

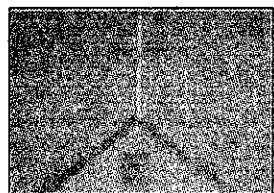
## Memo

### Road Rally

The Canton Thunderbirds girls fastpitch softball team is organizing a Road Rally for Saturday, March 13. Tickets are \$25 per person and include clue-solving fun, buffet dinner and soft drinks, prizes and music. Cash bar available. Entries are limited. Contact Mike Roberts at (734) 397-1355 or look on their Web site at thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

### A purpose

Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon in Canton, is beginning a campaign entitled "40



Days of Purpose." At the heart of this campaign is *The New York Times* best seller *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren.

A free kickoff event for the entire family is scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the church. Contact the church at (734) 459-0013 for details. Throughout the next 40 days, church explorers will explore the answer to the question, "What on earth am I here for?" Participants will receive a free copy of the book *The Purpose Driven Life*.

The campaign includes opportunities for small group study. Children and youth will participate in the campaign curriculum as well.

Sunday services are held at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Visit the Web site at [www.genevachurch.org](http://www.genevachurch.org).

### High notes

The Plymouth Community Chorus is offering three scholarships to students pursuing an education in the vocal field of performing arts.

One scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior and two will be awarded to students in grades six-11.

The scholarships will be awarded April 25.

Applications must be postmarked by March 31.

For information on rules and regulation or to obtain an application form, call (313) 533-4796 or write to Plymouth Community Chorus, P.O. Box 700217, Plymouth, MI 48170.

# Parents want more schools in Canton

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The silent majority has begun to speak out.

A small group of Canton Township residents are pressuring Plymouth-Canton school board trustees, urging them to conclude that a bond issue is needed to construct new schools in southwest Canton to house a growing student population.

"We need two new schools to

ensure quality education for our children, with acceptable numbers of children per classroom ... to protect the reputation and high academic standards of Plymouth-Canton Schools ... and safeguard our property values," said Jasmine Walker. "It is crucial that we put two new schools on the bond, as soon as possible."

The Board of Education is expected to decide the fate of a bond issue at its April 27 meeting.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, in his Key Communicator newsletter, called it a fairness issue.

"Continued student growth in Canton has provided the Plymouth-Canton School District needed revenue," Yack wrote. "However, new students to the district are generally treated to long bus rides to 'available space' ... that usually means riding a bus past two or three closer elementary or middle schools.

"If Canton is to continue to retain and attract new residents (home values up), then new schools need to be constructed," said Yack.

"We've known there's a problem in that area, and those people are bringing it to us," said school board Trustee Tom Wysocki. "Demographic wise, the bulk of the students are from Canton, and that's helping to steer the ship in that direction."

Wysocki, who resides in Plymouth, said trustees need to

look at improvements for the entire district.

"We have to maintain our fiduciary responsibility to manage the district, and do what's best for the kids in the district," he said. "There are lots of needs in Canton ... but you want to have something for everybody."

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Marcus Zevalkink watches a crown trigger at his Fish Doctors of Canton store in the Golden Gate Plaza.

## In the swim of things

Friends make a big splash in the aquarium fish business

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

If Nemo had found himself in one of the 120 tanks at the Fish Doctors of Canton, he probably wouldn't have been in such a hurry to get back to the ocean.

The now famous clown fish would have been in fine

company at the store in the Golden Gate Plaza at Lilley and Joy roads. Nemo would have shared his world with a variety of salt and freshwater fish, as well as creatures found in coral reefs.

And he would have had primo care at the hands of Fish Doctors' three owners, Marcus Zevalkink of

Canton, Juan Yaksic of Westland and Tom Campbell of Ypsilanti.

"We're probably never going to be millionaires," said Zevalkink, who has been in the aquarium business for about 11 years. "But when we come to work we have fun."

Zevalkink and Yaksic met

some six-seven years ago when they worked for Campbell at the Fish Doctors in Ypsilanti. Both wanted to open their own business and decided to join forces with Campbell.

June will mark the third anniversary for the Canton

PLEASE SEE FISH, A10

## Grocery biz delights owner of Holiday Market

If you want to make John Pardington happy, say "cheese." But not just any cheese. Say "a 500-pound wheel of Wisconsin sharp cheddar."

"They can't beat us at football," Pardington once said, "but they sure make good cheese."

And he should know. Pardington, along with his wife,

Lisa, is the owner of Canton's Holiday Market at Lilley and Cherry Hill. And cheese from around the world is just one of the many specialty items he sells at the store.

"Passion" is Pardington's key word.

PLEASE SEE MARKET, A7



John and Lisa Pardington of Holiday Market in Canton.

## Give your opinions on Ford Road traffic snarls

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Find someone who doesn't have an opinion about traffic and driving on Ford Road.

"With all conversations, people will say they either don't want to drive down Ford Road or they avoid it," said Kathleen Salla, Canton Downtown Development Authority coordinator.

Avoiding Ford won't benefit businesses and residents along the commercial corridor. But changing how traffic flows and how shoppers and residents get to the businesses is another matter.

That matter will be the topic of discussion at the first of a number of public workshops, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Transportation and Canton Township.

"We want to get input from the residents and businesses on the corridor. Where problems are and where they are perceived to be," said Jeff Edwards, MDOT transportation planner, who is working on the new M-153 traffic management study that will cover the length of Ford in Canton. Lotz to Napier, which includes the DDA district.

The first meeting will be 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Summit on the Park. The agenda will include general information about the study, followed by participants breaking into discussion groups. "We are going to break them down into road segments," Edwards said. "They can pick the one that most interests them or one they can identify with."

Each group will provide a brief report on issues they have identified. The meeting will conclude with a discussion on what's next in the process.

The study of Ford Road will be conducted by consultants, the Corradino Group. The goal is to provide information and solutions that can alleviate congestion on Ford and that can eventually be incorporated into the township's master plan to be used as redevelopment occurs, Edwards said.

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## Birthday wishes

State Sen. Bruce Patterson's staff had a little fun for him while following the tradition of offering a birthday cake for the senator's Feb. 7 birthday. The mustache added to the smiley face was the latest in a line of incidents poking good-natured ribbing at the senator's trademark handlebar mustache by his staff, who once showed up wearing false mustaches at a public event attended by Patterson.

## Study will result in solutions for Ford Road congestion

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Planned and built much later than Ford Road, Michigan Avenue already has in place driveways that access a number of business - taking traffic off the thoroughfare and directing it where it needs to go. "You can go in one drive and find where you want to go," said Kathleen Salla, Canton Downtown Development Authority coordinator. "With these drives, you don't perceive you are not going directly to a store."

Improved access to businesses and improved flow of traffic on Ford Road are the focus of a new study sponsored by the Michigan Department of Transportation in cooperation with Canton Township and Wayne County.

Already, traffic counts are underway on Ford to provide information to the Corradino Group, a consulting firm that will collect and review data, and provide potential solutions for the corridor's congestion.

"Proposals will be provided at the end of the study," said Jeff Edwards, MDOT traffic planner, who is working on the project.

The goal is to complete the study - with solutions - by the end of September. Solutions will cover the flow of traffic up and down Ford, as well as at the intersections, most of which now have turn signals.

Improving the access along Ford Road will be included in solutions provided by



Congested? Just ask anyone. But the Michigan Department of Transportation, Canton Township and Wayne County are having a study done that will provide solutions for the traffic flow and access to the myriad of businesses along the corridor. This photo was taken during construction last year.

the Corradino Group. The goals include:

- Reducing congestion and delays on Ford.
- Maintaining the amount of traffic the road can carry and delay costly improvements where possible.
- Reducing the number of traffic accidents.
- Identifying acceleration and deceleration lanes to reduce delays.
- Improving entrances and exits to businesses.
- Coordinating land use decisions.
- Improving the aesthetic appeal of the corridor.

A number of public workshops are planned throughout the study, with the first scheduled 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25 at the Summit on the Park.

"We want to know how business people and residents feel," said Todd Zilincik, a Canton engineer.

The Corradino group plans to use the township's master land use plan, zoning ordinances, aerial photography, travel times, traffic volume and crash data to help form recommendations

for improvements.

The timing of traffic signals also will be reviewed.

The traffic movements portion of the study will examine the entire Ford corridor in Canton beginning at the Ford Road/Home Depot intersection to the Ridge Road intersection. The following 12 key intersections will be studied:

- Ford/Home Depot
- Ford/Lotz Road
- Ford/Northbound I-275
- Ford/Southbound I-275
- Ford/Haggerty Road
- Ford/Kmart Drive
- Ford/Lilley Road
- Ford/Morton Taylor
- Ford/Sheldon Road
- Ford/Canton Center Road
- Ford/Beck Road
- Ford/Ridge Road, which doesn't have a signal

Business owners and residents may offer their thoughts also by call 800-796-2596.

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## Religious uses to be added in zoning

What's the difference between a church and a banquet hall? They are both places of public assembly and, according to federal law, you can't allow a banquet hall in a site and deny a church or religious institution the right to be in the same type of site.

That was the basis of a study session of the Canton Planning Commission Monday night to

discuss proposed zoning ordinance changes relating to religious institutions.

Township Planner Jeff Goulet told the commission that based on a review of the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, Canton's attorneys are recommending certain changes to the zoning ordinances.

"Basically when we evaluated our code, they determined that

there were other zoning classifications where we allow buildings for public assembly whether it be banquet halls or other types of things that were similar in nature to gathering places for churches," he said. "So in order to be consistent with the federal act we need to include in some way churches and places of worship into these zoning categories."

One of the changes adds a definition of religious activity as having the same definition as religious exercise in the federal act.

Another change adds language that a religious institution shall be located in "a separate and free-standing building."

Other changes add specific language allowing religious institutions in community commercial districts, regional commercial districts, mid-rise and high-rise development districts, office districts and light industrial districts.

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin said her understanding was that under the federal act there could be almost no restrictions at all on religious institutions.

"You can have reasonable standards but you can't treat them any differently than any other similar use," Goulet said. "If we were to deny a church just because we didn't want it to be there we could be challenged."

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Ruqayyah Albaari, fifth grader at Bentley Elementary and member of the junior girl scout troop 1274 portrayed a young women from South Africa.

## Students tour the world at festival

Bentley Elementary School's third annual Festival of Cultures was a huge success, according to Mia Jaura, Canton resident, Bentley parent and founder of the festival.

"We had a lovely attendance," she said.

"Tom Yack, Canton township supervisor, was there, members of the school board and Tom Watkins, superintendent of public instruction for Michigan."

Altogether, Jaura said, about 550 or 600 people attended the event, which was divided into three parts.

The first segment was music and dance from around the world, followed by a tour of classrooms representing various cultures and a library display for special needs children. This year's theme was "Schooling Around the World."

For a finale everyone returned to the cafeteria for a food fest - food from around the world.

In addition to dishes prepared by Bentley parents, many local restaurants provided their specialties, including Fazoli's, Max & Ermas, Mexican Fiesta II, Tim



Above, Bentley Elementary fifth grader Roshni Jaura (right) and third grader Kavan Mavi perform a Indian dance at the Festival of Cultures. At left, Bentley Elementary first grader Anu Eswaren (left) and Canton Montessori kindergartner Maya Jacob watch the performances.

Horton's, Baker's Square, Izakaya-Sampe, McDonald's, Sweet Lorraine's, Farmer Jack, Taj Mahal, Leo's Coney Island, Kabob King, O'Sushi, Pizza

Hut, Ashoka, Coffee Beanery and TGI Friday's.

Other businesses contributed gift certificates and other items.

## Ficano promotes county as regional leader

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Declaring that regionalism is here, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said county government is set to play a key role in developing regional answers to government problems.

"When it came to regional problems and challenges, Wayne County stepped up," Ficano said Monday in his second State of the County address. "And Wayne County will keep stepping up because regional solutions are what these times require and what our future demands."

"Whether we all want to admit it or not, regionalism is here — and it's time for government to address it head on. Wayne County is ready. The people have already voted for regionalism with their lifestyle choices."

Ficano said Wayne County government is "leaner yet stronger" than when he took office a year ago. Ficano was elected in 2002 following the retirement of Edward H. McNamara after 16 years as Wayne County executive.

"We balanced our books," Ficano said. "We stopped the old ways of doing business in the county. We put new systems and accountability in place to make government operate better — and today our books are still balanced."

Ficano said the county has been able to erase a \$54 million deficit without service cuts or layoffs.

Ficano said that losing operation of Detroit Metro Airport to an independent authority has forced the county to redefine its role as a major player in regional solutions to the area's problems.

"Let me stress that regional does not mean more taxes," Ficano said. "People are already paying enough for government, and it's time to structure government to provide better services for people who live and work here."

Using the catch phrase "That's regionalism," Ficano announced several initiatives.

He said the county, in cooperation with Michigan State

University, would form a commission to study the feasibility of a regional criminal justice complex.

"If this proved to be feasible, we'd reduce costs dramatically and we'd save money," Ficano said.

Ficano pointed to the plan worked out by the state, county and the city of Detroit to keep Receiving and Hutzel hospitals open as an example of regionalism. He said this could be a model for "leveraging" health care money regionally for Wayne, Macomb, Oakland and Washtenaw counties.

He said recently formed Greater Detroit Wayne County Economic Development Corp.'s first project will be opening a second border crossing for truck and rail traffic between the United States and Canada. Ficano said southeast Michigan is in a race with Buffalo, N.Y., that "if we lose, it's a loss we'll feel for 50 years."

Ficano said he has met resistance to some of his initiatives over the past year, particularly his moves to reform the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency. Ficano said outside auditors estimate the agency accumulated a two-year deficit at more than \$17.3 million.

"Despite resistance, our mental health reforms are having a positive effect that will help us prevent such deficits in the future," Ficano said.

Commissioner Lyn Banks (R-Livonia) said the speech was upbeat and had good ideas, but she expressed concern about the regionalism theme.

"When you represent Plymouth, Northville and Livonia, you wonder about disproportionate cost," Banks said. "We need to look at each piece of the regionalism plan to make sure we're not underwriting it."

She said she wants more details. Banks also questioned Ficano's figures on the mental health program's deficit. She said he was using a carryover from all previous years and that the current deficit is about \$1.9 million.

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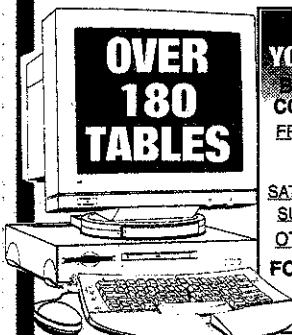
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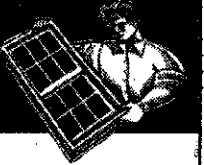
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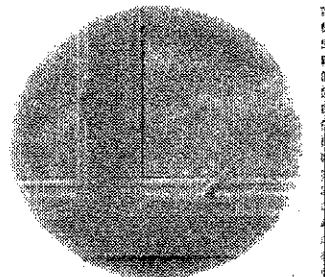
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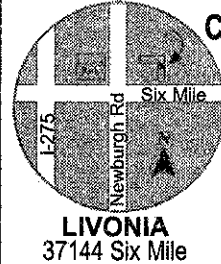
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Charles R. Ammerman, 61, died Feb. 11.

**B**  
Helen Carolyn Bedell, 91, of Auburn Hills died Feb. 11.

**D**  
Catherine Jean Dooley, 74, of Birmingham died Feb. 12.

**G**  
Marjorie L. Gaut, 96, of Southfield died Feb. 10.  
Maxwell Goldman, 78, died Feb. 12.

**H**  
Burton B. Heist, 84, of Grand Island, Fla., died Feb. 6.

**J**  
Walter Henry Jenkins Jr., 27, of Southfield, died Feb. 16.

**L**  
Jane MacKenzie Bricker Lawson, 88, formerly of Beverly Hills, died Feb. 12.

**M**  
Dorothy MacAlpine Desmond, of Troy, died Feb. 15.

**P**  
Mary Betty Paulson, 80, of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 14.

**R**  
Lyon Herbert Robbins, 77, formerly of West Bloomfield, died Feb. 13.

**S**  
Harriet Ewing Schmidt, 87, of Birmingham died at home.  
Ruth Anne Sherlock, 87, of Farmington, died Feb. 14.

**T**  
Neil I. Tibble, 77, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 11.  
Mabel V. (Smith) Toepfer, formerly of Birmingham, died Feb. 11.

## 35TH DISTRICT COURT

## Judge Ron Lowe:

■ Agustin Barajas, arraignment, driving with suspended license.

■ Ronald Beauchamp, arraignment, driving with suspended license.

■ Ricardo Braxton, arraignment, driving with suspended license and no proof of insurance.

■ Charnyce Chandler, arraignment, driving with suspended license.

■ Errol Dempster, arraignment, failure to stop and driving with a suspended license.

■ Leonard Dortch, arraignment, driving with a suspended license.

■ Joshua Fyfe, arraignment, failure to stop.

■ Rochelle Gomez, arraignment, driving with suspended license.

ment, driving with suspended license.

■ Eugene Gore, arraignment, expired plates.

■ William Graham, arraignment, driving with suspended license.

■ Teresa Gutierrez, arraignment, unlicensed.

■ Richrd Heidtman, arraignment, open intoxicant.

■ Larry Hickman, arraignment, retail fraud.

■ John Jeffries, arraignment, driving with suspended license, second offense.

■ Nakia Johnson, arraignment, driving with suspended license.

■ Ebony Jones, arraignment, driving with suspended license.

■ Yvonne Lewis, arraignment, retail fraud.

■ Antonio Lundy, arraignment, driving with suspended license, second offense.

■ Douglas Mandeville, arraignment, zone violation.

■ Tony Matar, arraignment, zone violation.

■ James Matthews, arraignment, assault and battery.

■ Omar Mitchell, arraignment, driving with suspended license, defective equipment, no proof of insurance.

■ Eve Orlando, arraignment, driving with suspended license.

■ Brandon Parker, arraignment, driving with suspended license.

■ Nicole Rice, arraignment, driving with suspended license.

■ Jared Roberson, arraignment, open intoxicant.

■ John Rydzon, arraignment, driving with suspended license.

■ Salam Saad, show cause hearing, simple larceny.

■ Michelle Snelling, arraignment, assault and battery.

■ Ryan Spivey, arraignment, retail fraud.

■ Raymond Stafirski, arraignment, driving with suspended license.

■ Christopher Stewart, arraignment, no license.

■ Wyman Taylor, arraignment, simple larceny.

■ Kevin Tierney, arraignment, driving with suspended license.

■ Lauren Tipinski, arraignment, driving with suspended license, possession of marijuana.

■ Stephen Visel, arraignment, open intoxicant.

■ Aaron Wedell, arraignment, failure to stop.

■ Christina Kozik, arraignment, driving with suspended license.

■ Johnathan Chase, arraignment, child abuse.

■ Eric Estrada, video arraignment, improper plate, driving with suspended license.

■ Michael Marshall, video arraignment, driving with suspended license, open intoxicant.

■ Jaime McCormack, video arraignment, larceny.

■ Curtis Ragland, video arraignment, plate violation, driving with suspended license.

■ Jackie Vasher, video arraignment, domestic violence.

■ Shannon Waterman, video arraignment, retail fraud.

■ Ronald White, video arraignment, larceny from a building.

**Judge Michael Gerou:**

■ Carlos Lopez, pretrial, operating while intoxicated.

■ Chad Andrews, violation of probation, minor consumption.

■ Aldreya Baity, pretrial, driving with suspended license, plate violation.

■ Jeremiah Bates, violation of probation, larceny from a vehicle.

■ Nicole Beckman, preformal hearing, speeding and plate violation.

■ Harry Belt, sentencing, possession of marijuana.

■ Shelley Bradley, pretrial, domestic violence.

■ Andrew Buchanan, violation of probation, possession of marijuana.

■ Eric Burgess, pretrial, domestic violence.

■ Blair Byrnes, pretrial, driving with suspended license.

■ Dondrell Clark, violation of probation, operating while intoxicated.

■ David Cook, violation of probation, operating under the influence.

■ Jerry Davanzo, preformal, speeding.

■ Sameer Dua, pretrial, possession of marijuana.

■ Donald Eehalt, pretrial, operating while intoxicated.

■ Larry Ellis, sentencing, domestic violence.

■ Giovanni Gentile, preformal, prohibited turn.

■ James Hanna, trial, domestic violence.

■ Peter Harb, preformal, red light.

■ Kenneth Johnson, pretrial, driving with suspended license.

■ Tina Jordan, violation of probation, driving with suspended license, second offense.

■ Ellen Kates, sentencing, fume sniff.

■ Adam Kenwabikise, sentencing, paraphernalia.

■ Matthew King, pretrial, larceny from a building, disorderly conduct.

■ Brian Krizan, pretrial, larceny from a building.

■ Jonathon Lamb, pretrial, simple larceny.

■ Brandon Lambert, pretrial, domestic violence.

■ Emily Larouche, violation of probation, possession of marijuana.

■ Shi Li, preformal, red light violation.

■ Dana Martin, pretrial, driving with suspended license, plate violation.

■ Barbara Martoia, show cause hearing, speeding.

■ Maureen McGovern-Hanley, preformal hearing, too fast for conditions.

■ Fay Metaj, preformal, red light violation.

■ Thomas Mitchell, preformal, zoning civil.

■ Antonio Neal, pretrial, driving with suspended license.

■ Mark Paul, preformal, no turn on red.

■ Robert Pruesner, sentencing, domestic violence.

■ Richard Sanford, pretrial, expired license.

■ Michael Siegrist, violation of probation, operating while intoxicated.

■ Holly Soldenski, pretrial, larceny from a building.

■ Kim Spittler, preformal, zoning civil.

■ Michael Storinsky, pretrial, operating while intoxicated.

■ Robert Swamba, pretrial, domestic violence.

■ Pamela Thomas, pretrial, simple larceny.

■ Alexina Thompson, sentencing, paraphernalia.

**Judge John MacDonald:**

■ Michael Marshall, sentencing, driving with suspended license, open intoxicants.

■ David Paszkowski, jury trial, operating under the influence.

■ Keith Peurassari, under advisement, disturbing the peace.

■ Yeidid International vs. Larry White, bench trial.

■ Monogram Credit Card vs. Glen Jewell, bench trial.

■ Bob Jeanotte Pontiac vs. James Magda, motion and bench trial.

■ Deborah Boyce, jury trial, assault and battery.

■ Mark Boyce, jury trial, assault and battery.

## POLICE

## Wanted attention

A 6-year-old boy who had police looking for a man the child said tried to abduct him on Sunday apparently made up the story, according to Canton Police.

A Canton woman called police to report that her son was approached in the 200 block of Princess between 4:30 and 5 p.m. by a white male in a green Jeep who told him that his mother was at McDonald's and he should get in the Jeep so the man could take him there.

The boy said he refused and ran to a neighbor's house to report the incident.

After further investigation, police said the boy admitted making up the story.

"Apparently he was just seeking attention," said Canton Detective Sgt. Todd Mutchler.



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# Baracy: Grades among best in Michigan

**BY SUE MASON**  
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne Westland Community Schools uses a jingle about the good things happening in the school district, and with the release of the state's Education, Yes! report cards last week, that jingle has become a fact.

Good things are happening in the district.

"Our grades are among the best in the state," Supt. Greg Baracy said. "The district's grade is a high B. Some of our gains are the highest in the state. Some of our scores are the highest in the state."

"That doesn't happen by chance, it happens in the classroom. It illustrates the hard work going on here."

Of the district's 23 schools, four received a composite grade of A, 19 received B's, four received C's and all but four — Marshall and Franklin middle schools and Lincoln and Taft-Galloway elementary schools — met adequate yearly progress.

Baracy, in briefly talking about the report cards at Monday evening's Board of Education meeting, also pointed out that the letter grade for two schools — Jefferson-Barns and Patchin — were upgraded to B's after the report cards were made public last week.

He added that Adams Middle School, which was missing from the list posted on the state Department of Education Web site, received a B and made AYP.

Even though Marshall received a grade of B from the state, it missed AYP because three subgroups of students didn't meet statewide standards in mathematics.

Likewise, it was mathematics that derailed Franklin, which received a composite grade of C. But in its case, only one subgroup failed to meet state standards.

Lincoln also missed AYP because of math scores for all students. The same was true of Taft-Galloway and its math scores, but two subgroups also kept it from meeting standard for the English Language Arts test.

According to Sam Barresi, assistant superintendent for instruction, the state standard for elementary English Language Arts was 38 percent proficiency and 47 percent for math.

"These two buildings tend to have a population that moves in and out," Barresi said.

**GRADES AT A GLANCE**

The composite grades given by the state include:

<b>High Schools:</b>	
John Glenn	B
Wayne Memorial	B
<b>Middle Schools:</b>	
Adams	B
Franklin	C
Stevenson	A
Marshall	B
<b>Elementary Schools:</b>	
Edison	A
Elliott	B
Hamilton	B
Hicks	B
Hoover	C
Jefferson-Barns	B
Kettering	B
Lincoln	C
Madison	A
Patchin	B
P.D. Graham	B
Roosevelt-McGrath	B
Schweitzer	C
Taft-Galloway	C
Vandenburg	A
Walker-Winter	C
Wildwood	C

Parents and residents who'd like to find out more about the state's report cards can visit the state Department of Education Web site at [www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde), and click on the Michigan School Report Card.

"There was improvement made in their scores, but still more is needed. It wasn't a wide gap between the schools and state scores, but it was still a gap."

This is the first time Marshall and Franklin haven't met AYP, while Lincoln is in the second phase and Taft-Galloway is at phase three. Both are identified for school improvement and must offer parents a choice, transportation and supplemental services. Taft-Galloway must take

further corrective action.

AYP is one of the cornerstones of the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). In Michigan, it measures year-to-year student achievement on the Michigan Education Assessment Program test. The state also breaks down achievement to subgroups like special education, ethnicity and receiving free or reduced-price lunches.

"The variety of subgroups depends on how diverse a community is," Barresi said.

"And ... if nine subgroups make AYP and one doesn't, the school doesn't meet AYP. The law is just unbelievable."

Under NCLB, states must develop target starting goals for AYP and then raise the bar in gradual increments so that 100 percent of the students in the state are proficient on state assessment tests by the 2013-14 school year. But other provisions are sticklers, too. One is the 95 percent rule — 95 percent of students at grade level have to take MEAP.

"That becomes a challenge at the high school level," Barresi said. "I'm pleased Glenn and Wayne Memorial succeeded in getting 95 percent of the students to take the test."

AYP applies to each district and school in the state, however, NCLB sanctions for schools that do not make AYP for two or more years in a row only apply to those districts and schools that receive Title I at-risk funds. Wayne-Westland does. However, that will change in the 2005-06 school

year, when sanctions will impact all schools, Barresi said.

"This law is going to have an impact on all school districts just with the 95 percent provision," he said.

Barresi added that the district has put in "a tremendous amount of time" to improve student MEAP scores. It started using the *Everyday Math* series two years ago, started a new reading series this year and is into its first full year of its science program.

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## Patterson bill package would create medical savings account

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In addition, the bills will allow for a Single Business Tax or Income Tax credit for contributions to a medical savings account.

"It's time to put the power for health care where it belongs, in the hands of the people," Patterson said.

"Lives will be saved when people know they can use tax-deferred funds for preventative measures such as mammograms, well-baby checks and annual physicals."

Patterson, vice-chair of the Michigan Senate Health Policy Committee, said a book and conversations with its author, Dr. David Janda of Plymouth, were instrumental in the development of the legislative package and his work on the committee.

"(Janda) and colleagues like him are a testament to their profession," Patterson said of Janda, author of *Awakening of a Surgeon*.

"He has identified a problem, researched it and offered a solution. I look forward to the consideration of this approach by the Michigan Senate and I'm proud to offer it to my colleagues."

Janda, whose book focuses on the prevention of sports-related injuries, said he was encouraged by Patterson's response.

"(Patterson) has taken my work to heart," Janda said. "Medical savings accounts will change lives as people take control of their health care and how they get it. As our population ages, the cost of health care increases. This is an important way we can help control it."

## 'A Taste of Jazz' will close season

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Nan Washburn, will close its subscription series with "A Taste of Jazz" March 13 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

The concert at the church at North Territorial and Beck roads will feature Ellen Rowe, jazz pianist, who will perform George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Also featured will be guest composer March Watkins and her work, *Five Movements in Color*.

The program also will include Gershwin's *Crazy for You Overture* and Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story*.

The Plymouth Symphony's 2004 Youth Artist Competition winners will be announced at the concert.

Before the performance, guests will have the opportunity to hear an On-Stage talk at 7:15 p.m. with Washburn and Watkins. Following the performance, guests may stay for an afterglow reception.

The concert is sponsored by the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tickets for the performance are \$17 for adults and \$15 for senior adults. Students through 12th grade are admitted free to all subscription concerts.

more information, call the symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or by email at [plymouth-symphony@aol.com](mailto:plymouth-symphony@aol.com)

## Grief recovery program is open to the public

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital will offer grief recovery program in March at the Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road.

The series will be on five consecutive Tuesdays beginning March 2. Each weekly session will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Registration is required.

The series will help people who have lost loved ones adapt to the loss and develop new skills in coping. The series offers participants healthy ways to move through the grief process and provides support, understanding and friendship to those who may believe they are alone in their feelings of grief.

The goals of the group are to understand how grief affects you physically, emotionally, and spiritually, as well as to learn how to deal with difficult emotions, such as anger, guilt and loneliness. Another goal is to learn to take care of yourself and to reinvest your energy, as well as to take steps to reconcile with grief.

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## MARKET

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"I am so excited about the littlest things," he said. "I can hardly go to bed the night before when I know there is a 500-pound wheel of cheese coming in. I'll get up in the middle of the night and tell Lisa 'I've figured out where to put that cheese. I've figured out where to put this. Or that.'"

Is he always like this? Lisa was asked.

"Always," she said, with a slight roll of the eyes.

But Pardington, a native of Royal Oak who has an M.B.A. from Oakland University and spent several years as an award-winning salesman for IBM, is passionate about food – and life.

"Lisa and I are foodies," he said. "When I worked for IBM I loved traveling the country with customers and taking them to great restaurants. I always got a great joy out of it."

But his introduction to the food business got an inauspicious start.

"I was out of college for the summer and looking for a job during the mornings to save some money," he said. "I had worked at the boy's club of Royal Oak and asked if any of the directors had any summer jobs available. They told me Tom Violante who owned Holiday Market in Royal Oak was looking for help."

Pardington got the job.

"I scraped the alleys, cleaned the toilets, cleaned the floors," he said. "I never touched a can of food but I worked my butt off."

And he apparently came to the attention of the owner, who began talking about him at home.

One day Violante's wife came into the store and met Pardington.

And a few days later his daughter, Lisa, then a senior in high school, came in.

"I'm sitting in the back room eating a sandwich," he said. "She comes up and says 'You want to come with me to the bank?' I thought she was a cashier or something."

**'I can hardly go to bed the night before when I know there is a 500-pound wheel of cheese coming in.'**

John Pardington  
Holiday Market

Within a week Lisa had invited John to a Memorial Day barbecue at her sister's house – a kind of family gathering. After that it was all over. They dated for a couple of years, then got married.

What did she see in him?

"He's good-looking and very bright," Lisa said. "I used to be a nurse for 17 years at Beaumont. I worked with some of the premier research doctors. To this day I've never met anybody who is smarter than my husband. He's just so brilliant."

When Pardington finished his M.B.A., he went to work again for Violante at the Royal Oak store and stayed for about a year and a half.

"But I had an MBA and I wanted to go out into the corporate world," he said. "I wasn't really interested in a family business."

He went to work for IBM where, over the course of several years, he won numerous awards including the Golden Circle Award, the 100 Percent Club and National Salesman of the Year in 1985.

But then Violante wanted to retire and Pardington left IBM to return to selling groceries in Royal Oak.

He ran that store – a Spartan franchise – until 1998 when Spartan executives told him they liked the operation and had a 10.1-acre site in Canton that they'd like to develop.

John and Lisa talked it over and decided to take the plunge.

They opened the Canton store in 1998 – twice the size of the Royal Oak store – and business has been booming since then.

Pardington's "passion" for the business extends beyond

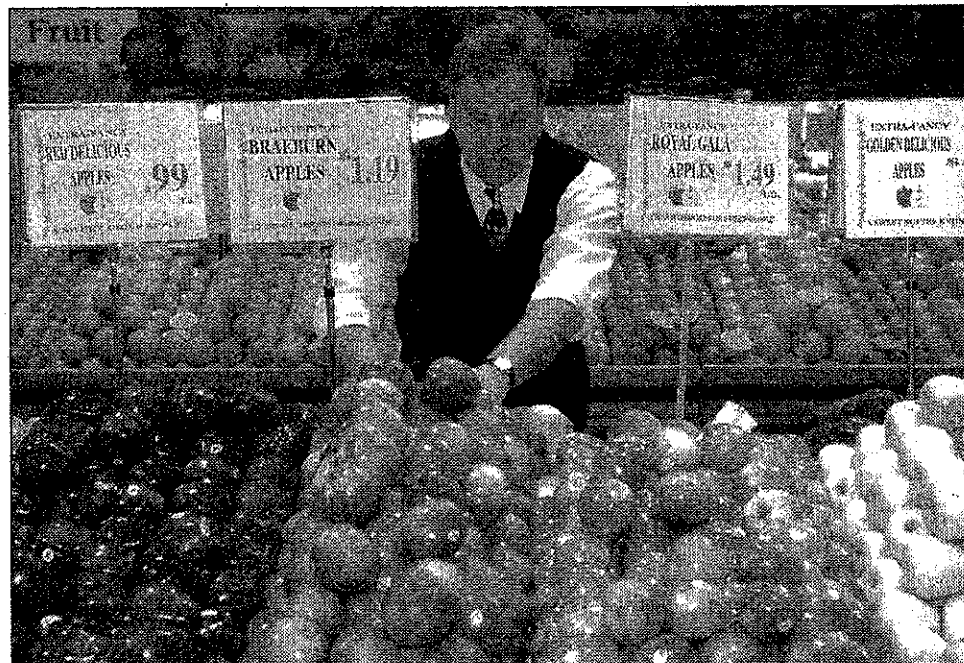
that, however.

He started a cheese and wine tasting event to raise money for charitable or community organizations shortly after he opened, and is planning the fifth annual event coming up. When he heard about senior citizens, specifically at Waltonwoods, who had

trouble getting out to the grocery store, he took their orders over the phone and had the groceries delivered to them at no charge.

And that service has been extended to other seniors and homebound residents.

John and Lisa are the parents of Claire, 15, Emily, 13, Max, 10, and Jack, 6.



John Pardington works on a display of produce in his Holiday Market.



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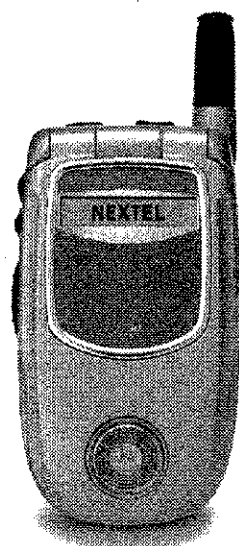
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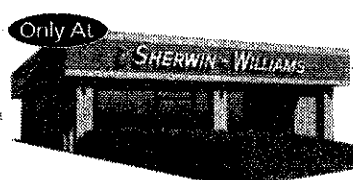
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## OUR VIEWS

# A success is to be recognized

Not all worthy efforts are successful. Others, such as the Canton Community Foundation, serve as a standard for success.

The almost 15-year-old foundation, led daily and predominately by Joan Noricks, executive director, and assistant Nancy Williams, is leaving a mark on the community.

The foundation started as an idea, mostly kept alive by Supervisor Tom Yack, as a means of supporting community efforts. With many thanks to the likes of Yack, other committed board members and Noricks, the Canton foundation is a model for success. It has found its niche and its dedicated funding sources, primarily corporations, such as Yazaki North America and Jack Demmer Ford.

Not that life for the foundation has always been smooth sailing or without dissent and controversy. But disagreements have been worked out for the sake of the foundation's mission.

