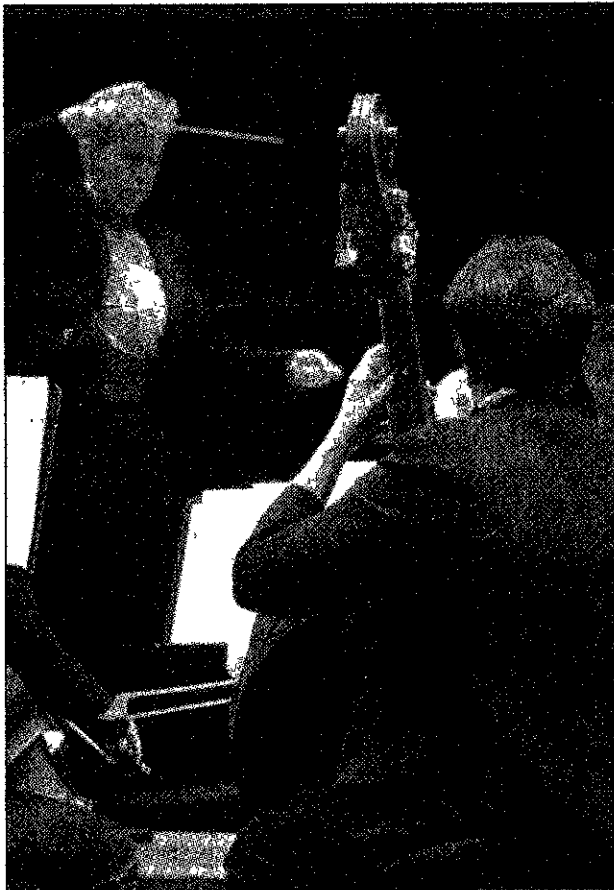


# CANTON Observer



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Conductor Nan Washburn directs Orchestra Canton during its performance Saturday night.

## Curtain call

Soprano singer Karin White (left) plays along with baritone Thomas Petiet during Orchestra Canton's final performance of the season Saturday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Orchestra Canton had a successful end to its inaugural season at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Saturday. The orchestra played before its first sold-out audience at the new theater, as it performed *The Mozart Effect*.

The performance featured conductor Nan Washburn and actors Karin White and Thomas Petiet of the Comic Opera Guild of Ann Arbor, who performed music from the *Magic Flute* and other Mozart compositions.

"It went really well. We sold out the house," said Angela Han, executive director of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra Canton's parent organization.

"It was Mozart, which always sells well."

Orchestra Canton officials say it was a successful first season at the Village Theater.

The orchestra played three shows during the season.

Plans are for at least five shows next season, which begins in the fall.

## Soccer parents set goals for improvements

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

A group of Plymouth-Canton Schools parents is undertaking a \$200,000 project to build a freshman/junior varsity soccer field and improve practice facilities at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"Although we've got a really first-class soccer program at all three high schools ... we don't have first-class physical facilities," said Bob Harris, a member of the committee that presented the plan to the Board of Education.

Committee member Mike Marsh said there are just too many teams using the current high school facilities.

"When you look at the expansion across the Park from two to three high schools, and in many cases where you have a varsity team and junior varsity-freshman teams, that's now expanded to six teams across each high school, 18 teams participating on each site," said Marsh. "That, obviously, puts a tremendous amount of pressure on the existing field."

"In benchmarking it with other facilities, when you consider all the elements of the soccer program - the bench area, concession booths, restrooms and the like - we are among the worst in the Western Lakes Conference, ranked at the very bottom," he said.

As well as improving the practice facilities and constructing a new game field (\$50,000), the plan calls for constructing a multi-purpose building to include a concession stand, handicap accessible restrooms and storage (\$115,000); building "best in class" bench areas, including an announcer's booth and dugouts (\$30,000); an improved public address system; and constructing handicap access to the spectator stands.

Marsh said there is strong interest among the parents of soccer players, past and present, to support the comprehensive effort to upgrade the soccer complex.

"We plan to use extensive private funding, with a very aggressive campaign," said Marsh. "We have a lot of passion in making this a success. We'd like to have all this operational and ready to go by August."

Marsh said the group has already secured \$10,000 in private commitments. But, while

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## Joy, music help group celebrate King's legacy

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

It was a celebration of "joy and music," in the words of Marcia Barker, program coordinator for the Canton Public Library.

The occasion was the Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration at the library on Monday night, the day set aside to observe the civil rights leader's date of birth.

Highlighting the 7 p.m. ceremony was Vision, the men's glee club of the Detroit High

School for Fine and Performing Arts, singing a variety of spiritual and gospel songs. Led by director Sheryl Valentine, the group is scheduled to perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra this weekend.

"Those young men are really talented," Barker said. "They love and respect each other."

And the audience of about 100 people loved and respected them. They received numerous standing ovations

PLEASE SEE **KING, A4**



PHOTO BY DONALD J. ALLEY

From left to right, friends Trish McLendon of Belleville, Terry Christie of Canton, Charlene Wright of Ypsilanti, and Barbara Kamper of Canton sing together during the Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration at the library on Monday.

## Free pizza? Tell us who's deserving

Starting next month, Buddy's Pizza and the *Observer Newspapers* will honor good citizens with "A Random Act of Pizza."

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who could use some time together.

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Selection will be done by *O&E* staff members.

Send nominations by e-mail to: Ken Abramczyk at [kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net)

Dinner includes pizza, salad, Buddy Bread, soft drinks and table setting.

"The dinner is just a small way to celebrate a special person or family in 2005," said Marcy Brontman, marketing director for Buddy's.



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\$200 gift certificate from Murray's, and two tickets for Phantom of the Opera at the Masonic Temple on Wednesday, March 2. On Sunday, Feb. 13, the *Observer Community Life* section will feature readers' Magic Moments.

Send yours by Friday, Feb. 4, to Hugh Gallagher, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. E-mail to [hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net)

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## Chamber breakfast

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will be holding its first of three chamber breakfasts at 7:30 a.m. Friday, January 21 at Summit on the Park.

The guest speaker of the event will be Tim Faas, Canton's municipal services director, who will update the community on road and sewage infrastructure.

Attendees will also hear community updates from Supervisor Tom Yack, and may choose to participate in roundtable discussions with local interest groups including the Board of Trustees, Plymouth-Canton Schools, Public Safety, local legislature, and others.

Cost for the breakfast is \$5. No reservations are necessary.

## Spotlight Players

The Spotlight Players will be performing "The Man Who Came to Dinner" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, from Jan. 21 through Feb. 5. Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for children, and \$15 per person in groups of 15 or more. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill. For more information, call (734) 394-5300. The Spotlight Players will also hold auditions for "Bye Bye Birdie" from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 31 to Feb. 6 at the Village Theater. They are looking for 10 lead roles, 15 adult roles and 15 teens to be chorus members. Participants should bring a recent photo. The show will play in April.

For more information, call (734) 394-5300, or visit [www.sportlightplayers.net](http://www.sportlightplayers.net).

## Battle of the bands

Canton Leisure Services will sponsor the Battle of the Bands from 5:30 p.m. to midnight Jan. 28 at the Summit on the Park. Winners of the event will play at this summer's Liberty Fest.

Bands will perform on multiple stages throughout the night. Doors open at 5 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

## Private graduates

Army Pvt. Matthew J. Young has graduated from the utilities equipment repair advanced individual training course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

Young learned to perform maintenance, test, repair, adjust, and inspect gasoline engine systems, utility equipment and special purpose support systems; including, bottle cleaning/charging stations, air conditioning electrical and vapor systems, refrigeration unit electrical systems, portable heater fuel/electrical systems, and fire extinguisher rechargers and valves.

Young is the son of Michael P. and Theresa J. Young of Canton.

He graduated in the year 2000 from Plymouth Salem High School, Canton.

## Local CPA promoted

Plante & Moran, PLLC, named Canton resident Brian Craven, CPA, an associate in the firm's Ann Arbor office. Craven previously served as a



## Matriarchal pride

Canton resident Lee Barr, here holding her newest great-grandson, Ethan Cooper Herrington, celebrated her 93rd birthday on Jan. 8. Barr lives with her daughter, Sharon Tatom, in the Links West condos. Ethan Cooper, who was born last summer, is the youngest of Barr's 13 great-grandchildren. She also has five grandchildren and two daughters. Most of the clan attended a Christmas party hosted by Barr and Tatom last month, which Barr said was a "wonderful occasion."

staff member with the firm.

Craven, who joined Plante & Moran in 2000, is a member of the firm's audit team specializing in serving educational institutions and the manufacturing and service industries. He has a bachelor degree in accounting from the University of Michigan — Dearborn and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

## Blues artist performs

Native Detroitier Thornetta Davis will sing the blues at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill

on February 12, 2005 at 8 p.m. The multi-talented Davis, who is a singer, songwriter and recording artist, typically plays more than 200 shows a year, and has received many accolades.

Her credits include everything from the MGM Casino to The VH1 Fashion Awards in New York's Madison Square Garden with Kid Rock, and Pine Knob's 1999 Lillith Fair, hosted by Sarah McLachlin.

Tickets are on sale for \$20, and can be purchased at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, and the Village Theater ticket office located at 50400 Cherry Hill Rd.

For more information please call (734) 394-5460 or visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org).

## 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 Sturnam, 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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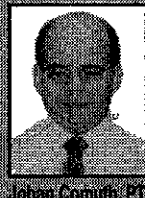
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While there has been recent controversy surrounding the ability of stretching to prevent sports injuries, one new study is quite clear about a different benefit. Specifically, stretching may help hasten recovery from a strained muscle. This finding is based on the experience of 80 athletes with pulled hamstrings, which are the long muscles at the back of the thighs. While half the athletes were assigned to stretch their hamstrings four times a day, the other half stretched only once a day. The four-times-a-day stretchers regained full range of motion faster, 5.6 days on average versus 7.3 days for the once-a-day stretchers. In theory, the same routine should help injured muscles as well.

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# Meetings to go paperless

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Canton trustee and Planning Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin remembers when the packets that commissioners got for the meetings were so big she asked for a wagon to carry them in.

"I jokingly complained that they should get us little wagons," she said. "They actually got us these little dollies. I used it a couple of times but that was it."

Just by their nature the packets have to be big. They contain all the requests and proposals that trustees and commissioners will act on, including documentation, backup materials, blueprints, architectural renderings, photographs - whatever is needed to understand the project under review.

"We're producing a phone book stack of notebook paper every two weeks," McLaughlin said. "That's just insane."

But no more. The phone book has turned into a laptop - as in computer. This month, trustees, planning commissioners, elected officials and township department heads received laptop computers and electronic board packets.

That huge paper packet is now all there on a tiny compact disk. And so far everyone seems happy with the changeover.

"There's still a learning curve involved," said Clerk Terry Bennett. "But there are so many things you can do with Adobe Acrobat (the program used to build the packets). You can highlight text, put notes on a page, all sorts of things to play with and learn. We're going step by step as we learn it."

Supervisor Tom Yack said the decision to go paperless was not made quickly.

"We first started talking about this seven or eight years ago," he said. "We intentionally decided not to become pioneers. The technology was there but we didn't feel there were enough choices."

He said by allowing other communities to become the

innovators, Canton was able to play off their experience.

In addition to saving on paper, the system has other advantages.

"You're talking hundreds and hundreds of pages for each meeting," Yack said. "That's a lot of paper and it takes a lot of staff time to move it around. This way it moves through so quickly it's amazing."

Agenda items are generated by the various departments in the township. But each item has to be approved by the supervisor and the finance department. In the past that meant hand-delivering the paperwork back and forth among the departments, a process that could take days in itself.

"We spent an incredible amount of time preparing the board packets," said Tony Minghine, director of finance and budget. "The process could take almost a week, sometimes more. It was literally thousands of pages a week."

Now staff members can access the packets through their desktop computers, plug in the laptop and load the information into it, take it home to work on it, and take it to the meetings.

While officials are still tweaking the process, Minghine said he's happy with the system.

They are still working with the technology people, but when the kinks are worked out the plan is to make the packets available through the township's Web site (www.canton-mi.org), so that members of the media and the general public can access them from home or work.

Though the laptops cost around \$3,000 each, Minghine said the savings involved with the system should offset that.

"We did not do a specific analysis," he said. "But when you roll in the cost of paper, duplication and staff time, we should see a payback in about a year."

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# Diversity a never-ending journey

## School program honors King's life, message

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

As a 12-year-old boy growing up in the cornfields of Canton Township - near Ridge and Napier roads - Frank Wu always knew he'd be different. As the son of Asian-Americans, Wu heard the stereotypes.

"Are your parents communists? How can you see with your eyes like that?" remembered Wu. "It didn't matter how I tried to be like the kid next door, things will always be different for me."

Wu, a 1988 graduate of Salem High School and now the dean of Wayne State University's Law School, spoke to Plymouth-Canton educators Monday during a professional development seminar focusing on diversity, while honoring the works of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Wu said he still hears the stereotypes.

"On the street I'm greeted with karate chops, as if I was Jackie Chan or Bruce Lee," he said. "People think I sell Ginsu knives, or break cinder blocks with my head."

On the day set aside to honor King, Wu said "it's the one day of the year I don't expect it."

Wu noted diversity is a never-ending journey, just like democracy.

"It's not a march to a destination, not to ever think about it again," said Wu. "But, realizing once we march, and rest, we pick up and march again."

"The march isn't about a destination, but about a journey."

That's why Wu, who had a tenure track job at Howard University in Washington,



HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Frank Wu, who grew up in Canton, is a 1988 graduate of Salem High School and dean of Wayne State University's law school.

D.C., decided to come home.

"It was a chance to be part of the renaissance of a major U.S. city," said Wu of moving to Detroit.

"As I was growing up, people would say Detroit is going to turn the corner, but it never did."

"But, when I found out about the new baseball stadium, the new football stadium, the new Opera House and performing arts center, the riverfront being redone and houses being built

in the city, I wanted to be a part of that," he said.

Wu said he made a conscious effort to live downtown in Detroit's Lafayette Park, to show he was serious about being part of the city's turnaround and reshaping its image.

"The work I do is about democracy, participation and civil rights," he said. "If I'm serious about what I write and talk about, I've got to roll back my sleeves and go back to my hometown. Otherwise, it's all talk."

Wu, now 37 and the author of *Yellow, Race of America Beyond Black and White*, said King was great at bridge building, asking people to live up to what they claim are their ideals.

"It's important for us to see that Dr. King, although he spoke profoundly and compellingly about the condition of African Americans specifically, his message was universal," said Wu. "It's not just a matter of self interest. It's a matter of the principles we believe in, and whether or not as a nation we live up to them."

Angela Wong, a fourth-grade teacher at Field Elementary with a bi-racial ancestry, said she could relate to Wu's stories, remembering growing up in Canton.

"I got the same questions," she said. "Where are you from? Were you adopted? Half breed, go back to where you came from."

"It was horrible," she said. "As a young kid, there are mean things that come along every day. But, when you have those thrown into the mix, it was tough."

Carolyn Washington, the principal at Hulsing Elementary, has lived in Canton the last 21 years and watched as the population has become more diverse.

Washington, an African-American, said her daughter was once the target of "skin-heads" while attending Salem High School.

"I've seen things change, and I see things that need to be changed," said Washington. "Race and prejudice isn't just black and white, but with people who are different."

"Learning to appreciate and respect diversity is a journey, not a destination," she said.

"It will never end, and we just have to keep working on it."

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Members of Vision, the men's glee club of the Detroit High School for Fine and Performing Arts, perform at the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration at the Canton Public Library on Monday.

## KING

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during the two-set performance.

Tracey and Terrance Reed of Canton, along with their son, Riley, braved Monday's frigid temperatures to come to the celebration.

"We want to celebrate the MLK holiday, this is close to home and it's a good way to celebrate," Tracey said.

And did the performance by Vision have anything to do with their decision?

"The choir was one of the things that brought us out," said Tracey.

The couple, originally from Detroit, have lived in Canton for about three years.

Karla Coleman of Redford had even closer ties to the concert.

Her son, a freshman at the school, was performing with the group.

"They're a wonderful group of young men," she said. "They're on their way to a college tour next month."

But it was not all music at the ceremony. There were also remembrances to King.

"He was a son and a husband and a father," Barker told the audience before the music program got under way. "He was a pastor, a man of God, a humble and decent man. He was rather ordinary. He was also *Time Magazine's* man of the year and the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

"He made remarkable changes in our world, in our social world and in our moral world and in our awareness of each other. Martin Luther King's vision of a nonviolent, colorblind, loving society is here with us forever."

And 19th District Judge Mark Somers of Dearborn, who lived in India where his parents were missionaries, added his own insights to the ceremony.

"I opened my newspaper this morning and I saw a message," he said. "It's a Martin Luther King Jr. Day We Always Have a Free Phone for Your advertisement,

"One of the phones they advertise is a Sprint phone and I'm pleased to tell you that on Michigan Avenue in front of the Sprint store they tell you that the free phone

comes in many different colors. I don't think that's what this day is really about and although I'm laughing about it, there's a part of me inside that cries."

Calling King "arguably the greatest African American to ever grace the earth," Somers said you don't have to lead a civil rights movement to honor the man.

"Just take advantage of the opportunities in your own community to teach another," he said.

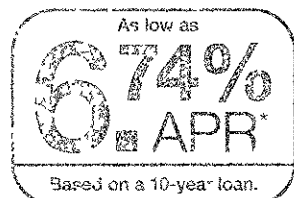
"Be a mentor, a Big Brother, a Big Sister, join a service club, be actively involved with the youth in your community, get involved with your own children, get involved in your own house of worship."

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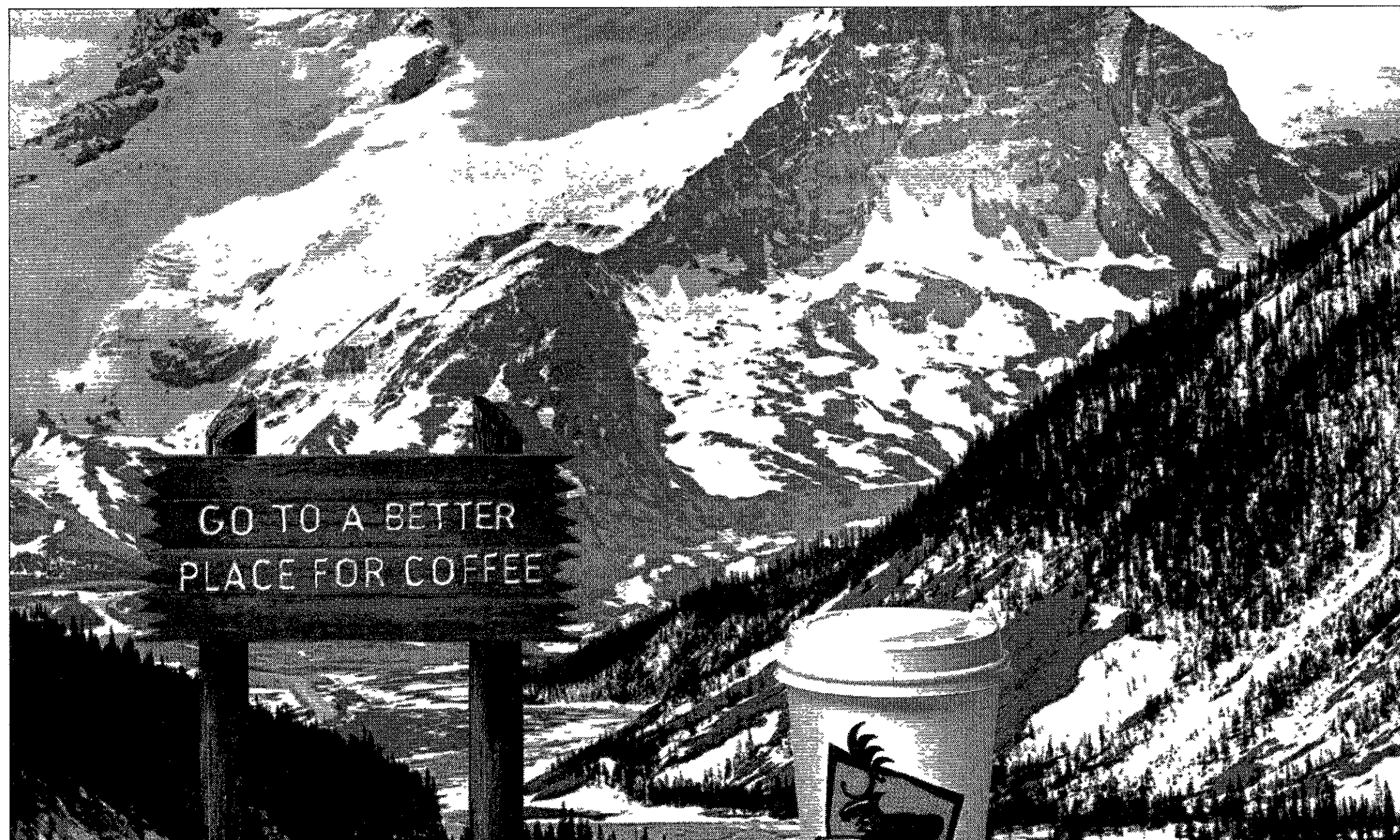
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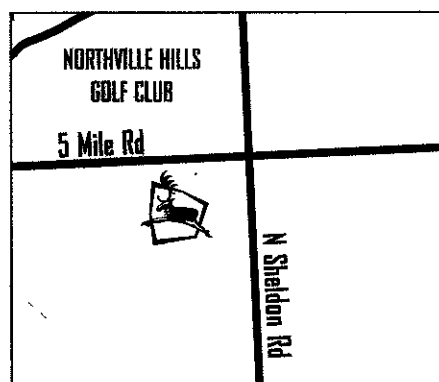
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Special annual sections about the Academic All-Stars have saluted the intelligence, involvement and industry of the best and brightest students in public and private high schools around Oakland and Wayne counties.

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.homecomm.net](mailto:mklemic@oe.homecomm.net) 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.

## SOCCER

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the financial plan calls for "extensive private funding." Marsh asked the school board to consider using leftover funds from the 1999 bond issue to help support the project.

"What we're asking from the board is any residual assistance that can be provided from the 1999 bond issue to help match private donations, as part of our mission," he said. "The balance raised would be through private funding efforts."

School board President Mark Slavens likes the community effort, but is cautious about committing scarce district funds.

"It's great they have parent involvement," Slavens said. "We've just got to see what financial resources we have available, and we'll wait on what the administration says about that."

Superintendent Jim Ryan seemed a bit more optimistic, but still said "it's a slim possibility."

"We're looking at the 1999 bond projects, and we've done a good job of saving a considerable sum of money," said Ryan, who noted there could be about a million dollars left over.

"We'd like to build a new salt storage and tear down the red barn at the Park, and update middle school technology labs."

"If there's anything left, and there's some way we can help, we owe it to them," he said.

"They've been so professional and positive, and I want to take a look to see if there is any way we can help them."

## DEATHS

**A**  
Alexander N. Adair, 82, formerly of Livonia, died Jan. 15.

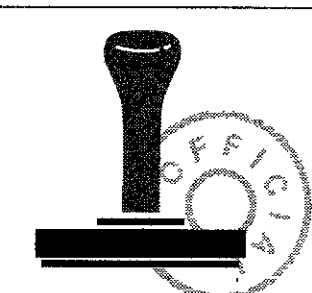
**E**  
John C. Eising, of Plymouth, died Jan. 13.

**H**  
Mary Rose (Fricker) Hausman, 75, of Plymouth, died Jan. 15.

**J**  
Mary Janeczko, of Westland, died Jan. 13.

**L**  
Mary Alice Luce, 74, of Wayne, died Jan. 15.

**M**  
Gertrude E. MacDonald, 93, of Farmington, died Dec. 21.  
Olive Jeanne Mettetal, 81, of Plymouth, died Jan. 10.  
Thomas P. Moore II, 68, died Jan. 14.



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Sports section in *Passages* on page C7.

Jan. 13.

**Z**  
Paul William Zuber, 52, formerly of Redford, died Jan. 3.

**P**  
Eileen Pott, 82, of Birmingham died Jan. 12.

**R**  
Loella Roehm, 92, of Franklin, died Jan. 11.  
The Rev. Michael (Gilbert) Rozewicz, 64, died Jan. 14.

**S**  
Francis Patrick Xavier Sullivan Jr., of Redford, died Jan. 14.  
Jewell V. Swiercz, of Westland, died Jan. 14.

**V**  
William Alfred Villerot, of Westland, died Jan. 17.

**W**  
Rena Wax, 92, of Bloomfield Hills, died

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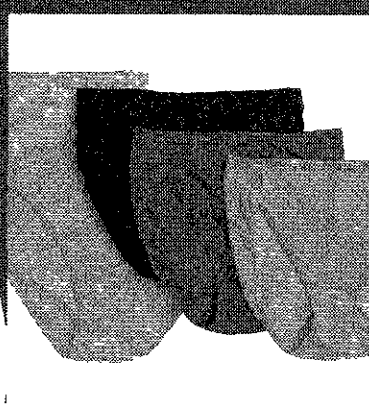
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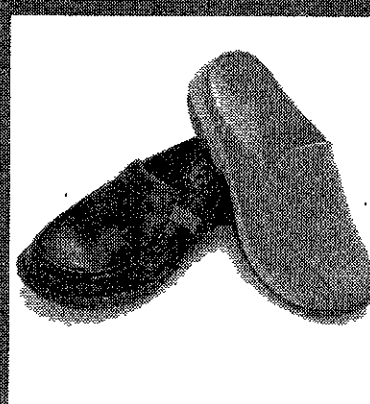
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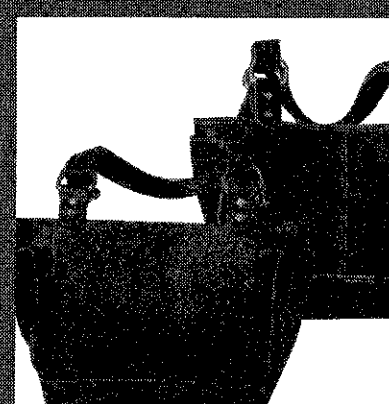
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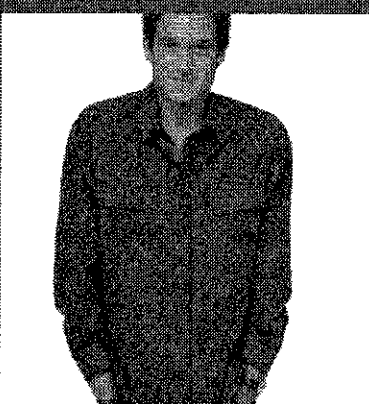
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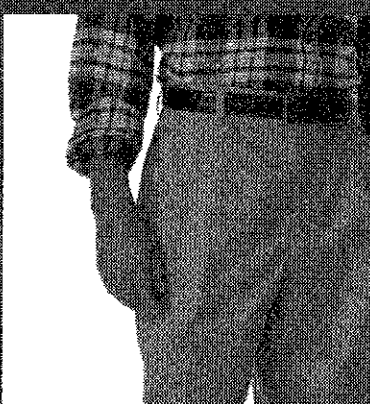
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## OUR VIEWS

## Time to consider school board run

If you're still considering running for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, you don't have as long as you might think to make the decision.

And if you're not thinking about it, maybe you should.

Either way, the filing deadline is coming up faster than it has in previous years, thanks to the new state law that only allows elections in four months of the year. With the school board election moved from June to May, the filing deadline has also crept closer, coming this year Feb. 8.

Which gives prospective board members just under four weeks to answer this basic question: "Do I want to have a role in determining the course of our schools?"

Historically, there isn't a whole lot of interest in running for the board. Traditionally, there aren't a lot of candidates.

And, judging by the annual vote totals, where the last few years turnout has been less than 5 percent, there isn't a lot of interest in the school board ... period.

This always baffles us, because perhaps nowhere in elective government can an elected official affect more lives than on the school board. It's the one body that has control over the future of our most important asset — our children.

And in these tight economic times, the Plymouth-Canton school board — along with school boards across the state, really — faces huge challenges, particularly with its budget. With state revenue sharing taking hits the last several years, Supt. Jim Ryan said he put together five different budgets in an attempt to anticipate what the state would do.

There's only one seat up for grabs this year — that of incumbent Tom Wysocki — which might keep the field lower than normal. And there's also an inclination to think that inexperience will keep you off the board. However, in the last few years, first-timers Wysocki, Carol Saunders, Joanne Lamar, Rich Haim-Kucharski and Barry Simescu have all been elected.

There are a lot of reasons not to run for the school board: "I don't have the time." "It's a big responsibility." "I don't know anything about running a school district." "The dog ate my filing application."

The truth is, not running is much easier than running. However, the one true reason for getting involved trumps all excuses for not: You can help determine the future of our children.

## Taxpayers deserve frugal governments

At the end of last year, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Lt. Gov. John Cherry made a gesture in the fight to rein in the troubled state budget by volunteering to take a pay cut.

Though small and fiscally insignificant, the symbolism is important. We must look at every option to trim fat from government at all levels, eliminate non-essential services to preserve essential services, cut back administrative costs and find ways to eliminate duplication of services.

Right-sizing government won't be easy. People in power want to retain that power. Any reductions in work force or benefits are going to be resisted by employee unions. Questions of ownership and power sharing, as in the ongoing dispute over water and sewer rates and services, are a legal tangle with racial and urban vs. suburban overtones.

And some residents feel they have more control and get more response from their local government.

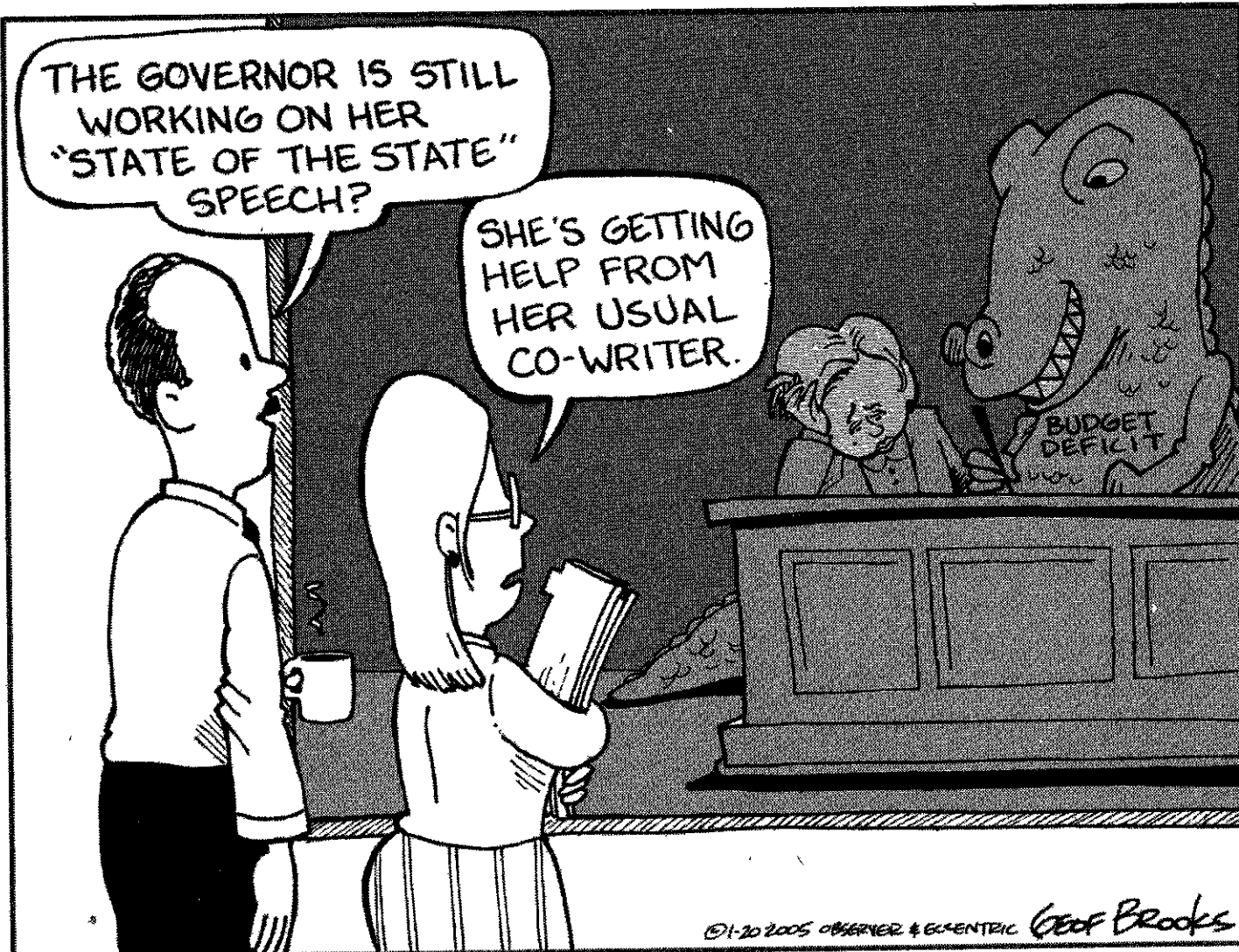
But it is clear that taxpayers are willing to pay only so much for government services and they want to know that they will get a fair return on their dollar. They also want to know that they aren't paying twice for the same service.

Governments are aware that more needs to be done. Plymouth and Plymouth Township share a joint fire department and police/fire dispatch. Livonia, Redford and other communities have been in discussions about combining emergency dispatch services. Farmington and Farmington Hills combine library and recreation services and are discussing combining police/fire dispatch.

The Conference of Western Wayne County, a consortium of 18 western Wayne communities, gathers together the chief elected officers of those communities to discuss common concerns, pending legislation and services. The Southeast Michigan Conference of Governments acts as both a research department for local governments and a conduit for regional funding for transportation and other projects.

But in this time of reduced revenues, we need to take a hard look at the layers upon layers of government and decide what is necessary and what isn't.

We need to decide whether government is here to serve residents or to serve itself. At the local and county level, we need, to borrow the governor's favorite phrase, to think outside the box and create a leaner, less top-heavy government structure.



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## LETTERS

## Thanks for help

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Canton Goodfellows, let me take this opportunity to thank the people in the Canton community who donated their time, talents and treasury to make Christmas magic for more than 500 Canton children again this year. Although we have never been able to sell our papers at Target, and no one has ever dropped a rare coin in our paper sellers' canisters and no one has ever shown up with a multi-thousand-dollar donation, with the support and hard work and generosity of a few good people, we are able to raise some \$14,000 with which we feed, clothe, and gift 175 families and their 500 children. Once again, Dick Lewiston was our "leadoff" and largest donor with his check for \$1,000. He has been a friend of the Canton Goodfellows for so many years. We thank him most sincerely.

But we must also thank the donors who give us \$1 or more, from their hearts, to make the Christmas program a success. The volunteers who work like Trojans for four days to sort, wrap and pack our families' boxes and baskets are the unsung heroes. The adult volunteers who work for four days, unceasingly, who deliver the gifts and who make this program a reality each year are just THE BEST.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank each and every one, whether you stood in the cold and sold papers, or whether you were a part of our four days of "fun." For your generosity, I salute you all as Canton Goodfellows.

**Nancy Spencer**  
president, Canton Goodfellows

## More thanks

On behalf of the Salvation Army, I cannot express enough of our gratitude for you outpouring of support and help through this Asian crisis. What a day it is for us to work together for such a worthy international cause. Never in my lifetime have I experienced such an outpouring of support and unity of purpose.

My one request is that we as a community, both the Salvation Army and the news media always be aware that our efforts to help the victims of the tsunami disaster are unified in purpose and outcome. As we view our role to be service providers, we are concerned that no one single fund-raising effort view their success alone. We are committed to a community effort. If your efforts result in little or large results, you are part of the "total" Salvation Army tsunami effort. And our public reporting will only indicate this.

When we say "From Michigan With Love," we are saying together we can make a difference. Thank you for your support in this challenging project.

**Maj. Norman S. Marshall**  
divisional commander  
Salvation Army

## Fund-raising thanks

I am writing to thank you and the Plymouth-Canton community for the tremendous support I have received fund-raising money for Samsung Won orphan-

age, here in Gumi, South Korea. The article you ran Thursday, Jan. 6 ("TAG students rise to challenge") nicely highlighted the efforts of 27 Miller Elementary students who reached deep into their pockets and hearts to give to the 86 children of Samsung Won this holiday season.

In addition to thanking Mrs. Sullivan's fourth-grade class again for their efforts, I wanted to highlight the contributions of other Plymouth-Canton residents. In a response to my e-mails and via word-of-mouth, last month 25 other Plymouth-Canton families and individuals donated more than \$1,000 to this campaign.

In total, Plymouth-Canton contributions accounted for more than 35 percent of the \$4,753.49 raised to date. Samsung Won is truly lucky to have friends and supporters 5,000 miles away in Plymouth and Canton.

For more information about Samsung Won and this ongoing campaign, I invite you to visit this Web site: <http://home.com-cast.net/~aimeejachym/ssw>. It will be updated in the upcoming weeks to reflect the most recent contributions and efforts.

For the support I have received on this campaign, financially and otherwise, I want to thank the Plymouth-Canton community, on behalf of Samsung Won, from the bottom of my heart.

**Aimee J. Jachym**  
Fulbright ETA  
Gumi High School, South Korea

## Don't limit legal damages

Bush popped up in Michigan again. He wasn't here to salute the gallant and honorable Michigan citizens who have died in the service of their country fighting his dishonorable war in Iraq.

He was here about lawyers. The question of the federal government limiting damages to plaintiffs will create a judicial welfare system. Birth defects or bodily injury will be compensated by a sliding table — like the kind you use to figure out a tip for your waitress.

Imagine you make asbestos products. Knowing the dangers, you hire people and tell them it is safe. When they sick-en, you go bankrupt. Who denies that someone should pay for medical costs or that the profit was ill-gotten gain?

Dr. Reed, president of The Mackinac Center for Public Policy and a member of M-LAW's Board of Directors, believes Bush, not common sense.

Reed sponsored a contest. High school students wrote an essay about why jury duty is important. The contest gave Reed an opportunity to parade some eccentric ideas. For example: Every aspect of the public school curriculum, not just science education, is inherently political.

