less than those who skip it. Additionally, oats are a great choice for breakfast or any other meal occasion because they add fiber to the diet. Research shows that people with high fiber diets are more likely to have a healthy weight.

3. Oats are a whole grain. As part of a plant-rich, low-fat diet, whole grains may help protect against chronic diseases, such as heart disease and some cancers. Whole-grain oats can be part of a diet that helps people maintain a healthy weight.

4. All oat forms are equally nutritious. Steel-cut, old-fashioned oats (5 minute), quick oats (1 minute), and instant oats are different forms of the same thing: whole-grain oats.

5. Oats are the only major grain proven to help reduce blood cholesterol. Eating 3 grams of soluble fiber from oats each day, as part of a diet that's low in fat cholesterol, has been shown to lower blood cholesterol, which may reduce the risk of heart disease.

6. Oats offer many nutritional benefits. Oats contain a variety of vitamins, minerals and unique antioxidants in addition to more protein than other common cereals.

7. Oats are packed with flavor. Oats impart a nutty flavor to favorite baked goods and to toppings for fruit crisps and crumbles.

8. Oats add texture. Oats add a pleasantly chewy texture to baked products.

9. Oats are quick, convenient and full of variety.

10. Oats are versatile, going beyond the breakfast bowl. Try them in meatloaf/meatballs, as a coating for chicken and fish, and as a flour replacement when baking. Quick or old-fashioned oats can be substituted for up to one-third of the flour called for in recipes for muffins, biscuits, pancakes, loaf-type quick breads, coffee cakes, yeast breads, cookies and bars.

Information courtesy of Quaker Oats

TOMATO-ORANGE RELISH

- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped orange segments
- 1/4 cup sun-dried tomatoes in oil, drained, patted dry and chopped
- 1/4 cup pitted, chopped Kalamata olives
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
- 2 tablespoons slivered fresh basil leaves or 2 teaspoons dried basil leaves
- 1 tablespoon oil from tomatoes
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

In a small bowl, stir together all ingredients. Serve with fish. Makes 1 cup.

Nutritional information (1/6 of recipe): calories, 300; calories from fat, 140; total fat, 15g; saturated fat 2.5g; cholesterol 35mg; sodium 220mg; total carbohydrates 18g; dietary fiber 4g, protein 26g

Recipes courtesy of Quaker Oats.

MACADAMIA AND OAT-CRUSTED HALIBUT WITH TOMATO-ORANGE RELISH

- 1/2 cups Quaker quick oats, uncooked
- 1/2 cup chopped raw macadamia nuts
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme or 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped garlic
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1 egg white, lightly beaten
- 6 fresh halibut fillets, about 4 ounces each
- Tomato-Orange Relish (recipe follows)

Heat oven to 400°F. In shallow dish, combine oats, nuts, thyme,

garlic, salt and cayenne pepper; mix well. In second shallow dish, beat water and egg white with fork until frothy. Dip halibut fillets in egg mixture; repeat.

Spray 15 1/2" by 10 1/2" by 1-inch rimmed baking sheet with cooking spray. Place on sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes, or until fish flakes easily when tested with fork. Serve with tomato-orange relish. Serves six.

COOKING TIP: Any firm, mild white-fleshed fish may be substituted for halibut. Fillets thinner than 1/2 inch will require a shorter cooking time.

Get in the grain

Oatmeal information, recipes and online resources can be found inside. Taste D2, D3

Teach kids healthy eating habits by baking with them

There's no better way to pull kids away from the television or latest video game and teach healthy eating habits than by baking a great-tasting snack that's nutritious, too.

Besides teaching your children the valuable life skill of learning how to cook, there are many other reasons to get your kids into the kitchen when they are young. Surrounded by measuring cups and spoons, enticing aromas and your undivided attention, kitchen time can be the perfect time to talk about healthy food choices; teach portion control; explain the benefits of whole grains, and practice being a good role model. You also can strengthen their math, reading and science skills; help them gain positive emotional benefits such as self-esteem, and plan a fun physical activity to enjoy together while your baking project cools.

To ensure first-time success and help instill good eating habits, choose a recipe that can be completed in under an hour and is a good source of the nutrients kids need.

Kids love cupcakes, and there's no squabbling over who gets the bigger slice because a cupcake is one serving. Since a cupcake is a lot like a muffin, it's also easy to sneak in healthful ingredients.

Funny Face Upside Down Carrot Oat Cakes, developed in the Quaker Oatmeal Kitchens, offer the wholesome goodness of fruit, veggies and whole-grain oats in a great-tasting mini cake that smiles back. Perfect in a lunchbox, or as an after-school snack with a glass of milk, these fun-to-make treats will appeal to kids of all ages. After they've cooled, package leftover cakes in indi-

vidual bags and freeze.

The same portion control system works for the Terrific Trail Mix, a colorful and crunchy blend of whole-grain oats, fiber-rich oat squares cereal, dried fruit and soy nuts. A small amount of mini candy-coated chocolate candies stirred into the mix after it has cooled add the bright colors and chocolatey flavor kids love. a one-half cup serving fits perfectly in a snack-size resealable bag or small lidded plastic cup, and one recipe makes 14 snack-size servings, enough for fueling lots of outdoor activities.

For more kid-friendly healthy eating tips and activities, visit www.quakeroatmeal.com and click on the Strive For Five program, a new family nutrition program created in collaboration with the American Dietetic Association.

FUNNY FACE UPSIDE-DOWN CARROT OAT CAKES

Topping:
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
1 tablespoon melted butter
1/2 cup crushed pineapple, well drained
Raisins or dried cranberries
Shredded carrots
Cakes:
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 egg
1/2 cup lowfat milk
1/2 cup (5 1/2 tablespoons) butter, melted
1/2 cup packaged shredded carrots, chopped*



QUAKER OATS

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1/2 cup raisins or dried cranberries

Heat oven to 400°F. Spray 12 medium muffin pan cups with cooking spray. For topping, combine brown sugar and melted butter in small bowl; divide evenly between cups. Use the pineapple to make hair, raisins or cranberries to make eyes and a nose, and carrot shreds to make smiles or whiskers; set aside.

For cakes, combine flour, oats, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, baking soda and salt in large bowl; mix well. In second bowl, combine egg, milk and melted butter; mix well. Add to dry ingredients; mix just until moistened. Gently stir in carrots,

pineapple and raisins. Divide batter evenly between muffin cups. Bake 15-18 minutes or until golden brown. Let cakes cool in pan on wire rack 5 minutes. Loosen edges with a thin metal spatula; invert cakes onto cooling rack face side up. Serve warm or at room temperature. Store leftover cakes tightly wrapped at room temperature. 12 cakes

Nutrition Information (1/12 of recipe): Calories, 210; calories from fat, 60; total fat, 7g; saturated fat, 4g; cholesterol, 35mg; sodium, 280mg; total carbohydrates, 34g; dietary fiber, 2g; sugars, 19g; protein, 4g.

TERRIFIC TRAIL MIX

3 cups Quaker squares cereal
1 1/2 cups oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
1/2 cup roasted salted soy nuts or dry roasted peanuts
1/2 cup honey
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 cup mixed dried fruit bits
1/2 cup mini candy-coated milk chocolate candies

Heat oven to 350°F. In large

OATMEAL FUN FACTS

■ Quaker Oats was the first U.S. breakfast cereal to receive a registered trademark, the first to offer a recipe and a premium on its package, and the first to offer trial-size samples.

■ There are more than 300 recipes that contain whole-grain oats on

www.quakeroatmeal.com, Quaker's consumer Web site.

■ Oats were one of the earliest cereals cultivated by man. They were known in ancient China as long ago as 7,000 B.C. The ancient Greeks were the first people known to have made a recognizable porridge (cereal) from oats.

■ The portrait of the "Quaker Man" on the package has only been updated three times since its debut in 1877, once in 1946, again in 1957 and, most recently, in 1972.

■ An 18-ounce package of Old Fashioned Quaker Oats contains about 26,000 rolled oats.

bowl, combine cereal, oats and soy nuts. In small bowl, combine honey and oil; mix well. add to cereal mixture; mix well. Spread oat mixture in single layer on 15- 1/2 x 10- 1/2 x 1-inch rimmed baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray. Bake 12-15 minutes, stirring three times during baking time. Remove from oven; stir to loosen mix from pan. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Stir in dried fruit and candy. Store tightly covered. About 7 cups.

Nutrition Information (for 1/2 cup): Calories, 210; calories from fat, 50; total fat, 6g; saturated fat, 1.5g; cholesterol, 0mg; sodium, 65mg; total carbohydrates, 35g; dietary fiber, 3g; sugars, 18g; protein, 4g.

Recipes courtesy of Quaker Oats.

Oats offer healthy alternative to meatloaf

TURKEY MEATLOAF WITH SPINACH PESTO

2 cups salad spinach, packed (about 2 1/2 ounces)
1/4 cup prepared pesto
1 1/2 pounds ground turkey, breast
3/4 cup oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
1/2 cup 1% lowfat milk
1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon shredded Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup chopped, pitted Kalamata olives
1 egg white, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon finely chopped garlic
1 to 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 to 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Heat oven to 350°F. Process spinach in food processor with knife blade until coarsely chopped. Remove and reserve 1/2 cup spinach. Add pesto to remaining spinach and process until smooth, stopping to scrape the bowl once. Refrigerate spinach-pesto mixture.

In large bowl, combine reserved spinach, ground turkey, oats, milk, 1/2 cup cheese, olives, egg white, garlic, salt and pepper; mix well. Spray large shallow roasting pan with cooking spray. Shape turkey mixture into 8x4-inch loaf; place in pan. Bake 1 hour or until center of loaf registers 170°F on an instant-read thermometer.

Transfer meatloaf to carving board; drizzle top of meatloaf with 1 tablespoon spinach pesto and sprinkle with remaining 1 tablespoon cheese. Let rest 5 minutes before slicing. Serve with remaining spinach pesto. 6 servings

Nutrition Information: 1/6 of recipe

Calories 260, calories from fat 60, total fat 7g, saturated fat 1 1/5g, cholesterol 85mg, sodium 980mg, total carbohydrates 11g, dietary fiber 2g, protein 40g.

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Web site offers oatmeal information

Log onto www.quakeroatmeal.com during Oatmeal Month and test your IQ in the Oatmeal Month Quiz. Everyone who completes the quiz and answers the questions correctly will automatically be entered in a drawing to win one of 25 Quaker Oats Favorite Recipe Collection cookbooks.

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■ **Parents:** Print out the first-ever Kids Real Life Food Pyramid and Kids Breakfast Pyramid, handy references for planning meals that kids will enjoy. Then check out the Strive for Five program which

teaches key nutrition habits to help prevent childhood weight gain. Developed in collaboration with the American Dietetic Association, the Strive For Five program takes just five to ten minutes each day to complete and is organized into weekly calendars that offer tips, activities and more.

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■ **Sign up to receive a free monthly Quaker Toddler Newsletter** that contains age-specific nutrition advice and parenting tips. Also be sure to check out the Parents Survival and Activities Guide.

Web site-recipes are also featured, along with e-newsletters on various subjects, and even baking classes from the Quaker Oatmeal Kitchens. Visitors also can become members and participate in all of the "members only" activities. Registration is required.

Cookbook features recipes from Botsford community

A new cookbook featuring recipes contributed by employees and volunteers from Botsford Health Care Continuum and residents of the Botsford Commons Community is available for sale by The Botsford Foundation.

The Botsford Family Cooks! includes 399 recipes, along with nutritional information, baking tips and cooking terms. The book's title is a reference to Botsford's logo and the sense of family and community that has long been a hallmark of affiliation with Botsford.

The recipes range from those that reflect modern, low-fat cooking styles to those relying on traditional ingredients.

"I think we were able to put together a wonderful variety of recipes," said Holly Hufeld, chairperson of the Cookbook Committee.

"The personal notes printed along with many of the recipes provide a glimpse of the personality of the contributor, bits of family tradition and information on the recipe's source."

Recipes in The Botsford Family Cooks! run the gamut from appetizers to desserts and range from quick and easy to complex. The hard cover book offers something for everyone including a group of recipes endorsed by Botsford's Diabetes Education Team.

"You could call it a multi-ethnic festival and appreciation of food," said Margo Gorchow, executive director of The Botsford Foundation.

"The recipes reflect the many and varied heritages within the Botsford family. The book represents a celebration of friendship and diversity."

The Botsford Family Cooks! is being offered at an introductory price of \$12. It is available in the Botsford General Hospital Gift Shop and the Botsford Commons Gift Shop or by calling The Botsford Foundation at (248) 442-5045. A shipping and handling fee will be added for books that are mailed. Proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will be used to support the work of The Botsford Foundation.

The Botsford Health Care Continuum is an integrated system of care which includes Botsford General Hospital, the Botsford Physician Network, Community Emergency Medical Service, the Botsford Continuing Care Corporation and the Botsford Center for Health Improvement. The Botsford site on the internet is www.botsfordsystem.org.

