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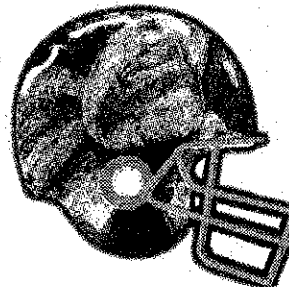
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Memo

Waiting on guests

Some of the Plymouth Whalers will be at the Bob Evans Restaurant on Ford Road at 1-275 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3. They will wait on guests. A raffle will be held for Whaler merchandise and Bob Evans gift certificates. Proceeds of the raffle will go to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Bob Evans is the official sponsor of the Plymouth Whalers Kid Club.

Summit

The Plymouth Historical Museum is the site of a manufacturing summit hosted by state Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) and Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Fran Toney.

The summit, which will discuss manufacturing job losses in southeast Michigan, takes place from 1-4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30. The museum is located at 155 S. Main in Plymouth. Featured speakers include Phil Power, chairman of HomeTown Communications, which owns the *Observer* Newspapers; Wes Smith, president of E&E Manufacturing; Donald Jakeway, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp.; and David Marvin, senior vice president of Comerica Bank.

For more information, contact museum director Beth Stewart at (734) 455-8940.

Grief workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight-week grief workshop, From Grief to New Hope, beginning Feb. 9.

The free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses.

The workshop will meet 7-8:45 p.m. eight consecutive Mondays at Ward Church, located at Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville. For registration information call Dorothy at (248) 374-5966. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support, call (248) 348-0115.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Happy New Year!

Anna, one of the dancers from the Plymouth-Canton Chinese Learning Center, performs a traditional Chinese dance during a celebration of the Chinese New Year Tuesday evening at the Canton Public Library. Several dancers and musicians provided a taste of the Chinese culture during the event, celebrating the Year of the Monkey. Please turn to page A8 for a story and more photos.

Jobs talk makes points for governor

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's State of the State address seemed somewhat familiar to Rep. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township).

"In my opinion, it was more a Republican conservative speech than that of a Democrat," said Patterson. "She didn't want to raise taxes, and the importance of jobs and job creation; those are the things we in the Republican Senate caucuses have as our theme."

Granholm's main theme included ways to lure and keep jobs in Michigan, including a proposed \$500 million job creation plan to help attract and retain high-tech and small business in Michigan.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack gave the speech an A+ for presentation and a C for substance. "The proof is in the details," he said. "She's very good. Maybe the best governor I've seen in my life at presentation."

Yack said Granholm lost him in the beginning.

"When she started off my initial reaction was you've gotta be kidding me," he said. "We need to get international trade on a fair footing. We need a worldwide minimum wage. I thought you and the state Legislature aren't going to be able to do anything about that."

But then, he said, she started talking about "doable" things.

"Speeding up the process of giving permits to business," he pointed out was "doable."

Yack said he thought Granholm and the legislature were on the right track when she talked about what could be done to retain jobs in Michigan.

And State Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) also picked up on that point.

"I think she's right about jobs," he said. "It's about jobs, jobs, jobs. There were 55,000 jobs lost in the state last year."

But LaJoy wanted to hear more about government.

"An area I wished she would have addressed a little more is the size of government itself," he said. "Are we really structured the way we should be?"

LaJoy has introduced legislation, which has passed the House and is now in the Senate, to consolidate various human resources departments in the state government into one.

Yack, who was often an outspoken critic of former Gov. John Engler, was less critical of Granholm. "I think she's benefited from the majority side being willing to work with her," he said. "She's been there too short a time to throw stones or accolades."

Staff writer Jack Gladden contributed to this report.

Super Bowl is primed to host women's tourney

Canton's Super Bowl is one of five metro Detroit bowling alleys keeping an eye on the city's bid for the Women's International Bowling Congress 2008 Championship Tournament and annual meeting.

The event is one of the world's largest participatory sporting events for women and the premier event for women bowlers, according to the Detroit Metro Sports Commission.

"Metro Detroit has the most registered bowlers in the United States," said Dave Beachnau, executive director of the DMSC. "We'd be a great choice as host of the 2008 tournament and annual meeting."

Mike Refitt, Super Bowl manager, said the annual tournament runs for four months every day of the week from March through

June. The lanes are closed to the public for the entire duration, but the event is so huge that it's necessary.

"Typically, this tournament attracts upwards of 80,000 bowlers plus guests," he said.

According to the DMSC, the 2004 championship in Wichita, Kan., will draw about 42,500 bowlers, with an expected impact on the local economy of more than \$22 million.

In addition to the Super Bowl, other area bowling centers that would host the tournament are the Thunderbowl in Allen Park and Skore Lanes and Taylor Lanes in Taylor.

A decision on which community wins the tournament will be made at the Congress' annual convention in May in Wichita, Kan.

Lifelong resident remembered as 'big brother'

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

A big brother is how Ross Hauk is described by boyhood friends who worked for him in the 1960s on his family farm on Ridge Road.

"That's where I found out I didn't want to milk cows all my life," said farmer Duane Bordine.

"Their kids weren't old enough yet to milk them."

Phil West remembered hitting his head and knocking himself out on some irrigation pipes at the Hauk farm. When he came to, he walked up to the farm house and knocked on the door.

"He came to the door, grabbed me and washed the blood off of my head," said West.

Bordine and West were among longtime friends and family who shared their memories of the consummate farmer who died Tuesday, Jan. 27, in Canton.

GOOD LIFE

Hauk was born on Nov. 13,

PLEASE SEE **HAUK, A4**

Barker uses talents to create her own role

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Marcia Barker has had a title that mirrors her career growth at the Canton Public Library.

"I have essentially created the job," Barker said. "My job is different every day."

Fifteen years ago, the mother of two now-grown children and active community volunteer took a temporary,

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Marcia Barker (left) of the Canton Public Library works with volunteers such as Peg Britz at the Second Hand Prose Used Book Store.

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At the same meeting the board authorized hiring George W. Auch company of Pontiac to be the construction manager for the project. Auch is the management company for the expansion and renovation of the township administration building. In another item of business the board approved a site plan for Autumn Court Estates, a 14-acre single family residential project south of Joy and west of Beck. The project consists of 10 units located on a single cul de sac south of Joy Road.

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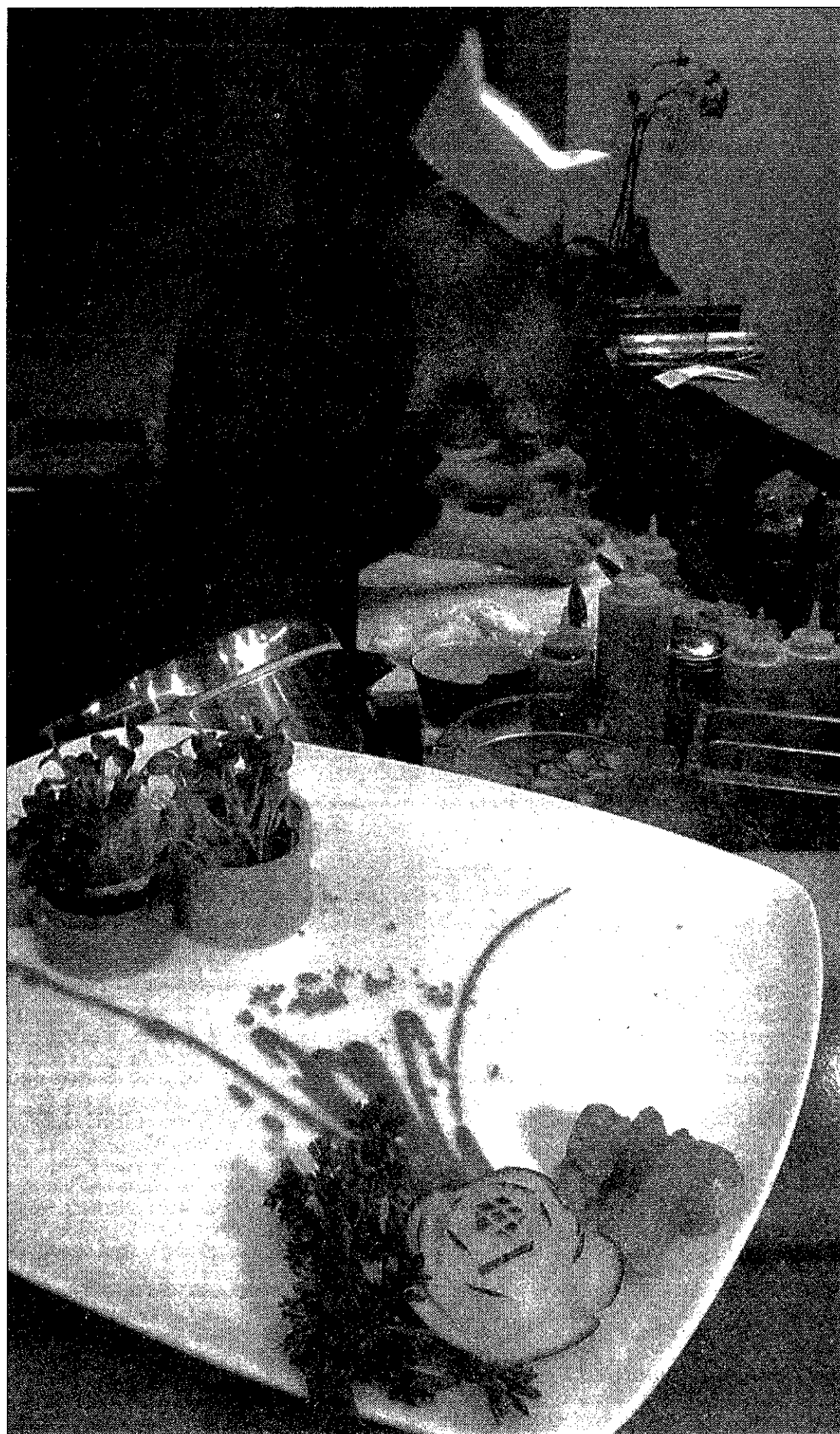
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Chief sushi chef Minoru Yoshi at O'Sushi in Canton prepares a house specialty, O'Sushi Rolls, arranged on the plate as a work of art.

O'Sushi offers cuisine as a delicious work of art

Q. When is a restaurant also an art gallery?

A. When it's O'Sushi, a newly opened Japanese restaurant and sushi bar at Ford Road and Lilley in Canton.

But at O'Sushi the artwork is not on the walls — it's on the plates and in the display counter. It isn't paintings or sculpture, but the food itself that is a work of art.

It's also delicious and moderately priced.

The restaurant, which opened about two weeks ago, is owned by Dr. Babiano Kim of Grosse Ile and Sophia Kang of Ann Arbor.

Kang runs the restaurant, along with the Pinetree Party Store in the same plaza (on the northwest corner of Ford and Lilley). The party store opened last year at the site of the old Wilderberry Party Store, which closed down about two years ago.

Kang, who's Korean, said she opened the store and restaurant because she feels there's a market in Canton for them.

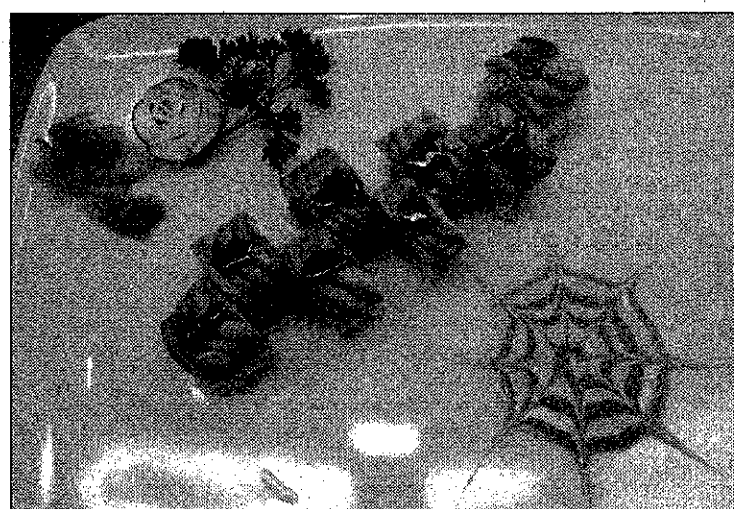
"I used to run a dry cleaners and laundromat in Ypsilanti," she said. "And I ran a convenience store in Ann Arbor a long time ago."

The party store, which also carries a line of Oriental food items, is bright, clean and colorful.

"I want to make women feel comfortable when they come in," Kang said.

Conspicuously missing from the party store are the racks of magazines that usually grace the front entrance and check-out desk. Kang said she doesn't need them to attract customers. But it's the restaurant that she hopes will be a big draw. And she said business so far has been good.

With only 38 seats (the restaurant also does carry-out) Kang didn't spare expenses when setting it up.



Bamboo Rolls, as prepared at O'Sushi in Canton, a Japanese restaurant and sushi bar.

The eight or nine employees include chief sushi chef Minoru Yoshi, who spent 10 years as a sushi chef in Japan and another 20 in Manhattan before Kang convinced him to come to Canton.

Billy Lee is the second sushi chef and Fujiko Koshizawa, a graduate dietitian from Japan, is the cuisine chef.

"They all have their own secret recipes," Kang said. "They won't share them with anyone, including each other."

The menu includes raw sushi created with as much artistic flair as a fine piece of jewelry. For the less venturesome, they also offer cooked sushi or vegetable rolls.

The restaurant also offers a lunch menu and a full dinner menu with complete course meals.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 9:30



Sushi chef Billy Lee prepares a sushi roll.

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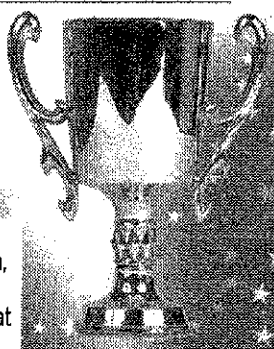
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Subdivision will be a bit brighter soon

Pickwick Village subdivision will be a little bit lighter in the future ... or at least four entrances will.

Residents were successful in getting approval from the township for a Special Assessment District to install four streetlights at four entrances to the sub.

"It's not that unusual to have a special assessment district for something like this," said Township Clerk Terry Bennett. "Pickwick is an older subdivision and was built before the township required entry level

streetlights."

The proposed locations for the lights are on the north side of Greenwood, south side of Ashbury, south side of Hanford and in the island on Barchester.

Residents of the sub circulated a petition requesting the township to provide an estimate for the lights.

The township subsequently surveyed the 290 residents of Pickwick Village as to whether they were for or against the SAD. The estimated cost to each homeowner will be a one-

time installation charge of \$31.20 and the first year annual maintenance charge of \$3.86 per lot. Subsequent yearly maintenance charges will be billed on yearly winter tax statements.

Forty-nine percent of the residents responded, with 79 answering yes and 64 no.

A half dozen residents showed up at Tuesday's public hearing on the request, although none spoke out for or against. The board unanimously approved it.

HAUK

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1924, and attended Ypsilanti High School from which he graduated in 1942. He worked with his father on the Ridge Road family farm and became the largest producers of sweet corn and melons in the state.

In fact, Hawk was known for the corn boat he made. "It had large tractor tires and would straddle the corn," Bordine said. "We could pick eight rows at a time. Other people came out to look at it too. I think the Palmers bought a couple of them."

"He was fussy about planting crops," Bordine said. "And he was very precise around equipment."

Hawk produced not only sweet corn and melons, but wheat, soy and pumpkins. "He was farming until the day he couldn't drive a tractor anymore," Bordine said.

Hawk married Lillian M. Crisovan in 1956. They adopted six children - Jimmy, Sonja, Richard, Mary, Colleen and Ross Jr. "He was well-liked," said son Richard. "He didn't have a mean bone in his body. He was the best dad in the world for us. He loved his kids and his grandkids."

The Hawk children worked on the farm as they grew up. And they worked hard. "But they learned a lot of values," West said. "He was a loving person. He was always willing to help anyone."

Daughter Mary Hawk, a farmer like her dad, will remember his blue eyes and big smile. "He was such a good man. He never spoke a bad word about anyone. And if he didn't, we couldn't either. And if we did, he would say, 'That's enough.'"

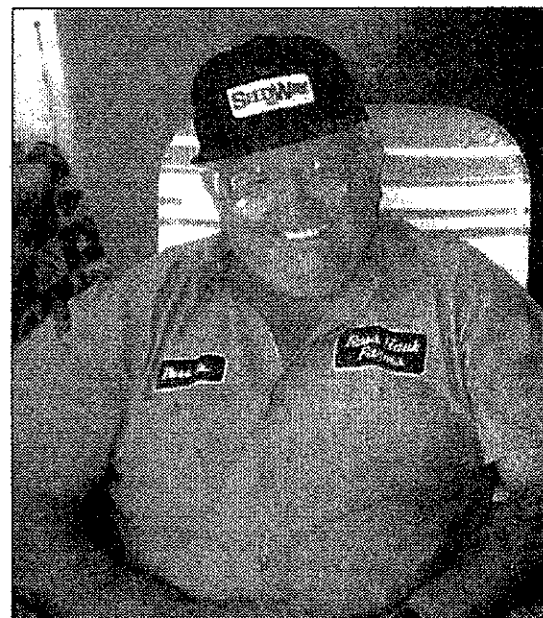
Mary's farming education literally began when she was 8 years old. "He grabbed me in the back yard one day and showed me how to drive the tractor. He was one to teach by example."

A devout member of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, Hawk as a boy would walk to church every Sunday. As he grew ill and couldn't make it to services, the minister would visit him. "He always told us we needed to go to church," Mary said.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

Life for Hawk centered around Ridge Road. He will be buried Saturday by his parents in Cherry Hill Cemetery. "He never moved far from Ridge Road. His family and his farm were important to him. That's what made him happy," Mary said.

Remembered as a serious farmer, Bordine said he nonetheless always had time to talk and to answer questions, especially about farming. "You would learn a lot. I really enjoyed him. I



Ross Hawk

would go up to the house and talk to him. He was kind and he was gentle. And he was very intelligent."

West would pick corn up and down the rows as Hawk followed doing the same behind him. "He would show me how to do it."

Described as a kind and gentle man, West and Bordine said they never heard Hawk raise his voice in anger. But when he was upset, they knew it. There was the time Bordine left the tractor in gear and it rolled and broke a wheel on the manure machine. "I never did it again."

Bordine also remembered West walking on the 4-inch top rim of Hawk's 40-foot-tall silo. "That part Ross never heard about," he said, laughing.

Hawk and his wife, Lillian, have 21 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The young ones each have memories of being put to work by their grandfather. One of the granddaughters tried to avoid the work and told him she had a broken arm. He quickly told her, "Well, your fingers aren't broken," Mary recalled. "All the kids would crack up. They have such good memories."

When he was in the hospital recently, the newest babies would be brought to visit. "He would spy right up," Mary said. "Then he would say, 'Who's this one?'"

Funeral services for Hawk will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home-Canton Chapel, 42600 Ford Road. Visitation will be 4-9 p.m. Thursday and noon to 9 p.m. Friday.

Burial will be Cherry Hill Cemetery on Ridge Road. Memorials may be made to the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 312 S. Ridge, Canton 48187.

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BARKER

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part-time job at the library. Her charge was simple: start a Friends of the Library group.

A year after that, Barker was put in charge of volunteers. By her fifth year at the library, her job was made full time and she was a permanent member of the staff. Not too long ago, adult programming was added to her roster.

She has been known as Marcia Barker — friend, volunteer, program coordinator. Her job is a smorgasbord of working with people, especially those who volunteer their time and efforts for the library.

Library Director Jean Tabor says Barker's title has been changed yet again. Actually, it's been shortened to program coordinator, though her duties remain the same.

"She is so much fun," Tabor said. "She has just been dynamite with these adult programs. She is clever and creative. She is good at thinking of themes, slogans. Marcia is high-energy."

Barker and her late husband, Rob, moved to Canton 31 years ago.

"When we moved here my mother felt sorry for us," she said. "We had to drive into Plymouth to get our mail. But we were young and had a baby. We were looking for an affordable house."

Thirty-one years later, Barker has nothing but good to say about Canton, where she and Rob raised their daughter, Alysia, 31, and son, Chip, 27: "It has been wonderful."

A dental hygienist by profession, Barker left the business to raise her children. But she didn't stay home. She embarked on a volunteer career that included serving as president of the Gallimore PTO, an officer in the Plymouth Symphony League, president of the women's guild at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, a Cub Scout den mother and a Girl Scout leader.

"That's what essentially brought me to the library," Barker said.

When Rob died unexpectedly seven years ago, life changed for Barker. Sad, but determined to keep going, the library and its staff was there to help.

"I had a lot of support," she said. "The library gave me something to come to and something to do. My job has continued to grow and keeps me busy."

So impressed was Tabor with Barker's interest and energy, she didn't want to lose her. She wanted Barker on her team and made her job full time. "She is so flexible. I was thrilled to make her full time," Tabor said.

When charged with creating a friends group, Barker, who had done research on food service for the school district, jumped right in and taught herself all she could about volunteer organizations. Today, the Canton friends group has pledged \$25,000 to the library's endowment fund. It has opened Second Hand Prose, a used book store in the library, and works on many efforts in the library, such as the Summer Reading Club.

"The friends know how to make their dollars stretch far," Barker said, adding the group provides some 3,000 hours of volunteer service annually.

So much does she know

about friends groups that she is now executive director of the statewide friends organization, which hosts seminars for other libraries. "I know about as much as you can know about friends," she said.

When the title that made her in charge of volunteers was added, Barker was ready.

"The volunteers run in age from 14 to their 80s," she said. "They are kind, giving people. I am encouraged by the attitude of people. They are so appreciative of the library. They want to give back."

Approximately 40 volunteers work behind the counter and another 40-50 work the used book store.

"I have the best job in the world," Barker said. "I work with people who want to be here. With part of my job, I feel like a bartender. A need is filled in people who want to volunteer and people know they can talk to me."

The adult programming part of her job lets her be creative and fun. Under her auspices, the library offers "Learn to ... with Friends" and "Friends, Authors and Others." Both are adult programs that give patrons a chance to learn something new, be entertained and have plain fun. Also on her schedule are the "Lunch and a Book" programs.

Under Barker's direction is

the Multicultural Initiative, designed to recognize the community's diversity, and to bring programming that celebrates the various ethnic, racial and religious groups in Canton.

As if that isn't enough, Barker is an officer on a metro Detroit Book and Author organization that brings famous authors to the suburbs.

She also works on the library's strategic planning, and organizes the Plymouth-Canton-Northville Author Luncheon every year.

"Jean (Tabor) is wonderful about assigning tasks to people and letting them run with it," Barker said.

Deadline approaching for music scholarships

The application deadline for the Plymouth Symphony's Taking Flight - Music to Make the Spirit Soar Youth Artist Competition is Monday, Feb. 2.

The competition will take place on Sunday, Feb. 15 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty Road, Canton.

Through the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, Plymouth Rotary and other sponsors, the Plymouth Symphony recognizes young

orchestral talent from the Plymouth and Canton area, and surrounding communities. The competition has offered music scholarships since 1978.

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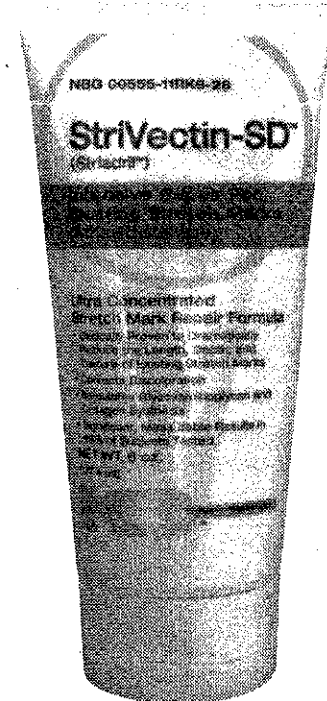
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Schools should seek '04 vote

It's pretty easy to see Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan is in a tough spot.

He's got millions of dollars worth of work to be done on existing buildings in a growing district crying out for even more space.

What with schools facing near-certain financial reductions as Gov. Jennifer Granholm tries to pare the state's budget deficit, and with Plymouth-Canton already facing large deficits of its own, the only way the district is going to be able to do what needs to be done is through a bond issue.

Which Ryan is fairly certain wouldn't pass in difficult economic times.

There is evidence to back him up. The City of Plymouth, facing huge deficits and needing cash to simply provide basic services, last year went to the voters for a tax increase and was turned down flat.

In Plymouth Township, voters approved the sale of \$6 million in municipal bonds to help pay for a new township hall. Township officials weren't going to seek voter approval until a citizens' group offered a successful petition drive to force it to a vote. Plymouth Township officials were able to sell voters by convincing them they would not seek a tax increase to pay for the bonds.

Canton Township officials are expanding their township hall using bonds, but again there is no tax hike involved.

The district's bond steering committee outlined some \$91 million in needs, but Ryan doesn't think the economic climate is such that voters would be willing to shell out that kind of money. Some \$14 million of that is in what Ken Jacobs, executive director of support services, termed "immediate needs" repairs, things that are likely to go wrong in the next 18 months if the district doesn't address them.

That puts the district squarely between the proverbial rock and hard place. The district doesn't have the money to do all these repairs – no district does any more – but the repairs are necessary. A bond issue is the only way to address the need.

If that's the case, we think the district should address them this year. All putting off a bond request until next year accomplishes is delaying the improvements that would be funded by the request.

Board President Judy Mardigan indicated a decision would be made by the board's April 27 meeting. While reserving judgment on the merits of the eventual proposal, we believe the board should go for the request this year.

Consider tweaking state term limits

Constitutionally limiting the number of years Michigan lawmakers can serve wasn't the best of ideas to begin with, so an Oakland County legislator's call to tweak the state's term limits rules is worth considering.

John Pappageorge, a Troy Republican, is pushing a plan that would allow individuals to spend longer stretches of time in the Michigan House of Representatives or Senate. His idea is not to do away with term limits, but rather introduce an option for politicians to toil longer in either legislative chamber if they – and the voters – so choose.

Under Michigan's term-limits law – passed in 1992 – a person's lifetime tenure in the Legislature is restricted to three two-year terms in the House and two four-year terms in the Senate.

Supporters of the current term-limit law say tampering with the system is contrary to the will of the people.

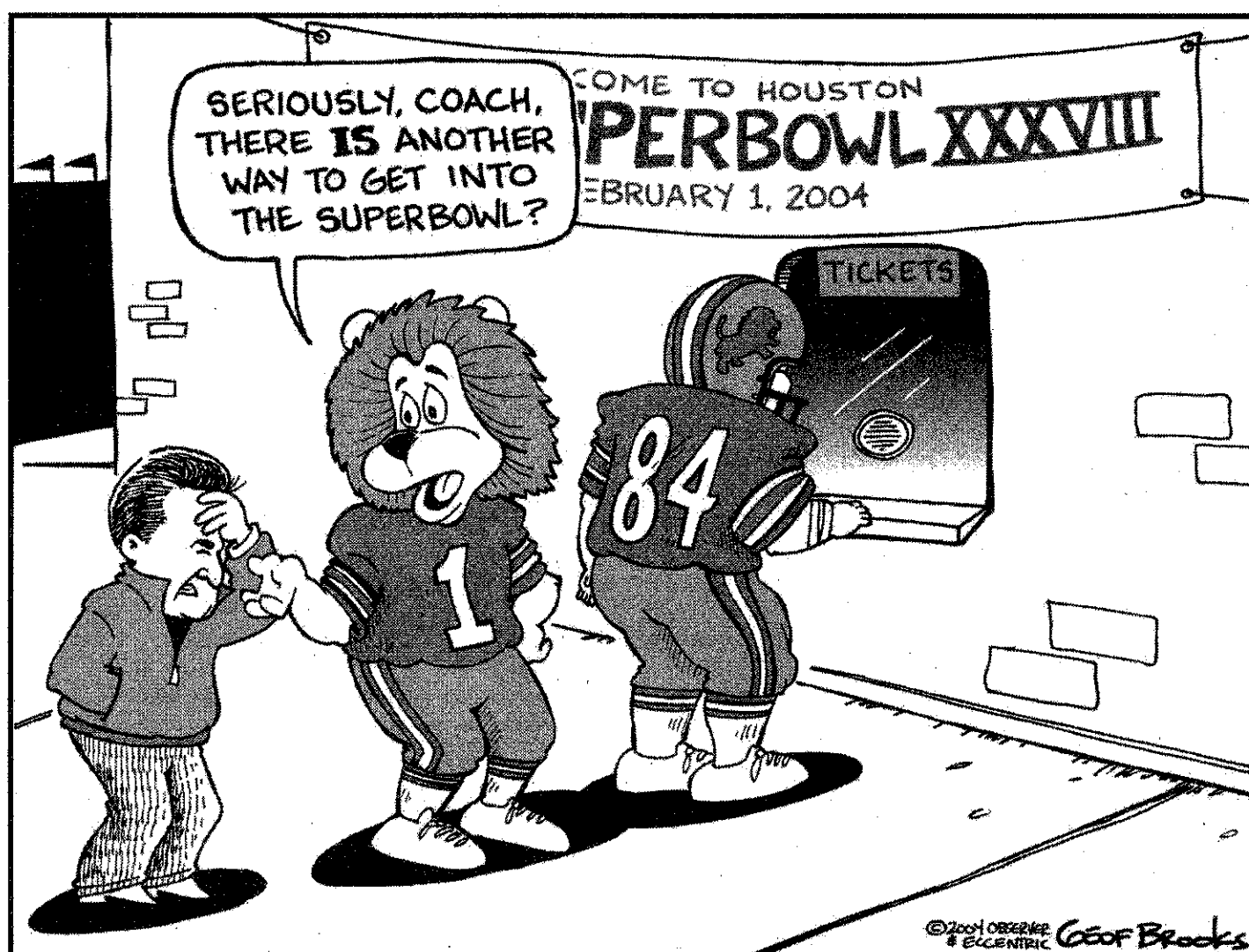
Pappageorge counters that term limits, which first affected the House in 1998 and the Senate last year, create a "leadership continuity problem."

Specifically, he says term limits force individuals out of key leadership positions not long after they've finally acquired the experience to hold them and the ongoing turnover only increases "the influence of non-elected staff, lobbyists and the other branches of government."

Pappageorge makes a valid point, although he's come under criticism by some who believe his true aim is amending the law so he can extend his own tenure in Lansing.

Regardless, his idea merits consideration because experience and leadership are factors that should, and do, matter in the Capitol. Pappageorge's plan addresses those areas, but remains in tune with the spirit of the original term-limiting proposal the public passed more than a decade ago.

Since it's unlikely Michigan's term-limit law will be discarded anytime soon, the option for longer stints in the House and Senate – without removing the overall 14-year cap – may well be worth putting to a vote.



LETTERS

Teach young drivers

Just this afternoon I needed to take off some time from work to accompany my wife to the doctor. We were just south of the Plymouth Canton High School as we left the doctor's office to head south on Canton Center Road. I had to wait a few minutes as about 40 cars rushed past, well above the posted speed limit. I could see them pouring out of the high school parking lot.

Without exception the cars and light trucks were filled with high school children. Some of them were intent on the road and so apparently did not notice they were driving about 40 miles per hour in a 25 mph zone. Others didn't seem to be concerned with the road at all and were engaged in animated conversations with their passengers. Some were busy applying makeup, talking on cell phones or singing along with radio music.

I finally got out onto the road and was driving along at 25 miles per hour when I found that a young driver was inches from my rear bumper and riding me hard. Had I applied my brakes the student would surely have crashed into me.

If this is the behavior they have been taught is normal by school and parents – and this is how they behave in broad daylight – it is no wonder we are visited by tragedy every now and again.

Would a stop light change things? Perhaps a few hundred tickets dispersed by the police officers that actually patrol the school hallways?

Whatever the resolution, something needs to be done. Their behavior as children will be translated into adulthood and we have enough adults driving like thoughtless children already. We need responsible people behind the wheel. My life is important to me and I hope that yours is to you.

Alfred Brock
Canton

McCotter campaigning

If you are a resident of his district you have received a "Congress Year End Update" from our representative in Congress, Thaddeus McCotter.