The foundation board and its executive director must be lauded for sticking to the organization's mission of helping community groups and residents in the pursuit of improved living. In 2003 alone, the foundation handed out more than \$80,000 in grant to local nonprofit organizations. Scholarships were also awarded.

Also notable in its history is the foundation's recent achievement of a \$1 million goal for its endowment fund.

The foundation's largest fund-raiser, the Winter Ball, which recently drew more than 600 guests and increased donations over past years with \$65,000 in contributions, has grown in popularity in each of its 10 years.

Foundation board members are already planning a celebration of the organization's first 15 years in 2005. While the event should celebrate the foundation's past success, there's little doubt board members will already have visions of the potential that's ahead in the next 15.

# Granholt proposal disastrous to schools

It wouldn't be much of an exaggeration to say that public education is the heart of American democracy — and that the quality of education is today the biggest single reason why people, especially parents, choose a community in which to live.

With that in mind, Gov. Jennifer Granholm is proposing a budget that would be disastrous for the best school districts in this state. In a compromise effort to keep most educators happy and balance the books, she is proposing to restore a \$74 per-pupil cut made late last year to most districts.

But those districts which already spend more than \$9,000 per pupil — districts like Birmingham, Southfield and Troy — wouldn't get that money. Additionally, more money would be transferred from schools with growing enrollments to schools who are losing students; i.e., from booming communities to declining ones. There is nothing wrong with helping struggling school systems. But there is everything wrong with steps that would damage the best school districts in the state.

What's especially bad about this is not that Bloomfield Hills, say, will lose the per-pupil money. What's bad is that the best districts' ability to raise more money has been severely limited by Proposal A, the revolutionary school financing system passed exactly 10 years ago. Even if voters in a district like Southfield were enthusiastically willing to vote an extra millage for new programs, that is no longer allowed.

That means the better-off schools are doomed to a decline that now threatens to be drastically accelerated. If schools in better areas don't keep pace, parents — many of whom moved to those communities for their schools — are apt to yank their kids out of public schools.

Each student leaving a public school for a charter means the district gets less state aid, which in turn leaves the struggling district with even less money. Before long, this will begin to affect the community itself. It is no secret that thousands of educated, affluent African-Americans have fled Detroit for Southfield.

Most of them came to put their family in better schools. We risk that dream at our peril. To give the governor her due, balancing the budget in these times isn't easy, especially when the state turns up a billion short every year, and raising new revenue seems politically impossible. Making painful spending cuts may be inevitable.

But saving money by threatening the quality of public education at any level is what a farmer would have called eating society's seed corn. The governor and the Legislature owe it to our state's and communities' future to find another way.



## LETTERS

### Questions Kerry

(John) Kerry, in his book *The New Soldier*, maintains that the veterans who protested the Vietnam War, insisting that we conducted the war improperly, that we shouldn't have been in Vietnam in the first place, believed Kerry when he maintained we were fighting a "nothing."

Kerry insisted that communism was not a danger to America, that the Vietnamese had the right to join hands, not needing an intervention of outside powers to make the determination. Translation: It would have perfectly reasonable and honorable that we let the North Vietnamese communize the South Vietnamese, enslave them.

Kerry doesn't see, he doesn't understand, that Americans were in Vietnam to gain the freedom of the South. What greater thing can man do than gain and ensure the freedom of another people. Kerry thought then and is proud today that a band of 'Nam veterans marched on Washington, testified before Congress, insisting our country was conducting immoral warfare.

It was only a small fraction of 1 percent of the veterans who conducted the protest. Many then, and many today, maintain the protesters were responsible for thousands of additional bodies in the count of dead Americans because their protests and vilification of our country and its legislators gave the Vietcong hope, that they gained a new energy to continue fighting when the conflict might have been nearing an end.

We must not elect as president a man who conspired with the likes of Hanoi Jane Fonda and Ramsey Clark, a man who contradicted the teachings and preferences of the Founding Fathers. Kerry brought shame on the veterans that they didn't deserve.

Citizens in our country took the Kerry bait and treated returning veterans with disdain and discord. Our returning servicemen and women should have been regaled and blessed for their effort to free the South Vietnamese.

There's much more to write and say about Kerry's behavior concerning Vietnam and his vilification of veterans and our country. His misconduct, his behavior that runs close to treason, is only one reason to deny Kerry the Oval Office.

His votes in Congress against more fighters, more bombers, missiles, the missile defense and money for intelligence should give us pause when electing a new commander-in-chief.

Neil Goodbred

### Give support

This weekend was one of those times in life that made me proud to be an American and a neighbor!

Elaine J. Kirchgatter, my next door neighbor, has decided to run for re-election for treasurer of Canton Township. I was privileged and honored to take a petition around to our neighbors and friends for their signatures to put her name on the ballot for the primary in August. It is great to live in a country

where we still have this opportunity.

Elaine and her family have lived next door to us for the last 32 years. It is great to have her as a friend and neighbor and I am proud to have her represent me in the treasurer's office and on the board of trustees. I trust she will have the support of the residents of this community to serve us for another four-year term.

Nancy Wiggle  
Canton

### Better reforms

Politicians and power brokers once chose party candidates in smoke-filled back rooms, but polls and primary elections supposedly are more representative.

Pollsters considered Howard Dean unstoppable until voters had an opportunity to reject him. Turnout in primaries is so small that a few citizens voting one way in the primary and another in the general election influence both the selection and the election. Crossovers undoubtedly helped George Wallace in 1972 and Jesse Jackson in 1988 win primary victories in Michigan.

The McCain-Feingold reform may make this election bitterly contested as hanging chads did the last one. Better reform suggestions are: We could upgrade the back rooms to no smoking, make primaries more exciting or replace party ballots with write-ins. Americans would vote in greater numbers for a candidate they liked, rather than against one they dislike.

Hank Borgman

### New Coke and schools

Sometime back in the 1980s, Coca-Cola tried to give us the "New Coke." People didn't like it. They stopped buying it.

Coca-Cola got the message, fired the CEO and brought back the old, classic Coke. Customers got what they wanted without any violence or revolution. A well intentioned but bad economic idea was dealt a commensurate economic punishment. In the end, the customers, not the CEO or Coke employees, called the shot.

Do you think we would be drinking "Coke Classic" today if all citizens were forced to pay for "New Coke" whether they liked it or not? No way. Instead of being canned, the CEO might have been given a bonus and the innovative "New Coke" might have been used as a model for future product enhancements.

Now consider the Farmington Public Schools, or any government school system for that matter. We MUST pay for the "cola" they provide, even it tastes awful. Chances are extremely slim that FPS can satisfy customers if these customers are denied the right to protest with their wallets, as was the case with Coca Cola.

Admittedly, many users of the FPS "cola" say they like the product. But then again, human nature being always tempted by the free lunch, "Coke" drinkers back in the 80s might have learned to tolerate "New Coke" if it was given to them for

pennies on the dollar because others, who refused to drink "New Coke", were forced to "buy".

We can delude ourselves by believing a forced, socialist system like public schooling can allocate our scarce, educational resources as well as the peaceful, voluntary exchange in the market. But economic reality exposes that fiction to any who are honest enough to open their eyes.

Jerry Smith

### Time for change

Just as the state of Michigan has finally and painfully balanced its budget for 2003-04, we now face a \$900 million deficit for fiscal 2004-05.

Rather than argue about another \$900 million worth of services to cut, it is time for the Legislature to consider changes to our tax structure. Clearly, items that have been cut from the budget, and will have to be cut even more next year, are services that the people of the state want and need.

If state services are needed, then they must be funded by the people of the state, and the mechanism to do that is a fair distribution of the costs through taxation. It makes no sense to slowly starve all the state departments to death through lack of funding.

There are not enough state employees left now to effectively and efficiently do the jobs that we are still asking them to do, and those that are still employed by the state are shouldering overwhelming workloads.

If the Legislature truly believes we are offering too many services to our citizens, then it is their responsibility to eliminate those services; otherwise it is their responsibility to see that the services they do authorize are adequately funded.

There are always two components involved in eliminating a deficit: cutting expenses and/or increasing revenues. The current crisis in state finance has been caused by overly optimistic reductions in revenues (tax cuts) and we cannot continue to cut our way to fiscal health.

Rebecca L. Curtiss

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"To me, every time they do something like that they're just looking for a quick fix. They need to cut spending. We'll just have to raise our prices. Who's going to oppose taxes on liquor and cigarettes?"

— Domenic Tassielli, owner of Crow's Nest on Canton Center, in reaction to proposed increase in so-called sin taxes on cigarettes and liquor

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# Fiscal crisis won't be solved by little steps

Very large organizations such as General Motors Corp. or Michigan state government find it very difficult to make and carry out far-reaching, fundamental strategic decisions. Instead, they tend to take tiny steps. A fancy term for this is "incrementalism," i.e., making a series of small changes at the margin that they hope will result in profound change over time. "Tinkering around the edges" is a less elegant term for this practice, while the more vivid metaphor, especially apt when it seems nothing is working on a timely basis, is "rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic."

However described, I have a growing sense of alarm that so far our state's response to the economic crisis we face is too incremental and too slow, neither sufficiently focused in strategy nor radical enough in conception. There is a vast gap between what people who work in the manufacturing sector are feeling (alarm verging on terror) and what folks in Lansing are saying (things are bad, but we've got serious budget problems and we can't rock the boat too much without making somebody mad).

It's both unfair and premature to blame Gov. Jennifer Granholm or the state Legislature for this. After all, running very large organizations like the government of a major state is tough and there are very few precedents for solving the problems we face. But consider these parts of the puzzle:

■ **State budget:** The budget for fiscal year 2004-05 is in the red again, this time by \$1.3 billion. Granholm's budget proposes to hike taxes on booze and (again) cigarettes and move some property tax collection dates ahead by six months. The Republican-led Legislature by and large prefers to cut spending.

Both sides miss the fundamental point made by experts like those at the Citizens Research Council: The budget of the state of Michigan is now and has been for years structurally imbalanced, i.e. there is a built-in gap between revenue and expense that, even in good times, exceeds \$1 billion. To her credit, the governor has asked state Treasurer Jay Rising to explore adding services to the state sales tax now levied on goods and to consider replacing the peculiar and perennially unpopular Single Business Tax. But sooner or later, both the governor and the Legislature are going to have to squarely face the issue of adjusting revenue to expenditure. The alternative is a state with a tax structure akin to Mississippi's with an equally unappealing quality of life and uncompetitive business climate.

■ **Business climate, especially in manufacturing:** Here's a glimpse of the future. General Motors is expected to increase by 20 times the auto parts it buys from China. According to the *Detroit Free Press*, whereas GM bought about \$200 million in Chinese auto parts in 2003, the company plans to buy \$4 billion in 2009. Smaller manufacturers are "absolutely terrified" by China, according to Frank Vargo of the National Association of Manufacturers. And where manufacturing jobs are

migrating to low-wage China, white-collar jobs such as software programming and call center staffing are moving to English-speaking India, where wages are equally low.

When Michigan companies are facing \$10-\$20 an hour wage differentials from foreign competitors, we're not dealing with marginal competitiveness issues to be solved by small adjustments in business taxes. We're facing a full-blown crisis that requires intense strategic focus on gaining comparative competitive advantage and an equally intense effort to help companies adapt to the new realities of global competition.

■ **Human capital:** High skills, technical proficiency, imagination, innovation — all are essential assets in overcoming huge wage disparities. But Michigan schools are hardly outstanding when compared with other states and are at an absolute disadvantage when compared with most other countries. Worse, Granholm's budget proposals would further disadvantage the few high-achieving Michigan schools.

At the college and university level, it's perfectly clear that to compete internationally we need more highly trained engineers, scientists, software designers, MBAs. And we need the discoveries from the laboratories of our best research universities to fuel high-tech startups. Yet over the past two years, state appropriations for higher education have fallen by 15 percent, hurting especially those few excellent research schools such as the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Michigan Tech.

In her State of the State address, Granholm spoke in general terms about revolutionizing Michigan's workforce development system, and word out of Lansing is that some very serious work in this area is about to be unveiled. A word of warning, though: Incremental, vanilla-flavored improvements in job training aren't going to be nearly enough.

■ **Entrepreneurial culture:** Anybody who has had anything to do with the entrepreneurial culture in California knows full well the enormous gap between Michigan's business culture and the kind of intense, passionate risk-taking that you see in Silicon Valley. Much of our business culture has been determined over the years by massive, yet cautious, manufacturing corporations. Changing that may be the hardest task of all. One symbolic start would be to eliminate any state taxes whatsoever on newly formed companies, on the grounds that new entrepreneurial companies do most of the new hiring and that they don't pay much in taxes in the first couple of years of their existence.

In short, we're facing a crisis that simply is not going to be met by business-as-usual incrementalism. Granholm talked tough about this in her State of the State speech. That was good. And now it is time for her, together with the Legislature, policy makers and leaders in labor and the business community to take practical steps to match good intentions. When John Engler took office, the late George Romney offered him just two words of advice: be bold. That is perhaps even better counsel now.

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Phil Power

## Report cards may be helpful, but don't tell whole story

Some wags call the No Child Left Behind plan No Schools Left Standing. They argue that the remedies hurt schools that are already at a disadvantage. They also argue that funding is inadequate to provide the remedies recommended.

Some conservatives are scratching their heads over how a conservative Republican president could have instituted such a central-planning, federally controlled system. Some liberals are wondering what his real scheme might be.

Michigan recently released its first annual report cards for schools, a part of the state's Education, Yes! program in compliance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Some of the state's best high schools failed to meet AYP (for those who haven't been paying attention, that's adequate yearly progress). The reason they failed to make

AYP is because many of their students opt out of taking the MEAP, which isn't mandatory. To make AYP, a school has to show 95 percent of students took the MEAP.

Among those schools are Troy and Athens, Plymouth Salem and Canton, Birmingham Groves and Seaholm, Bloomfield Hills Andover and Lahser. Of course, those schools and their highly motivated students did great on all other criteria and the sum ends up being far less than the parts.

Reaction to the report cards has been less than enthusiastic, though educators allow that the report cards are "one" and only "one" measure that parents can look at to evaluate the quality of a particular school or system. One area educator said the report card might have more importance for a family thinking about moving to a particular community.

But the report cards for our school systems might just be as questionable as the report cards students receive, because they don't take into consideration enough factors and don't weigh differences adequately. For years, schools have struggled to perfect a report card that fully evaluates a student's growth, potential and special

qualities. It might also take years to develop a report card that can properly evaluate our schools and provide for proper remedy.

This might be a case of a program with a strong potential for good that has a long way to go.

Educators and parents have been frustrated for years about the quality of our public school systems. Public schools have become a target for some politicians, many with an agenda to move more students into private education.

In the late 1950s, Americans woke up one morning to find that the Soviet Union had sent a satellite into orbit and began to question whether our children were receiving an education that could compete with an accomplishment like that.

In the 1980s, America was confronted with strong competition for business supremacy from Japan. Story after story began to appear about the superiority of Japanese schools and about how Japanese students practically never slept as they were so focused on academic achievement.

Some of our schools are in trouble, many of them in our most economically distressed areas — big cities and rural communities. And some might question the rigor of our school curricula even in our better suburban schools.

But it seems a growing number of young people are finding their way into universities (if they can scrape up the money somehow) and are continuing to achieve higher levels of education than their parents. Most of our public schools are turning out students who're literate, computer savvy, technically aware.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union doesn't exist anymore and Japan has been going through a 10-year economic slump.

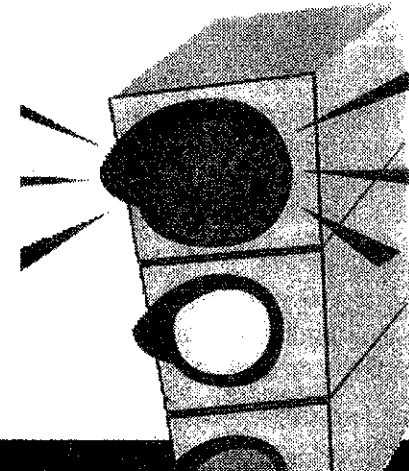
We do need to work hard on improving truly failing schools and the underlying social conditions that make them failing schools.

And our local educators need to continue doing the generally outstanding job they do under sometimes trying circumstances.

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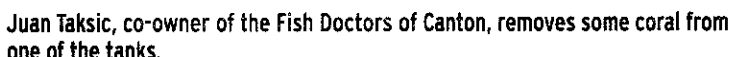


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"I always knew I would be working with fish," Zevalkink said. His resume includes stints at the Detroit Zoo and Tennessee Aquarium. "But in this type of atmosphere, I'm free to do what I want."

– Juan Yaksic

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### Character summit

Madonna University will be the site of today's NAIA Champions of Character Summit, hosted by the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference from 1-4 p.m. at Kresge Hall.

The aim of the summit is to discuss such topics as fighting spectators, over-zealous parents, self-indulgent players and coaches who value winning more than teaching.

The presentation will be given by NAIA special presenter Bruce Brown and Rob Miller, director of Champions of Character Initiatives.

Following the introduction, topics of discussion will be Redefining the Term Athlete; a student-athlete presentations entitled What Does Your Team Stand For and Self and Team Evaluation; and coach's presentations called Bringing Champions of Character Alive and The Power of a Coach's Word.

Several Catholic League high schools have been invited to attend. The thought behind the Champions of Character Summit is to "create an environment in which every student-athlete, coach, official and spectator is committed to the true spirit of competition through respect, integrity, responsibility, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

In other words, the Summit is intended to assist those involved in sports to know the right thing, to do the right thing and to value the right thing inside and outside of the sports setting.

For more information, call Madonna athletic director Bryan Rizzo at (734) 432-5604.

### Hockey champs

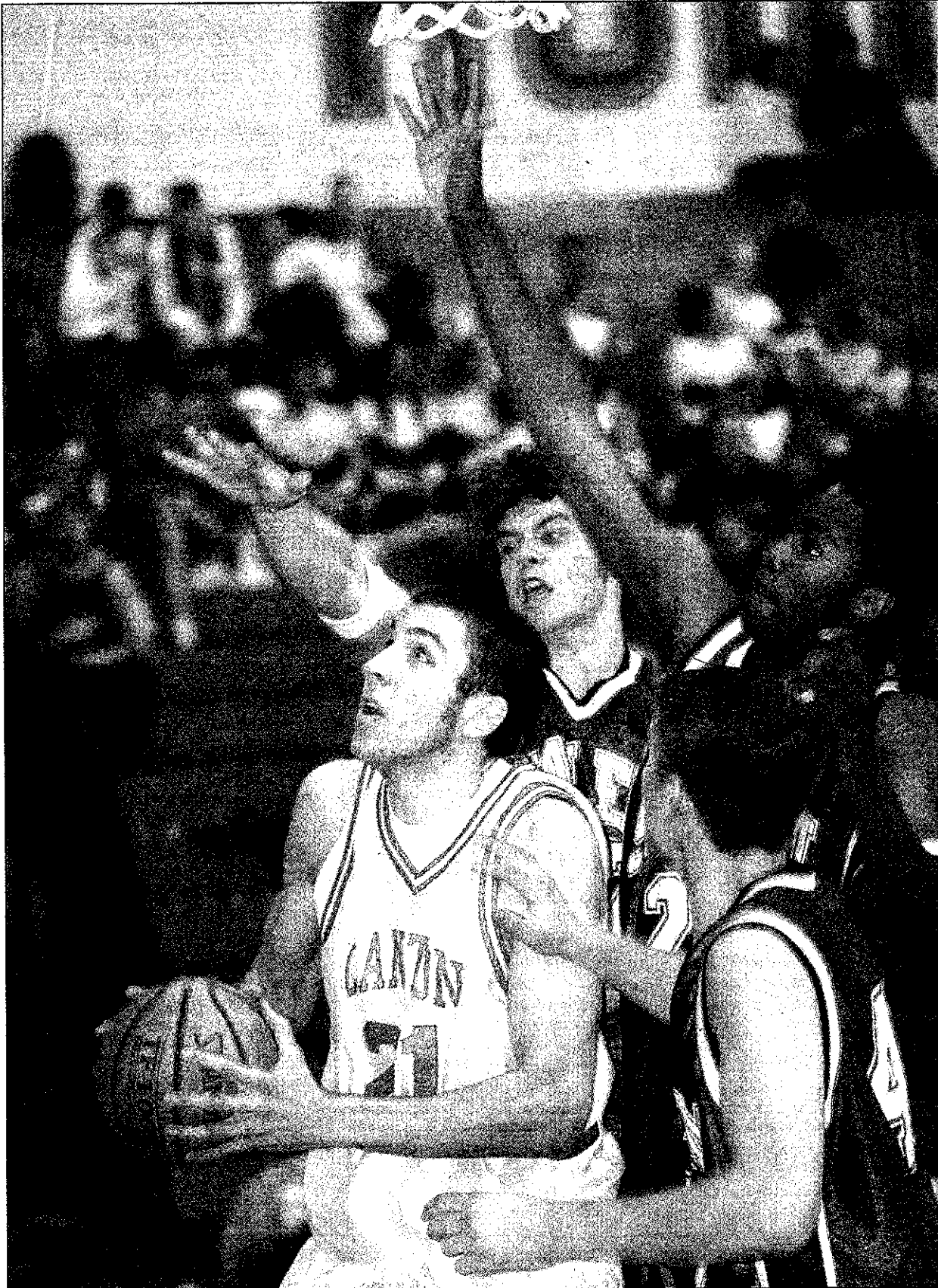
The Canton Crush PeeWee A hockey team won their division championship at the Sports Weekend Extravaganza Tournament in Detroit.

Members of the Crush, whose home ice is the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, are: Steven Manser, Brad Wilhelm, Jordan Kostora, Timothy Schafer, Matthew Hull, Travis Hall, Will Romanowski, Patrick Sheahan, A.J. White, Ryan Bauer, Gerald Mayhew, Sean Gaffney, Nick Riley and Z.J. Doyle. The team is coached by Pat Riley, Ken Gaffney, Vince Doyle, Darrell Hall, Mike White and Dan Sheahan; the team managers are Tim Schafer and Carol Schafer.

### Golf registration

The Michigan PGA is holding registration for its youth golf program, the Top 50 Junior Tour. The tour is for golfers 12 to 18 years and is a regional tour offering players tournament experience and an opportunity to earn college scholarships. Play runs June 14 to Aug. 20, consisting of 10 qualifying rounds and 10 tourney rounds.

For more information, visit the tour's Web site at Top50JrTour.com or call (248) 321-9900.



Canton's Kevin Thornton gets this shot off and scores despite being surrounded by Salem's Jeff Lake (left), Dominique Washington (middle) and Kyle Price.

# A powerful inside force

## Canton drives past Salem

RICHARD L. SHOOK  
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

In every neighborhood there's a kid who calls the shots.

It's the one who decides whether the group is playing basketball, football, baseball – or indoor video games. And where the action is going to take place.

That was the Canton basketball team on Tuesday night.

The Chiefs were calling the shots – and usually it was a bank-in from about six inches away.

Canton simply overpowered neighborhood rival Salem, 64-48, in their first meeting of the Western Lakes Activities Association season.

"We were like a flea on an elephant's back," coach Bob Brodie of Salem said after his Rocks slipped to 7-9 overall and 6-4 in the WLAA. "That team outplayed us in all phases of the game – and for four quarters."

"They're strong, big and play with a lot of confidence." The Chiefs had trouble in just two areas. Their three-point shooting was atrocious and Julian Smith muffed a fast-break dunk and an attempt to jam home a missed shot.

Canton had no trouble at all, however, in taking the ball to the basket. The Chiefs made 26 baskets – and 24 of them were either layups, short rebounds of missed shots or two-foot layups off baseline drives.

"They were physical with us early in the game," coach Charlie Paye of Canton said after his Chiefs improved to 10-6 overall and 7-3 in the WLAA. "But it's true we got inside early. Andy (junior point guard Cortellini) did a great job."

"Our kids fill the lane well and he does a great job of getting them the ball. And they know he's going to get them the ball."

"The thing about Andy is that he's very unselfish. If the shot isn't there, he'll pass the ball. And that's what's good about him."

Salem was just outmuscled, however. Canton drove the baseline with authority and it drove the paint with bravado.

"They've got a great group of athletes right now and it spills over into all sports," Brodie said of his rivals.

"Five or six of our players are football players," Paye

PLEASE SEE CANTON, B6

# Murray is the key in P-C-S win

On Feb. 5, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team played Grosse Pointe University-Liggett to a 3-3 tie in Grosse Pointe – which gave the Penguins some additional incentive in Tuesday's rematch at the Arctic Edge.

Combine that result with Tuesday being the final home game of the season for P-C-S, and University-Liggett a mere three points ahead in the Michigan

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Metro Girls High School Hockey League standings – well, it all added up to a long night for the visiting Knights.

And Stephanie Murray was the catalyst, scoring four goals to lead the Penguins to their lopsided 6-1 victory.

It didn't take Murray long to get it going, either. She scored three first-period goals, Erika Perkovich assisting on the first and Jessica Rzetelny and Lauren Coleman on the second (the third was unassisted).

Liggett trimmed the lead to 3-1 in the second period, but the Penguins answered quickly with a goal by Sharla Gillespie (assisted by Olivia Pennebaker and Lisa Ealy).

They added two more goals in the third period, by Pennebaker (from Gillespie and Jenn Emmert) and, with her fourth of the night, Murray (from Perkovich and Kelli Bargowski).

Amanda Watkins stopped 22 shots on goal for P-C-S.

The win improved the Penguins' record to 7-12-2 overall, with one regular-season game remaining – against Farmington Mercy at Farmington's Suburban Training Center Saturday.

# Emenhiser carries Madonna to triumph

## MEN'S COLLEGE HOOP

Noel Emenhiser poured in 28 points to lead Madonna University to a 69-53 triumph over Concordia University Saturday at Madonna.

The win left the Crusaders at 3-8 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (in sixth place), 10-17 overall. Concordia is 2-9 in the WHAC, 7-19 overall.

Going into the final regular-season games before the conference tournament, the top six seeds were undecided. Depending on how Madonna does, it could place as high as fifth but drop no lower than sixth.

Emenhiser connected on 9-of-16 shots from the floor, including 3-of-8 three-pointers, and made 7-of-8 free throws.

He also had eight rebounds and three steals.

Dan Kurtinaitis had a big day as well, scoring 12 points, dishing out five assists – which gave him the Madonna single-season record for assists – grabbing six boards and making three steals.

Not to be overlooked: Chad Nadolni had six points and 11 rebounds, and Jim Woodworth came off the bench to score 10 points on 5-of-5 shooting from the floor.

For Concordia, Jared Adamson led with 15 points.

Madonna, which led 28-22 at the half, outrebounded

Concordia, 36-29; hit 22-of-31 free throws (71 percent) to the Cardinals' 14-of-21 (67 percent); and had just 12 turnovers to Concordia's 21.

**Schoolcraft 115, Oakland CC 60:** Everyone played and everyone scored Saturday at OCC – for both teams. But four of SC's players reached double figures, and three others scored nine.

For the Raiders, two were in doubles and one had nine.

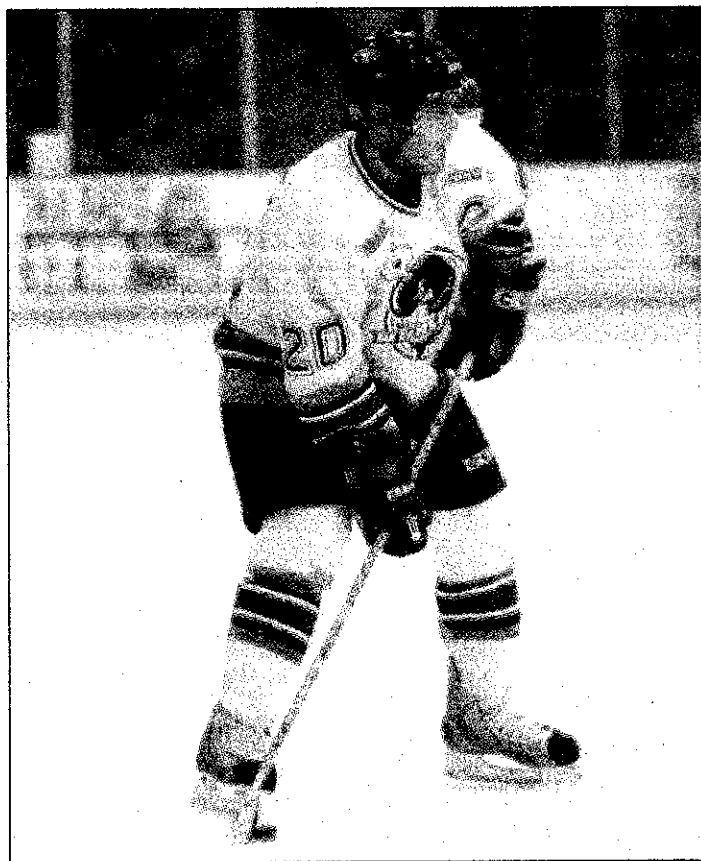
The Ocelots improved to 13-1 in the MCCA's Eastern Conference, tied for first with Mott CC; they are 22-3 overall. OCC is 5-8 in the conference, 9-14 overall.

SC led 60-30 at the half, making 22-of-38 shots from

the floor (57.9 percent) compared to the Raiders' 9-of-34 shooting (26.5 percent). In the game, the Ocelots had a 55-28 advantage in rebounding and forced 25 turnovers while committing just 12.

SC was led by Ryan Baumgartner with 20 points. Lamont Arrington had 17 points and 11 rebounds; Tyrone Scott and Marcus Johnson each scored 12 points; Ricky Morgan collected nine points and 11 assists; Raymond Metcalf got nine points, six assists and three steals; and Anton Palmer totaled nine points and two steals.

Craig Myree topped OCC with 14 points. Donnell Patterson added 10 and Tremaine Franks had nine.



DONALD J. ALLEY

With the return to the lineup of team captain James Wisniewski, the Whalers have rebounded with two-straight wins.

# Wisniewski sparks Whalers' turnaround

All sorts of circumstances can factor into a team's losing streak, none more prevalent than the loss of key players.

Last Wednesday, James Wisniewski returned to the Plymouth Whalers' lineup after a five-game suspension for using what an Ontario Hockey League official deemed a "racial slur" during an altercation (he called an European opponent a "Euro").

The suspension was automatic; what happened to the Whalers over the next five games, while not automatic, was certainly predictable.

A team cannot lose its captain and very likely its best player and not suffer. Wisniewski, a Canton native, has enjoyed a spectacular season despite losing 18 games to injury, the World Junior Tournament and suspensions. He still ranks third among OHL defensemen in

scoring with 14 goals and 41 assists (54 points) in 40 games.

During the span Wisniewski was absent due to the suspension, the Whalers were 1-3-1, allowing 21 goals (4.2 per game) and scoring 12 (2.4).

He returned to the lineup last Wednesday at Windsor, and Plymouth lost again, 5-4. But on Friday at Guelph – a team boasting the OHL's second-best overall record – the Whalers were outstanding, crushing the Storm 6-2. They followed that up with a 4-3 win at Saginaw Sunday.

So: In the three games since Wisniewski's return, Plymouth is 2-1, scoring 4.7 goals a game and allowing 3.3.

Need more proof?

The win over Saginaw was certainly dramatic. A Nick Lees goal in the first period gave the

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# Rocks qualify all 3 relays at MISCA meet

On Saturday at the MISCA swim meet, Salem swam "really well," according to coach Chuck Olson. On Tuesday in a dual meet at Northville, the Rocks didn't.

Salem lost at Northville, 109-77, winning just four events — two of those by Nick Dixon, the 200-yard individual medley (2:03.12) and the 500 freestyle (4:57.11). Other firsts came from Matt Jurcak in the 100 free (50.74) and the 200 free relay team of Mike Higgs, Penn Chou, Nick White and Jurcak (1:36.07).

"I think they might have still been tired," said Olson.

There were no such symptoms at Saturday's MISCA meet, held at Eastern Michigan University. This event is designed to provide tough competition at a first-rate facility — in other words, a very fast pool — to help swimmers achieve their state-qualifying cuts.

It worked well for Salem. The Rocks got their state cuts in all three relays, which certainly pleased their coach.

"It's all about swimming fast," said Olson. "It was a very good day for the guys, all day long."

"It's amazing what you can do when you're focused."

It started well right from the start, with

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the 200-yard medley relay. Jurcak, Casey Johnson, Dixon and Chou combined for a 1:43.59, beating the state qualifying time of 1:44.39 and moving up from their position as the 28th seed in that event to finish 11th. They bettered their previous season-best by nearly three seconds.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Higgs, Chou, White and Jurcak — seeded 19th — finished 13th in 1:32.25, bettering their previous best by 1.55 seconds and beating the state qualifying cut of 1:32.99.

The 400 free relay was "one of the ones we point for" in the relays, Olson said. His foursome of Jurcak, Higgs, Chou and Dixon came through with a six-second drop from the previous best time, finishing eighth and qualifying for state in 3:22.03 (state cut: 3:25.39).

Dixon had a couple of strong swims in two events he had already qualified for state in, the 200 IM — he finished fifth in 2:00.00, 2.29 seconds faster than his season's best — and the 500 free — he placed seventh in 4:53.56.

Other solid performances by the Rocks

came from Jurcak in the 200 free (16th overall in 1:50.54; state cut is 1:50.39) and Casey Johnson in the 100 breast (29th in 1:05.10; state cut is 1:03.79).

Salem hosts Westland John Glenn tonight at 7 p.m.

## NORTHVILLE 109 SALEM 77 Feb. 17 at Northville

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Hunter Schwartz, Weston Laabs, Chris Keady, Brad Farris), 1:45.76; 2. Salem (Nick Dixon, Casey Johnson, Pat Sautural, Penn Chou), 1:47.01.

200 freestyle: 1. Will Bickle (N), 1:51.19; 2. Matt Jurcak (S), 1:51.23.

200 individual medley: 1. Dixon (S), 2:03.12.

50 freestyle: 1. Farris (N), 23.40.

Diving: 1. Brad Lempke (N), 216.90; 2. Andrew Murawski (S), 200.15.

100 butterfly: 1. Chris Culklin (N), 58.49.

100 freestyle: 1. Jurcak (S), 50.74.

500 freestyle: 1. Dixon (S), 4:57.11.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Mike Higgs, Chou, Nick White, Jurcak), 1:36.07.

100 backstroke: 1. Schwartz (N), 56.78.

100 breaststroke: 1. Laabs (N), 1:07.22; 2. Johnson (S), 1:07.54.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Farris, Joey Hogan, Bickle, Keady), 3:26.61; 2. Salem (Jurcak, Higgs, White, Dixon), 3:23.44.

Dual-meet record: Salem, 6-4 overall.

# Early outburst sends Salem past Troy

Three first-period goals — two of them in a 48-second span — helped Salem's hockey team take the early initiative, and two more in the second period allowed the Rocks keep it on their way to a 6-3 triumph over Troy Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Salem improved to 11-8-2 overall with the victory. Craigen Bauldry scored the game's first goal, giving Salem a 1-0 lead at 13:03 of the first period; Ryan Sharrow and Aaron Cheesman assisted. Troy tied it with a goal by Dave Prince five seconds later, but the Rocks took complete control after that, scoring the game's next five goals.

Ryan Jones put Salem ahead to stay with a goal with 7:48 left in the first period (assisted by Kyle Emmons and Cheesman); Cheesman,

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who finished the game with a goal and two assists, scored :48 later (from Emmons and goalie Ray Kraft) to make it 3-1.

Second-period goals by John Maurer (from Andy Thackaberry and Jones) and Thackaberry (from John Peterson and Emmons) pushed the Rocks' lead to 5-1. Rob Quigley made it 6-1 (assists by Bauldry and Maurer) midway through the third period before Troy scored twice in the final :90, the goals by Erick Walby and Chris Mankowski.

Salem hosts Livonia Stevenson in a key Western Lakes Activities Association game at 8 p.m. Friday at the

Cultural Center.

**CC 5, G.P. North 2:** A pair of third-period goals by Dan Barczuk broke the game open and clinched the win for Redford Catholic Central on Saturday night over Grosse Pointe North at Compuware Arena.