Andrew Coulson of the Center, talking about evolution and intelligent design, preaches that a Universal Tax Credit System is the solution. If you want your kids taught that the world began 5 billion years ago, or 10,000 years ago or last week, all you would have to do is fill out a form and let the government do the rest.

Bush freedom is freedom to cannibalize.  
**Alfred Brock**  
Canton

## Turn on lights

Thanks to you people who saved so much electricity by driving with your lights OFF in rain storms and in the fog. You have no doubt saved at least two clicks on your electric meter (to say nothing about not abusing your vehicle's batteries).

Of course, everyone else on the road gets to guess just where you are!

**John Farmer**  
Canton

## Need fairness

The president has declared his intent to overhaul the federal tax code along with Social Security. That can only mean one thing, doing away with the progressive income tax. Ever since the "modern" income tax was implemented in 1913, the fairness of a progressively higher rate for people with higher incomes has been well-accepted.

The argument is that it is fair for the wealthy, who benefit more from our economic system and have a higher percentage of disposable income, to pay a higher percent than the rest of us. Until now. Some are suggesting a flat income tax rate. Even a federal sales tax. The clever idea being to invert the whole deal and tax those of us at the lower end of the ladder more. Local, state and federal taxes are already stacked against the least fortunate.

It surprised me to learn that due to special breaks, a very high portion of business pays no federal income tax whatsoever (and don't tell me it's because they aren't making money).

Let me make one very simple suggestion. If a flat tax is fair, it seems like it would also be fair to eliminate the \$87,000 cap on income taxable for Social Security. That would mean, for example, that a person earning \$200,000 would pay \$26,000 (instead of under \$6,000), or just about enough to cover their own retirement benefit for one year.

That seems fair to me. Oh, incidentally, it would pump billions into the trust fund and go a long way toward bailing our Social Security — without the inherent risk of "privatizing" that the president insists on.

**Dick Landback**  
Farmington Hills

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## QUOTABLE

"This is a horrible law. ... The more I learn about it, the more it shows me nobody thought this through, especially for districts that have multiple municipalities. It's obvious this will cost us three to four times more than it would cost us to put on an election. ... It's bad law, and we're going to give away money that we could be using to educate kids."

— Dr. James Ryan, Plymouth-Canton schools superintendent, on the new state law consolidating elections

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## Help the tsunami victims, but be careful how you do it

It's been nearly four weeks since a killer tsunami snuffed out an estimated 150,000 lives in parts of southeast Asia, and caused untold billions of dollars worth of property damage.

Even with the passage of time, images of one of the worst natural disasters in history remain fresh. Still, it is hard to grasp the magnitude of the disaster, even with a steady stream of videotape and news reports flooding the Internet and television on an hourly basis.

Predictably, the world — led once again by the United States — has mobilized to help the tens of thousands of people whose lives and spirits were broken by the giant waves. Not since the terrible day that the twin towers of the World Trade Center came crashing down have we seen such an outpouring of support.

Locally, it seems everybody is raising money for the relief effort. The vast majority of the efforts, I'm sure, are sincere and well-intended. Still, being a trained cynic, some of the press releases that have come across my desk recently from businesses promoting fund-raisers have activated my scam radar.

I'm not saying any of the efforts are a fraud or in any way illegal. But I have to question if some of the fund-raisers are — intentionally or otherwise — using a tragedy to promote a business or product.

Many local businesses are using their locations as collection sites for donations, which is a good thing. Several are going a step further and matching the donations up to a set amount, which is a great thing.

But a fund-raising effort that requires the purchase of a product or service calls into question just who is really benefiting from the effort.

Some recent examples of fuzzy fund-raisers that have crossed my desk in the past week include:

■ A group of 40 car dealers pledging to donate \$25 to the Salvation Army for each vehicle sold during the month of January.

■ A Southfield chiropractor offering \$25 evaluations with the proceeds being donated to the relief effort.

■ A Franklin bead store offering to host free bead parties and donate a percentage of the resulting sales.

■ A "local gay church" boasting it had collected \$1,214.17 from its congregation and then using the rest of the six-paragraph

release to promote the church.

■ A local university offering to donate the proceeds from a soup supper to the relief effort, and throwing in either a ticket to a women's basketball game or salsa dance lesson.

Asking people to give money to any cause is never easy. Over the years, I have been involved in many fund-raising campaigns for various groups and organizations I have worked with.

My experience has been that if the person you are asking believes in the organization you are pitching or, more importantly, has faith in you, the cash will come. Demonstrate a need, build a sense of trust that the money raised will be spent for the intended purpose, and the rest will take care of itself.

Hundreds of millions of dollars have been raised to date to aid the tsunami victims and begin the rebuilding process. It will take years, and hundreds of millions of dollars more, before the physical scars caused by the disaster are repaired.

Events like the tsunami serve as painful reminders of just how fortunate we are to live in a time and place where most of us take for granted life's basic necessities of food, shelter, clean water and sanitation. We can't help but feel a need to reach out and help those who now have none of these things.

We all need to do our part. But before deciding how to help, ask yourself this question: Does it make more sense to simply write a check directly to one of the relief organizations, or buy a car, take a salsa lesson, host a bead party or schedule a chiropractic evaluation in the name of tsunami relief?

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Joe Bauman

## With new job in hand, Canton mom looks forward to far better days

Renée LaForest gets to do something this week she hasn't done in nearly three years.

LaForest, the Canton mother of three whose youngest daughter, Delaney, has been battling a brain tumor, finally gets to cash a paycheck.

That may not seem such a big thing to you or me, or to anyone else with a regular job that provides a check every week or two, no matter how small. To LaForest, who for three years has had to watch her savings dry up and then, particularly in the last several months, had to depend on the kindness of strangers, it's everything.

And it comes at a time when nobody could have blamed LaForest for giving up. After all, in the last three years, she'd lost two jobs, had her daughter diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma and struggled to keep her family afloat.

It was a fight neither the battle-weary LaForest nor her children ever quit fighting.

Now, with a New Year and a new job at Borders in Ann Arbor, she can look forward to rebuilding the life she enjoyed before Laney's illness.

"This job was a godsend," said LaForest, whose primary skill is in corporate training and com-

puters.

The job wasn't the only thing LaForest believes God sent her. A deeply Christian woman, LaForest doesn't think her family could have survived the long ordeal without a lot of prayers being answered.

Members of her former church in Ohio and families in her Canton neighborhood have responded in ways LaForest couldn't have imagined.

Church families at St. Thomas a' Becket in Canton (her new church), along with the St. Vincent dePaul Society and the Plymouth Salvation Army, responded to her story with kindness and help. It was a lot for the proud LaForest to accept after an adult life spent providing for her own children, but she knew it was either that or crumble.

She bit her tongue, swallowed her pride and let people — genuinely caring people, she was pleasantly surprised to find — help her. Families with names like Carter, Barman, Dunn, Faunce-Jones, Hulett, Weiser and Trost all banded together to provide food, clothing and shelter.

Strangers appeared at the Salvation Army and St. Thomas a' Becket with grocery bags, shopping bags or just envelopes. Some contained cash, some simply good wishes.

All touched LaForest's heart equally. The generosity actually got to be too much, and when LaForest's pantry overflowed with donations, she was able to give some back to other needy families. That eased the pain of her own need.

"When I think of all the families that reached

out in one way or another to bring cheer to our lives this past holiday season, prayers, gas or grocery cards, or gifts of toys and clothing for the children, it warms my heart," she said.

Still, LaForest struggled. Employer after employer heard her tale and, while sympathizing, pointed out either that LaForest would have to miss too much time with Delaney's medical appointments, or that she'd been out of work too long.

It was a Catch-22: The high-paying companies wouldn't hire her because she hadn't had a full-time job for a couple of years, and she couldn't get the lower-paying jobs because employers figured — rightly so — LaForest would bolt at the first sight of greener pastures.

Then came the Tuesday before Christmas, when a recruiting agency found her resume on Monster.com and recommended her to Borders. Twenty-four hours later, LaForest had a three-month commitment, with a chance at full-time employment in April.

Until then, she's happy. The job is challenging, her employers are willing to let her work around Delaney's medical schedule and she can even wear jeans if she wants.

"The company seems very family-oriented, the women I work for and with have children, one woman has survived cancer herself," LaForest said. "They were not at all fazed when I explained my time away from corporate America since Delaney became ill and I chose to leave the work force. They focused instead on what I could bring to their organization, as it should be."

She's not used to being up at 5:30 a.m. to be at work by 7:30. She's not used to having to go to bed when her kids do, so she can get enough sleep. But you definitely aren't going to hear her complaining.

"I'm thrilled to be back at work after two-and-a-half years off, so excited really!" LaForest said. "Good stress, bad stress, it's all stress ... but I will find a way to manage the good and be grateful that it is finally good."

The entire experience has LaForest reassessing her life, and her goals. She's considering going back to school to do social work, something she's learned a lot about the last three years. She would like to help others fighting some of the same kinds of problems the way others have helped her.

It's the one saving grace of enduring the ordeal.

"It has served a purpose — to point out where my focus must remain going forward, the importance of family, and reinforced my faith, hope and love in God," LaForest said. "I still pray early and often for those of you getting your lives back together, and those still fighting. I've always looked at all of you as a 'family' of sorts, and you will remain in my thoughts always."

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# She's no 'dumb blonde'; Canton model knows cars

BY SAM TRICOMO  
STAFF WRITER

Dressed in smart black slacks and a white shirt, blonde-haired Justine Blazer of Canton has a surprise in store for any would-be challengers to her automotive knowledge.

The surprise: She has the answer.

"A lot of guys will try to stump you, but I'm prepared," she said as she stood near Chevrolet's latest incarnation of the mini-van, the Uplander.

Blazer is one of scores of spokes models helping automakers explain their products to throngs of people attending the North American International Auto Show.

The 2002 Canton High School graduate regularly travels with General Motors to various auto shows throughout the country.

"I absolutely love it, and the people are great," she said.

Behind Blazer's Uplander display a fellow spokes model is explaining the features of Chevy's Sierra pickup truck to a gathered crowd.

Within a second of that presentation's conclusion Blazer quickly checks her wireless microphone, collects her thoughts and launches into her own presentation about the Uplander.

From the V-6 powerplant to the mix of car and mini van features in the vehicle, Blazer delivers her message seamlessly.

Blazer is well practiced before a crowd. In addition to regular auto show work, she is the lead singer of her own band, Justine Blazer and the Dogmatics.

This year she has also broadened her reach by performing the National Anthem for several professional sports teams including the Detroit Pistons, Boston Celtics and Green Bay Packers.

Before the week is out,



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Justine Blazer explains the advanced mobility features on the Chevy Uplander. Blazer is a resident of Canton.

Blazer will have come in contact with an estimated 800,000 visitors. By day two of the show Jan. 16, 210,332 people had already paid the \$12 entry fee to get into the show.

But cars not people are the real stars of the show and for U.S. Army Sgt. Calvin Hill of Detroit there could be no better way to spend an afternoon than squeezing between people in crowded Cobo to view the latest in sleek sedans.

"It's been three years since I've been to the show and it's

really something. Seems bigger and better than I remember," he said.

Hill isn't necessarily car shopping though he'd like to be.

Soon he will be rejoining his unit in Iraq where his vehicle of choice will likely be the military version of the famed Hummer.

Hill and his brother-in-law Leon McGee were hoping to get close to the Ferrari display to view the newly launched Superamerica.

Also hot on their list was the Cadillac hotrod the STS-V, a

## Getting to and from the North American International Auto Show

PRNewswire - Planning to go to the North American International Auto Show, but worried about parking? The NAIAS Web site [www.naias.com](http://www.naias.com) features an interactive map of Detroit that includes all parking garages as well as driving directions.

The NAIAS is running six to ten shuttle buses daily along the Detroit River from Joe Louis Arena to the Renaissance Center parking structures. There are approximately 10,000 parking spaces in the Renaissance Center parking facilities. In addition, the Detroit People Mover is fully functional, and has several convenient stops near the NAIAS. Visit [www.thepeople-mover.com](http://www.thepeople-mover.com) for more information.

The 2005 show runs through

Sunday, Jan. 23 at Cobo Center, 300 Civic Center Dr. in downtown Detroit. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Admittance ends one hour prior to show closing.

Admission is \$12 adult, \$6 senior citizens 65 and older, (tickets must be purchased on-site), children 12 and under free when accompanied by a parent. E Tickets can be purchased online at [www.naias.com](http://www.naias.com). A voucher will be issued with every eTicket order. This voucher must be used to redeem eTickets at the eTicket window, located at the Oakland Hall entrance of Cobo Center. Tickets are also available through the Ticketmaster Web site, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or by calling (248) 645-6666.

440-horsepower version of the already popular STS.

"It was already great with the 300-horsepower engine. This is really going to be something," McGee said.

Auto show organizers feel

2005 will prove to be a good year in terms of attendance.

"We're thrilled with the reception we've seen so far," said Detroit Auto Dealer's Association President Bob Thibodeau.

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## Never too early

### Home shows help consumers brush up on new spring projects

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Winter may have lulled you right onto that sofa. With fewer daylight hours and what seems like the long commute home from work in the darkness, you may not be inspired for projects in your home right now.

But the Novi Home Improvement Show Jan. 28-30 is a chance to kick off the winter "blahs" and check out what exhibitors have to offer for your home in 2005.

Now is the time to think of those spring projects and start securing contractors or at least get names, numbers and information to make a decision.

Jim Voepel, owner of Sun Home Improvement in Plymouth, looks forward to these winter home improvement shows.

"It promotes a lot of business for me," Voepel said. "Most people who go to that show are from this side of town. They leave me their names and I come out and quote jobs for them."

"People can do comparison shopping right at the show, as you can see the exhibitors side-by-side and find out about their businesses just by talking to them. You can talk with them and get an idea about that person and their business."

For business owners like Jim Narens, the show actually gives him a chance to display what his business — Granite Transformations of Southeast Michigan in Farmington Hills — is all about.

"With our product, you can actually see a

**What:** Novi Home Improvement Show  
**When:** Friday-Sunday, Jan. 28-30  
**Where:** Novi Expo Center, Novi Road just south of I-96

**Hours:** Noon-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30

**Admission:** \$9 adults; \$8 seniors; and children under 12 admitted free. (A paid admission includes a free one-year subscription to *This Old House* magazine.)

For more information, call (248) 862-1019 or visit [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

cutaway of the Formica and granite, and understand what we do," Narens said. (Narens sells a granite composite product that is 95 percent granite and 5 percent polymer that is sealed.) This composite granite can be glued with epoxy to an existing countertop, but the product is also used in showers and around fireplaces, Narens said.

Narens shows customers the ease of installation, without any demolition, which is a large expense on home renovation projects.

"It goes over the top of existing countertop, right over the Formica, right over brick or right over tile," Narens said. "Most people aren't aware of this product — we've kind of come in under the radar even though we've advertised."

But when they see it at one of these shows, they can ask a lot of questions about it. And we can tell them they don't need to tear out their counter, it has a 10-year warranty and is maintenance-free."

The show features more than 300 exhibitors including the latest technology, products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, remodeling, arts and crafts, spas, electronics, heating, cooling and other activities. (See related chart.)

Gene and Katie Hamilton, authors of books and magazine articles on remodeling and repair and nationally syndicated newspaper columnists, Do It Yourself-Or Not, will share their how-to information to make home improvement projects go faster and easier and offer tips for repairs to basic home improvements around the house.

Joe Gagnon, the *Observer's* Eccentric's Appliance Doctor, will broadcast his call-in show *Ask the Handyman* live on WXYT-AM (1270) 8-10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, then he

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## Accents

### Seymour visit

Emmy and Golden Globe-winning actress, artist and author Jane Seymour will visit the area this month.

In a personal appearance, Seymour will give a design seminar to launch the new Grand Hotel-Mackinac Island Home Collection.

The free event will take place 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at Parisian at The Village of Rochester Hills, on the northeast corner of Adams and Walton Boulevard.

The collection was inspired by the Victorian decor and romantic ambience of the legendary Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Seymour will discuss her inspiration for the collection and offer creative suggestions for home decorating. She will also autograph purchases from the collection.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Call (248) 276-6705 for more information or to make a reservation.

### Search the library

The University of Michigan's Library now offers aids to planning and planting an organic garden.

An electronic collection of historic United States Department of Agriculture research bulletins and miscellaneous publications related to organic agriculture are online at: [www.hti.umich.edu/n/nal/](http://www.hti.umich.edu/n/nal/).

The more than 200 documents in the collection were published before 1942, a period before synthetic chemicals became widely used. Yet, the collection contains state-of-the-art information and data that is still quite pertinent for today's agriculture.

The collection comes from the Alternative Farming Systems Information Center, part of the National Agricultural Library and is fully searchable and available to the public at no cost. For more on the U-M Library, visit: <http://www.lib.umich.edu/>.

### About batteries

"Christmas is over, and now for your toys. Batteries are needed for all girls and boys. So, which ones are best? And which passed our test?" say James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features.

"Some batteries last longer than others. To determine which are best for you, we loaded leading brands of disposable alkaline AA- and D-cell batteries into toy trains, various flashlights and portable CD players," they write. "We ran each one continuously until each battery was totally drained."

"In the models and products we tested, two brands lasted the longest:

"In CD players and smaller flashlights, Energizer Max Double-As were tops. For powering up our toy trains, Duracell Copper-top Double-As chugged longest. For heavy-duty emergency lanterns, Duracell Copper-top D-cells made the grade."

## Fantastic house fits real life family

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

Janice Morse and Craig Steinhaus smile when they speak of Morse's Bloomfield home as a "Brady Bunch house."

Indeed, the 7,800-square-foot house is beautiful enough to steal the spotlight as the set of any TV show or movie. And the stairway near the foyer can bring to mind the stairs in the home of the fictional Brady family.

But this is the very real life residence of Morse and her niece and nephew. It's a comfortable as well as magnificent home for her and the youngsters, ages 10 and 12.

"It's very livable," said Morse, interior designer and owner of Designs Unlimited in West Bloomfield.

"We use the house ... It's not intimidating."

Morse and Steinhaus will host this year's Patron Party for the Snow Ball, the annual fund-raising event for Variety, The Children's Charity.

Morse's stunning home will be the site of the party Friday, Jan. 28. The Snow Ball will take place Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Townsend Hotel in



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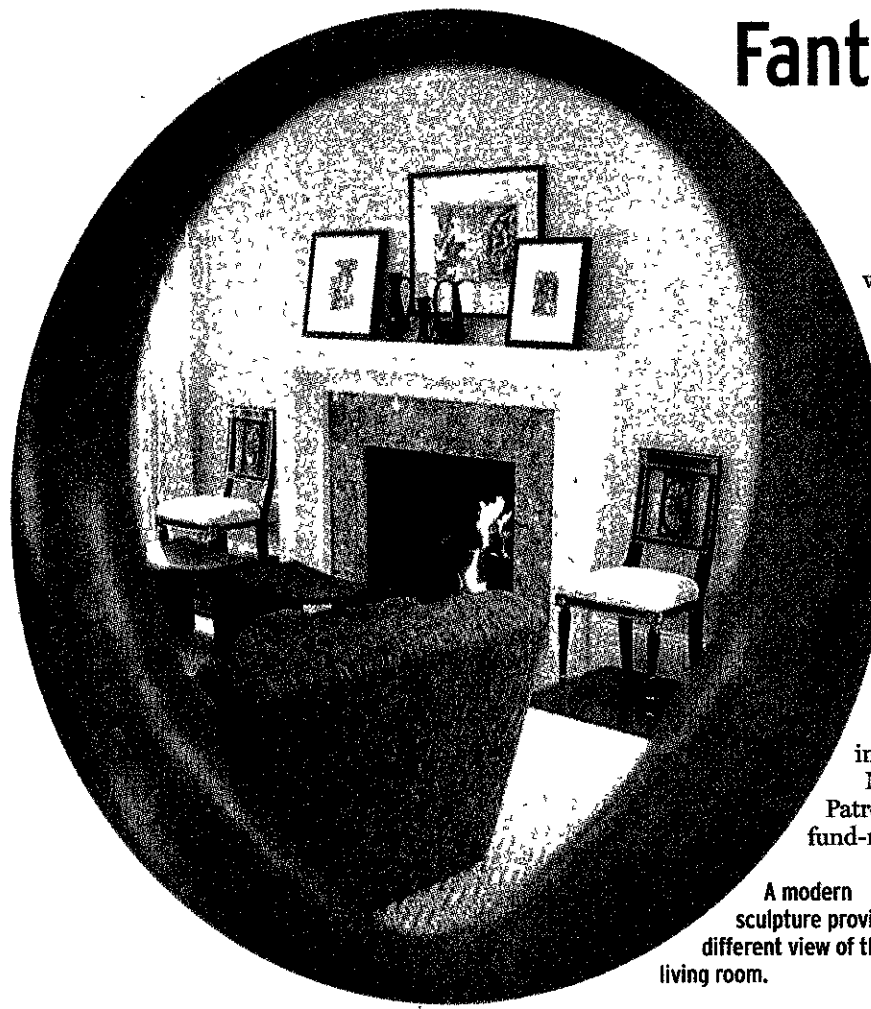
Janice Morse and Craig Steinhaus will host the Patron Party for this year's Snow Ball, which benefits Variety, The Children's Charity. The party will take place in Morse's Bloomfield home, which she and Steinhaus renovated.

Birmingham (see related item).

Morse and Steinhaus, principals of Morhaus Development of West Bloomfield, completely renovated the house.

This included moving rooms to different locations, combining smaller rooms into suites, and even dividing a racquetball court horizontally to make it into two rooms.

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A modern sculpture provides a different view of the living room.

## They're slick : Pick the right PDA for '05

Having just completed work on the fifth edition of *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld*, I'm in a PDA state of mind.

In case you're not familiar with them, Personal Digital Assistants, also known as handheld PCs, excel at managing your calendar, contacts, and to-dos. But the latest models do so much more — they're like pocket computers.

Let's start with the snazzy Tungsten T5, PalmOne's flagship handheld.

It sports a big, beautiful screen, tons of memory, and a Bluetooth wireless radio.

The latter, coupled with a Bluetooth-equipped cell phone,



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enables you to check e-mail and browse Web pages just about anywhere. Slick.

PalmOne supplies superb Microsoft Office-compatible software for working with Word and Excel documents. The T5 also does MP3s, movies, photos, and audio-books.

Unlike most other PDAs, the T5 doesn't lose the contents of its

memory if its battery dies. Cooler still, you can use it like a portable hard drive to ferry files and data between computers.

If the T5's \$399 seems too steep, consider PalmOne's Tungsten E for \$199.

It's physically similar to the T5, and although it has a smaller screen and no wireless goodies, it does just about everything else. Killer deal.

I'm equally enamored with PalmOne's new Treo 650, a near-perfect mixture of PDA and phone.

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# Campers, RVs visit the Silverdome

Ever wonder what the big attraction is to RV travel? Wonder no more after a visit to the Michigan Camper, Travel & RV Show at the Pontiac Silverdome Jan. 26-30.

"Many enthusiasts enjoy the flexibility, convenience and affordability of RV travel," said Mike Wilbraham, show producer for ShowSpan, Inc. "RVs offer a hassle-free way to see America, while travelers enjoy the freedom to go where they want, when they want without the hassle of advance reservations and airports."

Over 300 RVs from 19 dealers representing over 100 RV brand names will be on display and for sale at special show pricing. Every RV product from folding camping trailers and conventional travel trailers to truck campers, motor homes and fifth wheels will be available for families who are looking to purchase their first RV, looking to upgrade their present RV or for the veteran camper to explore new camping adventures.

Authors, columnists and 'RV travel junkies' Joe and Vicki Kieva will teach full time RVing seminars, sharing their knowledge and experiences on how to live the RV owner's dream. They start with introducing the newcomer to RVing, and then provide experienced RVers with information about trips, full-time or extended RV living, camping and traveling in an RV. They are the authors of three books and two videos, write columns for Highways and Woodall's RV Traveler magazines and have been seen on NB affiliates and CNN.

The best campgrounds for great hiking in Michigan will be revealed by outdoor writer Jim DuFresne. He will also inform RVers on planning their



This RV kitchen features granite counters, inside of a Landmark model, which will be exhibited by General RV in Wixom at the Michigan Camper, Travel & RV Show at the Pontiac Silverdome Jan. 26-30.

Alaska RV vacation. DuFresne is an author of over 15 outdoor and wilderness/travel books, including Lonely Planet's "Alaska" guidebook and "Michigan's Best Campgrounds: A Guide to the Best 150 Public Campgrounds in the Great Lakes State."

A 1929 Ford Model A Roadster pulling a 1930 Covered Wagon Travel Trailer will be in the antique auto camping display from RV historian and Smithsonian consultant David Woodworth.

Vacation information will be available on all the camping and travel destination options from tourism bureaus and campgrounds. Other exhibits

will feature accessories, towing systems and camping and cooking equipment.

Tips and advice will be available from RV experts on selection, pricing, features, options, design and maintenance.

RVers can bring a recipe for the Campfire Cook-Along Recipes program and get online access to dozens of other campground and tailgate cooking ideas.

And finally to see the whole show, Parabounce helium balloon ride will gently float a rider up to Silverdome's roof while being tethered.

ShowSpan also produces the Ford Field Camper, Travel & RV Show March 3-6 in Detroit.

The 22nd annual Michigan Camper, Travel & RV Show hours are 3 p.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7.50; \$3 for children 6-14 and children five and under admitted free.

Internet Express Tickets, which include a free parking pass, are available online at [www.MichiganCamperShow.com](http://www.MichiganCamperShow.com).

On-site parking is available for a fee. Weekday adult admission discount coupons are available at Big Boy.

For more information visit [www.MichiganCamperShow.com](http://www.MichiganCamperShow.com) or call (800) 328-6550.

## GARDEN CALENDAR

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#### Seminars

English Gardens presents free gardening seminars Saturdays in January at its five metro Detroit stores - in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100) and Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200).

Starting Seeds Indoors will be the topic 11 a.m. Jan. 22. Get a head start on gardening and learn how to grow your own transplants. English Gardens experts will share their knowledge of growing flowers and vegetables from seed. Learn which varieties work best, and what's required to get the best results. Two seminars will be presented Jan. 29: Introduction to Orchids at 11 a.m. and Attracting Birds to Your Yard at 1 p.m. Orchids are the longest lasting of all flowering plants, providing beautiful blooms that last many months. The morning seminar will provide an introduction to all English Gardens' varieties and give tips on caring for orchids throughout the year. It will be presented by John Doherty of Zephyrus Orchids at the Royal Oak/Troy store, and by an English Gardens expert at the other stores.

The afternoon seminar will give you tips on plant materials and other elements necessary to create a garden that's home to birds, butterflies and other small creatures.

Another free seminar, Growing Beautiful Orchids, will take place 1-2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the West Bloomfield, Royal Oak/Troy and Clinton Township stores. For the nearest English Gardens location, call (800) 335-GROW or visit [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com).

#### MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall, on the OU campus in Rochester.

Member Nan LaRosa, master gardener and frequent visitor to the famous Chelsea Flower Show in London, England, will be the guest speaker. She will present slides showing the latest trends in gardening as well as other visual treats from the show. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required.

For more information, call (248) 299-3948 or visit [www.meadowbrookhall.org](http://www.meadowbrookhall.org).

#### Ash borer fair

The Emerald Ash Borer Information and Ash Wood Utilization Fair will take place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Washtenaw County Farm Council Grounds 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road in Ann Arbor.

The event is free and open to the public.

It is hosted by Michigan State University, in partnership with the Southeast Michigan State University Extension Resource Conservation and Development Council.

For more information, call Karen Reynolds, EAB education coordinator at Washtenaw County MSU Extension, at (734) 997-1678, or e-mail her at [reynolka@washtenaw.org](mailto:reynolka@washtenaw.org).

Using a variety of educational displays and demonstrations, the fair will address many of the questions homeowners may have about the Emerald Ash Borer and about the treatment and utilization options that exist for their trees.

Among the presenters will be representatives from many government agencies, area businesses (including tree care services, sawmills, woodworkers, and wood product industries) and local municipalities.

#### Beverly Hills Garden Club

The Beverly Hills Garden Club will meet 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W. 13 Mile. George Papadalis, owner of Telly's Nursery in Troy, will present the program, Annuals for the Perennial Border. Guests are welcome.

#### Livonia Garden Club

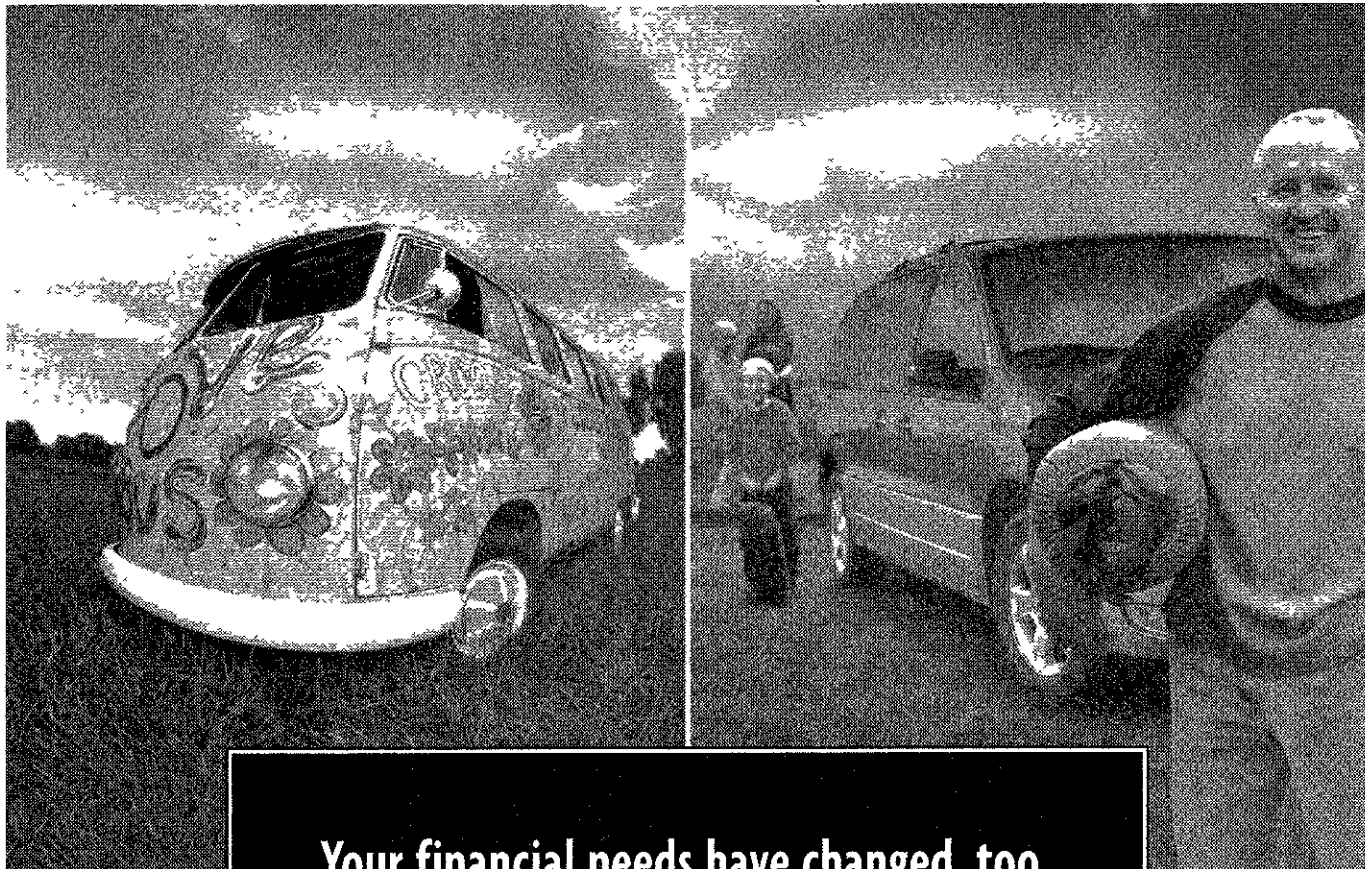
The Livonia Garden Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road.

A floral design staff member from English Gardens will give a step-by-step demonstration of design basics for fresh flower arrangements. Visitors are welcome.

#### Downriver Rose Society

The Downriver Rose Society will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Brownstown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph in Brownstown (between Sibley and West roads).

Nancy Lindley, author of *Roses for Michigan*, will present a colorful and lively slide presentation of Old Garden Roses, antique and fragrant roses that succeed in Michigan. Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information, call Mike at (877) 860-5364 or Tom at (734) 783-5010.



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# It's idea time: Shop at home shows for contractors

Just glanced at the indoor/outdoor thermometer that's reading 12° F. It's hard to think that spring isn't all that far away. But then again, just a few days ago, it was 50° F.

Ah, Michigan weather.

One thing for sure about this time of year:

there will be several home and garden shows to visit. Being in the building trade as an educator, columnist and contractor, and as homeowners, I, along with my wife, Karen, like to visit the shows for ideas.

When we're at the shows, we often have differing opinions on what is good and bad. I'm always interested in new construction techniques and materials, new and innovative tools and equipment, fasteners and the like. These are the things Karen refers to as "boring stuff." (Hey, it must

be a guy thing).

Karen loves the garden displays and uses them for ideas to incorporate into our garden. Thanks to these ideas and Karen's artistic eye, we have quite an attractive yard. She also likes visiting the kitchen and bath displays for decorating ideas and she's always on the look out for wall and window treatment tips. And no visit to a home and garden show would be complete, in her mind without a stop at the Humane Society and the TLC greyhound adoption booths to say hello to the dogs. (We have two rescued greyhounds.)

No matter how you look at the home improvement and garden shows there is bound to be something there for everyone even if you see some of the displays as "boring stuff." Just as we consumers are there looking for the best deals and best information on products and services, the vendors are there trying to sell them to us.

## VENDORS PUSH FOR SALES

Sometimes the sales techniques used by some vendors can be a bit intense. Keep in mind that competition is keen and booth rental can be costly so the vendors need to make sales.

Now please don't think for one moment that

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I'm criticizing the shows. In fact, this much competition in one place is advantageous for consumers.

As with any sales agreement you enter into, do it as a smart consumer. It's definitely best to get at least three quotes on any project. You'll find that there may be vast price differences between vendors for the same job.

Don't be afraid to ask for an explanation of these differences. The cheapest (or most expensive) are not necessarily the best choice. Don't forget to get and verify references. Ask to see a copy of the copy of the contractor's license and their certificates of insurance before making your final selection.

A homeowner is responsible for payment to subcontractors or vendors who were not paid by the contractor. Licensed contractors in Michigan pay into the construction lien recovery fund. This money is used to compensate a homeowner who has a lien put on their property by an unpaid subcontractor or supplier. Further, you can be held responsible for an injured employee or damage to a neighbor's property if the contractor doesn't have proper protection.

Most important, don't sign on with anyone you are not entirely comfortable with. Be certain to get everything in writing and keep a copy.

The Novi Home Improvement Show runs Jan. 28-30 at the Novi Expo Center. See you there on Sunday, Jan. 30, along with Joe Gagnon and the Ask The Handyman crew.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.



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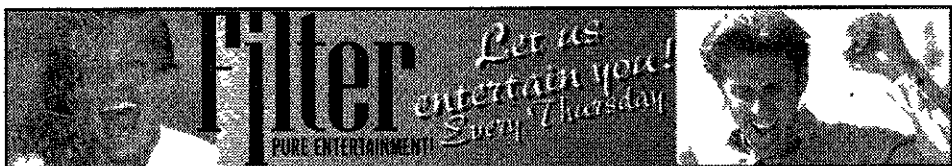
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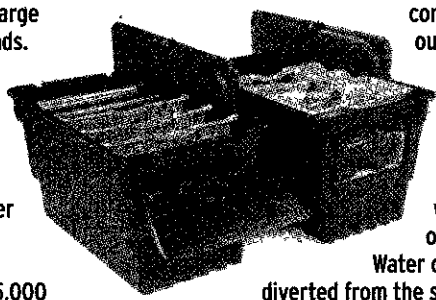
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Laguna is a division of the Rolf C. Hagen Corp. The new filters are available at major pond and garden stores. For more information, visit [www.hagen.com](http://www.hagen.com).

(NAPSI) – Many people don't think about choosing a water heater until they're faced with an emergency situation.

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When shopping for a replacement heater or selecting a heater for your new home, one of the most important questions you can ask is: What size water heater do I need to keep my water temperature hot and my utility costs low?

A water heater's ability to meet household demand is determined by a combination of tank capacity and energy input. The amount of hot water a water heater can deliver in the first hour of use is called the "first hour rating" and is a critical figure during peak demand periods.

The best way to increase first-hour rating is to increase tank capacity.

"It really boils down to a lifestyle issue," says Cliff Deidiker of State Water Heaters. "The average family

A water heater's ability to meet household demand is determined by a combination of tank capacity and energy input.

today uses more hot water than ten years ago." He points out that nearly every home now has a washing machine, a dishwasher, and a minimum of two bathrooms. Furthermore, an increasing number of homes are being equipped with large whirlpool tubs that use up to 80 gallons of hot water at one time.

"People are using the bathroom more as a retreat. They're bathing in bigger tubs and taking longer showers with multiple shower heads that use a significant amount of a home's hot water supply," says Deidiker.

Plumbing contractors are



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Since most homes have dishwashers, washing machines and two bathrooms, plumbing contractors recommend larger water heaters.

increasingly recommending and installing 50- to 75-gallon capacity water heaters as opposed to smaller models.

Safety is also a key consideration. Manufacturers now preset water heater thermostats to the lowest point on the thermostat prior to shipping. State strongly recommends the thermostat then be set to a maxi-

mum of 120°F to reduce the risk of scald burns.

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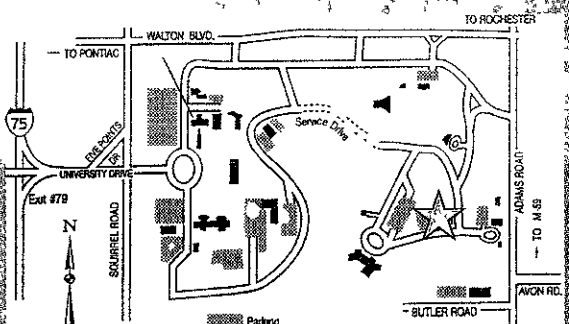
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## SHOWS

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will remain at the booth to answer consumers' questions after the show opens at 10 a.m. Gagnon will be joined Sunday by Harry Jachym, a columnist who writes Ask Dad for the *Observer & Eccentric*. (See Jachym's column inside today's At Home section; Gagnon's column will appear next Thursday.) WJR-AM's *Home Improvement* show with Murray Gula will also be broadcast from the Novi show. Chef J. Warren, professionally trained executive chef and former radio and TV host of *The 30-Minute Gourmet* and *SHHH! Famous Secret Restaurant Recipes*, will share his art and talent in the culinary arts as he presents *The Joy of Chocolate* demonstrations from the show as seen on NBC News, HGTV, *The Today Show* and *Good Morning America*.

