

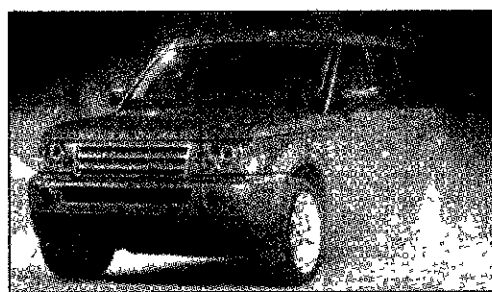
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## Canton officials get first look at IKEA

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

At Monday's planning commission meeting, Swedish furniture retail giant IKEA laid out initial plans for its first store in Michigan, which will be built on the 23 acres at Ford and Haggerty roads occupied by the former Super Kmart.

At 306,000 square feet, the two-story store will feature a blue and yellow exterior, symbolic of the Swedish national flag. The interior showroom will contain four interactive, full-size home displays, as well as specialty shops and a restaurant that will fea-

ture Swedish meatballs and other Swedish dishes.

Although there were some reservations about certain elements of the building's design, the planning commission unanimously agreed to create a planned development district (PDD) for the project. The designation will give township officials the ability to negotiate with IKEA as the project moves forward, and get a better product than if the current zoning was strictly followed. The planning commission will have to approve the final site plans at a future date.

IKEA is hoping to open the store sometime in early 2006.

Attorney Bryan Amann, who is representing IKEA, said the PDD agreement is a preliminary step.

"It's really an agreement to get engaged. Now comes the hard part, when we will have to look each other in the eye and hammer out our differences," Amann said.

Although there was much discussion about the blue and yellow exterior, which IKEA officials are insisting upon, most of the planning commissioners said they didn't have a problem with it.

"I don't mind the colors. It's differ-

PLEASE SEE IKEA, A5



An artist's rendering depicts what IKEA officials are planning for the new store on Ford Road. The blue and yellow colors, which symbolize the Swedish flag, were the topic of much discussion at Monday's planning commission meeting.

## They're hot on the ice

Perfect scores propel local ice dancers to national title

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

How do you improve on perfection?

If you're U.S. National Figure Skating champion ice-dancers Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto, you arrive at Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena most mornings at 10 a.m. and sweat through rigorous five-hour practices under the watchful eyes of world-renowned coaches Marina Zoueva and Igor Shpilband.

And you do it all with a 100-watt smile on your face.

Using moves that were as smooth as the ice they were skating on, Belbin and Agosto soared above the competition at the U.S. National Figure Skating Championships two weeks ago in Portland, Ore. The duo — who train at the Arctic Edge and are members of the Arctic Figure Skating Club — were not only good in Portland — they were perfect, recording a record-shattering 14 perfect 6.0 scores in the pairs ice-dancing competition.

"The performance we had in Portland was the result of a combination of things," said Agosto, who lives in Farmington Hills. "Everything seemed to come together at the right time, and Igor did a great job of putting together the choreography."

### PICTURE PERFECT

The 20-year-old Belbin, who resides in Canton with her parents, and Agosto have been the talk of the U.S. ice-skating community since racking up the string of flawless scores on the way to capturing their second consecutive national title.

They shattered the previous record of four perfect ice-dancing marks set in 1983 by Judy Blumberg and Michael Seibert.

PLEASE SEE TITLE, A6



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ben Agosto and Taneth Belbin practice Monday afternoon at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton. The pair captured their second consecutive ice-dancing title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships Jan. 14 in Portland, Ore. They have also organized the Skate-Aid For Tsunami Relief, to be held Feb. 4 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

## Cops looking for hit and run driver from Monday incident

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Canton police are seeking information about an accident Monday evening that left a bicyclist dead on Denton Road, just north of Proctor near the Rouge River bridge.

According to Canton Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski, 44-year-old James Smith Clark III, of Canton, was instantly killed after being struck by vehicle traveling northbound on Denton. He said the accident occurred somewhere around 7 p.m. Another motorist found Clark laying in the roadway and called police.

Pomorski said there were no witnesses and few clues left at the accident scene about what type of vehicle hit Clark, except a Toyota

car emblem that probably came from a Camry model, 2002 or newer.

"There were no headlights, no glass, not much of anything, except the chrome Toyota emblem that goes on the front grill," Pomorski said.

"We're working on the theory that he wasn't hit from the rear. We think Clark got his bike tire stuck in the snowbank, and fell over into the road. Whoever was driving the car knew what happened, panicked and fled from the scene."

Pomorski is asking people to call in if they are aware of neighbors or co-workers who drive a newer Toyota Camry with front-end damage, or that might be hiding the car.

He said the driver of the vehicle should

come in and talk to police voluntarily.

Depending on how the investigation turns out, the driver likely won't be charged with a crime, other than fleeing from the scene of an accident. The case will be forwarded to a prosecutor, he said.

"The driver could be charged with fleeing the scene. However, if they come in and say 'I was afraid and panicked' that looks a lot better in the prosecutor's eye than if we get a tip and have to go get them," Pomorski said.

Anyone with information about the accident should call Pomorski at (734) 394-5423. People can also leave an anonymous tip at (734) 397-3352.

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## Kmart to end its presence in Canton

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Troy-based Kmart Holding Corp. made the announcement many feared Tuesday that the company will close its Canton distribution center at Joy and Haggerty roads.

According to Kmart spokesman Stephen Pagnani, the facility will be permanently closed sometime in early April. The facility, which first opened in 1975 and was expanded in subsequent years, served all the Kmart stores in Michigan, as well as many in Ohio.

"We had too many distribution centers for the number of stores we have in the region," Pagnani said.

Pagnani said there are 325 workers at the distribution center, who are represented by the United Auto Workers Local 174. At this point, he is not sure what the fate of those workers will be.

"We're working with the UAW to determine benefits and whether there will be any transfers to our other facilities. At this point it is undetermined," he said.

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

Last month an unidentified union employee at the facility said there have been labor problems over the years at the distribution center.

"We have something like 400 grievances against the company," he said in an interview with the Observer.

Since 2002, when Kmart filed for bankruptcy, the company has shut down some 600 stores and eliminated roughly 57,000 jobs. In January 2003, Kmart closed the Super Kmart at Ford Road and Haggerty, which had been open since 1997.

Pagnani said the announcement to shut down the distribution center should not be seen as a sign that the company will close any more of its stores.

"This is more a result of the store closings that have already taken place. At this point, there are no plans to close any other stores," he said.

Pagnani said the remaining Michigan stores will be served by two distribution centers, one in Mantino, Ill. and one in Warren, Ohio.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack wasn't surprised by the decision, but said it is still a blow to the township.

"It's not a shock," Yack said. "Anytime you lose a long established company with people who live and work in the community, it's tough. Hopefully from the ashes will rise a new opportunity for the site."

Yack doesn't expect the 1.1 million-square-foot facility to be torn down. He said it is at a prime location, which should attract another company or more likely several companies.

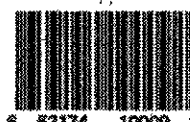
"There aren't too many users that can use all that space. I suspect it will be re-used, probably by multiple companies," he said.

Pagnani said Kmart doesn't own the property, but leases it. He would not say when the lease is up.

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## Special athlete honored

David Foust, a Canton resident, was appointed to serve on the Special Olympics Michigan board of directors, effective Jan. 1.

Foust has been the Master of Ceremonies and Announcer for the Special Olympics Summer Sports Classic, Volunteer Recognition Banquet, and the Plymouth-Canton Special Olympics Holiday Party. Foust has dedicated much of his life to participating in Special Olympics Michigan events, whether he is competing or hosting.

Foust has participated as a Special Olympics athlete for 15 years, and has participated in poly hockey, basketball, swimming, track, softball, snowshoeing, and bowling. He has been a Special Olympics Global Messenger for the past two years. The Global Messenger Program teaches athletes public speaking skills and provides them opportunities to exercise these skills. Foust became an Athlete Representative for Area 23 (Wayne County) Management Team in August 2004.

Foust's role as an Athlete Representative is to help establish a working structure for the area and to assist the Area Director in the development and implementation of area programs.

He was also recently named a

Sandra Sagar Wall of Courage Honoree, an award that was created for Plymouth-Canton alumni who have had to overcome obstacles in their lives.

Special Olympics Michigan (SOMI) is a non-profit organization, providing year-round sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities (mental retardation). Athletes build physical fitness, develop self-confidence, and prepare for participation in society.

## Child awareness day

The World of Erhard will host a child awareness day on Saturday Jan. 29 at all four of its Metro Detroit locations, including Erhard BMW Motorcycles, located at 39933 Ford Road in Canton. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., local police officers will be on hand with fingerprint and photo identification kits, child safety books, and other important safety information.

Parents are invited to bring children, who will receive free coloring books, treats and much more.

Erhard will make a \$5 donation to the American Red Cross for every child fingerprinted, and the contribution will go to the International Response Fund to help tsunami survivors in Southeast Asia.

In addition, service technicians will perform "mini vehicle checkups," including fluid refills,

tire pressure checks and electrical inspections. Guests will also be given a free car wash.

For more information, please contact Tina Orozco at (313) 565-4700, Ext. 343, or Leslie Rhodes at (248) 306-6800.

## Dean's list

Canton resident Sandy Michelle Donahue made the Dean's List at Illinois State University for the fall 2004 semester. Students who make the Dean's List have achieved grade-point averages that place them in the top 10 percent of their respective colleges at the university.

## Bible class

In an effort to attract new members, Power Of The Word Center Of Canton will be holding Bible teachings on Sunday afternoons beginning at 1 p.m. at Walker-Winter Elementary School, which is located at 39932 Michigan Ave. in Canton. For more information, call (313) 935-7729 or (313) 657-8441.

## Hohner honored

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan recently hired Joseph H. Hohner as its new vice president of technology and development. The Canton resident was most recently a vice president at Caggebin, formerly Ernst & Young.

Hohner will be responsible for defining the Blues' systems architecture and emerging technology, developing technical support for the Blues' Web

site, and providing technical support for the care management and electronic data interchange systems.

He joined the former Ernst & Whinney in 1983. By 1989, he was promoted from staff to managing projects including UAW Legal Services,

Hohner

Upjohn Home Health Care, State of Michigan Department of Management and Budget, and Health Alliance Plan. From 1989 through 2000 he held various positions including account executive for several health care plans including Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Hohner, who is a certified health insurance associate by the health Insurance Association of America, was admitted to partnership in the then-Ernst & Young in 1993 and served in various positions including Midwest Health Insurance Practice Leader, Medical Management Solution Team Leader, and Health Insurance and eBusiness Solution Team Leader.

He is also a licensed youth soccer coach and a licensed private pilot.

## Festival of cultures

Students, teachers and parents from Bentley Elementary School will host the third annual Festival of Cultures event on two dates this year.

## Spotlight Players

The Spotlight Players will be performing *The Man Who Came to Dinner* at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 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 is also holding auditions for "Bye Bye Birdie" at the Village Theater. For more information, call (734) 394-5300, or visit [www.spotlightplayers.net](http://www.spotlightplayers.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.

## Phone retiree luncheon

Telephone retirees from SBC, Ameritech & Michigan Bell are invited to a February luncheon at Archie's Fine Dining at 30471 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman roads in Livonia. The luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 14. Participants will meet in the Sun Room. For more information, call (586) 268-1613.

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., February 10th, 2005 for the following:

### PARK TREE PLANTING PROGRAM 2005

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

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept proposals up to 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 14th, 2005 for the following:

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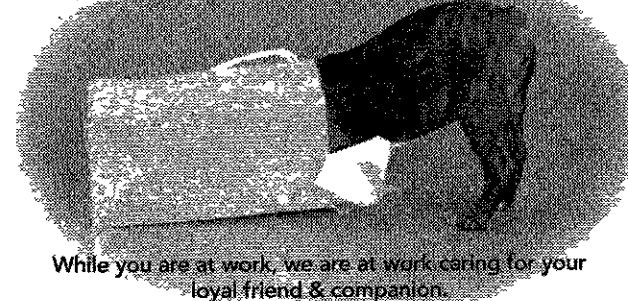
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## Observer earns national awards

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* was recently honored with nine awards in the Suburban Newspapers of America 2004 Editorial Contest. In fact, the *O&E* won more awards than any Michigan non-daily newspaper in the annual contest, which recognizes editorial excellence.

Three journalists from the Observer papers were recognized by SNA.

"The SNA awards is a competition for journalists from throughout the United States. We are proud of the recognition from this national organization and proud of the outstanding work done by our staff members," said Hugh Gallagher, managing editor of the *Observer Newspapers*.

*Plymouth Observer* Community Editor Brad Kadrach earned a first place for best column writing, while *Plymouth/Canton Sports* Editor Ed Wright took second place in best sports writing for his story, "Aluminum bat usage spurs debate."

*Canton Observer* Community Editor Kurt Kuban earned a third place in the SNA's annual Journalist of the Year competition.

It's the third time in five years Kadrach, who became the *Plymouth* editor in November 1999, has been honored for his columns by the SNA.

This is the first SNA honor for Wright, who became the *Plymouth-Canton sports* editor in October 2004.

Prior to being named *Canton* editor in November, Kuban served two years covering Oakland County and environmental issues for the *Eccentric Newspapers* in Birmingham. Nominated by *O&E* Executive Editor Susan Rosiek, Kuban was recognized for being a strong believer in advocacy journalism, particularly when it comes to writing on environmental issues.

## Schools in black for now; leaders prepare for fiscal woes

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Jim Ryan believes he can keep the Plymouth-Canton school district in black ink for two more years.

After that, the school superintendent is preparing for the worst.

In a mid-year financial report to the Board of Education Tuesday, Ryan said the district experienced an increase of 497 students this year - 197 more than projected in July - which brought in an additional \$969,000 in state foundation grant money and helped improve the bottom line by \$1.9 million.

Despite the positive short-term news, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Patricia Brand is still forecasting expenditures over revenues by more than \$5.1 million on June 30.

Looking ahead, without an increase in state funding, Brand is projecting a budget shortfall of \$11.8 million in 2005-06, and losses totaling \$16.9 million in 2006-07.

"You're starting to see the glaring effects of three foundation grant freezes and two cut-backs," said Ryan. "You're also starting to see the negatives of health care costs spiraling out of control, and retirement costs going up and up."

"You're seeing the future, and it ain't pretty," he said.

Ryan said he's hopeful that with additional cost-saving measures the district will end the current school year closer to a \$4 million shortfall, which he will recommend the board erase from the district's \$18.8 million reserves. Ryan said he wants to delay serious cuts as long as he can.

"We know eventually we're

going to have to define some really bad things to do, but I don't want to do them right away," said Ryan. "Athletics, class size, transportation ... those things directly affect kids. We need to delay those cuts as long as possible. I think that's what the public wants."

"We're going to look at some creative ways to look at revenues, like selling some property and being well-prepared for contract negotiations," Ryan said. "Maybe looking at privatizing our print shop."

Brand said word out of Lansing is the state might be handing out its first foundation grant increase in years, to the tune of \$200-\$300 per pupil. Plymouth-Canton currently receives \$7,025 per student. However, she's cautious about the good news.

"The dilemma with the concept is the rest of the state's

budget is miserable and awful, and will they continue to let the school aid fund sit on its own and not attempt to tap it to solve some of their other issues," she said.

Ninety-seven percent of the district's \$138 million budget is controlled by the state, with 90 percent of the budget people, including salaries and benefits. Brand said despite the more than \$18 million in current fund equity, that could be depleted by the end of the 2005-06 school year.

"You see those millions of dollars and think of it as such a large amount of money," Brand said. "But, when you look at payroll being more than \$3 million dollars every two weeks, it quickly goes away."

Board President Mark Slavens said increasing enrollment is helping to keep the district's head above water, but

that won't be enough.

"I think we'll have to make some severe cuts in 2006-07 if the state doesn't give us some additional foundation allowance, or address the health and pension problems," he said.

Board Treasurer Judy Mardigian said no matter where future cuts are made, it will have a profound impact on the district.

"Whenever you cut a million dollars in this district, it's not going to be painless because we don't have a lot of excess," Mardigian said. "We have among the lowest administrative costs in the state, we operate very large elementary schools and we have economies of scale at our high school park. It isn't like we have a lot of fat in the budget."

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## Shutting off the lights helps district pinch pennies

BY RUSS HAMMOND  
CORRESPONDENT

When Van Buren Schools officials began looking at ways to deal with the district's chronic budget woes, they looked at every possible way to save money. They have cut staff and some programs, and are even contemplating closing an elementary school.

But they also turned to Brian Brice and Pete Foster, who co-manage the district's plant operations, and asked if they could cut utility costs. The utility savings program the two implemented have exceeded expectations.

Their successful energy reduction program, initiated after much study, is already saving the district more than \$4,100 per month. As they implement more changes to the district's buildings, the program is expected to ultimately reduce costs by \$8,300 per month.

Thus far, Brice and Foster

have concentrated their efforts on natural gas, water and electricity.

According to Brice, saving the district money is a "never ending" battle.

"It's an everyday situation where you look where you can save a penny," he said.

### TURNING DOWN THE HEAT

According to Foster, natural gas consumption was lowered through several methods. The simplest method was turning down the heat. They also try to concentrate after-school activities to a specific part of the building when possible so that only certain portions of the building need extra heat.

"At 4:30 p.m. we turn the heat down in all buildings to 55 degrees and turn it up at 5:00 a.m.," Brice said. "During school hours we keep the temperature between 69 and 73 degrees."

Brice said the temperature is also turned down on weekends and extended holidays, and the

pilot lights on the stoves in the school cafeterias are turned off during extended periods of time.

From the looks of these measures, the savings are starting to add up, though they have been offset by increasing gas prices.

"We're on the right track," Foster said. "We saved 32 percent on natural gas consumption. Unfortunately, this was nullified by an increase of 27 percent in natural gas prices."

Of the three utilities that are targeted for savings, both Brice and Foster say that water is the toughest. In August of 2004, a construction crew accidentally broke a water main on school property.

"We lost a lot of water," Brice said.

### A WELL OF SAVINGS

But they were able to come up with a workable solution for the water problem. Brice and Foster put their heads together and came up with a plan to

save the school nearly \$15,000.

They had a deep-water well dug to provide water for the high school football field.

Before the well, the school district was paying both water and sewer fees to keep the field green. The cost of the well was \$12,000 and according to Foster it has "paid itself back and more in a year." He said the well has three 100 gallon tanks filled to capacity every 45 seconds when in use.

Cutting electricity costs has been a bit easier. Foster said some teachers have saved electricity by turning off classroom lights when rooms are empty, which has really helped trim costs.

"The younger and newer teachers are more attune to saving energy," Foster said. "This can be contagious. Other teachers are following their example."

Brice said plant operations have instituted other measures to save energy dollars for the district. For example, maintenance teams have replaced

worn-out hot water heaters at two separate locations with smaller units that use less natural gas.

Brice and Foster are also reviewing all outside contracts related to plant operations, such as the recent decision to switch alarm companies, which they said will save the school district \$30,000 in the second year of the contract. They also renewed a contract for maintenance and cleaning supplies that locked in lower prices and saved the schools additional money.

Both managers are happy with the results of the energy conservation program, though they think there is always room for improvement. Foster said he'd like the school district to have an "energy ethic."

"I want energy saving to be a way of life in the district. But you can't expect success by twisting arms, you have to lead by example," he said. "We have to get smarter with our dollars."



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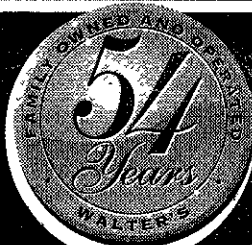
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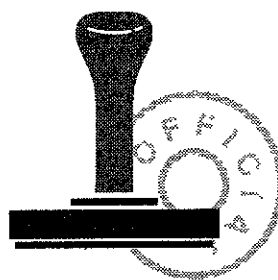
## FOR THE RECORD

## DEATHS

**B**  
Paul Cameron Babcock, 45, died Jan. 19.  
Theodore A. Betts, died Jan. 20.

**C**  
Alison A. Crabtree, 46, of Hartland, died Jan. 22.  
John William Crago Jr., 79, of Plymouth, died Jan. 22.

**K**  
George "Tom" Kazen Jr., 56, died Jan. 20.



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 C9.

**N**  
Robert Thomas Nicols died Jan. 15.

**O**  
Joseph A. Olkowski, 89, of Garden City, died Dec. 22.  
James M. O'Toole, 85, of Westland, died Jan. 20.

**S**  
Rose Marie (Wheeler) Shpiece, 79, died Jan. 20.  
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The 11th annual Canton Community Foundation Winter Ball, held Friday at Laurel Manor in Livonia, was a big success. More than 600 people attended the lavish event, which is one of the foundation's main fund-raisers.

## A night on the town

Canton's who's who dress up for Foundation's lavish Winter ball

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Many of Canton's best and brightest turned up Friday night at the Canton Community Foundation's Winter Ball at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

More than 600 people attended the lavish event, which Community Foundation President Joan Noricks said went off without a hitch. Guests enjoyed dinner, dancing and good conversation.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack and 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe were two of the many notable people in attendance at the annual ball, which is in its 11th year.

"It's always a fun party. It's about schmoozing and having fun," Noricks said. "It's always been western Wayne who's who event."

The non-profit Foundation also used the event to recognize two members for exemplary service to the organization.

Longtime Foundation Board member Joe Van Esley, of Van Esley Real Estate, was honored with the Victory Circle Award for his monetary contributions and service to the organization. According to Noricks, Van Esley has contributed more than \$50,000 over the years.

Robert Paciocco, who has been on the board since 19989, received the Thomas J. Yack Founders Award. He was actually the person who came up with the idea to have the Winter Ball back in 1995. In fact, the first year of the ball, he sold 600 of 900 tickets himself. Paciocco is a developer, who built many of the commercial buildings along Haggerty Road.

According to Noricks, the Foundation raised about \$50,000 with the ball. It is one of two major fund-raisers for the organization. The other is the annual golf outing, which is scheduled for June 16 at Pheasant Run Golf Club. Last year, the Foundation donated \$90,000 in grants last year.

The Foundation is currently taking applications for its scholarship program. They are offering more than 30 scholarships this year, including four new ones, totaling more than \$30,000.

Noricks said the scholarships are not only available to high school seniors, but also students who are already enrolled in college.

"Some of the scholarships are for high school seniors, but the majority are for college students as well," she said.

"Instead of focusing solely on high school students, who might not know what they will major in, we decided to look at college juniors that know what track they're on, and need a little help getting there. We want to support them as well."

The deadline for submitting scholarship applications is Feb. 18. For a complete list of the scholarships being offered, please visit the Foundation's Web site at [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org), or call (734) 495-1200.

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## IKEA

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ent and we need a few things different. The concept is fine with me," Commissioner Ronald Lieberman said.

Other members expressed an interest in IKEA changing the design of the building, including Catherine Johnson. "I'm not happy with the design. It looks too much like a warehouse, not like a destination location. I'm hoping we can come to some compromises on elevations and so on," she said.

Despite those reservations, Canton officials expect the building to be a destination location, attracting customers from not only metro Detroit, but also from other areas of Michigan, northern Ohio and even Ontario. Currently, the closest IKEA is in Illinois. The retailer has a total of 22 stores in the United States, and did \$1.7 billion in sales from those locations last year.

The Canton store is expected to employ 300 workers, including many at the management level, and there will also be a need for 500 union construction workers to build the massive store. After it is built,

the store will generate about \$1 million in annual property taxes, as well as \$5 million in state sales taxes.

However, Amann said the bigger impact will be how much IKEA customers will pump into the local economy, which he said will be at least \$13 million each year. Another benefit, he said, is what the store will do for property values along Ford Road. In fact, he said values have gone up dramatically since IKEA announced it was coming to Canton last year.

"Property values have already begun to rise," Amann said. "In some cases, they have

already doubled. The closer proximity to the store, the more property values have gone up."

However, two residents of the Pickwick Village subdivision, which is directly north of the IKEA site, questioned what the store would do for their property values.

Bob Cieslak, who lives directly behind the site, said most of his neighbors are opposed to the project.

"The people of Pickwick Village are against this project," he said. "We're against the colors of the building. It looks terrible. We're concerned about the value of our homes.

And we're afraid of the traffic that this store will produce."

In fact, the impact of traffic is something township and IKEA officials are also worried about. As a result, they have been working with the Michigan Department of Transportation to implement some changes along Ford Road and I-275. Some of the changes they intend to make are widening the exit ramps off of I-275, improving signal timing, widening Ford Road to include exclusive right-turn lanes and reducing curb cuts.

IKEA officials said once these changes are made, traffic in the area will actually get

better than it is now, even with the store open.

"We are working very hard to make sure the traffic gods smile down upon us," said Pat Smith, IKEA's real estate manager.

Amann said it is normal to have concerns about a project of this magnitude. Once it is complete, however, he said Canton will have something to be proud of.

"This building will provide another landmark to Canton, much like the Yazaki building (on Haggerty). It will provide a unique imprint on this community," Amann said.

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Be sure to include the name, address and telephone number of the family you nominate.

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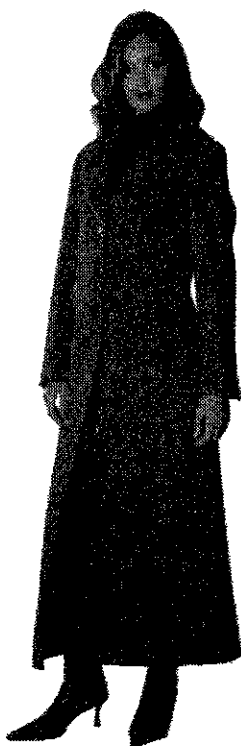
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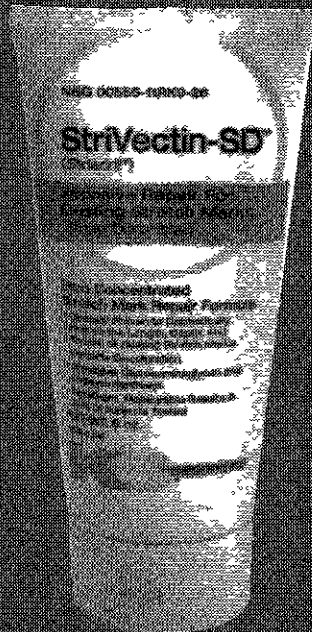
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"I think the key to our success is that the judges and the crowd realize that what we're doing is not an act," said Agosto, 23. "We're actually having fun out there, and that comes across in our performance."

The dynamic team of Belbin and Agosto was forged six years ago by Shpilband, who moved the talented skaters to his home base — the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills — to see if they would mesh as a championship-caliber tandem.

Shpilband got his answer in about the time it takes to lace up a pair of skates.

"I saw a lot of potential in Ben and Tanith right from the start," Shpilband revealed. "They matched up perfectly."

The number one reason they're so good is that they have such strong basic skating skills, plus they are athletic and strong. They have such a feel for the music and they work so well together."

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Shpilband said the couple's record-breaking performance in mid-January was something that will be etched in his mind forever.

"The night they got all the perfect scores is one I'll never forget," he said. "It was nice to see all the hard work they have put in pay off. They make up one of the youngest teams of ice-dancers to enjoy this much success. They're only 20 and 23 while most of the top ice dancers in the world right now are around 30. They have a lot of potential as long as they keep working at it."

Belbin and Agosto's six-year run as partners is an accom-

plishment in itself, the Canadian-born Belbin admitted.

"A lot of ice-dancing teams break up after a year or so," she said. "They start nit-picking each other and it tears them apart. We're very driven and we're focused on achieving the same goals, so we get along great."

"I guess you could say we're still in the honeymoon phase of our skating careers together," Agosto added, smiling.

**SKATE AND SLEEP**

The couple moved their training base from Bloomfield Hills to Canton in the summer of 2003 due to the freedom the managers of the Arctic Edge offered them.

"I love it here," Belbin said. "We can skate pretty much whenever we need to, which wasn't always the case before we moved."

Belbin said she enjoys living in Canton for a variety of reasons, notably its laid-back lifestyle.

"I only live about five minutes from the rink, so it's very convenient," she said. "And the people here are great, too. They're very warm towards us. I also like the fact that there aren't a lot of distractions in Canton. Most days, when we're not traveling, I go straight to the rink and skate, then go home and sleep."

# Skaters hit ice for tsunami relief

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Training for the United States Figure Skating Championships was the number one thing on the minds of Canton-based ice dancers Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto in early January — but it didn't monopolize the pair's thoughts or time.

Belbin and Agosto, who train at Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena, manage to adjust their schedules so that they could organize Skate-Aid For Tsunami Relief, a star-studded ice show that will raise money for the victims of the deadly tsunami in southeast Asia. All of the funds raised will go to the American Red Cross International Response Fund.

"The more we heard about all of the deaths and the tragedy that occurred, the more we wanted to do something to help," said Belbin, who lives in Canton. "Ben and I have been involved in fund-raising ice shows before, so we knew how difficult they are to put together, but we've received a lot of help from sponsors and companies who have donated their services for free. We haven't spend one cent yet on anything."

But the pair has spent many hours doing everything from booking flights for the performing skaters to distributing fliers that promote the event.

Among the performers will be Belbin and Agosto, who won their second consecutive United State Figure Skating pairs ice-dancing championship two weeks ago in Portland, Ore.; 1992 Olympic gold medalist Victor Petrenko; 2002 Olympic and World medalist Timothy Goebel; 2005 U.S. national champion Johnny Weir; 2005 U.S. pairs champions Katie Orscher and Garrett Lucash; and five-time U.S. National Champions Liz Punsalan and Jerod Swallow.

The event will be held Friday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. Tickets for adults will be \$20 while children 12 and under will get in for \$15. Premier seating tickets, which include a post-show reception with the skating stars, cost \$100.

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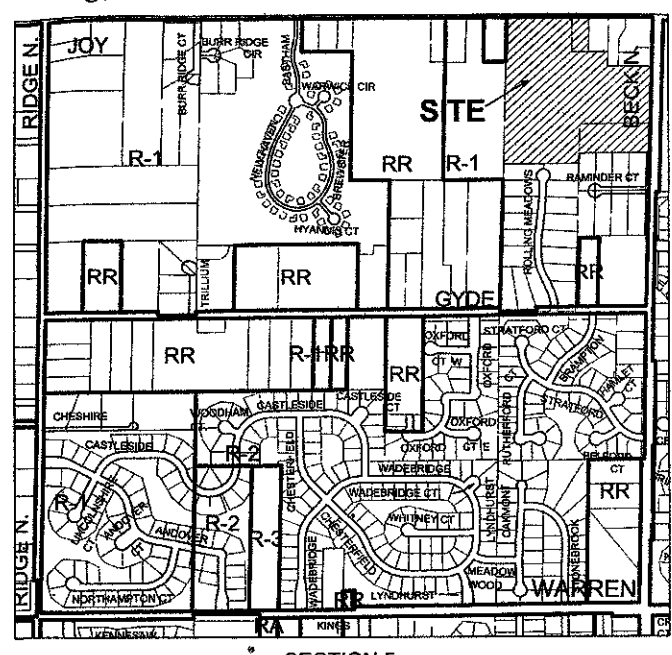
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**PLANNING COMMISSION  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 21, 2005, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 O. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**WESTBUY ESTATES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 01 7 99 0001 713, 01 7 99 0001 7 14 and 0 17 99 0001 723.** Property is located south of Joy and west of Beck Road. (First Public Hearing.)



SECTION 5

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, February 17, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

Publish: January 27 and February 10, 2005

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

For  
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**Design of Road Resurfacing or Replacement and Improvements to Sheldon Road south of Ford Road in Canton Township Wayne County, Michigan**

The Downtown Development Authority of Canton Township is soliciting letters of qualification for consulting services for the design of Road Resurfacing or Replacement and Improvements at Sheldon Road south of Ford Road in the DDA District in Canton, Michigan. Letters of Qualification will be accepted until **5:00 p.m. Friday, February 11, 2005.**

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS  
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF WAYNE  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
REPEAL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS ORDINANCE  
ORDINANCE NO. C-05-01**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY REPEALING THE NOXIOUS WEEDS ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. C-93-05; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.**

That the Noxious Weeds Ordinance, Ordinance No. C-93-05, be and is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.**

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. REPEAL.**

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

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

**SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.**

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner prescribed by law.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-05-01 considered for first reading at the January 11, 2005, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2005. The Ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42950 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone No. 734-354-3224.

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## Dieter Zetsche to chair United Way drive

United Way announced Thursday that Dr. Dieter Zetsche, president and chief executive officer of the Chrysler Group, will serve as the 2005 Torch Drive general chair.

Zetsche is responsible for leading and directing more than 20,000 volunteers through the 57th annual fall fund-raising drive for United Way, which serves communities in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

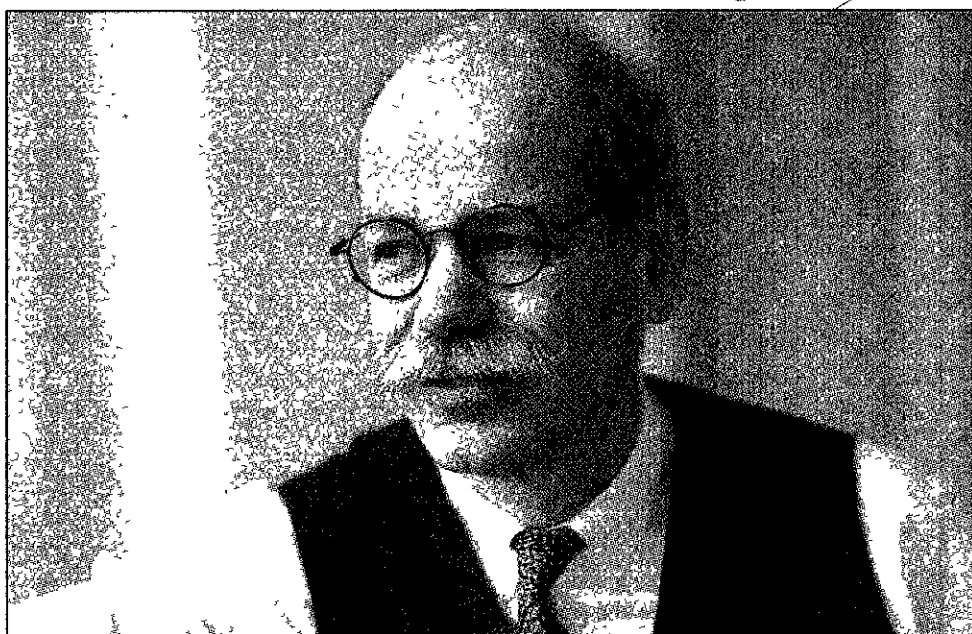
"We are excited about Dr. Zetsche's commitment to this year's Torch Drive campaign," said Michael J. Brennan, president of United Way Community Services.