"It was another tough league game," said CC coach Todd Johnson as his team improved to 12-6-3 overall and 6-2 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League. "We weren't as mentally sharp as we have been in the last four or five games, but we stuck to it."

Mike Monterey got the game-winner for CC with two minutes left in the second period with Dave McGrorty and Travis Hamway getting the assists.

Barczuk made sure the Norsemen didn't have a chance as he scored eight minutes into the third from Chris New and Drew Kahle, then again with three minutes to play from Kahle and Kevin Horal.

Hamway opened the scoring 31 seconds into the game from Jason Lewarne and Monterey, but Shawn Hunter tied it on a power-play goal at the eight-minute mark of the game.

Colin Brown's goal five minutes into the second period gave North a 2-1 lead, but Tim Buttery tied it with five minutes left in the second from John Horal and Michael Evans.

Andrew Godoshian stopped 21 shots in goal for CC, while Jordan Ziekle made 26 saves for North.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Feb. 20  
Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
Ply. Christian at Oak. Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
Franklin at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.  
Huron Valley vs. Taylor Baptist Park at Westland Bailey Rec. Center, 7:30 p.m.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Thursday, Feb. 19  
Liggett at Clarenceville, 6:30 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Lutheran N'west, 6:30 p.m.

Oak. Christian at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m.  
A.P. Inter-City vs. Canton Agape, 7 p.m.  
at Discovery Middle School  
(Catholic League Finals at Madonna)  
C-D Division championship, 5:30 p.m.  
A-B Division championship, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 21

Ladywood Tournament, 9 a.m.

### PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Feb. 20  
Franklin vs. Northville (Edgar), 6 p.m.  
Stevenson vs. Salem  
at Plymouth Cultural Ctr., 8 p.m.  
Canton vs. W.L. Western, 8:20 p.m.  
at Lakeland Arena

### Saturday, Feb. 21

Churchill at U-D Jesuit (City), 5:30 p.m.  
P-C Penguins vs. Mercy, 6 p.m.  
at Farmington Suburban Training Ctr.  
Franklin at Chelsea, 7 p.m.  
Redford CC vs. Cranbrook  
at Compuware (Olympic Rink), 7 p.m.

### PREP WRESTLING

(TEAM DUAL DISTRICT TOURNEYS)  
Thursday, Feb. 19

### DIVISION I

at REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL  
First round: Redford Union vs. Southfield, 5 p.m.; Redford Catholic Central vs. Livonia Franklin, 5 p.m.

Championship final: 6:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Wednesday, Feb. 25 at Royal Oak Kimball vs. Kimball district champion.)

### at WAYNE MEMORIAL

First round: Salem vs. Wayne, 5:30 p.m.

Westland John Glenn vs. Canton, 5:30 p.m.  
Championship final: 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regionals semifinals Wednesday, Feb. 25 at Temperance Bedford)

vs. Bedford district champion.)

### at NOVI

First round: Northville vs. Novi, 5:30 p.m.; Livonia Stevenson vs. Livonia Churchill, 5:30 p.m.

Championship final: 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Wednesday, Feb. 25 at Temperance Bedford vs. Romulus district champion.)

### DIVISION III

### at MELVINDALE

First round: Riverview Gabriel Richard vs. Grosse Ile, 4 p.m.; Livonia Clarenceville vs. Melvindale, 4 p.m.

Championship final: 5 p.m. (Winner advances to the regionals semifinals Wednesday, Feb. 25 at Madison Heights Lamphere vs. Melvindale district champion.)

### Saturday, Feb. 21

### (INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT TOURNEYS)

Division I at Franklin, TBA.

Division I at Southgate, TBA.

Division III at Highland Park, TBA.

Division IV at New Haven, TBA.

### BOYS SWIMMING

### Thursday, Feb. 19

Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.

W.L. Northern at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.

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

### Saturday, Feb. 21

Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer, noon.

### PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS

### Thursday, Feb. 19

Western Lakes Co-Op at Churchill, 7 p.m.

### PREP SKIING

### Tuesday, Feb. 17

SEMSL Championship at Alpine Valley, 9 a.m.

### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### Saturday, Feb. 21

Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 3 p.m.

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### Saturday, Feb. 21

UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 1 p.m.

Schoolcraft at Henry Ford, 1 p.m.

### ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

### Friday, Feb. 20

Whalers vs. S.S. Marie (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 21

Whalers vs. Kitchener (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.

TBD — time, site to be determined.

## GYMNASTICS RESULTS

### SALEM 136.45

### WALLED LAKE 127.3

Monday at Walled Lake Central

Vault: 1. Elena Gueorguiev (S), 8.35; 2. Allie Vraniak (S), 8.3; 3. (tie) Stephanie Schmultz (WL), Kim Stevenson (WL), 8.25; 5. (tie) Katie Waldeck (S), Megan McCarthy (S), 8.2.

Uneven parallel bars: 1. Gueorguiev (S), 9.35; 2. Ashley Aquinto (S), 9.1; 3. Vraniak (S), 8.25; 4. Schmultz (WL), 8.2; 5. Meghan Negele (S), 7.75.

Balance beam: 1. Stevenson (WL), 9.0; 2. McCarthy (S), 8.95; 3. Waldeck (S), 8.35; 4. Aquinto (S), 8.3; 5. Vraniak (S), 8.25.

Floor exercise: 1. (tie) Gueorguiev (S), McCarthy (S), 9.35; 3. Stevenson (WL), 9.15; 4. Katie Ryan (WL), 8.75; 5. Vraniak (S), 8.65.

All-around: 1. Gueorguiev (S), 35.15; 2. Vraniak (S), 33.7; 3. Ryan (WL), 30.6.

Dual-meet record: Salem, 3-5.

### LIVONIA UNIFIED 141.35, PLYMOUTH 125.45

Monday at Plymouth

Vault: 1. Alyssa Supplee (LU), 9.05; 2. Andrea Pisani (LU), 8.85; 3. Paige Albers (LU), 8.7; 4. Julie Aurelia (LU), 8.55; 5. Krista Osikowicz (LU), 8.5.

Uneven parallel bars: 1. Lindsey Reed (LU), 9.0; 2. Supplee (LU), 8.9; 3. Pisani (LU), 8.8; 4. Albers (LU), 8.7; 5. Osikowicz (LU), 8.55.

Balance beam: 1. Lisa Thompson (LU), 9.25; 2. Amy Quiambao (P), 8.8; 3. Allie Saker (P), 8.75; 4. Albers (LU), 8.5; 5. Gina Maceri (LU), 8.35.

Floor exercise: 1. Pisani (LU), 9.45; 2. Albers (LU), 9.35; 3. Thompson (LU), 9.0; 4. Maceri (LU), 8.95; 5. Supplee (LU), 8.6.

All-around: 1. Albers (LU), 35.25; 2. Pisani (LU), 35.05; 3. Quiambao (P), 33.55; 4. Courtney Pickard (P), 30.35.

Dual-meet records: Livonia Unified, 9-1; Plymouth, 2-9.



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in anticipation of our warmer weather pursuits that lie right around the corner.

Ford Field in Detroit will be bristling with excitement March 3-7 when the 'Ultimate Sports Show' - the 21st Annual Michigan Boat, Sport and Fishing Show comes to town.

Show promoters, ShowSpan Inc., of Grand Rapids, claim the Michigan Boat, Sport and Fishing Show features more tackle, gear, fishing boats, travel destinations, seminars, and family entertainment than any other sport show. That's a claim that is hard to dispute.

For proof, look no further than the seminar schedule, which is loaded with home-grown Michigan talent.

Mark Romanack and Dan Donarski host the Fishing Academy. Seminars include: bass experts Kim Stricker, Gerry Gostenik and Wayne Carpenter; walleye pros Mark Martin and Jim Barta; and muskie specialists Don Miller and Bob Bruner. Dave Rose chimes in on northern pike; Lance

Valentine will instruct participants on sonar and GPS use; and Bill Bale and Dave Engel of Best Chance Promotions head the Salmon and Steelhead Super Clinic.

And that's not all. There will be a new "outdoor" stage this year featuring deer and turkey hunting seminars by outdoor TV host Denny Geurink, as well as cooking demonstrations for fish and game.

Former Detroit Tigers great Milt Wilcox will also be on hand hosting a "Dock Dogs - Big Air Dog Event." Jef Eaton, star of last year's popular Reel Deal Fishing Tackle Giveaway, plays daily angling games with kids, who will take home \$5,000 worth of free rods, reels and other gear.

Considering a dream hunting or fishing trip?

There will be at least 20 outfitters from Ontario alone as well as options to book a houseboat vacation and out-

fitters from destinations like Montana and Alaska, not to mention the dozens of Great Lakes charter boat captains and guides.

Here's the best part: Your Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, in conjunction with ShowSpan Inc., is holding a fishing trivia contest. The first 20 callers at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, with the correct answer to the following trivia question will win a pair of tickets to the show.

In addition, a grand prize winner, selected at random from the pool of correct responses, will win an Abu Garcia 6-foot, one piece, medium light action spinning rod & reel combo and a Lühr Jensen Little Chief electric smoker.

**Here's the question:** Many Great Lakes trout and salmon are marked with a microscopic coded-wire tag implanted in the head of the fish. Fish with these tags can be identified by the absence of the adipose fin. Where is the

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Show hours are Wednesday and Thursday, March 3 and 4, 2-9:30 p.m.; Friday, March 5, noon-9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 6, 10 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Sunday, March 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$8 adult, \$4 children ages 6-15; children age 5 and under will be admitted free.

For more information, call 800-328-6550 or go to [www.UltimateSportShows.com](http://www.UltimateSportShows.com) or [www.MichBoatFish.com](http://www.MichBoatFish.com).

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### HOOP SHOOT

Canton Leisure Services will sponsor the MRPA Hoop Shoot basketball skills competition at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. The event is free to boys and girls ages 8-15 from the community.

Players will have 60 seconds to score points from various locations on the court. Winners will advance to area competitions as representatives of the Canton community. Certificates and ribbons will be available to participants.

Check-in is at 8:30 a.m., with competition starting at 9 a.m. Participants may register in advance or the day of the event; a valid birth certificate is required the day of the event for age verification.

For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

### 3-ON-3 TOURNAMENT

There will be a youth 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament starting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Sponsored by Canton Leisure Services, registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., with play beginning at noon. All games will be officiated, and all teams will be guaranteed two games.

There will be boys and girls divisions for grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-12. Awards will be presented to the tournament winners and runners-up in each division.

For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

### SOCCER CLINICS

The Michigan Wolves and Hawks Soccer Club is hosting a free clinic open to the public at Total Soccer's Wixom facility.

The boys clinic will feature University of Michigan men's soccer coach Steve Burns and will be Feb. 19. Clinic times are: U13, U14 - 5:30-7 p.m.; U15, U16 - 7-8:30 p.m.; U17, U18 - 8:30-10 p.m.

Again, the clinics are free. The Wixom Total Soccer Facility is located at 30990 Wixom Road, 1 1/2 miles north of I-96.

For more information, call Amy Richters at (248) 478-6692.

### ACTIVITIES

#### FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB

The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester. Meetings are open to all anglers, boaters and non-boaters. Call Harold Leider at (248) 656-0556 for more information.

#### SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby, Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

#### DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to [riverrat122@home.com](mailto:riverrat122@home.com).

#### METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Livonia senior

center located on the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile. Call Henry Nabors at (248) 258-5502 for more information.

#### MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit [www.mffc.org](http://www.mffc.org) on the Internet for more information.

#### FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Meetings are open to boaters and non-boaters and the club is open to new members. Visitors are welcome to the family club. For more information, call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail [fourseasonsfishingclub@yahoo.com](mailto:fourseasonsfishingclub@yahoo.com).

#### HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call

Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

#### CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS

The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

### METROPARKS

#### METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

#### OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

#### COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all

nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (248) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

### STATE PARKS

#### STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (248) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (248) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (248) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (248) 229-7067.

To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to 248-644-1314.

## Oakwood Annapolis Hospital has heart



By **Rajesh Gulati, M.D.**  
Cardiologist

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*Dr. Rajesh Gulati is a board certified cardiologist and chief of staff at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has been practicing at Annapolis and in the western Wayne community for more than 20 years. He received his training at the University of Delhi School of Medicine and Wayne State University.*

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# Glenn grabs 3rd-straight title

## Salem finishes 4th, Canton takes 8th at WLAA Tournament

Westland John Glenn staved off a severe challenge Saturday from rival Wayne Memorial to win its third consecutive Western Lakes Activities Association wrestling tournament hosted by Livonia Churchill.

The Rockets, who put six grapplers in the finals, scored a team-high 196.5 points, just six ahead of Wayne, which finished with 190.5.

Host Churchill, the co-Observerland Invitational champion with Glenn, was third with 171.5.

Salem finished fourth with 155, while Walled Lake Western placed fifth in the 12-school tourney with 130. *See final results.*

"We felt comfortable going into the last two rounds unlike Observerland where we were on the edge of our seats," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "We knew it would be pretty close, but with six in the finals there was a feeling some of those kids would

win."

The Rockets came away with four individual crowns, led by 140-pound junior Rece Cox, who improved to 38-1 overall while earning his 106th career win when he pinned Wayne's Rex Fugaban in the finals in 5:12.

Other Glenn champions included 152-pounder Daron Cruickshank, who edged Churchill's Ben Adams, 11-10, to improve his mark to 35-7; 160-pounder Brad Allen, who won by injury default and is now 36-6; and 189-pounder Jake Fairchild, who edged Livonia Stevenson's Paul Bargerstock, 3-2, to up his record to 42-4 (most wins on the team).

"We had a great first round, but the second round was not very good because we lost to some kids we had beaten before," Polk said. "But to their credit, they were able to bounce back through the consolation rounds."

Glenn also put Rowdy

Glasgow (112) and Eric Chambers (215) in the finals. Senior Greg Wacker also gave Glenn a lift by finishing third at 145.

"Rowdy had a good day, but things just didn't go his way in the finals," said Polk, whose wrestler lost a 6-4 decision to Northville's Joel Schanne. "We felt he was good enough to be a champ. Greg (Wacker) came out and wrestled well. He's a senior kid who has been behind somebody his whole career. For two years he was behind Rece (Cox) and his first year he was behind Nick Naber. With Jon McCahill out injured this year, he's been able to take advantage."

Wayne's showing was its best since joining the WLAA.

And although the Zebras did not have any champions, they put three in the finals, took third places in five other weight classes and added a fourth.

Sophomore Chad Phipps, filling in for the suspended Tim Hammer at 135, posted four

pins with his only loss to Zack Vaughn of Salem.

"Chad was not seeded, his only loss was to the first seed (Vaughn), you couldn't ask anything more from him," Wayne interim coach Morgan Mullins said. "And Zack Listman (125 pounds) was seeded eighth and he took third."

"We were without two of our studs, Hammer and Jason Crothers (112), who got hurt earlier this year with a shoulder. He (Crothers) tweaked it again Saturday and I sat him out (after losing a semifinal to Schanne)."

"I'm really proud of all the kids."

Churchill placed five in the finals with 275-pounder Pat Draheim and 171-pounder Manuel Schubert earning titles.

Draheim pinned top seed Jeremy Walker of Salem in 3:44, while Schubert beat Wayne's Bryan Longton in a competitive final, 5-2.

Livonia Franklin and Livonia

Stevenson each boasted champions. Franklin's Jesse Gardocki rolled to a 13-1 major decision over Walled Lake Northern's Josh Giesey in the finals at 103, while Stevenson's Dario Mainella took the 145-pound crown by downing Wayne's Chris McGlone for the third time this season, 7-2. Mainella is 42-1 now overall, while Gardocki is 37-3.

Canton freshman Corey Phillips grabbed the 130-pound crown with a 4-0 decision over Salem's Dave Burr. Canton's Ryan Webb added a 135-pound title for the Chiefs with an 11-2 major decision over Churchill's Jameson Murray. Walled Lake Western grabbed the other three individual titles including wins by 119-pound Micheal Morfitt, who won 12-5 over Salem's Ryan Stump; 125-pounder Jeff Clare, who also scored a 12-3 major decision over Churchill's Kris Felice; and 215-pounder Lance Shunia, who pinned Chambers, now 40-4, in 3:11.

## WRESTLING RESULTS

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Feb. 14 at Livonia Churchill

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Westland John Glenn, 196.5 points; 2. Wayne Memorial, 190.5 points; 3. Livonia Churchill, 171.5 points; 4. Salem, 155; 5. Walled Lake Western, 130; 6. Northville, 123.5; 7. Livonia Franklin, 122; 8. Canton, 109; 9. Livonia Stevenson, 101.5; 10. Walled Lake Northern, 64; 10. Plymouth, 30.

**CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL RESULTS**

**275 pounds:** Pat Draheim (LC) pinned Jeremy Walker (Salem), 3:44; **3rd place:** Ryan Pokrytky (LF) won by major dec. over Shaun Bailey (Phy), 9-0; **5th place:** Nick Orr (WM) won by injury default over Kyle Tackett (LS).

**103:** Jesse Gardocki (LF) won by major dec. over Josh Giesey (WLN), 13-1; **3rd:** Josh Preiss (WM) p. Alex Fowler (LC), 1:15; **5th:** Sam Santilli (Canton) won by technical fall over James David (WLC), 15-0.

**112:** Joel Schanne (N) dec. Rowdy Glasgow (WJG), 6-4; **3rd:** Mike Warren (LF) won by major dec. over Andrew Roeser (WLN), 11-0; **5th:** Cory Hammerle (WLC) won by default over Jason Crothers (WM).

**119:** Micheal Morfitt (WLV) won by major dec. over Ryan Stump (Salem), 12-5; **3rd:** Justin Smith (LC) dec. Justin Keatts (WM), 4-2; **5th (tie):** Adam Blunk (N) and Brian Wilmoth (WLC).

**125:** Jeff Clare (WLV) won by major dec. over Kris Felice (LC), 12-3; **3rd:** Zack Listman (WM) won by major dec. over Matt Keffler (Salem), 14-2; **5th (tie):** Austin Richards (WLN) and Orlando Carswell (WJG).

**130:** Corey Phillips (Canton) dec. Dave Burr (Salem), 4-0; **3rd:** Chris Yezbick (WLV) dec. Jim Woods (WJG), 8-2; **5th (tie):** Kayle McCarth (LF) and Alex York (LS).

**135:** Ryan Webb (Canton) won by major dec. over Ryan Stump (Salem), 12-5; **3rd (tie):** Chad Phipps (WM) and Zack Vaughn (Salem); **5th:** Justin Swanson (N) won by major dec. over Saif Naber (WJG), 15-6.

**140:** Rece Cox (WJG) p. Rex Fugaban (WM), 5:12; **3rd:** Dave Watkins (N) won by disqualification over Konrad Konsitzke (Canton); **5th (tie):** John Manica (N) and Kyle Kuenzel (WLC).

**145:** Dario Mainella (LS) dec. Chris McGlone (WM), 7-2; **3rd (tie):** Greg Wacker (WJG) and Steve Hoesy (Canton); **5th (tie):** Ryan Tooley (Salem) and Jason Beste (WLC).

**152:** Daron Cruickshank (WJG) dec. Ben Adams (LC), 11-10; **3rd (tie):** Craig Droplewski (WLC) and Jeff Goodman (WLV); **5th (tie):** Paul Cavanaugh (WM) and Will Schultz (Salem).

**160:** Brad Allen (WJG) won by void over Jeff Ponder (N); **3rd (tie):** Chris Weiss (LF) and Brian Danville (Salem); **5th:** Dean Decker (WLC) and Alex Amberg (Canton).

**171:** Manuel Schubert (LC) dec. Bryan Longton (WM), 5-2; **3rd:** Bill Riegner (N) dec. Bryan Stolla (WLC), 9-5; **5th:** Jordan Schaefer (Salem) dec. Cody Rize (LS), 6-5.

**189:** Jake Fairchild (WJG) dec. Joe Bargerstock (LS), 3-2; **3rd:** R.J. Ramsey (WM) won by void over Steve Minier (N); **5th:** Jeremy Henderson (Salem) p. David Mathis (WLC), 4-37.

**215:** Lance Shunia (WLV) p. Eric Chambers (WJG), 3:11; **3rd:** Hafeez Oureshi (LC) won by major dec. over Ben Mason (N); **5th (tie):** Moddy Mattan (WLN) and Edgar Fuentes (LS).

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FY 2004 CDBG ACTION PLAN

On Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 2 p.m., in the Walnut Room, Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan 48188, there will be a public hearing on the FY 2004 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan. The Action Plan is funded at \$434,000. Comment will be accepted on the following project proposals: First Step, \$36,000; Growth Works, \$10,500; HelpSource Adult Day Care, \$5,000; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, \$20,500; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$10,000; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Leisure Services scholarships program, \$2,500; Program Administration, \$85,200; Human Service Center Construction, \$275,000 (multi-year); Housing Rehabilitation, \$9,400. Note: not all project proposals are necessarily listed; not all projects listed will necessarily be approved for FY 2004; nor will all projects accepted for funding necessarily be funded for the requested amounts. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194, Ex. 5194.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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### WISNIEWSKI

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Spirit the early lead; Plymouth went on top in the second period with goals by John Mitchell and Rane Carnegie.

Saginaw tied it on another Lees goal early in the third period, then got what appeared to be the game-winner with just :42 left when Paul Bissonnette scored (Lees assisting). Ahhh, but not so fast. With only :14 to play, the Whalers'

John Vigilante got the equalizer, forcing overtime. And with 1:25 remaining in the extra period, Wisniewski scored on an assist from Ryan Ramsay, giving Plymouth the win. The Whalers improved to 25-21-9-3 (62 points in 58 games), second in the OHL's West Division; Sarnia is first with a 30-18-4-4 mark (68 points in 56 games). Saginaw fell to 14-37-2-4 (34 points), fifth in the West.

Wisniewski also had an assist in the game, while Vaclav Meidl and Jonas Fiedler both got two assists. Paul Drew stopped 33 shots in goal for Plymouth; Mike Brown had 23 saves for Saginaw. The Whalers host Sault Ste. Marie Friday and Kitchener Saturday at Compuware Arena. Both games start at 7:30 p.m.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
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**Who? All 2nd-12th Grade Students**

**What? Enter the Observer & Eccentric /Oasis Golf Center**

**Newspaper in Education Contest**

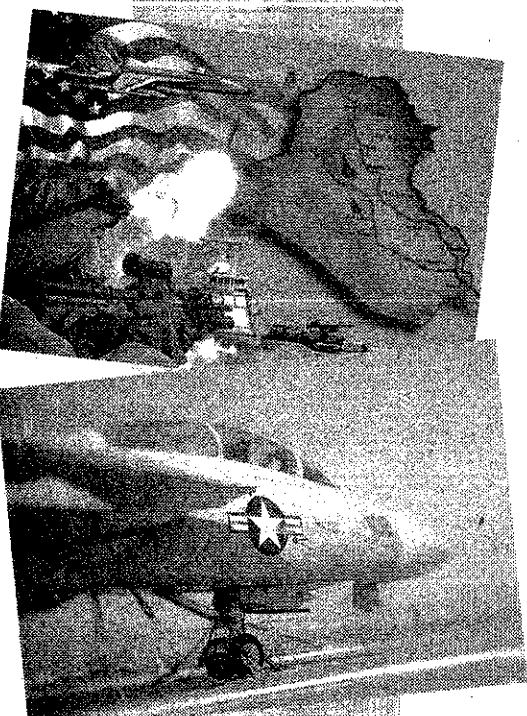
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**When? Contest entries are due by Feb. 24th and winners will run in our papers on March 4th.**

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Students from 2nd through 12th grade are invited to use the theme of "We Care About Our Troops" to enter our contest in one of the following categories:

•**Editorial**-Write a brief editorial (under 250 words) about how much you appreciate what the troops are doing and why you agree or disagree with the reasons we sent the troops to Iraq.

•**Cartoon**-Draw a cartoon for the troops to bring a smile to their faces (maybe about something that they're missing or what they're not missing over here).

•**Photograph**-Take a picture of something that's being displayed in your school or community that shows the troops are being remembered locally.

•**News Story**-Imagine that you're serving in Iraq. Write a story about your experiences there and include the 5 W's-who, what, when, where and why.

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2. Judging will be based on, but not limited to the following criteria, where applicable:

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3. All entries must be mailed to The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and received by the Observer no later than Noon Friday, Feb. 20, 2004 at:

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton: that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 9, 2004.

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Please come prepared, as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

Saturday, March 6, 2004 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.  
First Come, First Serve (Walk-in-Schedule)  
Monday, March 8, 2004 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.  
AND 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
(Appointments Only)

Tuesday, March 9, 2004 Hearings from 1:00 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m.  
AND 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
(Appointments Only)

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call Dawn Harden, Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394-5111.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK  
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# Eagles take a pair from Roeper at PCA

Two out of two — not bad at all.

Due to a snow-out on Jan. 27, Plymouth Christian Academy was forced to reschedule its game with Bloomfield Hills Roeper for last Saturday, three days before its scheduled meeting with the Roughriders at PCA.

The bad news for Roeper was that it couldn't use its home-court for the make-up game, which meant that both Saturday's and Tuesday's games were at PCA.

Worse news for the Roughriders: They lost both, by 13 points each.

On Tuesday, the final was 55-42 — the difference coming in the third quarter, when the Eagles increased their four-point halftime lead (30-26) to an insurmountable 19-point advantage (49-30) with a 19-4 run.

"It was the oddest feeling," said PCA coach Doug Taylor of playing Roeper twice at home in four days. "I've never done that before."

But after watching the junior varsity team lose to Roeper Tuesday after beating them Saturday, the Eagles knew they had to be careful. And they were.

"We got off to a good start,"

said Taylor. "And that's important, especially against a team like Roeper. They keep scores low and like to hold the ball on you."

PCA built a 21-14 lead after one quarter and, despite shooting 1-for-9 from three-point range in the second quarter, still had a four-point lead at the half.

The Eagles scored the first 13 points of the third quarter and coasted from there, improving their record to 11-6 overall and

6-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Roeper fell to 3-13 overall, 1-7 in the MIAC.

Aaron Ciborowski paced PCA with 16 points and 17 rebounds, including six points in the decisive third quarter. Ben Baloga had 15 points and Daniel Carty contributed nine points and four assists.

Erik Zinser topped Roeper with 19 points. Perry Keydel scored nine.

On Saturday, the Eagles prevailed by a 49-36 margin, but their lead after three quarters was just 31-24. Again, Ciborowski led with 17 points and 16 boards; Carty added 16 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

Roeper got 10 points from Adam Attaway and nine from Zinser.

**Oakland Christian 58, Canton Agape 43:** Auburn Hills Oakland Christian got an

early lead over Canton Agape Christian and kept it throughout this MIAC meeting Tuesday.

The Wolverines fell to 12-4 overall, 5-3 in the conference. Oakland Christian is 7-7 overall, 3-3 in the MIAC.

"They jumped out early and had a nice halftime lead," said Agape coach Chuck Henry. "We made our best effort in the third (quarter), but we couldn't cut into the lead."

"We turned it over a lot in the

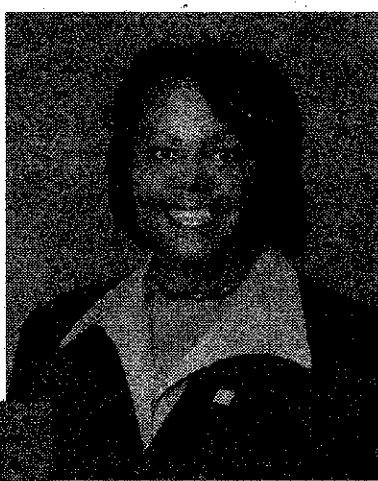
first quarter. We had eight in the first alone. You're not going to win many like that."

"We just couldn't catch up." The Lancers led 17-8 after one quarter and 34-20 by halftime. Kevin Hall paced Oakland Christian with 25 points; Jamie Morrow added 10.

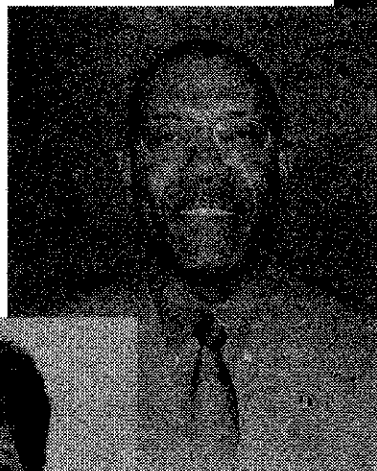
Agape got 17 points from Jordan Napier, 12 from Charlie Henry and 10 from Matt Cross. Cross grabbed seven rebounds and Henry dished out six assists.

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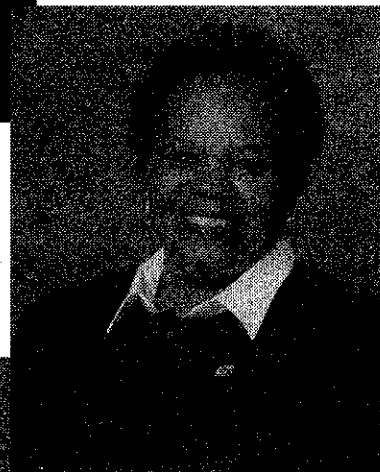
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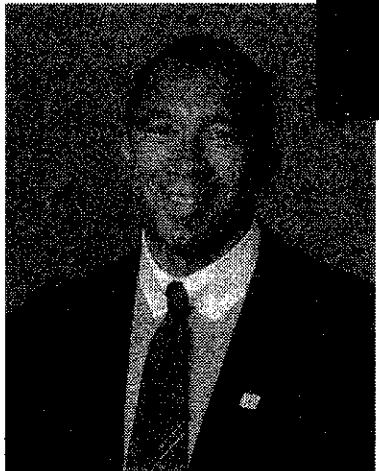
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## Ocelot comeback clips Raiders

Talk about breaks.

Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team gave Oakland CC a great chance, spotting the Raiders leads of 14-0 and 18-2 to start Saturday's game at OCC. But the Ocelots battled back, outscoring the Raiders 29-14 over the rest of the half to narrow the gap to 32-31 by the break, then beat them in the second half to post a 68-65 victory.

The win put SC in first place in the MCCA's Eastern Conference with a 13-2 record; the Ocelots are 19-6 overall. OCC fell to third at 11-3 in the conference, 16-8 overall.

All 10 Ocelots played in the game, and nine of them scored, led by India Monteiro with 23 points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots. Ashley Gibson added 14 points and three steals, and Sara Tyree netted eight points.

OCC had four players reach double figures in scoring, led by Meagon Thornsberry with 20 points, 14 rebounds, three assists and three steals. Leah Anttila added 15 points, six assists and five steals; Patrice Andre got 11 points and seven boards; and Callie Reed finished with 10 points and four steals.

SC outshot the Raiders in the second half, converting 14-of-28 from the floor (50 percent) to OCC's 12-of-39 (30.8 percent). And, although the Raiders had a 44-34 rebounding advantage, they also committed 23 turnovers to 19 for SC.

There were 17 lead changes in the game, and the score was tied five times.

**Madonna 68, Concordia 65 (OT):** Despite committing 31 turnovers and shooting just 36.7 percent from the field, Madonna managed to outlast Concordia in overtime Saturday in Ann Arbor.

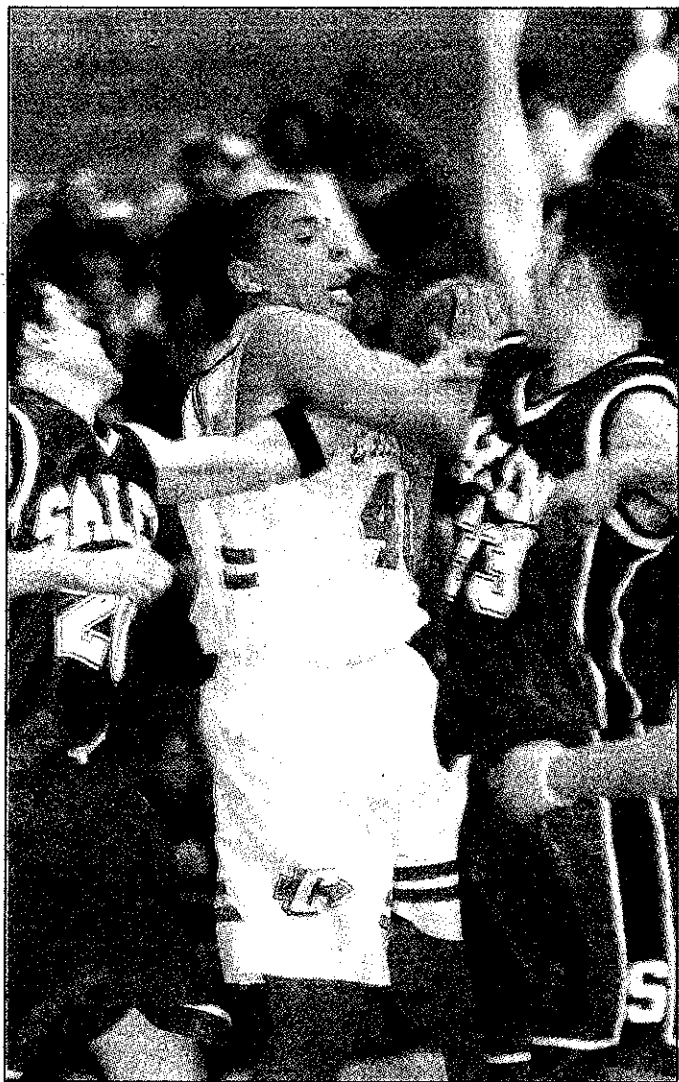
The Crusaders improved to 10-17 overall, 6-5 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference; going into Wednesday's game at Indiana Tech, Madonna was fourth in the WHAC standings, a half-game behind Aquinas. Going into the final regular-season games of the season, the Crusaders could finish as high as the third seed.

Concordia remained winless in the conference at 0-11; the Cardinals are 4-26 overall.

Madonna was paced by Sarah Thomson with 14 points and four steals. Courtney Rehbine had 12 points, nine boards and two steals; Jackie Pingston and Marwa Ayoub scored 11 points apiece, Pingston adding eight assists and six boards, and Ayoub getting two steals; and Stephanie Childs collected nine points and five assists.

Concordia got 23 points, nine rebounds and five steals from Andrea Savage; 15 points, eight boards and four steals from Sarrah Palmer; and 14 points and three steals from Richelle Gerstenberger.





Canton's D.J. Bridges (middle) battles for a rebound with Salem's Dave Cardenas (left) and Brad Clark.

## CANTON

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said. It shows, too.

As the introductions were being made, you could see well-muscled youngsters whose bodies said: Football player. Football player. Football player. Spends time in the weight room with baseball and football players. And just plain big.

"They're dedicated to it," Paye said. "They get after it." Salem started out nice and sharp, scoring the first three points of the game.

But D.J. Bridges countered with a driving layup. Brad Waidmann scored on a short rebound shot, then added a free throw 1:30 later and finished a string of five-straight points with a baseline drive for a layup that gave Canton a 7-3 lead.

"Salem comes at you," Paye said. "They've got some tough kids. We knew it was going to be a battle."

Eric Vanston did a nice job of denying Cortellini shots but Bridges and Smith did an even better job of taking the Rocks' Dominique Washington out of the game. Washington went 0-for-game in field goals and ended with seven free throws.

"They did a nice job," Paye said of his defenders. "You could tell he was getting frustrated, too."

Bridges led Canton with

19 points, 15 coming in the middle two periods as the Chiefs stretched their 15-11 first-quarter lead to 51-33 by the time three periods were finished.

Smith had 12 points, Waidmann 10 and Kevin Thornton eight.

Salem had just one player in double figures, Brian Bradley, who scored 12. Brad Clark ended with eight and Jeff Lake joined Washington with seven.

Canton scored 27 second-chance points to 19 for Salem. The Rocks' only edge was in free throws. They made 19-of-27 to the Chiefs' 10-for-23 from the line.

"We didn't do a very good job of keeping them off the glass," Brodie said. "They weren't to be denied. They took it up strong. There were no soft layups in there."

"I was pleased with our effort and the outcome," Paye said. "These games usually are wars."

Now the season begins to wind toward the playoffs, league and state. Canton might be back in the hunt for WLAA honors.