Consumers can enter contests, too. There's a House of Nails contest sponsored by Wallside Windows where you can win up to \$10,000 of windows.

Another contest — The Ugly Bathroom Contest — also returns this year, sponsored by Mathison Supply of Livonia, Garden City and Canton where visitors can win a \$10,000 bathroom renovation.

There will also be a treasure chest contest with daily prizes.

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## More home shows

Here are more home shows:

**The Palace Home Improvement Show:** Feb. 4-6 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Hours: 5-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4; 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 6. Admission: \$9.75, adults; \$8.75 seniors, children 12 and under admitted free. Beverly DeJulio, host of *HandyMa'am* on PBS and *Easy Does It* on Discovery Channel, shares her how-to expertise by offering tips for repairs to improvements and redecorating that make life easier around the house.

There will be the Ultimate Home Theater Hook-Up giveaway sponsored by 100.3 WNIC and Grosse Pointe Alarm, live broadcasts of WJR's *Home Improvement* show with Murray Gula, sponsored by James Hardie Siding Products and live appearances by radio hosts from WNIC. For more information, call (248) 862-1019 or visit [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

**The Macomb Home Improvement Show:** Feb. 18-20 at the Macomb Sports and Expo Center at the Macomb Community College South Campus at Hayes and Martin, just south of 12 Mile in Warren

Hours are noon-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 20. Admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and children 12 and under free. Other features of the show are Taste of the Town with daily cooking demonstrations, recipes, ideas, tips and more from culinarians, including Macomb Community College's Culinary Arts Department. For more information, call (248) 862-1019 or visit [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org).

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For more information on either of these shows, visit [www.FordFieldHomeShow.com](http://www.FordFieldHomeShow.com) or [www.SilverdomeHomeShow.com](http://www.SilverdomeHomeShow.com) or call (800) 328-6550.

## PDA

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Why carry two separate devices when you can carry one?

Admittedly, the Treo's built-in camera could be better, and more memory would be nice, but it's still the best smart-phone I've ever used.

If you're into games, the best PDA you've never heard of is the Tapwave Zodiac. Reminiscent of Nintendo's Game Boy, the Zodiac offers vastly superior graphics and sound.

Plus, it's a full-blown PDA, capable of running all the same great software as, say, the Tungsten T5.

In fact, it matches the T5

almost feature-for-feature, but, costs quite a bit less. The 32MB model sells for \$269; the 128MB model, for \$349.

My sole complaint with the Zodiac is its size.

Though thin, it's a hair longer and wider than most other PDAs, making it a bit less pocket-friendly.

Finally, while I've never been a fan of Windows Mobile (formerly known as Pocket PC) PDAs, which I find overcomplicated, the Dell Axim X50 520MHz merits consideration.

Currently selling for just \$339, it features both Bluetooth and Wi-Fi wireless capabilities, plus Windows Media Player 10 Mobile. The latter enables you to watch movies and TV shows recorded on a Windows XP Media

Center Edition PC.

I love that capability, and for the moment only select Pocket PC handhelds offer it.

Something to consider,

Whatever PDA you pick for 2005, there's a game you gotta have: Zuma (www.astraware.com), a just-released mobile version of the online classic.

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**Rick Broida** writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How to Do Everything with Musicmatch* and *101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld*. He welcomes questions sent to [rickbroida@excite.com](mailto:rickbroida@excite.com).

## Antiques show

The 16th annual St. James Antiques Show will take place Friday and Saturday, Jan. 21 and 22, at the church, 355 W. Maple in Birmingham, between Southfield Road and Woodward.

Twenty-seven exhibitors from Michigan and surrounding states will present a variety of antiques, including furniture, jewelry, clothing, clocks and textiles. Proceeds benefit the church's outreach projects.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$6, with two hours of free parking in the city structure on Chester, across from the church. Food service will be available at the St. James Cafe.

A special preview party will take place 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday. Cost is \$45. For more information, call (248) 335-5462 or the church at (248) 644-0820.

## Auction

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Call (248) 643-1900 or visit [www.boos-gallery.com](http://www.boos-gallery.com) for more information.

## 'Everything sale'

The fourth annual Great Everything Sale will take place Friday and Saturday, Jan. 28 and 29, at the Rochester Community House, 816

## HOME CALENDAR

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## Camper show

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## FAMILY

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"What I like doing best is saving houses," said Steinhaus, an interior designer specializing in architectural restorations.

The house, built by Bill Pulte of the construction company that bears the same name in the 1960s, fits each member of the family.

Everyone has his or her own suite, including Morse's grown son and daughter when they visit. With the flowing layout of the house, suites and other rooms are private, but not isolated.

Great arched windows are on the upper level. Exterior cornice work extends inside. The foyer has an atrium feel.

The house features what Steinhaus calls "Cranbrook brick," constructed of a mixture made specifically for buildings at Cranbrook that was discontinued about five years ago, he said.

Furniture and decor are an eclectic collection of contemporary, antique and traditional.

Most colors are cool — of such tones as cafe au lait, cream and copper — with touches of brighter hues here and there, such as the red chairs and purple sofa in the first floor family room.

Placed throughout the house are large mirrors with ornate frames or etching, sleek sconces that emit a gentle glow, and light-colored, textured rugs over the dark wood floor.

## COMFORTABLE COOKING

"The kitchen really, really works for us," Morse said.



There's room for everybody in the kitchen, which also features task lighting, a coffee maker, a warming drawer, a wine cooler and a beverage drawer. A fireplace adds to the warmth.

"Everybody cooks. (In this kitchen) everybody can cook at the same time and not be in anybody's way."

The kitchen includes two islands, one with room for seating. Among other features are task lighting, a Miele coffee maker, a warming drawer for bread, a wine cooler and a beverage drawer.

An adjoining area contains a stone fireplace and a marble table ringed by chairs.

The fireplace and countertops are brown, the table and cabinets white, the chairs black.

## COMPOSITIONS

In the living room, brown, white and black form another harmonious composition, this time with drapes of soft yellow.

The sofa and oversize chairs are charcoal. A small round table is brown wood trimmed in black.

A modern sculpture is among the art work. Classic dark wooden chairs stand on either side of

the fireplace, which is brown marble. Other furnishings include a contemporary chaise lounge and benches with slightly curved seats.

A lower level room designed for the youngsters has a kitchen, a pool table, a TV, and a small, round table with four chairs, each with a brightly colored seat (red, green, yellow and purple).

## OTHER ELEMENTS

A large Oriental screen that belonged to the children's grandmother hangs on one of the deep rouge walls of the dining room.

The elegant master bath also combines classic and contemporary, with stately mirrors, scones and vessel sinks at the vanity. A bench of bamboo and rattan is in the center of the room. The first floor powder room is also elegant, with a sink made of an artistic bowl form Uruguay. The textured wall was achieved by soaking tissue in paste and painting over it.



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The living room is a harmonious composition of brown, white and black with soft yellow.

## Snow Ball for The Children's Charity

■ What: An annual fund-raiser for Variety, The Children's Charity. Proceeds benefit children with special needs in metro Detroit.

■ When: The Snow Ball will take place 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Townsend Hotel ballroom, on Townsend south of Maple (15 Mile) between Woodward and Southfield Road in Birmingham. The Patron Party will take place 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Janice Morse's home in Bloomfield. A buffet dinner and cocktails will begin at 7 p.m.

■ Tickets: \$300 Friend, \$400 Patron, \$500 Benefactor. Benefactors and patrons may attend the Patron Party.

■ At the Snow Ball: Renowned stage, screen and TV star Joel Grey and rising star violinist and

singer Sonia Lee will perform. The celebrated Johnny Trudell Orchestra will provide musical entertainment. A black-tie dinner and a live auction of fantasy packages will also be featured.

■ At the Patron Party: Hors d'oeuvres and a preview of the auction will be included.

■ Information: Call the Variety office in Southfield at (248) 258-5511.

■ About Variety: Founded in 1929, Variety, The Children's Charity has 50 chapters and 15,000 members around the world. Detroit's chapter touches the entire southeastern Michigan community and has more than 2,000 volunteers and friends who raise money for local charities to help children.

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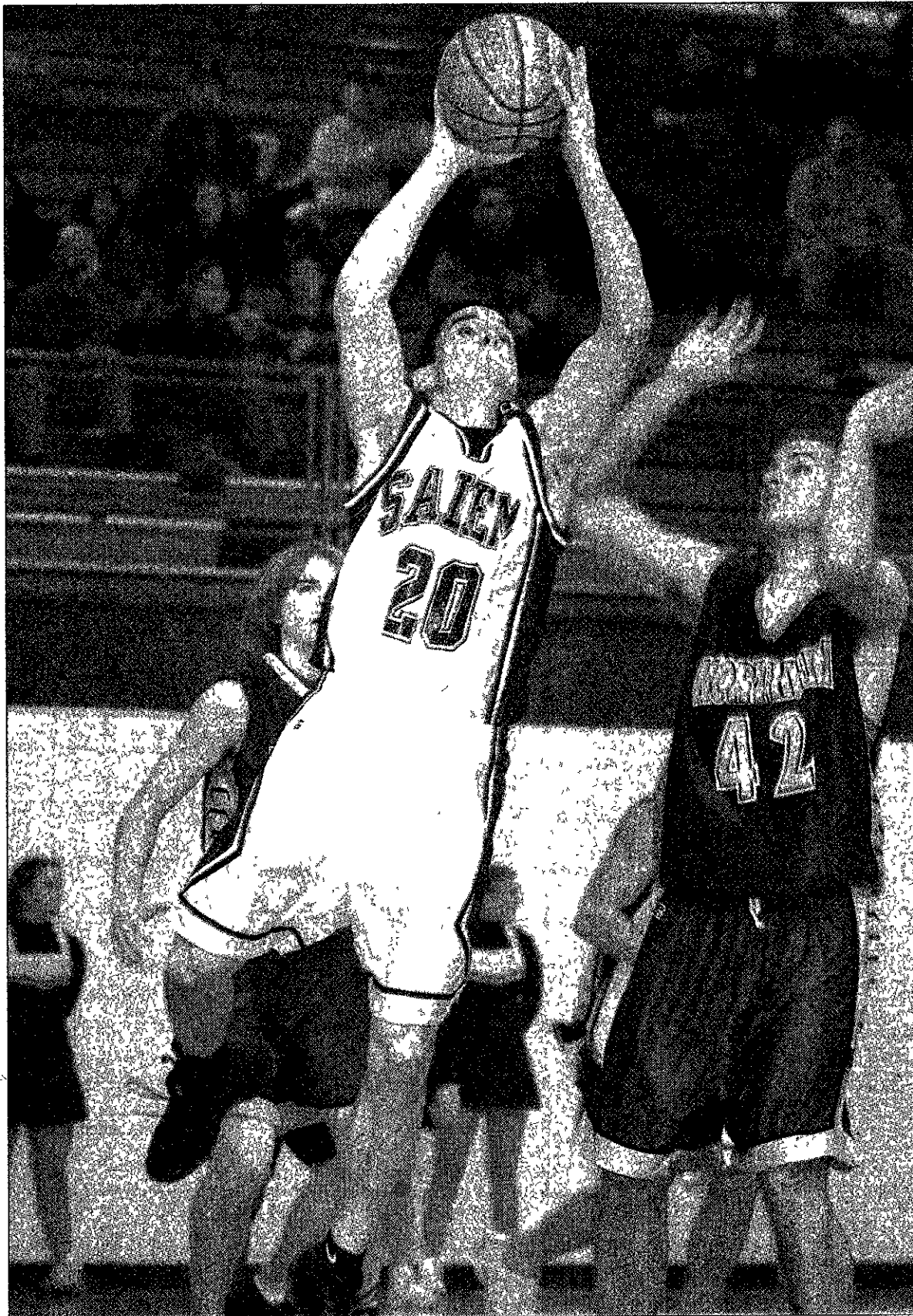
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Salem's Dave Cardenas drives hard to the basket during the second quarter of Tuesday night's game against Walled Lake Northern. The Knights won their first game of the season, 46-40, over the Rocks.

## Rocky road Northern's trapping 'D' stops Salem, 46-40

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake Northern couldn't buy a victory in its first nine frustration-filled games. So on Tuesday night at Salem, the Knights trapped one. Sparked by a smothering, half-court trap in the second half, Northern outlasted the Rocks, 46-40, for its first boys basketball triumph of the season. Salem's record dipped to 1-9 (1-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association).

"I feel good for the kids," Walled Lake Northern coach John Sharpe said. "We've been in all of our games this year, we just haven't been able to finish. We even struggled at the end tonight. We wanted to mix up our defenses tonight and come out with something different in the second half. We played a man-to-man in the first half, and then trapped in the second. The kids worked real hard."

The Knights' scoring was balanced as four players accounted for 40 of their 46 points. Ryan Bahnmler and Alex Roper both netted 12, while Nick Bortz and Joel Darin each contributed eight. Senior forward Jeff Lake paced Salem with 11 points. Billy Leddy had seven and Brad Zonca, Joe Halowicz and Kyle Price scored six apiece. Halowicz, who earned his first start of the season, grabbed a team-high nine rebounds. Leddy, Price and Dave Cardenas all pulled down six.

Both teams took a while to heat up Tuesday night. The first points didn't come until Leddy drained a long 3-pointer almost four minutes into the game.

As far as shooting accuracy went, things didn't get much better the remainder of the first half, which ended with the score knotted at 19-19. The Knights hit just 8-of-24 first-half shots, while the Rocks connected on 7-of-26.

With their trap giving Salem fits, the Knights found their rhythm offensively, too, as they scored the first eight points of the third quarter to go up, 27-19. B.J. Johnson and Bahnmler both hit treys and Darin added a layup during the run.

A Roper jumper with five minutes left to play gave the Knights their biggest lead — 37-28 — but Salem countered with a 6-0 run of its own on a Leddy layup and four points from Zonca to cut the deficit to 37-34 with 3:23 left.

However, Northern regained the momentum seconds later when Bahnmler pulled up four feet beyond the 3-point line and buried a long triple — and the Rocks' comeback.

"That was a huge shot," Sharpe said. "My shooters were getting good looks all night, but the shots weren't falling. Ryan's only a sophomore, but he's not afraid to take the big shots."

A Cardenas free throw got Salem to within 44-40 with 15 seconds to go, but Bahnmler finished off the Knights' first win with an uncontested layup with seven ticks left.

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## Deadlines

### Coaches: Please call in results

All high school athletic coaches are asked to call in the results of their games - whether they win or lose - to *Observer* Sports Editor Ed Wright at (734) 953-2108. If the answering machine comes on, please leave a message and your call will be returned promptly.

The deadlines for results are midnight early Wednesday for Thursday's edition and midnight early Saturday for Sunday's edition.

If it is more convenient, coaches can e-mail results to Wright at ewright@oe.homecomm.net; or they can fax results to Wright at (734) 591-7279.

It is important that all coaches take the few minutes it requires to report results so that all of the area's young athletes get the coverage they deserve.

### P-C Pride needs players

The Plymouth-Canton Pride fast-pitch softball organization has a few spots remaining on its 2005 rosters. The Pride offers three levels of fast-pitch competition to girls ages 8-16 in the U-10, U-12, U-14 and U-16 divisions.

Parents who are interested in getting their daughters involved in this organization should visit the Pride's Web site at [www.eteamz.com/pcpride](http://www.eteamz.com/pcpride); or contact Denny Taylor at (734) 677-4257 or Tony Gould at (734) 254-0421.

The Pride will also accept applications at the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association registration slated for 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

### Gymnasts shine

Four local gymnasts performed well at the Gym America Dominique Moceanu Invitational event held Jan. 7-9 in Broadview Heights, Ohio.

Level 7 gymnast Kayla Weber, a fifth-grader at Eriksson Elementary School, won the balance beam in her age division with a 9.20. Weber also placed seventh on the vault (8.925), fourth on the bars (9.00), second on the floor (9.20) and second all-around (36.325).

In the Level 5 competition, Sidney Lane, a fourth-grade student at Gallimore Elementary School, won the vault with an 8.85.

Other Level 5 gymnasts who placed were Olivia Ozeranic, a third-grader at Eriksson Elementary, finished eighth on the vault (8.35) and eighth on the beam (8.525), and Paige Wright, a fifth-grader at Eriksson, placed 10th on the floor (8.80).

Gym America is coached by Claudia and Ed Kretschmer.

Gymnasts from all over the Midwest participated.

## 'Cat setters excel at UM-D invite

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's volleyball team is improving with age. The Wildcats advanced to the semi-final round of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational Saturday before getting knocked off by eventual champion Farmington Hills Harrison in a three-set cliff-hanger.

"That is the best we've played so far this season," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland, whose team now stands at 11-5-1. "I was extremely pleased with the girls' performance."

Junior Jeanine Moise stood out for the Wildcats, netting 40 digs, 54 kills and 13 blocks. She received a lot of

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help from setter Sarah Haskins, who recorded 73 assists, seven service aces and 12 digs.

"Jeanine played a very technically sound match," McCausland said. "She really stepped up when we needed her to."

Other Wildcat standouts were Lindsey Vogelsberg (31 digs), Brandi Swynart, Janet Hanchett (16 kills and 11 digs) and sophomore Brittany Hengesh, who registered 14 blocks in her first varsity action.

Plymouth opened pool play with wins over Huron Valley (25-10, 25-16) and Redford Union (25-14, 25-15) before splitting with Dearborn Divine Child (25-9, 16-25). In the single-elimination portion of the tourney, the Wildcats upended Livonia Stevenson, 25-21, 25-16, before falling to the Hawks, 25-18, 16-25, 15-4.

## Agape cagers run past Bethesda

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton Agape Christian is starting to make some serious noise in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, and that's music to the ears of boys basketball coach Keith Anleitner.

The Wolverines, who are 4-4 overall, ran their MIAC record to 2-0 Tuesday night with a convincing 65-52 road victory at Sterling Heights Bethesda Christian. The Eagles fell to 3-4 overall, 2-1 in the MIAC.

"The boys played very, very hard tonight," Anleitner said. "They played

good, man-to-man defense and they shot well. Bryan Horning had a breakout game for us tonight with 19 points and 16 rebounds."

The Wolverines raced to a 15-11 first-quarter lead and 36-19 halftime advantage. The Eagles outscored the Wolves, 33-29, over the final 16 minutes, but it was too little, too late.

Three Agape players scored in double digits. Joining Horning were Jack Anleitner and Gabe Molnar, who both had 14.

Chris Seitz paced the hosts' offensive attack with 18 points. Sean Clancy scored 16 for the Eagles.

Agape shot well from the free-throw line, making 18-of-24 attempts. Bethesda struggled from the line, connecting on only 11-of-18.

The Wolverines will be severely tested Friday night when they host Taylor Baptist Park at Canton's Discovery Middle School.

"Baptist Park is unbeaten in the league, too, so this is a big game for us," Anleitner said. "Our goal is to win the league, which means we need to beat Baptist Park."

The opening tip is set for 7:30 p.m.

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## Canton spikers bump Franklin in game 5

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

It was probably a coincidence that the team stationed on the north side of the net won the first four games of Monday night's volleyball match between Canton and Livonia Franklin — but Chiefs coach Alex Perrin wasn't going to take any chances.

"When we got to choose which side we wanted for Game 5, I went with the side that all had all the wins," Perrin said.

Good choice.

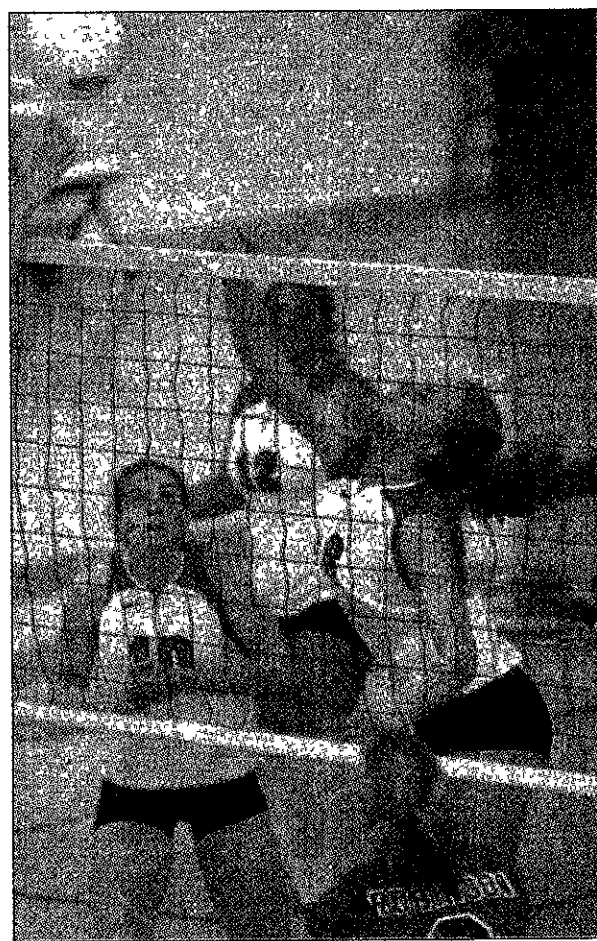
Canton won the fifth and deciding game, 15-7, but the deciding factor turned out to be the Chiefs' accurate serving and nearly flawless execution, not the side of the court.

The victory boosted the Chiefs' record to 8-7-3 overall and 1-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Patriots fell to 0-3 in the WLAA.

"There was a lot of tension built up for the final game," Perrin said. "Franklin is a lot like our team — it doesn't have a lot of big hitters, but they're tough because they play solid defense and they force you to execute. We only had one missed serve in the final game, which was important in a service-oriented situation like that. I was proud of the way the girls performed under pressure."

Senior Andrea Johnson came through in the clutch for Canton in the finale as she successfully served up the Chiefs' first two points and their final three. Two of the final three serves were aces.

The stellar play of senior Laura McKendry was the No. 1 reason there was a Game 5. McKendry led the winners with eight kills, 29



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Canton's Izabela Paszkowska tips the ball over the net during Monday night's third game against Livonia Franklin. Looking on are teammates Stephanie Price (10) and Laura McKendry (12).

PLEASE SEE CANTON, C3



# Canton's defense keys 43-37 victory

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Churchill took the air out of the ball during Tuesday night's game against Canton.

Canton countered by taking the wind out of the Chargers' offense.

The Chiefs' defense buckled down to secure a 43-37 victory over Churchill, improving their record to 6-4 overall and 2-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Chargers dropped to 1-9 overall and 0-4 in the WLAA.

"When Churchill has the ball, they take a lot of time off the clock, so they make you play defense for 35 to 40 seconds," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "We were in control most of the game. We shot okay tonight, but not great."

Senior guard David Calille paced a balanced Canton scoring attack with 11 points. Senior forward Julian Smith added 10 and Kevin Thornton twined seven. Thornton led all rebounders with nine boards;

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Smith hauled down seven.

Cortue Diaz netted nine points and six rebounds for the hosts. Nick Cariguau had eight and five, respectively.

Canton led 13-8 after one quarter, 21-15 at the intermission and 35-26 with eight minutes to play. The closest the Chargers got was the six-point final margin.

Neither team shined at the free-throw line. Canton hit just 6-of-15 from the stripe while the Chargers connected on only 6-of-10.

**Livonia Stevenson 54, Plymouth 51:** Luke Knochel nailed a pair of free throws in the final 20 seconds to secure Livonia Stevenson (3-7, 1-3) a WLAA win Tuesday over the host Wildcats (7-3, 3-1).

Junior Andy Madeleine, who had four of Stevenson's six fourth-quarter points, finished with a game-high 16. He also grabbed six rebounds. Junior

Tony Lenardon and senior Tom Clements chipped in with 10 and nine points, respectively.

Juniors D.J. Coleman and Jim Wilbur tallied 14 and 11, respectively, for Plymouth, which trailed 30-24 at halftime and 48-39 after three quarters. Josh Le Duc added nine.

"Even though we scored just six points in the last quarter, we showed more poise and took care of the basketball," Stevenson coach Bill Dyer said.

The loss snapped a three-game winning streak for Plymouth.

"Stevenson has lost seven games by less than five points, so they're not as bad as their record would indicate," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "It was a winnable game for us, we just came out and played too passive. We only committed two fouls the entire first half. Stevenson ran some nice screens to get some kids open for threes, and we didn't handle them properly."

"Every team we play from here on out is going to make us earn a win, that's for sure."

**Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 79, PCA 52:** The Chargers drained eight three-point field goals to dampen the Eagles' hopes of pulling out a big road win. The loss dropped PCA to 4-5 overall and 0-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Inter-City improved to 6-3 overall and 2-0 in the league.

"I was happy with our performance tonight; we just didn't shoot well," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "We executed our offense well and we did a good job of breaking their press. The shots just weren't falling."

Aaron Ciborowski led the Eagles with 17 points and nine rebounds. Stephen Sumner played well, netting 12 points and six assists. Matt Saagman scored 12 points for PCA, which hit just 3-of-10 free throws.

Inter-City raced to a 35-23 lead at the half before icing the win with a 31-point fourth quarter.

Lance Wild and Stephen Draper both scored 15 to lead the Chargers' attack.

## SWIM RESULTS

### WAYNE MEMORIAL BOYS SWIM INVITATIONAL

Jan. 14-15 at Wayne

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. South Lyon, 311 points; 2. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 223; 3. Wayne Memorial, 207; 4. Wyandotte Roosevelt, 197; 5. Plymouth, 155; 6. Westland John Glenn, 109; 7. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 78; 8. Garden City, 55.

### FINAL RESULTS

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. South Lyon (Ryan Fulkerson, Matt Witkowski, Kevin Grinnell, Zach Kadykowski), 1:46.14; 2. Edsel Ford, 1:51.76; 3. Wayne, 1:56.12.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Josh Gale (SL), 1:52.45; 2. Evan Danz (WR), 1:58.58; 3. Paul Mosier (WM), 2:00.46.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Witkowski (SL), 2:07.88; 2. Craig Smith (WR), 2:15.08; 3. Kyle Wroblewski (DEF), 2:22.98.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Kyle Kubitz (DEF), 23.84; 2. Grinnell (SL), 24.26; 3. Kyle Erdmann (WM), 24.41.

**Diving:** 1. Chris Noel (WR), 330.00 points (11 dives); 2. Jarett Machovec (WM), 294.95; 3. Kevin Beesley (WR), 292.80.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Fulkerson (SL), 54.95; 2. Grinnell (SL), 58.92; 3. Andy Knisely (P), 59.28.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Gale (SL), 51.62; 2. Erdmann (WM), 54.74; 3. Wroblewski (DEF), 54.94.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Witkowski (SL), 5:04.33; 2. Danz (WR), 5:22.36; 3. Barrette (DHA), 5:31.44.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Fulkerson (SL), 56.54; 2. Alan Cislo (DEF), 1:02.76; 3. David Kong (P), 1:04.31.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Knisely (P), 1:08.01; 2. Steve Kapelczak (DHA), 1:08.5; 3. Hermatz (WM), 1:11.28.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. South Lyon (Gale, Fulkerson, Richardson, Witkowski), 3:31.45; 2. Edsel Ford, 3:39.42; 3. Wayne, 3:40.44.

### NORTHVILLE 116, SALEM 69

Jan. 18 at Salem High School

**200-yard Medley Relay:** 1. Northville (Brad Farris, Weston Laabs, Will Blicke, Joe Hogan), 1:45.77; 2. Salem (Matt Jurcak, Stan Chen, Pat Sautural, Penn Chou), 1:47.66; 3. Northville (Hunter Schwartz, Greg Sheppard, Ryan Smith, Adam Pulliam), 1:50.93.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Chris Keady (N), 1:47.02; 2. Nick Dixon (S), 1:49.48; 3. Chris Culkin (N), 1:52.28.

**100 IM:** 1. Will Blicke (N), 2:05.66; 2. Greg Sheppard (N), 2:15.13; 3. Weston Laabs (N), 2:15.98.

**50 free:** 1. Matt Jurcak (S), 22.98; 2. Brad Farris (N), 23.40; 3. Mike Higgs (S), 23.69.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Nick Dixon (S), 55.0; 2. Brody Blicke (N), 56.73; 3. Ryan Smith (N), 59.19.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Chris Culkin (N), 5:03.12; 2. Will Blicke (N), 5:10.67; 3. Joe Bardsley (N), 5:21.16.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Penn Chou, Pat Sautural, Nick Dixon, Mike Higgs), 1:34.69; 2. Northville (Chris Keady, Brody Blicke, Joe Hogan, Will Blicke), 1:34.91; 3. Northville (Mark Stuber, Ryan Smith, Weston Laabs, Chris Culkin), 1:39.14.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Matt Jurcak (S), 55.67; 2. Brad Farris (N), 57.80; 3. Brody Blicke (N), 58.24.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Stan Chen (S), 1:07.36; 2. Weston Laabs (N); 3. Penn Chou (S).

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Northville (Brad Farris, Chris Culkin, Chris Keady, Brody Blicke), 3:24.79; 2. Salem (Nick Dixon, Mike Higgs, Pat Sautural, Matt Jurcak), 3:25.79; 3. Northville (Mark Stuber, John Bardsley, Ryan Smith, Hunter Schwartz), 3:43.69.

## Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- January 11, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 11, 2005, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present:

Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo  
Members Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Paas  
**Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda, moving Item C-1. Budget Amendment - General Fund - Community Services Division to Item G-8. Budget Amendment - General Fund -Community Services Division as amended. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Regular Board Minutes of December 14, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. **Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments:** Dan McCausland, 328 Haggerty Road, stated he had a complaint to bring before the Board in regards to the Township of Canton and a residential home he owns. In 2001 Mr. McCausland relocated a home on a piece of property he had purchased on Haggerty Road. After the relocation Mr. McCausland found that there was an improper sewer connection on that property. Mr. McCausland facilitated the repairs to that sewer connection and initiated a contract that allowed the neighbors on either side of this property to drain into this sewer connection. The house was relocated and reconstructed with all permits obtained. Motion by Caccamo to delay a decision and pursue a fact finding mission and to issue a 90 day Temporary Certificate of Occupancy. Supervisor Yack asked for a second, no second, motion failed. Motion by Bennett, supported by Caccamo to direct the Director of Municipal Services to pursue the issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy, based upon the presentation of a 100% bond, or deposit of remittance to the Township, pending resolution of the issues in court related case to 821 N. Haggerty. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Expenditure Recap for January 11, 2005**

General Fund	101	\$ 267,851.68
Fire Fund	206	163,653.74
Police Fund	207	115,228.48
Summit Operating	208	37,308.34
Street Lighting	219	17,402.29
Cable TV Fund	230	1,548.00
Twp Improvement	246	127,647.50
Federal Grants Fund	274	4,578.93
Auto Theft Grant	289	27.05
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402	3,972.61
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	1,885.41
Golf Fund	584	8,832.36
Water & Sewer Fund	592	146,649.04
Trust & Agency Fund	701	6,063.00
Post Employ. Benefits	736	34,616.26
Cherry Hill Road SAD	815	123,994.19
<b>Total - All Funds</b>		<b>1,072,223.88</b>

**Board Member Reports:** Trustee Zarbo presented material for the Board. **PUBLIC HEARING: Item 1. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MAPCO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. (SUPERVISOR) Motion** by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. to consider establishment of the Mapco Industrial Development District. Motion carried unanimously. George Merchant, President of MAPCO Manufacturing, stated that his grandfather established the auto supplier business in 1952 in Plymouth. In 1971 his grandfather sold the business to his father. Mr. Merchant began working in the family owned business in 1985. The business currently has 41 employees and the facility is outdated. The business needs a new facility and the owners want to stay in Canton. The new facility will be 30,000 square feet and the company stated they will keep the current facility and refurbish. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to close the public hearing at 7:55 p.m. to consider establishment of the Mapco Industrial Development District. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution establishing the MAPCO Industrial Development District P.A. 198, 1974, as amended. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MAPCO, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, P.A. 198, 1974, as amended** WHEREAS, Pursuant to Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton has the authority to establish an Industrial Development District within the Charter Township of Canton; and, WHEREAS, the property owner has requested the establishment of the MAPCO Industrial Development District on property herein described which is located within the unincorporated territory of the Township; and, WHEREAS, construction, acquisition, alteration, or installation of a proposed facility has not commenced at the time of filing the request to establish this district; and, WHEREAS, written notice has been given by mail to all owners of real property located within the district and to the public by newspaper advertisement in the Canton Observer and/or published posting of the hearing on the establishment of the district; and, WHEREAS, on January 11, 2005, a public hearing was held at which all owners of real property within the proposed industrial Development District and all residents and taxpayers of Canton were afforded an opportunity to be heard thereon; and, WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Canton deems it to be in the public interest of the Charter Township of Canton to establish the MAPCO Industrial Development District as proposed. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that the following described parcels of land situated in the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, to wit: Parcel 4 of Tax I.D. #128-99-0005-701: Part of the S.E. 1/4 of Section 32, T2 S., R.8 E., Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, more particularly described as beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 32, distant South 87 degrees 32 minutes 28 seconds West 471.72 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 32, and proceeding thence South 88 degrees 09 minutes 00 seconds West 536.06 feet, along the South line of said Section 32; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East 309.99 feet; thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 277.52 feet; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East 65.24 feet; thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 257.85 feet; thence South 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds West 348.00 feet, along the center line of Beck Road to the point of beginning. Containing 4.03 acres. Subject to easements of records, and that part taken, used or deeded to Beck Road. Be and hereby are

established as an Industrial Development District, pursuant to the provisions of Act 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended, to be known as the MAPCO Industrial Development District. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. BUDGET AMENDMENT - GENERAL FUND - COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION. (FBD)** Moved to Item G. 8 **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE FOR MATERIAL SCIENCES CORPORATION. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special use for Material Sciences Corporation. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, Special Use for Material Sciences Corporation WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Marlin Wroubel, has requested special use approval for Material Sciences Corporation to be located on Commerce Drive between I-275 and Hannan Roads, identified as tax EDP #046-99-0008-732; and **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval; and, **WHEREAS,** the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Marlin Wroubel, to conduct the special use for the proposed Material Sciences Corporation subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. **Item 2. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR HAGGERTY MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Haggerty Medical Office Building. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF Canton Township, Site Plan for Haggerty Medical Office Building WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Mike Boggio, has requested site plan approval for the Haggerty Medical Office Building to be located on Haggerty Road between Ford and Cherry Hill Roads, identified as tax EDP #050-01-0004-000; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Mike Boggio, to approve the site plan for the proposed Haggerty Medical Office Building subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item 3. MORRIS/TWP. INITIATED REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the Planning Commission's decision to amend the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan changing the land use designation on parcel nos. 086-99-0002-001 and 086-99-0002-002 Medium-Low Density Residential to Local Shopping (Office use recommended.) Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF FREANCE SOFTWARE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the purchase of Freance Software, from the TDC Group as described on the attached quote, not to exceed \$5,750. This purchase was included in the 2005 budget and funds are available in the Planning Services Capital line item, account #101-853-977-0000. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF NEW CARPET FOR SUMMIT ON THE PARK** Motion by Bennett, supported by Caccamo to approve the purchase and replacement of carpet at Summit on the Park by Professional Commercial Services, Inc., 34201 Industrial Road, Livonia, MI 48150, in the amount of \$8,290.70 and to charge the expense to the Community Center Fund Capital Outlay - Buildings Account #208-757-975-0000, Item #1. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 6. REQUEST APPROVAL OF EQUIPMENT UNDER HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of 30 prep radios and equipment from Motorola for the amount of \$29,269.50 (account no. 101-860-977-1600), to be purchased through the Homeland Security Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 7. REQUEST APPROVAL TO INSTALL NEW CEILING TILES IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve contracting Innovative Ceilings, Inc. to install new ceiling tiles in the Public Safety facility for a cost of \$43,841. I further move to add this contract item to the capital budget and approve the following budget amendment in the Police Fund for this contract. Motion carried unanimously. **Increase Revenues:** Appropriation from Fund Balance #207-000-699-0000 \$43,841 **Increase Appropriations:** Capital Outlay #207-301-977-0000 \$43,841 The budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$12,900,709 to \$12,944,550. **Item 8. BUDGET AMENDMENT - GENERAL FUND - COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to provide funding for building monitors at the Administration Building during evening meeting hours. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Caccamo Motion carried. **Increase Revenues:** Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$7,500 **Increase Appropriations:** Part-time/seasonal wages-Community Svc. #101-250-706-0000 \$7,500 This budget amendment increases the Community Services Division budget from \$330,852 to \$338,352, and the General Fund budget from \$27,394,087 to \$27,401,587. Motion by Caccamo to table discussion for further investigation to find funds for hall monitors elsewhere. Supervisor Yack asked for a second, no second, motion failed. **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated that the administration offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2005 and employees will participate in Staff Development Day and that Board Members are welcome to attend. There will be a Study Session on the Firearms Ordinance amendment on Tuesday, January 18, 2005. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. -- Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site after Board

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# Chief icers sink Sailors, 9-1

Mike Kondratek had a hat-trick and a pair of assists to lead Canton to a 9-1 victory over Grand Rapids South Christian Saturday afternoon. The Chiefs improved to 8-3-1 while Sailors dropped to 0-8.

"We played well," said Canton coach Mike Behen. "South Christian played hard right to the end, but we kind of dominated."

The Chiefs outshot their hosts, 41-8.

Joining Kondratek with strong offensive efforts were Brad Barath (two goals), Reece McCabe (three assists) and Bryan Wioncek (two assists).

Senior goalie Jon Bonham picked up the victory between the pipes, shutting out the Sailors over the first two periods. Freshman Kevan Swanberg played the final period in net for the Chiefs.

**Livonia Stevenson 3, Plymouth 2:** The Wildcats played the perennially strong Spartans tough Saturday night before falling one goal short.