Free brochure available for Oatmeal Month

Awesome Oats: Easy and Delicious Recipes With Oats will help oat lovers celebrate Oatmeal Month. This free brochure contains six recipes, plus great-tasting oatmeal toppings. Included are around-the-clock recipes for main dishes and sides, like Garden-Style Turkey Loaf and Vegetable Oat Pilaf, in addition to breads and desserts.

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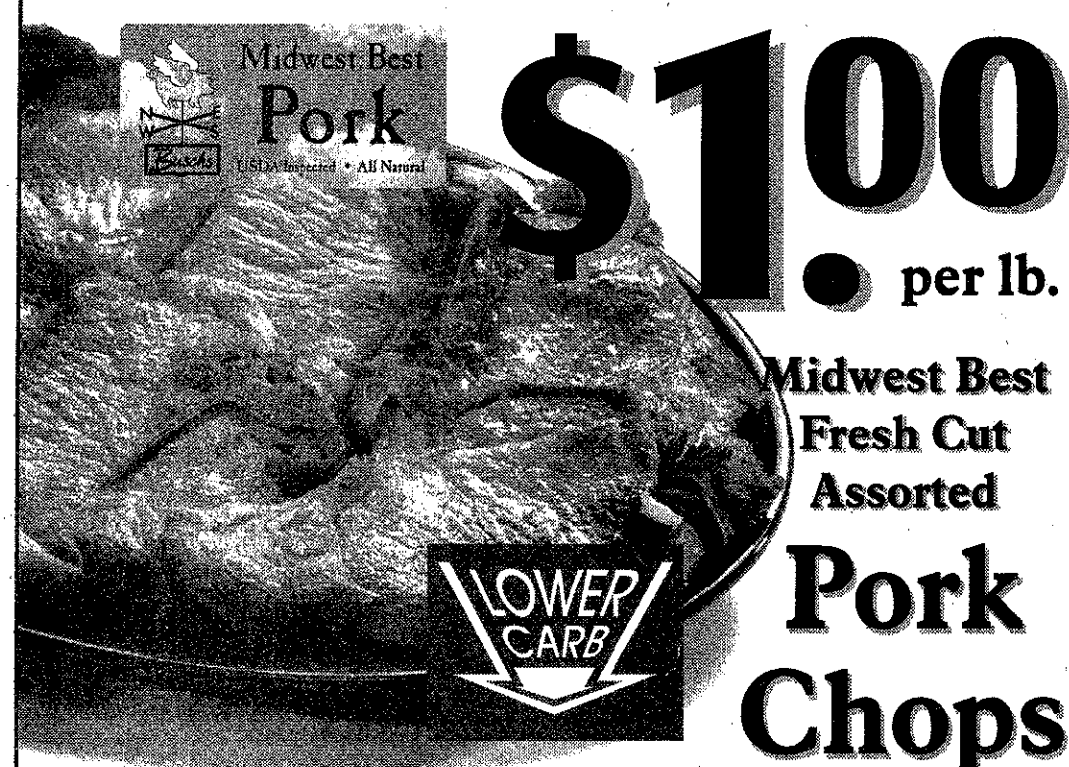
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Leading Southern food writer Edna Lewis says greens are a dish most Southerners "would walk a mile for." Greens were considered not only great tasting, but good for you. "If a neighbor fell ill during the winter," she writes, "friends would search the countryside to uncover some wild cress growing in the lowlands along streams. After it was found, it was quickly washed and cooked and taken to the sick for nourishment."

Contemporary science agrees with southern country wisdom.

Greens are low in calories and fat, and high in fiber and vitamins A and C. They are also rich in naturally-occurring substances called phytochemicals, which help fight cancer and other chronic diseases. A single serving of leafy greens is estimated to contain more than 100 different phytochemicals.

All greens look and taste different, but it is common to cook several types together.

When you buy greens, pick those that are crisp and unblemished. The darker the color, the higher the nutritional value. Leafy greens are highly perishable and should be used within a few days of purchase.

If you are not going to cook them immediately, wrap them, unwashed, in damp paper towels and refrigerate in a plastic bag with a few air holes so the



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The accompanying recipe adds colorful red peppers and high-fiber beans to fresh greens.

greens can breathe and stay fresh longer.

Greens should not be cooked in pans made of aluminum, which gives them an unpleasant taste. Keep in mind that greens cook way down. A pound of fresh greens will result in 1½ to 2 cups of cooked greens, or about 4 servings.

The following recipe adds colorful red peppers and high-fiber beans to the greens for a healthy way to remember Dr. King.

BEANS AND GREENS

1 tablespoon canola oil
1 medium red onion, chopped
1 pound greens, either mix of or one type (kale, spinach, collard), chopped
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
1 12-ounce jar commercially-roasted red bell peppers, drained and diced
2 15-ounce cans black beans, rinsed and drained
2 tablespoons fresh cilantro leaves, finely chopped

Heat oil in a non-stick pan over medium-high heat until hot. Add onion and cook, stirring often, until soft and just beginning to brown. Mix in greens, salt and pepper to taste and sauté/cook. (If using spinach, until it is wilted and tender; if using kale and/or collards, until those greens are tender.) Mix in peppers and heat, stirring, until peppers are warmed. Remove from heat and keep warm.

Heat beans in a small saucepan. When heated through, remove from heat and stir in the cilantro. Divide beans among individual plates, arranging them in a mound in the center, then add greens to encircle the beans.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 174 calories, 4 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 28 g. carbohydrate, 8 g. protein, 9 g. dietary fiber, 408 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Cooking demonstrations scheduled

Florine Mark, president and CEO of the Weight Watchers Group, and Tim Cikra, chef at Weight Watchers, will celebrate the newly published *Meals in Minutes: 150 Speedy Recipes Low in Points Values* by featuring prepared dishes at cooking demonstrations at Weight Watchers meetings.

The cookbook was published by Weight Watchers International as part of their recently launched FlexPoints program.

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Cikra will appear at the following locations, preparing potato and pepper frittata: 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, Weight Watchers Center, Deer Creek Plaza, 13659 23 Mile Rd. (at Schoenherr); 5:45 p.m., Monday, Jan. 19, Weight Watchers Building, 28555 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; and 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Weight Watchers Center, West River Center, 30076 Grand River, Farmington.

Fix up smoky sausage and beans

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This easy recipe for smoked turkey sausage and beans has plenty of flavor, but not a lot of fat -- about 9 grams per serving.

The dish would be nicely complemented with polenta or pasta, to make a tasty lunch or light meal. And it would be a great choice when you're too hungry to wait for a slow-cooked meal: Once you've sliced and chopped your ingredients, it takes only about 15 minutes cooking time.

SMOKY SAUSAGE AND BEANS

1 tablespoon olive oil
14-ounce package smoked turkey sausage, cut into ¼-inch slices
2 cups sliced red bell peppers
2 cups thinly sliced onions
2 teaspoons minced garlic
1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
¼ teaspoon dried red pepper flakes
4 cups chopped tomatoes
Two 15-ounce cans black beans, or 3 cups cooked dry-packaged black beans, rinsed, drained

In large skillet, in oil, cook sausage, bell peppers, onions, garlic, Italian seasoning and red pepper flakes in oil in large skillet until sausage is browned and vegetables are tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Stir in tomatoes and beans, and cook, covered, over medium heat until tomatoes are softened, about 5 minutes.

Makes about 6 servings of 1 cup each.

Nutritional information per serving: 285 cal., 9 g fat, 36 g. carbs., 1,043 mg sodium, 19 g. pro., 9 g dietary fiber, 41 mg chol.



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Classic cooking

Busch's Meal Solutions presents the classic cooking series, starting with "Protect your Investments: Here's the Beef" 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Livonia location of Busch's on the southeast corner of Newburgh and Six Mile roads. The class is free. The class will explore the different cuts of beef and the best cooking techniques. Easy pan gravies will be demonstrated. The beef class will be held again at 6 p.m. on Jan. 22 at the Plymouth/Northville location on Five Mile and Beck, and Jan. 29 at the Farmington Hills location. The series continues Feb. 12, 19 and 26 with "Seafood: The Ultimate Fast Food" and "Poultry: All-Time Favorites" on March 11, 18 and 25 in the same order at the same locations.

Schoolcraft College

Enjoy the talents of the staff at Schoolcraft College with culinary seminars offered through the culinary arts department and the college's Continuing Education Services. The seminars range from Meals 500: Start to Finish with chef Brian Polcyn on Saturday, Jan. 24, and Swiss Chocolates with master pastry chef Joe Decker on Thursday, Feb. 5, to Savory Soups and Stews with master chef Jeff Gabriel on Wednesday, Feb. 25. For a complete schedule of seminars, call (734) 462-4448 or visit the college's Continuing Education Services building, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia (south of Seven Mile Road).

Irish cooking school

The Irish Cultural Forum will conduct its 12th Irish Cooking class at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle in Detroit. "St. Brigid's Day to Easter Sunday - A Spring of Irish Cooking" is the theme for this year. Donation is \$25. A luncheon, tastings and door prizes will be included. Reservations are required and must be paid in advance. Send checks, payable to The Irish Cultural Forum to I.C.F., 3109 W. Huntley Sq., No. 512, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. For more information, call (248) 540-6687. (Please do not call the Yacht Club for information.)

Weight Watchers

Tim Cikra, chef at Weight Watchers,

and Florine Mark, president and CEO of Weight Watchers, will promote Meals in Minutes: 150 Speedy Recipes Low in Points Values by featuring prepared dishes at cooking demonstrations. Demonstrations are open and free to the public. Cikra will prepare potato and pepper frittata at the following locations: 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, Weight Watchers Center, Deer Creek Plaza, 13659 23 Mile Road (at Schoenherr); 5:45 p.m., Monday, Jan. 19, Weight Watchers Building, 28555 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; and 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Weight Watchers Center, West River Center, 30076 Grand River, Farmington. To learn more about Weight Watchers and for meetings in your area visit www.8883florine.com or call (888) 3-FLORIN.

Sit-down tasting

Shiraz, one of Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corp. restaurants, will host a special sit-down wine tasting on Mondays as part of Unique Restaurant Corp.'s wine tasting schedule. The first one is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 19, Blind Tasting 101: Component Identification is scheduled, with sit down prices ranging from \$50 to \$200 per person, depending on the menu. Unique will conduct a casual wine tasting the first Wednesday of each month 6-8 p.m. At each tasting, guests can sample featured wines selected around a specific theme - including regional best bets and the finest wines of 2004. URC's Master Sommelier Madeline Trifon will be on hand to describe the wines, answer questions, and guide guests through the more subtle aspects of wine tasting. The Wednesday Wine Bar costs \$35 per person and includes wine, hors d'oeuvres and a variety of cheeses. URC rotates the event among four of its fine dining restaurants: Shiraz, Morels, No. VI Chop House & Lobster Bar and Northern Lakes Seafood Company. For reservations for the tasting on Jan. 19, call Shiraz at (248) 645-5289.

Explore wine
Certified Sommelier Nidal Daher and National Wine Buyer Marc Jonna will present a wine exploration series of seven classes beginning on Jan. 21 and concluding on March 17, at the Community House in Birmingham. The series includes seven classes designed to educate the wine novice as well as the experienced wine connoisseur. The series kicks off with An Introduction to Wine, 7:30-10 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, \$28. Discussion topics will include wine grape varieties, wine making techniques, types of wines and wine labels. Participants will learn how to evaluate and rate wines while tasting six wines representing different regions from around the world. The class will also provide guidelines for identifying and reading wine labels and ordering from a restaurant wine list. The class will end with a discussion on proper wine storage climate. Other classes offered and class fees in the series include: California and Pacific Northwest Wines, Jan. 28, \$28; French Wines, Feb. 4, \$25; More About French Wines, Feb. 11, \$25; Italian Wines, Feb. 25, \$25; The New World of Wine: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, March 3, \$25, and Fortified Wines: Ports, Sherries and Madeiras, March 17, \$25. All classes are scheduled 7:30-9:30 p.m. Each class is priced individually, or seven sessions are offered for \$150. Class attendees must be over the age of 21. To register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

Super soups

M-Fit of the University of Michigan Health System conducts cooking classes, including one on Wonderful Winter Vegetables, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, by chef Aaron Wynn, at the East Ann Arbor Health Center Demonstration Kitchen, 4260 Plymouth, in Ann Arbor. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$30 per person or \$50 for two people attending together. Call Nicole Goyarts at (734) 975-4387, Ext. 236 or sign up on line at www.mfitnutrition.com.

Heavenly hors d'oeuvres

Discover how to make a beautiful array of bite-sized creations designed to impress but not stress. The class will make ginger seared shrimp on crisp wonton, vegetable spring roll, caviar and crème fraiche on blini and caramelized onion on goat cheese tart. Instructed by Peter Engelhardt, executive chef for The Community House, the class meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26. Fee is \$23.