"Sustaining the momentum of last year's successful campaign - in which we exceeded our goal of \$64.5 million - is critical to our mission of creating lasting, tangible community change. We have a Torch Drive chair who will help us to do just that."

Zetsche has been a member of the United Way Community Services Board of Directors since 2001, and currently serves as an honorary chair.

"In Dieter Zetsche, we have a campaign chair with a reputation for visionary and results-oriented leadership, who has also demonstrated a strong concern for our community," said Ralph W. Babb Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Comerica Incorporated, and United Way board chair. "We know he is the right person for the job given that the campaign is about making a measurable difference in people's lives."

Zetsche joined the research department of Daimler-Benz AG in 1976, and swiftly rose through the management ranks. He



Dieter Zetsche, president and CEO of Chrysler Group and member of the DaimlerChrysler Board of Management, will head this year's United Way campaign.

earned a doctorate in engineering in 1982 at the University of Paderborn (Germany), then went on to hold a number of top international assignments with Daimler-Benz.

Following the company's 1998 merger with Chrysler, Zetsche became a member of DaimlerChrysler's Board of Management. He was named to the top post at Chrysler in November 2000.

Since becoming CEO, Zetsche has led the automaker through a succession of new vehicle launches, including the debut of the award-winning Chrysler 300 last

year, and continuing sales growth.

UAW President Ron Gettelfinger served as the general chair of the 2004 Torch Drive. The goal of this year's fund-raising campaign will be set later this spring.

United Way Community Services is led by a diverse group of volunteers from business, labor, government, human services, education and the community. United Way Community Services provides opportunities to invest in the metropolitan Detroit community through its annual Torch Drive.

## Share your memories for Valentine's package

Do you remember the magic that happened the first time you met that special someone? It's those moments that remain in our memory forever.

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## IKEA will spur more growth

There's no question that the coming of IKEA will be a watershed event in Canton's history. Years from now, when people talk about Canton, they will discuss it in terms of BI and AI — before IKEA and after IKEA.

That's definitely what township officials are hoping.

Although there are some concerns about the IKEA project, including how it will impact traffic on already congested Ford Road, the benefits to the township are hard to ignore.

Real estate values along Ford Road have shot through the roof since the IKEA announcement was made last year. In some cases, they have even doubled, even though IKEA isn't expected to open until spring of 2006.

When the furniture store does open, township officials believe nearby businesses will benefit greatly from all the customers IKEA will attract to the area. They estimate it will generate about \$13 million into the local economy — not to mention more than \$1 million annually for local property taxes and another several million to the state in sales taxes.

Then there are the jobs. Not only will IKEA hire about 300 employees, including many at the management level, there will also be a need for 500 union construction workers to build the 300,000-square-foot store.

In addition, township officials note there has been a lot of interest from other desirable retailers, including Borders, to locate near the new store.

There will also be benefits to IKEA, which is aggressively pursuing expansion in the United States, where the company had \$1.7 billion in sales at its 22 American stores last year.

IKEA is a destination-type store for young affluent families, much like Cabela's is for the hunting crowd. Canton is a perfect fit. Not only is the town home to the type of families IKEA markets to, the site it has chosen at Ford and Haggerty roads is next to an expressway, which will make it easy for people in surrounding communities to visit as well. In fact, IKEA officials believe this store will serve all of Michigan, as well as northern Ohio and even parts of Ontario.

At Monday's planning commission meeting, when the township and IKEA formally agreed to create a Planned Development District, an IKEA official called the location an "absolute home run" for the company.

The big question mark remains what will happen to traffic on Ford Road. Township and IKEA officials know that is the big challenge. They have been working with the Michigan Department of Transportation to make some changes both along Ford and on the exits from I-275 to make traffic flow more smoothly in the area.

IKEA officials believe once these changes are implemented, Ford Road traffic will be better than it is today. And if that turns out to be the case, then attracting IKEA to town will surely be seen as a coup of major proportions.

## Super Bowl XL tees up big opportunity

The metro Detroit area has a special opportunity in about a year from now.

Some 100,000 visitors, which includes 3,000 media members from around the world, will gather here for Super Bowl XL. The National Football League championship game will be played Feb. 6, 2006, at Ford Field. There will be numerous family-oriented games, community events and high-profile private gatherings in the week leading up to the big game.

Organizers have been working on coordinating the regional efforts for this event since 1998, when it located more than 20,000 quality hotel rooms within a one-hour drive of Ford Field, and set about to identify fun, cold-weather activities throughout the area.

Our region will be under a microscope as people gather for the most-watched annual television event in the world. This provides a phenomenal chance to upgrade the area's image and grow its convention and hospitality industry.

Business leaders need to make special efforts to ensure restaurant employees, hotel staff, cab drivers and others in the service industry are ready to make guests feel welcome. Regular folks can play a role, too, as opportunities abound for hospitality volunteers through chambers of commerce and special committees.

Special efforts like the Motown Winter Blast are great for downtown and they play to our strengths — downtown cultural attractions, cold weather, popular Motown music, great food, etc. — but we also need to keep our visitors entertained out here in the suburbs. An aggressive, collective effort over the next year could be vital to the growth of the region's economy.

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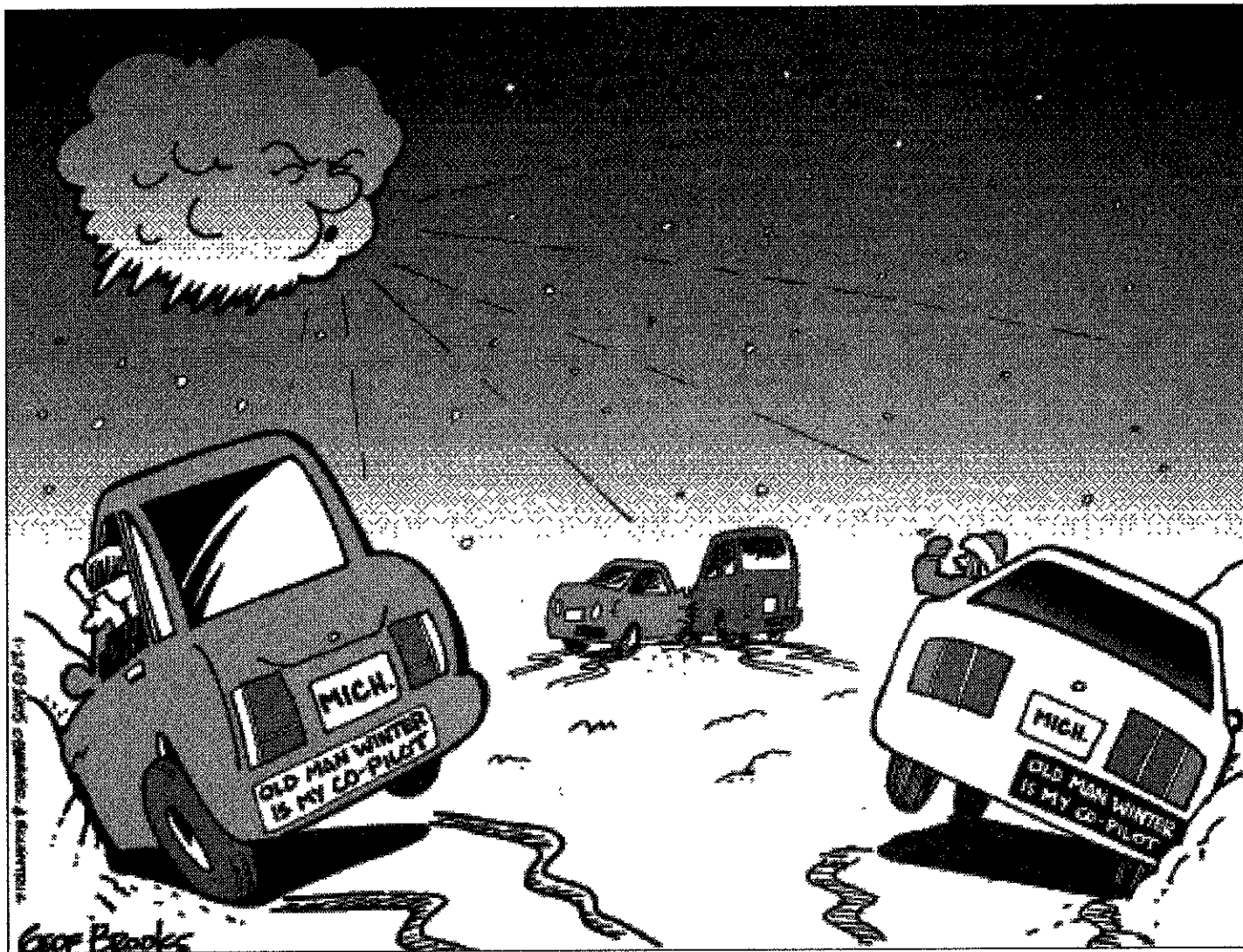
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### LETTERS

#### Stem cells save lives

I am responding to Thomas Hilton's letter to the editor regarding stem cell research.

Embryonic stem cell research requires the killing of human embryos to get their stem cells. We do not have to kill one human life to save another. Human stem cells are available from other sources: Placenta; amniotic fluid; blood; bone; bone marrow; and even fat tissue all contain stem cells.

Adult stem cells have already been found to be effective in treating some leukemia, heart disease, type II diabetes, immune deficiencies, eye diseases, and most recently the effects of Parkinson's disease. By contrast, embryonic stem cells have yet to demonstrate a single human therapeutic benefit.

Did you know, for instance, the following facts regarding stem cell research? The Karmanos Cancer Institute is urging expectant mothers giving birth at Hutzel Women's Hospital to donate their umbilical cords which have the proven potential to save another child's life. Umbilical cords are rich in stem cells which can be injected into a young cancer patient's blood stream in lieu of a bone marrow transplant.

Also, using umbilical cord stem cells, scientists in South Korea repaired the damaged spine of Hwang Mi-Soon, who has been paralyzed for 20 years. She was shown using a walking frame to take steps at a Nov. 25 press conference. Doctors injected stem cells derived from umbilical cord blood into the damaged spine of the 37-year-old woman, who had been bedridden since damaging her back in an accident two decades ago.

Barb Schmid  
Canton

#### Loophole no mistake

Recently it was announced that Michigan had, for the past few years, supported a loophole which allowed illegal immigrants to walk into Secretary of State offices and pick up a Michigan driver's license.

Saying "loophole" gives us the idea that the situation happened by accident. It's more like a hole that was drilled into our state operations by Candace Miller. As a result of this horrible fact coming to light she has decided to not run for Senate. Her bragging has evaporated before the cold wind of apparent treason and that she helped a large number of illegal aliens.

She sits in Congress now, admonished for her ethical behavior with Tom DeLay — her partner from Texas. Her actions have allowed tens of thousands of illegal immigrants to get jobs as truck drivers and on railroads such as the Southern Pacific. That railroad regularly advertises jobs in Asian and Latin newspapers. Critical, well-paying jobs in our economy's infrastructure are regularly given to men and women whose loyalty may be questionable to say the least.

Southern Pacific, which at this time deals with heavy traffic from communist China through Los Angeles ports, leans heavily toward hiring Asians that may be

immigrants from that same repressive country.

Right now they are not able to ship normally because of traffic delays, track damage and other problems. Meanwhile, Burlington Northern with tracks right next to them is not having any problems.

Candace Miller has done great harm to our state and our nation.

Alfred Brock  
Canton

#### Help tsunami victims

My name is Kevin and I am a junior in the Plymouth-Canton area. I am writing to you about the tsunami in the Indian Ocean. I think that it is a terrible thing that has happened to those people and it is a shame that over 150,000 people have been killed. The devastation must be terrible. With all the money that is being sent over I hope very much that it is used wisely and not wasted. Those people can not afford for all that money being squandered. I want to thank you for listening to me and reading this letter.

Kevin Potter  
Canton

#### Not a bad law

I have noted with interest the *Plymouth Observer's* reporting on the unhappiness of Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan regarding the school election dates ("Locals sign on in school election," Jan. 23).

As Mr. Bruscato notes near the end of this particular item, the new election law was to keep the school districts from having "stealth" elections and as a cost savings. I do not believe that the governor, who is in the pocket of the public education establishment, would have signed such legislation if she thought it was a problem for one of her main constituencies.

A couple of questions come to mind as I follow this controversy. Why did the CEO of our school district, Supt. Ryan, not work with the school board to find an alternative to the May date?

Since presidential, Senate, gubernatorial and the majority of state elections are held in November every other year, would it have been more cost-effective for the school district to concur with that process? The reporter does not note whether he asked the municipalities that question, nor does he note whether the district CEO or school board asked the municipalities that question.

Why must PC schools and the superintendent have elections every year? These are presumably competent and intelligent people who allegedly work for the taxpayers. Surely they must be able to manage this situation to a positive outcome instead of whine about the law.

The law that Supt. Ryan is unhappy with is not a bad law. In this case, the Legislature acted in the best interest of the taxpayers and voters.

Mark F. Tooze  
Plymouth Township

#### Don't blame society

This is in response to your article in the Jan. 23 *Observer* concerning Detroit schools.

I am shocked by your typical irresponsible liberal views — to blame "society" for all the ills of Detroit students without suggesting what "society" should do to remedy the problems.

You imply the problem is that Detroit is an "almost all-black city" surrounded by white suburbs.

Well this is exactly what Coleman Young wanted! He wanted blacks to rule themselves and make their own decisions.

But it has turned out they can't run their schools, nor the city.

Bill Cosby has had the guts to call for black responsibility to remedy their problems and to quit blaming whites (i.e. "society").

This is a tremendous breakthrough — long overdue, something we should all support and require.

Black responsibility is the key to solving their problems, so quit trying to blame "society."

Bill Piner  
Plymouth Township

#### What went wrong?

In recent days the Bush administration has acknowledged that they have concluded their search in Iraq for weapons of mass destruction, having found nothing to indicate that a WMD program existed.

I believe that the citizens of this great nation deserve an explanation as to how our government could be so wrong about an issue of the utmost importance. Further, if our country is to be taken seriously in the future, some officials must be held accountable for this terrible error. It is time for the Bush administration to address this issue and explain why his top aides misled our country and the world into war with Iraq.

Oz Hazel  
Birmingham

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### QUOTABLE

"Property values have already begun to rise because of the IKEA announcement. In some cases, they have already doubled. The closer proximity to the store, the more property values have gone up."

— Bryan Amann, attorney, on the effect the coming of IKEA is having on Ford Road property



# U.P. land deal epitomizes the spirit of cooperation

Maybe you missed the announcement a couple of weeks ago. But the joint news conference put on by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Helen Taylor, executive director of the Michigan chapter of the Nature Conservancy, marked an enormously big deal for the entire state (and — full disclosure — for me, since I'm chairman of the Conservancy's board.)

After more than three years of hard work, more than 248,000 acres of lakes, rivers and forest in the Upper Peninsula have now been protected through a conservation easement (an agreement spelling out what the new owners can and cannot do with the land).



Phil Power

In addition, the Conservancy will buy outright 23,239 acres in the Two-Hearted River watershed, one of Michigan's great places immortalized in Ernest Hemingway's great short stories, *The Big Two-Hearted River*. (The watershed is in Luce County, not too far northwest of the Mackinac Bridge.)

This is one of the largest and most visionary efforts ever undertaken by the Nature Conservancy. It will enable the owner, The Forestland Group, Inc., to cut timber on a sustainable and profitable basis. It will also preserve thousands of jobs in the U.P.'s forestry and tourism industries; guarantee public access for fishing, hunting and hiking; keep the land on the tax rolls of local communities; and restrict piecemeal development. When fully executed, this deal will link together more than 2.5 million acres of protected natural areas into a contiguous landscape of woods and water.

This is truly a case where everybody — landowners, workers, local government, conservationists and the public at large — wins.

But it wasn't simple or easy. For some insight into what really happened, here are some of the behind-the-scenes details that never got into the press conference:

Initially, the Nature Conservancy tried to buy some 300,000 acres of land in the U.P. when they were put up at auction sale by the Bishop Trust in Hawaii. The group was outbid by The Forestland Group LLC. But we figured there was too much at stake to sit around and cry in our beer.

We contacted Doug Rothwell, then head of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., and pointed out that preserving this magnificent natural resource had an important jobs component: Some 3,000 jobs in the timber industry were at stake, plus many more in tourism and recreation if the land were developed.

Rothwell agreed and put us in touch with his wife, Sharon, who was at that time chief of staff

for then-Gov. John Engler. The governor jumped in with both feet, agreeing to work with us to raise the money to fund a conservation easement on the land. He helped persuade the folks who run the Natural Resources Trust Fund this was an important state priority.

And he offered to host a lunch in his office for the senior leadership of some of Michigan's largest and most generous foundations, including Mott, Dow, Kresge and Kellogg. I'll never forget the sight of the governor of Michigan padding around his conference room, personally serving coffee and pie to the assembled philanthropists before launching into his pitch.

To their everlasting credit, the foundations came through big time; more importantly, they stuck with us for the many months required to negotiate the deal with Forestland.

Then, two years ago, the newly elected Granholm quickly and enthusiastically also agreed to help. Just days after taking office, she hosted in her office another meeting for the foundation community, which gave us a chance to update everybody.

When the talks with Forestland got sticky and threatened to fail, Granholm personally joined the negotiations, calling both parties into her office and saying, "This is a good deal for Forestland, for the Nature Conservancy and, most of all, for the people of Michigan. I want to do whatever it takes to get this deal done."

She then suggested some shuttle diplomacy, carrying proposals back and forth between the Nature Conservancy folks and Forestland. After a couple of visits, she walked into our room, saying, "I think we're at the point where they're ready to deal." Her direct intervention was crucial and led quickly to a signed and detailed letter of agreement.

Working out the details of the conservation easement took many months and was hugely assisted by the hundreds of hours of pro bono time donated by the real estate lawyers at the Dykema Gossett law firm in Detroit.

Complicated big deals are never simple — and this was one of the most complex on record. It took lots of effort, imagination and good will. But thanks to many, many people — two governors of Michigan, senior leaders in state government, generous leaders of Michigan's great foundations, skilled staffers at the Nature Conservancy, an enlightened private firm and some very able lawyers — our children and our children's children will be able to enjoy forever some of the greatest places in Michigan. What a triumph!

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

# Groundhog copes with pressure of pleasing with predictions

It's not particularly tough duty, if you can get it, although the emotional strain is considerably higher than the physical toll.

But, for 118 years and counting now, Punxsutawney Phil has weathered the challenge of predicting, well, the weather. He gets his annual chance when all eyes focus on him Wednesday for Groundhog Day.

Phil, or The Groundhog for those not well-schooled in the art of winter predictions, is the chief meteorologist of Punxsutawney, the tiny western Pennsylvania town home to Gobbler's Knob, the residence that houses Phil.

In a wide-ranging interview (that we may have actually made up), the world's most famous groundhog talked about the pressure — and the pleasure — of being the harbinger of spring. Since Phil speaks only Groundhogese, we had to use our Groundhogese-to-English dictionary (which we also may have entirely made up).

(NOTE: While we may be fudging a little with the quotes, the other information is entirely accurate, and can be found on the Web at [www.groundhog.org](http://www.groundhog.org).)

"It can be tough," Phil said of trying to please everyone with the right prediction. "Nobody wants to suffer through six more weeks of winter, but what am I supposed to do? If the shadow's there, it's there, man!"

He shrugs off the pressure like a veteran, though, after 118 years of predicting the weather (which is only slightly longer than Willard Scott's been doing it). No one is sure exactly when Punxsutawney first observed Groundhog Day — it was some time in the 1800s — but the first official trek to Gobbler's Knob came in 1887.

Phil's been doing the weather ever since, fighting off imitation groundhogs and other prognosticators to build a reputation as the pre-eminent weather source, specializing in Feb. 2 predictions.

"Sure, it's a small niche, but everyone is put here for a reason," Phil said. "I may not be much help the rest of the year, but gearing up for this one prediction can take a lot out of a groundhog."

Admittedly, there is some suspicion that it hasn't been the same Phil for all of those 118 years. However, information discovered in Gobbler's Knob suggests Phil gets his longevity from a secret recipe "groundhog punch," a magical elixir he sips once a year.

Of course, each sip reportedly adds seven years to his life, which means he could go on for at least another (let's see, 118 times 7 ... drat, I hate math!) 826 years (insert skeptical remarks here).

As legend has it (according to the Web site), the celebration of Groundhog Day began with

Pennsylvania's earliest settlers. They brought with them the legend of Candlemas Day, which states, "For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day, so far will the snow swirl in May ..." So the story goes, Punxsutawney Phil was named after King Phillip. Prior to being called Phil, he was called Br'er Groundhog.

The name change came despite Phil's grumblings.

"Hey, Br'er is a cool name," he said. "I don't want to disparage the other Phils of the world, but wouldn't you rather be called 'Br'er'?"

Phil is protected by his "Inner Circle," a security team even bigger than Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's. There are 21 members of the circle who carry titles like "burrow master," "stump warden," "cloud builder" and "fog spinner."

The leader of the circle is the "president," to whom Phil makes his prediction because he's the only one who understands groundhogese (although we're expecting phone calls from the other 20 members of the inner circle seeking our new Groundhogese-to-English dictionary).

The inner circle is made up of dignitaries of Punxsutawney, home to approximately 6,800 residents and one groundhog family (Phil, his wife and a couple of groundhog children).

Punxsutawney was originally a Native American campsite halfway between the Allegheny and Susquehanna rivers. It is located on the earliest known trail to the east, the Shamokin path. The area was, at times, occupied by Shawnee or Delaware people and sometimes by Senecas or Iroquois.

By the late 1790s, the first white settlers came to the area now known as Jefferson County. Jacob Hoover was the first settler in the Punxsutawney area, building the first log cabin and probably the first grist mill in 1814. The Rev. David Barclay came to the area in 1816 and is considered the founder of the town. In 1850, Punxsutawney was officially incorporated as a borough.

(Yet another note: If that's not way more information than you needed about Punxsutawney, you can find more at [www.punxsyhistory.org](http://www.punxsyhistory.org).)

With the lure of Punxsutawney Phil and the beauty of the area, tourism has become a rapidly growing trade. That's a lot of pressure to heap on a groundhog.

"Yeah, sometimes they get to me," Phil admitted. "Sometimes, if I see my shadow, my kids catch grief at school, and that hurts. But I tell them it's a privilege to serve, and it comes with some responsibility. They're cool with it."

The calendar on my desk says spring is coming March 20 (like it does every year). Phil says that's a fictitious date invented to satisfy the calendar industry. Maybe we should wait and see what Phil sees Wednesday.

Brad Kadrich is editor of the *Plymouth Observer*. He won't be going to Punxsutawney, so he can be reached via e-mail at [bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net) or by phone at (734) 459-2700.

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# Symphony, composer hitting all the right notes

## New composition helps bring orchestra to youngsters

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Virtually since Nan Washburn became the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's music director five years ago, symphony officials have been crafting an educational program designed to bring orchestra music to young children.

They believe they have the final piece of the puzzle with a composition they've commissioned designed around a popular piece of study material.

The symphony will unveil the musical version of *Paddle to the Sea* by Holling C. Holling at a March 9 concert at Plymouth Salem High School. It's the first original work the symphony has commissioned, and it's being written by Ann Arbor composer Andre Myers.

While he was composing the piece, Myers sought input from the Plymouth-Canton school district's fourth-graders.

"It's magnificent the kids can meet a composer," said Luan Brownlee, chair of the PSO's education outreach committee. "(Myers) compares composing to something they all know intimately — the writing process. He puts it to them in a way 9-year-olds can understand."

Washburn was looking for something to replace *Island of the Blue Dolphin*, the piece performed by the symphony at its annual "Concert for Kids," part of the PSO's Music Outreach Education program. *Dolphin* is an excellent piece of



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Composer Andre Myers adds the sounds of instruments together for the students to listen to during a presentation at Field Elementary. He talked about combining instruments to create harmony.

music, but it's more of a West Coast piece.

Washburn wanted something that related to Michigan, and *Paddle to the Sea* is the story of a toy canoe that makes its way around the state through the Great Lakes. All of the district's fourth-graders read the book, as did Myers when he was in school.

"I read it in the fourth grade

and I remembered it," said Myers, who also worked with the PSO on a post-9/11 piece. "I was fascinated by how to bring the story to life with music."

The students have studied the book in the classroom and, during presentations with Myers, gave him feedback on their favorite chapters and how best to put them to music. Myers did the rest.

Myers, a doctoral candidate at the University of Michigan School of Music, started recording musical ideas when he was 11. Unable to write music down on paper, he'd record ideas so he wouldn't forget them. He's been writing them down since he was 15.

It took Myers about a year to compose the 12-minute piece. While the symphony has been fund-raising to pay for the commission, the final piece of the financial picture came when the PSO sold its education program to Wayne-Westland schools, according to Brownlee.

The toughest part of composing *Paddle to the Sea*? Bringing the artwork to life.

"I tried to bring the pictures to life, because that's where the book lives," Myers said. "I tried to bring the visual images to life in the music."

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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 21, 2005, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**ROSEWOOD PLACE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - JPRELIMINARY PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 069 99 0010 000,069 99 0015 000,070 99 0002 000 AND 071 99 0003 000.** Property is located west of Ridge between Ford and Cherry Hill Roads. (First Public Hearing.)

**SECTION 18**

**Zoning**

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## Wallpaper chase

New styles, innovations assist in search

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

With such painting techniques as faux finishing, you might think the writing's on the wall when it comes to wallpaper.

But think again. Wallpaper and wallcoverings are offering an almost limitless range of styles for any room. And innovations are making them easy to install and remove, as well as washable.

"There still are very unique patterns that you can only duplicate with wallpaper," said Tom La Duke, owner of Arno Paint & Wallpaper in Royal Oak.

"Wallpaper is just a nice background for your furniture and treasures in your home," said Vera Mackey, showroom manager, Thybony Wallcovering at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

"It's like art for the wall ... Wallpaper will enhance treasures that you have."

New products at Hahn Paint & Wallpaper in Westland include dry removable wallpaper, says the store's Carol Zimmerman.

"Just peel it all off in one sheet," she said.

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Vera Mackey, showroom manager at Thybony Wallcovering at Michigan Design Center in Troy, says wallpaper is like art for the wall. It makes an attractive background for furnishings, and enhances your treasures.

### HOW TO SHOP FOR WALLPAPER

Before you shop for wallpaper for a room, have a few things in mind and at hand. Have an idea of the room's color scheme and light, and what you have in terms of carpet or fabrics for chairs and couches you want to blend, said Tom La Duke, owner of Arno Paint & Wallpaper in Royal Oak. Write the information down, and bring a fabric sample with you to the store.

After you order a wallcovering, hold off on doing anything else such as painting in the room until you are sure the color is right.

Know the size of the room, said Carol Zimmerman of Hahn Paint & Wallpaper in Westland.

"Ask, 'What are you using the room for?'" said Vera Mackey, showroom manager, Thybony Wallcovering at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

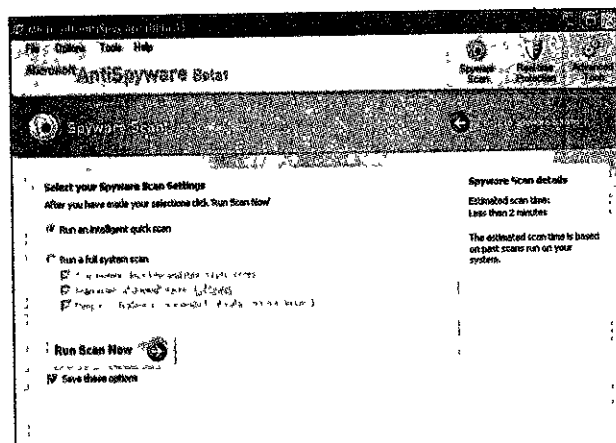
The Wallcoverings Association says to decide what you want the room to convey (light and airy, or rich

and dark). Evaluate the furnishings currently in the room, and decide what you want to keep there.

"Wallpaper is the final unifying element you need to pull your furnishings together and give your room a 'planned' appearance," the WA reports at its Web site, [www.wallcoverings.org](http://www.wallcoverings.org).

Discuss wall surface preparation with the retailer. Tell the retailer what kind of wall the paper will hang on (plaster, drywall, new drywall), the Web site said. Other information to take with you (with a room diagram), according to the WA, includes:

- What is the size of each wall? (Measure the height and width of each.)
- How many doors are in the room?
- How many windows are in the room?
- Is there a fireplace?
- Is there a staircase?
- What is the style of furniture? (Bring pictures.)
- Is traffic in the room light, medium or heavy?



Microsoft's new Windows AntiSpyware utility provides a strong line of defense against those nasty invaders.

are notorious for shoveling spyware onto your hard drive. Same goes for a lot of seemingly innocuous free-ware, even when it comes from an otherwise trustworthy site like Download.com.

■ Beware Web sites offering adult content, free MP3 downloads, pirated software, and the like. Just viewing these and other sites can result in "drive-by

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## What you need to know about carbon monoxide

New findings from a national poll conducted by RoperASW suggest that the first step to protecting your family from accidental carbon monoxide poisoning may be that homeowners need to learn more about the problem.

According to the home-safety study, there are dangerous gaps in awareness about carbon monoxide (CO). The study found that while 43 percent of Americans identify a home fire as an accidental tragedy most likely to cause injury or even death to a family member, nearly as many don't know that CO has no detectable smell. That may be one reason why this odorless gas is responsible for more accidental deaths than any other single poison (Journal of the American Medical Association).

Follow these home-safety tips to reduce the threat of accidental CO poisoning, especially during the home-heating season:

- Keep gas stove and range tops maintained and in

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## Accents

### On TV

Planterra Corporation, a West Bloomfield commercial interior landscape design firm, will be featured on an upcoming episode of *Rebecca's Garden*.

The episode is scheduled to air nationally on 185 network affiliates Sunday, Feb. 6. In the metro Detroit region, the episode will air on WXYZ (Channel 7) at 6:30 a.m.

The show offers a glimpse into Planterra's private collection of botanical specimens.

Larry M. Pliska of Franklin, president and founder of Planterra, will guide the TV crew through the winding aisles and lush foliage in the company's 22,000-square-foot antique greenhouse complex.

Among useful tips on tropical plant care, Pliska will talk about the many benefits of indoor plants.

*Rebecca's Garden* crew spent nearly two days shooting at Planterra's greenhouse and customer sites.

The plantings at the General Motors Wintergarden in Detroit and the Galleria Officecentre atrium in Southfield will be featured.

Additionally, Laura Barber of Rochester Hills, Planterra's greenhouse horticulturist, conducted a repotting demonstration and Shane Pliska of Birmingham, Planterra's development manager, offered advice on designing with "hip succulents."

### Urban gardening

The Urban Roots Community Gardening Training Program will teach 24 community garden leaders the skills they need to create and maintain strong, vibrant and sustainable community gardens. This program was specifically designed for residents of Wayne County gardening in urban areas. The program began from the need to create and sustain more community gardens by training community leaders in horticulture as well as community organizing.

The program's organiz-



ers are currently recruiting participants for this first year of classes. Classes will be held at American Indian Health and Family Services, located at: 4880 Lawndale, Detroit, MI 48121.

Dates of classes are Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting Feb. 19 and ending April 23. This is a nine-week course, which, including a textbook, costs \$75. The completed application and fee is due no later than Feb. 1.

For further information or to receive an application, please contact Ashley Atkinson at The Greening of Detroit at (313) 237-8736 or, Kristine Hahn at MSU Extension at (313) 833-3275, or by e-mail at [detroitagriculture@yahoo.com](mailto:detroitagriculture@yahoo.com).

## Show spyware the door - and keep it out

S luggish performance. A hijacked Web browser. Pop-up windows everywhere. Generally flaky operation.

If your computer suffers from any of these symptoms, spyware could be the culprit.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Not to be confused with spam (junk e-mail) or viruses (malicious software usually spread via e-mail), spyware comes mostly from Web sites you visit and software you install. The havoc it wreaks can range from an avalanche of pop-ups to broken Internet connections to a totally unusable PC.

In recent months, the problem has reached epidemic proportions. The unfortunate reality is that if you're connected to the Internet and use Internet Explorer, spyware attacks are all but inevitable. Another fine case of a few dim-witted individuals ruining things for the rest of us.

Fortunately, you can protect yourself from spyware - and rid your system of it - by following a few simple steps:

■ Educate yourself. Visit [Wikipedia.org](http://Wikipedia.org) (my favorite online encyclopedia) and read up on spyware. Knowledge is the best defense.

■ Avoid file-sharing programs like KaZaa, which



# Is your home winterized?

As temperatures drop across the nation, Americans work to make their homes more airtight and energy efficient throughout the winter months.

But creating a more airtight home can result in unseen hazards in the air, says Danny Lipford, host of the nationally syndicated home improvement show, Today's Homeowner.

"With heating costs on the rise, homeowners can do their part to create a more energy efficient home this winter. But keep in mind that when you seal out the cold temperatures, you can seal in harmful particles."

While energy efficient, airtight homes may save on heating costs, smoke, dust, and mold spores sealed inside can make the air you breathe indoors up to 100 times more polluted than outdoor air. Lipford recommends the following projects—each costing less than \$50—that can be completed in a matter of hours or even minutes:

■ Check the exterior perimeter of your home for cracks or openings. If you have gaps in the door or window frames, seal them with a quality exterior caulk to help save money on your energy bills. If you have a crack in your patio or sidewalk, a concrete repair tube works well.

(\$20.00 for a caulk gun and caulk and \$1.79 for a 5.5 ounce cement squeeze repair tube.)

■ Upgrade to a high efficiency filter, like Filtrete's new refillable filter. Doing so will help you and your family breathe cleaner air since the filter captures 10 times more dust, smoke, pollen, pet dander, mold and other tiny particles in the air than a fiberglass filter. This filter is easy to use, store and promotes less waste. You should change these filters every 2-3 months throughout the year; an easy way to remember is to do this on the first day of each new season. (\$15.00 includes filter with reusable frame and refill insert.)

■ Fix drafty windows by installing a window insulator kit. Apply the clear insulating film to the inside of the window and use a hairdryer to "shrink wrap" the film to prevent wrinkles. (\$15 for a kit can cover three to five windows.)

■ Insulate your water heater and pipes to keep utility bills down. Simply wrap a water heater blanket around your hot water heater and insulate the pipes with hot water pipe wraps. (\$15 for a water heater blanket and \$20 for water pipe wraps.)

