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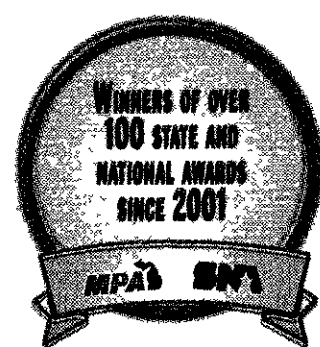
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Kmart may shut down distribution center

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

The last vestige of Kmart in Canton could be shutting down.

The company, which is in the process of merging with Sears, is considering closing its distribution center on Joy Road at Haggerty. A decision is expected by the end of the month.

The company held a series of meetings last Friday with

employees at the center, which employs about 325 workers.

Stephen Pagnani, manager of media relations for Kmart Holding Corporation, issued the following statement:

"Due to the change in Kmart's store base, the company has too many distribution centers and needs to better align its DC network to service its current store base. Because of this, Kmart is looking at possibly closing the

Canton Distribution Center and is expected to make a final decision before the end of January.

"In the interim, the Company is meeting with Union representatives to discuss the reasons for the possible closure and to discuss the potential impact on the approximately 325 employees at the Center."

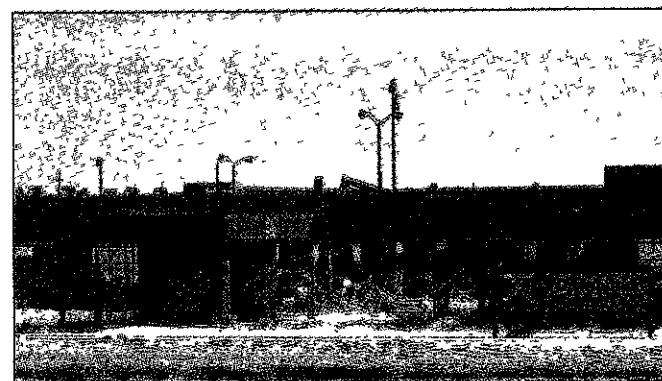
The statement came as no surprise to Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, who said speculation

about the closing of the center has been around for at least two years.

In January 2003, Kmart closed the Super Kmart at Ford Road and Haggerty, which had been open since 1997.

Yack said the closing of the distribution center probably wouldn't have any huge impact on the township.

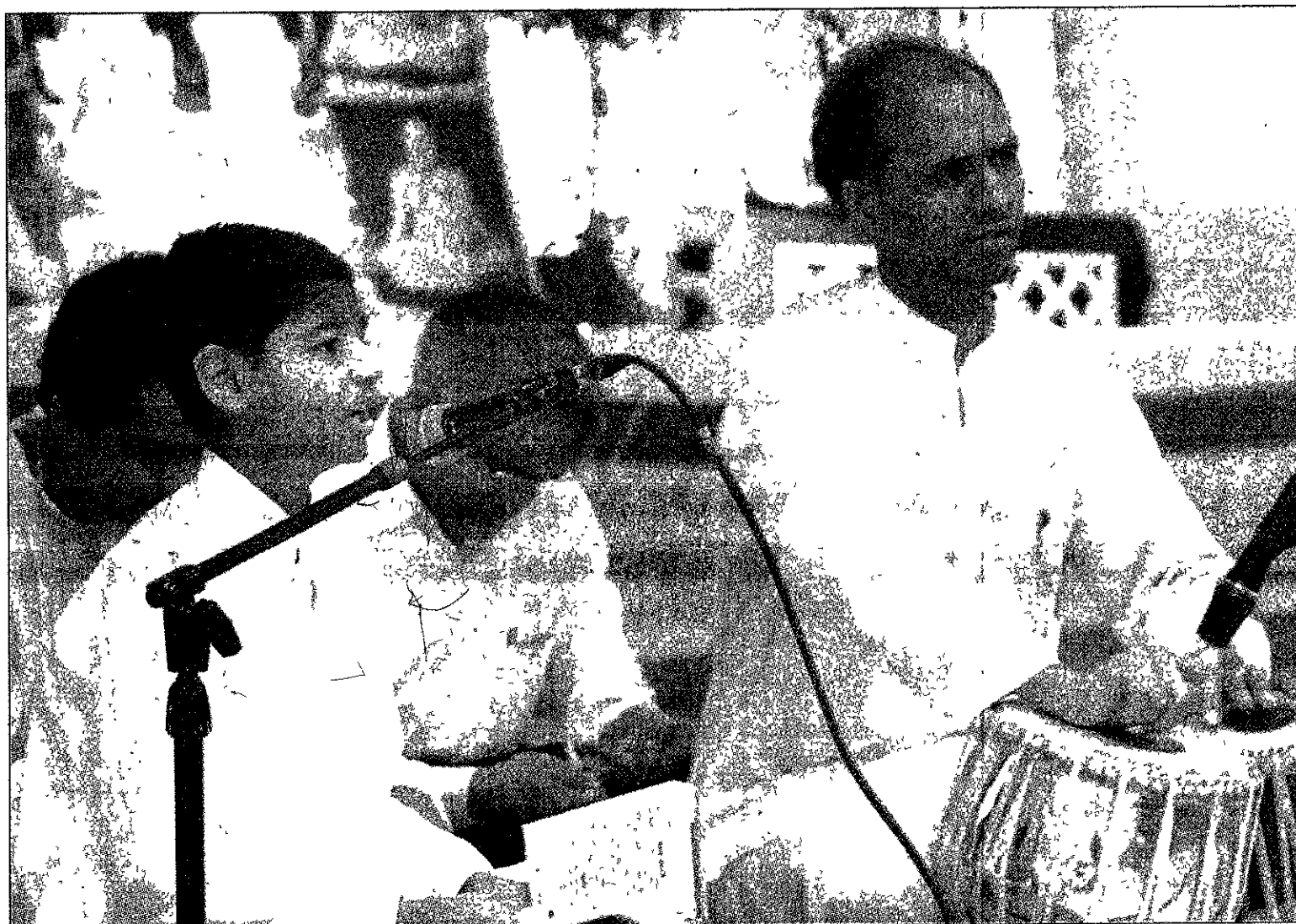
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The Kmart distribution center located on Joy Road in Canton Township has been put on the short list of facilities that may be closed by the retailer.

IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS



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During Temple Swaminarayan's service for tsunami victims on Sunday, priest Pradip Patel (right) and his son Kirtan Patel, lead the temple in chanting the Kirtan, or God's Prayers, to give all souls a place in Heaven.



Mani Patel prays during the service for tsunami victims at the Swaminarayan Temple on Sunday.

Temple helps tsunami victims with prayers, donations

BY RUSS HAMMOND
CORRESPONDENT

In an effort to raise both money and awareness for victims of the earthquake and tsunamis that struck Southeast Asia in late December, the Swaminarayan Temple in Canton held an open house and prayer service on Sunday. The message was "be in the service of others."

Nearly 70 people attended to hear prayers, music and the progress of the relief effort. A message from the temple's spiritual leader, Pramukh Swami Maharaj, was also read. The message stressed working together to help the victims. There

was a special prayer for the 150,000 people who died in the catastrophe.

According to Ketan Patel, public relations coordinator for the temple, the response from the members has been overwhelming. Patel said that his "seva," or spiritual task, was to spread the word. To let people know, especially those at the Canton Center Road temple, how to help the victims.

"My initial reaction to the disaster was that the magnitude was incomprehensible," Patel said. "Then I wanted to know how we could help."

He added "this is an opportunity to help and we're lucky that we have a network."

The network that Patel is referring to is BAPS Care, a socio-spiritual Hindu organization. According to Patel, BAPS has hundreds of centers all over the world, which makes the coordination of relief efforts much easier. They're also recognized by the United Nations as one of several relief organizations to which money and supplies can be donated. Patel said that on the day of the disaster, BAPS set up kitchens and was feeding thousands of people in India. They have more than 40 centers in India, which allowed them to provide help immediately.

Leaders at the temple,

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Canton churches to gather for Christian unity

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Organizers of the upcoming Canton Ecumenical Prayer Service are hoping local churchgoers can forget their differences for a couple hours, and come together to celebrate unity among all Christian people. The service is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday at the Resurrection Parish.

According to Mike Horca, communications coordinator for St. John Neumann Parish, one of the churches that helped organize the event, this is the first time in several years that the ecumenical service is being held in Canton. He said invitations have been sent out to 22 different churches in the community, and members of each are welcome to attend the service.

"This is a show of Christian unity. We're coming together and celebrating the fact we share a common faith. We also want to recognize unity in our community," Horca said. "Several years ago, when we last held this service, there were 500 in attendance."

Organizers are hoping for a similar turnout this year.

"I'm hoping we can pack the church, which holds 400," said the Rev. Richard Perfetto, pastor at Resurrection Parish.

Perfetto said he will speak briefly at the service and provide introductions. However, he said the main sermon will be given by the Rev. Bill Moore, of Trinity Presbyterian of Plymouth.

According to Perfetto, there has been a concerted

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Calling all former Academic All-Stars

Since 1985, the Observer & Eccentric has honored outstanding students through its Academic All-Star program.

This year marks the *Observer's* 20th year of honoring local students and we'd like to hear from our former Academic All-Stars.

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Special annual sections about the Academic All-Stars have saluted the intelligence, involvement and industry of the best and brightest students in public and private high schools around Oakland and Wayne counties.

This year, we're planning a special edition in honor of the program's 20th anniversary.

If you're a former All-Star or a parent who can provide information and photos about your former All-Star, e-mail Special Editor Mary Klemic at mklemic@oe.hometownlife.com or mail to Observer & Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009 Attn: Mary Klemic. Be sure to include a phone number where you can be reached. You can e-mail photos in a jpeg format (please send largest size possible) and make sure photos are identified. The special section will be published in May 2005.

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Workshop to focus on local frog and toad populations

Canton residents can learn how to help monitor the health of the Rouge River by participating in a Frog and Toad Survey training session on March 9 at Summit on the Park.

Organized by Friends of the Rouge, the session will be held in the Walnut Room from 7-9 p.m. and will focus on listening skills.

Being able to identify frogs and toads in their neighborhoods gives residents a proactive role in helping monitor the river's health.

Refreshments will be served at the event.

Frogs and toads spend parts of their lives in both wetland and dry land areas and are very susceptible to human-caused changes in the environment. Knowing where they are found helps to identify remaining

areas of high-quality habitat. Friends of the Rouge track changes in land use and water quality by completing this survey every year. This information is also valuable to local communities making future development and water quality improvement plans.

Volunteering for the Frog and Toad Survey requires a small time investment beyond the two-hour training session. Volunteers will spend about five minutes at their site(s) each time they visit during the spring and early summer. It may take three to eight visits per site, or a total of 15-40 minutes, spread out over two to four months to gather data.

Pre-registration is required and can be done by calling the Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9621 or e-mail picoordinator@therouge.org.

Township offices closed

Canton's administrative offices and public works will be closed on Monday, Jan. 17 for a staff development day. All other government facilities and operations will be open for regularly scheduled hours.

For more information, call (734) 394-6100.

Bank manager named

National City Bank has appointed Susan Orchard branch manager of its Michigan-Sheldon office, located at 44520 Michigan Ave. Orchard



Orchard

previously was branch manager of a Taylor branch. This will be the fourth branch she has managed for National City.

In addition, the National City also named Orchard, who has 25 years of banking experience, as women business owner advocate for Canton.

The bank has an agreement with Davenport University to help women start up small businesses, or to help them improve current business ventures.

The program focuses on issues including managing cash flow, reducing operating costs and creating business plans.

Orchard, who has ties to the area, said the program isn't about creating business for the bank, but helping women excel in the business world.

"Half of all new small businesses in our community are women owned. This segment of the market is a priority for

our bank, and we want to send a clear message to women entrepreneurs that we are committed to meeting all their business needs," Orchard said.

For more information about the program, contact Orchard at (734) 397-1150.

Shirelles to perform

One of the first female supergroups, The Shirelles, will perform at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Friday, Jan. 14, at 8 p.m. The group, which has been together for more than 40 years, is known for such hits as "Soldier Boy," "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow," "Dedicated to the One I Love," and "Mama Said." They are members of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Tickets for the show are \$30, and can be purchased at the Summit on the Park (46000 Summit Parkway) and the Village Theater ticket office.

For more information about the theater and to view the complete schedule of upcoming events, visit www.canton-mi.org/CPAEC/about.asp

Day care open house

The Children's Hour day care center will be holding an international pot-luck dinner and open house on Jan. 14, from 6-8 p.m.

The event is part of the center's monthly family nights, which encourage parent involvement in their children's school life.

Each month, they have a different theme, and the upcoming theme will focus on the importance of families and the differences among them.

Organizers encourage people

to bring in a favorite family dish to pass around and share recipes. Those attending the event are also encouraged to come prepared to share a special story about their family or country of origin. Anyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact owner Jill Scott at (734) 459-9920.

Gifted program

Van Buren Public Schools is accepting referrals for possible placement in its Gifted Program for the 2005-06 school year. Eligible students must be in grades K-7.

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For more information call Barbara Woody at (734) 697-6370.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street.

The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further info.

Super camp set

The 16th annual Super Summer for Kids: A Camp & Activities Fair offering one-stop shopping for interesting and stimulating camps is set for Sunday, Feb. 27, in the Birmingham Public Schools Corporate Training and Conference Center, 31301 Evergreen, Beverly Hills (behind Groves High School).

More than 70 U.S. and Canadian Camps, both day and overnight, will be showcased at the event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Many new camps will attend this year, according to Elaine Sturman, camp fair organizer.

In addition, new programs for older children that include overnight travel programs, computer camps, sports camps, and programs that have a community service component will be represented. Admission is free.

In addition, high school and college students interested in summer employment will also have the opportunity to obtain valuable information.

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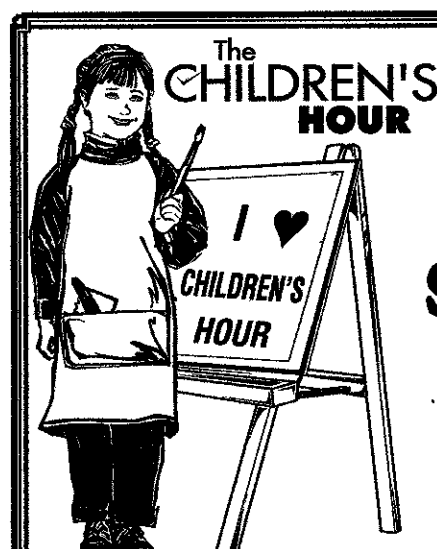
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New condos to enhance image of Cherry Hill Village

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

The Planning Commission approved two rezoning requests Monday night and OK'd the final site plan for Cherrywood Parc Condominiums in Cherry Hill Village.

Community Planner Jeff Goulet said the Cherrywood Parc project will be built on the north side of Cherry Hill Road east of the Village Theater.

"The site ties into the Uptown apartments via Roosevelt Street and completes the link to Cherry Hill Road," he told the commission.

The two front buildings will

be walk up units directly on Cherry Hill.

"They will create a dramatic streetscape," he said, "enhancing and filling in the street frontage between the theater and the IHA medical facility."

The project will consist of six buildings, comprising of 46 unit townhouse condominiums. Stamped concrete sidewalks along Roosevelt will be used to emphasize the pedestrian areas and the streetscape elements along Cherry Hill Road.

The final streetscape specifications are presently being reviewed by Wayne County.

At a previous meeting the commission suggested several

design changes to the original plan.

"The project looks good," Commissioner Katharine Bovitz said at this week's meeting.

"I appreciate the changes from last time."

Commissioners also approved a request to rezone 17 acres south of Ford between Ridge and Napier from rural agricultural to R-2 single family residential. The land is presently used as a tree farm.

The request was made by Robert Kime of RDK Homes.

They also approved a request from developer Richard Lewiston to rezone a 33 acre site from rural residential and

R-1 single family residential to R-2.

The site is located on the west side of Denton Road between Geddes and Proctor.

The commission tabled a request from the owner of the Clark Gas Station at Ford and Sheldon roads for a site plan approval. The proposal was to tear the existing payment building and renovate the pump island canopy.

Commissioners were troubled by some of the design elements of the proposal and sent the project back to the drawing board.

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Orchestra Canton ready to build own identity with performance

BY KURT KUBAN
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Orchestra Canton conductor Nan Washburn is really looking forward to this Saturday, when the group wraps up its season with a performance of The Mozart Effect at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

This will be the third show Orchestra Canton has performed since the theater opened earlier this year.

However, she said the two earlier performances kind of got mixed in with other shows surrounding the theater's grand opening. She believes Saturday's show will help the orchestra make a name for itself in the Canton community, and step from out of the shadow of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, which is the group's parent organization.

"We're trying to make this a real event for the community," she said.

Washburn says The Mozart Effect is a "middle of the road concert," and should appeal to a broad audience, because Mozart's music is well known. The orchestra will be playing music from Mozart's "The Magic Flute" and "Symphony No. 40."

The show also features actors Karin White and Thomas Petiet, of the Comic Opera Guild of Ann Arbor, who will be performing with the orchestra. They will be in costume, and add a comedic touch to the show.

In all, there will be 32 players for the show, all professional musicians, who Washburn says are looking as forward to the show as she is.

"A lot of our musicians are excited about this show

because it is lighter on the feet



Petiet



White

and more agile. It's a fun, fun experience to conduct it as well," she said.

Don Soenen, the president of Plymouth Symphony League, which raises funds for both the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Canton, will hold a pre-concert reception at 6 p.m. He

will discuss future plans of the Orchestra. His goal is to have 5 shows next season, and do as many as 10 in the near future, as the community becomes more aware of the group and fund-raising increases.

"This is a very professional, high-quality orchestra that the community will be proud of once they get a chance to see a performance. There is a tremendous amount of activity in support of the arts and recreation in this community," Soenen said.

Washburn agreed.

"This is a high-quality orchestra. And it is Canton's. I think there will be lots of eyes opened on Saturday," Washburn said.

Tickets for the Jan. 15 show are \$18 for adults, and \$16 for children. They can be purchased by calling (734) 394-5460, or by going to the Summit on the Park or the Village Theater box office. For more information, call (734) 451-2112. The performance begins at 8 p.m.

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Board OKs industrial facility for Beck Road

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Canton trustees on Tuesday agreed to establish an industrial district for a 4.3 acre site on the west side of Beck Road south of Michigan Avenue.

The request was made by George Merchant, manager of Merchants Automatic Products Inc., which produces special machined products made to customer specifications.

The company, which is presently located on Sheldon Road south of Michigan, has been in business in Canton since 1971.

In making his request for the district, Merchant gave board members a brief history of the company.

"The company was established in 1952 by my grandfather," he said. "He operated it in Plymouth from 1952 until 1971. He was predominately an automotive supplier."

In 1971 Merchants grandfather decided to sell the company.

"My father purchased some of the equipment and started a business in Canton," he said.

The initial Canton company was in a 2,000-square-foot facility on Sheldon Road.

"Two years later," he said, "we built our first building - 4,400 square feet on Sheldon Road. We later increased the size to 8,800 square feet."

He said the company experienced steady growth until 2001 when the economy declined.

"We had 52 people employed," he said. "With the decline in the economy we had to reduce our work force to 30 people, which was a very difficult thing to do."

He said they have been able to make a comeback and have developed a diversified customer base. He said the decision to relocate to a larger facility was made because the present one is pretty much outdated and customers are asking for products that they don't have the equipment for.

"We decided we want to stay in Canton for a number of

reasons," Merchant said.

"There's the infrastructure of roads, proximity to freeways and the schools. A lot of our employees live in Canton."

The company recently purchased the Beck Road site and is seeking approval for a 30,000-square-foot building there.

Trustee Karl Zarbo said he was impressed by Merchant's presentation.

"The way you tell it, it's a great story," he said.

With the establishment of the industrial district, the company can come back to the board at a later date and apply for a tax abatement.

In other business the board:

■ Approved a site plan for the Haggerty Medical Office Building, which would be built west of Haggerty and south of Ford in the complex that houses Lifetime Fitness, Carrabba's and Extended Stay America.

Project architect Mike Boggio said they are proposing a high end building with a cast stone base and brick on all sides.

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin, who also sits on the Planning Commission, called the building "a very nice project."


"We were all excited about this on the Planning Commission," she said.

■ Approved a special land use request from Material Sciences Corporation, which proposes to locate a research and development facility in the Koppnick Commerce Park. The company is a provider of material-based solutions for electronic, acoustical/thermal and coated metal applications.

■ Approved a request to amend the future land use map for two parcels incorporating 4.5 acres on the east side of Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill from medium low density residential to local shopping with office use recommended.

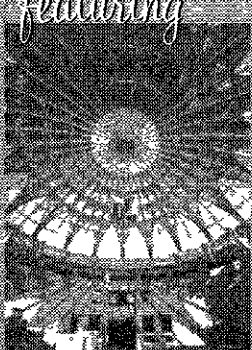
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Mike Thoresen of Exhibit Works, at the Ford display which is designed to have an open, spacious feeling.

Local company sets stage to showcase latest auto designs

BY SAM TRICOMO
STAFF WRITER

Within several thousand square feet Mike Thoresen creates an entire world.

Thoresen is vice president of Exhibit Works a Livonia-based company that creates the dramatic and often glitzy staging areas at shows where automakers showcase their latest designs and attempt to woo buyers.

Fresh from setting up displays at the Los Angeles Auto Show, Thoresen and his crews were busy putting together displays for the entire Ford line up, Hyundai, Porsche, Kia and Saleen at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit earlier this week.

"We have to create something that reflects the personality of the vehicle and projects the ideas of the company overall," Thoresen said.

That means attention to detail and that's where Exhibit Works' 350 skilled trades people, designers and consultants get to work.

One of the company's newest customers, Hyundai Motors, charged Exhibit Works with helping to set the stage for the introduction of its redesigned Sonata.

To do that, Exhibit Works created a 134-foot by 24-foot translucent wall with multi-color light displays, a 192-square-foot LED screen featuring commercials and past auto show footage and an electronic center where show goers can access vehicle information.

Contractual agreements with his clients prevent Thoresen from discussing the strategies behind the various exhibits.

"I can tell you that in all cases, it's very important to make sure that visitors know immediately that they are leaving one company's display and entering another," he said.

His company also had a hand in creating the massive display area for the Ford family of vehicles including Lincoln-Mercury and Mazda.

As Ford also owns Range Rover, Volvo, Jaguar and Aston Martin, the exhibit area containing the Blue Oval's holdings is vast.

Cobo is an open exhibit space but Exhibit Works used different lighting as one way to differentiate the various brands.

Music and flooring materials are other obvious boundary creators.

Near the Macomb entrance to the show is a good example of corporate boundaries. To the left visitors will see the Honda exhibit where the company is showing off its first ever pickup, the Ridgeline.

Known for high quality and for grabbing market share from domestic automakers in the

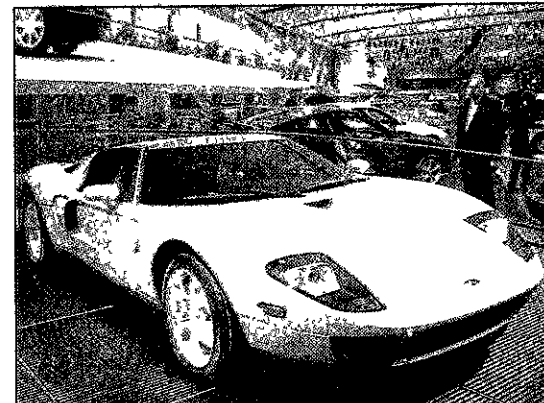


Exhibit Works display for Ford Motor shows off everything from the Ford Focus to their Ford GT supercar.

small and medium sized markets, Honda is attacking the truck market with a sort of cross over vehicle complete with unique bed storage options and comfortable appointments inside.

Directly to the right though is a reminder that Ford doesn't plan to let go of its king of the truck market hill position easily as the company's F-250 Harley Davidson Edition sits bathed in bright light.

The contrast between the two trucks is obvious and also highlighted by the music playing near each. Honda opted for a near New Age sound and Ford further enhanced the bad boy image of the F-series truck with pounding rock.

Across from the truck area is more evidence of the company's success as the '05, retro inspired Mustang sits in all its various trim packages.

A flat panoramic screen television monitor stretching 150 feet is hoisted high above the pony cars and viewers can see the new street machines racing around mountain roads.

NAIAS chairman Bill Cook said companies like Exhibit Works, together with manufacturers, have worked hard to recreate the show.

"It's very evident that this year's show is already proving to be our best. The exhibit companies and manufacturers really stepped up and helped us to create a very open feel to the show," Cook said.

Improved lighting in Cobo Hall is one improvement that was ready and waiting for the show but Cook said improving sight lines and traffic flow were among the major charges for this year's show.

"One thing that people will really notice as a new standard this year is the use of very large, high quality video screens as a way of conveying a company's message," Cook said.

Early positive responses from foreign media tell Cook the '05 show will be one to beat.

The North American International Auto Show runs Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 15-23 at the Cobo Conference Center, One Washington Blvd., Detroit. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday-Saturday, Jan. 15-22; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. Admission \$12 adult, \$6 seniors 65 and older, children 12 and under free with parent, at door. To order tickets online, or more information, visit www.naias.com

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Kmart

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"You feel sorry for anybody who loses their job or is put in the position of having to move," he said. "It's amazing how over a short period of time organizations that have been around for years just suddenly disappear." He pointed to Kmart, as well as Frank's Nursery and Crafts on Ford Road, which has declared bankruptcy and is going out of business.

"I haven't looked at the assessed valuation (of the distribution center site)," he said. "The real estate value doesn't change. From the personal property standpoint, there may be some tens of thousands of dollars of personal property."

That shouldn't have much of an impact on Canton's revenue, since only the general fund revenue collects money on personal property taxes.

Yack said there was some speculation that the relationship between Kmart and the UAW, which represents workers at the distribution center, was not too cordial.

That was confirmed by a plant worker, who didn't want to be identified.

"We have something like 400 grievances against the company," he said. "They won't even address them."

The workers organized with the UAW in 2000. They agreed to a new three-year contract in 2002. That contract expires later this year.

"We are the smallest distribution center in the network," the worker said. "We are in the top five in service quality, but we're the highest paid and we have the oldest workforce. There are guys who have been here for 20 to 25 years."

Paul Krell, a spokesman for the UAW, said the union has been talking with Kmart officials.

"The UAW has been engaged in discussions with Kmart about the Canton center," he said, "and we're working very hard to keep those jobs there."

Kmart has 15 distribution centers nationwide. The Canton center is the only one in Michigan.

Since the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy it has closed about 600 stores and eliminated about 57,000 jobs.

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DEATHS

B

James Wellington Bushway III, 58, of Westland, died Dec. 25.

C

Marie L. Crockett, of Westland, died Jan. 9.

G

Arthur John Giese Jr., 82, died Jan. 9.

H

Thomas E. Herman and Mary Louise Herman, died Jan. 9.

J

Nina A. Johnston, 87, of Rochester Hills, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Jan. 8.

L

Wanda Jewelene "Julie" Lahr, 73, died Jan. 8.
Evan J. "Jake" Leonard, of Clarkston, died Jan. 7.

N

Mary Nelson, 87, died Jan. 9.

P

Ahti Ellis Petaja, 90, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 24.

S

Geneva Juanita Shira, of Clarkston, 93, formerly of Muskegon, died Jan. 8.

T

Melvin Charles St. Pierre, of Garden City, died Jan. 5.

W

Mike Waldecker, 74, formerly of Plymouth, died Jan. 10.

Y

Ogans Donna York, of Clarkston, died Jan. 7.

POLICE

Thefts from cars

Police are investigating two reports of thefts from cars at the

parking lot of Calvary Baptist Church on Joy Road on Sunday, Jan. 9.

In one incident, a Canton resident said he parked in the lot and went into the church for about three hours. When he came out a camera bag with a camera was missing from the front seat of the vehicle. He said the door may have been unlocked.

In another case, a vehicle parked next to this one was also parked in the lot for about three hours.

When that resident came out, the left rear side window of the van was smashed out. The thief took \$30 in cash and two credit cards from a purse. When the resident checked with the credit card company, one card had already been used three times.

Police have no suspects.

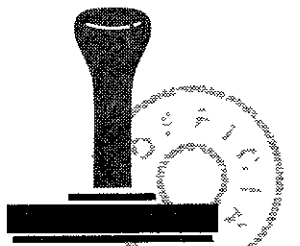
Theft or not?

An employee of the Fairfield Inn on North Haggerty called police on Jan. 8 to report that a man and a woman had taken a chair and a table from the north side of the building. He said they were driving a black SUV and he got the license plate number. Police called the registered owner of the vehicle who gave them the name of the person who was supposed to be driving it. Police got in touch with the man who was in the vehicle. He said he and the woman looked at the furniture but didn't take anything.

The hotel employee said he could not be 100 percent sure that the couple actually took anything.

Radio taken

A resident of the 400 block of Virginia Court told police she parked her car in the parking lot of



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her residence on Jan. 7. When she returned to the car about 9 a.m. on Jan. 9 the front passenger window was smashed and her satellite radio was missing.

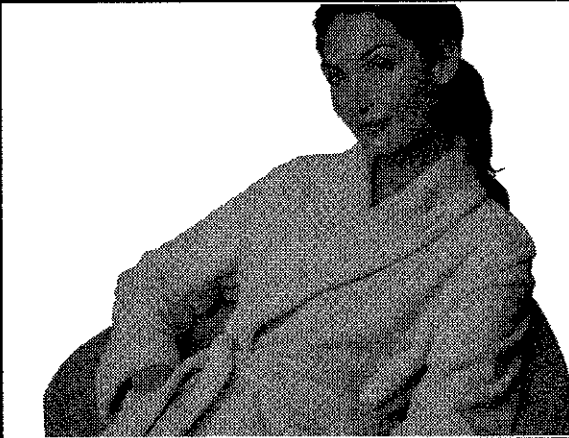
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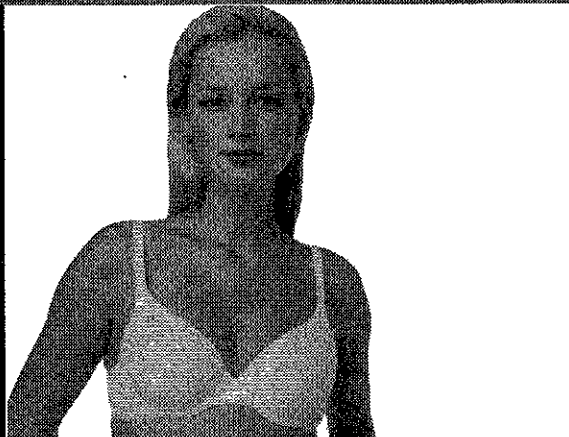


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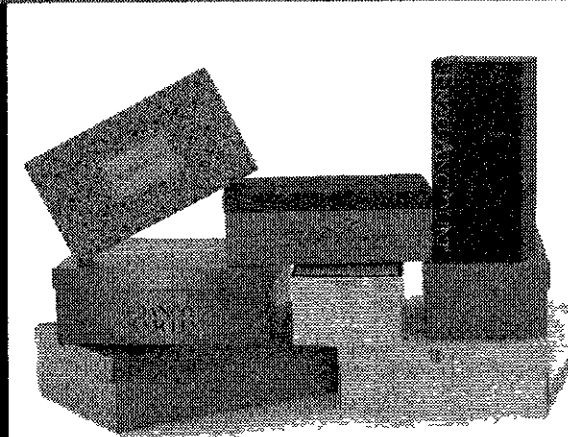


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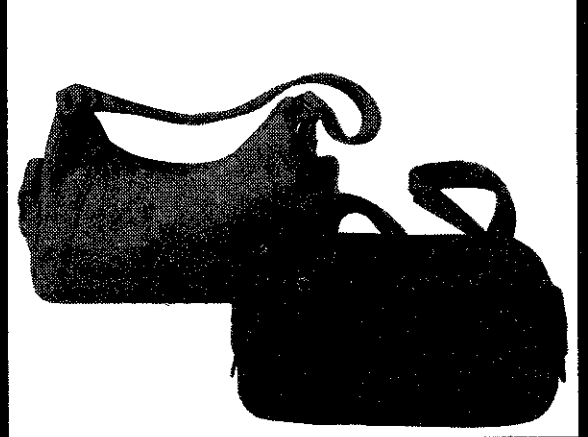
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Foundation program gets students back on track

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Eleven-year-old Eugene Merlino looked at the vocabulary words in front of him. "Scramble ... to jumble, to mix," he said aloud to his coach from the Wilcox Learning Program. "I had scrambled eggs for breakfast."

Merlino, a sixth-grader at West Middle School, did the same for other words - complicated, swindle and groggy.

Merlino then spent some time reading aloud, discussing what he just learned.

"Italy is the world's biggest wine producer," said Merlino, after reading several paragraphs from the book, *First Atlas*. "There's a place called the Vatican ... and they make Ferraris."

Merlino is one of about a dozen students who spend two hours a week at Salem High School with a coach, one-on-one, to improve reading and writing skills. It's a volunteer program funded by the Jack Wilcox Foundation.

"Our motto is 'Turning potential into production,'" said James Piazza, who oversees the

program. Students are referred to the Wilcox Learning Program by school counselors.

"These students are at least a year behind, but with help they can get back to grade level," said Piazza. "The first hour of the session we focus on reading, the second hour on writing. Those two areas have impact on all your classes."

Merlino said in the first marking period at West he received "a lot of C's and B's." But, with the help of his coach, "my last progress report had all A's and B's."

Merlino's coach is Carol Powell, who taught elementary students in the Plymouth-Canton school district for 30 years.

"It's nice to be back in a

school atmosphere, and one-to-one," said Powell, who volunteers to help struggling students. "This is more individualized. I can see what he needs to work on, and then find the materials that are appropriate to what his needs are."

"I give him some homework, mainly using some of the reading strategies and vocabulary," she said. "He has to read at least 15 minutes a day, four days a week. I try to key it into the work he already has at West."

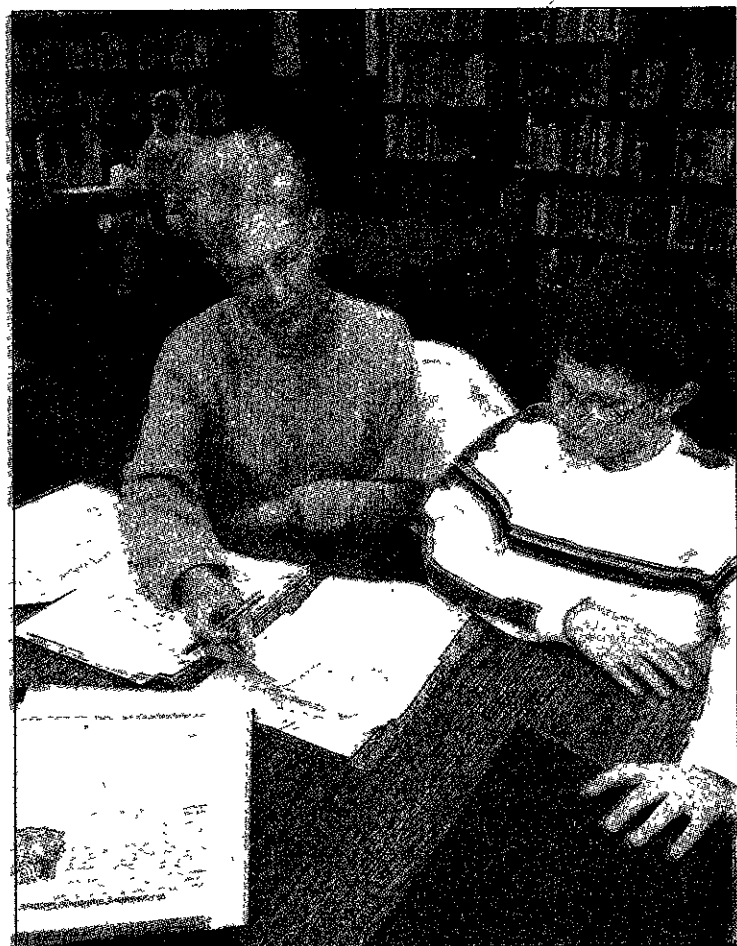
The program currently helps a dozen students, but the program has 29 referrals. Piazza said the bottleneck is getting enough coaches.

"All you have to have is a heart," said Piazza of the qualifications. "That you can see a kid with a little extra help can get over the hump, and you're willing to make the commitment to get them over the hump."

"For a child in today's society to get two hours of undivided, caring attention from an adult once a week, that's as powerful as any lesson plan," he said. "That's what triggers a kid to do well."

The coaches come from all backgrounds - retired teachers, an attorney, a retired nurse. Paolo Motta of Canton is a sales engineer. He's been with the program for about a year after taking the training course and following the lesson plans provided by the program.

"Teaching is something I've thought about doing," said



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West Middle School sixth-grader Eugene Merlino goes over some work with reading coach Carol Powell during a work session at the Plymouth Salem Library.

Motta. "It's just rewarding to be able to help someone, especially helping a child and being able to make a difference academically."

"It's just fun to spend time with them, after spending time with adults all day," he said. "You can sometimes take things a bit too seriously, and just being around them kind of makes you lighten up."

One of his former students is Nick Austin, a seventh-grader at West Middle School. "He's a bright kid," said Motta. "He just needed a little motivation and some organization. The structure of coming here every week and going over basic skills helped him out."

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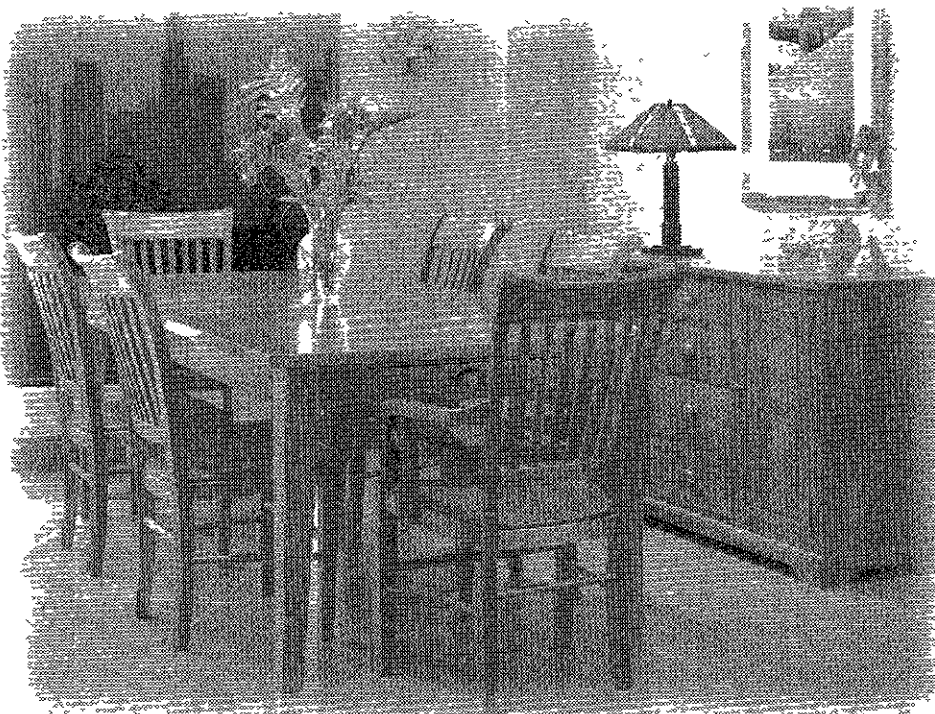
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Generosity shines in campaigns

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Each winter, during the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign, there are stories nationwide of some who anonymously drop gold coins with their change into the big red buckets.