Like the previous "Updates" it is printed in full color on expensive paper, telling us some of the good things he has done for us recently. He does not, however, include the fact he was one of the seven Republican representatives who voted against an amendment to an agriculture bill that would have forbidden meat processors from putting "downers" – very sick animals – into our food chain.

Think about that the next time you plan to serve hamburgers or roasts to your family – and think about what your children are getting in their school lunches. Maybe he wouldn't have had room for several pictures of himself if he had included this in his "update."

I get the impression that Mr. McCotter is running for re-election. This would be fine except he is using our tax money, instead of campaign contributions, by sending us expensive full color brochures, complete with pictures of himself. With the cutbacks we have had to make in education and other necessary services in

Livonia, in our state and country, I feel he is wantonly wasting our tax resources. A better way would be to submit an informational column in the *Observer* on a regular basis.

I would like to see a letter in the *Observer* from Mr. McCotter defending his positions while he is "working for us."

Ann Petersen
Livonia

Smoke-free ordinance

How much longer will I have to hold my breath as I approach building entrances surrounded by huddled smokers? Secondhand smoke takes the lives of thousands each year in the U.S., with over 2,500 lives lost right here in Michigan. While appropriate steps have been taken to protect the citizens and workers of Washtenaw and Genesee counties, Wayne County has put the issue of clean indoor air on the back burner. Why hasn't Wayne County followed other major markets, such as those in New York, who have already implemented clean indoor air regulations?

I can remember when smoking was allowed in movie theaters and malls. However, we still have a long way to go in Michigan in preventing secondhand smoke from affecting our lives.

The new year provides Wayne County an excellent opportunity to show that it does care about the health and welfare of its citizens and employees. I urge the Wayne County Board of Commissioners to consider my health and my voice, along with the thousands of others who support a smoke-free ordinance.

Barb Iovan
Livonia

Bring back War Department

The *Observer's* willingness to devote so much copy to Congressman Dennis Kucinich's and the local peaceniks' warm and fuzzy notions (Jan. 8) is ever so endearing. May I suggest that, in addition to establishing a federal Department of Peace, we go a few steps further on their agenda? Why don't we abolish the Department of Defense? We might also invite Cuba, China, Saudi Arabia, Zimbabwe, and other upstanding members of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights to a peace summit, and bury all our hatchets! Let's also have a Ministry of Love and a Bureau of Spiritual Harmony!

All joking aside, the modern-day peaceniks are cut from the same cloth as the ones 40 years ago who, unwittingly or not, fed at the trough of Soviet agitprop programs. The claim that the Founding Fathers considered establishing a "Department of Peace" is new to me. But even if true, it is instructive to note that the notion was dispensed with, while they did see fit to fund a Department of – no, not "Defense" – War! And if in fact Congress has considered a Peace Department many times since, being shot down as many times ought to tell us something.

The truth is that we have always had a department of peace. It's called the State Department. And it has become so enormously bloated from its beginnings that the Founders would shriek if they could

see it now. Billions of tax dollars go hither and yon, around the world, funding all manner of unconstitutional programs. If anything, those dollars should be arming people who suffer at the hands of our enemies.

While I don't expect the Peace Ministry to get off the ground, it needs to be said that Congress ought not to fund any further expansion of the Executive Branch, filled with unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats. In doing so many times, the power of the people, through their vote, has been diluted to the point that we suffer under countless laws, passed unconstitutionally and masquerading as "regulations."

The Congress needs to take back its responsibility to make law in those areas authorized by Article 1, Section 8. It should do so by returning to the functions of government established by the founders. Those functions did not include the pipe dream of government-established "peace," but did include, first and foremost, providing for the common defense. I challenge anyone to name a tyrant who has been talked out of power.

If anything, Congress needs to eliminate cabinet-level departments. Once we return to the few departments justifiable under the Constitution, may I suggest that, in the spirit of the Founders, we return the Defense Department to its classic and proper name, the War Department?

Ted Gomulka
Livonia

End partial-birth abortion

The Legal Birth Definition Act would have ended partial-birth abortion in Michigan if Gov. Granholm hadn't vetoed the legislation. I want to see an end to partial-birth abortion. Too many doctors have publicly stated that partial-birth abortions are never needed to save the life of a mother. Both women and children deserve better than abortion. I'll be working with Right to Life of Michigan on the People's Override to outlaw partial-birth abortion in Michigan.

Donald S. Foster
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"Be honest about who you are. The idea that Ford Road can be made into a pedestrian area is not true. It's not a plausible approach. We have to look at what can we do to influence what people see from a car."

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Now we owe Northwest a deserved pat on the back

Over the years, I've done my share of whining about Northwest Airlines: expensive fares, poor service, bad on-time record. The list goes on and on.

But in recent months, possibly because I've been flying more than usual, I've changed my mind. Mind you, I'm still grumpy about high fares, especially when there are no low-cost competitors serving most routes. But things at Northwest seem to have improved substantially. Both at the gate and on the plane, staffers seem genuinely friendly and interested in being helpful. Departures and arrivals now bear a fairly direct relationship to the posted schedule. Planes are clean. If you want, you can order something to eat on the flight instead of overdosing on pretzels and nuts. The new McNamara Terminal is attractive, efficient, a pleasure to use.

And there's no doubt whatsoever about the enormous advantage of having a major new and spiffy Northwest hub at Detroit Metro. We can fly nonstop to essentially anywhere in the world. Anybody who's had to suffer the thrash and inconvenience of changing planes once or twice en route recognizes what a terrific thing a major hub is.

Plus there's even another dimension to the issue of high fares, at least if you listen to Andrea Fischer Newman, a University of Michigan regent and Northwest's senior vice president for government affairs. According to Newman, if you take the average cost of an airline ticket in 1978 (before the federal government deregulated air travel) and compare it with today's prices, you'll find the inflation-adjusted cost of air travel overall has declined by around 50 percent. And if you add to that the very low-fare charter operations now clustered at Detroit Metro, we may well be benefiting from the deflationary impact of the Northwest hub ... and just don't know it.

But there's much more to this story, especially here in Michigan where the big problems are economic: a jobless (and slow) recovery, an evaporating manufacturing base, concern about increasing export of good jobs to places like China and India. Upon reflection, I think the single greatest engine for this region's economic growth is hidden in plain sight at Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run airports.

Here's why. Most historians agree the regions that offered the best transportation infrastructure are those that showed over time the greatest growth. Think of the seaports in the 18th century, when sailing ships were dominant, or rail hubs in the 19th century. Closer to home and in the late 20th century, it's probable that Livingston County's enormous growth comes in large part from the advantages in road transit produced by

the intersection of U.S. 23 and I-96.

Plainly, air transit for both passengers and cargo will be dominant factors in the world economy of the 21st century. And regions that have developed the capability to link air passenger and air cargo infrastructure have shown enormous growth over the past decade. Consider the great airports at Dallas-Ft. Worth, Los Angeles, Hong Kong, Amsterdam and even Memphis, the main hub for FedEx's planes. These regions have added literally hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs leveraged out of their great air transit facilities; the phenomenon is sometimes called an "aerotropolis."

Experts, led by Dr. John D. Kasarda, director of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, say the potential offered by the combination of an excellent passenger facility (the Northwest hub at Detroit Metro) and a good cargo operation (at Willow Run) is as good or better than anywhere elsewhere in the world. They point to the development prospects of the 25,000-acre area between the two airports, bounded by I-94 on the south and Ecorse Road on the north and including the Pinnacle project south of Detroit Metro. And they endorse the wisdom of having created an airport authority with governance powers over both airports.

So the potential is great, but there's lots of work to be done to make it real. Willow Run, for example, needs considerable work if it's going to reach its potential to be a serious hub for air cargo: An extended runway to service fully loaded 747s (which will irritate the neighbors), better storage and cargo handling facilities. Coordinated regional development plans need to be worked out by the various local government bodies affected. And a link to the Port of Detroit - adding ship-borne cargo access to the Atlantic seaboard and Europe - needs to be worked through and developed.

Fortunately for the state of Michigan, which has no extra money, much of the work that needs to be done now won't cost much. Identifying the region as a key economic development target would be a good start. Wayne County needs to make the aerotropolis a development priority and work to include various townships along I-94 in the planning process. Asking senior leaders in the automotive assembly and parts industries for their input would help.

And, while people are at it, they might want to include folks from Northwest Airlines. After all, the essential precondition for an aerotropolis is a first-rate passenger hub, and Northwest has already contributed that. We've been whining about Northwest too long; today, we all owe them a pat on the back for a job well done.

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Phil Power

Recycling is the answer for Wayne

Local officials are treating the bankruptcy of the Central Wayne trash incinerator company as a crisis, but it actually presents Westland, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster and Wayne with the opportunity of a lifetime.

For years now, the five communities (members of the Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority, CWCSA) have been paying at least three times more than neighboring cities to get rid of their trash. If the right steps are taken, the incinerator's failure can lead to cheaper and cleaner trash disposal.

Central Wayne Energy Recovery Limited Partnership (CWERLP), the company that owns parts of the facility, abandoned its responsibilities to the cities and several local businesses in August and filed for bankruptcy on Dec. 29, 2003.

Incineration is an excessively expensive and dirty way of "disposing" of trash. Pollution goes out the smokestack and into our lungs or gets concentrated in toxic ash that is buried with the risk of groundwater contamination. Incineration is not recycling. You can only burn the trash once. The metal left behind is contaminated.

The electricity that can be generated is less than the energy saved from reusing the raw materials, so instead of waste-to-energy, incineration is just wasted energy.

COMPREHENSIVE, CURBSIDE RECYCLING

The CWCSA has some advantages that it needs to use. The five cities should band together and use their combined buying power to negotiate lower landfill and hauling prices through a smart, joint, open-bid process. The current facility should be cleaned up and refurbished as a transfer station and a Materials Recovery Facility. This could be done with assistance from the state, such as a Brownfield Redevelopment grant.

A state-of-the-art Materials Recovery Facility for sorting and bundling the collected recyclables could benefit more of Wayne County than just the five communities.

Real recycling means collecting a wide list of recyclables at the curb from both residential and commercial sources. The material is sorted to separate out what can be used again as a raw material from hazardous materials. Hazardous materials need special attention. The rest is landfilled for now. The larger the volume of materials collected for recycling, the more efficient and cost-effective the program.

In other Michigan communities, and across the country, dozens of comprehensive recycling programs are operated at less expense than ordinary trash disposal. A small subscription

program is very inefficient and not cost-effective, so it can never achieve the true potential of a recycling program. Recycling is not something extra that has to pay for itself. Residents should not have to pay extra for recycling. Comprehensive, curbside recycling should be a standard piece of an integrated waste management plan that prevents trash from filling up landfill space or going up in smoke.

ECONOMICS OF RECYCLING

Because recycling is more labor intensive than landfilling or incineration, recycling creates local jobs. This means more resources are spent here locally on job creation instead of paid out to huge corporations based outside of Michigan. Items collected become raw material for other companies, some of which are based in Michigan. Kalamazoo, Dundee, Manistique and Filer City have companies that accept recyclables as raw material. The five cities of the CWCSA could even try to attract similar companies.

The state Legislature is currently debating a tipping fee surcharge that would apply to all trash disposed of in Michigan - including imported trash. Of the \$40-\$50 million collected each year, 80 to 90 percent would go back to Michigan's cities for the exclusive purpose of supporting recycling programs. If the five cities through the CWCSA start planning now, they will be well-positioned to receive those state funds and implement a model program within Wayne County.

A number of cities in the United States have reduced their trash by more than 50 percent through comprehensive recycling and composting. The experience of Ann Arbor could be very valuable to the five cities of the authority as they seek a clean alternative. Successful trash reduction does not just happen in college towns like Ann Arbor. Los Angeles, Calif., reduced its trash by 55 percent in 2001 through recycling and composting.

Westland, Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster and Wayne can act together within a public authority now for a cleaner, cheaper and more prosperous future. They need to do more than just react to the current failure of the trash incinerator. They need to begin planning and implementing policies that will dramatically reduce their trash and save scarce financial resources through a joint comprehensive recycling and composting program.

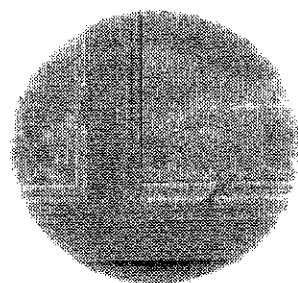
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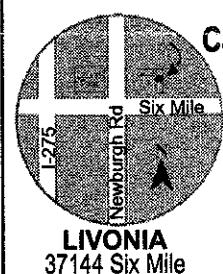
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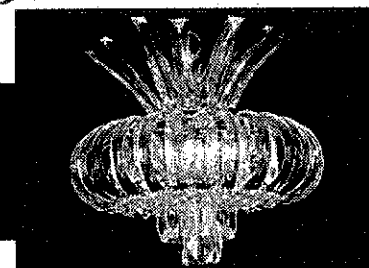
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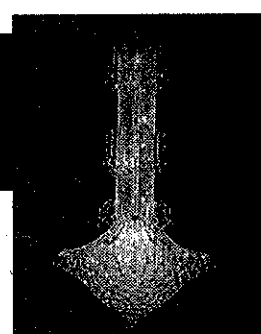
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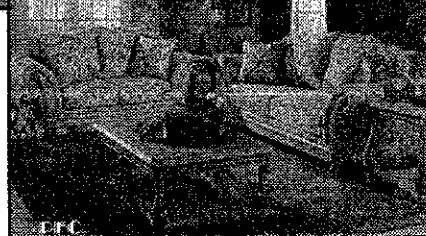
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A happy New Year



Members of the Asian Martial Arts Studio in Ann Arbor performed the Lion Dance, a tradition in the Chinese New Year celebration.

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Traditional Lion Dance wards off evil spirits

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Patrons were given warning just before the lion danced through the Canton Public Library warding off evil spirits.

The traditional Lion Dance was performed by members of the Asian Martial Arts Studio in Ann Arbor in honor of the Chinese New Year Tuesday, celebrated at the library and hosted by the Multicultural Initiative.

"They went through the entire library," said Ophelia Lo, adult services librarian. "They brought a whole troupe. Some were by the reference desk doing the music for the dance."

The large-headed lion — made of papier-mâché — covers one person while a second forms the tail, which was decorated in brocade. The Lion Dance is a tradition with the Chinese New Year.

The dance symbolizes the start of the New Year, which starts with the New Moon on the first day of the new year and ends on the full moon 15 days later.

The 15th day of the new year is called the Lantern Festival, which is celebrated at night with lantern displays and



Patricia Zhou, 10, performs traditional Chinese dances the library Tuesday night.

children carrying lanterns in a parade. The Chinese calendar is based on a combination of lunar and solar movements. That's why, according to the solar calendar, the Chinese New Year falls on a different date each year.

2004 is the Year of the Monkey. The Chinese calendar is comprised of 12 animals — rat, ox, tiger, hare, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, dog, pig, rooster and monkey — in a cycle.

Other Years of the Monkey are 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980 and 1992. If you were born in these years, you are intelligent, well-liked and will be successful, according to Chinese folklore.

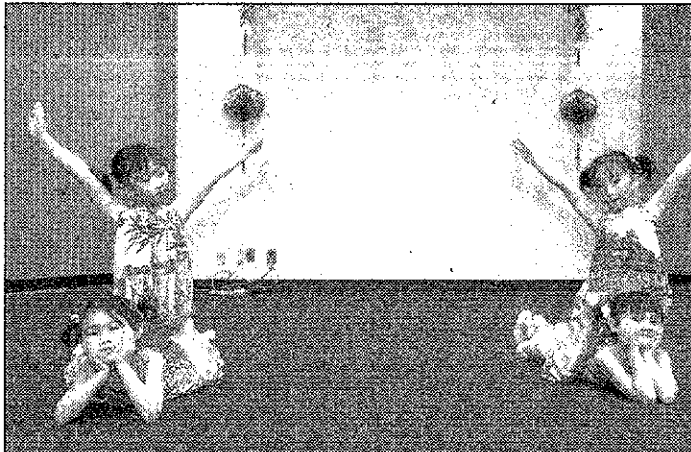
Because of Tuesday's snow, library officials didn't think they would have a full house for the celebration. They mis-calculated and had to add chairs to accommodate celebrants.

While a member of the martial arts troupe provided a history of the New Year, students from the Canton Chinese School at West Middle School, performed dance and musical numbers. One of the teenaged students played a Chinese stringed instrument. "She did a beautiful job," Lo said.

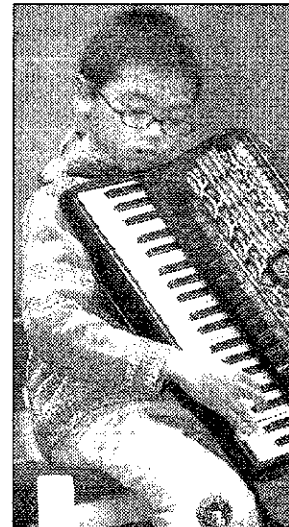
While most of the student performers were girls, two boys offered their talents — one on the accordion and another doing kung fu moves.

A Power Point presentation was made by a student, who explained the meaning of the Chinese New Year. "She was really poised. She did a beautiful job," Lo said.

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Linda Zhang (top) and Bridget Chen, both 5 (left) and Lisa Zhang, 5 (top) and Marian Abusharar, 6, finish their dance routine with a flourish.



David Zheng, 12, plays the accordion during the Chinese New Year gala Tuesday at the Canton Public Library.

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Top player

Madonna University's women's basketball team had a shaky start to its season in non-conference play, winning just three of 15 games. But in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, the Crusaders have come alive, winning four of six games thus far.

Last Saturday, they won their second-straight WHAC game, beating Indiana Tech 79-73. The driving force behind the win was Marwa Ayoub, a junior forward from Dearborn who poured in a career-high 30 points. Ayoub hit 5-of-7 three-pointers in the game and was 10-of-17 overall. She also had five rebounds, three steals and two blocked shots.

Ayoub's performance came after she got eight points, four boards and five blocks in limited action in a 40-point win over Concordia last Wednesday.

Her 38 points, nine rebounds, seven blocks and six steals in two games earned her WHAC player of the week honors, the first Crusader this season to be so honored. For the season, Ayoub is averaging 12.4 points, 7.3 rebounds, 2.4 steals and 1.6 blocks a game.

Contributing factor

When a team is trying to end a 15-game losing streak to a league opponent, it needs a strong team effort from all of its players. Which is what University of Detroit Mercy sophomore Kelly Jaskot gave in the Titans' 56-50 come-from-behind overtime win over University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Saturday.

Jaskot, a guard from Salem HS, came off the bench to play 22 minutes, collecting four points, six rebounds, three assists, two steals and a blocked shot. The Titans had to rally from a 30-22 halftime deficit.

It was the first time UDM beat Wisconsin-Green Bay since March 9, 1997, a victory that earned the Titans an NCAA Tournament berth.

Football boosters

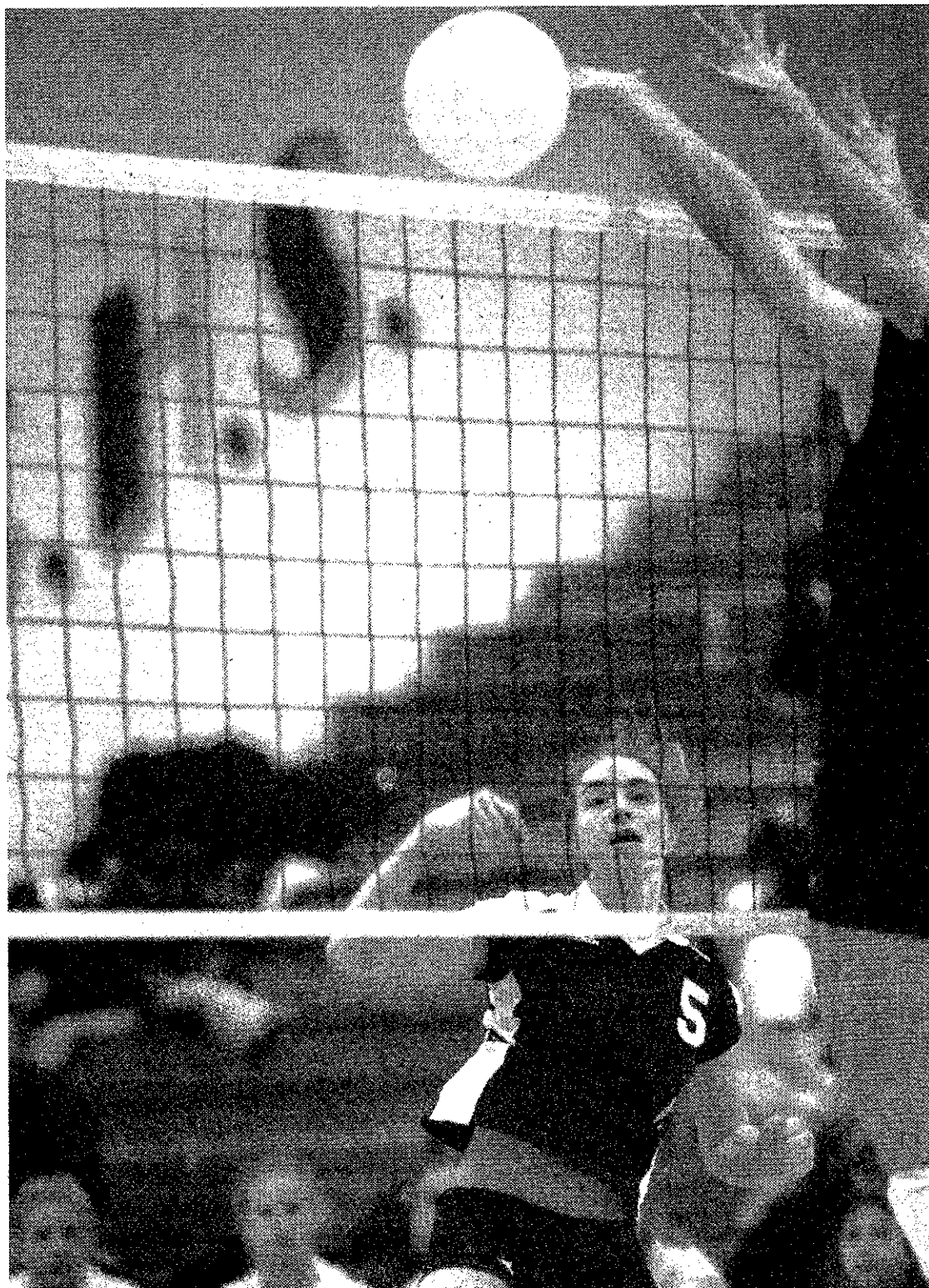
The Plymouth Wildcat football boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room 401 of Plymouth HS. Parents of current football players are asked to attend this first meeting of the new year. The new boosters' board will be introduced.

Come and play

The Summit on the Park Aquatic Center will host its first event of its winter Come Out and Play series: Super Bowl Saturday, which will be from 6-8 p.m. this Saturday at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Super Bowl Saturday will feature aqua football, a cheerleading clinic for those who don't want to get wet, games and team spirit prizes. Hot dogs and chips will be served.

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Salem's Ellen Canale knocks this shot past the Churchill defenders, something the Rocks couldn't do consistently enough to get a win Wednesday.

Churchill's hitting beats back Salem

After some thought, Livonia Churchill volleyball coach Mark Grenier put Wednesday's win over Western Lakes Activities Association rival Salem in perspective.

"This is a wonderful victory for us," Grenier noted. "But this is just the third in a chess match of many games to come."

This night's match, played at Churchill, belonged to the Chargers, 15-9, 12-15, 15-8. It gave them a 24-3-2 record; Salem slipped to 26-4-5.

The season's meetings between the two couldn't be more even: They're 1-1-1, with other possible run-ins at the Schoolcraft Invitational, the WLAA Tournament and the state districts.

The difference on this night proved to be Churchill's superior hitting. Both teams excelled defensively, with rallies at times taking more than a half-dozen hits.

"We hit real well," said Grenier. "We had the ability with a couple of kids to put the ball on the floor."

"And the kids passed real well. When you can pass, you can run your offense."

Salem, on the other hand, never quite got their offense in gear — evidenced by setter Jordan Falcusan's 20 assists, low for a player of her caliber.

"This wasn't our best match," said Salem coach Tom Teeters. "Our hitting was down and we didn't serve well at all."

"Our hitting-setting combination was off. And we have to

serve tougher."

Still, the Rocks didn't go without a battle, although they started slow. In the opening set, Churchill scored three-straight points, two on Salem errors, to go up 7-5. The Chargers never trailed in the game again.

And yet, they never led Salem by more than three points.

Indeed, with the score at 12-9, there were seven-straight side-outs before the Chargers got two-straight service aces and a Kelsey Mack kill to finished it.

The second game was even tighter, the biggest lead by either side three points. There were seven lead changes, but there's no doubt the Rocks enjoyed their best stretch of the night in this set. A couple of Churchill hitting mistakes allowed Salem to take a 10-7 lead on the serve of Lauren Kurtz, the one Rock Teeters thought did serve well.

The Chargers eventually went ahead 12-11, but the Rocks got the serve back, and when they did it was Kurtz who was serving. Two aces and a couple of Churchill errors gave Salem a 15-12 win.

Which set up a third-game showdown. It started well for the Rocks, who led 3-0, but the Chargers scored nine of the last 10 points to win the match.

It was a satisfying win for Grenier, in his first season as Churchill's coach, but he wasn't about to dwell on it.

"We're going to see a lot more of them," he said. He's probably right.

Canton sinks Wayne, 77-61

BASKETBALL

Canton got it going early and Wayne Memorial couldn't recover from a 37-16 halftime deficit Wednesday as the Chiefs earned 77-61 boys basketball win.

Canton, 6-4 overall, got 22 points and 11 rebounds from D.J. Bridges. Three others scored in double figures including Andy Cortellini (13), Jason Houdek (12) and Brad Waidmann (12). Cortellini dished out six assists, while Julian Smith added five. Waidmann also grabbed nine rebounds.

"This was by far our best, most complete game of the year," Canton coach Charlie Paye said of the Western Lakes Activities Association crossover win. "We rebounded with them and that's what concerned us coming in."

Since losing a lead, and eventually the game, in the last quarter against Ann Arbor Pioneer Jan. 13, the Chiefs have won four-straight games.

"I think that Pioneer game gave us a lot of confidence," Paye said.

Certainly the inside play of Bridges and Waidmann made a difference against the Zebras.

Wayne, 5-5 overall, cut the deficit to seven in the second half, but could get no closer.

Senior point-guard Genoio Safford scored 20 of his team-high 22 in the second half. Gene Nix and Danny Walsh added 12 apiece.

"They got the ball inside on us and got second-chance points," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said.

Canton was 21-of-31 from the foul line compared to Wayne's 6-of-13.

Salem 55, Churchill 44: Senior

guard Brian Bradley scored a career-high 25 points as the host Rocks (5-6) offset a 30-point outing by senior forward Tim VanDusen of Livonia Churchill (2-9) to win the WLAA crossover Wednesday.

Bradley also had five steals and four assists.

Ten Salem players scored with Dominique Washington and Brad Clark adding six points each.

Salem led 23-9 at the half and 41-26 after three quarters.

The Chargers went without a field goal in the second period, the Rocks outscoring them 14-3. The Chargers had six offensive rebounds in the first quarter, but none in the second.

"I attribute it to good defense on both ends of the floor," Salem coach Bob Brodie said of the low-scoring first quarter (9-6, Salem in front). "It was a ball-control first quarter."

Grubaugh excels at NMU

She won't talk about it too much. Not in a singular sense, anyway.

Tiffany Grubaugh will talk about the improvement in her Northern Michigan University women's basketball team. And, yes, she puts the emphasis on *team*.

"After last season, we all got together and talked about things we needed to change," she said while undergoing treatment for her knee. "We talked about reaching the final eight (in the NCAA Division II), but first and foremost is winning the conference."

"Our first goal is to win the GLIAC, then go from there."

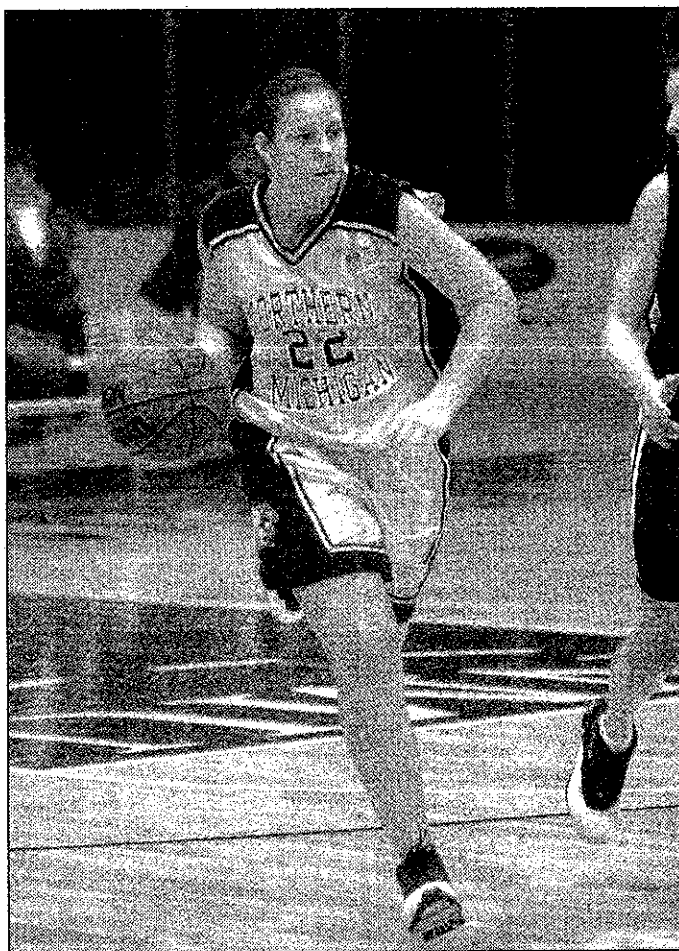
Grubaugh's athletic career is a strong indication that opponents don't want to get between her and her goals. She showed it at Salem HS, and not just on the basketball court: At the 2000 girls track state finals, Grubaugh won a title in the shot put and placed fourth in the discus.

Last season, her first playing at NMU — she started her collegiate career at Wayne State, but transferred after her freshman year — Grubaugh, a 5-foot-8 guard, averaged 15.4 points a game. She ranked 11th in the GLIAC in overall scoring and was second in free-throw shooting accuracy, converting 55-of-64 attempts (85.9 percent).

But that wasn't good enough. The Wildcats posted a 16-10 record, eliminated in the GLIAC tournament quarterfinals by Grand Valley State.

Things were going to be different this season. That's what that season-ending meeting last March was aimed at accomplishing.

So far, it's worked. Last Thursday's 95-90 win over Ashland boosted NMU's record to 14-2 overall, 6-2 in the GLIAC.



Tiffany Grubaugh, a Salem graduate, has become one of the top players in the GLIAC. The junior guard is averaging 20.5 points a game at Northern Michigan.

PLEASE SEE GRUBAUGH, B6

Observerland contenders' list is lengthy

Mail it in, the torch has been passed.

Redford Catholic Central wrestling coach Mike Rodriguez, whose team is the two-time defending champion of the Observerland Wrestling Invitational, knows which team is going to win the event.

And it isn't his Shamrocks.

"Westland John Glenn is going to walk away with it," Rodriguez said. "They've got the horses and we don't have the depth."

Actually, there's a little more to it than

WRESTLING

that. But Glenn is certainly one of the favorites at Saturday's meet, held at Livonia Churchill High School. There are a handful of schools that could come away with the title, CC included.

"There's probably going to be six or seven teams up there," said Churchill coach Marty Altounian, whose squad is also on that list. "Us, CC, Lutheran Westland, John Glenn ... there will be quite a few teams vying for it."