For more tips, log on to [www.filtrete.com](http://www.filtrete.com).

## Attracting birds

English Gardens will present a free gardening seminar, Attracting Birds to Your Yard, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 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). Learn tips on plant materials and other elements necessary to create a garden that's home to birds, butterflies and other small creatures. 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).

## 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.

## Gardening courses

Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia, offers gardening courses in its Continuing Education department. The schedule includes Landscape Design I, Wednesdays, Feb. 2-16; and Perennial Gardening, Saturdays, Feb. 5-19. The instructor is Merritt Wolson, a local landscape designer and horticulturist. Register by mail, fax, Web or walk-in. For more information, call (734) 462-4448.

## 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.

Lindley and her husband, Roger, own Great Lakes Roses in Sumpter Township, south of Belleville. They grow more than 700 roses, many of them antique roses, in the display garden around their home at the nursery.

Nancy Lindley gives more than 100 talks a year about roses, and has served as editor of the American Rose Society's Old Garden and Shrub Rose Gazette.

## Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, Feb. 7, at the Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 11 and 10 Mile.

The topic will be What's New for 2005. George Papadalis, owner of Telly's Greenhouse, will explore new plants, old-fashioned favorites and several underused and hard-to-find annuals and perennials for the collectors garden. Guests are welcome.

## Herb study group

The University of Michigan Nichols Arboretum and Matthaei Botanical Gardens Evening Herb Study Group will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. The meeting will be in Room 125, the opposite end from the auditorium. Herbalist Joan Wysocki will speak on Herbs for Romance. The public may attend. Admission is free.

For more information, contact the Gardens at (734) 998-7061, Lesley Chace at [ledsbeaken@aol.com](mailto:ledsbeaken@aol.com), or Joan Wysocki at (248) 349-5310 or [jdwysocik@aol.com](mailto:jdwysocik@aol.com).

## Community House Garden Club

Steven Nikkila, co-owner of Perennial Favorites, a garden and landscaping design firm in Waterford, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of The Community House Garden Club Monday, Feb. 7. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at the Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Through the use of before and after

photos, Nikkila will demonstrate how to renovate old landscapes. He has planted, maintained and photographed gardens and landscapes since 1983.

The public may attend. Reservations aren't necessary. A \$5 donation is requested at the door.

For more information, call The Community House at (248) 594-6410. Nikkila received his degree in landscape technology from Oakland Community College. He has been senior instructor for the Michigan School of Gardening since its inception in 1996 and assisted in the development of the school's curriculum. Nikkila has taught courses on photography, plant identification, organic gardening, gardening for wildlife and other horticultural courses at advanced master gardener conferences. He has taught in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania and internationally. Nikkila specializes in horticultural photography and his photographs have appeared in several books, as well as numerous national and local magazines, newspapers and catalogs.

## Orchid fest

English Gardens will host its third annual Orchid Fest, featuring two weekends of free seminars, visits from growers and a display of more than 50 varieties of orchids. All orchids will be 25 percent off.

The festival will begin this weekend and continue throughout February, which is National Orchid Month.

English Gardens stores are 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).

Two seminars will be presented Saturday, Jan. 29: Introduction to Orchids, 11 a.m. to noon, at all five stores; and Orchid Repotting Techniques, 3-4 p.m., at the West Bloomfield, Royal Oak/Troy and Clinton Township stores.

A seminar, Growing Beautiful Orchids, will be presented 1-2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the West Bloomfield, Royal Oak/Troy and Clinton Township stores. Other seminars, to be given at all five locations, are Advance Orchid Growing, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 5; Orchid Repotting Demonstration, 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5; and Growing Beautiful Orchids, 1-2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6. Among the featured speakers will be John Doherty of Zephyrus Orchids, Doug Watson of Worldwide Orchids, and Lawrence J. Ohlman III and Sam Kimling of Orchids by Ohlman. Doherty will be at Royal Oak/Troy 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 29 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 30. Watson will be in West Bloomfield 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 5. Kimling will be in West Bloomfield 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 29 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 30, and in Dearborn Heights 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 5 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 6. Ohlman will be in Clinton Township 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 30 and Feb. 6.

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

## 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.

## Master Gardener club

The Master Gardener Association of Wayne County (MGAWC.org) invites former and current master gardeners and master gardening students to attend membership meetings the second Thursday of the month, September through June.

MGAWC volunteers meet in the Environmental Interpretive Center at the northwest corner of the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen between Ford and Michigan Avenue.

Celebrating 20 years of community service, MGAWC has refreshments at 7 p.m., activity announcements at 7:30 p.m. and a speaker at 8 p.m. Cooking will be discussed at the meeting Feb. 10.

MGAWC.org has links to a campus map. Call (734) 786-6860 for a 24-hour recording.

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## HOME CALENDAR

### Auction

The Frank H. Boos Gallery of Troy will conduct an auction 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Jan. 27-28, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, just north of Big Beaver Road (16 Mile). The auction will feature fine paintings, Orientalia, erotica, period English and French furniture, Georgian silver, presidential material and other items. 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-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, between Main and Livernois, north of University Drive. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday (8 a.m. early bird admission, \$2), 9 a.m. to noon Saturday (\$2 bag day). Objects for sale will include kitchen sinks, household items, small appliances, furniture, pictures, computers, clothing, baby furniture, toys, boutique items, collectibles, glassware, games and books. ("You name it, we've got it!")

All proceeds will benefit the community house's building expansion fund. Drop off donations are needed. Call (248) 651-0622 for information.

### Design center sale

Michigan Design Center's semi-annual Floor Sample and Clearance Sale will take place Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 29-30.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. MDC is at 1700 Stutz in Troy, north off Maple (15 Mile) between Crooks and Coolidge. MDC is usually open to interior designers and their clients only. This sale gives the public an opportunity to shop the showrooms at MDC, finding savings of 60 to 70 percent off list price on hundreds of floor sample items.

Admission is \$7. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Coalition on Temporary Shelter, the largest shelter for the homeless in Michigan. Merchandise will be sold as is. All sales are final. Payment may be by cash or check, and most showrooms will also accept Visa or MasterCard. A delivery service will be available, with arrangements made at the customer's expense. Delivery must be accepted within 10 days of purchase.

Design seminars will take place both days, with no additional charge for sample sale participants. Topics include Trend Forecast 2005 (1 p.m. and 3 p.m.) and Pulling It All Together: Space Planning, Scale and Proportion (2 p.m.).

### Jane Seymour

Actress Jane Seymour will give a free design seminar 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at Parisian at The Village of Rochester Hills, on the northeast corner of Adams and Walton Boulevard. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call (248) 276-6705.

Seymour will discuss her inspiration for the new Grand Hotel-Mackinac Island Home Collection, and offer creative suggestions for home decoration. She will also autograph purchases from the collection.

### Rochester Community House

The Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, presents a variety of classes. For information, call (248) 651-0622 or visit [www.rochestercommhouse.org](http://www.rochestercommhouse.org). In Quilts From Clothing, Monday, Jan. 31, learn how to recycle wool, corduroy, flannel, jeans, ties, dresses, T-shirts or sweat shirts into beautiful heirloom quilts. Fee is \$25. Bring clothing, rotary cutter, mat, ruler, large and small scissors, and seam ripper. You may bring patterns; the instructor will provide various patterns.

In Rubber Stamping Made Simple: Down to Basics, Monday, Jan. 31, learn the appropriate uses of pigment versus dye inks, embossing, colorbooking and marker techniques. Each participant will take home three greeting cards, a bookmark and a gift box. Fee is \$15; a \$10 materials fee is payable to the teacher on class day. One-sheet Wonder Stamping will be offered Monday, Feb. 7. Learn to create many different styles of cards and gift items with just one stamped and two colored sheets of card stock. You will make and take home nine different projects. Fee is \$15; a \$10 materials fee is payable to the teacher on class day.

# Here's annual list of funny things heard at the office

Continuing a tradition as old as someone who's still too young for kindergarten, the time has again arrived for the annual list of silly things people said at my clinic over the course of the last 12 months.

People quote lines to me from this list for weeks after publication, telling me which was their favorite. Some ask what's wrong with the people I talk to.



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

Always remember that there's nothing wrong with those whose words have been immortalized. It just so happened that they made a vocal mistake when I was within earshot.

They have either made a slight speaking error (such as someone noticing a ceiling drip during a rainstorm and yelling "the loof is reeking!"), or have picked up an incorrect vocal pattern (such as people who demand a more "Pacific diagnosis"), or perhaps are unclear on some information ("What country is France in, anyway?").

I will admit, my staff does cringe everytime they write "sneezing" instead of "sneezing" in a file, or when they mispeak and say Minihaha instead of Benihana.

In fact, just the other day, I was telling my staff how leader dogs for the blind began after World War I in Germany, when they would get dogs for the blind veterans. A technician found that to be odd.

"Why would Germany have blind soldiers?" she asked.

When I explained the injuries likely occurred during the conflict, and were not pre-existing, she asked that I not include her question in the list. I promised.

I made it part of the opening.

This is all in fun. No one should be hurt, or angry, or feel like they're being beaten up, especially if their anger makes them want to hurt me by beating me up.

We're just having pun, that's all!

"This was the only puppy without an unbelly herny (speaking of an umbilical hernia)."

"Sometimes he makes me so mad I just want to give him the blue goose."

"She's almost seven months old. When will she start to administrate?"

"I fell out of the chair and made a skeptical of myself."

"When I grabbed his hindleg, he started whelping, and whelping really loud."

"The number one behavior seen in dogs is behavior."

People quote lines to me from this list for weeks after publication, telling me which was their favorite. Some ask what's wrong with the people I talk to.

(In a phone conversation discussing bloodwork with a client.) "The bloodwork shows that his kidneys are failing."

"Both of them?"

"I used to own an American Mutthound."

"He's a mix - half pit bull and half chinchilla."

"How much would it be to get him noodled?"

"If only you didn't know now what you knew then."

"I think she has a broken bicuser tooth."

Two clients chatting in the lobby:

"I saw Elvis perform in Ann Arbor."

"Was it before he died?"

"They want everyone to be blonde-eyed and blue haired."

Upon entering extremely hot building from freezing cold outside: "Wow! It's like going from the North Pole to the South Pole!"

"My old cat was half Siamese and half amnesia."

"You can keep it fresh in a lip-lock bag."

"In what joint do they get hip dysplasia?"

"I'm worried because his eye is suddenly inflated!"

"She stays in the basement bathroom where no light or dark can get in."

"Just a little bit, just an infant estimate amount."

"From the smell, I thought the dog would be covered in magnets."

"Are Mexican and Spanish similar languages?"

"No, he hurt both of his right knees!"

"If you're being attacked by a bear, you're supposed to stop, drop, and roll."

"My dog bit me. Do I have to worry about being sued?"

Finally, for years what the radio show tried to get on Hollywood Squares, but now it's been canceled. I was lamenting the fact I would never be a celebrity guest, as they weren't making new episodes.

"Well, maybe you can be on one of the reruns."

I can only hope.

Dr. Brad Davis is medical director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City, MI 48135. Mail questions and comments there. He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show Animal Talk. Visit the web site [www.Animaltalkradio.com](http://www.Animaltalkradio.com). E-mail questions or comments to [Questions@animaltalkradio.com](mailto:Questions@animaltalkradio.com).

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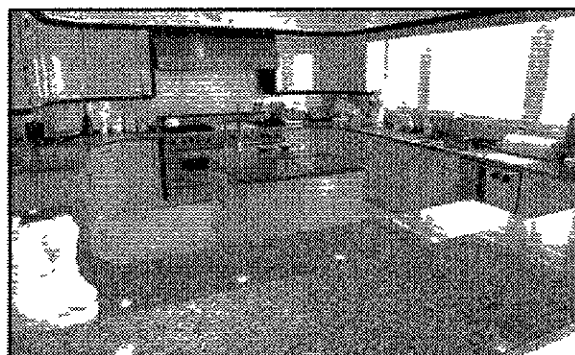
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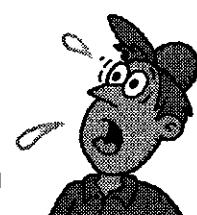
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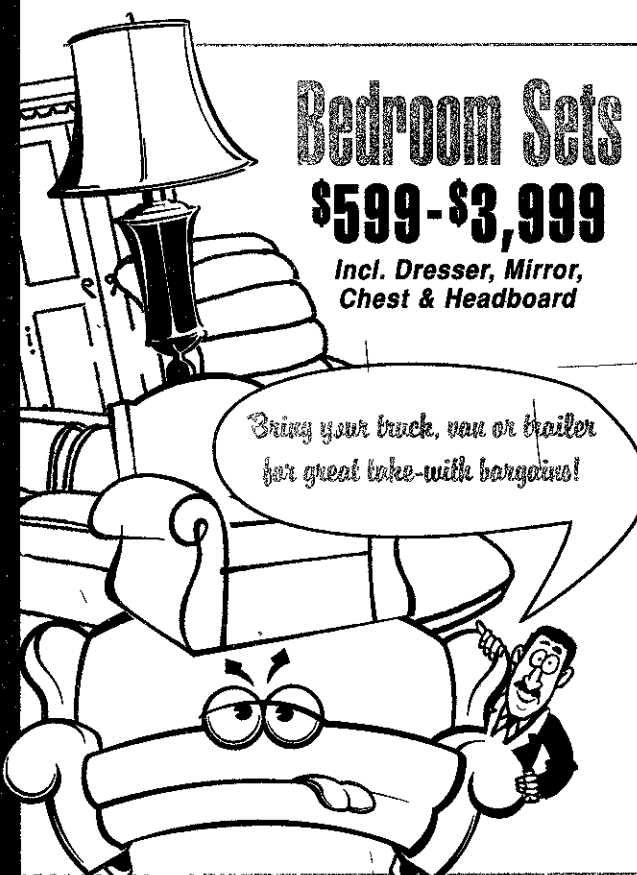
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## WALLPAPER

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## PATTERNS

Patterns go beyond floral and froufrou. You can find a wall covering with a specific motif, or that matches fabrics, for a custom look.

Arno Paint & Wallpaper, in business for 51 years, has a library of more than 1,000 wall covering sample books.

About 10 years ago, it had six or seven books of patterns with masculine motifs; now it has about 40, La Duke said.

"The men's section has really come a long way," said the store's Rosalie Cobbs.

A retiree from GM selected a border with a pattern of cars for his home office, she said. Among other patterns popular with men are plaids and sports designs.

You can give a room a lodge look, with wallpaper featuring rustic scenes and pine tree borders.

"Country is always in," Zimmerman said.

Wallcoverings can be embossed and reflect light, or feature raised patterns or faux surfaces. Silk and satin textures softly shimmer for a more formal look. Vinyl coverings are good for bathrooms, Cobbs said.

Borders can be scalloped or straight. A display of borders by Brewster at Hahn Paint & Wallpaper included using them to create a chair rail, to accent an angled ceiling or molding, or as trim along or around a shelf, wall, door or window.

Higher end papers are designed to match fabrics in upholstery or drapes, Mackey said. For example, you could have wallpaper with a certain

design in a sunroom, and matching indoor-outdoor fabric, she said.

Papers are also designed with coordinating patterns. One pattern could be placed on the top half of a wall, and a coordinating pattern on the bottom.

## INSTALLATION

The industry has made wallpaper easier to work with. Many products have eliminated the need for booking and the use of sloppy paste. (Booking involves folding the ends of a sheet of pasted wallpaper toward the middle, to activate the paste, and to let the material relax and make it easier to handle.)

"Rip and Tear" is the big thing," La Duke said, speaking of a type of wallpaper that comes in large sheets. "Anyone can do it."

Cobbs recommends sizing (preparing) walls before installing a wall covering. Such products as Wallwik sheets are easy to apply, come off in one sheet and are reusable.

The Paper Tiger scoring tool perforates wallpaper you want to remove. You then apply stripping, which will get behind the wallpaper to loosen any paste.

## ON THE WALL

Other items help decorate walls. Soy candles, available at Arno Paint & Wallpaper, have all-cotton wicks that burn clean and don't cause soot to form on the walls.

Super Fresco Paintable Textures by Graham & Brown are pre-pasted wallcoverings with textured patterns, including pressed tin, linen and brush strokes.

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## SPYWARE

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downloads" – spyware that sneaks in via your Web browser.

■ Install a spyware detection-and-removal utility. Better yet, install two of them. Read on to learn which ones I recommend and how to use them.

■ Switch from Internet Explorer to Mozilla Firefox (www.mozilla.org). This open-source (read: free) Web browser offers far greater resistance to spyware and includes a couple neat features not found in IE.

■ If you've been thinking of installing a Wi-Fi router, here's another reason to do so. Most routers include a hardware-based firewall, which offers strong spyware protection.

When used together, these methods offer almost bullet-proof spyware deterrence.

To find and remove any spyware that might already be on your system, install at least two of the following: Ad-Aware SE Personal Edition, Spybot – Search & Destroy, and Windows AntiSpyware. Ad-

Aware and Spybot, both available from Download.com, are free. So is Windows AntiSpyware, at least for now. Currently in beta (but already a solid product), it's available from Microsoft's Web site.

Why install more than one utility? Because not every program removes every kind of spyware.

Consider this overlapping protection.

To make the most of it, install one program, download the latest "definitions" (the software will walk you through the steps), and then scan your system.

When it's done, install the next program, download its latest definitions, and then run the scan.

Repeat the update-and-scan process on a weekly basis.

Modern computing sure can be a hassle, can't it?

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## Let there be bright light

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

We were on vacation and went on a walk in the moonlight with our wives at a nearby botanical garden.

It was beautiful. At least what we could see was beautiful. We needed flashlights to prevent tripping in the path as we traveled through those magnificent gardens.

At the end of the trail there was a beautiful opening in the canopy, and the sky was clear and overflowing with stars.

There was a place to sit and observe a gigantic waterfall. The white foam created by the rushing water glistened in the moonlight as it rushed down the mountainside.

Suddenly, a searchlight painted the falls and the mountain behind it. For a moment it was like daylight. It was unbelievable because the beam of brightness that seemed to illuminate the entire landscape was no more than a portable flashlight.

We had encountered a new breed of portable lighting: a 1 million candlepower rechargeable portable flashlight – no, not

flashlight, it was a lantern. Well, maybe it was a flashlight. In any event, it looked like a flashlight, but it was large like a lantern and heavy, too.

It had a pistol grip and a trigger, like an electric driver drill. The business end of the device was about the size of one of those 6-volt flashlights with the handle on top. But the amount of light emanated didn't compare at all to that kind of flashlight.

The fellow carrying the light told us that he had paid about \$30 for his 1 million candlepower flashlight. We later searched the Internet and found them ranging in price from \$19 to \$70. The man said that there was a downside. The light was too bright to be used as a regular flashlight. When used for finding stuff in the workshop, the light was so bright it washed everything out. But, he said, in the darkness of night and for great distances the light was perfect. These puppies are pretty heavy too. They weigh in at 2 1/2 pounds or more, depending on brand and intensity. A typical flashlight only weighs a few ounces.

## CARBON MONOXIDE

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working condition.

■ Check your gas furnace and water heater regularly for soot buildup and to see that the pilot light (which should be mostly yellow in color) is burning properly. When in doubt, have a qualified technician inspect the appliances.

■ Install a screened cap over the top of chimneys to discourage nest building, which can cause poor ventilation. Before starting a fire, be sure the flue is open and not clogged.

■ Never run your car in an attached garage – even with the garage door open.

■ Do not run a generator

indoors or in a poorly ventilated area, such as a garage or porch.

■ Install a minimum of one battery-operated CO alarm (or AC-powered alarm with battery backup) outside each sleeping area, and for maximum protection, install at least one CO alarm on each level of your home. Make sure to test them regularly and change the batteries twice a year to ensure they remain in working order.

To learn more about the risks posed by accidental CO poisoning and to take steps to make your home safer, visit the First Alert® Home Safety ChallengeSM Website at [www.homesafetychallenge.com](http://www.homesafetychallenge.com). The site provides tips on how to check for CO hazards and a room-by-room safety audit.

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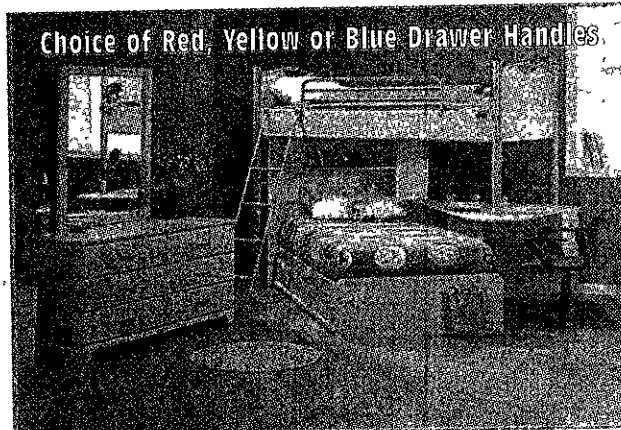
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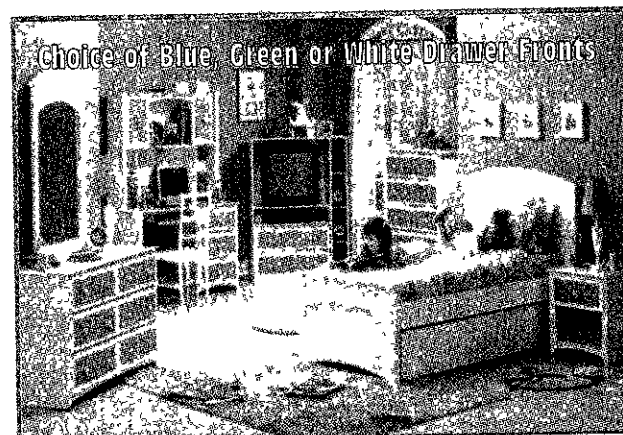
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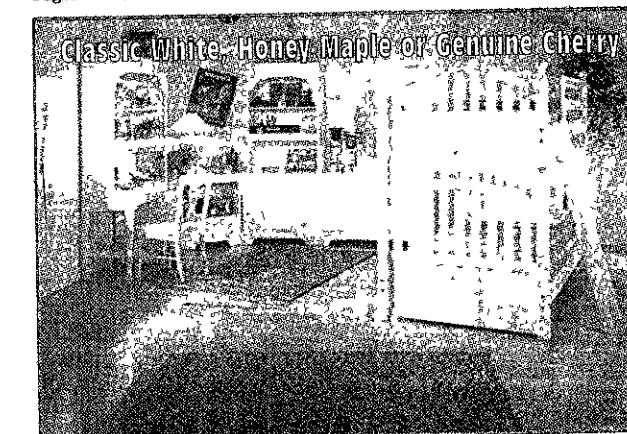
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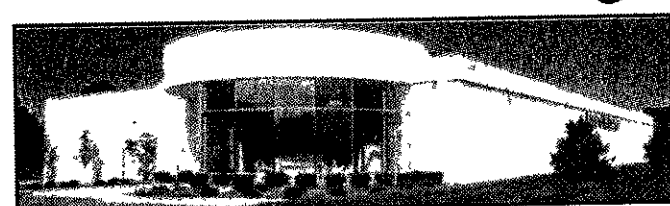
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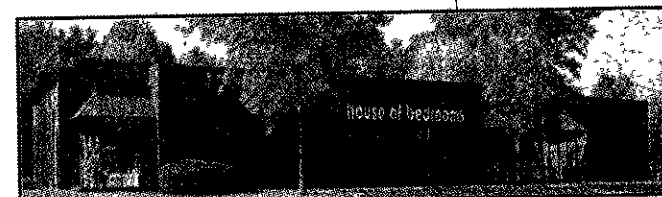
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## 'Cat spikers earn first WLAA win

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

There's a good chance a few of Plymouth middle-hitter Jeanine Moise's thunderous kills Monday night left marks on the Plymouth High School gymnasium's hardwood floor — not to mention some bruises on the arms of the Walled Lake Western diggers.

Moise and the rest of the Wildcats definitely made an impression on Warriors coach Beth Canales, whose team fell in four games to Plymouth, 19-25, 25-22, 25-13 and 25-21.

The victory was a milestone for the Wildcats, who chalked up their first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association victory after four season-opening setbacks. Plymouth is now 12-5-1 overall.

Western slipped to 4-1 in the league (8-8-4 overall).

"No. 8 (Moise) is one of the best players we've faced so far this season," said Canales. "She's an awesome hitter. They have a sweet offense up the middle. We're not a very big team, so we couldn't stop their power game. I thought our girls played awesome, though. I was happy with our defense and our effort."

Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland shuffled the deck and came out with a winning hand against Western.

"We mixed up the line-up a little bit, and I liked the chemistry we had out there," she said. "We did a better job of service receiving tonight. Our serving was horrible, which is disappointing because that's been one of our strengths this season."

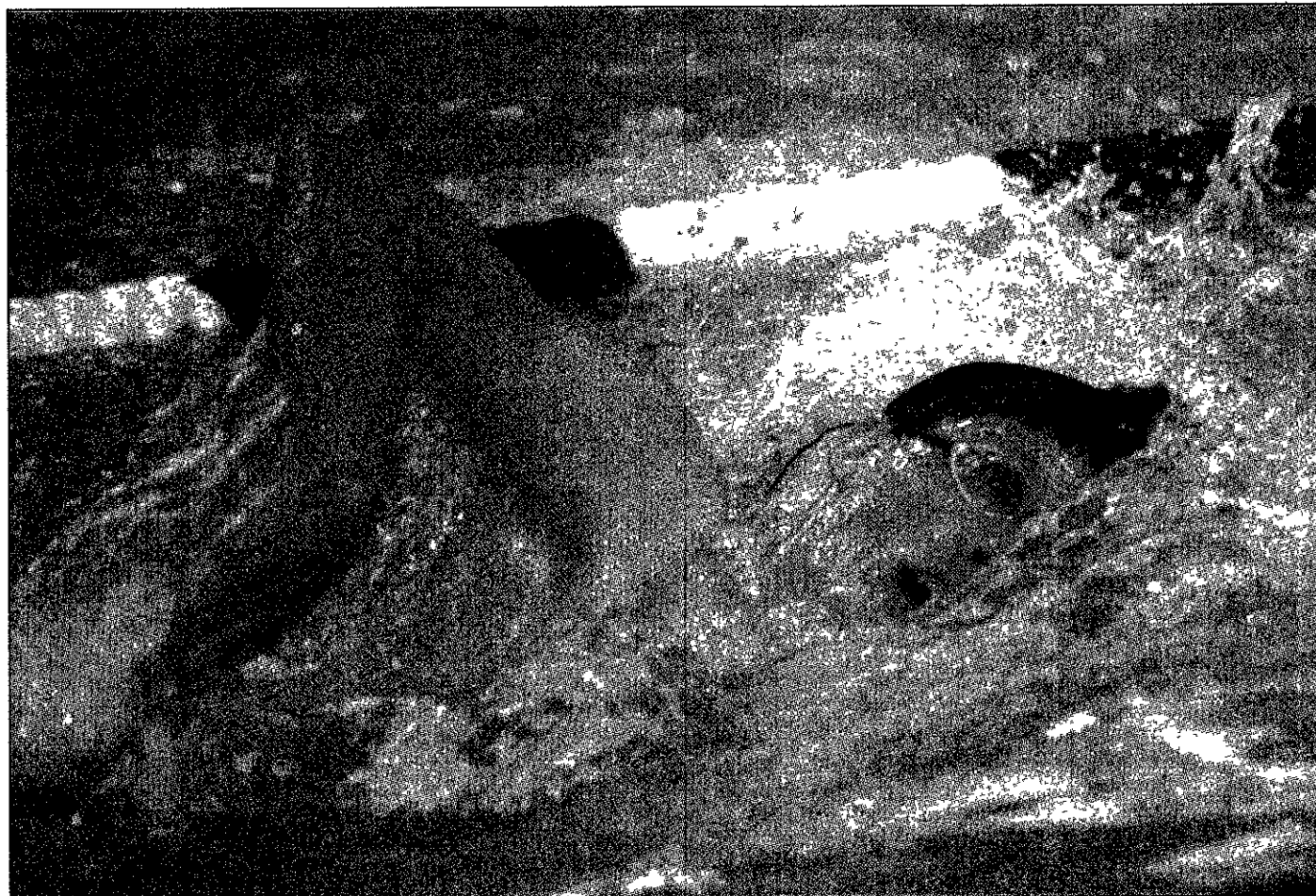
"Walled Lake Western has a strong team. They play very good defense. We had some strong hits that they dug up. This is one of the best conferences around, so our team learns something — win or lose — every match we play. This was our first game in the Western Division, so we're 1-0. Our new goal is to win the division."

Several of Moise's 24 kills had no-deposit, no-return written all over them as they hit the floor with such force that they bounced into the stands stationed 10 feet behind the end line. The junior also recorded 12 digs and seven blocks.

Junior setter Sarah Haskins served as a stabilizer for the Wildcats, racking up 29 assists and 18 digs. Brandi Swyhart was credited with 16 digs and Lauren Stemberger had 13. Jackie Dorre and Janet Hanchett complemented Moise on the front line, combining for nine kills.

Western won the opening game thanks to the strong all-around play of Western captain Ashley Belrose who slammed six kills and delivered a pair of service aces that stretched her team's lead to 19-14 during a pivotal stretch two-thirds of the way through the game.

PLEASE SEE **WILDCATS, C6**



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Salem's Matt Jurcak outstroked his competition in the 200-yard freestyle event during Tuesday night's meet against Canton. Jurcak turned in a time of 1:48.52 to outdistance second-place Canton swimmer Robert Blaesser by 11 seconds.

## Points well taken Strong finish pushes Salem swimmers past Canton

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

For swim meet stats, please see, **Page C2.**

Everybody who knew anything about Tuesday night's cross-campus meet featuring the Salem and Canton boys swim teams were expecting a close, down-to-the-wire competition.

They weren't disappointed.

Led by strong efforts from seniors Matt Jurcak, Nick Dixon and Mike Higgs, the Rocks edged the Chiefs, 97-86, in a meet held in the Salem High School Pool.

The slender victory boosted Salem's dual-meet record to 2-3 while Canton dropped to 2-1.

"We only beat them by a few points when we swam against them in an invitational earlier this year, so we knew it was

going to be a very close meet," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "Canton beat us last year, so it was nice to come back and get one tonight."

"We're only 2-3, but all three of our losses are to state-ranked teams, so our record isn't as bad as it looks. It's always nice swimming against teams that you're familiar with like Canton. We knew they were going to be tough, and they were."

Despite the loss, Canton coach Ed Weber was upbeat about his team's effort.

"Our number one goal going into tonight's meet was to swim fast, and we

did that," said Weber. "I thought we swam very well. One of our relay teams got DQ'ed and another got out-touched, so there's the difference in the meet right there."

"I knew going in that it was going to be close and that we had a chance to win if we swam well. We swam well, but we didn't quite pull it out."

Weber praised the efforts of Jon Templeton, Nick Landis, Shogo Uno, Kevin Caferelli and Ben Eberline, who all turned in season-best performances.

Salem clinched the victory late in the meet with a first-place showing in the 200-yard freestyle relay and Jurcak's win in the 100-yard backstroke.

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## Observerland mat title up for grabs

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Saturday's 14th annual Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament at Livonia Churchill may go down as one of the most competitive and star-studded fields of all time.

The lineup includes last year's co-champions, Churchill and Westland John Glenn, along with Redford Catholic Central, Salem, Canton,

Plymouth, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Clarenceville, Canton, Redford Union, Lutheran Westland, Wayne Memorial, Garden City, Farmington and North Farmington.

Action starts at 9 a.m. with the finals slated to go off at approximately 6 p.m. Admission is \$5.

"There's more party in the area," Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. "It's not a one-team race."

"To have a lot of champions is great,

but you can't win unless everybody contributes. Each kid has to win a couple of matches. It's those matches for fifth place. It's about the ones scoring down low."

It's no secret that Observerland's top-two ranked teams, Churchill and Redford CC, are the co-favorites. Both teams are strong in the upper weights and have some quality lower-weight grapplers.

PLEASE SEE **WRESTLING, C3**

## Livonia Franklin's treys bury Plymouth cagers, 59-32

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin's basketball team may want to frame the stat sheet that was compiled during its game at Plymouth Tuesday night.

The Wildcats, on the other hand, would probably prefer to shred it.

Franklin overcame an early 10-2 deficit and ran away with a key 59-32 Western Lakes Activities Association victory in the Wildcats' gym. The triumph improved the Patriots' record to 8-3 overall and 4-2 in the WLAA. Plymouth, which has now dropped three straight contests, slipped to 7-5 and 2-4.

"We executed our half-court offense better than I've ever see us execute it," said Franklin coach Russ Keberly. "The kids did a good job of reversing the ball tonight and we got a lot of back-door layups."

"We played extremely well on the defensive end, too. The kids were all over the place."

The game was one to forget for Plymouth, which at one point endured a 14-minute scoreless stretch. The Wildcats put up a goose egg in the pivotal third quarter, which saw their manageable 33-25 half-time deficit grow to 45-25 with eight minutes to play.

"First of all, I'd like to give Franklin a lot of credit," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "They hit eight three's against us, which didn't help. Our gym is not the easiest gym to shoot in for visiting teams, but they didn't seem to have any problems

tonight. I thought we located people well on defense; it's not like they were wide, wide open. They just hit their shots."

"We actually were getting some good looks on the offensive end, but we couldn't finish. That happens sometimes during every game, but I've never seen it happen during an entire game like it did tonight."

Thomas Jankowski and Matt McCullough both netted 13 points for the winners, who were also bolstered by Mitch Jelonek's nine-point effort. Jankowski was instrumental in wiping out the Wildcats' early 10-2 lead when he strung together three consecutive triples in the opening quarter. McCullough finished with a pair of treys.

Andre Bell yanked down a team-high 10 rebounds for the Patriots. Jelonek finished with eight and McCullough snared five.

Plymouth shooting guard D.J. Coleman was on fire early, scoring 11 of his team-high 14 points in the opening eight minutes.