Professional desserts

Wow your family with delicious desserts through classes at Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 N. Wayne, Westland. Chocolate cups, pocket pastries and napoleons are some of the tasty treats you'll master. Class fees include the use of equipment and

materials. The professional desserts series includes: puff pastries, Monday, Jan. 26; mini-pastries, Monday, Feb. 2; and fresh fruit pastries, Monday, Feb. 9. Individual classes are \$22 each, series of three classes \$60. The beginning cake decorating series will instruct on how to create flowers, borders, icing, doll cakes and more. Students provide their own equipment and materials, so call (734) 261-3680 for more information. Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Tuesdays, Jan. 27-Feb. 17. The series of four cake decorating classes costs \$50. All classes in both series are scheduled 6-8 p.m. For more information, call Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe at (734) 261-3680.

Slow food

Save valuable time by using your slow cooker to make fabulous meals for your family and friends while you work and play. The inexpensive ingredients become succulent when simmered slowly all day. Move over fast food, it's time to slow down as you'll learn about the following dishes: navy beans with smoked turkey sausage, osso bucco (Italian braised veal shanks), aromatic Thai chicken with vegetables and dried plums in sweet wine. Taught through M-Care, University of Michigan Health System, the class is scheduled noon-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3 at East Ann Arbor Health Center Demonstration Kitchen, 4260 Plymouth. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$30 per person or \$50 for two people attending together. Call Nicole Goyarts at (734) 975-4387, ext. 236 or sign up on line at www.mfitnutrition.com.

The Basics of Sauces

Learn tricks that will give your dishes that finishing touch in this class taught by Freeman E. Gunnell 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 3, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham. You will leave with three versatile sauce techniques: a basic cream sauce, good for pasta, vegetables or meat dishes; a chicken sauce; and a classic French bœuf blanc (sauce with butter). Gunnell's culinary education has been under the direction of renowned chefs Jimmy Schmidt, Wolfgang Puck, and Madeline Kamman. He was recently awarded the prestigious International Association of Culinary Professionals pastry award to study at Ecole Lenotre in Paris, France. This session's fee is \$22. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

Great grains

Are you tired of the same old starches like pasta, potatoes, and rice? Discover how to make quick and healthy side dishes using unique grains such as couscous, quinoa (a South American grain) and risotto. Freeman E. Gunnell's culinary education has been under the direction of renowned chefs including Jimmy Schmidt, Wolfgang Puck and Madeline Kamman. Freeman's well-rounded career includes working as chef de cuisine and as a pastry chef in gourmet restaurants as well as corporate and private settings. Freeman was recently awarded the prestigious International Association of Culinary Professionals' pastry award to study at Ecole Lenotre in Paris, France. Class is 7:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27. Fee is \$22. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

Famie instructs

Bella Cucina, a gourmet kitchen store in Plymouth, will host local celebrity chefs for cooking classes. Chef Keith Famie will teach how to cook chocolate and desserts for St. Valentine's Day 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3. To learn more about the hands-on cooking classes, call Bella Cucina, 942 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, at (734) 455-4232.

Organic choices

Timothy Young, owner of Food for Thought, will lecture on organic consumer choices and sustainable living, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 3, at Mia Mahalo, 407 S. Washington, in Royal Oak. Admission is free. Sustainable living is an approach to social and economic activities for all societies, which is compatible with the preservation of the environment. Young will lecture on the differences between organic and nonorganic consumer choices and why he believes our cur-

rent food systems do not work. Buying organic foods promotes sustainable-farming practices. Young has a long history of activism on issues of farmland preservation both here and abroad and is passionate about preserving farmland through profitable farming. For information, call Mia Mahalo at (248) 546-1900.

Specialties Showroom

Bonnie Fishman, owner of Bonnie's Patisserie, will teach a cooking class 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at Specialties Showroom, 2800 W. 11 Mile, Berkley. Fishman will prepare braised chicken with oranges; stuffed chicken breasts vert with lime sabayon; French roast chicken Dijonnaise; chicken and eggplant Nicoise. Cost is \$35. To register or for information, call (248) 548-5656 or register at www.specialtiesshowroom.com.

Learn about sushi

Do you love the idea of creating a delicious meal without slaving over a hot stove? Learn how to make fancy sushi with different types of rolls in this class 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Community House, 380 S. Bates St. in Birmingham. The rolls will be wrapped with seaweed and rice outside and with colorful seafood and vegetables inside. The types of sushi that will be taught are California Roll, Salmon Roll, Cucumber Roll, Cucumber and Avocado Roll and Veggie Tempura. Take home samples. Class is demonstration only. Changpheng Sayanthone, also known as Kriss, was born in Laos and has been cooking for 22 years. He is co-owner and chef of Tokyo Sushi and Grill in downtown Birmingham, Troy and Auburn Hills. The session's fee is \$29. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

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Here is a case for wholesome bread in your diet

How the world turns! For centuries, bread made with nutritious, whole grains, pure water, a modicum of salt and long, slow fermentation provided a staple for healthy diets. Like hand-crafted cheese and fine wines, Artisan bread was the product of skill and the use of time. Time for complex flavors to develop. Time for bread to maintain its freshness for days without staling.

Then the pendulum swung. And "white" bread became in vogue and was deemed more aristocratic than its rustic cousin. Soft and fluffy replaced substantial and hearty.

But worse was yet to come. Time became too precious. Efficiency experts pointed the way to speeding things up. Why take days when hours will do? Loss of flavor? Not to worry, just add enhancers. Loss of vitamins and minerals? Just add some back. Staling setting in? We can fix that with preservatives. Just wrap it in plastic and stick it in the refrigerator.

Happily, more and more of us have rebelled at this unsat-



Give Thanks

Gerald Matthes

isfying product of bleached (read chemical) bromated (read chemical) bunkum. And across the country, Artisan bakeries have been flourishing by returning to time-honored methods, making real bread.

Today, at The Give Thanks Bakery, the best selling breads are the German-style ryes and the Swiss multigrain (made with sprouted whole wheat berries). These are breads that are rich in fiber, protein, vitamins and minerals. These "honest" types of loaves win the endorsement of the American Dietetic Association, the American Medical Association, the American Heart Association and the British Dietetic Association. Literally, thousands of scientific studies and thousands of research scientists and nutritionists confirm what has been true for thou-

sands of years - that real bread plays a vitally important part in a well-balanced, healthy diet.

But wait.

Along comes Dr. Atkins and others promoting high protein/low carbohydrate diet books to solve the problem of more and more of us becoming overweight.

Dr. Joel Fuhrman writes, "The popularity of these books is evidence that people are looking for a quick, effortless way to lose weight without having to curtail their dangerous love affair with rich, unhealthy foods. People are desperate to lose weight, and these books preach what people want to hear: that you can eat lots of fat, cholesterol and saturated fat and still lose weight. This illicit romance can lead to tragic consequences."

Dr. Fuhrman is one of the most respected authorities in the world. His book, *Eat to Live*, is must reading for anyone serious about their health.

Dr. Thomas Davenport at Massachusetts General Hospital and fellow at Harvard University writes,

"Most diet books have little basis in proven physiology. All controversy ends after you read Dr. Fuhrman's book. It will be the final word in diet books and the one I recommend to my patients."

Chapter 5 of *Eat to Live* - in jolting fashion - explains the fallacy of the low carbohydrate diets. It reveals the stark truth - you can lose some weight (temporarily) eating protein and fat but you risk losing your health at the same time. You will increase your risk of cancer, kidney disease and heart disease. Further, the protein load can leach calcium from the bones and the death of fiber disrupts the digestive tract.

Followers of the Atkins diet overlook authoritative studies, including the following information:

- The Framingham Heart Study which showed that diets high in meat and saturated fat increases risks of heart disease, colon cancer, diabetes, hypertension, osteoporosis, obesity and shortened lifespan.
- The fact that the planet's thinnest people live in Asia,

where high carbohydrate foods are staples in their every day diet.

- The fact that carbohydrates actually boost overall metabolism. Foods rich in complex carbohydrates help the thyroid gland burn calories more efficiently.
- The human brain - to operate normally - needs 500 grams of carbohydrates a day.
- The large-scale Nordic Project conducted by the University of Helsinki reports initial findings that rye bread can lessen the risk of breast, prostate, and colon cancer. And the high fiber content helps people slim down.

Well, dear reader, forgive the vehemence of this defense of the role real bread plays in good nutrition. It should come as no surprise that the American Dietetic Association has called the Atkins Diet "a nightmare" or that thousands of doctors and dietitians are speaking out against this diet.

As the owner of a bakery that is striving to make wholesome bread the way my ancestors did with nutritious ingredients, purified water and the lavish use of time I take this

opportunity to speak out against this dangerous trend. Fortunately, long after this article has been read, people will be nourished by a food that has stood the test of time for century upon century.

Real bread doesn't compromise. No labels with ingredients that cannot be pronounced. No chemicals used to bleach the flour. No chemicals to bromate it. Instead, pure creamy-colored flour, water free of chlorine and other impurities, and all-natural sea salt.

The hearty loaves use whole grains, packed with nutrients and wonderful flavor. And when organic seeds, nuts or fruits are added, the aroma tells of the goodness of it all.

And beyond being good for you, "Bread gives exquisite pleasure" wrote the ancient philosopher, Epicurus - an expert on matters relating to pleasure.

So, enjoy it and be well in this promising New Year.

Gerald Matthes is the owner of Give Thanks Bakery in Rochester. Visit www.givethanksbakery.com or call (248) 601-1542.

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Chicago loft market is growing

I have not been to Chicago in a couple of years and am wondering what the Madison Corridor is like for residential construction. I understand there are a number of lofts and I may need to relocate there.

Almost the entire area between the western part of the loop to the United Center of Chicago has been developed along Madison and Randolph streets. Warehouses are being converted to residential condominiums and new construction has also commenced. Additional businesses and restaurants have been positioned there and it is a quickly growing area. Prices seem to be more reasonable because it is still not a prime location. You are best advised to consult with a real estate broker who is familiar with that area.

I am still thinking about buying a condominium in Marco Island, Fla., but am wondering with the downturn in the economy what the prospects are for appreciation and availability.

From my recent trip to Naples and Marco Island, it appears that construction of new condominiums and resort properties continues to be strong. While the general conditions of the market have weakened somewhat, the availability of good housing remains strong. You are best advised to find a Realtor who is particularly familiar with the area in question, particularly as it relates to condominium development. You may also consider buying properties near Marco island that may be of less cost given the benefits which you can obtain by being in close proximity to Marco Island.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@mich.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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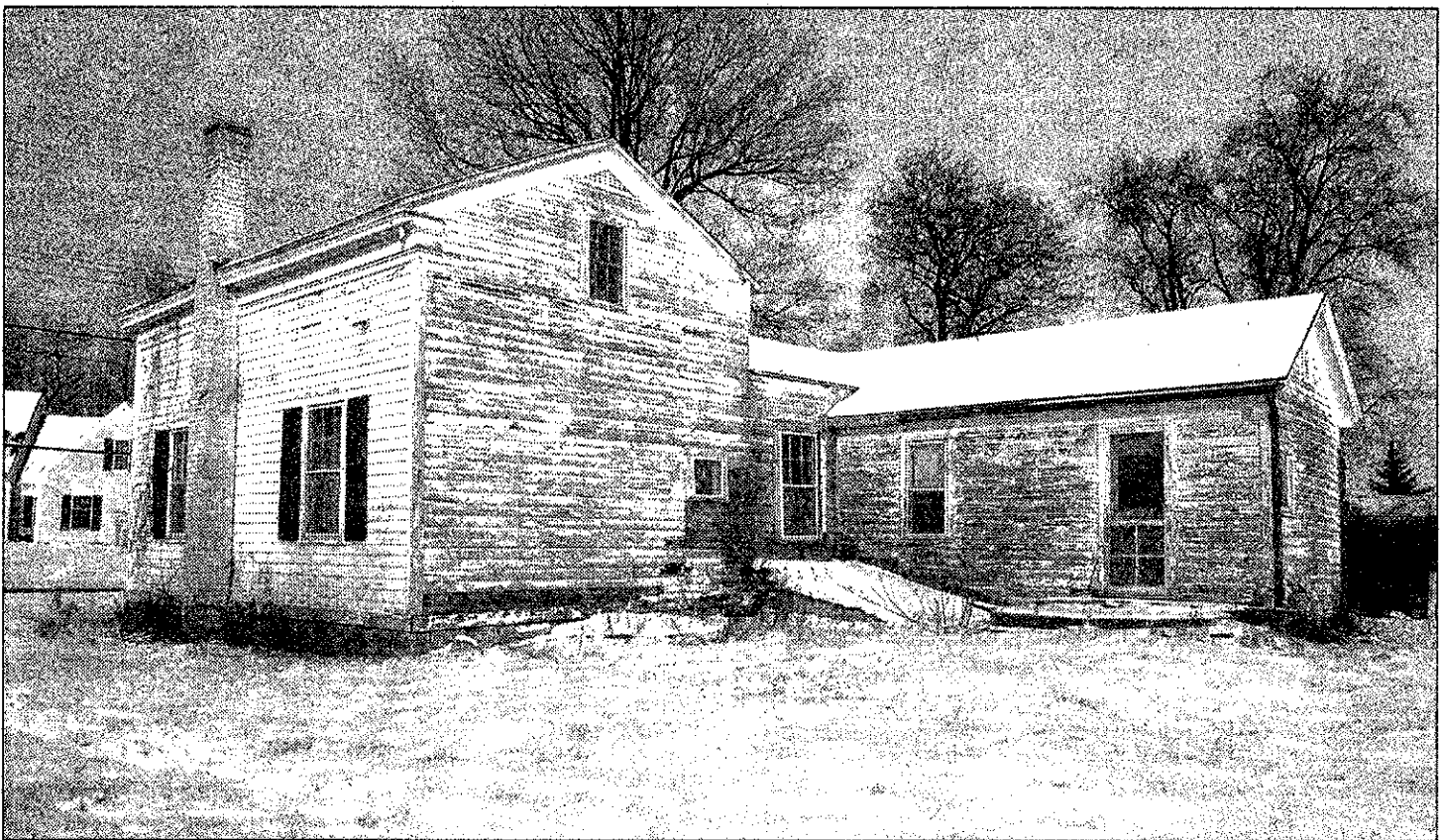
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For the Best Home Buys in your Hometown check the Sunday and Thursday Real Estate Section



This classic farmhouse in the Stoney Creek Village historic area of Rochester Hills was recently purchased, and will be restored.