"I was proud of the way the team battled against a very talented Livonia Stevenson team," said Plymouth coach Mike Kaput. "They have a lot of team speed and their puck movement is excellent."

The Spartans jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead before Plymouth's Billy Gauthier scored with 33 seconds remaining in the first period to cut the deficit in half.

Following a scoreless second period, Stevenson scored early in the third to go up 3-1. Brandon Winowiecki lit the

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lamp with 1:20 left in the game to finish off the scoring for the Wildcats.

Justin Desilets played well between the pipes for Plymouth.

**Plymouth 8, Walled Lake Northern 4:** Nick Rosochacki and John Knoerl both tallied two goals and two assists to lead the Wildcats over the Knights Friday afternoon. The victory improved Plymouth to 5-7 overall and 2-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Josh Dillon also had a strong offensive game for the 'Cats, netting three assists.

Billy Gauthier, Jason O'Guinn, Nick Rosochacki and Justin Gilliam also scored goals for the winners, who were bolstered by a strong game in net from goalie Justin Desilets.

**Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook 7, PCS Penguins 2:** The Penguins suffered just their second loss in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League against eight wins and a tie. The Penguins are one of only two unbeaten teams in the league (Grosse Pointe South is the other).

Cranbrooks' Tara Saikarega was the game's first star, scoring four goals. Tara Boliard and Adrienne Cercione scored for the Penguins. They were assisted by Emily Patton and Sharla Gillespie.

Both teams recorded 23 shots on goal.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Pre-Pricing Bid Package for District-wide Vertical Unit Ventilators (VUV)**. Bidding documents will be available for pick up at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, on Wednesday, January 19, 2005. Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. can be contacted at (248) 427-8400. Sealed bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClelland Educational Center, RE: VUV Bid, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 1:30 p.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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## PCA spikers sweep Zoe in 3

Plymouth Christian Academy's volleyball team improved to 4-7 overall and 2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 25-21, 25-19, 25-18 victory over Warren Zoe Christian Tuesday night. Zoe slipped to 1-2 in the MIAC.

The Eagles faulted on just three serves in the three-game sweep.

Senior Kelli Feiler (12 kills, 15 digs and three blocks), junior Kelsie Tietjen (five kills, seven digs, nine blocks and 20 service points) and junior Bre Ruark (five kills, 19 digs and 10 service points) led the Eagles.

The Eagles travel to Oakland Christian Tuesday night.

### SC ousts Agape

Southfield Christian upended Agape Christian in four games — 25-14, 22-25, 25-16, 25-17 — Tuesday night in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference match played at Canton's Discovery Middle School.

"We were streaky tonight," said Agape coach Justine Pummill, whose team dropped to 1-5 overall. "We would get the lead and then lose it. We served well tonight, but we need to cover the floor better and improve our passing."

The Wolverines were paced by Danielle Henry (10 service points, eight assists and 12 digs) and A.J. Creps, who tallied five aces and seven kills.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Learn to skate

Starting Saturday, Jan. 29, the Arctic Edge will offer eight weeks of learn-to-skate sessions, 30 minutes each with 15 minutes of free time. Classes are grouped by age and ability.

Tot Time starts Tuesday, Feb. 1, or Thursday, Feb. 3.

All sessions offered are eight weeks in length, 30 minutes each, with 15 minutes of free time. Kids ages 3-and-a-half to 6 are eligible to participate.

You can pick up registration forms at the Summit on the Park and at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, 46615 Michigan Ave. (west of Canton Center Rd.).

For more information, including levels of instruction, private lessons, teams and competitive opportunities, call (734) 487-7777.

### Little League info

Spring registration for the Canton Little League will be held from 1-5 p.m. 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](http://www.cantonlittleleague.net) or e-mail questions to [cantonlittleleague@wowway.com](mailto:cantonlittleleague@wowway.com).

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digs and 14 service points. Fellow senior Molly Conlon also shined, picking up six kills, 20 digs and 15 service points, four of which were aces.

"Molly's serve is tough to handle," Perrin said. "When it's going good, the ball moves seven to eight feet to the left, so it's difficult to return."

"We ride Laura's arm a lot. She was a real force out there tonight, leading us in kills and digs. She had an exceptional match."

Conlon's serves were especially effective during the middle stages of Game 3 when she strung together seven consecutive points to turn an 8-7 Chiefs deficit into

a 15-8 lead.

Canton jumped out to the lead when it won the opener, 25-12. Behind the serving of senior Stephanie Price, the Chiefs bolted to a 5-0 advantage and never looked back. Franklin juniors Trisha Morrill and Jaleece Lavine played well in defeat in Game 1.

The visiting Chiefs led 6-3 in Game 2 before Franklin's Ashley Bonsall went to work at the service line. The senior setter served seven straight points to earn the Patriots a 10-6 lead in a game they would go on to win, 25-23. With the game tied at 23-23, Franklin senior Jen Katinsky contributed a kill before junior Melissa Kichak served the game-winning point.

Canton breezed to a 25-18 victory in the third game

behind the serving of Conlon (eight points) and Rachael Beaudoin (four points). Izabela Paszkowska's final-point kill clinched the victory.

Appropriately, *Stayin' Alive* blared over the loudspeakers moments before Game 4 started. And that's what the Patriots did — stayed alive — by earning a thrilling 25-23 victory. With the game tied at 23-23, Franklin tallied the final two points on Megan Kmet's kill and Cassie LaPrairie's ace.

Canton's Paszkowska finished with five kills and four blocks. Other Chiefs standouts included Price (23 assists and 10 digs), Christie Daniels (eight digs and two aces) and Andrea Johnson (15 digs).

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## WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASKETBALL**  
Friday, Jan. 21  
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Wayne Memorial at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
Baptist Park at Agape Christian at Discovery Middle School, 7:30 p.m.  
Roeper at Plymouth Christian, 7 p.m.  
Belleville at Willow Run, 7 p.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING**  
Thursday, Jan. 20  
Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.  
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Dearborn Edsel Ford at Belleville, 7 p.m.

**PREP HOCKEY**  
Friday, Jan. 21  
Bloomfield Hills Combine at Canton at Arctic Edge Arena, 8 p.m.  
PCS Penguins at Ann Arbor Unified, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 22**  
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth at

Compuware Ice Arena, 4:40 p.m.

**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Friday, Jan. 21  
Whalers vs. Barrie (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 22**  
Whalers vs. Sarnia (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Jan. 23**  
Whalers at Mississauga, 2 p.m.

**VOLLEYBALL**  
Thursday, Jan. 20  
W.L. Northern at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Agape Christian at Warren Zoe, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth Christian at Oakland Christian, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 22**  
Salem at Novi Invite, TBD  
Canton at B.H. Lahser Invite, 8 a.m.  
Plymouth and Belleville at Madonna Classic, noon  
Agape Christian at Waterford/Kettering Invite, 8:30 a.m.

**WRESTLING**  
Thursday, Jan. 20  
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 6:30 p.m.  
Northville at Canton, 6:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 22**  
Salem at Williamston Invite, 8:30 a.m.  
Canton at Grosse Pointe North Invite, TBA  
Plymouth at Perry Invite, 8:30 a.m.

**GYMNASTICS**  
Saturday, Jan. 22  
Canton at Farmington Invite, 9 a.m.

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Jan. 22  
Madonna at Concordia, 3 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Wayne Co., 3 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
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# NFL enters a Hollywood dream weekend

Four teams left. Four distinct stories. You could commission every Hollywood screenwriter at last Sunday's Golden Globe Awards and they could never write better material. Starving Lions fans need to take notes here because any of the following scenarios would be more than welcome next season.

The current king of the hill, New England, heads to Pittsburgh for a chance at a third Super Bowl appearance in four years. Only Brett Favre could make a case for being a more efficient cold weather quarterback than Michigan's Tom Brady. He is a perfect 7-0 in the playoffs as the Patriots' QB. Beating Peyton Manning and the Colts last Sunday



Mark Wilson

just adds to his legend.

"I think our defense is what made this game successful," Brady said modestly after the AFC semifinal victory in the snow of Foxboro, Mass.

Yeah and Leonardo DiCaprio can thank his makeup artist for the work he did playing Howard Hughes in *The Aviator*.

There is no doubt that the Pats have an enviable defense. Holding Manning to his worst day of the season is another item on the resume of

defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel. However, as Brady goes, so go the Patriots. Just like 2002, they can win the conference in Pittsburgh.

The Steelers are another story. A 6-10 team just a year ago, a kid from the Mid-American Conference busts onto the NFL scene like Jamie Foxx busted out his performance as Ray Charles. Ben Roethlisberger has yet to lose as Pittsburgh's starting quarterback. That effort doesn't just deserve a Golden Globe; it deserves a Golden Galaxy.

Just getting to the AFC championship game has to make the rookie out of Miami (Ohio) feel like a movie star, right?

Think again.

"I've got to play better. That was terrible. The game I played is just not going to cut it," Roethlisberger said after the Steelers beat the Jets thanks to a pair of missed Doug Brien field goals in the final two minutes.

He hasn't lost a game and he is that humble. Geez, call 30crose. This guy is too good to be true.

Then again, we keep saying the same thing about Brady. The guy with the million-dollar smile and actress/model girlfriends against the hard-nosed rookie playing in the Steel City. They have one thing in common. Both just keep on winning. Something has to give this Sunday.

Meanwhile, over in the NFC, it'll be the battle of the legs. As much as

Hollywood digs its love stories, this battle of legs isn't quite as sexy. Michael Vick's legs try to get Atlanta to the Super Bowl in a "rebuilding year."

The Falcons had the same record as the Lions in 2003, 5-11. Throw in four preseason losses and you have one franchise in disarray. Vick had missed a bulk of the year and new owner Arthur Blank canned his coach. Steve Mariucci assistant Jim Mora Jr. was brought in and the thought was a good three years would be needed to right the ship.

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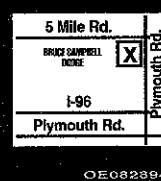
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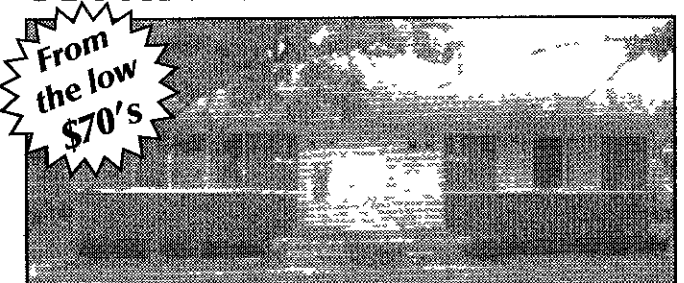
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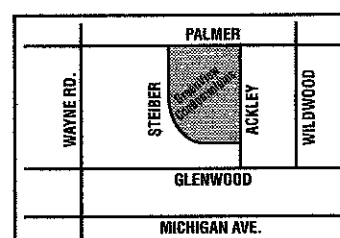
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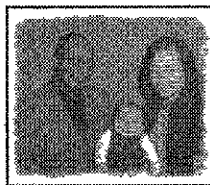
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One of Gospel music's most popular artists, The Dixie Melody Boys, will be featured in concert on Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 29-30 at Liberty Baptist Church, Belleville. The concert on Saturday will begin at 7 p.m., Sunday's services at 11 a.m. and 1:30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

### Conference

A 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 information, 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](http://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.

### 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. Irenaeus 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.

## UPCOMING

### Classical Bells concert

Birmingham-First Concert Series presents the professional handbell ensemble Classical Bells 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, program includes music written specifically for bells as well as arrangements of familiar tunes, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, between Cranbrook and Southfield roads. A meet the artists reception follows the program. No charge. A free will offering will be collected to benefit future events in the series. Call (248) 644-2040, ext. 136.

### Caring Ministry Workshop

8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church hosts a Stephen Series Caring Ministry Workshop designed to enhance the caregiving skills of participants and help congregations organize a caring ministry system. The cost is \$15 per person or \$50 for groups of four or more from the same congregation. For more information or to register, call Rev. Bob Bayer at (734) 522-6830 or online at [www.caringministry.org](http://www.caringministry.org).

### God Is Crazy About You

Christian recording artist, songwriter and comedian Mark Lowry brings the God Is Crazy About You Tour 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 to Highland Park Baptist Church, Detroit. Lowry, who has spent the past 25 years on the road, has recorded six comedy and music videos, four of which have reached Gold status, with two additional recordings achieving Platinum recognition. He has been featured on more than 60 of the popular Gaither Homecoming Videos, and his own video, "On Broadway." All seats are general admission. To charge tickets by phone, call 1-800-965-9324. For information, call (248) 577-4070 or online at [www.premierproductions.com](http://www.premierproductions.com) or [www.marklowry.com](http://www.marklowry.com).

### 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](http://www.forgivenwarriors.com).

### Worship Technologies Workshop

Learn about the science behind worship technologies at a workshop 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, learn about the equipment and technologies, mixing sound and drums, video camera operation, lighting basics, and putting it all together in a worship service, at Orchard Grove Community Church, 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake. Cost is \$15 advance, \$20 at door. For class descriptions and registration, visit [www.reinforcement.com](http://www.reinforcement.com) or call (248) 477-4859.

## 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 separated 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 Geri (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 multimedia 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.

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### 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.



### MARILYN JEAN ANDERSON

Age 53, of Plymouth, died January 18, 2005. She was born December 5, 1951, in Detroit. She came to the Plymouth community in 1973, from Livonia. She was a bookkeeper for Data Supplies in Plymouth. She was a member of the Hines Court Club in Plymouth. She was a former PTO President at Allen School in Plymouth. She enjoyed creating stained glass, as well as teaching others the art. She also loved to read. She was a loving mother, daughter, sister, and friend. She is survived by her son, Nick; her mother, Pearl Terrill; her brothers and sisters, Bill (Linda) Terrill, Rick Terrill, Lori Terrill, David (Judy) Terrill, and Ellen (Robert) Kain; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors. She is preceded in death by her husband, James. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Friday 12 noon. Visitation Thursday 2 - 9 p.m. Memorials may be made to U of M Cancer Research.

### MARY ROSE (FRICKER) HAUSMAN

age 75 of Plymouth, Michigan, passed peacefully into eternal life January 15, 2005 after a courageous battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP). Beloved wife of Richard, dear mother of Ann (Doug) Happe, Jeff (Janice), Lisa (Bob Rouse) and Greg (Katie) Grandmother of eight cherished grandchildren Kristen, David, Ethan, Eric, Theresa, Andrew, Rachel and Joseph, and many loving and caring family members and friends. Visitation Thursday 4-9pm at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (btwn. Sheldon & Beck) Rosary Thursday at 7pm. A mass in celebration of Mary Rose's life will be held at 10:30 am on Friday, January 21 at Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton; In State 10am. Memorial contributions to the Society for PSP, Woodholme Medical Building Ste 515, 1838 Greene Tree Rd, Baltimore, MD 21208 or Angela Hospice.

### EILEEN POTT

From Birmingham, MI. Born February 22, 1922, Died January 12, 2005. Born in Olney (Bucks) England. Lived in Birmingham for 50 years. Eileen was married to a Serviceman in the U.S. Air Force during WWII and came to the United States in 1946. She was a Saleslady at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy for over 25 yrs. She attended public schools in England and a Graduate of a Nursing School in London, England. Member of The First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. She is survived by one daughter Margaret (David) Bayne of Harbor Springs, Michigan. Two sons David J. (Sally) Pott of Bonita Springs, Florida and Burt Lake, Michigan and James A. Pott of Muskegon, Michigan. One Brother: Thomas Whinnett of England. Memorial service to be held at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple on Friday, January 21, 2005 at 11AM. Officiating The Reverend Dr. William A. Ritter. Memorial Tributes may be made to: The First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009

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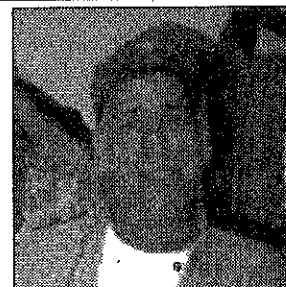
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### OLIVE JEANNE METTETAL

Age 81, of Plymouth, died January 10, 2005. She was born August 26, 1923, in Plymouth. She is survived by her husband, Robert; her children, Nancy (Gary) Pride, Robert J. Mettetal II, Steven Ross Mettetal, and Suzanne Rae Schreiber; her grandchildren, Nathan Pride, Matthew (Linda) Pride, Ian Mettetal, Frank R. Schreiber, and Christi Schreiber; her great-grandchildren, Austin, Kristine, Joe, and Matt; her sisters, Helen Wallace, Catherine Sherrick, and Doris Close; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her grandsons, Yale Douglas Mettetal and Keith Richard Mettetal. Memorial service at the Kirk of Our Savior, 36660 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, Saturday, January 22, 11am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. (734) 453-3333

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends



### PAUL WILLIAM ZUBER

Age 52, formerly of Redford Twp., MI died January 3 rd., 2005, at his home in Carthage, Tenn. He was born November 18th., 1952 in Detroit MI. to Joseph and RoseAnna Zuber. Paul served 4 yrs. in the US Marine Corp., and was a Painter by Trade. He is survived by his daughter Jennifer Zarro of Troy, MI. his sister Thelma Woodruff of North Branch MI., his brother Thomas and wife Darlene Zuber of Mikado, MI, his sister Theresa and husband Gary Truba of Lapeer, MI, and 8 nieces and nephews. Paul was preceded in death by his parents Joseph Zuber and Roseanna (Zuber) White, his brother Edward Zuber, Joseph Zuber. A memorial Service will be held on Saturday January 22 at 11:00 am at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, located at 10 mile Rd. and Beech Daly in Southfield MI.

### 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. 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.



### THOMAS P. MOORE II

January 14, 2005 Age 68. Beloved husband of Beverly (nee. Rizzo). Dear father of Anne Rogers (Scott), Tom (Kristine), M. Elizabeth, Patrick (Jane) and Matt (Elizabeth). Also survived by 10 grandchildren. Brother of Mary Ann "Tink" Henneghan (Bill). Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, Jan. 18 at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opydyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Memorials tributes to St. Vincent de Paul Camps, 2929 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home 248-549-0500. Obituary at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

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## Aquinas stops MU

Aquinas College dominated action around the rim Monday night on its way to an 86-69 victory over Madonna University in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball game played at the Aquinas Fieldhouse in Grand Rapids.

The Saints outscored the Crusaders, 46-20, in the paint and outrebounded MU, 42-27, to improve their record to 14-7 overall and 4-0 in the WHAC. Madonna slipped to 5-14 and 0-3.

Led by Derek Douglas' 17 points, five Aquinas players scored in double figures. Damien Mayo (15), Tom Kuslikis (15), Jeff Jayson (12) and Aaron Alsgaard (12) also contributed to the winners' balanced attack.

Mike McKeever paced the Crusaders' offensive output,

netting 19. Noel Emenhiser chipped in with 14 and Danny Lezotte twined nine.

Aquinas, which led 46-34 at the half, shot a blistering 58.3 percent from the field compared to MU's 38.3.

On Saturday, the Crusaders ran past Davenport University, 99-78, in a game played in Grand Rapids to snap a five-game losing streak.

The loss dropped Davenport to 2-18.

Emenhiser was an offensive force for the Crusaders, pouring in 27 points. Joe Kofahl had 12 and freshman Charlie Henry (Canton Agape Christian) chipped in with 10.

James Allen did all he could to keep the hosts in the game, scoring 36 points. Clark Rowekamp tallied 15 for Davenport.

## Grand theft: Lady Ocelots steal mark

A 54-point onslaught in the first half settled things early Saturday, as the host Schoolcraft College women's basketball team embarrassed Macomb Community College by a 95-33 score.

Schoolcraft registered 35 steals to establish a new school record, sparking the team's lopsided Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference victory.

The win improved Schoolcraft's record to 14-3 overall, 5-0 in the MCCA.

With the defeat, Macomb dropped to 2-10 overall, 0-4 in league play.

In the first half, the Lady Ocelots hit nearly 50 percent of their field-goal attempts (25-of-51 for 49 percent) while holding the Monarchs to a paltry 16 attempts.

With the issue pretty much decided by intermission, Schoolcraft's lineup featured 11 players — of who 10 scored at least three points.

Westland John Glenn alum and sophomore center Sara

Tyree led the Lady Ocelots with 20 points and eight rebounds.

Also scoring in double digits for Schoolcraft were freshman forward Charlese Greer (19 points, eight rebounds) and freshman guard Erika Mims (12 points).

Macomb forward Mattie Taylor scored 12 points.

**MADONNA 79, DAVENPORT 75:** On Saturday, six triples by senior guard Jackie Pingston (26 points) helped Madonna University (9-10) triumph over host Davenport University in Grand Rapids.

The non-league game was close throughout, with the Crusaders nursing a 38-37 halftime lead.

Pingston, from Dearborn Divine Child, wasn't alone making offensive contributions for Crusaders.

Tallying 18 points was junior center Sarah Thomson, while sophomore forward Kassi Jacob added 12. Freshman Martina Franklin (Redford Union) added nine.

Davenport, 11-7 overall, kept close on the strong play of forwards Jennifer Rausch (21 points) and Shannon Callaghan (15 points).

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## Side dish

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Last year, s'mores and banana boats topped the list that included campfire potatoes, an omelet cooked in a freezer bag, cookstove pizza and barbecue ribs.

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# Big plans



Michael Trombley, executive chef at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth and certified executive chef, prepares osso buco.

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## Chef works on new kitchens, new column

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK | STAFF WRITER

Michael Trombley credits his mother with helping draw him into cooking with traditional home-cooked meals of tuna casserole and pork chops.

Once Trombley saw how more extravagant foods like lobster and crab legs were prepared at his first restaurant job (a dishwasher at Terry's Terrace in Mount Clemens), he was hooked.

"I was a kid who hated spinach and broccoli," Trombley said. "But I totally did a 180-degree turn."

Trombley, a certified executive chef, has worked in kitchens from Essence in Northville to the former Golden Mushroom in Southfield. Today, he is an executive chef at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth Township, revising the menu at the Mission Grille, creating a menu for the new hotel and devising new kitchen layouts at the hotel and the center.

Trombley also will write a monthly column for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. (See related column.)

Trombley, a Northville resident, was hired at St. John's in October. He worked as an executive chef at Barton Hills Country Club in Ann Arbor, the Golden Mushroom and Oak Pointe Country Club in Brighton, Cousins Heritage Inn in Dexter and Restaurant One23 in Grosse Pointe Farms, and as a director of operations and chef at Essence.

Trombley is currently the second vice president of the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine and also an



Trombley's osso buco is one of his favorite braised dishes.

adjunct professor in the Culinary Arts Department at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Trombley calls his cooking "eclectic" and has experience in healthy style cooking, upscale haute cuisine and cooking for the masses. "I prefer light, healthy foods myself," Trombley said.

### BRAISED VEAL SHANKS (Osso Buco)

8 1/2-inch sliced veal shanks  
2 ounces olive oil  
3 cloves of garlic  
2 sprigs of thyme  
1 cup julienne white onions  
1/2 cup carrots, large dice (or parsnips)  
1/2 cup celery, large dice,  
1/2 cup dried tomatoes  
1 cup red wine (semi dry)  
1 cup low-sodium beef broth  
Salt and pepper, to taste

Heat oven to 325° F. (When oven is hot, also heat your heavy gauge pan that has a tight lid.)

Season the veal lightly. Add oil to pan. Brown veal on all sides. (If pan is too hot, adjust temperature.)

Add vegetables, garlic and thyme and sweat (cook at low temperature) for 2-3 minutes. Add stock and red wine, then cover and place in oven and cook for approximately 2 hours.

After 1 1/2 hours, add the dried tomatoes.

Check for tenderness. If meat is tender, pull veal and vegetables out. Reduce sauce to thick consistency.

Taste and season if necessary. Place veal and vegetables back in to pan to re-warm and serve.

## Braised foods taste great

When I think of the word braise, a lot of ideas come to mind.

I enjoy cooking this way because it reminds me of homey comfort food. It also reminds me of cooking in a professional kitchen.

Braising is simple.

This cooking method began in heavy pots called "braisiere," a heavy-gauge vessel in which one would heat and brown a tougher cut of meat in animal fat. Mirepoix vegetables (carrots, onions and celery) were added, along with water and sometimes stock. This vessel was closed tightly and placed in hot coals for several hours until the meat was rendered tender.

I am happy to say it is now a little easier to braise. You still need that heavy pot or pan with a lid, but we don't need the coal (just use an oven) to accomplish this.

If you choose to braise, keep in mind several valuable ideas.

Though animal fat is best for flavor, olive oil can be used for both some flavor and health concerns. The vegetables don't have to be just mirepoix, but any of a merit of others, including parsnips, which can replace carrots for a similar, but unique, flavor. Most grocery stores carry these items.

But don't be afraid to try other types of vegetables that you may not have considered, such as dried tomatoes. (You know, the kind in the plastic bag that you couldn't saw through if you tried.) As long as these tomatoes aren't 20 years old, they are packed with flavor. Add them a half hour before the end of the cooking process. (I would say "Bammi!" but someone stole that.)

Just make sure the ingredients are compatible with whatever recipe you are preparing.

When you have chosen your ingredients and are ready to proceed, have all of your prep work done ahead of time.

Peel and cut your carrots and place them in a bowl. Pull the skin off your onions, cut them and reserve them, too.

What you want to achieve is almost a systematic routine and not just this recipe, but for all the cooking you may do. By prepping earlier, you will be able to cut your total cook time in half.

Look for Michael Trombley's column on the third Thursday of the month in Taste.

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## Find a better balance on your plate

Obesity in the United States has become a public health issue. In response, the American Institute for Cancer Research is recommending that Americans shift the proportions as well as the portions on their plates.

The AICR recommends a plate with two-thirds or more vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans and one-third or less of animal protein.

Research suggests that a diet rich in vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans will have both short-term and

long-term benefits. It can help with weight management and impede the process that leads to cancer. Natural plant substances, called phytochemicals, have been shown to have cancer-fighting properties. So the AICR recommends increasing the intake of fruits and vegetables while cutting back on animal fats.

For example, research has shown that American diets are overloaded with omega-6 fats and deficient in omega-3 fats, a condition that has been linked to increased cancer

risk.

Omega-6 fats are found in vegetable oils such as corn, safflower, sunflower and soybean oil. They are often used in processed snacks, baked products and commercial salad dressings.

Cold-water fish are the best dietary source of omega-3 fatty acids, but recent concerns about toxins in some fish have confused many people who are looking to get more omega-3s into their diet. One



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A stir-fry of kale and carrots is an attractive, colorful dish with a hearty nutritional punch.

PLEASE SEE BALANCE, D4



# Savor the slow-cooked meal

BY DANA JACOBI  
CORRESPONDENT

Braising is one-pot cooking that is tenderizing, aromatic, incredibly flavorful and easy. Technically, it means cooking food, with just a little liquid and tightly covered, over low heat for a long time.

Braising differs from stewing, which uses lots of liquid and can be done in an uncovered pot. It does not produce the seductively intense sauces you get from braising.

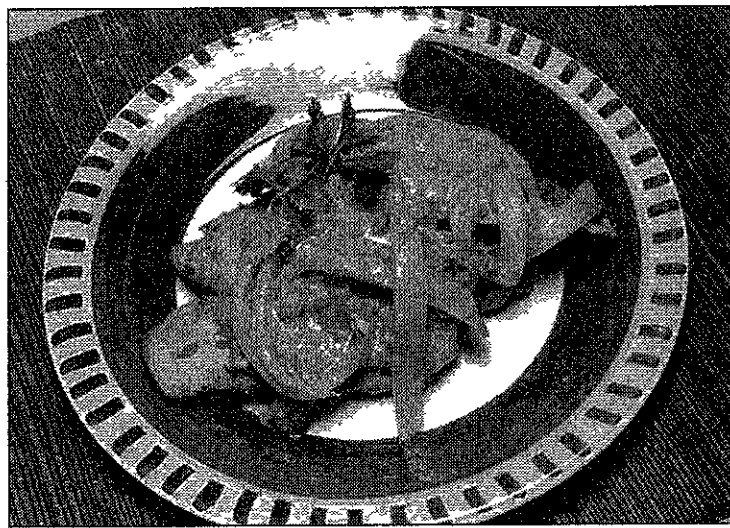
Because it tenderizes, braising is ideal for today's leaner, often tough cuts of meat, especially the less expensive ones. The moist heat is also ideal for making skinless poultry as succulent as possible. In fact, a recent cookbook, *In Praise of Braising*, by Molly Stevens, recommends short braising, which takes, at most, an hour of untended simmering, perfect for both poultry and fish because of its ability to infuse them with deep flavor.

The best pot for braising is heavy, ideally made of cast iron, enameled or not, or stainless steel-clad aluminum, both of which conduct heat slowly and evenly and work both on top of the stove and in

the oven. A tight-fitting lid holds in the braising liquid along with the juices, so as the food cooks their flavors can mingle and concentrate. Use a pot that holds what you are cooking snugly. Placing a sheet of cooking parchment or foil between the pot and lid can assure a good seal if a lid does not.

Two of the best braised dishes I know are Shanghai red-cooked pork and Greek green beans simmered with tomatoes. Most of the braised dishes you know probably have foreign origins, from coq au vin - French - and osso bucco - Italian - to pot roast, which was Americanized from French boeuf à la mode and German sauerbraten.

Many Indian dishes are braised, including this one. It uses onions two ways - puréed in a spicy sauce, and sliced to cook on top of the chicken. Draining the yogurt first before it is stirred into the sauce at the end makes this dish creamier. I suggest using a Greek- or Turkish-style yogurt. Thicker and richer, even when reduced-fat or fat-free, they have become increasingly available at supermarkets.



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This Indian-style dish uses onions two ways - puréed in a spicy sauce, and sliced to cook on top of the chicken.

## INDIAN-STYLE BRAISED CHICKEN

1 container (6 ounces) low-fat plain yogurt, preferably Greek-style  
1 medium yellow onion, coarsely chopped  
½ cup orange juice  
1 tablespoon grated or finely chopped ginger  
2-3 garlic cloves  
1 teaspoon ground coriander  
½ teaspoon turmeric  
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper  
4 skinless and boneless chicken breasts or thighs  
1 tablespoon canola oil  
Salt and white pepper, to taste  
1 Spanish onion, quartered and sliced thinly

Place the yogurt into a fine strainer lined with a paper towel and let drain while preparing the other ingredients. (The yogurt

can also be drained overnight, if refrigerated.)

In a blender or food processor, purée the onion, garlic, ginger, coriander, turmeric, cayenne pepper and orange juice. Set aside.

Heat the oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Brown the chicken on all sides, about 8 minutes. Season chicken with salt and pepper to taste and transfer to a plate.

Reduce heat to medium. Carefully pour the puréed mixture into the pan to avoid splatters. Bring it to a simmer. Return the chicken to the pan.

Cover tightly and simmer gently 15 minutes.

Turn chicken, cover, and continue to simmer. When chicken is almost done, add onions, cover and simmer until the meat is thoroughly cooked through. Place the chicken on a serving plate and cover with foil to keep warm.

Turn off heat under skillet to allow mixture to cool slightly. Stir in the drained yogurt.

Reduce heat to low and continue stirring until mixture is hot, taking care not to let it boil or the sauce will separate.

Spoon the mixture over the chicken and serve.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 237 calories, 6 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 15 g. carbohydrate, 31 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 115 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is author of *The Joy of Soy*.



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Pomegranate juice, excellent in this vinaigrette for spinach salad, also helps create a tempting dessert when drizzled over berries and other fruits.

## Pomegranates: Culinary jewels made easy

BY DANA JACOBI  
CORRESPONDENT

Pomegranates are the fruit of the moment. Thanks to their health benefits, the burst of culinary creativity they inspire, plus marketing promotions, this jewel-like fruit is receiving the attention it well deserves.

Recent scientific studies report the various good effects pomegranates can produce, thanks to their abundance of vitamin C, heart-benefiting polyphenols, and high levels of flavonoids, antioxidants that also seem to protect against heart disease and cancer. Evidently, drinking pomegranate juice can be better for you than consuming red wine, green tea, or cranberry and orange juice.

Chefs are using fresh pomegranate seeds, pomegranate juice, and even more intensely flavored pomegranate molasses in a feast of ways. Menus with media appeal feature salads with its succulent, ruby seeds scattered over them.

Pomegranate-enhanced main dishes and desserts also sparkle with these seeds. Using fresh pomegranates can be messy. The juice that can spurt out as you pry out the seeds can stain clothes. But there are tricks that help. Place a strainer or colander in a bowl and set it in the sink. Hold the pomegranate so the cut side is facing down. Pull the seeds from the fruit's leathery skin and let them drop into the colander. Then detach the seeds from the membrane holding them in place.

Fresh pomegranates have a short season that runs from September to December. Fortunately, savvy producers now offer pomegranate juice at local supermarkets as well as natural foods markets. And pomegranate molasses, gener-

ally found only in Middle Eastern groceries, is now more easily available as well. The juice is perfect in savory dishes as well as delicious to drink.

The molasses, made by reducing juice and sugar to a thick syrup that is pleasantly tart and astringent, is interesting added to tomato or citrus sauces. Pomegranate juice, excellent in this vinaigrette for spinach salad, also helps create a tempting dessert when drizzled over berries and other fruits.

## SPINACH SALAD WITH GRAPEFRUIT, AVOCADO AND POMEGRANATE VINAIGRETTE

1 cup pomegranate juice  
½ teaspoon sugar  
½ teaspoon salt  
½ teaspoon balsamic vinegar  
1 teaspoon canola oil  
6 packed cups baby spinach leaves, stem removed  
1 pink grapefruit, cut into sections  
½ medium avocado, cut lengthwise into 12 slices  
1 cup jicama, cut in ½-inch cubes  
4 thin slices red onion

Over high heat, boil the pomegranate juice in a small stainless steel or other non-reactive saucepan until reduced to ½ cup, about 9 or 10 minutes. Mix in the sugar, salt, vinegar and oil and set aside to cool.

Divide the spinach among four salad plates.

Top each with one fourth of the grapefruit sections, 3 avocado slices, one-fourth of the jicama, and an onion slice. Spoon the warm dressing over the salad, and serve. Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 92 calories, 3 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 15 g. carbohydrate, 1 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 220 mg. sodium.

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This dish also has the red and green of the season and black beans, combining everything you could want to welcome a healthy, prosperous New Year.

## Beans, rice combine in this salad

BY DANA JACOBI  
CORRESPONDENT

Interest in financial wealth and getting the year off to a healthy start come together in one food in particular — beans. Dishes made with an abundance of beans, a legume, is traditional in our South and Southwest, particularly Hoppin' John, a combination of black-eyed peas and rice.

In the Caribbean, rice and beans are also important, including the Cuban dish called Moors and Christians, with black beans representing the dark-skinned Moors (Ottoman Turks) and white rice the Christians.

For many Italians, eating lentils, another legume, is important because their round shape and color resemble that of coins.

Color also signals prosperity in yellow rice by evoking the color of gold. In the following recipe, it comes from curry powder and turmeric. This dish also has the red and green of the season and black beans,

combining everything you could want for a healthy, prosperous year.

### YELLOW RICE AND BLACK BEAN SALAD

- 1 can (14.5 ounces) fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 cup brown rice
- ½ teaspoon chipotle chile powder, or red pepper flakes
- ½ teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 can (15-ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 small green bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 medium red onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- ½ cup cilantro leaves, for garnish

Heat ½ cup of the broth in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook 2

minutes or until the garlic softens. Add the remaining broth, rice, chile powder and turmeric. Pour in ½ cup water. When the liquid comes to a boil, reduce the heat, cover and simmer 45 minutes, or until the rice is tender. Remove from heat and let the rice sit, covered, for 5 minutes. Fluff the rice with a fork and turn it into a large mixing bowl.

When the rice is cooled to room temperature, add the beans, bell peppers and the onion.

In a small bowl, combine the lime juice, curry powder, salt and sugar. Whisk in the oil, drizzle the dressing over the rice and beans, tossing with a fork until blended. Arrange on a serving platter, sprinkle on the cilantro and serve. Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 200 calories, 2 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 37 g. carbohydrate, 8 g. protein, 6 g. dietary fiber, 542 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi is a writer for the American Institute for Cancer Research and author of The Joy of Soy.

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## PLANS

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"As people become more focused on eating foods, I like to focus on fresh ingredients, using herbs, and things like lemon juice and olive oil," Trombley said.

Trombley is busy at his new job at St. John's, planning new kitchens in an 80-seat hotel restaurant and ballroom and drawing up menus for both the conference center and the planned hotel at St. John's.

Trombley said Japanese cuisine was one of his favorites, until he went in Orlando and rediscovered French cuisine at

the Epcot Center's International Cafe. (French cuisine is not considered one of the popular trendy cuisines by some food critics.) "There was so much of it there, that I thought 'French cuisine couldn't possibly be dead.' It kind of pulled me back up," Trombley said.

Diners are becoming more

international in their tastes, Trombley said. "People are becoming much more educated with the Food Network," Trombley said.

That's what Trombley hopes to do with his column: educate readers and food lovers.

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## RECIPES

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### DUCK OF ANOTHER FEATHER

So you say you're tired of the chicken?!

Try something a little different. All of you hunters out there can do the same. This recipe works on the mild domesticated duck as well as the full flavored wild kind.

- 4 to 6 duck legs, depending on size
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh garlic
- 1 white onion or shallot, cut julienne
- 2 small carrots, cut on an angle
- 1 cup red wine (pinot noir, Burgundy maybe merlot)

- 1 cup low-sodium chicken stock
- 2 whole allspice (if ground, use a pinch) or 1 clove
- 1 sprig of fresh thyme or (1/2 teaspoon dried)
- 4 slices of bacon, cut into 1-inch slices

Heat a skillet or braising pan until hot and cook bacon until crisp.

Pull bacon out of pan and adjust heat (if needed) then add seasoned duck legs (salt and pepper) and brown on all sides.

When duck is brown, add garlic, onions, carrot, bay leaves, allspice and sweat for 4-5 minutes. Care should be taken to not burn the garlic.

Add fresh thyme, red wine and cover halfway with chicken stock.

Bring up to a simmer, cover and place in to a 325°F oven.

Cook until tender (each type

of duck will differ on time).

Strain ingredients and reduce sauce to coat the braise. You may keep items hot by placing them in the oven at 165°F. When sauce is reduced, season with salt and pepper and adjust, if needed.