An anonymous donor from Plymouth went one better.

The donor, whose name isn't being released by the Army, walked into the Plymouth Township corps and handed Major Kathy Hogg a check for \$40,000. The donation helped push the Red Kettle total to \$221,446.

"People here were buzzing about it," said Kelly Zmudczynski, the Army's Red Kettle campaign coordinator. "What an amazing, generous person to be able to do that for us. It certainly put a smile on everyone's face."

Zmudczynski said this year's Red Kettle goal was \$158,000, so even with the large donation the Army beat its objective.

"I think people showed compassion for the loss of money at Target," said Zmudczynski, referring to the giant retailer's decision not to allow bell ringers in front of their stores. "People were more aware, and were more generous because of it. It was a very successful campaign."

Zmudczynski said the mail-in campaign for the Plymouth Army raised \$27,178. Unlike previous years, unless a mail-in

donation is specifically earmarked to remain with the Plymouth corps, the funds are transferred to the Salvation Army's Eastern District.

This year, the Salvation Army helped 132 families in Plymouth, Canton and Northville during Christmas, with another 125 in Belleville. Zmudczynski said during the holidays, 316 children were assisted in Plymouth, Canton and Northville, with 308 assisted in Belleville.

Meanwhile, the Plymouth Community United Way surpassed its goal for the 22nd consecutive year, receiving pledges and donations topping \$1.25 million. The 2004-05 campaign — which reached throughout Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton and Northville — had a goal of \$1.2 million.

"In these economic times, I'm very pleased," said Howard Behr, PCUW chairman of the board. "We set a goal that was aggressive, and accomplished it."

"In these times, with all the pain that is being suffered by a lot of people in a lot of industries, it was very successful," he said. "In their hearts, they still give."

PCUW President Marie Morrow said in addition to the allocated dollars given to the 12 local agencies the United Way serves, the organization handed out \$152,000 in grants.

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including Patel, recommended that their members donate money to BAPS Care to help the victims of the devastation.

"Money is the best way to donate," Patel said. "With money, BAPS can purchase the necessary supplies overseas instead of buying it over here and then sending it over."

People managed to come up with money for the victims in all manners. Kunal Patel, a sixth-grader at Discovery Middle School, raised \$30 and donated it to the tsunami victims. He shoveled sidewalks and driveways in his neighborhood to raise the money.

"I helped a whole bunch of people who need food and clothing," Kunal Patel said. "I feel really bad for the people who were hit with the water."

The leaders at the temple pointed out that their donations buy more than just food and clothing. BAPS also pro-

vides fresh water, water purification systems, housing and cooking utensils. It's hard to cook meals if there are no pots or pans, they said.

As with many disasters, children have suffered the most, according to Mina Jaura, who is a member of the temple and the chair of the human relations commission in Canton.

"I feel bad for the little ones," Jaura said. "It's very sad." Jaura is coordinating relief efforts between her temple, the Hindu Temple on Cherry Hill and the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs mosque on Palmer Road.

For members of the Swaminarayan Temple, prayer is also an important part of the relief effort. Vasant Patel, an engineer for Ford Motor Co., said that the service was excellent and "the way it should be done."



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(From right) Urmila Trivedi, Rama Patel, and Ranjan Patel chant during the prayer service on Sunday.

Vasant Patel said that the tsunami was a "natural calamity for the entire world and that it's tough for the people who are suffering."

He said that he asked himself what he could do to help.

His answer was prayer.

"Always pray," he said, "Prayer is all you can do for the dead."

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effort to repair the schism between the Catholic and Protestant churches over the course of the last 40 years. This service will continue that trend, he said.

"We're hoping this service will help us understand each other a little better, and make us realize a broader vision," he said.

Perfetto is also hoping that this will be the first step in a

more concerted effort between the churches to work on joint efforts in the community, such as Habitat for Humanity projects.

"Hopefully from this we can increase joint endeavors and work together in the future," Perfetto said.

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All Americans have reason to honor King

Next week, an ever-increasing number of programs and activities will take place to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, many towns will celebrate with parades and other activities. The Canton Public Library will hold its annual evening of music and learning to celebrate King's contribution to this nation. The Plymouth-Canton school district will conduct a daylong workshop around the themes of tolerance, understanding and equal rights for all.

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

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

We all should remember that M.L. King Jr. Day is not a "black" holiday, nor a celebration of his life. It is a dedication to his cause, which should be the cause of all Americans: justice and equality for all. And that message is even more important as our nation struggles to comprehend the ongoing war in Iraq and lends a helping hand to victims of the recent tsunami.

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

New test is good for students and schools

For the last few years many suburban high school juniors turned up their noses at the MEAP. Even the enticement of a scholarship wouldn't convince them that taking the test had any relationship to their plans to go to college.

The result was that many schools didn't have the necessary 95 percent participation in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test to make adequate yearly progress under the No Child Left Behind legislation.

Beginning with the 2006-07 school year, the MEAP high school proficiency test will be replaced by the new Michigan Merit Exam, a college entrance-style test. The legislation was signed last week by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

The new test was one of the 19 recommendations of the Cherry Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth report released in December. The report calls for more rigorous standards for high school students based on skills needed in the college classroom and the workplace.

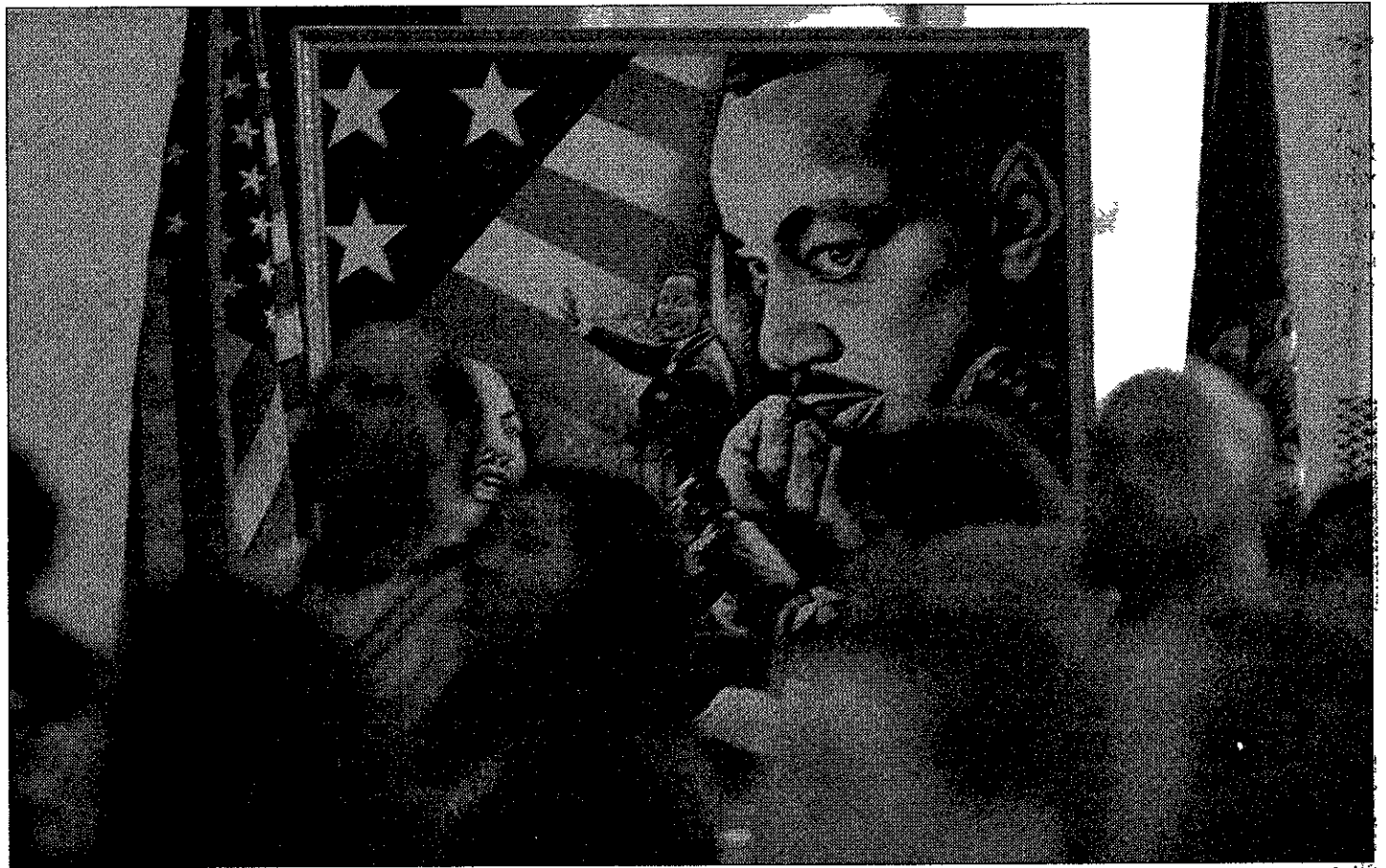
The Merit Exam will measure both the readiness of students to compete at the college level and whether the high school is meeting state curriculum standards.

Many high school juniors balked at taking a test that wasn't accepted for college entrance. Michigan colleges traditionally use the ACT in their evaluation of students; schools in other parts of the country use the SAT. The MEAP became just another test that didn't serve the needs of the students and their parents, but was needed by the state to evaluate the school.

Some have questioned whether the new test might be inappropriate for students who aren't planning to attend college. But the Cherry Commission and Granholm make a strong case that our changing economy demands higher standards and an expectation that most students will need post-secondary education.

"To create a strong economy and good jobs, we need to reach our goal of doubling the number of college graduates in Michigan," Granholm said on signing the legislation. "We know the more you learn, the more you earn, and this new exam will help high school students gain the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in college and the workplace. This new exam sends the message that we expect every student will continue their education beyond high school."

It also sends the message to local school districts that they need to elevate their curriculums to meet these standards.



Many communities throughout metro Detroit will hold ceremonies and celebrations Monday marking the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. We should all embrace the message of tolerance and equal opportunity that King delivered.

LETTERS

Get tougher on ID theft

I have just re-read the article by Mr. Kevin Brown, "A new law makes identity theft a felony" (Jan. 2). It's good to see that such a law is now in place. It is, though, a little late as well as being light in punishment. Whatever happened to the punishment fitting the crime? A person may take a year or more to correct the problem committed by someone else, not to mention the money that is involved. The criminal should serve equal time that it takes to correct their crime and the criminal should be forced to reimburse the victim's financial loss.

Until just punishment is given to criminals, the crime is going to continue. A slap on the wrist will do nothing to prevent future crimes by either the same person or other potential criminals, as we have already seen.

S. Vetter
Canton

while keeping human reproductive cloning illegal.

For me, this is not a political debate or a partisan issue — it is about a hopeful science that could potentially save me or a loved one in the Parkinson's community. I say "potentially" because we can't know if the science will provide cures for the more than one million Americans with Parkinson's disease — and the nearly 100 million Americans who could possibly benefit from this research — unless we explore the scientific possibilities available to us. Time is rapidly running out for those of us who want to transcend partisan politics. Therefore, it is my sincere hope that politicians of all political parties will, today fund this important research without arbitrary restrictions and allow us to see what the future holds.

Thomas Helton
Canton

concerns and to express our opinions, whatever they may be, to all of our elected officials to assist them in serving us. I encourage everyone to find time to contact your elected officials and to share your views. It can only help them make more informed decisions.

Judge Michael Gerou
35th District Court
Canton resident

Legal reform

Now is the time to reform the legal system. Do not say "justice system" as we have not had that for many decades. Now that the Democrats and Republicans have both endorsed limits on liability among other law reforms, we should act with haste.

The best speech I heard on this was from a lawyer speaking to our Rotary Club. He said he tried unlimited actual loss, with a pain and suffering limit of \$200,000, but was soundly defeated. The idea was defeated because 85 percent of our lawmakers are lawyers. The speech was by then-Gov. John Engler.

We have the wolf overseeing the sheep. The lawyers, (it's that 99 percent that give the 1 percent a bad name) have ruined our system with unconscionable greed. Every day we are inundated with false TV advertising. "Have you been hurt? Call Sam, our consultation is free. Wrong on both counts! One can only collect damages under certain circumstances where there is gross neglect or a deliberate act. Also, these attorneys do not work for free and add to the list of legal reform, to enforce "unfair and false advertising" to the legal profession in the strictest level.

I am writing my political representative to support the president's push for legal reform. Let us hope we can do this before the attorneys put too many more hospitals out of business.

Tom Goehner
Plymouth Township

Research needed

News coverage of the stem-cell issue has been overwhelming. With all the information out there thanks to the Internet and the 24-hour news cycle, it's a wonder how anyone could make sense out of what is exactly true and who represents which side of this apparent debate. There are a myriad of scientific terms to learn: Embryonic stem cell research, adult stem cell research, IVF, SCNT, blastocyst, pluripotent, just to note a few. And then there are the politicians: Some claim they want full funding for embryonic stem cell research, while some say the government has already provided it. Some even say they don't want it at all, that the progression of this science is immoral, unethical, perhaps even evil.

I am neither a scientist nor a politician. I am, however, a person with Parkinson's disease. My son is the one with the disease. I am also a Parkinson's disease advocate for the Parkinson's Action Network (PAN).

PAN supports funding for research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Department of Defense's Neurotoxin Exposure Treatment Research Program (NETRP), and the Department of Veterans Affairs Parkinson's Disease Research, Education and Clinical Centers (PADRECCs). PAN also supports full funding for both adult and embryonic stem cell research, although it's important that we continue to ban human cloning. Science should be about keeping our options open, not closing doors on possibilities, especially when there is the potential to provide life-saving treatments or even cures.

PAN doesn't believe politics should impose any unnecessary limits on federal research — stem cell or otherwise — that could provide therapies or even cures for the more than one million people diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. I hope that the current policy is changed in Washington and that the United States government will fund, without restriction, all forms of stem cell research,

Salvation Army thanks

We at the Plymouth Salvation Army would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all of the volunteers who generously gave of their time, talent and energy during this Christmas season.

From the bell ringers to those who dropped money in the kettles, from those who adopted a family to those who sent checks here to be used for assistance, we thank you. For those that helped pack and distribute food baskets, and also set up the toy shop, please know that a total of 257 families, including more than 600 children, had a merry Christmas because of your help.

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We hope that you all felt the joy that comes from helping others this holiday season.

Plymouth Salvation Army

Talk to officials

We just completed a national election with a record voter turnout. That was the first step in making our democracy work. We each voted for whom we believed were the best candidates after carefully weighing many factors.

Now we have an assortment of elected officials, some we probably voted for and some we didn't, who now work for us and are ready to go to work with many critical issues before them that affect all of us.

Regardless of who we voted for, a vote for a candidate rarely, if ever, signifies consensus with everything that person stands for or their party stands for. Each of us has different life experiences that have shaped our values.

It is now up to each of us to voice our

QUOTABLE

"This is an entirely new organization; the former association is defunct. We have a new name, new bylaws and new board members. We also have a system of checks and balances in place that will prevent what happened with the old league."

- Mike Gerou, 35th District Court Judge and interim president of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association (GCYBSA), on the GCYBSA's future, now that the Henry Hill scandal is in the past

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State's education system needs complete overhaul

The Chinese character for "crisis" is a compound of two other characters, one meaning "danger" and the other "opportunity." And this may be the most hopeful way to look at Michigan's looming financial crisis, which is the product of a chronic structural deficit in the state's budget combined with the persistent inability of the politicians we've sent to Lansing to really tackle the problem in a comprehensive way.

Case in point: our schools.

Eleven years ago, Proposal A, combined with the earlier Headlee Amendment to the state constitution, ended our public schools' longtime reliance on ever-increasing property values and the property taxes they generated. This has meant that school funding has become Lansing's responsibility. So it should come as no surprise that per-pupil state funding has been essentially flat for three straight years.

At the same time, schools have been forced to absorb cost increases. Some come from general price hikes owing to inflation; others, from double-digit increases in health insurance and pension costs. That all means when it comes to state funding, staying even really equals falling behind, as State Board of Education President Kathleen Straus has pointed out.

This problem isn't confined to chronically dysfunctional school systems like Detroit. It affects every district in the state, from Livonia to East Lansing, from Birmingham to Howell.

And, worse, the problem isn't going to be solved and couldn't be solved by more money alone. Imagine for a moment that the governor and the Legislature decided, in spite of the looming deficit, to increase per-pupil funding by \$300 for the next three years. Two-thirds of this — two-thirds! — would be consumed just to meet soaring health care and pension costs.

Plainly, this is a broken financial model and it simply isn't sustainable, even assuming we had lots of money to throw at the problem. Instead, we need to take a hard-eyed look at radical — the polite term here is "structural" — ways to reconstruct the entire system. To their credit, the State Board of Education and state Supt. Tom Watkins have decided to undertake exactly that kind of look. They intend to consult with the governor and Legislature, to invite public input and to turn the dialogue about our schools into an inquiry

into fundamental design and cost issues.

Here are some of the hard questions they — and we — need to ask:

■ Can we really justify having 750 public school districts and public charter schools along with 57 intermediate school districts in Michigan?

■ Can we really afford to have tiny vestigial districts like Clarenceville, wedged uneasily between Livonia and Farmington, with only 1,994 students but an entire load of overhead? I realize lots of local families would prefer to keep things the way they are, but does it make any sense at all to tolerate tiny school districts with a disproportionately top-heavy overhead structure?

■ Do we really need to pay hundreds of school superintendents around the state annual salaries that nearly all exceed \$100,000 a year?

■ Are we getting anything meaningful out of all these expensive intermediate school districts? They are institutions that might have had a recognizable purpose a decade or so ago, but today seem about as useful as an appendix. But could they now be empowered to manage all local school districts within their boundaries, which mostly follow county lines?

Think of the savings if all administrative functions — purchasing, information technology, food service, bus fleet management — were consolidated.

The last time anyone subjected our state schools to such a far-reaching scrutiny was 1968. The time is ripe for a new effort, and Watkins and the state board deserve big pats on the back for pushing into the uncharted waters of a radical review of the entire system.

As board President Straus pointed out, "The state and nation that gets its education system 'right' and provides its citizens with lifelong learning opportunities will be the state or nation that will rule economically. It behooves us all to make Michigan that state."

Amen. By the way, you can be part of this process, too. Just go to the Michigan Department of Education's Web site: <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>, navigate to the "What's New" section and click on "Structural Issues Surrounding School Funding in the 21st Century." You may just teach the bureaucrats something. In any event, it's a good way to roll up your sleeves and get involved in something that really matters as we start off this new year.

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



Phil Power

Longtime teacher leaves legacy as career woman who juggled it all

Elizabeth Donnelly was working as a teacher when, at around 30 years old, she got married and decided to have a family. Then, after having seven children, she decided to go back to the classroom.

Not unusual, you say? Maybe not today. But this all took place back in the 1940s and 1950s, when women simply didn't do that. According to Elizabeth Barker, that made her mother a woman ahead of her time.

"She got married at almost 30, which wasn't heard of back then," Barker said of her mother, a longtime Plymouth-Canton teacher who died Dec. 2. "Then she had seven kids. It wasn't the norm back then to have a big family and then go back into the classroom."

According to Barker, not following the norm was the norm for her mom in a life where Elizabeth Donnelly saw a lot of firsts. She was 3 when World War I started, she was but a toddler when the Titanic sank. She saw the first airplane land in her native Bay City. She learned how to drive while her father walked on the sidewalk, shouting directions to Donnelly behind the wheel.

She got her teaching certificate from Michigan State Normal College (you know it now as Eastern Michigan University) and came to Starkweather in 1932. When then-Supt. George Smith hired her in 1932, Barker said, he asked her "all kinds of questions you couldn't get away with now."

Donnelly then worked briefly for Trenton schools and, on Dec. 26, 1940, married Mac John Donnelly after what Mac called a "whirlwind" nine-year courtship. However, when she came back to work after the holiday, she found she no longer had a job.

"When she came back from Christmas break, they fired her," Barker said. "Isn't that a kick in the pants? Things have really changed for women."

That really didn't stop Donnelly, who charged into motherhood the same way she'd charged into the classroom — full steam ahead. Barker was the seventh child — the baby — born in 1952. Donnelly's itch to get back to teaching got stronger, and she scratched it by substitute teaching in 1953. She came back to work full time in Plymouth in 1954.

Though she taught primarily at Starkweather, Barker pointed out her mom's contemporaries read like a who's who of Plymouth-Canton education. She taught at the old high school with Gert Fiegel, and Mildred Field was her principal at Starkweather. Russell Isbister was the superintendent.



Elizabeth Donnelly was a longtime Plymouth-Canton teacher who managed to juggle a career and a family.

Recognize those names? (Hint: they all have schools named after them.)

Donnelly was a "life-long learner," according to her daughter. She got her master's degree in 1958, when Barker was 6. When she retired, she became active with the Community Literacy Council. Ironically, by that time Barker — herself now a teacher — was teaching at, of

all places, Starkweather.

Her mother's biggest strength? According to Barker, it was her positive attitude.

"She was fun, and she was always encouraging," Barker remembered. "I never heard her say anything detrimental about a student. I think the strongest thing I ever heard her say was, 'Your child could wear down a diamond.'"

She didn't limit her involvement to the classroom. Donnelly taught Spanish and creative writing at the women's prison, became the chair of the Department of Classroom Teachers for the state, was a charter member of Delta Kappa Gamma and was active in the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club.

She and Mac lost their eldest son, police officer Mac Jr., in the line of duty in 1976. Then Donnelly lost Mac in 1980. Through it all, she managed to remain active. At the tender age of 79, Donnelly even flew a plane.

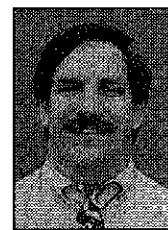
"The pilot let her do the takeoff, but she declined to do the landing," Barker said with a laugh, which she does often when talking about her mother. "She was always up for stuff. If she could move, she'd do it. She adopted the philosophy, 'Better to wear out than rust out.'"

Barker looks at her mother's career and sees her as a terrific role model, especially for young women. And she looks at the current elementary school buildings, many named for educators whose careers paralleled Donnelly's. And she sees a new elementary school scheduled to be built in Canton.

And she wonders how it would look: Donnelly Elementary School.

"What a nice role model she was," Barker said. "She was a career woman who had seven kids, continued to teach and managed to juggle all of it. Her big belief was, 'You can do everything. Don't limit yourself.'"

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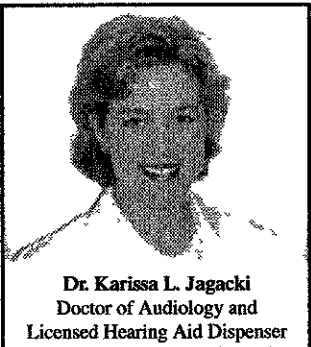


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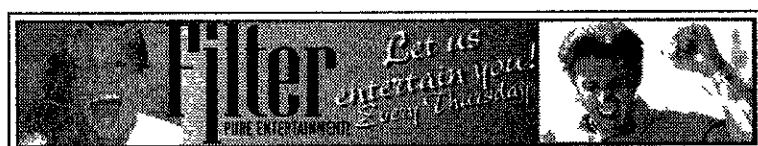
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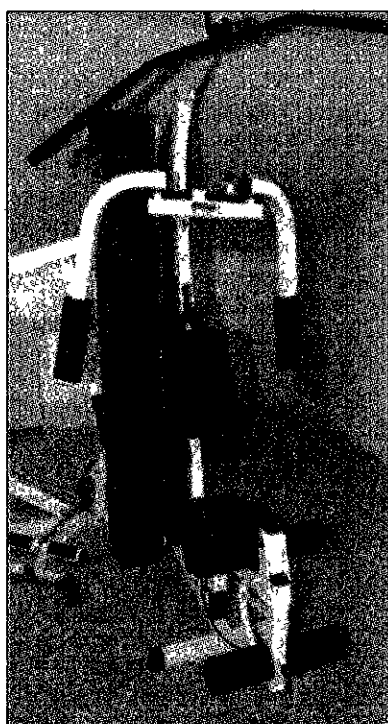
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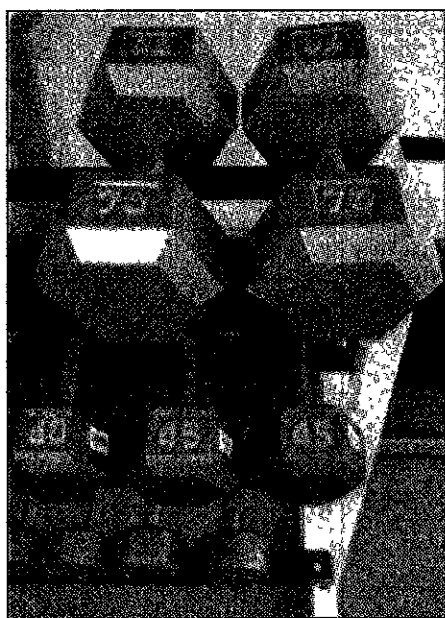
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BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

It's a room with a view — and a purpose.

It's the workout studio in the Farmington Hills home of Jack and Nancy Fuller.

On the second floor of an attached garage — taking up about half of the 1,000-square-foot space — the Fullers' home gym contains a variety of equipment and materials for exercising. Skylights and windows bring in the outdoors.

"I never have to worry about getting in the car and going if it's hard to do that (because of the weather). ... For me, I just walk up here," said Nancy Fuller, who works out five or six days a week in the space.

Jack Fuller exercises there, too. So do the Fullers' grown children, when they visit.

Nancy Fuller built the home gym over the last eight years. She started once she "finally got it" that she needed to exercise at least five times a week to stay fit and manage her weight, she said.

At first, Fuller used a NordicTrack machine that simulated cross country skiing, a treadmill and an Aerodyne stationary bike.

She exercised in a corner of the basement that was lit by one bulb and featured a motivational chart on the wall.

EXERCISE ENVIRONMENT

Fuller's dream of a "true workout studio" came true when the family moved to their current home.

The previous owner had used the attached garage as a hobby area. It was heated and air-conditioned.

Jack rebuilds British cars in the garage. He built a loft above it for the home gym.

PLEASE SEE OPTIONS, B3



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Austin Gubert's workouts with free weights are intense.

You don't have to break your back (or bank) for an exercise room



Lloyd Gubert works out on one of the machines.

When Lloyd Gubert created his home gym for himself and his family, he didn't remodel the basement, he only transformed it. He began a weightlifting regimen after he read books on the subject.

"I had read a number of interesting books that said muscle is the key to the fountain of youth and that you should keep the muscle tone up," said Gubert, a Canton resident.

Gubert started with a treadmill, then a multi-gym machine, then weightlifting benches. Today, a 20- by 20-foot workout room contains equipment used by the entire family, including Gubert, wife Tracy and sons, Austin, 16, and Ryan, 14.

There it is all set up and ready to go at any time: A stationary bike, abdominal crunch bench, "workout center" bench, an incline-to-flat bench, leg press/hack squat machine, self-spotting barbell machine, bars and free weights.

For exercise buffs, it is sometimes difficult to get on

PLEASE SEE GYM, B4

STORY BY KEN ABRAMCZYK | STAFF WRITER

Get fit and trim with a little help from your PDA

With the possible exception of performing brain surgery or carrying a handful of water, nothing is harder than losing weight.

Numbers represent a big part of the problem: the sheer act of calorie-counting can discourage even the most determined dieter. Enter BalanceLog (www.healthetech.com), a little-known but extremely effective program that runs on Palm OS handhelds. BalanceLog helps you determine a daily calorie cap relative to your weight-loss goal. It then logs your food intake and exercise for each day, giving you instant feedback on their caloric impact.



Tech Savvy

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If you're interested in nutritional information, BalanceLog has data on everything from carbs to cholesterol, sugar to saturated fat.

The program includes a database of more than 4,000 foods, including menus from a few dozen restaurant chains, and 300 exercises. You can easily add foods to the data-

base by entering the relevant information from the FDA-standard Nutrition Facts label.

A few taps is all it takes to record a food you've eaten or an exercise you've performed. As you record items, the software keeps a running tally of calories consumed (and burned), right alongside your daily allotment.

BalanceLog's reports include an at-a-glance daily nutrition chart, as well as graphs and summaries of your progress over time. Because it's so easy to use, and because your PDA probably stays close to you throughout the day, BalanceLog really can help you meet your goals.

I have firsthand proof. Her name is Shawna. She's the mother of my children.

As long as I've known her (and especially since the kids came along), she's been unhappy with her weight.

Like so many people, she's dieted on and off for years. Nothing really worked.

Then, after our son was born, she tried BalanceLog.

Long story short: She dropped 30 pounds in about six months and has kept it off for nearly two years. Suffice it to say, she looks fantastic.

Now, just so you don't mistake this for a BalanceLog infomercial, I've tried the pro-

gram as well — with somewhat less success.

My problem is that certain meals, especially those in restaurants, are just plain impossible to log accurately. Trying to estimate can prove daunting — and discouraging.

But if you're diligent, like Shawna was, you can work around this by sticking to known quantities — foods you know are in the database.

Hey, I didn't say using BalanceLog would make dieting easy. But it's definitely the best program of its kind, and I've tried most of them.

Healthetech sells it for \$29.95. For \$20 more, you

also get the robust Windows counterpart, which supports up to four users.

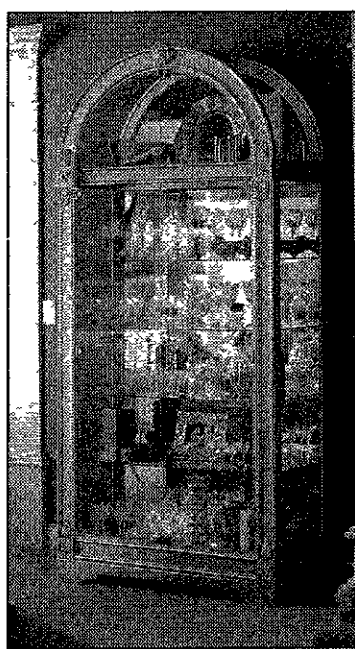
Alas, BalanceLog isn't available for Pocket PC handhelds. A close equivalent is FitnessPlus (www.smartcell.com), which costs \$19.95. If you're serious about sticking with this year's weight-loss resolution, your PDA could be the tool that, ahem, tips the scales.

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HOME CALENDAR

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Colors should work together in dining room

Danielle from Westland writes: "I want to paint my dining room a warm, rich color. The rest of my house is in a light taupe. I have cherry stained furniture in the dining room. Do you have any color suggestions?"



Terri Guastella

"I would consider a chair rail moulding, but I'm not sure if I should put the darker color on the top or the bottom. I also have a large mirror with a frame that I would like to faux finish for the dining room. Is this too much going on?"

Let's start with the paint color.

Choosing paint colors can be a daunting task for many people, but remember that this is very much like putting together an outfit to wear.

The colors need to work together, patterns should not compete or clash with one another, and elegant accessories and lighting become the "jewelry" in the room.

You mention that you have cherry stained furniture, but you did not mention any upholstery, or other textiles in the room. The answer to your question will be based on the understanding that the seats are not upholstered and there are no window treatments up at this time.

As you begin to establish a color palette for the public spaces in your home, you will want to limit your colors to three or four different color families. You've already mentioned that you have light taupe walls throughout most of your home.

Your cherry stained furniture is another color in the palette of your home.

Since cherry is usually an intense color with red tones, it needs to be considered in your overall palette.

Is your carpet color in another family of colors? We have established two colors already. If you have a piece of art picked out for the dining room, you can work off of that for selecting the wall color. You

can use a fabric for your wall color inspiration.

Maybe you will upholster the chairs or make some window treatments with patterned fabric.

Another option is to use an area rug under your dining room table, which works over hardwood floors or carpeting. The pattern in the rug will help establish the remaining colors in your palette and lead you to your wall color.

With the description of your dining room dilemma, you have many color options available to achieve that warm, rich wall color you want to see. If you prefer a neutral palette, use your taupe color from the rest of the house, but have it mixed two or three shades darker.

Navy looks beautiful with cherry tones and taupe, as do many shades of green. The reds are very popular right now, but because of the cherry stained furniture, you need to be careful when selecting a color.

If you have your hopes set on painting the dining room in the red family, consider all of the aspects of cherry stain before purchasing your paint.

Cherry staining can take on tones from orange-red to blue-red colors. Look objectively at your particular piece of furniture to see the exact tones of your stained furniture. The easiest way to do this is to get hold of a paint color fan deck from a paint store.

Try and match up the exact color of the wood, in a good light, to find out just where your furniture stain color falls on a color chart.

Use this color as a reference point for your wall color selection to avoid selecting one that clashes with your furniture.

You mentioned the possibility of hanging a mirror on the dining room wall and a direction for painting the mirror frame. There are a couple of ways to approach the frame color. If you opt to go with a bold color on the dining room walls, you may want the mirror to have some contrast from the walls.

For example, if you decide on navy blue walls, then the mirror would look very nice in the

taupe tones of the rest of the house.

If your dining room needs some sparkle, the mirror frame could be faux finished with a metallic look.

The finish could be shiny, as in polished brass, or more subdued with a rustic, mottled finish giving an aged metal look to the frame.

If you decide to go with the chair rail moulding, remember that your moulding would come up about one third of the height of the walls.

If your dining room is on the small side, you may want to put the darker color on the bottom, but be sure to bring that bolder color to the upper part of the walls with artwork, window treatments, etc., for a cohesive look in the room.

A more daring approach is to put the bolder color on the top of the moulding, but again, remember to pull the lower, lighter color up over the moulding to visually balance the room.

I like the idea of the darker color on the top, especially if you will be using the mirror in this room.

You could paint the mirror in the lighter color. Mirrors look quite stunning on bold colored walls.

Be selective in your accessories and avoid the temptation to put small things on every available wall space and horizontal surface. A clean, crisp decorating approach will help to highlight the beautiful colors you are working so hard to select. The cohesiveness of color and accessories will help you avoid that busy and overdone look.

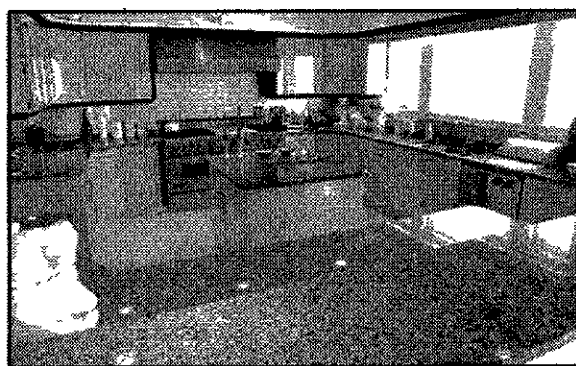
Congratulations on your willingness to venture into bolder colors.

Remember, this is only paint and once you've lived with bold, vivid colors, then plain old beige will not even be an option.

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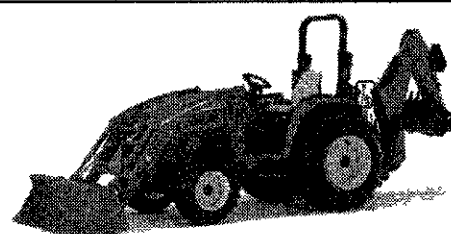
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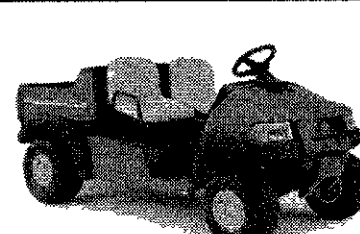


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Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Check the solenoid on humidifier

Let's all try to stay healthy this winter by following some old advice: Keep your feet warm, a scarf around your neck and mittens on your fingers. (You didn't think, did you, that I only give out information on home appliances.)

Harry called to tell me his Carrier humidifier on the furnace is not working. He placed a bowl under the drain hose which leads into the laundry sink, but no water entered it.

I asked him to check the solenoid valve which allows water to go through the pad. He said he wanted to check it by applying 110 volts directly to the solenoid, but I told him not to do that. (He would destroy the solenoid because it is a low voltage electrical component receiving current from the transformer within the furnace.)

I told him to disconnect the solenoid by removing the two water lines and the two screws that mount it, then take it to his furnace dealer who could check it out and sell him a new one if needed. The solenoid on a flow-through type furnace humidifier is a common part to fail on the unit, but it is very easy for any consumer to replace. This consumer tip can incorporate you into what I write in a future column.

It's winter time and you're stuck in the house with nothing to do. I have a suggestion: drop me a note, ask me a question about your appliances. Please write to this paper to the attention of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150. Stay tuned.

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Couples get home gyms in shape

BY MARY KLEMIC
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David Roth has been interested in weightlifting for a long time, says his wife, Linda.

"My husband was always into weightlifting. ... We went to see Arnold (Schwarzenegger) on *Kelly & Co.* before he was famous," she said.

"It has been a lifestyle of mine for more than 30 years," David said.

Both Tony and Sheri Rivera like to work out.

"We were always serious about working out," said Sheri, who recently became a certified trainer.

Each couple developed an area in their residence that's "shaped up" for exercising: a personal home gym.

For the Roths, it's a space measuring about 30 by 20 feet in the lower level of their West Bloomfield home.

For the Riveras, it's a space about 10 by 12 feet in their Rochester Hills residence.

Both couples enjoy their workout rooms, which are convenient and comfortable for them to use.

ROTH GYM

"It's great. ... It's convenient, you don't have to drive," said Linda Roth, who exercises on a treadmill and recumbent bike at home. "I like to exercise in the morning and my husband likes to exercise at night."

David Roth said he's a "night owl" when it comes to working out, so he likes being able to use the equipment at night or on weekends when commercial gyms are closed.

"I love the fact that I can work out at the hours that suit me," he said.

David incorporates powerlifting with Olympic lifting, using a platform and chalking his hands with the latter.

"I work out six days, sometimes seven days a week," he said.

The couple's grown sons also exercise at the home gym.

David Roth researched various equipment, and had it customized for his purposes.

More than \$20,000 was spent for the Roths' home gym, which also includes a power rack, a rowing machine, dumbbells and an 8-foot hot tub. The flooring is rubber to protect it from the weights and because of the hot tub.

"There's nothing that I can't do in my home gym that I couldn't do in Powerhouse (Gym)," David said.

Linda designed and decorated the room, which is dressed in Michigan State University colors and features a door labeled Roth Gym.