"It's a funny league," Paye said. "Absolutely Northville is the best team right now. But so many of the teams in the league are equal. It depends on who shows up to play each night. It's always a battle."

Not much of a battle Tuesday night, though. More like a neighborhood kid getting what he wanted.

## BASEBALL CLINIC

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be in two sessions, the first on Saturday, March 27 and the second on Saturday, April 3, both in the Salem HS gym.

Three hours of baseball instruction from the Salem var-

sity players and coaches, for players ages 7-15, is included. Lunch is provided as well; registration fee is \$20.

To reserve a spot or for more information, call Ron Myers at (734) 459-4026.

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

For the spring season, RU is seeking a girls varsity track 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, girls varsity and junior varsity tennis coaches, and a girls' shot put and discus coach for this spring. 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 tennis 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 Athens high schools are in need of girls water polo coaches. Interested candidates are asked to contact Troy Director of Athletics Jim Feldkamp at (248) 823-5093.

■ Farmington High School has a position available for someone willing to serve on a volunteer basis as a strength

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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.

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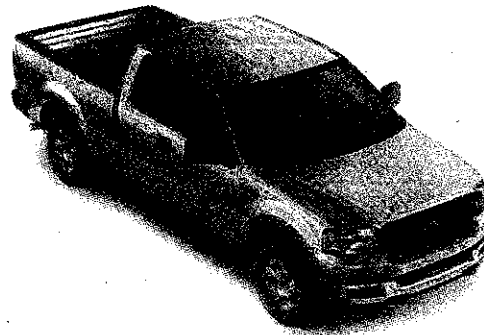


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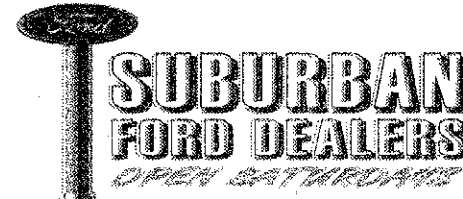
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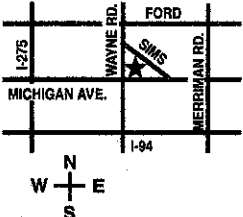


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### Heirloom bulbs

Heirloom bulbs can enrich every garden. Antique varieties are still available to gardeners today – including wild hyacinths and lilies, Aztec tuberose, colonial daffodils, Victorian tulips and cannas and Jazz Age dahlias. Find out more at a special program offered by the Village Gardeners of Lathrup Village. "Heirloom Bulbs: Four Seasons, Forty Centuries,"

a free presentation by landscape historian and preservationist Scott Kunst, will take place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 15, in the Community Room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of I-696.

Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority volunteers will staff display tables with information on healthy garden practices, rain gardens, composting, mulching, biodiversity and lawn care before the program (6:30-7 p.m.).

Refreshments and a raffle drawing for gardening gifts will also be featured. For more information, call Susan Arneson at (248) 443-1703 evenings or weekends or (313) 202-7842 days.

Kunst is the owner of Old House Gardens in Ann Arbor, the country's only mail-order source devoted to heirloom flower bulbs.

### Cut energy costs

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, homeowners spend, on average, \$1,300 a year on utility bills, most of which is wasted energy from poorly insulated windows and doors. Simple energy efficient improvements can save 10-50 percent on energy bills and help reduce air pollution by reducing the amount of carbon dioxide released into the environment, according to Dan Sannor of House Doctors in Livonia.

There are several quick "fixes" homeowners can do to reduce energy costs within their home, according to Sannor.

Install a programmable thermostat or set your thermostat back at night. Insulate doors and windows with plastic, caulk and/or weather stripping. An uninsulated window or door can lose 10 to 20 times as much heat or air conditioning as the same area of a well-insulated wall.

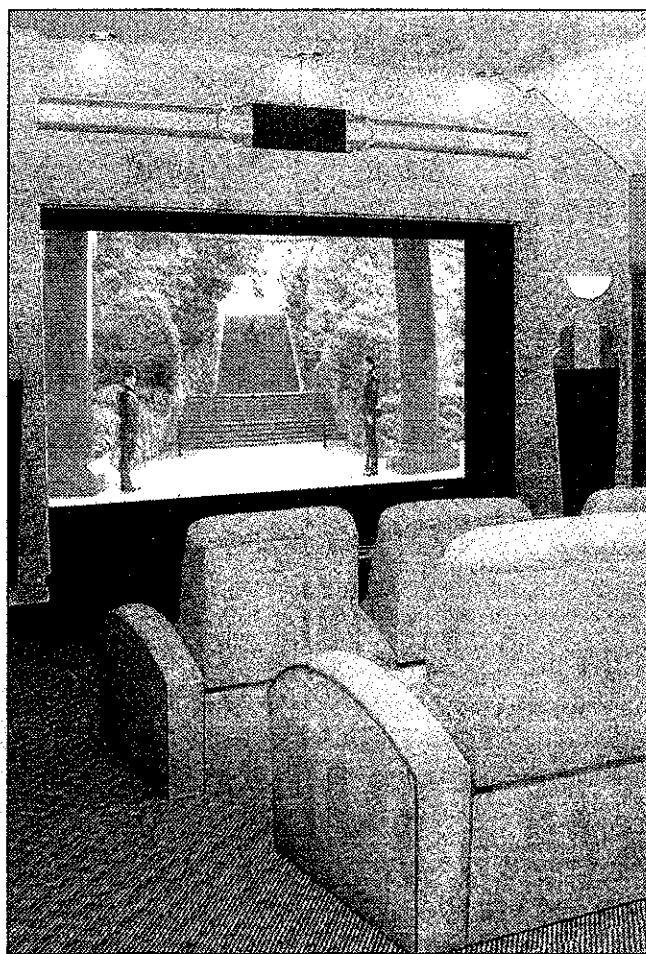
Homeowners with gas or oil hot water storage tanks and pipes should insulate them, being careful not to cover the water heater's top, bottom, thermostat, or burner compartment; when in doubt, get professional help.

For more information, contact Dan Sannor at (734) 762-5006. For more information, go to the corporate Web site at [www.housedoctors.com](http://www.housedoctors.com) or call (800) 319-3359.



# Outside the Box

## Custom home theaters drawing personal applause



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This custom home theater by Pecar Electronics was built as part of a "fun" house, intended primarily for entertaining. Approximate cost, excluding building costs, was \$65,000. Top: Custom home theaters run in a wide price range. Pecar Electronics of Troy has created home theaters that start at less than \$10,000. Its higher end projects included this home theater, which cost around \$500,000.

The home theater is taking more of a starring role in the home these days.

With today's technology, the picture and sound quality of home entertainment systems can rival that of a movie theater.

And besides selecting the electronic components, homeowners can design their own theaters for distinctive home entertainment experiences.

"The home theater is becoming the new focal point of the house. ... It has become the family retreat room," said Randy Blanchard, vice president and general manager of Pecar Electronics in Troy.

There's a technological alphabet. HDTV (high-definition television) comes with different screen types, such as LCD (liquid crystal display), DLP (digital light processing) and LCOS (liquid crystal on silicon). LCD is flat and has a

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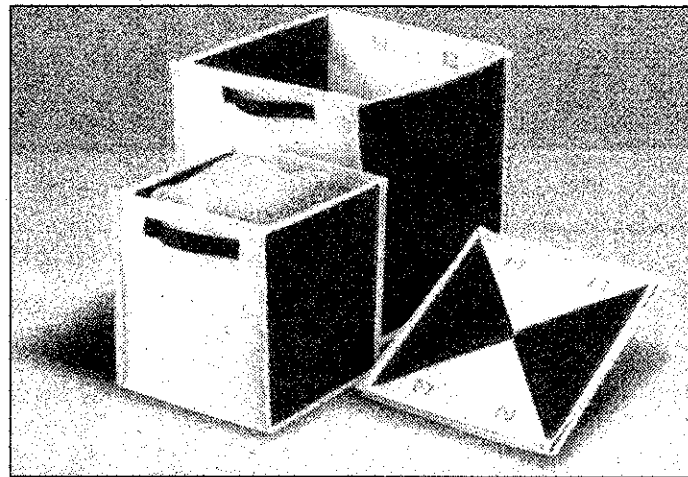
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## Bartholomew encourages displaying collections

"Here, there and everywhere."

Whether that phrase brings to mind the Beatles song, it also can apply to decorating with and displaying antiques in your home.

That was the message HGTV star Kitty Bartholomew shared at a luncheon last week at The Community House in Birmingham.

The luncheon was a preview event for the 14th annual Community House Antiques Festival, which will take place Friday-Sunday, March 12-14.

"If you're shopping around ... and something puts a smile on your face, you should take a second look at it. It's speaking to you," said Bartholomew, host of HGTV's *Kitty Bartholomew: You're Home*. "See if you can make (a place for it) in your home."

In her slide presentation, Bartholomew talked about ways of incorporating antiques as well as found objects from flea markets and thrift shops into the home.

"My goal is always to empower people to make good, affordable choices for their home," she told the audience of about 225.

"We all want our homes to ... reflect the personalities of the people who live there."

Many people think of antiques as being at least 100 years old, and a lot of young people stay away from antiques, Bartholomew said.

She wanted to encourage different attitudes.

Bartholomew's suggestions included:

- Consider collecting paper (letters, deeds, stamps, artistic paper cuttings, prints). Put papers with special significance – or copies of them – under a glass tabletop. Old wallpaper can be color copied and placed on a wall.

- Think of arranging textiles on a wall, such as vintage velvet; flags; socks and mittens.

- A frame doesn't have to contain an art work. An arrangement of empty frames on a wall makes an interesting display.

Bartholomew showed how an empty gilt frame placed in front of corner shelves created an unusual cabinet.

- Put flowers in a grouping of old milk bottles and Mason jars.

- "Humble things" can be used to interesting effect.

Bartholomew painted an assortment of garden tools white and arranged them in a cluster on wall. To dress it up, she adds flowers among the tools.

- A collection makes a statement if all the pieces are in one place rather than scattered around rooms. Put larger items in a collection in the center.

- You can make new furnishings out of old pieces, and give old furnishings new life.

Bartholomew made a dressing table out of an old desk and silver draperies. A table had a broken leg; she had a carpenter cut the table in half and turned it into a console table.

Put cushions on old church pews and place them in a breakfast nook. Windows can become the fronts of kitchen cabinets, or hung on a wall with mirrors behind them to suggest natural light.

Make a long table by laying a hollow core door over two wire urns. ("It's great for people who are just starting out," Bartholomew said. "It could go in any room.")

Bartholomew was born in Detroit and raised in Grosse Ile. Her father attended Cranbrook.

"It's always a wonderful feeling to come back to Michigan," she said.

The antiques festival will feature more than 40 booths, a cafe, and a lecture on the history of quimper, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates.

Admission is \$10.

A preview party will include a strolling supper and a silent auction; tickets are \$125 and \$55. For information, call (248) 594-6403.



# Create a special place for your jewelry

My jewelry does not fit in my jewelry box. Where can I keep the extra pieces and how can I protect my fine jewelry?

Most of us own a collection of costume jewelry pieces as well as some finer jewelry pieces.



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We buy jewelry to match specific clothes and sometimes we buy clothes to match jewelry. Locating jewelry and keeping it organized is important, so we do not continually wear the same pieces.

You can use a very simple system. Find several different sizes and styles of containers in which to separate and store your jewelry. Purchase containers that have many compartments. Choose a jewelry box or attractive container you can leave on your dresser for quick access to pieces you wear on a regular basis.

I have two different sized boxes lined in velvet, containing the jewelry that I wear daily. A ring holder works well to keep costume rings. Divided cardboard boxes with drawers that are stored in a closet work if you are on a tight budget. Divided plastic containers can also be purchased for storing jewelry.

Separate the jewelry by colors, sets and types.

Put like things together such as earrings, pins and bracelets if they are not part of a matching set. Put divided containers into a dresser drawer.

This is a good location for earrings. The divided cardboard boxes work for storing matching sets of jewelry.

Store each set, such as a matching pin and earrings, in the same box or compartment. Separate by colors. For example, store all black jewelry, individual and sets, together in one place.

When you put on a black outfit for the evening, you can see your selection of black jewelry all at the same time allowing you to choose what works best with your clothes. Designate a specific box for jewelry that needs to be repaired by yourself or taken to a jeweler.

Most of my jewelry is costume because I enjoy variety and I do not want to worry about losing something expensive.

When an expensive gold chain was stolen from our hotel room during a vacation, I replaced it with a well-made imitation. It looks very similar to the real thing and I do not have to worry if something happens to it.

An acquaintance of mine decided to hide her expensive jewelry in her house and could not remember where she hid it. If you decide to hide your jewelry,

which I do not advise, let someone know your secret place. A better alternative would be a secure safety deposit box.

Every six months, sort through your jewelry containers. Do this for two reasons; It will reacquaint you with your collection and you will have the opportunity to give away pieces you no longer wear.

If you have daughters, offer them the unwanted pieces. If they are not interested in the jewelry, put it in a garage sale box or charitable organization box.

Clean jewelry regularly. I would recommend having very expensive or antique jewelry professionally cleaned periodically. Clean pierced earrings in alcohol to prevent possible infections.

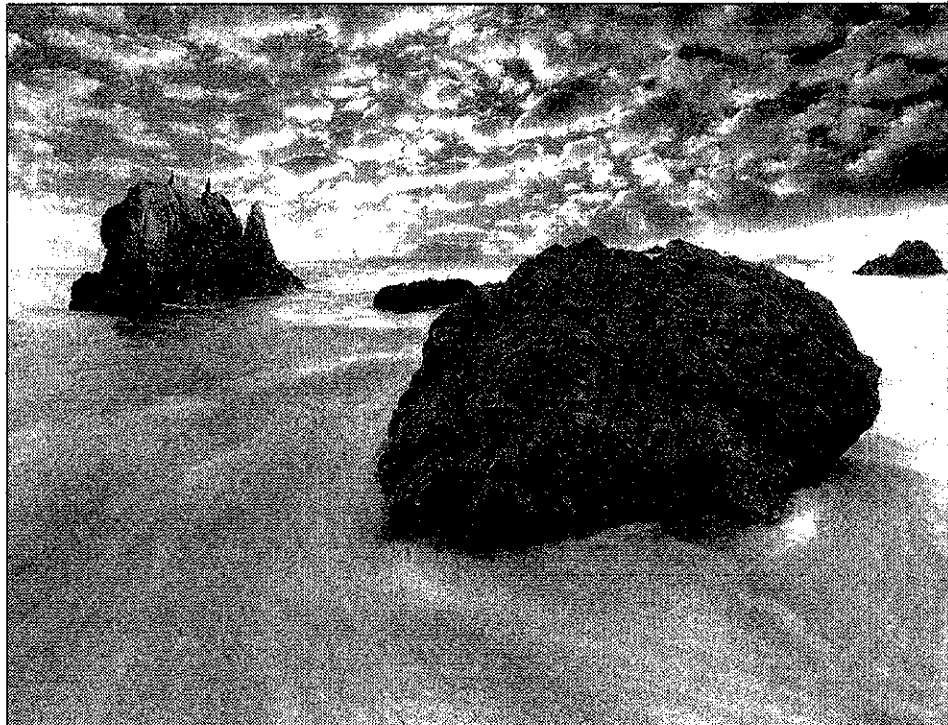
Use a jewelry cleaner or toothpaste to clean your sparkling treasures. Polish silver pieces with a silver cleaner. Old jewelry can look new if cleaned often and properly. Inexpensive jewelry can look expensive if cleaned regularly.

## TODAY'S REFRIGERATOR

### BULLETIN:

"Your small treasures need a special place!"

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A time exposure made the water look as though it "wrapped" around the rock.

# Develop photos by developing patience

In past columns, I've written about the importance of making photographs and not just taking snapshots. Today



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

from the turbulent pace of everyday life, but it will reward you with many impact-filled pictures.

How do you develop photo-

related patience?

For starters, slow down and study your subject carefully and thoroughly.

Let's use the picture shown here as an example. I was at El Matador Beach near Malibu, Calif. when I noticed these unusual rocks just offshore. I patiently studied the scene and concluded this composition worked best.

A time exposure made the water look as though it "wrapped" around the rock. The birds on the distant rock and the dramatic clouds all helped in making this an exceptionally strong photograph.

Ask yourself some important questions: Would a different time of day improve the picture? Should I move in close or remain further back? Would a

low or high vantage point make a difference? Is there an approaching cloud pattern that is worth waiting for? Or is there a fence or road that would serve as an effective lead-in?

Do you see what's happening? You're developing patience. Your study, plan and thoughts about your shot will pay off with a memorable photograph.

Take your time, slow down and take fewer pictures. You'll be glad you did.

So do what a real doctor does: Try to have a lot of "patients!"

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

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# Don't panic: Valve leak in toilet can be repaired

I got a frantic call for help from my friend Dave a couple weeks ago. Dave's daughter was moving back home from college.



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

to repair it. I just wondered why was he so frantic about it.

It appears that he shut off the water back when Monica was in high school and it seemed Monica and Dave's wife Becky weren't too happy with his procrastination.

A periodic sound, like water running in the tank, is usually the first sign that there is a problem with the flush valve.

If you suspect a leaking flush valve, put about half a bottle of food coloring in the tank. Let the water set for a few hours, then check the bowl. If there is any hint of the color in the bowl, you have a leaking flush valve.

The most likely part to be defective is the stopper, which can be a tank ball, flapper, disk or some other type of stopper.

It's the part attached to the lift rod or trip knob. It can be replaced separately, but if the flush valve seat (the rim around the big hole in the bottom of the tank) is defective, as in Dave's case, the whole valve will need replacing.

Replacement of the flush valve, or part of the valve, is quite simple and requires only a few tools. Repair kits are available at just about any hardware or home improvement store.

Try to match the new flush valve with the same type as is installed in your toilet. You should find a large assortment of various types of these at the large home improvement stores. In just about all cases,

they will contain instructions on how to make the repair.

Start by shutting the water supply to the tank off. Trip the flush lever to empty the tank. If just the ball or flapper needs replacing, there will be no need to remove any more of the water left in the tank.

If the seat or overflow needs replacing, all the water must be removed.

I find using a big sponge the best way to do this.

Remove the supply line from the tank.

An adjustable wrench or tongue and groove pliers (Channellocks) may be needed for this. In some cases, it may be hand tight.

Next, remove the two tank

bolts, which hold the tank to the bowl. If you are lucky, a socket wrench and screwdriver will do the job. If these are corroded, a close-quarter hacksaw may be needed to cut them off.

Carefully lift the tank from the bowl. You'll see a large, rubber washer (about the size of a donut) called the "spud washer".

Pull this off to reveal the "spud nut." This large nut may require a "spud wrench" to remove. Inexpensive "spud wrenches" can be found where you purchased the repair kit.

Once all this is removed, you'll find one more washer, which is shaped like a cone. Remove this.

Just reverse the order to put the whole thing back together. It's very important that all the washers, including the ones that are used with the tank bolts, are properly in place.

After it is assembled, turn the water back on. If you did everything right, your tank will fill and hold water until flushed and there will be no leaks.

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## THEATER

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smaller screen, a popular choice for such areas as kitchens.

"LCD is convenient," said Janice Widrag, product specialist at Best Buy in Westland.

There is plasma, rear- or front-projection and direct-view (traditional picture tube) TV. Plasma is flat and provides a 160-degree viewing angle. Plasma TV can be placed over a fireplace, for example, but there must be ventilation behind it.

Best Buy staffers will talk with customers about what type would best fit their lifestyle, Widrag said.

You can work out the components and connections you'll need, or get a packaged system such as Best Buy's Home Theater In-A-Box.

This features speakers, a subwoofer and an audio-video receiver.

Pecar Electronics was founded in 1946 in Detroit.

Today, it offers not only electronics — audio, video and system control products — but all aspects of custom home theater.

Designers and installers are on staff and can help clients

with any element, from room layout to the type of cloth for the speakers. The fabric, width, height and arm width of chairs that look up at the screen at a 15-degree angle can be discussed.

"My design philosophy is that people used to dress up to go to the theater, and the theater reflected that," said Dave Youngquist, Pecar systems director.

The room is planned so sound from elsewhere in the house won't be a distraction, and vice versa.

Operational features are also considered, such as touch screen controls.

"It has to be exceedingly simple to operate," Youngquist said.

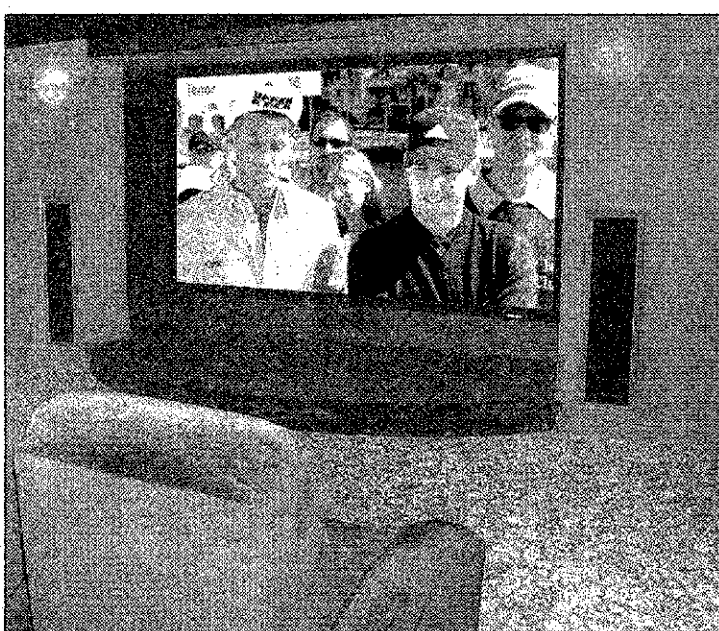
"That is so important."

Pecar conducts classes on home theater design, for the do-it-yourselfer as well as the professional. Recent classes surpassed the business' expectations.

For one class, 30 people were expected, but 120 signed up and 135 showed up.

In its classes, Pecar features the "12 key components of consideration" for home theater design.

"The first thing to decide is how many people you are trying to accommodate," Blanchard said. "From that it becomes an education process."



PECAR ELECTRONICS

Home theaters can be designed to meet individual entertainment preferences. This custom theater by Pecar Electronics features a karaoke machine on the stage.

Elements to consider include the size of the screen and the distance between the screen and the seating.

The same standard of movie theaters is applied, using a formula based on the size of the room (visit the Web site, guidetohometheater.com).

A rule of thumb is that people should sit back a distance of 1 1/2 to 2 times the height of the screen.

Pecar has created custom theaters for clients starting at less than \$10,000. Others at the higher end have such features as a karaoke machine or a stage where family and guests can perform.

"Universally, the reaction has been overwhelming. The combination of a little ingenuity and a well-defined plan has produced some remarkable results," said Tony Fallone, president, CEO and owner.

## Variety in gardens is spice of life

BY LEE REICH  
AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Lengthening days, the calendar and, perhaps, hints of warmer air are reminders that it's time to plan for growing vegetables.

Probe your memory, talk with gardening friends, and look over scraps of paper where you may have jotted down garden notes to help determine what was worth and not worth growing last year, and what's worth trying this year. There are so many varieties and sizes of tomatoes, and they vary greatly in flavor.

Gardeners Delight, Sweet 100 and Sweet Million are all cherry tomatoes with superb flavor, sweet and tangy, but even better are Sun Gold and Sun Cherry.

Among the best tomatoes for cooking are San Marzano and Anna Russian, even if the former variety tastes awful fresh.

Among full-size tomatoes, consistent winners for flavor throughout the country are Brandywine, Belgian Giant and Prudens Purple. Grow one or

more of these in your garden and see if you agree.


You'd think that all cabbages would taste pretty much the same. Not so! For superb flavor, try the old variety Early Jersey Wakefield.

Same goes for green beans. Blue Lake, Kentucky Wonder and Roma are among the tastiest, fresh or frozen.

As you read through descriptions on seed packets or in catalogs, don't let your eyes fool you. Yellow beans and yellow potatoes may look buttery, but don't necessarily taste that way.

For something new in vegetables, consider soybeans — not those rock-hard, dry soybeans that need hours of boiling, but soybeans that are harvested green, gently steamed, then popped out of their shells. Shirofumi, Envy and Butterbean are good varieties.

Don't try so many different varieties that your garden becomes all experiment. As Charles Dudley Warner wrote a century ago in *My Summer in a Garden*, such gardens yield "little or nothing to the owner, except the pleasure of expectation."



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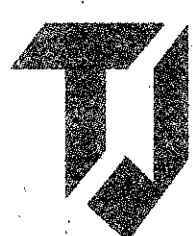
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# HOME CALENDAR

## Quilting seminar

Guests will learn about new and old quilting techniques, along with unusual uses for quilts, at the free Quilting All Year Long seminar 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Art Van Furniture, 29905 Seven Mile in Livonia. They will also practice a new technique with a creative "make it and take it" project. Reservations are requested; call (888) 619-2199.

## Design time

Design Your Own Building in a free program for all ages 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, in the Meeting Room of the Southfield Public Library. The library is in the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26300 Evergreen.

The program is funded by the Friends of the Southfield Public Library. At the event, you will turn a plain box into a log cabin, a school, an office building, a mansion, a cottage, a fort, a castle, your home or whatever you can imagine. You add anything you think your building should have - doors, windows and columns, for example - and can decorate it with polka dots, stripes or swirls. Your imagination is the limit! Registration isn't required. For more information, call the Library Guest Services Desk at (248) 796-4224 during library hours. The event is presented by Arts & Scrapes, a nonprofit organization founded in 1989. The group reuses industrial and

household items, turning other people's trash into interesting and unusual craft projects for children, and provides educational programs for children and adults. It recycles 22 tons of material, while serving more than 200,000 children, annually.

## Home decor

Birmingham Community Education presents a variety of home decor classes. Call (248) 203-3800 for information. The schedule includes Handpainted Glassware, Monday, Feb. 23 (fee is \$45); Painting: Paneling, Kitchen, Formica and Brick, Tuesday, Feb. 24 (\$25); Handpainted Furniture, four weeks beginning Tuesday, Feb. 24, Wednesday, Feb. 25, or Thursday, Feb. 26 (\$99); and One-day Workshop for Furniture Painting, Saturday, Feb. 28 (\$99). In Handpainted Glassware, learn techniques that will help you add that special touch to your decor. All supplies will be provided, including the glassware. In the one-day workshop, you will complete a project, from prepping to decorative painting. Bring your own piece of furniture, wooden tray, plant

stand - if you can transport it, it's perfect. All art materials and lunch are included in the fee.

## For the home

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, offers classes related to the home. To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.community-house.com. In Faux Stained Glass (Monday, Feb. 23), learn an interesting craft that simulates stained glass. You will learn to transfer patterns, apply liquid (simulated) leading, and blend and comb your colors to produce a beautiful glass art painting. The class instructor will be Esther Kerr, an experienced interior designer. Cost is \$22, plus \$15 material fee. In The Art of Picture Framing (Tuesdays, Feb. 24 to March 2), learn framing techniques; the principles of selection to optimally preserve and display your treasures; and all sorts of practical time- and money-saving tips. The \$50 fee includes an 8-by-10 ready-made frame. The class will meet at The Great Frame Up of Birmingham,

and be conducted by Great Frame Up staff. In Help! I've Gotta Get Organized (Wednesday, Feb. 25), learn techniques for getting and staying organized. The instructor will be Debi Weinstein, a professional organizer and owner of the Farmington Hills-based business I've Gotta Get Organized. Fee is \$20.

## Antiques exposition

The Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition will take place Friday-Sunday, Feb. 27-29, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10-1/2 Mile). Hours are 2-9 p.m. Feb. 27, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 28, noon to 5 p.m. Feb. 29. Admission is \$6 regular, \$5 with any ads or listings of the event, free for age 12 or under. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show. Now in its 24th season, the exposition features a diverse selection of fine American, European, Oriental and African antiques and fine art. Merchants from across the country, noted authors, and nationally known experts will exhibit and sell their antiques collections. Dining and free parking will be avail-

able.

For online show previews, visit www.antiquet.com/M&M.

## Storytellers

The Storytellers will visit with guests 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at Art Van Furniture, 13855 E. Eight Mile in Warren, to share stories about African-American heritage and the celebration of Black History Month. They will also demonstrate ethnic musical instruments. This enthusiastic duo performs lively presentations and encourages the participation of the children attending.

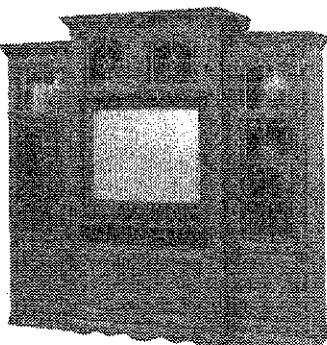
## Scrapbooking

Westland Adult Community Education is offering a two-week scrapbooking class suitable for beginners and enthusiasts, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, March 1-8. Participants will learn page making and page enhancements, using the instructor's cutting systems and tools. Register with a friend and have fun. The \$25 fee includes supplies and photo organizer. Call (734) 419-2426 for registration and other class information, or (734) 326-6111 for scrapbooking information.

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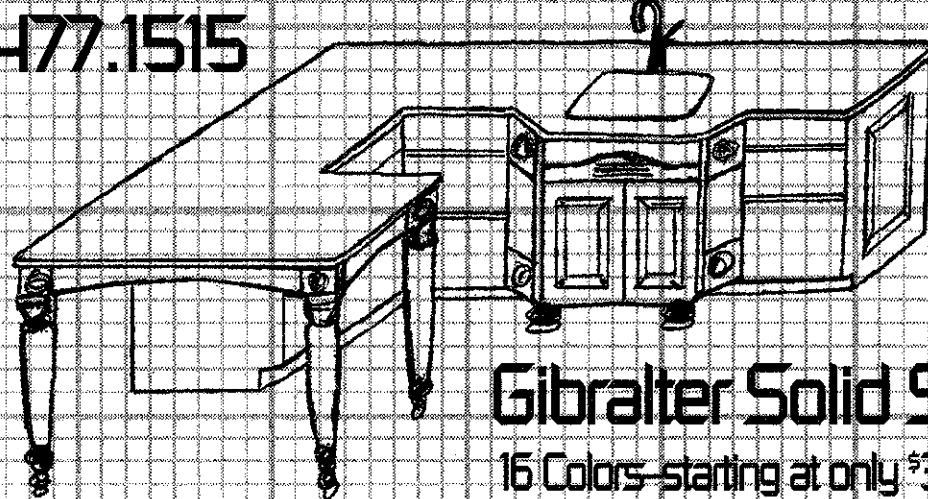
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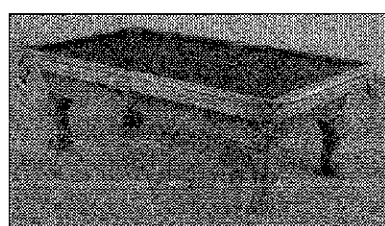
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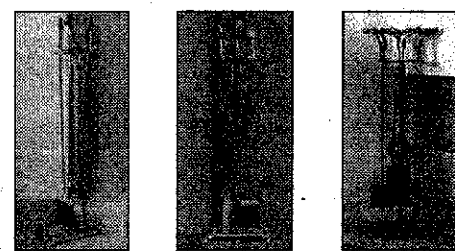


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## GARDEN CALENDAR

## Green Corridor

A free public workshop, The Rouge Green Corridor: Past, Present and Future, will take place 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. This event is for area residents and organizations interested in the future of the natural vegetated corridor along the Main Branch of the Rouge River, between 16 Mile and Eight Mile. This stretch of riverfront landscape is the last remaining greenway in south-east Oakland County and has been identified as the ecological "ark" for restoring downstream areas of the Rouge River. Landscape architect Larry Falardeau, Oakland County Planning and Economic Development Division, will be the speaker. Featured slides will highlight the Rouge River heritage, as well as activities and opportunities in the public parks along the Corridor. Workshop participants will be invited to share their views and thoughts about recreation, education, land use, park access, park trails and other pertinent topics.

The Rouge Green Corridor Project has been ongoing for two years, with strong public involvement in landscape restoration and education projects. Land use and landscape maps are now available for organizations able to consider the natural landscape in their plans and projects. Project partners include Southfield, Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Friends of the Rouge, Oakland County Planning and Economic Development, Oakland County Drain Commissioner's Office, Oakland Land Conservancy and the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA).

For a flyer and/or registration, call Karen Bever at SOCWA, (248) 288-5150, or e-mail LFDDean@aol.com.

## Starting seeds

English Gardens presents free gardening seminars 1 p.m. Saturdays at each of its five metro Detroit stores this winter. Starting Seeds Indoors will be the topic Feb. 21. Get a head start on gardening and learn how to grow your own transplants. English Gardens experts will share their knowledge of growing flowers and vegetables from seeds. Learn which varieties work best, and what's required to get the best results.

For more information about the seminars, call the stores in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; Clinton Township, (586) 286-6100; or Eastpointe, (586) 771-4200.

For the nearest English Gardens location, call (800) 335-GROW, or visit the Web site at [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com).

## Glorious houseplants

The Community House Garden Club of Birmingham will present a program, How to Grow Glorious Houseplants, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23.

The program will take place at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, south of Maple (15 Mile) and between Southfield Road and Woodward.

Jane Suhail, staff horticulturist and chief trainer at Planterra Tropical Greenhouses in West Bloomfield, will present houseplant tips and techniques, including watering, pruning, fertilizing and summering.

The presentation will last one hour. A 15-minute question-and-answer period will be featured.

Guest fee \$5.

For more information, call Pat Jerzy at The Community House, (248) 644-5832.

## Master composter

The Master Composter Program, sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority in cooperation with Rouge River municipalities, will begin 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Birmingham Department of Public Services Building, 851 S. Eton in Birmingham.

Master composters are gardeners with a strong interest in "greening" their own community. Volunteers learn about nuisance-free composting, healthy lawn care, natural mulches, sustainable landscapes, healthy soils and benefits of compost for water quality.

Compost, often called "gardener's gold," holds water, encourages infiltration, helps avoid soil-borne diseases and provides a natural source of nutrients for plants.

The Master Composter Program includes six classroom sessions, special events and required volunteer service.

The \$30 class fee includes all materials and a Michigan State University soil sample.

For a flyer with the complete list of classes, or to register, call Karen Bever at SOCWA, (248) 288-5150, or e-mail LFDDean@aol.com.

## Meadow Brook Hall

The Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the Oakland University campus in Rochester.

Dale White of Uncle Luke's Feed Store in Troy will speak on The What, Why, Where of Organic Gardening.

Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required.

## Iris club

The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan will have a general meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center, 3500 Marais (three blocks east of Crooks and three blocks north of 13 Mile; phone (248) 246-3900).

Admission is free. The public may attend. For information, call Ann at (248) 280-0848 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The program, Extending Your Iris Season, will be presented by Dorothy and Anthony Willott of Beachwood, Ohio, directors of the Dwarf Iris Society.

The Willotts, members of a number of iris societies, are award-winning hybridizers who have introduced more than 300 iris varieties during the past 35 years.

## 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](http://www.michigangardening.com). The schedule includes: Trees and Shrubs for Small Spaces, Thursday, Feb. 19, in Livonia (fee is \$40); Focus on Design, four Thursdays beginning Feb. 19, in Pontiac (\$132); and Water Gardens, Wednesdays, Feb. 25 to March 3, in Pontiac (\$69).

## Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club's March meeting will feature John Wendland, known as the "Geranium Cowboy." He will talk about the history, culture and varieties of geraniums as well as their care and many uses.

The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington roads. Visitors are welcome.

## Beverly Hills Garden Club

The Beverly Hills Garden Club will have a membership meeting 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, at the Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W. 13 Mile.

A slide presentation, The Beauty of Japanese Gardens by Dianne Hilborn, will take place 1 p.m. Guests welcome.

## Herb study group

The Evening Herb Study Group will meet 7 p.m. Monday, March 1, in Room 125 (at the far end from the auditorium) at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor.

Peter Stark from Renaissance Acres will discuss seed/seedling propagation and garden planning and design. The program is free.