CC, which has been among the top three teams in 10 of the previous 12 Observerlands, won last year's event with 228.5 points, while John Glenn had 204, Livonia Stevenson had 168, Churchill had 142, Salem had 138 and LW had 112.5.

CC's won the most titles with six, while Stevenson has won three and Farmington, Salem and Canton have won one each. The meet begins at 9 a.m. with the finals slated for 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students 18 and under.

This year's event could not only be tighter in the final score, but more wide open at the same time.

"There are a lot of teams who can win, but for now it's CC's to lose," Salem coach Greg Woochuk said. "But there are a lot of classes with a lot of outstanding wrestlers."

Rodriguez thinks the best class could be 152 pounds. CC's Brad Bartram returns as the runner-up, but is ranked second in the area behind John Glenn's Daron Cruickshank, who beat Bartram 7-4 in Saturday's CC Invitational. But Churchill's Ben Adams is a threat, as is Salem's Will Schultz and Stevenson's Doug Fellows.

There are three defending champions in the field and John Glenn has two of them

PLEASE SEE OBSERVERLAND, B3

Ayoub's scoring burst leads Crusaders to win

Behind a career-best scoring performance by Marwa Ayoub, Madonna University held off Indiana Tech to gain a 79-73 women's basketball triumph Saturday at Madonna.

The win boosted the Crusaders' record to 4-2 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, 7-14 overall. Tech is 10-10 overall, 0-5 in the WHAC.

The combination of Ayoub and Sarah Thomson were the

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difference for Madonna. They combined to score 53 points on 19-of-32 shooting (59.4 percent).

Ayoub scored a career-high 30 points, making 10-of-17 shots — including 5-of-9 on three-pointers. She also had five rebounds, three steals and two blocked shots.

Thomson scored 23 points (9-of-15 shooting) and grabbed 15 rebounds. Stephanie Childs added 10 points, five assists and three steals.

The Warriors, who trailed 32-31 at halftime, got 23 points from Thyoshi Chambers and 16 from Lashanda Conwell.

Shooting accuracy was the major difference in the game. The Crusaders made 28-of-60 from the floor (46.7 percent) compared to 27-of-76 (35.5 percent) for Tech. Madonna was also 16-of-26 from the free-throw line (61.5 percent); the Warriors were 12-of-20 (60 percent).

Tech edges past Madonna in OT

Overtime was unkind to the Madonna University men's basketball team, which fell Saturday to host Indiana Tech, 91-88, in Fort Wayne.

MU falls to 8-13 overall and 2-4 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Indiana Tech improves to 16-5 and 3-2.

Tech, ranked No. 20 in the NAIA (Division II), led by as many as nine points (56-47) in the second half before the Crusaders rallied to send the game into OT at 81-all. MU was outscored in the extra session, 10-7.

Guard JuJuan Cooley led the winners with 22 points and five assists. Chris Goings added 17, while Wayne Redmond and Detonio Hawkins contributed 15 and 10, respectively. Luke McKenna grabbed a team-

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high 17 rebounds. Hawkins dished out six assists.

Noel Emehiser led MU with 26 points on 11-of-21 shooting, including 3-off-11 from three-point range. Chad Nadolmi added 21 points and a game-high 20 rebounds. Others in double figures included Chris Behrns and Joe Kofahl, 12 apiece; and Dan Kurtinaitis, 11. Nadolmi and Kurtinaitis each had seven assists.

MU shot 42.3 percent from the field (33-of-78), while Indiana Tech was 34-of-89 (38.2 percent).

MU outrebounded Tech, 59-52, but the Indiana school had 26 points off turnovers (to MU's nine) and led in bench

scoring, 27-6.

Schoolcraft 112, Henry Ford 69: Guard Ryan Baumgartner had 23 points and six assists, while 7-foot center Lamont Arrington finished with 21 points and six rebounds Saturday as host Schoolcraft College (17-2, 8-0) rolled to an MCAA-Eastern Conference win over Henry Ford CC (7-11, 1-6).

Anton Palmer contributed 16 points, while Derrick Ponder added 10 points, 12 rebounds, six steals and five assists for the Ocelots, who led 56-36 at halftime. Johnathon Burris also chipped in with 10 points.

Doug Creighton (Redford Catholic Central) had 14 for the Hawks. Cedric Bird contributed 12.

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Wayne at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Lutheran Westland at Liggett, 7 p.m.

Oak. Christian at Ply. Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Huron Valley at Taylor Baptist, 7:30 p.m.

H.W. Notre Dame at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Jan. 29

Huron Valley vs. Ypsi Calvary at Livonia St. Paul's, 5:30 p.m.

Lutheran North at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.

Liggett at Lutheran Westland, 6:30 p.m.

Ladywood at Marian, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 31

U-M-Dearborn Tourn., 9 a.m.

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PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Jan. 30

Churchill vs. Stevenson (Edgar), 6 p.m.

W.L. Western vs. Salem, 8 p.m.

at Ply. Cultural Center

Redford CC at Culver Military (Ind.), 8 p.m.

Canton vs. W.L. Central, 8:20 p.m.

at Lakeland Ice Arena

Saturday, Jan. 31

Franklin vs. W.L. Central at Lakeland Ice Arena, 11:20 a.m.

Redford CC at Culver Military (Ind.), noon.

Ladywood vs. G.P. South (City), 5 p.m.

P-C-S vs. H.W. Regina, 9 p.m.

at St. Clair Shores Arena

PREP WRESTLING

Thursday, Jan. 29

CC. Adrian at A.A. Pioneer, 6 p.m.

Canton at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

W.L. Central at Salem, 6:30 p.m.

Franklin at Northville, 6:30 p.m.

Stevenson at Wayne, 6:30 p.m.

John Glenn at W.L. Northern, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 31

Observerland Inv. at Churchill, 9 a.m.

PREP BOYS SWIMMING

Thursday, Jan. 29

Canton at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

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W.L. Western at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Salem at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

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Redford CC vs. Ann Arbor Huron at Liv. Comm. Rec. Center, 7 p.m.

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Saturday, Jan. 31

Troy Invitational, 9 a.m.

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday, Jan. 31

Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

Madonna at Siena Heights, 7:30 p.m.

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OBSERVERLAND

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— Rece Cox at 135, although he's wrestling this year at 140, and Jake Fairchild, back to defend his title at 189. The Shamrocks' Trevor Stewart is the field's only other title winner, as he beat Stevenson's Dario Mainella in last year's final.

Mainella is back, but at 145 pounds, with four other runners-up from last year — Stevenson heavyweight Paul Bargerstock, Wayne's Tim Hammer (up to 135 from 130), Redford Union's John Moore (up to 130 from 119) and Salem's Ryan Stump (up to 119 from 103).

"I don't think anyone is going to have a walk in this," John Glenn coach Bill Polk said.

"This field is too tough. Wrestling (at Catholic Central) this weekend helped. We had a couple of kids who actually beat kids ranked above them in Observerland."

Nearly every area school has at least one wrestler ranked among the top five in Observerland. But as coaches and fans know, rankings can go by the wayside come crunch time.

Heading into the meet, Churchill has three wrestlers ranked No. 1 in their weight class — Justin Smith (119), Kris Felice (125) and Manuel Schubert (171). John Glenn and Wayne have two each with Cruickshank and Eric Schambers (215) tops for the Rockets and Jason Crothers (112) and Hammer tops for the Zebras.

The rest are scattered around several schools — Franklin's Jesse Gardocki is ranked No. 1 at 103, Moore is first at 130, Mainella at 145, Stewart at 160, Lutheran Westland's Neil Kemp at 189 and Salem's Jeremy Walker at heavyweight.

But every coach also knows that it's depth, not champions, that will determine the winner of this meet.

"The team that wins is going to be whichever team wins down low — placing fifth and coming back after losing," Altounian said.

"Champions are nice, though, don't get me wrong."

"It takes a full team of kids taking thirds and fifth," said Wochuk, whose school won its

OBSERVERLAND WINNERS

2003: 1. Redford CC; 2.

Westland John Glenn; 3. Liv. Stevenson.

2002: 1. CC; 2. John Glenn; 3. Salem

2001: 1. Canton; 2. CC; 3. Liv. Churchill.

2000: 1. CC; 2. Stevenson; 3. Canton.

1999: 1. CC; 2. Stevenson; 3. Garden City.

1998: 1. Salem; 2. CC; 3. Stevenson.

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1996: 1. CC; 2. Stevenson; 3. Salem.

1995: 1. Stevenson; 2. CC; 3. Salem.

1994: 1. Stevenson; 2. CC; 3. Salem.

1993: 1. CC; 2. John Glenn; 3. Stevenson.

1992: 1. Farmington; 2. Canton; 3. John Glenn.

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WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

What: 13th Annual Observerland Wrestling Tournament.

When: Saturday, Jan. 31. Competition starts at 9 a.m., with finals starting approximately at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Livonia Churchill High School (Newburgh Road between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail roads)

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only title in 1997. "It's not the kids in the finals, but it's the kids coming back in other slots. A well-placed fifth can mean as much or more than a first."

WRESTLING RESULTS

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL WRESTLING INVITATIONAL Jan. 24 at Redford CC

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Davidson, 296.5; 2. Hudsonville, 192.5; 3. Flint Kearsley, 153; 4. Holt, 146; 5. Westland John Glenn, 138.5; 6. Utica Ford, 129; 7. Romeo, 121; 8. Anchor Bay, 95.5; 9. Fowlerville, 90; 10. Canton, 84.5; 11. Redford Catholic Central, 81.5; 13. Livonia Stevenson, 67; 14. Birmingham Brother Rice, 13.

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

103 pounds: Eric Brandt (UF) defeated Jeff Charlton (FK), 18-16; **3rd:** Kyle Mead (Fow.) pinned Sam Santilli (Canton), 4-24; **5th:** Josh Zimmerman (Hud.) p. Kameron Fenstermaker (Holt), 3-53.

112: Joel Trombley (AB) dec. Ben Warner (Dav.), 10-8; **3rd:** Casey Schaner (Hud.) p. Vinnie Colonne (UF) 4-22; **5th:** Srba Rankovic (Holt) won by technical fall over Rowdy Glasgow (WJG), 7-0.

119: Paul Donahoe (Dav.) won by tech. fall over Tom Grimm (Hud.), 22-5; **3rd:** Michael Colonna (UF) dec. John Barber (Romeo), 10-3; **5th:** Lance Goodell (FK) p. Kyle Yost (AB), 3-25.

125: Zak Burns (Dav.) dec. Ron Mantei (Oxford), 10-6; **3rd:** Travis Randall (Romeo) dec. Matt Osterhouse (Holt), 3-0; **5th:** Mike Freel (FK) d. Saul Fuentes (LS), 12-7.

130: Jason Whitman (Dav.) dec. Corey Phillips (CA), 14-8; **3rd:** David Megusin (Fow.) won by major dec. over Eddie Diaz (Hud.), 12-2; **5th:** Thomas Malone (Holt) won by major dec. over Matt Stables (Romeo), 13-2.

135: John Reeder (Dav.) dec. Ryan Webb (Canton), 10-4; **3rd:** Rob Fedorow (Romeo) dec. Shawn Galt (Oxford); **5th:** Mark Bolhuis (Hud.) won by tech. fall over Chris Bauman (Holt), 17-2.

140: Cory Rogers (Dav.) dec. Rece Cox (WJG), 8-7; **3rd:** Nick Leon (UF) p. Konrad Konsitzke (Canton), 1-45; **5th:** Mark Mooney (Romeo) dec. Kyle Gustin (Holt), 7-5.

145: Brent Metcalf (Dav.) won by tech. fall over Cody Crossman (Hud.), 22-7; **3rd:** Dario Mainella (LS) dec. Aaron Hynes (FK), 5-1; **5th:** Kevin Mill (Romeo) dec. Jon McCall (WJG), 9-4.

152: Troy Albert (Holt) won by default over Nate Bundy (Dav.); **3rd:** Deron Cruickshank (WJG) dec. Brad Bartram (CC), 7-4; **5th:** Harry

Rissley (Hud.) p. James David (UF), 3-2.

160: Trevor Stewart (CC) won by major dec. over Zack Loew (Hud.), 19-6; **3rd:** Brad Allen (WJG) dec. Kyle Barquist (FK), 5-2; **5th:** Sean Henton (Holt) dec. Quinn Boyce (Dav.), 7-4.

171: Kyle Chittick (Dav.) dec. Jacob Tazzi (AB), 3-2; **3rd:** Scott Schwarzlose (CC) dec. Blake Hudzik (FK), 9-8; **5th:** Ryan Cabildo (WJG) dec. Kyle Lis (LS), 7-1.

189: Trevor Perry (Dav.) dec. Jake Fairchild (WJG), 13-8; **3rd:** Kyle Rowley (Oxford) dec. Don Dryer (Fow.), 6-4; **5th:** Joe Bargerstock (LS) p. Emir Adalarjo (UF), 4-56.

215: Josh Furgeson (FK) dec. Eric Schambers (WJG), 9-3; **3rd:** Andrew Middleton (Romeo) p. Kevin Austin (Dav.), 0-49; **5th:** Kyle Oliver (Oxford) dec. Dan Chase (UF), 11-5.

275: Dan Staf (Hud.) won by major dec. over Brandon Failing (FK), 9-1; **3rd:** Ryan Bedgley (AB) dec. John Morasso (CC), 15-3; **5th:** Travis Perry (OV) p. Kyle Koss (UF), 3-39.

MOST OUTSTANDING WRESTLERS

103-140 pounds: Phil Donahoe, Davidson.

145-275: Trevor Stewart, CC.

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Jan. 22 at Canton

103 pounds: Sam Santilli (C) tech. fall over Andrew Rudzki, 16-0; **112:** Nick Poole (C) pinned Nick Zilan, 5-41; **119:** Mike Morfitt (WLW) pinned Jay Fleischmann, 3-31; **125:** Jeff Clare (WLW) maj. dec. over Steve Hogg, 25-9; **130:** Corey Phillips (C) dec. Chris Yezbick, 4-1; **135:** Ryan Webb (C) pinned Ben Dixon, 1-49; **140:** Konrad Konsitzke (C) def. Andy Goodman, 18-12; **145:** Steve Hosey (C) pinned George Hajai, 1-59; **152:** Jeff Goodman (WLW) pinned Marwan Faraj, 1-43; **160:** Justin Zoma (WLW) pinned Alex Amberg, 3-51; **171:** Aaron Soderstrom (WLW) dec. Pat McWhirter, 7-5; **189:** P.J. Caram (C) pinned Chris Alexopolous, 5-48; **215:** Lance Shunia (WLW) pinned Dave Kersten, 3-26; **275:** Chad Strye (WLW) pinned Donnie Laramie, 1-17.

Dual-meet record: Canton, 11-9 overall, 2-1 in the W.L.A. Next meets: Canton at Livonia Churchill, 6:30 p.m. Thursday; at Observerland Tournament, 10 a.m. Saturday at Churchill.

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OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING RANKINGS (as of Jan. 20)

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

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

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

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

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 Dendrinis, 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 Vaughn, Salem; 5. Darryl Rice, John Glenn.

140: 1. Rece Cox, John Glenn; 2. John Gourlay, RU; 3. Rex Fugaban, Wayne; 4. Ali Ismail, Clarenceville; 5. Konrad Konsitzke,

Canton.

145: 1. Dario Mainella, Stevenson; 2. Chris McGlone, Wayne; 3. Jon McCall, John Glenn; 4. Steve Hosey, Canton; 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. Brad Allen, John Glenn.

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

189: 1. Neal Kemp, Lutheran Westland; 2. Jake Fairchild, John Glenn; 3. R.J. Ramsey, Wayne; 4. Jordan Schaefer, Salem; 5. Joe Bargerstock, Stevenson.

215: 1. Eric Schambers, John Glenn; 2. Eric Vojtkofsky, Redford CC; 3. Hafeez Qureshi, 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 Pokryfky, Franklin; 5. Jameson Higgins, Lutheran Westland.

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

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Rocks win tourney, WLAA opener, 15-0, 15-10

Salem punctuated its first-place finish at the Novi Invitational last Saturday with an easy 15-0, 15-10 victory over Livonia Franklin Monday at Salem in the Rocks' Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball opener.

That win, combined with six match victories at Novi, pushed the Rocks' overall record to 26-3-5. Franklin is 3-14-6 overall, 0-2 in the WLAA.

Several players contributed in the win over the Patriots. Ellen Canale led the Rocks with five kills; Therese Coppiellie had four kills, and Lauren Marsonnek and Nikki Mersch contributed three apiece.

Lauren Price was a major factor with eight service aces. Chelsea McPhail had three aces, and Jordan Falcusan contributed 11 set assists.

At the Novi Invitational, Salem breezed through pool play without losing a game, beating Anchor Bay 25-18, 25-23; Detroit Chadsey 25-9, 25-4; and Haslett 25-12, 25-14.

However, things got much tougher for the Rocks in the elimination rounds. They faced Anchor Bay in the quarterfinals and managed a 25-18, 22-25, 15-5 victory.

That was followed by a close semifinal match with the host Wildcats, Salem winning 25-23, 26-24.

In the final, the Rocks went against Walled Lake Northern and found themselves on the brink of losing. But, as coach Tom Teeters noted, "They came together and won when they had to," beating Northern 25-13, 25-27, 18-16.

Teeters felt his team did not play its best in the final; in fact, in the decisive third game the Rocks trailed Northern 13-

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11. But they managed to pull it out, thanks to strong play from Canale with 10 kills; Coppiellie with five kills and 11 digs; Falcusan with 10 digs, 14 set assists and two aces; and Lauren Kurtz with four solo blocks and six block assists.

In the semifinal win over Novi, Salem had an equal number of contributors. Canale and Coppiellie each had 11 kills, Jill Niemi had 10 digs, Kurtz had two solo and six block assists, Marsonnek had one solo and six block assists, and Falcusan had 18 set assists and two aces.

In the quarters against Anchor Bay, Canale totaled nine kills and two aces; Coppiellie had 11 kills, one solo and four block assists, and four aces; Lauren Price got two solos and three blocks assists, and three kills with a .333 kill percentage; Marsonnek collected one solo and six block assists; and Falcusan finished with 17 set assists, 10 digs and an ace.

Salem hosts Northville in a WLAA match Monday.

Plymouth wins division

After a sporadic effort in pool play at the Bloomfield Hills Lahser Invitational Saturday, Plymouth rebounded and finished strongly, winning the Silver Division in this varsity tournament with a 21-14, 23-21 victory over Warren Cousino in the final.

In the division semifinals, the Wildcats dispatched Madison Heights Lamphere 21-12, 21-13. Pool play, however, was another story;

Plymouth beat Clintondale in its first match with an impressive performance, 21-11, 21-6, but then lost to Royal Oak Kimball 21-10, 21-19 and split with Dexter 19-21, 21-15.

"During pool play the girls were off and on," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "They played a great first match against Clintondale, but right after that we played very inconsistently against Kimball. "We only lost each game by two points, but the opportunity was there for us to win by four in each game.

"I didn't see the heart and desire to win during the Kimball match. Fortunately, they got the desire to win back and played very well during the playoffs."

Jeanine Moise led the Wildcat attack in the tournament with 30 kills; she also had 23 digs and five aces. Kim Klonowski had 28 kills and 15 digs, Lindsay Vogelsberg contributed nine digs and four aces, Sarah Haskins got 62 set assists and 12 digs, Janet Hatchett had 26 digs and five aces, and Rachelle Haldar totaled three solo blocks, four block assists and four digs.

Last Friday at Eastern Michigan, Plymouth clashed with Plymouth Christian Academy in a varsity match and won, 15-13, 15-10. Leaders for the Wildcats were: Haskins, 17 set assists, 10 digs, two aces; Klonowski, five kills, four solo blocks, six digs; Moise, eight kills, 10 digs; Rachelle Haldar, four solo blocks, one block assist; and Hanchett, seven digs, five kills.

Plymouth travels to the University of Michigan-Dearborn Tournament this weekend.

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HOOP TOURNEY

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

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

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

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

For more information, contact Jeff Curtis at (989) 633-8409 or at curtis@northwood.edu.

LEGAL NOTICE

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLANT
REHABILITATION DISTRICT FOR
JOHNSON CONTROLS PUBLIC HEARING -
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2004**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, during a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth on the request from Johnson Controls to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District for their facility located at **49200 Halyard Drive**, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Township Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone number (734) 354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: January 29, 2004

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept proposals up to 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 16th, 2004 for the following:

ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES

Proposal forms may be picked up and submitted to Canton's DPW Building, 4847 Sheldon Rd, Canton, MI 48188 or you may contact Todd Zilinek at (734) 397-1011. 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

Publish: January 29 & February 1, 2004

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2004**

**REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
METRO WEST TECHNOLOGY PARK PHASE II**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a request from DeMattia Group was received by the Charter Township of Plymouth requesting that an Industrial Development District be established, under Public Act 198, 1974, as amended. Public Act 198, requires that the Board of Trustees hold a Public Hearing on the establishment of an Industrial Development District at which the owners of properties within the proposed district and residents and taxpayers of Plymouth Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments, submitted prior to the February 10, meeting will also be accepted.

TAKE NOTE that the Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan 48170. Phone Number (734) 354-3224.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Part of the North Half of Section 20, Town 1 South, Range 8 East, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, described as: Beginning at the West Quarter Corner of Section 20; thence along the West Line of Section 20 and the Centerline of Ridge Road, North 00°01'25" East 2095.90 feet; thence along the South Line of the Railroad, 99.00 feet wide, the following four (4) courses: one (1) South 65°24'52" East 2568.96 feet, two (2) along the Arc of a Curve to the Right 655.17 feet, Radius 3790.50 feet, Central Angle 09°54'12", Chord Bears South 60°27'46" East 654.36 feet, three (3) South 55°30'40" East 1052.19 feet, and four (4) along the Arc of a Curve to the Left, 180.72 feet, Radius 2695.26 feet, Central Angle 03°50'31", Chord Bears South 57°25'55" East 180.69 feet; thence along the East-West Quarter Line of Section 20 and along the North Line and the Easterly extension of "Metro West Technology Park", as recorded in Liber 102 of Plats, Pages 8-13, Wayne County Records, South 89°51'42" West 1334.85 feet to the Center of Section 20; thence continuing along the East-West Quarter Line of Section 20 and along the North Line of "Metro West Technology Park", South 89°49'07" West 765.00 feet to the Northwest Corner of "Metro West Technology Park"; thence continuing along the East-West Quarter Line of Section 20, South 89°49'07" West 1825.93 feet to the Point of Beginning. Contains 102.974 Acres. Subject to the Rights of the Public and of any Governmental Unit in any part thereof used, taken or deeded for Street, Road, or Highway purposes. Subject to Easements and Restrictions of record.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: January 29, 2004

LEGAL NOTICE

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLANT
REHABILITATION DISTRICT FOR A FACILITY
OWNED BY DEMATTIA GROUP AND LEASED
TO JOHNSON CONTROLS PUBLIC HEARING -
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2004**

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MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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**Canton Police
Public Auction at
Budget Towing
876 Railroad, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
February 05th, 2004
09:00 AM**

1997 Chrysler, 2C3HD56F0VH517418
1992 Dodge, 1B3XP64K3NN233472
1990 Nissan, JN1HS36POLW128763
1993 Chevrolet, 1G1JC1448P7221144
1991 GEO, 2CNBE18U6M6921459
1989 Pontiac, 1G2NE14D3KC637805

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**Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -
January 20, 2004**

A regular study session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, January 20, 2004 at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Shefferly, Burdick, Kirchgatter, Yack, Zarbo, McLaughlin. Members Absent: Bennett. Staff Present: Director Santomauro. Also Present: Thomas Wackerman, President of Applied Science & Technology, Inc. (ASTI). Adoption of Agenda Motion by Kirchgatter, seconded by Zarbo to approve the agenda. Motion carried by members present.

ITEM 1: DISCUSSION ON HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. Mr. Wackerman stated that this plan is to evaluate the general hazards in the community and summarize the risks and then brainstorm as to the solutions. Mr. Wackerman stated that the Township of Canton would be the first in the state to initiate this plan. This plan would be in place, in accordance with FEMA and the State Police, and we would be parallel with Wayne county in case of a hazardous emergency.

ITEM 2: DISCUSSION PUBLIC SAFETY NATIONAL ACCREDITATION. Director Santomauro indicated that this accreditation is with the Commission for Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). There are 444 rigid standards that will need to be met and maintained to receive accreditation. Re-accreditation is every three (3) years to verify standards are being continuously met, and accountability to the citizens it serves. It has been proven that with this accreditation communities have had 17% fewer lawsuits and 1/3 less financial payouts. The cost of this program will be \$10,000-\$15,000 and will take 2 to 3 years to receive accreditation.

ITEM 3: DISCUSSION CANTON ORGANIZATIONAL 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN Director Santomauro presented a powerpoint presentation with the points of interest indicating why we need a organizational 5 year strategic plan and how it is a guide for the organization in staffing, organizational structure, capital, and factors in economic and demographics that effect the plan. Motion by Yack, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn the study session at: 8:45 p.m. Motion carried by members present.

- Thomas J. Yack - Supervisor / Terry G. Bennett -Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board approval.

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REHABILITATION DISTRICT
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MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: January 29, 2004



**PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2004
7:00 PM
(734) 453-1234**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR:
SPECIAL USE AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL
SP 04-01 Dog Day Care of Plymouth
673 S. Main Street
ZONED: B-1, Local Business
APPLICANT: Royal Palm Enterprises, L.L.C./
Nancy Janoch**

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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

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GYMNASTICS RESULTS

FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL

Jan. 24 at Farmington Training Center
TEAM SCORES: 1. Tri-Farmington, 147.65; 2. Northville-Nov 144.4; 3. Portage, 143.225; 4. Livonia Unified, 142.6; 5. Brighton, 141.8; 6. Salem, 135.95; 7. St. Johns, 131.1; 8. Fraser, 130.75.

DIVISION 1 RESULTS

VAULT: 1. Shannon Jodoin (TF), 9.5; 2. Cynthia Hughes (P), 9.35; 3. Andrea Pisani (LU) and Emma Platt (NN), 9.1; 5. (tie) Sara Wilchowski (NN) and Kelly Patrick (TF), Nicole Bastein (B) and Sarah Tomkovich (TF), 9.06; 9. Caitlin McPherson (TF), 9.0; 10. Alicia Fedrigo (LU).

BARS: 1. Cynthia Hughes (P), 9.6; 2. Sara Wilchowski (NN), 9.35; 3. Lindsey Reed (LU), 9.25; 4. Shannon Jodoin (TF), 9.2; 5. Kacy Risner (LU), 9.0; 6. Sarah Bugosh (PS), 8.95; 7. Kelly Patrick (TF), 8.9; 8. Sarah Tomkovich (TF), 8.8; 9. (tie) Sarah Houchins (TF) and Andrea Pisani (LU), 8.65.

BEAM: 1. Shannon Jodoin (TF), 9.5; 2. (tie) Sara Wilchowski (NN) and Kelly Patrick (TF), 9.45; 4. Katie Carlson (B), 9.1; 5. Caitlin McPherson (TF), 9.05; 6. Sarah Houchins (TF), 8.95; 7. Nicole Drouillard (B), 8.85; 8. Nicole Bastein (B), 8.8; 9. Cynthia Hughes (P), 8.7; 10. Kacy Risner (LU), 8.6.

FLOOR: 1. Shannon Jodoin (TF), 9.7; 2. Sarah Houchins (TF), 9.575; 3. Kelly Patrick (TF), 9.55; 4. Nicole Drouillard (B), 9.5; 5. Sara Wilchowski (NN), 9.35; 6. Nicole Bastein (B), 9.3; 7. Lindsey Reed (LU), 9.25; 8. Andrea Pisani (LU), 9.05; 9. Cynthia Hughes (P), 8.975; 10. (tie) Katie Carlson (B) and Jenna Benoit (TF), 8.65.

ALL-AROUND: 1. Shannon Jodoin (TF), 37.90; 2. Sara Wilchowski (NN), 37.20; 3. Kelly Patrick (TF), 36.95; 4. Cynthia Hughes (P), 36.625; 5. Sarah Houchins (TF), 35.825; 6. Nicole Bastein (B), 35.70; 7. Lindsey Reed (LU), 35.45; 8. Nicole Drouillard (B), 35.15; 9. Andrea Pisani (LU), 35.10; 10. Katie Carlson (B), 34.55.

DIVISION 2 RESULTS

VAULT: 1. Alyse Supplee (LU), 9.2; 2. Katie Hicks (P), 9.2; 3. Laura Merrell (TF), 9.15; 4. Lauren Dilullo (B), 9.1; 5. Julie Foucher (NN), 9.05; 6. (tie) Kristen Lowery (P) and Jessica Concannon (B), 9.0; 8. (tie) Megan Wallen (NN), Emily Nelson (SJ), Samantha Sherry (TF) and Marcie Fink (NN), 8.9.

BARS: 1. Kristen Lowery (P), 9.4; 2. Elena Geuroguiev (PS), 9.2; 3. Alyse Quinn (TF), 9.1; 4. Maggie Mills (NN), 9.05; 5. Emily Nelson (SJ), 8.9; 6. Katie Hicks (P), 8.85; 7. (tie) Samantha Sherry (TF) and Sarah Ikhan-Pour (NN), 8.8; 9. (tie) Lauren Dilullo (B) and Alyssa Supplee (LU), 8.5.

BEAM: 1. (tie) Katie Hicks (P) and Rachel Deneau (NN), 9.2; 3. (tie) Maggie Mills (NN), Lauren Dilullo (B) and Lisa Thompson (LU), 9.0; 6. Ashley Ponder (F), 8.95; 7. (tie) Emily Nelson (SJ) and Elana Geuroguiev (PS), 8.9; 9. (tie) Alyse Quinn (TF), Dayna Warheit (TF) and Stephanie Nixon (P), 8.8.

FLOOR: 1. Alyse Quinn (TF), 9.275; 2. Lauren Dilullo (B), 9.25; 3. (tie) Dayna Warheit (TF) and Rachel Deneau (NN), 9.2; 5. Maggie Mills (NN), 9.15; 6. Paige Albers (LU), 9.1; 7. Katie Hicks (P), 9.05; 8. Emily Nelson (SJ), 9.0; 9. Kristen Lowery (P), 8.95; 10. (tie) Ashley Ponder (F), Lisa Thompson (LU) and Trish Brownfield (NN), 8.85.

ALL-AROUND: 1. Katie Hicks (P), 36.30; 2. Maggie Mills (NN), 36.00; 3. Lauren Dilullo (B), 35.85; 4. Kristen Lowery (P), 35.80; 5. Emily Nelson (SJ), 35.70; 6. Elana Geuroguiev (PS), 35.25; 7. Alyssa Supplee (LU), 35.20; 8. Julie Foucher (NN), 34.60; 9. Ashley Ponder (F), 34.40; 10. Allie Vraniak (PS), 33.50.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SOCCER REGISTRATION

■ The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking spring youth soccer registration during business hours (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) throughout January at the recreation office, located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer.

All first-time registrants must provide proof of birth date. The fee for under-six through under-eight divisions \$60 for city of Plymouth residents and \$85 for non-residents; for under-nine and older divisions, the fee is \$65 for city of Plymouth residents and \$95 for non-residents.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620, or check the Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

■ The Canton Soccer Club is currently accepting registrations for the spring season. Registration forms may be obtained either on-line at www.cantonsoccerclub.com or at the club office, located at High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan in Canton. Office hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Registration fees for under-five division players is \$50; for under-six through under-eight division players, the fee is \$65 for Canton residents and \$90 for non-residents; for under-nine through under-19 divisions, the fee is \$100 for residents and \$125 for non-residents.

Registration closes March 1. Registration form, copy of birth certificate and payment may be mailed to: Canton Soccer Club, P.O. Box 87244, Canton, MI 48187. For more information, call (734) 480-7046.

JERSEY RAFFLE

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

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from St. Agatha athletic director Tim Sweeney at (248) 722-4036 or by e-mailing Jim Reed at original6@comcast.net.

The drawing will take place on Feb. 21. The winner need not be present to win.