The floor is black with green specks, the walls cream-colored with green on top, the equipment green.

RIVERA GYM

The Riveras use their home gym at least five days a week, Sheri said.

"It is not too big, but it is perfect to get a total body workout," she said. "It's very convenient. You can go downstairs, work out, shower and you're done. (Going to a gym) you pack your bag, drive to the gym, do your workout, shower."

The Riveras started setting up the gym when they bought a treadmill several years ago. A couple of years ago when they bought a new True treadmill, it happened that the store was offering a deal that gave them a free bike.

A Maxicam full-body workout machine, an Essential bike, a bench, hand weights, free weights, an exercise ball and a fitness band were added. The most expensive piece cost around \$3,000.

A mirror is on one wall and a TV is in the room. Through an opening in the wall, Tony and Sheri can keep an eye on their young children playing in the adjoining room while the adults work out.

"The kids have been told it's not a play area," Sheri said of the home gym.

The treadmill faces the entrance to the workout area so users will know if the children are approaching.

"An advantage to the (public) gym is the motivation," Sheri said. "You have to be self-motivated for a home gym."

To help motivation, Sheri sets workout goals for a period of time, such as 12 weeks. She tracks these on a calendar that is on a wall.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Equipping a home gym depends on your level of dedication and how much you want to spend, David Roth said.

"All you need are the basics (for a home gym)," Sheri said.

These include a piece of cardio equipment, such as a treadmill, hand weights and free weights. (The weights should be "what they can handle ... starting at 5 pounds to around 25," Sheri said.)

"There are a lot of new exercises for the ball. ... You really need to be experienced at working out (before using the ball), you need to know balance."

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OPTIONS

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The fully carpeted loft area is like a living room. Besides sunlight, track lighting also illuminates the space.

One corner is a sitting area, with comfortable chairs and end and coffee tables. A TV is in another corner.

A friend who's a carpenter put in a storage area around the perimeter of the room. This storage space, hidden behind doors, is easily accessible.

Fuller found that a Horizon Fitness elliptical trainer was easier on her knees than the NordicTrack machine. The moving elements of the elliptical trainer allow the user to exercise arms, legs or both.

Another addition was a Parabody strength training machine with various stations. This is the most expensive item in the studio, costing around \$1,000.

Fuller wanted a diversity of exercise methods so working out wouldn't get boring.

This includes taekwondo (kickboxing), aerobic dance, pilates and what she calls "plain ol' fat busting" tapes; free weights; a mat; an ExerFlex fitness ball; and a machine called a thigh roller that Fuller ordered from TV. She had a rowing machine for a while.

"A lot of times you have to play around (to find) what works best for you," Fuller said.

Another advantage to a home gym is the individual atmosphere.

For Nancy Fuller, an exercise period is a quiet, private time.

"It's my way to focus on the day. ... I don't like distractions," she said. "Everybody's got their own thing. My

husband likes to listen to news (while he exercises)."

There's also the motivation that comes from the equipment "staring you in the face," Nancy said.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Anyone can make an area into a home gym, Fuller said.

"Go to a good, reputable exercise equipment store," she said. "Talk with somebody very knowledgeable."

"Talk to them about your goals — whether it's strength, endurance, health, weight loss. Let them know if you have any health concerns — bad knees, back. Go to more than one store."

Consult with your physician, Fuller said. And try out equipment in the store so representatives can tell you if you are using the equipment correctly.

Watch for sales on equipment. Fuller bought the ExerFlex ball from T.J. Maxx for around \$9; she has seen them in other stores for around \$20.

Fuller said she doesn't like to get a piece of equipment that has too many features. If a machine isn't working right, call the store.

"A lot of times the store will send people out to look at it," she said.

Fuller is enthusiastic about exercising. She has maintained a weight loss of more than 50 pounds.

"I think it's the number one stress reducer," Fuller said. "The more that I keep myself healthy through exercising, the more energy I have."

Feeling fit has her interested in other activities.

"I really like snowshoeing," she added.

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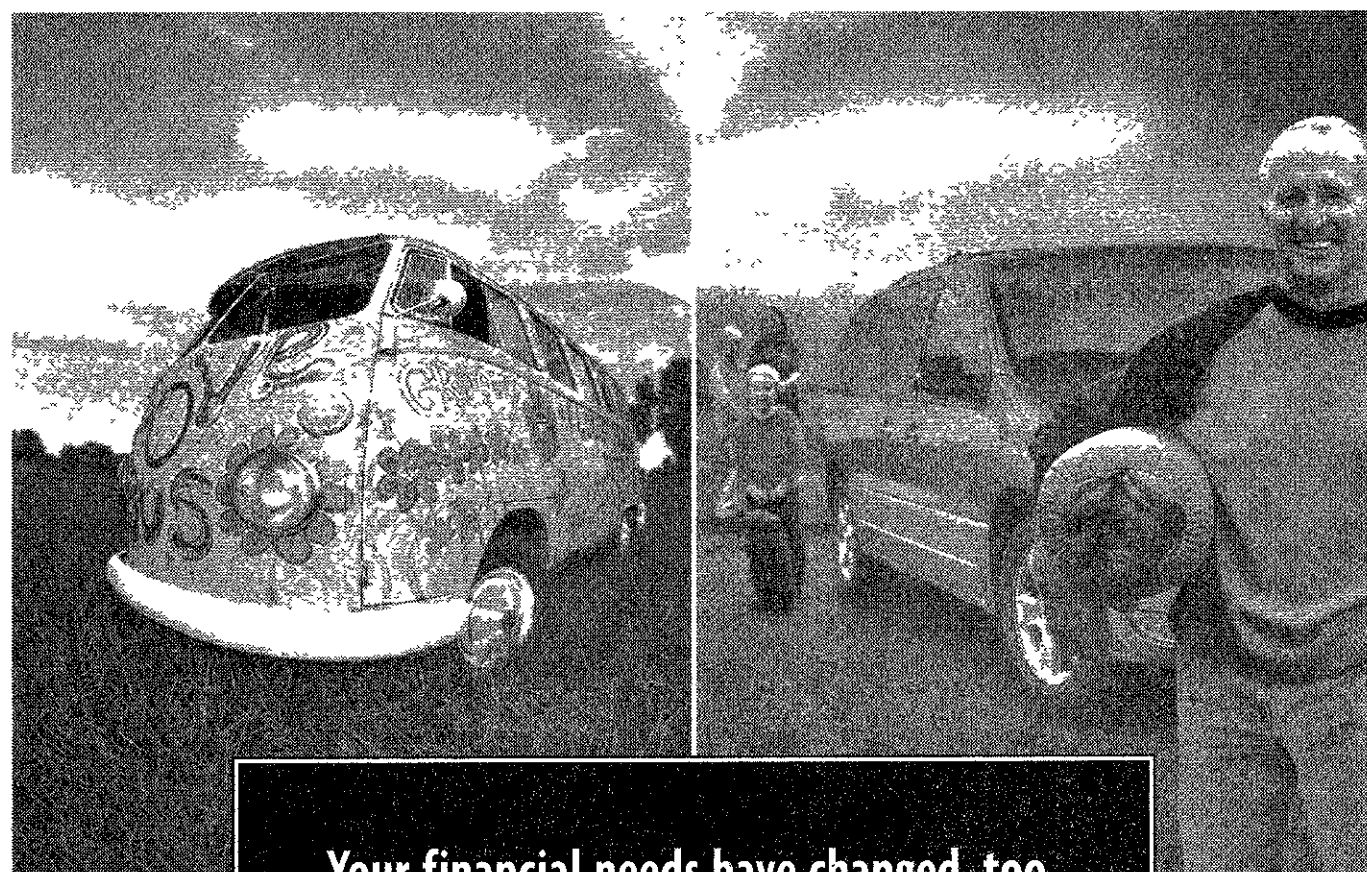
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Before buying equipment, check with doctor first

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

John Micallef believes anyone interested in creating a personal home gym should ask themselves a basic question. "What do you really need?" "I guess it all depends on what type of person they are, whether they want aerobics, building up muscles or weight loss," said Micallef, a Farmington Hills resident and certified personal trainer. But before buying the more expensive home gym equipment, gym buffs should check with their doctors. They should also start small, say Donna Rice and Denise Holmes, who are both Wellness Program managers at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement in Novi. Start with stability or exercise balls, small dumbbells in the 3- to 5-pound range and a small exercise mat. Their pilot program is aimed at weight loss and "getting people moving," Holmes said. "They can develop an inexpensive home gym." "Make it safe, make it fun." And if they complete that, they should again check with their doctor (or, better yet, an exercise physiologist, especially if they have had surgery) before buying a major piece of equipment. "Depending on their ability, they can go with a treadmill or go with an exercise bike," Holmes said. Mike Bales said equipment purchasers should look at safety, ease of use and space. "Does the piece of equipment fit your required needs?" Bales asks. Bales is the district manager for The Fitness Experience, a specialty fitness retailer, selling fitness equipment, with 10 stores in Michigan, including Ann Arbor, Auburn Hills, Canton, Novi, Sterling Heights, Taylor and Troy. Costs can range from \$300 to \$10,000. "It all depends on what your needs are," Bales said. "Exercise can be boring, exercise can be frustrating and exercise can be tiring. You have to find equipment that is interesting to them and that is fun, and they will use them." Cardiovascular equipment is the No. 1 seller, Bales said. "We always sell more treadmills than ellipticals because it is the most (similar to) walking," Bales said. "It is a natural piece of equipment. Ellipticals

are the new revolution in equipment." Bales pointed out that some of the higher-end ellipticals allow a full body workout with moving arms and legs. Treadmills start at \$799, and the best rated treadmill, a True Fitness model, retails for about \$3,000. The average price is \$1,200, he said. Ellipticals are priced in a similar range, but the quality of the equipment is different, Bales said. The low-end elliptical is not yet the same caliber as the low-end treadmill, Bales said. Home gym systems consist of a minimum of a lat pull-down tower, bench press and a leg curl or a leg press. These range from \$299 to \$10,000, with an average of about \$1,500. Exercise should be fun, Rice said. "It doesn't have to be 45 minutes, they can just use (the treadmill) for 10," Rice said. "It should be easy and quick or they won't do it." "A key piece of it is what will keep them motivated," Rice said. Micallef recommends a treadmill for losing weight, free weights for more intense body building and elliptical machines for low-impact cardiovascular workouts. The treadmill is a great machine for runners or walkers, he said. With free weights, users can build up chest and shoulders, but should be careful not to injure themselves. Bowflex-type machines are also good for muscle tone, he said. "If you have bad knees, you should stay away from the recumbent bicycle," Micallef said. "Treadmills are the way to go."

The Botsford Center for Health Improvement has a lecture designed to learn how to "break down barriers" that stop people from reaching fitness goals. The lecture addresses motivation and adherence, financial limitations and exercising with physical limitations. The lecture is scheduled 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River in Novi. Fee is \$10. Call (248) 473-5600 or e-mail mpagels@bostford.org.

GYM

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machines at 7 p.m. on a week-night at a local health club, especially in January. If you want to work out at 5, 6 or 7 p.m., "then it's well worth it" to get the equipment for your home, said John Micallef of Farmington Hills. Micallef enjoys having his own gym. "It gives me flexibility," Micallef said. "At Lifetime (Fitness), it is so packed. I can go downstairs and work out anytime at night. It offers flexibility. You don't have to travel anywhere." Micallef has a treadmill, free weights and Bowflex machine in his basement. He owns a NordicTrack treadmill he estimated at \$900, which he describes as mid-range. "I know friends and physicians who own the \$2,000-\$3,000 models, and you can also get them for \$200-\$300, the simple belt drive ones," he said. But if you're going to the gym every day, "then you shouldn't spend a lot of money on equipment," Micallef said.

TREAD LIGHTLY

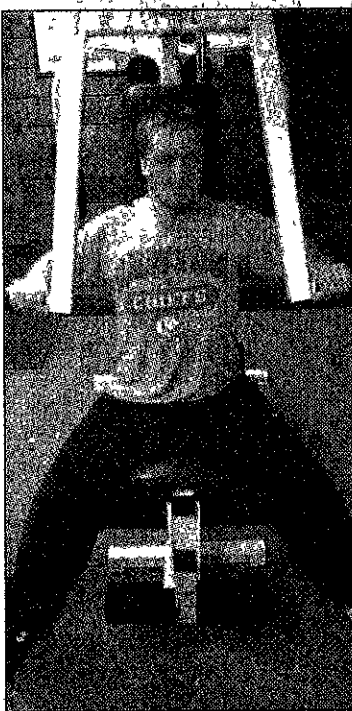
The home gym gives Gubert convenience with a television to watch and a phone nearby. He's retired and works out to stay in shape and to keep up with his sons, he says. The family enjoys camping, hiking and rock climbing. "The treadmill is perfect and you still have the convenience," Gubert said. "If I was out running, that would be two hours where I would be out of touch." Gubert exercises in the morning, while Austin and Ryan use the equipment in the afternoon or evening. Both play lacrosse. Tracy uses the equipment when she has time, which is generally on weekends, Lloyd said. "Austin works out like a madman, about five or six days a week, three or four hours at a time, and that's a conservative estimate," Lloyd said. "Ryan works out twice a week. Austin is a body builder, and



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Lloyd Gubert and his sons, Austin and Ryan, use the home gym on a regular basis.

Ryan isn't as passionate, but he will work out on the different machines depending on what muscle he wants to work on." Lloyd lifts weights for three days a week, then runs on the treadmill for two. He estimates the family has spent \$4,800-\$5,000 on the home gym equipment. "You look at the cost of a full family in Lifetime Fitness, and the home gym is a good deal, but it's really the convenience," he said. "You can just stay at home and take care of it." Gubert said he might sell the equipment someday. "I might only get \$1,000 or \$2,000 for it, but what I get for five to 10 years of use, it may be a lot more cost-effective than a gym membership," he said. The home gym gives the family a common focus, Gubert said. "The kids will go up to the library and get information," he said. "The home gym" gives us a common thing to



Austin Gubert works out.

talk about. No one's an expert, but they do read these books and they'll have something to talk about."

The weightlifting helps with the rigors of preparing for rock climbing at the New River Gorge in West Virginia and in Utah. "The kids love to rappel," Gubert said. **GET READY** A set of dumbbells, Bowflex machine and treadmill can cost about \$2,000-\$3,000 and give exercisers what they need, Micallef said. "You can also find this equipment used and cut the price in half," Micallef said. "You can also get a set of dumbbells for \$200." Whether you're lifting 5-pound dumbbells, walking a treadmill or playing racquetball, at least you are exercising. "Anything is better than nothing, as long as you're moving," Micallef said.

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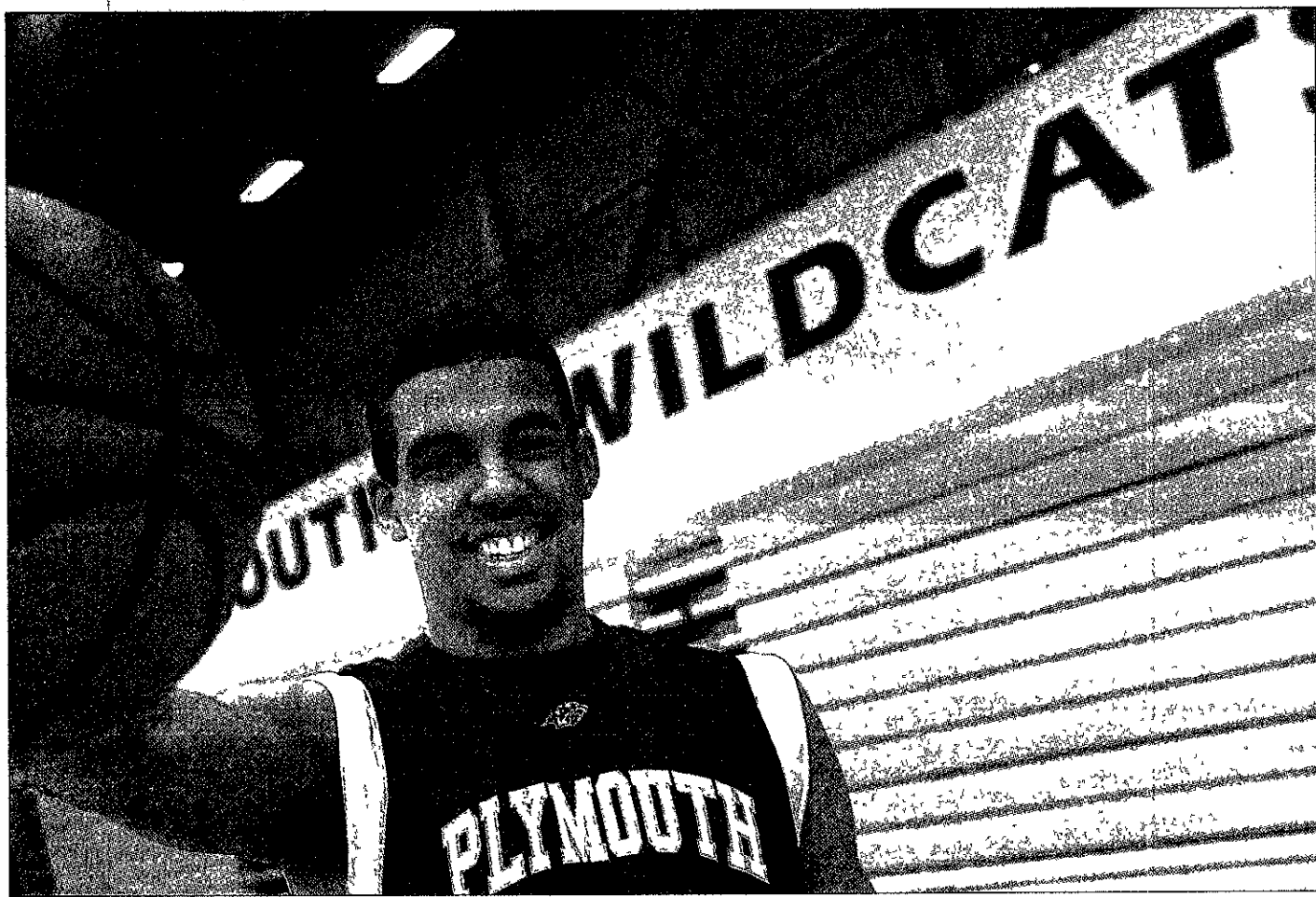
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Junior Josh Le Duc has made a name for himself on the football field, on the basketball court and in the classroom at Plymouth High School over the past two-plus years.

Making his presence felt Plymouth's Le Duc is force on court, field

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Josh Le Duc took a short trip into his past recently when he sat down and watched a videotape of a freshmen basketball game in which he played during his ninth-grade year at Plymouth High School.

It was an eye-opening experience for Le Duc, who got to witness how far his physical development had progressed in a relatively short time.

"I was a stick," Le Duc said, smiling, referring to the image of himself he saw on the screen. "I was six feet tall and probably weighed about 150 pounds."

Now, two years, a couple of growth spurts and hundreds of hours of dedicated time in the weight room later, Le Duc is a 6-4, 205-pound force to be reckoned with on both the football field and basketball court. The junior is also a stellar student, having sculpted a muscular 3.5 grade-point average.

Le Duc credited a desire to play collegiate football and the school's 'Cats



"One of my goals is to play college football," Le Duc said. "To reach that goal, I knew I would have to work extremely hard. I have seen a noticeable change in my strength and speed because of the weight-lifting and speed program we have here. A couple years ago, when I caught a pass, I'd usually get tackled. Now, I can run away from people."

"I work pretty much year round at it. I've decided to give it a 100-percent commitment."

HOOP IS SECOND

While football is his first love athletically, basketball is a close second.

Program — a slightly revised form of the popular Bigger, Faster, Stronger program — for the strides he has made athletically.

"I like to get physical, which you can't always do in basketball," he said. "In football, you can just let it go and do whatever. If you do that in basketball, you'll end up in foul trouble."

Le Duc has played an instrumental role in helping Plymouth's boys basketball team build a 6-2 record (2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association) in the early stages of its first full varsity campaign. Through Friday's impressive victory against Livonia Churchill, Le Duc had averaged 11.3 points per game, a team-high 11.3 rebounds and 2.3 blocks per contest.

"Josh means a lot to this team," first-year Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said. "He's the most athletic player on our team, he can shoot the jump shot, he posts up real well, he can rebound and block shots. He has an all-around good game."

"Josh was absolutely fantastic in Friday's game. Churchill kind of focused on stopping him on the offensive end, so

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The thirst for the 1st Salem hoopers earn initial win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

How do you spell relief?
S-A-L-E-M.

The Rocks secured their first victory of the season Tuesday night, 45-44, over Livonia Churchill, but not before the Chargers gave them a big-time scare.

With the clock winding down, Churchill attempted a potential game-winning layup, but the ball rolled off the rim, generating equal amounts of relief and joy on the Salem side of the court.

"It always feels good when you win your first game," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, whose team improved to 1-7 overall and 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. "We were down the entire first half, and we didn't get the lead until late in the third quarter."

The Chargers slipped to 1-7 and 0-2.

Senior Dave Cardenas had a solid game for the host Rocks, pouring in 14 points and yanking down seven rebounds. Kevin Bradley scored seven, while Jeff Lake ripped down a team-high nine boards.

Churchill was paced by Corte Diaz, who had seven.

The Chargers took command early and led 14-10 after one quarter and 29-25 at the half.

Salem battled back to nab a 30-29 advantage after three quarters, setting the stage for the dramatic final eight minutes.

With less than two minutes to play, the Rocks secured a two-point lead and the ball, but they missed the front end of a one-and-one situation. The Chargers snared the rebound and drew a Salem foul with 11 seconds left. The first free throw swished, but the second bounced out. A mad scramble ensued and Salem garnered possession of the ball.

"I really thought it was going to go into overtime," Brodie said. "It's definitely a relief that the boys finally figured out a way to win one."

The Rocks will put their modest win streak on the line Friday night when they travel to Westland John Glenn to take on the 1-7 Rockets.

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Sidelines

Little League info

Spring registration for the Canton Little League will commence 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, and Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Victory Park Softball Center in the Diamonds restaurant in Canton Township.

The league is open to all students who attend schools in the Plymouth-Canton School District. All players must have proof of residency with them along with a birth certificate.

The program is divided into four leagues: Minor (7-10 year-olds); Major (11-12 year olds); Junior (13-14 year olds); and Senior (15-16 year olds).

For more information on the league, visit www.cantonlittleleague.net or e-mail questions to cantonlittleleague@wowway.com.

GCYBSA signup

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association will hold its initial registration 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at Canton's Summit on the Park. The GCYBSA, which is replacing the dissolved Canton Community Junior Baseball/Softball Association, will offer T-Ball, baseball and softball teams for youths ages 4-18 who are residents of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton. Non-residents who attend school in the Plymouth-Canton School District are also eligible.

Interested players who cannot attend the Feb. 6 registration may register after that date at any time during regular business hours at the Summit. They can also mail in their registration forms.

Baseball clinic

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be held Saturday, March 26, and Saturday, April 9, in the Salem High School gymnasium. Participants will receive three hours of baseball instruction with the Salem varsity baseball team's players and coaches, a T-shirt, snack and drink.

The fee for the clinic, which is for players ages 7-15, is \$25. To reserve a place in either session or for further information, contact Ron Myers at (734) 459-4026.

Salem Linebackers

The Salem Linebackers will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, in Room 2703 of Salem High School. Elections for 2005 officers will be held at this meeting. Parents of all current and incoming freshman players are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Bob Kilgore at (734) 459-6393.

Euchre tourney

The Canton Leisure Services Department will be hosting a co-ed euchre tournament 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Diamonds Bar and Grill in Canton. The tournament will consist of two-person teams.

The cost is \$20 per team for residents and \$26 for non-residents. For more information, contact the Canton Leisure Services Department.

Wildcats cagers beat Glenn in thriller, 43-42

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It was only fitting that the play that clinched Plymouth's dramatic 43-42 boys basketball victory over Westland John Glenn involved defense and hustle — the two traits that have been instrumental in the Wildcats' 6-2 start.

With Plymouth holding a one-point lead and the final 10 seconds ticking off,

Wildcats guard D.J. Coleman knocked the ball away from Rockets guard Alex McMillian. Plymouth's Josh Le Duc dove head-first for the loose ball along with two Rockets. Le Duc managed to push the ball to Coleman, who dribbled the final three seconds away.

The Wildcats are now 2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. John Glenn fell to 1-7 overall and 0-2 in the WLAA.

"Going into the season, we knew John Glenn had a lot of talent and, honestly, we didn't know if we would be able to hang with them," Wildcats coach Tom Van Wagoner said. "But our kids are really stepping up. They play with a never-say-die attitude."

"This win was a stepping stone for us because it shows we can beat athletic teams like John Glenn. They are definitely better than their record indi-

cates."

Led by 6-6 center Barry Eberhardt, the Rockets soared to a 22-15 halftime lead thanks to tight defense and decent shooting. Plymouth's first lead came with 1:40 to go in the third quarter when Jim Wilbur drained an 18-foot jumper to put the hosts up 29-28. The 'Cats closed out the quarter with a 9-0

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Things are looking up

Sophomore leads Chiefs over Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Alyssa Kelley didn't act like a sophomore Tuesday night.

The 10th-grader displayed nerves of steel and skills to match, leading Canton's gymnastics team to a 140.5-133.8 victory over Salem in the Plymouth High School gymnastics room.

Kelley captured four firsts — all-around (36.75), vault (9.5), bars (9.35) and floor exercise (9.3).

"Alyssa is usually right around 36 on her all-around, but we're working to get her up to the mid-37s," Chiefs coach John Cunningham said. "The only non-9 she had tonight was an 8.6 on the balance beam because she had a fall. If she doesn't fall, she's right there in the mid-37s."

Salem was set back by the absence of one of its top performers, Elena Gueroguev, who missed the meet due

to illness.

"I thought the girls did well tonight," Salem coach Dana Driscoll said. "They did a lot better than our first meet, that's for sure. I saw a lot of improvement. We missed Elena, and it was Ashley (Aquinto)'s first meet with her new routine, so we did OK."

Freshman Jessie Murray turned in a strong performance for the Chiefs, earning seconds in all-around (34.74) and the vault (9.1); a third on the beam (8.75); and a fourth in the floor exercise (8.7).

Cunningham praised the work of Mina Pirzadeh, who racked up a fourth, a fifth and two sixths.

"Mina is really coming into her own," Cunningham said. "She is really showing a lot of improvement. She has one of the best leaps on the balance beam."

Cunningham also shined the Chiefs' spotlight on Kara Ahern, who garnered seconds for her efforts in the

'They did a lot better than our first meet, that's for sure. I saw a lot of improvement.'

Dana Driscoll
Salem coach

floor exercise (9.1) and beam (8.9).

Sarah Bugosh, Aquinto and Brittany Young all had stellar meets for the Rocks. Bugosh was second on the bars, sixth on the beam and fifth on the floor, while Aquinto won the beam with an impressive 8.95.

The meet drew a standing-room-only crowd to the Plymouth High School gymnastics facility.

Chiefs win in Rockford

Canton finished first in Saturday's Rockford Invitational meet by com-

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Canton gymnast Heather Wagner keeps her eyes on the bar as she makes her way through her routine on the uneven bars during Tuesday night's meet against Salem. The Chiefs triumphed, 140.5-133.8 over their cross-campus rivals.

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he had seven assists, which allowed some other players to score. That was an example of how unselfish of a player he is. He doesn't need the limelight. He'll do the dirty work it takes to win, no matter what that may take."

FIRST DUNK?

Although it's way down on his list of priorities when it comes to school and athletics, Le Duc admitted he would get a charge out of recording the first official dunk in the history of the school's basketball program.

"Last year, I could only dunk if I got a running start from half-court," Le Duc admitted. "Now, all I need is one step. I'd love to get the first one, but we have quite a few other players who can dunk, too. The most important thing is winning, though."

Victories were rare for the Wildcats football team during the 2004 season, when the senior-less squad endured a 1-8 record. Even though Le Duc often played effectively on both sides of the ball — starting as a tight end on offense and a strong-side linebacker and safety on defense — he said he doesn't have a lot of fond memories from the defeat-marred season.

"It was a hard year for us, a learning year," Le Duc said. "I wasn't happy with my performance or the team's, and I know there are a lot of my teammates who weren't happy either. But we're committed to

getting better. Next year, most of us will be seniors, so we're hoping the hard work we're putting in pays off."

Le Duc excelled in the Wildcats' lone 2004 win against Wayne Memorial, recording two sacks on defense while racking up 50 receiving yards and a touch-down offensively.

OFFENSE ONLY

His days on the defensive side of the line of scrimmage may be a thing of the past, Le Duc said.

"The coaches have said they want to try and play 22 players next season, so nobody will go both ways," he said. "They asked me what I preferred, and I told them I'd rather play offense."

Le Duc said a strong bond has developed between the athletes at Plymouth, who realize they are setting the initial tone for the classes who follow them.

"It seems like everyone involved in sports at the school are centered around each other," he said. "Everyone encourages one another and everyone knows each other. And it's not just the football players hanging out with football players, or basketball with basketball."

Le Duc has acquired a strong interest in computer-aided design (CAD), a skill he said he would like to possibly turn into a career some day.

"I have a CAD class now that I really like," he said. "I'm going to take an architecture class next semester."

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WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASKETBALL - Friday, Jan. 14
Salem at Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth Christian at Southfield Christian at Lawrence Tech, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Canton Agape at Discovery Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Belleville, 7 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY - Saturday, Jan. 15
Salem at W.L. Northern at Lakeland Arena, 1:20 p.m.
Canton at Grand Rapids Christian, 5 p.m.
PCS Penguins at Cranbrook Kingswood, noon
Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth at Compuware Sports Arena, 6:40 p.m.
BOYS SWIMMING Thursday, Jan. 13
Canton at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 14
Plymouth at Wayne Invitational, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 15
Plymouth at Wayne Invitational, 1 p.m.
WRESTLING Thursday, Jan. 13
Westland John Glenn at Salem, 6:30 p.m.
Canton at Wayne Memorial, 6:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Plymouth, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 15
Salem at Adrian Invitational, 10 a.m.
Canton at Springfield Tournament, 9 a.m.
Plymouth Wildcat Team Tournament, 9 a.m.
VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Jan. 13
Southfield at Plymouth Christian, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 14
Canton Agape at Inter-City at United Christian, 8 p.m.
Salem at Troy Invite, 8 a.m.
W.L. Central at Canton, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at U-M Dearborn Tourney, 9 a.m.
GYMNASTICS - Saturday, Jan. 15
Salem at Hartland Invitational, 9 a.m.
Canton at Holland Invitational, 10 a.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - Saturday, Jan. 15
Madonna at Davenport, 3 p.m.
Macomb at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - Sat., Jan. 15
Madonna at Davenport, 1 p.m.
Macomb at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Thursday, Jan. 13
Whalers at Windsor Spitfires, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 15
Whalers vs. Guelph (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 16
Whalers vs. Owen Sound (Compuware), 2 p.m.

Chiefs cagers drop third straight

Canton made a gallant second-half comeback Tuesday night in its road game at Walled Lake Central, but the Vikings hung on to win, 44-41.

The setback was the third straight for the Chiefs, who slipped to 4-4 overall and 0-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Central upped its record to 6-2 and 2-0.

The Vikings chiseled an 11-5 lead after one quarter and 19-11 halftime advantage. Central led 32-27 with eight minutes to go when Canton initiated its rally, which eventually led to a two-point Chief lead with three minutes to play.

However, late turnovers doomed Canton in the end. With his team trailing by three and a few seconds left on the clock, Canton's David Calille just missed a three-point effort that would have sent the game into overtime. He had made two threes earlier in the contest.

Kevin Thornton had a huge night for Canton, netting 13 points, eight rebounds and five blocks. Julian Smith also played well, contributing 12 points and eight boards. Calille finished with eight.

Brad Guldán sparked the Vikings with 16 points.

The Chiefs buried just 5-of-9 free throws while Central drained 7-of-9 from the stripe.

Canton will look to end its mini-skid with a home game

Friday night against Livonia Franklin. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

Warren Zoe Christian 38, PCA 29: The Warriors built a 23-12 halftime lead and held off a strong third-quarter surge by the Eagles to win comfortably. Zoe improved to 6-1 while Plymouth Christian dropped to 4-3.

Aaron Ciborowski led the Eagles with 11 points and 13 rebounds. Chase VanTiem and Steven Summer both twined six points in the losing effort.

Jeff True led Zoe with 12 while Tommy Marquart had 10.

The Eagles canned just 5-of-10 free throws.

PCA closed its once-large deficit to just 25-21 following three quarters, but the Warriors held on.

CC 80, Old Redford 37: A balanced scoring attack and enhanced confidence can be interchangeable. That was the case Tuesday night: every Redford Catholic Central player got into the scorebook as the visiting Shamrocks routed Old Redford Academy.

With the triumph, Catholic Central improved to 3-5 overall and 1-1 in the Catholic League entering Friday's 7 p.m. showdown at CC against undefeated Warren DeLaSalle (8-0 and ranked sixth in Class A).

"I think we kind of just

came out and played hard and with a lot of intensity," said Shamrocks' head coach Rick Coratti. "It was a good bounce-back from last Friday (a 76-49 loss to U-D Jesuit)."

The victory also could help Catholic Central be ready for DeLaSalle.

"I hope it gives us some confidence," Coratti said.

The Shamrocks shot well from the start and took control early against Old Redford Academy (formerly Detroit Benedictine) with a 26-9 scoring advantage in the first quarter.

It was 44-16 at halftime and the rout was on.

According to Coratti, a combination of good outside shooting, defense and rebounding led to the triumph.

And, "everyone on the team got in and scored, so that was nice," he said.

The top scorer was Antyrio Raimier, with 18 points. Coratti said Raimier connected on six-of-seven from two-point range and two-of-two from beyond the three-point line.

Contributing 14 points each were Chris Davis and Chris Harding while Garrett Senczysyn tallied 11. Coratti said it was good to see Harding playing well, after being slowed by pneumonia.

"He (Harding) is finally feeling a little bit healthy," Coratti said.

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run — and 34-28 lead — when Coleman sank two free throws with 50 seconds left and Wilbur canned a long trey with 15 ticks left on the clock.

John Glenn surged back into the game behind Eberhardt, who scored four points in the opening 2 1/2 minutes of the fourth quarter to give the Rockets a 37-36 edge. It turned out to be the visitors' last lead as Plymouth scored

seven straight points — four from Le Duc and three from A.J. Davey — to go up 43-37.

Eberhardt almost tied the game with 22 seconds left when he was fouled while firing a 3-point shot and his team trailing 43-40. The senior calmly swished the first two attempts, but the third rolled around the cylinder before popping out and into the hands of Le Duc.

Eberhardt led all scorers with 17 points. McMillian finished with nine and Duncan Jones scored six for the

Rockets. Plymouth was paced by Wilbur's 11 points. Le Duc finished with 10 points and eight rebounds, Coleman had seven and Davey netted six.

"Wilbur made some big shots for us tonight," Van Wagoner said.

"He also did a good job of guarding Eberhardt on defense; he really challenged him."

Both teams struggled from the free-throw line. The Wildcats sank 14-of-24 from the stripe, while the Rockets managed to drain just 5-of-14.

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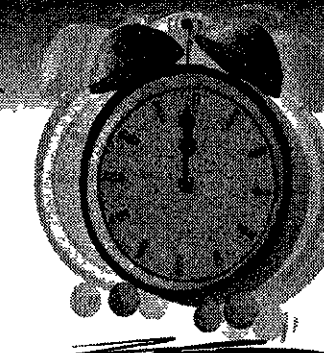
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Canton setters earn silver title at Walled Lake Central

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Saturday's 16-team Walled Lake Central Volleyball tournament had a silver lining attached to it for Canton. The Chiefs captured the silver bracket championship in the event and finished with an overall record of 4-2. In pool play, Canton lost to Farmington Hills Harrison (25-20 and 25-17) and L'Anse Creuse — the eventual gold bracket champion — 25-12 and 25-16, before ousting Ferndale, 25-16 and 25-8. The Chiefs thundered through the silver brackets by upending Ferndale in the quarterfinals, Walled Lake Western in the semis and Farmington in the finals, 25-7 and 25-17. Molly Conlon shined for Canton, finishing with 26 kills, six aces and 31 digs. Andrea Johnson netted 22 kills, 13 aces, 41 digs and a 2.36 serve-receive average, while Laura McKendry contributed 24 kills, four aces, 24 digs and a 2.33 SRA. Setter Stephanie Price was solid, netting 83 assists, five kills, five aces and 34 digs.

Churchill sweeps 'Cats

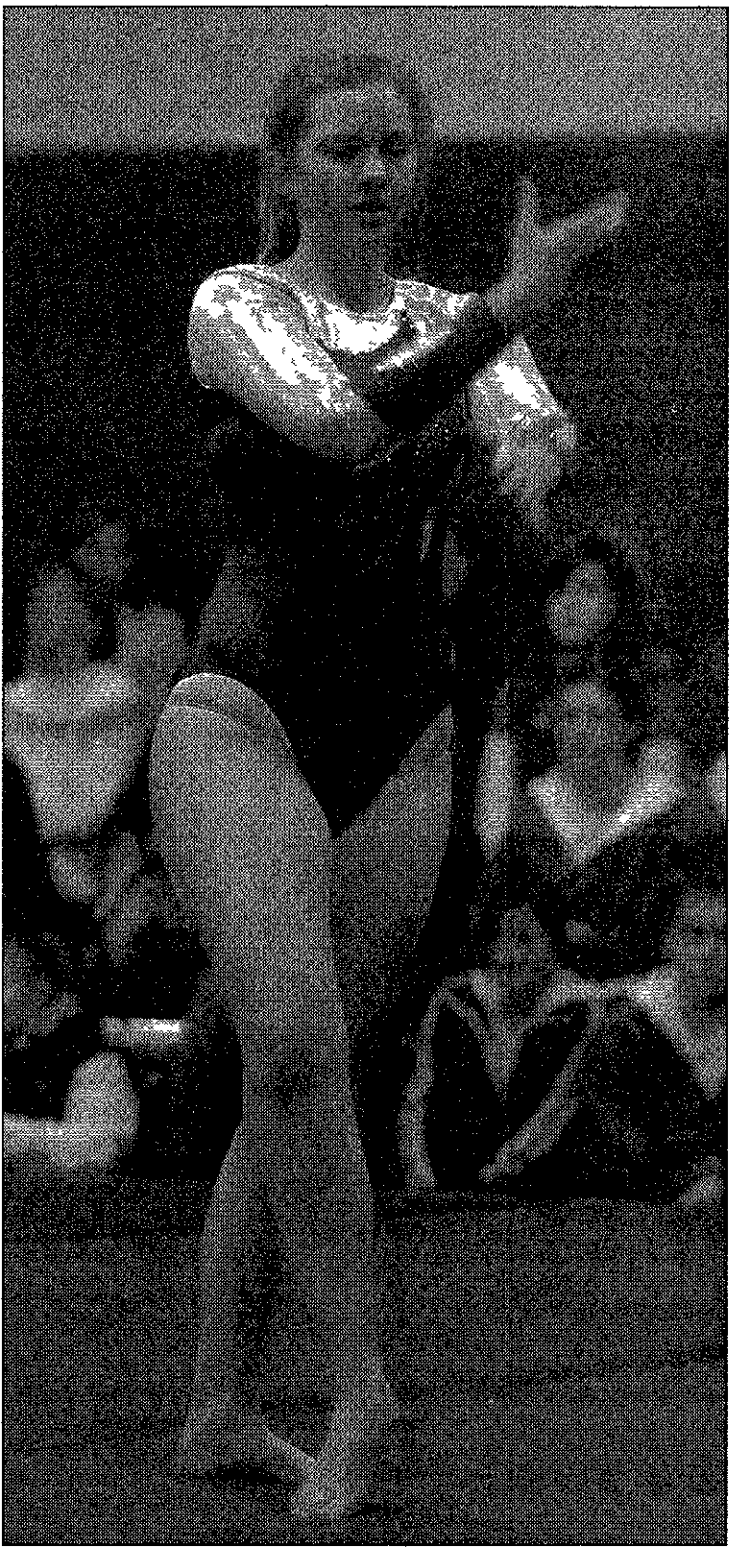
The Western Lakes Athletics Association welcomed Plymouth to the conference Monday by pitting the Wildcats against perennial powerhouse Livonia Churchill. Plymouth was swept, 25-13, 25-21 and 25-18, but coach Kelly McCausland said not all was lost in defeat. "It was kind of nice to open against an outstanding team like Churchill because you can learn a lot from playing good teams. Overall we've been struggling this year, but tonight I saw the potential this team has. We did a lot of things well; we just need to work on a few things like serve-receive." Plymouth, which is now 8-4 overall, was paced by Jeanine Moise, who accumulated eight kills and four blocks. Sarah Haskins recorded 15 assists from her setter position while Janet Hanchett and Moise both had four digs.