Note: What is the not-so-healthy cure for a harsh sauce? Well it's unsalted whole butter. Enjoy!

### BRAISED WINTER GREENS

When you think of braise, step out of the origin it came from originally. Now consider other items such as our winter greens which are great for cold wintry days like we see this time every year.

- 1 head of Belgium endive, coreless and cut on an angle in to 2-inch pieces
- 4 cups fresh baby spinach

- 1 head of radicchio, cut julienne
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1/2 cup julienne white onion
- 2 ounces extra virgin olive oil
- 1 pinch of hot pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- Salt and pepper to taste

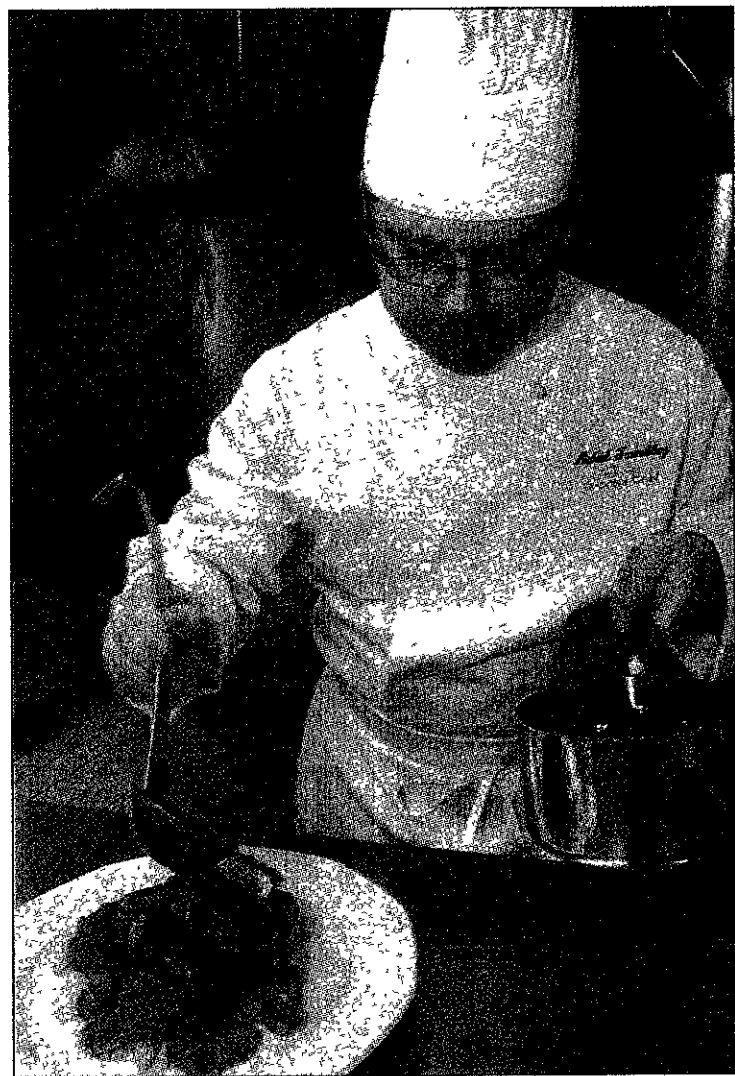
Heat a non-reactive skillet or shallow pan until warm.

Add olive oil and garlic, sweat 1 minute and add the onion. Add the endive and radicchio, cover pan and turn down heat.

When the items have extruded some water and are slightly wilted, add the spinach and red pepper. If all the greens are almost limp, add the chicken stock to cover 1/4 of the way over the greens. (if too moist, add less!)

Season and taste.

You may serve this immediately or cover, remove from heat and serve later. If you serve it more than 30 minutes later, re-heat it.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Trombley puts the final touches on his dish of osso buco.

## BALANCE

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solution is to add plant foods that contain omega-3s. These include green leafy vegetables such as kale, spinach and broccoli.

Cruciferous vegetables such as these are rich in antioxidants and a group of phytochemicals called dithioliones, which are believed to fight carcinogens and help inhibit the development of

cancer. Another substance found in many cruciferous vegetables, isothiocyanate, is one of the most effective cancer-fighting agents known. Kale, spinach, okra, and collard and mustard greens contain phytochemicals that appear to help ward off macular degeneration and decrease the risk of lung cancer.

Kale, especially, is a nutritional shining star. Not only is it packed with nutrients and phytochemicals, it brings a delicious, spicy flavor to

anything to which it is added.

A member of the cabbage family, kale has a mild flavor and frilly leaves. It is best in the winter, although it's available year round. Choose kale with a rich color and no limp or yellowing leaves. It can be stored in the refrigerator for two or three days. After that, the flavor becomes strong and the leaves become limp.

A stir-fry of kale and carrots is an attractive, colorful dish with a hearty nutritional punch. Carrots are also rich in health-protective substances, including lowered cancer risk.

### STIR-FRIED KALE WITH SLIVERED CARROTS

- 3/4 pounds fresh kale
- Boiling water
- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 2 carrots, peeled and cut in thin, matchstick strips
- 1-2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- Salt and freshly ground black

pepper, to taste  
Pinch cayenne pepper, if desired

Remove stems from kale, including the large spine running through the center of the leaf. Place a few leaves on top of each other and cut into thin strips. Repeat until all the kale is cut. Add kale to a pot of boiling water and boil uncovered 10 minutes. Drain and set aside.

In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add carrots and sauté 2 minutes. Add garlic and sauté 1 more minute. Add coriander, salt and pepper to taste, and cayenne, if using. Cook 15 seconds. Add kale and cook 1-2 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 82 calories, 3 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 13 g. carbohydrate, 3 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 57 mg. sodium.

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# Cook up beef Sauté trout with pecan crust barley soup

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This is a super season for soup — nothing warms and satisfies on a chilly day better than a great bowl of soup. Following is an updated version of a classic beef and barley soup, brimming with savory broth, whole-grain barley, vegetables and beef. Instead of simmering for hours, this soup needs only minutes, given the availability of quick-cooking beef choices, including shoulder-top blade steaks or shoulder-center steak. This meal-in-a-bowl can be ready in just 30 minutes, start to finish. Cutting lean beef into strips shortens cooking time; quick-cooking whole-grain barley replaces the longer-cooking variety, and frozen peas and packaged baby carrots are ready to use. The soup also contains plenty of mushrooms and a savory cooking liquid seasoned with onions and garlic.

## QUICK CLASSIC BEEF BARLEY SOUP

4 teaspoons vegetable oil  
 ½ cup finely chopped onion  
 2 tablespoons minced garlic  
 ½ teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed  
 Two 14- to 16-ounce cans ready-to-serve beef broth  
 2 cups water  
 8 ounces baby carrots (about ¾ cups)  
 8 ounces cremini or button mushrooms, cut into quarters (about 3 cups)  
 1 cup diced red bell pepper  
 ½ cup quick-cooking barley  
 1 pound beef top-sirloin steak, cut ¼-inch thick, or shoulder-top blade steaks (see note)  
 Salt and pepper  
 1 cup frozen peas

Heat 2 teaspoons oil in 4-quart stockpot or saucepan over medium heat until hot. Add onion, 1 tablespoon garlic and the thyme; cook and stir 3 to 5 minutes or until onion is tender. Add broth, water, carrots, mushrooms, bell pepper and barley; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 10 minutes or until barley and vegetables are tender. Meanwhile, cut beef steak lengthwise in half, then crosswise into ½-inch-thick strips. Toss with remaining 1 tablespoon garlic.

Heat 1 teaspoon oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add ½ of beef; stir-fry 3 to 4 minutes for medium-rare to medium doneness. Remove from skillet. Repeat with remaining oil and beef. Season with salt and pepper, as desired.

Add frozen peas to broth mixture; cook, uncovered, 2 minutes or until tender. Season with salt, as desired. Place equal amount of beef strips into 4 serving bowls. Ladle equal amount of broth mixture over beef. Makes 4 servings.

Note: One pound beef shoulder-center steaks cut ¼-inch-thick can be substituted.

Nutrition information per serving, using top sirloin: 394 cal., 35 g pro., 39 g carbo., 12 g fat (3 g saturated fat), 863 mg sodium, 7.3 g fiber, 50 mg chol.

Nutrition information per serving, using shoulder-top blade steaks: 411 cal., 31 g pro., 39 g carbo., 15 g fat (4 g saturated), 866 mg sodium, 7.3 g fiber, 51 mg chol.

Nutrition information per serving, using shoulder-center steak: 385 cal., 32 g pro., 39 g carbo., 12 g fat (3 g saturated), 871 mg sodium, 7.3 g fiber, 57 mg chol.

Recipe for AP courtesy Cattlemen's Beef Board and National Cattlemen's

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here's a simply stylish dinner recipe with a Georgia flavor that will take only about half an hour to make, using fresh trout sautéed in a pecan-bread crumb crust, and served with a buttery sage sauce.

However, it's a flexible dish that allows for variation, says Timothy Magee, executive chef of South City Kitchen in Atlanta, who created the recipe. He suggests that if fresh trout fillets are unavailable, you can substitute any thick, mild-flavored white fish fillet,

such as snapper, halibut or grouper.

Another cook's note: Any leftover pecan-bread crumb mixture can be kept in the freezer to use another time.

## PECAN-CRUSTED MOUNTAIN TROUT WITH BROWN BUTTER SAGE SAUCE

### For the Pecan-Crusted Trout:

1 cup pecan halves, lightly toasted  
 1 cup dry bread crumbs, preferably Japanese-style panko  
 4 trout fillets (7 ounces each)  
 Salt and black pepper to taste

½ cup buttermilk  
 2 tablespoons olive oil

### For the Brown Butter Sage Sauce:

2 tablespoons butter  
 4 sage leaves, chopped  
 Juice of ½ lemon  
 5 tablespoons chicken broth

To make trout: Combine pecans and bread crumbs in food processor and process to medium-fine consistency. Season fillets with salt and pepper; brush flesh side of fillet with buttermilk. Press pecan mixture on top of buttermilk coating to make thick crust. Heat oil in skillet over medium heat; cook

fillets, crust side down, until golden brown, 4 to 5 minutes.

To make sauce: In same skillet trout was cooked in, melt butter over medium heat and allow it to foam.

Just as butter begins to turn brown, whisk in sage, lemon juice and broth. Pour over trout and serve.

Makes 4 main-dish servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 744 cal., 58 g pro., 25 g carbo., 41 g total fat (14 g saturated), 191 mg chol., 3 g fiber, 533 mg sodium.

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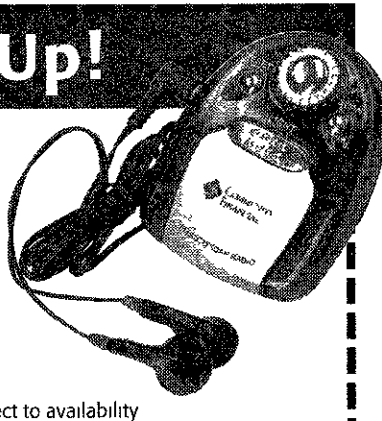
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# Steaks, salmon fill the plate this winter

Here are three recipes to try this winter.

## BRANDIED BEEF TENDERLOIN STEAKS

4 beef tenderloin steaks (6-8 ounces each and about 1-inch thick)  
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper  
1½ tablespoons olive oil  
2 teaspoons minced garlic  
¼ cup beef stock  
2 tablespoons brandy  
3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

If time allows, remove steaks from refrigerator about 1 hour before cooking.

Season steaks with salt and pepper. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add steaks. Cook 5-7 minutes per side for medium rare. Transfer steaks to platter and tent with foil to keep warm.

Add garlic to skillet; stir 20 seconds. Add stock and brandy. Boil until juices are reduced to a glaze.

Add any accumulated steak juices to pan; cook briefly and stir in parsley. Spoon glaze over steaks and serve. Serves 4.  
Recipes courtesy of Busch's Markets in Livonia, Plymouth and Farmington Hills.

## ORANGE-GLAZED SALMON FILLETS

Four 6-ounce salmon fillets  
1 tablespoon sesame oil  
3 tablespoons soy sauce  
1 cup freshly squeezed orange juice  
1 teaspoon orange zest  
3 tablespoons sherry  
½ teaspoon grated ginger

Preheat oven to 400° F.

Heat the oil in a large, non-stick skillet until it is hot but not smoking. Sear the salmon fillets one minute on each side.

Remove the fillets from the heat and transfer them to a glass baking dish or baking pan. Drizzle the soy sauce over them and bake for 10 minutes. Remove from the oven.

Meanwhile, heat the orange juice, zest, sherry and ginger together in a small saucepan over medium-high heat until it is reduced by half. Drizzle the sauce over the fish and serve.

## MUSHROOM KNISHES

1½ pounds russet potatoes (about 1½ pounds)  
1 tablespoon unsalted butter, optional  
½ cup matzo meal  
2 tablespoons potato starch (or cornstarch, if not preparing for Passover)

¼ cup minced onion  
2 egg whites, lightly beaten  
¼ teaspoon black pepper  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1½ cups finely chopped mushrooms

Bring a pot of salted water to a boil. Peel potatoes and cut into 1-inch chunks. Boil until fork-tender, 10-12 minutes. Drain and mash. Add one tablespoon of butter if desired.

Preheat the oven to 375° F.

In a bowl, combine the mashed potatoes, matzo meal, potato starch, onion, egg whites, pepper and salt and knead together. Heat oil in a small sauté pan. Cook mushrooms with a pinch of salt until they are soft and most liquid is cooked off. Cool.

Divide the potato mixture into 6-8 portions. Shape into balls and flatten into disks about 3 inches wide. Place about 1 tablespoon of mushrooms onto the center of each circle. Gently fold over to make a half-moon shape. Press edges to seal.

Generously oil or coat a baking sheet with cooking oil spray. Arrange the knishes in a single layer and bake for 15 minutes on each side. Serve hot. Serve with a dollop of sour cream and garnish with snipped chives, if desired. Makes 6-8 knishes.

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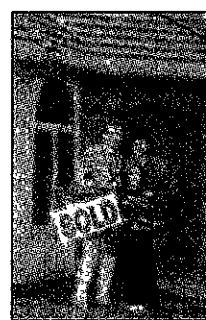
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## Co-owner should comply with access rule

We are having a problem, as a board, getting access to a condominium unit whose owner refuses to allow us to do so. Do we have any recourse?

The condominium rules (Michigan Administrative Code) mandate that all condominium bylaws shall provide that the association have access to the condominium unit as necessary during reasonable hours, except in the case of emergencies where no notice is required. If your bylaws contain this provision, you are best advised to write the co-owner. If he or she doesn't comply, turn the matter over to your attorney, who can then proceed in the proper forum to obtain compliance from the co-owner. If your bylaws don't contain this provision, you should contact your attorney to amend them immediately.

I hired a buyer's agent and am wondering what responsibilities the buyer's agent has to the purchaser. I think there is some statutory requirement. Please help.

The six general fiduciary duties that Michigan Common Law requires of an agent on behalf of a client are obedience, loyalty, disclosure, confidentiality, accountability and reasonable care and skill. As to the duty of reasonable care and skill, an agent is expected to have certain skills and knowledge that he or she will use when pursuing the interests of the client.

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# Condo offers convenience, and a good return on homebuyer's investment

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Condominiums have emerged as the value-added housing solution for a wide range of the population. Once a choice primarily of empty nesters, condominiums are now recognized as a viable investment and consequently, an ideal option for everyone from first-time home buyer to retiree.

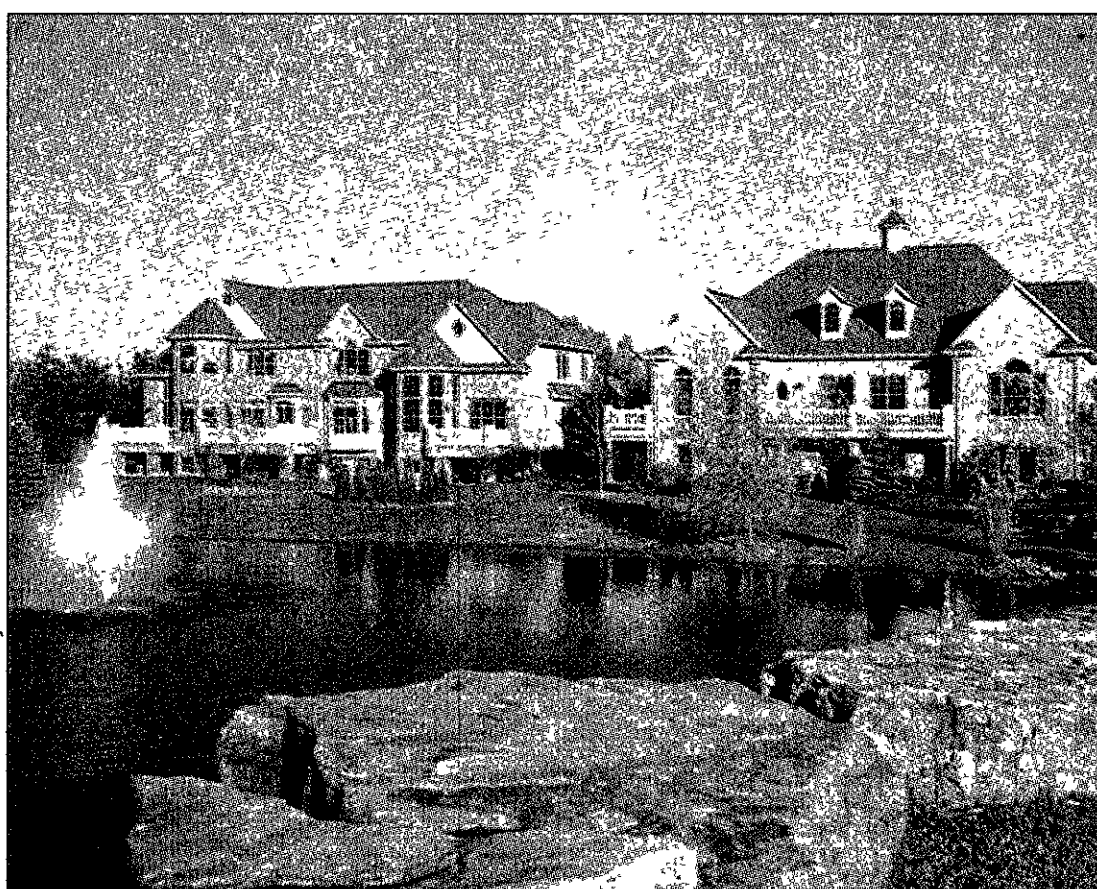
In fact, condos are increasing in value at least as fast – and in some areas, twice as fast – as single family homes, reports the National Association of Home Builders.

Builders are happily meeting the increased interest. Last year, condominiums accounted for more than a quarter of all multifamily development, NAHB reported. Many buyers of these new homes are sellers of existing condos, capitalizing on a strong resale market to move up to a newer, better dressed condominium.

Lavish amenities and extraordinary services are included in these new developments. This packaging not only generates interest but also stimulates sales. Many developments now offer on-site concierge, dry cleaning, physical therapy services, plus fitness centers, dining facilities and even small markets. Some communities cater to specific interests – golf, horses, boats, and airplanes.

These "extras" were once intended to attract people trading larger, older homes for a more luxurious, convenient and easy living lifestyle. As it turns out, "big home" owners aren't the only ones discovering the added value of condominium ownership. The convenient, some might say pampered, lifestyle of condominium living simply isn't available or attainable with single family housing. Carefree living is pursued by many.

Finally, the new condominiums and townhomes look and



Elegant attached duet condominiums, developed by Mocer Companies in Auburn Hills, rendered in the English Cotswold style offer sophisticated style and convenience in beautiful surroundings.

live like single family homes. Garages are attached, full basements are included, back decks or patios are often part of the plan. Going condo is becoming the first thought, rather than an afterthought.

Condominium living could be right for you, too, if you are among the following:

■ **Soon-to-be-retirees:** For anyone anticipating retirement, a condominium is a consideration, whether it is a move to a more desirable climate or a move to eliminate home maintenance duties. Most condominium communities include exterior maintenance with the association fee. Condominiums often are convenient to grocery stores, shopping and medical facilities.

■ **Vacationers:** Historically, the condominium market in

vacation locations has been strong thanks to consistently high resale values. Again, upkeep is usually included with a fee. Also, the association may allow, even assist, in the rental of your condominium when you're not using it.

■ **Empty nesters:** As grown children move out, parents are moving up, embracing the freedom of a condominium and desiring a home closer to work and without home maintenance hassles. Many empty nesters are returning to urban areas, rediscovering the arts, culture, restaurants and parks of their favorite city.

■ **First-time homebuyers:** A

wide range of condominium styles and prices are available in almost every community, including neighborhoods where young professionals congregate. With near-record low interest rates, many first timers are starting to build equity with a condominium.

The Building Industry Association's Spring Parade of Homes, which runs from March 18 to April 17 this year, features both single family homes and condominiums in a range of prices throughout southeast Michigan.

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## 'Autumn' generation: In prime time to invest

While homeowners in the "acquisition phase" of their lives are busy making ends meet every month, "autumn" borrowers have already nailed down most of their major home setup expenses and usually have few, if any, credit card balances. These borrowers are often hitting full stride in their established careers, and normally post exceptional income figures.

The combination of high income, established credit and low expenses put autumn borrowers into the equity/asset accumulation phase of their lives.

These homeowners have often reached mid-life and have many choices as to how to spend their excess money. Their homes have appreciated in value and their children, if any, have perhaps already moved on to their own lives and careers.

This is a critical stage for homeowners because it is their chance to establish their security for the rest of their lives. These individuals must not squander this prime opportunity to invest in their futures.

Some of the crucial and exciting autumn choices: Should we invest in rental properties to set up long-term recurring income? Do we hammer down our mortgage to get our home totally paid off? Should we contribute huge chunks to our retirement plan(s)?

Professional, credible asset and debt managers can be a real benefit during these years.

The worst thing an autumn family can do is to do nothing at all. No, scratch that. The absolute worst thing they can do is to spend all the excess cash on things that don't build their asset or equity base, or on things that don't lead to future retirement income. Failing to plan for the future is truly a plan to fail.

Autumn planning typically falls into one of two camps.

Homeowners either pay off all consumer bills, including their mortgage, before retirement so they can easily live on their retirement income, or they invest wisely in income-producing assets to produce ample supplemental income during the "winter" phase of their lives.

This is the fourth part of a five-part series. Readers may download the entire merged series online at [www.PhillipsHQ.com](http://www.PhillipsHQ.com) after the fifth column is published.

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# 30-year mortgage rates fall for second consecutive week, experts report

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
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Rates on 30-year mortgages fell for a second straight week, helping to get the housing industry off to a good start in the new year.

Freddie Mac's weekly survey of mortgage rates showed that rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 5.74 percent for the week ending Jan. 13, down from 5.77 the previous week.

Low mortgage rates have powered home sales. Analysts believe sales hit a record high for all of 2004 and the housing market is expected to post another good year in 2005.

Amy Crews Cutts, the mortgage company's deputy chief economist, noted that 30-year mortgage rates averaged 5.84 percent for all of last year, a significant improvement over an average of 9.5 percent for the past 30 years.

"The onset of 2005 bodes well for the housing industry," she said.

She said rates are likely to end the year above 6 percent, reflecting in part the credit-tightening campaign of the Federal Reserve, which is raising rates to keep inflation in check.

Some analysts believe rates on 30-year mortgages could climb to around 6.5 percent by

the end of this year, which would still be considered low by historical standards.

Rates on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, dipped this week to 5.19 percent, down from 5.21 percent the previous week. For one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, rates remained unchanged at 4.10 percent.

Freddie Mac added another type of mortgage to its weekly survey: a five-year, "hybrid" adjustable-rate mortgage. It's fixed for five years and then adjusts each year thereafter. The rate on that mortgage averaged 5.05 percent this week, up slightly from 5.03 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates don't include add-on fees known as points. The 30-year, 15-year and one-year adjustable mortgages each carried a 0.6-point fee. The five-year adjustable mortgage carried a 0.5-point fee.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.66 percent with 15-year mortgages at 4.97 percent and one year ARMs at 3.62 percent.

There isn't a figure for five-year adjustable mortgages because Freddie Mac just began tracking those rates this year.

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## HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of Sept. 7-10 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

<b>Canton</b>		46647 Maidstone	\$287,000	17365 Doris	\$185,000	14015 Westmore	\$232,000	18453 Dalby	\$152,000	34121 Caspian	\$84,000
		45020 Middlebury	\$320,000	16205 Fairway	\$252,000	<b>Plymouth</b>		18511 Delaware	\$137,000	6980 Central City	\$157,000
		45561 N Stonewood	\$200,000	11726 Farmington	\$170,000		13582 Burning Tree	\$406,000	\$124,000	37667 Colonial	\$130,000
		3928 Palace	\$230,000	11746 Farmington	\$187,000		50461 Cottonwood	\$448,000	\$175,000	30855 Cooley	\$170,000
		471 Pleasant Ridge	\$390,000	28289 Five Mile	\$225,000		1843 Currin	\$355,000	\$75,000	33058 Cowan	\$164,000
		45148 Quaker Hill	\$209,000	19956 Gary	\$365,000		834 Deer	\$210,000	\$122,000	28936 Currier	\$135,000
		506 Queens	\$243,000	18574 Golfview	\$245,000		48067 Hilltop	\$462,000	\$149,000	28945 Currier	\$130,000
		3954 Ravensfield	\$180,000	36242 Hees	\$192,000		13607 Hilltop	\$450,000	\$130,000	2203 Delton	\$104,000
		48031 Red Run	\$370,000	18688 Hillcrest	\$185,000		50475 Ironwood	\$502,000	\$129,000	7448 Floral	\$152,000
		4508 Shoreview	\$317,000	9175 Houghton	\$200,000		12884 Lenore	\$252,000	\$103,000	35650 Glen	\$129,000
		1608 W Lakeview	\$165,000	9336 Iowa	\$178,000		8945 Mayflower	\$261,000	\$142,000	2007 Golfview	\$228,000
		1911 Woodmont	\$210,000	16400 Levan	\$287,000		10671 N Canton Center	\$317,000	\$98,000	32600 Grandview	\$143,000
				19824 Milburn	\$194,000	<b>Redford</b>	40735 Newport	\$147,000	\$35,000	7292 Haller	\$150,000
				18561 Myron	\$159,000		51084 Northview	\$353,000	\$170,000	30525 Joy	\$150,000
				12331 Newburgh	\$120,000		51292 Northview	\$390,000	\$134,000	619 Judith	\$183,000
				14125 Newburgh	\$157,000		9283 Rocker	\$270,000	\$110,000	29730 Lacy	\$204,000
				35995 Northgate	\$150,000		46132 Rockledge	\$314,000	\$120,000	7474 Lathers	\$144,000
				30214 Oakview	\$137,000		1439 Ross	\$308,000	\$134,000	32626 Lone Pine	\$175,000
				19184 Osmus	\$118,000		9075 Stone Hollow	\$443,000	\$129,000	34011 Majestic	\$163,000
				14780 Park	\$175,000		39718 Suzan	\$245,000	\$143,000	412 Marigold	\$142,000
				32414 Pembroke	\$150,000		11783 Sycamore	\$155,000	\$123,000	6933 Moccasin	\$152,000
				18524 Pershing	\$141,000		9430 Timberline	\$370,000	\$117,000	636 N Harvey	\$175,000
				37907 Plymouth	\$154,000		12422 Willoway	\$540,000		7743 N Henry Ruff	\$199,000
				39089 Plymouth	\$110,000		10100 Wolfriver	\$202,000		5733 N Lmville	\$103,000
				19904 Pollyanna	\$237,000	<b>Westland</b>	2364 Ackley		\$79,000	32435 Palmer	\$100,000
				16468 Pollyanna	\$220,000		7850 August		\$165,000	32670 Sandra	\$150,000
				39101 Richland	\$370,000		7936 Beatrice	\$45,000	\$160,000	34605 Sansburn	\$100,000
				18679 Southampton	\$165,000		33700 Beechwood	\$150,000	\$149,000	34321 Shawnee	\$168,000
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				15126 Taylor	\$295,000		34718 Blackfoot	\$90,000	\$160,000	30501 Steinhauer	\$136,000
				31500 Vargo	\$145,000		39194 Brookfield	\$139,000	\$132,000	1724 Tulip	\$188,000
				29644 Wentworth	\$155,000		265 Carson	\$160,000	\$210,000	2152 Wilshire	\$175,000
							435 Carson	\$150,000	\$181,000		

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Dennis Cary  
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"Now, before you do anything else toward buying your new home, stop and order your credit report and score," Cary said.

If you can figure out what color to paint your front door, you can find a Web site that will provide you with all three credit reporting companies and your score.

Why be so concerned about your credit score?

Your loan officer will be concerned about your credit score. In fact, everyone who will assist you in buying your home will be interested in your credit score.

Your lender will look at your credit score as a way of determining how likely you are to be faithful to your home loan.

What should you do if you have a low credit score?

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## Sachse Construction of Birmingham

A provider of premium commercial construction and design/build services, has hired Kathleen Longton as office manager. Longton had been a billing specialist for Asplundh Construction Corp.'s southeast Michigan construction division. She holds a bachelor's degree from Detroit College of Business, and is a member of the American Society of Notaries and the National Notary Association. Sachse Construction, www.sachseconstruction.com, provides premium commercial and large-scale residential construction and design/build services throughout Michigan and the United States. Recent projects include The Corner Bar at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, the renovation of Detroit's historic Dime Building, and a 107-room Residence Inn in Novi.

## Broder &amp; Sachse Real Estate Services, Inc.

Michelle K. Miller joined the firm as property manager. Miller's eight-year commercial real estate career includes office, retail, and multi-family residential management and lending experience. Prior to joining Broder & Sachse in Birmingham, Miller was employed as a property manager with Finsilver/Friedman Management Corp. in Farmington Hills where she managed a 16-property, 1.4-million-square-foot portfolio of office and retail properties in Michigan and Ohio. A Ferndale resident, Miller earned a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and a Michigan real estate license. Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services, Inc., www.brodersachse.com, manages more than 60 properties consisting of more than 6.5 million square feet.

## Century 21 Hartford South Inc.

James T. Bynum has expanded his expertise to include mature consumers with the designation of Century 21 Mature Moves Specialist. Bynum has gained the experience necessary to assist homebuyers and sellers ages 60 to 70 in their next move. He has also been designated as a Seniors Real Estate Specialist by the Seniors Advantage Real Estate Council based in California, www.seniorsrealestate.com. Century 21 Hartford South is at 39209 W. Six Mile Road in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 464-6400 or visit www.century21.com.

## RE/MAX

Lixsa Begin has joined the real estate office, RE/MAX Trio, 29848 Ford Road in Garden City. For more information, visit www.remax.com.

## Coldwell Banker Schweitzer

Jim Smith has joined the office at 7151 N. Main St. in Clarkston as a full-time sales associate. Smith is a resident of Waterford. For more information, call (248) 625-1000.

## Frank Lloyd Wright homes are hard to sell

## 'Dream' home has some drawbacks

BY JAMES PRICHARD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Imagine having a dream home in a private, peaceful, bucolic setting – and being unable to sell it because it was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Some owners of one-of-a-kind houses conceived by the iconic architect are discovering it's not easy selling them in an era when cathedral ceilings and easy commutes are on the wish lists of many prospective purchasers.

But the sellers are also concerned about finding the right Wright buyers – ones who will cherish, not demolish, his creations.

After pouring tens of thousands of dollars into buying, repairing and renovating her Wright-designed house, Arlene Moran hasn't received any serious offers despite its pedigree. She's asking \$375,000 for the three-bedroom home in Galesburg, about halfway between Kalamazoo and Battle Creek.

"It's going on two years and I'm desperate," said Moran, 70. "I refuse to lower the price. I put in \$180,000 (worth) of restoration. I would like to have my money back."

But, Moran said, "I can't have just anybody" buy it. She considers her home, which she never has lived in, a work of art.

Don Schaberg is ready to sell the Okemos house he and his late wife commissioned Wright to design, and where they lived happily for four decades. Schaberg realizes it won't be easy finding someone willing to spend \$1.6 million for a 3,800-square-foot ranch without a garage, but also said he's under no real pressure to sell and doubts he will come down much on his price. "I'm just certain the value is

going to increase," he said, calling the house and its six acres south-east of Lansing "the closest thing to heaven on earth."

Susan Sweetow, a real estate agent in Scottsdale, Ariz., who for two years worked as a tour guide at Taliesin West, Wright's sprawling, 600-acre winter home and work campus near Scottsdale, said "the market is narrow for his homes and limited to people who appreciate a work of art and a piece of history. It's important the market be geared toward that target market."

She said modern home buyers want big garages, large kitchens and spacious bathrooms – features not generally found in Wright's usonian homes.

"You have to find the right buyer who will appreciate the qualities that were in his homes," Sweetow said.

Moran's southwestern Michigan home is part of a 72-acre association featuring four Wright-designed homes and one designed by a Wright apprentice. A unique feature shared by the five houses is that each sits on one circular acre of land, with the remaining property jointly owned by the members of the association.

The retired high school art instructor said no matter how enticing an offer she may receive, she would not sell to someone who would demolish the home.

Moran, who lives in the Chicago area, has tried advertising in local newspapers and in the Chicago Tribune. She has listed it for sale on the Web site of the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy.

The Chicago-based group is dedicated to preserving the architect's 400-plus structures that still stand.

The group was caught off guard weeks ago when a dilapidated Wright cottage in Grand Beach, on Lake Michigan near the Indiana border, was purchased and razed by its new owners to make way for a new home.

Ron Scherubel, the conservancy's executive director, said that as in other real estate transactions, there are a few important basics to keep

in mind when buying or selling Wright homes: price, location and condition.

While many of the grand homes from Wright's "prairie" period of the early 20th century were built in or near large cities, his smaller usonian homes – such as those owned by Schaberg and Moran – often ended up in remote rural settings, which was part of the appeal.

"Many of these are still located in nice, scenic, country areas but they're not convenient for today's buyer who has to work in the city," Scherubel said.

Ken Goldberg, a real estate agent trying to sell one of Wright's prairie homes built on Chicago's north side, said he expects a developer to purchase the 90-year-old structure. The asking price for the well-maintained house, which has been on the market for about six months, recently dropped from \$2.5 million to \$1.9 million.

Its view of Lake Michigan shrank over the years as taller buildings went up around it, but the property includes two adjacent lots that offer room to build.

'We're appealing not only to the individual owner but somebody

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Ken Goldberg  
real estate agent

"We're appealing not only to the individual owner but somebody that's a developer, an investor that could build townhouses adjacent to it or condominiums adjacent to it," he said. "It's really a multiple-use home. It's more than just something for your family to own and live in."