Visitors and new members are welcome. For more information, contact Joan Wysocki at [jdwysoc@aol.com](mailto:jdwysoc@aol.com) or (248) 349-5310, contact Lesley Chace at [ledsbeaken@aol.com](mailto:ledsbeaken@aol.com) or (734) 730-2122, or call the Gardens at (734) 998-7061.

## Botany weekend

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens adult education program includes a Northern Winter Botany Weekend, featuring plant identification and hiking trips to northern localities, Friday-Sunday, Feb. 20-22 (fee is \$195, \$175.50 for members). Call (734) 998-7061.

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Sunday School.....9:30am  
Sunday Worship.....10:45am  
Sunday Evening.....6:30pm  
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Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.  
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NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN: 455-3195

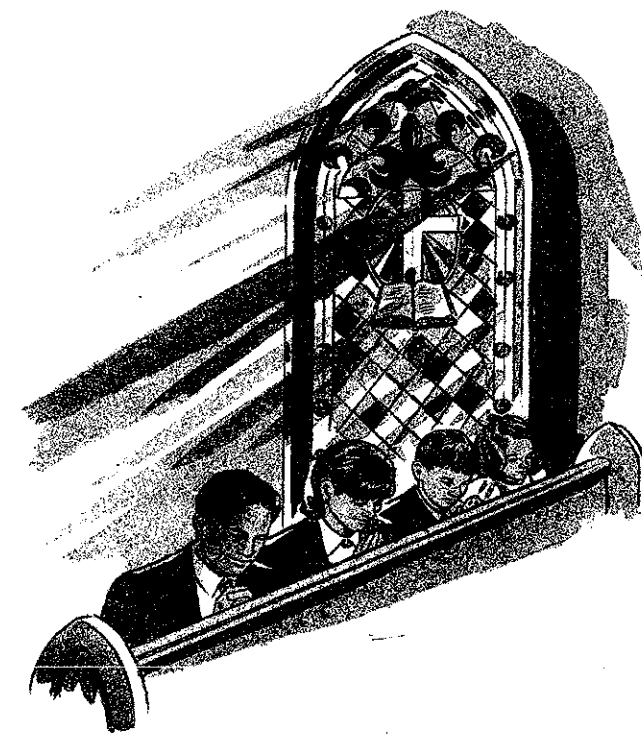
## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

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734-453-0970  
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#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m.  
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Luke 9:28-36

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Sunday Eve. Bible Study 6:00 PM

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Sunday School  
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.

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10:00 a.m.

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Sunday Worship Service 8:15 a.m.

Sunday School (Adults & Children) 9:30 a.m.

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
Wednesday, February 25th - 7:00 p.m.

Dinner provided 5:30 p.m.

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Sunday Bible Study ..... 9am

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Rev. David W. Zeuschner, Pastor

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421-8451

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Wed (Sept-May) 6:00 P.M. .... Dinner & Classes

Saturday 5:00 P.M. .... Holy Eucharist

Sunday 7:45 & 10:00 A.M. .... Holy Eucharist

Sun. (Sept-May) 10:00 A.M. .... Sunday School

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Sunday Worship

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9:15 a.m. Contemporary

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Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

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Sunday School

7:55, 10:15, 11:30 A.M.

Contemporary Worship

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Morning Worship Services

Evening Service • 7:00 P.M.

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### It's Easy To Criticize...

instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However, correcting someone, even in a kind or skillful manner, can be very challenging, since we are never sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult, and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at the speck in our brother's eye, but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Faultfinding and being overly critical of others, especially behind their backs, are wrong and can become habit-forming. However, kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.

Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial, but only if the other person is receptive to our comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However, correcting someone, even in a kind or skillful manner, can be very challenging, since we are never sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult, and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at the speck in our brother's eye, but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Faultfinding and being overly critical of others, especially behind their backs, are wrong and can become habit-forming. However, kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. R.S.V. Proverbs 12:15



If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

## FEBRUARY

### Summer Bible School preview

The International Christian Education Association presents a Vacation Bible School/Summer Ministries Preview featuring more than 25 workshops and 20 exhibitors 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile, west of I-275, Northville. Designed mainly for those involved in church ministry, the conference welcomes all. Registration deadline is Feb. 16, but tickets will be available at the door. The cost is \$45 at the door, \$40 advance by Feb. 16, includes refreshments and lunch. \$25 additional for puppet ministry workshop that teaches you to make and take a puppet the same day. For more information or to register, call (248) 557-5526 or visit the Web site at [www.iceaOnline.org](http://www.iceaOnline.org).

### Ten Thousand Villages

A presentation about "Ten Thousand Villages" (Huron Valley) will take place following the morning worship and a potluck lunch at noon Sunday, Feb. 22, at Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 W. Chicago, Redford. The local community will have an opportunity to learn about the work the nonprofit organization is doing for people in underdeveloped nations and their efforts to open a store in Ann Arbor. The purpose of this organization is to

help artisans in the third and fourth worlds receive a "fair wage" for their products. Founded 50 years ago in Akron, Pa., the organization serves artisans in more than 30 countries in Central and South America, Asia, and Africa. In addition to helping artisans find markets for their products (home goods, pottery, linens, baskets, jewelry) the fair wages paid to artisans enable them to live in decent homes and send their children to school.

### Special Mass for Widowed

All widowed men and women are invited to attend mass followed by light refreshments and fellowship in a non-threatening and friendly atmosphere 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, at St. Columban Church, 1775 Melton, one-quarter mile north of 14 Mile, one-half mile east of Woodward, Birmingham. Call (248) 666-4826.

### Blood drive

2-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Call Carolyn Liebau at (734) 455-5395 for an appointment or just drop in.

### Lenten services

Begin Ash Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 West Six Mile, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-7730. "The Voice of Lent" series will continue on Wednesdays until Holy Week.

### Wizard of Oz

The Rosedale Gardens Church musical "The Wizard of Oz" runs 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 27-28, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 29, in Livonia. Director Cindy Pierson has taken the

Broadway version and changed the show to be as close to the movie as possible. The Hirtzel family from Livonia (who have been involved since the church started doing shows) are cast in many key roles. John Hirtzel is the Wizard and his wife is in the chorus and producing. Their son Rick is stage manager. Rick's wife Andrea is the Wicked Witch. Their son Jacob is a Munchkin and their daughter Leanna is Dorothy. The Scarecrow, Tom Genova and Tin Woodsman Kevin Culler are from Dearborn, and Cowardly Lion John Niemisto is from Livonia. Niemisto's wife Ellen produced the sets. Members of the Schoolcraft Jazz Band will be playing in the pit for the show.

### I Have a Dream

Detroit World Outreach presents a new, original drama with live actors, cutting edge special effects, big screen video projection, hi-tech stage lighting and a few surprises 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 29 (doors open at 6 p.m.), at the church, 23800 West Chicago, Redford. Come experience the lives of people who were not afraid to dream and changed the world forever - from Jesus Christ to Gandhi, Amelia Earhart, Joan of Arc, Martin Luther King Jr., Mary the Mother of Jesus and people just like you. This drama is for the entire family. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 236.

### The Da Vinci Code and Jesus

Who is this Jesus? That's the question Trinity Church of the Brethren will consider during their Sunday morning worship services beginning Sunday,

February 29th, when Pastor Mike Fletcher will consider what the best seller The Da Vinci Code says about who Jesus is. In future weeks the question will be considered from the viewpoints of various Biblical authors as well as what the world thinks about Jesus. Consideration of Mel Gibson's new film, The Passion of Christ will also be a part of the conversation. Worship services begin Sunday mornings at 10:35 a.m. with a hymn sing. Trinity Church of the Brethren is located at 27350 W. Chicago at Inkster in Redford. For more information, call (313) 937-1199.

### An Ordinary Day With Jesus

The Lenten study opportunity takes place Wednesday, Feb. 25 through April 21. All are invited to gather at 6:30 p.m. for a light meal followed by the study. The second opportunity will be 1 p.m. Sunday February 29 through April 25. Participants should feel free to move back and forth between the two groups, at Trinity Church of the Brethren in Redford. The community is invited to participate in these sessions by calling (313) 937-1199 or e-mailing [trinitycobmi@earthlink.net](mailto:trinitycobmi@earthlink.net).

Imagine spending a day of your life waking up, eating, working, and socializing with Jesus. During the season of Lent Trinity's pastor Mike Fletcher will be leading the congregation in the study. Participants are invited to explore the promise that it is possible to live every moment of every day in the presence of Jesus.

### Diabetes Support Group

A monthly group for those dealing

with diabetes, Catholic and non-Catholic 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. For more information, call (734) 455-5910.

### Reverse the Curse

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church will host "Reverse the Curse - No Hope to New Hope" in support of World Relief's projects of AIDS care and prevention in Africa 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27th, at 23455 W. Nine Mile Rd. in Southfield. The supported project, Mobilizing for Life, feeds the hungry, cares for the sick and orphaned, counsels the dying, comforts the grieving and helps curb the spread of the disease by promoting Godly values and Biblical morals. For more information, call (248) 353-0675.

### Women's Spiritual Retreat

To deepen one's personal relationship with God and with each other. It is a time for reflection on your inner life, to reflect on the Gospel of Jesus as it illuminates your life and a time for quiet and solitude. The next retreat scheduled is "Jesus: All for Jesus" Feb. 27-29 (call Marge (586) 759-0830). The cost is \$100. Make your reservation today. For more information on upcoming retreats, call Zora at (586) 977-8993. St. Mary's Retreat house is located on 40 acres at 775 W. Drahn Road in Oxford.

### Stronger Women

Faith Covenant Church is offering a program designed to challenge your body, stretch your mind and encourage your spirit, began 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, continues to April 1, at 35415 West 14 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 661-9191. The morning activities vary from beginning with

your choice of aerobic exercise, jogging or a brisk walk, to sampling delicious home baked goodies and healthy snacks, to sharing in a moment of prayer and devotion then culminating with a craft or noteworthy speaker on issues designed to engage you. Also age appropriate activities for your infants to five year olds.

### Adult education series

Began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, and continues to March 22, at the Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18200 Merriman, Livonia. Presented by Rev. George Shalhoub, Rev. Romanos Malouf and Josh Paletta, the lecture is open to the public and everyone interested in learned more about the Orthodox Christian faith is encouraged to attend. For more information, call (734) 422-0010.

### 40 Days of Purpose

Continues with Small Group Bible Studies at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, between Farmington and Levan, Livonia. Bring a friend and discover the answer to the question, "What on earth am I here for?" Interested individuals in the community are invited to join any of the Purpose Driven Life small groups which will meet in members' homes. For more information, call (734) 464-6722 or visit the Web site at [www.memorialchurchofchrist.org](http://www.memorialchurchofchrist.org). During the 40 Days of Purpose the truths about God's five purposes for people - worship, fellowship, prayer/study, ministry and evangelism - will be repeatedly communicated in worship services, sermons, small groups meetings and Sunday School classes. The campaign concludes Sunday, March 21.



# Passages

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### ANAGNOSTOU

Taki J. Ph.D. Age 72 February 17, 2004 Beloved husband of Donna. Loving father of Dr. Jonathan (Mary Ann) and Jeff Anagnostou P.E. (Shellie) and Dawn Moore. Father in law of the late Michael Moore. Dear grandfather of Sarah, Nicholas, Kaitlyn, Mitchell, Kyle and Alec. Former professor at Eastern Michigan University and University of Detroit. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home 15451 Farmington Rd. Livonia Thursday from 12 - 9 p.m. And Friday at the Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 W. Six Mile (W. of Haggerty), Northville, from 10 until time of funeral service at 11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Livonia Public Library or the Livonia Rotary Foundation. Please sign the online guest book at [www.rgrharris.com](http://www.rgrharris.com)

### BAWULSKI

Ferdinand Bernard Jr., died after a brief illness Tuesday, February 17, 2004. He was 74 years old. Born January 20, 1930 in Springfield, IL; Fred attended Milliken College, where he received his Bachelors in Business. Upon graduation he served for two years in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953 as Military police. After the Army, Fred returned home to his wife, Elaine and first son, David. Through out the years he would have two more sons, Ronald and Michael and grandfather three boys, Dylan (26), Eric (17) and Luke (15) and three girls, Erin (22), Brooklyn (20) and Shannon (18). He began his professional career with AirTech but spent most of his working life as a business owner with Management Recruiters from which he retired from in 1977 after 30 years with them. Fred split his spare time between rounds of golf, time spent with his family and dutifully serving his church. Fred is predeceased by his father Ferdinand; mother Mary Stevens; brothers Jacob and George and sister Florence. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Elaine Glaze; three sons and six grandchildren. Arrangements are pending at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills. They may be reached at 248-553-0120.

### DESMOND

Dorothy MacAlpine, of Troy; died February 15, 2004. Wife of the late Albert J. See detailed obituary at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)



### JENKINS

Walter Henry, Jr., age 27, former Brother Rice Warrior and Central Michigan Chippewa, slipped away peacefully on February 16, 2004 at his home in Southfield. Loving son of Walter, Sr. and Mariann of Southfield. Cherished brother of Tonyie (Andre) Johnson of Southfield and Batrece Jenkins of Madison Heights. Beloved grandson of Lula Conley; Hero to nephews Brenden and Blake Andrews and niece Bryani Johnson; nephew of Abdul Muhi, Annette Hughes, Barbara (Al) Bailey and William Lewis; and great-nephew of Dave and Lois Conley. Visitation with the family Friday 6-9p.m. at HALEY FUNERAL DIRECTORS, 24525 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield (2 blocks East of Evergreen on the southbound service drive). Services Saturday 11 a.m. with family hour beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the University of Michigan Cancer Center would be appreciated. Arrangement entrusted to HALEY FUNERAL DIRECTORS, (248) 356-4800.

### LAWSON

Jane MacKenzie Bricker, age 88, passed away February 12, 2004 in San Marcos, CA. She was born August 27, 1915 in Cleveland, OH. She was married on August 11, 1940 to James Addington Lawson, of Evanston, IL, in Los Angeles, CA. In 1946, Jim joined the Chrysler Corporation and they moved with their two sons, Robert and William, to Beverly Hills, MI in 1953. Jane and Jim retired in 1976, creating their family homestead in the community of Suttons Bay, MI until 1997. Then they moved to Lake San Marcos, CA to be near their eldest son, Robert, of Del Mar, CA. She expressed her creative spirit in gardening, Japanese Ikenobo floral art, and was an avid bird watcher. Jane is survived by her husband, Jim, sons Rob and Will, granddaughter Robin Lawson and husband Dan Mejak and daughter in law, Tracy Phillips. A memorial service celebrating Jane's life will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2004 at 2 PM at Meadowlark Community Church, 1918 Redwing St., San Marcos, CA 92069, 760-591-3636.

### PAULSON

Mary "Betty". Born Detroit, Michigan, died February 14, 2004 at Charter House of Farmington Hills. Age 80. Beloved wife of Arthur for 60 years. Dearest father of Carol (Max)Lynch & Lawrence (Donna) Paulson. Loving Grandmother of Chad Lynch & Drow Paulson. Funeral Services were Wednesday, February 18th Thayer-Rock Funeral Home Farmington. Burial will take place at Cadillac Memorial Gardens-West Cemetery at Westland, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Mrs. Paulson lived in Livonia for 44 years, and enjoyed bowling, gardening, baseball and hockey. She was a member of the Finnish Center in Farmington Hills.

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One



### ROBBINS

LYON HERBERT age 77, passed away Fri., Feb. 13, 2004 from complications resulting from diabetes and a series of strokes. A memorial service will be held at 1:00pm on Sunday, February 22, 2004 at First United Methodist Church of Gladwin, 1300 Bartlett St., Gladwin, MI 48624 (989-426-9619). A luncheon will follow the service. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Stroke Association at 888-478-7653, ([www.strokeassociation-donate.org](http://www.strokeassociation-donate.org)), The National Arbor Day Foundation at 402-474-5655 ([www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org)) or the First United Methodist Church of Gladwin. Mr. Robbins, known to friends as "Robbie", was born in Iron Mountain, MI on November 26, 1926 to Elmer and Edith (Peterson) Robbins. He attended Iron Mountain High School and Michigan State University and served in the army in post-war Japan. He enjoyed a challenging career in the insurance industry in the Detroit area, and raised a family in West Bloomfield, MI. Robbie loved cribbage, long walks, volleyball, planting trees, college and professional sports, and following the business and finance worlds in the Wall Street Journal. He also enjoyed being part of the church community. Robbie is survived by his brother Albert Robbins of Marietta, GA, and his children Janet Robbins of Ringoes, NJ, Jeffrey Robbins of Livonia, MI, Sarah Welton of Parma, MI, and William Robbins of Sun Prairie, WI; and their spouses and by 5 grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents Elmer and Edith Robbins and his brother Norman Robbins.

### ROBERTSON

KRUMM, MARION age 86; of Plymouth; died February 15, 2004. She was born December 20, 1917, in Plymouth. She was a lifelong Plymouth resident and a graduate of Plymouth High School. She was a lifetime member of the Plymouth VFW Auxiliary Post 6695, and a member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church. She worked at Linda Lees, Minerva Dunning, and Lofy's Restaurant. She was an avid bowler and golfer. She is survived by her nieces and nephews, Davetta Raymond of Pompano, FL; Joan (Roy) Klopoc of Mt. Pleasant; David (Barbara) McBride of Naples, FL; Terry (Diane) McBride of Sanford, MI; Gerrie (Ron) Hubbs of Mooresville, NC; Jeannie (Len) Hoyer of South Lyon; and Gary Krumm of Michigan; and several great and great-great nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 5, 1 pm at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice or St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Arrangements by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, (734) 453-3333.

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# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS

## FEBRUARY 10, 2004

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - February 10, 2004  
The Board of Trustees were called to order at 6:03 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Administration Building. Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, Yack Zarbo Members Absent: Shefferly The tour began on the 3rd floor in the Finance Department, commencing to the Supervisor's Office commencing to the 1st floor Human Resources, Treasurer and Clerk's Office. Tour was completed at 6:40 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Kirchgatter, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director

Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda with the deletion of G.7 and G. 17. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the Board Minutes of January 27, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

<b>Expenditure Recap for February 10, 2004</b>			
General Fund	101	\$	746,240.69
Fire Fund	206		30,681.14
Police Fund	207		54,503.37
Summit Operating	208		33,643.52
Street Lighting	219		15,734.04
Cable TV Fund	230		1,628.84
Twp Improvement	246		61,873.06
E-911 Utility	261		352.28
Auto Forfeiture (wva)	267		4,858.39
Federal Grants Fund	274		4,135.07
Downtown Dev. Authority	294		34,147.95
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402		1,318,007.52
Golf Fund	584		4,649.98
Water & Sewer Fund	592		466,021.10
Trust & Agency Fund	701		6,453.00
<b>Total - All Fund</b>			<b>2,782,929.98</b>

**PRESENTATION:** Cathy M. Garrett was not in attendance. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Item 1. **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE # 161, ADOPT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to publish the second reading Ordinance # 161, adoption of the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Canton. This code includes the adoption of Ordinances #151, #165, and the repeal of #110, as passed by the Board of Trustees on June 23, 2002, May 1, 2003 and January 23, 2003 respectively. The second reading will be published in the Canton Observer and become effective on February 19, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES ORDINANCE NO. 161 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF EXISTING ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING THAT PREVIOUSLY REPEALED ORDINANCES ARE NOT REVIVED BY GENERAL REPEALER; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN THE CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF CODE OF ORDINANCES** In accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, including but not limited to MCL 41.186, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton hereby adopts the Code entitled "Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Canton," published by the Municipal Code Corporation, consisting of Chapters 1 to 110, each inclusive.

**SECTION 2. REPEAL OF EXISTING ORDINANCES** All township ordinances, except the Zoning Ordinance, of a general and permanent nature adopted on or before August 26, 2003, and not included in the Code or recognized and continued in force by the Code are repealed. The repeal provided for in this Section shall not be construed to revive part or all of any ordinance already repealed by any ordinance that is repealed by this ordinance.

**SECTION 4. VIOLATION AND PENALTY** Unless another penalty is expressly provided, a violation of any provision of the Code, or any provision of any rule or regulation adopted or issued pursuant to the Code, shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both. Each act of violation and each day upon which any continuing violation exists constitutes a separate offense.

**SECTION 5. ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS** Additions or amendments to the Code, when passed in the form as to indicate the intention of the Township Board to make them a part of the Code, are incorporated in the Code, so that reference to the Code includes such additions and amendments.

**SECTION 6. ORDINANCES ADOPTED AFTER AUGUST 26, 2003** Ordinances adopted after August 26, 2003, that amend or refer to ordinances that have been codified in the Code, shall be construed as if they amend or refer to like provisions of the Code.

**SECTION 8. PUBLICATION** The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE** This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication. This request is to approve the new codified Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Canton. The process was approved by the Board of Trustees and sent to Municipal Code Corporation for review. The process has been very long and tedious. The members of department staff have reviewed the documents during the process of codification. Township Attorneys and the Clerk's Office have spent many hours reviewing and proofreading the Code of Ordinances as presented. This is the first stage of completion of the total codification process. Upon proofing the final copy of work, it was noted that several ordinances, recently amended; were not placed in the new ordinance book. These corrections will be made with the first update of the book along with amended ordinances that were submitted past the first book cut off date for printing. There are several amendments to the zoning ordinance book not included in this volume. We must accept by ordinance this code so it can be amended and brought up to date as soon as the second reading of this ordinance is complete. One Codification of Ordinances is required every ten years.

The codification process is a review of each ordinance in the Township by both the Municipal Code Corporation Council and Kevin Bennett, our council. This codification includes any language changes that were required to bring Canton Township's Ordinance in compliance with changes in Federal and State Laws.

**Item 2. REQUEST FOR BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER FOR 2004. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize blanket purchase orders for CMP Distributors, Inc., Metropolitan Uniform, State of Michigan, Accumed Billing Inc., Apollo Fire Equipment and Bound Tree Medical. Motion carried unanimously. According to the purchasing policy, blanket purchase orders that are either over \$20,000 or will have a single purchase over \$500, but within the authorized purchasing limits, must have board approval. The purchasing policy requires Board approval for blanket purchase orders over \$20,000. The following vendors' blanket purchase orders will be over that amount due to the high volume of business that is transacted during the year: Purchase Order 44028 - \$20,000 CMP Distributors, Inc. (Ammunition for Range) Purchase Order 44054 - \$56,400 Metropolitan Uniform (Uniforms-Police/Fire) Purchase Order 44066 - \$31,050 State of Michigan (LEIN) Purchase Order 44076 - \$36,137 Accumed Billing, Inc. (Ambulance Billing) Purchase Order 44078 - \$20,400 Apollo Fire Equipment (Equip/repairs & turn-out gear) Purchase Order 44079 - \$26,000 Bound Tree Medical (Medical Supplies) There may be occasions when there will be purchases over \$500, but within purchasing guidelines.

**Item 3. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE THIRD ANNUAL LIBERTY FEST PARADE AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN WAYNE COUNTY'S ROAD CLOSURE PERMIT. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to move that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby approved the Third Annual Liberty Fest Parade for June 19, 2004, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at approximately 11:00 a.m., that Wayne County Department of Public Service is hereby requested to grant permission to close Canton Center, north and south lanes from Meijer's far south parking lot exit to Summit Parkway/Palmer Road. The Charter Township of Canton will assume liability for any damage claims which may arise as a result of the road closure, and Supervisor Yack is hereby designated and authorized to sign the road closure permit on behalf of the Township. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 4. REQUEST TO APPOINTMENT MEMBERS TO THE CULTURAL COMMISSION. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to appoint the following people to the Cultural Commission with the initial length

of the terms as indicated: Daniel Beckett December 31, 2004, Ron DePentu December 31, 2005, Sharon Dillenbeck December 31, 2006, Michael Dudley December 31, 2005, Renae Gasser December 31, 2004, Eugene Hammonds December 31, 2006, Lincoln Lao December 31, 2004, Theresa Lundy December 31, 2004, Linda Obrec December 31, 2004, Ann Marie Peterson December 31, 2005, Herb Scott December 31, 2006, ReGina Coles-Shamberger December 31, 2005, Linda Shapona December 31, 2006, Don Soenen December 31, 2006, Ray

VonHoeck December 31, 2006, Elaine Kirchgatter Board Representative. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE AND SITE PLAN FOR CENTRE VILLAGE EXPANSION. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following amended resolution. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

**SPECIAL USE FOR CENTRE VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER EXPANSION** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Stuart Frankel, has requested special use approval to expand Centre Village Shopping Center, located on Ford Road between Canton Center and Beck Roads (Tax ID # 061-99-0002-002, 061-99-0003-703 and part of 061-99-0003-702); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinances regulations and development objectives, based on the findings of fact listed in the staff analysis and subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Stuart Frankel, to conduct the special use for the proposed expansion of Centre Village Shopping Center, subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. **AND: RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

**Site Plan for Centre Village Shopping Center Expansion** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Stuart Frankel, has requested Site Plan approval for to expand Centre Village Shopping Center, located on Ford Road between Canton Center and Beck Roads (Tax ID # 061-99-0002-002, 061-99-0003-703 and part of 061-99-0003-702); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to APPROVE the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation.

WHEREAS, request that the Department of Municipal Services work with the developer to resolve the issue of the south side of Ford Road taper lanes, entering and exiting the complex per MDOT approval and state safety plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Stuart Frankel, to approve the site plan for the proposed expansion of Centre Village Shopping Center, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**Item 2. CONSIDER WILLOW CREEK PUD AMENDMENT #2 AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR HARTLAND HEALTH CARE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

**Willow Creek PUD Amendment #2** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Peter DeLoof, has proposed an amendment to Willow Creek PUD, as it relates to the parcel South of Warren and West of Lilley Roads (Tax ID # 042-02-0197-302); and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, at a public hearing, reviewed the proposed Amendment #2 to the Willow Creek PUD, and recommended APPROVAL.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does APPROVE the request of the project sponsor, Mr. Peter DeLoof, to grant approval of Willow Creek PUD Amendment #2. Final Planned Development District, based upon recommendations made by staff and the Planning Commission as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

**Site Plan for Hartland Health Care** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Peter DeLoof, has proposed the development of a 100-bed skilled nursing center to be known as Heartland Health Care, located South of Warren and West of Lilley Roads (Tax ID #042-02-0197-302); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Peter DeLoof, to approve the site plan for the proposed Heartland Health Care, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**Item 3. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR DR. BAZZI CONTEMPORARY DENTISTRY OFFICE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following amended resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

**Site Plan for Dr. Bazzi's Contemporary Dentistry** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Dennis Krestel, has requested site plan approval for Dr. Bazzi Contemporary Dentistry to be located on Sheldon Road between Ford and Hanford Roads, identified as tax EDP #039-99-0032-001; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval including modifications to required parking, foundation landscaping and waiver of the requirement for a dumpster and enclosure, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. In addition the fence located on the south of property, between Contemporary Dentistry and the gas station will be removed or replaced upon approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Dennis Krestel, to approve the site plan for the proposed Dr. Bazzi Contemporary Dentistry subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**Item 4. CONSIDER SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR CRAIG'S CRUISERS FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve an amendment to the December 9, 2003 resolution approving the Special Land Use for coin-operated amusement devices for Craig's Cruisers. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

**Site Plan for Craig's Cruisers** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested site plan approval for the proposed Craig's Cruisers Family Entertainment facility located North of Ford Road and West of Haggerty Road (Tax ID# 044-99-0017-706); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**WHEREAS**, in response and as an amendment to the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees meeting of Tuesday, December 9, 2003, special land use approval Craig's Cruisers of Canton would agree to the following: Craig's Cruisers of Canton shall commit it's best effort to restrict and control arcade games in an effort to maintain a family atmosphere. Craig Cruiser shall operate it's Canton location in a format similar to it's present locations which feature video games appropriate for family entertainment. Craig's Cruisers also maintains placement of the

games containing any violent themes within the facility will not be directly adjacent to the games intended for young children. Craig's Cruisers agrees that games containing violent themes shall not exceed 25% of the number of games in the facility. No games in the facility shall violate the Charter Township of Canton sexually oriented business ordinance No. 144 wherein Section 2.0 defines adult arcade games and further prohibits their use. No games in the facility shall use or display profanity Craig's Cruisers shall also maintain a supervised facility including the arcade portion, to maintain a safe non-loitering family fun atmosphere. Craig's Cruisers will also strive to utilize technology advances for better parental control to restrict children from use of certain games.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsors for site plan approval for the proposed Craig's Cruisers on parcel no. 044-99-0017-706, subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township.

**Item 5. CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR PLANNING SERVICES STAFF TO ATTEND THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. APRIL 24-28, 2004. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the request for Judy Blockage to travel to Washington, DC, to attend the National Planning Conference of the American Planning Association, April 24-28, 2004, not to exceed \$2,500.00 would be paid from the 2004 Budget, Planning Services, Conference & Seminars line item (101-853-951-0000). Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 6. PURCHASE OF SEVEN (7) FORD POLICE INTERCEPTORS. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to authorize the purchase of seven (7) Ford Police Interceptor patrol vehicles from Signature Ford, Lincoln, Mercury & Jeep, Perry, MI 48872, using the Macomb County Purchasing Program, not to exceed \$143,955.00 (#207-301-977-0000). Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 7. APPROVAL TO CREATE AND FILL A CONTINUING PART-TIME CLERICAL POSITION IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. (PSD)** Deleted from agenda.

**Item 8. APPROVAL PURCHASE OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING APPLIANCES. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve a Purchase Order in the amount \$7,430.00 to ABC Warehouse, 41690 Ford Road, Canton MI 48187 for the purchase of nine (9) refrigerators, ten (10) microwave ovens and one (1) electric range (#402-302-975-0000). Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 9. APPROVE GRAND APPLICATION FOR CANTON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA "TINY TOT" CONCERT. (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the submission of a minigrant application in the amount of \$1,862 to the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs; and to authorize the match amount of \$1,863 from the Project Arts budget (101-101-882-0000) for a Canton Chamber Orchestra concert for children ages 3 to 6 to be held at the Summit in May 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 10. APPROVE PART-TIME/SEASONAL/TEMPORARY WAGE SCALE. (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the attached Part-Time/Seasonal Wage Scale, which is a 3.0% increase to the current scale, to become effective March 1, 2004; add New Year's Eve to the list of holidays which part-time employees may be eligible to be paid at time and one-half for working; to change the time after which part-time employees will be paid at time and one half from 11:00 p.m. to 12 a.m. (Midnight); to rescind the shift premium pay for one dollar per hour for lifeguards and Kid's Corner Attendants who work between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 11. FIRST READING AMENDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE RE: ATM SIGNS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to introduce the first reading of the amendments to the Sign Ordinance, to table the first reading of the Sign Ordinance and for publication in the Canton Observer on February 19, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 12. CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO CREATE AND FILL AND ADDITIONAL POSITION FOR GIS MAPPING SPECIALIST. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to authorize the creation of and approval to fill the position of GIS Mapping Specialist for Public Works and to approve the following budget amendment in the Water & Sewer Fund to increase the budget for the new GIS Specialist position: (assuming 9 months for remainder of 2004) Increase Revenues:

Appropriation from Fund Balance#592-000-699-0000 \$50,250, Increase Appropriations: Salaries-Water & Sewer Division#592-441-705-0000 \$36,000 Fringe Benefits-Water & Sewer Division #592-441-720-0000 14,250, Total \$50,250. This budget amendment increases the Water & Sewer Division budget from \$25,152,527 to \$25,202,777 and the Water & Sewer fund budget from \$26,141,772 to \$26,192,022. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 13. CONSIDER RESCHEDULING FUNDS FROM ONE BUDGETED CAPITAL ITEM TO ANOTHER AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A FILE SERVER AND OPERATING SYSTEM SOFTWARE FOR FLEET SERVICES. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to reschedule the purchase of Line Item #4, an on-vehicle brake lathe, and create line items for the purchase of an HP Compaq Proliant ML330 file server for the amount of \$1,900.00 from Hewlett Packard; purchase operating system software for the amount of \$500.00 from MicroSource, Inc. in account number 592-000-144-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 14. CONSIDER AWARD OF BID FOR PURCHASING 1-INCH TYPE-K COPPER TUBING AND ASSOCIATED WATER SERVICE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for 21,000 feet of 1-inch type-K Copper Tubing, in 75'-100' rolls and 225 - 60' rolls, 1000 one inch Angle Meter Stop Valves, 1000 one inch Corporations and 1000 one inch Mark II Oriseal Curb Stops to National Waterworks Inc., 25284 Seely Rd., Novi, MI 48375 in the amount of \$85,820.00 (# 592-000-111-0002). Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 15. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A CHAIR LIFT FOR SUMMIT AQUATIC CENTER LAP POOL. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the expenditure of \$3,785 to Lincoln Equipment, Inc., 2051 Commerce Avenue, Concord, California, 94520 for the replacement of a chair lift at the aquatic center and furthermore, I move to make the following budget adjustment: Increase Capital Outlay - Aquatics 208-757-977-1000 \$3,785, Appropriation from fund balance 208-000-699-0000 \$3,785. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 16. REPLACEMENT OF PUMP HEATS FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEM AT PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to award the purchase of the irrigation pumps, the installation of the pump ends, columns, and shafts below the discharge head, plus the stuffing box and stuffing box shafts on the two pumps for the Pheasant Run Golf Club to Flowtrones, 27962 East Broadway, Moline, Ohio, 43465 at a cost not to exceed \$13,290. (584-756-971-0000) Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 17. APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TELEPHONE SYSTEM. (LSD)** Deleted from agenda.

**Item 18. REQUEST TO WAIVE THE BID PROCEDURE FOR THE 2004 LIBERTY FEST FIREWORKS DISPLAY. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to waive the bid procedure and award the contract for the 2004 Canton Liberty Fest fireworks display to Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc., 205 West Seidlers Road, Kawkawlin, MI, 48631, in an amount not to exceed \$27,000, Account No. 101-691-742-4000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 19. REQUEST TO CREATE AND FILL AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT FOR LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT. (LSD)**

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Leisure Services Department to create and fill an Executive Assistant position in accordance with the Human Resources Policy Manual, # 101-750-705-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 20. PURCHASE OF A 2004 SAVANNA 12 PASSENGER VAN. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the purchase of a 2004 Savanna Passenger Van - Model #45 GMC TG 23706 through the Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing Program from Red Holman Pontiac/GMC, 35300 Ford Road, Westland MI 48185 in the amount of \$21,914 and charge to account number #101-691-977-0000. Motion carried unanimously. OTHER: Study Session on February 17, 2004, 7:00 p.m. with Paul Denski, Canton Waste Recycling.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 8:35 pm - 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. Publish: February 19, 2004



# Home automation offers technology even the Jetsons would envy

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

We recently returned from the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas and weren't surprised to discover that televisions and computers were only a small part of what's happening in that industry.

Home automation is exploding and apparently is here to stay.

Want to switch your front porch lights on or off from your office computer or from a telephone in China? Want to check on the children and the sitter using your PDA? Want to lower the temperature at home from your cell phone? Want to monitor investment property via the Internet? Want to be able to freely manipulate or grow your telephone system or home computer network without triggering a remodeling crisis?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then you need to know more about home automation.

It still isn't clear to us yet

exactly what "home automation" really is. Each of the experts that we chatted with at the CES had a different definition.

However, what we did learn was that home automation, to varying degrees, involves various combinations of the following primary systems:

Your telephone system.

Your cable TV or dish TV system.

Your home computer (or home network).

Your home electrical or lighting system.

Your home security system.

Your home theater.

Your home heating system.

Your home water heating and water supply system.

Your home appliances.

And anything else in your home that can be operated or monitored electronically or remotely.

How soon will it be before you will need to know something about home automation?

Hard to say, but begin your research and preparation for the alternatives right now!

## STRUCTURED WIRING

We've discovered that home automation does seem to have a single core element. It's called "structured wiring," and it makes everything we just mentioned above a lot easier to manage and modify.

Your current electrical system is a type of "structured wiring." An electric power line from the public utility terminates in a metal cabinet in your garage (or somewhere else in your home), where it is then sent through a series of breakers (or fuses) and cables (known as branch circuits) that power or light various parts of your home.