Agape bumps B-M

The Wolverines notched their first victory of the season Monday night with a down-to-the-wire, five-game victory over Britton-Macon. Agape is now 1-3 while the Tories slipped to 1-4. The hosts won the first game, 25-15, before Agape rebounded to win games two and three, 25-22 and 25-11, respectively. B-M won game four, 25-16, but the Wolves earned the 'W' with a 15-4 victory in the finale. "It feels great to finally win one," said Agape co-coach Melissa Hanson. "The girls really needed to win one. It's the first time this season we've had all six starters ready to play. A.J. Creps has been out with an injury, but she returned tonight which really helped." Creps had a huge night, finishing with 16 kills and seven aces. Ashley Paul contributed 11 kills and seven aces while Brianna Chrenko chipped in with 11 kills and three aces. The Wolves' two setters — Danielle Henry and Katie Lambert — both recorded 18 assists. "We went back to a basic 4-2 offense tonight and it worked well," Hanson said.

PCA blanks Clarenceville

The Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team swept Livonia Clarenceville Monday evening, 25-17, 25-17 and 25-22, in a match held in the PCA gymnasium. The victory improved the Eagles' record to 1-1. Junior Julie Bahbah excelled for PCA, recording 20 digs and 10 kills. Senior Kelli Feiler also played well, getting 12-digs, seven kills and nine service points.



Salem gymnast Megan Taley completes her floor routine during Tuesday night's meet against Canton.

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piling 137.50 points. The hosts finished second with 136.45, followed by Traverse City's 136.10. "We pretty much had first place in hand until the bars," Cunningham said. "We had five falls on the bars, which made the final scores close." Kelley finished third in the all-around (35.45), first in the vault (9.5) and third in the

floor exercise routine (9.45). Ahern shined in the beam competition, finishing first with a score of 8.85. Murray earned third in the beam and fifth with her floor routine. "It's a good meet because we get to compete against a lot of the best teams from the other side of the state," Cunningham said. "We were the only team from the east side of Michigan that competed."

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Ladywood battles PCS to draw

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team's eight-game winning streak was snapped Tuesday night — but the Penguins' lengthy unbeaten run is still alive. Livonia Ladywood tied PCS, 1-1, in an overtime game played at Canton's Arctic Edge Arena. "We didn't play well the first and second periods, but we really woke up in the third," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. The Blazers grabbed a 1-0 lead 4:58 into the second period when Heather Sartorius scored off an assist from Brittany Holtz. With one minute remaining in the game, the Penguins pulled goalie Kristie Kowalski. The move paid off 37 seconds later when Olivia Pennebaker scored off an assist from Kristen Schwan to knot the score at 1-1. Neither team scored in the eight-minute overtime session. "Kristie really kept us in the game tonight," Callahan said. "She did an outstanding job." Michelle Wyniemko played an outstanding game in goal for Ladywood, according to Callahan. Chelsea 5, Plymouth 1: Chelsea stymied the Wildcats' offense,

limiting it to one goal and 16 shots. The winners led 2-1 after one period and 4-1 after two. **PCS Penguins 10, Walled Lake 1:** The high-flying Penguins improved their record to 9-2 (8-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League) Saturday afternoon with a convincing victory over the Wild. PCS iced Walled Lake by the same score earlier in the season. "Before the game, we talked about not taking them too lightly just because we beat them the first time we played them," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "The girls went out and played hard the entire game. Hopefully, we can keep this going." The Penguins are currently in control of second place in the MMGHSLL, one game behind unbeaten Grosse Pointe South. Sharla Gillespie had a breakout game for the winners, tallying two goals and four assists. Tara Boliard also had a productive afternoon, finding the net twice in addition to two assists. Kristen Schwan, Stephanie Murray, Adrienne Cercone (two) and Keely Kowalski also lit the lamp for PCS.

Shamrock icers are hitting stride

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central's varsity hockey team clicked on all cylinders in Saturday night's 7-3 victory over Grosse Pointe North. All four lines chipped in with at least a goal to pace the Shamrocks to the non-league victory at Compuware Arena in Plymouth. "We scored on the power play, in even-strength situations and all four lines scored, which is a good sign that the team played at the top of its capability," said Shamrocks head coach Todd Johnson. The win lifted CC to a record of 8-2-1 overall heading into a pair of tough games. On Friday, the Shamrocks will visit Cranbrook-Kingswood, ranked first in Division 3. At 3 p.m. Saturday, they take on the top team in D2 — Trenton. That game will be played at Compuware. But Johnson is confident the Cranes and Trojans will be in for a stiff challenge from his squad. "I think we're starting to turn it on as a team," Johnson said. "I'm real happy with how we played (against the Norsemen). We moved the puck well and had speed and discipline against a tough team." North actually took a 1-0 lead in the first minute of the game when Colin Brown

scored against Shamrocks' goalie Brian Hogan (17 saves). Harrison Niemann (from Jason Lewarne and Dan Barczuk) tied the game at the five-minute mark but the Norsemen regained the lead a half-minute later on a tally by Mike Rourke. Before the opening stanza ended, the Shamrocks took a 3-2 lead. John Horal scored, on assists from Mychael Evans and Dominic Scala. The lead goal came when Barczuk (two goals, one assist) roofed a shot behind North netminder Jordan Zeilke, on a play started by the forechecking of CC junior forward Dan Naurato (two assists). In the middle frame, Lewarne (one goal, one assist) made it 4-2 on a play set up by Tim Buttery (two assists) and Steve Jankowski. After the Norsemen cut the lead to 4-3, Barczuk scored to give CC a two-goal margin entering the third. Picking up assists on the goal were Niemann (one goal, two assists) and Naurato. Mike Oakleaf buried a wristshot on the power play at the six-minute mark of the third, on a play set up by Niemann and Buttery. Capping off the win for the Shamrocks was Brian Giosa's goal 30 seconds later, assisted by Chris New and Colin Ronayne. tsmith@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2106

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Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

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Some of the seminars will be held on Lake Ultimate, a gigantic, 100,000-square-foot indoor swimming pool set up so speakers can conduct on-the-water demonstrations in fully equipped fishing boats.

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Here's the question: Based on average body size, what is the largest North American species in the perch family?

Remember, be one of the first 20 callers at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, at (248) 901-2560 and win a pair of tickets to the show.

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Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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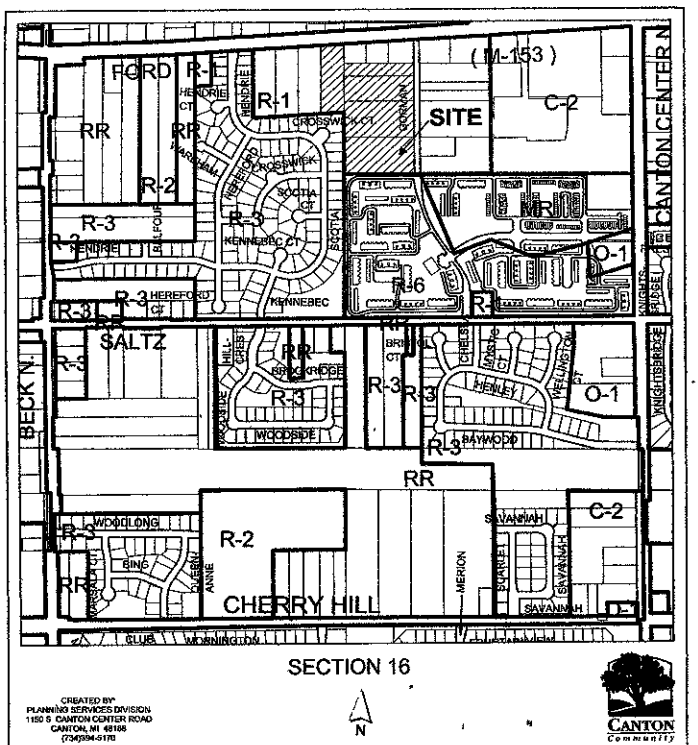
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 7, 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CLINK/WATSON/STACHOWSKI REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 036 01 0004 001, 036 01 0004 002, 036 01 0005 000 AND 062 99 0005 000 FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Ford and west of Canton Center Road.



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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Roof Replacement at Eriksson, Field, and Hulsing Elementary**. Specifications, bid forms, and walk-through information is available by contacting Laura Hagan in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, RE: Pioneer Roof Bid, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 1, 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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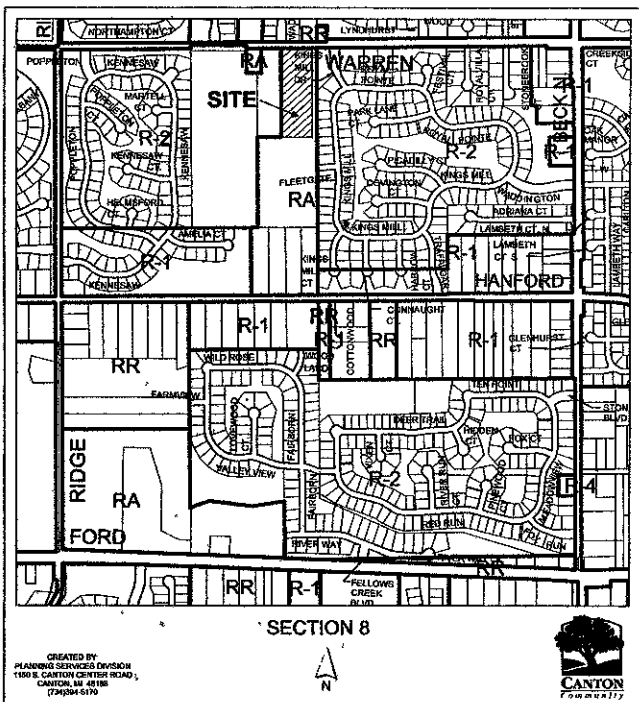
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LEGACY DEVELOPMENT REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 030 99 0001 003 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Warren between Beck and Ridge Roads.



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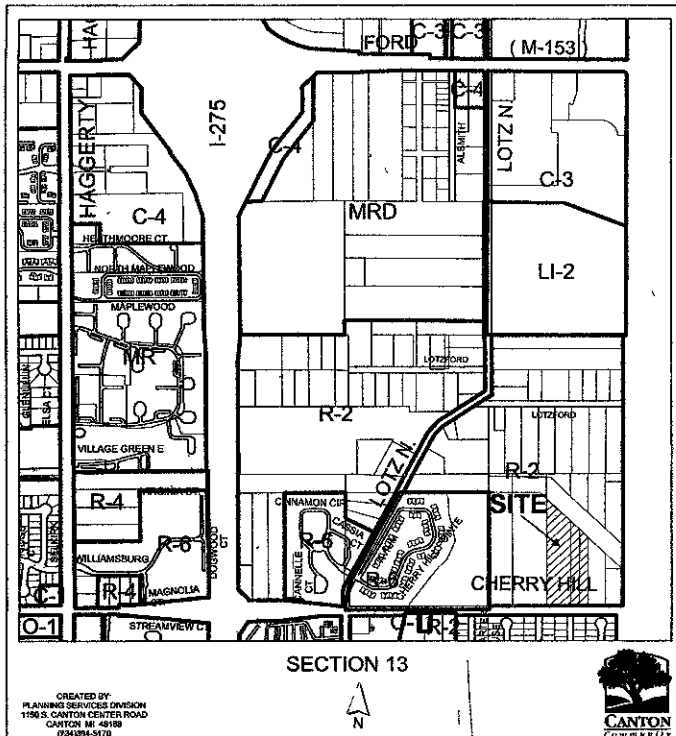
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Lions' quarterback play must improve next season

What do the Lions and millions of Americans have in common? All were watching the NFL playoffs on television last weekend.

Insert rim-shot here.

To see both the Rams and Vikings win their playoff games had to make the Lions sick. The first time a .500 team won in the postseason and both did it. What was most noticeable, however, is that all four playoff winners had terrific quarterback play.

The Rams' Marc Bulger, the Vikings' Daunte Culpepper, the Jets' Chad Pennington and Indianapolis' Peyton Manning combined for more than 1,300 yards. That's an average of about 333 yards per man. Only 21 times in Lions' history has a Detroit



Mark Wilson

QB passed for that many yards in a game. In 74 years!

"My goal has to be to get better next season," Lions quarterback Joey Harrington said. "I just wasn't consistent enough this year."

Hey Joey — you aren't alone. It's start-

ling to see how average to poor Lions' signal-callers have been through the decades. Harrington was only the third to throw for more than 3,000 yards in a season in 2004. Scott Mitchell and Gary Danielson each did it twice. The great Bobby Layne never even came close.

'When you play quarterback in Detroit, you know you are going to take the heat.'

Scott Mitchell
former Lions quarterback

By comparison, Manning has thrown for over 4,000 yards each of the last six seasons. Manning has done it more than all Lions' quarterbacks combined. Only Mitchell was able to get to the 4,000-yard mark.

Mitchell was vilified in this town for his play. He has the team record for passing in a single season back in

1995. His 32 touchdown passes broke Layne's mark by six. Manning had that by Week 8 this season.

"When you play quarterback in Detroit, you know you are going to take the heat," Mitchell said in a rare conversation.

All the records in the world don't replace winning. Mitchell simply didn't win enough and never in the post-season. Layne's numbers were awful by today's standards. He was under 50 percent as a passer and had far more interceptions than touchdown passes, (142-118). The difference between Mitchell and the great Bobby Layne is that Layne won three NFL championships.

In Detroit, that's the only difference that matters.

"Getting better quarterback play is one area we must improve on next season," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said. "Charles Rogers needs to be healthy, Roy Williams needs to improve and Kevin Jones has to build on his terrific finish."

It's the mantra for this off-season.

The Lions must also find a capable veteran backup who can challenge Harrington for the starting spot. Names like Jeff Garcia, Matt Hasselbeck, Jon Kitna, Kurt Warner and possibly San Diego's Drew Brees could be available. Lions President Matt Millen has to decide if they are worthy of big-money deals when they are already paying Joey a king's ransom.

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No Detroit QB has ever led the league in passing. Greg Landry, back in 1972, is the last one to play in a Pro Bowl. Layne is the only other one to even be selected. It's ridiculous that the Lions have not been able to find one real true All-Pro quarterback in the last half century.

The names are like a who's-who in futility. Sweetan, Plum, Komlo, Long, Gagliano, Hilger, Ware, Case and Batch.

Quarterbacks that were supposed to be "all that" and ended up being "as if."

This year is special. It marks the 48th year since the Lions' last NFL title. One playoff win in that time. It was a 38-6 romp over the Dallas Cowboys in January '92 when John Madden made his bold proclamation during the CBS-TV telecast.

"You are watching the two teams of the '90s, the Lions and the Cowboys," Madden said.

He was half-right. Dallas went on to win three Super

Bowls. The Lions went on to lead the league in mediocrity. Most of that can be attributed to quarterback play or lack thereof.

Dan Marino was Miami's starter at QB from 1983 to 1999. In that time, 21 different guys gave it a whirl in Honolulu blue and silver. As great as Marino was, he never won the big one. Great quarterbacking is no guarantee, but it sure helps.

One of these years, the Lions are going to find their man. One day, when you least expect it, someone will bust

out and give Lions fans a reason for hope. If it's not Harrington, then someone else.

Yes, one of these years a Lions quarterback will be making playoff magic instead of just watching it on television. Just hope we are all alive to see it.

Mark Wilson is host of the *Steve Mariucci Show* Mondays on WKRR-FM (97.1). He's a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscaster of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

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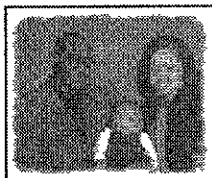
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JANUARY

Catholic Church update

Were you once Catholic? Beginning Monday evening Jan. 11 for six weeks, St. Mary's of the Hills Parish hosts sessions entitled While You Were Away. Join the discussion of what's happened in the Catholic Church as it relates to Mass, Sacraments and beliefs/practices. For more information or to register, call Jan Hall at (248) 853-5390, ext. 123.

Divorce Recovery Workshop

Bethany Rochester conducts a workshop beginning 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, for 11 weeks, at St. Ignace Catholic Church, 7710 Old Perch Road, Rochester Hills. The workshop is open to the divorced and separated of all faiths. No charge. For more information, call Mike at (248) 652-3860.

Birmingham First Concert Series

Presents Everyone Dance, a varied program of music based on dance with concert organist Tom Trenney and Friends 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14, in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, between Cranbrook and Southfield roads. A meet the artists reception follows the program. No charge but a freewill offering will be collected to benefit future events in the concert series. For more information, call Trenney at (248) 644-2040, ext. 136.

Concert

Unity Acoustic Coffee House presents The Cats and The Fiddle, a group of 9-year old musicians, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia. There is a \$5 donation. For more information, call (734) 421-1760.

B'jazz Vespers

Detroit All-Star Tribute to Count Basie featuring Johnny Trudell on trumpet; Matt Michaels, piano; Ray Tini, bass; Bob Harsen, drums, and Melvin Wanzo, trombone 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at First Baptist Church on the corner of Willits and Bates, Birmingham. Chris Collins directs the group. No charge but a free will offering will be taken for the musicians. For more information, call (248) 644-0550.

New schedule

Began Jan. 9, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church begins a new schedule for Sunday morning. Worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by classes for all ages (nursery to adult) at 10:45 a.m.

Fishin' for Friends & Faith is the Wednesday program running from Jan. 19 to March 16. Optional buffet dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by program from 6:30-8 p.m. There is something for everyone. Kids travel to different stations as they learn through games, crafts, songs and mission projects the evening's Bible message. Adults study "Wrestling with Angels" through video and discussion. Fees are dependent on attendance and costs cover food, curriculum and supplies. Pre-pay for a discount or pay as you go. Dinner and program is \$40, program only \$25. Drop-in dinner and program \$5 per night, drop-in program \$2.50 per night at St. Matthew's, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-6038.

Film screenings

View "Indigo," a film about prescient children who can communicate via extra-sensory means of perception 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, and 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. "Indigo" was the audience choice award winner at the Santa Fe Film Festival. It is a movie of hope, joy and most of all love. Tickets are \$10 and available at the church or the door. For more information, call (734) 421-1760.

Gospel concert

One of Gospel music's most popular artists, The Dixie Melody Boys, will be featured in concert on Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 29-30 at Liberty Baptist Church, Belleville. The concert on Saturday will begin at 7 p.m., Sunday's services at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. as the church celebrates their fifth year anniversary. For more information, call (734) 728-5214.

Conference

"Spirituality of the Ragged Edges: The Honesty & Hope of Biblical Faith" takes place 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, with J. Richard Middleton, at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. Middleton is associate professor of Biblical studies at Roberts Wesleyan College and Bible and Culture at Northeastern Seminary in Rochester, New York. Focusing on suffering and the disorientation of life, he divides the topic into two sessions: How the psalms of lament are an important resource for our growth in faith and how the redemption story addresses our real-life needs, invites our participation and empowers us with hope. Cost is \$12. For more infor-

mation, call (734) 425-2800. Everyone is invited to Trinity Church 10:45 a.m. Jan. 30 to hear Middleton preach from the book of Jeremiah.

Open house

As a kick off to National Catholic schools week, Our Lady of Good Counsel school is inviting area families to join students and staff for an open house celebration 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30. Special performances and presentations have been scheduled throughout the day by the student choirs, quiz bowl, and art and science areas. Tours of the school and registration information will be available. For more information, visit www.olgcschool.net.

Grief workshops

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight week grief workshop, From Grief to New Hope beginning 7-8:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, at the church on Six Mile at Haggerty, Northville. This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses. For registration information call Dorothy at (248) 374-5966. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support, call (248) 348-0115.

UPCOMING

Christian Motorcyclists Association

Meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 8 Forgiven Warrior Chapter meetings will be held at Denny's Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road just east of I-275 in Plymouth. The first hour is dinner and fellowship, and open to everyone. We encourage visitors who would like to get to know more about us. For more information, visit the Web site at www.forgivenwarriors.com.

ONGOING

Aerobic class

Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 W. Chicago at Inkster, is offering a Women's Low Impact Aerobic Class to the community every Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. To participate in this cost-free, 30-minute class, wear comfortable exercise attire (floor mats optional). For more information, call the church office (313) 937-1199.

Bible studies

Led by C. Jack Brinkman 8-9 p.m. Thursdays, at the Birmingham YMCA, 400 east Lincoln. Brinkman wrote the book The Word of God: Jesus Christ. Part of the proceeds from book sales go to the YMCA.

Bible Study for Parents

For Parents with Young Children 6 p.m. Sundays at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Child care available. Call (734) 699-3361.

Services

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church (1550 Walton, Rochester Hills) will be holding services at the usual time during construction of the addition - 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (contemporary service) on Sunday, Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Enter and exit using the East drive. For more information, call (248) 651-6550.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Sunday. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Community Bible study

Studying the Book of Proverbs, breakfast 7 a.m. or Bible study 8-9 a.m. at the American Table, Eight Mile, Farmington. Come when you can, leave when you must. For more information, call (248) 924-2779.

Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday worship 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the church 11575 Belleville Road, 4 miles south of Michigan Ave., Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361.

Orthodoxy 101

Explore issues of faith and morals in a course entitled "Orthodoxy 101." It meets weekly 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Road, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The course is open to the public, and there is no cost involved. The Rev. Michael Matsko will be the instructor and will lead the discussion. Please invite your friends and as Philip told Nathaniel, "Come and see." If you have any additional questions, call Beth at (248) 348-8631.

Support group

Provides spiritual, social and educational support for divorced and sepa-

rated Catholic men and women 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month, at St. Andrew's Parish Center, 1400 Englewood, Rochester. For information, call (248) 652-9173 or (248) 652-3860.

New contemporary service

9 a.m. on the last Sunday of the month, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.

Prayer group

Join us 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer, and friendship, at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Come to the back of the church, enter entrance No. 2. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley (734) 464-3656, or Ceri (734) 464-8906.

Women of the Word

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study, Women of the Word, studies the Book of Luke, entitled Grace Under Pressure 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare available for children through age 5. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

Worship schedule

Resumed regular Sunday worship schedule beginning Sept. 12, at Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. A contemporary service called Praise Forth is held on the fourth Sunday of each month. For information, call (248) 626-7906.

New modern-style worship

Come be part of something big! Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Rd., Livonia, just north of I-96) presents a MODERN-style worship service. The multi-media service is informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments. Dramas, led by the members, are often a part of this service. The service is held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday, between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, youth, and adult Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information, call Linda Hollman, Outreach Director, at (734) 522-6830.

New service times

9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. began Sept. 12 for the fall and winter months, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860.

New Sunday School

At Heart of the Hills Church, 5085 Orion Road, Rochester, for members of the community who want to increase their biblical knowledge using materials from Scripture Press. The non-denominational program is open to all ages. No charge for the classes taking place 9:30-10:15 a.m. every Sunday. Service follows at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (248) 652-7774.

Adat Shalom

Synagogue services 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100.

Welcome to the church

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you already baptized Catholic and have been away from the church? Now is the time to inquire about coming into the church or returning to the community of believers. Call Our Lady of Sorrows at (248) 615-5574 for more information.

Self help groups

Local church provides space for self help groups. Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program for eating disorders, meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Alcoholics Anonymous, a 12-step program for alcohol related problems, meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step program for co-dependency and destructive relationship problems, meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward. Parking adjacent to church's north entrance.

Addiction No More

Do you have any addictive behavior problems - drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, etc.? Come to the meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 West Chicago, Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.

Detroit World Outreach

Non-denominational church with cutting edge drama productions, contemporary-energized music, hi-tech video and lighting, relevant life-changing messages, ministries for all ages; services times are 8 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m., junior high serves for grades 6 to 8 at 10:45 a.m.), Wednesday services 8:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Family Night), and service for ages 18 to 28 Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., at 23800 West Chicago, Redford. Call (313) 255-2222 or visit www.wayofvictory.com.

Wednesday Evening Prayer

7 p.m. Wednesday. This is not a structured service but an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860.

Single Point Lighthouse Cafe

Single and feeling alone? Come join us. Single Point Ministries invites you to join more than 550 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. The Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help equip you to maximize your singleness and relationship with God. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. Single Point Ministries has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. For more information or to receive a newsletter, call (248) 374-5920.

Single Point Walking Club

Meets 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. All fitness levels welcome. Single Point Ministries (ages 30 and up) offers 45 ministries for singles including Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, and PACS People Active in Christian Study Bible study group. Call (248) 374-5920.

AWANA

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop your children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

Scrapbook and cropping

If you're interested in learning about scrapbook and cropping, Faith Bible Church is offering a place to put it all together 3-10 p.m. the second Friday of the month, at 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. A Creative Moment consultant will be available to everyone from diehard scrapbookers to novices wanting to learn more about it. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

Sunday Worship service

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church Congregational Praise Team leads the 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Service featuring contemporary style liturgy and music, 1150 Walton, Rochester Hills. No charge. For more information, call (248) 651-6550.

Worship service

Plymouth Baptist Church has added a second Sunday worship celebration.



AHTI ELIS PETAJA

45-year resident of Rochester Hills died Christmas Eve in Arcadia, CA where he had been living with his son, Gary & Yvonne Petaja. He was 90. Ahti was born on July 5, 1914 in Laurium, Michigan to Finnish immigrants, Gust and Anna Petaja. He was the 8th of 13 children. He received a BS Michigan Technological University and an MS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin. During the War Ahti worked in aeronautics engineering at Wright Field Airforce base in Ohio. In 1960, he joined Ford Motor Co. until 1979. In retirement Ahti pursued music, the great love of his life, playing, repairing and collecting pianos, and bringing music into everyone's life. He continued to invent and kept actively involved in many civic projects around town including bringing high quality water to Rochester Hills. Ahti was married for 56 years to Dorothy Miller until her death in 1998. He is survived and will be greatly missed by his four children, five grand children, one great grandson, and three siblings. Memorial services will be held on January 15th, 11 AM, Christ Community Church, 250 W. Avon Rd., Rochester Hills, MI.

ARTHUR JOHN GIESE, JR.

Age 82. Beloved husband of Irene. Arthur was a pilot in WWII and retired from Hoskins Manufacturing. He had 5 children Arthur, Kathy, Steve, Mary & Alex and 7 grandchildren.

KRISTIN MARIE CLARK

(suddenly) age 22, January 4, 2005. Beloved daughter of Suzann Magers (Clark) & Barry Strnad of St. Peters, Missouri and Larry Clark & wife Cynda Clark of Kennewick, Washington. Krissy was the Loving sister of Andrea Clark & Karl North of Westland, Michigan, and Erin Clark & Scott Bradford and their daughter, Kristin's niece, Payton of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Kristin also is survived by her paternal Grandmother, Mabel Clark of Duluth, Minnesota. In addition, Krissy's several loving Aunts, Uncles, other relatives and friends will miss her dearly. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 8, 2005 at St. John Neuman Catholic Church, Canton, Michigan. The family would prefer memorial contributions be made in Kristin's name, to be sent to: Suzann Magers at 25 El Caballo Dr., St. Peters, MO 63376 to be used for a fitting memorial. The family appreciates everyone's prayers.

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

Contemporary worship service

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

Worship services

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

Community Messenger features faith-based announcements from Oakland County on a space available basis. To submit an announcement, write: Beliefs & Values, Observer & Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. Or, fax: (248) 644-1314

ONGOING

Cong. B'nai Moshe

Cong. B'nai Moshe and its Kol Moshe Institute for Lifelong Jewish Learning, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield, offers the following programs: ■ Cinema Moshe: Mondays at noon, a weekly film series features videos of recent Kol Moshe lectures, contemporary Israeli films and other videos of Jewish interest. Now in process, a video replay of Prof. Howard Lupovitch's recent evening lecture series "Jews and the City." All welcome, no charge, no reservations needed. Small charge for refreshments.

There will be no Cinema Moshe on Jan. 17 because of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Upcoming videos and dates are: Jan. 24 - Istanbul: The Sultan and his Jewish Courtiers; Jan. 31 - Vienna: The Habsburgs' Jews; Feb. 7 - Saint Petersburg: Beyond the Pale; Feb. 14 - Budapest: Jews and the Pearl of the Danube; Feb. 21 - New York City: The Ambiguities of the Melting Pot.

■ Adult Hebrew classes: Second-semester adult Hebrew reading classes on various levels, total beginner to advanced, are offered Sunday and Monday mornings and Wednesday nights. Open to the community. Some classes are offered free of charge in cooperation with the New York City-based National Jewish Outreach Program. For other classes there is a modest tuition fee.

For more information on programs, con-

tact Nancy Kaplan at (248) 737-1931 or e-mail kolemoshe@comcast.net

Bethany South Oakland

Bethany South Oakland, a support group for the divorced and separated, holds regular monthly meetings at 7:30 p.m. at St. Columban's Catholic Church, 1775 Melton in Birmingham. For more information call Carol at (248)541-0007 or Christine at (248)542-6117.

Seventh-day Adventist

Each Saturday, Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2775 Crooks Road, Troy, hosts a 9:30 a.m. Sabbath school; 11 a.m. worship service with visitors luncheon; 5 p.m. Spirit of Prophecy study; and 6:15 p.m. songs, prayer and praise for all ages. A Daniel and Revelations Bible study is 7 p.m. Tuesdays. (248) 643-6766

St. Anastasia

St. Anastasia Church, 4571 John R, Troy offers a separated and divorce support group at 7 p.m. Thursdays, facilitated by therapist Angela Mazura. The session includes a video and time for discussion. (248) 689-8380.

■ Lifenet for High School is every Sunday Night, with Mass at 5:20 p.m. All are welcome, bring a friend.

Muddy Waters Zen

Muddy Waters Zen, in Emerson Church, 4230 Livernois, Troy, holds weekly 5 p.m. services that last one hour. Tea and snacks are served afterward. Homage to the Buddhas are chanted at 4:25 p.m. before the formal service. (248) 524-9339

Northbrook Presbyterian

Northbrook Presbyterian Church, on the southwest corner of 14 Mile and Lahser Roads in Beverly Hills, (248) 642-0200, hosts a bereavement support group, facilitated by a licensed bereavement counselor, the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

Woodside Bible

DivorceCare, a series of support groups and seminars, holds 13-week sessions at Woodside Bible Church, 3193 Rochester Road in Troy. DivorceCare is non-denominational and features biblical teaching for recovering from divorce and separation. Call Shari at (248)689-2015 for more information. Registration fee is \$15 (for workbook)

Beautiful Savior Lutheran

Cross Walk at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5631 N. Adams, Bloomfield Hills, is 6 p.m. Wednesdays. The evening starts with dinner, and a choice of three Bible studies at 6:55 p.m.: Basic Christianity; See Through the Scriptures; and Boundaries. (248)646-5041.

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MARY NELSON

January 9, 2005, age 87. Beloved wife of the late Floyd. Dear mother of Shirley (Richard) Waite and the late Patricia Londeau. Grandmother of Michael and Steven Londeau. Great grandmother of Brenden. Sister of Bill (Sally) Dobransky. Predeceased by her brothers Mike, Joe, Andy and John Dobransky. Sister-in-law of Edna Dobransky. Visitation and services were at the Santeju & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City.

MIKE WALDECKER

Age 74, formerly of Plymouth and Ypsilanti, passed away January 10, 2005, in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Waldecker is survived by his son John (Laura), and by his Grandchildren, Jessie, Heather and Vicki Waldecker. Preceded in death by his son, Donald Jr. Mr. Waldecker was a retired mechanic of 50 years from Ford Automotive. Mr. Waldecker had a passion for motorcycles. He retired after 30 years of membership from the Huron Valley Nite Hawks Motorcycle Club in Ypsilanti, where he was five time Past President. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a loving Father & Grandfather. Funeral service Saturday 11:00AM at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth, Visitation Friday 2-9PM.

NINA A. JOHNSTON

(Nee:Lyman) Died Saturday, January 8, 2005 at Boulevard Hills Nursing Home, in Rochester Hills, Michigan. She was born August 21, 1917 in Nevada, Iowa to the late Charles and Mary (Campbell) Lyman. Resident of Bloomfield Hills. Mrs. Johnston was the widow of H.G. Johnston who was the Director of the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham, Michigan from 1966 until he retired in 1983. Mr. Johnston died in 1985. Survived by daughter, Dianne Rice of Troy, MI and grandson, Yale Rice. A private family service will be held. Inurnment at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, MI. Arrangements by A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 248-362-2500. Share memories at obit.DesmondFuneralHome.com

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

SUSAN G. RAYNES (nee FARYNK)

Age 59, January 6, 2005. Devoted wife of Seymour Raynes and loving mother of Christine (John) Jaworskyj. Dear sister of Walter "Terry" Farynk, Linda Farynk, and Judy Pepper. She was preceded in death by her beloved son, Patrick Reed; her parents Walter and Amelia Farynk; and her sister Juliana Farynk. Also survived by three nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements handled by R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home. Family service to be held later at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.

Nie-led Whalers shut down Greyhounds

The Plymouth Whalers have had quite a few big wins this season, but that matched the magnitude of Sunday's 3-0 victory over Sault Ste. Marie.

The triumph over the Greyhounds cemented the Whalers' first place standing in the Ontario Hockey League's Western Division. Plymouth is now three points ahead of the Soo heading into this week-end's play. The Whalers also have two games in hand.

Ryan Nie was the star in net for the winners. He made spectacular saves against Tyler Kennedy, Andrew Desjardins, Jason Pitton and Blair Jarrett in the second period alone. In the third period, Nie stuffed a break-away by Jeff Carter.

"I thought it was a textbook performance," said Plymouth coach/general manager Mike

Vellucci. "We did a great job for two periods and while we got away from our game plan in the second, Nie was there for us."

"I mean, what can you say about him? He stopped Carter on a breakaway and he made one big save after another in the second period. His performance (Sunday) is why we think he's one of the best goalies in this league."

Kyle Gajewski played a solid game between the pipes for the Hounds.

Offensively, the Whalers were paced by Ryan Stephenson, Mike Letizia and John Vigilante, who all scored goals.

The Hounds entered the game on an offensive high, having scored seven goals in their previous contest. That



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Whalers forward Mike Letizia (22) had a key goal in the team's 3-0 victory over Sault Ste. Marie Sunday night. The win gave the Ontario Hockey League West Division-leading Whalers a three-point cushion over the second-place Greyhounds.

made Nie's effort even more impressive. Plus, the Whalers were in the midst of a tiring roadtrip that stretched through Ontario.

Plymouth used an opportunistic scoring attack and a stellar defensive effort to skate away with the huge victory.

Whalers acquire IceDogs' defenseman Lee

A few hours before the Ontario Hockey League's trading deadline, the Plymouth Whalers acquired defenseman Ryan Lee and a second-round draft choice in 2005 from the Mississauga IceDogs in exchange for 18-year-old defenseman Craig Cescon and a fifth-round draft choice in 2005.

Cescon — Plymouth's eighth-round draft choice in 2002 — score one goal with five assists in 87 games with the Whalers. His only goal for Plymouth was a

game-winner in a 3-2 victory over Owen Sound on March 5. Injuries limited Cescon's playing time early this season and he had one assist and 38 penalty minutes this year.

Lee — from Caledon, Ont. — is a free agent signed last summer by Mississauga and has a goal and two assists for three points and 30 penalty minutes in 32 games.

He is expected to report to Plymouth in time for tonight's game in Windsor.

The Whalers are stockpiling draft picks for the 2005 Ontario Hockey League Priority Selection, set for May 7. Besides their own first-round selection, the Whalers have two second-round picks (Plymouth and Mississauga), their own third pick, two fourth-round picks and two fifth-round picks (Oshawa and Owen Sound).

In a related move, Plymouth signed 17-year-old defenseman Jake Helmick, the team's fourth-round draft pick in the 2004

OHL draft. Helmick, 6-foot-2 and 200 pounds, comes from Kingwood West Virginia and comes to the Whalers after starting the season playing midget hockey in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Helmick will join the team Jan. 20 after completing his current school semester.

Plymouth's next home games are this Saturday against Guelph at the Compuware Sports Arena at 7:30 p.m. and this Sunday at 2 p.m. against Owen Sound.

Register for Detroit Sports Bowl competition

The Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee is recruiting teams for the first-ever Detroit Sports Bowl, a 12-sport, friendly competition among metro Detroit's corporate community from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 22, at Ford Field.

Registration for Detroit Sports Bowl ends today, and the winning team receives six tickets to Super Bowl XL scheduled for Feb. 5, 2006, at Ford Field.

The Detroit Sports Bowl is one of several cool events being held during Motown Winter Blast (www.motownwinterblast.com), scheduled for Jan. 21-23, in downtown Detroit.

Participation in the Detroit Sports Bowl is open to members of any company, non-profit organization or municipality. The competition will consist of 12 sports challenges, including the football throw, golf drive, football place kick, baseball speed pitch, soccer shot, a 100-foot obstacle course, free throw shooting, a pit crew challenge, a 24-foot rock wall climb, hockey shot and closest to the pin.

Other prizes for the top 20 teams include ticket packages to the Detroit sports teams' games, complimentary dinners at select local restaurants and a suite package for six at a 2005 Detroit Lions game.