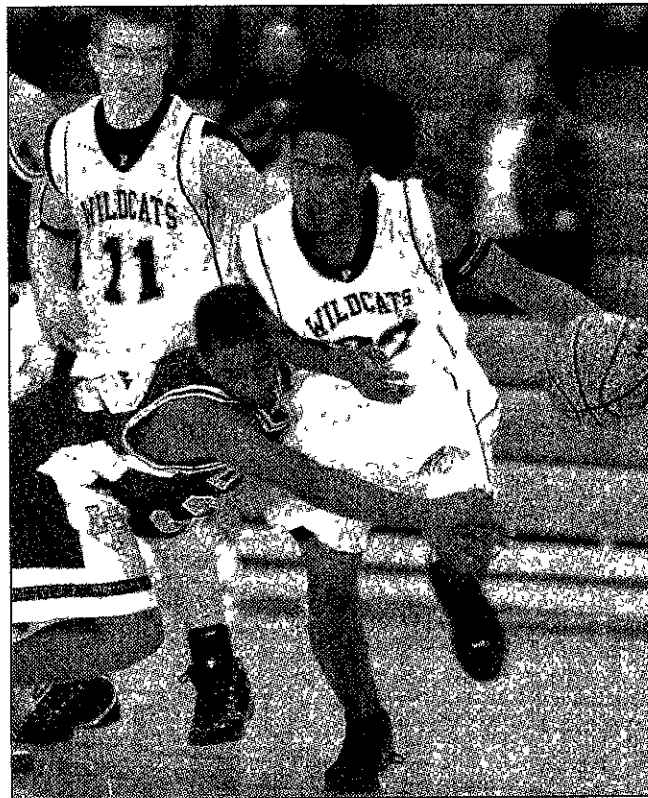
He also tallied three steals and four rebounds. Josh Le Duc chipped in with six points and seven boards.

Franklin made 23-of-55 field-goal attempts (41 percent) and Plymouth buried just 9-of-45 shots from the field (20 percent).

The Patriots were 5-of-9 from the free-throw line (55 percent); Plymouth twined 12-of-23 from the stripe (52 percent).

The Patriots won in spite of 22 turnovers. Plymouth committed 16 miscues.

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Plymouth junior guard D.J. Coleman was the only Wildcat who could score on a consistent basis Tuesday night against Livonia Franklin. Coleman netted 14 in the 'Cats 59-32 setback to the Patriots.

## Sidelines

### Penguins clipped

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team dropped a 7-1 decision to Grosse Pointe South Tuesday night in a battle of first- and second-place teams that was played at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

The Penguins entered the game in second place in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League, just three points behind the front-running Lady Blue Devils. The loss dropped PCS to 10-3-1 while South boosted its record to 13-0.

Ally Morawski and Hillary Inger teamed up to spell doom for the Penguins. Morawski provided the winners with two goals and two assists while Inger tallied a hat trick. The Lady Blue Devils raced to a 3-0 lead after one period and 6-0 advantage heading into the second intermission.

PCS's lone goal came with 2:18 remaining when Stephanie Murray lit the lamp after receiving a pass from Adrienne Cercone.

South goalie Whitney Hughes turned back 21 PCS shots. Penguins goalie Kristie Kowalski stopped 26 shots.

"Grosse Pointe South played a strong game, and we did not," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "They scored their first goal at 9:53 of the first period, then they scored again 16 seconds later, so it kind of let the air out of our sails."

### Mustangs roll

The Canton Mustangs, a U10 boys soccer team, recently captured the Regional Soccer Tournament held at the High Velocity Sports Complex in Canton. The Mustangs, who went 4-0 at the competition, will now advance to the national portion of the event, which will include teams from all over the United States as well as Canada and Mexico.

The team consists of: Evan Joseph, Brenton Zuzo, Robbie Morgan, Riley Doxtader, Colin Rooney, Tyler Bashaw, Garrett Moores, Phillip Millan, Joey Amado, Pasquely Posh, Taku Ikenaga, Adam Siedlaczek, Tyler Fossdick, Jon Malone, Kiefer Snell and Spenser Solys. The team is coached by Larry Joseph, Gary Zuzo and Clive Snell.

### MU softball saluted

Madonna University was voted the favorite to win the 2005 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's softball title in a poll voted upon by the WHAC coaches. The defending champion Crusaders earned a total of 34 votes, including four first-place votes, to garner the top spot followed by Aquinas, Cornerstone, Indiana Tech, Siena Heights and Concordia. In a poll conducted by the WHAC coaches and sports information directors, three MU women's softball players were voted to the 2005 pre-season squad including outfielder Mary Warchuck, third baseman Kathy Day (Livonia Ladywood) and starting pitcher Shannon Noder.





Canton's Matt Carlson churns through the water during Tuesday night's 200-yard IM event against Salem. Carlson finished second with a time of 2:07.69.

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### SWIM STATS

**SALEM 97, CANTON 86**  
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**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Salem (Nick Dixon, Stan Chen, Pat Sautural, Penn Chou), 1:47.22; 2. Canton (Alex Marinica, Dan Anthony, Shogo Uno, David Conzelman), 1:50.96; 3. Salem (John Kline, Eric Martian, Billy Horgan, Cory Price), 1:54.48; 4. Salem (James Crabill, Rick Strahan, Adam Clark, David Xia), 2:08.29.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Matt Jurcak (S), 1:48.82; 2. Robert Blaesser (C), 1:59.03; 3. Derek Schmitt (C), 1:59.17; 4. Matt Underhill (S), 2:00.49; 5. Jon Templeton (C), 2:01.64; 6. Nick Leone (S), 2:03.20.

**200 IM:** 1. Nick Dixon (S), 2:04.39; 2. Matt Carlson (C), 2:07.69; 3. Nathan Phillips (C), 2:14.75; 4. Nick Landis (C), 2:14.82; 5. Penn Chou (S), 2:15.84; 6. Billy Horgan (S), 2:22.81.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Shogo Uno (C), 23.75; 2. Mike Higgs (S), 23.95; 3. John Faraoni (C), 24.15; 4. Cory Price (C), 25.27; 5. David Conzelman (C), 25.45; 6. Jason Williams (S), 25.72.

**Diving:** 1. Andrew Murawski (S), 227.70; 2. Kevin Cafarelli (C), 219.60; 3. Neil Murray (S), 126.90.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Uno Shogo (C), 56.85; 2. John Faraoni (C), 58.81; 3. Pat Sautural (S), 59.80; 4. Billy Horgan (S), 1:02.66; 5. John Kline (S), 1:03.74; 6. Alex Marinica (C), 1:05.20.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Mike Higgs (S), 52.87; 2. Derek Schmitt (C), 54.44; 3. Jon Templeton (C), 54.47; 4. Matt Underhill (S), 54.79; 5. Nick Leone (S), 55.40; 6. David Conzelman (C), 56.30.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Nick Dixon (S), 4:57.72; 2. Nick Landis (C), 5:32.01; 3. Ben Eberlein (C), 5:46.98; 4. Steve Moore (S), 5:47.09; 5. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 5:55.27; 6. Chris Early (C), 6:00.85.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Matt Jurcak, Penn Chou, Pat Sautural, Mike Higgs), 1:34.90; 2. Canton (Jon Templeton, Robert Blaesser, Ben Eberlein, Shogo Uno), 1:39.89; 3. Salem (Jason Williams, Cory Price, Matt Underhill, Nick Leone), 1:40.32; 4. Canton (Derek Schmitt, Nathan Phillips, Alex Marinica, Nick Landis), 1:41.64.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Matt Jurcak (S), 56.77; 2. Nathan Phillips (C), 1:02.05; 3. Robert Blaesser (C), 1:03.51; 4. John Kline (S), 1:04.70; 5. Greg Calabrese (C), 1:05.04; 6. James Crabill (S), 1:12.15.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Matt Carlson (C), 1:06.31; 2. Stan Chen (S), 1:07.32; 3. Penn Chou (S), 1:08.94; 4. Dan Anthony (C), 1:10.28; 5. Kevin Karlinski (C), 1:11.86; 6. Eric Martian (S), 1:14.83.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Salem (Mike Higgs, Pat Sautural, Nick Dixon, Matt Jurcak), 3:26.75; 2. Canton (John Faraoni, Ben Eberlein, David Conzelman, Matt Carlson), 3:37.24; 3. Canton (Jon Templeton, Derek Schmitt, Nathan Phillips, Robert Blaesser), 3:41.29; 4. Salem (Matt Underhill, Nick Leone, Billy Horgan, Stan Chen), 3:45.85.

# Rockets nudge Chiefs, 42-38

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton may not sit atop the Western Lakes Activities Association basketball standings, but it definitely leads the league in close losses.

The Chiefs suffered another narrow setback Tuesday night at Westland John Glenn, 42-38. The loss dropped Canton to 6-6 overall and 2-4 in the WLAA. All four conference losses were by less than five points — but that's little consolation to coach Charlie Paye.

"We were up by 10 at one point and we led after three quarters, but we had a scoring drought that really hurt us," Paye said. "That has happened to us a lot this year. We'll be going along good, and then we'll hit a stretch when we can't score."

"Right now our goal is to just make the playoffs. I think we're about seventh or eighth, so we still have a shot. And as balanced as the league is this year, anybody who makes it into the playoffs can win it."

Playing its first game without power forward Julian Smith, Canton surged to a 12-7 first-quarter lead and 24-16 halftime advantage. Smith, one of the team's top rebounders, transferred to a prep academy in New York effective Monday.

The Rockets closed the gap to 31-27 after three quarters and finished off their visitors with a 15-7 run over the final eight minutes.

Senior point guard Andy Cortellini paced the Chiefs' scoring attack with 14 points. Fellow back-court mate David Calille netted 11 and Kevin Thornton chipped in with eight points, five rebounds and a pair of blocked shots. Ryan Waidmann and Steve Paye pulled down six rebounds a piece.

"We actually handled the ball pretty well," Paye said. "We only had 11 turnovers, and our goal every game is to be under 12."

### PREP BASKETBALL

Canton drained 7-of-15 free throws while the Rockets made 6-of-8 attempts from the line.

Six-foot-six forward Barry Eberhardt led John Glenn with 15 points. The victory improved the Rockets' record to 6-6 overall and 4-2 in the conference.

Canton will look to end its WLAA victory drought on Friday when it hosts Northville. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

**WALLED LAKE WESTERN 85, SALEM 65:** Western's senior shooting guard Denard Branch overwhelmed the Rocks with 30 points — despite sitting out most of the fourth quarter — to lead the Warriors to the one-sided victory in the Salem gymnasium.

The loss dropped Salem to 1-11 overall and 1-5 in the WLAA.

Junior forward Kevin Bradley led the Rocks' offense with 14 points. Seniors Dave Cardenas and Kyle Price both twined nine points in the losing cause.

Russ Young completed Branch's big night with 13 points of his own.

"Western pressured us the minute they stepped out of the locker room," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "They forced a few early turnovers that led to easy baskets, they outscored us 25-8 in the second quarter, which pretty much put the game away."

"We actually played better in the second half and we did a lot better job of handling their pressure. We hung in there in the second half and played them pretty even."

After trailing 45-22 at the intermission, Salem outscored the Warriors, 43-40, over the final 16 minutes.

One bright note for the Rocks was that they connected on 10-of-13 free throws.

Western nailed just 13-of-21 attempts.

**PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 58, OAKLAND • CHRISTIAN 46:** PCA crafted possibly its most impressive victory of the season Tuesday night, upending the always-tough Lancers on their home court. The victory was the first against four setbacks for the Eagles in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Senior point guard Stephen Sumner turned in a spectacular effort for the winners, canning a game-high 23 points. Mike McCord also played well, swishing 14 points while Matt Saagman added 11 and Aaron Ciborowski contributed 10.

**CANTON AGAPE CHRISTIAN 66, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 49:** Every player on the roster scored for the red-hot Wolverines, who upped their record to 6-4 overall and 4-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Tuesday night at Canton's Discovery Middle School. Sophomore point guard Jack Anleitner and Ryan Barber paced the Wolves' offensive onslaught with 14 points each. Barber also contributed a team-high nine rebounds for the victors. Derek Leathers was solid in the paint, racking up eight points and seven boards.

"We started kind of slow tonight, but our press generated some offense and it got us going," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "We're looking forward to Friday night's game against Plymouth Christian."

The Wolverines and Eagles will square off Friday night at Eastern Michigan University. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m. The game will be preceded by a volleyball match between the two schools.

Macomb led 15-13 after the opening quarter, but the Wolverines rebounded with a 23-point second stanza to secure a 36-23 halftime advantage. Agape outscored its hosts 15-12 in the third quarter to ice the win.

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### MAT RANKINGS

#### OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING RANKINGS (as of Jan. 27)

**TEAM:** 1. Livonia Churchill; 2. Redford Catholic Central; 3. Westland John Glenn; 4. Salem; 5. Livonia Franklin.

#### INDIVIDUAL

**103 pounds:** 1. Jesse Gardocki, Franklin; 2. Alex Fowler, Churchill; 3. Brandon Nikula, John Glenn; 4. Jeremy Stankewitz, Salem; 5. Jamie Preiss, Wayne Memorial.

**112:** 1. Josh Preiss, Wayne; 2. Steve Ludke, Garden City; 3. Ken Nelson, Redford Union; 4. Jon Reale, Livonia Stevenson; 5. Jeremiah Austin, John Glenn.

**119:** 1. Matt Keffler, Salem; 2. Jason Crothers, Wayne; 3. Antonio Cosme, Redford CC; 4. Ken Nance, Garden City; 5. Jon Roos, Franklin.

**125:** 1. Ryan Stump, Salem; 2. Andrew Nadhir, Redford CC; 3. Rowdy Glasgow, John Glenn; 4. Mike Warren, Franklin; 5. Justin Keatts, Wayne.

**130:** 1. Corey Phillips, Canton; 2. Justin Smith, Churchill; 3. Jim Wood, John Glenn; 4. James Jones, Franklin; 5. Roberty Bytner, Lutheran Westland.

**135:** 1. Ryan Webb, Canton; 2. Sean Dong, Redford CC; 3. Josh Wischmeyer, RU; 4. Orlando Carswell, John Glenn; 5. Scott Fysh, Salem.

**140:** 1. Rece Cox, John Glenn; 2. Jim Moore, RU; 3. Dave Watkins, Franklin; 4. Konrad Konzitzke, Canton; 5. Zack Listman, Wayne.

**145:** 1. Jameson Murray, Churchill; 2. Jacob Bennett, Salem; 3. Alex York, Stevenson; 4. Nate Turco, Franklin; 5. Chris Tomasik, RU.

**152:** 1. Ben Adams, Churchill; 2. Adam Kokenakes, Stevenson; 3. Vai Gui, Salem; 4. Chad Phipps, Wayne; 5. Ramin Pakray, Plymouth.

**160:** 1. Trevor Stewart, Redford CC; 2. Kurtis Robbins, Livonia Clarenceville; 3. Jon McCahill, John Glenn; 4. Blake Karkoska, Franklin; 5. Kyle Lis, Stevenson.



**171:** 1. Manuel Schubert, Churchill; 2. Brad Bartram, Redford CC; 3. Brent Robbins, Clarenceville; 4. Cody Rize, Stevenson; 5. Mike Taylor, RU.

**189:** 1. Joe Bargerstock, Churchill; 2. Jeremy Henderson, Salem; 3. Robert Coffey, Wayne; 4. Craig Markgraff, Garden City; 5. P.J. Caram, Canton.

**215:** 1. Hafeez Qureshi, Churchill; 2. Eric Vojtkofsky, Redford CC; 3. Jacob Tuomi-Galindez; 4. Matt Shileikis, RU; 5. Shamir Garcia, John Glenn.

**275:** 1. Pat Draheim, Churchill; 2. John Morasso, Redford CC; 3. Steve Kaptur, Salem; 4. Michael Oesterling, Clarenceville; 5. Nick Turco, Franklin.

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



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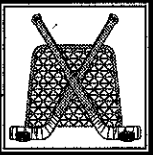
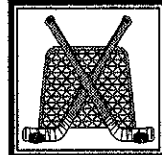
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## WRESTLING

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Churchill relies on several key performers including Alex Fowler (103), Justin Smith (130), Jameson Murray (145), Ben Adams (152), Manuel Schubert (171), Joe Bargerstock (189), Hafeez Qureshi (215) and Pat Draheim (275).

CC counters with Antonio Cosme (119), Andrew Nadhir (119), Sean Dong (135), Trevor Stewart (160), Brad Bartram (171), Eric Vojtkofsky (215) and John Morasso (275).

"On paper we could meet in a lot of finals, but it's a big journey and anything can happen," Altounian said.

CC is tournament tested, but is coming off its first two dual-meet setbacks of the season against Hartland and Belleville in last weekend's CC Super Duals.

"It should be a good meet, it should be fun in our last shot," said CC coach Mike Rodriguez, referring to next season's school relocation to Novi. "I'm only looking at it one match at a time. We'll see what we have after Thursday (today's meet) with Adrian."

The tournament features a slew of defending champions including Division I state champions Stewart (160) of CC and Schubert (171) of Churchill.

Other defending Observerland champions from last year include Franklin's Jesse Gardocki (103), CC's Nadhir (112), Salem's Ryan Stump (119), RU's Jim Moore (130), Glenn's Rece Cox (140) and CC's Brad Bartram (152).

Cox and Moore are rated one-two this year at 140.

"It's going to be exciting," Glenn coach Bill Polk said. "The top five teams are going to be battling for every place, but those two (Churchill and CC), should battle for the championship."

"It's going to be a battle for the third place spot with Salem, Canton, Franklin and us. We can make it interesting by knocking off people and being the spoiler. We're looking forward to it."



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Salem's Jeremy Henderson will be gunning for the 189-pound title at the 2005 Observerland Wrestling Invitational set for Saturday at Livonia Churchill High School.

Salem's Stump is undefeated this year at 125 and the Rocks also feature Matt Keffler at 119 and Scott Fysh at 135.

"It's going to be a good one," Salem coach John Wochuk said. "It's always a tight tournament. Four years back we were third and only 12 points out."

"Both CC and Churchill have strong lineups. And it should be one of the better finals we've had at Observerland because a lot of kids were there last year."

Also expected to make some noise this year are Franklin,

undefeated in dual meets at 14-0 and winners of six tournaments, along with Canton, which features top-rated performers Corey Phillips (130) and Ryan Webb (135).

"It was only three years ago that we were going to tournaments and leaving with one medal," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said.

"And it was only two years ago we were losing meets by 50 points. I'm very pleased with how the guys have matured since their freshman years. We look forward to this weekend."

## Rock matmen win

Salem's wrestling team improved its Western Lakes Activities Association record to 2-1 Tuesday night with a 48-26 victory at Walled Lake Northern.

"John Anson (130 pounds) and Val Gui (152) wrestled well tonight," said Salem coach Greg Wochuk. "We had a couple other big pins from Jake Bennett (145) and Scott Fysh, who dominated at 135. We spotted them 12 points on voids (125 and 171). Overall, it was a pretty good performance. The kids are coming around."

SALEM 48, WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 26  
Tuesday, Jan. 25 at W.L. Northern H.S.

**103 pounds:** Jeremy Stankewicz (S) pinned Maxim Toma in 43 seconds; **112 pounds:** Nick Steiger (S) won by technical fall over Dave Pichla in 4:59; **119:** Josh Giesey (WLN) dec. Matt Keffler, 3-1; **125:** Andrew Roeser (WLN) won by void; **130:** Josh Anson (S) dec. Ryan Pichla, 22-12; **135:** Scott Fysh (S) dec. Josh Campbell, 12-0; **140:** Ryan Olson (S) pinned Greg Koenia in 1:10; **145:** Jake Bennett (S) pinned Craig Walde in 1:47; **152:** Val Gui (S) won by technical fall over Nate Willis in 6:00; **160:** Russ Caskey (WLN) pinned Kevin Mylnek in 3:01; **171:** Adam Dropiewski (WLN) won by void; **189:** Jeremy Henderson (S) pinned Brett Redwood in 1:47; **215:** Alex Smith (S) pinned Mark Ruggles in 23-seconds; **HVY:** Steve Kaptur (S) pinned Dave Carpenter in 1:16.

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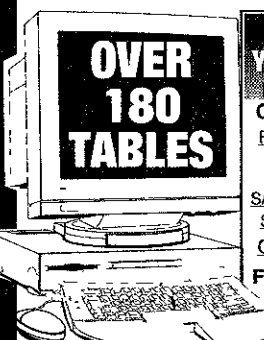
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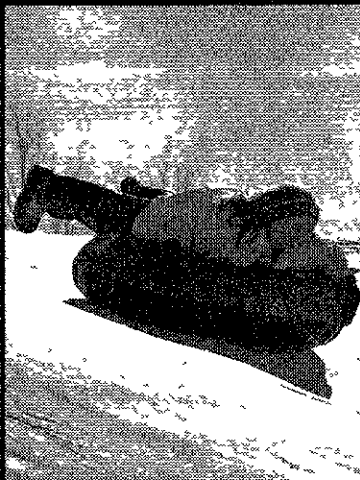
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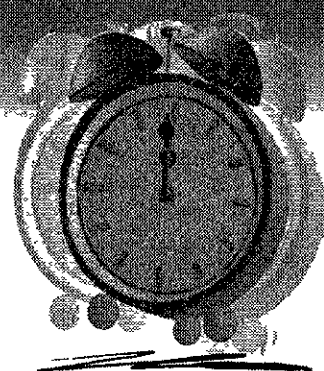
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## WILSON

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ain't half bad," Berry told me the day he was re-hired in Detroit.

The '91 Lions lost the NFC championship game to the Redskins in Washington. Berry was gone the following season and, of course, the Lions haven't been close since.

Steve Mariucci missed it by a year. He left the Green Bay Packers staff to coach at the University of California. His one season in Berkeley was the year the Pack beat the Patriots in Super Bowl XXXI.

"Certainly would have relished the experience, but that's what I am working for now," Mariucci said. Marty

Schottenheimer took the Chargers to the playoffs this season. At 19 years, Schottenheimer is the longest active coach to not lead a team to the big stage. Yes, he was once a Lions assistant. In 1978, he joined Monte Clark's staff and lasted through the '79 season. Not every former Lions coach has smelled the sweet aroma of championship success.

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

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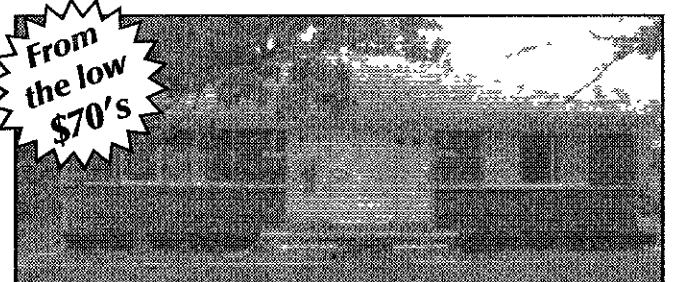
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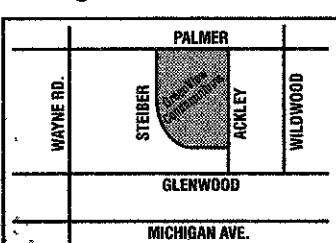
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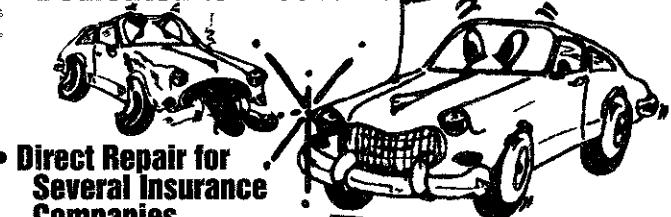
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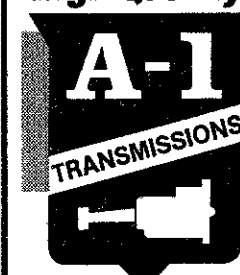


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## WILDCATS

FROM PAGE C1

Plymouth earned the equalizer in game two behind the front-court play of Moise and Hanchett, and the serving of Lindsay Vogelsberg and Brandi Swyhart.

The Wildcats dominated the momentum-seizing third game when it outscored Western 9-1 down the stretch. Chelsey Quinlan got things going early

in the game by stringing together five straight service points to turn a 4-3 deficit into an 8-4 lead.

Game four went down to the wire as Plymouth led just 21-19. However, a Dorre kill and a pair of Haskins service points put the hosts up 24-20. Belrose's kill closed it to 24-21, but Moise ended the match with a hard smash that doubled as an exclamation point on the Wildcats' most important win of the year.

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# Canton serves WM a sweeping defeat

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If you want an objective opinion on how Canton volleyball player Laura McKendry's new jump-serve is coming along, ask a member of Wayne Memorial's team.

The Zebras found out firsthand Monday night that the new serve is coming along just fine, thank you.

Led by McKendry's 13 kills and nine aces, the Chiefs swept the Zebras, 25-15, 25-14, 25-16, to boost their record to 9-8-3 overall and 2-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Zebras slipped to 0-5.

"We played good, solid volleyball tonight," said Canton coach Alex Perrin. "It was kind of a reversal of our match against Churchill last week when we were the team that was struggling. Laura used her jump serve exclusively for the first time tonight and she did very well with it. She had an excellent all-around match."

Andrea Johnson also excelled for the Chiefs, recording four kills and nine digs. Setter Stephanie Price was steady, contributing 22 assists, a pair of aces and nine digs, while Rachael Beaudoin had

## PREP VOLLEYBALL

seven digs. "We got a boost from the return of Kelsey Bailey to the line-up tonight," Perrin said. "She had been out for three or four weeks."

## PCA spikes Inter-City

The Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team improved its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference record to 3-1 Tuesday night with a four-game victory over visiting Allen Park Inter-City Baptist: 25-14, 25-23, 25-23, 25-21. The Eagles are 4-8 overall.

A trio of Eagles had superb nights against the Chargers: senior Kelli Seiler (17 kills, 15 digs and two blocks), junior Julie Bahbah (11 kills, 26 digs and 10 service points) and junior Bre Ruark (nine kills, 31 digs and 12 service points).

The Eagles return to action Friday night when they take on Canton Agape Christian at Eastern Michigan University. The match is set to commence at 5:30 p.m.

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## WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASKETBALL**  
**Friday, Jan. 28**  
Salem at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.  
Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Canton Agape vs. Plymouth Christian  
at Eastern Michigan University, TBD  
**BOYS SWIMMING**  
**Thursday, Jan. 27**  
Westland John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Plymouth at Salem High School pool, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
**Friday, Jan. 28**  
W.L. Central at Plymouth at Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.  
Canton at W.L. Western, 8:20 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 8 p.m.  
PCS Penguins at Liggett, 6 p.m.  
**GYMNASTICS**  
**Thursday, Jan. 27**  
Walled Lake Consolidated at Salem at Plymouth High School, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
Salem Invitational, 9:30 a.m.  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
**Thursday, Jan. 27**  
Canton Agape at Calvary Christian,

6:30 p.m.  
**Friday, Jan. 28**  
Canton Agape vs. PCA at EMU, 5:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
Plymouth at Maurder Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Canton Agape at Waterford Mott Tourney, TBA  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
Schoolcraft at Alpena CC, 7:30 p.m.  
Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
Schoolcraft at Alpena CC, 1 p.m.  
Madonna at UM-Dearborn, 5:30 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
**Friday, Jan. 28**  
Whalers vs. Saginaw (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
Whalers vs. Windsor (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.  
**Sunday, Jan. 30**  
Whalers at Saginaw, 2 p.m.  
**WRESTLING**  
**Thursday, Jan. 27**  
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 6:30 p.m.  
Canton at Plymouth, 6 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 29**  
Observerland Invitational at Livonia Churchill, 9 a.m.

## SOCCER SIGN-UP

The Canton Soccer Club is accepting registrations for spring soccer for players 5 through 19 years of age (as of March 1).

Registration forms are available online at [www.canton-soccerclub.com](http://www.canton-soccerclub.com) or at the club office, which is located at:

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., February 10th, 2005 for the following:

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO: C-05-02

### CHAPTER 32 NOXIOUS WEEDS

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING NOXIOUS WEEDS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER'S DUTY; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO THE OWNER; PROVIDING FOR TOWNSHIP BOARD DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE; PROVIDING FOR EXCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR PROSECUTION; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE BY POSTING; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

#### SECTION 1. NOXIOUS WEEDS.

32.010. Definitions. This section provides for the definition of noxious weeds.

32.020. Violations; penalty. This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this ordinance may, upon conviction, be guilty of a municipal civil infraction and may be fined and assessed costs as provided in PA 236 of 1961, as amended (MCL 600.8701, et seq.) including mandatory minimum fines.

32.030. Areas subject to chapter. The section provides for the areas in the township subject to the ordinance, i.e. residential and commercial areas.

32.040. Notice to cut weeds. This section provides for the posting of notice of this ordinance by the township.

32.050. Noxious weeds prohibited. This section prohibits a property owner growing noxious weeds or allowing noxious weeds to grow on the property.

32.060. Duty to remove. This section provides that the owner or occupant shall cut down such noxious weeds by certain periodic dates.

32.070. Removal by township. This section provides that the township shall remove the noxious weeds upon failure of the owner or occupant from doing so and the owner/occupant shall be billed. Upon non-payment the bill shall be placed on the tax roll.

#### SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

#### SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

#### SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

#### SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

#### SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-05-02 considered for first reading at the January 11, 2005, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2005. The ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone No. 734-354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY For ON-CALL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES for Technical Assistance with Various Capital Improvement Projects in the Downtown Development Authority District in Canton Township Wayne County, Michigan

The Downtown Development Authority of Canton Township is soliciting proposals for on-call engineering consulting services for various capital improvement projects in the Canton Downtown Development Authority District in Canton, Michigan. Proposals will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 11, 2005.

Requests for Proposals Documents may be picked up at:

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## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY for ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES for the design of Additional Turn Lane on Ford Road west of Canton Center Road Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan

The Downtown Development Authority of Canton Township is soliciting letters of qualification for consulting services for the design of a dedicated right turn lane on eastbound Ford Road west of Canton Center Road to coordinate with the MDOT safety improvement project near that location. Letters of qualification will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 11, 2005.

Requests for Qualification Documents may be picked up at:

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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Plymouth is seeking priced proposals from qualified firms to provide all of the following services:

- Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal
- A Residential Recycling Program
- A Residential Composting Program
- Servicing of Stationary Recycling Container(s)
- Related Solid Waste Services as Described in the Request for Proposal

These services shall be provided for a minimum of two (2) years but may be extended over a multi-year period not to exceed a five (5) year term. The Charter Township of Plymouth currently services approximately 8200 units for solid waste, recycling and compost collection, and has an estimated population of approximately 28,000 persons. The following represents the appropriate loads of waste for 2002, 2003 and 2004:

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2003	8161	739	173	268
2004	8213	741	173	297

All proposals shall be made on the Proposal Forms and in accordance with Instructions to Proponents furnished by the Division of Public Services, Solid Waste Department. Each proposal shall be sealed and plainly marked. Copies of the proposal forms and instructions may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

Proposals must be delivered to and be on file with:

Office of the Township Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth  
42350 Ann Arbor Road  
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

on or before March 28, 2005, 3:00 PM.

ANY PROPOSAL RECEIVED AFTER THE TIME AND DATE SPECIFIED ABOVE  
SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED

The envelope containing the Proposal must be sealed and plainly marked "Proposal for Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Recycling and Composting."

Proposals will be publicly opened and available for review at 3:05 PM on March 28, 2005 in the Clerk's Office Meeting Room located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

Questions should be directed to Susan Vignoe, at 734-453-8131 ext. 33 (Charter Township of Plymouth, Division of Public Services, Solid Waste Department).

Proposals must be submitted with a bid bond of \$180,000.00 executed by a Surety Company licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Michigan and acceptable to the Township.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within ninety (90) days after the date set for receipt of proposals.

The defined terms appearing in the General Specifications apply to all Contract Documents.

A Pre-Proposal Meeting for all interested parties has been scheduled  
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Ocelots past Lorain

Schoolcraft College racked up a season-high 32 assists in a 123-85 men's basketball victory Monday night over visiting Lorain County Community College (Ohio).

The game was a makeup from a December meeting which was postponed because of snow.

Central Michigan University transfer Marcus Moore, who recently became eligible, led the 18-2 Ocelots with 24 points and 10 rebounds.

The 6-foot-6 Moore, who played at Mount Clemens High, was making only his second appearance as an Ocelot.

"We shared the ball, got out in transition and it's the best we've played since our trip back from Florida (Nov. 25-27 in Daytona Beach)," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "Marcus Moore brings us energy. He rebounds and he guards well. He picks up other people's energy."

Oakland University transfer Courtney Williams added 18 points and 17 rebounds, while Western Kentucky transfer Kevin Massiah had 18 points and seven rebounds.

"Kevin (Massiah) has been playing better after coming back from his (hand injury suffered in a December car accident)," Briggs said.

Martin Samarco finished

## MEN'S HOOPS

with 17 points, seven rebounds and five assists, while Ty Scott and Jarred Axon each scored 15 points. Glenn Garrant (Livonia Clarenceville) had 10.

The Ocelots also made 18-of-22 free throws.

Josh Rigsby and Jason Proffitt tallied 17 and 13, respectively, for Lorain, which trailed 59-35 at halftime.

**MADONNA 69, CONCORDIA 67 (OT):** The Crusaders' Derrick Mudri buried a three-point shot at the buzzer to send the game into overtime, where MU outscored the Cardinals 6-4 for their first Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory of the season.

The game was played before a crowd of 216 Monday night at the Concordia Fieldhouse in Ann Arbor.

Freshman point-guard Charlie Henry led the winners with 19 points and five assists. Danny Rose contributed 16 points and Noel Emenhiser, the Crusaders' all-time leading scorer, netted 12.

Bryan Verdun topped a balanced Concordia scoring ledger with 16 points. Damon Friday had 15 and Cihan Mumcuogullari twined 11.

## Despite split, Whalers stay 1st in division

The Plymouth Whalers held on to their grip on first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division this past weekend by splitting a pair of contests with Sarnia and Mississauga.

The Whalers rode the hat-trick of Dan Collins to upend the Sting, 5-3, on Saturday night before a crowd of 3,182 fans at the Compuware Ice Arena. Collins' first career hat-trick brought his goal total to 18 for the season.

John Vigilante scored his 15th goal of the season and added an assist. John Mitchell celebrated his 20th birthday by scoring a power-play goal — his 16th — and he also notched a helper.