History can be good subject for buyers

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

Out in California in 1850, scruffy diggers were picking through dirt and streams for gold nuggets. In Washington, Millard Fillmore had moved into the White House, a decade before Lincoln got there. In England, King George VI was living in the royal palace.

And on a trail that would become Tienken Road in Rochester Hills, a residence was being built for a family of workers on the Van Hoosen Farm.

Today the workers' house, included in the Stoney Creek Village historic area, has been sold to John Bejusca of Rochester, along with some adjoining properties.

An ordinary house of its time — "a classic farmhouse about 1,300 to 1,500 square feet with a big front porch," according to Mary Parkes, the agent who handled the sale — it will ultimately cost Bejusca about a half-million dollars for both the purchase and the work to restore it, he said.

"Maybe I'll live in it," Bejusca said, "or give it to my family."

At Parkes' real estate com-

'First of all, it takes a certain type of individual to want to purchase a historic home because of the fact that they are limited as to what they can do to it. True historic homes have very strict regulations that they have to be restored based on their historic characteristics.'

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RE/MAX in the Hills

pany, RE/MAX in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, broker Joan Downing said, "First of all, it takes a certain type of individual to want to purchase a historic home because of the fact that they are limited as to what they can do to it.

"True historic homes have very strict regulations that they have to be restored based on their historic characteristics."

To be recognized as historic, Parkes said, a house must be at least 50 years old. But age itself, she said, doesn't warrant special designation.

Home buyers who ask to see historic properties, she said, are "looking for character, quality construction, charm and location in a historic neighborhood."

Lookers, Parkes said, can expect a wide range of conditions, from houses that have been neglected to houses that have been maintained in "pristine condition."

If you own such a house, you're evidently out of the mainstream of the housing market, according to Downing.

"It is a challenge to market a historic home," she said. "You don't have the pool of buyers as if you had your basic four-bedroom colonial."

"These buyers are usually very creative. They have a lot of imagination where they can visualize the décor within the period of the home, so it all fits. Price ranges are all over, depending on condition. And you could easily drop

\$300,000 worth of restoration into one of these 1,500-foot houses if it needs help."

Brenda Davis, a sales agent at Century 21 Town & Country, Birmingham, recalled "the oldest home I've had the pleasure of selling." It was built in Oakland County in 1900, she said.

"A single-family house initially. Owned by a man whose daughter was going to marry and he was concerned about her well-being," she said. "He wanted her very nearby. So he converted the house into a duplex, each unit about 900 feet, and insisted that his daughter and son-in-law reside in the second unit."

Bill McCully, associate broker, Coldwell Banker Preferred, Plymouth, said buyers of historic houses know what they're looking at.

"They want an old house because they love it," he said. "The style, how houses were built then. Cove ceilings, archways, moldings, beautiful woodwork."

"They know what they're doing. They're aware of seepages in basements or a wall that isn't straight."

But none of that matters, McCully said: "It's beyond shelter. It's a love affair."

Registers list historic properties

National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) is the congressionally authorized authority in matters of the nation's older properties.

According to NTHP spokesperson Dwight Young: "Listing in the National Register of Historic Places is a federal designation. The National Register is the federal government's official listing of buildings, sites and objects that are worthy of preservation."

"Maintained by the National Park Service and each state's State Historic Preservation Officer, the Register now comprises more than a million items, ranging from individual structures to large historic districts that may include scores of buildings."

"Listing in the National Register is largely honorific and imposes no restrictions on a property owner's right to do anything with his property that

'There are no legal restrictions placed on a property as a result of a listing in the State Register of Historic Sites or the National Register of Historic Places, both administered by this office.'

Brian Conway
Michigan Preservation Office

is allowable under local law; in other words, the owner of a National Register-listed property can sell it, alter it, or even demolish it — as long as his actions don't violate local law.

"Several hundred communities have adopted preservation ordinances that provide local designation of historic buildings and neighborhoods."

"The specific provisions of these ordinances vary widely from community to community,

but they generally require owners of designated properties to get approval from a local review board before they can make certain changes — such as demolition, alteration or new construction — to their properties."

"In other words, local designation often does impose some restrictions on an owner's unfettered right to do as he pleases with his property."

"There are no official guidelines for Realtors who deal

with historic properties. A major goal of the National Trust's Historic Real Estate Program is to help make Realtors fully aware of the differences between federal and local designation so that they can convey accurate information to prospective buyers."

Historic commissions in local communities derive their regulatory powers from state laws.


Spokesperson Brian Conway at the Michigan Preservation Office said: "There are no legal restrictions placed on a property as a result of a listing in the State Register of Historic Sites or the National Register of Historic Places, both administered by this office."

"For more information about our programs or materials available from this office, please visit our Web site (www.michigan.gov/ha18)."

By Norman Prady

Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



Investors may find treasure

These "dog days of winter" have many real estate professionals waiting anxiously for the spring buying season — and less erratic paydays — to arrive.

There are a good number of homes on the market and interest rates are attractive and stable, but buyers are few and sales transactions even fewer.

If you invest in residential real estate, or you desire to become an investor, now may be the time to make a move. The next month or so looks like "prime time" for real estate investors to snatch up some great deals.

Canvass the market and you may find homes that have been on the market — or even vacant — for some time, and perhaps even a motivated for-sale-by-owner home whose seller is willing to deal.

Investors categorically need a 10-percent down payment unless they are going to actually live in the subject property, or in a portion of it. There are some exceptions, of course, but this requirement is often the biggest hurdle. (A quick cure: Take out a small home equity line on an existing property as a down payment.)

Spend time and effort sniffing out those evasive "zero down" deals, if you will, but that down payment will give you access to virtually every deal out there.

Surprisingly, you can have bruised credit and still be an investor. In fact, that relatively small 10 percent down offsets enough lender risk to get approvals for borrowers with credit scores below 600.

Of course, higher scores mean better interest rates and mortgage terms. With higher scores, you may not even need to document your income to qualify.

Generally, investors pay an interest rate about 1½ percent to 2 percent higher to compensate for the added lender risk non-owner occupied properties pose. To compensate, investors often use shorter-term three- or five-year ARMs to preserve their cash flows.

You hear time and again about folks much less educated than you making huge profits in real estate. If you haven't had the will or the courage to research what's required to launch your career as a real estate investor, it may now be your time.

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HOME Of The WEEK

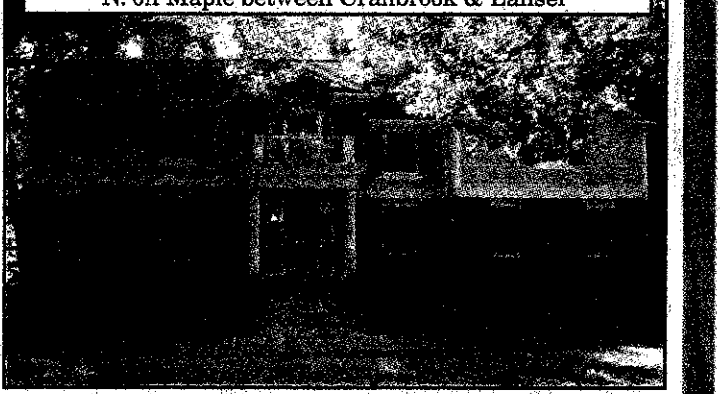
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Small-town sense draws new residents

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ZELIENOPLE, Pa. - With the birth of her third child last year, Diane Gregor wondered if it was time to get a bigger house outside of town.

Problem is, she's not ready to leave her new home.

A transplant who moved to this borough of slightly more than 4,000 people seven years ago, Gregor can hardly imagine giving up the small-town atmosphere she and her husband Robert have grown to love.

After all, there are the bike rides they take through peaceful streets; there's the little, friendly restaurants where everyone knows everyone else; there's the homespun Fourth of July celebration with watermelon giveaways and a woman who dresses like a majorette and does a baton-twirling routine.

"You see retired couples walking," she said. "You hope someday you're in the position they are in - walking through your little town."

While there appears to be no firm data, anecdotal evidence from several small cities and boroughs across Pennsylvania suggest that many people - retirees or young couples, primarily - are looking at small municipalities as an alternative to the rush of the big cities and the monotonous, car-driven life of the suburbs.

Many of these people, say municipal officials and others, are looking for the same sorts of things: a main street with small shops and restaurants to walk to; a sense of community; a feeling of safety and inclusion.

And even though small boroughs and cities have had their share of troubles in recent decades - including, for many, the loss of industry in the 1980s and an increase in drug-related problems - people who live and work in the municipalities report that residents have clung to their friendly, outgoing ways.

FRIENDLY

In Ford City, a borough of 8,450 people 35 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, Mayor Jeff Pyle (who himself moved back

to his hometown) says it may be unusual but he, too, is guilty of sometimes leaving his doors unlocked.

"Probably the biggest sport in this town is sitting out on your front porch and saying 'Hi' to people going by," said Pyle.

Like many other smaller municipalities, Ford City has seen its share of problems. The vast PPG factory was closed down in parts, finally shutting down altogether in 1991. Pyle talks about how there were once car dealerships, supermarkets, movie theaters, old-style pharmacies.

Most of that is gone, and many of the retailers pulled out. But the housing is inexpensive, the city is safe and there is still that sense of community which seems to pull some new people in. Those who come, he says, are looking for small-town America.

A couple of months ago, a storm blew through the community, knocking down dozens of trees. A school teacher, Pyle heard there was a tree down in his yard and he went there to survey the damage.

When he got there, a neighbor from a few doors down - someone Pyle had spoken to only a couple of times - was already in Pyle's yard, using a chain saw to cut the tree to pieces. Women were raking branches. More than two dozen people were helping to clean up the area, in a half-hour's time.

"We all came away saying, 'We're a neighborhood,'" Pyle said. "You heard that all over town."

APPEAL

According to Jonathan Johnson, a senior policy analyst for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, the situation in many smaller municipalities has stabilized since the 1980s, when he says many boroughs and small cities hit rock bottom with job losses in manufacturing.

Now, while there is still a decline in the population, it's smaller than it was in decades past.

The number of deaths each year in smaller municipalities is still greater than the number

of births, but the gap has closed somewhat, he said. And there are, apparently, some people moving in.

Bill Fontana, executive director of the Pennsylvania Downtown Center, said he is hearing the same anecdotes about people moving into small cities and boroughs.

While he can't say it's a trend, he can say there seems to be a feeling among many people that they're getting fed up with strip malls and planned communities in the suburbs.

"What we're seeing is a return back to people buying single-family homes, and improving those homes," said Fred Potzer, borough manager in Newville, a municipality of 1,367 people about 30 miles southwest of Harrisburg.

"You can get a nice, old Victorian home for \$75,000 to \$100,000."

Newville was once essentially self-sufficient. The dress factory in town employed a lot of people, and there were banks, a movie theater and two bowling alleys.

Much of it is gone now - the dress factory burned down in the 1970s, Potzer said - and a rail line that came through Newville was abandoned in the 1960s.

But after decades of decline, Potzer says there is a new spirit, with people - most of whom work elsewhere - attracted back to the area by a low crime rate, a good school district and the community's quaint character.

COMMUNITY

It seems to be much the same story in Corry, a city of 6,834 people 25 miles southeast of Erie which has lost population as a number of locally owned manufacturers have closed.

Gerry Dahl, the city administrator, says people are more wary than they used to be - everyone locks their front doors now, he says - but there is still that small-town feeling which attracts some new residents.

The city's downtown is no longer the commercial center it once was, but there are

still beauty shops, small boutiques and specialty stores. There are still community concerts in the town park, with a German oom-pah-pah band playing sometimes. The atmosphere remains, even in a more hectic world.

What Dahl finds odd is that professionals from as far away as Erie are finding the small municipality and its surroundings to their liking.

"Thirty years ago, if anyone ever suggested Corry would become a bedroom community to Erie, you'd have been run out of town on a rail," he said.

"Now, you're seeing young professionals coming out to be farmers. One acre, to them, that's heaven."