Teams must have six members with each team member participating in six challenges. Family and friends are welcome to attend the event to cheer on their team. Admission to view the Detroit Sports Bowl is free.

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Jonathan Witz
Motown Winter Blast

The fan-friendly competitions will be officiated by local media and sports celebrities, including former Detroit Piston Rick Mahorn, former Red Wing Jimmy Carson, former Detroit Lions Hall of Famer Lem Barney and others. Staff members from Joe Dumars Fieldhouse will also assist with organizing and officiating.

"We wanted to create a day for local companies—large and small—to become a part of the Super Bowl XL experience," said Jonathan Witz, event producer of the Motown Winter Blast. "Participants have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to compete at Ford Field—the same turf that the NFL elite will be playing on in 2006."

"This event takes fans to another level of excitement by letting them compete to earn the unofficial title of Detroit Sports Bowl champions," said Mahorn, former Detroit Piston. "And with tickets to Super Bowl XL up for grabs, I'm sure the teams will feel like they're playing for their very own Super Bowl championship."

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Stock up warmth this winter

If soups weren't created in winter by our ancestors, they should have been.

I can't think of a better, more versatile, dish that blends beef, chicken or fish with spices, herbs, stocks and fresh vegetables. Soups are a meal that, once you master their construction and composition, will surely make family members and friends notice your culinary prowess.

And at this time of year, what better feel and smell to the kitchen than simmering pots of beef, chicken or vegetable stocks or beef and chicken broths, well on their way to a tomato vegetable soup, a beef barley or home-made chicken noodle soup? (Stock is the strained liquid of cooking vegetables, meat or fish and other seasonings in water. Broth is similar, but includes meat from chicken, fish and beef bones.)

One of the first stories I did for this section a few years ago was on soups. Jeff Gabriel, master chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College, stressed the importance of homemade stocks and broths in soups. (Gabriel teaches a continuing education class on soups and stews, scheduled 5-9 p.m. Thursday, March 17. For information, pick up a registration form and schedule at Schoolcraft's Continuing Education Services building or call [734] 462-4448.)

Shortly after I did the story, I made my own broths and stocks, using Gabriel's recipes, and now I'm hooked. The taste is phenomenal, but the soups also look terrific. Broths and stocks are truly great building blocks in food preparation.

Of course, if you'd prefer, you can use beef bases and bouillon, or chicken bouillon or canned broths. Those also provide flavor and work in a pinch as it's hard to find time to cook.

But if you happen to have a morning or early afternoon available, make your own. It's really worth the effort.

The following recipes are two of my favorites. Homemade chicken noodle soup — including homemade egg noodles — can't be beat. And yes, it is labor intensive and it will take a few hours. And you will need a pasta machine to create angel hair pasta noodles. But what the heck, it is winter, and you wanted to sink your hands into some dough, right?

If you have leftover stock, great. If you think you won't have any left, make another batch.

Chicken stock or broth can be used in many, many other soups or can be used in risottos.

The beef stock can help create new sauces for beef dishes or beef broth can be used for a base in beef barley or French onion soups.

The key to a great chicken broth and stock is finding good fresh stewing hens. (If you've ever wondered what to do with that turkey neck from Thanksgiving, it helps create a more gelatinous and thicker broth.)

And of course, a good beef broth requires good thick bones, roasting them, adding it to cold water and simmering slowly. Roast your vegetables with tomato paste, too.

Here are the stock recipes, followed by the soups.

And warm up your winter.

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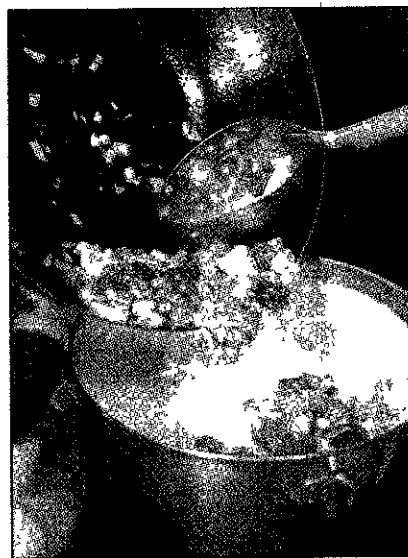


This finished product is cream of broccoli soup, created by Dan Sarb, owner of Harvey's Olde Village Deli in Plymouth.

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souped

Here's a hot bowl of soup for you



Story by Ken Abramczyk
Staff Writer

Maybe the notorious "Soup Nazi" from the Seinfeld television show was onto something.

That misanthropic, grouchy soup cook made famous in the classic Seinfeld episode (and no, he had nothing to do with Nazis, that was only a nickname), ran a strict soup line at the takeout counter with militaristic instructions — pick the soup you want, have money ready and move to the extreme left after ordering.

He exhibited an absolute disdain for customers who asked too many questions, charging George Costanza \$2 — then \$3 — extra for bread and banning Elaine for one year for taking too long to order.

But the soup was delicious. And so,

the Seinfeld characters returned to the eatery for more verbal abuse and punishment.

It's easy to see why the Seinfeld writers stocked a little soup in the show's storyline — it's hard to find a good soup. Chefs who show a little patience will find it's not that hard to make.

Soups are delicious as a main meal or an appetizer. They are diverse in color, flavor, texture and ingredients.

You can use beef, chicken, fish or vegetable stocks. You can chop into winter's heartiness (parsnips, squash and potatoes) or simmer a slow-cooked beef vegetable with carrots, corn and beans. That leftover ham hock from Christmas always can use a new home

Many soup recipes to warm you on a cold winter day can be found inside today's Taste section. Page D2

PLEASE SEE SOUP, D3

Wines of a place star at Ravenswood

Americans are becoming more knowledgeable about the food they eat and how it is grown.

If you shop at farmer's markets or roadside stands, you appreciate fresh produce and knowing who grew it and where.

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Wine aficionados, too, are aware of growing terms like organic, sustainable and biodynamic. They look for the appellation on a wine label. They want to know the vineyard name because that helps locate the vines

and grapes that made the wine.

Joel Peterson, winemaker at Ravenswood Winery, Sonoma County, Calif., well-known for his rich, powerful zinfandels says, "Vineyard designates are the heart and soul of this winery. For 28 years, we have cultivated collaborative relationships with our grower partners. You'll see the results of our combined dedication and best vineyard practices in each and every bottle."

GROWING THE GRAPES

Let us introduce you to some of the Ravenswood growers. When Patricia Heron and Barbara Olesen bought 36 acres of old Sonoma Valley grape vines, they named the parcel Barricia, a name you find on a Ravenswood

Zinfandel label. Heron always knew she would become a farmer, but it didn't happen until after law school, serving as dean of several colleges, and being elected presiding judge of the Seventh Circuit Court!

The purchased vineyards were in bad shape, so she learned to drive a tractor, prune vines, and identify grape vine pests and diseases. After bringing the 100-year-old vineyards back to life, Heron and Olesen began selling grapes to Joel Peterson at Ravenswood.

Ricardo Belloni grew up in Emilia Romagna, Italy. His wife Natalia came from the other side of a nearby mountain. They moved to Sonoma County, Calif., where Ricardo worked as a cabinet maker. Having grown up

on a farm, he wanted to own a vineyard. On the outskirts of Santa Rosa, he found one for sale that was planted in the early 1900s. Each autumn he harvested his zinfandel that was field blended with small amounts of carignane, petite sirah and Alicante bouschet to his family wine.

Peterson began making Belloni Zinfandel in 1991. Ricardo died in 1997, but his wife, children and grandchildren still tend the family vineyard. Ricardo would be proud of the 2002 Ravenswood Zinfandel that carries his name.

In a time when there were few good Napa Valley wineries, Bill Dickerson was a psychiatrist and serious wine buff. He met a

PLEASE SEE WINE, D4

WINE PICKS

CHARDONNAY remains the wine of choice in the U.S. The following are the rankings from a recent tasting.

■ **Excellent:** 2002 Joseph Phelps Ovation, \$48; 2002 Morgan Double L Vineyard, \$34; and 2002 St. Clement Carneros-Napa Valley, \$16.

■ **Very good:** 2002 J. Lohr Arroyo Vista Vineyard, \$25, in a buttery popcorn style; 2003 Duboeuf Pouilly-Fuisse, \$19; 2002 Domaine Chandon, \$19; 2003 Chateau St. Jean Sonoma County, \$14; 2003 Gallo of Sonoma, \$13; 2003 Cousino-Macul Antiguas Reservas (Chile), \$13; 2003 Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve, \$12; 2003 Clos du Bois North Coast Chardonnay, \$12; and 2003 McWilliams Hanwood Estate (Australia), \$11.

■ **Wallet friendly:** 2003 Lindemans Reserve (Australia), \$10

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

STOCK

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BROWN STOCK

8 pounds of beef or veal bones, or beef shanks
oil (as needed)
6 to 8 quarts of cold water
4 cups onions
2 cups carrots
2 cups celery
1/2 to 3/4 cup tomato puree or paste
1 sachet d'espace (a sack of spices created with a sprig of fresh thyme or one teaspoon of dried thyme, two bay leaves, 10 peppercorns and two tablespoons parsley stems, wrapped inside cheesecloth and tied with string)

Rinse the bones. Brown the bones in a 400° F oven for about 45 minutes. Combine the bones with the water and bring slowly to a simmer.

Mix the onions, carrots, celery and tomato puree in the same roasting pan, then also roast in a 400° F oven until they brown, or about 30 minutes. Reserve.

Simmer the bones for six to eight hours. Add the sachet and onions, carrots and celery and simmer an additional one to two hours. Strain, cool and store properly.

Note: To cool soups or stocks quickly, place hot soup pan in a cold ice bath created in the sink with water and ice. This method prevents overcooking the soup or stocks and cools it enough to put the soup away quickly.

CHICKEN STOCK

8 pounds chicken pieces (legs, thighs, backs and necks) or stewing hens
6 quarts cold water
4 cups onions
2 cups carrots
2 cups celery
1 sachet d'espace (a sack of spices created with a sprig of fresh thyme or one teaspoon of dried thyme, two bay leaves, 10 peppercorns and two tablespoons parsley stems, wrapped inside cheesecloth and tied with string)

Rinse the bones. Combine the

bones with the water. Bring them to a boil, then dump the water. (This will get rid of any impurities.)

Combine the bones again with a fresh batch of 6 quarts of water or until the water is one inch over the bones. Bring them slowly to a boil, then simmer. Skim the surface as necessary. Simmer the stock for five hours.

Add onions, carrots and celery and sachet d'espace and simmer for an additional one to two hours. Strain, cool and store properly. Save chicken meat for chicken soup recipe below.

VEGETABLE STOCK

1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 cup onions
1 cup leeks, green and white parts, chopped
1/2 cup celery, chopped
1/2 cup cabbage, chopped
1/2 cup carrots, chopped
1/2 cup turnip, chopped
1/2 cup tomato puree
3 garlic cloves, crushed
4 quarts cold water
standard sachet d'espace (a sack of spices created with a sprig of fresh thyme or one teaspoon of dried thyme, two bay leaves, 10 peppercorns and two tablespoons parsley stems, wrapped inside cheesecloth and tied with string)

1 teaspoon fennel seeds
4 whole cloves
Heat the oil. Add the vegetables and sweat them for three to five minutes. Add water, sachet and herbs and simmer for 30 to 40 minutes. Strain. If desired, fresh or dried chilies may be added.

Stock recipes courtesy of Jeff Gabriel, certified master chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College.

BEEF VEGETABLE SOUP

1/2 cup salad oil
1 small onion, diced
3 celery stalks, diced
2 medium carrots, diced
1/2 small head of red cabbage, chopped
1 medium zucchini, diced
1 1/2 pounds beef for stew, cut into 1/2-inch chunks
4 medium potatoes
2 (16 ounce) cans of tomatoes, diced
6 cups of beef stock (more or less, according to taste)
1 cup of green beans, frozen
1/2 cup of corn, frozen

Saute onion, celery, carrots, zucchini and red cabbage in pan.

Remove vegetables from pan, then saute beef pieces until meat is well browned on all sides.

Cut potatoes into 1/2-inch cubes. Combine vegetables and cooked meat with beef stock, along with canned tomatoes. (You may want to add more tomatoes if you prefer a more tomato flavor vs. beef.) Add potatoes, green beans and corn, then heat soup to a boil and simmer for about 30 minutes or when potatoes are fork-tender. Taste and adjust seasonings.

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

Chicken meat (from chicken stock recipe above)
6 quarts chicken stock (from recipe above)
Pasta noodles (from recipe below)
2 carrots, sliced
1 celery stalk, sliced
Celery salt
Pepper

Reheat stock from recipe above with fresh sliced carrots and sliced celery. Bring to boil, then immediately simmer until vegetables are tender. Taste and adjust seasonings. Cook pasta noodles in separate pot and drain. Reheat chicken meat. Place cooked noodles in bowl, season with celery salt and pepper, then add cooked chicken and pour chicken soup over it.

NOODLES FOR CHICKEN SOUP

1 pound of flour
4 eggs
1 ounce oil
1 teaspoon salt
Water (if necessary)
In large bowl, pour the flour in, then place the eggs in the middle of the flour, creating a "well." Mix flour, salt and eggs with a wooden spoon, making a loose dough. It should resemble coarse meal. (Don't overprocess. On dry days it may be necessary to add more flour or, if flour is too dry, add a little water.) Knead dough with floured hands on a lightly floured surface, kneading until smooth and elastic, about 10 minutes. Let dough relax at room temperature for one hour.

Cut dough into smaller pieces and create strips by flattening them with a roller. Sprinkle flour on the pasta strips, then run them through the pasta machine from the No. 1 setting (thickest) through No. 6 or follow instructions on the machine to create thin angel hair noodles. Cook pasta in rolling boiling water until tender, which should take about 3-5 minutes.

SOUP RECIPES

CREAM OF BROCCOLI SOUP

1 cup broccoli, chopped
1/4 cup carrots, chopped
fine
2 tablespoons onion, chopped fine
Flour
Butter
Milk
Chicken stock or chicken base

Make a cream soup base (Dan Sarb uses a roux (flour and butter) in a pan, then mixes it with milk). Add a little chicken stock, a little celery salt and black pepper.

Saute vegetables while warming the cream stock. Combine vegetables with stock. Season to taste. Recipe adapted from Dan Sarb, owner of Harvey's Old Village Deli in Plymouth.

CHICKEN BROTH & ARTICHOKE TAGLETTE

1 gallon chicken stock
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/2 cup Chablis wine (or a dry white wine)
1 pound Spanish onions, diced
1 pound celery, peeled and diced
3/4 pound, artichoke hearts, quartered (fresh or canned, drained)
1/2 pound chicken meat (or chicken meat pulled from a 2 1/2 to 3-pound chicken)
1/4 cup, basil leaf, chiffonade
1/4 pound cut Taglette spinach (pasta)
1/4 cut cut Taglette (pasta)
1/4 lemon, zested
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
1/4 cup blended olive oil
Kosher salt, to taste
Fresh ground black pepper, to taste

In a heavy stock pot, heat 1/4 cup of blended oil and add onion and celery. Saute, then add the Chablis (or white wine), cook off and then add the chicken stock. Bring to a boil and then reduce heat to a slow simmer.

Add the artichoke hearts, lemon zest, lemon juice, pulled chicken meat and adjust your seasonings. Finish off by adding the basil and pasta.

Recipe courtesy of William Hall,

executive chef at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham.

TUSCAN LENTILS WITH FENNEL SAUSAGE

1 1/4 pounds lentils, washed, sorted and soaked
1 pound Spanish onion, diced
1/2 pound celery, peeled and diced
2 ounces Pancetta, diced and browned
3/4 pounds fennel sausage, out of casing
1/2 ounce garlic, minced
1 gallon veal stock
2.5 ounces of canned plum tomatoes or 1/2 pound of fresh Roma tomatoes, concasse
1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup red wine
1 sprig, fresh sage
1 1/2 sprigs, fresh rosemary
1 tablespoon crushed red pepper
Salt, to taste
Fresh ground black pepper, to taste

In a heavy stock pot, heat 1/4 cup olive oil. Add Pancetta and fennel sausage and let brown.

Drain excess grease. Add garlic, onion, celery and saute until softened.

Add red wine, veal stock and Roma tomatoes and bring to a boil. Add lentils. Fill sachet d'espace with sage, rosemary and bay leaves (or tie a cheesecloth filled with these herbs) and bring to a boil. Adjust seasonings.

Recipe courtesy of William Hall, executive chef at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham.

MINNESOTA WILD RICE SOUP

1/2 pound medium diced onion
1/2 pound diced celery
1/2 pound diced carrots
1/2 pound bacon, diced and browned
1 gallon, chicken stock, cold
1/4 pound tomatoes, concasse
1/2 tablespoon butter, unsalted
1 tablespoon garlic, minced
1/2 tablespoon, flour
1/2 cup dry sherry
2 cups heavy cream
1 1/2 thyme sprigs
1 1/2 bay leaves
1/2 ounce fresh, snipped chives
1/2 pound wild rice, cooked al dente

SOUP TIPS

A good soup starts with a good homemade stock, but if time is critical go ahead and take the short cuts in making that soup. "If you start with a wonderful homemade broth, your soup will be distinguished by its fragrance," according to the Culinary Institute of America's Book of Soups. But the book also states that prepared broths and soup bases are convenient and very necessary time savers "under the right circumstances."

Use cold water. Hot water congeals the meat. Heat cold water slowly to a gentle simmer. An even simmer prevents scorching vegetables and thick soups, and minimizes evaporation.

Add vegetables according to cooking time. Fresh herbs lose cooking flavor the longer they are cooked, while spices intensify.

Taste the soup frequently and cook only until flavors are developed and vegetables are tender. You can add chopped fresh herbs, a few drops of lemon or lime juice, Tabasco sauce, Worcestershire sauce or grated citrus zest to brighten the flavor of the soup. Seasoning should be checked after each addition by tasting the soup. To cool the soup quickly, place the soup pot into an ice bath in the sink.

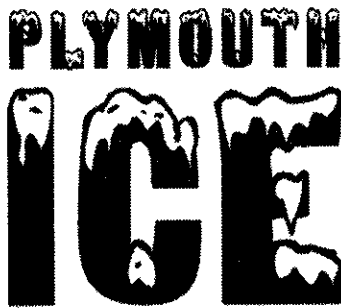
Source: The Culinary Institute of America's Book of Soups

1 pinch of hot pepper seed (optional)

Melt butter in a heavy stockpot. Add garlic, celery and onions. Saute until slightly softened, then add carrots and saute.

Add your flour and cook for 10 minutes. Whisk in the cold chicken stock and dry sherry, bring to a boil and turn to simmer. Simmer for 15 minutes and then add the browned bacon (fat drained). Add a sachet, cheese cloth sack with the thyme and bay leaves, then add fresh tomatoes and wild rice. Adjust seasoning, then add dry sherry, cream and finish with the fresh snipped chives.

Recipe courtesy of William Hall, executive chef at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham.



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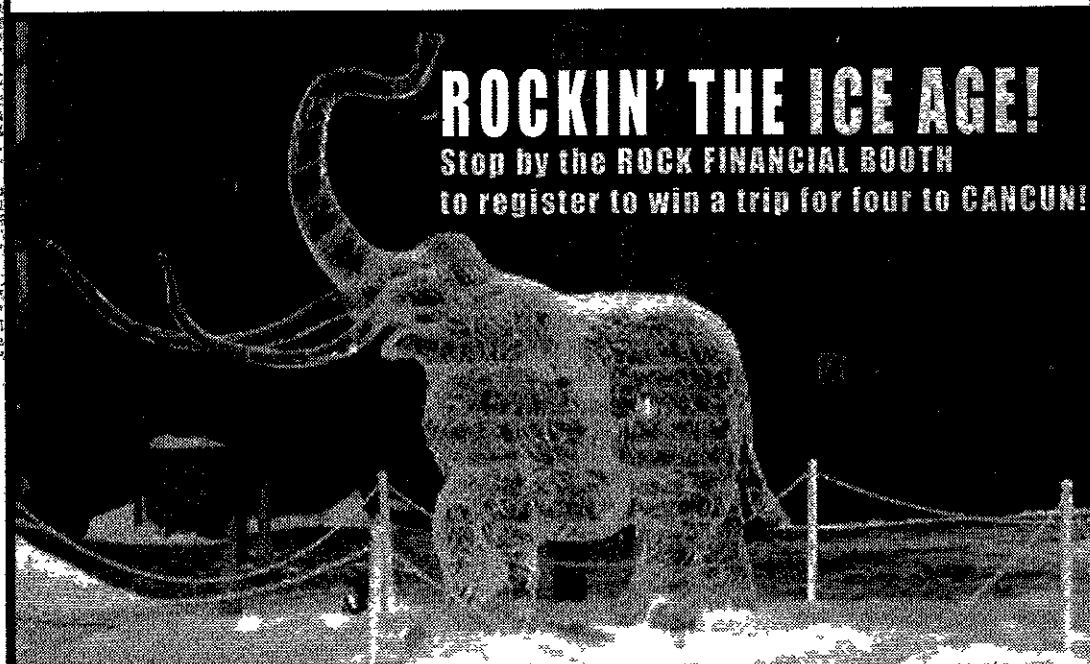
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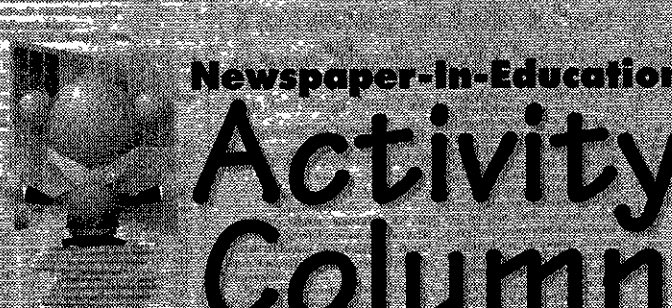









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January 1st marked the start of the **New Year**. Make a list of your New Year's resolutions and try your very best to follow it. After 3 months, go back to your resolutions and see if you have fulfilled any of them.


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- bean soup.

You can follow the seasons for freshness, but even frozen vegetables fair well steeped and simmered in a favorite stock. Puree them or strain them, leave them chunky or make them smooth.

Often restaurants serve them as appetizers, but they can fill the bowl and your stomach as a main dish, accompanied by bread or crackers, garnished with croutons or cheese.

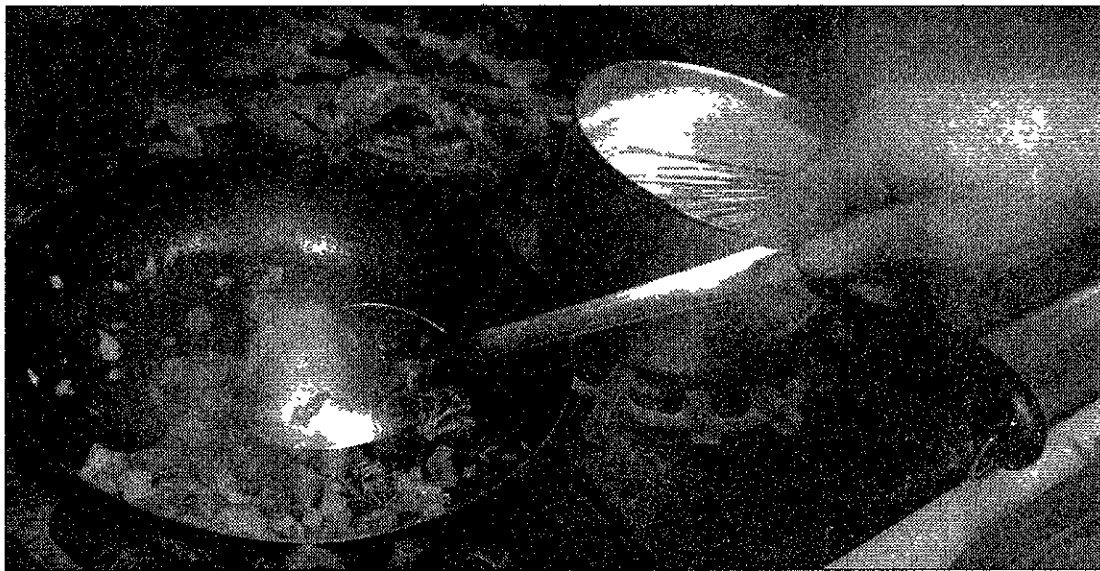
William Hall, executive chef at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham, calls himself a "soup fanatic." "I enjoy making any kind of soup," Hall said.

It can be wild mushroom marsala one day, tomato basil the next. "You need to base it on natural stocks," Hall said, whether the stocks are beef, veal, chicken or vegetable.

And delicious soup takes time. Sometimes Hall and the kitchen crew at Papa Joe's will simmer a beef or veal stock for 12 hours. "You need to pay attention to those details," he said. Chicken backs and parts are placed in water, brought to a boil, then the water is dumped, then a fresh batch of cold water is used to get the stock going with vegetables and herbs. For beef stocks, Hall said he uses leg bones that are split and roasted with tomato paste.

Vegetables can be sauteed before placing them in the soup, but it all depends on what kind of soup and flavor the cook wants, Hall said. "But don't overcook them," he said.

The more popular soups at Papa Joe's are wild mushroom marsala, tomato basil and homemade chicken with wide noodles. When prepar-



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Sarb sautéed the fresh vegetables as he warms the cream stock for the soup.

ing soups at home, cooks should pay attention to detail, Hall said.

"The biggest problem for people is probably that when they prepare the vegetables, they didn't do an even cut," Hall said. "By the time the larger sized pieces are cooked, the smaller ones will be mashed out."

Variation in the soups also can allow for new wrinkles in the soups.

One day might be eggplant; the next day will be roasted eggplant and tomato. Squash, pumpkin and party soups with beans are all popular winter vegetable soups.

Dan Sarb, owner of Harvey's Old Village Deli in Plymouth, believes fresh vegetables beat frozen ones hands down.

"An old friend once told me you taste food with your eyes first, then your mouth," Sarb said.

"The color and presentation of the food is better. Frozen (vegetables) don't hold the color and the texture as well."

Sarb enjoys a variety of soups at this time of year: beef vegetable, bean with ham, potato soup and corn

chowder.

Sarb isn't afraid to use a chicken base for his soups: they taste delicious in chicken noodle soup.

"But you can't beat a ham bone in bean soup," Sarb said.

You cook it right in with the soup and get the marrow in there. You don't have to put any seasoning in it."

Customers prefer the heartier soups at this time of year: bean with ham, potato and clam chowder. "People tend to make a meal out of the soups that are heartier," Sarb said.

"It goes back to when you were a kid, out sledding or tobogganing," Sarb said. "You come home and she sets a big bowl in front of you with a grilled cheese, and it's a comfort-type thing. It's like meat loaf."

"It's a good filling lunch without spending \$5 or \$6. It's good food and it's relatively healthy."

And, in the words of the Seinfeld restaurateur, if it tastes good enough, there'll be "no more soup for you" or anyone else the next day.

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TYPES OF SOUPS

Stocks or broths - Bouillons and consommés.

Cream soups - Those thickened with a white sauce.

Bisques - Heavy cream soups usually containing shellfish.

Quick cookery gives this name to a soup made with a white sauce base to which is added a puree of fish, vegetables or fruits.

At one time bisques were thickened with rice, but today they are more frequently thickened with roux.

Purees - thickened with cooked vegetables or fish passed through a sieve or pureed with a blender or food processor.

Chowders - Thick soups or stews usually containing seafood, potatoes and milk or cream. Chowder originates from the French word "cauldron" meaning cooking kettle.

Vegetables or fish stewed in a cauldron became known as chowder in English-speaking nations, a corruption of the name of the pot or kettle in which they were cooked. The first chowders on the North American continent were brought by French fishermen to Canada.

Pottages - Broths heavy with ingredients such as gumbo, chicken, noodles or vegetables.

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Dan Sarb, owner of Harvey's Old Village Deli in Plymouth, makes a batch of the deli's soup of the day, cream of broccoli soup.

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Wine Appreciation: An Introduction to France begins Feb. 17 and features a tour of the main wine regions of France. Participants will taste wines and cheeses from each appellation.

Wine Appreciation: A Connoisseur's Guide to Riesling begins March 24 and introduces participants to the remarkable flexibility of

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Participants must pre-register for all workshops. The cost for members is \$77, nonmember cost is \$85 and there is a \$30 lab fee for all wine tasting workshops.

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CALENDAR

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Enjoy a casual and uncomplicated introduction to the world of wine suited for the novice as well as the slight-

ly experienced. This is a great foundation course that you can build on by taking further wine classes.

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The class will end with a discussion on proper wine storage climate. Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna are the instructors for the class scheduled 7:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19. The session costs \$29. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

WINE

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talented young winemaker and financed his winery. That winemaker was Joe Heitz, who helped make Napa Valley wines famous via his Heitz Martha's Vineyard Cabernet. Appreciating the eucalyptus-tasting wine of Heitz, Dickerson purchased a zinfandel vineyard near St. Helena that was surrounded by eucalyptus trees. Today, Joel Peterson makes Dickerson Zinfandel that Robert Parker described as "the Heitz Martha's Vineyard of Zinfandels."

Long before it was politically correct, Otto Teller was a larger than life environmentalist and organic farmer. His pride and joy was Oak Hill Farm in Sonoma Valley, which he expanded in 1981 by purchasing an abandoned vineyard known as Old Hill Ranch.

The century-old zinfandel vines were over grown by blackberries, poison oak and junk.

Consultants advised Teller to rip out the vineyard, fumigate and replant. He would have none of that!

Teller rejected chemical herbicides and fertilizers, so he cleared the brush and stimulated vine growth organically while using beneficial insects

to curb pests. Since grape quality was his goal, he saw no need to improve a vineyard that already produced a ton per acre of intensely flavored fruit.

Space does not allow us to include the personalities at Telleschi, Big River, Monte Rosso or Cooke vineyards, but you can find these vineyard names on designated Ravenswood Zinfandels at \$30 to \$60 per bottle.

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Defect claim may not be subject to arbitration

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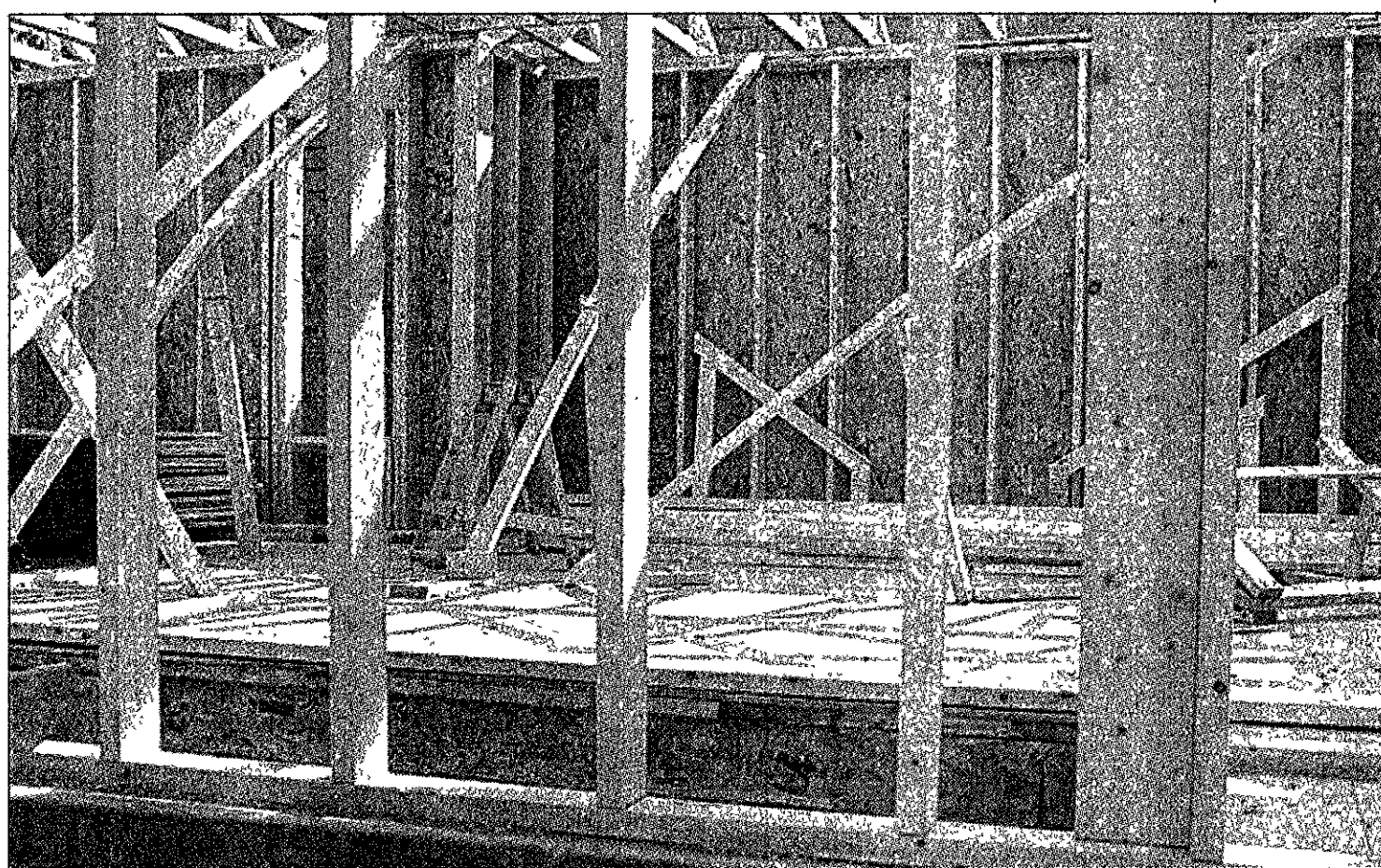
Of course, each case must rest on its own facts and circumstances but a recent case from the Supreme Court of Nevada held that homeowners suing a developer are not bound by an arbitration clause that was inconspicuous, one sided and failed to advise them that they were waiving significant rights by agreeing to arbitration. The contracts in question, presented to the home buyers, were difficult to read and the arbitration clause was on the back page. The court noted that nothing drew attention to the arbitration clause. The court reasoned that an arbitration clause must be at least conspicuous and clearly put a purchaser on notice that she or he is waiving important rights. You may well be able to utilize this argument in your particular situation. You are best to consult with a knowledgeable real estate attorney regarding this issue and have that attorney deal with the developer.

Our condo is allowing a number of people to put up political signs of all sizes and varieties even though there is a restriction against signs. Do we have any recourse?

It depends on what your bylaws say. If your bylaws say that signs can only be placed at the discretion of the board, then the board has the discretion to allow signs. However, once the board opens the door, so to speak, it may not have the right to limit the types of signs that can be listed of political nature which could include signs that are clearly offensive to the majority of homeowners. The board is best advised to review its policy

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Builders celebrate banner year, look forward to 2005

BY KEELY SCHRAMM
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Michigan's job market turned out to be weaker than David Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders anticipated, still, low long-term interest rates fueled record home sales in 2004.

The two big questions for 2005 are, "where is the job market going? And are long-term interest rates going to increase?" he said during the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's trade show and economic forecast luncheon on Jan. 5 in Sterling Heights.

Housing values have continued to increase despite concerns that real estate would be the next bubble to bust.

"It's one heck of a success story," said Seiders. "We've had record housing sales in the face of a deteriorating job market."

Low long-term interest rates fueled new housing construction, the sale and remodeling of existing homes, and made home ownership an affordable option for renters.

"Apartment vacancy rates have gone to an all time high," said Seiders.

He predicts long-term interest rates will rise slightly in 2005, but this will be offset by better job growth.

"I think it will be a very good year for housing," he said. "But you can't keep pulling people out of the rental market. It's a little scary to me. The interest

rate structure and job market are critical. Watch your inventory very carefully - 2005 has these funny things about it. This is not the year to be stuck with inventory. The number of unsold units has been rising. Don't get lulled into complacency."

The shift to low Adjustable Rate Mortgages, which stretches affordability, and record appreciation, has fueled investor speculation in some states. But that hasn't happened in Michigan where most of the homes are owner occupied. Michigan's home ownership rate, 73.8 percent reported in the 2000 Census, is third highest in the nation, above the national rate of 66.2 percent. Seiders said that figure has grown to 77 percent in Michigan, 70 percent nationwide.

Real estate has become a driving force in Southeast Michigan's economy. New housing permits issued for single-family homes in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Monroe, St. Clair and Livingston counties in 2004 increased for the third year in a row from 14,952 to 15,196. Permits issued for attached condominiums also rose from 5,411 to 6,380.

Dominic J. Mocerri, BIA president and principal of Mocerri Companies of Auburn Hills, believes new housing permits will remain at, or near the levels of 2004.

"Permit numbers indicate builders' belief in a demand for



housing, and in 2004, it looks like the builders were rightfully optimistic," said Mocerri.

He believes the stampede for new housing is unstoppable. People are living longer. Active adult communities are coming to town. There are more single parent households. Growing families, new businesses moving to the state, and immigration are creating a need for more housing.

Local builders are concerned about slow-growth and no-growth proposals and have introduced legislation - Senate Bill 420 and House Bill 4919 - to recommend that 50 percent of developable land be zoned for reasonable density building, up to eight units per acre.

"BIA's legislation preserves freedom of choice for families," Mocerri said. "It provides affordable housing and allows them to choose where and how they would want to live and

raise their children."

Richard Komer, president of Wineman & Komer Building Co. in Southfield, and BIA treasurer, believes it's an education process. "The more restrictive the zoning, the more sprawl," he said. "The idea of smart growth is to cluster homes and have open space for parks, it fights the problem of sprawl."

Komer believes more small builders and developers will form joint ventures to combine their expertise "so we aren't competing with one another," he said. "It's the only way for the little guy to survive."

Seiders admitted his 2004 building industry growth estimates were conservative. "I hope when I come back next year you'll say my estimates were on the low side," he said. "Some people accuse me of being too conservative. But it keeps the builders in line."

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Pick mortgage to boost your cash flow

A huge percentage of homeowners fall into my "summer" category. These homeowners are not first-time buyers, and often have huge demands on their pocketbooks. Most are juggling the recurring and usually substantial bills associated with raising a family and establishing a household. Often, summer borrowers find themselves trying to get a nickel to fit where a dollar bill belongs.

Summer borrowers are in the "acquisition phase" of life, which normally involves the purchase of items required to establish a home. These purchases, which include appliances, furniture and children's clothing, are necessary and costly. Some opt to use credit cards to facilitate these purchases, often causing cash flow problems down the road.

Categorically, mortgage choices for my summer borrowers involve a "cash flow" bias. Virtually every one of my summer clients places an emphasis on managing their monthly payments so they can, in turn, manage their other financial obligations.

The most conservative choice for this group is not always the most appropriate one. Many reach for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage - the most expensive of the cash flow options - because of parental pressure, naivete or fear of the future. For many, more appropriate choices would include interest-only options or shorter-term products like a three- or five-year ARM.