SOFTBALL PLAYERS

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

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

RUNNING WORKSHOP

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will sponsor a Running Symposium from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

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

Peter Galea, doctor of podiatry medicine, St. Mary Mercy Hospital Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department physical therapists, and representatives from Running Fit will be speaking.

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

SKATING LESSONS

Basic skills classes in skating are being offered by the city of Plymouth Recreation Department now through March 13. These classes range from beginning to advanced freestyle skating. Each class is 25 minutes, with an additional 25 minutes for practice either before or after the lesson (depending on ice scheduling).

Cost is \$70 for city of Plymouth residents, \$90 for non-residents. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation office at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 304, or check out the Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

SWIM RESULTS

ANN ARBOR PIONEER, LIVONIA STEVENSON, SALEM DOUBLE-DUAL Jan. 24 at Pioneer

Dual-meet scores: Pioneer 118, Stevenson 68; Pioneer 134, Salem 52; Stevenson 118, Salem 68.

Event results

200-yard medley relay: 1. Stevenson (Garrett Baringhaus, David Gosdzinski, Steve Helewski, Matt Massman), 1:45.68; 2. Pioneer (Michael Bolling, Craig Pfister, Kevan Whelan, Jason Hitchcock), 1:45.89; 3. Salem (Matt Jurcak, Casey Johnson, Nick Dixon, Michael Higgs), 1:46.76.

200 freestyle: 1. David Curtis (AAP), 1:47.98; 2. Wade Engers (AAP), 1:48.95; 3. Jurcak (S), 1:55.03; 4. Devin Talbot (AAP), 1:56.52; 5. Jeff Pauza (LS), 1:56.66; 6. Andrew Schoff (LS), 1:57.77.

200 individual medley: 1. Sho Koba (AAP), 1:59.24; 2. Dixon (S), 2:02.39; 3. Chris Buck (AAP), 2:11.58; 4. Jason Anderson (LS), 2:15.19; 5. Chris Brown (LS), 2:17.33; 6. Bill Richardson (AAP), 2:17.43.

50 freestyle: 1. Helewski (LS), 23.33; 2. Robert Steele (AAP), 23.34; 3. Ryan Gardner (AAP), 23.44; 4. Jason Hass (AAP), 23.53; 5. Higgs (S), 24.25; 6. Massman (LS), 24.44.

Diving: 1. Jon Ellis (AAP), 223.20 points; 2. Alex Gauvin (AAP), 209.00; 3. Ken Stafford (LS), 200.45; 4. Russ Bomschein (AAP), 192.75; 5. Andrew Murawski (S), 181.50; 6. Aaron Harburg (AAP), 165.75.

100 butterfly: 1. Baringhaus (LS), 55.71; 2. Hass (AAP), 55.90; 3. Steve Bruestle (LS), 56.10; 4. Whelan (AAP), 57.57; 5. Johnson (S), 1:02.23; 6. Michael Zang (AAP), 1:04.35.

100 freestyle: 1. Dustin Hennigar (AAP), 50.41; 2. Curtis (AAP), 50.71; 3. Helewski (LS), 51.82; 4. Penn Chou (S), 52.88; 5. Schoff (LS), 53.38; 6. Brendan Cummings (LS), 53.42.

500 freestyle: 1. Nick Dixon (S), 4:56.76; 2. Steele (AAP), 4:58.18; 3. Engers (AAP), 5:00.39; 4. Baringhaus (LS), 5:04.52; 5. Buck (AAP), 5:15.08; 6. Brown (LS), 5:24.57.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer (Hennigar, Pfister, Koba, Whelan), 1:30.72; 2. Stevenson (Helewski, Cummings, Steve Bruestle, Massman), 1:34.15; 3. Pioneer (Ben Swanson, Talbot, Eric Parker, Jason Hitchcock), 1:37.82.

100 backstroke: 1. Jurcak (S), 58.43; 2. Bolling (AAP), 58.61; 3. Pauza (LS), 1:00.42; 4. Buck (AAP), 1:00.67; 5. Adam Whalen (LS), 1:01.79; 6. Mark Duster (AAP), 1:04.99.

100 breaststroke: 1. Pfister (AAP), 1:04.54; 2. Anderson (LS), 1:06.44; 3. Patrick Whitehead (AAP), 1:06.83; 4. Gosdzinski (LS), 1:07.02; 5. Johnson (S), 1:07.11; 6. Chou (S), 1:08.50.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Pioneer (Koba, Hennigar, Curtis, Engers), 3:21.15; 2. Stevenson (Baringhaus, Schoff, Massman, Cummings), 3:32.71; 3. Salem (Dixon, Bill Horgan, Jurcak, Chou), 3:32.79.

COACHES WANTED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ Livonia Clarenceville is seeking a junior varsity boys soccer coach for the upcoming season.

Those interested should call athletic director Tim Wilson at (248) 473-8926 or varsity coach Cassandra Gray at (734) 564-0993.

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Newspaper-In-Education

Activity Column

February 1st is Robinson Crusoe Day. Find out about the real Robinson Crusoe, Alexander Selkirk, by reading about him. What would you miss most if you were stranded on a deserted island with no electricity, running water, etc?

Monday, February 2nd is Groundhog Day. Why do you think that a groundhog was chosen to check the weather? Do some research to find out. Research the weather on February 2nd from the past five years in Detroit to see if the Groundhog's predictions have been true in Michigan.

Two hundred years ago, life expectancy in the world was 37 years. What is the average life expectancy in the world today? Research and list the factors present in 1804 that caused people to die at such an early age. Consult reference materials and the Observer & Eccentric (including the obituaries) to determine the risks to health and longevity today. Compare and discuss.

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Whalers blast No. 1 Knights

Friday's loss at London was tough to take for the Plymouth Whalers. Their games Saturday and Sunday, however, made up for it.

The Knights entered the weekend as the Ontario Hockey League's best team. The Whalers, second in the OHL's West Division (London is first in the Midwest Division), played the Knights tough on Friday, losing 3-2 in London.

On Saturday, it was London's turn to be the visitor as they met Plymouth at Compuware Arena. In front of a standing-room only crowd of 3,679, the Whalers stuck it to the Knights, building a 5-0 lead before settling for a 6-4 victory.

On Sunday Plymouth was on the road again, playing its third game in as many days, this time traveling to Saginaw. It wasn't easy, but the Whalers managed to pull out a 3-2 victory.

OHL HOCKEY

The two wins gave them a 22-15-8-3 record and 55 points, one behind West Division leader Sarnia. Through the weekend London was 34-9-2-2 with 72 points, one more than division rival Guelph. Saginaw slipped to 12-32-2-3 (29 points).

In the win over the Knights, specialty teams proved essential. London entered the game leading the OHL in both power-play conversions and penalty killing, but Plymouth did a creditable job shutting the Knights' power play down (they were 2-of-7) while scoring on three of its four chances.

Jonas Fiedler, who led the Whalers with two goals, got them going late in the first period. John Mitchell and James

Wisniewski (from Canton), who had two assists apiece in the game, assisted.

The second period was a nightmare for the Knights. The Whalers scored four times in the 20-minute span, John Vigilante collecting his 20th of the season and Fiedler netting his second of the game, with Gino Pisellini and Sean Thompson getting goals in between.

The scores by Vigilante, Pisellini and Fiedler all came on the power play.

The Knights did manage to regain some momentum with a power-play goal by Corey Perry with :44 left in the period.

They added to it in the opening 12:36 of the third period, Rob Schremp scoring twice (the first on the power play) and David Bolland making it a one-goal game with 7:24 still to play. Rane Carnegie ended

London's comeback hopes, however, forcing a turnover in the Knights' end and scoring unassisted with 4:16 left to push Plymouth's lead to 6-4.

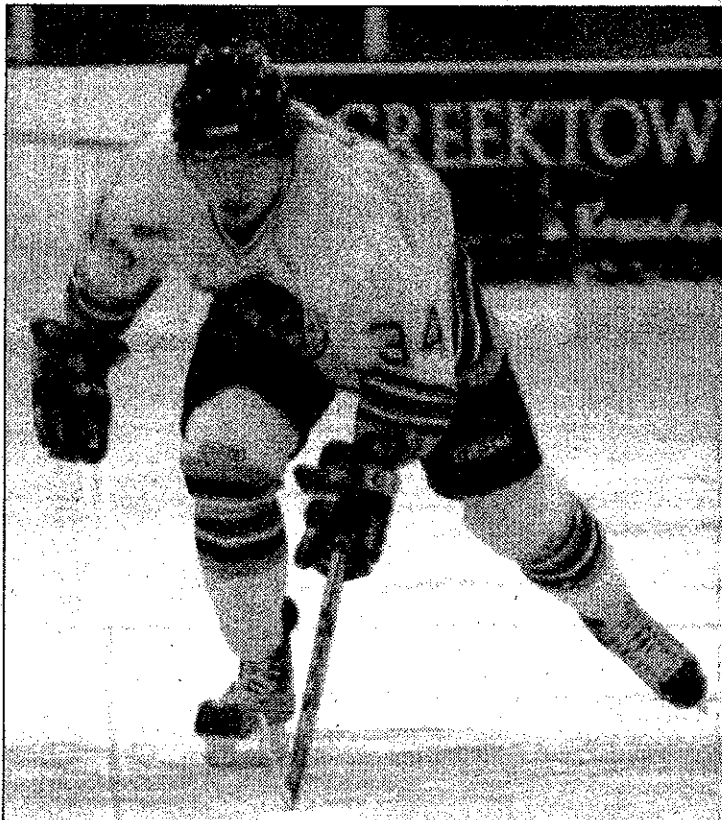
Paul Drew made 30 saves in goal for the Whalers, who also got two assists from Ryan Ramsey. Gerald Coleman had 22 stops for London.

At Saginaw on Sunday, Plymouth got two goals and an assist from Mitchell to earn the win. Fiedler also had a goal and Vigilante collected two assists.

Taylor Raszka and Justin McCutcheon each scored goals for Saginaw.

The Whalers broke a 1-1 tie with Mitchell's second power-play goal of the game 0:26 into the second period. They made it 3-1 on Fiedler's score 4:47 into the third period.

Ryan Nie had 32 saves in goal for Plymouth. Eric Pfiffiger had 20 saves for the Spirit.



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Jonas Fiedler provided the offensive spark the Whalers needed against London, scoring two goals.



Tiffany Grubaugh
Wildcat leader

GRUBAUGH

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Grubaugh's role in the Wildcats' surge is undeniable. She was named conference Player of the Week after riddling Findlay for 30 points (on 12-of-14 shooting) and six assists in a 77-51 NMU victory Jan. 19, followed by a 26-point, four-rebound effort in the win over Ashland. It was the second time this season she earned the honor.

Again, she'll take little of the acclaim.

"It helps to have teammates like mine," she said. "It brings out my game. We're confident in each other, and that's a huge change from last year. Now if we're down in a game, we come together and go do it instead of just talking about it."

Statistics show that Grubaugh is a major reason the Wildcats are getting it done this season. If she was defining her role in her first season as a Wildcat last year, this year she's found it.

At week's end, Grubaugh was second in the GLIAC in scoring, averaging 20.5 points a game. She was also second in the conference in 3-point shooting percentage (43.0 percent) and 3-pointers per game (2.69), fourth in assists (4.62), eighth in steals (2.19), 12th in free-throw shooting (80.3 percent) and 16th in rebounding (5.7).

Nice, but they mean little to Grubaugh without the 'W.' "We just focus on getting the win," she said.

And how does she think she's helped her team the most? Never mind her improved shooting accuracy (she's making 48.3 percent of her floor shots, which is outstanding for a guard) or that she's scoring an average of five more points a game.

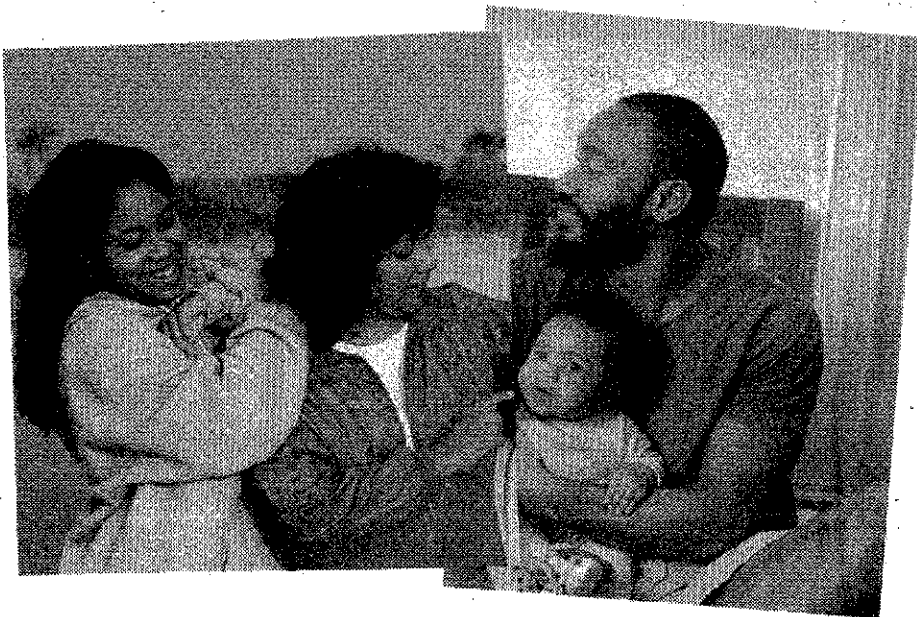
"The thing I've improved upon is my rebounding," she said. "Our team is kind of small, so I really wanted to do that better."

She is. She has also become the player her teammates look for — and why not, with her scoring ability?

Not that Grubaugh will come out and admit it. "There's no real individualism on the team," she said in answer to a question regarding her leadership role. "I know that in certain situations they look to me."

And she's come through. The numbers show it — those in the 'W' column.

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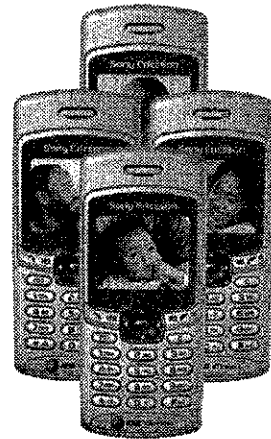
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Flowering show

District 1 of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, which includes many of the garden clubs in southeast Michigan, will present a standard flower show at the Pontiac Silverdome Thursday-Sunday, March 4-7.

The theme of the show will be *Broadway*, depicting the joys, sorrows, music and triumph of the Broadway stage.



Judged floral designs, horticulture and artistic crafts depicting the theme will be on display during the show, which is part of the Michigan Home and Garden Show.

Also included will be educational exhibits and a special section for judged youth exhibits.

Put on a mitt

If you've been plagued by faucets that have rusted or corroded into position, now you can do more than just blow off steam.

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In fashion

The Michigan School of Gardening announces the availability of sweat shirts, T-shirts, denim shirts, jackets, hats and other apparel that proudly bear the Michigan School of Gardening logo.

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Sunday! Sunday!



Crowds are expected to walk through the Novi Home Improvement Show, which begins Friday and continues through Sunday at the Novi Expo Center.

Winter is a good time to visit home shows

Are you thinking about a remodeling project or a back yard improvement to be completed this summer? Have the winter blahs got you moving a bit slower and you just want to get out, walk around and free your imagination a little?

Go to a home show. Wintertime brings out the home improvement and remodeling contractors and business owners who set up displays of their work with hopes of drumming up business and scheduling customers for spring and summer projects.

Starting Friday, the Novi Home Improvement Show kicks off the home show schedule. The Novi show runs through Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Novi Expo Center, just west of Novi Road and south of I-96.

The show is presented by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and presenting sponsor Standard Federal Bank. This weekend begins several weekends of home shows. (See related chart).

The 12th Annual Novi Home Improvement Show features more than 350 exhibitors displaying the latest technology, products and services for kitchens, baths, windows, doors, spas, remodeling, interior design, home offices, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

The Novi Show offers an amazing array of home improvement items, said Stuart Michaelson, president of BIA and Windmill Group of Farmington Hills.

"Not only is every conceivable item for the home represented here, but dozens of the area's top contractors are also

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: 12th Annual Novi Home Improvement Show, featuring over 300 exhibitors offering the latest products and services for the home, presented by The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and presenting sponsor Standard Federal Bank.

WHEN: Noon-9 p.m., Friday, Jan. 30; 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 31; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 1

WHERE: Novi Expo Center, located at I-96 and Novi Road

COST: Adults, \$7; seniors, \$6; children under 12 will be admitted free.

FEATURES: The latest technology, products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, remodeling, furniture, arts and crafts, home office, decorative accessories, spas, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

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OTHER SHOWS: Other home shows have been scheduled, including the 3rd Annual Palace Home Improvement Show at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Feb. 6-8; Detroit's Ford Field Home & Garden Show, Feb. 19-22; the Macomb Home Improvement Show at the Macomb Sports and Expo Center, Feb. 27-29; the Michigan Home & Garden Show at the Pontiac Silverdome, March 4-7; the Downriver Home Improvement Show at the Taylor Sportsplex, March 5-7; and the Spring Home and Garden Show at the Novi Expo Center, April 2-4. For information on these shows, visit www.builders.org, www.FordFieldHomeShow.com or www.SilverdomeHomeShow.com

on hand to answer consumer questions."

Craig Walker, store manager of Walter's Home Appliance in Canton, believes the shows help companies

promote new products. Walker said his company will be pushing the new front-loading washers and dryers at the Novi show. "You bring them out where the masses of people can see them," Walker said. "We bring out those products to let people know what we have."

Walker believes the shows are growing in popularity, remembering a home show in Canton last year. "The response is tremendous," Walker said. "It's a great place to go to look at hot tubs or windows and look for things to improve your home."

"People have been all cooped up, so they are thinking about that. If you had these shows during the summer, I don't think you'd have the crowds, because people have so much going on."

Broadcasting at the home show are *Observer & Eccentric* columnist Joe Gagnon, who also hosts WXYT's Ask the Handyman, and WJR's Murray Gula.

Appearing at the show is Chef J. Warren, who will demonstrate healthy cooking, including "The Low-Carb Lifestyle" and the "30 Minute Gourmet." The Certified Angus Beef Council is the official sponsor of the cooking stage at the Novi Home Improvement Show. The Certified Angus Beef Council will give a cooking demonstration. Other show highlights include the House of Nails contest, in which someone can win \$10,000 in custom windows from Wallside Windows, advice, ideas and innovations on home repair and remodeling and a Treasure Chest contest with daily prizes. For more information on the show, call (248) 862-1019 or visit www.builders.org.

Kitty Bartholomew to discuss antiques

Take a new look at antiques - whether they are family pieces or recently found objects.

That could summarize the message Kitty Bartholomew, the genial host of HGTV's *Kitty Bartholomew: You're Home*, will deliver in

Birmingham Wednesday, Feb. 11, at a pre-event luncheon for the 14th annual Community House Antiques Festival.



Bartholomew

Bartholomew will talk about shopping for, decorating with and displaying antiques.

She'll have a special focus on antique silver.

"When I say antiques, the

traditional (thought) is something that's 100 years old or more," she said in a recent phone interview from Los Angeles.

But she means to encourage people to use "things ... that are less than 100 years old, whether they've been in the family - old plates to books - or get them out and start training their eye."

Decor isn't just things that are brand new, Bartholomew says. And don't hesitate to take these items out - silver pieces, plates, pedestals - and use them.

Bartholomew, who has been *You're Home* host for eight years, has ties to the Detroit area.

Born in Detroit and raised in Grosse Ile, she attended the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grosse Pointe and graduated from Michigan State University.

Her father went to Cranbrook.

Bartholomew was the resident interior designer and decorating correspondent for one of the original home decor programs, ABC-TV's *Home Show*, for six years.

She has also frequently appeared on the *Oprah*

Winfrey Show, is a sought-after contributor to many popular decorating magazines and books, and is a field reporter for *Willard Scott's Home & Garden Almanac* on HGTV. *Kitty Bartholomew: You're Home* is among HGTV's longest-running shows.

Current trends or changes Bartholomew has seen include the outdoor room, she said.

Even apartment dwellers can arrange an outdoor space with table and chairs, and such vertical elements as risers.

Bartholomew's philosophy is that it's not what you don't have, it's what you do with what you do have. She follows this at her actual home.

"I love using things that are older, not necessarily antiques," she said.

"I don't have too many things that are brand new."

Now she is working on a book, *Kitty Bartholomew's Decorating ABCs: Affordable, Beautiful and Comfortable Decor for Real People Living With Real Budgets*.

Like her program, it will inspire homeowners to approach decorating their homes in creative rather than expensive ways.

Topics to be featured in the book, written with Kathy Price-Robinson, are: getting started; walls, ceilings and moldings; floors and patios; lighting; windows and doors; wood and upholstered furniture; accessories; pulling the house together; exteriors; and flea market shopping.

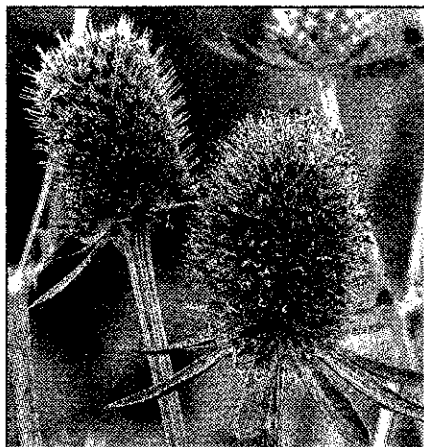
Writing a book is a new experience for Bartholomew, but she approaches it with the same creativity and industriousness seen on *You're Home*: working on projects while she dictates.

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New to the garden

Jackson & Perkins introduces nearly three dozen new perennials in its 2004 spring catalog. Among the plants are deer-resistant, drought-tolerant and winter-blooming varieties.

The new perennials include the three shown here: Sea Holly 'Hellas' (*Eryngium planum*), Helleborus 'Pink Lady' (*Helleborus orientalis* hybrid) and Viola 'Etain' (*Viola* hybrid).

The sea holly's flamboyant blue globes bloom in summer and provide textural interest through fall. The prickly plant is resistant to deer, drought tolerant and an excellent addition to floral arrangements. It will reach 3 feet high and 18 to 24 inches wide, and is shipped bareroot. Cost is three plants for \$19.95, six for \$36.95.



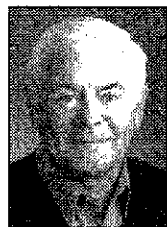
The helleborus blooms from winter to spring with an unusually intense color, and spreads lush, ground-covering foliage over the bare landscape. It prefers partial to full shade and grows 20 inches high and 20 inches wide. It is shipped bareroot. Cost is three plants for \$36.95, six for \$66.95.

Butterflies are attracted to the viola, an intense, sweetly fragrant plant with striking color. It provides color from spring to fall, and its evergreen foliage maintains interest in the garden year-round. It is shipped in 2-1/2-inch pots. Cost is three plants for \$14.95, six for \$27.95. To order these plants, or to receive the new Jackson & Perkins catalog, call (800) 292-4769 or visit www.jacksonandperkins.com.

You can fix that leaky washer yourself

Pets owners say the darnedest things

Once again, it's time to respond to e-mails I've recently received. Matthew asked how to resolve a leak in his 8-year-old Whirlpool washer. "The water drips from under the front edge of the cabinet and continues for a while after the end of the cycle. Is it likely the pump? How hard is it to replace and is it worth it?"



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

"Do I need any parts other than the pump? How about special tools?" Matthew, that's a whole bunch of questions for such a little problem and no, you do not need special tools for this one. Bring a screwdriver, a Phillips screwdriver and a pair of pliers along with two band-aids. Whirlpool washers represent the majority in America's laundry rooms because they are also sold under the Kenmore brand name through Sears. They are a good washing machine at what I consider a good value for the fair price, but they have always had a high pump replacement, even going back to the days of the belt-driven machine. This machine happens to be a direct-drive design. Whirlpool no longer uses a belt in this model. I think you are

correct in the assumption that the pump is leaking but let's make sure by taking a look at it. Try as people might, the back panel cannot be removed. Even attempting it can be a problem. Millions of homeowners owned the old belt-driven machines, and yes, the back did come off of these models, but not this latest one! Take a look at the console area and under the edge on each side you will see a Phillips screw. Remove these screws, lift the console up a little and you will see two shiny clips which pop out easily with a screwdriver. There are two plastic wire harnesses which you will unplug and now you're ready to remove the whole casing. Grab the back portion of the cabinet, lift it up and towards you and you will be amazed that the whole cabinet, sides, front and top came away from the machine. Step back and take a look at how simple it was to get to the pump and all the other components. Before you attack the pump, let's have a look at all hose connections leading to the pump and any bleach or dispenser hoses going up the side of the cabinet. A leak usually leaves a white or gray trace mark at its origin. Proceed next to the pump (which is right there in the front) and you'll see hoses connecting to it. Remove the clips on the front of the pump. You can take the pump, hoses connected and move it off the motor shaft. The leak is usually found where the shaft of the

motor entered the pump. It will be obvious that the leak is where the shaft enters into the bearing of the pump. Disconnect the hose clamps, remove the pump and replace it with one from your local appliance repair center. Take the pump with you or write down the model number of the washer. You should expect to pay a retail price of less than \$50. (You may want to make a few phone calls to shop the price of said pump because some charge different prices.) It is important that you ask how long the warranty lasts with a new pump. When you are installing the new pump, you should clean the shaft of the motor with some very fine emery cloth. Place a dab of vaseline on that shaft and it will help with any corrosion factor. Replace the hoses, making sure the clamps fit tight, and reverse the procedure of replacing the cabinet. Slide the washer back into position, level it properly using a level, check the fill hoses for corrosion at the couplers and ask your significant other for a basket of dirty clothes you can wash to check out your repair job. Matthew, by fixing it yourself, you saved yourself \$100 in the process. Take your better half out for dinner and blame it on me. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WKYF-1270. He is a member of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. Contact him at (248) 455-7281.

I try to write a topical and witty column, hoping to discuss issues of the day, to demonstrate how to make life better, or introduce ideas readers may not have thought about. Today I will review in this column what I've heard over the past few months. Invariably people send e-mails or drop by the clinic with comments telling me how much they enjoyed it. While these statements can be pretty funny, I want to make sure everyone knows I am not making fun of the speaker. They just became a little tongue tied, or confused, and said something in an amusing fashion. At least I hope they are amusing. I'd miss the e-mails and comments. A few are conversations, such as after I told a client to dose a drug every twelve hours, he asked "Should I give it every morning and evening, or every morning and night?" Not all malaprops belong to clients. Mark Honas, one of my co-hosts on the radio show, proclaimed on air that our next caller was from "Skin City, New York." Certainly a unique pronunciation of Schenectady. Hope you enjoy them, and remember, it's all in fun. "Boy, it's really clearing up outside! I didn't think it would



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

get sunny until tonight." "They usually get along, but today they got into a little spout." "He had a cardiac removed from his left eye." "Could what my dog has be transparent to my cats?" "When he came in, I could tell he was really muffed at us." "You should be in the Circus Ole!" "I'm not worried...I just want to be precautious." "It's just him and the girls...his own little regime!" "At the barbecue he ate a couple of brachs worth." "First I thought eating grass was the problem, but it was just a dead herring." "Are you just an animal hospital or do you also see dogs and cats?" "His fur is furry." "Neutering is for dogs, spaying is for girls." "I own a congo down in Florida." "I palpitated the leg, but I don't feel anything abnormal." "I don't want to sound crash, but..."

"Which would be worse, if it's fractured or if it's broken?" "With her nails painted like that she looks like a Charlotte!" "Oops...I'm all fingers today!" "I don't want to compose on you, but..." "He's having more and more trouble walking. I don't want him to end up as a vegetarian." "I've never seen a smell like it!" "He's walking like he has ginger on his leg." (Yes, he meant gingerly) "He was a hunter who shot two polar bears while in Africa." "He was playing with my Welsh Corky." "And my favorite from a phone call: "Do you do podiatry?" "I guess we do, kind of, yes." "Good...my dog is pregnant and I want to find out which dog's the father." Have a very happy 2004!

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Now is the time to tackle postponed projects

If you plan to entertain this winter, now is a great time to catch up on some interior home improvements. The following tips will assist you in making your home ready for guests, parties and family pictures: ■ Repair squeaky floors. With the amount of traffic that can go through your home, squeaky floors can quickly become an annoying problem. If you have access to the underside of the floor, you can easily fix this problem with Liquid Nails Adhesive for Subfloors and Decks. First, find the floor joist immediately under the area with the floor noise. Take a piece of lumber (1- by 2-inches

or larger) and apply a bead of adhesive to each of the two adjacent sides. Then, take the lumber and press it into place against the floor and the joist. Fasten into place using a deck screw. When inserting the screws, do so at an upward angle into the joist to draw the board or cleat tight against the subfloor above. ■ Dine in elegance. For a picture-perfect home you'd be proud to entertain in, spruce up your dining room by adding crown molding, chair railing or even a chandelier medallion. Apply Liquid Nails Heavy Duty & Remodeling Construction Adhesive to the molding and affix to the wall. Construction adhesive provides

a durable and impact-resistant bond and reduces the overall quantity of nails or screws. ■ Give your room character. Adding architectural columns to an open room provides a visual break in a wide opening and brings focus into the room. Ready-made indoor columns can cost over \$200 per column, but with some PVC pipe, wood blocks, textured wallpaper, paint and Liquid Nails Projects & Construction Adhesive, you can build your own columns for about half the cost. For detailed instructions on the mentioned projects, log on to www.liquidnails.com to receive a free issue of the "Hands-on Home Guide."

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Consumer Electronics Show reveals gadgets galore for 2004

A keyboard that isn't there. A portable video player for \$99. A TV that prints digital photos.

These were among the whiz-bang items on display at the 2004 Consumer

Electronics Show, the world's largest gathering of geeks and gadget lovers. I was, needless to say, right at home.

One of the best things I saw at CES wasn't even a product, but rather a service. It's called Mailblocks,

and it's the most promising anti-spam solution I've seen yet.

It employs a challenge/response system, meaning no e-mail gets through unless it's authorized. This gives you bulletproof protection against spammers, though it does create a slight hassle for legitimate senders.

I'll put Mailblocks through the ringer and report back in a future column.

In the meantime, you can try the service yourself (www.mailblocks.com) with a free, ad-supported account.

Or pay just \$10 per year for an ad-free account.

I didn't find anything else at CES nearly that cheap.

In fact, if I had \$3,500 to spare, I'd give serious consideration to Epson's Livingstation

(www.epson.com), the company's first foray into the television market. This HDTV LCD projection TV, available next month with 47- and 57-inch screens, has memory-card

slots for viewing photos taken with your digital camera.

And because it's from Epson, the Livingstation includes a built-in (and nicely hidden away) color printer that churns out 4-by-6-inch glossies. It even comes with an external CD burner for archiving your photos.

Speaking of photos, Sony (www.sonystyle.com) made my heart palpitate with the Cyber-shot DSC-T1, a 5-megapixel digital camera

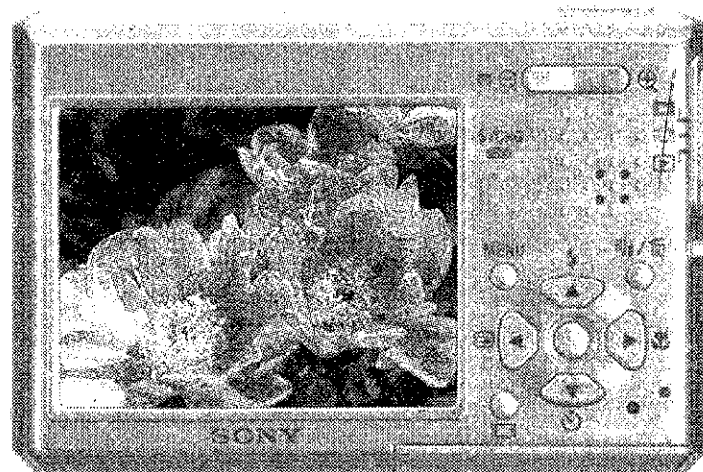
that's thinner than a deck of cards. Despite its size, it sports a 2.5-inch viewscreen (much larger than most) and a 3X optical zoom.