At some point, when a light or plug stops working, all you usually do is go to the power panel and flip a breaker (or replace a fuse).

In any event, you pretty much know that you can count on the problem being managed from the power panel. Why

not? That's where all the wires meet up and where all the safety devices are.

Structured wiring is a lot like having a "power or distribution" panel for the other elements of your home such as cable TV, telephone and your computer network.

With structured wiring, the various source wires and cables are brought into a single metal cabinet called the "structured wiring distribution panel" (SWDP or DP), where they are then delivered to the various parts of the house via a series of special cables.

To enjoy computer control, your home computer also must become a source.

Here, you simply run a wire from your main computer to your DP.

With these three sources together in one place, you can now connect your telephone system to your computer and either of them to your television - and vice versa.

Running wires "from" the DP to various rooms in your home allows you to connect the systems together at multiple locations. The possibilities are endless.

For example, here's what can happen if you run a wire from your furnace's thermostat to the DP: You can hook up your thermostat to your computer.

Your computer can then be connected to the Internet via the phone line, thus providing a means of changing your home's temperature setting via the Internet. (Yes, that software is available, as is the thermostat that can be controlled by computer.)

Here's what can happen if you add a cable from a surveillance camera in your kitchen to the DP: You can connect a surveillance camera to your computer. Your computer can then be connected to the Internet via the phone line, thus providing a means of monitoring your home via the Internet.

## CABLING

The cabling used for structured wiring is very special. It isn't just wire for phone or TV.

Actually, multiple twisted pairs of wire (that can be used for computers or telephones) are bundled together with multiple runs of coaxial cables (for video and other transmissions), creating a multipurpose, multifunction connection potential.

Each structured wiring location consists of one or more of these multifunction cables that runs from the DP to each connection point (kitchen, family room, bedroom, etc.).

Each and every location is basically a dedicated group of connections or "dedicated circuit," allowing any type of equipment to be connected to and through the DP to any other piece of equipment.

And that's all there is to it.

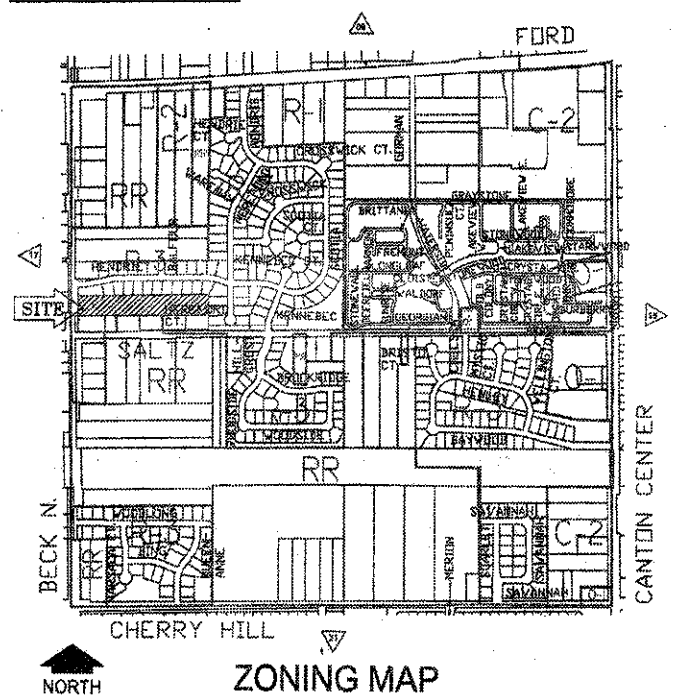
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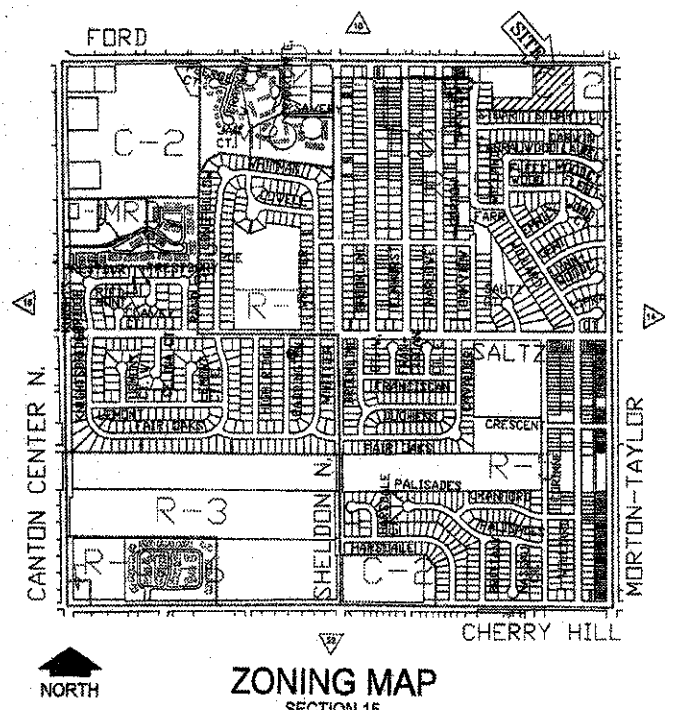
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#### COLD WATER METERS & METERING CONTROL DEVICES

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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#### FERTILIZATION PROGRAM FOR PARKS AND COMMON AREAS

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2004

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

State Representative John Stewart invited the Board to attend Governor Granholm's budget meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2004. He also commented on the possibility of the State rehabilitating and selling some properties, such as the prison property on Five Mile Road, which would allow for development and increased revenue for Plymouth Township. He said he has had occasion to work with Treasurer Edwards and found him to be of the highest professional competence. He expressed his desire to galvanize the lobbying efforts in his densely populated district and wished that Mr. Edwards could be sent to the Governors Office in Lansing to speak about the need for revenue sharing.

Mr. Curmi expressed his wish to see additional revenue sharing cuts. He feels that governments and school districts have bloated employment with increased wage and benefit demands. He feels that Act 312, binding arbitration for policemen and firemen, should be repealed because it's driving the costs of local services to an unaffordable level.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Agenda for the February 10, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Consent Agenda for the February 10, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted, with the exception of Item E.2, Approval of Township Bills, and Item E.3, Approval of Utility Easements, Waded in the Water, Inc. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Following explanations concerning the Township's bills and the easement question, Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Consent Agenda Items E.2, Township Bills, and E.3, Approval of Utility Easements, as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann stated that the presentation for the four items under Public Hearing will be handled at the same time rather than individually because they are all related to Johnson Controls. A Public Hearing, however, will be held prior to each item being acted on by the Board.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m. regarding the request from DeMattia Group to declare 102 +/- acres as an Industrial Development District. Mr. Boik and Mr. Dawson answered questions from Board members. There being no comments from the public, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Edwards moved that Resolution No. 04-02-10-02 be approved, granting the request from DeMattia Group to declare 102 +/- acres of land located immediately north of Metro West Technology Park, south of Five Mile Road east of Ridge Road, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, as an Industrial Development District. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:46 p.m. regarding the request from Johnson Controls to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District for an existing building located at 49200 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m.

Ms. Arnold moved Resolution No. 04-02-10-03, approving the request from Johnson Controls to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District for an existing facility located at 49200 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:47 p.m. regarding the Request from Johnson Controls to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District for an existing building located at 47700 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park. Mr. Roy Banks, Township resident, thanked Johnson Controls for not moving out of Plymouth Township. There being no further public comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:48 p.m.

Mr. Griffith moved Resolution No. 04-02-10-04 approving the request from Johnson Controls to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District for an existing facility located at 47700 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:49 p.m. regarding the request from DeMattia Group to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District for an existing building located at 47912 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park. Mrs. Arlene Karell, resident of Plymouth Township, asked how monitoring the improvements under

the Plant Rehabilitation District for each location would take place. Mrs. Massengill stated that an application would have to be submitted for each of the locations and would require public hearings and Board approval prior to any rehabilitation. There being no further discussion, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:52 p.m.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 04-02-10-05 granting the request from DeMattia Group to establish a Plant Rehabilitation District for an existing facility located at 47912 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Application No. 1817/1103 for rezoning from VP, Vehicular Parking, to ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor District, as described on the attached amended zoning map. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Mr. Munfakh moved to approve the re-appointments of Mike Kolb to a 4-year term expiring February 12, 2008, and Si Nagra to a 4-year term expiring February 12, 2008, to the Downtown Development Authority Board. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to establish February 24, 2004, for the Public Hearing concerning the Community Development Block Grant Funds for Program Year 2004. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Solid Waste fee of \$32.25 per quarter as of March 1, 2004. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Change Order No. 1 on the contract with Cameron Contracting Company for the Streambank Protection Trailwood Subdivision Project, increasing the contract by \$3,360.00 for a new total of \$21,980.00, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi moved to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Municipal Credit Contracts for Fiscal Years 2002, 2003 and 2004 between SMART and the Charter Township of Plymouth. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann noted that the ice rink is up and running and thanked the park personnel for their efforts.

He indicated the WTUA annual audit was on the table before the Board. He said a new operations director would soon be selected to replace Tim Faas who has taken employment in another community.

He pointed out the RFP for architectural services for the Township Hall is available in the Clerk's office and legal notices will be publicized in local media and in CAM, Construction Association of Michigan. The sealed proposals will be opened on Friday, March 5. Mr. Munfakh suggested that it also be publicized in the Michigan Contractor and Builder magazine.

He stated that the Civil Service Commission is expected to certify the eligibility list for the Fire Chief position at their meeting scheduled for February 11, 2004.

Ms. Arnold questioned if plans for adding to the Friendship Station had been discussed. She was informed that the proposed project had been discussed in the past.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC Steven Mann, Supervisor  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on February 9, 2004. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on February 24, 2004.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the Meetings/Hearings upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the following: Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number (734) 354-3200 TDD units: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Services)

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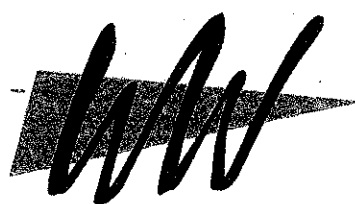
# Congratulations



**Futures Start Right Here!**

**Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education's  
Golden Apple Award recipients are  
Edison, Elliott, Hicks, Jefferson-Barns, Vandenberg  
and Walker-Winter Elementary Schools\***

\*The Golden Apple Award is given to schools who meet the requirements set forth in Public Act 191 of the year 2002 regarding MEAP score improvements.



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# Taste

WINE ■ RECIPES ■ SPECIALTIES



**Give thanks**  
Interesting crumbs  
of information on  
bread baking. D4

## Side dish

### Nutrition discussed

Dr. Arthur Weaver will discuss Nutrition and Cooking for Total Health at a seminar 2:30-6 p.m. Sunday at the Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist School, 15585



Haggerty (just north of Five Mile) in Plymouth. This seminar discusses the latest scientific discoveries in nutrition and the benefits and risks of low-carb and high-carb diets. Weaver will discuss what epidemiological studies have revealed and how proper nutrition can be used as a preventative strategy against cancer, heart disease, diabetes and many other chronic diseases. Weaver will present information on the principles of nutrition, while his wife Natalie and other cooks will share techniques for making healthy eating tasty and enjoyable. Vegetarian cookbooks will be available for purchase and a vegetarian meal will be served to conclude the program. To register, call (313) 531-2179 or (248) 349-5683.

### Shield's is No. 25

The Shield's Restaurant and Pizzeria chain of eateries was recently listed by *Pizza Today* magazine as No. 25 of the top 100 independent pizza chains throughout the entire United States.

The only other Michigan pizzeria to be named was Justin Tyme Pizza in Clark Lake at No. 99. The criteria for making the list was based on sales volume and having fewer than 10 stores chainwide. Shield's currently has four stores, with more franchises in the planning stage. This is the first time Shield's has been included in the top 100 list. A new location in Warren is due to open in late spring 2004. Brothers Paul and Peter Andoni purchased Shield's in early 1997 and changed the name to Shield's Franchise Restaurants, LLC.

### Veterans save

Big Boy Restaurants is offering \$1 off any dinner entree or sandwich combination through Feb. 29 to current and veteran U.S. military personnel, as a way to say "thank you." The offer is good 4-9 p.m. seven days a week. The \$1 discount only applies to the military member and not to groups of families accompanying the service member unless they are members of the military as well. Any active, veteran, retired or reservist U.S. military member can simply show their identification or proof of service or discharge when paying for their meal, to receive the \$1 discount on a Big Boy dinner entree or sandwich combination.



Crawfish and shrimp are two foods that figure prominently in Mardi Gras dishes, such as étouffée, gumbo and jambalaya.

# Spice it up

## Cajun spices heat up this winter party

A splash of Tabasco here, then a sprinkle of cayenne there, and dashes of black and white pepper and cumin. Add that blend to a sautéed mix of what is known in Louisiana as the trinity (onions, celery and peppers) and you have the basis for many Cajun dishes.

### Creole vs. Cajun

So what's the difference between Creole and Cajun cooking?

In the 18th century, the Spaniards governing New Orleans named all residents of European heritage Criollo. The name, which later became Creole, soon began to imply one of refined cultural background with an appreciation for an elegant lifestyle.

Today, Creole cookery reflects the full-flavored combination of the best of French, Spanish, Italian, American Indian and African cuisines. Its style, with an emphasis on butter and cream, is more sophisticated than Cajun, which

While Cajun and Creole remain popular with some diners, those foods often get a closer look from food lovers for Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday, which will be officially celebrated Tuesday. (Many Saturday events also are scheduled. See list at end of story.)

While Mardi Gras may be notorious for the festive atmosphere in New Orleans, others may celebrate with a Cajun dish such as jambalaya, shrimp gumbo or crayfish étouffée.

Chuck and Lorraine Lizana remember their Louisiana backgrounds when thinking about foods for Mardi Gras.

The owners of Chuck's On the Boulevard in Auburn Hills may be known for their barbecued ribs, but they also have Creole and Cajun fare as part of the southern cookery that plays so prominently on their menu.

Both grew up in Amite, a small town about an hour

### JAMBALAYA

- 1/4 pound salt pork, cut into small cubes
- 3/4 pound chorizo or Italian sausage
- 4 cups finely chopped onions
- 3 cups finely chopped celery
- 3 tablespoons finely minced garlic
- 4 cups chopped sweet green peppers
- 1 cup chopped sweet red peppers, or an additional cup of chopped sweet green peppers
- 3 pounds smoked boneless pork butt (available at supermarkets) or a cooked ham in 1-inch thick slice
- 3 bay leaves
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme, or 1 teaspoon dried
- 1 large can (35 ounces) tomatoes, preferably imported Italian tomatoes
- 1 cup finely chopped parsley
- Salt to taste, if desired
- Freshly ground pepper to taste
- Tabasco sauce to taste
- 1 quart shucked oysters with their liquor
- 4 cups fish stock, or bottled clam juice (approximately)
- 4 cups water (approximately)
- 5 cups rice
- 5 pounds raw shrimp, shelled and deveined
- 1-1/2 pounds fresh bay scallops
- 2 cups cooked chicken (optional)

Using a large kettle or Dutch oven, cook the salt pork cubes, stirring often, until rendered of fat.

Cut the sausages into 1/2-inch-thick slices and add them to the kettle. Cook about 8 minutes, stirring occasionally, and add the onions. Cook, stirring often, until wilted, and add the celery, garlic, green peppers, and red peppers.

Cut the pork butt or ham into 1-inch cubes and add it to the kettle. Add the bay leaves, thyme, tomatoes, parsley, salt, pepper, and Tabasco sauce. Continue cooking. Drain the oysters and add the liquor, 1/2 to 1 cup, to the pot.

Add 2 cups fish stock and 2 cups water. Cook, stirring once or twice from the bottom, about 10 minutes.

Add the rice and stir gently. Cover and cook about 15 minutes. If necessary, add a little more stock and water to prevent sticking and to keep the jambalaya from becoming too dry.

Add the remaining stock and water, the shrimp, scallops, and oysters (if desired, you can add 2 cups cooked chicken). Cook, stirring often from the bottom, 15 to 20 minutes. If necessary, add more liquid to prevent scorching and drying out.

Serve with a bottle of Tabasco sauce on the side. Serves 24.

Adapted from Craig Claiborne's Southern Cooking.

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PLEASE SEE SPICY, D2



## CAJUN RECIPES

## RED BEANS &amp; RICE

2 pounds red beans (clean and soak in water overnight)  
2 cooked smoked ham hocks cut into small pieces  
½ cup chopped yellow onion  
½ cup chopped celery  
¼ cup green bell pepper  
2 bay leaves  
1 teaspoon minced garlic  
½ teaspoon crushed red pepper  
½ teaspoon Tony Chachere's Creole Seasoning  
¼ teaspoon oregano  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
Salt and pepper to taste

1 bunch green onions chopped  
1 pound crayfish (crawfish) tails (inquire at your local fish or seafood market, see note below)  
110-½ ounce can cream of mushroom soup  
110-½ ounce cream of chicken soup  
110-½ ounce can of water  
2 teaspoon Tony's Creole seasoning  
2 tablespoons seafood seasoning  
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1 teaspoon garlic powder

Sauté green pepper, Spanish onions, celery and garlic for 5 minutes. Add half of the green onions and sauté for additional 3 minutes. Add crayfish tails and sauté for 5 minutes. Add soups and remaining dry seasonings and cook for 20-30 minutes. Serve over rice and garnish with remaining green onions.  
Recipe courtesy of E. Lorraine Lizana of Chuck's on the Boulevard in Auburn Hills.

Note: To remove crawfish tails, Craig Claiborne says to turn crawfish upside down, then break or twist tails from the main body. Inside the shell there will be a white mass (crawfish fat) you should scoop out. Break open the tail portions and pull away the tail meat.

Drain soaking water from red beans and cover with fresh water 3 inches over beans. Bring beans to a boil, reduce heat and cook for 1 hour. Scrape sides of pot while cooking and add additional water if needed to keep from burning. Add all ingredients and cook for 1-1/2 to 2 hours or until beans are tender. Serve over cooked rice.

## CRAYFISH ETOUFÉE

1 stick margarine  
½ cup chopped green pepper  
½ cup chopped Spanish onions  
½ cup chopped celery  
1 tablespoon chopped garlic

## SPICY

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north of New Orleans. Chuck learned from working in restaurants owned by relatives, while Lorraine learned at home.

Chuck and Lorraine developed many old southern favorites, along with Cajun and Creole dishes, in selecting items for their menu, Chuck said. "Mass appeal," he said. "We knew what we had was working, and we wanted to extend that to a more broader base."

"It is food with flavor that comes from the different spices and seasonings," Lorraine said in describing the Creole and Cajun cooking, a part of the rich southern heritage of food.

Paul Prudhomme, who popularized Cajun cooking in the 1980s along with Justin Wilson, describes his culinary travels across the country in his book *Louisiana Kitchen*. "I was struck by the reactions to my food, from people all over the country," he writes. "I came to realize that the joy of cooking Cajun and Creole food was not just that I appreciated the goodness so much, but that there was this great pleasure I got from watching other people eat it and seeing the joy in their eyes."

"At the same time, I would notice when I returned home for visits that my Cajun family and friends didn't seem to recognize the uniqueness of their cooking. I felt it was one of those situations where if you see something every day, you *don't* see it; if you taste something every day, you *don't* realize that it's unique."

Cajun and Creole cooking styles certainly are unique.

Even the mire poix for soups and stews is different — celery and onions are teamed with green peppers and Creole seasoning instead of carrots and sachet d'espice for what is known as the "trinity."

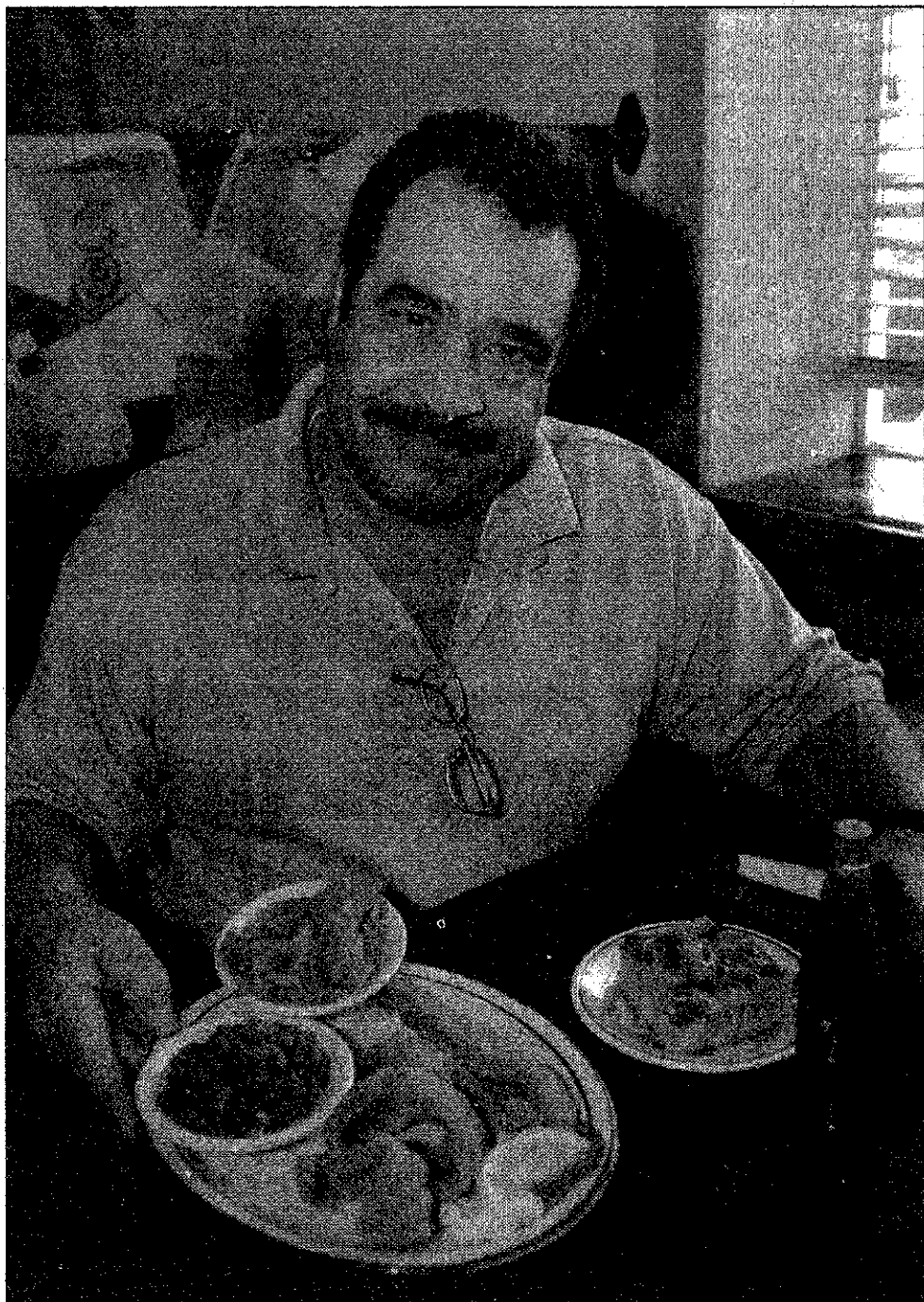
Southern cooking and soul food is characterized with a lot of fried dishes, which also find their way onto Louisiana plates. "That is just what they have in the south," Lorraine said. "They have a lot of fried shrimp, fried pork chops and fried catfish, geared toward the southern traditions."

They expect to add a crayfish étouffée to the menu and serve that dish, along with sausage jambalaya and po-boy sandwiches, at a Mardi Gras party Saturday. That party will showcase the restaurant in the colors of Mardi Gras, originating from a French king.

"Purple is for justice, green is for faith and gold is for power," Lorraine said.

Fishbone's in Southfield also features Cajun dishes like jambalaya and crawfish étouffée. Some of it developed from Spanish cooking, said Faiz Albanna, executive chef at Fishbone's. "It is one of the old cooking methods, it's very unique," Albanna said. "It gets its own flavor. It has its own blend of spices."

Albanna said Cajun seasonings contain



Chuck Lizana, owner of Chuck's On the Boulevard in Auburn Hills, features some of his signature dishes from his restaurant.

black pepper, cayenne pepper, white pepper, granulated garlic and cinnamon. "You dredge the fish, or chicken, with cajun spices and saute in a preheated cast iron pan," Albanna said.

Gumbo can be made with chicken or andouille sausage, with a brown roux that is cooked for hours, Albanna said, to create the brown sauce. "You make the batch of soup alone first until you are ready to serve, then you put the shrimp or crab meat into it, and toss into the soup," Albanna said. Shrimp get tough if they are overcooked. Crawfish tails are precooked and are available at seafood markets. Fishbone's boils them and serves them by themselves.

A Mardi Gras party is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday at Chuck's on the Boulevard, 2105 South Blvd. (between Adams and Opdyke) in Auburn Hills.

Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. A cajun buffet will be served, featuring catfish, crawfish étouffée, sausage jambalaya, po-boy sandwiches, red beans and rice, bread pudding and other food items. Maison Bleue, a Cajun and zydeco band, will perform. Call (248) 335-3663 for information. Howe's Bayou, 22848 Woodward (east side of Woodward, north of Nine Mile), in Ferndale, features a crawfish and oyster festival Friday and Saturday night, the Michelle Penn Band. On Fat Tuesday, Paul Miles, a blues guitarist and vocalist, will perform at 8 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume that evening. King Cake will be served for dessert all weekend long. For more information, call (248) 691-7145. Fishbone's, 29244 Northwestern Highway, in Southfield, will feature a live band at 8 p.m. Tuesday, along with a contest for best costume (\$500 prize). Specialty dishes will be served along with the traditional menu items. For information, call (248) 351-2925.

**WESTBORN MARKET**

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uses more pork fat. Another difference between the two cuisines is that Creole uses more tomatoes and Cajun more spices.

Both cuisines rely on the culinary "holy trinity" of chopped green peppers, onions and celery, and make generous use of file powder. Probably the most famous dish of Creole heritage is gumbo.

Today's Cajuns are the descendants of 1,600 French Acadians whom the British forced from their Nova Scotian homeland in 1785. The local Indians transmuted the word Acadians to Cagians and, eventually, to Cajuns. Cajun cooking is considered "old French country cooking, a simple hearty fare," as described by Paul Prudhomme in his *Louisiana Kitchen* cookbook.

Many confuse Cajun cooking with Creole; though there are many points of similarity, there are also distinct differences.

Cajun cooking, a combination of French and southern cuisines, is robust, country-style cookery that uses a dark roux and plenty of animal (usually pork) fat.

Creole cooking places its emphasis on butter and cream.

Some maintain that Creole cooking uses more tomatoes and the Cajuns more spices.

Two of the more traditional Cajun dishes include jambalaya and coud-coud (a thick cornmeal breakfast dish).

Sources: Epicurious.com's food dictionary and Chef Paul Prudhomme's *Louisiana Kitchen*.



# Benefit takes on Mardi Gras theme

As Mardi Gras parties go, Bourbon Street sets the standard.

In Michigan the Culinary Food & Wine Extravaganza is also a Mardi Gras celebration, combining food, wine, music and auction packages in an energized, festive atmosphere.

A benefit for the MCFWE Scholarship Fund and Blue Water Chefs Association, MCFWE features more than 20 restaurants, several wine purveyors, silent and live auctions, live band and raffle. More than 700 guests are expected at the event, hosted

'By creating a competition among restaurants, MCFWE ensures that guests are treated to an evening filled with incredible food and wine.'

Roger Petri  
event chairperson

by Mac & Ray's Banquet & Conference Center in Harrison Township, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday.

Unlike other food events, MCFWE was designed specifically to highlight the complementary pairing between food and wine.

Participating restaurants are matched with a wine purveyor; together they determine a food and wine pairing served at the restaurant's table. Guests, adorned with Mardi Gras beads and even decorative masks, stroll among the restaurants, enjoying the flavors, sights and sounds of a spirited celebration.

Adding to the excitement, participating restaurants compete for the title of "Best Restaurant" as determined by a panel of media judges. Along with bragging rights, the top five restaurants receive a cash award, with the first place restaurant also gaining possession of a traveling trophy that resides in the winning restaurant for a year.

"By creating a competition among restaurants, MCFWE ensures that guests are treated to an evening filled with incredible food and wine," said Roger Petri, event chairperson and director of operations at Mac & Ray's. Monies raised at the event go directly to local students pursuing their dream of becoming a chef.

"While the restaurants compete fiercely for the trophy, the camaraderie among the chefs is unmistakable, and guests enjoy the opportunity to savor samplings from some of the area's best restaurants," said Petri.

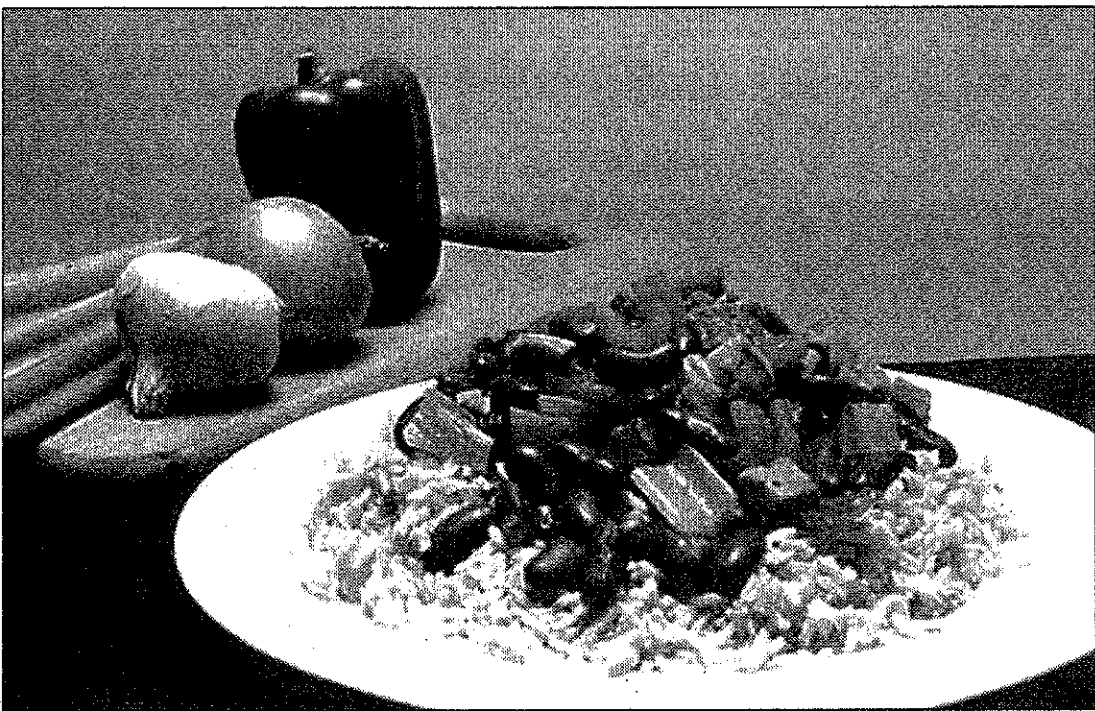
"A special thanks goes to Petitprens Imports, Sysco Food Services and U.S. Foodservice," noted Petri. "Without their involvement, the event would not be possible. Their participation and dedication further exemplifies the foundation of the event, in that it is a food event that supports the restaurant community."

The live and silent auctions are sure to delight those who enjoy the good life as well as remarkable food and wine.

Noteworthy auction items up for bid include: 40-bottle wine cellar, one week's stay in a condo in Grand Cayman, a three or four day luxury cruise, use of a condo on Marco Island, lobster dinner (or clam bake) at your home, cocktail party for 40 at Mac & Ray's, cooking classes with Mac & Ray's own Chef Jeff Baldwin, and much more.

Tickets are \$75 for general admission and \$125 for Gold Salon and are available by calling 586-463-9660 ext. 438.

Complete event information can be found at [www.mcfwe.com](http://www.mcfwe.com).



Although not technically gumbo, the classic New Orleans dish of red beans and rice is a close relative.

## Mardi Gras can be good for your health

It's almost Fat Tuesday, but you can celebrate in a low-fat way.

Mardi Gras (French for "fat Tuesday") is the day before Ash Wednesday, and an occasion for a New Orleans-style party. Traditional Louisiana gumbos can be revamped into healthful meals full of disease-fighting ingredients.

Special seasonings and cooking techniques eliminate the high levels of fat and calories while preserving the rich taste and smoky flavor.

Although not technically a gumbo, the classic New Orleans dish of red beans and rice is a close relative.

The following version calls for a small amount of meat and chicken stock, but eliminating the meat and using vegetable broth will make Red Bean Gumbo a meatless dish appropriate for Lenten meals.

### RED BEAN GUMBO

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| 1 pound dried red kidney beans (about 2 cups), picked over and rinsed | 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste |
| 2 tablespoons canola oil  | 1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper, or to taste         |
| 3 cloves garlic, minced   | 1 teaspoon salt, or to taste (optional)             |
| 1 cup chopped onion   | 8 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth       |
| 1 cup chopped celery  | 4 cups hot cooked rice (see Note)                   |
| 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper                                     | filé powder, to accompany gumbo (optional)          |
| 4 ounces chopped turkey ham   | a few drops of hot sauce, or to taste (optional)    |
| 1 teaspoon dried thyme  |   |
| 1 teaspoon dried oregano  |   |

About one hour before preparing the gumbo: In large container or pot, cover beans with boiling hot water to at least 2 inches.

Cover and let stand until beans have swelled to at least twice their size and have absorbed most of water, about 1 hour. Drain beans, discarding soaking liquid.

In a large, heavy pot, heat oil until hot.

Add onion and garlic and gently sauté until onion is translucent and garlic is soft, taking care they do not brown.

Add celery and bell pepper and sauté 1 to 2 minutes more, stirring frequently. Add ham and lightly

sauté.

Mix in herbs, seasonings, broth and beans. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a simmer. Partially cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, until beans are tender, about 1 hour.

Note: Although white rice is the traditional accompaniment, for extra nutrition, use brown rice. Makes 8 servings.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 303 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 50 g. carbohydrate, 17 g. protein, 11 g. dietary fiber, 742 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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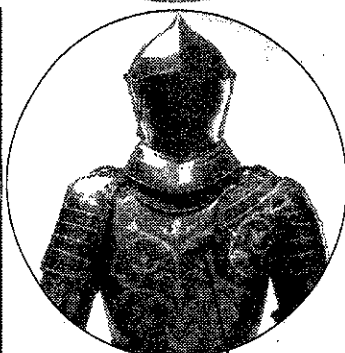
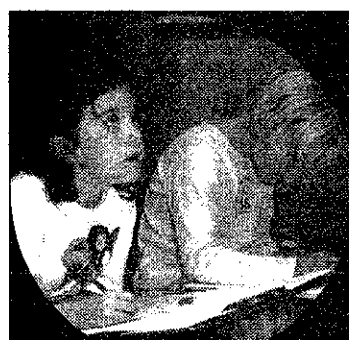
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Here are interesting crumbs  
of information on bread

Part of the pleasure of being involved in Artisan bread baking is that there are so many fascinating and surprising aspects to explore. I thought that in this month's column I would share some of them with you.

## Iraq - Birthplace of Wheat?

We know the natural history of the loon that inhabits the lakes of Minnesota, the rock formation of the Grand Canyon and the roots of the California redwoods. However, we know little of the history of wheat. Some say it originated in Egypt. But the wheat of the Pharaohs was the product of careful cross-breeding - just as the wheat we eat today, *Triticum Vulgare*, has never been found growing in the wild. Its ancestors are now thought to be grasses that grew wild in the fertile valley between the Tigris and Euphrates - in modern day Iraq.

So, golden wheat came, long before golden oil.

## Patron Saint of Bakers

Legend has it that when Saint Honoré was a small boy, his nurse was baking bread when he was "suddenly bathed in celestial rays and a divine oil of annunciation appeared on his forehead." Well, the nurse dismissed these signs, whereupon her bread cart was transformed into a plum tree.