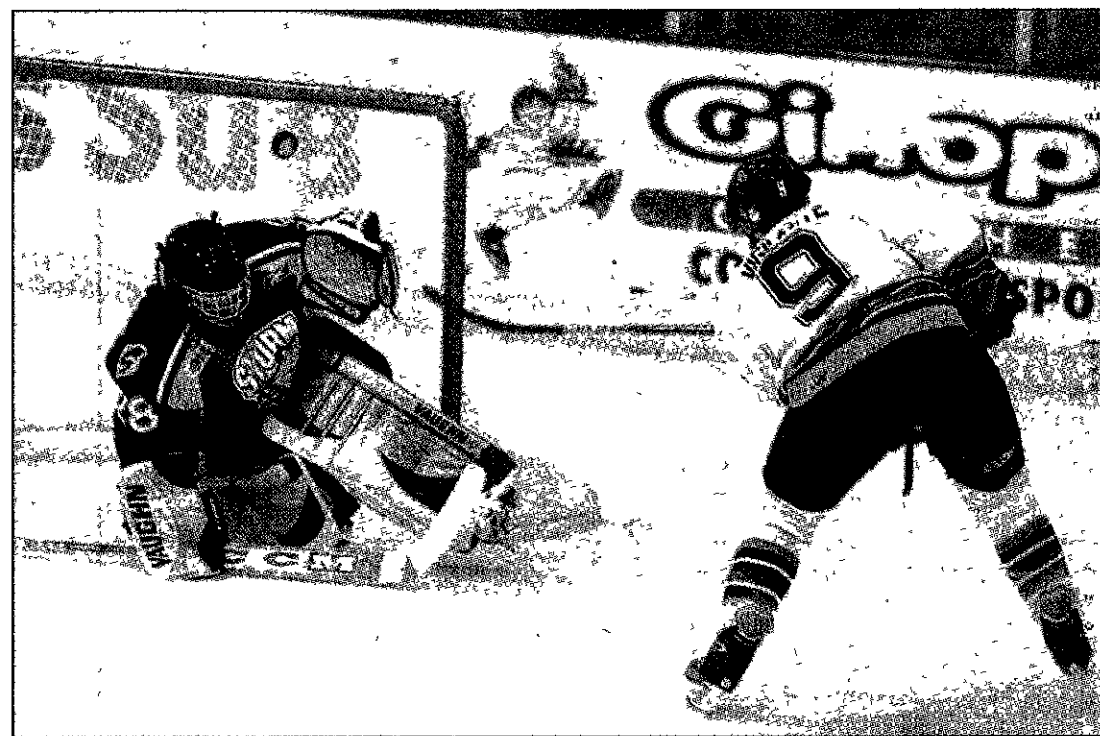
With the two points, Mitchell became the 11th Whaler in the franchise's history to record 200 points in a career. He is currently one point behind Chad LaRose (201) on the all-time list.

Plymouth fell behind early, but seemed to be revived when head coach Mike Vellucci decided to change goalie Ryan Nie with back-up Justin Garay late in the second period. Garay stopped all 10 shots he faced, earning him his first home win of the season.

Trevor Solomon, Brad Efthimou Mathis Olimb all scored for the Sarnia Sting.

The Whalers suffered a 5-2 setback Sunday afternoon at Mississauga before a crowd of 3,604 at the Hershey Centre.

The IceDogs victory over Plymouth was the team's first-ever in regulation over the Whalers in 14 games between the two teams. Plymouth now



HOCKEY WEEKLY PHOTOS

Plymouth Whalers forward John Vigilante tallied his 15th goal and added an assist in the team's 5-3 victory over Sarnia Saturday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

holds an 11-1-1-1 edge into the all-time series, which dates back to 1998.

In spite of the loss, Plymouth (20-19-4-3) remained in first place in the OHL's West Division, one point ahead of Sault Ste. Marie, which beat Sarnia, 4-3, on Sunday night. Plymouth has one game in hand on Sault Ste. Marie. Mississauga (21-14-9-1) moves into second place in the Central Division of the Eastern Conference.

Besides Swift's pair — he now has 11 goals — Dave Pszenyczny, Jordan Owens and Dustin Jeffrey also scored the Ice Dogs.

Jonas Fiedler scored his 12th goal of the season and John Mitchell his 17th. Mitchell also assisted on Fiedler's goal and moves into 10th place in Plymouth's all-time scoring list with 202 career points, one ahead of Chad LaRose.

Mississauga goaltender Michael Ouzas was one of the differences in the game, stopping 34 of 36 shots en route to his 14th victory of the season. Garay started the game for Plymouth and was pulled after allowing Swift's second goal of the game at 9:59 of the second period. Garay stopped 13 of 16 shots.

Ryan Nie relieved Garay and went the rest of the way, stopping 15 of 16 shots.

Mississauga never trailed in the game, breaking open a 1-1 tie at 0:13 of the second period on Swift's first goal of the game.

After Swift scored his second goal of the game mid-way through the second period, Mitchell's goal at 17:06 of the period brought the Whalers within a goal, 3-2.

But Mississauga scored two unanswered goals in the third period — Owens at 9:15 and Jeffrey on the empty net with 48 seconds remaining in regulation.

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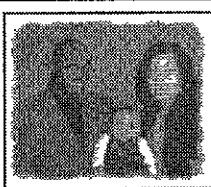
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## JANUARY

### Vatican II discussion

Discuss the documents that helps us understand how God has let us know about Himself and His intentions for us 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 27 and Feb. 3, in the activity center at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. No charge. For details, call (734) 425-5950.

### New schedule

Fishin' for Friends & Faith is the Wednesday program running from Jan. 19 to March 16. Optional buffet dinner is at 6 p.m. followed by program 6:30-8 p.m. There is something for everyone. Kids travel to different stations as they learn through games, crafts, songs and mission projects the evening's Bible message. Adults study "Wrestling with Angels" through video and discussion. Fees are dependent on attendance and costs cover food, curriculum and supplies. Pre-pay for a discount or pay as you go. Dinner and program is \$40, program only \$25. Drop-in dinner and program \$5 per night, drop-in program \$2.50 per night. New schedule for Sunday morning worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by classes for all ages (nursery to adult) at 10:45 a.m., at St. Matthew's, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-6038.

### Chiz Rider concert

Nationally renowned trumpeter Chiz Rider plays 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy, Canton. Call (734) 455-0022.

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Small group informal Bible study from 9:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24 to April 25 (except March 28), at St. Paul's Presbyterian church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-1470.

### Concert

Featuring a piano concert by Paul Herrington with guest vocalist Martha Robertson 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, program includes classics, and Broadway show tunes from Phantom of the Opera and Cats, with perhaps a little comedy thrown in, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. A free will offering will be taken. Proceeds benefit The Mustard Seed Concert Fund.

### Film screenings

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

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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 6 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.

### Concert

Featuring Steve Morscheck, 7 p.m. Sunday Jan. 30, in the Sanctuary at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Morscheck is a Metropolitan Opera singer and former Ward Assistant Choral Director. He will be singing in the morning services and in the evening at the concert, singing some of his favorite opera roles as well as hymn arrangement and gospel songs. He will be accompanied by former Ward member, Daniel Horn.

### 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, associate professor of Biblical studies at Roberts Wesleyan College and Bible and Culture at Northeastern Seminary in Rochester, New York, focuses on suffering and the disorientation of life. 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 avail-

able. 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.

### Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sunday at Church of Our Saviour, Presbyterian, 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. For more information, call (248) 626-7606.

### 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, call (248) 652-3860.

### 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.

### Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at St. Priscilla's Church in the family activities center, 19120 Purlingbrook, north of Seven Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. Lunch available.

### 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).

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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 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).

### Pancake supper

6:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 8, the traditional feast of rich foods using flour, butter, eggs and sugar prior to the start of Lent will be prepared and served to all by the seventh and eighth grade catechetical students, there will be activities for the younger children and a brief liturgy bidding farewell to Alleluia until Easter Sunday, all ages welcome, at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 1550 Walton, Rochester Hills. Please call for reservations (248) 651-6550.

### 40-day spiritual study

Based on the book, The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren, those attending will have the opportunity to look at themselves introspectively, four different classes offered 10-11:30 a.m. and 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Feb. 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday beginning Feb. 10, and 7-8 p.m. Sunday beginning Feb. 13, at First United Methodist Church of Farmington. A copy of the book is available at the church for \$12 if you don't own a copy. For information, call (248) 474-6573.

### 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.forgiven-warriors.com](http://www.forgiven-warriors.com).

### Fish Fry Dinner

Begins Friday, Feb. 11 and continues every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Menu includes baked or batter fried fish (\$7, senior citizens \$6, senior early bird Special 4:30-5 p.m. \$5.50). Children's Menu includes pizza or meatless pasta (\$4), and Grilled Special of the Day \$9. All meals include baked potato or fries, clam chowder or soup d'jour, slaw, roll, coffee or punch, at St. Genevieve, 29015 Jamison (east off Middlebelt, 2 blocks south of 5 Mile, Livonia. Carry out available. Call (734) 427-5220.

### 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.

### Lenten series

Adult education series discussing the Gospel stories of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection 7:30 p.m. Mondays of Lent, Feb. 14, 21, 28, and March 7 and 14, at St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 North Wayne road, Westland. No charge. Call (734) 425-7310 for details.

### Great Lakes Memorial

Service with a Blessing of the Fleet takes place 11 a.m. Sunday, March 13, for the commemoration of all mariners who have lost their lives on the Great Lakes, especially Great Lakes personnel who died during 2004, in Old Mariners' Church in Detroit's Riverfront Civic and Renaissance Centers. Free parking in the Ford Auditorium Garage known as a Municipal Garage located in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward. For more information, call (313) 259-2206.

## 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.



### JOHN W. ANDREWS

January 24, 2005 Age 73 Beloved husband of Norma. Dear father of Kimberly Anderson (Charles) and Kristen Boudia (Jay). Grandfather of Grace & Nathaniel Anderson and Ian Boudia. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Friday 3-8pm. Memorial service Saturday 11am at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Inurnment White Chapel Cemetery. Memorial tributes to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile, Southfield, MI, 48076. Obituary at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

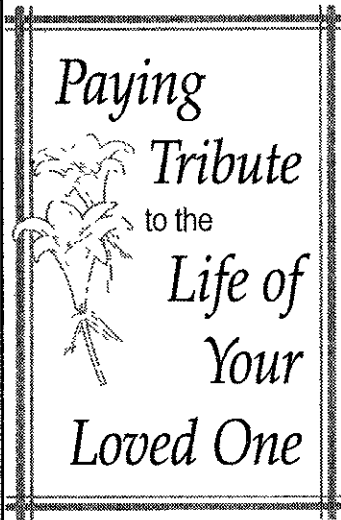


### SHEILA BARRY BAUSANO

Age 67 of West Bloomfield died January 24, 2005. Beloved wife of 44 years to Dominic J. Bausano, DDS. Loving mother of Patricia (Michael) Kenny, M. Barry (Melissa) Bausano, Elizabeth (Daniel) Dietrich and Thomas (Marquette) Bausano. Grandmother of Dominic and Timothy Kenny, Gabrielle, Chloe and M. Pierce Bausano, Sean, Ryan, and Gina Dietrich and Julia Bausano. Sister of Eileen Waddell. Aunt of Stephanie and Christopher Waddell. Funeral mass from Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 4300 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, Saturday 10:30 AM (In State 9:45 AM). Interment Pine Lake Cemetery. Friends may visit Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 340 Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake (3 Blks S. of Maple Rd.) Thursday 5-8 PM and Friday 3-8 PM (Rosary 7 PM). Memorials to the American Cancer Society appreciated.

### THEODORE A. BETTS

January 20, 2005. Husband of Margaret. Father of Patty, Laura, Megan, Alison and the Late Bruce. Sister, Jackie. Grandfather of Robert, Lowell, Michelle, Madison, Logan, Hayley and Brighton. Funeral Service was held, WM. R. Hamilton Co., Birmingham, MI, on Tuesday, January 25, 2005. Tributes May be made to American Heart Association or Michigan Human Society.



### MURIEL CLAYTON

January 24, 2005. Advertising Executive for J. Walter Thompson, she enjoyed painting, playing golf and bridge. Wife of the late Wallace E. "Wally". Dear sister of J. Robert Gillette (Geraldine Pietrosante). Aunt of Robert "Rob" (Kari) and Christina Higgins (Patrick). Also survived by her dear friend Laila Lloyd and her children, Monica & Matthew Lloyd. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile) Friday 10am until funeral service 10:30am. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorials to the Michigan Humane Society, 7401 Chrysler Dr., Detroit, Michigan 48211-1942

### JOHN WILLIAM CRAGO, JR.

Age 79, of Plymouth, died January 22, 2005. He was born July 2, 1925, in Dayton, Ohio. He served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946. He is survived by his wife, Mary; his children, Donna (Richard) Moore of Plymouth, Richard Crago of Quincy, MA, and David (P. Ann Smith-Crago) Crago of Canon City, CO; and his grandchildren, Roger (Roxanne) Moore, Michael Moore, Jeffrey (Kenadi) Moore, Sandra (Winford) Bishop, and William. David Andrew, Richard, and Jonathan Crago. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 26, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or Odyssey Hospice.

### PATRICIA ANN GIBBS

Formerly of Rochester Hills, age 79, died January 22, 2005 at the Lake Orion Nursing Center. Patricia was born September 14, 1925 in Detroit. She is survived by her loving children Jeffery, David and Thomas, as well as by 6 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents Franklin and June Page and her brother David Page. Patricia was in the first graduating class of Sexton High School, class of 1943, as also attended Michigan State and the University of Michigan Nursing School. She worked part-time at Crittendon Hospital. A memorial service will be held from Bossardet Chapel Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors 39 W. Burdick, Oxford (2 Blks West of Lapeer Rd) Saturday January 29th at 11 AM. Friends may visit Saturday 10 AM until time of service.

# Passages

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### ELDON GREGORY

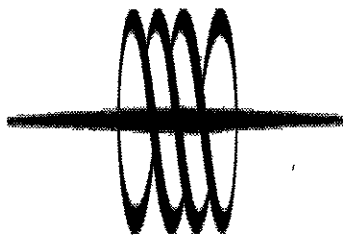
Age 90, of Livonia, formerly of Plymouth and Northville, died January 23, 2005. He was born December 24, 1914, in Hasty, Arkansas. He came to the Plymouth community in 1939, from Arkansas. In 1981, he retired after 42 years as a millwright for Ford Automotive. He loved to fish and hunt. He was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother. He is survived by his children, Betty Jean Mikton of Howell, Kenneth Gregory of Pontiac, and Cheri Holman of Canton; his grandchildren, Kim Poches, Kelly (Paul) Bialk, Kevin Gregory, Gregory Holman, and Michael Holman; his great-grandchildren, Mathew and Christina Poches, and Sarah and Bradley Bialk; and his brothers and sisters, Hubert (Lois) Gregory, Frank (Jane) Gregory, Opal Featherston, and Fern Richardson. He is preceded in death by his wife, Lois. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Thursday 11:30am. Memorials may be made to Marywood Nursing Care Center.

### JACK H. JONES JR.

Of Inkster died January 20, 2005 at 19 years of age. Loving son of Jack H. Jones Sr. Dear brother of Craig, Lisa and Ila. Beloved grandson of Edna Jones and step grandson of John Clark. Jack was a 2004 graduate of John Glen High School. He participated with Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethons and MD's camp for 12 years. Jack will be dearly missed by family and friends especially his endearing smile. The Funeral service was held Monday, January 24, 2005 at Coats Funeral Home, Waterford. Memorials may be made to Muscular Dystrophy. Envelopes available at the funeral home. To send a personal condolence please select Guestbook at [www.coatsfuneralhome.com](http://www.coatsfuneralhome.com).

### HELEN D. MACDONALD

Of Farmington Hills, January 25, 2005 at 78 years of age. Beloved wife of George. Cherished mother of Tom (Judy), David (Colleen), Leslie Amato (Pete), Scott (Barb), Lori (Colleen). Dearest grandmother of 12 grandchildren. Funeral service Saturday, January 29th, (instate at 11:30 am). Funeral Mass 12 Noon at St. Gerald Church 21300 Farmington Rd. (between 8 & 9 Mile Rds.) Visitation at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (between 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Thursday 4-8 pm & Friday 1-8 pm. Memorials to donor's choice.



### RONALD L. McCANDLESS

Of Livonia, passed away on January 21, 2005, age 66 years. Ronald was a Mason for the Masonic Lodge #152 in Redford, MI. He was a member of the Sheet Metal Journeymen's Union Local 292. Beloved husband of Judy, dear father of Kim (Randy) Krause, and Pam (David) Lawrence. Loving grandfather of Kelley, Scott, Jessica, Rachel, many friends, and Tigger too. A Masonic Service will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by the funeral service at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 30, 2005 at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home 3295 E. Highland Road, Highland. Visitation will be on both Saturday and Sunday from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### FREDERICK ROZICH

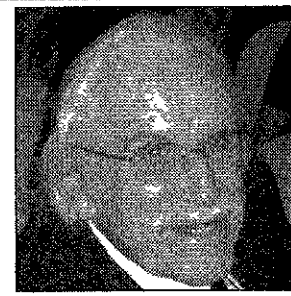
January 23, 2005. Beloved husband of Elaine. Dear father of Stephen and Matthew (Patricia). Loving grandfather of 6. Survived by 3 sisters and numerous nieces and nephews. Held the rank of Army Sergeant. Served in the Artillery in the Korean War. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Calumet, Michigan.

### KING RUHLY

A long-time resident of the Birmingham area, died of heart failure on January 22, 2005 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital. Mr. Ruhly was born in Detroit in 1918. He attended Detroit Public Schools and graduated from Cooley High School. He received his BA from Wayne State University. Upon graduation, he taught school in Franklin, MI for two years prior to entering the Navy during World War II. In 1940, King married Velma Meacham and they had four children. After working 25 years for Michigan Chrome and Chemical Co. in sales and sales management, King became Executive Director of the Metal Finishing Suppliers. He held this position for 17 years. King was a member of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, a Life Master at bridge, active in BASCC, a friend of the Baldwin Public Library and a member of the First Methodist Church of Birmingham. King is survived by children Pat Halasz of Portage, WI, Jim (Carol) of Madison, WI, John (Karin) of Carrollton, TX; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; his sister, Peg Glowa of CA and his brother, Ted (Donna) of NJ. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Velma, & son, Bob. The Wm. R. Hamilton Co. was in charge of the funeral services held on Jan. 26. Memorial tributes may be made to BASCC, 2121 Midvale, Birmingham, MI 48009, the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham, MI 48009, or the charity of your choice.

### ROSE MARIE (Wheeler) SHPIECE

January 20, 2005. Age 79. Dearest mother of Michael (Tracy Schwartz), Kathleen (Gar) Grainer, and William (Karen). Grandmother of David and Daniel Schwartz, Benjamin and Alexandria Grainer, and Jacob, Emily and Nicholas Shpiece. Beloved wife of the late Harold, daughter of the late Ora and Lena Wheeler. Sister of the late Wilma Marchetti. Mrs. Shpiece was an attorney for over 50 years. Her body was donated to the Wayne State University Medical School. An open house, in her memory, was held at her son's house on Sunday, January 23, 2005 from 1-5pm. Call 248-553-7096 for details. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Farmington Community Library, 32737 West 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334



### PROFESSOR EDWARD ALOYSIUS SZCZEPANIAK

Of Bloomfield Hills, on January 16, 2005. Retired Professor of Aeronautical and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Detroit and World War II veteran (USN). He was known as a passionate teacher who expected his students to be able to think creatively when solving problems. Throughout his life he consulted with various companies and governmental agencies on a wide range of contracts from engine design to metal stress analysis. He was the beloved husband of the late Irene M. Szczepaniak. Loving father of Adrienne, Gerard, Diane and Sheila; devoted grandfather of Christopher, Samuel, Marissa, Claire, Stacey, Christine, Talullah, and Lukas. Dear brother-in-law of Arthur Sierota, Lottie Snoren, Henry and Val Capper, Virginia Fredricks and the late Edward Capper. Fond uncle of Richard and Shirley Padyjasek, Brenda and David Kandt. Prayer masses and contributions to charities in Ed's memory would be appreciated. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile) Friday 4-9 p.m. Funeral Mass Saturday 10 a.m. at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, 2215 Opydyke Road, Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at begins at church 9:30 a.m. A curious mind, an aeronautical engineer, a mathematician, a historian, a professor. Throughout his 86 years, Edward Szczepaniak never stopped learning. A loving and gentle man who from a young age read and traveled to foreign lands through the pages of his books, he touched the lives of his children and grandchildren with his wisdom, knowledge and compassion. You left us too soon but we know you missed mom. We love you very much. You were the best dad and grandpa a child could ever have. It was one heck of a ride with you and mom!

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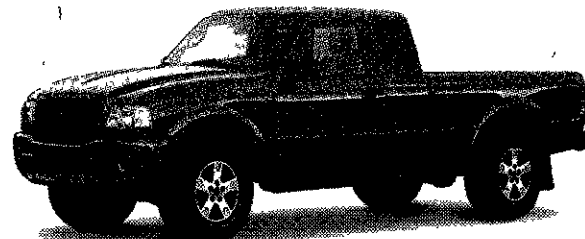
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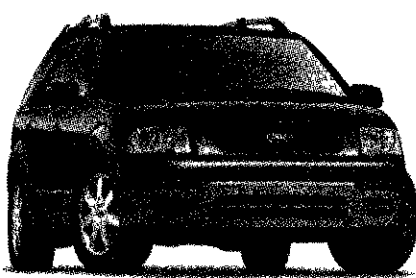
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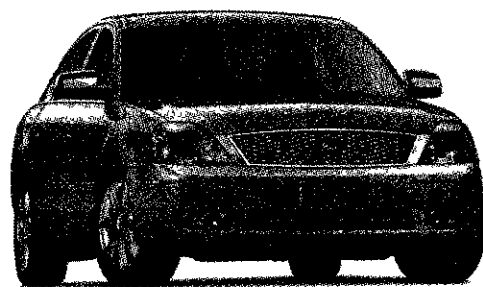
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mum expression of fruit from a given vineyard terroir."

### AT THE TOP

Bichot ranks at the top of Burgundy producers in several ways. Production is in the top 10. With more than 260 acres covering three domaines, vineyard ownership ranks in the top five.

The Bichots purchase grapes from hundreds of growers, and at 4,000 cases annually, are the largest producer of Gevrey-Chambertin.

About 80 percent of production is exported to 100 countries around the world. Japan, England and Germany are at the top with the U.S. ranked seventh.

### VINTAGES

Before discussing some Albert Bichot wines that you should try, let's look at current vintages.

Power and personality mark 2003. Burgundy needs to go back more than 200 years to find a vintage with such elevated temperatures during the growing season and an early harvest that began between Aug. 4 and 11.

The result was perfectly-ripened grapes and deeply-colored wines with good balance.

Drought and rain marked vintage 2002 but far less devastating than the south of France. Further north in the Burgundy region, Chablis was not affected by climatic fluctuations and the grand crus vineyards were harvested at ideal ripeness.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY

#### White Burgundies:

■ 2002 Albert Bichot Domaine Clos de L'Eglise (\$17) is a Macon-Village wine with bright pear, slightly tropical and mineral notes and medium length.

■ 2003 Albert Bichot Domaine Long-Depaquit Chablis (\$28) is a step up to awesome fruit from a 12th Century historical estate. This is an appealing unoaked chardonnay that puts anything else labeled "unoaked" to shame. Drink in 2005.

■ 2001 Albert Bichot Domaine Long-Depaquit Chablis Premier Cru "Les Vaillons" (\$36) is splendid drinking now. Think oysters.

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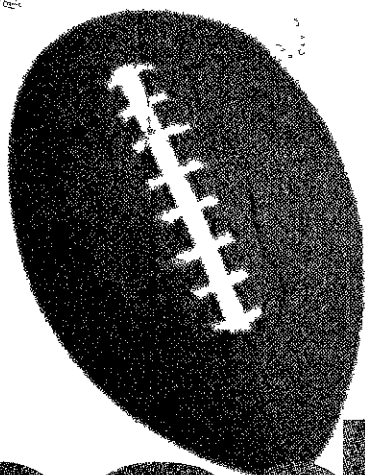
■ 2002 Albert Bichot Domaine du Pavillon Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru (\$150) needs a two word description: stellar and delicious. If you're a Burgundy fan, buy at least one bottle to drink around 2010.

■ 2002 Albert Bichot Domaine du Clos Frantin, Vosne-Romanée (\$65) is a pretty wine from a vineyard next to Domaine de la Romanée Conti.

■ 2002 Albert Bichot Domaine du Clos Frantin, Gevrey Chambertin (\$60) showcases big, black cherry aromas with complex flavors and great length.

The Healds are contributing editors for the Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

## Are you



## Ready?

Chefs and NFL raise funds for charities at Super Bowl

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK | STAFF WRITER

**B**rian Polcyn owns a nationally acclaimed restaurant and has a cookbook soon to be published by the prestigious Norton Press, but he hasn't let success spoil him.

Ask him about his work with the Taste of the NFL, he just smiles as he tells a story about his introduction in front of a crowd at a small arena in one of the host cities.

"And here, representing the New York Jets is Bobby Play," Polcyn said, recreating the lines from the public address announcer.

"Representing the New England Patriots is Todd English from Boston," and again the crowd cheers.

"And here's Brian Polcyn." He claps twice, slowly, as if to dramatize his lack of national popularity. "And that was my wife," Polcyn jokes about the source of the applause.

That episode might drive most veteran chefs crazy, but Polcyn laughs about the incident, a refreshing break in an industry known occasionally for its ego and arrogance.

And to an observer, perhaps that lack of a cheer probably had more to do with the football teams the chefs represent (in Polcyn's case, the Detroit Lions) than the chefs themselves.

Polcyn has had plenty to cheer about as he is one of Michigan's most popular and recognized chefs: A new cookbook due out in the fall on charcuterie, which also happens to be a class he

teaches at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Restaurant of the Year. Television appearances each week promoting recipes. And continued write-ups on his restaurant, Five Lakes Grill in Milford, in newspapers and magazines both in Michigan and nationally.

But on every Super Bowl weekend for the past 12 years, Polcyn finds time to participate in the Taste of the NFL, an event in which top chefs from each city that

hosts an NFL team volunteer their time and create dishes for an event that raises money to help feed the hungry.

### SUPER CHARITY EVENT

This year Polcyn travels to Jacksonville for the event Saturday, Feb. 5, the day before Super Bowl XXXIX, and he'll be creating lobster and cream fraiche soup with smoked scallops and lemon confit. (See related recipe.)

Jimmy Schmidt represented Detroit in the event's inaugural year (1992). After Schmidt declined the invitation for the second year, Polcyn was selected and has returned every year.

"It's a star-studded party," Polcyn said about the fund-raiser, which costs \$400 per person and draws 1,500-2,000 people. The Taste of the NFL pays for Polcyn's and an assistant's airfare.

Each chef is in a booth with a former football player. Visitors taste a food sample, taste wine and visit with the player and chef from



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Brian Polcyn, owner of Five Lakes Grill in Milford and instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, creates his lobster and creme fraiche soup with smoked scallops and lemon confit.

each NFL city.

Polcyn has teamed up with Jim Yarbrough, a tackle for the Lions in the 1970s, and Jim Hunter, a defensive back for the Lions in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Polcyn considers one of the Taste of the NFL highlights an introduction to Earl Morrall, who quarterbacked the Miami Dolphins' World Championship team for part of the season in 1974, and the Baltimore Colts, the latter team as a backup to Johnny Unitas. (As a lot of kids were in the 1970s, Polcyn also was big fan of Unitas.)

Then Polcyn met Morrall's wife. Polcyn, with all the glow of someone who just met his childhood idol ("You know how you are in a time warp," he says), got caught up in the moment and said, "You must be Earl's mother."

"They just kind of kept her moving through the line," Polcyn said.

Then he met Alex Trebek, who graciously said hello to Polcyn's daughter. "Who is this girl in the pretty little dress?" Trebek asked her. Dad then chimed in, "Alana, be sure to answer him in the form of a question." Polcyn added that Trebek didn't quite share Polcyn's appreciation of his joke.

Polcyn enjoys meeting and socializing with the other chefs, describing the hoopla surrounding some of the celebrities like Bobby Play and Emeril Lagasse "like rock stars."

The event is a chance for chefs to check out other food fare. Polcyn enjoyed the other chefs' dishes from Jack McDavid of Jack's Firehouse in Philadelphia, Susan Spicer of Bayona, Herbsaint and Cobalt restaurants in New Orleans and Shin Tsujimura from Nobu in New York.

Still, there is still a little ego among the stars as to who has the best food. "Are we competitive? Yes," Polcyn said.

PLEASE SEE CHARITIES, D2

## Side dish

### Quick meal

Let's face it, nobody has a whole lot of time for cooking these days.

That's why anybody who loves food has a few fast and furious recipes up their sleeve. So let's get together and share.

The Observer & Eccentric Taste section is developing a new column devoted to helping readers make it happen - the super-fast way - in the kitchen. Please e-mail or send your recipes and ideas, along with estimated cooking times, and your phone number, to Nicole Stafford: nstafford@oe.homecomm.net, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

### Cold Stone opening

Cold Stone Creamery will help fulfill more than just ice cream and waffle cone orders.

The grand opening of the Cold Stone Creamery at the Market at College Park, 17382 Haggerty in Livonia, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, also benefits Children's Hospital of Michigan. Fifty percent of the day's sales will be donated to the hospital. Cold Stone Creamery will also donate 100 percent of any prepaid cake sales placed Friday.

The day's activities will include free spoon samples throughout the day, clowns, face painting and a musician.

"We're very excited about this partnership with Cold Stone Creamery, and look forward to sharing in the grand opening celebration," said Jane Ford, development representative for the Children's Hospital of Michigan. "This opportunity allows ice cream lovers in the Livonia area to enjoy their favorite treats while having fun and supporting a very important cause."

Cold Stone Creamery's ice cream, frozen yogurt and sorbet are made fresh daily at each Creamery. Guests can customize Cold Stone Creamery's ice cream and yogurt with one or more of a variety of mix-ins, including fresh fruit and nuts, pie fillings, brand name chocolate and gummy candies, cookie dough, soft freshly baked brownies and more.

### China growth

China's relentless appetite for the colonel's chicken has KFC on a building boom in the world's most populous country, with 1,200 locations, soaring profits and a menu that mixes in bam: boo shoots and lotus roots, according to the Associated Press.

At a time when its sales in the United States are struggling, KFC is dominating even rival McDonald's in China and turning the goateed visage of Kentucky Fried Chicken founder Colonel Harland Sanders into a ubiquitous symbol of America.

"We are really positioned as a part of the fabric of life in China," said David Novak, chairman and chief executive of Louisville-based Yum Brands Inc., parent company of KFC.



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The event brings brushes with other celebrities. At lunch at the Arizona Biltmore, Polcyn sat at a table adjacent to Diana Ross, and accidentally received her guest check. "So I got to say hello to her," he said.

Polcyn doesn't go to the actual Super Bowl game. "The city is just crazy," he said. "There are hundreds of private jets and the city is just jam packed."

He remembers New Orleans and the beloved Cheesheads (those Green Bay Packer fans) walking down Bourbon Street, some who obviously had too much to drink. "It's New Orleans and it's crazy," he said. "I usually leave (the Super Bowl host city) during the game."

### COMING TO DETROIT

Polcyn usually looks at the logistics before he decides on what to create for Taste of the NFL. He usually does a charcuterie product (sausage or smoked foods) and likes to fix something ahead of time if it needs to be transported.

Polcyn looks forward to next

year, when the Super Bowl comes to Detroit. The specifics, details and location still need to be worked out for next year's Taste of the NFL, but Polcyn believes Detroit will step up to the plate.

"That's really going to be a big thing," Polcyn said of the Super Bowl. Public transportation will be important for visitors to get to their downtown or suburban destinations during that weekend, he said.

Half of the money raised at the event goes to charities in the host city and the remainder is split among the other NFL cities.

"When you see what's going on in the world and in this country, it's nice to give something back to the community," Polcyn said. "I think it's important that people eat. The fact that we have homeless people and hunger is a bad thing, especially when you consider that we are the richest nation on earth."

"And if we can raise money to fight hunger, it's a good thing." The Taste of the NFL Restaurant Guide 2005 is available for \$19.95 from tasteofthenfl.com. There is also information on national and local events, chefs, players, participating restaurants, recipients and merchandise.

### LOBSTER AND CRÈME FRAICHE SOUP WITH SMOKED SCALLOPS AND LEMON CONFIT

Lobster and Crème Fraiche Soup:  
8 cups fish fumet (can substitute clam juice or chicken stock)  
2 (1½ pound) live lobsters  
½ cup diced onion  
½ cup diced celery  
¼ cup diced carrot  
1 tablespoon chopped garlic  
2 tablespoons butter  
¼ cup brandy  
1 sprig fresh thyme  
2 bay leaves  
4 whole white peppercorns  
½ cup arrowroot  
water, for dissolving arrowroot  
1 cup crème fraiche, plus ½ cup salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1 preserved lemon, for garnish\*

Smoked Scallops:\*\*  
4 cups water  
½ cup kosher salt  
2 tablespoons brown sugar  
1 tablespoon pickling spice  
1 clove garlic  
3 scallops

\*Preserved lemons can be purchased in specialty and international markets.

\*\*Smoked scallops can also be purchased in seafood markets.

To prepare the soup: In a tall stockpot, bring the fish fumet to a boil. Add the lobsters, cover with a lid, and steam for five-six minutes or until just cooked. Remove the lobsters from the pot and allow them to cool. Reserve the liquid. Remove the lobster meat from the shells and set aside. Cut three pieces of claw meat in half lengthwise and reserve for garnish. Discard the lobster stomach and chop the shells.

In a thick-bottomed sauce pot, sauté the onion, celery, carrot, and garlic in the butter over medium-high heat until soft. Add the chopped lobster shells and sauté. Add the brandy and flame. Add the thyme, bay leaves, peppercorns, and reserved lobster cooking liquid, bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and simmer for two hours to make the lobster stock. Strain through a fine mesh strainer into a clean pot. Bring that mixture to a boil and thicken with the arrowroot dissolved in water. Temper in one cup of the crème fraiche and season to taste with the salt and pepper.

To prepare the scallops: In a saucepan, combine all of the ingredients except the scallops. Bring the mixture to a boil, remove from heat, and chill completely. Add the scallops and brine soak them in the refrigerator for three hours. Remove them from the brine and discard the liquid. Rinse the scallops under water to remove any residual salt. Smoke them at 100°F for about one hour. Before serving, re-warm the scallops in a 325°F oven for about five min-

## RECIPES

utes. If you are using purchased smoked scallops, follow the instructions for re-warming. Slice each scallop in half so you have six rounds.

To serve: Using a spoon, carefully remove the rind from the pith and meat of the preserved lemon. Thoroughly rinse the rind in cold water, and then thinly slice into long strips. In each of six shallow-sided soup bowls, divide the lobster meat between each bowl and then ladle the soup on top. Place a dollop of the remaining crème fraiche on top of the soup, add the smoked scallop half and the reserved claw meat half, and sprinkle with the julienned preserved lemon.