## ON THE NET:

Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy: [www.savewright.org/](http://www.savewright.org/)  
Moran's home's Web page: [www.geocities.com/nedra96](http://www.geocities.com/nedra96)

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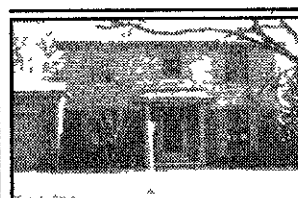
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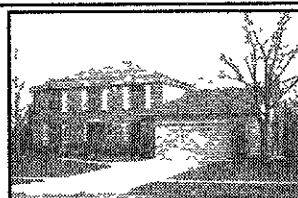
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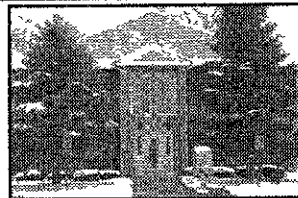
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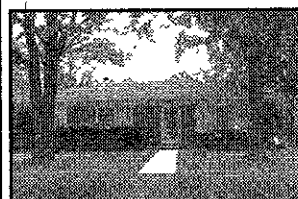
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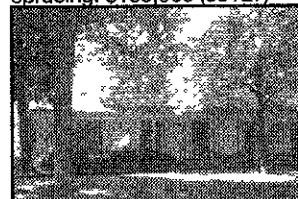
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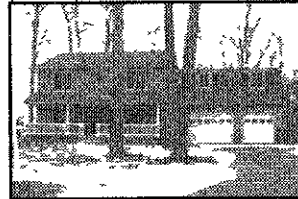
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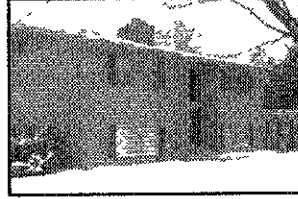
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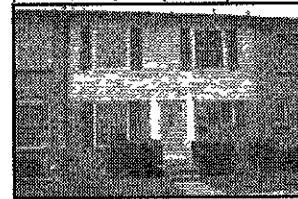
**CONDO WITH CONVENIENCES!** End unit with private entry & convenient parking. 1st floor laundry, eat in kitchen and separate dining room for more formal entertaining. Full basement, open floor plan and priced right! \$129,900 (831AF)



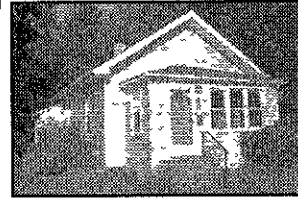
**55+ COMMUNITY.** Beautifully updated condo with 2 beds, 1.5 baths. Eat in kitchen plus formal dining, all updated big ticket items. Pool, clubhouse and many senior activities. Close to carport and parking. \$134,900 (847NE)



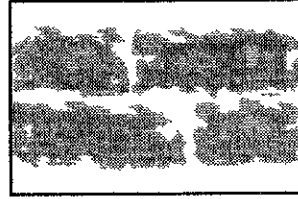
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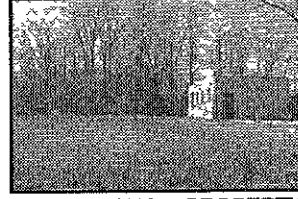
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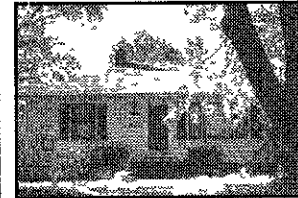
**A WALK IN THE PARK.** Carefree condo living bordering scenic Hines Park. 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, spacious family room, with a fireplace and a garage. Perfect for those looking for affordable living. \$154,900 (731SY)



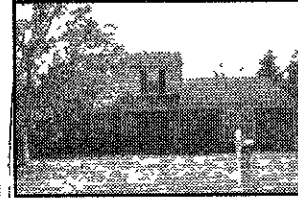
**PLYMOUTH CAPE COD.** X-large treed lot with an enormous master. Nice floor plan with 2 beds & 2 full baths! Berber carpet, vertical blinds, new appliances, kit. w/ breakfast bar overlooks dining room. Very clean move in condition in the rear of the complex. \$84,900 (662WO)



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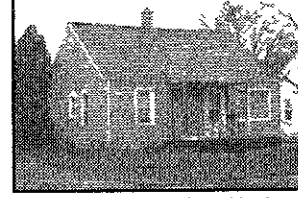
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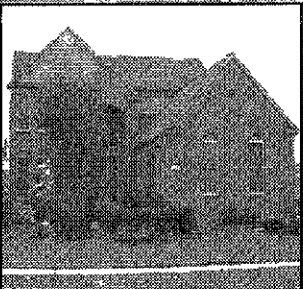
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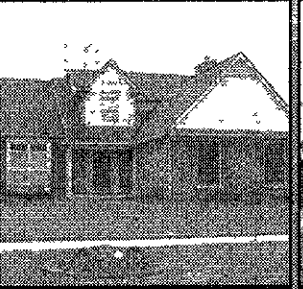
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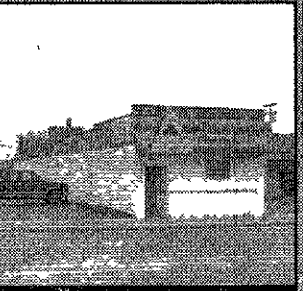
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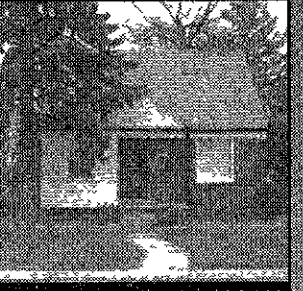
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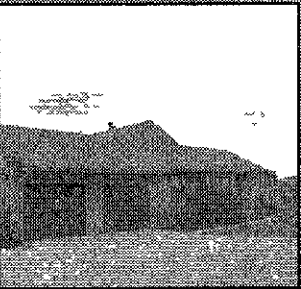
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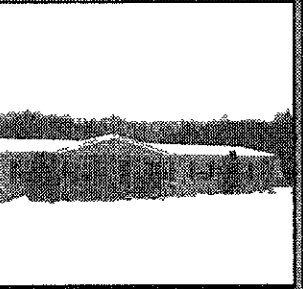
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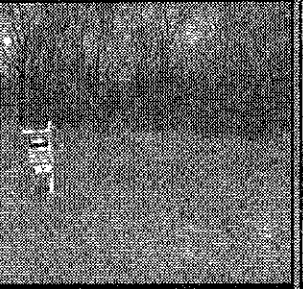
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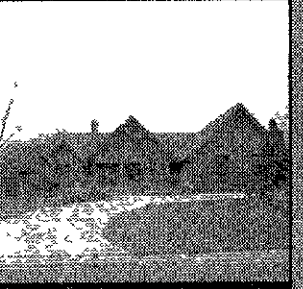
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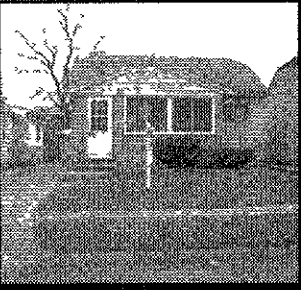
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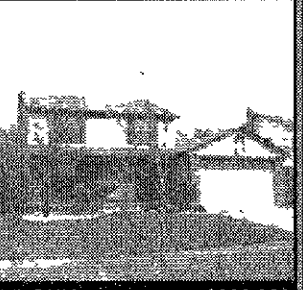
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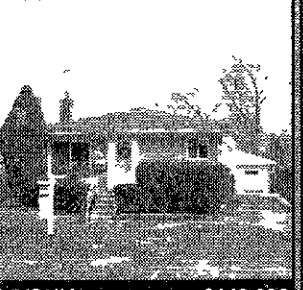
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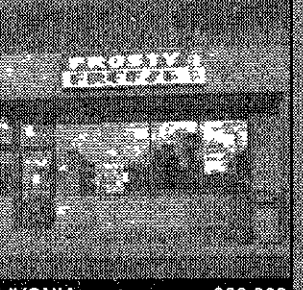
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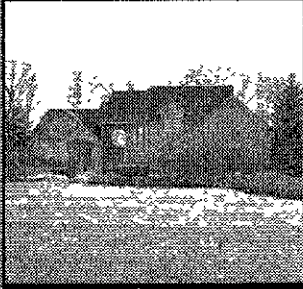
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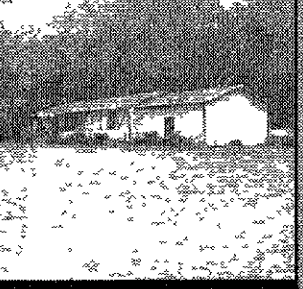
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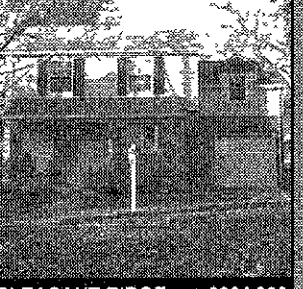
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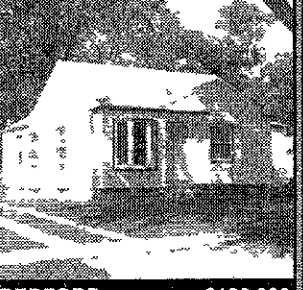
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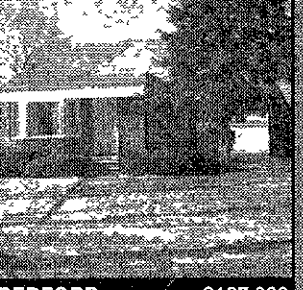
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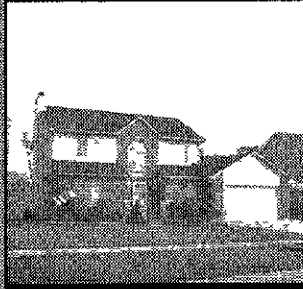
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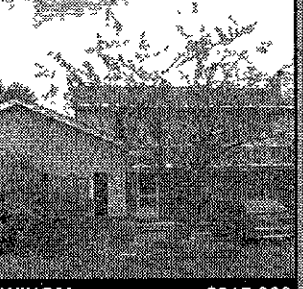
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3 Bdrm, 1 bath ranch on  
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Brick ranch w/ Crestwood  
Schools. Updated roof, fur-  
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Five Point Bungalow 1 1/2  
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w/full bsmt. Partially fin-  
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garage. Many updates: win-  
dows, roof, furnace, doors,  
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## Farmington 3140

**BETTER THAN NEW!**  
This beautiful colonial has  
been completely updated  
throughout. All new windows  
with bay in living room,  
updated kitchen with new  
appliances, newer carpet,  
central air, remodeled bath-  
rooms, finished basement, 2  
car garage. Must see!  
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## Farmington Hills 3145

## JUST LISTED!

**2.811 SQUARE FOOT**  
Colonial. Brick w/pillars. 4  
bdrm., 2.5 bath. Foyer  
w/circle staircase. Living  
room w/fireplace. Library.  
Kitchen w/breakfast room &  
appliances. Finished bsmt.  
Deck w/hot tub. Many  
updates. 2 car garage.  
Circle drive \$299,900.  
(AR255)  
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## Farmington Hills 3145

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**HUGE RANCH**  
3,285 SQ. FT.  
3-4 Bdrms, 2.5 bath. Great  
room w/fireplace & wet bar.  
Living room, dining room,  
family room, & library  
Florida room. Winding  
staircase to lower level. 3  
car garage. On nearly an  
acre. \$375,000 (N1381)

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**KENDALLWOOD SUB**  
Sharp 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath  
brick ranch w/bsmt. & 2 car  
attached garage. Living  
room w/fireplace. Family  
room w/beamed ceiling.  
Appliances stay. C/A. Many  
updates. Some hardwood  
floors. Wooded lot.  
\$240,000 (HA283)  
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**SPACIOUS RANCH**  
3 Bdrm, 1.5 bath. Kitchen  
& breakfast room. Family  
room w/fireplace & door-  
wall to patio. 1st floor  
laundry. Bsmt. Newer win-  
dows, furnace & roof.  
Garage. \$225,500 (AR270)  
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1900 sq. ft., finished W/O  
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garage. 3 acres.  
\$334,109.  
**Stunning Colonial.**  
Newer custom home  
2,200 sq ft 3 bedroom,  
2 1/2 bath, fireplace, vault-  
ed ceilings 1st floor master  
suite, basement & 2  
car attached garage. Close  
to town. \$259,900.  
**Spacious Colonial**  
Over 4,000 sq ft living  
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w/vaulted ceiling and  
fireplace, finished w/out  
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## Hartland 3200

**OUTSTANDING CHARM** - and a nice private backyard with garden spot, shed and on almost an acre are included with this home! Relax in the living room with wood burning stove. Eat in kitchen has wood floors. 1st floor bedroom could easily be a dining room. Family room, 2nd floor den, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths and a 2 car attached garage. Hartland Schools. \$179,000.

**A LOT FOR A LITTLE!** - Fall in love with this wonderful, comfortable ranch on private one acre setting with fenced yard and 22x24 garage! 3 large bedrooms, newer windows well, septic and furnace. Convenient location just a short distance from pavement and country store! Very nice! Hartland Schools. \$179,900.

**START PACKING!** - Move in and enjoy this wonderful home on the canal of private, peaceful Bullard Lake! This inviting home features 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, formal living and dining room, family room with full wall brick fireplace and doorwall to deck. Finished basement, 2 car attached garage and lovely treed setting! Great fishing lake and the perfect place to make new memories! Hartland Schools \$258,000.

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## WOW!

Boasting 3 bdrms, 2.5 baths and a 3 car garage. With upgrades galore, highlights include first floor master suite, fireplace, cathedral ceilings, skylights, and french doors which complement this home. \$279,900.

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## Howell 3230

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**3 BDRM BRICK RANCH** With many updates. Living room & family room have fireplaces, french doors leading to fenced backyard. Enjoy the views from your covered porch. 2.5 car garage. \$189,900  
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**A BEAUTY**  
3 bedroom brick ranch with updated kitchen & baths and Pella windows. Basement & 2 car garage! \$184,900.  
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**BRICK COLONIAL**  
4 bdrms., dining room, family room w/ natural fireplace & new oak kitchen. Bsmt. 2 car attached garage. Private fenced yard. Newer siding, windows & sprinkler system. \$254,900 (R1152)

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**CAPE COD**  
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## Livonia 3250

**CLEAN...** and well cared for 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home offers newer vinyl windows, hand crafted kitchen cabinetry, partially finished basement w/half bath, large breakfast room w/doorwall to deck and 2 car detached garage! Livonia Schools. \$229,900.

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**COLONIAL** 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, 1750 sq. ft. updated Oak kitchen, new windows, first floor laundry, dining room. 6 mile/Levan area. Absolutely gorgeous. \$269,900  
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2 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch with basement & garage. Walk to Joe's Produce \$194,900.  
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**GREAT 3 BEDROOM**  
Brick ranch w/ attached 2 car garage. Family room w/ fireplace, finished bsmt. Updated windows, roof, furnace, C/A & more! \$188,500 (7160L)  
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**LIVONIA**  
Awesome updated 3 bdrm ranch w/ 1.5 baths, sweet finished bsmt & 2.5 car garage. Kitchen offers maple cabinets, ceramic floor & stainless appliances. This home is a "12". Just listed at \$212,900.  
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Brick ranch on wide lot. Full bsmt, hardwood floors, 1.5 car drive thru attached garage. \$148,900 (05MER)  
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## OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

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**OVERSIZED LOT!**  
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**WELL MAINTAINED**  
4 Bdrm, 1.5 bath colonial w/open floor plan & hardwood floors. Formal dining room, family room w/fireplace. Kitchen w/breakfast bar. Doorwall to deck. Finished bsmt. 2 car garage \$259,900 (F0411)

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**STUNNING COLONIAL**  
Awesome open floor plan. 5 bdrms., 3 full & 2 half baths. Formal dining room, library & family room w/fireplace. Kitchen w/breakfast room. 1st floor laundry. Finished walk-out lower level. 3 car garage. \$569,000 (MC938)

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**READY TO MOVE IN**  
CONDITION - with new kitchen, baths, windows, C/A, furnace, hot water heater, new carpet thru-out. Large lot with stream, fireplace in family room. Master w/bath, 2 car garage. A must see! \$167,900  
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## Redford 3350

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Bungalow-Totally re-done 4 bdrm/3 baths. Like brand new home. A/C, 3 car garage, full bsmt w/bath. \$144K. Adjacent lot \$29.5K  
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**BRICK RANCH**  
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**BRICK RANCH**  
Beautifully decorated, updates galore! 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Large living room, bright kitchen, formal dining area, finished basement, nice yard, 2 car garage. \$149,900

## BUNGALOW

Nice 3 bedroom with lots of updates, huge master bedroom, walk-in closet, newer kitchen, finished basement with fireplace and dry bar, garage. \$113,000  
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**CHECK THIS OUT**  
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**LIVONIA A Wonderful Find**  
Lg 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/2 car att gar, basement, sprinkler system, built-in gas grill on patio, family room w/fireplace, newer upstairs windows, ceramic tile in master bath & ceramic foyer, kitchen & nook  
(E00BAI) 734-455-5600 \$254,900



**BELLEVILLE Beautiful Colonial**  
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car attached garage, 2 story foyer & GR, cathedral ceilings, hardwood w/o kitchen Master bedroom w/cathedral ceiling & bath w/jetted tub & separate shower Basement planned for 3rd bath  
(E05WIL) 734-455-5600 \$265,000



**CANTON Great Townhouse Condo**  
2 bedrooms 2/1 5 baths, Crisp & clean, freshly painted Low traffic area, updates in kitchen & 5 bath Nice bay window in dining room w/built-in seat, 2 skylights, brick paver patio, basement & appls stay. Must see!  
(E79ARB) 734-455-5600 \$137,000



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Meticulously Kept**  
Spectacular - one of the best "premium lots in Chelsea Park" Formal living room & dining room, 2-story family room w/two-way fireplace A cook's delight kitchen Grand master suite, princess suite & Jack & Jill bath  
(E43CHE) 248-349-5600 \$710,000



**SOUTHFIELD Craftsman Style Cape Cod**  
Unique & charming 3 BR, 2 BA cape cod on wooded approx 1 acre lot Country living in the city w/easy access to expressways & shopping. Home has lots of detailed woodwork natural frpic & finished basement  
(E61EVE) 248-349-5600 \$224,000



**WESTLAND Priced To Sell!**  
Built in 2000 this lovely colonial offers 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2 car attached garage w/work bench, master bedroom w/cathedral ceiling & WIC, hardwood foyer, ceramic tiles, 2 tiered deck and full basement  
(E90FAI) 734-455-5600 \$194,900



**PLYMOUTH Spotless Tri Level**  
4 bedroom tri-level, well insulated, newer roof, gutters, and downspouts, 1 car attached garage w/opener 13x13 patio, hardwood floors, all appliances stay except microwave  
(E11HIN) 734-455-5600 \$199,900



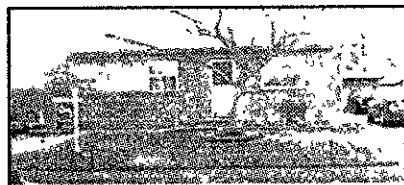
**MELVINDALE Adorable Brick Bungalow**  
3 bedrooms w/extra den, C/A, newer vinyl windows, finished basement, freshly painted, hardwood floors, 1.5 car garage w/opener, Fenced yard. Close to all amenities Home warranty included Call Now!!  
(E81RUT) 734-455-5600 \$131,900



**NORTHVILLE Stylish And Spacious**  
2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 lav end unit with walk-out 2 car garage Lots of updates Close to downtown Highly acclaimed schools Great value & investment  
(E44CON) 248-349-5600 \$199,000



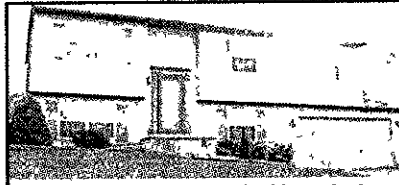
**LIVONIA Great Neighborhood**  
Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath quad with lots of privacy Formal dining room, family room w/natural fireplace Hardwood under carpet Rec room in basement & 2 car attached garage Great opportunity  
(E12BEL) 248-349-5600 \$235,000



**ROMULUS Bright & Cheerful**  
3 bedroom ranch w/partially finished basement, 2.5 car garage, updated windows, roof, furnace & more Don't miss out on this warm & cozy family home  
(E32BAR) 734-455-5600 \$128,500



**LIVONIA Rosedale Gardens**  
3 bedroom brick colonial w/old world workmanship, plaster walls, coved ceilings, hardwood floors. Updates include, windows, HWH & electric 2 car garage and a home warranty  
(E04BER) 734-455-5600 \$198,500



**SOUTH LYON Location! Location!**  
Pretty treed setting on large corner lot! Clean neutral decor for 4 bedroom, 2 bath bi-level! Newer hardwood flooring in LR & DR Kitchen w/ceramic tile Applis, LL w/o w/gas fireplace & storage + 2 car attached garage  
(E74PEP) 734-455-5600 \$224,900



**NORTHVILLE Walk To Downtown**  
Location, location A rare find. That ideal setting everyone looks for when buying a home The serenity and comfort of living in a private court location A hop, skip & a jump to downtown Hdwd floors under carpet  
(E78FAI) 248-349-5600 \$229,000



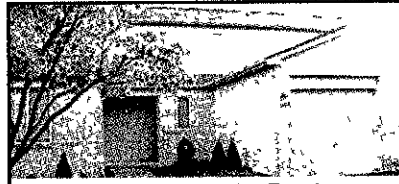
**FARMINGTON HILLS Updated Ranch**  
If you are looking for a newly updated home on a great lot, your search is over. 3 bedrooms, 2 updated baths, 2 car attached garage, fireplace, newer roof, large utility room. Turn key condition. Farmington Schools.  
(E00CAR) 248-349-5600 \$205,000



**REDFORD Wonderful Updated Home**  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/2 car garage, finished basement, newer windows, furnace & C/A Large kitchen w/oak cabinets, beautiful hardwood floors, all sitting on a dead end street.  
(E32SAR) 734-455-5600 \$149,900



**WESTLAND What A Buy!**  
Extremely clean 1st floor condo offering 2 bedrooms, 2 baths w/open floor plan Master bedroom w/WIC, separate laundry & appliances  
(E68SHO) 734-455-5600 \$109,900



**WESTLAND Charming Townhouse**  
Offers 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full basement, attached garage, newer kitchen floor, light oak cabinets & some newer appliances. Master suite with bath. Custom woodwork & window treatments. Large deck  
(E13HUN) 734-455-5600 \$161,900



**DEARBORN HGTS. Heights Beauty Is Born**  
Beautiful 2004 built full brick ranch w/3 BR, 2 BA. Open flowing floor plan w/great attention to detail Gorgeous room sizes and large country kitchen. Central air, custom front porch. Ready in approximately 30 days.  
(E81HAR) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



**LIVONIA Looking For A Ranch?**  
Ready to go! Offering 3 BR, LR, DR & 2 BA White eat-in kitchen. Fin FR in LL w/trpc. Updates. Appliances stay Hardwood floors T/O Glass block windows, large fenced rear yard Garage insulated & drywalled. C/A  
(E93DEE) 248-349-5600 \$169,000



**WOODHAVEN Updated Ranch**  
Very nice home w/plenty of room & updates, incl roof, C/A, HWH, siding, sprinklers, shed & more Heated 2 car attached garage, in-ground pool, covered deck, pool heated by solar solar panels.  
(E39SHE) 734-455-5600 \$177,900



**PLYMOUTH Charming Condo**  
1 bedroom upper level condo. Private entry & carport in-unit laundry, storage unit, C/A, ceiling fans, ceramic floor & major appliances Very well maintained.  
(E70PLY) 734-455-5600 \$95,900



**WEBSTER TWP. Unique Country Home**  
Custom built 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial on approx. 2 acres w/2 car attached garage & 3 car detached garage, basement, wrap-around porch, above ground pool w/decking, large kitchen & dining room + appliances  
(E42RYA) 734-455-5600 \$355,000



**SOUTH LYON This Is A Charm**  
Brick home boasts newer roof, windows, kitchen, bath, deck, fresh paint plus finished bsmt. Great location in sub cul-de-sac lot with private backyard & 2 car garage. Ceramic tile BAs plus hdwd flrs t/o South Lyon schls  
(E23LYO) 248-349-5600 \$179,900



**GARDEN CITY Mechanics Dream**  
Wonderful 3 BR ranch w/finished LL w/full BA Newer carpet, windows, roof & furnace '94. Copper plumbing. Updated electrical & glass block windows Close to schools All appliances stay Steel entry doors Cute  
(E81FLO) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



**DEARBORN HGTS. Perfection Plus**  
Great location for this 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo backing to Hines Park. Open floor plan, 2nd floor laundry, deck off kitchen, full basement & 2 car attached garage  
(E12LEG) 734-455-5600 \$164,900



**WESTLAND Condo**  
Nice upper unit condo in Westland w/Livonia schools Deck, quiet surroundings, tennis courts & pool. Nice sized rooms, low association fee.  
(E50WOO) 734-455-5600 \$87,500



**LIVONIA Bungalow**  
Remodeled kit includes appliances & laminate floor also in nook. Berber in family room, 2 upper BRs & stairs. LR & 2 lower BRs have hardwood floors Michigan bsmt, 2.5 car gar, patio & wide drive, part fenced.  
(E71FIV) 248-349-5600 \$169,900



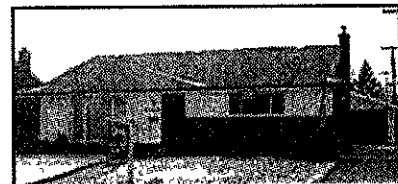
**NORTHVILLE Incredible Value**  
Waterfront estate in Stonewater sub. Largest sq. ftg built by Mocer! Upgrades: marble, granite, cust cherry cabs, 2-story enclosed porch, spiral staircase, MBR w/5-way trpic, set rm + BA. Finished LL w/kit, BA & BR  
(E02MAN) 248-349-5600 \$1,149,900



**NOVI Pool And Putting Green**  
Amazing approx. 1/2 acre backyard retreat w/brick paver patio & walks, 3 car wide drive, new kitchen room w/2-way trpic, granite & SS appls '03 Slate front porch, 5 vessel sink, grand FF MBR w/French floor DR  
(E37HAZ) 248-349-5600 \$589,900



**PLYMOUTH Fabulously Renovated**  
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial in "Old Village" just a short walk to downtown offers 1st floor master suite, 2nd floor family room w/fireplace, 1st floor fireplace in living room, fin bsmt, 2 car garage w/opener & kit appls  
(E61ADA) 734-455-5600 \$359,600



**GARDEN CITY Well Maintained Home**  
And updated with roof-single layer, circuit breakers, furnace & C/A windows & more Newer kitchen w/appliances, 2 car garage w/attached out building All this in this 3 bedroom brick/alum ranch.  
(E05SUN) 734-455-5600 \$135,000



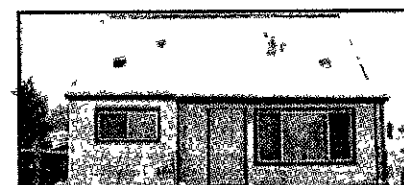
**NOVI Welcome Home**  
Spacious open floor plan California style ranch Great room with lots of windows, 2 fireplaces & 1st floor laundry, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2.5 car garage w/work bench, crown molding & Novi schools.  
(E60TEN) 248-349-5600 \$194,900



**ORCHARD LAKE Small Home w/Lake Privileges**  
Nothing fancy, but you'll love the fun with "all sports" Upper Straits Lake privileges. Boat & dock facilities. West Bloomfield schools. Great site for large custom home.  
(E34PAR) 248-349-5600 \$199,900



**HOWELL Peaceful w/View Of Pond**  
Near downtown Howell & Brighton. Ranch w/3 BR, 2 BA Kit w/brkfst rm to GR w/gas frpic. Formal LR & DR. Master BA w/garden tub & sep shower, WIC & vanity area. 2.5 car gar w/storage, over 1 acre wooded lot.  
(E22PAR) 248-349-5600 \$272,000



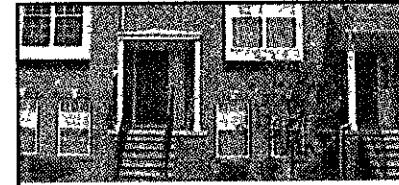
**GARDEN CITY Curb Appeal, Updated & Clean**  
Spacious open floor plan, living room w/crown molding, custom woodwork & open staircase. Kitchen w/oak cabs, newer floor & eat-in kitchen Newer siding & windows. Spectacular finished basement & 2 car gar  
(E42RUS) 734-455-5600 \$141,900



**VAN BUREN Ready To Move Into Condo**  
In this lovely 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse w/spectacular view of pond from the patio or every room. 1st class finished basement, beautiful kitchen w/hardwood floor  
(E85MIL) 734-455-5600 \$174,900



**WESTLAND Move Right In**  
3 bedroom ranch w/soundproof bonus room in basement. Updates include: roof, BA, C/A, HWH, electrical, siding and more. Freshly painted Covered patio w/landscaped yard Great kitchen w/eating area.  
(E08AVO) 248-349-5600 \$132,000



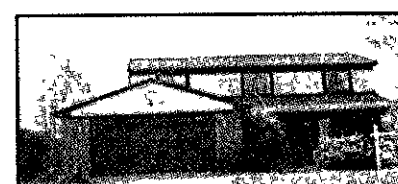
**SOUTHFIELD 2 Suite Condo w/Fireplace**  
Location! Location! This condo is ready now. All appls including front loader washer and dryer, Hunter Douglas blinds, upgrades shower doors & carpeting. 2nd floor laundry. What more could you want?  
(E91STJ) 248-349-5600 \$198,650



**PLYMOUTH Walk To Town**  
Fabulous location for this 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Neutral decor, open floor plan, doorwall to deck All appliances stay.  
(E52PIN) 248-349-5600 \$124,900



**PLYMOUTH Fabulous Yet Casual**  
Close to downtown Plymouth, this top floor condo features 2 skylights, bay window, 1st floor laundry w/stackable windows. Kitchen has oak cabs Seller is offering \$1000 decor allowance Truly worth viewing!  
(E11PIN) 734-455-5600 \$130,000



**CANTON Large Colonial**  
In Sunflower sub w/large lot backing to ravine. Updated furnace, C/A, patio, roof, some windows & doorwall. Basement, 2 car attached garage & appliances. Don't miss this one  
(E01CHA) 734-455-5600 \$268,900



**LIVONIA Live In Livonia**  
At this price? One bedroom condo w/carport. Close to freeways, shopping & restaurants. Newer carpet & fresh paint Low association fee includes gas, water & a pool Appliances included  
(E89BOB) 248-349-5600 \$69,900



**REDFORD Ready To Move?**  
Quick occupancy. 3 BR ranch w/LR, dining area, plus eat-in kit w/oak cabs & neutral counters Neutral carpet T/O plus hdwd flrs, under carpeting. Garage, bsmt, newer furnace w/humidifier, air cleaner & C/A  
(E37WCH) 248-349-5600 \$139,900



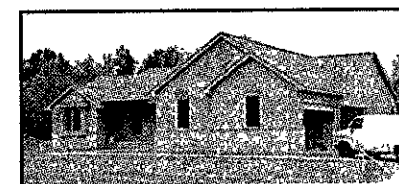
**ROCHESTER HILLS Stunning Condo**  
3 BR, 2.5 BA condo w/att garage into kitchen Fireplace heats LR & DR Combo w/doorwall to trees, putting green & walking trails Basement used as FR has glass block daylight. Beautifully decorated  
(E76TEN) 248-349-5600 \$204,500



**INKSTER Move Right In**  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home with newer windows and updated kitchen, partially finished basement, furnace & a/c 1998  
(E85AVO) 734-455-5600 \$115,900



**NOVI Enjoy The Tranquility**  
In this lovely 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse w/spectacular view of pond from the patio or every room. 1st class finished basement, beautiful kitchen w/hardwood floor  
(E03PON) 734-455-5600 \$165,000



**COMMERCE Extreme Quality**  
New construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA ranch w/trpic in GR Extra deep basement w/daylight windows-plumbed for additional bath, cath ceilings, ceramic and hardwood. First floor laundry. All on approx 1 acre 4+ car garage.  
(E45CAR) 248-349-5600 \$314,900



**CANTON Great Location**  
4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial w/cath ceilings, open floor plan & neutral carpet. All windows & doors done in rich oak. Finished basement ready for bath Professionally landscaped, sprinklers, lighting, 2-car gar. Must see.  
(E08WEL) 248-349-5600 \$325,000



**FERNDAL What A Charming!**  
Newer roof, siding, windows and updated electrical. Large master bedroom. Great garage storage. Freshly painted throughout. Neutral decor. Park at street end  
(E11BRO) 248-349-5600 \$114,900



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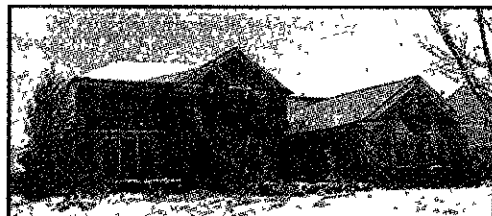
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**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
FAMILY LIVING AT ITS BEST! Looking for that special place? Look no more. This lovely Colonial is turn key. 4 BRs, 3 BAs, 2 Lavs. Formal LR/DR, library. Fab kit w/cherry cabs, island & pantry. (23L427) \$489,900



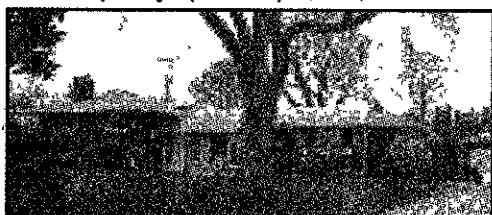
**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
EXPECT TO BE ENVIED as the owner of this imposing Cape Cod on estate sized lot. Gourmet kit w/hearth room. Double sided fplc in bright soaring FR. Call NOW for appointment! (23F11075) \$575,000



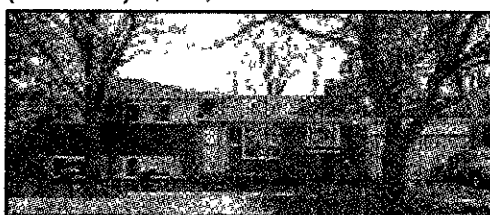
**ANN ARBOR** 734-326-2000  
PRIVACY IN THE WOODS You will love this 6 acre executive estate. 4 BR, 3 1/2 baths, 3+ car gar, lrg kit w/brkfst rm overlooking golf course, LR w/large fplc, mstr ste w/Whirlpool tub. (T354) PC220342 \$454,900



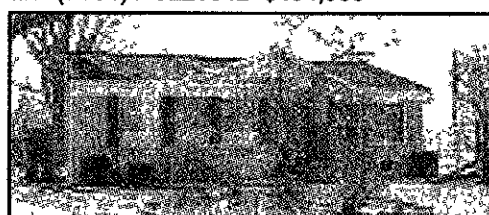
**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
SPACIOUS/OPEN FLR PLAN! 4 BR, 2.1 BA colonial w/many recent updates! Freshly painted inside/out, neut new carpets & pergo flrs in foyer & sunrm! Quick occupancy! 349-6200 (24153276) \$349,900



**LIVONIA** 734-326-2000  
A "10" ON THE WOW SCALE Gorgeous 2,500 SF 3 BR in N/W Livonia on nearly 3/4 acres and 3+ garage. Hot tub in Fla rm. Gazebo, formal LR, great room & family room. (M205) \$290,000



**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
POPULAR BURTON HOLLOW SUB. 4 BR, 2 BA, 2133 SF. Open flr plan w/vaulted cigs in LR, DR & kit. New roof (04), wndw & DR. Fla rm overlooking Indscp & fenced yrd. (24142312) \$269,000



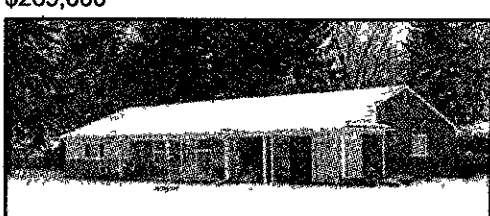
**SOUTH LYON** 248-348-6430  
ENJOY THE COUNTRY City conveniences w/a small town feel. Comfortable 3 BR, 2 bath brick ranch w/nat'l fplc, fin'd bsmt and many recent updates. Deep prvt yard. Warranty! 349-6200 (24149601) \$227,900



**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
A MUST SEE! 3 BR, 1.5 BA brick ranch in Rosedale Gardens. Updates; A/C 04, re-fin hwd flrs, Indscp in frnt & back, priv fence, copper plmb. Fin bsmt w/glass block windows. (24151396) \$184,900



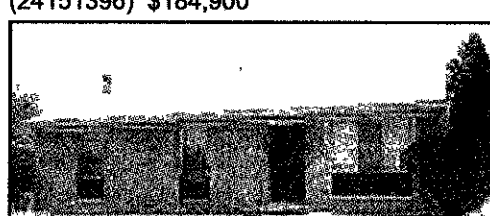
**SOUTH LYON** 248-348-6430  
COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY For sale or lease. Nicely updated 3 BR, 2 BA ranch. Lg kit, mstr w/jet tub. LR w/hwd flrs, lrg 2 car garage. Walking distance to S. Lyon. Lease \$1150/month, 349-6200 (24085323) \$177,900



**DEARBORN** 734-455-7000  
FIRST TIME BUYER'S BARGAIN Cute cozy ranch on private court, near schools. Priced to sell. Good sized rooms. Grt location. (23E25585) (25000547) \$140,000



**WESTLAND** 248-348-6430  
OUTSTANDING LOCATION. Clean, well-kept condo. New carpet on 1st floor, oak kitchen cabinets, all appliances included. Fin'd bsmt. Deck from doorwall. Absolutely turn key! 349-6200 (24103092) \$172,500



**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
TOO GOOD TO LAST!! 3 bedroom brick ranch with full bsmt and 2 1/2 car garage. Updates include: roof shingles, plumbing, electrical, windows and central air. (P150) \$159,900



**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
BEST BUY! 1436 SF broad-front brick bungalow on double lot in desirable golf & CC sub. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, fin rec rm, sun porch, 1.5 car att gar. (24148804) \$149,900



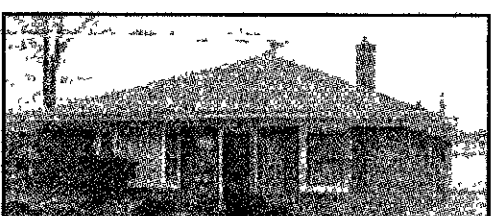
**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
ATTRACTIVE 1 1/2 STORY BUNGALOW 1100 SF. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, bsmt & gar. Updates incl: roof, furn, kit cabs & counters, electrical. Heated gar is a handyman's dream. Lndscp & fenced yrd. (24150285) \$145,000



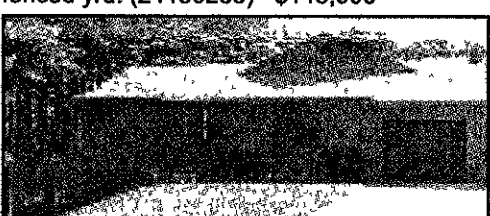
**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY One year old 2 BR, 2 1/2 bath Brownstone condo. Neutral thru-out w/luxury features: master suite w/bath & WIC, 2nd floor Indry, C/A, deck, attached garage. (S870) \$144,900



**DEARBORN** 248-348-6430  
COZY 3 BR, 2 FULL BA BUNGALOW painted with sunshine! Hwd flrs under carpeting, huge mstr w/lots of storage & skylight. Many newer features! 349-6200 (24078298) \$143,000



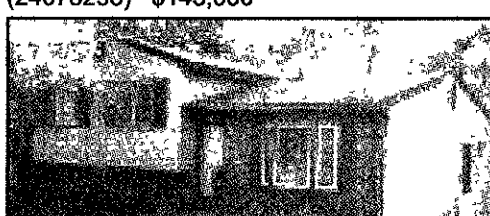
**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
READY FOR YOU TO MOVE IN 1,152 SF, 3 bedroom, brick ranch located in South Livonia (schools), newer tile bath and 2 car garage. (24138583) \$138,900



**SOUTH LYON** 248-348-6430  
PRIME LOCATION! W/O UNIT & LK ACCESS Privacy & beauty in end unit w/Fla rm, FR, fplc, direct gar access. 2 BR, 2 BA & appls. In 55+ co-op. Includes beach and clubhouse. 349-6200 (24124573) \$138,000



**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
3 BR RANCH w/special features such as formal DR, bay wndw w/wndw seat & half baths. Updates incl: remold kit, wndws, baths, roof & furn. South Redford school dist. (24153519) \$137,900



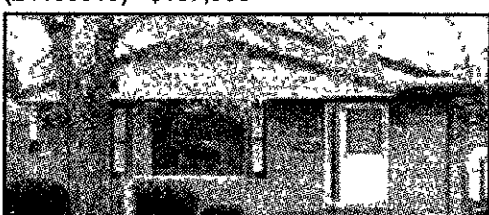
**ROMULUS** 734-455-7000  
NEEDS A LITTLE... Spacious tri-level w/ huge backyard that is completely fenced. 1.5 baths, part fin bsmt & newer kit cabs. Hurry! Going, Going... (23115748) \$129,900



**WAYNE** 734-591-9200  
TOO GOOD TO MISS! Completely updt 3 BR ranch w/wrap-around porch on a sizeable lot. LR w/FP & bay wndw. Kit, DR, LR, open concept w/vaulted ceiling. (24151965) \$129,500



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 248-348-6430  
UPDATED RANCH Well cared for 3 BR 1.5 bath home w/nat'l fplc. Newer roof, gutters, bath, oak kit cab. Refinished hwd flrs. fin bsmt w/lav. 2.5 car gar & fenced yard. 349-6200 (24155688) \$124,900