In any event, Honoré later became the Bishop of Amiens - a city surrounded by wheat fields. Evidently, he was much respected because in 1060, during a terrible drought, his episcopal chair was carried out into the fields. And, sure enough, the rains came tumbling down. Saint Honoré was adopted as the patron saint of bakers. In later years, his relics were paraded once a year and bakers gave out free loaves for



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many superstitions. (Frankly, many of them don't bear repeating.)

In Brittany, once the oven had been fired up the baker would take an egg and crack it at the entrance to the oven. Then he felt confident that he would be blessed by an abundance of customers.

Also in the rural parts of France, in years gone by, the farmer's wife made a practice of kneading the dough with her left hand, making the sign of the cross with her right. Once finished, she had to make sure a cat didn't enter the room or the dough wouldn't rise.

This was a matter of great concern, so they even had a saying to implore the dough to rise:

"The leaven in you has risen,

Now you do the same.

The wheat from which you came has risen,

And to harvest it

Many people have risen.

The baker, to make you, has risen,

Now you do the same."

Somehow it sounds more emphatic in French.

## The origin of croissants

The shape of croissants as we know it today was created well over 400 years ago. In 1686, Budapest was under siege by the Ottoman Empire and the Turks had the idea to tunnel under the

one and all. (Maybe we should resume that custom at The Give Thanks Bakery some time soon?)

## Superstitions

Through the years, the transformation of grain into bread has given rise to

city. This made so much noise that bakers, working at night, heard them and raised the alarm. The Turks were repelled and the siege ended.

Budapest celebrated this military victory and the bakers decided to join in by making pastries in the shape of a crescent, which was the Turkish emblem. The popularity of this shape grew - especially in nearby Vienna during the time of Louis XVI, when Viennese breakfast buns were all the rage.

It wasn't until 1920s that the croissant made with flaky pastry came into being. An enterprising baker in Paris took the Viennese yeast-and-milk dough and invented the butter-layered French version. All he kept was the crescent shape from the siege of Budapest.

## Baseball glove shaped bread

As distinctive as the crescent shape of a croissant is the baseball glove appearance of a fougasse. This loaf can be found throughout the south of France. The name, *fougasse*, comes from the Latin, *foecacia*, meaning "of the home." And these loaves were once simply homemade bread.

Nowadays, Artisan bread bakers have kept the tradition alive. In Provence, they sometimes add olives and anchovies. At The Give Thanks Bakery, we bake fougasse with fresh rosemary in the dough and when they come out of the oven, we brush them with olive oil, sprinkle them with basil, a little garlic powder and sea salt. When you take one home, tear off a hunk, dip it in a wonderful pesto and dream of Provence and sunshine. That'll help you through our Michigan winter.

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## Grill salmon with rosemary

Since February is National Heart Month, it's appropriate to serve salmon.

Salmon is known for its abundance of omega-3 fats, the polyunsaturated fats that act in several ways to lower the risk of heart disease and promote a healthy immune system. Studies link consumption of one or two servings of fish each week with about a 30 percent drop in the risk of heart-related deaths.

According to a study in the International Journal of Cancer, this practice could also help reduce the risk of various cancers 12 to 30 percent or more. Omega-3 fatty acids also have been linked to reduction of some autoimmune problems, such as rheumatoid arthritis.

Fish high in omega-3s include salmon, white (albacore) tuna, mackerel, herring, rainbow trout and swordfish. You would need to eat three or four times as many servings of a lower-fat fish such as cod, haddock or catfish to get the same amount of omega-3s. Omega-3 fat also is contained in walnuts, flaxseed, and flaxseed and canola oils. Smaller levels of Omega-3 con-

sumption also is thought to offer some health benefits.

All fish are excellent sources of protein, vitamins and minerals. And all types of fish are lower in saturated fat than red meat, which is better for blood cholesterol levels and possibly better for protection from cancer. Fish are an excellent choice for healthy eating – as long as you don't use a great deal of oil in the cooking, or smother them in a high-fat cream sauce or melted cheese.

Some health experts recommend aiming for two servings of some type of fish each week. There have been warnings recently about mercury in salmon and pollutants in farmed salmon. Unless you are pregnant or breastfeeding, experts currently believe that two servings of salmon per week won't harm adults. (Choose wild salmon when you can get it – even if it is frozen.) Research on these issues continues, but at this point, the benefits from salmon's rich source of omega 3 outweigh any known risks to adults.

The following recipe not only offers heart-healthy salmon but the flavorful herb rosemary, a symbol of remembrance.

### GRILLED ROSEMARY SALMON

Olive oil spray  
1 pound salmon filets, cut into four pieces  
2 teaspoons olive oil  
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice  
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
3 teaspoons fresh rosemary leaves, chopped

Spray a broiler pan or a grill with the cooking spray.

Preheat oven broiler or a grill.

Mix the oil, lemon juice, salt, pepper, garlic and rosemary. Brush mixture on both sides of the fish.

Place fish under the broiler or on the grill.

Broil about 4 inches from the heat for 5 minutes per half-inch of thickness, or until fish is flaky in the middle.

Makes 4 servings.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 230 calories, 15 g. total fat (3 g. saturated fat), less than 1 g. carbohydrate, 23 g. protein, 0 g. dietary fiber, 67 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

## Create a nice dinner for two

BY DANA JACOBI  
CORRESPONDENT

The desire to create a romantic evening at home often collides with the reality of everyday chores. Saturday night may at first glance seem the conclusion of a leisurely day, but you may have little time to prepare the dinner you envision, especially if you have a family.

Dining out is one solution. But this is one night when restaurants are very crowded. Staying home is quieter, more personal, and you can have the dinner you would like to share, whether you arrange a delicious evening.

A luxurious three-course meal can be easier than you think. Start with endive salad with a light vinaigrette and a touch of blue cheese. Then serve salmon with an elegant but easy mustard-horseradish sauce, and finish with fruit sorbet accompanied by cookies from your favorite bakery, or a big bowl of fresh strawberries and chocolate truffles.

The following recipe is scaled to the more traditional, family-oriented four servings. However, it is easy to halve the

ingredients for a special dinner for just one couple.

### SALMON WITH MUSTARD SAUCE

2 tablespoons honey mustard  
2 tablespoons coarse seed mustard  
2 tablespoons drained white horseradish  
2 tablespoons reduced-fat sour cream  
2 teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
Canola oil spray  
1 medium leek, white part only, halved lengthwise and sliced very thinly  
1½ cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth, divided  
1 pound frozen chopped spinach, defrosted and squeezed dry  
1 pound fresh salmon filet, skinned and cut in 4 pieces

Preheat oven to 500 degrees.

In a small bowl, whisk together the mustards, horseradish, sour cream and lemon juice. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Place leeks and ½ cup broth in a medium skillet. Simmer

over medium heat until liquid is almost evaporated and leeks are almost soft, about 5 minutes. Mix in spinach and remaining broth. Cook until spinach is not quite tender, about 8 minutes. Season to taste with pepper.

Coat an oven-proof medium with cooking spray. Add salmon, skin side up. Cook over medium-high heat until salmon is lightly browned, about 3 minutes. Using tongs, turn pieces. Place pan in the oven. Roast until salmon is translucent at the center of the thickest part, about 5 to 8 minutes.

Meanwhile, divide spinach among 4 dinner plates, to make beds, leaving a border at the edge of the plate. Set a filet in the center. Drizzle sauce across filets and spinach along sides. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 306 calories, 15 g. total fat (4 g. saturated fat), 16 g. carbohydrate, 29 g. protein, 6 g. dietary fiber, 545 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi is the author of *The Joy of Soy*, and recipe creator for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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# Vote in children's baking contest

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The maker of Pillsbury desserts and baking mixes announced the top 10 finalists in the contest, which challenged kids ages 5 to 15 to come up with a unique sweet-baked treat using Pillsbury baking mixes or frosting. Visitors to pillsburybaking.com will now help determine the \$25,000 grand-prize winner. Voting will take place online from Feb. 1-28, and the winner will be revealed this spring.

The top 10 finalists and the names of their baked creations are:

■ **Brownie Bugs**, from Liam Landy, 6, of Castro Valley, Calif.

■ **Bubba Brownie Sundae Mugs**, from Kevin Halpin, 10, of South Windsor, Conn.

■ **Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Bites**, from John Ertl, 12, of Brookfield, Wis.

■ **Colorful Rainbow Centipede**, from Jaelyn Kozlowski, 5, of Litchfield Park, Ariz.

■ **Faces of Our World**, from Tricia Thompson, 15, of Monona, Wis.

■ **Funshine Cake**, from Laura Ross, 14, of St. Petersburg, Fla.

■ **The Incredible Edible Garden**, from Christina Baio, 10, of Patchogue, N.Y.

■ **Jeepers Creepers**, from Tyler Modjeski, 12, of Valrico, Fla.

■ **Lavaliocious Volcako**, from Lisa Massaroni, 9, of Brockton, Mass.

■ **Nutty Toffee Hedgehog**, from Danielle Champagne, 13,

of Valrico, Fla.

Descriptions and photos of the top 10 finalists' baked creations will be available online at pillsburybaking.com during the month of February. Each finalist receives \$500 in cash and the chance to win the \$25,000 grand prize.

The contest, which ran from September through November, asked participants to submit a photo and a 50-words-or-less description of an original sweet-baked treat. Contest entries were judged on four attributes: originality, creativity, appearance and ease of preparation.

Pillsbury desserts and baking mixes are created and marketed by International Multifoods Corp. The company's Pillsbury-brand products include mixes for brownies, cakes, cookies, muffins, quick breads and other baked goods

and desserts; ready-to-spread frosting; and flour. For more information, visit [www.pillsburybaking.com](http://www.pillsburybaking.com).

Multi foods is a manufacturer and marketer of branded consumer foods and foodservice products in North America. Multifoods' brands include Pillsbury baking mixes, ready-to-spread frostings and flour; Hungry Jack pancake mixes, syrup and potato side dishes; Martha White baking mixes and ingredients; Robin Hood flour and baking mixes; Pet evaporated milk and dry creamer; Farmhouse rice and pasta side dishes; Bick's pickles and condiments in Canada; Softasilk premium cake flour; Red River hot flax cereal; and Golden Temple Indian foods. Further information about Multifoods is available on the Internet at [www.multifoods.com](http://www.multifoods.com).

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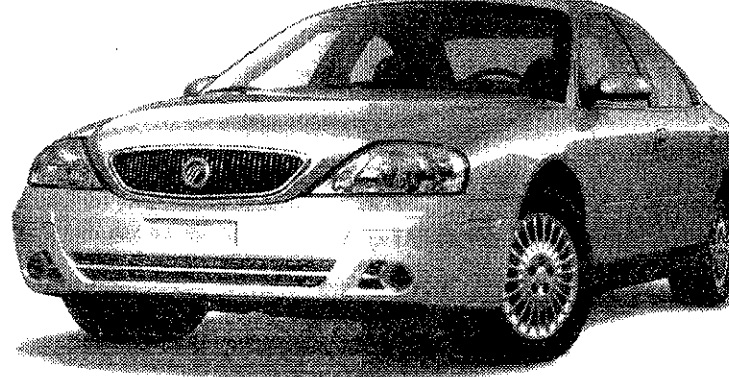
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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@nich.com](mailto:bmeisner@nich.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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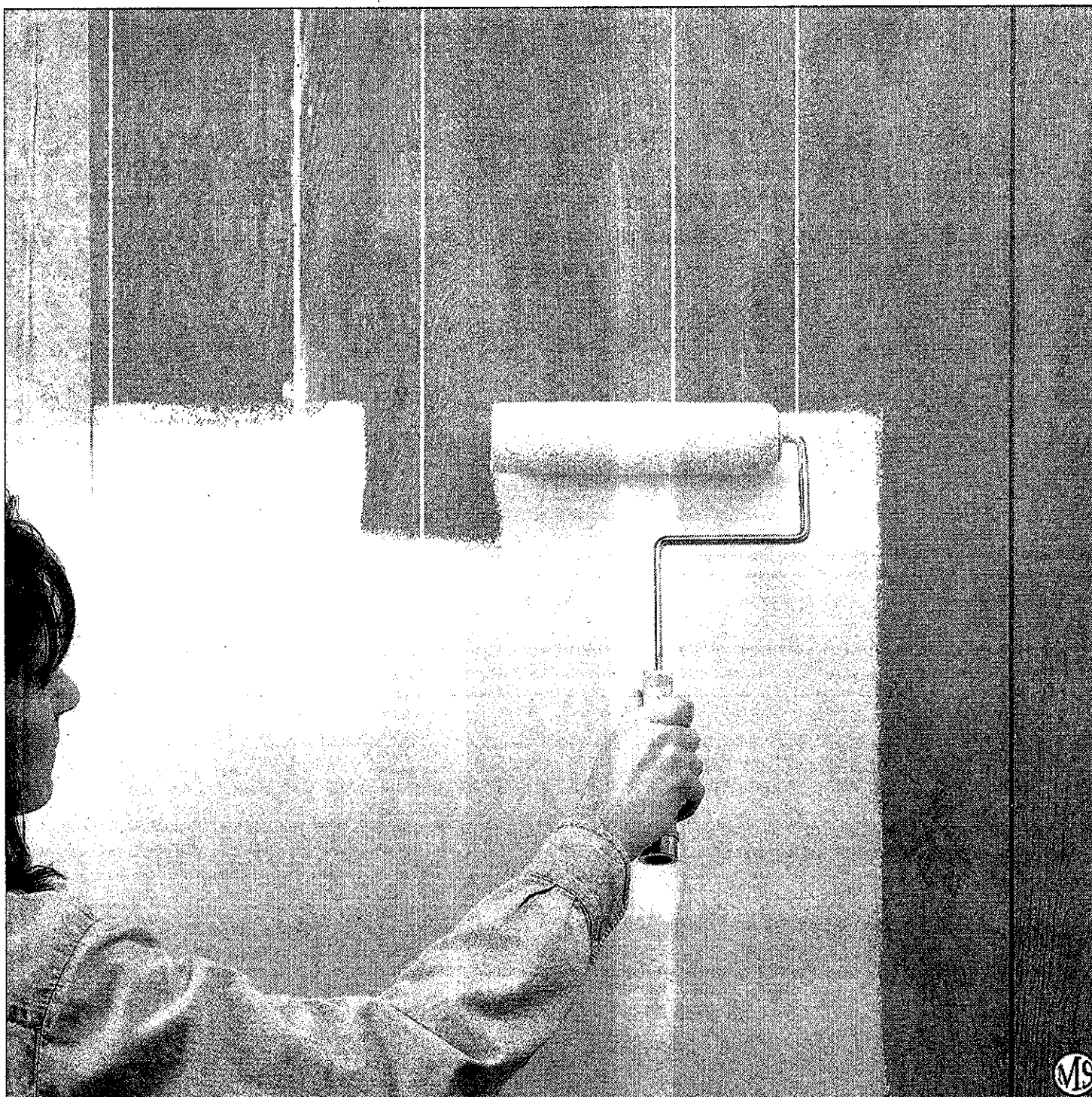
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## Invest in repairs to gain curb appeal

BY NORMAN PRADY  
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This is not as easy as stuffing all the dirty dishes into the oven when you suddenly see company walking up the front walk.

No, getting your house ready for prospective buyers takes some planning, time and money. It might take a weekend or two of do-it-yourself repairs or a crew of specialists. And there are multiple things to consider.

"It depends on the sellers' time-frame, motivation and financial ability," said Bill Clark, owner/broker, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, Clarkston. "If the need is to sell in next 30 days, they might not have time to get the work done. So then you just adjust the price."

Some sellers have all the time in the world, but don't have the money to hire someone to do repairs. There are companies that will do the work and accept payment at the closing of the sale of the house.

"There are different levels of what to do and how much is worth doing," said Clark. "You don't put on a deck to sell the house because you don't get the money back."

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**'There are different levels of what to do and how much is worth doing. You don't put on a deck to sell the house because you don't get the money back.'**

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tional \$35,000, said Clark.

Jeanette Schneider, vice president and co-regional director of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan agrees there is a direct correlation between repairs made or not made and purchase price.

"Most homebuyers will look at an old furnace and view that as a minimum \$2,000 item they will need to deal with. If sellers don't address a furnace problem prior to listing their home, they run the risk of it becoming an item for negotiation," she said.

"The prospective buyer may ask for a specific size, brand or the cost of a new furnace, or they may present a flat reduction in their offer price. Buyers don't want the aggravation or cost associated with repairs after the sale so they will adjust their asking price to reflect the needed cost and inconvenience to them. Sellers will pay for problems one way or another."

### SOLVING PROBLEMS

Sellers paying to solve problems help keep Keith Paul in business. Paul is pres-

ident of Handypro Handyman Service, Plymouth.

"We have a Homesellers' Program to handle emergencies," Paul said. "The biggest things probably would be painting, drywall repair, any marks on the wall, holes from doorknobs, leaky faucets, toilet not working right, light fixtures, ceiling fans, doors that are stuck, wobbly shelving, gutters falling down, reattach or replace storm doors."

Storm doors, Paul said, like leaky faucets are low-cost items that have high visual impact on a buyer's impression of how well the house has been kept up.

Sellers and real estate agents call his company, he said, "with lists that have to be done by Friday," and he dispatches 17 handypersons from his three offices throughout the metro area. Each worker has a minimum of eight years of previous-job experience, tools, written estimates, and guarantees about time and quality.

The phone rings steadily as well at Curb Appeal, Inc.,

Bloomfield Hills, where co-owner Jim Landolfe said he's used to callers who say, "I'm putting the house on the market tomorrow. What do I do?"

Landolfe said he tries to reassure callers that "anything's possible."

"The point is that as a seller you're trying to take away the negatives and not spend a lot of money doing it. You want the house to have curb appeal," he said.

Ronni Keating agrees you shouldn't do work that won't return your investment. Keating is a sales agent with Snyder Kinney Bennett & Keating, Birmingham.

"Most important," Keating said, are matters of maintenance.

Don't have things that are going to be eye-distracting, things that are going to lead the buyers to believe there are problems in the house. Fix those cosmetic things, especially in the basement. Walls that look like there could be seepage and are actually just dirty could make someone think there's a water problem. Homeowners who regularly come in through the garage don't always see the front of the house. The front door and porch area should be looking its best for presentation to buyers.

During the winter she recommends putting some pictures out so prospective buyers can see what the house looks like in the spring.

And don't forget to hide the

### Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

## Flexible mortgages help owners

**M**ost fiscally savvy borrowers want flexibility with their debts — the largest of which is typically their mortgage — to better serve their cash flow needs. My self-employed clients and those in commissioned sales especially seek flexible terms to protect themselves from sometimes harsh business cycles.

Of late, more of my first-time home buyers are seeking opportunities to free up cash flow so they can tackle other money-related challenges they may face like raising children, running a household, and buying clothes and furniture. Most have come to realize that the standard 30-year mortgage is no more a "standard" any more than is Ford's Model-T.

### MORE CONTROL

More and more borrowers are opting into a new family of flex-term mortgages that offer them more latitude and control. Participating borrowers may choose their mortgage terms not just once at the beginning of their loan, but on a monthly basis.

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The resulting cash flow savings of over \$600 per month, in this scenario, makes for over \$7,000 annually that can go toward funding other projects, paying bills, making investments, or paying down principal. In short, the flexibility gives borrowers the control. It offers them choices, and protects them from life's jolts.

This new breed of mortgage certainly piques the interest of all types of borrowers because it allows borrowers to better integrate their mortgage into their overall financial planning. Self-employed borrowers and commissioned sales people can now opt to make a lower mortgage payment if they have a slow month, and a higher payment when business picks up.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage broker and newspaper columnist. You may access his archives at [www.HomeQuarters.Biz](http://www.HomeQuarters.Biz), and you may phone him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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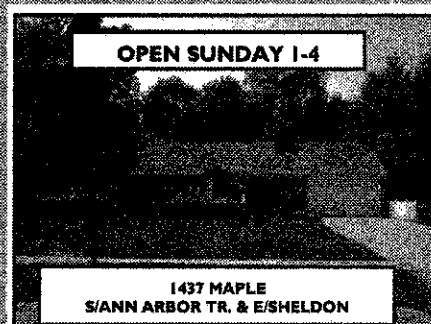


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6778 Brookshire	\$260,000	30360 Hathaway	\$162,000	19317 Garfield	\$132,000
1375 Centennial	\$400,000	18947 Hillcrest	\$158,000	27230 Grand River	\$114,000
39765 Deepwood	\$208,000	14141 Hubbell	\$205,000	17674 Kinloch	\$100,000
43156 Fernwood	\$226,000	10945 Laurel	\$113,000	19450 Kinloch	\$115,000
44149 Franciscan	\$223,000	35458 Leon	\$165,000	9575 Lenore	\$140,000
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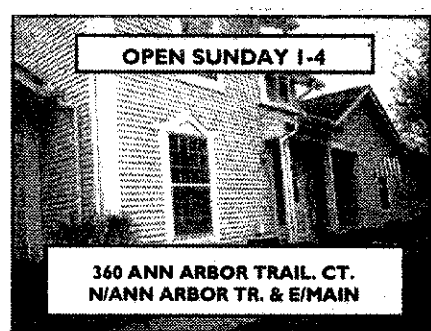
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**NORTHVILLE**  
Great location, large lot and contemporary updates make this mirror image duplex in downtown Northville profitable and easy to rent. 3 bedroom townhouse style units with 1213 sq. ft. and walk-out LL. All appliances.  
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Walk to everything. True walking distance to downtown Plymouth. Clean & neutral T/O. New full bath in basement. Master w/cathedral ceiling, WIC & access to bath. 2nd floor laundry. Great location in complex.  
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A place where you can belong. A beautifully built neighborhood only enhances this 3-bedroom brick ranch. Updates galore. Newer roof, C/A, furnace, glass block windows; kitchen; bath; solid side entry with full glass storm. All this AND much more.  
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**REDFORD**  
When you think of Redford charm, this home exceeds all expectations. This custom built ranch features gorgeous woodwork, original pristine hardwood floors. Spacious open floor plan. Wet plaster, coved ceilings.  
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**PHEASANT RUN GOLF COURSE CONDO** Better than new 1,993 sq. ft. ranch with 2-way fireplace, large gourmet kitchen & vaulted ceilings throughout. Overlooking 26th hole. (P75VIS) \$299,900



**PLYMOUTH**  
**4 BEDROOM RANCH** Seldom found 4 BR Ranch w/2 full BAs on the 1st floor. Nice open kitchen & family rm. brick nat fireplace. Bsmnt is partially fin. Newer roof, A/C, furnace & HWHT. patio, 2 car gar & fenced yard-perfect for kids or pets! Bring offers! (P64IAM) \$209,900



**PLYMOUTH**  
**WOW! 3 BR PLYMOUTH CITY RANCH** Fab. Buy for 1st time homeowner or investor in this home w/full bsmt, hot tub & brick paver driveway located 3 bks from downtown's community events...Fri. Night concerts, Art-in-the-Park, Fall Fest. \$159,900 (P18KEL)



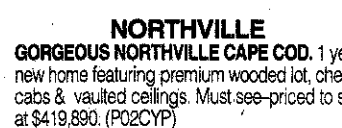
**PLYMOUTH**  
**ONE-OF-A-KIND ORIGINAL** 1 1/2 story multi-root Tudor revival w/bungalow charm. Original hwdwd flrs, Italian ceramic tile in BA & tpic, stained glass bay win, fin bsmt w/plenty of storage & den or poss 4th BR. Prof landscaped, awarded 3 yrs in a row by Plymouth Beautification Comm. (25MIL) \$309,900



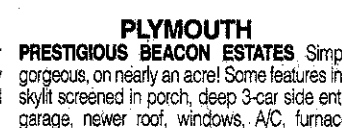
**REDFORD**  
**GREAT FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD** S Redford schools. All brick ranch on a double lot. Partially finished basement w/franklin gas stove, eat-in kitchen & dining room too. 2 car garage, fenced yard, Florida room. (P64GAR) \$159,500



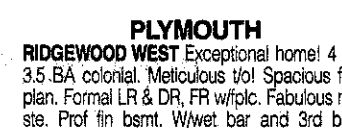
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**SPOTLESS CAPE COD** Built in 2000! 1st floor master suite w/walk-in closet & Jacuzzi tub. 2 car att garage for direct access. Neutral throughout. (P52SHE) \$234,900



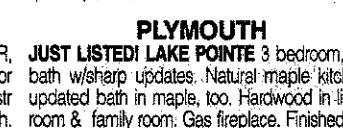
**NORTHVILLE**  
**GORGEOUS NORTHVILLE CAPE COD.** 1 year new home featuring premium wooded lot, cherry cabs & vaulted ceilings. Must see-priced to sell at \$419,890. (P02CYP)



**PLYMOUTH**  
**PRESTIGIOUS BEACON ESTATES** Simply gorgeous, on nearly an acre! Some features incl skylit screened in porch, deep 3-car side entry garage, newer roof, windows, A/C, furnace, hwdwd flrs. The 3 baths have just been re-done. (P25BEA) \$397,950



**PLYMOUTH**  
**RIDGEWOOD WEST** Exceptional home! 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial. Meticolous w/! Spacious floor plan. Formal LR & DR, FR w/plc. Fabulous mstr suite. Prof fin bsmt. W/wet bar and 3rd bath. Picturesque setting w/circle drive. Call today! (P12QUA) \$409,900



**PLYMOUTH**  
**JUST LISTED! LAKE PONTE** 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath w/sharp updates. Natural maple kitchen, updated bath in maple, too. Hardwood in living room & family room. Gas fireplace. Finished rec room in bsmt. 2 car att garage. Nice yard w/ deck! Call today!! (P39WIL) \$252,500



**WESTLAND**  
**BEAUTIFUL INSIDE & OUT!** Great location & most updates done. Updates include windows, doors, roof, furnace, C/A, HWHT, electrical, bath. Close to school & park. (P98ROS) \$119,900

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## Selecting/financing a home

Standard Federal Bank will hold a free home buying seminar on how to select and finance a home 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance, 5807 McClellan in Detroit. A lending officer will provide tips on the entire home buying process from how to set a housing budget, understanding credit reports, defining home and neighborhood checklist and the mortgage application process. Upon completion, participants will receive certificates entitling them to apply for a mortgage loan under Standard Federal's Community Home Buyer's Program. The program is designed to make home ownership more affordable for people with low to moderate incomes. For more information, or to register, call (800) 643-9600, Ext. 22532, or (313) 341-9088.

## Home buyer seminar

World Class Financial, along with RE/MAX Classic and Title First, will be holding a free Home Buyer seminar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 at the Livonia Public Library, in the lower level. Open to anyone thinking of buying a home or investment property for the first time. Refreshments provided, no charge, but reservations are required because seating is limited. Call Diane Baker or Denise Moul at (734) 744-1010 to reserve your spot.

## Career seminar

Learn more about careers in real estate 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Keller Williams Realty, Livonia. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

## Learn how much house you can afford

Learn what price house you can afford and how your credit history will influence your purchase decisions 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25. Seminar sponsored by Chase Manhattan Mortgage Co. at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham, one block south of Maple, west of Old Woodward. No charge, call (248) 649-1062, Ext. 246, for information.

## Buying a home

The Community House will present a class "Purchasing Your Home and Obtaining a Mortgage"

7:30-9 p.m. Monday, March 1. The class will help you understand the home buying process from the types of mortgages offered to the financial and qualifying requirements. In addition, a realtor will be in attendance to discuss how to best shop for your new home. The seminar is presented by Sarah Charamonte, Assistant Vice President and Ken Tomich, Senior Mortgage Consultant, Chase Home Finance. The cost is \$5. To register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or www.communityhouse.com.

## Condo class

Nationally known condominium attorney and columnist, Robert M. Meisner, of Meisner & Associates, an adjunct professor of community association law at Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University and Cooley Law School, is teaching a course - Condominium Operation: Advanced ion to The Essentials for Success 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 27 to May 18, at the Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms. Sponsored by Oakland Community College, the cost is \$95 per attendee. For more information, call (248) 522-3618 or Meisner & Associates, P.C. at (248) 644-4433.

## Dip in rates gives current buyers break

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mortgage rates - after rising for two consecutive weeks - dipped this week, offering a break for people wanting to buy a home.

The average rate on 30-year mortgages fell to 5.66 percent, down up from 5.72 percent last week said Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates.

For 15-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates declined to 4.96 percent this week, down from 5.03 percent last week. Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages decreased to 3.57 percent compared to 3.61 percent last week.

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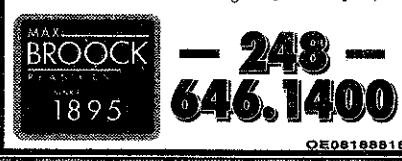
**CHARMING BRICK BUNGALOW** with great floor plan on a double lot. Newer windows, hardwood floors, fireplace and partially finished basement makes this home a great value! Don't miss out! [H-581EN] \$139,900



**DEARBORN DOLL HOUSE!** Don't miss this darling 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath gem. Super location. One blk from Frisco. Dining Room, Levagood Park. Crvm mltngs, cove chgs, some travertine under carpet, cprpl ples, many elcd updates, new tub sumrd, C/A, sprmks, frnd yd, new landscaping. This one won't last! [H-05ROB] \$189,900



**GREAT STARTER HOME!** New kitchen and appliances. Lots of charm w/ some covered ceilings. Included frs. huge master bedroom. Newer furnace and HVAC. Large backyard and basement. Must see inside. Move right in! [H-84LEX] \$97,500



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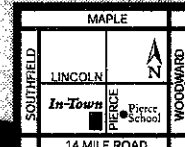
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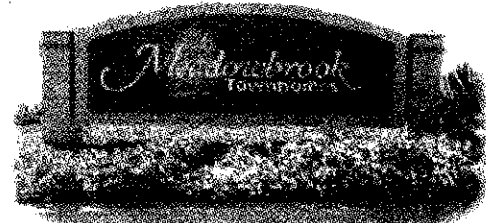
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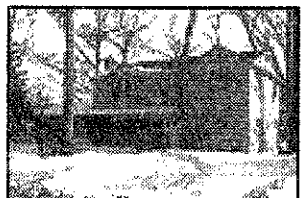
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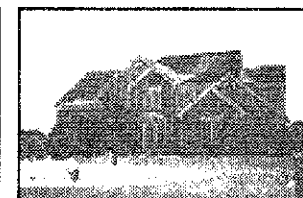
**LIKE A NEW HOME!** Totally updated 3 bedroom brick ranch in a great family sub. Newer windows, siding, furnace, electrical, and copper plumbing. Brand new kitchen w/Pergo floor, new carpet and paint. Absolutely fabulous and at a fantastic price. \$109,900 (906BR)



**ACT FAST!** 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and over 3000 square feet in a lovely tree neighborhood in Plymouth. Loads of updates and lots of room for every style of living. Call for details. \$289,000 (425GO)



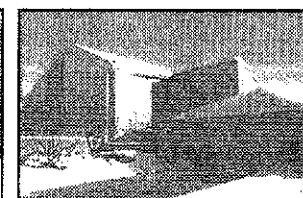
**SOUTH LYON STEAL** Great opportunity to own this 4 bedroom colonial! Huge family room w/ cathedral ceiling, recessed lights & 10ft. stone fireplace. Spacious oak kitchen with Wilsonart floor. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac with an extra large lot. Pool and deck for summer fun. \$259,900 (514SU)



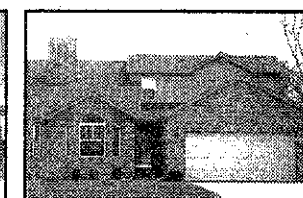
**BUCKINGHAM PLACE** 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial with a 3 car garage located on the commons. Finished LL, new granite counters, hardwood floors, dual sided fireplace, freshly painted, deck plus brick paver patio and more. Really sharp, come see for yourself. \$459,900 (227WA)



**SHARP CONDO IN TAYLOR!** Former model with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath completely renovated in '99. Open floor plan, solid oak doors and oak kitchen, vaulted ceilings, baths with dual sinks and whirlpool tub. Brick patio and nice landscaping. On Pardee, south of Wick, past Kinyon. \$129,900 (433KI)



**FIRST CLASS CONDO!** Minutes from all freeways & shopping. 2 beds, 2.5 baths with a 2 car garage. Updates include new ceramic tile, carpet, A/C, dishwasher, large kitchen leads to deck overlooking commons. Soaring ceilings in great room w/ natural fireplace. Private study. \$244,900 (292CH)



**INDULGE YOURSELF** Luxuriate in this 4 bedroom, 3 bath condo in Canton! Skylights in cathedral ceiling, lovely gas fireplace, maple cabinets in large kitchen, hardwood floor in foyer, tons of storage, neutral décor, daylight basement, deck w/awning & view of woods! \$274,500 (352CH)



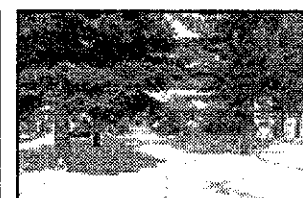
**WOODLAND VIEWS** Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. Completely fenced with a drive thru gate. Attached 2 car garage plus a shed! Huge paver patio, beautifully appointed & meticulously maintained. Lovely view of the woods. \$224,900 (335CR)



**ENCHANTING PLYMOUTH COLONIAL** Enter into the quaint vestibule and welcoming living room with a cozy natural fireplace. Opens to the formal dining room & kitchen with ceramic counter. Hardwood floors, newer electrical, bath, roof, furnace, windows and more. \$239,900 (884PA)



**FARMINGTON HILLS CAPE** On a beautiful interior lot with 3BR/2.5BA. Great room floor plan, formal dining w/butler's pantry & huge kitchen w/maple cabinets. Bay window in nook, basement w/ premium carpet & lots of storage space. \$375,000 (241AU)



**LOVELY RANCH WITH 5 ACRES** Spectacular 5 bedroom ranch with a finished walkout basement and den. Formal dining room, family room, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces and more. All on a quiet street with lots of room for a large family. \$599,900 (150HA)



**"TRAIL WOOD" COLONIAL.** 4 bedroom/2.5 bath on a treed, professionally landscaped interior lot just a short walk to downtown Plymouth. Beautifully updated with neutral decor. Newer kitchen, windows & roof. Walk to Schools and all Downtown activities. \$318,999 (119AP)



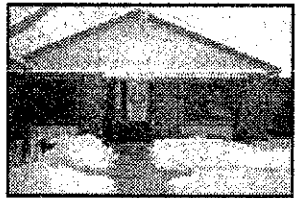
**HARD TO FIND DETACHED CONDO** 2 bedrooms and 2 full baths in a quiet court setting. Oak kitchen, 1st floor laundry, attached 2-car garage, full basement, even a treed yard with an inviting patio. Perfectly located close to the library, shopping and restaurants. \$182,500 (296TW)



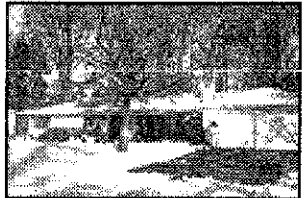
**THE SEARCH IS OVER!** Awesome 3 bedroom home with new carpeting with hardwood underneath, a freshly painted interior, full finished basement, newer roof and more. Wonderful open floor plan. Close to the new Rec Center. \$179,900 (827ME)



**UNFORGETTABLE** Pulte Arlington model with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Professionally decorated and landscaped. Upgraded lighting and fixtures, extra deep basement, rich hardwood floors, large oak island kitchen, spacious master, deck w/ hot tub & more. \$239,900 (665DO)



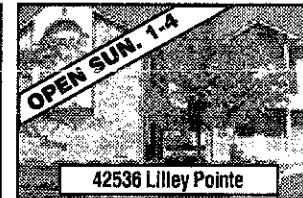
**OWNER'S PRIDE** Really shows in this updated 2 bedroom Plymouth colonial. Updated kitchen & bath, vinyl windows and doorwall. Newer furnace, central air, roof and more. All appliances stay. Carport. 55 and over community. \$138,900 (856NE)



**LARGE WOODED LOT** Wonderful 3 bedroom ranch with a freshly painted interior, new carpeting, and a new oak kitchen. Large floor plan with formal living and dining rooms plus a family room. Attached 2 car garage. Nice wooded lot. \$214,700 (750TU)