Selecting a mortgage that frees up monthly cash flow helps summer borrowers to live a more stress-free life. By reducing their monthly mortgage payment by perhaps hundreds of dollars, most can pay cash for their essential purchases instead of running up a credit card tab.

When asked, many summer borrowers say they plan to upgrade their homes in the near future. Thus, less expensive, shorter-term mortgages can be a perfect fit for them. Their homes are going to appreciate over a say, five-year period at the same rate regardless of how much they pay monthly. It makes a lot of sense for this cash-strapped bunch to consider cheaper mortgage options to stay in the same home.

This is the third part of a five-part series. Readers may download the entire series online at www.PhillipsHQ.com in two weeks after all five columns have appeared in the paper. Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy archives at www.PhillipsHQ.com or phone him toll-free at (866) 369-4516.

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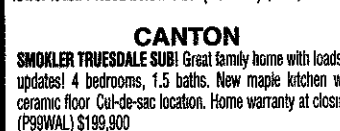
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NORTHVILLE ESTATES HALF-ACRE SITE! This spacious tri-level features 2885 sq. ft., 3 huge bedrooms, 2.5 baths, updated kitchen, and a walk-out family room. Private wooded lot. All this for \$289,900. (P66SUM)



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BREATHTAKING PLYMOUTH RANCH CONDO Exclusive Eaton Estates. Finished walkout. Master suite with jet tub and separate shower, 2 fireplaces, 3 baths, oak kitchen with island and 2nd kitchen in lower level. Priced below SEV (P88EAT) \$379,900



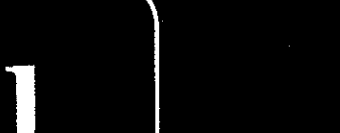
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SMOKER TRUESDALE SUB! Great family home with loads of updates! 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. New maple kitchen with ceramic floor. Cul-de-sac location. Home warranty at closing! (P99WAL) \$199,900



WESTLAND

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CANTON

CAVALIER VILLAGE SOUTH SUB Lovely 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial deep in the sub. Professionally landscaped. Backyard is fenced in w/maintenance free vinyl fencing perfect for a dog or kids play. Newer roof, furnace and air conditioning. Household Intercom! A MUST SEE! (P55PAL) \$229,900



PLYMOUTH

LAKEPOINTE SUBDIVISION! Quietly located, yet convenient to everything! 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home w/cove ceilings, hardwood floors. Living room, dining room, oak kit. Large family rm w/ptce. Spacious deck, mature trees. Call Today! (P24CLE) \$232,000



PLYMOUTH

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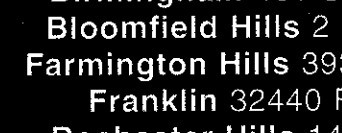
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RARE 1928 SEARS & ROEBUCK BUNGALOW 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, living room with fireplace, dining room and kitchen. Large open upstairs with den and bedroom area, full bath (P05 ELM) \$169,900



WESTLAND

COUNTRY IN THE CITY! This must be the place. Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial sitting on just about an acre. With over 2,300 sq. ft. custom built. Family room (32x20), it's gorgeous Oak kitchen, formal dining room, & finished basement add to the list... MUST SEE! (P27COW) \$285,900



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GREENBROOK VILLAGE SUB NO 1 Beautiful newer kitchen w/corain counters & cabinets. Open to a larger family room 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, finished basement that makes a great rec room. Walk out to landscaped yard, that everyone will envy. Much more... (P79GRU) \$229,500

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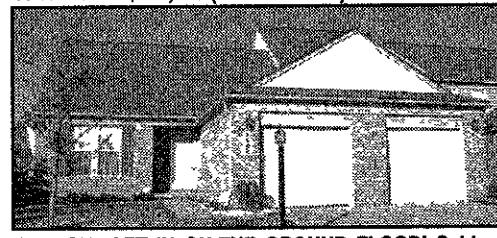
LIVONIA. Quaint & clean 3 bedroom brick ranch. Freshly painted throughout. Some newer carpet. Finished basement w/ half bath, storage unit, custom built darkroom. Spacious yard. \$155,900 (24148524CLE) 248-547-2000



WESTLAND. Like new! Totally updated kit w/ white euro cabinets, counters, ceramic tile floor & b'fast nook. New GF furnace & water heater. New plush carpet LR/hall/bdms '04. New windows & light fixtures thru out, vinyl siding, lrg shed, gutters, storm & steel doors - '02. \$119,900 (24145826JOH) 248-547-2000



LIVONIA. Outstanding traditional 4 bdrm., 2.1 bath colonial. Updated kit. & 1/2 bath w/ granite countertops. Finished rec rm. in basement plus workshop & storage. Newer furnace, C/A & roof. Wooded setting, beautiful subdivision. \$329,900 (24156316BRO) 248-651-8850



CANTON- GET IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR! Seldom available 1st floor master end unit. Dramatic 2 story cathedral ceilings. Sun-lit kitchen w/ bay window, basement. Attached garage, expansive deck. \$144,900 (24148836HUN) 248-324-3800



REDFORD. This updated home is a great starter. Updated kitchen, bath, roof, windows, furnace, c/a & more. Lots of storage on main floor, plus attic space. Fenced backyard w/ shed. Warranty. \$93,000 (24109240WIN) 248-324-3800



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CANTON- AFFORDABLE NEWER CONDO Desirable 1st floor master suite. Great room w/ 2 story cathedral ceiling. Bright white kitchen - appliances stay, 1st floor laundry, garage, basement. \$144,900 (24148860HUN) 248-324-3800



LIVONIA. Sharp ranch completely updated. Located in a great neighborhood & close to everything. Updated roof, furnace, doors, windows & more. Huge fenced lot. All appliances stay! \$201,776 (24106063WEY) 248-324-3800



REDFORD CHARMER. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, hardwood under carpet, re-done kitchen, glass doors to 2nd floor and basement, bay windowed DR addition, exceptional master bedroom. Lovely yard, porch off garage. \$122,500 (24153792WOR) 248-647-0100

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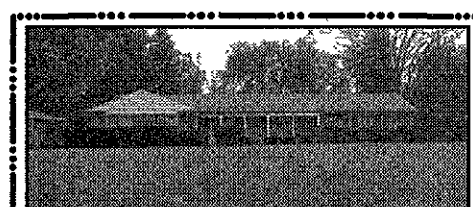
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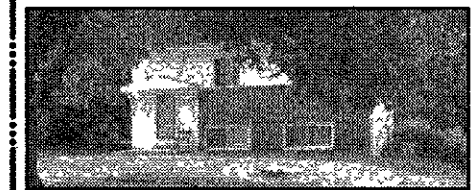
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LIVONIA 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 1622 sq. ft. brick ranch w/2 car attached garage on huge lot. Well kept home incl. nice kit w/oak cabs, dining room, fireplace, 1st floor laundry & neutral colors thruout. Workshop in garage & all appliances included. Must see! JA \$229,900



MILFORD 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1387 sq. ft. bi-level w/central ac, finished basement, screened porch & 2 car garage. village neighborhood, fenced yard backs to woods, Huron Valley schools. 12x24 heated workshop off garage, hardwood floors under carpet t/o upper level. A little TLC will make this house your home. PA \$159,999

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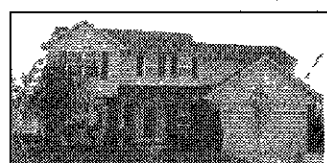
A deal has been reached to protect more than 270,000 acres of private, forested land in Michigan's Upper Peninsula for public use, two years after conservationists lost the land in a bidding war with a timber investment company.

Several charitable and conservation groups have agreed to pay \$57.9 million to the timber company, The Forestland Group LLC, to ensure limited development on the

land and timber harvesting under sustainable forestry guidelines.

The Forestland Group, based in Chapel Hill, N.C., will continue to own all but 23,000 acres of the land, which will be purchased by The Nature Conservancy.

The land is part of an even larger tract - totaling 390,000 acres in 10 counties - previously owned by a mining company and later by investors. Kamehameha Schools of Hawaii sold it in 2002 to The Forestland Group.



CANTON - Great Home in Great Areal Beautiful 3 bedrm, 2 bath colonial w/spacious master suite w/walk-in closet, bay windows in living & dining rm, family rm w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace w/oak mantle, updated large oak kitchen, fin'd basement, wood floors, large bedrms, loft, 24x24 deck, etc. etc \$279,900 (D85FW)

REDFORD - Sparkling home! Quality built w/wet plaster & hardwood floors. Updates include tear-off roof, glass block windows in bsmt., all windows, storm doors, interior paint, newer furnace, H2O heater, driveway, garage door w/remotes, etc., etc. Located close to schools & walking distance to shopping! Home Warr \$154,900 (L23Jen)

NORTHVILLE - Charming & appealing colonial located in one of Northville's finest family areas. Pride of ownership is reflected thru-out. Lig. room sizes, beautiful landscape/gardens & updates including roof, gutters, A/C, paint, carpet, elec. paver patio & walkway. OPEN HOUSE Sun. 1/16/05 (1-4 pm) 6 Mi to Winchester, N to Waterwheel, W. to 41973 Waterwheel \$389,900 (L73Wat)

PLYMOUTH - Walk to Downtown from this beautifully decorated home w/cove ceilings, wet plaster, hardwood floors thru-out. Nice original doors & moldings. Updates inc: roof shingles house/garage, vinyl windows & siding, furnace, A/C, electric serv, copper plumbing, sprinklers & more! \$219,500 (L77Har)



FARMINGTON HILLS - Absolutely stunning 3 bedrm, 2.5 bath detached condo w/dramatic foyer, vaulted ceilings, 1st floor laundry, master suite w/jetted tub & shower, tasteful decorator mirror accents, private deck backing to woods. Updated kitchen w/granite counters plus hardwood floors. Great location! \$337,990 (D28Avo)

LIVONIA - Quality Home! Beautiful 1/2 acre park-like lot with 3 bedrm, 2 bath brick quality built ranch w/attached garage, wet plaster, cove ceilings, hardwood floors, fireplace, newer carpet & paint. Close to parks, hockey & ice rink, schools & Livonia YMCA! \$245,900 (L31Lyn)

CANTON - A Home of Distinction! Elegant 4 bedrm, 3.5 bath colonial w/impressive long entry overlooking 101 ft. of woods! Pristine oak flooring thru foyer, powder rm into kitchen & nook. Gourmet kitchen w/stainless & granite counters, spacious bedrooms, & more. Landscaping & sprinklers included. \$539,500 (L981at)

REDFORD - Well Maintained starter w/vaulted ceiling in living rm, open floor plan, 3 bedrms, updated ceramic bath & windows. Appliances stay including washer & dryer. Fenced back yard wshed that has electric. Home shows well & has immediate occupancy. A must see! \$99,900 (L42lnk)

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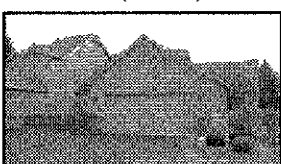
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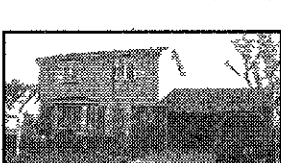
Canton - New construction just waiting for your selection of choices! 2 BR, 2.5 BA condo offers vaulted ceilings, luxurious master bath w/shower and separate bath w/ceramic flooring. Apples stay, sprinklers, garage, basement. 2004 award winning design! \$244,027 (16MAP)



Farmington - Open House Sunday 1-4. 22411 Floral Adorable 2-bed cottage-style home. Refinished hardwood floors, updated kitchen & bath, insulated garage, fenced yard New pull-down ladder to attic, new driveway, newer windows \$149,975 Call Madelyn Dillane @313-999-3999 (MD11FLO)



Farmington Hills - Spectacular end unit condo with a fantastic floor plan! Oak flooring, brick fireplace, central vac, high end appliances, brick paved courtyard. Garage bsmt, cathedral ceiling, 2 cedar decks, sprinklers, eloquent window treatments, 2 baths \$339,900 (11AMB)



Plymouth - Pack your bags! 3-bed, 1.5 bath brick colonial. Professionally landscaped, bsmt, garage, florida room, fireplace, new carpeting. Updates include windows, furnace, A/C, kitchen, bath & lav New hdwd flrs, bay window in L/R, fenced yard & more! \$242,900 (87MAY)



Redford - Clean 3-bed, 1.5 bath brick ranch. Large living room w/natural fireplace, heated florida room, C/A, finished bsmt. Pool table is negotiable. 2 car garage, fenced yard, home warranty, security alarm. Stove & frig stay, 1200+ sq. ft., master bedroom with lav. \$164,800 (15FEN)



Dearborn Hts. - Very cute 2 BR ranch has everything! Finished attic area for office, den or play area. Fenced yard, appis stay, updated bath and new kit. Large yard w/deck, newer Berber crpt, weather guard windows, furnace, HWH, cement, steel doors and trim. \$89,900 (68LEH)



Farmington Hills - 2 bedroom condo with beautifully finished basement. New roof, basement, granite countertop and ceramic kitchen floor, sprinklers, C/A, appliances stay, home warranty. Vaulted ceilings with skylights in LR with unique fireplace. Brand new deck \$179,900 (15COU)



Livonia - Check out this sharp 3-bed, 2 bath brick ranch. Beautiful hardwood floors in L/R and bedrooms, updated bath and kitchen w/ceramic floor, fin. bsmt w/extra large full bath. Security alarm, fenced yard, 2 car garage, appliances stay. Lot's of updates! \$165,900 (06ANT)



Northville - A rare find! 5 acre estate backs to Maybury State Park. Private spring fed pond, gorgeous Victorian style w/over 9000 sq. ft. of living space including walkout. 6 bedrooms, 5 fireplaces, 3 story suspended spiral staircase, media room and rec room. Amazing home! \$2,299,000 (10WES)

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DOWNTOWN BROWNSTONE. Two bedroom condo with a very roomy floor plan and an attached 2 car garage. Just a short stroll to Plymouth's Kellogg Park. Great opportunity and immediate occupancy. Call for details. \$199,900 (392AN)



IMMACULATE CONDO. Enjoy the luxury of a full basement, hardwood floors, updated neutral carpet, fresh paint, skylights, patio and private entry not to mention the wonderful open floor plan & award winning schools. \$142,900 (99ARB)



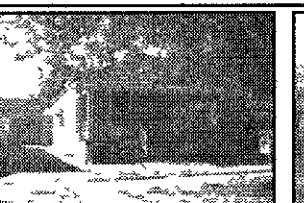
YOU'LL FALL IN LOVE. With this unbelievable 2-story with 4 beds, 2.5 baths, new windows, finished basement, side entry garage and French doors to the Florida rm. Luxurious master with fireplace and more. \$334,900 (125FR)



BEST BUY IN TOWN. Superb colonial with 4 beds, 3 baths, a finished basement w/bar and in law quarters complete with a kitchen & family room. Updated big ticket items. Perfectly located on a large private lot at the end of the sub. \$204,900 (132GR)



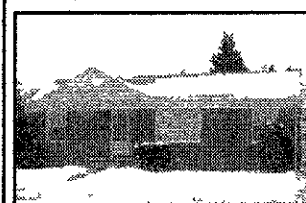
UNBELIEVEABLE! A newer Canton condo with 2 bedrooms - one on the first floor, 2 baths, a deck, basement, 1st floor laundry and garage for under 150K? You won't find another one like it. Wooded view and appliances too. Call now. \$147,000 (615HU)



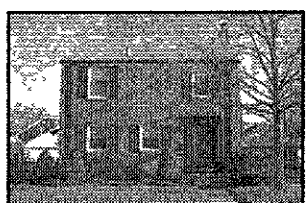
DOWNRIVER RANCH. Great opportunity to own in Lincoln Park. 3 bedroom ranch with hardwood floors, open dining/kitchen with appliances, partially finished basement and garage. 1 block from the community center and affordable! \$117,900 (635LI)



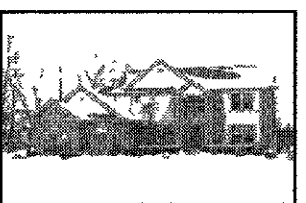
PRICED TO SELL. Large brick ranch with 1700 square feet, 3 bedrooms & 2 baths. Family rm. With fireplace, Pella windows, finished basement, garage and many updates. Great location, close to everything. Call today. \$185,900 (224RI)



ALLEN PARK STARTER. Full brick ranch with cove ceilings and hardwood floors. Updates include oak kitchen, windows, roof, hwh, electrical & front doors. Great yard & a garage all on a cul-de-sac. \$122,900 (353RO)



HOME SWEET HOME. Charming brick 2-story with 3 bedrooms, glowing hardwood floors, dining room, living room, with fireplace, updated kitchen, basement and a 2 car garage. Allen Park. \$179,900 (515RO)



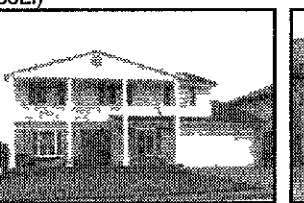
LARGE PRIVATE LOT. Tiered paver patio & walk. Gorgeous 2-story foyer w/open bannister to 2nd floor. Ultra luxurious master, imported Italian tile, family room w/corner fireplace, finished basement & 3 car garage. \$379,900 (533SI)



SIMPLY THE BEST. Looking for luxury? They don't come any better than this stunning Pulte Belmont adorned with tasteful décor and upscale features on a premium lot. 4 beds/4.2 baths and expert landscaping. \$509,900 (702MA)



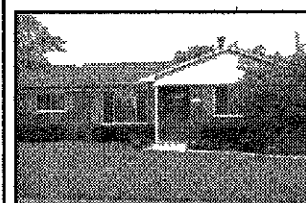
BREATHTAKING! Like new colonial with 4 beds/3.1 baths situated on approximately a 2 acre parcel with a pond! Spectacular master w/hot tub, formal living & dining, finished walkout w/game room, huge floor plan & a great location. \$549,000 (171FI)



A TRUE BEAUTY. Situated on a corner lot sits this 4 bedroom 2-story with a welcoming entry, ceramic tile kitchen, gorgeous sun porch, and many quality updates. Over 2500 sq. ft. floor plan w/1st floor laundry. Call to see this one today. \$310,000 (825SI)



LAKESIDE CONDO. Enjoy the comforts of maintenance free living in this 2 bedroom condo. Perfect location with a community pool and a private park with lake access. Neutral décor, low association dues and a nice quiet complex. \$129,900 (828VI)



IM GORGEOUS. Beautifully done 3 bedroom ranch in desirable area with updates galore! Kitchen with custom cabinetry, bath, furnace, roof and AC. 1st floor laundry and an attached 2.5 car garage. \$164,999 (680LO)



FIRST CLASS CONDO. Huge floor 2329 sq. ft. plan with 2 beds, 2.5 baths and a 2 car garage. Totally neutral with new carpet, new windows, ceramic floor, siding, paint and more. Full basement and a great location - close to everything. \$259,900 (246CH)



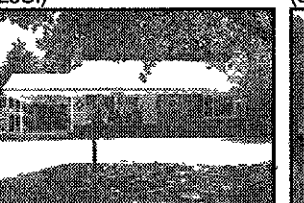
GOLF COURSE VIEW. 3 bedroom ranch on a large lot with a park-like setting. Garage and carport, finished LL, luxury bath, updated kitchen, family rm. w/wood burning stove and a lrg. Yard with a pond. \$158,900 (180FI)



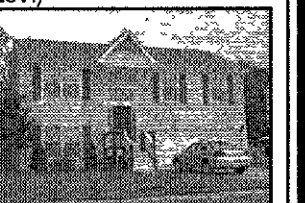
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL. Large 2-story in Canton with lots of updates: Newer roof, furnace, AC, HWH, windows and doorwalls. Finished basement, nice garage, 4BR/2.5BA. Great value at \$235,000 (151AV)



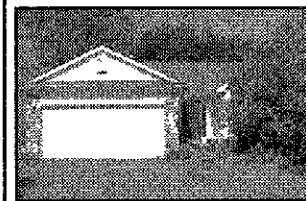
THIS IS A TEN PLUS. Beautiful Garden City home with 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. You'll love the updated kitchen and bath. Nice sized floor plan with a finished basement and a 2 car garage. \$164,900 (444KA)



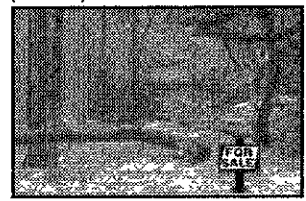
DO IT NOW! Call to see this attractive, nicely maintained home with a great view. 3 beds, 1.5 baths, refinished hardwood floors, family sized family room w/Andersen doorwall to the newer patio and fenced yard. Pretty street in a great location. \$209,900 (725MA)



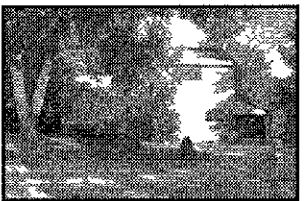
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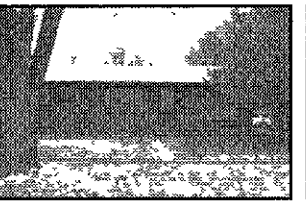
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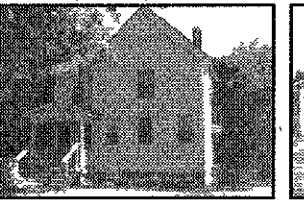
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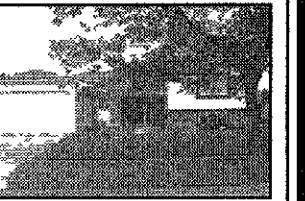
BEAUTIFUL LOT. Brick paver patio, deck, mature trees and a nearby park make this one story brick home really special. All of the big ticket items have been updated. Basement w/new floor, all kitchen appliances stay, freshly painted and ready to go! \$154,900 (563HA)



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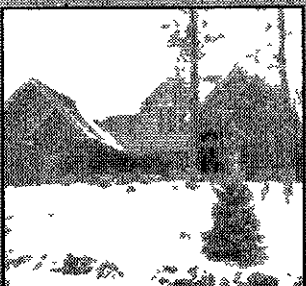
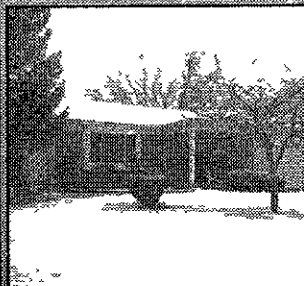
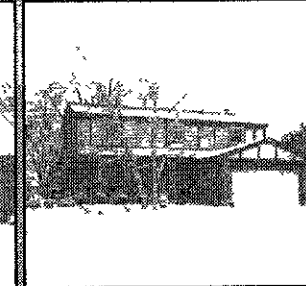
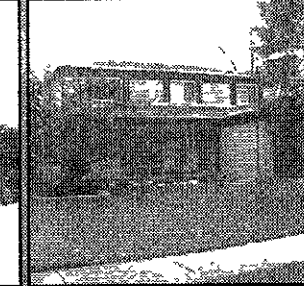
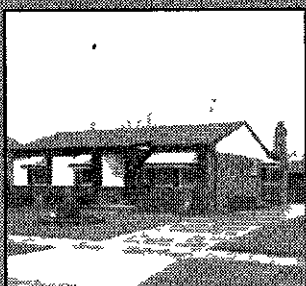
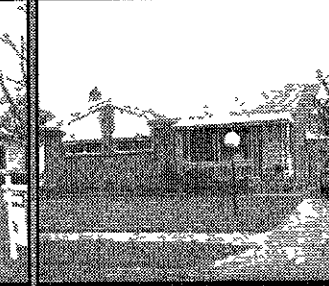
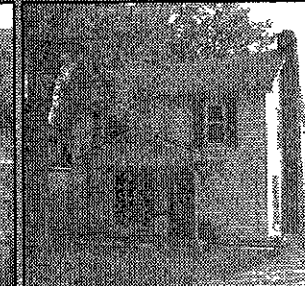
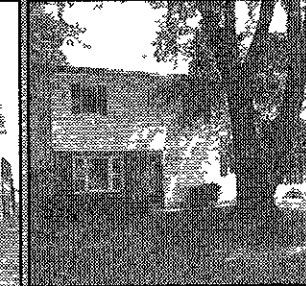
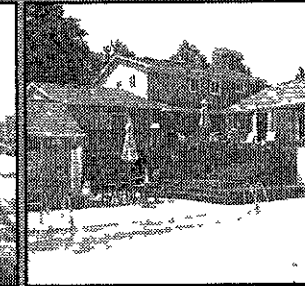
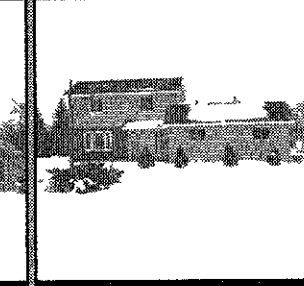
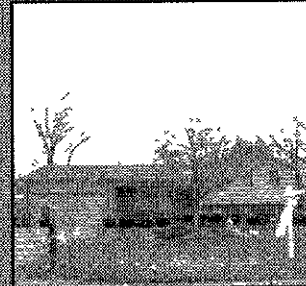
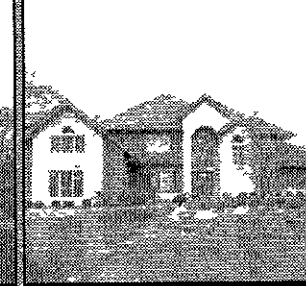
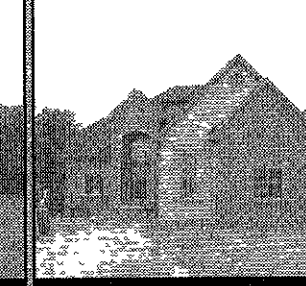
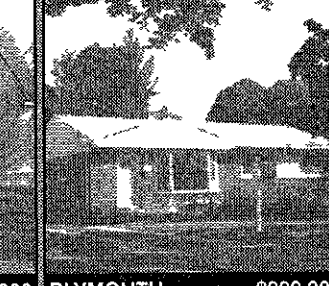
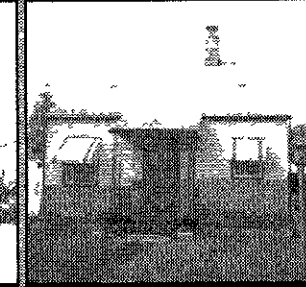
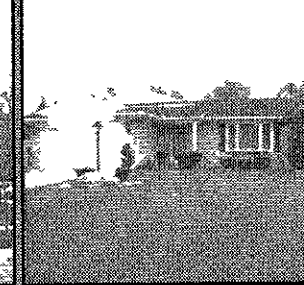
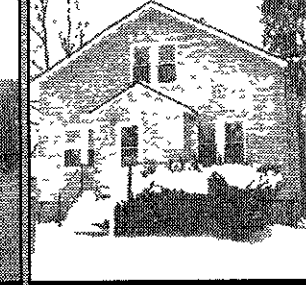
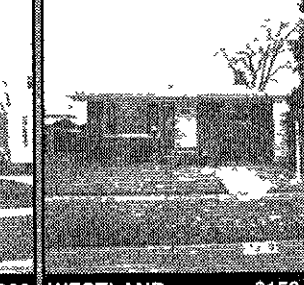
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GARDEN CITY Real Cute Cape Cod
3 bedroom home with 2 car garage, family room with doorwall to deck, some appliances, some newer carpet and windows, formal dining room and a first floor laundry.

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MELVINDALE Fantastic Buy
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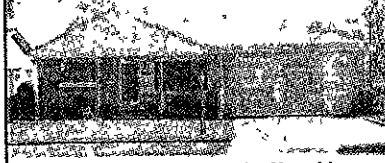
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SHELBY TWP. Outstanding Floor Plan
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PLYMOUTH Plymouth Township Home
4 bedroom cape cod is perfect for your family. Privacy at the end of a cul-de-sac. Great Plymouth canton schools and all of the activities that Plymouth has to offer. In-sub swimming pool.

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NOVI Walled Lake Privileges
2BR ranch remodeled in 2001. 2 full baths, newer vinyl windows, roof, furnace, hot water heater, carpeting, steel entry door. Newer white kit cabs. Appliances stay. Come take a look at the possibilities.

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DETROIT Great First Home
Nicely updated 2 bedroom, 1 bath brick ranch. Newer 2003 roof, kitchen w/newer oak cabinets & vinyl floor. 1.5 car garage. Security system. Fenced yard.

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What a charming home with garage and finished basement with home theater room. Updated marble bath and updated kitchen. Florida room overlooking nice yard. Once you see it you will fall in love.

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LIVONIA Beautiful Custom Home
backing to private park & nature preserve with floor to ceiling windows to enjoy the view. Very nice 4BR home w/open foyer leading to bright kitchen & FR w/soaring ceilings \$340,000.

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WESTLAND Sharp Westland Ranch
Wonderfully updated & maintained. Newer kitchen, bath, carpet, windows, C/A & hardwood. Large LR & kit. Finished basement. Large yard & 2+ car garage. Move in & enjoy.

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CANTON Ranch End Unit
Great location. Newer windows, carpet, neutral T/O. Spacious LR, children's play area. Plymouth Canton schools. Why pay rent, when you can own. A must see.

(E38ORC) 248-349-5600 \$98,000



SOUTHFIELD Check Out This One
Almost new condo w/neutral walls & carpet, across from park setting w/vaulted ceilings, 2 skylights, great room & 21x31 loft areas, kitchen w/white cabinets & all appliances & attached garage w/opener.

(E50STO) 734-455-5600 \$147,000



LINCOLN PARK Great Location
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath with eating in kitchen, hardwood floors under newer carpet, ceramic baths, newer roof and furnace. Bedrooms upstairs equipped with sink and stove hookups. Finished basement and 2 car garage.

(E69GRE) 734-455-5600 \$129,000




SOUTH LYON Ranch Condo
Centennial Farms end unit w/2BR & 2 full ceramic baths. Extra sink in dressing area. Great view from DR window. Newer dishwasher. Large patio. Single car gar. Enjoy clubhouse & beach on Crooked Lake.

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CANTON Welcome Home
Absolutely gorgeous colonial in popular Meadow Village sub. 4 spacious BRs, 2.5 baths & gourmet kitchen. Master suite w/walk-in closet & garden tub. Brick patio, 2-story entry. Awesome-a must see.

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PLYMOUTH Tudor Estate on 10+ Acres
Chance of a lifetime to own a lovely tudor on nearly 11 acres of rolling countryside. Spectacular GR with amazing views. Wonderful curb appeal. Must see.

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FREEDOM TWP. Custom Built in 2000
20+ acres offers this wonderful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial with 3 car attached garage, walkout basement, Gambell barn, stone fireplace in family room, cedar deck and panoramic views.

(E10BET) 734-455-5600 \$439,900



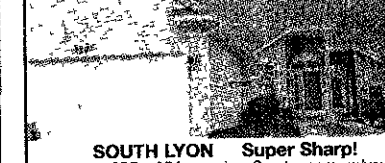
GARDEN CITY Clean & Cozy Ranch
3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, master suite with private bath, WIC and sitting area, spacious kitchen w/ample storage, brozessway, 2.5 car att garage, newer patio, vinyl siding, furnace, electrical, HWI & roof.

(E13KAT) 734-455-5600 \$119,900



GREEN OAK TWP. Yearning For Space?
Large ranch offers W/O and approximately 6 acres. Pond and shed, treed lot, porch and patio for outdoor fun. Open floor family room/kitchen for busy family.

(E21DIX) 248-349-5600 \$439,000



SOUTH LYON Super Sharp!
Spacious 2BR, 3BA condo. Great room w/vaulted ceilings. Kitchen w/oak cabs & ceramic floor. Third BR in LL w/fabulous jet tub. Upper loft. FFL. 2 car garage. Appliances. Close to schools and trails.

(E97VIL) 248-349-5600 \$216,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Charming Home
Nicely updated 2/3 BR home. Newer siding, roof, C/A, deck, kit w/appl's, refinished hardwood floors, upstairs carpet, FR in LR. Updated electrical & plumbing. Large yard w/1-car garage. Move-in condition.

(E22ALB) 248-349-5600 \$124,900



DEARBORN Desirable Dearborn Hills
3 bedroom brick broadfront bungalow with full bath up! Living room with fireplace, dining room, family room, finished basement. Lovely yard with covered deck, C/A and 2 car garage.

(E46MER) 734-455-5600 \$187,000



LIVONIA Something Special
Updated 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial with newer windows, roof, furnace and C/A. Fresh and neutral. Family room with wood stove and 2 car attached garage.

(E25RIC) 734-455-5600 \$214,900



TAYLOR Meticulously Maintained
Perfect townhouse condo w/2BR, 1.5BA. Newer furnace, A/C, carpet, windows, appliances. Updated kitchen w/ceramic floors in foyer and bath. Gas and H2O included in association fees-clubhouse, pool and tennis.

(E98DUP) 248-349-5600 \$74,900




SOUTH LYON Walkout Colonial
Premium elevation w/stunning views of wooded nature preserve from each of your 3 stories. 4BR, 2.5BA, features a 2-story entrance w/hardwood floors, massive kitchen, bay in LR, triple in FR. Luxurious master suite.

(E33WES) 248-349-5600 \$349,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Broadfront Ranch
3BR brick home w/basement and garage. Roof on home & garage, furnace & A/C-10 yrs. 100 amp service. Plaster walls, wood floors under carpeting. Appliances included. Near shopping and transportation.

(E05AMB) 248-349-5600 \$144,900



PLYMOUTH Private Treed Interior Lot
In Ridgewood Hills! Full front porch, brdwd-frs in LR, DR, Kit & lib. Kit new '03 2/Corian counter & sink, cherry cabs, formal DR w/newer Andersen bay window, fam. room w/triple, 2 tiered deck, bsmt & 2.5 c att gar.

(E86WOO) 734-455-5600 \$361,500



LODI TWP. Country Club Living
Spacious 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath Cape Cod sitting on the 5th green, offers full basement, 3 car attached garage, large suite with cathedral ceiling and elegant bath + 1st floor master suite with Jacuzzi and double shower.

(E66HEA) 734-455-5600 \$749,900



NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
Huge 4BR, 2.5BA home w/enormous gourmet kitchen with maple cabinets and hardwood floors. Winding staircase, MBR w/master BA & WIC, 2 fireplaces, 3 car garage, W/O basement & dual heating and cooling.

(E65HIL) 248-349-5600 \$679,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Like New Ranch
Must see this updated 3BR ranch w/newer Pergo floors, kitchen, HWI, appliances siding, gutters, paint. Newer roof, bath, vinyl windows. Detached garage & great location.

(E74CLI) 248-349-5600 \$129,999



VAN BUREN TWP. Curb Appeal
Neutral colonial, beautifully maintained. 4BR, 2.5BA w/C/A. Vaulted ceiling in FR w/triple FFL, WIC in MBR, att garage & sprinklers. Freshly painted. Bridge overlooking FR. Ceramic tile in kit. Home warranty.