For 39 years, C.T. McCormick has been running a hardware store in Zelienople and he has seen the new people coming in.

A few weeks ago, he said, a young woman with two children came into the store saying her family had moved there from Pittsburgh "just for that small-town feel." She came into the store needing a piece to hold up the cover of her baby carriage, said McCormick, 67.

"We fixed her up - no charge," he said.

Esther Robertson was raised in Zelienople; she met her husband and the two of them moved, living 30 years outside Washington, D.C. Then, in retirement, they moved back to the borough.

"For one thing, there's less traffic, and you can walk to many of the places you want to go," said Robertson, 73.

She says the borough hasn't changed much since when she was a girl. You can't go to the grocery store without seeing someone you know; many of the shops along the main street are in the same families or under the same names.

She has been back in Zelienople for a decade now and doesn't miss much about suburban Washington.

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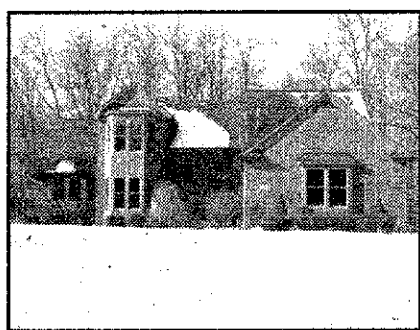
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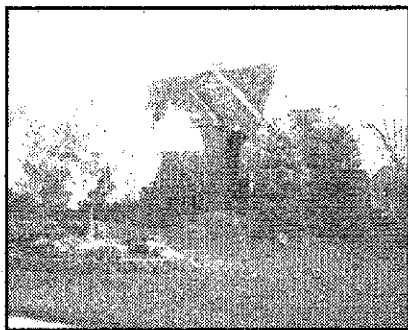
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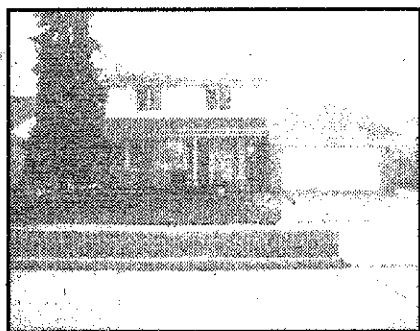
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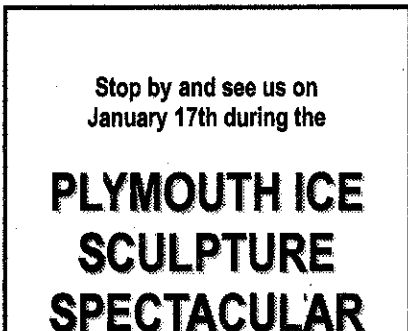
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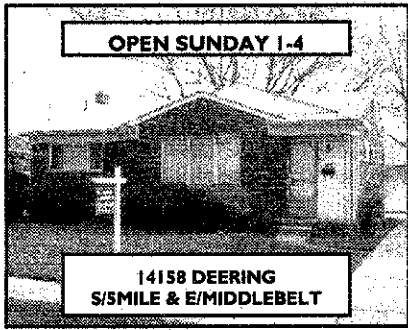
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Mortgage rates nudge up again

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Mortgage rates edged up again this week, with the 30-year rate climbing to the highest level in nearly a month.

But even with the modest rise, rates still are low enough to keep the housing market healthy, analysts said.

The average rate on 30-year mortgages rose to 5.87 percent, up from 5.85 percent last week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, said Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates. That was the highest level since Dec. 12, when the rate was 5.88 percent.

Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a four-decade low of 5.21 percent

in mid-June. Since then, rates on the benchmark mortgages have bounced around.

For 15-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates increased to 5.17 percent, up from 5.15 percent last week.

Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages also were up this week, averaging 3.76 percent compared with 3.72 percent last week.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.95 percent, 15-year mortgages were 5.33 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 4.03 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates don't 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, 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.

But for 2004, housing activity is expected to slow slightly.

"With mortgage rates expected to remain around current modest levels, housing activity will continue to be brisk in 2004," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

"Although home starts and sales will slip a little this year from last year, we should still experience construction and sales volumes that exceed 2002's levels, which was a great year for housing."

Nevada looks to future to save past

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARSON CITY, Nev. — A report outlining plans for Nevada's efforts to preserve historic buildings says it's hard to promote preservation in a town where the implosion of old hotel towers is cause for a party.

The observation was part of an 18-page report, released this week by the state Historic Preservation Office, that stresses the importance of educating the public on the threat of losing many cultural treasures.

Las Vegas interested in preservation "expressed dismay at the festive atmosphere accompanying the implosion of older hotel casinos along the Strip," the report says.

The plan, which sets goals for preservation efforts through 2011, was submitted to the National Park Service with an application for a continued grant of more than \$500,000.

"Urban growth was identified as the most pressing issue facing historic preservation efforts in Nevada," said Alice Baldrice, a planner with the Historic Preservation Office.

One goal is identifying historic properties in areas most threatened by development and population growth, particularly areas within and near the Las Vegas Valley.

Already many landmarks have been lost, said Ron James, director of the office.

One goal is for reauthorization by the Legislature of bonds to preserve and restore historic sites.

James said the \$20 million bond program that covered the past 10 years expires this year. He said the 2005 Legislature will have to approve a new bond issue.

With these funds 29 rehabilitation projects have been completed on historic buildings, almost all of them listed in the National Register.

The report said, "The buildings are now open as museums, theaters, archives, and art galleries in every part of the state." The plan says that almost \$19 million is contributed annually to the state's tourism economy from these projects.

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PLYMOUTH UPDATED PLYMOUTH HOME BACKS TO WOODS. Beautiful 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath colonial features Pella patio door to sun room. Andersen windows, oak kitchen, family room w/gas fireplace, ceramic foyer, hardwood floors. Nicely landscaped w/sprinklers. Prem lot backing to county park. (P28PAR) \$229,900

PLYMOUTH RIDGEWOOD WEST Exceptional home! 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath colonial. Meticulous throughout! Spacious floor plan. Formal LR & DR, family room w/fireplace. Fabulous master suite. Professionally finished basement w/wc bar and 3rd bath. Picturesque setting w/circle drive! Call today! (P12QUA) \$425,000

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CANTON BEAUTIFUL CANTON COLONIAL Glengarry colonial stunning 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath classic! Pride of ownership is reflected throughout! (P77MID) \$369,900

LIVONIA NEWER 2 BED/1.5 BATH TOWNHOUSE W/ DEN. Well located in an interior building at Bell Creek Square, the end unit features an oak kit w/pantry & over-sink windows, liv rm w/gas frplc, hwdw flrs, fin lower level, att & direct access gar. Very neutral. (P62FAR) \$187,900

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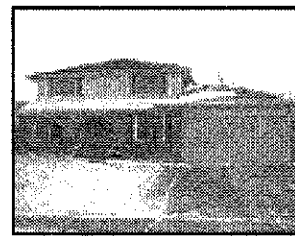
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Premium Court Location! 4BR, 2 1/2BA Cape Cod. Grmt kit w/ cherry cabs, island, mstr suite w/ jacuzzi & doorwall to priv deck w/ hot tub. GR w/cthdrl cing & adjoining DR. Prof fin LL w/wet bar. BGP-68Pop 888-870-9127



CANTON \$373,900
Ranch Walkout Condo on Golf Course! Professionally decorated end unit at end of court. Custom kitchen, Great Room w/gas fireplace, Bay windows in den. Partially finished w/o. View of golf course & woods. BGP-85Cal 888-870-9127



CANTON \$309,900
Fabulous Pulte! Backs to woods. Open flr plan w/hwdw firs, maple cabinets. Top of line app, extra deep bsmt, overszd 2.5 gar. Prem ele, sprnkir sys, deck. BGP-38Bro 888-870-9127



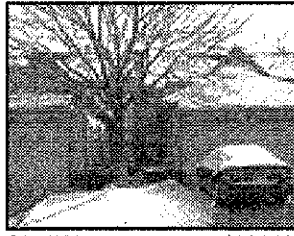
CANTON \$262,000
North Canton Colonial! A perfect 10! First flr din rm, study & laundry rm. Beautifully remodeled kitchen. All ceramic baths have been updated. Large part fin bsmt. Crown mid t/o home. Must See! BGP-75Epp 888-870-9127



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2 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath Brick Condo In Golf Course Community W/pool. Kitchen Doorwalls To Large Deck Overlooking Woods & Natural Pond. Luxurious Master Ste W/ cathedral Ceiling, WIC, & Jetted Tub. Full Basement. 2 Car gar. OEL76HOG 888-870-9105



CANTON \$234,900
Large Lot Backing To Woods! 3 BR, 2.5 BA newer home. Neutral, clean & easy floor plan. Newer carpet & floor in kit & FR. FR w/FP & doorwall that opens to deck & spacious yard. BGP-06Wll 888-870-9127



CANTON \$215,000
Canton Forest Condo. Very private unit. Ceramic tiled kitchen & laundry room. Heatilator fireplace in GR w/custom mantle. Designer wndw treatments t/o. WIC in master. Finished basement. BGP-81Sar 888-870-9127



COMMERCE TWP \$159,900
Cozy cedar shake ranch.. Within walking distance to all sports lake! 3 br, basement & garage. Large country kitchen w/french doors to lovely private fenced yard. Wood burning stove.(BGSly93STA) 888-870-9131



DEARBORN \$259,900
Spacious & Unique! 3 bedroom, 3 bath Cape Cod with spacious master suite, master bath, 16 X 13 Florida room with gas fireplace heater, professionally finished basement with kitchen & bath. BGP-20Wav 888-870-9127



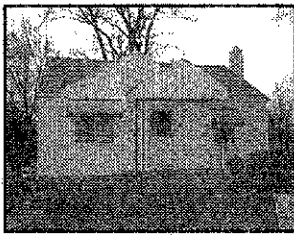
DETROIT \$110,000
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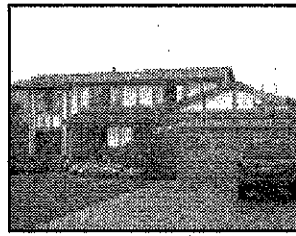
DETROIT \$68,000
Darling 3 br bungalow! Partially finished bsmt. Kitchen has been updated and has ceramic tile, newer roof, electrical circuits, 3 ceiling fans. Freshly paint Great landscaping.(BGSly14BUR) 888-870-9131



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6 Bedroom Farmington Hills Colonial! Awesome finished bsmt w/daylight windows, rec rm, "old time" cate, 2 bdrms, & a full bath, wet bar in the mstr ste, granite counters & whitebay cabinets in the kitchen. (BGN56GOL) 888-870-9123



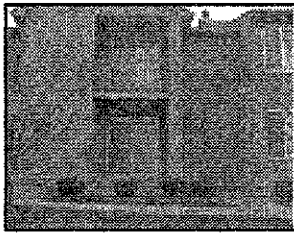
FARMINGTON HILLS \$310,000
Well Maintained, Updated Colonial! 4br, 2.5 bath, sharp! W/a cul-de-sac location on a lg private lot. Many updates, all neutral decor, finished basement, 1st floor office. (BGN15SCHE) 888-870-9123



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FARMINGTON HILLS \$180,000
End Unit Ranch Condo W/1 Car Gar. totally Updated 2 Bed, 2 1/2 Ba W/gorgeous Fin Bsmt with Wet Bar, sauna, & Hot Tub. Newer Roof (02), skylight In Kit, gas Log Fp, all Appliances Incl. OEL24COU 888-870-9105



FARMINGTON HILLS \$159,000
Spacious 2br, 2 bath Ranch Condo! W/bsmt. Prime end unit w/extra large living room w/ fireplace & kitchen. Many windows for superb light exposure. Looks brand new. Meticulous! (BGN80EIG) 888-870-9123



GREGORY \$235,000
10.3 acres, pole barn w/cement floor and elect Over 3000 sq. ft home, plus large garage/workshop! This home is 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, walkout. Come take a look. Great price. Motiviated seller!(BGSly75GRE) 888-870-9131



HIGHLAND \$374,900
Stunning custom built home w/ many upgrades: crown molding, ceramic floors, fabulous kitchen. 2 story foyer with pillars. Bridge overlooks foyer & fr. 4br 3 1/2 bath & more!(BGSly79GA) 888-870-9131



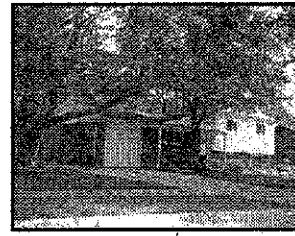
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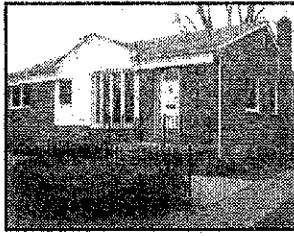
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MILFORD \$509,900
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Beautifully Upgraded Condo! Cape Cod style condo backing to woods. Gourmet kitchen. First floor master ste. Custom oak staircase. Full walkout bsmt w/RI plumbing, Paver driveway. BGP30Tim 888-870-9127