Recipe courtesy of Brian Polcyn, owner and certified executive chef of Five Lakes Grill in Milford, and instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The Boudin Blanc that follows was served at Taste of the NFL 2004.

### BOUDIN BLANC

Quatre Epices:  
3 tablespoons black peppercorns  
1 tablespoon freshly ground nutmeg  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
2 teaspoons whole cloves

Boudin Blanc:  
1 pound pork butt, ground fine  
1 pound boneless breast of chicken, ground fine  
1 tablespoon kosher salt  
1½ teaspoons quatre epices, from previous recipe  
1 teaspoon white pepper  
8 eggs  
¾ cups milk  
3 tablespoons flour  
3 tablespoons chopped fresh black truffles

6 feet hog casing (rinsed in tepid water)

**Sour Apple and Celeriac Salad:**  
1 Granny Smith apple, julienned  
1 bulb celeriac, julienned  
½ cup heavy cream  
¼ cup minced onions  
¼ cup cider vinegar  
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard  
salt and freshly ground white pepper

**Quatre Epices:** Grind together all the spices in a spice mill. Store any unused portion in a spice jar or any other airtight container.

**Boudin Blanc:** Put the cold ground meats in a chilled food processor bowl. Add the seasonings and turn on. Slowly add the eggs (two at a time), milk, and flour. Turn off the food processor and then fold in the truffles. Poach a taste test in 175°F water to check for seasoning. To make sausages, begin by knotting one end of the casing. Using a funnel, fill the casing with the meat mixture, pushing it toward the knotted end. When the sausage is about five inches long, knot the casing to seal it. Repeat the procedure until all of the meat mixture has been used. Gently poach the sausages in 175°F water to an internal temperature of 150°F. If making in advance, gently reheat the boudin blanc in the oven or in a pan on the stove with a little stock.

**Sour Apple and Celeriac Salad:** In a mixing bowl, combine all of the ingredients and stir until incorporated.

**To Serve:** Slice the boudin blanc and arrange on plates with room temperature sour apple and celeriac salad. Serves 12.

Recipe courtesy of Brian Polcyn

## Try this devilishly tasty low-fat pasta

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Diavolo is Italian for devil; fra diavolo means brother devil – and when used to describe food it could mean something has a wicked peppery bite. In this low-fat pasta fra diavolo dish there is indeed a spirited touch of red pepper to give a kick to the tomato and shrimp sauce that's tossed with linguine. A heavenly idea, it turns out.

### PASTA FRA DIAVOLO

2 teaspoons olive oil  
1 large onion, chopped  
3 cloves garlic, sliced  
28-ounce can whole tomatoes  
8-ounce can tomato sauce  
1 teaspoon dried oregano  
1 teaspoon salt  
¾ teaspoon red-pepper flakes  
¾ pound linguine

1½ pounds medium-size shrimp in shells, cleaned  
½ pound surimi (imitation crab), shredded  
¾ cup fresh basil, cut into strips

Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and garlic; sauté 8 minutes or until softened, without letting garlic brown.

Add tomatoes, tomato sauce, oregano, salt and pepper flakes. Bring to a simmer, breaking up tomatoes with wooden spoon; simmer over medium heat 10 minutes. While sauce is simmering, cook linguine in large, deep pot of lightly salted boiling water until al dente, firm yet tender.

Stir shrimp into sauce; cook 3 to 4 minutes or until shrimp is cooked through. Stir in surimi; heat through, about 1 minute. Drain linguine. Toss with shrimp sauce. Garnish with basil. Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 285 cal., 3 g fat (1 g saturated), 19 g pro., 45 g carbo., 4 g fiber, 929 mg sodium, 86 mg chol.

Recipe from Family Circle "Eat What You Love and Lose" by Peggy Katalinich, Reagan Books, 2004, paperback \$14.95

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# German potato salad stars as side or entrée

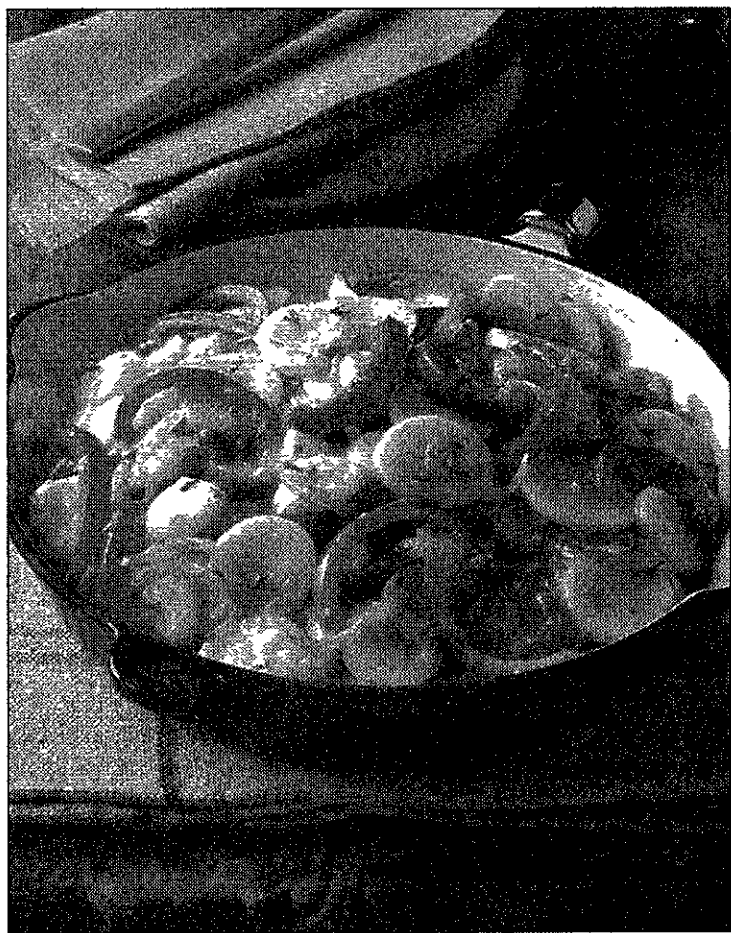
We all need recipes we can rely on to make fast and tasty family meals.

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For example, warm German potato salad makes a great side dish when it's chilly outside, but to prepare it from scratch probably takes too long on a time-starved weeknight.

So start with a can of German potato salad, a classic combination of potatoes, vinegar and bacon, with just the right sweet-tangy flavor. It's a delicious dish when heated, without any extra embellishing. But when sautéed garlic, onion and bell pepper, and a dash of red pepper flakes are added, it takes on a decidedly homemade appeal.

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- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small onion, cut into thin slivers
- 1 medium red or green bell pepper or a combination, cut into thin strips (lengthwise)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 can (15 ounces) German potato salad
- ¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley salt (optional)

With just one more ingredient like smoked sausage, ham or smoked turkey stirred in, potato salad becomes the entrée - in under 30 minutes.

Heat olive oil in large (12-inch) nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add onion, peppers and garlic. Cook, stirring often until tender, about 10 minutes.

Add potato salad and crushed pepper. Heat through, one to two minutes.

Remove from heat, stir in parsley and salt, as desired. Makes about six servings.

Nutrition information per

serving: 97 calories; 1 g protein; 15 g carbohydrate; 4 g fat; 191 mg sodium; 2 mg cholesterol; 2 g dietary fiber; less than 1 mg iron; 914 IU Vitamin A; 6 mg calcium.

Note: To make a main dish skillet, stir in cooked smoked sausage, cut into rounds or cubed cooked ham or smoked turkey.

Recipe courtesy of Seneca Foods.

Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.hometownlife.com.

### Cooking at Schoolcraft

Enjoy continuing education classes taught by culinary arts instructors in the demonstration kitchens in the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Here is a list of classes for February: Red Wines of the World taught by Lee Hershey, 7-9 p.m. Mondays, starting Jan. 31 (5 weeks) (\$145); Cooking 101: Skill Development taught by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel, 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1 and 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 (\$105); Grand Tuscan Cuisine- Italy at its Best taught by certified executive chef Brian Polcyn, 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 23 (\$139); Help with Specialty Diets taught by Chris Tomassi, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24 (\$89).

March classes include: Swiss Chocolates taught by master pastry chef Joe Decker, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, March 10 (\$98); 30-Minute Meals taught by Bruce Konowalow, the director of Schoolcraft's culinary arts department and certified executive chef, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 12; Good Morning Sunshine (Breakfasts) taught by Michelle Bommarito, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 15 (\$77); Meals 500: Start to Finish with Polcyn, 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 (\$139); Savory Soups and Stews with Gabriel 5-9 p.m. Thursday, March 17 (\$89). For more information, visit [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu) under Continuing Education Schedule or call (734) 462-4448.

### Cooking Classes

Learn about vegetarian, whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef, Valerie Wilson. The best place to start is her four-week beginning series. Learn all about foods like tofu, tempeh, seaweed vegetables, miso, and each class includes discussions on the healthy benefits of the ingredients. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as stu-

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dents get "hands-on" experience preparing the recipes. The Beginning Series is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22. The fee for the Beginning Series is \$100 (\$25 for each class). Classes are held in Garden City. You can find more details about this class and all other classes at [www.macroval.com](http://www.macroval.com) or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.

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to instructor the first day of class for the macrobiotic manual. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832, or online at [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

### Wine tasting classes

Learn about grape varieties, types of wine and the process of winemaking in Introduction to Wine. Taste five wines from California, whites and reds. Class is scheduled 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 10. Cost is \$22. A second class on European Wines begins with a review of the first introductory wine class, then introduces a sample of European wines. Learn about the country, region and grape varieties. Taste five wines from Europe. Class is scheduled 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 28. Cost is \$22. Pre-registration is required for all classes, by mail or in person at RCH (no credit cards). Visit [www.rochestercommhouse.org](http://www.rochestercommhouse.org) or phone (248) 651-0622.

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# Serve these healthy party wraps at your next gathering

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

(AP) - Easy to make and eat, wraps for meals can be fun, festive and healthful.

That's the message delivered with these three low-fat recipes for wraps that can serve as appetizers, light meals and snacks - as well as a "hands-on" treat for children to help make.

The recipes have been developed by the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) to ensure that good nutrition comes to the party, too.

The wraps will probably fit in with any diet that family members or guests may be following, says Melanie Polk, AICR's director of nutrition education.

Besides being low in fat and calories, they are low in what some dieters consider "bad carbs."

They are often sold as "spring roll skins," and are available in supermarkets, especially those that focus on organic and other specialty foods, and Asian markets. Most are packaged in one of two sizes, 6-1/2-inch or 8-1/2-inch.

Whole-grain tortillas and pita bread, Polk says, also make great wraps and offer good amounts of nutrients and dietary fiber.

Wrap filling ingredients can vary considerably, so the wraps are quick and convenient to make, for such times as when unannounced company arrives.

Any crunchy vegetable can be substituted for another, and many leftover cooked meats or stir-fried foods are well suited to wraps.

Following are instructions for using rice wrappers, plus recipes for three wraps with ethnic characteristics different from most commercial versions: Southeast Asian, South Asian and Southwest American.

Rice wrappers are traditionally used for Southeast Asian wraps but can be used for other types as well.

However, they are thinner and more delicate than tortillas and other wrappers, so the filling ingredients should be cut very thin.

A gentle hand, plus a little practice, perhaps, is needed in rolling up the wraps.

## USING RICE WRAPPERS

Set out filling ingredients before making wraps. Set out a round baking dish big enough to hold a rice wrapper. (A shallow bowl or plate with a little depth also works.)

Fill it with enough warm water to submerge a wrapper. Place a cutting board or large, flat-bottomed plate next to it.

Using fingers to hold a wrapper along the edge, about 3 or 4 inches apart, immerse the wrapper into the water for 2 or 3 seconds, then immediately remove it when edges begin to soften. (Wrappers continue to soften.)

Place it flat on the cutting board or plate, allowing the edge of the wrapper nearest you to hang over the side a little.

Add filling ingredients in long, narrow rows from left to right. Be careful not to use too much or the wrapper may tear when rolled up.

Lift the overlapping edge of the wrapper and fold it over to cover the filling. Fold in the ends, if desired, pressing gently to seal.

Continue rolling the wrapper, gently pulling it toward you, to create a snug fit. Be careful not to use too much pressure or wrap it too tightly, which may create a tear.

Gently press in the remaining outer edge to help seal the wrap.

Transfer the roll, seam side down, to a serving plate. Continue making remaining wraps in the same way.

To prevent wraps from drying out, tuck a damp (not wet) paper towel around the top and sides of each wrap until ready to serve.

The following wrap is a version of a traditional summer roll popular in Vietnam and other parts of Southeast Asia.

It is served with a dipping sauce made with Asian fish sauce, which is pungent, strong tasting and a somewhat acquired taste for Westerners. Soy sauce can be used in its place, or a combination of both sauces.

In place of the dipping sauce below, other Asian sauces can be used, including commercially-prepared versions such as

Hoisin, Szechwan, sweet and sour, or peanut sauce, as desired.

## SOUTHEAST ASIAN-STYLE WRAPS

For Southeast Asian-Style Dipping Sauce:

3 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce or Asian fish sauce

2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

1 tablespoon unflavored rice vinegar

1 tablespoon mirin (cooking sake), sake or water

2 teaspoons light brown sugar (packed)

Asian chili oil, Asian-style chili-garlic paste, or hot sauce, to taste (optional)

Make the sauce before the wraps to allow flavors to meld. Mix together in a bowl all the ingredients until well combined. Cover with plastic wrap and set aside. (Sauce can be made 1 to 2 days ahead and stored, refrigerated. Allow sauce to reach room temperature before serving.)

Makes about 1 cup of sauce.

For the Wraps:

4 rice wrappers (see note)

4 large red or green lettuce leaves, rinsed and dried, end of ribs trimmed

1 cucumber, peeled, seeded, and cut into long, thin strips

1 carrot, peeled and sliced thinly or shredded into long strips

1/2 pound cooked and shelled shrimp, cut lengthwise in half (cooked lean chicken or pork may also be used)

1 Asian pear (or mango), peeled and cut into long, thin strips (optional)

16 to 24 leaves of fresh cilantro or mint (optional)

Place a lettuce leaf on top of the damp wrapper. (The filly edge of the leaf can extend slightly beyond the edges on one side, if desired.) Arrange 1/4 of the cucumber strips in a narrow row from left to right, across the third of the wrapper nearest you. Spread shrimp halves (cut sides down) end-to-end on top of the cucumber. Place a thin row of carrot next to the shrimp (on the side opposite from you). Place strips of pear or mango (if using) on top of carrots. Arrange cilantro (or mint) leaves (if using) end-to-end, lengthwise, between fruit and cucumber.

Lift edge of wrapper closest to you and fold over the filling. If desired, fold ends over the wrapper. (If lettuce extends beyond one end, don't tuck in at that end.) Finish rolling the wrapper over the filling. Gently press outer edge into the wrap to help seal it. Place the wrap on a serving plate and cover with a damp paper towel, tucking edges in on all sides. Make the remaining wraps in the same way. If serving immediately, cut wraps into 2 or 3 pieces, cutting on the diagonal. Serve with the dipping sauce.

If necessary, rolls can be made 2 to 3 hours ahead (but left uncut). Tuck a damp paper towel around each, then cover the serving plate snugly with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Before serving, bring wraps to room temperature and, if desired, cut diagonally into halves or thirds. (Wraps cut more easily when cold.)

Note: The amount of filling ingredients is geared to the larger wrappers, but novices might find the smaller wrappers easier to use at first. Any leftover filling can be used in a salad or soup.

Makes 4 servings as an appetizer, light meal or snack.

Nutrition information per serving: 164 cal., 2 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated), 15 g carbo., 20 g pro., 2 g dietary fiber, 637 mg sodium.

The following recipe uses seasonings typical of dishes in South Asian countries, including India.

In place of the Curried Dipping Sauce, a commercially prepared Indian-style sauce may be used, or a chutney pureed in a blender or food processor.

## SOUTH ASIAN-STYLE WRAPS

For Curried Dipping Sauce:

1/2 to 1 tablespoon curry powder, or according to taste

1/4 cup fat-free plain yogurt

1/4 cup fat-free mayonnaise

Salt and white pepper, according to taste

Make dipping sauce before the wraps to allow flavors to meld. In a bowl, mix together the curry powder, yogurt and mayonnaise until well combined. Add salt and pepper to taste. (Dip can be made ahead and stored, refrigerated, overnight. Bring sauce to room temperature before serving.)

Makes about 1-1/2 cups of sauce.

For the Wraps:

4 whole-wheat tortillas or small pita pockets

4 large lettuce leaves (iceberg or a leafy green), washed and dried

1/4 pound grilled chicken breasts (skinless and boneless), cut into very thin strips

1/4 cup very thin strips of peeled and seeded cucumbers

1/4 cup fresh baby spinach leaves, stems removed

1 mango, peeled and cut into long, thin strips (optional)

Make one wrap at a time. Place a lettuce leaf on a tortilla or, if using a pita pocket, gently insert a lettuce leaf so that it lines the interior. Add to each wrap about 1/4 of the vegetables, chicken and mango (if using), in the following order: cucumber, chicken, spinach and mango (if using).

Spread a thin layer of the dipping sauce along the tortilla's edges that will be exposed once the wrap is rolled up. Roll up the tortilla, pressing the outer edges in so the sauce will help seal the wrap. Serve immediately (or wrap each individually in plastic wrap and refrigerate 2 to 3 hours before serving, then bring back to room temperature to serve). Serve with the dipping sauce. If using pita pockets, dollops of the sauce can be added before serving. Makes 4 servings as an appetizer, light meal or snack.

Nutrition information per serving: 224 cal., 3 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated), 30 g carbo., 25 g pro., 3 g dietary fiber, 614 mg sodium.

The following recipe is extremely adaptable to substitutions. For example, any grilled lean meat may be used, and a commercially-prepared salsa can be used for the dipping sauce.

The Smooth and Spicy Sauce calls for chipotle chilies in adobo sauce, a commercially-prepared version of smoked jalapeno chilies in a tomato-based sauce, which can usually be found in the Mexican food section of large supermarkets.

## SOUTHWESTERN-STYLE WRAPS

For Smooth and Spicy Sauce:

1/2 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise

1/2 cup nonfat plain yogurt

3 tablespoons finely minced fresh cilantro leaves (stems removed)

1 green onion (scallion), finely minced

1/2 teaspoon garlic paste or minced garlic cloves, to taste

1 to 2 minced (1 to 2 tablespoons) canned chipotle chilies in adobo sauce, or to taste

Salt and white pepper, to taste

1 to 3 drops hot sauce, or to taste (optional)

Make the dipping sauce before the wraps to allow flavors to meld. In a bowl, mix together all the ingredients until well combined. The dip can be made ahead and stored overnight, covered with plastic wrap, in the refrigerator. Bring chilled sauce to room temperature before serving.

Makes about 1-1/2 cups sauce.

For the Wraps:

4 whole-wheat tortillas

4 lettuce leaves, washed and dried

1 red bell pepper, seeded and cut into very thin strips

1 green bell pepper, seeded and cut into very thin strips

1/2 cup jicama, peeled and cut into very thin strips

1/4 pound cooked turkey or pork (trimmed of fat), cut into very thin strips

1 to 2 Gala apples (depending on size), cut into thin strips (optional)

1/2 cup chives, chervil or flat-leaf parsley, cut into strips

Place a tortilla flat on a cutting board. Place a lettuce leaf on top of the tortilla. (The top of the leaf can extend a little beyond the edge of the tortilla.) Along the length of the tortilla, in the third closest to you, place 1/4 of the filling ingredients in the following order: red pepper, jicama, green pepper, meat, apple (if using) and a small amount of herbs.

Spread a thin layer of the dipping sauce along the tortilla's edges that will be exposed once the wrap is rolled up. Roll up each tortilla snugly, folding in ends, if desired. (If leafy end of the lettuce extends beyond wrapper, don't fold in that end.) Wrap tightly in plastic wrap, and set aside.

Make remaining wraps. Finished wraps can be set aside up to 30 minutes before serving, which will allow flavors to develop. (Wraps can also be refrigerated 2 to 3 hours before serving; bring back to room temperature before serving.) If desired, cut wraps on a diagonal into halves or thirds. Serve with dipping sauce. Makes 4 servings as an appetizer, light meal or snack.

Nutrition information per serving: 290 cal., 7 g total fat (2 g saturated), 32 g carbo., 30 g pro., 4 g dietary fiber, 528 mg sodium.

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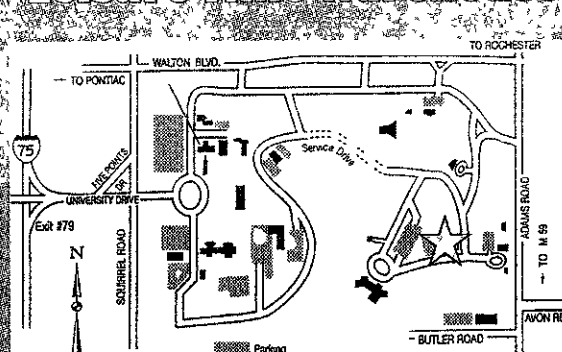
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# Slow-cooked meals Start eating light, right now are worth the wait

Now that it is January, it's time to get back to basic cooking and simple meals.

Opening the back door to inviting, mouth-watering, glorious aromas of comfort food in the slow cooker is very inviting on a cold winter night.

Nothing says "loving" like a cooker full of chicken soup, beef stew or chili ready to eat when you come home! It's simple and easy - put the ingredients in the cooker, turn it on and let it cook, and you don't even have to stir until you're ready to serve.

If you are purchasing a slow cooker, buy one with a removable liner. They are easier to clean. If you don't have the removable liner, spray the inside of the cooker before using so it is easy to clean.

## KEEP IT CLEAN

Start with a clean cooker, clean utensils and a clean work area. Wash your hands before starting and during the preparation of food. Foods are safe in the slow cooker. They cook slowly at a low temperature, generally between 200 and 300° F. The direct heat from the pot and the lengthy cooking time combine to destroy bacteria.

This lower heat helps less expensive leaner cuts of meat become tender. These meats require about eight hours cooking on the low setting to make them fork tender. Defrost meat, remove the skin from chicken and excess fat from meat before browning and before putting in slow cooker.

When making stew, brown the meat first. Dredge the meat or poultry in flour before browning in a little oil in the skillet. Brown all sides of the meat evenly. Browning adds color, helps develop the flavor, seals in the juices, and makes the meat look better.

Pre-cook any ground meat such as hamburger or ground



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turkey before adding to a slow cooker. Pre-cooking keeps the ground meat loose so it doesn't clump together. Seafood should only be added during the last hour of cooking or it will overcook and get rubbery.

Cut the vegetables into the same size pieces so they cook evenly. If you don't want to peel and cut vegetables, use a bag of frozen vegetables. Thaw them out first or the food is not going to get to the required temperature quick enough. Make sure whatever you are making is bursting with flavor with lots of eye appeal.

## TENDER COOKING

Pasta and rice can become pasty so cook them separately and add raw about one hour before the food is done. Add tender vegetables like tomatoes, mushrooms or zucchini during the last 45 minutes of the cooking times so they don't overcook. Dairy products should be added the last 30 minutes.

When all the foods are in the slow cooker, put the lid on, turn the heat to high for the first hour and then lower it to the low setting.

Don't lift the lid. Every time you lift the lid the temperature drops and the cooking time increases.

Don't worry about stirring. (No stirring is necessary! The liquid is not going to boil away, so don't worry about that.) Add spices toward the end of the cooking.

Cayenne pepper and hot sauce can become bitter after a long cooking time. Spices should be added the last hour or they lose their flavor.

Taste before serving to adjust the flavoring.

A slow cooker is great for hot beverages. Cider or hot punch can be left in the cooker for a prolonged time while you are shoveling snow, sledding, skating or just waiting for guests to arrive.

Do not warm cooked foods or reheat leftovers in the slow cooker.

Repeated handling can introduce bacteria to cooked foods and the slow cooker cannot get hot enough fast enough to keep these bacteria from multiplying. Any leftover food should be reheated on the stove, brought to a boil and then put in the slow cooker to keep it hot.

The benefits of a slow cooker are:

- Does not require constant attention or frequent stirring.

- There is no worry about burning or overcooking.

- You don't have a sink full of pots and pans.

- Keeps your kitchen cool by keeping your oven turned off.

- Saves energy.

- Great for serving hot soup or stews at parties or buffets.

- At a low temperature, more of the vitamins and minerals are retained.

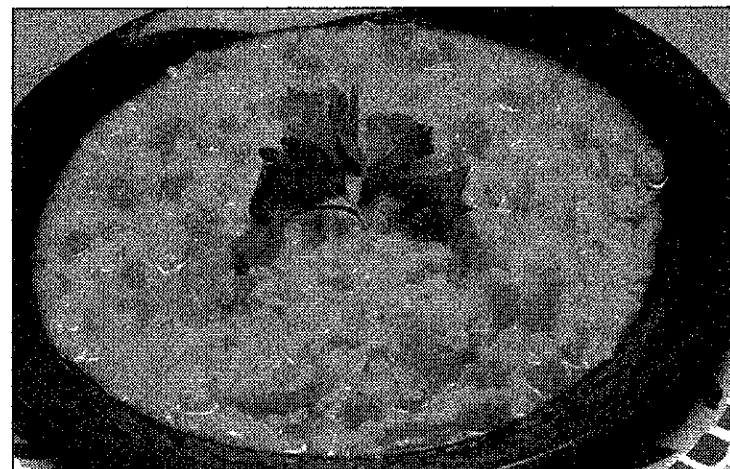
- Do just a little "prep" work and then sit back and wait for the wonderful aroma to fill the house.

On the way home, stop and buy a loaf of good crusty bread, the makings for a fresh green salad or a fruit salad. Add a glass of milk and you have a hot, nutritious "comfort food" meal.

Slow cookers were introduced in the 1970s and have seen renewed popularity lately.

Slow cooking is a one-step, all day method of making glorious meals that you and the family will enjoy.

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This hearty, low-fat vegetable soup is a great way to begin that New Year resolution to eat healthier foods.

out vegetables' natural sweetness and creates a rich, complex flavor. Cooking vegetables in large quantities of water, however, leaches out flavor, as well as nutrients.

## TOASTY OATMEAL VEGETABLE SOUP

1 cup rolled oats (not quick-cooking or instant)  
1 tablespoon canola oil  
1 large onion, chopped  
1-3 cloves of garlic (to taste), finely minced  
1 large tomato, seeded and chopped  
1 carrot, diagonally cut into 1/4 inch slices  
6 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken or vegetable broth  
1/2 cup finely chopped fresh parsley  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

In a large, heavy skillet over medium heat, toast raw oatmeal,

stirring constantly, until oatmeal is lightly browned, about 3 to 5 minutes. (Oatmeal burns easily, so watch carefully.) Immediately transfer oatmeal to a small bowl and set aside.

In large pot, heat oil until hot. Add onion, reduce heat to medium and, stirring frequently, sauté onion until soft and pale gold.

Add garlic and continue sautéing a few minutes more. Do not allow onion or garlic to burn. Add vegetables and broth. Bring soup to a boil, reduce heat to a simmer and cook about 10 minutes. Add oatmeal. Simmer 2 minutes more, or until oatmeal is tender. Add parsley and salt and pepper to taste.

Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 100 calories, 3 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 14 g. carbohydrate, 5 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 589 mg. sodium.

Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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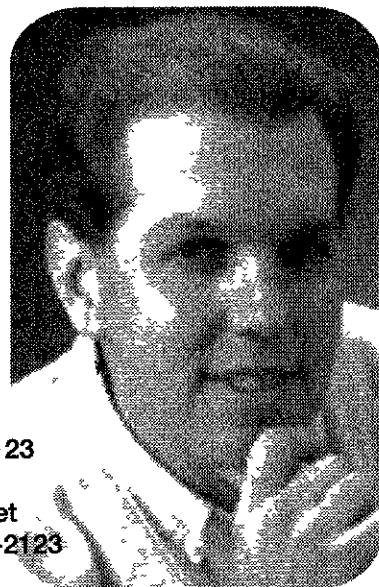
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## Cod, cauliflower make savory, low-fat dish

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Steamed cod with cauliflower in saffron broth, served with a slow-cooked onion salad if you wish, adds up to a savory range of flavor and texture while still meeting low-fat guidelines.

The recipes are from *Gourmet* magazine's December issue, from the Every Day feature.

A note suggests that if you decide to make the onion salad as well as the fish dish, you can cook the cauliflower while the onions finish roasting.

Steam the mussels and cod after the onions are done, just before assembling your salad.

### STEAMED COD WITH CAULIFLOWER IN SAFFRON BROTH

(Active time 25 minutes, start-to-finish 45 minutes)

1 large pinch of saffron threads, crumbled  
1 cup lukewarm water  
One 2-pound head cauliflower  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 garlic clove, crushed  
1 small carrot, cut into 1/2-inch dice (1/2 cup)  
1/2 cup dry white wine  
1 cup fat-free reduced-sodium chicken broth  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1/2 teaspoon white pepper  
1 1/2 pounds small to medium mussels (preferably cultivated; 3 dozen), scrubbed and beards removed  
Six 1/2-pound pieces cod or scrod fillet (1 inch thick), skinned and pin bones removed  
3 scallions, chopped (1/2 cup)  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Put saffron threads in a small bowl, then stir in lukewarm water and let stand.

Trim cauliflower stalk flush with base of crown, discarding stalk, then quarter cauliflower lengthwise. Cut each quarter lengthwise into 1/2-inch-thick slices. Set aside large slices and reserve small pieces without any stem for another use.

Swirl oil with garlic in a deep 12-inch heavy skillet to coat, then heat over moderately high heat until oil is just smoking. Discard garlic. Carefully arrange cauliflower slices in 1 layer in skillet and cook until undersides are lightly browned, about 2 minutes. Turn over with tongs and cook until other sides are lightly

browned, about 2 minutes.

Add carrot and wine and swirl skillet to combine, then boil until liquid is reduced by half, about 30 seconds. Add saffron water, broth, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon white pepper and simmer, covered, until cauliflower and carrot are crisp-tender, 5 to 8 minutes.

While cauliflower simmers, pat fish dry and sprinkle both sides with remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon white pepper.

Increase heat to moderately high, then add mussels to skillet and steam, covered, until mussels just open wide, checking frequently after 3 to 4 minutes. (Discard any mussels that remain unopened after 8 minutes.) Divide mussels among 6 shallow serving bowls using a slotted spoon.

Place cod on top of cauliflower, arranging fillets in 1 layer. Sprinkle with scallions and parsley and steam, covered, over moderately high heat until fish is cooked through, 7 to 10 minutes.

Transfer some of cauliflower along 1 piece of cod to each bowl using slotted spoon. Season broth with salt and white pepper, then ladle broth (with carrots) over each serving.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: about 139 cal., 4 g fat.

The salad includes several onion-related vegetables — shallots, leeks, garlic and chives.

For tender results, be sure to peel off the papery outer layer, the leathery second layer and any paper-thin membranes from the onions, shallots and leeks.

### SLOW-COOKED ONION SALAD

(Active time 35 minutes, start-to-finish 1 1/2 hours)

For onion mixture:

4 medium leeks (1 pound total; white and pale green parts only), trimmed and cut crosswise into 1-inch pieces (1 cup)  
2 tablespoons mild honey  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
1 sweet onion such as Vidalia (1/2 pound), trimmed and cut crosswise into 6 slices  
1 large red onion (1/2 pound), trimmed and cut lengthwise into 6 wedges  
1 large white onion (10 ounces), trimmed and cut lengthwise into 6 wedges

6 medium shallots (10 ounces total), trimmed

8 fresh thyme sprigs

For salad:

1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice  
1 teaspoon finely chopped garlic  
1 teaspoon coarse-grain mustard  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
2 Belgian endives  
5 cups baby spinach (5 ounces)  
1/4 cup chopped fresh chives or scallions  
Lemon wedges, to accompany

To make onion mixture:

Put oven rack in upper third of oven and preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Line a large shallow baking pan with foil, allowing 2 inches to hang over each end of pan.

Wash leek pieces well in a bowl of cold water, then lift out and drain well.

Whisk together honey, oil, salt and pepper, and add onions, shallots and leeks, tossing to coat. Spread onion mixture in an even layer in baking pan. Scatter thyme on top, then cover with another large sheet of foil and crimp edges all around to seal, forming a package.

Roast until very tender, about 1 hour. Carefully remove top sheet of foil (steam will emerge) and turn on broiler. Broil onion mixture 5 to 6 inches from heat until tops of onions are browned and caramelized, 2 to 5 minutes. (Check frequently, removing pieces as they brown.) Discard thyme.

Make salad while onion mixture roasts: Whisk together oil, lemon juice, garlic, mustard, salt and pepper in a large bowl.

Trim endives and halve lengthwise. Cut in half crosswise, then cut lengthwise into 1/2-inch-wide strips.

Just before serving, add endives to dressing along with spinach and chives and toss until lightly coated. Season with salt and pepper. Divide salad among 6 plates and top with warm onion mixture.

Cooks' notes: Onions, shallots and leeks can be roasted 1 day ahead and cooled completely, then chilled, covered. Reheat in a preheated 350-degree Fahrenheit oven 5 to 10 minutes. Dressing can be made 3 hours ahead and chilled, covered.

Makes 6 servings.

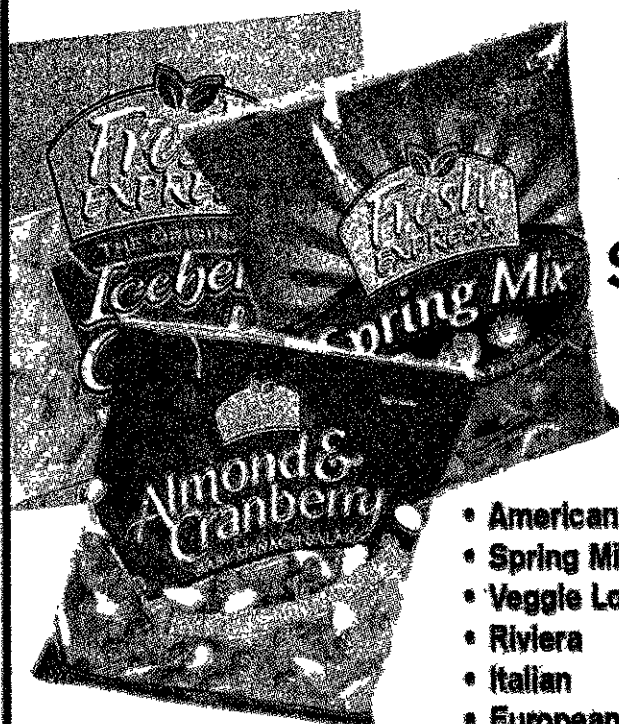
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## Real Estate Inquires

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### Be reasonable in accommodating disabled tenants

I am a landlord and am familiar with the Michigan Persons with Disabilities Act. Am I required to make every request and accommodation on behalf of a disabled tenant?