Sony also unveiled a home theater system with wireless speakers. Finally!

Altec Lansing (www.alteclansing.com) previewed its own wireless speaker system, this one intended for desktop computers and game consoles.

Good riddance, wires!

And good riddance, keyboards! Well, almost. The iBIZ Virtual Keyboard (www.ibizcorp.com) connects to a PDA or PC and projects a laser



Sony's amazing Cyber-shot DSC-T1 fits in a shirt pocket but takes 5-megapixel photos and features a 3X optical zoom.

image of a keyboard on any flat surface. You're effectively typing on light.

This is one of those see-it-to-believe-it gadgets. I saw it, and it's just as cool as it sounds. However, it didn't work too well - the company needs to iron out some glitches in the software.

Finally, we come to my favorite gadget from CES - the ZVUE (www.zvue.com).

This handheld wonder is not only an MP3 player, but a video player and photo viewer as well. It has a color screen, a slot for SD memory cards, and an impulse-buy price: \$99.

I think this thing could be huge, provided the fledgling company offers an easy and affordable way to buy videos. We'll have to wait and see.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, has written for computer and technology magazines, and is a co-author of several books on hand-held computing. Readers who have questions for Broida can e-mail him at rickbroida@excite.com

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Here are some pointers to help you get good winter photographs:

■ Sun or very bright snow can cause flare in your shots. Always use a lens hood.

■ Back or side lighting give dramatic effects. Your pictures will capture the sparkle of sunlight on and reveal textures and patterns not obtainable from direct, overhead light.

■ On a blue sky day, use a polarizing filter. The sky's blue hues will darken for added impact. For you black and white shooters, try a red filter to obtain a much more dramatic sky.

■ The abundance of white areas in winter scenes can fool your meter which is always calibrated to read "grey." Open up a stop or two, and you'll get much better exposures.

■ For a special effect in color, try using tungsten balanced slide film outdoors without the correction filter.

What will happen is that your pictures will pick up a romantic blue tint that can be quite unusual.

Keep your vision tuned for close-up possibilities. Frost patterns on a window, sun shimmering on an icicle, or snow delicately etching a tree branch will all reward you with a fine shot.

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It was below zero but well worth the discomfort to get this dramatic ice-covered shot of Bond Falls in the western Upper Peninsula.

Capture winter's beauty and mood

Don't let cold weather keep you indoors this winter. Winter scenes are distinct, beautiful, and have a mood all their own. Quite often, ordinary scenes in the summer take on a totally new dimension in winter light. The minor discomfort you might encounter in the cold air is more than worth the picture possibilities that await you. Bundle up both you and



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

Begin by keeping your camera and film as warm as possible by storing them under your jacket and never leaving them in your car for a prolonged time.

Make sure all batteries are fresh as weak ones may become sluggish on a cold day.

Wear thin wool or cotton gloves under your regular gloves. When you're about to take a shot, remove the outer pair.

The inner gloves will give adequate protection from the cold and also needed flexibility to handle the camera controls.

If you plan to do a lot of winter photography, it would be wise to purchase a special photography vest.

They consist of many pockets providing convenient space for carrying film, lenses, a spare battery and other items.

Because the vest is worn right

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Detroit Rose Society

The Detroit Rose Society will have a general meeting 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center, on Ridge Road, one block south of I-696 and one block west of Woodward. Guests welcome.

Orchids

English Gardens presents free gardening seminars 1 p.m. Saturdays at each of its five metro Detroit stores this winter.

Introduction to Orchids will be the topic Jan. 31. It's orchid season and English Gardens stores are filled with dozens of varieties from phalaenopsis to vandae. Preview new varieties and limited-edition collections, and learn everything you need to know about growing beautiful plants. An orchid repotting demonstration will take place 3 p.m. Jan. 31, and a seminar on Advanced Orchid Growing 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1. For more information about the seminars, call the stores in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; Clinton Township, (586) 286-6100; or Eastpointe, (586) 771-4200. For the nearest English Gardens location, call (800) 335-GROW, or visit www.englishgardens.com.

Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, Feb. 2, in the Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

Roger Sutherland, past president of the Michigan Audubon Society, will present Michigan Champion Trees, a slide lecture. The program will focus on one of Michigan's treasured resources - big trees. Early history will also be stressed.

Beverly Hills Garden Club

The Beverly Hills Garden Club will have a membership meeting 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 3, at the Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W. 13 Mile. George Papadellis, owner of Telly's Greenhouse and Nursery, will present a program, Ornamental Grasses in the Landscape, at 1 p.m. Guests welcome.

Shade garden

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in downtown Birmingham, presents a variety of gardening classes.

To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.community-house.com.

The offerings include Shade Garden, Tuesdays, Feb. 3-10. In this class, learn about soil preparation and special care considerations for shady areas, design techniques and plants that thrive in different types of shade. Fee is \$69. Instructor Pam Palechek is a senior instructor with the Michigan School of Gardening, and owns and operates Petal Pushers. She has been designing and maintaining commercial and residential gardens and landscapes for 20 years, specializing in perennial gardens.

Prairie ecology

The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority sponsors Rouge River water quality education programs, in cooperation with Rouge River municipalities. Tallgrass Prairie Ecology and the Douglas Evans Nature Preserve will take place 3-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at the Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W. 13 Mile. Mike Champagne, director of the Seven Ponds Nature Center, will give a presentation to SOCWA volunteers and core staff working on prairie restoration at Douglas Evans. The program is free. For information or registration, call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com in Oakland County; call Judy Holt at (734) 326-3936 or e-mail JHolt@co.wayne.mi.us in Wayne County.

Herb study group

The Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Evening Herb Study Group will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, in Room 125 at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. The meeting will include a presentation, Winter Skin and Hair Indulgence, by Christina McCahan of Truth Salon in West Bloomfield. Visitors welcome. Admission is free. For more information, e-mail Lesley Chace at ledsbeaken@aol.com, contact Joan Wysocki at jdwysoc1@aol.com or (248) 349-5310, or call the Gardens at (734) 998-7061.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza, and at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes: Tropicals in the Landscape, Sunday, Feb. 1, in Pontiac (fee is \$40); All About Lawns, Mondays, Feb. 2-16, in Pontiac (\$110); Best Foot Forward: Entry Gardens, Tuesdays, Feb. 3-10, in Pontiac (\$69); Healthy Soil and Wise Fertilizing, four sessions beginning Wednesday, Feb. 4, in Pontiac (\$132); and Irrigation Systems, Thursday, Feb. 5, in Livonia (\$40).

Awesome Adaptations

The adult education program scheduled at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens includes Awesome Adaptations, featuring some of the many oddball plants at the gardens' Conservatory, three Tuesdays beginning Feb. 3 (fee is \$60, \$54 for members). Call (734) 998-7061.

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

Organize and store those important numbers



Domestic Planner

Diana Koenig

rize these numbers, we need to be able to locate them.

Every number I need I can access quickly from my kitchen. I have devised a system so these numbers are in my mind, a file, a drawer, a folder, my office, my purse, the car, the calendar or the refrigerator.

Memorize them: Memorize as many numbers as you can so you do not waste time searching for numbers. Of course, most of you know all the numbers that pertain to you personally such as phone, business phone, beeper, fax, car phone, address and Social Security. In addition, memorize the house phone, car phone and addresses of people you need to call or write regularly.

My son, Brian, memorized all the phone numbers of the toy stores and discount stores close to our home. He shops prices on the phone before asking me to take him to the store. He does this on a regular basis and discovered it was more efficient to memorize the numbers than look them up in the yellow pages.

File it: I have a file box in my hall closet with important numbers separated into folders by categories. This would include model numbers (of everything we own), car insurance, house insurance, account numbers and Social Security numbers of everyone in the family.

Put them in a drawer: I keep numbers I use regularly in a drawer by the phone in my kitchen. This drawer contains my neighborhood directory, area hospital listing, church directory, school buzz book, emergency numbers, commu-

nity service book, area recreational numbers, business cards for services (printer, cleaners, salons, doctors and mechanics), customer numbers for my business, and my personal address/phone book. In a cabinet underneath the drawer I keep the white and yellow pages.

Use a folder: Each of my children has his own folder. I put important numbers such as locker number, student ID, school room number, school bus number, school phone number, teacher's phone number (if available), numbers of classmates and team sports numbers. I also have a folder that contains old directories from churches, schools, neighborhoods and other organizations. I do not use these often, but may need to refer to them from time to time. I keep these folders in the kitchen cabinet by the phone.

In my office I keep a directory of my customers and the white and yellow pages.

Store them in a purse: I keep the numbers of business associates, friends and family. These numbers include their car phones, home phone, business phone and beeper.

Use other areas: In the car I keep the phone number of our insurance agent.

My calendar is in my kitchen pantry. I can check each month to see if I need to mail a birthday or anniversary card to a friend or relative.

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HOME CALENDAR

Meadow Brook Hall

Meadow Brook Hall, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester, will host a sneak-peek reception of its Thoroughly Modern Tillie tour 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29. Admission to the tour's kick-off party is free; donations are welcome. The event will feature a wine and cheese reception with a special preview of the tour on the main floor.

The tour will focus on the innovative conveniences and modern facilities of Meadow Brook Hall, and bring to the forefront the many accomplishments of Matilda Dodge Wilson, who commissioned the historic mansion. For information, call (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Home theater

Pecar Electronics of Troy, in conjunction with Royal Oak Continuing Education, will conduct a special instructional class on home theater design Tuesday, Feb. 3. Cost is \$15. Seating is limited so register soon. The class will take place 7-9 p.m. in the media room at Kimball High School, 1500 Lexington at Crooks, between 13 and 13-1/2 Mile in Royal Oak. It will provide the do-it-yourselfer and the professional tradesman with detailed information on the 12 key points that need to be addressed when designing and building a custom home theater.

To register, call the Royal Oak Continuing Education offices at (248) 588-5050, Ext. 200, between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or visit www.rosd.k12.mi.us/schools/churchill. Reference Class Number 6879 Home Theater when registering.

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 Ceramic Tile Painting, Monday, Feb. 2 (fee is \$22, with a \$15 materials prep fee payable to instructor); and A Pot Full of Flowers, Tuesday, Feb. 10 (\$17, and a materials cost of \$25 payable to the instructor).

Ceramic Tile Painting will feature pattern transfers and many other ideas, and several different techniques. The class will be taught by Bob and Esther Kerr, experienced interior decorating professionals who own their own store.

In A Pot Full of Flowers, learn all about color, texture and floral design by handpainting your own flower pot and then filling it with beautiful flowers. You will discuss various color combinations and how they complement your decor as well as the emotions that they evoke. Bring sharp scissors, pocket knife and pruners. The class will be taught by Jacqueline Carney, a local professional florist with more

than 30 years experience.

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.

For the home

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

The schedule includes Basement Remodeling, Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 10 and 12; and Advanced Faux Finishing and Marbleizing, Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Basement Remodeling is offered by the Oakland Builders Institute. In the class, a licensed and experienced instructor will explain all facets of basement remodeling and the basics of home construction, and review your plans. Fee is \$90, and an \$8 book fee payable to the instructor at class. The sessions will take place at Berkshire Middle School.

In Advanced Faux Finishing and Marbleizing, learn the techniques of multicolor layers, how to color wash, frottage, and how to create a parchment or distressed look on walls and furniture. Fee is \$25. The class will take place at the Fancy Color Paint Store in Troy.

Home decor

Among the home decor classes at Haberman Fabrics in Royal Oak are Create a Roman Shade, Tuesdays, Feb. 3-17 (fee is \$60); Lamphshades, Thursdays, Feb. 5-26 (\$80); and Simple Curtain, Thursdays, Feb. 12-26 (\$60). It is necessary to register and pay tuition in advance for all classes. You may register by phone, mail or online or in person at the store, 905 S. Main. Call (248) 541-0010 for more information.

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

Wintergreen plant is good in winter

BY LEE REICH
AP WEEKLY FEATURES

What more hopeful way to go into winter than with a plant named wintergreen? The word conjures up an image of lush greenery against lily white snow.

If the word wintergreen brings to mind, instead, a refreshing aroma or flavor – yes – that's the same plant.

The oil has flavored teas and beers, and the leaves provide a refreshing nibble. The plant's berries, known as teaberries, also provide a nibble and flavoring in a chewing gum of that name.

Wintergreen also has been called checkerberry and partridgeberry.

More than just a flavoring, oil of wintergreen has soothed fevers and eased the pain of arthritis and rheumatism. The active ingredient is closely related to aspirin.

Wintergreen lives up to its name, helping keep a snowbare winter from looking like a wasteland of gray and brown, or peeking through the snow to break the white monotony of a snowy winter.

The plant grows only about 6 inches high, creeping along the ground by means of underground stems.

New leaves are yellowish green, soon turning glossy green, then take on a bronze tinge through winter, the colder the weather, the bronzer the color.

The leaves are only part of the display. All summer, they are accompanied by solitary, pinkish white flowers. And then red berries, ripening in late summer, add to the show and carry it on through fall and winter.

Together, these qualities recommend wintergreen as an evergreen ground-cover plant.

Where it's native – over much of the eastern half of the country – the plant grows in moist, acidic soils in the shade of evergreens.

Why not do the same in the garden, planting wintergreen beneath such shrubs as rhododendrons and mountain laurels, or beneath a hedge of hemlocks? Wintergreen will tolerate deep shade at some expense to

growth and fruiting, and sun, if the soil stays sufficiently moist. Pay careful attention to the soil before you plant wintergreen.

Add plenty of acidic peat moss or well-ripened compost, as well as sulfur if the pH still goes above about 5.5. Use little or no fertilizer, though, because fertilizer can damage the plant's fine roots, and because the plant just doesn't need it.

With soil prepared, plant seeds or potted plants, the latter of which are available through many mail-order nurseries, including Forest Farm (www.forestfarm.com), Tripplebrook Farm (www.tripplebrookfarm.com) and Gardens of the Blue Ridge (www.gardensoftheblueridge.com).

Stiffen flashing to stop rattling on roof

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q: Rosemary asks: The cap over our fireplace chimney was nailed in several places on top. The nails rusted and caused a leak. The roofer installed a new one exactly like the old one (about 4 feet square), but the wind seems to get inside and it sounds like it is buckling. The roofer said he didn't nail it down because the nails eventually would rust and cause another leak. He told me to lay bricks on it.

A: Whatever you do, don't weight the flashing down – with bricks or anything else.

Besides being an eyesore, the weight might cause water to puddle, and rust the entire flashing.

You need to stop the flashing from rattling

by stiffening it. This will also promote watershed.

It sounds as if the normal creases (stiffening bends), which usually radiate diagonally to the four corners from the hole where the chimney penetrates the cap flashing, are nonexistent. These creases also act to raise the center of the flashing higher than the edges, allowing for proper watershed. If the creases do exist, chances of recourse against the contractor are slim. If you are forced to use the existing cap, you will find that the proper fix is exactly the opposite of what the roofer suggested. You need to create a constant pressure on the sheet metal from below rather than from above. The rattle will disappear regardless of what side the sheet metal is braced from, but bracing it from below can be useful to improve watershed. Water

sheds when the flashing is higher in the center than at the edges, and the chance for rust is diminished.

First, carefully remove the flashing. Then install hump-shaped wood braces at approximately 16-inch intervals from edge to edge at the top rim of your chimney. The 4-foot-long braces should measure from zero at each end and gradually thicken to about 1 to 2 inches in the center. Caution: Wood braces should be no closer than 1 inch from the metal fireplace flu.

Finally, reinstall the flashing with hot-dip galvanized nails, using the old nail holes. As an extra precaution, use 3M Gutter Seal at each nail head and all seams. The building code requires that all exposed sheet metal flashings be painted (a good rust-preventive measure).

Garage doors add value to home

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

A garage door can account for 40 percent or more of a home's exterior.

Consequently, it can have significant impact on the curb appeal of the home and, hence, its value.

Consider these options when shopping for a new garage door:

The one-piece, tilt-up models that were standard equipment with homes that many of us grew up in are steadily being replaced by sectional roll-ups.

And whereas wood was once the textile for garage door construction, it has been overtaken by more environmentally correct materials such as steel, wood composites and fiberglass.

Not only are these doors built to last longer, they are designed to look better and require less maintenance, as well.

Food coloring test shows best flat latex paint

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Here is a way to compare flat latex paint brands. Since there are no government regulations that require paint manufacturers to list their content, our test should be helpful.

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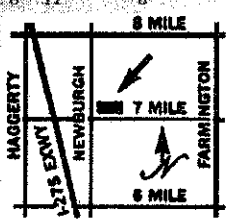
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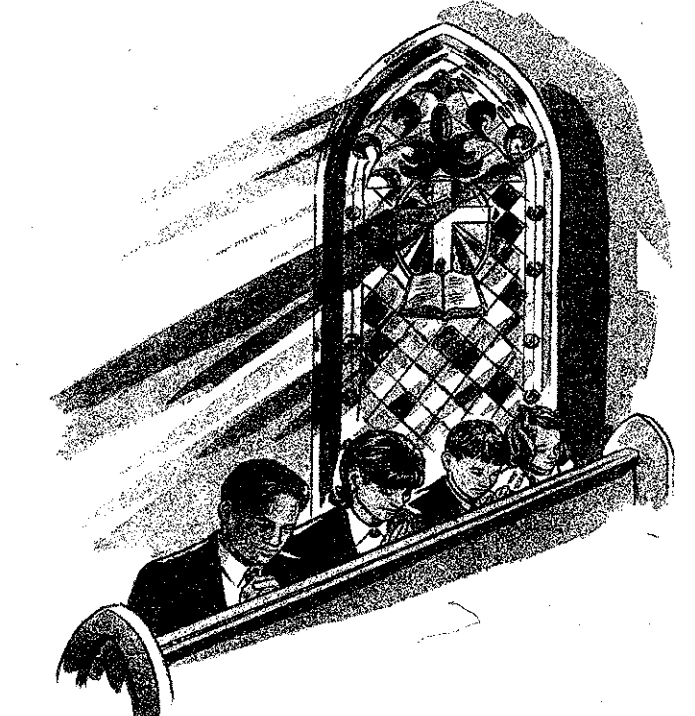
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Make sure you prepare for driving in rough winter weather

Winter driving can be dangerous and stressful, especially in snow and ice. Advanced preparations can provide greater peace of mind and help make trips safer, whether it's to the grocery store or a faraway ski resort.

READY FOR THE COLD

Whether you take your car in for a routine checkup at a service center like Jiffy Lube or do it yourself, these are some essential preparations for winter driving:

■ Check the battery's age to make sure the car will start on frigid mornings. On average, a car battery will last about four or five years. If yours is more than two years old, test it to see if it will withstand the cold.

■ According to the American Automobile Association, a battery loses 35 percent of its power at 32° F and 60 percent of its power at 0 degrees F. To minimize the strain on your battery, start the car with the heater, lights and window defrosters turned off.

Tire blowouts can be particularly dangerous, so make sure they are properly inflated, have adequate tread depth and have been rotated according to manufacturer's recommendations.

Make sure you have enough fresh antifreeze and washer fluid. Check wiper blades to make sure they glide smoothly and do not leave

streaks or blind spots.

Check engine oil, differential fluid and transmission fluid to see if they need changing according to manufacturer's recommendations.

CARRY THE ESSENTIALS

A properly packed emergency kit is essential during the winter. Make sure to have a flashlight, extra batteries, water, flares, blankets, shovel, snow brush and ice scraper. Also, keep some kitty litter or sand in the trunk-spreading it under your tires will give you more traction if you get stuck. Bring wire and cloth if you need to patch a leaking hose to make it to the nearest service center.

Winding narrow roads and black ice (especially on bridges) make winter driving dangerous. Take extra precautions before driving to your favorite ski resort.

Test your brakes on hilly roads to get a feel for how they react. Reduce your speed, brake slowly, and leave plenty of space between you and other motorists.

Check the weather conditions before you leave and use sound judgment. If you get caught in a sudden blizzard, stay in your car. Do not idle your car for long stretches of time to keep warm.

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Finding some plants is detective work

BY LEE REICH
AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Seed and nursery catalogs already are enticing us with luscious descriptions of juicy tomatoes and richly colored roses.

With so much offered, you'd think that any plant you could possibly want would turn up in at least one of these catalogs. Not so.

You have to do a bit of sleuthing if you want to grow something offbeat — seeds of the rare but delectable Belgian Giant tomato, for example. Tree peonies also are rare or nonexistent in most catalogs, so you would have to search especially hard to find a special variety of tree peony, such as the salmon red Yachiyo

Tsubaki. These plants are available; you just have to find out where.

If you can't find what you want in any of your catalogs or at a local nursery, the next place to turn is a book.

One of the many useful lists in Barbara Barton's *Gardening by Mail* is that of suppliers for specific categories of plants. The book has a category for both "Tree Peony" and for "Heirloom Tomatoes." Listings in this book reflect a plant's popularity.

Tomatoes are so popular that heirloom and hybrid tomatoes each get separate headings. But if you were delving for a source for an unusual vegetable, such as chufa, you would have to look under the general heading "Vegetables,"

and then contact all the companies listed.

Then again, none of the companies listed under "Vegetables" might offer chufa. Then turn to books dealing with narrower categories of plants, books such as *Cornucopia, A Source Book of Edible Plants, The Garden Seed Inventory, Taylor's Guide to Specialty Nurseries and The Gardener's Companion*.

Deepen your quest with books written specifically about the plant of interest. Such books often have appendices listing sources for the plants. So if you wanted to grow purple prairie clover, a meadow wildflower, you might find a source for it in Laura Martin's *Wildflower Meadow Book*.

Kitchen has cooked up many changes

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

When we first began as remodeling contractors, there were two basic options for kitchen countertops — ceramic tile and plastic laminate. Occasionally we were asked for butcher block, but almost exclusively laminate or tile were requested.

In the late 1980s, a local countertop fabricator suggested that we add an amazing new solid-surface countertop product to our showroom. It was called Corian. He agreed to supply and install a complete countertop in our showroom free of charge — no strings attached.

The top was installed, and almost a year passed with no interest from any of our clients. We tried to interest folks in the innovation; it had the groutless beauty of a plastic laminate and the durability of ceramic tile and was easy to clean, good looking and easy to repair. Yet no one was interested.

We eventually got a call from the fabricator. "Hey, what the heck is going on with you guys? We installed a countertop for you over a year ago and you haven't had a single sale." We couldn't explain it.

About a week or so later, a customer asked for a quote on a Corian shower. It turned out to be one of the most beautiful showers we had ever built.

For no apparent reason, the product finally began to sell, and folks who remodeled their kitchens regularly asked for prices on ceramic tile, plastic laminate and Corian. Soon after, several other companies began to manufacture solid-surface countertop materials — and the race was on.

Today, consumers are better informed and enjoying the kitchen as much as any room in their home.

A few years passed and our more affluent clients threw a new request into the mix — slab granite. Although not many made the purchase, almost everyone wanted to know the cost.

CHANGES

With the coming of Corian — which was more expensive than tile but less costly than slab granite — consumers were slowly moving to fancier and more unusual kitchens. Everyone seemed to want "unusual."

Many opted for granite tile. The grout lines in granite tile are narrow and usually colored to closely match the granite. Also, granite tiles typically are 1-foot square — making for even less grout than would be found in a conventional (4-by-4-inch or 6-by-6-inch) ceramic tile installation.

As the countertop metamorphosis was taking place, other changes began to occur. Our customers began asking for fancier appliances, better flooring, finer cabinetry and more extravagant lighting systems.

Where the end of a cabinet was once a flat piece of plywood, recessed panels that match the doors are coming on strongly. Adjustable shelves are a standard rather than an option.

Concealed (European)

hinges are in vogue. Oh, and note that you don't have the best unless they adjust six ways and allow snap-off door removal.

Even cabinet drawers are being scrutinized. The drawer boxes themselves must have dovetailed joints and full extension drawer glides. The dovetail joint isn't new, but is the strongest of connections. Also, it is the most costly.

Full extension glides allow the drawer to be pulled out all the way. In the open position, no portion of the drawer remains within the cabinet. The entire drawer box is fully available when open.

Consumers are even beginning to ask for drawer glides by weight rating. "I want 150-pound glides," one might demand.

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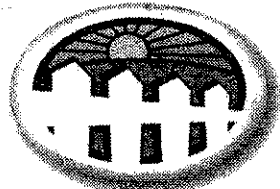
Where we once found ourselves explaining how to design a kitchen that was simple and comfortable, we now find that the average consumer wants to be surrounded by something that looks like a restaurant — with the luxury of a castle.

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Kevin Joseph, born June 2, 1958, died at his home in Bloomfield Hills on January 23, 2004 after a hard fought battle with cancer. Kevin was president of Epps, Antonishen & Walworth, P.C., a forensic and insurance loss accounting firm with offices in Livonia and Grand Rapids, Michigan and Toledo, Ohio. Kevin is survived by his wife, Zan Nicolli; his three children, Corey (15), Jay (11) and Erin (9); his mother, Sylvia Antonishen; and his brother, Dr. Mark Antonishen (Dentist), and sister Victoria Gailinger (Geoffrey). Services were held at Hamilton Funeral Home in Birmingham, MI on Tuesday, January 27, and a memorial celebration was held at the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham on Wednesday, January 28 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Kevin's memory to the Karmanos Cancer Institute at 110 E. Warren Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201-9987 or at www.karmanos.org.

CALDERWOOD

Matthew A. of Troy, Jan. 24, 2004. Husband of the late Gladys. See detailed obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

CHIN

Barbara Ducker, died December 29, 2003, in Palo Alto, CA. Barbara graduated from Southon High School, Purdue University and New York University. She was a member of the American Medical Association and the American Society of Clinical Oncology. She is survived by husband, Clifford; two sons, C.J. and Peter; her mother, Dorothy G. Ducker; and four sisters. Memorial services will be held Friday, February 6 at 11:30 a.m. Holy Name Church, Birmingham, MI.

DANIELS

Edward L. January 23, 2004, age 67, of Westland. Beloved husband of Marjorie "Kay" Ducker. Father of Larry (Joan), Shelly (Dwain) Blackburn, Stacy Irish, Edward and the late Douglas Peyton; brother of Phillip (Frances) Mollet; grandfather of five. Services were held Tuesday, January 27th, 10 a.m. at the UH Funeral Home, Westland with Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhfuneralhome.com

GRANT

Claire Marie, age 80, of Canton, died January 20, 2004. She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Lynn Smith, grandchildren Shawn, Ian, Campbell, Angie L. Smith, and son-in-law Dale Smith.

HOLT

James Loyd, age 78, of Westland, died Jan. 18, 2004. Beloved husband of Marjorie "Kay" Ducker. Father of Larry (Joan), Shelly (Dwain) Blackburn, Stacy Irish, Edward and the late Douglas Peyton; brother of Phillip (Frances) Mollet; grandfather of five. Services were held Tuesday, January 27th, 10 a.m. at the UH Funeral Home, Westland with Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhfuneralhome.com

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MORRISON

William Spencer Morrison, 45 year Birmingham resident, died January 20, 2004 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital. Royal Oak after a brief illness. He was born October 7, 1958 in Cleveland, Ohio. Successful sales career with several companies including Howe Services, Bell and Howell, R & L Impact Services, Lasco, and most recently Craig Richard. Graduate of Culver Military Academy, Denison University, and Retired U.S. Marine Corp Reserve. Memberships: Birmingham Rotary, Birmingham Jets, Senior Softball. Enjoyed hunting in Indian River, MI each Fall and playing Softball in his spare time. Dear husband of Nancy; Loving father of Julie, Bradley, and Laura (Steve). Loving Grandfather of Caille and Ryan (Wink), Joshua and Courtney Morrison. Son of Lucy Morrison. Brother of Robert Morrison, Mary Bomar and Ann Ashton. Memorial Service was held on Saturday, January 24, 2004, Wm. R. Hamilton Co., Birmingham. The Rev. Edward L. Mullins officiating. Interment: Greenwood Cemetery, Birmingham. Tributes may be made to Michigan Hurricane Society or charity of choice.

MURPHY

Russell P. Jr. January 20, 2004, Age 66, of Westland. Beloved husband of Charlotte. Dear father of Russell III, Wayne, Aaron and the late Steven. Grandfather of Angela, Russell IV, Wayne, Jr., and the late Michelle. Brother of Jim. Cremation rites accorded. Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Michigan. Visit and leave a tribute at www.uhfuneralhome.com.

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NEMZEK

Suzellen T. Died January 26, 2004. She was 92. Beloved wife of the late Claude L. Beloved mother of Lawrence Nemzek of Curtis, MI. Sister (Jenny) Delaney of Plymouth, MI. Dear sister of James P. (Nora) Thompson of Royal Oak and the late Vincent "Bud" Thompson. Mother-in-law of Beth Thompson. Loving grandmother of 8, and great-grandmother of 3. Graduate of the Academy of the Sacred Heart & Marygrove College. Member of Christ Child Society, Marygrove Alumni, Marygrove Quilt club and the Nomads Travel Club. Visitation was at WM. Sullivan & Son, F.H. 705 W. 11 mile, (4 bks. E. of Woodward) Royal Oak Mass today at 10:00 a.m. National Shrine of the Little Flower of Royal Oak. Interment Mt. Olivet cemetery, Detroit. Memorials: Fairfax Manor Music fund or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

OLSON

Gerald, Age 79, of Plymouth, Michigan, passed away on January 26, 2004, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Mr. Olson was born July 16, 1924 in Plymouth, Michigan and was preceded in death by his wife, Jean. He is survived by his children: Gary (Jean) Olson of Arizona, Carolyn (Tom) Alvaro of Florida, Leslie (Tim) Coleman of Redford, Michigan; grandchildren: Karleen Williams and Katie O'Connor; sisters: Doris Nickerson of Hamburg, MI, Virginia (Don) Walbridge of Canton, MI, Ina (Sally) Mansfield of Ohio. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Mr. Olson was retired from the Packaging Corporation in Plymouth, Michigan and lived in Plymouth all of his life. He attended his 80th class reunion from Plymouth High School last year. Mr. Olson proudly served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the 24th Cavalry, and was a member of the V.F.W. No. 4012 in Northville and a lifetime member of the Plymouth V.F.W. No. 6695. He was a member of the American Legion in Northville as well as the one in Plymouth. Mr. Olson was a master craftsman in woodworking and enjoyed gardening. Funeral: Friday, January 30, 2004, at 11 a.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Jerry Varnell officiating. Visitation: Thursday, January 29th, 2-9 p.m.

REYNOLDS

BILLIE MARTIN born April 21, 1926 to January 23, 2004. Born in Harrisburg, Illinois. Son of God in Heaven. Son of Ralph and Bethel on Earth. Loved by four surviving daughters, Patricia, Patricia, Cathy, and Lorraine. Lorraine Stegall, and Dora Lee Shewmake and their families. Also loved by three surviving sisters and their families. Memorial service January 30, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at Detroit World Outreach in Redford.