PLYMOUTH \$349,500
Premium Location! Backs to protected woodlands. WO fin LL w/ 1/2 bath. 22x14 LR w/p, open staircase, formal DR & lib w/frnch drs & chry paneling. New kit Pergo flr & new CA in 01. All app. BGP-33Hid 888-870-9127



PLYMOUTH \$289,900
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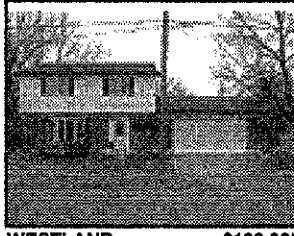
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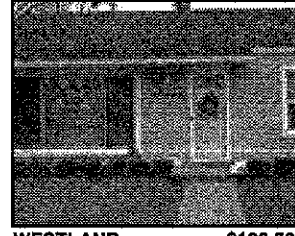
WEST BLOOMFIELD \$485,000
Spectacular Detached Ranch Condo! On wooded Cul-De-Sac w/ dramatic ceilings & windows, skylights, open floor plan, finished baylight bsmt, beautiful light decor & over 2300 sq.ft. (BGN77COU) 888-870-9123



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Ypsilanti-5857 Pine View
3 bdrm 2 bath sprawling ranch, 1800+ sqft, 1st flr laundry, basement, 2 car att. Garage. \$264,900

Ypsilanti-510 Oaklawn
Beautiful completely renovated 3 bdrm ranch. 1,100+ sqft, large master, 140 x 149 lot! \$144,900

Ypsilanti-6400 Meadowlark
Stunning 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2500 sqft Pulte Colonial. Extraordinary quality t/o. \$309,900

New Boston-36840 N. Jean Drive
Eagle Estates built in 1997. 5 bedrooms, pool, deck, 3 car garage. 3,200 SQFT. \$385,000

Taylor-15664 Dupage (condo)
2 bdrm & 1.5 bath condo in private location, updates: windows, flooring, dishwasher. \$69,900

Inkster-29733 Grandview
2 bdrm ranch plenty of updates inc. roof, windows, carpet. Must see! \$68,900

Detroit-14962 Corbett
5 bedroom, large home. Land contract terms available \$57,000

Detroit-7610 Beaverland
3 bdrm bungalow, bsmt, 1.5 car garage, great neighborhood, great price! \$79,900

Detroit-5758 Ogden
Solid 3 bedroom bungalow, basement, garage, newer furnace & roof. \$70,000

Westland-38436 Palmer
Sprawling 3 bdrm ranch w/huge LR & FR w/nat. fireplace. 1+ acre, 3 car gar. \$209,900

Westland-1290 Sheemaker (condo)
Stunning 2 bdrm, 2 ba. Condo, skylights & deck for entertaining. Backs to woods. \$114,900

Westland-32479 Birchwood
3 bdrm, ranch w/2 fully repodeled baths, updated t/o, newer oak kitchen, c/a, fin bsmt. \$144,900

Westland-39236 Plixo
3bdrm ranch w/vaulted ceilings, fireplace, master suite, two-tier deck, finished bsmt. \$189,900

Westland-37668 Butler
3bdrm ranch w/vaulted ceilings, fireplace, master suite, two-tier deck, finished bsmt. \$189,900

Livonia-28505 Clarita
Newer const. Built in 2002. 3 bdrm ranch, basement, 1 bath. Nice lot, Livonia schools. \$144,900

Livonia-12331 Camden
1,100 square foot investor/handyman special, priced for quick sale. \$109,900

Livonia-9610 Cardwell
3bdrm brick ranch w/finished bsmt, 1.5 bath bungalow, custom updated kitchen, finished bsmt. \$164,900

Livonia-9804 E. Clement Circle
Fabulous 3 bdrm. brick ranch, loaded w/updates. Mechanics 2.5 car garage, huge lot. \$174,900

Garden City-1146 Harrison
3 bdrm brick ranch w/finished bsmt. 2 car detached garage. A must see! \$154,900

Detroit-15032 Madeline
Great rental potential. Land contract terms available. \$65,000

Detroit-19380 Wexford
2 bd brick home. Land contract terms available. \$75,000

Detroit-6422 Auburn St.
Beautiful 3 bdrm bungalow, fin basement, den upstairs, garage, updated throughout! \$114,900

Detroit-6332 Woodmont
3 bdrm brick ranch, basement, garage, new windows, refinished oak floors, C/A. \$94,900

Detroit-8614 Northlawn
2 BR brick home. Land contract terms available

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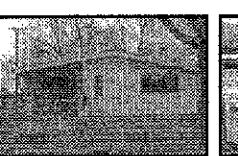
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REDFORD
Sparkling clean & well maintained 3 bedroom brick ranch with 1.5 baths, hardwood floors, finished basement and much more. Nice neighborhood and ready to move into.
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LIVONIA
Well cared for Livonia brick ranch. Great neighborhood. Updated windows and roof. Eat in kitchen w/newer counters & sink. Newer concrete drive & patio, newer vinyl siding. 2.5 car garage, 12 month home warranty.
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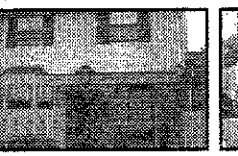


HAZEL PARK
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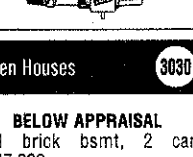
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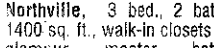
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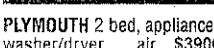
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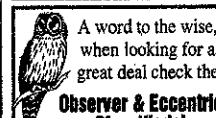
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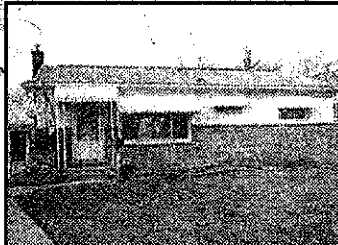
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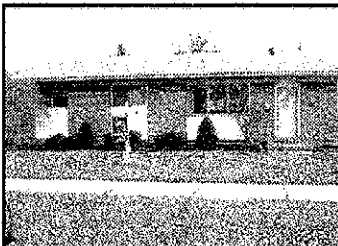
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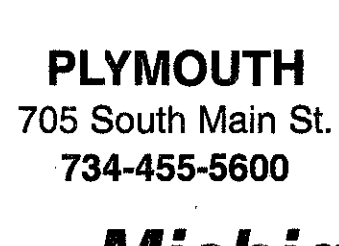
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PLYMOUTH - Updated ranch w/curb appeal. Ceramic foyer, hrdwd flr in LR, kit & din area. Newer oak kit cabinets, bath updated w/ceramic flr, vanity, 1/2 bath + shower in bsmt. Fam. rm. w/gas frplc, newer Andersen doorwall to deck, newer furn +CA, 2 c gar. Part fin bsmt. \$199,900 (36RUS) 734-455-5600



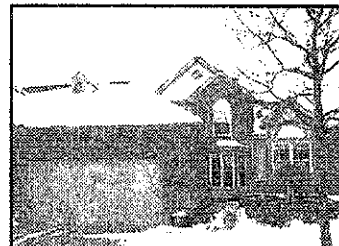
NORTHVILLE - Bed & Breakfast feel! Wonderful colonial sitting on 2 beautiful acres, with stocked pond! Traditional layout, liv rm, formal din rm, huge fam rm w/panoramic view. Spa rm. Mstr ste w/WIC. Unique keeping rm, 2 frplcs, bsmt, huge deck & tennis ct. REDUCED! \$449,900 (00BEC) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Must see this beauty! 3 bdrm, 2 full baths, remodeled kit, fam rm w/corner frplc. Newer roof & siding. Fenced yard w/lg deck backing to common area. 2.5 c gar. Newer berber cpt. Very Clean. \$194,500(45FRE) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Beautiful end unit, 2 bdrm, 3 bath ranch w/att gar, prof fin bsmt, master ste w/Jacuzzi tub & sep shower, kit w/cherry cabinets & matching panels on stove & frig., FP in liv rm, formal din rm w/mirrored wall. \$223,900 (09COP) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Move right in. 3 BR, 3.5 BA condo. Large eat-in kitchen w/island and all appliances. Formal dining room. Great room w/fireplace. Wonderful finished basement w/full bath. Pool & clubhouse. 2 car attached garage. Northville Schools. \$289,500 (77MUI) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Cozy, bright & clean. 2 BR, 1.5BA 2-story condo located at the end of street in a quiet community. Second floor laundry. All newer appliances including washer and dryer. Newer windows, carpet & cabinets, C/A, DR, doorwall. Plymouth Canton Schools. \$109,900 (24ORC) 248-349-5600



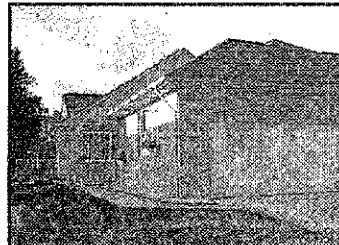
CANTON - Feed the deer in Canton. Approx. 2.2 acre offers this 3 BR, 2 BA rick bungalow w/many major updates. 6 panel doors T/O, 2.5 c gar w/storage added on, frplc w/marble mantle, lg mstr ste w/mstr bath & Jacuzzi tub + part fin. bsmt. Backs to woods. \$299,900 (00LIL) 734-455-5600



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VAN BUREN - Country in the city. 3 bdrm, 2 bath ranch w/lg 3 c gar w/workshop. Lovely flower gardens & lg covered patio. Remodeled baths, mstr w/whirlpool tub. Newer steel doors, fresh paint & more. See through frplc in LR & FR & lg shed w/loft. \$184,900 (27OLD) 734-455-5600



STERLING HEIGHTS - Stunning Sterling condo. This beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA brick end unit condo features 2 car attached garage, side deck, additional parking spot next to unit. In a quiet serene neighborhood with easy access to most of the major x-ways. \$189,900 (03SEA) 248-349-5600



AUBURN HILLS - Brand new condo. 2 BR, 2BA, raised ranch condo with loads of upgrades from the cherry extra high cabinets to the ceramic baths and state of the art appliances. Double crown moulding T/O Upgraded carpet & pad. \$259,900 (23JOT) 248-349-5600



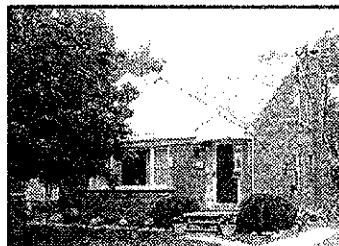
NORTHVILLE - Beautiful condo. 3 BR, 2.5 BA end unit with a W/O basement that overlooks a stream w/clubhouse & pool. 1st floor laundry, gas fireplace, wet bar, custom storm windows, newer furnace-98 & AC-00. All this & more. Come see for yourself. \$184,900 (62WAS) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA - Updated & immaculate! Pottery Barn decor in this 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath ranch, w/2 c att gar, part fin bsmt, fam rm w/frplc. Newer kit w/maple cabinets, recessed lighting, Maple floor & Andersen doorwall. Newer shingles, vinyl & glass blk windows & more. \$229,700 (98RAM) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - Gorgeous executive condo. 3350 sq. ft. ranch presents lg bdrms, 3.5 baths, fin bsmt, 2 c att gar in gated community at the TPSC golf course overlooking fairway. Master suite w/jetted tub & sep shower, spacious white kit w/granite counter. \$799,900 (5PRES) 734-455-5600



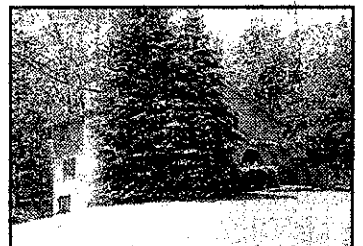
PLYMOUTH - Premium location on lg lot. This 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath brick bungalow offers character & charm w/coved ceilings & hrdwd flrs, spacious rm & Florida rm. Lg mstr bdrm w/2 walk in closets. Beautiful perennial gardens. \$254,900 (42PEN) 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE - Walk to downtown. Clean, open well-maintained 3 BR, 2.5 BA townhouse. Large fin bsmt, 2 car att gar, gas frplc & FFL. Gorgeous stone patio. Pool, clubhouse, heat & water included in association dues. Pets ok. \$210,000 (02SAR) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - Welcome home. Awesome 4 BR, 2 BA cape cod w/all the updates. Newer windows, C/A, updated kitchen hardwood floors. Beautiful yard with a garden. Too many items to list. Livonia Schools. \$236,900 (43HEN) 248-349-5600



MILFORD - What a view! Approximately 5.79 acres of trees, nature & privacy nestled into Kensington Metro Park. 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial w/many updated amenities such as: white island kit, updated BAs hrdwd stone firing & many more. Finished W/O. \$454,900 (00VAL) 248-349-5600