Not necessarily. A landlord's duty to accommodate requires those reasonable accommodations necessary for the disabled tenant's enjoyment of the premises and then only when the accommodations will not result in an undue hardship on the landlord. A landlord cannot refuse to allow modifications at the expense of the person with a disability. Each case, of course, turns on its own facts. You are best advised to consult with an experienced lawyer.

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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-associates.com](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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## Mortgage Bits

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### Enjoy winter: Plan ahead, be prepared

I am passionate about helping seniors and empty-nesters keep the "gold" in their golden years. My senior clients have silver on their heads and gold in their hearts, but often pocketbooks are only half-full.

To me, the winter phase of a person's life should be all about enjoying family and life, not about chasing down an extra dime to make ends meet. Tackling a job or career at this point in life should be about earning "fun money" or pursuing a life passion, not struggling to make the rent or mortgage payment.

Success in the winter phase of home ownership comes with autumn planning. Seniors should have a strategy for managing debts, assets and life. As a minimum, their plan should include a specific time frame for relocating from their large family home to a more suitable domicile (a.k.a. downsizing), for putting excess home equity to work and for managing any stray consumer debt.

Neglecting any of these three areas can lead to real problems. In the worst cases, seniors who have paid off their homes, and paid cash for everything for years, may have no credit scores. When faced with large, unexpected expenses, their home equity is "trapped" because they cannot easily qualify for a refinance. They have high debts, low income and no credit. Sadly, it's usually avoidable with prior planning.

I prefer to act, than to be acted upon. The proverbial "ounce of prevention" is actually worth a ton of cure. It is imperative that homeowners review their life choices sooner instead of later. Optimally, late autumn or early winter is a great time to review your needs with your mortgage adviser.

As a mortgage broker, I feel strongly that there are specific mortgage strategies that are appropriate for the different seasons of my clients' lives. Getting professional help with your mortgage choices during each season of your life can truly enhance your life quality for all of your years.

This is the last of a five-part series. You may download the entire series online at [www.PhillipsHQ.com](http://www.PhillipsHQ.com).

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy archives at [www.PhillipsHQ.com](http://www.PhillipsHQ.com) or phone him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.



## Ask questions to make sure you're covered

BY NORMAN PRADY  
CORRESPONDENT

"What's covered? What isn't covered? If our \$250,000 house burns down, will you give us \$250,000? If water comes in through the basement windows at the same time the sewer backs up, who pays us how much for what?"

Questions. Buying homeowner insurance is about asking questions.

Well, if your \$250,000 house burns down and the insurance company only gives you \$200,000 to rebuild it, remember what you said to the insurance agent when you bought your policy.

Do you remember what the agent said to you? The agent likely told you that trying to save money on the cost of the insurance isn't the smartest bet you could make.

"Because of the cost of insurance, people are trying to underbuy their coverage," said Marc Tomassi, an agent with Griffin Smalley Wilkerson insurance, Farmington Hills.

"They might decline the \$250,000 they need, saying, 'Our current market value is only \$200,000.' But that's not going to give them the money to rebuild the house. And with inflation and actual building costs, they're underinsured anyway."

Many homeowners, Tomassi said, seem to believe that nothing's going to happen or that "My whole house isn't going to burn down."

Besides inflation, Tomassi said, city codes might have changed since the house was originally built and there could be other factors causing an increase in the rebuilding cost.

If it's a house with wet plaster walls and hand-carved moldings, for example, how much more might that add to the rebuilding cost, assuming you can find the craftsman to do the work? So the money you might have saved by paying a lower premium can prove expensive for you, Tomassi said.

### INJURY, CLAIMS

How about the question of injury? Let's say that someone falls down your front steps. Or let's say a burglar in your house is bitten by your dog and the bad guy sues you. Do you know about liability insurance?

Do you know whether you live in a city that will try to hold you responsible if someone is injured by tripping on a broken public sidewalk in front of your house? And will you have to go to court to straighten out that claim? And meanwhile

### LEARNING ABOUT INSURANCE

Don't be unprepared, talk to agents and compare information. Ask what policies cover and don't cover. Do some research on the Internet. Here are Web sites that offer consumer guidance about insurance:

- Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America, [www.iaa.org](http://www.iaa.org)
- Insurance Institute of Michigan, [www.iimin-fo.org](http://www.iimin-fo.org)
- Michigan Office of Financial & Insurance Services, [www.michigan.gov/cis](http://www.michigan.gov/cis)
- Insurance Buyers Guide, [www.insbuyer.com](http://www.insbuyer.com)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (the source of flood insurance), [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

who's paying all those bills?

Do you know the difference between a flood and sewer backup? Do you know that one isn't the other? Do you know that you might live in an area where you can get flood insurance? And do you know if you're buying your homeowner's insurance from a company that offers sewer coverage?

Do you know that if a pipe bursts and fills your basement with water, that's not a flood? Your policy might pay for the damage the water causes and the cost of getting into the wall to fix the pipe, but it probably won't pay for the repairs to the pipe itself.

Tomassi cautions about filing claims. "Don't make the small ones," he said. Be prepared, he said, to take care of the small ones on your own and not risk the cancellation that can come after three claims in three years.

Insurance, he said, is expensive for the homeowner and for the company, much more than in times past. Look for savings, he said, by choosing higher deductibles and using the lower premiums to create a self-insurance fund.

### FLOOD COVERAGE

And be sure you ask about flood insurance. It can be confusing, said Harry Howes of Howes Insurance Services, Royal Oak. The definition of flood is one of the problems.

"It's not water that backs up. It's a temporary condition on dry land resulting from the overflow of rivers or lakes."

To get flood insurance, Howes said, you must live in a community that has chosen to

participate in the federal coverage program.

The community must agree to follow federal guidelines for water management regarding drainage, storm sewer capacity and building codes.

Do you live in a participating community? Ask your city or village clerk. If so, you can find out what the coverage costs would be in the exact location of your house.

Rates vary, Howes said, within a community relative to elevations and history of flooding.

A house must have been built in 1974 or later to be eligible, he said, that being the year when coverage areas, topographical surveys and records were established.

Maximum flood coverage for a private home, Howes said, is \$250,000 plus \$50,000 for the contents. Do you see water rising near you today? OK, get the insurance now but understand that it won't be effective for a month.

Flood insurance, Howes said, also covers mudslides caused by water. But it doesn't cover earthquakes, he said, which you can get coverage for in Michigan at fairly low cost because we don't have many earthquakes here.

### OTHER INSURANCE

And there's more to a homeowner's insurance needs than a homeowner's policy. Just ask Leslie Palmitier. She's an associate real estate broker with Max Brook Realtors, Rochester.

For example, she said, there's private mortgage insurance.

"If someone buying a home is not able to put down 20 percent or more of the purchase price, a private company insures the loan for the lender."

Conditions affecting the value of the property and the loan can change over time, Palmitier said, and it's up to the homeowner to get a new appraisal that could terminate the need for the insurance.

Title insurance, Palmitier said, is bought by the seller for the buyer at the time of the house sale to ensure clear title to the property. Another form of title insurance is bought by the buyer to ensure the lender that it is the first lien holder on the property.

And there's more. Besides sewer insurance and flood insurance, Palmitier said, there's sump pump insurance that covers the homeowner for losses from that system's failure.

And there's probably more. Ask.

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# Could your home withstand a fire?

In December, a fire destroyed three townhouses and damaged a fourth in Lorton, Va., just south of the nation's capital. Investigators later determined that faulty wiring had sparked the blaze.

Two firefighters were hurt, one burned, while

navigating the smoky townhouses in the pre-dawn darkness.

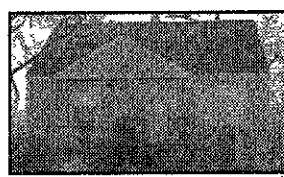
To avoid such a disaster, the National Concrete Masonry Association advises that you evaluate a building's fire safety when you rent or buy a home in a multi-family dwelling, or if you are planning to lodge

somewhere overnight or house your loved ones in college dormitories or nursing facilities. Buildings should contain these three components of a balanced fire-safety design: smoke detectors, sprinkler systems and concrete masonry walls between housing units.

## Featured HOMES OF THE WEEK



**Dearborn Heights** - Welcome home! 3-bed brick ranch located in a great area! New windows, newer front door, roof and finished bsmt with wet bar, 2 car garage with electricity, deck with natural gas grill. Immediate occupancy! \$122,900 (93WED)



**Ferndale** - This 2-bed home is all prepped for possible 3rd bedroom upstairs. Fenced yard, freshly painted, new windows, siding, roof, furnace, C/A, doors, electrical, some plumbing, new kitchen flooring through out, carpet, bathroom, all duct work is new! Just move in! \$109,900 (10SIL)



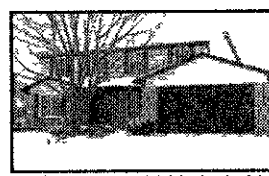
**Livonia** - Very clean and well maintained 4-bed colonial. Newer windows, furnace, C/A, steel entry doors, great room w/gas F/P. Paved driveway leads to new paver patio, freshly painted, 2 car garage, bsmt w/new lights, paint and carpet. Newer large kitchen and so much more! \$284,900 (59CQU)



**Westland** - Cute and clean 3-bed ranch with Livonia Schools. 2 car garage, finished basement, Anderson windows, open kitchen with eat-in dining room, C/A. Doorwall that leads to 16x16 deck. Lot's of perennials planted all around the home \$162,900 (39FRE)

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**Northville** - Beautiful 4-bed colonial, 2.5 bath colonial. Neutral and freshly painted, beautiful hardwood floors in F/R and designer tile in entry and kitchen. Bsmt, garage, 3 season room off F/R, extensive decking, new roof, A/C, fireplace logs and exterior paint, private master suite w/full bath \$324,900 (78DUN)



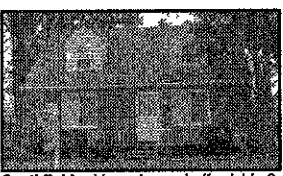
**Westland** - Hot deal! 3-bed ranch with finished Florida room 2.5 car att garage, newer vinyl windows, roof, C/A, new kitchen cabinets, tub and surround. Immediate occupancy, satellite dish, appliances stay, home warranty. \$120,900 (10HAZ)



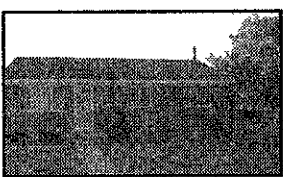
**Farmington** - Open House Sunday 1-4. 22411 Floral Adorable 2-bed cottage-style home. Refinished hardwood floors, updated kitchen & bath, insulated garage, fenced yard. New pull-down ladder to attic, new driveway, newer windows. \$149,975. Call Madelyn Dillane @ 313-999-3999 (MD11FLO)



**Livonia** - Beautiful 4-bed, 2.5 bath brick ranch. Deck, Florida room, newer roof, furnace, HW/H, updated bath, new kitchen. Newer carpeting, hardwood floors, finished basement, garage, new 6 panel doors, appliances stay. This one is a beauty! \$227,777 (35JAC)



**Southfield** - Very nice and affordable 3-bed brick bungalow on a nice sized fenced in lot. 2.5 car garage w/electricity, updated sparkling white kitchen w/new tile floor, freshly painted. Security alarm, updated bath, nice curb appeal. Very quiet street! \$128,900 (15WES)

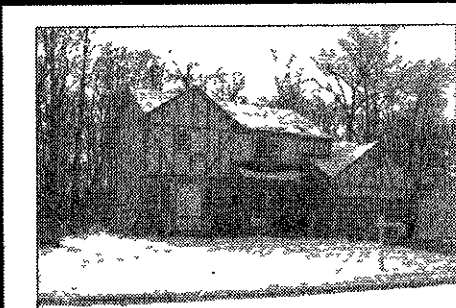


**Westland** - Super clean 3-bed brick w/ poss 4th bdrm or office in finished bsmt. Home warranty, appliances stay, huge kit w/lot's of cabinets, newer cement, new gar., custom built shed, brand new doors, corner lot, new roof and walls. Close to shopping & schools. \$164,900 (01CHE)

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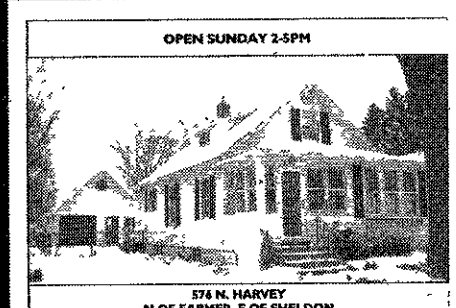
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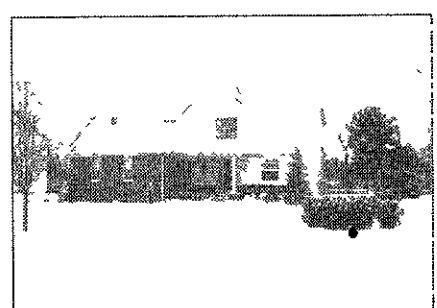
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41515 Bedford	\$135,000
7560 Bircklan	\$320,000
44171 Brandywine	\$207,000
45135 Brunswick	\$250,000
1514 Centennial	\$458,000
44238 Cherboung	\$163,000
7567 Chichester	\$260,000
39870 Deepwood	\$180,000
48240 Deer Trail	\$356,000
46375 Doubletree	\$307,000
1549 Elmhurst	\$68,000
1453 Emerald Pines	\$85,000
7333 Emerson	\$244,000
39960 Finley	\$257,000
40421 Glen Eagle	\$192,000
40427 Glen Eagle	\$182,000
40439 Glen Eagle	\$176,000
40445 Glen Eagle	\$174,000
45222 Glengarry	\$324,000
45671 Graystone	\$193,000
7670 Haverhill	\$468,000
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39725 Kopperrnick	\$420,000
1996 Liberty	\$360,000
1335 Longfellow	\$185,000
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39846 Lynn	\$183,000
43526 Lynnwood	\$190,000
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41944 Old Bridge	\$180,000
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3735 Parklawn	\$235,000
2227 Pincroft	\$171,000
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2163 Preserve	\$214,000
2042 Preserve	\$207,000
3914 Ravensfield	\$179,000
3963 Ravensfield	\$224,000
424 Roosevelt	\$329,000
590 Roosevelt	\$300,000
671 Roosevelt	\$421,000
41569 Singh	\$361,000
679 Sorel	\$316,000

6158 Stonetree	\$227,000
47903 Stratford	\$410,000
49566 Taft	\$125,000
47797 Torrington	\$391,000
1653 Trinity	\$173,000
1789 Trinity	\$178,000
1777 Wentworth	\$272,000
43653 Westminster	\$210,000

38758 Meeting House	\$260,000
9910 Melrose	\$250,000
9600 Merriman	\$295,000
31542 Merriwood Park	\$210,000
31615 Merriwood Park	\$208,000
35774 Minton	\$180,000
8842 Perrin	\$181,000
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33080 Rayburn	\$180,000
19414 Saint Francis	\$120,000
31541 Scone	\$178,000
36097 Scone	\$162,000
8874 Stonehouse	\$350,000
34000 Wadsworth	\$158,000
15612 Woodside	\$260,000

18316 Lexington	\$142,000
19177 Lexington	\$35,000
15938 Lola	\$100,000
11797 Nathalie	\$49,000
18260 Negaunee	\$54,000
18529 Negaunee	\$18,000
18698 Norborne	\$118,000
19435 Norborne	\$103,000
19775 Poinciana	\$108,000
8849 Royal Grand	\$150,000
9601 Salem	\$160,000
14057 San Jose	\$84,000
9568 Tecumseh	\$151,000
26305 7 Mile	\$71,000

### Garden City

28971 Alvin	\$186,000
33722 Alvin	\$116,000
33211 Barton	\$159,000
27631 Bock	\$155,000
230 Farmington	\$142,000
32106 James	\$110,000
28750 Kathryn	\$150,000
31457 Kathryn	\$161,000
6164 Lathers	\$145,000
32619 Leona	\$155,000
33630 Pierce	\$154,000
30621 Sheridan	\$180,000
31465 Warren	\$131,000

### Livonia

28700 7 Mile	\$148,000
30715 7 Mile	\$220,000
33583 8 Mile	\$115,000
33749 8 Mile	\$119,000
33801 8 Mile	\$92,000
15874 Alexander	\$189,000
14795 Arcola	\$205,000
14942 Arden	\$151,000
32904 Bobrich	\$272,000
19086 Boulder	\$150,000
14243 Brentwood	\$176,000
20321 Brentwood	\$148,000
34687 Bretton	\$335,000
20580 Chestnut	\$160,000
34012 Coventry	\$247,000
16962 Farmington	\$185,000
16988 Farmington	\$201,000
18623 Floral	\$147,000
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18689 Hillcrest	\$190,000
15010 Hix	\$196,000
9829 Horton	\$225,000
14720 Hubbard	\$173,000
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28732 Jacquelyn	\$230,000
29320 Jacquelyn	\$190,000
18867 Lathers	\$142,000
9024 Laurel	\$192,000
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8810 Ball	\$181,000
9073 Baywood	\$257,000
47122 Beechcrest	\$475,000
50535 Cottonwood	\$473,000
11776 Deer Creek	\$457,000
42032 Firwood	\$127,000
589 Kellogg	\$287,000
15003 Lakewood	\$259,000
585 Maple	\$178,000
717 McKinley	\$220,000
210 Mill	\$229,000
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51333 Plymouth Ridge	\$555,000
881 Ross	\$236,000
140 S Union	\$483,000
11833 Talltree	\$375,000
12062 Hillcrest	\$381,000
46289 Westbriar	\$250,000
12431 Woodgate	\$191,000

### Redford

9658 Centralia	\$130,000
18419 Centralia	\$125,000
17602 Denby	\$130,000
20455 Denby	\$134,000
16531 Five Points	\$106,000
9156 Garfield	\$155,000
11412 Garfield	\$127,000
15255 Garfield	\$84,000
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19411 Indian	\$103,000
8950 Kinloch	\$163,000
20419 Kinloch	\$113,000
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### Real Estate Investors Association

Real Estate Broker Gary Segatti will be discussing how to find properties at reduced prices, and buying real estate with your IRA, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at his office, 35000 Schoolcraft (just west of Farmington Road) in Livonia. There is no charge. Call (248) 207-2711 for information.

### Building Industry Association

Of Southeastern Michigan will sponsor a lien law seminar from 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 2, at BIA headquarters,

30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Attorney Marty Burnstein will discuss what's new in the Michigan Construction Lien Law Act and the Lien Procedures. Registration, including continental breakfast, \$50 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$75 for non-members and guests. Call (248) 862-1033.

### CREW-Detroit

Trial lawyer Rodger Young outlines terms to include and pitfalls to avoid in negotiating and drafting a commercial real estate commission agreement, and explains legal options available to recover unpaid commissions 11 a.m. (networking), noon lunch/program, Wednesday, Feb. 16, Maggiano's Little Italy, 2089 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Cost \$40 members, \$55 guests. Additional \$10 fee if you register after Feb. 9. Register online at [www.crewdetroit.org](http://www.crewdetroit.org) or call Megan Cottrell at (888) 866-CREW or

[megan@crewnetwork.org](mailto:megan@crewnetwork.org).

### Schoolcraft College Continuing Education

Real Estate Sales License, 5:30-10:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 3 for eight weeks, \$288. Builder's Licensing Exam Prep, 6-10 p.m. beginning Feb. 15 for four weeks, \$288. Invest in Real Estate, 6-10 p.m. for four weeks beginning March 22, cost \$135. Landlording Series, 6-10 p.m. for four weeks beginning March 24, \$199. The series is made up of the following class topics which can be taken individually: "How to Deal with Problem Tenants," "Risk Management for Landlords," "Leases & Lease Clauses" and "Making Money & Reducing Taxes on Your Rental Properties." Home Staging with Style, 6-9 p.m. Feb. 17 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$175. Home Staging with Style, 6-9 p.m. April 7 and 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 16, \$175. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, (734) 462-4448.

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**MIND CONDITION!** 3 bedroom brick ranch, 4th bedroom in basement. Oak kitchen w/Pergo floor, updated carpet & windows. Dining area in living room. Roof replaced w/tar off. Oversized garage. Just a great house! (P05BEE) \$149,900

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**GARDEN CITY BRICK RANCH W/EXTRA-DEEP LOT** Lovely 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/2.5 car garage & rare deep lot (60x295). Updated kitchen w/ceramic floor, vinyl windows, hardwood under carpet, ceiling fans, large living rm w/crown molding, newer furnace, humid., HW/H, roof. Basement w/half bath & glass block windows. Exceptional! (P27BEE) \$169,900

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**BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH IN REDFORD** 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch w/tons of updates. Windows, roof, finished basement, counter tops. Also nicely landscaped yard, 2 car garage. (P44GLE) \$137,900

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## Out-of-state buyers flock to Florida

PRNewswire - Gina Charpentier fell in love with Florida 15 years ago. After vacationing in Florida virtually every year for the past decade, Charpentier, her husband Richard and 11-year-old son Louis will soon be moving from Pawtucket, Rhode Island to the Sunshine State.

"It's always been my dream to move to Florida and now it's finally going to happen," says Charpentier, 37. Assisted by Anne-Marie Ferraro, a Realtor with Watson Realty's Longwood office, the Charpentiers selected the Poinciana subdivision in Kissimmee to put down roots. A local builder is finishing a new three-bedroom home for the family.

"We came down to Orlando just before Hurricane Charley struck in August, and we're still coming. After the hurricanes, everyone asked me, 'Why go there?' I told them that I don't like the cold winters, and there are so many fun things to do in Florida."

Charpentier and her family are far from alone. More than 350,000 out-of-state migrants are expected to move to Florida in 2005, according to economist Hank Fishkind, president, Fishkind & Associates, Orlando. "We see continued

strong growth in Florida's housing markets," Fishkind says.

An attractive warm-weather climate is only one of the reasons buyers from throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Latin America are attracted to Florida, according to Frank Kowalski, 2005 president of the Florida Association of Realtors.

"Florida has a strong job market and a ready supply of housing in all price ranges," Kowalski says. "Although sales prices are rising steadily, residences in Florida continue to offer great values for buyers worldwide."

Other out-of-state buyers like the financial advantages of living in Florida, which has no state income tax, and a significant "homestead exemption" that reduces property taxes on primary residences.

For Cliff and Barbara Reynolds, moving to Orlando from Baltimore was an easy decision. "When Southwest Airlines offered me an opportunity to relocate here, I took it," says Cliff Reynolds. "In Maryland, it's always snowing on my birthday in January. Down here I plan to spend the day playing golf in the sunshine."

## Strong demand for Florida real estate continues

PRNewswire - Driven by strong out-of-state demand, Florida residential home sales are headed for a record year in 2004, according to economists and real estate experts.

Despite six weeks of local market disruptions caused by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne, statewide sales are likely to rise 15 percent over 2003, while median sales prices keep pace, according to Russell Grooms, 2004 president of the Florida Association of Realtors.

"Sales activity remains strong in virtually all Florida markets," says Grooms.

"Buyers relocating from other states and other countries continue to comprise a significant portion of Florida's overall sales."

For the first nine months of 2004, Florida recorded 184,760 sales of existing single-family homes, a 15 percent increase from the 161,055 sales during the same period of 2003. The median sales price for the period was \$179,900, up 16 percent from \$155,100 in 2003.

Economists who follow Florida's real estate market agree there has been no slowdown in demand following the hurricanes of August and September.

"We have seen no impact on either new homes or resales," says Hank Fishkind, president, Fishkind & Associates, Orlando. "We see continued strong growth in Florida's housing markets."

Mike O'Connell, an economist with the South Florida Regional Planning Council in Hollywood, Fla., developed a computer model for the state that studies the economic impact of hurricanes on Florida. While hurricanes can accelerate long-term development trends already taking place in a community, they aren't likely to change the market, he says. Following several years of high demand and record home sales, the outlook for Florida's real estate industry remains strong.

Still, the hurricanes may affect some out-of-state buyers' decisions regarding where to purchase in Florida, acknowledges Lewis Goodkin, president, Goodkin Consulting, Miami. "People may rethink moving to areas within Florida that they perceive as particularly vulnerable to hurricanes," he says. "But there is no question that Florida, as a whole, remains an attractive warm-weather destination."

## Historically strong housing market expected in 2005

After four consecutive record years, home sales should ease but remain close to record levels in 2005, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Following an estimated 8.9 percent jump to 6.64 million existing-home sales in 2004, activity will remain strong. Sales should decline about 2.5 percent to a total of 6.48 million in 2005, which would be the second highest on record. New-home sales should come in at a record 1.19 million for 2004, up 9.5 percent from 2003, with 1.11 million sales expected in 2005 - which would also be the second strongest on record.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said the housing sector is operating at a higher plateau. "No one expects home sales to set a record every year, with some ebb and flow normal as market conditions and needs shift," he said.

"Even so, home sales will stay well above what was considered to be a healthy level in the late 1990s. The population has grown, household formation is strong and demographics tell us this trend will continue. In addition, a similar mix of economic conditions expected in the U.S. for the foreseeable future."

Housing starts for 2004 are projected at 1.94 million units, the

best showing since 1978; new construction is forecast at 1.87 million units this year.

The rise in the national median existing-home price should be 7.7 percent for 2004, with the annual price at \$183,100; an increase of 5.3 percent is expected in 2005 to a median of \$192,800. The typical new-home price rose about 10.4 percent in 2004 to \$215,300; this year, the median should grow by 5.5 percent to \$227,200.

"A modest slowdown in home price appreciation will be healthy for the market, offering sellers a good return on their investment while keeping prices within reach for home buyers," Lereah said.

Lereah expects the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage to trend upward to 6.5 percent by the end of 2005, "still very low by historical comparisons," he said. "Outside of the last two years, when the fixed-rate mortgage averaged 5.8 percent, we have to go back to the mid 1960s to see comparable mortgage interest rates."

Inflation should remain modest with the Consumer Price Index rising 2.6 percent this year, following an increase of 2.7 percent in 2004. The U.S. gross domestic product is forecast to grow by 4.0 percent in 2005, after seeing a growth rate of

4.4 percent last year. The unemployment rate should decline to 5.1 percent by the end of 2005.

"Even with similar numbers, the reasons for economic growth have changed," Lereah said. "Over the last few years, the economy was driven by consumers, housing and defense spending. Over the next couple years, the economy will grow nicely on the weight of business spending, along with some improvement in net exports."

Inflation-adjusted disposable personal income is projected to grow 3.8 percent this year, following a 3.0 percent increase in 2004. The consumer confidence index should rise to 106 by the second half of 2005.

More detailed information about NAR's economic outlook, as well as other analysis of real estate industry statistics, can be found in the January issue of NAR's Real Estate Outlook: Market Trends and Insights. The publication may be purchased by calling (800) 874-6500.

The National Association of Realtors represents 1 million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries. For more information, visit [www.realtor.org](http://www.realtor.org).

## Rates on 30-year mortgages fall for third straight week

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rates on 30-year mortgages fell for a third straight week as investors' concerns about inflation were eased by reports showing that prices fell in December.

The weekly survey released by the mortgage company Freddie Mac showed that rates on 30-year, fixed rate mortgages averaged 5.67 percent for the week ending Jan. 20, compared with 5.74 the previous week.

Low mortgage rates have pow-

ered the housing industry in recent years. Sales are expected to set records for both new homes and existing homes when all the results for 2004 are in.

Analysts are forecasting that housing will enjoy another good year in 2005 if mortgage rates do not rise too sharply, given the Federal Reserve's credit tightening campaign to ensure that inflation stays in check.

Economists said worries about inflation were eased with the report showing that consumer prices dipped by 0.1 percent in

December, reflecting the biggest drop in energy costs since July.

Rates on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, declined to 5.15 percent, from 5.19 percent last week. Rates on one-year adjustable-rate mortgages were 4.11 percent, little changed from the previous week's 4.10 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable rate mortgages were unchanged at an average 5.05 percent. These mortgages have a fixed-rate for five years and then they adjust each year after that.

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**DELIGHTFUL RANCH.** Soooo cute with very up to date décor and hardwood floors. Vinyl windows, recessed lights, newer central air, plumbing & electrical. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths in South Redford. \$139,900 (376CO)



**MINT CONDITION.** 3 bedroom bungalow with a sunroom and finished basement. Newer vinyl windows and roof. Quiet street in a really nice neighborhood that is close to the new community center and other conveniences. \$138,500 (288CU)



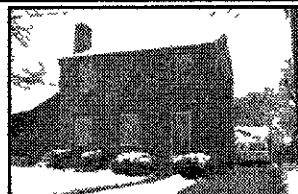
**RANCH CONDO.** Immediate occupancy on this hard to find ranch condo with 2 bedrooms & 2 baths. Huge open floor plan, oak kitchen, 1st floor laundry, 2 car garage, cathedral ceilings and a basement! \$164,900 (409DA)



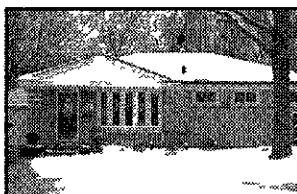
**PERFECTLY PRIVATE.** Milford ranch situated on almost 2 acres with a full finished walkout basement, 3.5 baths, fireplace, extra large garage, new roof, vaulted ceilings and much, much more. Don't miss this great opportunity! \$344,900 (932MI)



**LUXURIOUS 2-STORY.** Beautiful home with a fabulous floor plan. Formal living & dining plus library w/French doors. Great room w/fireplace, island kit, side entry 3-car garage, circular drive, deck & 4 season room. Luxury master & much more. \$434,900 (798DE)



**CHARM GALORE.** Popular sub in Dearborn offers this 3 bedroom colonial with wet plaster walls, coved ceilings, hardwood floors, 3-season room, finished basement, and a fenced yard with a tiered deck plus a 2 car garage! \$209,900 (811EL)



**SEEING IS BELIEVING!** This 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch on a cul-de-sac is more than you could hope for with custom remodeled kitchen and baths, a finished basement, huge yard, a garage and plenty of room to roam. \$164,900 (641JA)



**CALL THE MOVERS!** Here's the one you've been waiting for! 3 bedroom maintenance free ranch. New everything: remodeled kitchen and baths, a finished basement, huge yard, a garage and plenty of room to roam. \$129,900 (006JO)



**MAKE AN OFFER.** On this brick ranch condo in Taylor that has been completely updated and was the model home. Vaulted ceilings, oak kitchen, ceramic floors, and a paver patio! Huge bath w/dual sinks, private lav & Jacuzzi tub. \$124,900 (433KI)



**STUNNING RANCH.** Pulte built ranch with 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 fireplace and a huge finished basement. Livonia schools, great landscaping and beautifully decorated. Nice home at a nice price. \$277,500 (256PA)



**HIDDEN BEAUTY.** Brick colonial situated on a 3 lot hideaway surrounded by mature trees. Hardwood floors throughout, custom moldings and coved ceilings add to the charm. Many updates, call for the list. \$199,900 (145SP)



**DOWNTOWN ROCHESTER.** Rebuilt in 1996, this gorgeous 2-story features a custom kitchen, Andersen windows, vaulted ceilings, finished basement w/ bar, custom paint and updated baths. Really nice. \$369,900 (403TA)



**NO CAR NEEDED!** Walk to the park, shops or restaurants from this huge upper unit condo in Livonia. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, family rm. Fireplace, double pane windows, formal dining, kitchen w/appliances and a heated Florida room. \$143,900 (955UN)



**QUAINT PLYMOUTH CHARM.** 1924 charmer with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths situated on a treed lined street. Newer roof and windows, original cherrywood, and main level bedroom. Walk to downtown. \$282,900 (861WI)



**PRIVACY ABOUNDS.** Canton colonial in a court location with no neighbors behind. Island kitchen w/desk, nook & bay, soaring ceilings, skylights, master w/glamour bath and nice landscaping with a patio & garden area. \$299,900 (959BA)



**SAY HELLO TO A GOOD BUY!** Totally updated Dearborn Heights brick ranch. 3 beds, 2 baths, attached garage, deck and a beautiful Fieldstone fireplace. Updates include: kitchen, baths, roof, furnace and central air system. \$169,900 (244BE)



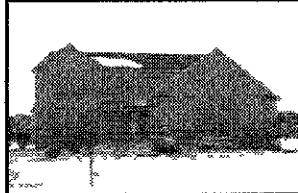
**LIVONIA SCHOOLS!** 3 beds and 1140 square feet. Remodeled kitchen with Pergo floor, new water heater & dishwasher, freshly painted w/ neutral décor, open floor plan, 1st floor laundry, and a large lot! \$133,900 (400FL)



**GREAT CURB APPEAL.** Beautifully maintained 3 bedroom brick ranch with 1.5 baths. Updates include top of the line Andersen windows, carpeting and updated kitchen cabinetry. Neutral throughout. Family room w/fireplace. \$219,900 (853JO)



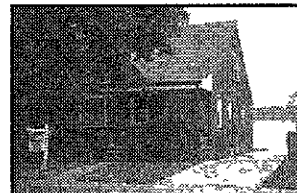
**START PACKING!** Wonderful 3 bedroom home and everything has been done in the past few years. Updated kitchen and bath, reshingled roof, windows, siding, doors, carpet and more. Nice fenced yard. A must see. \$114,900 (859KA)



**CANTON'S FAIRWAYS WEST.** Pulte Baybrook II with an inviting floor plan. 2 story foyer, formal areas, gourmet kitchen, family room w/fireplace, central vac, full basement, master w/vaulted ceiling and an oversized garage. 4 beds, 2.5 baths. \$389,900 (538BE)



**DELIGHTFULLY DIFFERENT.** Contemporary Cape Cod with a spacious 1st floor master, private study, great room w/ vaulted ceiling and an eat in kitchen, w/ceramic floor. A fantastic location at an even better price! \$269,900 (864RI)



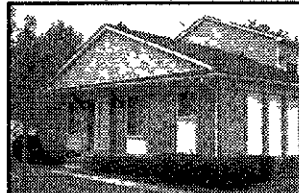
**FABULOUS BUNGALOW.** Situated on a double lot this brick beauty is in move in condition! Newer kitchen, carpeting and windows. Partially finished basement and brand new cement work. 2.5 car garage too! \$164,900 (247LI)