SENECOFF

PATRICIA DALE, Jan. 26, 2004. Beloved wife of Dr. Stephen D. Senecoff. Funeral Service Fri., 11am at A.J. Desmond & Sons, Royal Oak. Obit at DesmondFuneralHome.com

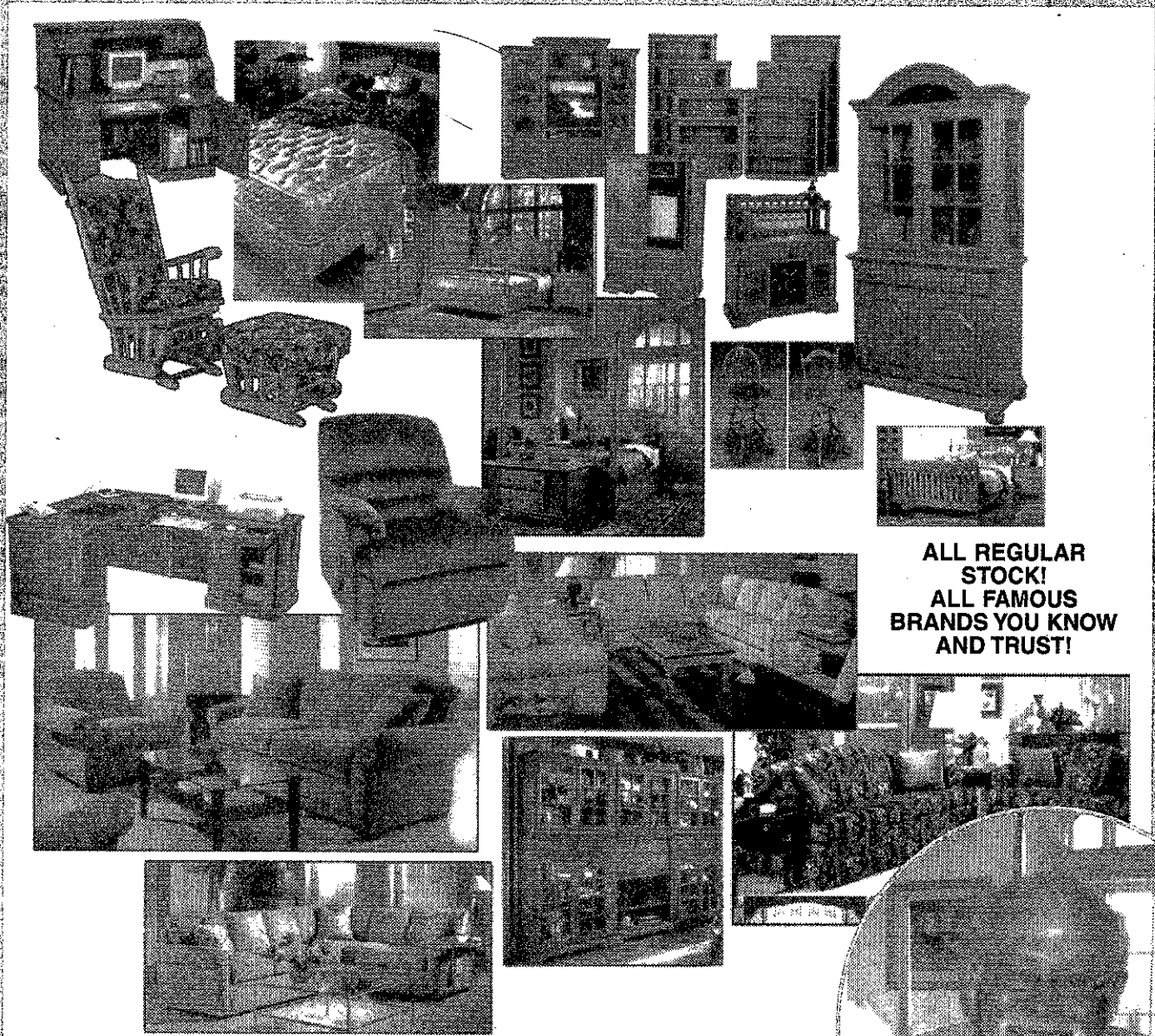
SOKOLOSKI

BERNARD (PAT) January 22, 2004, age 83; beloved husband of Gene; dear father of Diane Sokolowski, Joan Johns, Patrick (Karen), Jerry (Lynne) and Jack (Sandra) grandfather of nine; great-grandfather of six; brother of Ann Kutson of PA. Visitation: Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt (S. of 6 Mile) Sunday 5-9 and Monday 8-9 Scripture service Monday 7 p.m. in state Tuesday 10:30 at St. Aidan Church 17500 Farmington Rd. Until time of Mass 11 a.m.

STAVA

Lois Adelaide (nee Fryer) January 15, 2004 in Port Huron. Age 91. Beloved wife of the late Adolph. Dear mother of Katherine Bartuszek and her husband Joseph. Dear grandmother of Peter and wife Preety Bartuszek. Loving sister of the late Roy Fryer (Margaret) and the late Jack Fryer (Elsie). George Schroeder (Arlene), Herbert Schroeder (Mary), Charles Schroeder (Rose), and Henry Schroeder (Jacqueline). Dear grandmother of Marsha Schroeder Phillips. Also survived and lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Services for the immediate family, conducted by Rev. John E. Maki, Salem United Church of Christ, Farmington, were held January 17, 2004 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 35603 Grand River Avenue, Farmington, Michigan. Interment was at Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan. Memorials are requested for Salem Church of Christ, 34424 Oakland Avenue, Farmington, MI 48335, or for Evangelical Home-Port Huron, 5635 Lakeshore Road, Port Huron, Michigan 48059.

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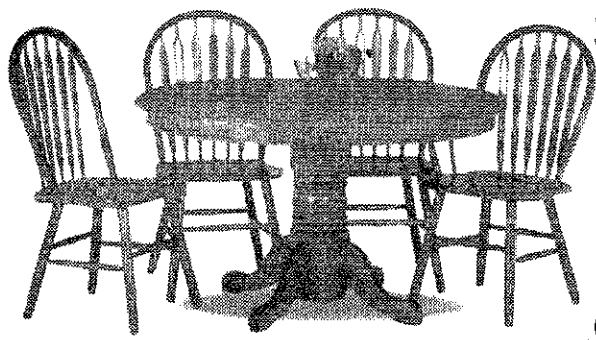
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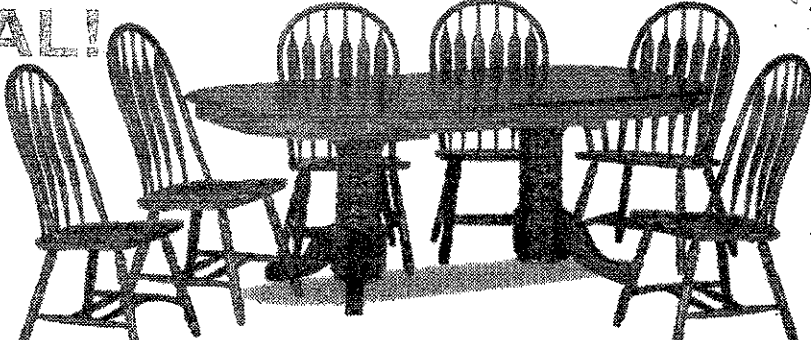
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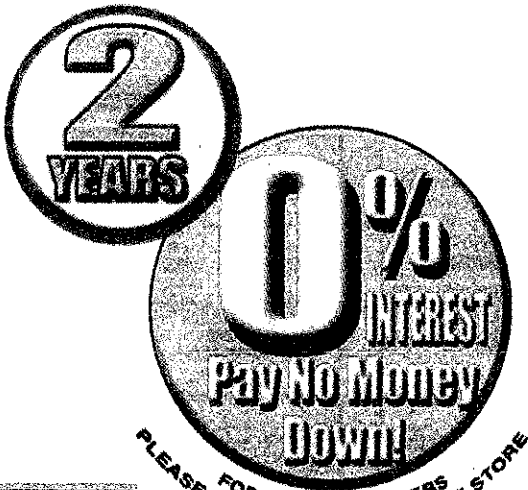


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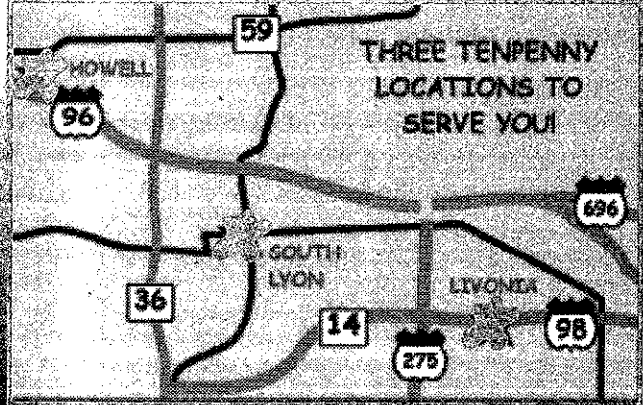
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Side dish

Looking for recipes

With all the hubbub about weight loss, dieters and food lovers are looking for ways to eat lighter in the winter.

Many love seafood and fish during the time of year. It is versatile, easy and quick to prepare many fish dishes.

And many Christians will be eating more fish, once Lent begins next month on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25.

We'd like to hear from our readers about their favorite fish recipes and why they enjoy them so much.

Whether you poach, boil, sauté, broiling, grill or bake your favorite fish, we'd like to share your recipe with our readers in an upcoming story to run in February. And if we print them, we'll send you a cookbook.

Please send recipes to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.hometownlife.com. Please include a daytime phone number.

Low-carb offered

The Ground Round Grill & Bar, 17050 Laurel Park, in Livonia, has introduced a Low-Carb menu to allow for patrons who want to reduce their intake of carbohydrates.

The restaurant began the menu after receiving a growing number of requests for higher protein and low starch meals from those on the Atkins and other low-carb diets. Jeff Bloomberg, Ground Round general manager, said the insert menu includes items that have fewer carbohydrates than on the regular menu. "Our suppliers provided us carbohydrate information to assist in the menu's insert creation," Bloomberg said.

Low-carb items include spinach and chicken salad, chicken Caesar salad, center cut sirloin, classic grilled sirloin tips, cajun salmon, blackened chicken and bacon cheese ground rounder platter.

Prices range from \$7.99-\$11.99.

New ice cream

Cold Stone Creamery has introduced Sinless Ice Cream, a new fat-free, no sugar added option for those who insist on nothing less than the ultimate indulgence in ice cream.

Officials at Cold Stone Creamery say the ice cream exhibits the same sweet, rich, smooth and indulgent taste of Cold Stone Creamery's signature base flavor. It is made with non-fat milk and Splenda.

A 6-ounce serving contains 170 calories.

Cold Stone Creamery has stores at the following locations: 108 S. Woodward, Birmingham; 42761 Woodward (in Woodward Square), Bloomfield Hills; 33175 Grand River (in the Farmington Center), Farmington, and 416 S. Main (in the Mayflower Centre) in Plymouth. For more information, visit www.coldstonecreamery.com.

Super Food

Serve your own Super Bowls of chili, wings and appetizers



Kelli Lewton's foot-boule sandwich features ham, salami and vegetables. For a recipe, see page D2.

Year after year the Super Bowl is the most watched television sports event and usually places in the top 10 among all television shows.

Super Bowl XXXVIII matches up the Carolina Panthers and New England Patriots. With a game start at about 6 p.m., it also means Super Parties that afternoon where family and friends can relax and enjoy food and drink.

In fact, the day could be dubbed Super Food Sunday, which ranks right up there with Thanksgiving, for bragging rights as the top "food day" of the year.

Kelli Lewton, a caterer and owner of Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in Birmingham, caters on Super Bowl Sunday

each year at parties for ad agencies or at the homes of diehard football fans.

But those ad agency parties aren't like the usual football parties. Let's say they aren't all that interested in the game, but the commercials are a big deal to them.

"It's huge," Lewton said. "Most of the people are walking around during the game, but then the commercials come on these huge Plasma TVs, and you can't hear a breath."

Of course, many of the agencies produce the ads for the auto companies.

Lewton will usually cater a party where the host is a fan of one of the teams.

"We'll choose colors of the team they are rooting for," Lewton said.

"We might do a hot food station for one team, and another station for the other."

Decorating is "fun," she said.

"You can take sports equipment, like a mini football helmet, and have chips spilling out. One year we decorated with the children's trophies."



Sara Monro prepares some of the Super Bowl dishes at Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in Birmingham.

Lewton suggests an indoor tailgate party for those fans who watch at home.

A Bloody Mary bar can be enjoyed by guests (in moderation, of course, and a non-drinking designated driver).

"You can use a little Hibachi with Sternos (canned fuel) underneath the cast iron," Lewton said.

"It's rustic with an outdoor feeling."

She suggests chili prepared with a variation, whether it is a white chicken version, vegetarian, venison or Italian sausage.

Create quesadillas, cutting them into triangles like a pie, with shrimp, roasted vegetables or barbecue pork.

"Remember when making quesadillas, think of them like a grilled sandwich with the soft tortillas being the bread," Lewton said.

"Mix your ingredients including cheeses, herbs and spices, place between flour tortillas and grill in a flat pan with a little oil until brown on both sides."

You can grill early in the day, then reheat them on a flat cookie tray.

"Chicken wings are a staple of any football crew," Lewton said.

Lewton suggests Tandoori, tequila/lime or spicy chili garlic flavors for a change of pace.

Sandwiches also help fill guests.

Lewton suggests beef topped with balsamic onions and roasted peppers or turkey with brie and honey mustard.

For more recipes, see page D2.

Some wines over-deliver their value

First introduced in June 2001, [yellow tail], the Australian wine brand with the computer-geeky bracketed name, is a wine-marketing phenomenon that over-delivers a flavor bang for the buck.

According to a Gomborg Fredrikson report in



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

the United States.

When all reports for 2003 are in, [yellow tail] sales in the U.S. are expected to surpass 4 million cases. Of that, 90,000-plus cases were sold in Michigan.

Ask Australians what they think of [yellow tail] wines and they'll likely not understand. That's because [yellow tail] is not sold in Australia. It's blended specifically for the U.S. market. Some wine folks deny that there's such as thing as "an American palate." Some 4 million cases of [yellow tail] prove them dead wrong!

ON-TARGET MARKETING

[yellow tail] is the brainchild of an immigrant family from Sicily, and the marketing genius of Australian John Soutter, a brand manager.

Representing the sixth generation of winemakers, Filippo and Maria Casella arrived in Australia from Sicily in 1957. By 1965, they established vineyards and a winery in Yenda, New South Wales, smack in the heart of South Eastern Australia, the country's famed wine region.

The Casellas' big break came in 2001 when the family, with the help of Soutter, introduced the [yellow tail] brand in the United States. Phenomenal success can be attributed to carefully planned and executed marketing strategies, eye-catching packaging, sensible pricing and a keen understanding of what Americans perceive as wine value.

The recently released 2003 [yellow tail] Chardonnay and Shiraz, each \$7 (but we've seen it for less), are the vintage front-runners accompanied by older vintages of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and a Shiraz-Cabernet at the same price.

For many years, the Perrin family of France's southern Rhone region and producers of the world-renowned Chateau de Beaucastel have over-delivered value with their La Vieille Ferme wines.

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Sunday

ROASTED TOMATO SALSA

12 each Roma tomatoes, diced
1-1/2 jalapeno peppers, minced
2 each garlic cloves, peeled and chopped
8 each medium tomatoes, diced
1/2 each medium onion, diced
1 ounce fresh cilantro,

chopped
1 juice of a lime

Salt and pepper to taste.
Roast tomatoes at 400° F. for about 10 minutes with a small amount of olive oil, salt and pepper.
Combine all ingredients and chill overnight.

CARIBBEAN WINGS

2 pounds chicken wings
Marinade
2 tablespoons grated ginger
2 tablespoons minced green onions
1 jalapeno, roasted, skinned and minced
1 cup pineapple juice
1/2 cup olive oil

Marinate wings overnight.

Remove wings from marinade. Roast on a sheet tray at 400° F for 15-20 minutes until crispy and golden.
Cook marinade over medium heat, reducing it to half its original volume.
Remove wings from oven. Toss in reduced marinade and serve.

CHICKEN QUESADILLAS

1-1/2 cups chicken breast, cooked and cut into thin strips
1/2 cup onion, sliced thin
1 each green pepper, sliced thin
1 each red pepper, sliced thin
1/2 cup roasted corn
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 cup black beans, cooked
1 cup grated Colby/Jack cheese
1/2 cup Chevre cheese, crumbled
2 tablespoons fresh chopped cilantro
8 flour tortillas, 6-inch (flavored is fine also)

Prepare vegetables.
Heat oil in pan and sauté vegetables 2-3 minutes until tender, but firm, to the bite. Place in mixing bowl and cool in refrigerator for 10 minutes. Mix veggies, chicken, cheese and herbs.
Divide filling between four tortillas, then make "sandwiches" by placing filling on a tortilla, then top with another tortilla. Grill quesadilla on both sides. Cut into 8-inch pie-shaped pieces.

Get back to your roots with these vegetables

Parsnips are a root vegetable that looks something like an unnourished carrot.

Parsnips are fair skinned, ivory or off white in color and they look top heavy. They are part of the carrot family but unlike a carrot, parsnips are usually eaten cooked, not raw.

Parsnips have a sweet nutty flavor and have been a good source of starch, vitamin C, and fiber for people for thousands of years.

Michigan is the second largest producer of parsnips. They are planted in the spring but harvested in the fall or winter.

They are so hardy that they can be left in the ground over winter. Many believe parsnips that are left in the ground over

winter and eaten in the spring are even sweeter in flavor.

The cold air starts the conversion of starch to sugar, which gives them the sweet flavor. Those purchased in the store have been in cold storage after harvest to make the starch to sugar conversion.

Parsnips can grow up to 20 inches long, however they are more tender when only about 8 inches long.

The real big ones can have tough, fibrous cores and aren't as flavorful. Buy ones that are more squat looking, they are easier to peel.

Don't wash parsnips until you are ready to use them. Cut off the top, scrub and peel. If you are going to puree them, cook and then peel. This also preserves the nutrients.

Parsnips keep fresh in perforated bags in a refrigerator crisper. Keep cool and wrapped they could be stored for a couple of months.

Don't over cook parsnips or they will not taste good. Add parsnips the last half-hour of cooking in a stew or soup.

Other winter root vegetables are turnips and rutabagas. They certainly aren't fancy but are economical and are a good source of complex carbohydrates and vitamin C. Both of them make great addition to soups, stews or salads. Add thin slices of both to a raw vegetable tray.

Parsnips make a wonderful side dish or a substitute for potatoes.

They can be seasoned with stock and herbs or add orange or apple juice, brown sugar and ginger and cook like you would a sweet potato.

Herbs such as tarragon, rosemary, thyme, parsley, or chive compliment parsnips. Nutmeg, ginger, mace and cinnamon will bring out the sweet flavor of parsnips.

Parsnips can be cut into strips and stir fried in a little butter or oil and added to other stir fried vegetables. Roast them in an oven of 400° F in a little water until done. The parsnip can be oiled and oven roasted to caramelize the

exterior.

Microwaving parsnips can be a little tedious so it is not recommended.

Cook strips or coined shaped parsnips and carrots together and serve as a side dish. Parsnips compliment many other vegetable dishes.

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Unlike the parsnips, these are usually dug and stored before selling.

Place the roots that you purchase in plastic bags and store in the refrigerator.

If you're not sure you like them, cook and mash either turnips or a rutabaga, and add to an equal portion of mashed potatoes.

Don't cook turnips in aluminum or iron pots as they may darken.

Sweet spices such as ginger or cloves go well with turnips or rutabagas. Orange or lemon zest, fresh ginger, black pepper, basil and dill are also good seasonings for them.

A turnip should be golf ball size or just a little larger. A larger turnip tends to be a little bitter; the small ones are sweeter and more tender.

A turnip has a reddish pink top with the lower part (that's under the ground) is white.

A rutabaga is more the size of a baseball. For a sweeter flavor, choose those about four inches in diameter, the larger ones are more apt to have a woody interior and be stronger flavor.

A rutabaga is tan with a purplish band. They are lumpy and irregular in shape.

Rutabagas have wax applied that should be peeled away before cooking.

This wax is applied to prevent moisture loss during storage.

A rutabaga should feel solid and firm, not soft and spongy. They can be stored in the refrigerator for a couple of weeks.

Using a sharp knife, quarter a rutabaga before trying to peel, it makes it a little easier. Peeled, boiled, and buttered rutabaga makes a delicious companion to meats, ham, duck or pork roast.

Rutabagas can also be treated and served like sweet potatoes, with brown sugar and spices.

Raw the turnips or rutabagas make an interesting addition to coleslaw.

Winter vegetables are perfect for winter soup or stew. Make hearty winter chowder with parsnips, potatoes, carrots, celery, turnips or rutabagas added to the base stock.

Lois Thieleke is a home economist with the Michigan State University's Extension office in Oakland County.

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FOOT-BOULE PARTY SANDWICH

Large 2 pound round loaf of bread
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6 slices capicola sweet or hot
6 slices hard salami
10 slices soppressata (soppressata is a type of salami)
1/2 cup mild pepper rings
1 small red onion thinly sliced
1 red pepper, roasted and peeled

Hollow bread boule leaving about 1/4 of an inch all the way around inside of boule. Layer ingredients one at a time until filled. Place top back on, wrap in foil and bake for 20 minutes at 350° F. Slice and serve immediately. Recipes courtesy of Kelli Lewton.

BUFFALO CHICKEN WINGS

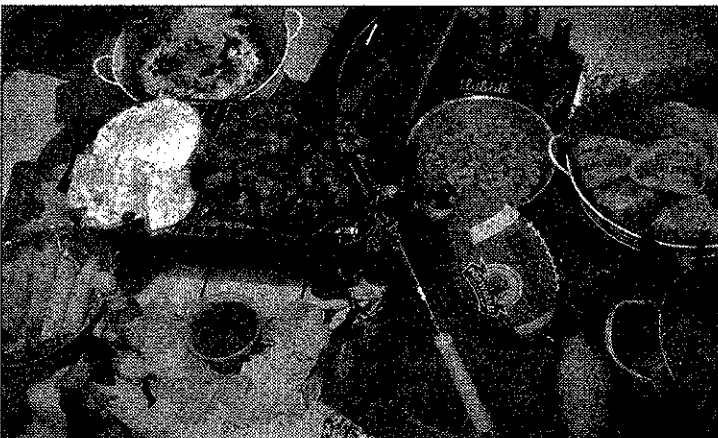
3 pounds chicken wings
1 1/2 sticks butter
4 ounces Red Hot Sauce
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
Fry chicken wings in home

fryer or deep frying pan with vegetable or canola oil at 350° F for three to five minutes. (If wings are frozen, fry for four to five minutes) Blot wings with paper towel. Melt butter in sauté pan and add spices, toss fried wings into spicy butter mixture and coat. Serve immediately. Garnish with celery sticks and serve with bleu cheese sauce/dip.

CHINA TOWN WINGS

24-30 pieces chicken wings (2 1/2 pounds)
1/2 cup dark brown sugar
1 tablespoon fresh grated ginger
1 tablespoon onion powder
2 teaspoons chili garlic sauce (in most stores, specialty food/Asian section)
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 cup soy sauce
1/2 cup teriyaki sauce
1/2 cup vegetable oil
2 tablespoon rice vinegar (optional)

Mix all ingredients. Marinate chicken wings a minimum of six hours or overnight. Preheat oven to 400° F. Roast wings spread sparsely on sheet trays for 15-18



Kelli Lewton's recipes help set the table for a Super Bowl party, which includes (from left, clockwise) Baja bites, chicken quesadillas, Tex-Mex dip, Caribbean wings, cosmo corn, foot-boule sandwiches and vegetarian chili.

minutes until crispy.

VEGGIE CHILI

1 medium white onion
1/2 cup parsnip, peeled and diced
1/2 cup turnip, peeled and diced
1/2 cup carrot, peeled and diced
1 tablespoon minced garlic
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 teaspoon cumin
1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/4 teaspoon salt, to taste
pinch of cayenne
3 cups tomato puree
1 cup tomato juice

1/2 cup black beans
1/2 cup garbanzo beans
1/2 cup cannellini beans
1/2 cup kidney beans
1/2 cup pinto beans

Sweet vegetables in olive oil 3-4 minutes (or cook over low heat without browning), then add garlic and spices and continue to sauté. Add tomato puree and beans. Simmer for 1 hour. Adjust seasonings. Garnish with a small dollop of sour cream and a sprinkle of cheddar cheese.

Recipes courtesy of Kelli Lewton, owner of Aunt Olive's 2 Go and 2 Unique in Birmingham.

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Dieters drive sales of designer eggs

BY DAISY NGUYEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

In their relentless pursuit of a healthy diet, many consumers are turning to a new breed of egg.

Designer eggs, produced by chickens fed sea kelp, flax seed and other nutritious ingredients, are finding their way to more and more markets and menus. Some consumers say they even taste better than regular eggs, and sales are booming.

"It's like the kind of eggs I had when I was a kid," shopper Liz Sigel, 56, said while buying a dozen large Organic Omega-3 eggs at a Santa Monica market. "It's more dense than regular eggs."

The trend is due in part to the popularity of low-carb regimens like the Atkins or South Beach diets and also to recent studies that suggest eggs are healthier than previously thought when it comes to cholesterol.

Eggland's Best Eggs, the nation's largest producer of

designer eggs, saw a 25 percent jump in those sales in 2003, compared to 2002, said Laura Finlayson, a spokeswoman for the company.

In the past 18 months, the Pennsylvania-based company sold over a billion specialty eggs nationwide, with many coming from its two farms in California, she said.

Chino Valley Ranchers Farms, based in Arcadia, doubled its production of low-fat eggs in 2003, said David Will, general manager of the company.

"A lot of what's pushing the sales is the protein diets, and people are more health-conscious," he said.

Designer eggs now comprise nearly 5 percent of the \$3 billion national egg market. The increased sales come at a time when overall egg prices are at an all-time high.

The average price of a dozen large eggs was \$1.44 in November, the latest month figures are available, said Don Bell, a consultant for the national cooperative United

Egg Producers. On average, designer eggs cost about \$1 more per dozen than regular eggs.

The price surge came after Exotic Newcastle Disease thinned chicken flocks last year and lowered production.

Along with kelp and flax seed, chickens that lay low-fat eggs are fed canola oil or other types of non-animal fats.

Hens raised on the special diet produce eggs with lower saturated fat that are fortified with omega-3 fatty acid, iodine and vitamin E.

If marigold extract is added to their diet, they lay eggs high in lutein, a nutrient that helps maintain the health of the eye.

The higher prices don't discourage buyers like Sigel, who paid \$3.49 for a dozen designer eggs.

She has been on the Atkins diet for five months and tries to eat as many organic products as possible.

"Food quality is not based upon price, it's based upon quality," she said.

vintners who like to rock the boat: Charles Bieler of Chateau Routsas (France), Joel Gott of Joel Gott Wines (Oakville, Calif.) and Roger Scommegna of Signal Ridge Vineyard (Boonville, Calif.) Made from Napa and Lodi region grapes, the good news is Three Thieves Zinfandel is just the start for these mavericks.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, food, and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them at (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864#.

WINE

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DOMESTIC VALUE

Of all the domestic red wines we tasted, only the new-to-the-market 2002 Three Thieves California Zinfandel at \$10/Litre made the mark. This squat one-litre bottle is not your average jug wine. It's the brainchild of three

WINE PICKS

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SAUVIGNON BLANC

California: 2002 Parducci Lake County, \$8.

RED WINES

Australia: 2001 Penfolds Koonunga Hill Shiraz Cabernet, \$11, and 2001 Kissing Bridge Shiraz, \$6.

France: 2001 Michel Laroche Syrah, \$10; 2001 Georges Duboeuf Merlot, \$7, and 2001 Michel Laroche Merlot, \$10.

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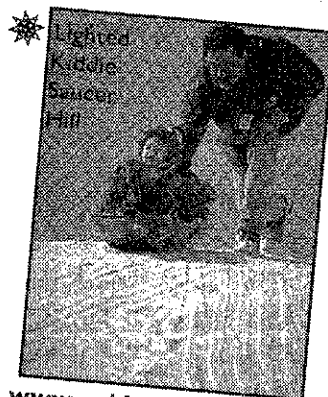
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Classic cooking

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. 29 at Busch's, 24445 Drake, in Farmington Hills. 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

series continues Feb. 12 at the Busch's, 37083 Six Mile (at Newburgh) in Livonia, Feb. 19 at 15185 Sheldon in Plymouth and Feb. 26 in Farmington Hills 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 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).

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: 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 1-888-3-FLORIN

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: mini-pastries, Monday,

Feb. 2; and fresh fruit pastries, Monday, Feb. 9. Classes are \$22. Students provide their own equipment and materials, so call (734) 261-3680 for more information. Classes 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

Familie 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 in the lower level of Our Lady of Good Counsel, North Territorial and Beck roads in Plymouth. The menu includes Spanish paella, chocolate pasta with raspberries and toasted almonds, white chocolate mousse stuffed with poached pears, flourless chocolate cake with chocolate leaves, and double dipped chocolate strawberries filled with Grand Marnier. To learn more about the hands-on cooking classes, call Bella Cucina, 942 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, at (734) 455-4232.

Chase away winter blues

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The warm golden colors of this roasted-peanut caramel tart suggest an antidote to winter blues, even before the good taste hits home.

The recipe has been worked out by pastry chef Karen Barker, acclaimed cookbook author and co-owner of the Magnolia Grill, Durham, N.C. The tart would make a fine cold-weather treat.

ROASTED PEANUT CARAMEL TART**For the tart:**

1 refrigerated pie crust, pressed into 10-inch tart pan with removable bottom

For the Filling:

1 stick (8 tablespoons) butter
¾ cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons honey
¼ cup cream
3 cups lightly salted honey-roasted peanuts

Preheat oven to 350° F. Combine butter, brown sugar, sugar and honey in a small saucepan and bring to a simmer while stirring over medium heat. Allow mixture to simmer for about 4 minutes. It should reach 240° F to 245° F when measured with a candy thermometer (just above soft ball stage). Remove from heat and add the cream. Add the nuts and stir to coat.

Transfer the mixture to tart shell, making sure the nuts are spread into an even layer. The amount of caramel filling will appear scant. Bake tart at 350° F for 15 to 20 minutes until filling is bubbling and crust is golden.

Remove from oven and cool completely before serving. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

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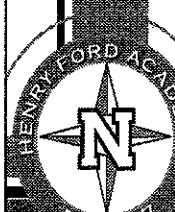
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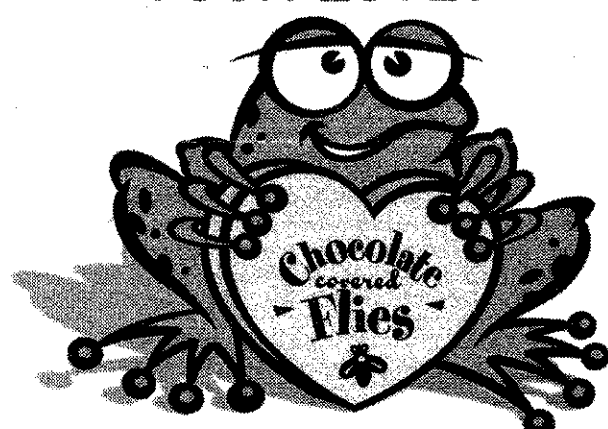
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Former Super Bowl champ promotes healthy recipes

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TIME-OUT CHICKEN TENDERS AND DIPS

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1 cup dry whole-wheat bread crumbs
4 large egg whites
1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast strips
1 tablespoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon dried basil, crumbled
1 teaspoon dried marjoram, crumbled
1 teaspoon dried thyme, crumbled
1 teaspoon dried parsley, crumbled
1 teaspoon dried savory, crumbled
1 teaspoon ground mace or nutmeg
1 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
1 teaspoon onion powder
1 teaspoon sage, rubbed or crumbled
1/2 teaspoon cayenne (optional)

Preheat oven to 500 ° F. Spray a large, nonstick baking sheet with vegetable oil spray.

Place bread crumbs on a sheet of waxed paper. Whisk egg whites in a shallow bowl until foamy. Place herb mixture in small bowl.

Using a meat mallet, gently pound chicken strips to 1/8-inch thick. Make herb mixture: combine garlic powder, basil, marjoram, thyme, parsley, savory, mace or nutmeg, black pepper, onion powder, sage and cayenne.

Sprinkle chicken strips with herb mixture, roll them in bread crumbs, then dip in egg whites. Return chicken to bread crumbs to re-coat, then shake off excess and place on prepared baking sheet. Bake chicken in oven for five minutes. Turn strips over with a spatula and continue to bake for another five minutes until just cooked through.

Serve on a platter with homemade Barbecue and Honey Mustard dips. Serves 8.

Nutritional information for chicken (per serving): Calories 177; fat 3.67 g; carbohydrates 11.88 g; protein 22.72 g; cholesterol 52.05 mg; sodium 192 mg.