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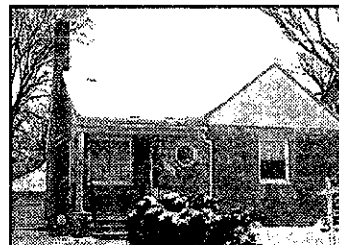
CANTON - Spotless Canton Condo. 1997 built, 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath w/full bsmt, att gar, FP, 1st flr laundry, all kit appliances, spacious master bdrm w/WIC, huge bath w/garden tub & dual sinks. Brand new deck on back. Move right in! \$159,800 (12HUN) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Castle Garden Ranch. Updated 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, 2 car att gar, fin bsmt, CA & furn (97) roof-tear-off ('00), vinyl windows, remodeled kit & baths. Hrdwd, berber, Pargo flooring. Maple cabinets, solid pine 6 panel doors T/O, doorwall off fam rm. \$221,624 (76HOU) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Best value in town. This recently updated 2 BR detached ranch unit offers an excellent floor plan with vaulted & high ceilings, GR W/frplc, lib/study, FFL, huge mstr BR, 2 car att garage and walk-out basement backing to woods. \$259,000 (90RIV) 248-349-5600



HAZEL PARK - Brick bungalow. Gracefully middle-aged. Enjoy the LR frplc, coved ceiling, DR w/built-ins, pargo floors & hardwoods under carpets. In-law suite w/kit, BR, BA & sitting room. Too many updates to list. We're ready "R" you? \$129,000 (47HAZ) 248-349-5600



WHITMORE LAKE - Cottage on lake. 3 bedrooms w/newer windows, W/O basement. Lake frontage with dock. Great vacation home or rental. Live on an all sports lake. \$189,900 (77NSH) 248-349-5600



BROWNSTOWN - 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/2c att. gar, mstr ste, fam rm, w/frplc, bsmt & eat in kitchen. Backs to woods. \$234,900 (58GRE) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Stop the car & look at this home. Curb appeal 10+. 3 bdrm colonial, LR w/bay window, newer Wilsonart wood-like tiling in LR, kit, & foyer. Kit has white caps, newer counter, sink DW, micro, opens to FR w/brick FP, doorwall to deck, newer CA, 6 panel doors. \$215,000 (48APP) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN - All brick beauty! 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath Tudor style colonial w/hrdwd floors, coved ceilings, old world charm, fam rm & fin bsmt. \$192,500 (40WAR) 734-455-5600



OXFORD - Vintage home. 3 BR 3 BA colonial within walking distance of downtown. 10' ceilings, FFL, built in bay window and a huge old time covered front porch, perfect for friends. One year home warranty included. \$184,900 (17PON) 248-349-5600



NOVI - Super spacious home. Popular Orchard Ridge Estates colonial w/4BR, 3.5 BA. Charming kitchen w/island, breakfast room & wood floor. Large family room w/frplc. Novi schools. \$349,900 (81HAR) 248-349-5600



BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Beauty! Remodeled 2003. 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial. Newer granite gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, finished basement, granite & tile bath. Stone fireplace, landscaped private yard. 2 car attached garage. Terracotta sun porch. Prime location. \$450,000 (51QUA) 248-349-5600

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NORTHVILLE \$1,299,000
MAGNIFICENT EXECUTIVE RETREAT! Luxurious living! Dramatic entry! Gourmet kit, indoor pl, fantastic fin bsmt w/sauna, bar & exercise! Gorgeous lot, Northville schools! A show place! (950AK2)

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NORTHVILLE \$1,195,000
MAGNIFICENT HOME on exceptional lot backing to nature preserve in Fox Hollow! Dramatic ceilings, gourmet kit w/granite. Magnificent mstr ste, fin'd w/o bsmt. Numerous amenities! (54W002)

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PLYMOUTH \$749,000
PRIVATE COUNTRY EQUESTRIAN ESTATE on 5.68 acres! Ply/Can schools, 5 BR, 3.5 ba, 3-car garage, 6534 SF, fin w/o. 1st floor mstr, coral/3-stall horse barn, cedar deck overlooks private pond. (91BRO2)

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LIVONIA \$357,900
IMPECCABLY MAINTAINED! Transferee 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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PLYMOUTH \$349,900
COLONIAL ON WOODED LOT! 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, expensively upgraded. Newer kitchen & baths, beautiful flooring & neutral decor. .66 Acre lot-wooded. Immediate occupancy! (23B47248)

734-455-7000



CANTON \$339,900
SUPER HOME IN FOX RUN! Popular Pulte Baybck 4 bedroom colonial. Finished basement. Open floor plan, luxurious master ste. Ready move into, immediate occupancy. (23M56)

734-455-7000



CANTON \$309,000
QUALITY NEW CONSTRUCTION IN CANTON 3 bdrm, 2 bath ranch. Hdwd in foyer, kit & nook. Granite cnts in kit. Mstr ste w/WIC, garden tub & enclosed shower. 9ft ceilings. Full bsmt. Anderson wndws. (17HOL2)

248-348-6430



LIVONIA \$275,000
WOODED LOT, 3 BR, 2.5 BAs Fantastic 1100 SF addition, FR w/FP, pool, many updates - rf, wndws, gar, sun rm, furn, brk pavers, gutters, baths, mstr BR has cathedral ceiling. 2668 SF. (P30542)

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PLYMOUTH \$249,900
LOADED WITH CHARM! Ideally located in downtown Plymouth. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Updates galore. Quality character & tastefully decorated! A winner! (23A465)

734-455-7000



BELLEVILLE \$239,900
BELLEVILLE BEAUTY This 4 bdrm, 4 year old 2 1/2 bath colonial w/ 2,200 sq ft. Hardwood floors in entry, hall, kitchen. Fireplace, C/A, two car attached garage, sprinklers, patio. (S427)

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LIVONIA \$229,900
MINI CONDITION & IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! 2 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 stry condo, 2 stry foyer w/skylt mstr ste w/cathedral ceiling, prvt bath w/sei shower & tub, deck off mstr BR & DR, full bsmt, car garage. (W9409)

734-591-9200



CANTON \$219,900
SPACIOUS END-UNIT CONDO! Small, private complex, GR w/cathedral ceiling, mstr w/lg bath & WIC. Full, partially fin'd bsmt w/full bath, prtry & extra storage. 2-car attached garage. (91MEA2)

248-348-6430



BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$220,000
DESIRABLE MAIN FLOOR UNIT Only building in complex w/2 units & attached garages. 2 bdrm, 2 bath, glassed in heated Fla Rm w/ceramic floor. 3 closets in mstr bdrm, walk-in hall closet. (L150)

734-326-2000



CANTON \$217,900
BEAUTIFUL BRICK CONDO W/1ST FLOOR MASTER Move right in to this spacious, neutral 3 BR, 2.5 BA condo w/2 stry GR RM w/corner FP, Loft w/full BA, crown moldings, skylights, 1st Fir Laund & 2 Car Att Gar! (03SHE2)

248-348-6430



LIVONIA \$214,900
CLASSIC OLD ROSEDALE BUNGALOW Tip top condition w/remodeled kit, oak cabs, ceramic flrs, lg liv rm, natural FP fin lower level w/ rec rm, BR w/ceramic bath. Lg upstairs w/vaulted ceiling. (M11331)

734-591-9200



PLYMOUTH \$209,900
FAMILY HOME! 3 Bdrm home near elementary school. Updated kitchen, large master bedroom with French doors. Home warranty. (28821)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA \$199,900
1/2 ACRE LOT IN QUIET COUNTRY SUB in central Livonia. 1900 sf Cape Cod offers liv rm w/FP, fam rm, fin bsmt, & updates l/o. Oversized mechanic's 2 car garage w/loft. (B14962)

734-591-9200



PLYMOUTH \$199,900
MAINTENANCE FREE! Custom ranch with cathedral ceilings, newer carpeting and windows, wood/ceramic kitchen, screened porch. Great access to Hines Park and downtown Plymouth. (66LAK2)

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NORTHVILLE \$187,000
NORTHVILLE CONDO - ONE YEAR NEW! Uniquely Beautiful! Cozy, warm & inviting. Bright friendly kitchen, large master bedroom with balcony. Priced below state taxable value. (Lease available). \$187,000 (65riv8)

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NORTHVILLE \$184,900
CONVENIENCE, STYLE, & FUNCTIONALITY! Immediate occupancy in this end unit with all appl incl. New berber carpet, paint, & lg indry rm w/ lots of storage. Neutral decor, 1 car gar, fin bsmt. Hurry! (G21228)

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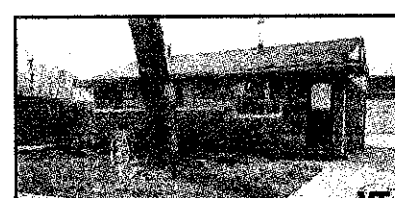
LIVONIA \$180,900
OW SWEET IT IS! Updated eat-in kit, formal FR w/pantry, 3 Nice size bdrms, large LR. Part n bsmt. Mstr bdrm 1/2 bath, updated bath, 1/2 bath in bsmt. 2.5 car gar. Must see! (23W20032)

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LIVONIA \$179,900
MOVE IN AT CLOSING! Full brk ranch, cathedral ceilings thru-out, 3 BR, 1.5 baths on main flr, newer wndws, elec, & plumb, c/a, bsmt has wet bar, 2+ car garage. Hurry, won't last!!! (O19184)

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WESTLAND \$169,900
ASTUTELY DECORATED, WELL MAINTAINED 3 BR ranch. Beautiful new birch cabs, new flr, appl stay, patio, full bsmt, oversized 2 car gar, tear off r in 10/03, newer furn, a/c, window. A great home! (M304)

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LIVONIA \$169,900
WELCOME HOME TO THIS WELL CARED FOR ranch. The open flr plan waits w/full size bsmt, copper plumb, elect, 2 car gar, wndws updated. Beautiful hrdwd flrs thru-out. Close to schools, parks, and more (L27604)

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BELLEVILLE \$159,999
BEAUTIFUL 2 BR CONDO W/ ROOM TO ROAM! 2 story brick town home features a custom patio. This condo is one of the few w/s much open land behind it! Only 2 yrs old & ready for you to move right in! (H896)

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DEARBORN \$155,000
OUTSTANDING LOCATION! Open & airy 3 bedroom bungalow. Cove ceilings, huge master, sky lite, 2.5 car garage with workshop. Most appliances included. (01NEW2)

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WESTLAND \$150,000
BRICK RANCH ON A NICE ROAD! New tear off roof, HWH, newer eat-in kit. With some work & TLC, this can become a great home. 3 bdrm, partly finshd bsmt w/bar. 2.5 car att gar, Livonia schools. (23G8466)

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REDFORD \$149,900
HERE IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY to call this newly constructed 3 BR, 1.5 BA, 1260 SF, 2 car att'd gar colonial w/bsmt your new home! Act fast - this quality workmanship won't last long! (S19335)

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REDFORD \$149,900
OPEN CONTEMPORARY DESIGN! Great open floor plan with 3 bds, 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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LIVONIA \$147,900
THIS FULL BRK OLD WORLD CHARMER OFFERS huge living rm w/newer carpeting, formal DR, newer kit, elect, wndws, shingles, 1st fir laundry, 2 car garage, beautiful landscape. (L27901)

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GARDEN CITY \$144,900
BEST BUY IN THE CITY! 1,254 sq feet of luxury in Garden City. 3 bedrooms, family room with fireplace, living room, 1 full and 1 half bath, basement, newer patio, windows, and C/A. (K289)

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GARDEN CITY \$142,900
GREAT LOCATION! Recent updates, shingles & siding on house & garage. Doorwall from BR leads to wood deck in backyard. Replacement windows. Glass block in bsmt. New LR carpet. (H332)

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CANTON \$135,000
BEAUTIFUL BEDFORD VILLAS TOWNHOUSE! Nice 2 br unit w/beautiful remodeled kit w/oak cabinets, cement, storm doors, 4 ceiling fans, roof shingles. 3 bdrm 2 bath, part fin bsmt, 2 car garage. (66BED2)

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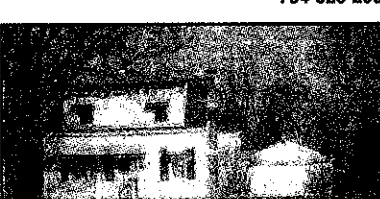
WAYNE \$135,000
WAKE UP WITH A SMILE in this cute all brick ranch. Beautiful updated kitchen, newer windows, doors, alum trim, Roof & A/C 8 years. 2 car garage. Home warranty. All appl included. (23M31620)

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REDFORD \$133,711
EVERYTHING YOU ARE LOOKING FOR! Full brick! Three BRs! Fin bsmt, 24x24 block garage, newer windows, rf shingles, electrical, copper plumbing, & carpet. Remodeled white kit, privacy fenced yd. (I20455)

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GARDEN CITY \$133,000
MOVE RIGHT IN THE CITY 1,254 sq feet of luxury in Garden City. 3 bedrooms, family room with fireplace, living room, 1 full and 1 half bath, basement, newer patio, windows, and C/A. (K289)

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WESTLAND \$132,500
WELL MAINTAINED BROAD FRONT BUNGALOW 3 BR, fin bsmt w/bar, new kitchen countertop, new glass blk wndws, newer carpet thru-out, bay window, fenced yd, 1.5 car att'd garage. Lg pie shaped lot & more! (L19507)