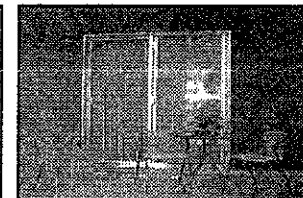
**SUCH ADMIRABLE COMFORTS** Its easy to love this unique 4BR colonial with custom upgrades throughout. Elegant 2-story foyer, impressive great room with 17' ceiling, formal dining, library w/ built-ins, plus an ultra gourmet kitchen w/nook & butler's pantry. Finished basement & spectacular location! \$469,000 (751SA)



**AFFORDABLE CONDO!** Note Upper ranch condo with an open floor plan and cathedral ceilings. 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths and over 1000 square feet of living space. Newer Berber carpet throughout, tastefully painted, and a great location. N. of Cherry Hill; W. of Lilley \$129,900 (536LI)



**ALWAYS IN DEMAND!** Ever popular Beacon Hollow. Condos now has an open end unit ranch available. 1st floor laundry, good sized kitchen, attached 2-car garage with additional parking next to the unit, deck, gas, fireplace, 2 full baths, and more. Immediate Occupancy. \$229,900 (301PI)



**IMMACULATE** Lovely ground level condo with one bedroom and one bath has been very well kept. Freshly painted interior, newer carpet and air conditioning, a remodeled kitchen, lots of storage space and more! You must see the inside to appreciate. \$79,900 (682WO)



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**BRIGHTON** \$234,900  
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**CANTON** \$499,000  
Absolutely stunning detached condo. Premium wooded location. Custom kitchen. Formal Din Rm & Great Rm w/gas FP. Lg Fam Rm, den or home office. 1st flr mst ste. W/O bsmt. OEP-61War 888-870-9127



**CANTON** \$379,900  
Fabulous Home on Awesome Lot! Backing to wooded commons. 3 Season room w/skylights to enjoy the seasons. Open floor plan, 1st flr den & laundry. Huge master suite w/dual fireplace. (BGN54WOO) 888-870-9123



**CANTON** \$354,900  
Location Means So Much. Pride of ownership & attention to detail are evident in every room w/many recent updates. Dual staircase, full bsmt. attached garage & very nice brick paver patio. OEP-89Fen 888-870-9127



**CANTON** \$319,900  
Ranch on inter. lot, backs to trees. Gour kit, nook w/Corian cntrtops, hdwd flrs, extra cbnts & top of the line appls. Lux mstr w/cath clg, fast bath, WIC, GR w/soaring clg. OEP-81Riv 888-870-9127



**CANTON** \$248,900  
2 story colonial on golf course w/2 BRS, 2 1/2 baths. 2 story foyer. Kit includes all appls. Great rm w/gas FP. Mast ste w/cath clg. 2 car garage. Bsmt w/dytl/garden win. OEP-01Hog 888-870-9127



**CANTON** \$240,000  
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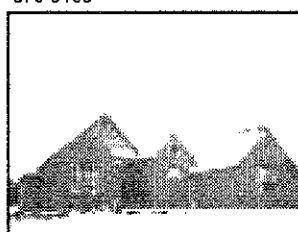
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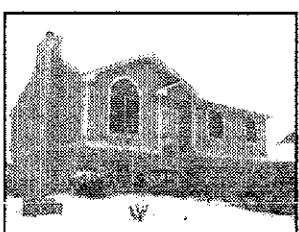
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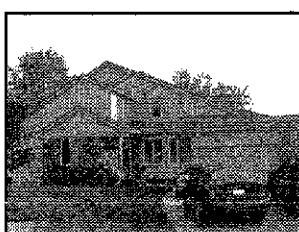
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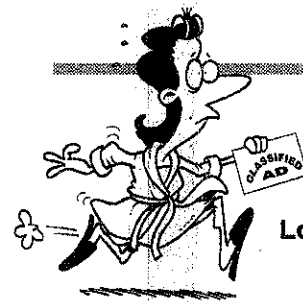
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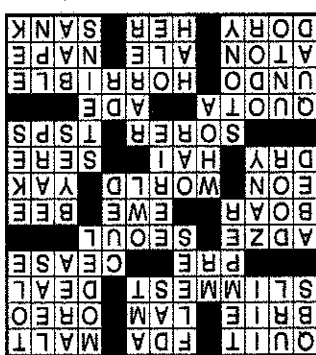
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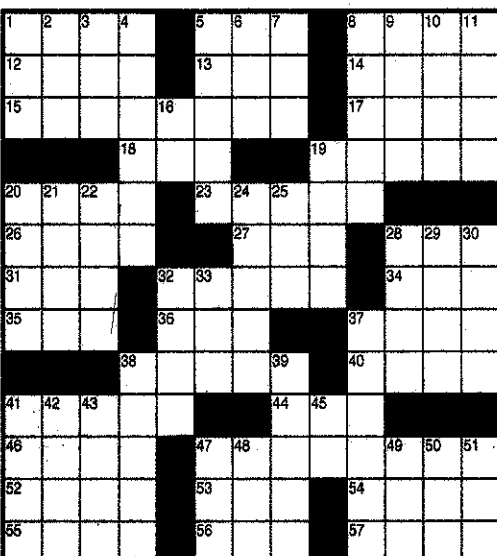
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Experienced maintenance supervisor for mid-size apt. community. Knowledge in all aspects of maintenance, including HVAC. Competitive salary and benefits. Live on site a must.  
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I & K Distributors is seeking part time Merchandisers, servicing supermarkets in the Detroit Metropolitan area. Weekend and weekday positions available. Route delivery or grocery experience is helpful. Must have a good driving record, and reliable vehicle. Physical work required. Resumes may be e-mailed to landkdtrot@aol.com No phone calls, please.

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Must possess good working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel, be able to read blueprints, have experience with mechanical and electrical requirements, basic quality control concepts and root cause analysis methods. Responsibilities will include handling RMA's, initiating vendor contact for nonconforming products, corrective and preventive action, documentation control and processing audits. Health Care, Dental, 401K. Fax or send resume to: DIAMOND SYSTEMS Attn: Human Resources 23400 Haggerty Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48335 Fax No. 248-476-1315 joicwsk@diamondsystem.com Equal Opportunity Employer

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Lighting showroom. Benefits, good working conditions. Experience preferred. Apply in person: BROOK ELECTRICAL 7 Mile & Newburgh Livonia 734-464-2211

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**Southfield Public Schools**  
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## Office Clerical 5020

### Accounting PERSONAL ASSET MANAGER

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Exp. in legal and/or accounting office. Must be honest, loyal with ability to work discretely and have great office skills to work with property management firm. Mail resume to owner P.O. Box 85530 Westland, MI 48185

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Bloomfield Hills Automotive Sales Office seeks to fill part-time clerical position. Applicant needs MS Office experience. E-mail resume to lbarker@detsales.net or FAX to 248-253-0070

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Local organization is seeking a multi-talented, customer service oriented individual with 3-5 year exp. to provide administrative support for a Westland location. Ideal candidate will be a self-starter with good communication, computer and general office support skills. 40 hour work week w/ some degree of flexibility in daily scheduling. Email: DEResume@hometownlife.com Ref code 0796

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### CLERICAL FULL-TIME

Position. Filing/general office duties. Busy Southfield medical office. Fax resume to HR Dept. 248-557-2058

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Busy wholesale textile office in Royal Oak req. mature, exp. customer service rep. 2+ yrs. exp. in similar position req. Work w/customers by phone and in showroom. Support 2 outside sales reps, Windows 2000, Word, Excel, organizational skills, project mgmt. Prior exp. in textiles, carpet or furniture industry desirable. Excellent salary/benefits. Fax resume to Lidia @ 312-321-1128 or email to Lmatwysyn@tdx.com

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## Office Clerical 5020

### LEGAL SECRETARY

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**Legal Senior Secretary**  
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### OFFICE/ASSISTANT PROPERTY MANAGER

Professional, energetic person to supervise day-to-day office operation and leasing/marketing of apartment community property management office. This candidate must have a proven track record in property mgmt, marketing, accounting, customer service. Computer skills required. Excellent salary & benefits. Interested candidate please fax resume to 313-562-3086.

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### SECRETARY Part-time

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### VETERINARY RECEPTIONIST

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Attn: Exp. Dental Assistants, Hygienist & Receptionists. Now hiring for general offices. Fax resume to: 586-997-9210.

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Thursday - Saturday  
Feb. 19- Feb. 21, 10am-4pm  
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Moving Sale  
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**LIVONIA - BIG SALE**  
Feb 20 & 21, 9-4pm. 14329 Berwick, W/Merriman, between 96 & Lyndon. Sectional, washer & dryer, waterbed, and tables, etc.

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Fri-Sun, 2/20-22, 10-4pm., 41330 Cornell in Maples of Novi. Enter off 14 mi. (bwnr. Welch & Novi rd.) Collectibles, furniture, books, household goods, clothes.

## Moving Sales 7130

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**CANTON Backs To Wetlands**  
Gorgeous 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo has cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace, beautiful kitchen, 1st floor laundry, doorwall to lovely rear yard & deck, 2 car attached garage w/ opener. Home Warranty.

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**NORTHVILLE Beautiful**  
Updated 5 BR, 3.2 BA colonial on approx. 5 wooded acres. Updates include: kit. flooring, roof, furn, A/C & more. Great fir plan. FR w/frp/c. formal DR. Large media room. All seasons room w/frp/c & wet bar. 3+ car gar.

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**SOUTHFIELD Beautiful House & Lot**  
Sharp ranch on a heavily treed approx 3/4 acre lot backing to woods & park. Huge GR w/ceramic flooring & wet bar. Updated kitchen & bath. Circle drive. Newer roof system. Fenced yard, hardwood floors & more.

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**NOVI Beautiful 3 Bedroom Colonial**  
Premium elevation w/pos 4th bdrm/study in prof fin bsmt. Loaded w/updates, custom touches! 2.5 baths, kitchen w/island counter opens to family room w/gas fireplace, vaulted ceilings in master suite & family room.

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**LIVONIA Solid Brick Ranch**  
3 bdrm, 1.5 baths w/Livonia schools. Newer vinyl windows, ceramic tile foyer. 2 car att gar, full basement, Florida rm, security system, new carpet, 01, Armstrong floor, hardwood floor under opt. Home Warranty.

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**LYONS Just Like New**  
Bright open floor plan w/3 bdrms, 2 baths, light oak kit w/island. Hdwd flrs, secluded mstr ste w/Jacuzzi tub & doorwall to deck, track lights in GR w/double doorwall to wrap around deck + 2 c att gar, bsmt w/marble flr.

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**NORTHVILLE Incredible Value**  
Waterfront estate in Stonewater sub. Largest square footage built by Mocer. Upgrades: marble, granite, custom Cherry case, 2-story end porch, spiral staircase, MBR w/3-way frp/c, sitting rm + glamor bath, Fin LL.

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**GARDEN CITY So Many Major Updates**  
LR w/bay window, cove ceiling, renovated kit w/wired panel Hickory cabs, Curian counter, car tile flr, SS appls, sink & back splash. Newer vinyl windows, roof, furn, C/A, mstr bdrm w/doorwall to cedar deck, 2.5 car gar.

(E67MAR) 734-455-5600 \$149,900



**PLYMOUTH Custom Build Dream House**  
Lovely 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial w/3 car attached garage, 2 fireplaces, finished walk-out, family room, library, master suite w/jetted tub, dual staircases w/2 story foyer.

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**WESTLAND Brownstone Style Condo**  
Close to shopping, schools, community park & library at just 1 stop sign away. Great 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath unit w/attached garage, vaulted ceilings in bedrooms, den, spacious kitchen w/doorwall to deck.

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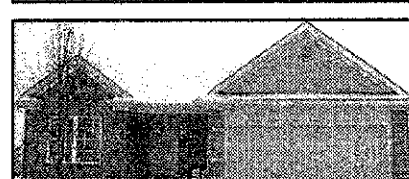
**MILFORD Former Builders Dream**  
4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial located in Orchard Estates on approx. 1.5 acres. High quality tile, 3 frp/c, MBR suite w/garden tub & frp/c. Sunroom leads to secluded deck. State of the art kit & appls. W/O LL. Newer roof & furn.

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**SOUTH LYON Trotter's Pointe Village**  
\$2,000 for C/A. Super sharp 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 car attached garage, FFL, 1999 built colonial. Basement, frp/c in FR, Hdwd flr, sprinklers, deck, MBR w/BA, jetted tub & sep shower. Appliances & home warranty incl.

(E51COL) 248-349-5600 \$264,900



**GARDEN CITY Wow Cape Cod w/3 Baths**  
Great price, super sharp cape cod w/3 vaulted ceilings, first floor laundry, brick & vinyl, 2 car attached garage, basement fireplace, C/A, builder pays trans tax.

(E27BIR) 734-455-5600 \$204,900



**SOUTH LYON Entertaining Floor Plan**  
3 bedroom, 2 baths, cathedral ceilings, Pergo flooring w/warranty, C/A, large bedrooms, brick paver patio, ceramic baths, walk-in closet. Very open & airy floor plan. Premium lot. Plus a home warranty.

(E23PRI) 734-455-5600 \$209,900



**VAN BUREN I Won't Last Long**  
3 bdrm, 1 bath ranch on approx. 5 an acre w/2.5 car gar, many major updates, newer carpet t/o, over hdwd flrs, C/A, Florida rm, car tile in bath, newer windows & huge yard. Near x-ways & walk to elem. sch. Home warranty.

(E60HAG) 734-455-5600 \$134,900



**CLAWSON Beautifully Updated**  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD Lake Living At Its Best**  
Beautiful 3 BR, 3 BA 2-story home in a quiet bay location on Walnut Lake. Spacious master suite w/his & hers baths & WIC. GR w/Travertine marble frp/c and great view of lake. White kitchen & sun-filled brisket rm.

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Ranch w/2 full baths, fireplace, daylight windows in basement, 2 car attached garage, spacious floor plan, dining room, kitchen w/snack bar. Pleasure to show! Builder pays tax.

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**WESTLAND A Special Colonial**  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home w/ high kitchen w/all appliances, family room w/ fireplace leading to private yard w/pool & hot tub. Hardwood floor & 2 car attached garage.

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(E91LEN) 734-455-5600 \$127,900



**NOVI Outstanding Inside & Out**  
This 4 BR, 2.5 BA home has a bright & airy floor plan that includes a beautiful kitchen w/cabs, center island & breakfast room, formal DR w/frp/c, formal DR w/frp/c doors, MBR w/WIC, shower & tub. Prof landscpp.

(E6SAN) 248-349-5600 \$379,900



**NORTHVILLE Beautiful Lot**  
3 BR, 1.5 BA home recently updated w/many hard crown mldgs & car bath. Kit w/lt. w/ granite, approx. 1/2 acre w/brick paver pat. Close to Maybury Pk & easy access to freeways.

(E47CHI) 248-349-5600 \$259,900



**WAYNE Great Singles Home**  
Bring your antiques, 3 bedroom home w/garage, basement, fireplace in living room, all close to shopping & churches. All built in 1920 w/immediate occupancy.

(E48WAY) 734-455-5600 \$111,900



**NORTHVILLE Golf Community Condo!**  
A pleasure to show! Favorite 1st floor master, open fir plan, 2 story foyer, curved staircase, car tile in foyer & kit + granite tops, 42" cream cabs & SS appls, bath cell in bsmt w/gas frp/c + deck, full bsmt & 2 car att gar.

(E73LYO) 734-455-5600 \$379,900



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Colonial**  
This home has all the bells and whistles. Granite in Kit, ceramic tile & hardwood floors. Walk out wooded lot. Fireplace in FR, 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 3 car garage, grand MBR w/huge WIC & dressing area. Bonus room, FFL.

(E80YAR) 248-349-5600 \$559,900



**NOVI Rare 4 BR Ranch**  
Ranch ranch best of everything - quality ceramic, crown molding, 4 bedrooms, family room w/fireplace, formal living room & dining room. Newer kitchen counters, partially finished basement & much, much more.

(E62ROX) 248-349-5600 \$364,900



**ROMULUS Gorgeous 3 Bedroom**  
First time buyers, this house is completely refurnished for you! Beautiful kitchen with ceramic tile floors and state of the art appliances. Double crown moldings t/o. Upgraded carpet & pad.

(E67EUR) 248-349-5600 \$124,900



**DEARBORN HGTS. Meticulously Maintained**  
Solid brick 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch w/updated kitchen floor, countertop & cabinets, updated bath w/Corian counter & ceramic tile, 2 car garage, finished basement w/bar & possible 4th bdrm. A real must see!

(E55CEN) 734-455-5600 \$164,900



**CANTON Wooded End Unit Ranch**  
Share like new 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo offering 2-way fireplace, great room, formal dining room, 1st floor laundry, basement, 2 car attached garage in excellent location.

(E40HOG) 734-455-5600 \$304,755



**NORTHVILLE Lakes of Northville**  
Extensively updated 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial. Hdwd flrs, newer carpet, baths, kit & more. Spacious open floor plan. Fin LL w/o w/kit & gorgeous treed lot. Multi-level deck, newly landscaped. Transferrable swim club opp.

(E24WAT) 248-349-5600 \$424,900



**NORTHVILLE Historic Northville**  
Vintage charm graciously updated w/newer windows, furnace, HWH, A/C, roof & more. Baths recently remodeled by current owner/architect. The investment is golden, lifestyle is sterling & potential is priceless.

(E34RAY) 248-349-5600 \$329,900



**AUBURN HILLS Brand New Condo**  
2 bedroom, 2 bath raised ranch condo w/loads of upgrades from the cherry extra high cabs to the ceramic baths and state of the art appliances. Double crown moldings t/o. Upgraded carpet & pad.

(E23JOT) 248-349-5600 \$259,900



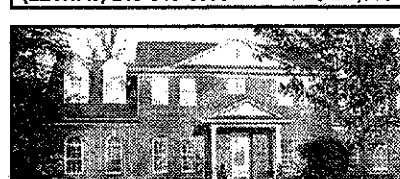
**MILFORD Walk to Downtown Milford**  
New const. you'll love this 4 bdrm colonial! Studio ceiling in FR, vaulted ceiling in master suite, hdwd flrs in foyer & kit. A homey architectural design. Perfect for someone who desires low outdoor maintenance.

(E35TUR) 734-455-5600 \$249,900



**REDFORD Cozy Home On Double Lot**  
3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow w/2 car garage attached by breezeway, finished basement w/2nd kitchen & bath. Newer roof, windows, kitchen and carpet.

(E18BRA) 734-455-5600 \$129,900



**SOUTH LYON Too Many Fine Qualities**  
Spectacular best describes this stately 4 BR, 3.2 BA custom colonial deep in golf community. Certainly nothing spared. \$100,000 in upgrades & over \$40,000 in landscaping including pavers and custom deck.

(E75SAT) 248-349-5600 \$849,000



**NOVI Wonderful Ranch Home**  
Large ranch-home on a double lot w/Walled Lake privileges. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths & whirlpool tub. Lots of fresh paint and carpet. Great access to freeways & 12 Oaks.

(E30PAR) 248-349-5600 \$230,000



**NORTHVILLE Luxurious Condo Living**  
3 bedroom, 3.5 bath side entry end unit w/walk-out. Great room w/fireplace. Master has luxurious bath & closet. Lower level has terrific cherry cabs, wet bar, ceramic tile, carpet & TV alcove.

(E04LOC) 248-349-5600 \$442,500



**REDFORD South Redford Brick Ranch**  
3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/professionally finished basement, 2 car garage w/workshop. Newer vinyl windows. Fireplace w/gorgeous mantle, ceramic tile in kitchen & baths. Convenient location. Won't last.

(E85BRA) 734-455-5600 \$151,900



**LIVONIA 2 Homes For The Price Of One**  
Live in the 3 bedroom brick bungalow & rent out the 2nd house or use as in-law quarters. All appliances stay.

(E00HAL) 734-455-5600 \$199,999



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Chelsea Park Value**  
You will love all the goodies. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial tucked away in the Forest of Chelsea Park on a cul-de-sac and backs up to woods. Grand fireplace in FR. Fabulous fin w/o w/heatre area & bedroom & lib.

(E90PEM) 248-349-5600 \$599,900



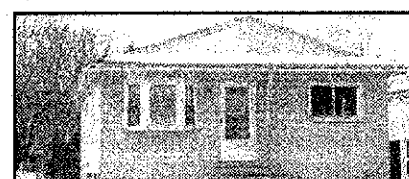
**WESTLAND Welcome Home**  
Awesome 4 bedroom, 2 bath cape cod w/all the updates. Newer windows, C/A, updated kitchen, hardwood floors. Beautiful yard with a garden. Too many items to list. Livonia Schools.

(E43HEN) 248-349-5600 \$229,900



**NOVI You Want It, We've Got It**  
All the most wanted features: open floor plan, 1st floor master, fireplace, finished lower level, 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, first floor laundry, large deck and wooded lot & sidewalks. Northville schls. Fresh paint.

(E68MY) 248-349-5600 \$489,900



**WESTLAND Why Rent When You Can Buy**  
This 3 bedroom solid brick home has been extensively updated w/newer vinyl windows, steel entry doors, Pergo floor in kitchen w/newer cabinets + partially finished basement w/bar.

(E23GLO) 734-455-5600 \$127,900



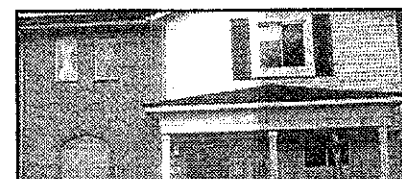
**LINCOLN PARK Character & Charm**  
5 bedroom, 2 full bath brick colonial w/2 car garage, basement, newer hot water heater 2001, formal dining room, living room & 1 year home warranty.

(E80PAR) 734-455-5600 \$129,900



**ORCHARD LAKE Best Of Two Lakes**  
The views will amaze you. Orchard Lake in front and Upper Straits in back. 6 BR, 3.5 BA contemporary home. Huge DR can entertain your largest group. Fabulous opportunity. Has not been available for 30 yrs.

(E47OLD) 248-349-5600 \$2,399,900



**CANTON Charming Canton Condo**  
Nicely updated 3 bedroom condo w/basement. Park-like setting backs to commons area. Freshly painted. Newer HW heater windows, deck. Immediate occupancy.

(E71FRA) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



**REDFORD Ranch On Corner Lot**  
Great looking 3 bedroom home. Breezeway provides a bonus room for an office or den. Privacy fenced yard. Lets you enjoy the above ground pool all summer.

(AE05NOR) 248-349-5600 \$140,000

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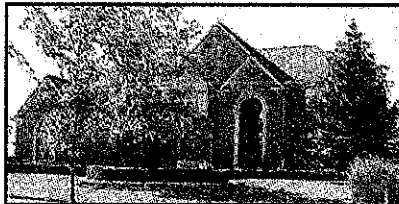


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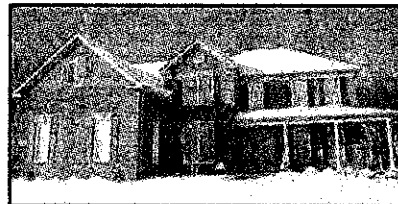
**NORTHVILLE** \$1,195,000  
**MAGNIFICENT HOME** on exceptional lot backing to nature preserve in Fox Hollow! Dramatic ceilings, gourmet kit w/granite. Magnificent mstr ste, fin'd w/o bsmt. Numerous amenities! (S4W002)

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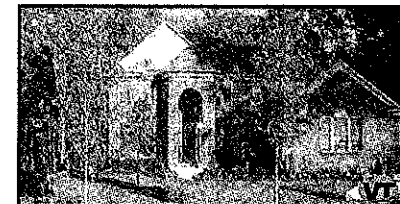
**NORTHVILLE** \$999,000  
**ELEGANT LAKEFRONT HOME** IN NORTHVILLE 4 bdrm, 3 baths/2 lavs. Hrdwd, granite, 2 stairways. Mstr ste w/glamour bath & 20x10 closet. Neutral decor. Lush landscaping. Trex deck, patio, private beach. (25PAR2)

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**NOVI** \$664,900  
**A "HOUSE BEAUTIFUL" DESIGN** Magnificent home, elegant LR & DR, gorgeous kit & brkfst area w/great views of the wood, lib, spacious FR. 4 lg bds, charming mstr suite. A remarkable palace! (57HIL2)

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**CANTON** \$629,900  
**PRIVATE BACK & SIDE YARD WITH TREES** 4 BR, 4.5 BA, elaborate deck, 2 tier oak paver patio, lg grmt kit w/FP, grmt cntrps, study/5th BR, mstr ste w/FP & whirlpool tub, 2 WICs, dual strcs, & more! (S48832)

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**CANTON** \$405,000  
**DECORATED TO PERFECTION!** 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath col. 2 story foyer, formal LR & DR, gourmet kit, mstr ste & bath, 1st flr laundry. Upgrades galore. X-large corner lot. Walk to Doodson elemen. (23W160)

734-455-7000



**NOVI** \$335,000  
**OUTSTANDING VALUE AND LOCATION!** Beautifully maintained Dunbarton Pines colonial. Large kitchen w/bay & nook FR w/plc, cath ceiling, bsmt. prepped for bath, extra deep garage, newer roof. (01FOR2)

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**NOVI** \$325,000  
**GREAT OPEN FLOOR PLAN!** 4 bed, 2.5 bath colonial, freshly painted neutral in most rooms. Fam rm has fireplace & wet bar. Partial finished LL w/2nd fam rm & workshop. Many updates. (60HUN2)

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**LIVONIA** \$288,500  
**LOVELY BURTON HOLLOW CAPE COD** New siding, ft dr & gar dr. Newer roof '97, reprint vinyl win, updated kit w/all appl, updated bath, new carpet '98. Swim club & elem school in sub. Home warranty. (12W002)

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**CANTON** \$274,999  
**RENOVATED FARMHOUSE** Country living w/ all the finest upgrades. Beautiful Cape Cod style with 4 bdrms, 2 baths, stone fireplace in great rm, finished walkout basement and awesome lot. (R814)

734-326-2000



**NOVI** \$265,900  
**READY TO MOVE?** Updated col. Novi schools. Fin bsmt, neut decor t/o. Over 2100 sq ft. (23S22637)

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**HOWELL** \$264,900  
**BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL IN LAKE COMMUNITY** Lakeshore Pointe site condo. Access to Thompson Lake. Walk out basement. Four bedroom colonial. (44RAV2)

248-348-6430



**CANTON** \$259,900  
**GORGEOUS COLONIAL** on premium lot w/ pond view. Fenced yard, tiered deck. 1st flr laundry & kit. Warm & friendly family rm w/ vaulted ceiling & fireplace. Full basement. (23T464)

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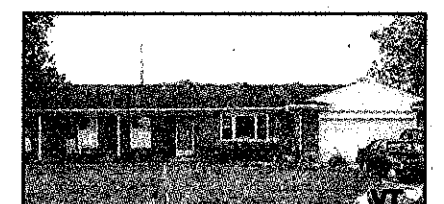
**CANTON** \$249,900  
**WHY BUY NEW?** Check out 3 yr old unit w/ many expensive extras. Premium lot, prof fin walk-out lower level, 1st flr master, 2 additional BR's & den upper, 2 FP. (P1886)

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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 br, mstr w/full ba, cath cell, formal DR, lg kit, huge part fin bsmt, 2 car att'd gar, & more. (028277)

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**WESTLAND** \$234,900  
**CUSTOM RANCH w/LIVONIA SCHOOLS** On large lot, 3 bdrms w/many updates, custom oak kit, formal DR, ceramic tiled FR w/ FP. Full bsmt, covered patio w/hot tub, newer windows, 2 1/2 car att garage. (P346)

734-326-2000



**LIVONIA** \$217,900  
**UPDATED & MAINTAINED TO PERFECTION!** 5 MI & Newburgh ranch offers open flr plan w/2 car attached garage, fin bsmt, custom updated kitchen, baths, rf, furn, & more. (J38751)

734-591-9200



**CANTON** \$214,900  
**SHARP NEWER COLONIAL w/ALL THE EXTRAS.** Private lot, open floor plan, master bath, 1st floor laundry, 2 car attached garage, & beautifully finished lower level. (M1796)

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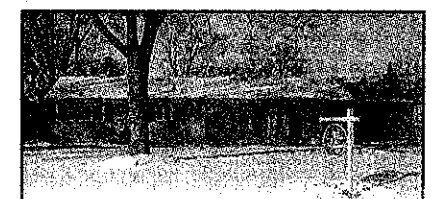
**PLYMOUTH** \$209,900  
**FAMILY HOME!** 3 Bedroom home close to elementary school. Updated kitchen, large master bedroom with french doors. Home warranty. (23T8821)

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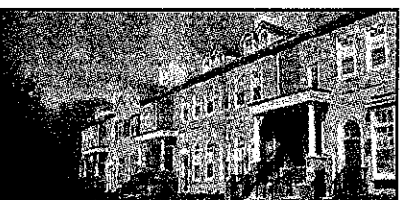
**LIVONIA** \$199,900  
**NEW OPPORTUNITY IN POPULAR KIMBERLY OAKS** Loaded w/updates like a new kit & wndws, beautiful fieldstone gas FP, brk paver patio & more. This 1377sq ft ranch is looking for new owners! (B32755)

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**NOVI** \$196,500  
**COMPLETELY UPDATED NOVI RANCH!** Sparkling kit & brkfst area, Beautiful lg FR w/ cathedral ceiling. 3 BRs, LR w/FP. New windows, never hi-eff furnace/AC, newer roof. New deck w/priv fenced yard. (83LEB2)

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**NORTHVILLE** \$187,000  
**NORTHVILLE CONDO - ONE YEAR NEW!** Uniquely beautiful! Cozy, warm & inviting. Bright friendly kitchen, large master bedroom with balcony. Priced below state taxable value. (Lease available). (65riv6)

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**DEARBORN** \$159,000  
**OUTSTANDING LOCATION!** Open & airy 3 bedroom bungalow. Cove ceilings, huge master, skylite, 2.5 car garage with workshop. Most appliances included. (01NEW2)

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**NOVI** \$158,000  
**RANCH DETACHED CONDO** Great 2 BR carriage unit w/1 car direct access garage new windows, carpet, neutral decor. Very open floor plan. Move right in! (45DEL2)

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**BELLEVILLE** \$155,000  
**2 BR CONDO w/ ROOM TO ROOM!** 2 Story brick town home features a custom patio. This condo is one of the few w/so much open land behind it! Only 2 yrs old & ready for you to move right in! (H896)

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**REDFORD** \$148,900  
**PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP 3 BR, 2.5 BA,** lots of updates, newer vinyl wndws, furn, & c/a, fresh paint, updated kit, fin bsmt w/rec rm, neutral carpet approx 2 yrs, cove ceilings, & more. (S8818)

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**WAYNE** \$144,900  
**EXPAND WITHOUT EXPENSE** This is a 1,400 sq. ft 3 BDRM brick home w/ 1 1/2 baths, remodeled oak kitchen w/ 2 1/2 car garage, hardwood floors, newer windows, & central air conditioning. (C451)

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**WESTLAND** \$144,900  
**3 BEDROOM WESTLAND BRICK RANCH!** Spacious dining rm & kit with appliances included! Partially finished basement with tons of storage & glass block windows. Newer roof, wallside windows, HWH. (23V6349)

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**GARDEN CITY** \$142,900  
**GREAT LOCATION!** South on Venoy from Ford to Hennepin 1 block west. Recent updates, shingles & siding on house & garage. Doorwall from BR leads to wood deck in backyard. (H332)

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**REDFORD** \$139,900  
**YOU'VE BEEN WAITING AND HERE IT IS!** This updated & inviting home sides to park and elementary school. Situated in one of Redford's finest areas. New furn, air, rf, gutters, plumb, wndws, & more! (D15651)

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**WAYNE** \$135,000  
**WAKE UP WITH A SMILE** in this cute all brick ranch. Beautiful updated kitchen, newer windows, doors, alum trim. Roof & A/C 8 years. 2 car garage. Home warranty. All appl included. (23M31620)

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**REDFORD** \$131,711  
**EVERYTHING YOU ARE LOOKING FOR!** Full brick! Three BRs! Fin bsmt. 24x24 block garage, newer windows, rf shingles, electrical, copper plumbing, & carpet. Remodeled white kit, privacy fenced yd. (I20455)

PC070192

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**WESTLAND** \$129,999  
**QUIET STREET 3 bedroom brick bungalow** with newer vinyl windows, ceramic bath, hardwood floors under carpet, glass block windows in basement, 2.5 car garage. (B146)

PC220422

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**LIVONIA** \$129,900  
**ALL BRICK RANCH WITH FINISHED BASEMENT!** Big kitchen, hardwood floors that need refinishing, 3 windows left to replace, furn & C/A 4 yrs old, bathroom has double sinks, patio in back is brick, & more! (I150)

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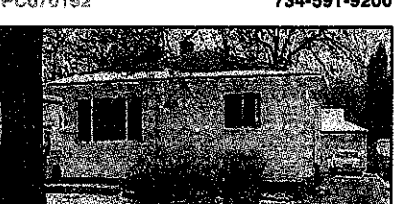
**GARDEN CITY** \$129,900  
**WANT CHARM - COMFORT?** This 3 BR aluminum ranch on an 80 ft lot has it all. Att'd garage, newer roof shingles, greenhouse, vinyl windows, furnace, carpet, remodeled kitchen & more. (B322)

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**REDFORD** \$114,900  
**LOCATION, QUALITY, VALUE, & CHARM!** 3 BR bungalow has it all. Updates include rf, furn, ac, bath rm, elec, vinyl siding. All kitchen appliances stay along w/washer & dryer. One yr home warranty. (G17430)

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**REDFORD** \$111,900  
**GREAT STARTER HOME!** New kitchen with brand new stove and refrigerator. Nice backyard, hardwood floors. Move right in and make it your home! (P19775)

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**REDFORD** \$104,900  
**FINALLY, SOME EXTRA SPACE** Updated ranch w/over 1200 SF. Move right in & enjoy the huge 21x14 family rm w/drivl overlooking yd or updated eat-in kit. Many updates thru-out. Much more! (A14950)

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**DETROIT** \$95,000  
**GREAT WARRENDALE BUNGALOW** 3 BR, 1.5 ba home w/full bsmt & 2 car gar. 1099 sq ft. ceramic tile in kit & DR, hwdwd in LR, hall & bdrms. New roof(03), newer furn, hwh & ca. Appl stay. Home warranty. (60BRA2)

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**CANTON** \$94,900  
**YES, THE PRICE IS \$94,900!** Small price to pay for your new humble abode. 2 Bedroom condo w/all appliances & some new furniture. Doorwall leads out to the patio. Plymouth/Canton schools. (23O1756)

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**WESTLAND** \$79,900  
**A GREAT START IS YOURS** In this aluminum Westland ranch. With country kitchen, and covered carport. Newer roof shingles & covered patio complete the package. (B334)

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**ENJOY THE GOOD LIFE!** Luxurious living featuring 1st flr master ste, 1st flr laundry, full fin bsmt. 3 full baths, lawn & snow maintenance included. Call now for more details! 23W12232

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**NORTHVILLE**  
**CONVENIENCE, STYLE, & FUNCTIONALITY!** Immediate occupancy in this end unit with all appl incl. New berber carpet, paint, & lg Indry rm w/ lots of storage. Neutral decor, 1 car gar, fin bsmt. Hurry! G21228 \$184,900

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**SOUTH LYON**  
**SUPER LOCATION! W/O END UNIT WITH FLA RM** 2 BRS, 2 baths, fam rm with gas FP, att gar, 55+ adult community, lake priv, clubhouse, all appliances, fabulous scenery and privacy. Hurry! 64CAM2 \$139,900

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**LIVONIA**  
**PERFECT AS A STARTER!** 2 Bedroom ranch. Big lot with carport. All appliances, newer kitchen & bath, freshly painted, newer roof. One year home warranty. Needs a little TLC. C11788 \$105,000

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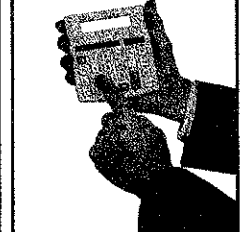
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