**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
GREAT 3 BEDROOM HOME w/finished basement, nice open floor plan. Updates incl: furn & air, windows, updated kit, extra insulation & built-in china cab off kit. (24137145) \$116,000



**LINCOLN PARK** 248-348-6430  
3 BR COLONIAL W/LOTS OF UPDATES Newly remodeled eat-in kit, freshly painted, fin bsmt w/berber carp. Nice size lot, most appl's stay, near schools. A must see! 349-6200 (24096942) \$109,500

**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6430  
GOLF COMMUNITY Sophisticated 4 BR, 3.5 BA rm. w/an elegant floor plan & many custom upgrds thru-out. A kit perfect for entertaining and so much more. 349-6200 (24102783) \$800,000

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
WONDERFUL HOME ON PICTURESQUE LOT Charming, delightful kit, warm & inviting FR, lovely DR w/hwd flr, 4 BRs, fin'd bsmt w/a great entertainment center. Projection TV & surround sound. 349-6200 (24157780) \$329,900

**FARMINGTON HILLS** 734-591-9200  
4 BR, 2.5 BA BRK COLONIAL Lrg eat-in kit, form DR, library w/custom dual work station & solid cherry shelving. Mstr w/BA & WIC, fin bsmt, tiered deck. 50 acre commons w/tennis. (24098383) \$314,990

**NOVI** 734-591-9200  
LIKE NEW 2002 yr blt, end unit ranch style condo. 2 BR, 2 BA, 2 car gar & great Novi location. Upgrades t/o, cath ceilings, jetted tubs, FP, hwd flrs & great view! (24127660) \$249,900

**LIVONIA** 248-348-6430  
OUTSTANDING QUAD LEVEL! Burton Hollow brk hm. 5 BR, 2 BA, 2100+ SF! Newer roof, 2.5 car gar, separate prvt front entrance. Seller motivated, immed occupancy. 349-6200 (24131061) \$239,999

**WAYNE** 734-591-9200  
SPRAWLING CSTM FULL BRK RANCH w/2 fplcs, 3 BRs, 2.5 baths. Newer Kit is incredible, FR, Form DR, LR, 1st flr Indry, full bsmt, 22x12 Fla rm & more. (24099973) \$239,900

**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
LAKE POINTE VILLAGE 4 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial w/FR & in-ground pool. Updates incl: furn, air, sprinklers, wndws, BA w/jacuzzi, ceramic, etc. (24032826) \$239,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
PICTURE PERFECT COLONIAL! 3 BR Colonial built in 1998. Clean, neutral decor. FR, fplc, mstr BA. Fantastic value. (23S45615) 24123327 \$239,000

**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6430  
NICE, CLEAN & PRVT RNCH CONDO. Prvt southern view. LR w/cath cell, nice kit, formal DR/w nice sliding door to deck, 2 car att gar & walk to common pool. 349-6200 (24064761) \$238,500

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
BETTER THAN NEW! Newer condo in "Cherry Grove". 3 stories of 2082 SF quality living, gas fplc, lrg GR, dining area, eat-in kit w/door wall to deck. 2.5 bath, 2 car att gar. (23C516) 24142293 \$234,900

**CANTON** 734-591-9200  
ORIGINAL OWNERS! 2081 SF 4 BR cstm quad w/gourmet oak kit w/eat-on island, roof 00, wndws, 03, crpt 02, mstr ste w/FP & jacuzzi. Skylgt, pool, patio & deck. (24115974) \$229,900

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
BEAUTIFUL HM BACKS TO NATURE PRESERVE 3 BR, 2.5 BA detached condo is nestled deep within a golf course comm! Fantastic fin'd LL, library, 2 car att gar. 349-6200 (24070994) \$229,900

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-591-9200  
NORTH DEARBORN HGTS CONDO w/2 lrg BR plus a 13x10 loft, 2.5 BAs, vaulted ceiling in GR, fin bsmt, 2 car att gar, and very low association fee. Very striking decor. (24056714) \$214,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
3 BR COLONIAL 1500+ SF, updates, fenced yard. Livonia schools, excellent location. More photos at www.localgem.com or call 877-934-6683 ID 712 for details. (24131293) \$199,900

**CANTON** 248-348-6430  
GRT RNCH IN FELLOWS CRK SUB! Cul-de-sac loc! 3 BRs, 1.5 baths! Kit updt w/oak cabs, solid surface counters. Full unfin'd bsmt. Deck off FR. Brick/vinyl exterior! 349-6200. (24139909) \$194,900

**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
DESIRABLE MILLPOINTE SUB! Ceramic foyer, lrg kit w/oak cabs, vaulted ceilings, skylights, fplc in LR, 4th BR in full fin bsmt & ceramic shower & BA. C/A, deck, 2 car gar. (S200) PC220072 24086435 \$191,900

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-455-7000  
A SHOW STOPPER! All brick custom blt ranch, corner lot. 2 fplcs. Fla rm. Fin bsmt. Blt-in range. Well maintained, beautifully decorated. This is a lot! (23R25305) \$189,900

**LIVONIA** 248-348-6430  
WELL MAINTAINED, NWR RNCH Country setting backs to woods. 3 BR, 2 BA. Lrg deck w/hot tub. Kit remold in 2004. 349-6200. (24142314) \$179,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
1440 SF IN THE 180'S! Newer built beautiful 2 BR, 2 full bath, balcony, upgrades galore. 1 car attached gar. Golf course community! (23B40477) 24085511 \$179,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
UP NORTH FEEL IN THE CITY Great, fully fenced .6 acre lot, 3 car gar w/heat & 220-mechanic's dream! Cape Cod 1272 SF, 3 BR, 1.5 BA. Lrg FR w/deck overlooking backyrd. (24147495) \$174,900

**GARDEN CITY** 734-326-2000  
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3BR BRK RNCH Additional kit space, newer roof, updt BA, garage door, glass block windows, c/a, park-like setting on Rouge River. (24106305) \$159,900

**DEARBORN HGTS** 734-326-2000  
NORTH DEARBORN HGTS CHARMER Rare find 4 BR rch w/part fin bsmt. 1 1/2 BAs. Updt kit, new furn & C/A, elec, interior paint, updt BA & lav. Large lot! (R702) 24098695 \$155,000

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
BUILD YOUR DREAM HM On this wooded 1.29 acre 3 BR RANCH New siding, windows & updates. w/Plymouth-Canton schls. North on Palmer, W. side of Sheldon. Call for more information. (23S1700) 24099250 \$155,000

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-591-9200  
GREAT CURB APPEAL On this broad-front brick ranch. Newer roof, windows, 2 1/2 car gar, and secluded street. (24139439) \$154,900

**SOUTHFIELD** 248-348-6430  
BRIGHT & CHEERY RANCH Neat & Tidy brick ranch with a white picket fence. Fplc in FR. Fin'd bsmt w/tons of storage. Many upds. Excellent location! 349-6200 (24053850) \$149,999

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 248-348-6430  
3 BR/2 BA UPDTD RNCH Newer BA, \$6,000 in new windows, perfect hwd flrs. Kit & BA in bsmt, investment potential! All appl's stay. 349-6200 (24133637) \$144,900

**REDFORD** 734-326-2000  
3 BR/3 BA/3 CAR GAR Lovely hm has the following upds, newer windows & treatments, furnace & air, electrical, paint, corner lot, neat & clean. All appl's stay. (W155) PC220762 24112025 \$136,500

**LINCOLN PARK** 734-326-2000  
BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED 3 BR RNCH Well maintained hm has many upds, including the BA. Huge kit w/doorwall to patio, part fin'd bsmt and much more. (N206) 24148483 \$125,900

**INKSTER** 734-326-2000  
ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL is this 3 BR brick bungalow. Remold kit and BA. Lovely fin'd bsmt. 2 1/2 car gar. Newer furn, HWH and carpeting. (S109) 24127823 \$119,900

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•Copies of all certifications must be provided with application.

Candidates must successfully complete a testing process, background investigation, psychological, and physical. Applications are available and returned completed with all Certificates to: **Charter Township of Northville Human Resources Dept. 44405 Six Mile Road Northville, MI 48167** by 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 11, 2005. An application is also available at our website at [www.northville.mi.us](http://www.northville.mi.us) Resumes will not be accepted without an application. Equal Employment Opportunity

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## Help Wanted-General 5000

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**MECHANICAL DESIGN ENGINEER** Mechanical Design Engineer wanted with minimum of 5 years post grad experience. Successful candidate must be able to demonstrate strong abilities in 3D design (CATIA 5 preferred) and have a proven mathematical background. Experience of fluid dynamics would be beneficial. Company offers competitive salaries and excellent benefits. Please send resume to HR, 43939 Plymouth Oaks Blvd, Plymouth MI 48170, or fax to (734) 456-3691

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## Help Wanted-General 5000

## POLICE OFFICER

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**TEMPERING FURNACE OPERATOR** Needed for glass company, exp preferred. Fax resume to: 734-354-0310

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For Farmington Insurance Agency. Familiar w/escrow transactions & pensions. Salary range \$30's. Fax resume to Pete at: 248-442-5010

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Searching for a skilled professional able to work in a fast pace environment. Must be detail oriented, with professional communication skills and good interpersonal skills. Position will entail some level of customer contact. Data Entry will be primary focus, needs to be both fast and accurate. PC Knowledge required: Excel of minimum, other Microsoft Office applications a plus. Math aptitude and/or some baseline accounting background preferred. Courses taken in school would substitute for hands-on exp. Cross training for switchboard on a relief basis will be anticipated. Please fax or send resume & salary requirements to: Howard Terns Packing Company, 12285 Droe Street, Redford, MI 48239, Attn: H.R. Director. Fax (313) 531-5243

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Help Wanted-Engineering 5030

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## Help Wanted-Dental 5040

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**DENTAL FRONT DESK**

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Help Wanted-Medical 5060

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BY DALE BUSS

There are multiple kinds of buzz emanating from the North American International Auto Show this week in downtown Detroit. On one level, we're hearing that it's speed and horsepower – and future indications of more – that are causing excitement among consumers. Of course, there also are an increasing number of potential car buyers who are demonstrating a “green” sort of anticipation over the growing number of hybrid vehicles that are becoming available.

Then there's the technology crowd: The folks who come especially to see what doodads they might find on future vehicles. One of the most extreme conceptual examples of interesting new technology can be found on Ford's SYN SUV, essentially a consumer-friendly armored vehicle complete with self-deploying shutters that cover the windows when the vehicle is parked and bullet-proof glass that protects drivers from stray gunfire.

But more than anything else, both the show – and recent results in the marketplace – show that what consumers relish more than anything else these days is vehicles that simply look sharp. That makes design itself the new rudder of the automotive marketplace.

The renewed preoccupation with design is understandable, given a little history. The Seventies and Eighties snuffed out the industry's bolder renderings under safety and fuel-economy concerns. Then, auto makers spent the Nineties essentially copying the unvariegated “jeallybean” design of Ford's best-selling Taurus sedan. But global competition, the rise of the SUV and the digitization of the design process have combined to produce a profligate number of new vehicle types and models these days.

With quality and technological differences among products largely having leveled off over the last decade or so, eye-catching design can be decisive. “Both consumers and the car companies are ready to see more changes taken out there,” says Chris Chapman, director of automotive design for DesignWorks USA, a unit of BMW. “People are kind of sick of the same old thing, and they're looking for something new.”

But there's been a narrowing gap between “futuristic” designs and the exciting stuff that's already on the road. Chrysler exemplifies that better than any other



The 2005 Chrysler 300 is the North American Car of the Year.

American company. It scored a hit a few years ago by quickly moving its retro-looking PT Cruiser wagon from concept status into production. Chrysler's encore this year is the 300 series, a line of mainstream sedans that features high window ledges, extremely short front and rear overhangs, and a blunt and bulky front end with a yawning grill that give the car an unmistakable machismo unlike anything else on the road these days.

“It gets people into the showrooms and gets their emotions going,” says Trevor Creed, Chrysler's senior vice president of design, who was weaned on the great winged beasts of the Fifties such as the Chevrolet Bel Air.

Creed's crew also are responsible for the design renaissance at Chrysler's Dodge division, which has used huge, “horse-collar” grilles and grand curvature as the styling signatures of a whole range of distinctive models including Magnum, the wagon-like cousin of the 300; a bigger new Durango SUV; and the new version of the venerable Dodge Charger nameplate that Chrysler unveiled to great acclaim at the Detroit show.

After decades of serving as the avatar of bland design, General Motors also is taking a worthy number of chances these days – and connecting with many of them. They include the Cadillac line, with a distinctive, chiseled styling theme that has helped revive the entire nameplate, and even the spiffy overhaul of the Envoy SUV, part of the company's relatively anony-

mous GMC brand.

Japanese auto makers, known more for killer fit-and-finish than for daring design, also are moving the needle here. Nissan went first a few years ago as it struggled for survival, spawning bold new models such as the pod-shaped Murano “crossover” model and the Quest minivan, which sports an industrial-looking, design “that was meant to resemble an urban loft,” says Diane Allen, a Nissan Design America manager.

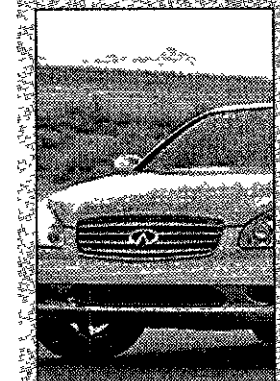
Interiors also have benefited from the new energy behind design. The raw pleasure in beholding the severely rounded design of Audi's two-seater TT Roadster is amplified by the symphony of brushed-aluminum cylindrical shapes that dominate the cockpit. And the minimalist theme of Nissan's Quest wouldn't be complete without an instrument panel that looks like something out of “Lost in Space.”

Of course, design risks don't all result in marketplace success, as exemplified by Chevrolet's SSR. Five years ago, this two-seater convertible – featuring a retro-looking front end, a foldaway hardtop and a very practical, truck-bed-style rear – wowed car-show crowds as a concept vehicle. So GM began producing the \$42,000 roadster two years ago to create buzz for the Chevy brand and build showroom traffic. But SSR has only sold at about two-thirds of GM's modest expectations.

So it's back to the drawing boards for the designers. That's just where car buyers want them.

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## On stage



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A new production of the musical 'Oliver!', the story of an orphaned boy, plays at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

## 'Oliver!' the musical is dark but family-friendly

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

If the trials and tribulations of orphan Oliver didn't scare your generation, they won't startle today's youth.

Nonetheless, Chris Danner, company manager of the touring musical production of *Oliver!* headed to Detroit, describes the show as "having some darkness."

"It's a great show for a family, but it is the Charles Dickens story," he said.

The new production of *Oliver!*, which is based on the original Lionel Bart version, opens Jan. 25 and continues through Jan. 30 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

Based on Dickens' novel *Oliver Twist*, the story follows an orphaned boy as he escapes a 19th-century London workhouse only to be taken in by a gang of apprentice pickpockets.

The original musical debuted in London in 1960. On Broadway, it garnered 10 Tony nominations and won three. The 1968 film version won five Academy Awards.

Though the classic story and plot are intact, producers updated the show for contemporary audiences.

"It's a different show than what people may have seen on Broadway," said Danner. "It's not the same old *Oliver!* that everyone might have seen."

So how dark does the new version get?

Well, everybody's favorite boy orphan isn't the only one having a hard time. There's plenty of death with which to contend, said Danner.

"We have three people who die in the show. One is murdered, and the town-folks get together at the end of the show and kill the bad guy. And there's an old

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woman who dies of old age."

Lightening the mood are all the children on stage - 17 in total, said Danner, who was born in Pontiac and grew up in White Lake.

"And that's the best part of the job," he added. "That is what keeps us lively. It keeps the backstage area family-focused."

Of course, the same energy and mood trickles on to the stage, especially as the kids launch into the show's most popular musical numbers, from *Food, Glorious Food* to *Oom Pah Pah* and *You've Got to Pick a Pocket or Two*.

Running two hours and 30 minutes with one intermission, the new show, like the original, is packed with good, old-fashioned life lessons with underlying moral significance.

"I definitely think it's a production that a family should go to," said Danner. "If we're teaching our children lessons, what better way than the art of the stage?"



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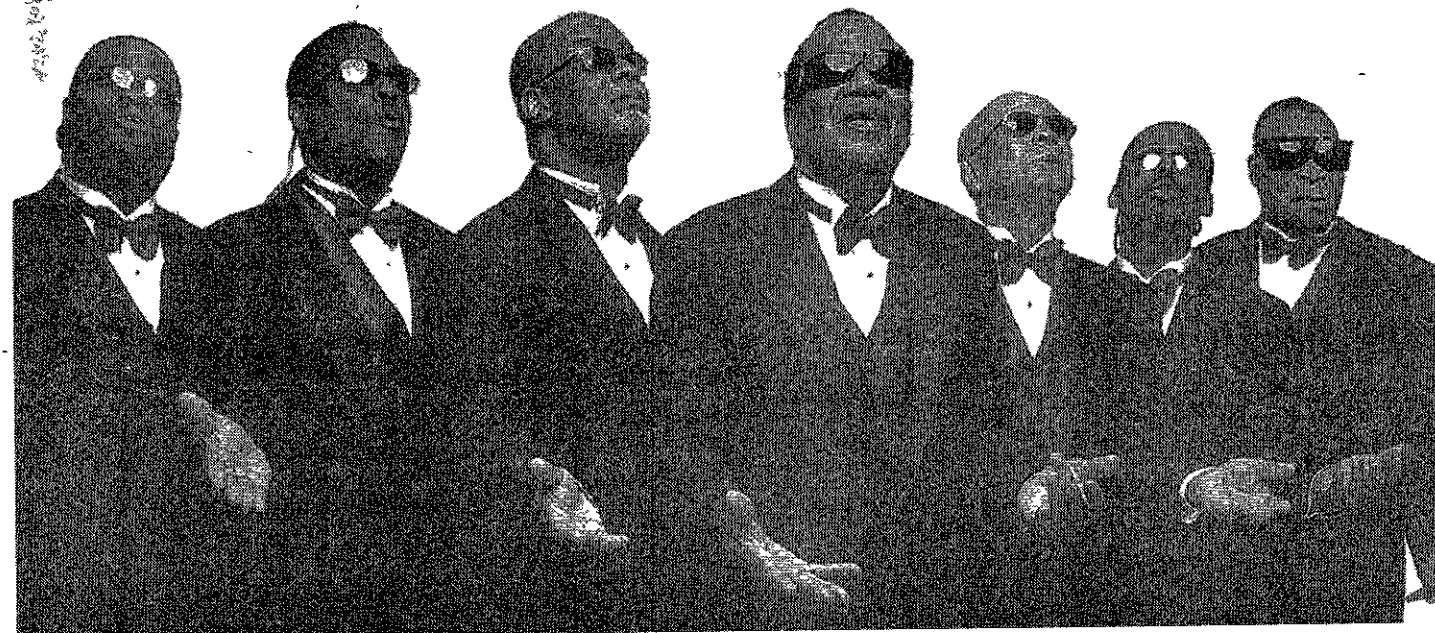
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# Hot Ticket



The Blind Boys of Alabama are an American institution that can turn almost any song into a gospel song.

Every year it seems the names get bigger at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival. This year the spiritual-folk-punk-activists Indigo Girls headlines the festival on Friday, Jan. 28. Modern blues master Keb' Mo' closes the show on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

The festival is presented by The Ark as its largest annual fund-raiser.

The Ark, in Ann Arbor, is a small venue run by volunteers. It's an establishment where people come to listen to music rather than mingle. Alcohol is sold only to its members.

Festival organizers strive each year to include undiscovered artists in the musical lineup, along with musicians at the peak of their careers.

Also performing are gospel legends the Blind Boys of Alabama; The Glengarry Bhoys, who perform a blend of Celtic music sung in French and English; singer/songwriter Richard Shindell, who spent time playing for money in Paris subways; local soulful singer/songwriter Whit Hill & The Postcards; and many others.

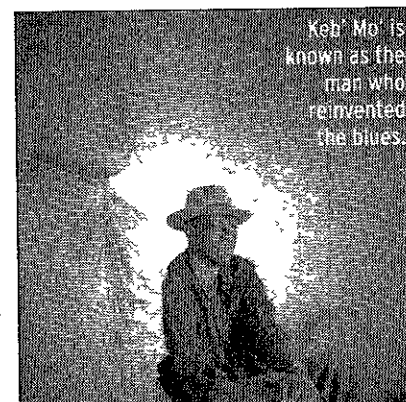
Also featured is Grammy Award-winning artist Keb' Mo', who writes blues with a modern edge.

He was raised in gang-infested Compton, Calif., and turned to the acoustic blues of the Mississippi Delta as a way to express his feelings of hope.

His latest album, *Peace... Back By Popular Demand*, is positive and danceable.

"It started out as a collection of protest songs, but it evolved into an album about peace and freedom," Mo' said.

*Peace* is a collection of 1960s and 1970s



Keb' Mo' is known as the man who reinvented the blues.

# Meet the Folks

Ann Arbor Folk Festival seems to get hotter every year

music, such as *What's Happening, Brother* by Marvin Gaye, *Imagine* by John Lennon, and *For What It's Worth* by Buffalo Springfield. The songs, Mo' said, are still relevant today.

"We have way more reasons to come together than we have to split apart and I think people the world over want pretty much the same things."

For his remake of *Imagine*, Mo' writes: "It's a song that's perfect in the expression of its ideas and feelings."

"I didn't worry about 'Oh, man, I don't know if the world needs another version of this.' I think the message is so profound, there should be more versions of it."

Former opera singer turned folk artist Susan Werner is hosting the festival.

Opening is Michigan's fiddle whiz Jeremy Kittle, who has been performing Celtic music with an Appalachian twist since he was a child.

# THE 2005 ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL

**Where:** Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor  
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(in order of appearance starting with the headlining act)

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**Saturday:** Keb' Mo', Richard Thompson, Kruger Brothers, David Jones, Richard Shindell, King Wilkie, Lynn Miles, George Bedard & The Kinpins, Whit Hill & The Postcards and Susan Werner, emcee

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# 'Coach Carter' scores with a strong cast

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE  
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**Carter's innovative tactics include naming strategies after his ex-girlfriends and sisters.**

You pretty much know what you're getting when you walk into a sports movie that bills itself as "an inspirational account... inspired by a true story."

And with *Coach Carter*, you pretty much get that.

The story of Ken Carter, the basketball coach at Richmond High School in a tough section of the San Francisco Bay Area, features rousing, crowd-pleasing moments and breathless buzzer-beating action.

It's also full of the obligatory speeches about turning athletes into students and turning boys into men.

The difference here is that the person making those speeches is Samuel L. Jackson.

He's not threatening to strike down upon anyone with great vengeance and furious anger, as he did so famously in *Pulp Fiction*.

He has dialed down his wrath, but despite his character's overly polite practice of calling everyone ma'am and sir, he's still a formidable presence.

Jackson avoids melodrama — it just isn't part of his repertoire — and director Thomas Carter, who previously directed another MTV movie, *Save the Last Dance*, for the most part does the same, though he could have trimmed the film by about a half hour.

The result, like the recent *Friday Night Lights* and *Miracle*, is a movie that manages to transcend its predictable, by-the-numbers structure, even though its tough-love themes inevitably will remind you of *Stand and Deliver* and *Dangerous Minds*.

As told by screenwriters Mark Schwahn (creator of the WB series *One Tree Hill*) and John Gatins (*Summer Catch*), the rigid Carter is hired to coach the dismal Richmond High basketball team, for which he was a star player in the early 1970s.

These kids are failing both on the court and in the classroom, and he immediately sets out to fix both problems.

He works them harder than they've ever worked before, with endless drills, sprints and push-ups, and he forces them to sign contracts requiring them to maintain at least a 2.3 grade point average.

Everything seems to be going great in the film's first hour, which includes the de rigueur montage of practices and victories as the team cobbles together a surprise undefeated season.

Carter's innovative tactics include naming strategies after his ex-girlfriends and sisters.

He also kills his players with kindness and tricks them through reverse psychology, tactics familiar to his son, Damien (Robert Ri'chard), a freshman who has pulled himself out of private school and enrolled at Richmond, just to play for his dad.

Then *Coach Carter* becomes a totally different movie when Coach Carter realizes that several of his players haven't been upholding their end of the contract academically, with the complicity of their teachers and parents.

He padlocks the gym, forces the entire team to meet at the library to study and cancels games, drawing the ire of parents and the community, who just want to see a winning team.

If all this hadn't actually happened, it would sound too impossibly feel-good to be true.

While Jackson plays a huge role in making the film believable, the casting is exceptional all the way down the line.

Rob Brown, who made his acting debut starring with Sean Connery in *Finding Forrester*, is quietly confident as one of the team's stars.

R&B singer Ashanti, who plays his pregnant teenage girlfriend, proves she can act beyond the meager skills she has displayed in videos opposite Ja Rule.

And Rick Gonzalez (who played Spanish in *Old School*) provides a palpable nervous energy as a student torn between the easy camaraderie he enjoys on the basketball team and the easy money he makes helping his cousin deal drugs on the streets.

Take a guess which one he chooses.

*Coach Carter*, a Paramount Pictures release, runs 137 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.





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Hayden Panettiere and Stripes, voiced by Frankie Muniz, in 'Racing Stripes.'

## 'Racing Stripes' lags in heart

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE  
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Dismissing *Racing Stripes* as a paltry retread of *Babe* would be mean, and it's hard to be mean to a movie that's so well-intentioned.

The similarities are awfully hard to miss, though — as are the differences.

Whereas the talking little piggy of *Babe* wanted to be a sheepherding dog a decade ago, the talking baby zebra of *Racing Stripes* wants to be a racehorse.

Actually, he thinks he is a racehorse, and is devastated to learn otherwise when he grows up (and is voiced eagerly by *Malcolm in the Middle* star Frankie Muniz).

Like *Babe*, *Stripes* the zebra lives on a farm, where he arrived after horse trainer Nolan Walsh (Bruce Greenwood) found the former circus animal abandoned on a country road and brought him home.

And like *Babe*, *Stripes* is surrounded by a menagerie of computer-enhanced creatures who crack wise — only here their voices are provided by a much higher-profile assemblage of celebrity talent, a joke in itself in Belgian director Frederik Du Chau's movie.

Whoopi Goldberg provides the voice of Franny the goat, who keeps all the other animals in line.

Jeff Foxworthy voices Reggie the rooster (though he's essentially doing his you-might-be-a-redneck act, wearing feathers atop a barn).

Snoop Dogg growls lazily a couple of times as a bloodhound named Lightning.

But the best of all is Dustin Hoffman, who sounds like he's having a ball goofing

around as a cranky Shetland pony (with a heart of gold, of course) named Tucker.

This is the first and probably the last time you will see Hoffman and Snoop in the same movie together, but based on the critical praise Hoffman has received for his wacky work in *Meet the Fockers*, anything seems possible.

What *Racing Stripes* offers in star power, though, it lacks in heart.

*Babe*, which never hit a false note, will make even grown-ups cry every time. This new film, meanwhile, is strangely distant, with its superficial platitudes about tolerance and daring to go after big dreams.

### PLOT

*Stripes* wants to race, and the farmer's daughter, Channing (Hayden Panettiere), wants to be a jockey, but her overly protective father won't allow it after her mother's death in a riding accident.

Together they sneak their way into the prestigious Kentucky Open, where *Stripes* competes against the spoiled thoroughbred Trenton's Pride (voiced by Joshua Jackson from *Dawson's Creek* with appropriate frat-boy swagger).

The enthusiastic young zebra gets help from a filly named Sandy (Mandy Moore), a New Jersey pelican named Goose (Joe Pantoliano, relegated to regurgitating every famous line from every mob movie, ever) and a couple of flies named Buzz (Steve Harvey) and Scuzz (David Spade), whose painfully repetitive routine consists of singing songs like *U Can't Touch This*, passing gas and wallowing in piles of poop.

(The proliferation of scatological humor will crack the kiddies up, but prevent

adults from enjoying the film completely.)

Pantoliano's shtick also feels hackneyed, especially after the animated, mob-themed *Shark Tale*, but he does offer a great line when he mistakes the zebra for an ex-con because of his stripes.

### HUMANS

As for the human beings, they're much better than you might expect in a feel-good kids flick.

The underappreciated Greenwood, so solid in movies such as *Thirteen Days* in which he played John F. Kennedy, brings warmth and resonance to the role.

He also has a believable father-daughter dynamic in his scenes with Panettiere, who has turned into a strong, beautiful young actress after roles in *Remember the Titans* and *Ally McBeal*.

But too often David Schmidt's script forces the humans in the movie, like M. Emmet Walsh as a grizzled track rat, to utter lines like, "That zebra really wants to race — I can see it!"

It's ideal for children, though, and its heart is in the right place — which almost makes it a winner.

*Racing Stripes*, a Warner Bros. Pictures release, runs 93 minutes. Two stars out of four.

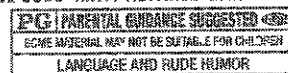
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More theater

# New on the scene

Upstart contemporary theater group presents 'True West'

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

On any given weekend, Detroit's theater offerings probably exceed the number of new movie releases in town.

But when it comes to contemporary drama, the choices often fall off to nothing.

Enter Breathe Art Life Theatre Project. The relatively new upstart company, which splits its performance time between Detroit and Windsor, has committed itself to producing solely contemporary plays.

The group opens a production of *True West*, Sam Shepard's dark comedy about the rivalry between two estranged brothers, on Friday at Windsor's Capitol Theatre. The play continues Jan. 22 and Jan. 28-29.

"We just didn't understand why contemporary theater wasn't being done in this area," said 31-year-old Valerie Bonasso, one of the company's four founding artistic partners.

Bonasso resides in Windsor and minds

## GOING WEST

**What:** Breathe Art Theatre Project presents Sam Shepard's dark comedy 'True West.'

**When:** 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22 and Jan. 28-29.

**Where:** Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario.

**Tickets:** \$22 (Canadian) with a student rate of \$16.50, available from the box office, call (519) 253-7729 or visit [www.capitol.on.ca](http://www.capitol.on.ca).

the business end of things.

Demetri Vacratsis, 33, has dual citizenship in both countries and handles artistic matters. Courtney Burkett, 29, of Detroit, is a graduate of Wayne State University's prestigious master's theater program. The

fourth partner, 32-year-old David Court, is currently pursuing his master's in scenic design at the Detroit university.

The company's name, Breathe Art Life Project, expresses the founders' philosophy about the relationship between art and life, said Bonasso. "You can't live without breath, and you can't breathe without art."

Except for a few donations, funding has come out of the partners' own pockets. So out of necessity, the group is taking small steps in developing the organization. The company was founded just more than a year ago; but this year marks the first full season and availability of advance subscriptions.

"We're trying to keep it as minimalistic as possible. We're not getting paid. We're not looking to make money, but to provide a service to the community and all the while do something we love to do."

So far, attendance is rising.

Breathe Art's next production, *Two Rooms*, Lee Blessing's play about an American taken hostage by Arab terrorists in Beirut, is set to run March 11-19 at 1515

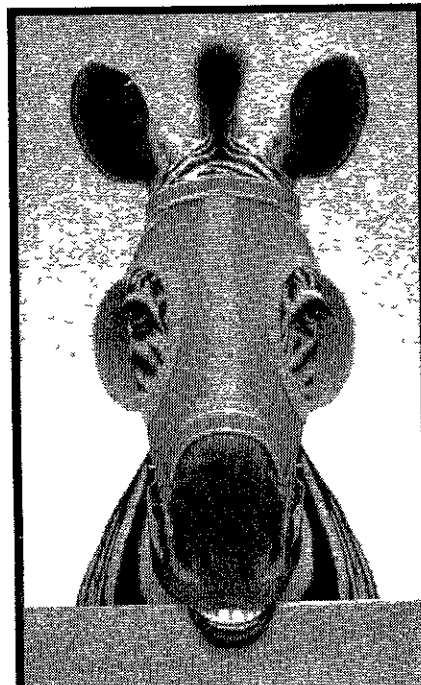


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Mark Lefebvre (standing) plays Lee and Demetri Vacratsis portrays Austin in Sam Shepard's 'True West,' a dark comedy about two estranged brothers.

Broadway in Detroit.

"A younger sensibility changes an outlook on a company," said Bonasso. "We're just starting out and getting our feet wet. We've all had a little bit of professional experience. Now we want to take that experience and create something of our own."



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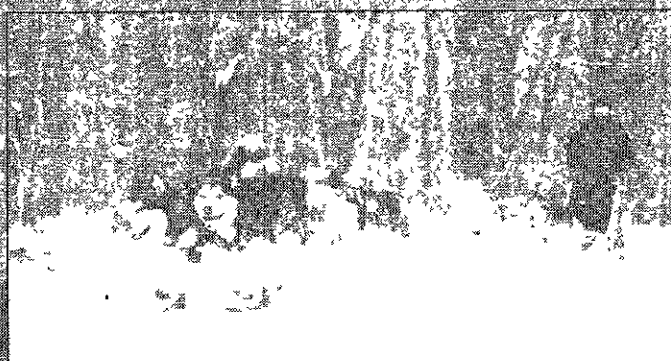
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# Anti freeze

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

**T**reading the streets of downtown Detroit mid-winter doesn't sound like easygoing entertainment. But Motown Winter Blast, the Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee's free mega kick-off festival, might blow your mind enough that you'll forget all about the chilly temps.

The event, a mood-setting preview to the February 2006 Super Bowl here in

Detroit, is centered around the city's new pride and joy, Campus Martius Park and its Rockefeller Plaza-style ice skating rink.

Slated Friday-Sunday, the Blast quite literally has it all. There's music, art, food, sports and, yes, a whole bunch of activities that scream out loudly and proudly "Winter!"

"First and foremost, we wanted to embrace the winter," said Jonathan Witz, the event's organizer. "So we set out to find winter activities that will draw people to Detroit and showcase the city."

Beyond outdoor ice skating on the new rink, visitors can get lost in a gigantic snow maze, glide down a 200-foot snow slide, check out dog sledding, try out snow shoeing and watch

## GOOD CHILL

**What:** The Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee's Motown Winter Blast, a pre-party for the 2006 Super Bowl in Detroit pre-party featuring seven zones of entertainment and activities.

**When:** Friday, Jan. 21, to Sunday, Jan. 23, hours vary by zone.

**Where:** Downtown Detroit, but centered around Campus Martius Park, 800 Woodward Ave. between Fort and Michigan.

**Admission:** Free, call (313) 963-8418 or [www.motownwinterblast.com](http://www.motownwinterblast.com).



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### BLAST

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master snow and ice sculptors shape the cold into crystalline beauty.

Organizers dedicated three of seven areas making up the Blast to wintertime activities. Family Wonderland, located at Campus Martius Park, is the hub, and in addition to open skating, features demonstrations by the Detroit Skating Club with a showcase performance by two-time U.S. National Bronze Medalist Rudy Galindo at 6 p.m. Friday.

The Michigan.org Winter Experience, just east of the park, is where the snow maze, slide and dogsleds can be found. Just farther east and running along Monroe Avenue is the Detroit Snow and Ice Spectacular's carving competition.

"Campus Martius could be called the centerpiece, but each area stands alone in providing great entertainment," said Witz.

To the west of the park on Michigan Avenue, enormous tents will provide visitors not only with heat, but also food and live music. Taste of Detroit features 20 metro restaurants, including Andiamo's, Sweet Georgia Brown, Seldom Blues, Small Plates and the Hard Rock Cafe, plus music by more than 50 local bands.

"Oh, heat, heat, you can get heat every 150 feet," exclaimed Witz. "So if you need a break, it's there."

Courtesy of DTE Energy, heated "Comfort Zones" have been set up along main walking routes.

### Sports

■ Detroit Sports Bowl - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, inside Ford Field, Woodward at Brush Street, teams from local companies compete in sports challenges officiated by local sports celebrities and the winning team gets Super Bowl XL tickets.

### Art

■ Tour d' Art - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Detroit's Cultural District, along Woodward Avenue near Wayne State University campus, free admission to participating cultural and educational institutions, including the Detroit Institute of Art, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and the Detroit Science Center, plus special programs.

Likewise, there are several indoor entertainment zones. To start, more than 10 of Detroit's cultural and educational institutions plan to grant free admission to visitors, with some offering special programming, during the Blast. The zone, located in the city's cultural district, has been dubbed Tour d'Art. Inside Ford Field is the Detroit Sports Bowl where local corporate teams take on sports challenges in hopes of winning Super Bowl tickets. There's also a city club crawl.

"The purpose of the Motown Winter Blast is to create the backdrop for the Super Bowl," said Susan Sherer, executive director of the host committee.

The event also gives organizers, sponsors, local businesses and others who will be impacted by Super Bowl XL an opportunity to host a large event before the real thing, Sherer said, adding no host city has ever undertaken to hold an advance "practice" festival.

"We are ready, we continue to get ready and we're ahead of the game," she said. "I do believe this could change the conversation about Detroit. I think it can do it in 2005 and in 2006. It requires moving that needle or the ball, if you will, across the goal line. The Super Bowl is coming. Now it is time to get in the game."

## OUTDOORS

### Winter experience

■ Family Wonderland - 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Friday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday

Campus Martius Park, 800 Woodward Ave. between Fort and Michigan Avenue, features open ice skating plus demos by the Detroit Skating Club and winter arts and crafts.

■ Michigan.org Winter Experience - 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-

Saturday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, east of Campus Martius Park on Michigan Avenue in front of Compuware, includes 200-foot snow slide, a snow maze, dog-sledding demos and snow shoe trekking.

■ Detroit Snow and Ice Spectacular - open 24 hours, Friday-Sunday, Monroe Street between Farmer and Randolph, showcases a competition of international snow and ice carvers with special lighting effects and nightly laser shows.