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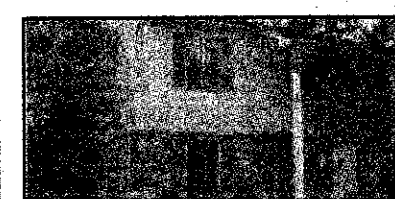
REDFORD \$129,900
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS Sharp oak kitchen w/ceramic floor, windows, copper plumbing, cement, storm doors, 4 ceiling fans, roof shingles. 3 bdrm 2 bath, part fin bsmt, 2 car garage. (L184)

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ROMULUS \$120,000
LOTS AND LOTS OF UPDATES! Newer windows including bay, newer entry doors, totally updated kitchen w/ceramic floor and lots of table space, updated bath w/jetted tub. Great curb appeal. (M977)

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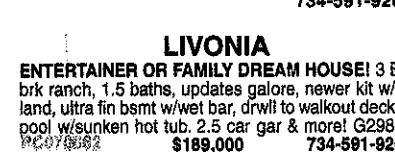
WESTLAND \$120,000
GROUND FLOOR WESTLAND CONDO in Castletown. Garage located out your front door. Patio opens to wooded grounds. Newer bdrm window, doorwall and HWH. Stove and fridge in oak kitchen stay. (H356)

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CANTON \$130,000
DECORATED TO PERFECTION! 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath col, 2 story foyer, formal LR & DR, gourmet kit, mstr ste & bath, 1st fir laundry. Upgrades galore. X-large corner lot. Walk to Dodson elem. 23W160 \$405,000

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LIVONIA \$189,000
ENTERTAINER OR FAMILY DREAM HOUSE! 3 BR brk ranch, 1.5 baths, updates galore, newer kit w/ island, ultra fin bsmt w/wet bar, drill to walkout deck to pool w/sunken hot tub. 2.5 car gar & more! G29814 PC97852

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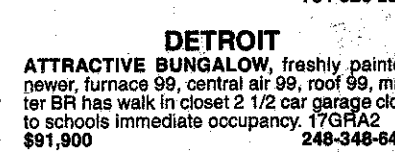
LIVONIA \$174,900
THIS HOME AWAITS A NEW GROWING FAMILY! 4 BR come with this spacious maintenance free ranch! Formal DR, oak kit, 2 full baths, 2 car att'd gar, Anderson wndws, deck, lots of storage, & much more! F20249

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LIVONIA \$149,900
NICE LIVONIA RANCH This 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath home has hardwood floors, liv rm w/vaulted ceiling, updated kitchen, finished bsmt, 2 car gar, fenced yard w/brick patio. Livonia schools. 54HAR2

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DETROIT \$91,900
ATTRACTIVE BUNGALOW, freshly painted, newer, furnace 99, central air 99, roof 99, master BR has walk in closet 2 1/2 car garage close to schools immediate occupancy. 17GFA2

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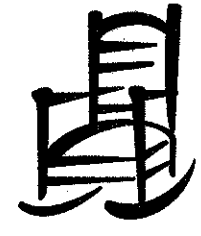
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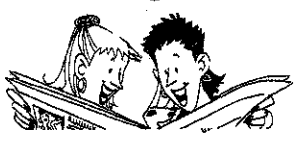
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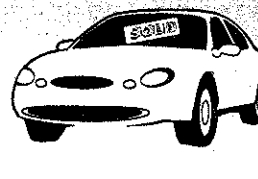
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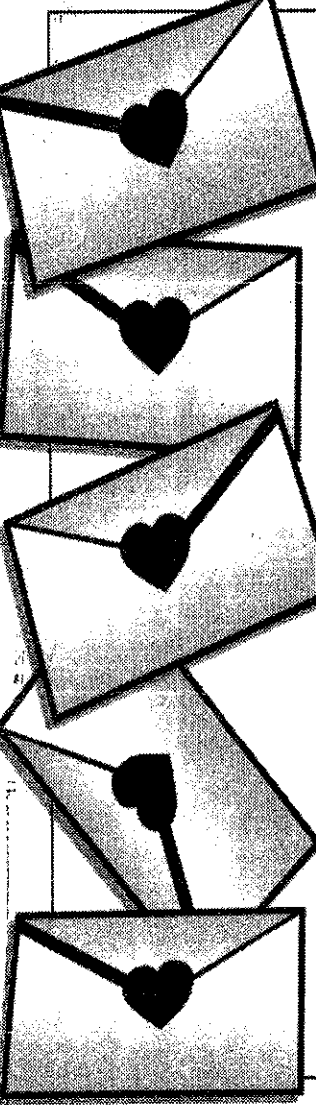
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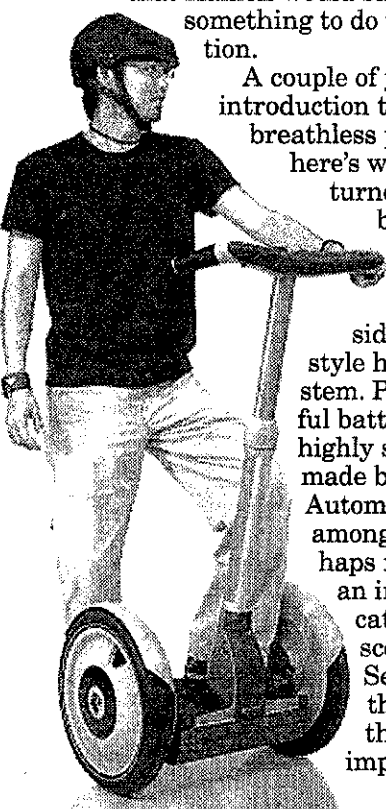
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BY DALE BUSS

If there's ever been a product that has suffered in reality by comparison with its hype, it is the Segway Human Transporter. But it sure is fun to drive!

Remember a few years ago, when Segway was a mysterious entity still in development and known only as "It," or sometimes as "Ginger"? All sorts of media sages and pundits were trying to guess what the inventor, Dean Kamen, had up his sleeve. In-the-know celebrity business types like Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple Computer, and Jeffrey Bezos, the czar of Amazon.com, swore that it was going to change the world. And all that Kamen would say is that it had something to do with transportation.



A couple of years after its introduction to a not-exactly-breathless public, however, here's what It and Ginger turned out to be: a 16-by-14-inch aluminum platform with two 14-inch wheels on either side and a scooter-style handlebar on a stem. Plus a very powerful battery. A bunch of highly sophisticated chips made by Delphi Automotive Systems, among others. And, perhaps most important, an incredibly complicated system of gyroscopes. They all help Segway accomplish the most amazing thing: It's nearly impossible to fall off. (Although



Segway has a top speed of 12.5 miles per hour.

President Bush almost managed to do so last June, when the machine went down on his first attempt at driving it, during a vacation at the family estate in Kennebunkport, Maine -- and the President stayed on his feet only with a flying leap over the machine. And then in September, all 6,000 Segways that had been sold were recalled because when the batteries got low, riders had fallen off and been injured.)

Kamen still has a long way to go to realize his vision of transforming the American transportation system, and life in general, with Segway. He wants to see us all using his scooters, which have a top speed of 12.5 miles per hour, in the same way that an earlier generation of visionaries wanted us to use electric cars: to run all those errands around town that guzzle much of the gasoline that keeps America energy-dependent on Middle Eastern sheiks. To enable that, Kamen and his allies have worked hard to change laws in many states that allow Segways on sidewalks and in other public venues where other one-person vehicles aren't similarly allowed. There's even talk of the Pentagon using Segways as part of a plan to develop battlefield robots that "think" on their own and communicate with troops.

But they're going to have to sell thousands more Segways, at a price of about \$5,000 each, before this sophisticated scooter even begins to threaten the smallest segment of the American transportation industry, like, maybe, motor scooters.

Nevertheless, Segway already is a phenome-

non, and it's a unique ride. I "test-drove" one recently at Delphi headquarters in Troy, where the public-relations person supervising my session literally plucked a Segway right out of a display for visitors and turned over the "keys" to me.

It's a bit intimidating to step onto a Segway for the first time. But once I got the hang of it, the only remaining frustrations were that I couldn't zip out of the building with it and onto the open road, and that it wouldn't simply go faster.

Here's how it works: You step aboard as if you're going up a stair, holding onto the stationary handlebars to steady yourself. Segway "oscillates" for a few seconds to get a feel for your weight and so on. The sensors on the platform where you put your feet detect which way; you want to move. If you lean forward, the machine proceeds forward; lean back, it stops or even goes into reverse if you lean back far enough. Lean forward more and more, and Segway speeds up more and more.

And every second you're on Segway, the gyroscopes and computer hardware are calculating ways to move the machine so that you basically need to be trying to fall off if you're going to do so. That includes up and down hills and on uneven surfaces, although I didn't encounter much of those challenges inside the Delphi building. Kamen also thought of other nifty safeguards, such as cowls over the wheels so your clothing doesn't get snagged by them.

A single control on the left side of the handlebar governs all the turns you take. You can almost literally spin on a dime on Segway, or the machine will assist you in taking wide turns if you apply consistent, gentle pressure to the turning control. Mastering turns is one of the most difficult things about Segway because you lean into them, which is counter-intuitive; but you quickly catch on.

Segway must be charged for six hours between uses. It'll handle a person weighing up to 250 pounds, plus up to 75 pounds of cargo, if you somehow can find room for it.

It's all quite impressive for an 80-pound machine that you can fold up and put in the trunk of your old-fashioned, 3,000-pound, internal-combustion vehicle. But at least for now -- despite the Segway inventor's hopes -- you're still going to need the car to get around.

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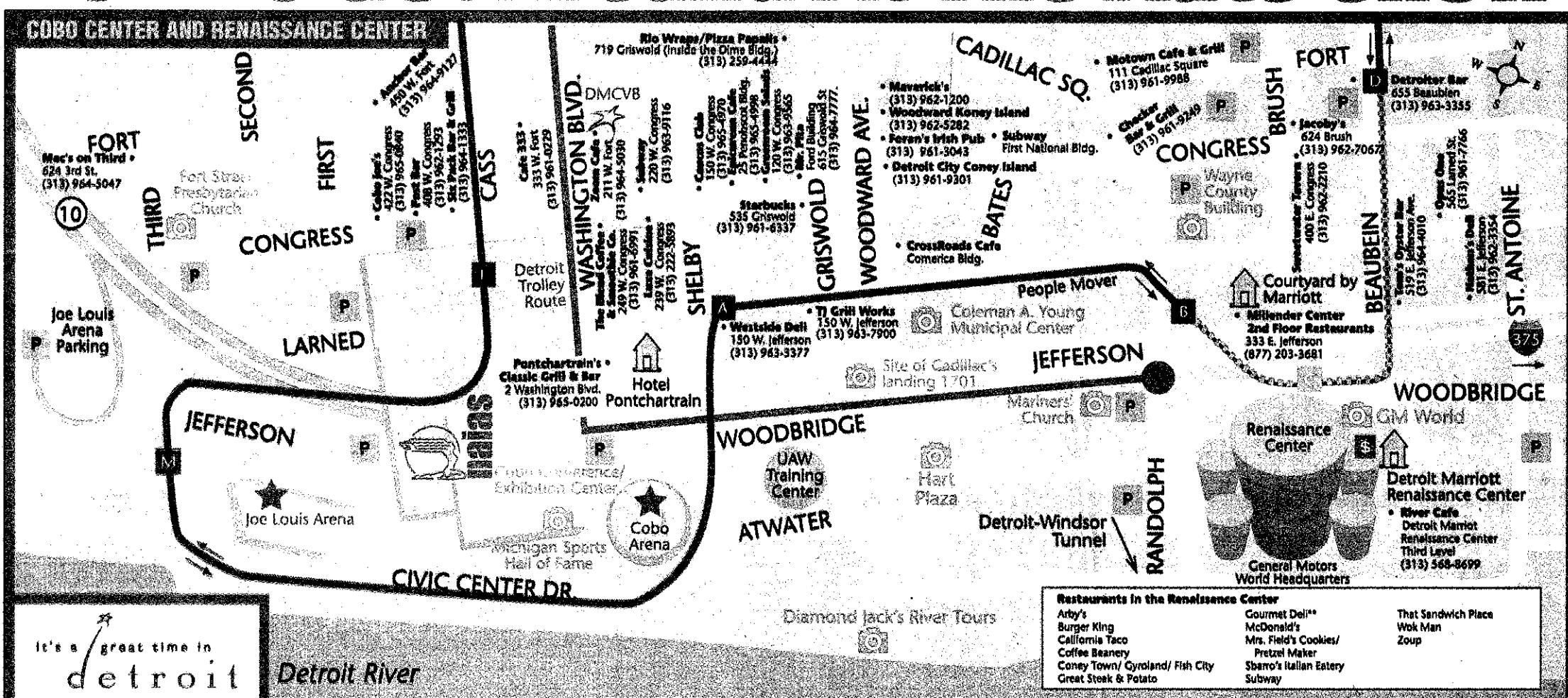
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