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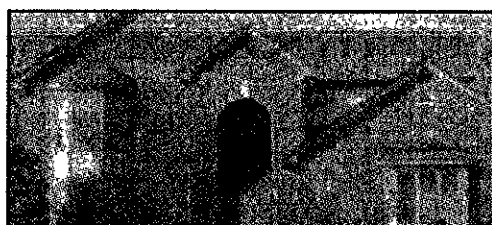
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HAMBURG 734-455-7000
WHAT A BEAUTY! Super maintained brk col on superb 1 acre lot w/wooded backdrop. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, deep bsmt, 3 car gar, patio. Terrific mstr ste. (2307807) \$404,900



CANTON 734-455-7000
FANTASTIC CUSTOM HOME! Foyer shows view to gorgeous wooded lot, backs to commons area. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, gourmet kit w/ island & glass cab doors. Cedar 3 seasons rm, GR, skylights. (23W42154) \$364,900



LIVONIA 248-348-6430
WELCOMING SPACIOUS RNCH Over 2060 SF w/3 BR, 2.5 BA, kit, DR, FR w/fplc & mstr w/BA & WIC. Full fin bsmt. Fncd yrd w/ cement patio, garage & shed. Numerous recent updt! 349-6200 (24110562) \$337,500



NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
UPDTD HM IN GRT LOCATION Quiet street w/sidewalks. Near schools & town. New wndw, beaut red oak flrs. Updts galore. New baths, lrg BRs, FR w/fplc, prvt yrd. 349-6200 (24142068) \$309,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
POPULAR BURTON HOLLOW SUB. 4 BR, 2 BA, 2133 SF. Open flr plan w/vault ceilings in LR, DR & kit. New rf (04), wndw & DR. Fla rm overlooking lndscpd & fncd yrd. (24142312) \$269,000



CANTON 248-348-6430
CONDO Better-than-new 3 BR, 2.5 BA w/2-car gar & full bsmt. Open design w/fplc & deck that backs to commons. Clean & ready to move in! Grt price. Quick Occup. 349-6200 (24156050) \$217,000



TAYLOR 248-348-6430
COMFORTABLE/INVITING Cozy 3 BR, 1.5 bath colonial w/a newer open kit. Natural fplc in FR. Some new wndws & doorwall. Beautifully fin'd bsmt. 349-6200 (24134371) \$187,500



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
A MUST SEE! 3 BR, 1.5 BA brick ranch in Rosedale Gardens. Updates: A/C (04), re-fin hwd flrs, lndscpd in frnt & back, prvcy fence, copper plmb. Fin bsmt w/glass block windows. (24151396) \$184,900



CANTON 734-591-9200
WELCOME! Home features updated kit w/oak cabs & new appls that stay. Updated main BA on 1st flr. 1st flr MBR, glass blk wndws in bsmt. Subject to bank approval. (24155086) \$184,900



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
OUTSTANDING LOCATION. Clean, well kept condo. New carpet on 1st floor, oak kitchen cabinets, all appls included. Fin'd bsmt. Deck from doorwall. Absolutely turn-key! 349-6200 (24103092) \$172,500



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
OVERSIZE LOT & OVERSIZE GARAGE highlight this 3 BR vinyl cape cod with fireplace & basement. (J295) \$158,900



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
THE END OF THE RAINBOW is here in this 3 bedroom brick ranch with full basement, 2 full baths, 24x25 garage, C/A, and remodeled kitchen and baths. (H636) \$154,900



CANTON 734-455-7000
2-STORY CONDO - GREAT LOCATION 2 BRs, 1.5 BAs, 2 stories w/walk-in closets. Wonderfully maintained, sliding doors lead to lovely deck for entertaining. Bsmt & 1 car att gar. (23C1667) \$151,900



REDFORD 734-591-9200
BEST BUY! 1436 SF broadfront brick bungalow on double lot in desired golf & CC sub. 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs, fin rec rm, sun porch, 1.5 car att gar. (24148804) \$149,900



GARDEN CITY 734-455-7000
DREAM BOAT! Updated to the max! Doors, wndws, gorgeous kit, bath and much more! 3 BRs, full bsmt, lrg 2.5 car gar. Quiet location. (23H5710) \$139,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
READY FOR YOU TO MOVE IN 1,152 SF, 3 bedroom, brick ranch located in S. Livonia (schools), newer tile bath and 2 car garage. (24138583) \$140,000



REDFORD 734-591-9200
3 BEDROOM RNCH W/SPECIAL FEATURES such as formal DR, bay wndw w/wndw seat & half bath. Updts incl: remodeled kit, wndws, bas, rf & furn. S. Redford schi district. (24153519) \$137,900



WAYNE 734-591-9200
TOO GOOD TO MISS! Completely updt'd 3 BR mch w/wrap-around porch on a sizable lot. LR w/FP & bay wndw. Kit, DR, LR, open concept w/vaulted ceiling. (24151965) \$129,500



INKSTER 248-348-6430
DELIGHTFUL BRK RNCH Spotless 3 BR, 1 BA mch w/an updt'd kit & all appls. Newer roof & windows. Prvt yard w/fence & above grnd pool. Walking distance to park. 349-6200 (24115241) \$125,900



FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6430
COMFORTABLE, COZY & GLISTENING CLEAN! Freshly painted 2 BR, 1 BA. New since 2000: furnace, hwh, carpet, kit and bath flr, gar rf and door. Located on double lot. 349-6200 (24118754) \$118,000



LINCOLN PARK 248-348-6430
3 BR COLONIAL W/LOTS OF UPDATES Newly remold eat-in kit, freshly painted, fin bsmt w/berber carp. Nice size lot, most appls stay, near schools. A must see! 349-6200 (24096942) \$109,500



REDFORD 734-591-9200
3 BR UPDATED RANCH Updates: kit w/new flr & dbl SS sink, crpt, wndws, roof on house & gar, steel entry door, copper plmb. Some appls stay. Gutters 8 yrs, woodburning stove in bsmt. (24149016) \$108,900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
OPEN FLOOR PLAN Newer windows, fresh paint and an updated bath makes this 1,200+ SF ranch special. Buyer to assume remainder of city required repairs. (C309) \$99,900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
EXCELLENT LOCATION! Open floor plan, Originally a 3 BR & can easily be converted back again. New oak kitchen, new copper plumbing, new H2O, furnace, A/C 5 yrs. (K564) \$88,500

SALEM 734-455-7000
28 ACRES - 1658 FRONT Yes, 1,658 feet of frontage on 7 Mile & Chubb Rd. Private, rural, yet near everything. South Lyon schools & Northville mailing. Investor's delight! (23S0) \$700,000

CANTON 734-455-7000
DON'T MISS THIS ONE! Spacious Pulte Princeton Model. 4 BR, 2.5 BA. Luxurious mstr ste. Cherry cabs. Ext hwd flrs. Lg prvt deck. 3 car gar. A real winner! (23N3410) 24106594 \$349,900

NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
INSPIRING COLONIAL ON NICE CUL-DE-SAC Prvt wooded yard, direct access to commons area, lots of upgrds, lovely Fla rm, fin'd bsmt, well maintained & within walking dist to dwntn Northville. 349-6200 (24136186) \$349,900

LIVONIA 248-349-6200
SHOWCASE!!! Beautiful 5 BR, 2.5 BA contemporary. MBR ste w/sunroom, overlooks pool & hot tub. 1/2 acre lot on cul-de-sac. Close to everything! 348-6430 24140669 \$319,900

REDFORD 734-455-7000
PRIME LOCATION! Lrg 3 BR, 1.5 BA ranch on beautiful .82 acre lot. Directly across golf course. Most popular location in all of Redford. (23R26811) 24134769 \$254,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
GREAT INCOME POTENTIAL! 3 full baths, 3 kit, 5 BRs, 2 addit'l BRs in bsmt. Hwd flrs in LR & DR. Appls stay. Tenants can remain or vacate. Call for more info. (23S4017) 24139309 \$249,900

LIVONIA 248-348-6430
WONDERFUL HOME! Beautifully appointed home w/hwd flrs in nicely updt'd kit, fin. bsmt w/full bath, 1st flr lndry, newer roof, c/a, hwh & furn. Livonia Schools! 349-6200 24109478 \$248,900

CANTON 248-348-6430
WELL MAINTAINED HOME 4 BR, 3 full bath home. Beautiful kitchen redone in '99. FR w/fplc. Freshly painted, neutral. Lots of landscaping updates. Roof replaced in '01. 349-6200 24151331 \$244,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 car att gar. Newer roof, furnace, HWH, wndws & more. Just hit the market! Fin bsmt, FR w/nat'l fplc & wet bar. 24113515 \$229,900

GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
OUT OF THIS WORLD 4 BR, 2 BA colonial w/remold dream kit w/isl counter & blt-ins, fplc, 2 full baths, MBR w/shower & jetted tub, att'd 2 car gar, AG pool. (B314) 24000208 \$229,900

SOUTH LYON 248-348-6430
CITY CONVENIENCES W/A SMALL TOWN FEEL. Comfortable 3 BR, 2 bath brick ranch w/nat'l fplc, fin'd bsmt and many recent updates. Deep prvt yard. Warranty! 349-6200 24149601 \$227,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
3 BR COLONIAL Over 1500 SF, updated, fenced yard, Livonia schools, excellent location. More photos at www.localgem.com or call 877-934-6683 ID 712 for details. 24131293 \$199,900

WYANDOTTE 248-348-6430
BETTER THAN NEW DBL LOT COLONIAL Perfect for the new house buyer. Updates include: rf, wndws, siding, gutters, paint, carpet, bath...the list goes on. 2 car gar. 349-6200 24157921 \$199,500

DEARBORN 248-348-6430
IT SPARKLES! New carpet, new sod, fresh paint. Updt'd kit & bath. Extra lg lot. Full sized DR. Nice deck & bckyard. 349-6200 24121889 \$198,000

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
WELL MAINTAINED BRK RNCH 3 BRs. Great location. New roof and gar door. Doorwall to patio off of FR with fplc. All appls stay. Nice landscaping with fenced yrd. 24094217 \$185,900

PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430
SUPER BUY. LOWEST PRICE IN COMPLEX! Contemporary flair. Enjoy this spacious condo! Vaulted ceilings, sky-lights, 2-car gar, 2 BRs, 2.5 baths, fireplace. Convenient location. Quick occupancy. 349-6200 (24043061) \$175,900

NOVI 248-348-6430
CHARMING W/ALL THE UPDTS! 2 BR, 1 bath home is ready for new owner. Kit has all new flr, counters & white cabs. Appl incl. New wndws & vinyl siding in '00. Lg lot. 349-6200 24124872 \$175,000

REDFORD 734-591-9200
NEW CONSTRUCTION! Here is a great opportunity to make this brand new house your home. Quality built w/3 BR, 1.5 BA, 1350 SF, bsmt and 2 car att gar. 24154716 \$174,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
MOVE RIGHT IN & RELAX. Clean & updt'd brk ranch, Liv schools. 2.5 car gar, fin bsmt w/full BA, 3 BR, 2.5 BA. Updates: kit, BA, wndws, rf, elec, plmb. Cath ceilings & all appls. 24119118 \$169,900

SOUTHFIELD 734-326-2000
FEELS LIKE YOU'RE UP NORTH Fun location, country in the city 2 acres of secluded privacy. 2 BR ranch & 2 car garage needs TLC. (G241) 24131304 \$159,900

GARDEN CITY 734-455-7000
BEST BUY IN GARDEN CITY! Great area! 1350 SF, 2.5 bath, fin bsmt, 2.5 car gar. Huge MBR w/bath, expanded kit/gathering room, new carpet & paint. 24127166 \$156,900

DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
THIS HOME IS A SPARKLING GEM 3 BR, 1.5 BA, w/walk-out bsmt, new furn, C/A, newer crpt, fir, drwry, wndws, eat-in kit & DR. 24115068 \$154,900

WESTLAND 734-455-7000
CLEAN AND NEUTRAL It's all been done for you. 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs, new A/C & furn. Maint. free exterior, lg garage. (23A30591) 24100814 \$147,500

REDFORD 734-591-9200
ATTRACTIVE 1-1/2 STORY BUNGALOW 1100 SF, 3 BR, 1.5 BA, bsmt & gar. Updates incl: roof, furn, kit cabs & counters, elec. Heated gar is a handyman's dream. Lndscpd & fenced yrd 24150285 \$145,000

REDFORD 734-591-9200
GREAT MAIN & UPSTAIRS FLOORS Man's world fin bsmt for him, loaded w/updates. This 1246 SF house has a place for everyone in the family. 24120771 \$144,000

REDFORD 734-591-9200
3 BR BRK RNCH S.Redford schi district. 1.5 BAs, fin bsmt, 17x10 Fla rm, 2.5 car gar. Pool surrounded by deck. Newer roof, windows, furnace & C/A 24125700 \$140,000

CANTON 734-455-7000
"THE WINDS" Clean townhouse in this low maintenance, quiet, well kept community! (23S41086) \$129,750

REDFORD 734-455-7000
LONG TIME HOME OWNER HATES TO LEAVE It's been a great home, but it's time to move on. This bungalow offers 2 BRs down & 1 up w/sitting room. Lg 24x24 2-car gar. Bsmt w/room for office or workshop. (23W20442) 24151326 \$127,900

DETROIT 734-326-2000
COMFORTABLE LIVING IS FOUND HERE! This is a cozy 3 BR, 2 full bath home. A walk away from Grosse Pointe. Updts: 2003 C/A, furn, a tear off rf, entry bathroom. (A500) 24154944 \$126,900

DEARBORN 734-326-2000
COMPACT & CUTE 3 BR bungalow with formal DR, gar, newer wndws & roof shingles, hwd flrs, kit appls stay. (K642) 24126078 \$114,900

REDFORD 734-591-9200
TOTALLY REMDLD Looks brand new. Bungalow has an all new interior. Firing, kit, bathroom & paint are all new. Newer roof, furn & wndws too. New on the market! 24122259 \$114,900

REDFORD 248-348-6430
UPDTD STARTER W/MOVE-IN CONDITION Low or no down pymnt financing available! Awesome condition, updt's incl: paint i/s & o/s, carpet, updt'd bath, fenced yard & garage. Decorated to perfection! 349-6200 (24133906) 24133906 \$92,900

REDFORD 734-326-2000
COZY STARTER HOME Well cared for 2 BR features updated kit and bath, furn less than 1 yr old, new shingles on roof. Nice fenced yard. (D186) 24066665 \$90,000

DETROIT 734-326-2000
HUGE 2 FAMILY FLAT 3 BRs, DR, kit, LR, bath each floor, good condition. Immediate occupancy. (C446) 24156178 \$89,900

MELVINDALE 734-326-2000
SHARP 3 BR Roomy bedrooms, lrg 2 car gar, newer Wallside windows and more. All appls, except stove. Seller will help with costs. (C231) 24158009 \$84,900

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Canton Township is accepting applications for Communications Specialist. Responsible for planning, organizing, and implementing Township communications, developing public relations, preparing multi-media materials and presentations. Must be proficient in the use of a personal computer; training in desktop publishing, graphic design techniques, photo manipulation software and presentation software preferred. 1 yr. related professional exp. Must possess a current, valid Michigan Drivers License with a good driving history. Applicant may be required to apply for his/her driving record, at own expense, through the Secretary of State. Bachelors Degree in Communication Arts, Community/Public Relations, English/Journalism, or a related field. Salary \$41,549-\$54,013/yr. Applications must be picked up at Canton Township-Human Resources Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 or send a self-addressed stamped business-size envelope to address above for application (please specify Communications Specialist application). An application form is also available on the Canton Township website at www.canton-mi.org. A Canton Township application form must be completed in its entirety and on file with the Canton Township Personnel Services Division by 4 p.m., January 25, 2005. No resumes will be accepted without written application form. No faxed applications will be accepted. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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DRIVER

Growing Livonia-based medical equipment company needs full-time driver. Please fax resume to Attn: Chuck: (734) 522-9380

DRIVER - REPOSSESSION

No experience necessary, will train. Must have good driving record & be 25 yrs. or older. Please fax resume to: (248) 684-6713

DRIVER POSITION

With United Bakery. Chauffeur's license and MDOT medical card required. 4 days/week, early start. Applications at 27900 Pontiac Tr., South Lyon, Thursday, 12-4pm. (248) 437-8327

DRIVERS

Local Moving and Storage Company has local and long distance opportunities for drivers with previous relocation moving experience. Excellent benefit package including 401(k) and profit sharing. If you possess the quality and standards we are looking for apply in person at 10885 Textile Rd, Belleville, MI or call 734-484-0539 ext 2030

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Earn 45K + per year. Detroit Michigan to Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana, positions open with Bestway Express, Inc. No touch freight, 90% drop and hook and often by home during the week. Benefit package includes employee health up to \$1.00 per week, vacations, & 401K. The positions require Class A CDL, minimum age 23 years. EOE. www.bestwayexpress.com (800) 886-7633 ext 126

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Full-time with general knowledge in drywall, framing & finished carpentry. Own tools. Position available immediately. Call or fax to (248) 922-0049

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FIREFIGHTER/INSPECTOR

Northville Township is accepting applications for the position of full-time, Firefighter/Inspector \$38,509. Qualifications include:

•Must be 18 years of age.
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•Michigan Certified Firefighter II.
•Current State of Michigan EMT or higher Medical License.
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HOUSEKEEPER

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HVAC INSTALLER WANTED New construction, add-on replacement, light service. Call: 734-322-4626 or fax resume: 734-498-2373

HVAC TECHNICIAN Johnson Controls Metasys DX9100 Series programming, installation and trouble shooting experience. Minimum 2 yrs. experience. E-mail resume: cti688@hotmail.com

HVAC TECHNICIAN Must have truck & tools. Non-smoking environment. Certification or license helpful. IAQ Specialists. 734-455-1600

INSIDE SALES Suburban Detroit Steel Service Center looking for person with good communication skills, strong organizational skills including attention to detail. Must be self-motivated and able to function in a fast paced office environment. Basic computer keyboard skills required. Steel experience preferred. Compensation based on knowledge/experience. Fax resume to: 248-855-9064

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LEASING AGENT WANTED Saturdays and Sundays Birmingham Community. Must have excellent people skills. Professional in appearance and attitude. Call 248-645-1191 M-F 1-5pm

LEASING CONSULTANT Large Troy apartment community has immediate opening for a part time Leasing Consultant. Sales or previous leasing experience is desired. Ability to work well with the public, a positive attitude and reliability are musts. We offer salary with commission. Must be available to work Saturdays and Sundays. Fax resume to: (248) 643-6501 or mail to: Leasing Director 1911 Golfview Dr. Troy, MI 48064

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Leasing Consultant We are looking for a highly energetic individual with a great personality to join our leasing team at our Westland Apartment Community. Applications can be filled at Hawthorn Club (734) 522-3364.

MACHINE OPERATOR

Growing manufacturing firm is looking for a reliable, mature individual to fill the position of Machine Operator. Duties will include loading and unloading various CNC production machines. Previous experience in CNC machine tool environment and other production processes is required. Manual lathe and mill operating skills are also required. Company offers competitive salaries and excellent benefits. Send resume to: Ilmor Engineering 43939 Plymouth Oaks Boulevard Plymouth, MI 48170 or fax to (734) 456-3691

MACHINE OPERATOR Full time openings w/ a Christian owned production embroidery firm in Plymouth. Good pay, benefits, 401(k). Experienced preferred, but not necessary. Please call: 734-414-0343

Mechanically Inclined Livonia Machine Tool Manufacturer now hiring for the position of Machine Builder Requirements: mechanically inclined, have basic tools. Will train, BGVBS, dental, vision, 401K. Call 734-462-0600 or e-mail main@cbmachinery.com

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Person needed for Canton apartment community. Must have basic skills in plumbing, carpentry, electrical & HVAC. Must have valid driver's license & ability to pass a background check. Apartment available after 30 days, includes benefits and advancement opportunity. Call Franklin Palmer at (734) 397-0200.

MAINTENANCE-FULL TIME Wanted for Wixom area townhouses. Knowledge & experience in property maintenance necessary. Competitive salary and excellent benefits. Fax resume to: MNC 248-553-4570

Maintenance Person Needed full time for small manufactured home community in Novi. Experience with mobile homes a plus. Snow plowing required. Valid driver's license necessary. Fax resume to Jk (248) 474-8630

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Human Resource Dept. 44005 Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48167 and our website at twp.northville.mi.us

This position will remain open until filled. EOE

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TELEMARKETERS - Part time for CPA firm. Experience required & direct exp. plus Call Bruce: 248-417-4095 or fax: 248-477-2245

TRUCK DRIVER-CDL Wanted, hourly. Local, benefits. Call: (734) 261-7810

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VETERINARY TECH/ASSISTANT & RECEPTIONIST Exp. only need apply. Competitive wages & benefit package. Full-time. Resume/ref to: Strong Veterinary Hospital, 29212 Five Mile, Livonia, ask for Eva

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SBPF, 29, 5'5", 150lbs, no children, never married, very attractive, easygoing, laid-back, loves travel. Looking for sincere, open-minded, laid-back male who has his stuff together. **2229089**

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SBF, 30, 5'2", brown/brown, 170lbs, mother, working student, Libra, N/S, seeks independent, smart BM, 35-75, for friendship, possible relationship, LTR. **2437579**

ARE WE A MATCH?
SWF, 26, enjoys the outdoors, rollerblading, hiking, long walks and romantic dinners. Looking for SWM, 25-30, for LTR. **2465764**

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED
Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, enjoys comedy and romance, bowling, walks in the park. Seeking tall, dark, handsome SM, 33-50. **2481233**

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Intelligent, funny SBF, 35, full-figured, Aries, marriage-minded, N/S, likes jazz music, comedy and action movies. Seeking man, 29-45. **2553300**

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SBF, 27, Capricorn, smoker, 5', stable, financially secure, seeking a SM, 25-45, who is stable and knows what he wants in life. **2531401**

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THICK AND HEALTHY
SBF, 30, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, no kids, employed. Seeking nice-looking SM, 20-25, who kids, N/S, for friendship, possibly more. **2534802**

BRIGHT EYES

SWF, 28, 5'5", average build, N/S, seeks easygoing SM, 27-44, who wants to talk, go out, see where things go from there. **2541942**

MERRY CHRISTMAS BABY
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SWCF, 51, 4'11", 115lbs, blonde hair, two grown children, loves animals, church, children, sports. Seeking a good Christian man, 50-62, for friendship first, possible LTR. **2533053**

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SBF, 38, is looking for a SWM/HAM who is educated, fun, outgoing, adventurous, spontaneous. Laughter and conversation are good things. Must be a gentleman. **2529289**

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SF, 38, N/S, mother of two, looking for working man, 28-55, N/S, for friendship first. **2413182**

LET'S HANG OUT
SF, 28, 5'1", 135lbs, CHA, enjoys movies, travel, hanging out, seeking compatible SM, 25-45, who shares similar interests. **2475292**

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Genuine, attractive, feminine, independent SBF, 56', 140lbs, who enjoys jazz, romantic dinners, quiet evenings, plays, movies, and travel. Seeking active, outgoing WM, 40-49, N/S, for friendship. **2545989**

WHERE IS MR. RIGHT?
SF, 46, likes dancing, bowling, romantic evenings, swimming. Seeking SM, 40-55, with good looks, **2557065**

OUR WILDEST DREAMS
SBF, 48, smoker, loves jazz, dining out, romantic evenings, and movies. Seeking feminine BF, 35-50, under 5'4", honesty a must. **2560017**

ARE YOU ROMANTIC?
SBF, 43, N/S, DM, likes travel, sports, running, dancing, swimming, cooking. Looking for outgoing, goal-oriented BM, 38-60. **2546448**

ROMANTIC NIGHTS
Black BSM, 42, dark complexion, enjoys movies, dancing, quiet romantic nights, seeking a SM, 30-45, for dating and possible relationship. **2552147**

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AAA YOUR HEART
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ARE WE A MATCH?

SBF, 45, tall, pretty, enjoys working out, theater, cooking, comedy clubs. Seeking tall SWM, 42-60, attractive, financially secure, similar interests. **2453446**

TAKING IT IN
SWF, 52, 5'2", 100lbs, youthful-looking, shoulder-length hair, brown/brown, love motorcycles, James Taylor, dining, seeking SWM, 48-59, **2530084**

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PETITE AND SEXY
SBF, 50, Scorpio, N/S, petite, 5'1", 105lbs, energetic, enjoys fitness, movies, theater, craft shows, seeks similar SM, 50-61, N/S, who is fit, energetic, similar interests. **2544500**

ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF
49, H/W proportionate, medium build, enjoys cruises, concerts, dining out, movies, traveling. Seeking honest, passionate SM, 45-60, with similar interests, for dating, possibly more. **2134441**

TALK TO ME!
SF, 43, likes movies, dining, shopping, the zoo, time with my kids. Seeking honest, good-looking, sincere man, 38-46. **2511415**

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SBF, 19, wants to meet a man who loves working out, reading books, playing with dogs and playing basketball. **2906394**

R U OUT THERE?
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BEAUTY AND BRAINS
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FRIENDSHIP FIRST
God-fearing, loving, intelligent SBF, 43, enjoys church, the outdoors, laughter, dining out, gospel music and more. Seeking god-fearing, honest, caring SM, 40-45, for friendship first. **2217125**

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SBF, 42, 5'8", full-figured, seeks intelligent man, 48-60, 5'8"-6'2", medium build or heavier, for possible relationship. **2325593**

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SHALL WE?
DWF, 40, 5'4", H/W proportionate, light brown hair, N/S, loves golfing, suspense movies, and travel. Seeking active, outgoing WM, 40-49, N/S, for friendship. **2545989**

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SBF, 41, 5'5", average build, enjoys church, family, shopping, much more. Looking for SBF, 43-47, professionally employed, N/S, who knows how to treat a woman. **2406635**

ARE YOU THE ONE
DBF, 63, H/W proportionate, outgoing, loves the arts, plays, dancing, movies, outdoors, scenic drives ISO SM D/D-free, w/similar interests, smoker, social drinker ok. No games! **2417236**

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
I could be it! Attractive SWF, 50, 5', 105lbs, willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBF, 32-50, for special relationship. **2418068**

SEMI-RETIRED
SF, 62, 5'9", slim, fit, likes jazz, concerts, symphonies, theater, travel and outdoors activities. Seeking intelligent, honest, caring, humorous gentleman, 55-70, with similar interests. **2467917**

MR. RIGHT
Are you a tall, big, handsome man, that could be it? Attractive SWF, 50, 5', 105lbs, willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBF, 32-50, for special relationship. **2418068**

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SAF, 56, 4'11", 105lbs, desires well-grounded, older gentleman, 60-75, who likes to dance and travel. Grosse Pointe area preferred. **2498134**

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Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

Jeep's new Grand Cherokee is a delight to drive - a trim, sporty, nimble package that's as clean and sparkling in its own way as some of DaimlerChrysler's other new vehicle designs these days that admittedly have more pizzazz. But in completely redesigning a vehicle that was in the vanguard of the entire sport-utility-vehicle market, it's possible to argue that the company compromised a little too much all around and came up with a new Grand Cherokee that doesn't quite satisfy anyone.

In other words, it is considerably smaller than the previous version of Grand Cherokee, and while a little shorter and wider than the competitive Ford Explorer, the new Grand Cherokee actually has about 25% less cargo space and, unlike Explorer, no third-row seating. It's hard to look at or climb into the new Grand Cherokee and conclude that it's a big carrier for either people or things; it just can't accommodate that many individuals or that much stuff. Grand Cherokee's fuel economy is nothing special, and the power resident in most versions of Grand Cherokee is fair to middling.

Actually, this is best illustrated by comparing the new Grand Cherokee, the largest and top-of-the-line Jeep, with its compact cousin, Jeep Liberty. The new Grand Cherokee is a foot longer and a couple of inches wider than the Liberty SUV, but they're rated to haul about the same 1,000 pounds, and when the back seat is folded, Liberty has 69 cubic feet while Grand Cherokee offers just 67.4. Meanwhile, the 3.7-liter V-6 engine in the base Cherokee is the same engine that's in the Liberty, which weighs about 400 pounds less. It's no wonder that Grand Cherokee doesn't demonstrate remarkable get-up-and-go.

While I didn't take it off-road, however, apparently that's where the new Grand Cherokee



The new designed Jeep Grand Cherokee is a delight to drive.

stands out, continuing the Jeep heritage. Its adjustable roof rails, auxiliary 12-volt power outlet and other amenities help the vehicle continue to lend itself well to hunters, fishermen and other SUV-based outdoors types.

The 2005 Grand Cherokee represents a complete redesign of the Jeep flagship, a midsize, four-door, five-passenger SUV that is available with rear-wheel drive or one of three different types of four-wheel-drive gear trains. The Laredo base model starts at a suggested retail price of \$26,775 for a rear-wheel-drive version, and the line prices all the way up to a Limited with a Hemi V-8, loaded for about \$45,000.

The version I drove was the Limited Grand Cherokee with a Quadra-Trac II four-wheel-drive system and a 4.7-liter V8 engine, which garners about 15 miles a gallon in city driving and about 20 mpg on the highway.

The old Grand Cherokee was more organic-looking. In its own way, its exterior design was a trailblazer for many, many SUVs that would come after it. The new version is much sleeker and cleaner outside, which also contributes to the impression of less bulkiness. But without the side cladding and a few other lines and curves,

the new version also has less personality than the old one. One thing that Jeep would never part with, of course, is its distinctive grille, and it nicely heads up the new Grand Cherokee.

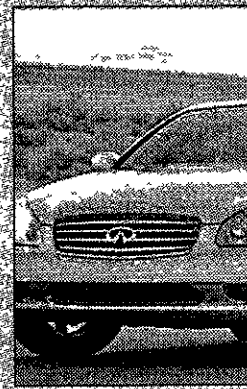
I also like the look of the new interior: It's crisp and clean, although it's not all that distinctive. The console, specifically, is designed very efficiently, especially the rear portion of it, with its hidden audio controls and slide-away drink holders.

In this and higher versions of Grand Cherokee, other amenities stand out as well, such as a panel in the cargo area that is reversible. One side is carpeted to match the floor. But after twisting several latches and turning the panel upside down, you get a rubberized, waterproof panel with a lip that would contain spills. Another option called Smart Beam headlights, on the version I drove and others, not only come on when it's dark out but also shift from low to high beams without driver involvement.

Clearly, Jeep gave the new Grand Cherokee its best shot. If only they'd made it a bit larger and not left you thinking that maybe just down the road the company could use an entry in the SUV segment that is even bigger.

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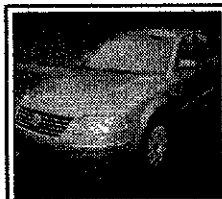
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Pure Picks Year in Review

And so I give you part deux of Pure Picks 2004 Year in Review. Please note that I realize this column is quickly turning into a me-for-all, but if I don't get any complaints about its recent leanings I will continue to turn all Lester Bangs on you (but with less swearing and, let's just admit it, quality writing.)

BOOKS

A rough count revealed I read 41 books in 2004.

For those of you who read two books a week, I salute you. For those who read two books last year, I impress you. That being said, while I consider myself an avid reader, I will be the first to admit I probably missed some really great books this year. Taking that into account, here are the best books that littered by nightstand in 2004:

Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim
by David Sedaris

The Secret Goldfish
by David Means

Happy Baby by Stephen Elliott

Yoga for People Who Can't Be Bothered to Do It
by Geoff Dyer (I think this was technically released in 2003, but I read it at the beginning of 2004 so it totally counts.)

And two because this was a political year:

The Future Dictionary of America with contributions from a ton of great writers

America: The Book with Jon Stewart, who just kicks butt, doesn't he?

FILMS

My favorite part of *Eternal Sunshine of a Spotless Mind* is when the two main characters, played by Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet, are running from the erasers inside a bookstore and all the books are slowly being turned to the back of the shelf. When I mention this to people in bars most didn't even notice. Pay attention people!

I also waited all year for the latest Wes Anderson (swoon) film, *A Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou*. My nerves were bouncing off the popcorn by the time I sat in my theater seat. Would it live up to the hype I had built for it? Would it disappoint me and thus cast a dark shadow on one of my favorite directors? I'm happy to report, it seriously was good.

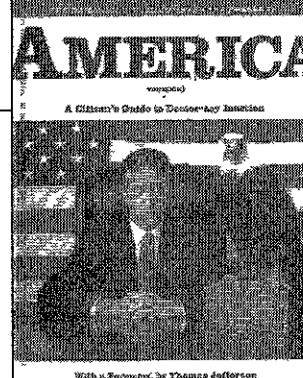
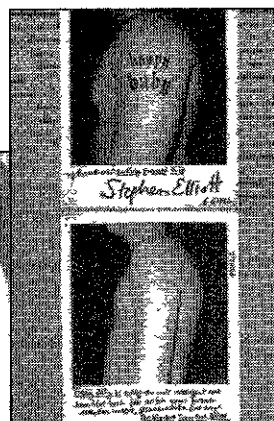
In other celluloid, *Napoleon Dynamite* was sweet and I hear *Sideways* was really good, too, but it just looked really bad to me from the preview. Whatever, you can't trust me anyway. I still haven't seen *Star Wars*. Yeah, not any of them.

SHOWS

This year provided a plethora of good things for those of us with working ears and a love of live

music. The Detroit Rock City Festival debuted behind the Majestic Theater Complex to lower attendance than expected but better times than I had expected. The Pixies arose from the dead and rocked Detroit for three dates. They played almost everything off *Surfer Rosa*, which made me happy. The best festival this year by far was D-Pollen. With

three stages (am I remembering right?) and my first time seeing Lee Marvin Computer Arm (officially I am adding Best Live Band in Detroit Right Now to their name, please refer to them, as I will, by the acronym LMCABLBIDRN), it trumped Fourth Street, Movement and Dally in Alley. My best show pick happened one night not too long ago when I caught Andre Williams @ Smalls and then headed over to see Nathaniel Mayer @ the Belmont. These are the kinds of nights you feel electric.



LOOKING AHEAD, OR 2005 DON'T BORE US

Last week I promised a look forward but I realize now that anything too in-depth means I can't write about it my tiny space when it comes out. So, briefly, here are the things you'll see in Pure Picks 2005 (unless I don't write this column anymore).

■ Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

Directed by Tim Burton; starring Johnny Depp; trailer looks particularly creepy

■ The return of Mike Judge: Gave us *Office Space*; new movie about secret Army program; Luke Wilson stars

■ Motor City Music Conference 2005: a.k.a. MC2; huge music conference; billed as Midwest's SXSW

■ Brendan Benson: New album early 2005; Jack White collaboration

■ Other albums: Doves, Magnolia Electric Company, many others; I fell in love and haven't been paying attention

Correction: Last week it was stated you could hear a Kings of Convenience song on an Old Navy commercial. The truth is I heard it once while shopping in an Old Navy store (I didn't buy anything). You probably realized this because Old Navy commercials have those annoying sing-a-long songs, not anything cool. I deeply regret this. The error and the horrible singing. I'll be back next week with my regularly scheduled picks.

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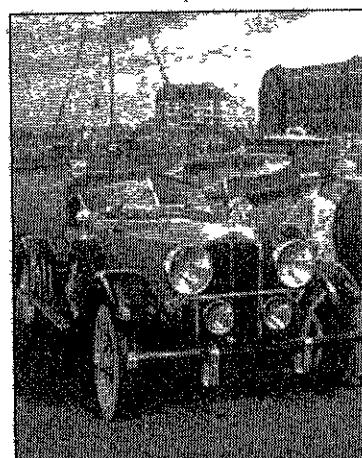
Car Culture



Tom Hale is fascinated with the reflective surfaces of the automobiles he likes to paint.

Artists share their 'Automotive Impressions'

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER



Gerald Freeman's work draw viewers into a moment in time to feel the atmosphere and excitement of great auto races of the past.

AUTOMOTIVE IMPRESSIONS

What: An exhibit of automotive art

When: Continues through Saturday, Jan. 29. Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Tuesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday; 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Where: Plymouth Community Arts Council, 744 North Sheldon, Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278.

Auto show fever has spread to Plymouth.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is hosting *Automotive Impressions*, an exhibit on automotive art, through the end of January.

Three prestigious Michigan artists are exhibiting their work, each presenting a different approach to the depiction of autos. All three artists have exhibited nationally and have received numerous awards for their work.

"We wanted a show to blend with the excitement of the auto show," said Leslie Greeneisen of the PCAC. "This is our first-ever auto-related exhibit."

The show is expected to attract substantial attention. Typically, about 400 people visit the arts center on Sheldon Road each month. More than 150 people attended the exhibit opening on Saturday, Jan. 8.

The show features works from:

■ Gerald Freeman of South Lyon, a freelance illustrator and graphic

PLEASE SEE EXHIBIT, E5

Detroit Artists Market showcases other designs

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

When the North American International Auto Show goes up, most of us focus our attention on automotive design.

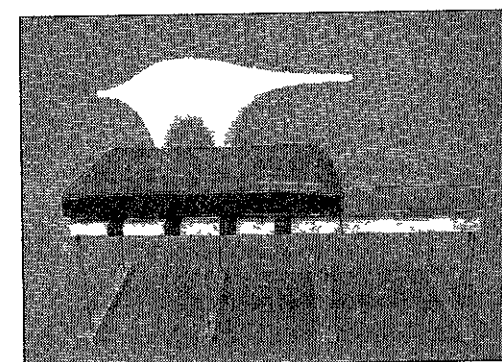
"But it is important that people understand that we're not just the Motor City. There are a lot of talented artists here in many mediums," said Aaron Timlin, executive director of Detroit Artists Market.

That's why the gallery annually presents *Detroit Design*, a showcase of furniture by local designers in its gallery during Auto Show week.

Unlike past events, this year's exhibit runs only one week: Friday, Jan. 14, to Sunday, Jan. 23.

"Some people see it as an alternative to the auto show, but I find that others see it as a complement to the auto show."

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Furniture designer Andy Weitnauer created this bench.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

DanceDetroit

Will host the Regional Detroit Salsa Competition at Posh Nightclub Sunday, Jan. 16 to raise money for the Tsunami Disaster. Professional, amateur, and pro-am couples are welcome to compete, and the night is open to the general public; the Grand Prize winners will be pre-qualified to compete in the International Hustle and Salsa Competition (www.hustleandsalsa.com) in Miami in April and will receive free entry and a free pass to the Miami event as well as free dance shoes from Dance Sgle (www.dancesole.com). All of the profits from admission sales will be donated to the United Way South Asia Response Fund. Doors open 9 p.m.; free Cuban Salsa lesson by Randy Atlas (IHSC, Miami) at 9:30 p.m.; \$5 admission/21+ welcome. Posh Nightclub is at 22061 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 756-4821 or visit www.danceindetroit.com.

The Shirelles

Will perform at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14. Universally credited as the originators of the Girl Group Sound, their long string of hits include 'Soldier Boy,' 'Dedicated To The One I Love,' and so many others. Tickets \$30, available at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, and the Village Theater Ticket Office, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. The Village Theater ticket office will be open two hours prior to the performance. For more information visit www.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5300.

Youtheatre

Debuts Forever Free: A Story of the Civil War-11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. Musical based on an untold story of the Civil War revolves around a young slave named Kofi; \$8, (248) 557-PLAY (7529) www.youtheatre.org

Stagecrafters

To kick off the opening of Pippin, Stagecrafters is hosting a Mardi Gras Magic To Do Party Night 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, in downtown Royal Oak. Tickets \$30 each and include dress rehearsal performance of the show, pre-glow with foods from area restaurants, and silent auction, call (248) 541-6430. Proceeds to benefit Stagecrafters' programs.

Jewish Film Festival

Unlikely Heroes featuring Ben Kingsley, will be presented at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19 at the Jewish Community Center in Oak Park, 15110 West Ten Mile Road. The film highlights seven extraordinary people whose unique and inspiring stories add a new chapter to the story of Jewish resistance. Presented by the Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival. All seats are \$8 (pre-season passes accepted) and may be purchased at the door or by calling (248) 432-5577 or (248) 967-4030.

MUSIC

Chamber Music Society of Detroit

Oboist Heinz Holliger with the Juilliard String Quartet, 6:45 p.m. lecture, 8 p.m. concert Saturday, Jan. 15, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road (corner of Lahser and 13 Mile Road), Beverly Hills, campus of the Detroit Country Day School, \$33 to \$75, students \$23 and \$35, (248) 855-6070 or www.ComeHearCMSD.org.

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

Pianist Andrew von Oeyen, 8 p.m. hors d'oeuvres reception, 8:30 p.m. concert, Friday, Jan. 14, Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham, \$20, (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org

Onnik Dinkjian

Will perform a concert of Sacred Hymns of the Armenian Church accompanied by Ara Dinkjian on organ, 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, doors open 5:30 p.m., St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church, 19300 Ford Road, Dearborn, \$20 per person (advanced tickets only), afterglow reception follows concert. atopouzian@arp-music.com or (248) 851-9225.

Orchestra Canton

The Mozart Effect, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan.

15, Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, \$15 adults, \$16 children and seniors, (734) 394-5460, (734) 451-2112.

Trinity House Theatre

Joe Mabus, 8 p.m. Saturday, \$12, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, www.trinity-house.org

Blackthorn

Benefit concert for the Birmingham Groves Birmingham senior class, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, \$25, (248) 203-3530, (248) 642-1689.

PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Jewish Ensemble Theatre

Door to Door by James Sherman, Jan. 19 to Feb. 13, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900, www.jettheatre.org.

Meadow Brook Theatre

Driving Miss Daisy runs through Jan 30 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Show times and ticket prices vary, visit www.mbttheatre.com, or call (248) 377-3300.

Tony n' Tina's Wedding

Extended run through Saturday, Feb. 12. Performances Friday-Saturday, Freedom Hill's Ralph A. Liberato Hall at Freedom Hill County Park, 14900 Metropolitan Parkway (16 Mile Road), east of Van Dyke (M-53) in Sterling Heights. Doors open 7 p.m. The evening includes a full, Italian style dinner by Andiamo's, champagne toast and piece of the wedding cake. Live band provides music for dancing. \$60 in advance, (586) 268-7820, (248) 645-6666, www.freedomhill.net, or www.ticketmaster.com

The Fisher Theatre

The King and I through Jan. 30, show times vary, tickets \$30-\$68, (248) 645-6666, (313) 872-1000 or www.nederlanderdetroit.com

Heartlande Theatre Company

New reading series at Meadow Brook Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, Radio Ball By Lauren Kettler. Suggested donation \$5. Tribute to Uta Hagen (1919-2004) 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 at The Roeper School on two blocks north of Maple on Adams Road in Birmingham, no charge, visit www.heartlande.com for details.



NICOLE M. YOUNG

Tony Bozzuto as Biff, Andrew Huff as Willy Loman and Christopher M. Bohan as Happy in Arthur Miller's 'Death of a Salesman' 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave. on the Wayne State University campus in Detroit. Plays in rotating repertory with 'I Hate Hamlet' by Paul Rudnick and Henry IV, Part I by William Shakespeare through March 24. Tickets \$13-\$22, call (313) 577-2972, or visit www.theatre.wayne.edu.