### Food

■ Taste of Detroit - 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-Saturday and

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Woodward Avenue between

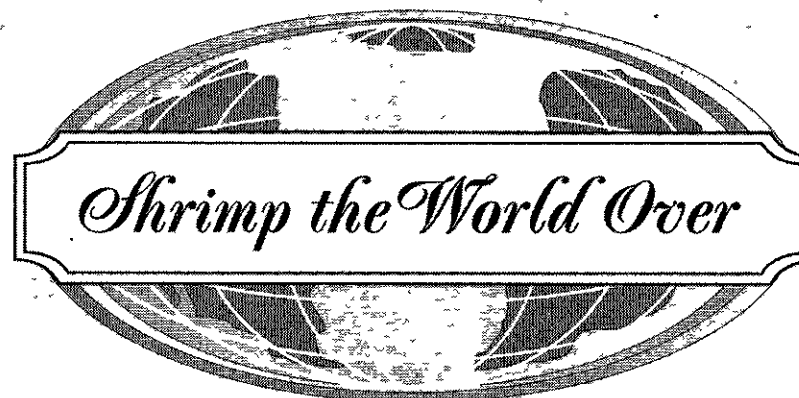
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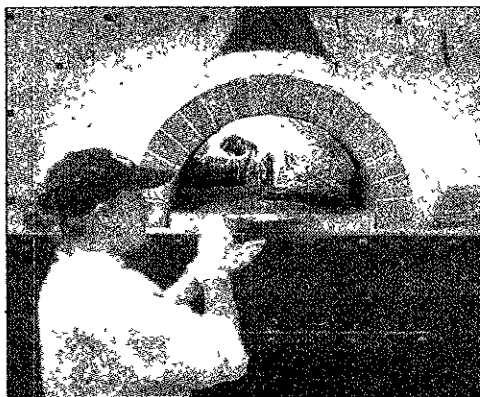






# Italiano

Bravo! maintains local flavor with Italian accent



Diane Esparza puts a Margherita Pizza into the wood-burning oven.

restaurant's location, and says Bravo is well-gearred to come out on top.

Although the restaurant is for the time being easy to miss due to the continued construction in its strip center location, which will soon include several retail outlets as well as additional restaurants, patrons can expect to see more on the site when the winter thaws.

A bocce ball court as well as two outdoor patios will be completed in the near future. Both are intended to complement Bravo's highly successful presentation of Italian dining.

A relative newcomer in the metro Detroit area, Bravo has nonetheless managed to

mine local dining clientele with locations in Rochester and Lansing as well as Livonia.

Next summer, Bravo will be opening another new location in Troy at the Somerset Collection.

"Michigan has turned into a very good market for us," Alluzo said. "And this really fit what we were looking for as a destination."

Alluzo, who's been with Bravo for about a year, underwent an extensive 16-week training program that saw him doing everything at the Rochester location from working in the kitchen to waiting tables.

## PIZZA

In keeping with the current trend of offering specialty pizzas and freshly baked Italian flat breads, Bravo! Cucina Italiana is equipped with a wood-burning stove that not only serves its utilitarian purpose but offers guests an appealing and comforting hearth to gaze upon.

"We also have an extensive wine list with a lot of Italian wines," Alluzo said. "We're able to keep them affordable by dealing them in our 42 stores."

Although most of its restaurants are located in the Midwest, Bravo has successfully established itself in extremely competitive dining cities like New Orleans.

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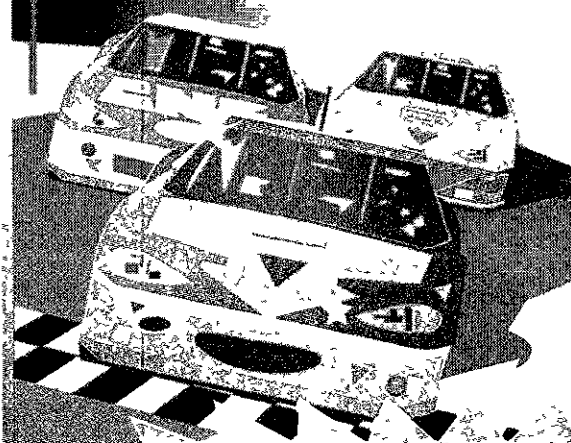
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## BRAVO

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Alluzo, who has accumulated 22 years in the restaurant business and most recently managed the Big Buck Brewery and Steakhouse, got a taste for the restaurant business at an early age.

"I grew up in a big Italian family, where kitchen and food were the center of the house," Alluzo said. "My mom's still the best cook. Things have kind of come full circle for me. It's just fun to be working around lasagnas and spaghetti."

Head chef Condit, who works with a menu designed by corporate chef Phil

Yondolini, has in the past put in many hours as chef at his own restaurant in Colorado as well as at the Rattlesnake Club and the Whitney in Detroit.

"If you walk in here and see the white tablecloths and the décor, you expect to pay a lot more," Condit said. "We always have 10 or 11 pastas and the service of at least a three-star restaurant. [The competition] can't beat us with the food. To me, that's a triple threat."

### MORE MENU ITEMS

Specialties at Bravo, apart from pizza and pasta, include a Parmesan-crusted fish selection at \$18.95 that changes according to the day's fresh catch and is complemented with crispy potato and

spinach in butter sauce side dishes.

The restaurant also prides itself on its dessert menu, which is crowned by the Bravo! Trio, a three-tiered gastronomical extravaganza composed of tiramisu, crème brulee and Bravo's own specialty cheesecake that at \$12.50 serves four or more.

Pizzas, which are built on top of traditional dough and carb-conscious Italian flatbreads, are delivered piping hot to the table at under \$10 apiece.

Pasta Bravo, the restaurant's signature pasta dish that is tossed with wood-grilled chicken, mushrooms and red-pepper sauce, is priced at approximately \$12.

Steaks, chops and seafood dishes are also available with the most expensive menu items costing about \$20.

Bravo also has a family-style catering menu for those who want to bring the taste of Bravo to the home or office, and pasta and specialty dishes designed to feed a dozen people can be obtained for about \$100.

Condit, who graduated from Schoolcraft's culinary arts school in 1990 and has cooked for clientele in Michigan, Colorado and even for a short spell in Bermuda, is only glad to serve.

"All I've ever done is cook," Condit said. "We've got seven different pasta noodles; we substitute pastas and make everything fresh on the day that it's served."

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## Special event

# Art-Rageous party mixes food, fashion, art and salsa music

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Here's what you get for \$100 at the swanky Art-Rageous event on Saturday, Jan. 29:

Enter the American Center Building in Southfield and immediately see works from about 20 artists. An open cocktail bar will be nearby.

Meander a little deeper and 20 restaurants will serve a strolling dinner. Circulate more and see art available for auction and sale, including handbags, photographs and jewelry. On the balcony, Papa Joe's Gourmet will host a wine and cheese tasting.

The main event is a fashion show by Dolce Moda and students of Wayne State University's Fashion Design and Merchandising Department and the International Academy of Design and Technology.

During the fashion show, salsa masters Grup Alegre will perform. They'll also play during after-dinner libations, where guests will be encouraged to salsa.

The event, presented by Swingtime, benefits the Fanclub Arts Foundation, a

### ART-RAGEOUS 2005

**What:** A lavish mix of live entertainment, a fashion show, wine tasting, art and jewelry auction, dining and more. Presented by the Fanclub Arts Foundation to benefit arts education

**When:** 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29

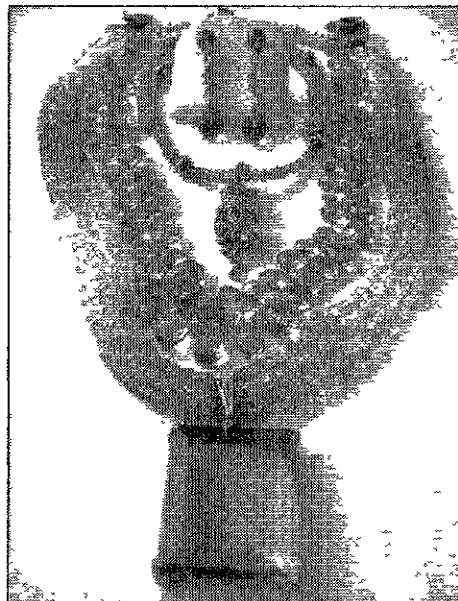
**Where:** The American Center Building, 27777 Franklin Road near Telegraph and the Lodge Freeway

**Entertainment:** Salsa band Grup Alegre, urban percussionist Jared Sykes, the band Innerphonic and dancers from Suzette's Masters of Dance

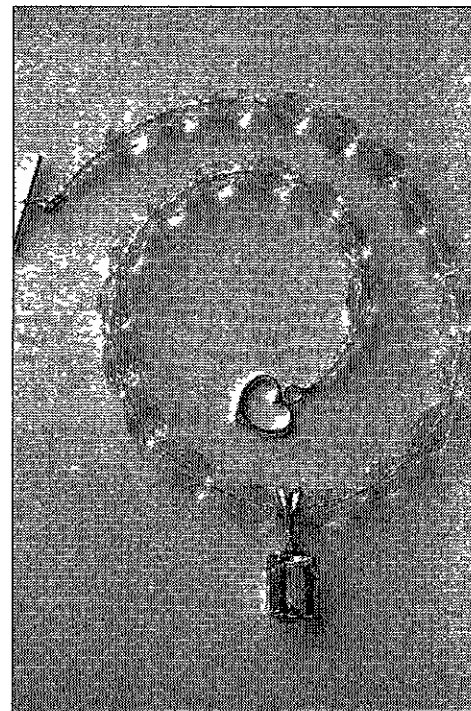
**Tickets:** \$100, call (248) 584-4150 or visit [www.fanclubarts.com](http://www.fanclubarts.com)

nonprofit group that works to put arts education within the reach of anyone who aspires to create art.

John Bloom, executive director of



Art-Rageous is a charity event to raise money to help educate artists. Wearable art, such as these pieces created by designer Carol Zieck of Bloomfield Hills, will be offered at an auction.



Fanclub, said the goal of the event is, of course, to raise money but also to offer a vibrant, cultural evening.

"We just want you to come in and enjoy it all and help us help artists," Bloom said. "Beyond that \$100 ticket, you don't have to spend a dime unless you want to purchase something from the auction."

"The entertainment is all included. The wine tastings, dinner, desserts, music, fashion show, art viewing, it's all included. The price is about \$50 lower than the average event of this kind."

Urban percussionist Jared Sykes, the band Innerphonic and dancers from Suzette's Masters of Dance will also perform.

The lavish and outrageous event features art from local artists and Fanclub

grant recipients.

The fashionable crowd ranges in age from mid 20s to 50s.

Art-Rageous is the successor to Swingtime, the lavish fund-raiser that had taken place at the Fisher Theatre since 1998.

Some of the participating restaurants are: Back Home Bakery, Beans & Cornbread, D'Amato's & Goodnite Graci, Edibles Rex Catering, Harry's Detroit, Lily's Seafood, Maggie's Chocolate Fountain Bar and Union Street.

Among the many past receivers of grant money from Fanclub are: Cornerstone Schools, Grace Centers of Hope, Henry Ford Academy, Greenfield Village, Wayne State University and Walled Lake Central High School.

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## Music

### WINTER ROCK FEST

Where: Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak, (248) 543-4300

When: 8 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 30

What: A Detroit rock festival including Blind Shame, Proxi, Joe Anthony and Natives of the New Dawn to raise money for the Detroit Music Awards

Admission: \$5 donation

For more information: Visit [www.detroitmusicawards.com](http://www.detroitmusicawards.com)



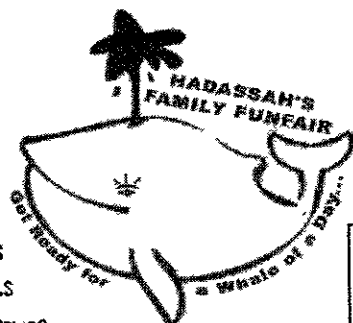
Natives of the New Dawn create funky, hip-hop rock. The band is one of an eclectic list playing Memphis Smoke on Sunday, Jan. 30 to raise money for the Detroit Music Awards.

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## Musicians ready to rock for Music Awards benefit

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

The ambiance on Memphis Smoke's stage will change hour by hour Sunday, Jan. 30, as a diverse list of local musicians perform to raise money for the Detroit Music Awards.

Four bands will play the Winter Rock Fest at the Royal Oak restaurant/bar beginning at 8 p.m.

Indie rockers Proxi will fuse together textured electric sounds. Blind Shame will play melodic modern rock.

Rock, jazz, hip-hop and dance guitarist/singer solo artist Joe Anthony will perform his funkadelic music.

And Natives of the New Dawn, known for its wild shows, will play music that's a blend of blues, jazz, soul, reggae, funk

and hip-hop.

Natives of the New Dawn have been together for about a year and haven't yet attended the Detroit Music Awards.

Still, guitarist Joe Fikany said the band realizes the importance of supporting fellow musicians. Doing so is keeping in tune with the band's musical style - to stay upbeat.

"The music is really happy, we keep depression out of our music and want people to be happy hearing it," Fikany said.

"Our shows are extremely high-energy, catchy with lots of crowd participation. It's really something to look into the audience and see all smiles."

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Detroit debut when it played The Warped Tour last summer.

At that show alone, the band sold more than 800 copies of its CD, *The Sunshine Chronicles* (available at [www.nativesmusic.com](http://www.nativesmusic.com)).

Each band attracts a different type of crowd, which should also add to the interesting night.

Fikany said Natives of the New Dawn attracts a mix from hip-hoppers to R&B fans.

Crowd pleaser Joe Anthony has become a fixture on the Detroit music scene. He created a style that he calls Freedom Music, using computers, drums and bass and his own live lead guitar.

"He's got the Joe Satriani guitar attitude and the Kid Rock sound coming out of his guitar," said Doug Podell of WRIF 101 FM. "Very unique and different. It is really outstanding stuff."

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PROGRAM

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Your Guide to Entertainment

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### Meadow Brook Theatre

*Driving Miss Daisy* 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](http://www.mbttheatre.com), or call (248) 377-3300.

### 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](http://www.nederlanderdetroit.com)

### Heartland 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.heartlandtheatre.com](http://www.heartlandtheatre.com) for details.

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In keeping with the spirit of *Rent*, seats in the front two rows of the orchestra will be made available for \$20 for every performance of *Rent*, Jan. 21-26. The \$20 tickets go on sale at the Masonic Temple Theatre box office, 500 Temple Ave. Detroit, on the day of performance only, two hours prior to the show and are available to anyone, cash only, with a limit of two tickets per person. Performances 8 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday. No performances Monday or Thursday, \$56-\$25. Special ticket prices of \$40 and \$25 are available for a noon Wednesday, Jan. 26

show, along with a group rate (12 or more). Purchase tickets online at [www.NederlanderDetroit.com](http://www.NederlanderDetroit.com), [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or at The Masonic Temple Theatre Box Office on show days. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 645-6666. For group sales (12 or more) call (313) 871-1132. For information call (313) 872-1000 or visit [www.NederlanderDetroit.com](http://www.NederlanderDetroit.com).

### Detroit Repertory Theatre

*Intimate Apparel* by Lynn Nottage, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Sunday through March 20, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, \$17, (313) 868-1347, [www.detroitreptheatre.com](http://www.detroitreptheatre.com)

## YOUTH THEATER

### PuppetArt

*Firebird*, 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 and Jan. 29, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit, \$5 children, \$7 adults, (313) 961-7777.

### Marquis Theatre

*Rumpelstiltskin*, 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 22-23, 135 E. Main St., Northville, \$7.50, (248) 349-8110.

## COMMUNITY/COLLEGE THEATER

### Avon Players

*A New Brain*, musical based on the life of composer William Finn, with book co-authored by James Lapine, Jan. 21-23 and Jan. 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, 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. 21-22, Jan. 28-29, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 & 30, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. (313) 561-TKTS or [www.playersguildofdearborn.org](http://www.playersguildofdearborn.org).

### St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild

Neil Simon's *Rumors*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, Thursday-Saturday,



The Actors' Company debuts 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. Performances 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. Tickets are \$8 per person. Call (248) 557-PLAY (7529) for advance ticket reservations and more information, or visit [www.youththeatre.org](http://www.youththeatre.org).

Jan. 27-29 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, \$15, students/seniors \$13, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-0527 or [www.stdunstanstheatre.com](http://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. 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](http://www.birminghamvillageplayers.com)

### Detroit Ensemble Theatre

*Men In Suits*: Two short, dark comedies about life in the most dysfunctional family of them all: the mafia, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, Jan. 28-29, \$15, (888) 220-8471 or at the door, intersection of Ten Mile and Gratiot Avenue in Roseville. Show not recommended for younger audiences. It does contain some objectionable language.

### Bonstelle Theatre

*Metamorphoses*, based on Ovid's ancient stories, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, Jan. 28-29, Sunday, Jan. 23 & Jan. 30, 3424 Woodward Ave., one block south of Mack Avenue. The box office at the Bonstelle Theatre is open only one hour prior to each performance, \$12 regular; \$9 for students, senior citizens, (313) 577-2960.

## DINNER THEATER

### StarBrite Dinner Theater

Presents *Ripe Conditions* by Claudia Allen, Friday-Saturday 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](http://www.starbriteprod.com) for information or call (248) 589-9900 for reservations.

### 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. 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](http://www.freedomhill.net) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

### Rogerland Productions

*Run for your Wife* by Ray Cooney, 6:30 p.m. buffet dinner, show 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday through Feb. 25, \$25 per person, show only \$12 per person, tax, tip, drinks and dessert not included, Clawson-Troy Elks, 1451 E. Big Beaver, west of John R., Troy, (586) 776-9844.

## AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

### Stagecrafters

British farce *Run for your Wife*, by Ray Cooney, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., downtown Royal Oak. Visit [www.stagecrafters.org](http://www.stagecrafters.org) for details. Show dates are April 1-17.

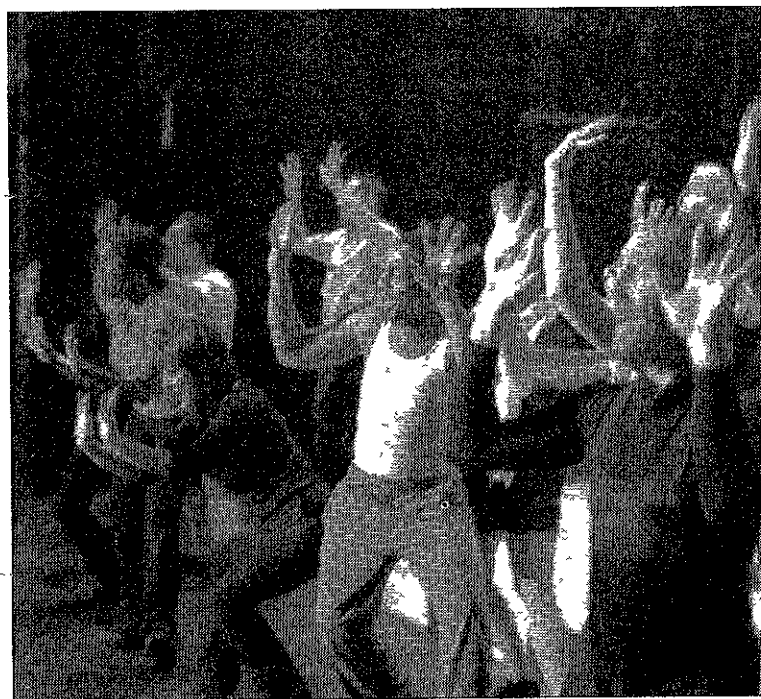
### Ridgedale Players

*Musical Revue!* Be prepared to sing a show tune and do some movement. The cast will be comprised of approximately six men, six women and six children (ages 8-18), 6:30 p.m. children, 7:30 p.m. adults, Monday, Jan. 24, at the playhouse 205 W. Long Lake Road in Troy, (248) 988-7049.

## COMEDY

### John Bressler comedy night

At Costick Activities Center, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22. \$20 adults, \$18 seniors and students. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Costick Center, 28600 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Thursday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more informa-



DOUGLAS JOHNSON

Marlon Smith-Jones (as Leading Player) rehearses a dance number with the cast of Stagecrafters' Main Stage musical production 'Pippin,' running Jan. 21 to Feb. 13, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette in downtown in Royal Oak. Tickets \$16 and \$18, call (248) 541-6430.



tion or to charge tickets, call (248) 473-1857. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door.

#### Paisano's Joey's Comedy Club

Willie Tyler & Lester, 8:15 p.m. & 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, \$12; 7 p.m. Sunday, \$10; children's shows 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, \$10 adult, \$8 child, 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn, dinner packages available, (313) 584-8885.

#### Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Dave Mordal, 8 p.m. today, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 21-22, 314 E. Liberty, \$16, (734) 996-9080.

### DANCE

#### Maggie Allesee Studio Series

Dance concert features new works from Wayne State University's departments of music, dance, communication and art and art history 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, 3 p.m. Sunday, \$12, students \$6, Maggie Allesee Studio Theatre, third floor, Old Main Building, 4841 Cass Ave., Detroit, (313) 577-4273.

#### Moon-Dusters

Ballroom dancing to a live band 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday, Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia, \$6 guest, \$5.50 associates, \$5 members, (248) 968-5197.

### CLASSICAL

#### Livonia Symphony Orchestra

An Evening with the Classics, works by Mendelssohn, Beethoven and Berlioz, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, James P. Carli Auditorium, Churchill High School, Newburgh Road, north of Joy Road, Livonia. Pre-concert discussion 7 p.m., \$17 adults, students/seniors \$8 at the door and Ticketmaster outlets.

#### Two-For-One

Joint concert, Farmington Community Band, Birmingham Concert Band, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, Harrison High School, 29995 W. 12 Mile Road, (between Middlebelt & Orchard Lake Roads). No charge, donations accepted

#### Tuesday Musicales of Detroit

Concert 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 17567 Hubbell, Detroit, (313) 341-2697. Features Sylvia Starkman (oboe), Linda Borushko (clarinet), Carl Karoub (horn), Patricia Snyder (bassoon) and pianist Hiroko Ohtani. A \$5.00 donation is suggested, (248) 848-9930 or (586) 504-0458.

### FOLK

#### Trinity House Theatre

Millish with Tone and Niche, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, \$10; Linford Detweiler with Jason Dennie, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22: 38840 Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org

#### David Nefesh Band

Coffee Beanery, 28557 Woodward Ave., Berkley, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, no cover; electric and acoustic explorations by this folk-rock singer-songwriter and his band., (248) 336-9930.

#### The Ark

The Old Time Tidal Wave with Uncle Earl & the Mammals, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21; Yiddishe Cup, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, Eric Bibb, 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$15, (734) 763-TKTS or www.theark.com.

#### Mamma's Coffeehouse

Steppin' In It, 7:15 p.m. open mic, concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward, northwest corner Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, \$12, seniors/students 16 and under \$10, (248) 569-0965, (248) 626-4650.

### Bluegrass

Illrd Tyme Out 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road at I-696, Farmington Hills, \$20, (248) 522-3420 or (248) 522-3666.

### JAZZ

#### Kimie Horne

Has released her recently recorded CD *High Standards* and will be performing at Motor City Casino on the Overdrive Stage 5:30-8:15 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, and Saturday, Jan. 29.

#### Hot Club of Detroit

At Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph, Southfield, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, (248) 476-2674, http://hotclubofdetroit.com.

#### Bugs Beddow Band

At The Blue Martini, 201 Hamilton Row, north of Maple and Woodward, Birmingham, 8-11:30 p.m. today, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Edison's, 220 E. Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150, www.bugsbeddow.com

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Sesame Street Live

Premiere benefit to support Detroit Public Television 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Tickets and other goodies will be available in packages of four, at the \$200, \$120, \$100 and \$50 support levels, and may be purchased with major credit card by calling (313) 876-8100 or visiting www.detroitpublictv.org. More information about the special event may be obtained by calling (313) 876-8195.

#### Snow Ball

Black-tie dinner, with live auction of fantasy packages, and music by the Johnny Trudell Orchestra, 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, Townsend Hotel Ballroom, Birmingham. Joel Grey, will present a lively show for an intimate audience. Benefits Variety - The Children's Charity, tickets \$300 friend, \$400 patron and \$500 benefactor, (248) 258-5511.

#### Camp & activities fair

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 Sturnam, 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 information. The camp fair is presented by Elaine S. Events and co-sponsored by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Metro Parent Magazine.

#### Suzanne Hilberry Gallery

Alex Katz, Jan. 21 to March 5, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, 700 Livernois, Ferndale, (248) 541-4700.

#### Cass Cafe

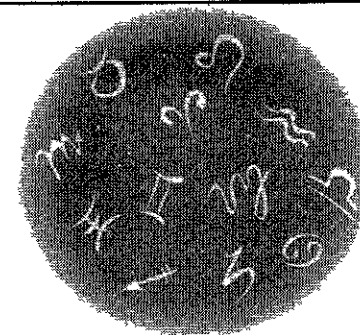
*Detroit 360* by Lowell Boileau, multimedia exhibit, Jan. 22 to March 12, opening 7-10 p.m. Saturday, 4620 Cass at Forest, Detroit, (313) 831-1400.



## Star struck

(Jan. 20-Jan. 23)

By Dennis Fairchild



### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

What you want and what other people think you should have are two entirely different things, and it seems that in the days following Inauguration Day you have to decide whether to listen to yourself or to others. A compromise may be the simplest solution - but is it the right one, Ram?

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Family members who have been behaving awkwardly (I'm being polite) will now begin to see reason, and you can turn your thoughts to matters of deeper significance. There is no point in falling out with someone whose motives are far kinder than they seem, Bull.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Colleagues and loved ones will be more helpful and supportive now that the Sun is in your element. So rather than dwell on the events of the recent past, concentrate on planning for the future. The art of being wise is knowing what to overlook, Twin!

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Past is past, Moon Kid ... let it be. No matter how depressed you feel, you will be on top of the world again this weekend with the Moon in your sign. You are far better placed than you seem to appreciate, so accentuate the positive and the negative will seem less significant.

### LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

If you long for new scenery or circumstances, the opportunity is ripe. There should certainly be no shortage of inspiration on the path to fulfillment. The less worldly your motives this weekend, the greater your possibility of victory. Start celebrating now, Lion!

### VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

It is sometimes necessary to take deliberate steps to demonstrate your worth in order to improve your professional status. With Venus and Mercury positively linked in your element, this is the moment to approach those you need to impress, Virgo. Have faith, kiddo!

### LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Your desire to do the right thing can be blighted by your knack for saying the wrong thing, and you must now tread a diplomatic (Balancer's keyword) path when dealing with friends, neighbors and associates. It is when you are at a loss for words that you tend to say too much.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

A peculiar planetary set-up tends to make you doubt others people's intentions now. Therefore, when dealing with both intensely personal and professional issues, try to remember that fear is only an illusion - something that gives a false sense of isolation and exists only in the imagination.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Every person and every situation you encounter can add a new dimension and color to your life. For quite some time now you appear to have been trapped in a time warp and restricted or constrained by financial difficulties. But one final confrontation next week will help set you free.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

There is always a certain amount of turmoil - and it would seem that many of life's lessons are learned through trial and error. However, this is one weekend when no one and nothing can prevent you from charting your own course and choosing your very own traveling companion.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

Somewhere along the line you appear to have made an error in judgment or been too optimistic about a financial arrangement. Therefore, your main priority over the coming days must be to get down to brass tacks and salvage what you can. One particular deal looks to be more trouble than it's worth, Water Bearer.

### PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

All the Piscean values of honesty and compassion were highlighted by recent astro-aspects. Therefore, it's time to let bygones be bygones and throw open the doors to those who are still standing outside in the cold and start the new year with a clean slate. Y'know?

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham-based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 646-3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.



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## Pure Picks

And so begins "The Deadening"—the period of time when I struggle to find things worthy of Picks here in our magical winter wonderland. Sure, there seems to be nothing to do, but I grew up Up North™, where the only options were one movie at the local theater, bonfires in the woods and hanging out at a friend's house and we still had enough to fill our week-ends. We had to drive our snowmobiles five miles just to get to each other's houses. Now get grandma her blanket 'cause her stories are on.

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top entertainment picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you.

## Film

Your best option for the cold may be seeing a movie you've been meaning to catch or cuddling up with a great book—all the while staying wrapped in the warm comfort of the inside. It's freezing out there, kids!

If you would like to venture out to a movie, may I suggest **A Very Long Engagement**. The return of Audrey Tautou and her *Amelie* director Jean-Pierre Jeunet is set near the end of WWI in France where Tautou searches for her fiancé, who disappeared after being court martialled and sentenced to a unique punishment.

*A Very Long Engagement* is being shown today at the Main Art Theatre, 118 N. Main Street in Royal Oak. For showtimes, call (248) 263-2111.



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## Local music

I have this friend James. Ever since I met him a few years ago he has been working on this documentary. Yes, it's a documentary on the Detroit Garage Rock scene, why do you ask?

It's also, friend bias aside, the best trailer for this type of oft-attempted film I've seen. After really pushing the last few months to finish *It Came From Detroit*, they are making one final attempt to finish it and are throwing a **benefit show** Saturday at the Magic Stick in Detroit. All proceeds from the show will go toward finishing the film. The Gore Gore Girls, Fortune and Maltese, Cyril Lords and The Detroit City Council will all play. Cover is \$10 and the show is 18 and up. Doors at 9 p.m.

By the way, my friend's last name is Petix. You should remember it for future Cannes Film Festivals.

Check out more about the film, including trailers, at [www.itcamefromdetroit.com](http://www.itcamefromdetroit.com).

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## Book

I'm a little late on this one, but I think it was just released in paperback, so that counts in my world.

That being said, *Little Children* by Tom Perrotta (*Election*, *Joe College*) kicked my booty—in a good way. If I could rewind time I'd include it on my best books of 2004 list.

It tells the fictional tale of a group of parental thirtysomethings and their suburban angst. A convicted child molester moves into town, spinning everyone's lives end on end and microscoping existing prejudices.

Perrotta is compassionate to the characters, letting them speak for themselves. Even the controlling playground mother and, in some sense, the child molester become understandable under his sympathetic pen—as in the old adage there is good in everyone.

The book is available like everywhere.

Get your Web browsers ready for next week's installment of Pure Picks when I pick the best in entertainment blogs. If you don't know what a blog is, first of all let me point and laugh, and second, explain. A blog is short for Web log, an online diary space where anyone and their bratty neighbor can post uninformed opinions or sophomoric emo poetry for all the world to read—or at least their friends and family. However, some sites actually include smart, snarky writing and some of those sites focus on entertainment—these are the ones I will pick. Hey, it's an easy column to pump out while my mind is in hibernation. Have a suggestion of a blog you fear we may overlook? Send your suggestions for the best entertainment blogs, local and otherwise, to [stardy@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:stardy@oe.homecomm.net).

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy, who has grown quite tired of your incessant begging and proclivity for the inane. She was just trying to help you out, not do the whole thing for you. You can state your peace, piece, peas, gruff by e-mailing her at [stardy@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:stardy@oe.homecomm.net) or snail mailing Pure Picks c/o Stephanie Tardy, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI, 48009. As always, information regarding local entertainment events is also something you should really send to her.



# Art

## Photograph exhibit helps Holocaust survivor heal

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

She's so strong in spite of terrifying childhood memories.

During the Holocaust, Miriam Brysk hid in a forest with her family after they escaped a Nazi-occupied Jewish ghetto in Lida, Byelorussia, near Warsaw. In those woods, Brysk and about 500 other children and adults lived in fear, hunger and cold.

When the ghetto was liberated, Brysk was one of just 150 people who survived in the forest. More than 10,000 residents of that ghetto were killed.

To honor the victims, Brysk contributed her photographs to an exhibit, *In a Confined Silence*, on display at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery, inside the Jewish Community Center through Thursday, Jan. 27. Henry Friedman, who also uses art to heal and tell haunting stories, is displaying sculptures.

Brysk's photographs of Holocaust survivors and victims are digitally enhanced to clearly capture their faces.

"My goal was to make them real ... bring them out as real people, not numbers," Brysk said. "I want people to look into their eyes."

When she finally settled in the U.S., Brysk, along with thousands of other survivors, struggled with fear, sadness and anger. But it did not stop her from becoming a successful scientist and artist.

She could have tried, perhaps in vain, to forget the faces of those who perished.

### IN A CONFINED SILENCE

**What:** Mixed media Holocaust photographs by Miriam Brysk and metal sculptures by Henry Friedman that depict Holocaust themes.

**When:** Through Thursday, Jan. 27

**Where:** Janice Charach Epstein Gallery, second level, at the Jewish Community Center's D. Dan & Betty Kahn Building, 660 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield

**Open:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday. Closed Friday and Saturday. For more information, call (248) 432-5448



Miriam Brysk displays photographs of Holocaust victims and survivors, some members of her own family, in the exhibit.

Remembering can be painful. But, remembering, she said, is the only way to keep their spirit alive.

"I suffered depression for many years," she said. "I think many survivors do, but it's not often discussed. Anger and fear... I dove into my work to try to forget. But the best thing we can do is live ... for those who did not survive. And while doing so, we must honor them and show their faces."

One of the pieces is an image of Brysk's cousin, Sarah, as a child in the ghetto. Brysk overlaid six photos to create *Ghetto Uprising*, a photograph that depicts Nazis burning the ghetto. Sarah's image is in the foreground. Another, *Hungry Children*, shows two children begging. Others show children hiding.

Friedman's work, on the other hand, isn't about the faces, it's about terrifying buildings.

He created the miniature sculptures of buildings with metal and wood to capture Holocaust scenes.

Friedman's sculptures sit on tables throughout the gallery, and Brysk's over-size photos are the backdrop. Patrons can also watch a video that details how Friedman created his art.

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Cost of skaters subject to change due to injury or unforeseen circumstances

## THE Village Theater

AT CHERRY HILL

50400 Cherry Hill Rd. (At Ridge Road)  
Canton

To purchase tickets, visit Summit on the Park Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Village Theater ticket office will be open two hours prior to each performance. To purchase tickets by phone, call 734-394-5460. For more information about the theater and to view the complete schedule, please visit [www.cantonmi.org/CPAC/about.asp](http://www.cantonmi.org/CPAC/about.asp).

### Spotlight Players

- Man Who Came To Dinner

January 21 & 22 @ 8pm  
January 23 @ 2pm  
\$18 Adult; \$16 Youth/Senior

### Diversity Series:

A Celebration of Irish Music

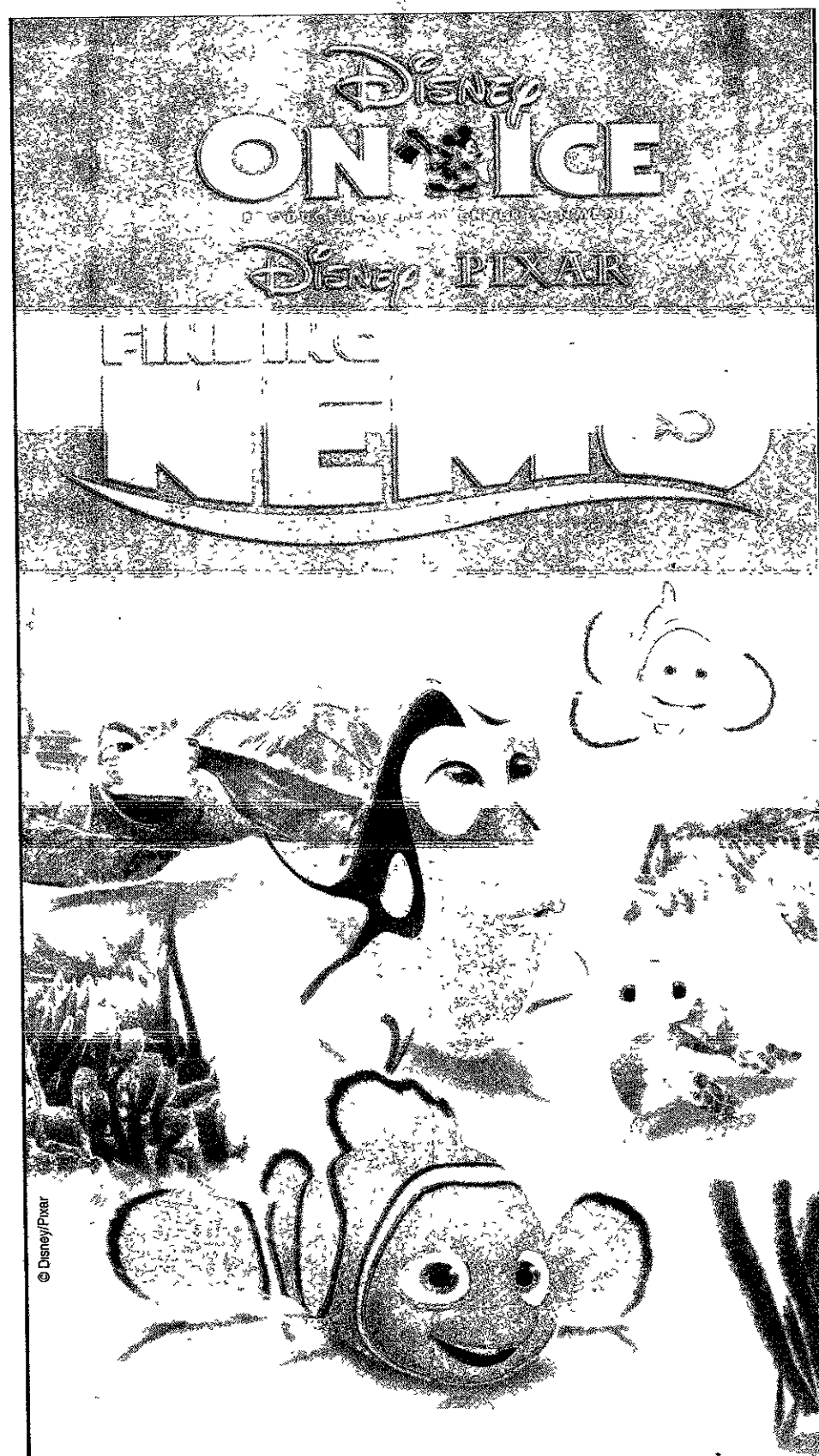
January 24 @ 7:30pm  
\$10

### Jazz'n it UP -

Firefly Club Jazz Allstars

January 25 @ 7:30pm  
\$18





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Wed. MAR. 2 ★ 7:30 PM			
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Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
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*KIDS UNDER 12 SAVE \$5 ON TICKETS! (Excludes Reefsides and VIP seats. No double discounts.)			

Buy tickets at  
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**January 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Presented by  
**Olde World Canterbury Village Winter Festival**  
**Lake Orion, Michigan 2005**

**Ice Carving Competition and Hearts Aglow Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Raffles to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit. Call 313-745-5909 for tickets.**

**Viewing and photo opportunities on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

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