HONEY MUSTARD DIP

Store bought condiments are often loaded with salt. These homemade versions are a low-salt alternative.

1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons dry mustard
1/4 teaspoon onion powder
1/4 teaspoon turmeric
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons honey

Whisk together flour, sugar, mustard, onion powder and turmeric. Whisk in lemon juice, water and honey. Serves 8.

Nutritional information (per serving): Calories 38; fat .5g; carbohydrates 8.41; protein 0.45 g; cholesterol 0 mg; sodium 1 mg.

BARBECUE DIP

2 cups water
2 6-ounce cans no-salt-added tomato paste
1/2 cup no-salt-added ketchup
1/4 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
1/4 cup chopped onion
2 tablespoons no-salt-added chili powder or home-made chili powder
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon paprika
1 medium clove garlic, minced, or 1/2 teaspoon bottled minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
dash of no-salt-added red hot-pepper sauce, optional

Whisk together all ingredients in a large saucepan.

Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low and simmer uncovered for 20 minutes or until flavors have blended, whisking occasionally. Allow to cool before storing in refrigerator. Serves 8.

Nutritional information (per serving): Calories 118; fat 4.16 g; carbohydrates 21.29 g; protein 2.24 g; cholesterol 0 mg; sodium 68 mg.

Preparation tip: "No-salt-added" foods can be found at health food stores.

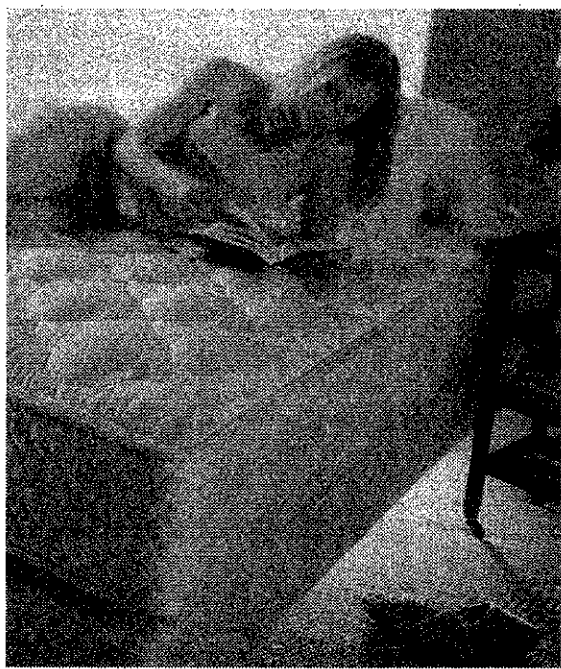
CHILI POWDER

3 tablespoons paprika
2 teaspoons dried oregano, crumbled
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon turmeric
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon cayenne

Stir together ingredients in a small bowl until well blended. Store in an airtight container in a cool, dark place.

Nutritional information (per serving): Calories 11; fat 0.5 g; carbohydrates 2 g; protein 0.5 g; cholesterol 0 mg; sodium 1 mg.

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Robert M. Meisner

Take steps to perfect lien on construction

I had heard about the term construction lien and am wondering who can get one as I am a new contractor.

A contractor, subcontractor, supplier or laborer who provides an improvement to real property may require a construction lien under the Michigan Construction Lien Act. The lien attaches to the interest of the owner or lessee who contracted for the improvement to the real property and any after acquired interest. Construction liens can arise in both commercial and residential construction projects. However, some of the legal procedures applicable to the creation and enforcement of a lien will differ depending upon whether the project is deemed "residential" under the Construction Lien Act. You are best advised to consult with an attorney to advise you of the steps necessary under the act to perfect your lien.

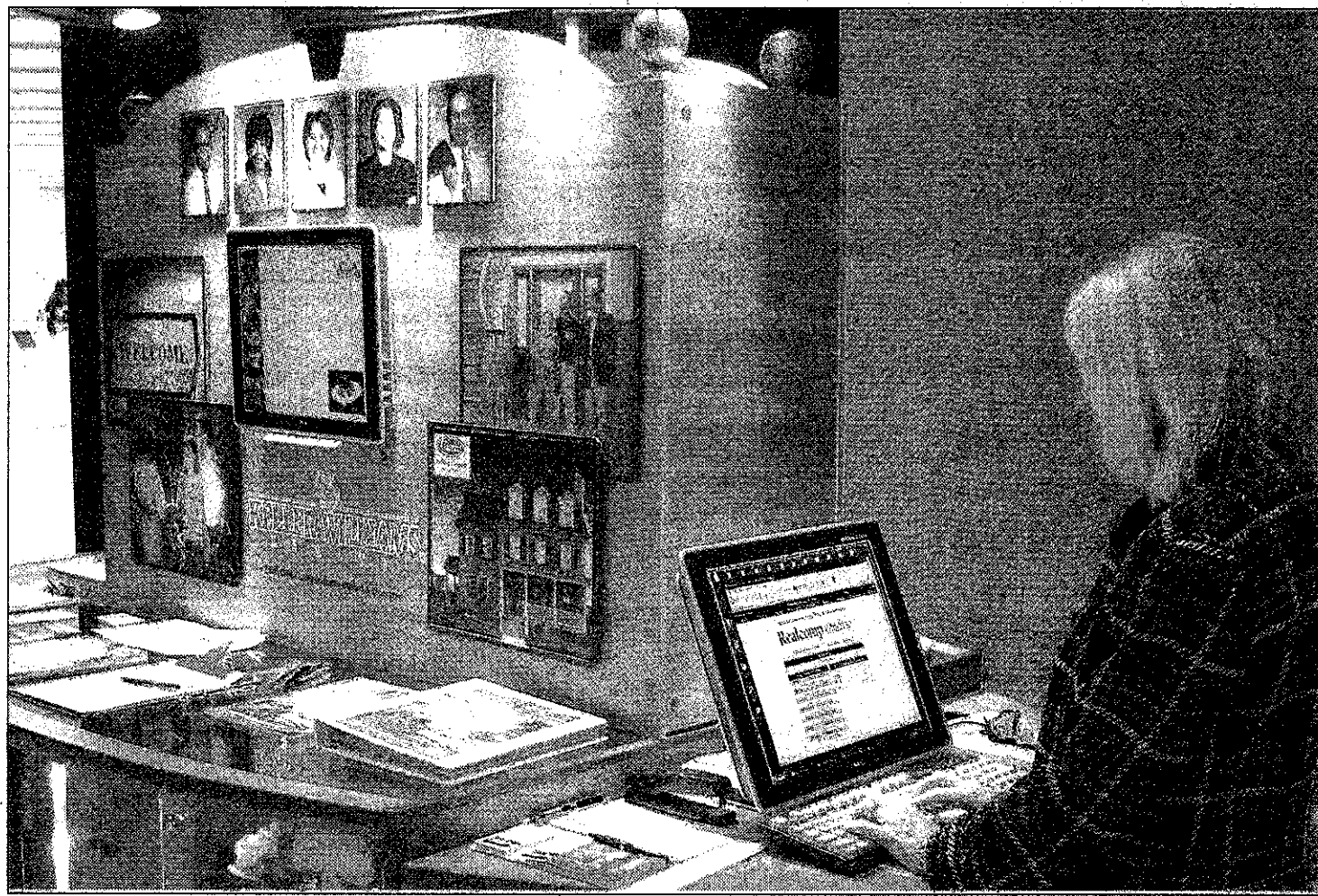
I am the owner of a home where we have had some work done by a contractor who has threatened to record a lien but there has been a period of about 50 days since his last work. Am I out of the woods, so to speak?

While I would have to know additional facts in terms of what has proceeded at this period in time in regard to the lien filing process, generally, failure to record a lien within 90 days of the last work will invalidate the lien but you should be cautioned that unless an owner pays pursuant to sworn statements and lien waivers provided by the contractors and their material men and laborers, the owner risks that an unpaid contractor or supplier will later record a lien against the property. However, if you were dealing with a residential builder, he must be licensed under the Occupational Code in order to be able to claim a construction lien against your interest in the property. The statute is somewhat complicated and you are best advised to consult with an experienced attorney.

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PRNEWSFOTO

Real estate consultant Kathy Biss-Barbera checks the latest MLS listings on a flat panel display screen in the Showcase of Homes kiosk at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

Location! Location! Location!

Store lets you shop for a home at the mall

BY PR NEWSWIRE

Joey Silvian and 10 other independent real estate consultants from Keller Williams Realty of West Bloomfield are focusing their promotional and marketing efforts on the debut of Showcase of Homes, the retail real estate store in the Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. "This will not be an office but a store," said team member Scott Campbell. "There will be a new focus on convenience - adding value to the shopping experience - a Showcase of Homes kiosk where potential clients can check the latest MLS listings, take virtual tours of homes, and discover home availability

in real time."

Should a shopper wish, he or she can make an appointment with a Showcase of Homes real estate consultant for a private viewing of properties or discuss further steps in the real estate process.

Traditional malls are becoming more like lifestyle centers providing residents a gathering place and communities a sense of identity, according to a report by Bieri & Associates Inc., a Detroit-based retail consulting firm.

The kiosk has three high-tech flat panel display screens, a computer that connects to the Internet via a WiFi network in the mall, and a high-quality color printer.

Visitors can look at a presentation, browse through a catalog of featured homes, and receive a printout of current homes available on the market.

Incorporating the latest software and hardware technologies, the kiosk creates a unique

"edutainment" experience.

"This changes the whole paradigm of how real estate is sold," said Silvian. "For the past 50 years customers came to a real estate office. We're taking real estate to the people."

"It's the new high-tech age of efficiency with personalized service," said team member real estate consultant Kathy Biss-Barbera. "We think it matches up with what consumers want."

Located between The Apple Store and Brookstone in the Twelve Oaks Mall, the kiosk is expected to gain exposure from the approximately 15 million visitors passing through the area yearly, according to Carrie Loch, Twelve Oaks Mall specialty retail leasing agent for the Taubman Company.

Privately funded from the agent team members and kiosk corporate sponsors - including Curtis Building Company, Sallie Mae Home

Loans (formerly Pioneer Mortgage), Metropolitan Title and Morse Moving - all agree with Craig Menuck, executive vice president of Curtis Building Company, when he says, "It's about time for this approach. We are very confident in Showcase of Homes' success."

"I am delighted to have had the opportunity to spearhead this very exciting project," said Silvian, whose background is in high-tech marketing programs and advertising.

In addition to his career as a real estate consultant with Keller Williams, Silvian is president of the Virtual Interactive Agency.

He has developed marketing programs for IBM, Mattel, Twentieth Century Fox, Jeep and DuPont, among others.

Showcase of Homes will be open Twelve Oaks Mall hours, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

BIA projects steady home sales

BY PR NEWSWIRE

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is expecting continued strength in 2004 in new home construction and sales.

BIA projects 14,682 new housing permits will have been issued for single-family homes in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Monroe, St. Clair and Livingston counties in 2003 - the second straight year the number of permits issued has increased from the year before.

"Permit numbers indicate the builders' belief in a demand for housing, and in 2003, it looks like the builders were rightfully optimistic," said Stuart Michaelson, BIA president and president of Windmill Group in

Farmington Hills.

"Many homes are built on 'spec' - they are not pre-sold, but are built on speculation that there will be a demand, not unlike automakers who build cars in anticipation of demand."

"Looking ahead to 2004, we think residential real estate will continue to be a driving force in southeastern Michigan's economy, and new housing permits will remain at, or near the levels of 2003," Michaelson said.

David Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), forecast 2004 new home starts nationally will be 1.45 million, a 3.5-percent decrease from the 2003 total projection of 1.5 million. Still, Seiders remains optimistic.

"2003 was a record year for

the single-family market and for homeownership in the U.S.," said Seiders. "While 2004 numbers are expected to be a bit lower, outlook is positive for another strong year of home building."

If the projections hold true, it means a healthy and steady year in the building industry. Locally, in 2003, the metro Detroit area experienced 0.5 percent growth in new housing permits from 2002.

LOCALLY

Oakland County saw the largest jump in new housing starts, up 489 to 3,800, a 14.8-percent increase from 2002.

Wayne, Macomb and St. Clair counties all saw a slight decrease in new housing starts.

Wayne County issued 2,756

new housing permits in 2003, 67 fewer than 2002, or a 2.4-percent decrease. Macomb County saw an 11.3-percent decrease in new housing permits issued - 3,121, down 395 from 2002. St. Clair County saw a decrease to 872 permits, down 61 permits, or 6.5 percent from 2002.

Seiders says that the number of homes locally is amazing, since the nation's recession has hit especially hard in industrial sectors, like metro Detroit.

In addition, the value of the U.S. dollar on the foreign exchange market will drive up the demand for U.S. goods and corporate profits are expected to cause the stock market to rise. As the global economy begins to regain steam, the United States will once again be at the forefront.

Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



Buying a home with bruised credit

We all know somebody who has been through rough times.

Businesses fail, marriages fall apart, and people get laid off. Sometimes affected individuals can hold themselves together financially, sometimes not. When life's challenges cause people to juggle bills and miss payments, they often end up with bruised credit.

Some potential homebuyers wrongfully assume that they are doomed to a lifetime of renting because of their blemished credit record. This notion is often false. Many of these borrowers have compensating factors that may allow them to still purchase a home even in the wake of financial maelstrom.

Recent bankruptcies or current collections do not automatically disqualify borrowers from getting mortgages. Mortgage lenders in these "non-conforming" scenarios will usually grant mortgages if the borrowers have a minimum credit score, if they have one or more "good" scored credit references, and if they can put a meaningful down payment toward their home purchase.

Depending on the type of mortgage, it often helps for borrowers to write a letter to the mortgage underwriter explaining the situation that caused their financial problems. Some of my recent clients have legitimately cited the death of a sibling, the loss of a primary breadwinner, and long-term hospitalization. In each of these cases, we were able to provide the loan underwriter documentation validating the claim.

In most cases, lenders primarily want to know how you have handled your credit since your financial struggles. If you exhibit the same pattern of behavior that led to your earlier financial problems, you will likely have trouble getting a mortgage. Conversely, if you bounced back and maintained excellent credit since your setback, you may have a good shot at a mortgage.

If you have been denied credit for any reason, you may get free copies of your credit report from each of the three major credit repositories: (800) 685-5000 (Equifax), (800) 888-4213 (Transunion), or (888) 397-3742 (Experian).

Remember, a skilled mortgage professional can usually find financing for borrowers if the borrowers are truly motivated. It takes hard work, creativity and patience, but often borrowers are very happy with the result - a home of their own.

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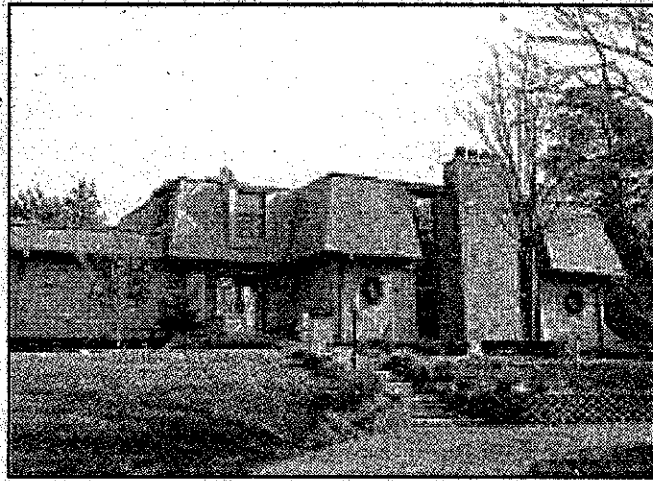


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Mortgage rates drop to lowest figure in six months

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mortgage rates around the country dropped for the second straight week, welcome news to people thinking about buying a home or refinancing the one they already own.

The average rate on 30-year mortgages fell to 5.64 percent - the lowest rate in six months, and down from 5.66 percent last week - Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, said Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates.

Rates on 30-year mortgages have bounced around after sinking to a four-decade low of 5.21 percent in the middle of June.

For 15-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates decreased to 4.95 percent this week, down from 4.97 percent last week. Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages dipped to 3.56 percent, compared with 3.62 percent last week.

"Mortgage rates remain low as the economy picks up steam, allowing families a chance to purchase a new home or refinance if they haven't yet," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "With low prospects of inflation increasing anytime soon, mortgage rates should remain affordable over the first half of this year."

Home-mortgage refinancing activity also has been kept healthy by low mortgage rates. The Mortgage Bankers Association said refinancing accounted for 57.7 percent of all mortgage applications filed last week, up from 51.6 percent the previous week.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year and 15-year mortgages each carried an average fee of 0.6 point this week, while one-year adjustable mortgages carried an average fee of 0.7 point.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.91 percent, 15-year mortgages were 5.31 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 3.93 percent.

The housing market, powered by low mortgage rates, helped to support the economy throughout 2003. The Mortgage Bankers Association, in an economic outlook Thursday, predicted home sales would slow slightly over the next two years.

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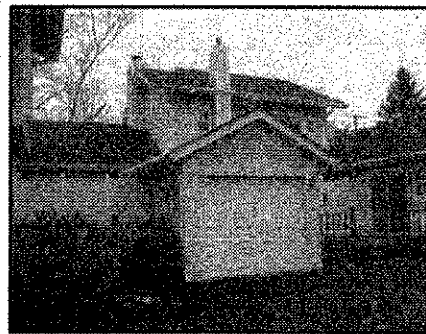
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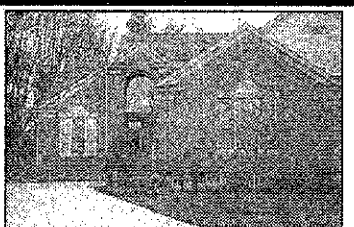
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Canton

43608 Appomattox	\$165,000
43671 Arlington	\$190,000
1599 Brookview	\$199,000
45443 Brunswick	\$217,000
46896 Creeks	\$248,000
46899 Creeks	\$282,000
1398 Elmhurst	\$160,000
6132 Fairborn	\$395,000
44653 Fenwick	\$333,000
44942 Fox Pointe	\$318,000
6350 Gallery	\$333,000
46400 Gleggarry	\$360,000
1664 Gleggarry Woods	\$380,000
41669 Greenwood	\$220,000
43108 Hanford	\$258,000
45095 Indian Creek	\$268,000
48166 Inverary	\$538,000

42772 Lilley Pointe	\$122,000
42819 Lilley Pointe	\$124,000
41905 Old Bridge	\$195,000
1684 Orchard	\$126,000
42215 Palmer	\$300,000
43125 Providence	\$226,000
45065 Rolling Ridge	\$348,000
621 Roosevelt	\$75,000
42731 Saltz	\$242,000
42500 Saratoga	\$143,000
45220 Seabrook	\$323,000
4643 Shoreview	\$286,000
1703 Stonebridge Way	\$462,000
7568 Sussex	\$255,000
46555 Swannere	\$296,000
1735 Thistle	\$250,000
41263 Westfield	\$238,000
44818 Whitman	\$186,000
6390 Willow Creek	\$204,000
1924 Woodbine	\$310,000
41901 Woodbrook	\$207,000
2645 Woodcreek	\$335,000
42267 Woodwind	\$345,000

6540 Helen	\$131,000
6572 Helen	\$81,000
30734 John Hawk	\$146,000
31985 John Hawk	\$143,000
Livonia	
9833 Auburndale	\$230,000
30055 Bretton	\$172,000
28753 Buckingham	\$176,000
20557 Chestnut	\$140,000
20652 Chestnut	\$140,000
14701 Country Club	\$192,000
8906 Crown	\$187,000
31634 Delaware	\$192,000
9934 E Clements	\$150,000
10136 Edington	\$210,000
32685 Five Mile	\$95,000
20103 Floral	\$151,000
29836 Grandon	\$158,000
14256 Hix	\$170,000
10101 Inkster	\$147,000
29000 Joy	\$137,000
28935 Lancaster	\$214,000
29526 Lyndon	\$196,000
31051 Balmoral	\$150,000
29198 Florence	\$165,000
2225 Gilman	\$151,000

30329 Minton	\$174,000
34670 Munger	\$225,000
33577 Nancy	\$183,000
9090 Oporto	\$149,000
16664 Parklane	\$287,000
18431 Pershing	\$130,000
16384 Ronnie	\$263,000
11600 Rosellinda	\$315,000
29210 Roycroft	\$225,000
14403 Summerside	\$220,000
17981 University Park	\$162,000
28122 Vista	\$283,000
17855 Westbrook	\$205,000
19519 Weyher	\$130,000
16567 Whitby	\$290,000
32031 Wyoming	\$188,000

Plymouth	
300 Adams	\$223,000
1052 Harding	\$315,000
606 Maple	\$105,000
48495 Meadow	\$382,000
40647 Newport	\$134,000
14939 Robinwood	\$247,000
11750 Turkey Run	\$198,000
12404 Woodgate	\$186,000
9108 Appleton	\$154,000

9154 Arnold	\$119,000
18714 Beech Daly	\$72,000
9528 Brady	\$200,000
9635 Centralia	\$142,000
16809 Centralia	\$69,000
12821 Crosley	\$154,000
25250 E. Deborah	\$149,000
17209 Five Points	\$110,000
18470 Fox	\$135,000
25455 Ivanhoe	\$106,000
15887 Kinloch	\$117,000
12839 Leverne	\$144,000
26282 Margaretta	\$100,000
8829 Marion	\$137,000
13530 Norborne	\$134,000
15595 Norborne	\$149,000
9629 Riverdale	\$120,000
9135 Seminole	\$167,000
9931 Seminole	\$144,000
11336 Sioux	\$137,000
26746 Southwestern	\$128,000
15617 Wakenden	\$123,000
13502 Woodbine	\$106,000

2281 Buchanan	\$184,000
36629 Cherry Hill	\$170,000
38577 Cherry Hill	\$176,000
34115 Conway	\$193,000
37162 Conway	\$148,000
35556 Dove	\$173,000
2600 Eardman	\$189,000
8264 Flamingo	\$145,000
32133 Genessee	\$82,000
32621 Hivley	\$125,000
35845 Hunter	\$118,000
8237 Huntington	\$68,000
1566 Leslie	\$80,000
30869 Middlebury	\$133,000
8244 Milburn	\$133,000
6925 Mohican	\$145,000
215 N. Dobson	\$135,000
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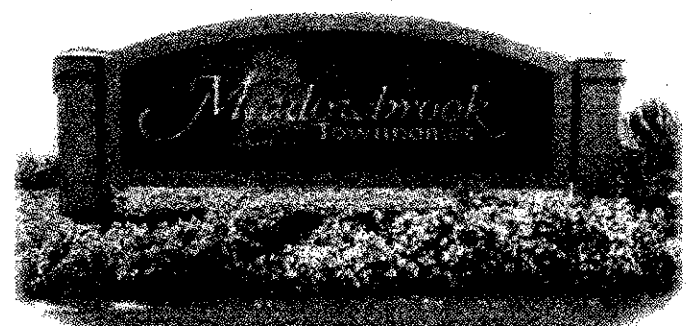
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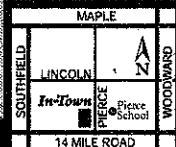
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FARMINGTON HILLS. Super 2100 sq. ft. 4 bedrm, 2.5 bath colonial backing to commons w/40 acres of walking trails, ponds & playground for those family gatherings. Home has new windows & furnace, 2.5 side entry garage w/new insulated door, finished basement, bay windows & tons more! \$289,900 (L98Gai)

WIXOM. Beautiful 3 bedroom colonial in great sub w/private beach, walking paths & park. 20x18 ceramic 4 season rm w/8 person hot tub, den, family rm w/fireplace, 2nd floor laundry. Updates include: Kitchen, pargo floors, roof, deck, windows & carpet. This is a great home! \$244,900 (L19Cna)

LIVONIA. See is believing on this completely remodeled 1924 built home w/ addition offering 4 bedrms, 3 full baths, security system, 2.5 car garage, & shed. Newer windows, furnace & C/A, bathrooms, vinyl siding, & kitchen. All on deep lot w/cedar privacy fence. \$239,900 (L08Bre)



WIXOM. Motivated sellers transferred! Built in '02, immaculate, well-maintained 4 bedrm, 2 1/2 bath colonial loaded w/ upgrades. Gourmet kitchen w/island & extended counter, 2 story family rm w/ view to upper level. Master bedrm w/2 walk-in closets. Custom wood floors. BRING ALL OFFERS! \$324,900 (D80Tra)

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NORTHVILLE. Beautiful 3 bedrm, 2.5 bath condo w/open floor plan & lots of windows. Located on a cul-de-sac w/ private yard. Nville school! Formal dining & living rm w/gas fireplace & deck. Corian kitchen w/island, oak cabinets & floor. Master bedrm has balcony & gas fireplace. Home Warranty! \$315,000 (1.77Wal)

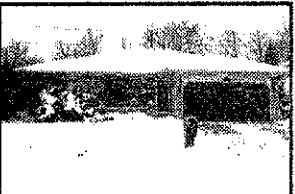
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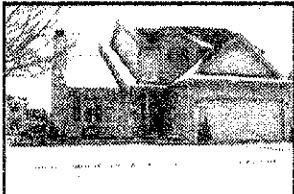
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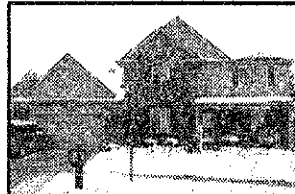
A BRICK RANCH IN CANTON. This 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home has an excellent floor plan and desirable features. 1st floor laundry, family room w/fireplace, attached 2 car garage, home warranty and much more! \$229,900 (153BR)



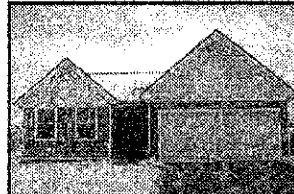
NEWER FRENCHTOWN COLONIAL. Exceptional 3 bedroom colonial with loads of builder upgrades. Extra large rooms, beautiful oak trim, crown moldings, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, recessed lighting, and extra deep basement, the list goes on and on! \$279,900 (824CO)



AFFORDABLE COLONIAL. Wonderful 3 bedroom colonial in an established neighborhood. Large family room w/gas fireplace & doorwall to the patio. New furnace & central air. Large bedrooms. Kitchen with nook, garage, basement & fenced yard. See it today! \$149,900 (650HI)



DON'T MISS OUT! Sharp 4 bedroom/2.5 bath colonial. Large master w/private bath & WIC, open kitchen & nook that steps down to the family room w/cathedral ceilings & fireplace. Basement w/finished rec room. Premium carpet and fresh paint in '03. Big yard w/patio & privacy fence. \$309,000 (850BL)



GLORIOUS RANCH. Pristine clean and waiting for you! 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and 1400 sq. ft. with an attached 2 car garage. Highlights include a gourmet kitchen, great room with fireplace, and a superb finished walkout basement with a study. Backs to a pond. \$220,000 (358CX)



REMARKABLE REDFORD RANCH. 1300 sq. ft. ranch overlooking the park. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths and an attached 2 car garage. Totally redone! Rich hardwood floors, fresh paint, new carpet. Prof. finished basement w/glass block, new C/A & windows & Prof. landscaped yard. Really nice. \$164,900 (812WA)



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IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! In this wonderful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Highlights include a newer furnace, new carpet in the family room w/fireplace & built-ins, hardwood floors, lighted bedroom closets, nice kitchen w/appliances, professionally painted throughout. \$279,900 (665KI)



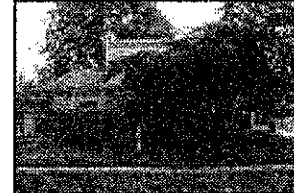
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SOUGHT AFTER SOUTH LYON. 3 bedroom home perfectly located to a quiet cul-de-sac that slides to the woods. Large open floor plan, new paint and carpet, wood floors, hot water heater, and AC! Kitchen with downwall to deck, sprinkler system and more. Call now. \$209,900 (401PR)



GREAT COURT LOCATION. Completely updated 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Highlights include Hickory cabinetry to the kitchen with all the appliances, newer windows throughout, rich hardwood floors, brick paver patio, and a 2 car garage. Too much to list. \$239,900 (224WI)



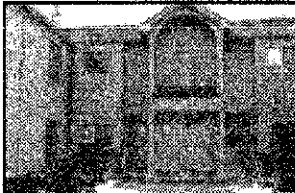
OUTSTANDING VALUE. Large 5 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with many updates. Spacious floor plan with 1500 square feet with a large garage, carport, basement, deck, hot tub and Florida room. Great location. An absolute must see. \$194,900 (478MA)



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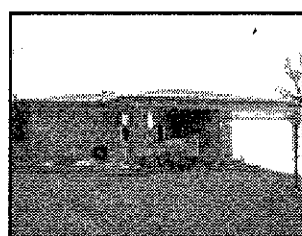
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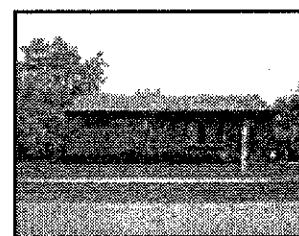
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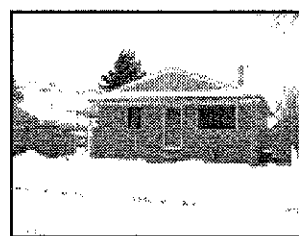
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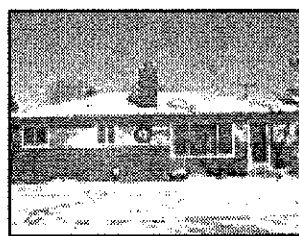
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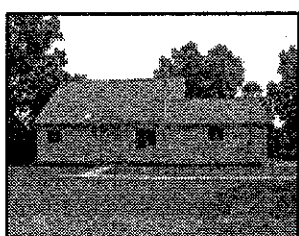
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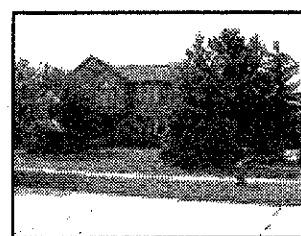
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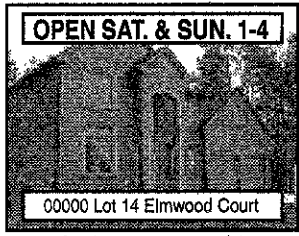
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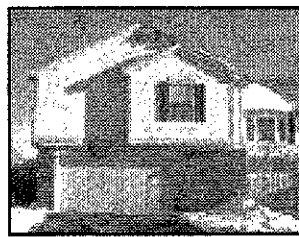
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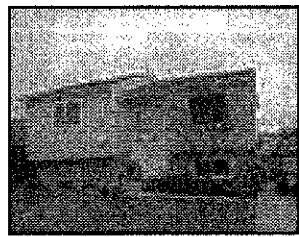
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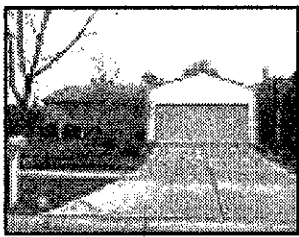
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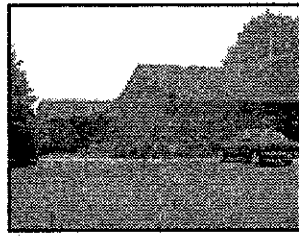
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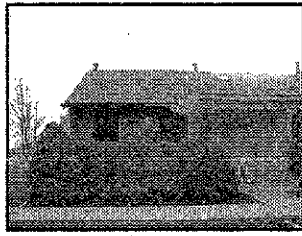
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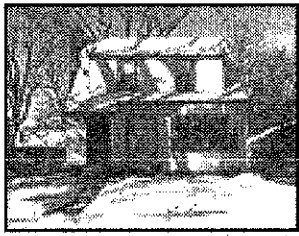
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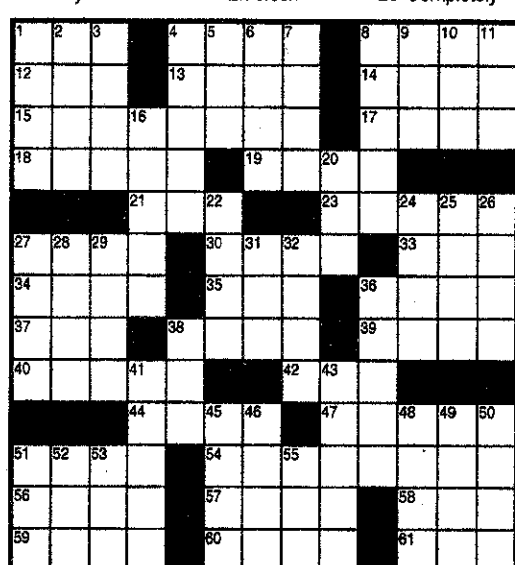
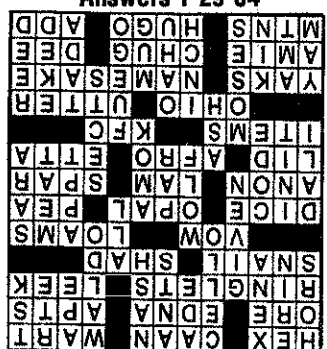
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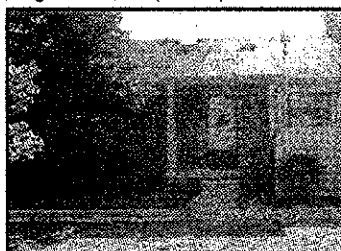
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DEARBORN - Great starter home. 3 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow in west Dearborn. Roof & windows '02. Tub enclosure, updated kitchen cabinets, freshly painted in neutral colors. Fenced yard, close to park & schools. Appliances stay. \$119,900 (E00UN) 248-349-5600