COMMUNITY THEATER

Avon Players

A New Brain, musical based on the life of composer William Finn, with book co-authored by James Lapine, Jan. 14-16, 21-23 and 27-29. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances start at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees 2 p.m. at 1185 Washington Road, one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester Roads in Rochester Hills. \$16; \$14 student/senior discount tickets for Sunday matinees, (248) 608-9077.

Ridgedale Players

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14-23, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy, \$14, students/seniors (on Sunday), \$13, (248) 988-7049.

Players Guild of Dearborn

Comedy *Dear Ruth* by Norman Krasna, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, Jan. 21-22, Jan. 28-29, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 & 30, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. (313)-561-TKTS or www.playersguildofdearborn.org.

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild

Neil Simon's *Rumors*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, 21-22, Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 27-29 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, \$15, students/seniors \$13, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-0527, www.stdunstanstheatre.com.

Village Players

High Spirits, Noel Coward's classic comedy, *Blithe Spirit*, is set to a rollicking musical score, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 and 30, 34660 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, \$15, (248) 644-2075 or www.birminghamvillageplayers.com

Starlight Theater

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday; \$14 adults, \$12 seniors, \$10 children under 12, www.starlighttheater.net, (248) 335-1788, inside Summit Place Mall, (between Kohl's and Claire's), 315 N. Telegraph, corner of Elizabeth Lake Road, Waterford. Starlight Theater is

offering acting classes for children in grades 3-12 and adults. Winter term begins Jan. 17. Visit Web site or call number listed above for details.

StarBrite Dinner Theater

Presents *Ripe Conditions* by Claudia Allen, Friday-Saturday, Jan. 14 through Feb. 19, at 14th Street Grille & Bar, 350 East 14 Mile in Madison Heights. The laugh-filled romp tells the story of a pair of bumbling brothers who compete for the affection of their attractive and newly widowed sister-in-law, while a tornado threatens to blow apart their plans. Cocktails and dinner are at 6:30 p.m., curtain 7:30 p.m. Three-course dinner and theater, including tax, cost \$39.50 per person. Visit www.starbriteprod.com for information or call (248) 589-9900 for reservations.

ART/GALLERIES

Lawrence Street Gallery

Is hosting an all-members' exhibition with gallery fund-raiser celebrating the 50th anniversary of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan through Jan. 29. Opening reception 5-9 p.m. today, 22620 Woodward Avenue, Suite A, Ferndale. A percentage of proceeds from sales for the month of January will be donated to help the National Kidney Foundation. Gallery open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Wheelchair accessible from the Woodward Avenue front entrance. (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Scarab Club/The Great Frame Up

Joint exhibit opens 6-9 p.m. Friday, at The Great Frame Up, 215 Peabody, Birmingham. The show features a variety of different art styles and mediums, including photography, printmaking, painting, and drawing.

Revolution Gallery

Opening reception for Bevy, a group exhibition featuring works by 13 artists, 5-7 p.m. Friday, 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 541-3444, www.revolution.com

EXHIBIT

FROM PAGE E3

designer. He paints well-researched historical auto pieces using acrylic and oil. His goal is to capture a moment in history and show the excitement of old auto races.

■ Tom Hale, a watercolor artist from Northville. He graduated with honors from the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles. Hale worked as a styling designer at General Motors, Chrysler and American Motors before deciding to pursue his art career full time in 1985. He's intrigued by the reflective surfaces of automobiles and likes to paint close-up views. Hale said there is great beauty in something as mundane as a chrome headlight.

■ Alexander Buchan of Warren, who worked as a design sculptor at the General Motors Design Center and has been a professor at the College of Creative Studies in Detroit. Buchan creates bronze sculptures of early 1900s racing vehicles. Each piece, such as a 1910 Buick, is signed by the artist as a limited edition.

"I started as a wood carver, but years ago I was asked to create an outdoor sculpture in Algonac, and that's how I started working with bronze," Buchan said. "This is the first exhibit that I know of at a gallery that's strictly auto-related."

Buchan said auto-related art is popular. Nearly every week in the summer his works are on display at various events.

DESIGN

FROM PAGE E3

Detroit Design showcases more than 15 pieces by six local furniture designers — many are graduates of or students at the College for Creative Studies or Cranbrook Academy of Art. Work by several fashion designers mostly from the Chicago area is also featured.

A creative black-tie opening, held the same night as the Auto Show's gala celebration, is "almost a spoof on the Auto Show black tie," Timlin said, adding, "This is definitely our alternative."

DETROIT DESIGN

When: Preview reception, 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14; exhibit, Friday, Jan. 14 to Sunday, Jan. 23; regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday.

Where: Detroit Artists Market in the Detroit Cultural Center, 4719 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Tickets: Preview reception, \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, call (313) 832-8540 or visit www.detroitartistsmarket.org.

Ronald K. Brown/Evidence

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 6 PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 8 PM

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PROGRAM (SUN 1/16)

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Music by Sangare & Kuti)
Walking Out the Dark (2001) (Brown/Sweet Honey
in the Rock & others)

PROGRAM (MON 1/17)

Upside Down (1998) (Brown/Sangare & Kuti)
Come Ye (2003) (Brown/Mina Simone)
Grace (1993) (Brown/Ellington, Kuti & others)

FREE EDUCATION EVENTS

Ronald K. Brown Technique Dance Master Classes
Saturday, January 15, 12 noon-1:30 pm and 1:30-3 pm
Maggie Allesee Dance Studio • Wayne State University
4841 Cass Ave. • Detroit

NETWORK Reception

Sunday, January 16, 4:15-5:45 pm
Michigan League Hussey and Vandenberg Rooms

SYMPOSIUM AND ARTIST INTERVIEW:

African Roots in American Modern Dance
Monday, January 17, 1-4:30 pm
Betty Pease Dance Studio • 1310 N. University Ct.

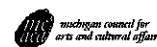
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Stephanie Blythe, mezzo-soprano

Warren Jones, piano

Davie Heiss, cello

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 8 PM

Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre

PROGRAM

Schubert's "Die Forelle" (The Trout), Johannes Brahms
and Alexander Scriabin

DJ Spooky's Rebirth of a Nation

A Performance Work by Paul D. Miller,
aka DJ Spooky That Subliminal Kid

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 8 PM

Power Center

FREE EDUCATION EVENTS

SYMPOSIUM: Race and Early Film

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

2:30-3:30 PM Screening of *Birth of a Nation*
3:45-5:00 PM Panel Discussion
7:00-8:30 PM Screening of *Within Our Gates*
Nelson-Spence Building Auditorium
605 N. University Ave.

NETWORK Reception

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 6:15-7:45 PM

Michigan League Hussey Room and OakCourse

Presented in partnership with the U-M Office of Academic Multicultural Initiatives. Media Partners: WEMU 89.1 FM and Michigan Chronicle/Front Page. This event is part of the U-M Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium and the Celebration of African-American Dance.

Lahti Symphony with Louis Lortie, piano

Osmo Vanska, conductor

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 8 PM

Hil Auditorium

PROGRAM

Prokofiev: *Concerto for Piano and Orchestra* (1923-25)
Prokofiev: *Piano Concerto No. 1 in F-sharp Major, Op. 25* (1923)
Prokofiev: *Piano Concerto No. 2 in D-flat Major, Op. 18* (1911-12)
Debussy: *Symphonic No. 2 in D Major, Op. 43* (1901-02)

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Audra McDonald

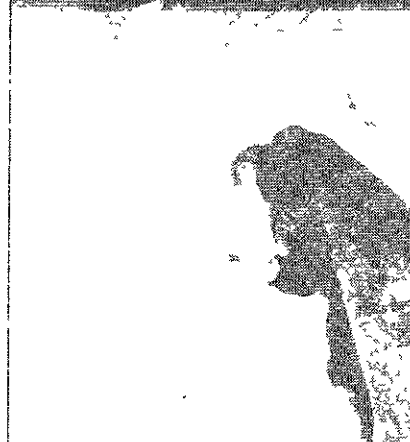
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 4 PM

Hil Auditorium

Audra McDonald's soaring, ethereal voice has earned her a reputation as one of the greatest contemporary Broadway vocalists. The four-time Tony Award winner has toured and performed with the UMS and the Detroit Jewish Community Center. McDonald's new album, *Reveries*, is a collection of songs by American composers, including "The Rose Tree" (New York Times).

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Cover story



Spectators will see professional ice-carving demonstrations as well as student/amateur competitions during the five-day Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.



Above and below, the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular draws children of all ages with its wide variety of ice sculpture shapes and sizes.



Lindsay Natiw and Jennifer Natiw of Canton and Lindsay Gerst of Plymouth found plenty of food to go with the other fun at last year's Plymouth festival.

Frozen Michigan

There's an ice show coming to a city near you

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

It's huge in Plymouth, new for Detroit and quaint in Lake Orion. We're talking about ice carving shows taking place this month throughout metro Detroit. Professional chef, amateur and student carvers are competing for thousands of dollars in prizes and scholarships. The ice show in Detroit is part of Motown Winter Blast, Friday-Sunday Jan. 21-23. It's part of a 2006 Super Bowl kick-off event in and around Campus Martius Park.

The Olde World Canterbury Village Ice Paradise Winter Festival in Lake Orion Saturday, Jan. 29, is set in the historic retail complex that looks like a village from a Charles Dickens story.

The most well-known ice event is in Plymouth. More than 500,000 people are expected to stroll the city's charming downtown area during the event, which begins Tuesday, Jan. 17.

"It's fun, free and it's open 24 hours, all day, all night," said Mike Watt of the Plymouth Ice Spectacular. "The Detroit area has many third-shift workers who want something to do during the wee hours. We'll have security there all night long."

The Plymouth Ice Spectacular attracts carvers from around the world including top designers from Japan. There's no theme for the event, because Watt said organizers don't want to limit artists' creativity. However, there is an "Ice Age" area where carvers will create sabertooth-tigers, woolly mammoths and other prehistoric critters.

"Ice shows are one of few art events where the viewer can actually see the work being created right before their eyes," Watt said.

And the Plymouth show re-introduces people to the downtown shopping area, he added. Its popularity increases each year.

"It's reached a cult following in a way," Watt said. "We even know of a couple who met there and then married there several years later. It's definitely a family event."

CANTERBURY VILLAGE

Artists at all events will sculpt from blocks that are at least 350 pounds of crystal clear frozen water.

"We import our blocks from Quebec and want the ice as pure and clear as possible," said Mary Ellen Krause of Canterbury Village's Second Annual Ice Paradise.

The sculptures will be scattered throughout the village.

highlights

WEDNESDAY JAN. 17

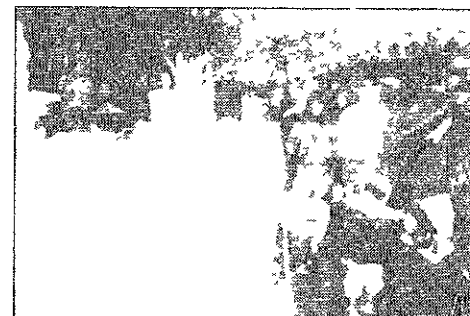
■ 10 a.m. – Festival opens with display of over 100 individual block sculptures placed in front of participating businesses throughout downtown Plymouth and in Kellogg Park.

■ "Rockin' the Ice Age" opens in The Gathering at 10 a.m.

■ Light Show begins at 6 p.m.

■ "The First Ladies of Fashion" exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 115 S. Main, 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18 – Friday, Jan. 21

■ "Rockin' the Ice Age" opens in The Gathering at 10 a.m.



Ice sculptures were the featured attractions at the Plymouth Ice Spectacular last year.

SAUNDERSVILLE, N.J.

■ "Rockin' the Ice Age" in The Gathering opens at 9 a.m.

■ Exhibit "The First Ladies of Fashion" at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 115 S. Main, 1-4 p.m.

■ Championship professional carver exhibition, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

■ Championship professional carver exhibition, noon to 5 p.m.

■ College individual competition, noon to 4 p.m.

■ High school team competition, noon to 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 21

■ Amateur individual competition, noon to 4 p.m.

■ College team competition, noon to 4 p.m.

■ High school individual competition, noon to 4 p.m.

■ "Rockin' the Ice Age" in The Gathering opens at 11 a.m.

■ Major multi-block works on display

■ Championship professional carver exhibition, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ Championship professional carver exhibition, noon to 5 p.m.

PLEASE SEE **FESTIVALS, E7**

Art

Photos reveal a woman's point of view

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Canadian photographer Julie Sando is a working professional, mother and artist.

And both the nature and volume of her work reflects such a routine of daily living.

"It's hard to be an artist and work, and then throw in being a mother," said Dick Goody, director of the Meadow Brook Art Gallery, where an exhibit of Sando's work opens Saturday. "She doesn't produce an awful lot of work, but when she does it's absolutely stunning."

Shopping for Pleasure, a collection of three distinct groups of photographs displayed separately, continues through Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Rochester Hills gallery on the campus of Oakland University.

More than 15 photographs make up the exhibit, but the self-portrait entitled *Self Styled Shopper* goes far in divulging Sando's artistic sensibilities and point of view.

The piece captures Sando in a household cleaning products aisle of a typical suburban grocery store. Dressed in utilitarian fashion – a pair of khakis and white top – she grasps a bottle of pink cleaning solution in one hand, while the other keeps a firm grip on a metal shopping cart. A harsh, almost sanitizing, artificial light highlights the shelves of brightly colored cleaning products.

"It's about empowerment," Goody said of *Self Styled Shopper*. "It's the most benign thing, but somehow this woman looks like a warrior. It's the fact that she's in this iconic setting, and she's alone. It's just her and her warrior shopping cart."

The exhibit showcases photographs taken by Sando during the last four years and include, in addition to several lush, allegorical self-portraits, a series of stark images of Windsor's massage parlors. Sando's take on the commercial enterprises known for engaging in the illegal sex trade is one of disconnection; the images are cold, formalistic, abstract and dispassionate.



JULIE SANDO | COURTESY OF MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

'Self Styled Shopper,' is a self-portrait by photographer Julie Sando that goes up with more than 15 other works by the artist at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery in Rochester Hills.

Although each group of work represented in the exhibit differs in style from the others, the images share a common theme. Goody, the show's curator, has dubbed the motif a "domestic/urban ground zero," adding that Sando is an artist who's making social commentary.

"She's not really a photographer in a way. I see her as an artist and a post-feminist. But the media in which she chooses to express herself is photography," said Goody. "Her work is about ideas and about messing with one's perceptions of certain things."

Opening reception for the exhibit is 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15; exhibit continues through Sunday, Feb. 27; gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Meadow Brook Art Gallery is on the campus of Oakland University, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester Hills. Call (248) 370-3005.

FESTIVALS

FROM PAGE E6

Canterbury Village extends more than 21 acres in Lake Orion and has 18 specialty shops, a huge Christmas shop and castle with an antique English fireplace. Inside the village are stores with stained glass windows and antique doors, French wood carvings, European armor and tapestries, and a replica of an old German carousel.

A dinner dance is being held at Canterbury Castle after the ice show to benefit Ronald McDonald House.

MOTOWN WINTER BLAST

Professional skaters will glide across the newly built Campus Martius Park ice rink in downtown Detroit while local bands play. Ice artists will create more than 25 sculptures just east of the area on Monroe Street.

But really it's all about football. Motown Winter Blast is an event designed to showcase Detroit's offerings in anticipation of the 2006 Super Bowl. Sculptors from Michigan, Morocco, Mexico, Russia and Canada will carve the cityscape backdrop.

"To preview the Super Bowl we wanted to have as many events as possible that cater to families," promoter Jon Witz said. "We will have two teams of artists – a category for those who've competed on an international level and one for those who've competed at a local level."

ICE SHOWS

■ **Twenty-third Annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular**
Professional, amateur and student artists carve more than 100 ice sculptures – downtown Plymouth, Monday, Jan. 17, through Sunday, Jan. 23. Visit www.wattsupinc.com or call (734) 459-9157.

■ General Motors Snow Spectacular & Ice Show

An ice show to celebrate Motown Winter Blast – on Monroe Street in downtown Detroit, east of Campus Martius Park. Open 24 hours Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23. Laser shows highlight the ice sculptures: 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday. Visit www.motownwinterblast.com.

■ Ice paradise winter festival 2005

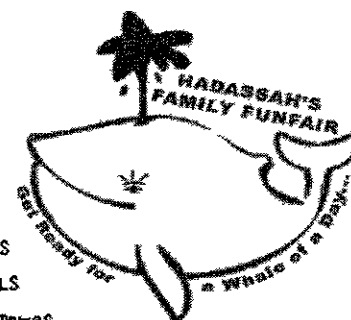
An ice-carving event to benefit the Ronald McDonald House – Olde Worlde Canterbury Village, 2369 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29. Hearts Aglow Dinner & Dance follows show, 4-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Canterbury Castle in Canterbury Village. Tickets \$75, call (313) 745-5909. Call (248) 391-5700 or visit www.canterburyvillage.com

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Left, Shane Cox and Tracy Baire dance as DJ Tom T spins tunes. Top, Leila Hassan of Bloomfield and Anto Arslanian of Bloomfield Hills enjoy an intimate conversation at the bar.

SHAKE YOUR SAKETINI

What: Crave Lounge

Where: 22075 Michigan Ave. on the south side of the street between Mason and Monroe in West Dearborn.

Parking: There is valet parking with lot and street parking south of the club.

Menu: Asian-Mediterranean fusion cuisine featuring seasonal and exotic ingredients, an array of 30 sauces, cold and warm appetizers, and full sushi bar. Chef Sam Ness, former chef at Nobu NYC and frequent Food Network expert chef, is Crave's chief executive chef. Lunch specials include chicken terriyaki, Chilean sea bass and a range

of salads and sushi combinations typically \$9-\$13. Dinner entrees from \$16-\$36 feature a range of chicken, beef and seafood dishes including Lemon Grass Steak, gindara Japanese red snapper and citrus chicken.

Open: Lunch 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 4:30-10:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday; 4:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (313) 277-7283.

Admission: No charge for women, \$10 for men Fridays and Saturdays, except those with dinner reservations.

Table hopping

True. Passion

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A purple orchid edged in white and yellow floats on a sake martini.

Up-lit, white see-through drapes hang from floor to ceiling; models pose for evening patrons.

If you have a passion for beauty and elegant function, and want to stimulate your senses, Crave is the place to go.

But Crave isn't just about cerebral appreciation of fine style. "They should be able to stand up and dance and just go nuts," explained owner Khalil Ramadan.

It's a pretty irresistible combination, as evidenced by lines of well-dressed patrons clamoring to get in on weekends since it opened in late November.

It's not surprising that Ramadan, the founder of Pure Bar Room in Detroit, would hit a home run with his newest club.

Pure presented everything from live dancers to circus performers. But with Crave, the sense of fun is tempered with a hip boutique hotel-lobby design vibe, inspired by the team of Phillipe Stark and Ian Schraeger, the co-founder of Studio 54.

Ramadan gestures with feeling when describing their creations - which include a room where floor lighting shines up through clear furniture, tables and clear everything. Similarly, Crave seeks to offer a stylish, compelling, unique escape.

"No matter where you look you'll be entertained - with your food, anywhere you look," said Ramadan. "There's something for you to look at and to talk about. You're thinking, 'I'm going somewhere different right now.'"

Ramadan, who grew up in Royal Oak, said he learned from the Pure experience. "We just went totally to the edge. We said, 'Let's go out of the box completely.'"

"We made some mistakes. But no matter what we did, people loved and accepted it. It opened my eyes that people want a different thing; this is what entertainment and nightlife is about."

Club caters
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who 'Crave'
beauty

One enters the Michigan Avenue club in West Dearborn through a winding rear hallway. Above rich African panga-panga hardwood flooring are flat, wall-mounted TV screens depicting lit fireplaces.

Style and novelty are evident throughout Crave, even in white marble-floored bathrooms where shadows can be spotted

through the semi translucent wall separating men and women.

At the end of the hall is the club's main room, with small-backed hard couches on one side and a bar and DJ station opposite. The firmness of the seating has a function. "You don't sink in too far," Ramadan said.

The couches are appropriate for club-goers or restaurant patrons, as Crave doubles as a sushi bar and gourmet Pan-Asian dining spot for lunch or dinner.

"I hope to contract the 25- to 55-year-old, young-at-heart, stylish, business-oriented person who at the same time has a fashion sense and says, 'I want to look different, I want to eat

different,'" Ramadan said.

Besides DJs spinning dance music, Crave regularly presents live music Wednesday nights, ranging from Brazilian jazz to an Armenian band.

"The world is changing, people are traveling, admiring things, tasting exotic foods," Ramadan said. He sees the styles merging to create something new.

"It's very retro," said Tam Shell of Wayne, sipping a strawberry saketini with co-worker Britt Scott of Royal Oak.

"It's a very good vibe; it's very eclectic," Scott added.



Joann Miller of Royal Oak, and Darri McFadden of Dearborn, enjoy drinks and a good time with friends at Crave. A Lychee Saketini with an edible orchid is just one of the delicious martinis served at the club.



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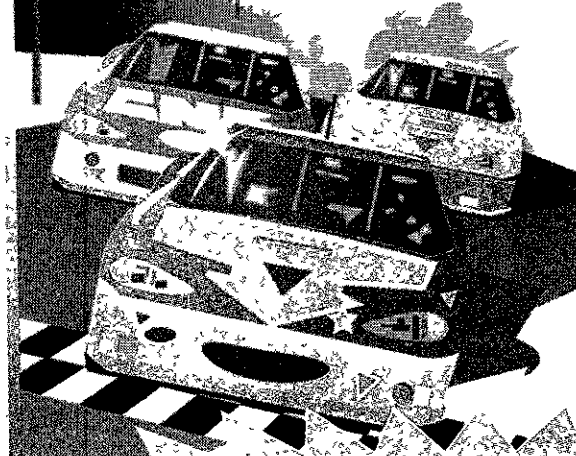
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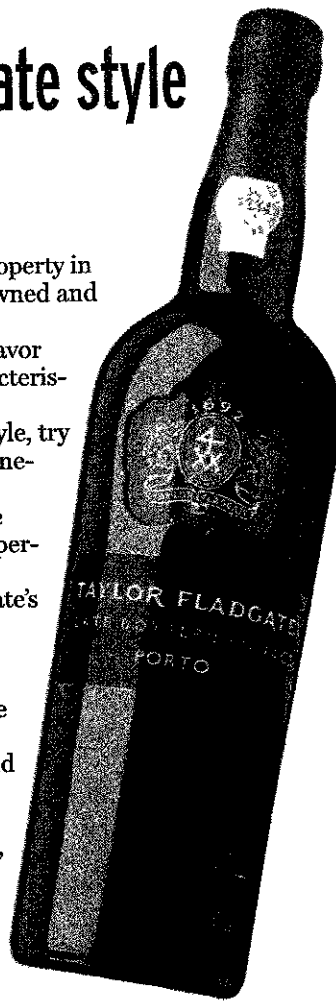
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Hot Ticket

Club crawl part of Winter Blast

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Motown Winter Blast is an event aimed at reminding Michiganders, and the world, of all that Detroit has to offer.

The Blast is a series of happenings scheduled in and around Campus Martius Park and downtown Detroit Friday-Sunday, Jan. 21-23. Call it a giant Super Bowl XL preview party.

"Most of the events are family-oriented," said Blast organizer Jon Witz.

Except for one that's 21 and over only. Motown Winter Blast Bounce is a club crawl taking place Friday, Jan. 21. Seven Detroit clubs are participating. For \$10, guests can take a shuttle bus to each nightclub.

"We expect more than 150,000 people to attend the events all over town," Witz said. "Motown Winter Blast is the countdown to the 2006 Super Bowl. It's kind of a practice event. We'll test the transportation and parking to help prepare for the Super Bowl. Being that the auto show is going on at the same time as the Blast, a lot of people will be in the city, so it's a great way to test logistics."

And it's no coincidence that Blast is held during the 2005 North American International Auto Show, since international journalists will be here and have the chance to see Detroit.

Bounce features old-time, laid-back legendary Detroit watering holes like the

WINTER BLAST BOUNCE

What: A club-hopping after-party to Motown Winter Blast.

When: 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Jan. 21

Details: Attendees pay \$10 to be admitted to seven downtown nightclubs. Shuttles provide transportation to each location.

Clubs: Town Pump Tavern, 100 W. Montcalm, (313) 961-1929; Envy, 234 W. Larned, (313) 962-ENVY; Elysium Lounge, 625 Shelby St., (313) 962-2244; Fifth Avenue Downtown, 13500 Fenkell St., (313) 837-5283; Goodlife Lounge, 630 Woodward Ave., (313) 962-1200; Zoo Bar, 415 E. Congress, (313) 961-5005; and Bookies Tavern, 1249 Washington, (313) 742-0165

Information: www.motownwinterblast.com

Town Pump Tavern and Bookies Tavern plus wild dance clubs like Envy and Elysium. Fifth Avenue Downtown near Tiger Stadium is known for hosting some of the area's best live bands.

The Goodlife Lounge often has WJLB-FM events that attract young hipsters, and The Zoo Bar Night Club hosts WDRQ-FM events.

Purchase the wrist band at any nightclub for free shuttle transportation.

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Friday, Jan. 21: Noon, The Singles; 1:30 p.m., The Sirens; 3 p.m., Ray St. Park; 4:30 p.m., Rattlesnake Shake; 6 p.m., Barb Payton; 7:30 p.m., Mystery Train featuring Jim McCarty; 9 p.m., Twistin' Tarantulas
Saturday, Jan. 22: Noon, Alright Tokyo; 1:30 p.m., Grayling; 3 p.m., Twin Pigs; 4:30 p.m., Reefermen; 6 p.m., Calling Marvin; 7:30 p.m., Nadir-Distorted Soul; 9 p.m., Black Merda

Sunday, Jan. 23: 11 a.m., Broadzilla; 12:30 p.m., Candy Band; 2 p.m., The Orbitsuns; 3:30 p.m., Brothers From Another Planet; 5 p.m., Question Mark & The Mysterians; 6:30 p.m., Hemigod
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Friday, Jan. 21: 1:30 p.m., KGB & Karen Harr; 3 p.m., Brothers Grove; 4:30 p.m., Donald Walden; 6 p.m., Aladocious; 7:30 p.m., Kaleidiscopes; 9 p.m., Justin Young
Saturday, Jan. 22: Noon, Straight Ahead; 1:30 p.m., Percilla Price; 3 p.m., Tom

Allport Brand; 4:30 p.m., Alfreda Upshaw; 6 p.m., Larry Lee; 7:30 p.m., Dai Bouey; 9 p.m., Thornetta Davis

Sunday, Jan. 23: 11 a.m., Ed Wells; 12:30 p.m., Shahida Narullah; 2 p.m., Flaming Emeralds; 3:30 p.m., Makeeta Birdsong; 5 p.m., Serieux

FIFTH THIRD BANK STAGE

Friday, Jan. 21: noon, Jan Krist; 1:30 p.m., Portfolio X; 3 p.m., The Project; 4:30 p.m., Janis Leigh; 6 p.m., The Satin Dolls; 7:30 p.m., Norm Talley; 9 p.m., Eddie Fowlkes

Saturday, Jan. 22: noon, Zomar; 1:30 p.m., Sean Blackman & John Arnold; 3 p.m., Jeremy Kittel; 4:30 p.m., Uncle James; 6 p.m., Roots Vibration; 7:30 p.m., DJ Surgeon; 9 p.m., Juan Atkins

Sunday, Jan. 23: 11 a.m., Sax Maniacs; 12:30 p.m., Luba; 2 p.m., Saoco; 3:30 p.m., Honest D & The Steel Reserve Band; 5 p.m., The Lash; 6:30 p.m., Norma Jean Bell

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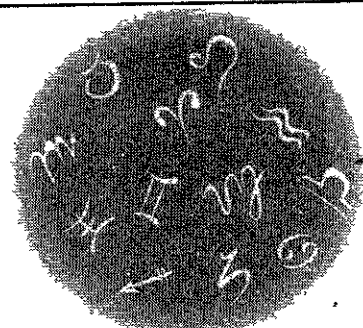
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Star struck

(Jan. 13-Jan. 15)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Since 2005 began, it may feel as if someone has popped the balloon that was holding you up, but don't fret, kiddo. This is probably not a bad thing. You desperately need a rest. Slow down, regroup and pull in your markers now before you burn out. "New" year, "new" opportunities are yours.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Aside from the cold temperatures, this is a great time to be a Bull, and it's going to get better in the future. Both the Sun and your ruling planet, Venus, move into your favor next week, so anything is possible if you want it enough. Some people think you're easily satisfied. Prove them wrong!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Hey, Twin: Venus moves into the most sensitive area of your chart this week, so don't be surprised if you feel a bit raw emotionally. Don't turn people away if they try to help you. What you need more than anything is a friend to talk to - and maybe a shoulder to cry on. Keep dancin'.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

With Saturn leaving your sign in the coming months, now is your time of year to push, push, push and you're determined to make the most of it. You're more likely to do something memorable that stands the test of time if you do it from the purest of motives. Personal fame is cool and nice, but it's what you do for others that will earn you lasting glory!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

You may be tempted to cut corners this week, especially if you think you might gain financially, but this weekend's Sun-Saturn dance warns that if you cut corners now, you'll only have to go back and negotiate them properly before your birthday this summer. Shortcuts don't exist, Lion!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

The only thing that is holding you back is your rather typical Virgo self-doubt. So get off it! You have to convince yourself this week that you have what it takes to succeed. You also have to convince yourself that you deserve the best that life has to offer. No one deserves it more, kiddo. Pat yourself on the back, and ree-lax.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

You can be as silver-tongued as anyone when it suits you, Balancer, and with your ruling planet Venus changing signs now, you should be able to charm the birds off the trees. Just don't waste time on lost causes or deadbeat associates when there are so many worthwhile ones. You can't please everybody at the same time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

It's been a rough winter so far, right? Well, suck some java and stay awake because the planets suggest that something big is coming your way, Scorp. If you nod off, you may miss it. Also, if you have a money-making idea, you must do something positive with it. If you don't, someone else may get rich at your expense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Are you aiming too high or expecting too much, Sadge? Not according to the current planetary setup, which is so unbelievably good in the weeks ahead that no matter how high you aim you should still reach your objective. This is also a terrific time for making much-needed travel plans - go for it!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

With the Sun leaving your sign soon, the time has come to decide which is more important to you: Money or love. It's possible to have both, Cap, but these sides of your life have been rather out of balance recently, and if you don't equalize them soon, you may lose someone you treasure.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

Love is in the air as your birthday approaches, and in almost direction you turn there will be opportunities to improve an existing relationship or forge a new one. Don't let your reservations hold you back, Water Bearer. Leave the object of your affection in no doubt that he or she is the one for you!

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Loved ones will want to go their own way and do their own thing this week, and if you're a wise Fish, not only will you let them, you'll encourage them too. You should be delighted that they want to be more independent - it means they've learned something positive from you.

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Music

Catch Emilio Basa at small venue while you still can

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

One of life's sweetest pleasures is discovering a musician before he or she bursts into mainstream popularity.

Imagine being one of the lucky ones who discovered Led Zeppelin playing small gigs. Or seeing The White Stripes when they were unknown and played at small places like Paycheck's in Hamtramck.

Singer/songwriter Emilio Basa, 26, of Troy hasn't made a mark yet on the big map of music. He's still relatively unknown even in the Detroit area and mostly plays coffeehouses. No big label is sniffing around him yet. His CDs are self-published. So the right time is on our side.

Basa, whose musical history is an interesting one, will perform at the tiny, intimate Xhedo's Cafe in Ferndale on Saturday. He'll play his guitar acoustic style, sing solo, and will perform pumped-up, overdriven tunes in the band Resident Alien.

He's not a crooning folk-style solo artist. Basa's style is raw, raspy, with some R&B influence. His often sad lyrics are different from his cheery personality.

"I'm a completely upbeat person, I



Emilio Basa strives to create music that's honest and beautiful.

never want to be pessimistic about life," Basa said. "I think I use the music to get rid of any negativity that I might feel even a bit."

NEVER HEARD THE BEATLES

Basa was raised in a strict Baptist family and wasn't permitted to listen to any music except classical. But it was a blessing because he is classically trained in piano, violin and voice.

"I didn't hear rock 'n roll until I was 19," Basa said. "I sang in a gospel choir. I remember the first time I heard Led Zeppelin, I listened to *Houses of the Holy* over and over again."

He became obsessed with rock 'n roll, diving into Radiohead, The Counting Crowes, Oasis, Incubus, Sarah McLachlin, Jimi Hendrix and of course, The Beatles. He realized that playing guitar and singing enabled him to express feelings that he never knew he could say.

"My biggest inspiration is Kenny 'Babyface' Edmonds. His songwriting is incredible."

Basa is currently working on his first full-length CD, but his five-song EP, *Fade*, is available at his shows.

And they always sell.

"I hold nothing back in my music," Basa said. "I try to keep my lyrics broad. I don't want to sing about things that only a few people can understand or connect to. A lot of people tell me they get something

EMILIO BASA

When: 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 15

Admission: \$5

Where: Xhedo's Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, (248) 399-3946

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out of my music, I don't know what that is, but I hope it can make people feel."

Top of the World is about being near people you love "and living life the way it was supposed to be lived." *Fade* is about fading from the eyes of your lover and not being able to stop it.

There is a song he never plays live anymore.

"It's called *Everything Fell Apart* and it's so sad. I wrote the whole song in one night because of a relationship that just went to garbage; it's too depressing."

Proof of his desire to be happy-go-lucky.

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Movies

Bugs bedevil troopers in a nifty, but smaller sequel

The big bugs are back in *Starship Troopers 2*, a less-than-stellar – but still noteworthy – sequel to the big hit of 1997.

Unlike its predecessor, *Starship Troopers 2* isn't very ambitious. The cast is scaled back to a mere handful of space rangers and only about a million bugs. The action is confined to a lonely space outpost besieged by the insects.

A little background: *Starship Troopers* was based on the Robert Heinlein classic novel about gung-ho space soldiers. The tale was converted into a \$105 million special-effects-laden adventure tale that showed flashes of sly wit amid splashes of blood.

I wasn't a great fan of it because I thought it was a bit of a cop-out. It wasn't politically correct then to make a

slam-bang war movie (remember, this was prior to 9/11) in which people would get killed, but no one minds squashing bugs.

In *ST2*, a small group of troopers takes refuge in an abandoned outpost on a remote planet.

They are periodically beset by the bugs but manage to fend them off.

However, the troopers don't realize that the bugs are smarter than they think and have found a way to infiltrate them – literally, by disgorging wiggly insects into their mouths.

The plan is to infect the general leading the troopers, allow him to be rescued, transported back to earth headquarters and spread the bug business there.

Standing in the way is a heroic Capt. V. J. Dax, who was the only person in the outpost when the troopers arrived. He was in a jail cell where he had been placed after murdering his incompetent commanding officer.

Some hero. Yet he does manage to unravel the bugs' plot and foil their plan.

ST2 is much more modest than its predecessor with an obviously smaller

budget. That may account why it went straight to video.

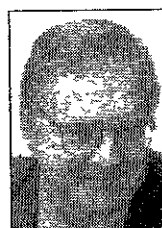
Even so, it is a worthy sequel. The special effects are still impressive and the whole film has a sense of oppression and darkness that works to its advantage.

There are some truly grisly scenes as the bugs reveal their true identity, burst-

ing out of people with real vigor. That's always refreshing.

ST2 is no classic, but it stands as a decent sequel.

Greg Kowalski only squashes bugs if they enter the house. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or by e-mail at gkowalski@oe.homecomm.net.



Beyond Bad

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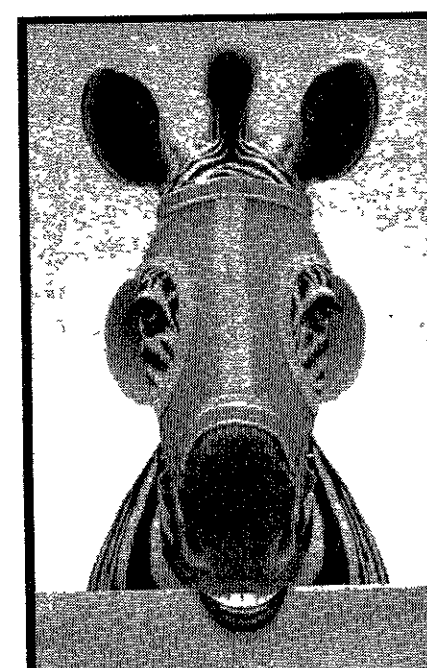


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MEET THE F

On stage

Victorian feminists do battle in premiere of Mamet's 'Boston Marriage'

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Followers of contemporary theater know all too well how biting, and even offensive, playwright David Mamet's male dialogue can be.

His recent play about women, *Boston Marriage*, opening Friday, Jan. 21, at the Performance Network Theatre in Ann Arbor, is Mamet's female version of wicked repartee.

The play continues through Sunday, Feb. 20, and Performance Network's production

marks the work's Michigan premiere.

"It's just recently being introduced into regional theater," said the show's director, Gillian Eaton of Plymouth.

The play is set in the Victorian-era parlor of two women who are living together as lesbians. The phrase "Boston Marriage" is a 19th-century euphemism for a long-term romantic friendship between two women.

"What's fascinating is that Mamet allows the women to live in their Victorian-Edwardian world, and so you have that language mixed with this Mamet-type speak that makes it feel very contemporary," Eaton said. "You have women who speak like Oscar Wilde, but who sound like the gutter, as well."

In *Boston Marriage*, the female couple, Anna and Claire, unlike most other independent women of the time, lack a source of income.

"So they have to fall back on the wiles of femininity," explained Eaton.

Anna becomes a wealthy man's mistress to fund the couple's household only to discover later that Claire has fallen in love with their benefactor's daughter.

Enter the mental game-playing, button-pushing and stinging wit for which Mamet is so well known.

"Ultimately, it's a total comedy of manners that borders on farce, and there's a

heightened reality to it," said Eaton. "The thing that is interesting is that they (the women) share an affection that underlies all the bitchy wickedness and artifice. There's something that is very feminine."

Boston Marriage is Mamet's first all-woman play and was released in 2000. Mamet is perhaps best known for the film *Glengarry Glen Ross*, based on his play about a group of cutthroat male real estate agents.

Like *Glengarry Glen Ross*, *Boston Marriage* presents characters capable of great cruelty and manipulation. The difference – the characters' gender – makes for perhaps an even more shocking Mamet dialogue experience.

"It's very interesting to hear women speak to each other in this way," said Eaton. "But it shows that women are as efficient as men in getting what they want to secure their own interests. They just go about it differently."

'BOSTON MARRIAGE'

When: Opening night, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21 (previews run 8 p.m. Jan. 13-15, 2 p.m. Jan. 16 and 8 p.m. Jan. 20); show continues 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday through Feb. 20.

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