CANTON - End Unit Ranch Condo. Move in condition. Neutral colors. Vaulted ceilings, family room, office in basement, 1st floor laundry & deck. All this offered in this 2 bedroom, 2 bath home. \$146,900 (71VIN) 734-455-5600



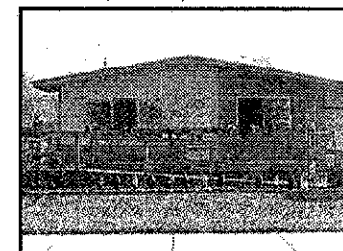
REDFORD - Clean & Cozy Ranch. 2 bedrooms, spacious living room freshly painted. Updated kitchen & bath, large dining room, terrific finished basement, newer roof, furnace, electric & H2O. Also a 1 car garage. \$99,900 (65DAL) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Previous builders model. Large 4 bedroom, 3 full & 1/2 bath colonial built in 2000 w/3 car attached garage, finished basement, great room w/gas fireplace, library w/bay window. Sitting on a large corner lot. \$549,000 (81CHA) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Vacation in the backyard. This spacious ranch home is sitting on approx .62 acre in one of the most sought after areas. All 1st floor living w/3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, formal dining room, family room, first floor laundry & a year-round garden room overlooking park-like yard. \$239,900 (E48LIV) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND - Outstanding home. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, turn key brick ranch in move-in condition. Updated kit w/oak cabs & ceramic tile flrs. Partially fin bsmt. Vinyl windows t/o, some newer carpet, fresh & neutral decor t/o. Lg deck & updated concrete, att insulated gar w/opener. Livonia Schls. \$159,900 (E02HIL) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Large colonial. Plenty of room, many updates including newer carpet t/o, paint, appliances. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths w/a 5th bedroom in lower level. Large shaded yard backs to commons. Buy now and move by Thanksgiving. \$339,900 (E03SPR) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Updated home in Downtown Plymouth. Beautifully maintained home in town offering 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, attached garage, newer carpet & family room w/fireplace. \$224,900 (17McK) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA - Castle Garden Ranch. Updated 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 car att gar, fin bsmt, C/A & furnace (97), roof tear-off ('00), vinyl windows, remodeled kitchen & baths. Hardwood, Berber, Pergo flooring. Maple cabinets, solid pine 6 panel doors throughout, doorwall off family room. \$221,624 (76HOU) 734-455-5600



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WESTLAND - Country in the city. 3 bedroom, 2 bath sprawling ranch w/great room overlooking inground heated pool w/underwater accent lights + 2 fireplaces. Newer roof, windows, furnace, hot water heater & great location. Don't miss this one. \$349,900 (90JOH) 734-455-5600



DETROIT - Pretty as a picture. Extensive updates in this 3 bedroom bungalow. Newer features include: furnace & C/A, roof, windows, plumbing & updated kitchen cabinets + 2 car garage w/opener. The list goes on & on! \$89,500 (15GRE) 734-455-5600



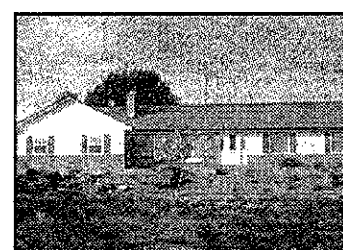
CANTON - 3 bedroom townhouse. Great location offering 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, basement, attached garage. Newer windows, H2O, roof & siding. Kitchen appliances, spacious master suite w/a wall of closet. Area pool & clubhouse. Great parking & quiet community. \$147,700 (64BED) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Great Location. Pride of ownership shows in this charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick bungalow w/partially finished basement, garage, newer roof, furnace, C/A & electric panel. \$119,900 (47WOR) 734-455-5600



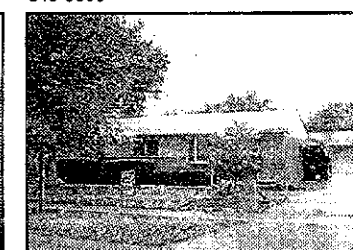
DEARBORN HGTS. - Wooded end unit ranch. Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch condo w/2 car attached garage, partially finished basement, great room w/fireplace, dining room, breakfast area overlooking deck, all in wooded park-like setting. \$324,900 (40BEE) 734-455-5600



SOUTH LYON - Beautiful scenic view. Wonderful approx 2 acres with pond. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, walk-out ranch. Finished basement w/full bath & fireplace. 3 car gar. Large kit, 1st floor laundry. Large deck. Newer windows & roof. Newer septic & water system. South Lyon schools. \$264,900 (E77TEN) 248-349-5600



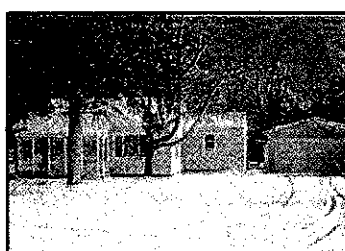
REDFORD - Redford Charmer. Covered porch leads to this 3 bedroom, 1 bath home. Mechanical updates July 2003 include: C/A, furnace and duct work. Large open backyard w/room for storage. 1 year home warranty. Bring offers. \$95,900 (E95CEN) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Plymouth Ranch. Beautiful brick 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch w/newer furnace, roof & windows. Hardwood floors. Large yard & deck. Finished lower level. Oversized 2 car garage. \$204,900 (E19RUS) 248-349-5600



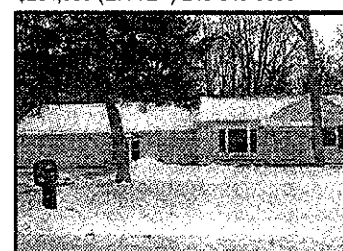
INKSTER - Roomy bungalow. Very nice home w/family room as a bonus. Truly a turn-key home. Updates include: copper plumbing, roof, garage door & opener, carpet in kitchen, family room & basement. Also 2 car garage. \$124,900 (82MON) 734-455-5600



SUMPTER - A little bit of country. Approx 1.64 acres w/2 homes on property. Bonus 800 sq. ft. home great for renter or in-laws. Completely remodeled. Large pole barn w/heat, electricity & cement floor. Call for details. \$199,900 (21MAR) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Plymouth Tri-Level Near Downtown. Open floor plan, refinished hardwood floors, formal DR w/newer picture window, FR on main floor w/gas frplc & door to patio. Newer roof 2000. Main bath renovated w/ceramic tile, tub, floor & pedestal sink. Newer Andersen Casement windows. \$229,500 (25FAI) 734-455-5600



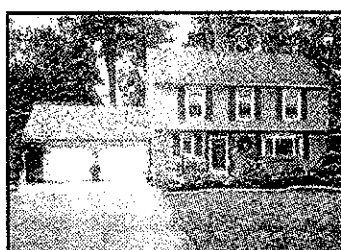
SOUTHFIELD - Beautiful house & lot. Sharp ranch on a heavily treed approx 3/4 acre lot backing to woods & park. Huge great room w/ceramic flooring & wet bar. Updated kitchen & bath. Circle drive. Newer roof system. Fenced yard, hardwood floors & more. \$169,000 (E11FAR) 248-349-5600



WALLED LAKE - Hot Buy, Seller Says Sell. 2-story duplex w/woodsy view. 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Att garage, full basement & lots of storage. Well maintained & many updates. Refrigerator, stove, washer and dryer all stay. Spacious MBR w/3 closets. Close to x-ways & shops. \$155,900 (E63WOO) 248-349-5600



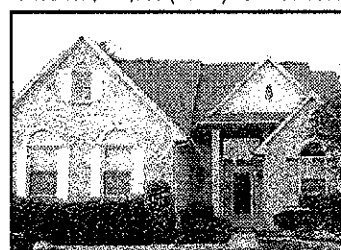
WEST BLOOMFIELD - Multi-level condo. Outstanding 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo w/eat-in kitchen. Spacious open floor plan. Master bedroom w/newer bath including separate Jacuzzi tub & shower. Decks off living room & master bedroom, 2 car att gar. Office/workout area on 4th level. All apps. \$269,900 (E40PAL) 248-349-5600



COMMERCE - Enjoy sweeping views. Wonderful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial sitting on lovely Edgewood Park Golf Course. Updated windows, roof, furnace, C/A, appliances, brick paver patio, deck & extensive landscaping, + 2 car attached garage & basement. \$299,950 (42EDG) 734-455-5600



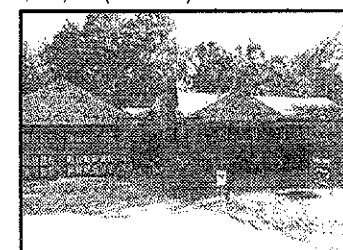
DEARBORN - Extra clean Dearborn home. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 kitchens. Move in - extra clean. all apps stay, 2.5 car garage, ceramic tile in kitchen, brkfs room, LR, foyer & hall. Finished bsmt w/newer kitchen & bath. Newer C/A, hot water heater, roof, furnace, siding, windows & driveway. \$139,900 (15WIL) 734-455-5600



CANTON - Beautifully maintained cape cod backing to woods & golf course offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3+ car attached garage, basement, private patio, 1st floor master suite w/his & hers WIC, great room w/gas fireplace & cathedral ceiling. \$399,000 (36GLE) 734-455-5600



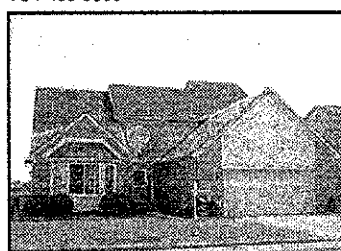
NORTHVILLE - Northville Condo. Walk to downtown from this 2 bedroom premium end unit. Many updates include: newer kitchen, bath, carpet, lighting, 6 panel doors. Would you believe only \$128,900? (E25FAI) 248-349-5600



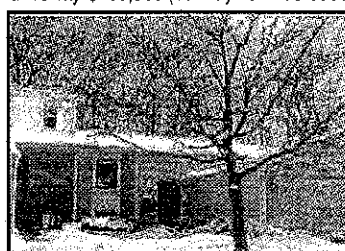
SOUTHFIELD - Ranch plus bonus bldg. Outstanding 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on large private yard. FR w/bay window. Newer roof. Wood deck & pool. 2 car attached garage has pull down storage plus huge bonus building that has numerous possibilities. \$169,900 (E21WES) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Updated Plymouth Charmer. Absolute move in condition. Spacious 4 bedroom home w/oak cabinets and Pergo floors. Newer windows, entry & patio doors. Top rated Plymouth schools. Walk to elementary school. \$205,000 (E53ORE) 248-349-5600



BROWNSTOWN - A must see. Spectacular 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial w/lower level, 2 car attached garage, some hardwood floors & some tile floors, vaulted ceiling, large deck from dining area to lower yard patio. \$264,900 (67JEN) 734-455-5600



BRIGHTON - Walk to downtown. Wonderful end unit ranch w/2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2 car garage, basement, great room w/gas fireplace, doorwall to deck backing to woods. Bring your fussiest buyers! \$169,900 (32FOR) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN HGTS. - Move in condition 3 bedroom brick ranch w/1 bathroom, eat-in kitchen, dining L, spacious living room, all vinyl windows. 2 car garage. \$150,000 (83SIL) 734-455-5600



WALLED LAKE - Carefree lakeside living. And bring your boat! This 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in an adult 50+ community includes all apps, a deeded boat slip on Walled Lake, private beach w/gazebo & picnic area, other amenities. Relaxing living! \$139,900 (E27SOU) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Old world charm. All new inside. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has gorgeous hardwood flrs, library, sunroom & first floor laundry. New in 2003: roof, furnace, electrical, plumbing, kitchen appliances, 2 car garage & spacious deck. \$225,000 (E55WAL) 248-349-5600



CANTON - Wow. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath end unit condo? From the new doors/moldings, ceramic flrs in foyer, both baths, kit, to the all newer apps plus washer & dryer, newer windows & roof. Across from a golf course & surrounded by higher priced homes. \$129,900 (E23ORC) 248-349-5600

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PLYMOUTH \$664,900
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$464,900
GRAND 2 STY FOYER, STUNNING KITCHEN, newer carpet in LR & DR. Cozy FR w/FP & drwl to huge deck w/wooded view. Awesome fin walk-out bsmt w/5th BR ste, wet br. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 3300 SF & 1300 SF in bsmt. (K30722)

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PLYMOUTH \$365,000
GREAT CURB APPEAL 4BR, 3 1/2 bath with Pergo, new paint, French doors, crown molding in den, bay window, wood trim. Fin bsmt, drywall, 1st floor laundry. Gazebo-deck-perennials. (R958)

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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 & sl. lg FR w/FP & cathedral cell, mstr BR w/hls/her closets/spacious BA. (10MAN2)

248-348-6430



NOVI \$349,900
4 BDRM, 2.5 BATH DUNBARTON PINES BEAUTY! Well maintained and neutral T/O. HDWD flrs in foyer, nook, hall & powder rm. Crown molding in foyer, hall, FR & baths. Extra deep BSMT. Extra wide driveway. (24FOR2)

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LIVONIA \$329,900
NEW CONSTRUCTION BROOKSHIRE Premium elevation, now being constructed. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, oak hrdwd flrs thru-out, ceramic in BAs & laundry, mstr w/Jacuzzi & sep shower, oak kit, 2144 SF, & more. (C29959)

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NOVI \$324,900
CHARMING LOCATION IN GREAT SUB! Dunbarton colonial w/light & bright flr plan. GR & LR both w/ fp's, formal DR w/bay, hwdws in entry, study & 1/2 bath. Northville schools! (Agent owner) (32MID2)

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NORTHVILLE \$315,900
BEAUTIFUL CONDO IN COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE Open, spacious, sunlit condo with view of pond. 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 fireplaces, study with bay window, island kitchen. Perfect! (90CQU2)

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NOVI \$300,000
CONTEMPORARY DESIGNED HOME Great open flr plan, nice kit, fin bsmt w/FR, bar, bonus rm & extra storage. Deck w/built in storage, priv entry brick paver patio & yard w/ commons feel. (78JAM2)

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BRIGHTON \$282,900
EXCEPTIONAL BRIGHTON LOCATION Beautiful home on lg cul-de-sac. Great rm w/cath ceiling & gas fireplace. 2nd floor loft, 2 bdrms & full bath. 1st flr master etc. Prof. finished bsmt. Many upgrades. (25AIR2)

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NORTHVILLE \$279,500
VINTAGE NORTHVILLE CHARM Wonderfully restored and updated: new roof, furnace, central air, kitchen, and windows. Pretty deck and private backyard. 2 Bedrooms, 2 baths. 100 Year old beauty. (46GRA8)

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FARMINGTON HILLS \$250,000
CHARMING RANCH CONDO Lovely condo w/ 2 bdrm & 2 full baths. Eat in kit. Main flr laundry. Well located w/priv. backyard & deck. Incl. appls. Very sharp & neutral. Close to downtown Farmington. (56LAR2)

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LIVONIA \$239,900
HERE'S THAT NEWER RANCH you've been looking for. 3 BR, 2 BA, GR w/cath cell, FP, & wet bar, mstr w/full bath, cath cell, formal DR, lg kit, huge part fin bsmt, 2 car att'd gar, & more. (O28277)

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PLYMOUTH \$220,900
FABULOUS BARBERRY UNIT! 2-Story cell makes this LR inviting. FR w/adj powder rm. Can be bit as 3rd bdrm. Avail upgrades. Ext Indscpg, sprnkr sys, lawn main & snow remov. Prime locat. (23A1205)

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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, pantry & extra storage. 2-car attached garage. (91ME2)

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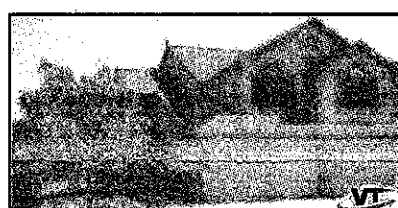
PLYMOUTH \$214,900
YOU WILL RECOGNIZE FINE CRAFTSMANSHIP 3 BR, 1.5 BA brk colonial, tastefully decorated w/extra special touches. Lg eat-in kit w/oak cabinetry, FR w/gas log FP, remodeled bath, hrdwd flrs, & much more! (C9343)

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PLYMOUTH \$194,900
THE "ARBOR" has an open flr plan. Fin lower lvi rec rm next to laundry & powder rm. Townhome comm will feature indscpg, sprnkr sys, lawn main/snow remov. Low assoc fees. (23A1205)

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CANTON \$189,000
SUNNY END UNIT! 2 Bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage, basement, deck, loft overlooking great room. Stove, fridge, washer, dryer stay. (H45113)

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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
BEAUTIFUL BROWNSTONE CONDO Comfortable living on all 3 floors, bay windows on 1st & 2nd floors, fireplace, hardwood floors, near shopping & restaurants. Must see to appreciate! (C677)

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FARMINGTON \$169,900
PRETTY AS A PICTURE Cozy ranch freshly painted, new carpet, ready to move in. Brick & wood trim, 3 BRs, cute kit, c/a, 2 car gar w/ brand new door. Home protection plan provided. (67FOL2)

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WESTLAND \$169,900
SPACIOUS IS THE WORD 3 bedroom beauty in Westland. 2 baths one w/walk in shower, large 130x130 lot, 2 car att garage plus another 1 car garage in back, fam rm w/fireplace and more. (J348)

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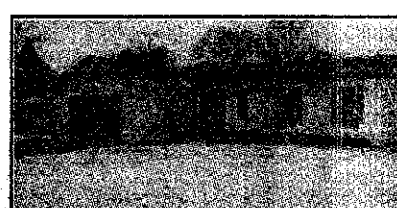
WESTLAND \$169,500
TASTEFULLY DECORATED, WELL MAINTAINED 3 BR ranch. Beautiful new brk cabs, new flr, appl stay, patio, full bsmt, oversized 2 car gar, tear off r in 10/03, newer furn, a/c, window. A great home! (M304)

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HOWELL \$164,985
HOWELL CHARMER! Cute 3 BR bungalow in downtown Howell. Hdwd flrs, new windows T/O, new bathroom, lg kit, DR, bsmt, private deck, fenced yard, 2 car gar w/wkshp & much more! (09JEW2)

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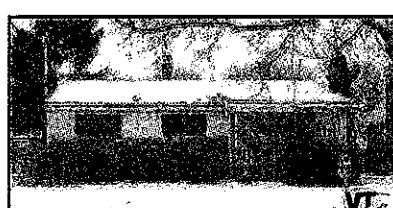
LIVONIA \$164,900
THIS HOME AWAITS A NEW GROWING FAMILY! 4 BR's come with this spacious maintenance free ranch! Formal DR, oak kit, 2 full baths, 2 car att'd gar, Anderson wndws, deck, lots of storage, & much more! (F20249)

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DEARBORN \$157,500
DESIRABLE NEIGHBORHOOD! This 3 bedroom brick bungalow is waiting for you. Finished basement, 2.5 car garage. Seller says, "Bring me an offer!" (23A2130)

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GARDEN CITY \$154,900
LOOKS NICE FEELS RIGHT Buyers who want a well manicured home in nice area. Close to park & schools, new roof, vinyl windows, brick paver patio, part finished BSMT, 2.5 car garage. (F230)

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GARDEN CITY \$149,999
COMFY CAPE COD is this 3 bedroom brick home in Garden City. 2 Full baths, 3 car garage. Lots of nice features: newer windows, doorwall to deck, double lot. (M319)

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WESTLAND \$149,995
IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE is this 3 bedroom brick Westland ranch w/full basement. 1 1/2 baths on a nice quiet dead end street. Master bdrm has 1/2 bath. Newer carpet & roof shingles. (H383)

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$149,900
HAWTHORNE HILLS SUB 3 BR, 1.5 BA, finished bsmt, 10x14 Florida rm, 2 car side entry garage. All new items: rf, wndws, furn w/ac, hwh, kit, all appliances stay. (B8600)

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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 will sell quickly! (S19335)

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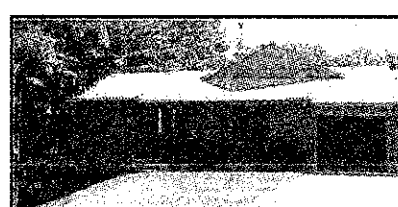
GARDEN CITY \$149,900
RAINBOW'S END 3 Bedroom tri-level. Home has many recent updates, oak kitchen, newer windows & doors, newer carpet & paint, all new roof shingles, 2 car garage has new garage doors. (J330)

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WAYNE \$144,900
EXPAND WITHOUT EXPENSE This is a 1,400 sq. ft 3 BDRM brick home w/1.5 baths, remodeled oak kitchen W 2 1/2 car garage, hardwood floors, newer windows, & central air conditioning. (C451)

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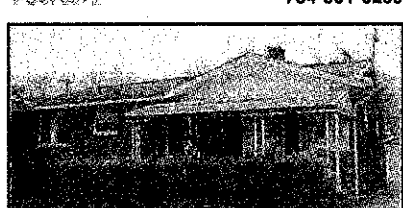
SOUTH LYON \$139,900
SUPER LOCATION! W/O END UNIT WITH FLA RM 2BRS, 2 baths, fam rm with gas FP, att gar, 55+ Adult Community, lake priv, clubhouse, all appliances, fabulous scenery and privacy. Hurry! (64CAM2)

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REDFORD \$139,900
SOLID BRICK RANCH! In area with brand new homes. Within a block of Lawson Field - offers tennis, basketball, & play area. Nice floor plan with finished basement. (L19158)

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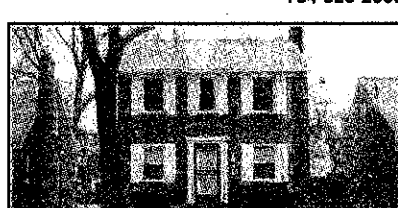
MELVINDALE \$132,900
YOUR SEARCH STOPS HERE! Oooh! Weel! Check out this gem in Melvindale. You'll be sorry if you miss out on this one. Brick ranch w/updated kit, finished bsmt. Move in w/o doing a thing! (23M3526)

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REDFORD \$119,900
SWEET SWEET SWEET 3 BR bungalow loaded w/updates. A pleasure to see. Very clean and well maintained. Maintenance free exterior. Lovely landscaping. Call to see. (K20470)

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DETROIT \$109,900
GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD! 3 Bedroom brick home. Completely redone from floors to windows to kitchen! Priced under market. Bring all offers! (23O16574)

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WAYNE \$104,900
GREAT STARTER HOME Vinyl sided bungalow, 2 bedrooms with a possible third. 10x10 barn style shed, large covered patio overlooking deep lot, 150+ feet, hurry. (J445)

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DETROIT \$80,000
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CANTON
AFFORDABLE & NICE! Canton condo in "The Winds" complex. Townhome style 2 bedroom, 1 full bath. Patio, carport, all appliances! 23N41030
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The 2004 Cadillac SRX

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BY DALE BUSS

Cadillac's recent aggressiveness in developing and rolling out new models has been paying off more and more in worthwhile, often exciting, new vehicles and increased sales. And while not as innovative as, say, the Escalade SUV that Cadillac introduced a few years ago or its new XLR convertible, the 2004 Cadillac SRX was something well worth introducing.

SRX is the first car-based SUV offered by Cadillac, a true wagon-SUV "crossover" that is meant to compete with sundry other new vehicles. On the top end, SRX, whose suggested retail prices begin at about \$39,000, could be considered in the same breath with Chrysler's Pacifica and the Nissan Murano. But Cadillac really is aiming at the BMW X5 and Mercedes-Benz M-class vehicles, and indeed offers a raft of options that can push the price of SRX close to \$60,000.

I'd get off somewhere in the \$50,000's. SRX is nifty, but not worth that kind of outlay.

Like every other Cadillac lately, SRX makes a styling statement, beginning with its extremely blunt and angular front end that has become a modern signature for Cadillac design. The rest of the vehicle is rather understated, distinguishing itself clearly as closer to the low-profile outline of a station wagon than that of an SUV. Still, its distinctive styling makes SRX stand out in a sea of increasingly lookalike SUVs and endemically cookie-cutter minivans.

On the V8 version I drove, the addition of 18-inch wheels was a nice touch as well. Overall, SRX's styling inspires confidence that this is a well-appointed but no-nonsense vehicle.

That ethos carries through the interior of the vehicle. The appointments are clearly deserving of the Cadillac moniker, including dashboard controls that are at once complex but easy to use. The centralized display screen – with its nice organization



The SRX is one satisfying ride indeed.

of information for the radio, the climate system and other features in one place – represents an advanced evolution of a device that the industry, overall, is still struggling to perfect in terms of being user-friendly. Walnut trim and leather upholstery establish a modern-luxury feel, yet the industrial-dimpled dashboard suggests utility as well.

The only problem with the interior front is that it is home to a long roster of a la carte options that quickly can ramp SRX into the pricing stratosphere. The possibilities include an Ultra View sunroof (that sheds light on the rear as well as the front) for about \$2,400 a rear-seat DVD-entertainment system (\$1,200), XM Satellite Radio, OnStar and an upgraded Bose audio system (about \$1,000). The most popular options are available in "money-saving" packages as well.

Standard safety features include dual-stage front airbags, front side seat-mounted airbags, roof-mounted side curtain airbags for the first and second rows of seats, daytime running, lights, anti-lock brakes and traction control.

As you move back in SRX, things simplify a bit but get even better. The back seat is plenty roomy for three, and the slight elevation of the second row of seats gives it a "theater-seating" feel that kids

usually like. In the far rear, there's plenty of cargo space in the configuration that I drove, a \$49,000 version. Three different panels pull out of the floor of the rear cargo area with various sizes and shapes of compartments. But I couldn't resist thinking how impractical they really must be. Occasionally or even regularly, I would guess, the driver of an SRX might come up with a bunch of things for which specific compartments would be a perfect fit. Yet on the whole, I concluded, they're probably little used.

What you really want in the rear of SRX is the optional third-row seat for up to three people. Floor space is a bit at a premium and the seat is difficult to get into and out of. But for an extra \$1,000, you can get a power version that is activated with a button along the wall.

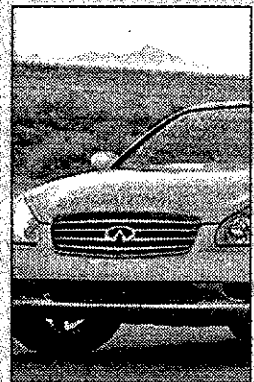
Besides the styling, perhaps the best aspect of this vehicle is the V6 and V8 powertrains – the latter being a 320-horsepower, 4.6-liter Northstar engine – that provide plenty of oomph, though fuel economy is a fairly standard 15 mpg in the city and 20 on the highway. Add in all-wheel-drive for fine traction, and away you go in SRX – to a satisfying ride indeed.

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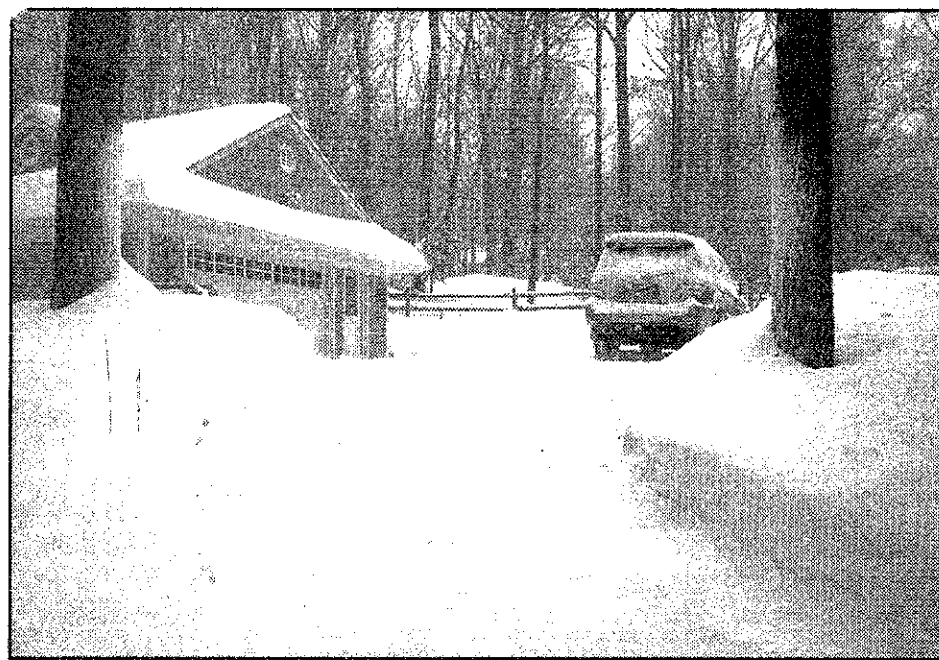
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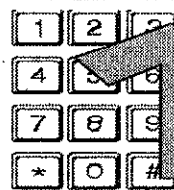
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SBF, 31, 5'7", 145 lbs., light complexion. Looking for a sweet, spontaneous, level-headed, outgoing, looking for a SWF, 25-35. Ad# 636499

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SWF, 54, 5'4", with green eyes. Enjoys the water and trying anything new. In search of a tall SWM, 55-60, who is honest, with a great sense of humor and similar interests. Ad# 636111

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I'm just around the corner. I am 5'2", with dark eyes and hair, 63. Looking to meet a tall gentleman, 59-70, who likes dancing, cards, travel, and wants a long-term relationship. Ad# 403303

GET TO KNOW ME
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WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS
DWF, 30, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys movies, dancing, dining out and spending time with her children. Looking for an honest, sincere, SWM, 25-35, to have some fun with, for friendship maybe more. Ad# 633034

FORMER MODEL
SWF, 49, 5'6", with intelligence, creativity and a passion for music and dancing. Seeking a man, 39-49, to share these interests and more. Looking for a possible LTR. Ad# 633187

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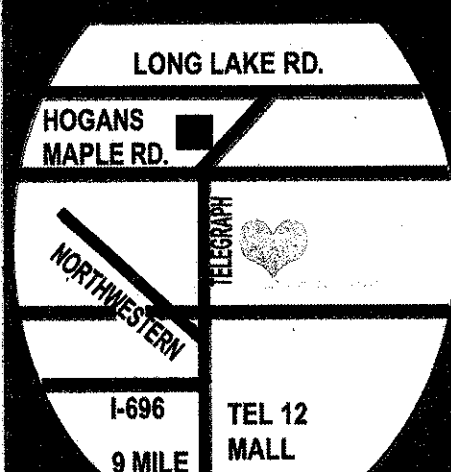
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