**COUNTRY LIVING.** 3 bedroom ranch on 1.28 hilly acres. Amenities include a remodeled oak kitchen, large master w/ skylights, glamour bath & doorwall leading to a large deck & pool. Large shed for all your toys. \$217,000 (720RI)



**WESTLAND BEAUTY.** A great place to raise a family! 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths with a family room and library being used as a spa with hot tub, nice yard with deck, gazebo and pool. 2 car garage w/new driveway. \$159,900 (711WI)



**EASY CONDO LIVING.** 2 bedroom ranch style condo with a full basement for extra storage, neutral décor and a large private deck overlooking a commons area. Great location close to everything and a great price. \$119,900 (738EL)



**ADORABLE RANCH.** Cute and cozy 3 bedroom ranch with 2 baths on a wooded acre. Open floor plan with cathedral ceilings, workshop, garden shed and play house. Nice master with garden tub. Call to see this one today! \$149,900 (500LE)



**MECHANIC'S DREAM.** Located on 3 lots, this charming Cape Cod offers 3BR/2BA, 2.5 car garage plus a 28x12 workshop and 21x20 second garage! Huge back yard, 1st floor laundry and a great location make this a great buy! \$146,000 (441HA)

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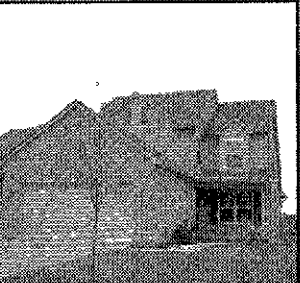
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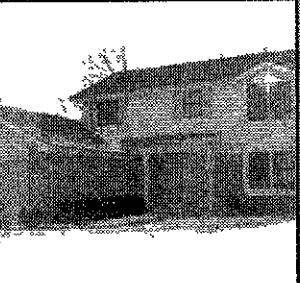
Beautiful Home On A Lot Backing To Trees And Stream. Sunny Gourmet Kitchen. Study W/french Doors. Includes A 2-way FP to FR. HW Flrs in Foyer, Kit &amp; Nook. Luxurious Vaulted Master Suite/Finished Basement (OEL38SAN) 734-591-0333

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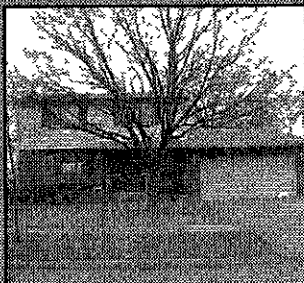
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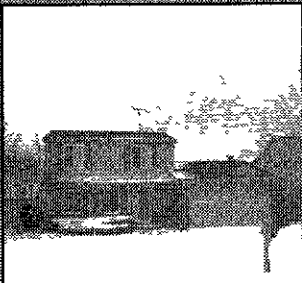
Pristine 4BR, 2.5BA colonial in sought after sub backing to wooded common grounds. Updates: furnace &amp; AC(03), roof &amp; win(95), siding, gar &amp; ext doors(02), new crpt, baths. Remodeled grmt kit w/cer floor opens to FR. (OEP25KIR) 734-453-6800

**CANTON** \$242,500

Stunning 3BR, 2.1BA condo! Light-bright kit-nook w/B-I appl's &amp; Conan cnttps. Beautiful HDWD flrs on entire 1st flr. Fin W/O lower level. Family room w/gas FP. 2 car att garage. Must see! (OEP12CHE) 734-453-6800

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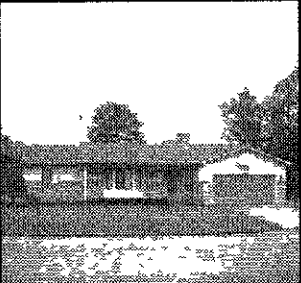
Colonial 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath w/eye catching staircase. Newly updated kitchen. Natural fireplace, hearth and doorwall to large fenced yard off family room. Home warranty included. (OESLY34DER) 248-437-4500

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3 bdrm, 1 bath ranch backing to beautiful Garden City Park Home is updated t/o &amp; inc newer deck, wndw w/marble sills, A/C, bath, kitchen floor, furnace, entry &amp; doors. Beautiful HDWD flrs t/o 24hr notice to show (OEP57FLO) 734-453-6800

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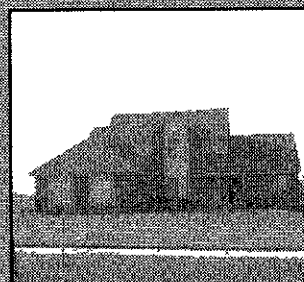
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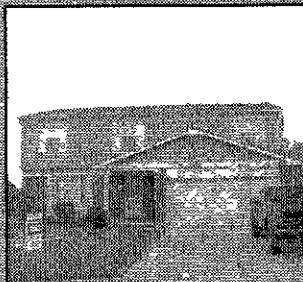
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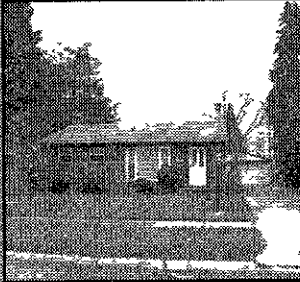
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**LIVONIA** \$279,900

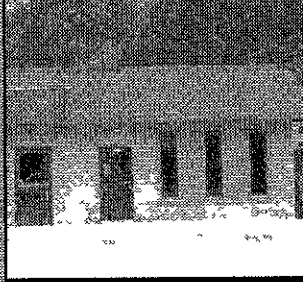
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**NORTHVILLE** \$264,900

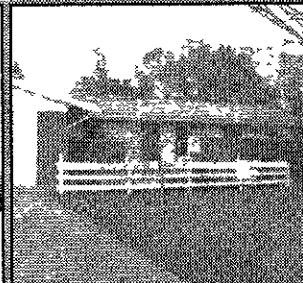
3BR, 2BA brick bungalow in dwntrn Northville. Updated kitchen w/premium maple cabinets. Finished basement w/full bath &amp; family room w/natural fireplace. Hardwood flrs &amp; cove ceiling. Great character &amp; charm! Hurry! (OEP60SPR) 734-453-6800

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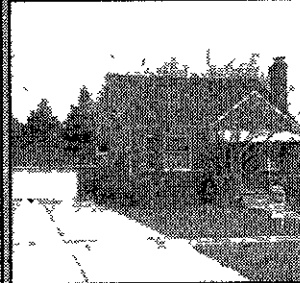
4BR, 4 full BA &amp; 2 lav colonial. Finished W/O has kitchenette, gas FP, full bath, 5th BR, play room &amp; more. Gourmet kitchen-nook w/cherry cabinets, Conan countertops &amp; HDWD floors. Lux master, Guest suite. Hurry! (OEP45PLY) 734-453-6800

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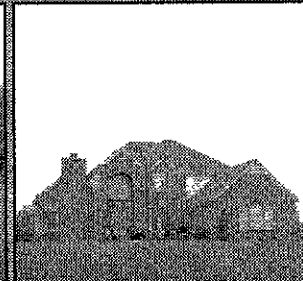
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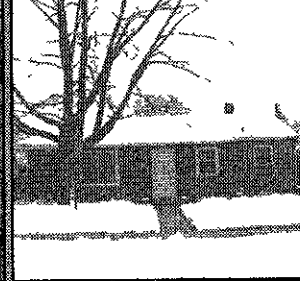
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**Garden City** **3170**

**SUPER LAYOUT**  
In this 4 bdrm ranch, nice eat-in kitchen, first floor laundry, 1 1/2 baths, garage, won't last at this price. \$112,500

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On this 3 bdrm brick ranch w/ an updated kitchen, partially finished bsmt, 2 car garage, newer roof, windows & doors. \$133,900

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**LIVONIA**  
1200 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch with 2 car attached garage & professionally finished basement newer roof, C/A & HWH. Remodeled bath w/double sink family room w/fireplace, door walk to covered patio. Very clean!  
**\$214,900**

**LIVONIA**  
Cold weather-hot buy! 1400 sq ft ranch. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, professionally finished basement. Must see built in pool. All this and more  
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**LIVONIA**  
Quiet family neighborhood, close to school, shopping & x-wys. Solid 3 bedroom brick ranch w/ lots of updates. Huge kit w/all appls. included. Full fin bsmt w/ wet bar. Beautiful in ground pool. 1 year home warranty.  
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**LIVONIA**  
Just a walk to Rec Center! Sprawling ranch in heart of Livonia. Many features include Andersen windows, Merlot cabs, LR & FR, mstr. bath, add'l office/ computer room & att. gar. 8'x10' yard w/pennies, pond & arbor.  
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**Livonia** **3250**

**JUST LISTED!**  
**A BEAUTY**  
3 bedroom brick ranch with updated kitchen & baths and Pella windows. Basement & 2 car garage! \$184,900.  
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Nice starter 3 bedroom home. Newer roof, furnace, windows, siding & more. Large master bedroom with walk in closet. All appliances & home warranty included. See it today!  
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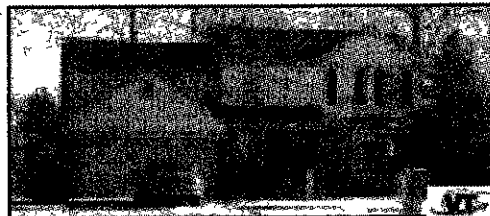
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**CANTON** 734-591-9200  
GORGEOUS COLONIAL, 3 BRs/3.5 BAs, loft overlooking FR w/cath ceilings. Step down to your luxurious master suite. Beautiful finished basement w/full bath. Nice landscaping w/sprinklers. (24153309) \$279,900



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**REDFORD** 248-348-6430  
CHARMING BUNGALOW Updtd kit cab & counter tops, newer wndws, furnace & c/a, newer roof, copper plumbing, gar door & deck. Close to park w/trails, picnic & play area. 349-6200 (25003712) \$135,900



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WESTLAND 3 BR BUNGALOW Home features 3 large bedrooms, newer siding, roof, front door & deck. Some hardwood floors. Shows well. Nice 2+ car garage & fenced lot. Ready to move into. (M357) \$119,900



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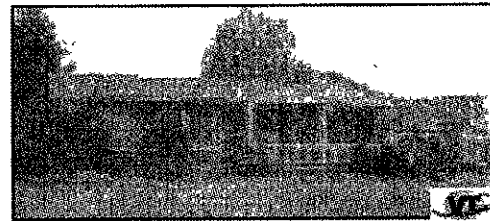
**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-591-9200  
NEW CONSTRUCTION Here is a great opportunity to make this brand new house your home. Quality built new constr w/3 BR, 1.5 BA, 1350 SF, bsmt, 2 car att gar. Visit Samsellshouses.com (24124861) \$169,900



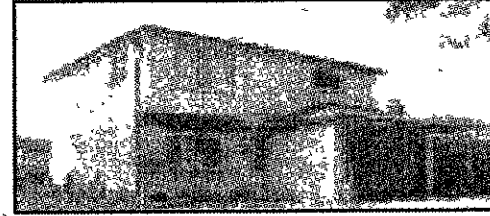
**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
MRS. CLEAN LIVES HERE Stunning 3 BR brick ranch. Updates, newly paint, C/A, carport with small patio. Partially finished basement. Some appliances to stay. You won't regret stopping by. (W132) \$133,000



**REDFORD** 248-348-6430  
UPDATES! SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE! Newer kitchen, bath, c/a, furn, roof, windows, HWH, copper plumbing & fresh paint. Computer room/den on first floor. The perfect turn-key starter home! 349-6200 (25004290) \$104,900



**SOUTH LYON** 248-349-6200  
BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM BRICK RANCH Mud room/custom baths with ceramic tile & marble. Hdwd & ceramic flrs. 800 SF finish in LL. 2 rooms w/daylight windows & lg rec room. 348-6430. (24136411) \$299,900



**ALLEN PARK** 248-348-6430  
SPACIOUS COLONIAL! Totally renovated & expanded in '92! Over 2900 SF! LR area & FR! Multiple BR suites-perfect for guests or extended family! 349-6200 (24079621) \$239,000



**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6430  
WALK TO DOWNTOWN Sharp updates in 1994, FR addition, kit w/white cab/all appls, hardwood floors, roof in 94 plus furnace/ca, siding, 2 sheds, a great buy. 349-6200 (24130108) \$199,900



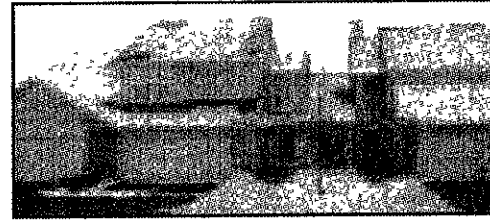
**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-591-9200  
STOP YOUR SEARCH! This home is a sparkling gem you must see. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, w/walk-out bsmt, new furn, C/A, newer crpt, flr, drwy, wndws, eat-in kit & DR. (24115068) \$154,900



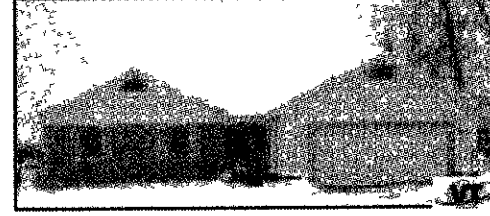
**ROMULUS** 734-591-9200  
COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY 3 BR, 2 BA, ranch with lots of features: Mstr BA, dining rm, 1st flr laundry, 2 car att gar and 108x120 lot! Must See! (25004824) \$124,900



**REDFORD** 734-326-2000  
THE WOW HOUSE! Lots of bang for the buck in this South Redford 3 BR brick ranch w/clean & bright open floor plan. Newer windows, furnace, C/A, carpet, interior paint & more! (O244) \$104,500



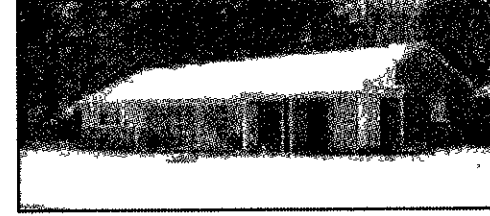
**CANTON** 248-348-6430  
A PERFECT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY! Luxury Cape Cod condo w/many upgrds in Links of Pheasant Run Golf Community. Short walk to pool, clubhouse & Summit. 349-6200 (25003694) \$287,900



**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
NEWER RANCH This 1989 built, 3 BR, 2 BA ranch w/FP, cathedral ceilings, skylgts, MBR & full bsmt. Call to preview (24063105) PC070402 \$225,900



**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
THE "ARBOR" has an open flr plan. Fin lower lvl rec rm next to laundry & powder rm. Townhome community will feature lndscpg, spmkr sys, lawn main/snow remov. Low assoc fees. (23A1205) \$184,900



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-455-7000  
FIRST TIME BUYER'S BARGAIN! Cute/cozy ranch on private ct., near schools. Priced to sell. Good sized rms. Great location. (23E25585) \$140,000



**WAYNE** 734-591-9200  
THIS IS THE ONE! 4 bedroom, brick bungalow, full basement, garage & large corner lot. Home features formal dining room, deck, fenced yard and rose garden. Hurry! (25004830) \$119,900



**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
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**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
TANTALIZING TOTTENHAM! 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2983 SF. Hampton model. Lndscp, sprinkler, paver patio, huge mstr ste & BA. Quick close. (23G2588) 24121044 \$394,999

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
GREAT STARTER HOME! 3 BR, 1.5 BA. Upgrades in the last six years incld roof, furn, A/C, kit, carpet, wndws, doorwall, BA, etc. Bonus-oversized gar. (23L41617) 24126439 \$219,000

**DEARBORN** 734-455-7000  
GORGEOUS CONDO. Many nice upgrades. Mstr ste is on a flr of its own w/walk in closet & BA. DR & LR feature cozy 3 sided gas flpc. Balcony off kit. Make appt today. (23S4305) 24119734 \$157,000

**DEARBORN** 734-455-7000  
DUPLEX Offering a 2 car gar for both sides, bsmt, 2 BRs up & lots of character. One side offers C/A. Well cared for brick bldg w/updts. 24150506 \$192,000

**DEARBORN** 734-591-9200  
VINTAGE 1,421 SF brick bungalow with 3 BRs and 2 Full BAs. Near Oakwood Hospital. Nicely appointed upgrades include fin bsmt. 24137797 \$179,900

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 248-348-6430  
CHARACTER GALORE W/4 BR, 2.5 BA. New windows, copper plumbing, vinyl siding & gutters, fin bsmt, hdwd flrs, 2 car gar. Grt neighborhood. 349-6200 24143101 \$149,900

**EASTPOINTE** 734-455-7000  
3 BR, 3 BA, 2.5 car detached gar, brick home. New bay wndws, new HWH, C/A, fin bsmt, Florida rm. (23L16144) 24138965 \$160,000

**GARDEN CITY** 734-326-2000  
RANCH W/LOTS OF UPDATES 3 BR Updated kit with ceramic flr, newer carpet, newer furn and new windows. (A270) 24117181 \$145,000

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**LINCOLN PARK** 248-348-6430  
UPDATED 3 BR COLONIAL W/LOTS OF UPDATES Newly remodeled eat-in kit, freshly painted, fin bsmt w/berber carpet. Nice size lot, most appl stay, near schools. A must see! 349-6200 24158111 \$120,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
NEW CONSTR W/LIVONIA SCHLS 4 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial has 2144 SF, bsmt & 2 car att gar. Maple flrs in foyer, half BA, kit & nook. Ceramic tile in both BAs. 24004538 \$324,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
UP NORTH FEELING IN THE CITY Great, fully fenced 0.6 acre lot w/a 3 car gar/w/heat & 220. Cape Cod, 1272 SF, 3 BR, 1.5 BA. Lrg FR w/deck overlooking backyard. 24147495 \$174,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
POPULAR BURTON HOLLOW SUB 4 BR, 2 BA, 2133 SF. Open flr plan w/vaulted ceil in LR, DR & kit. Fla rm, lndscpd/fncd yrd. 24142312 \$269,000

**LIVONIA** 248-348-6430  
WELCOMING SPACIOUS RANCH Over 2060 SF w/3 BR, 2.5 BA, kit, DR, FR w/FP & mstr w/BA & WIC. Full fin bsmt. Fenced yard w/cement patio, gar & shed. Numerous recent updates! 349-6200 24110562 \$337,500

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 car att gar. Newer roof, furn, HWH, wndws & more. Just hit the mrkt! Fin bsmt, FR w/hat'l FP & wet bar. 24113515 \$224,900

**LIVONIA** 248-348-6430  
WELL MAINTAINED, NEWER RNCH Extra lg country setting backs to woods. 3 BR, 2 BA. Lg deck w/hot tub, grt for entertaining. Kit remoldd in 2004. 349-6200. 24142314 \$179,900

**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6430  
SHARP CONTEMPORARY CONDO You'll be impressed with this one. Vaulted ceilings, stone flpc, sky-lights, gar! Balcony over looks woods & deer! 349-6200 24049960 \$227,500

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
SPACIOUS HM IN DESIRABLE NGBRHD. 3 BRs, 2 BAs, 2 lavs. Freshly painted, new carpet. Updated kit w/hdwd flr. Lrg rm sizes, ample storage. Oversized gar. 349-6200 (24079403) \$365,000

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
FOR LEASE/NEUTRAL DECOR/RANCH CONDO New kit: Corian counters, stove, refrig, m/w & d/w. 2 BRs, WIC, full bsmt, att 1 car gar. Heat, water, lawn svc, trash & snow removal included. 349-6200 24144349 \$1,150

**OAK PARK** 734-591-9200  
BEAUTIFUL BUNGALOW with hdwd flrs, 3 BRs and 3 BAs. Fin bsmt has extra BR. Roof and windows are newer. Kit and two BAs are 2 years old. 24131354 \$119,982

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
3 BR/1.5 BA LOADED W/UPDATES Formal DR, Grt rm sizes. Fin bsmt w/wet bar & FR. Lg patio, lndscp w/prvcy fnc. 24120771 \$144,000

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
3 BR BRICK RANCH Additional kit space, newer roof, updated BA, gar door, glass block windows, central air, park-like setting on Rouge River. 24106305 \$159,900

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
1436 SF BROADFRONT BRICK BUNGALOW on dbl lot in desired 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  
3 BR RANCH W/SPECIAL FEATS such as formal DR, bay wndw w/wndw seat & half BAs. Updates incld: remodeled kit, wndws, BAs, roof & furn. South Redford Schol District. 2412025 \$136,500

**REDFORD** 734-326-2000  
3 BRs, 3 BAs, 3 CAR GAR Lovely home has the following updates: newer windows & treatments, furn & air, electrical, paint. Corner lot, neat & clean. All appls stay. (W155) 24112025 \$136,500

**SOUTH LYON** 248-348-6430  
TANGLEWOOD GOLF COMMUNITY! Stunning custom 4 BR colonial on interior lot! Gourmet island kit, formal DR & LR, FR w/gas FP & mstr ste w/WICs & BA. Lg deck! 349-6200 24141686 \$400,000

**TAYLOR** 734-455-7000  
EASY LIVING RANCH CONDO Quiet, private setting for this well maintained 2 BR ranch unit. Spacious lower level FR. Exceptionally clean, neutral decor. Lovely patio. 24154029 \$124,000

**TAYLOR** 248-348-6430  
COMFORTABLE AND INVITING Cozy 3 BR, 1.5 BA Colonial w/a newer open kit, Nat'l FP in FR. Some new windows & doorwall. Beautifully fin'd bsmt. 349-6200 24134371 \$187,500

**WAYNE** 734-326-2000  
CUTE BUNGALOW 3 BR w/newly remod kit w/ recessed lights, newer oak cabs & ceiling fan. Walk through an Anderson patio door to a huge wooded deck. Newer vinyl wnds throughout. (W376) 24153357 \$122,500

**WESTLAND** 734-455-7000  
AFFORDABLE CONDO 2 lg BRs, bsmt, att gar, 1.5 BA. Very large LR, extra space for that computer. A lot of new amenities & a great location. (23C7502) 24153109 \$135,502

**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
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**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
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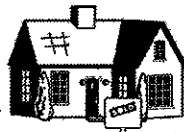
**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
HOTTEST BUY TODAY! 2 or 3 BR alum ranch on a nice lot. Clean w/lots of updates including, furn, carpeting, rf shingles, C/A & vinyl windows. LG kit w/good table space. (P324) 24076968 \$94,900

**WHITMORE LAKE** 734-455-7000  
BEAUTIFUL BUILDER'S MODEL HOME Backs up to golf course. Quiet country living. Many upgrades in this open flr plan. Custom wall coverings & wndw treatments. Fully lndscpd, inclds irrigation system. (23T7995) 24146609 \$298,500

**WYANDOTTE** 248-348-6430  
BETTER THAN NEW DOUBLE LOT COLONIAL Perfect for the new house buyer. Updts incld: rf, wndws, siding, gutters, paint, carpet, BA - the list goes on. 2 car garage. 349-6200 24157921 \$199,500



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**LIVONIA**  
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Part-time, Computer proficiency & light accounting skills required. Flexible hours. Call 8am-4pm 248-375-2800 or fax resume to 248-375-3002

**PAINTER**  
Full time, Woodland Glen Apts., Novi Health and Dental benefits. Light maintenance required. \$10/hr. Call 248-349-6612

**PHOTOGRAPHERS** Wanted to photograph youth sports programs. Will train Photography students, serious amateurs. All equipment supplied. Call Jim 734-416-1516.

**PHOTOGRAPHER**  
Part-time afternoons Photo exp. required. Visual Sports Network. Email resume: vsmichigan@aol.com

**PLUMBER** 2 1/2 years minimum exp. required. Health, retirement & truck. Call after 4pm (313) 218-7744

**PLUMBERS WANTED**  
Please fax resume to (248) 887-6683 or call (248) 889-0880.

**PLUMBERS/ DRAIN CLEANERS**  
For Service Company. Great pay & benefits. Call Nick @ Mr. Rooter: 1-888-655-6700

**PORTER**  
Run errands & work on lot for used car lot in Plymouth Good driving record a must (734) 455-5566

**PRESSER** - Silks, wools, pants. Full/part-time, part-time driver. 15149 Sheldon, Plymouth. 517-375-0031

## Programmer/Assistant

**Administrator**  
Steel Industries Inc. is an open die forge manufacturer located in Redford. We are seeking a motivated individual to fill a full-time programming/administrator position. Primary responsibility will be the maintenance and development of our databases using a 4GL language in a character-based environment. UNIX experience is a must. Also will help administer and maintain our Windows 2000 network environment. We offer a competitive salary and benefit package. Please send your resume and salary requirements to: Steel Industries Inc., 12600 Beech Daily Rd., Redford, MI 48239.

**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY**  
Positions available in Oakland and Macomb counties for managers, leasing agents and maintenance technicians. Previous experience required for all positions. Salary plus apartment included in most positions. Send resume and SALARY REQUIREMENTS to: P.O. Box 1053 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd Livonia, MI 48150

**PROPERTY SUPERVISOR**  
For Property Management company in Canton. Fluent in Word & Excel Must have good communication skills. Mail or email resume and salary requirements to: 8556 N. Canton Center Rd. Canton, MI 48187 email: deb@mm-aci.com

**RECEPTIONIST VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR ASSISTANT**  
Is sought by Seedlings Braille Books for Children, a Livonia nonprofit. Qualified applicants must have excellent communication & organizational skills, a positive/professional attitude, proficient in MS Word, Excel, and ability to multi-task with strong aptitude for accuracy. Full Time Send resume to: Seedlings, PO Box 51924, Livonia, MI 48151-9244 or email seedlink@aol.com

**ROOFERS NEEDED**  
Experienced only. Start immediately. Call Aaron: 313-971-4283

**ROOFERS**  
Commercial only; single-ply with minimum 3 years experience for westside work. Must have transportation; crew leader a plus; physical & drug-screen required. Call Monday-Friday between 8am & 4pm @ 734-397-8122

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Metal finishing co seeks individual to join our Shipping and Receiving-Customer Service Team. Desirable candidate will be personable, organized, communicate well, have excellent phone and computer skills, and be able to work in a fast paced environment. Metal finishing, order writing, and estimating. Some post HS education or degree required. Excellent benefits and competitive pay. Send resume to: IHC, Inc. 12400 Burt Rd. Detroit, MI 48228 Fax: (313) 536-3220 Email: hr@ihccorp.com

**SHOE SHINE PERSON**  
Men's salon. Ideal for retiree. Closed Sun. & Mon. Call for interview. (248) 642-6544

**SIDING, TRIM & GUTTER INSTALLERS WANTED**  
313-350-0366, 313-995-1979

**SNOW PLOW DRIVERS**  
Afternoon / nights for commercial company. Must have exp. and good driver's license. \$12-\$15/hr. (734) 326-9280.

**SNOW REMOVAL**  
Company looking for a plow driver. Also multiple sidewalk positions. Flexible long term employment through summer months. Call Scott 734-667-2476

**TEACHER ASSISTANT**  
Bloomfield Montessori Preschool Good pay, flexible hrs. Exp. needed. 248-646-5770

**TECHNICIAN 20-20 IN-HOUSE**  
For Kitchen & Bath Company in Farmington. Must be experienced w/20-20 Software. Fax resume: (586) 468-1448

**TELLER**  
Cashland is seeking a full time teller for our Ypsilanti location. Candidate must possess excellent customer service skills, money-handling capabilities, dependable, flexible, and able to work evenings & weekends. Position starts at \$8.50/hr. with possible increase after 90 days. We offer an excellent work environment, hands-on training, health & dental insurance. Fax resume (734) 721-9906 or stop in and pick up an application at 2221 S Wayne Rd., Westland.

**TELLERS**  
Hometown Community Credit Union has immediate openings for part-time tellers. Light typing, good math aptitude, and member service skills required. Competitive wages. Applicants may call 248-348-8500 ext 304, to schedule application and interview process.

**TOW TRUCK DRIVERS**  
Full/part-time available. Experienced only. Must have chauffeur's license & health card. 25826 Southfield Rd. at 10th Mile. (248) 557-4044

**VALETS** Great Oaks Country Clubs, is hiring Head Valets, full & part time. Apply in person 777 Great Oaks Blvd., Rochester.

**Visual Merchandiser**  
Needed for retail grocer in western Wayne County. Exp. preferred. Send resume to: Box 1040 Observer & Eccentric News 36251 Schoolcraft Rd Livonia, MI 48150

**Warehouse**  
Industrial Distributor has a great opportunity for the right individual. A minimum of 2-4 years warehouse experience, clean driving record, and a desire to advance your career. We offer a complete benefit package including 401(k). Send resume to: Box #1050, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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**NETWORK SPECIALIST**  
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Minimum requirements: include a Bachelor's degree in Computer or Information Systems or related field. In lieu of a bachelor's degree, an associate's degree with three (3) years of recent work experience in: Network Transmission Systems with a structured cabling design and project management certification and/or BICSI membership/RCDD; Network Security with a MCSE, and ISSA or other Security certification AND three (3) years experience in IT with at least one (1) year with network transmission systems, or one (1) year with network security. Experience with multi-cultural students and staff preferred. Knowledge of voice and data communications systems and technology: Network Transmissions Systems: Physical layer infrastructure: Category 3/5/E/5x, fiber cabling systems and standards, wireless infrastructure/technologies. Network Security networking systems protocols, LAN/WAN electronics and wired/wireless network security practices, protocols, and technologies. Knowledge of personal computers and related software. Knowledge of Internet and web applications. Knowledge of GUI application use in Windows environment. Knowledge of problem-solving and troubleshooting methods. Familiar with: UNIX, and Windows operating systems and customer service practices. Skills in both verbal and written communication. Ability to work with users and vendors to solve operations or systems problems. Ability to work as a team player in a multi-cultural diverse working environment. Ability to lift 50 pounds. Detailed information is available for this position on the OCC web site at: www.oaklandcc.edu/humanres

Applicants must complete an application form: Applications will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 11, 2005. To receive an application form please contact the OCC Job Hotline at (248) 341-2023 or you may download an application from the OCC web site at: www.oaklandcc.edu/humanres

Refer to Position 05MST01-11034

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**ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT**  
Fast paced W. Bloomfield law office seeks a team-player to add to the Accounting Dept. Must have office and accounting experience & be detail-oriented. Call Sarah at: 248-855-7977

**Administrative Assistant**  
Looking for an experienced Administrative Assistant to support property management office at executive level. Candidate should be personable, a quick learner, able to demonstrate flexibility and a team player who can handle a fast-paced environment. Strong composition skills for correspondence and excellent computer skills a must. Competitive salary and benefits. Send your resume to: eamgmt@yahoo.com

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
For Farmington Insurance Agency. Familiar w/insurance transactions & pensions. Salary range \$30's. Fax resume to Pete at: 248-442-5010

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
With strong organizational & MS Office skills needed for a booming mechanical firm. A positive, professional, and upbeat person with the ability to multitask under fast paced conditions is exactly who we're looking for. Duties include assist project mgr. in preparing quotes, answering phones, project tracking, purchase orders, and light dispatching. We offer competitive pay and benefits in a goal-oriented environment. Please fax resume to: 248-478-2005, visit our website at: www.danbousemechanical.com, or email to: info@danbousemechanical.com.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Full Time. Please fax your resume to 248-888-4721

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Administrative Assistant

Financial planning office in Plymouth looking for full time assistant. Experience a plus. Fax resume to 734-451-5660

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - RECEPTIONIST**  
For a small office in a medium sized manufacturing company in NE Detroit. Multi-tasked position. Responsible for phones, mail and general office. Needs to be proficient in Microsoft Excel and Word. Send resume and salary history to: Global Titanium Inc. 19300 Filer Detroit, MI 48234 Fax: 313-366-5305 or email to: info@globaltitanium.com

**Auto - New Car Biller/Deal Coster**  
GM Dealer has a full time position available for an experienced New Car Biller/Deal Coster. Individual must be self-motivated, organized and able to work well with others. Reynolds & Reynolds experience preferred. Benefits include health & dental insurance & 401K. Resumes can be e-mailed to sthomason@jean-notte.com or call Sue Thomason (734) 453-2500.

**BOOKKEEPER** To use Simply Acc's Accounting Program for a Detroit wholesale Lx. Fax Resume to 313-567-1744

**BOOKKEEPER, Part-Time**  
for medical office in Novi area. Exp. with QuickBooks necessary. Fax resume to: (248) 305-5880

**CLERICAL** Small Birmingham office. Full time position available. General office duties. Excellent verbal/written skills req. Hourly position with medical benefits. Email resume: jan@timinddevelopment.com or fax to: 248-723-1771

**CLERICAL** Part time evenings & weekends in real estate office. Approx. 15 hours / week. Good phone & computer skills. Fill out application in office 87172 E. Mile, Livonia. (734) 454-7111

**CLERICAL POSITION**  
Growing Environmental Services Company is seeking Clerk for General Office Duties and Accounts Payable. Must be detail oriented and able to work in fast paced environment. Hourly position with benefits. EOE. Please fax resume to: (734) 459-0021

**DATA ENTRY** Could earn \$15/hour and up! Medical billing. Training provided. PC required! Call days 1-800-935-1311 ext 308.

**DATA ENTRY** Work from home Flexible hours! \$\$\$\$\$ Great pay \$\$\$\$\$ Personal computer required! 1-800-813-0345 ext 207

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**DENTAL RECEPTIONIST**  
Full-time for friendly modern Livonia office. Dental exp. helpful. Exc. pay & benefits. Fax resume: 734-427-1233

**FILE CLERK** for Southfield office. High School graduate. Immediate opening. Fax resume: 248-355-2079

**INSIDE SALES CORRESPONDENT/ SECRETARY**  
Maj. Representative for a major industrial products mg. Looking for enthusiastic personable, small sales office experience, good communication skills and professional telephone manner. Multi-tasker, computer literate, self-motivated and pro-active skills are a must. Flexible and open work environment. Send resume to: P.O. Box 587, Farmington, MI 48332-0587.

**INSURANCE ACCOUNT MANAGER**  
Provide support to Commercial Account Managers & Sales staff. Must be extremely organized and excel at multi-tasking. Proficient in Microsoft word, Excel and internet use. Insurance exp. helpful. Excellent growth potential, salary & benefits. Email resume to: billing@underwritersagency.com or fax 248-855-5267 Attn. Nancy

**LEASING AGENT**  
Weekend only, Woodland Glen in Novi, must be energetic, with excellent communication skills and sales experience. \$8/hr + commission Call 248-349-6612.

**Legal Secretary**  
Oakland County law firm seeks a legal secretary with a minimum of two years litigation experience. Word and WordPerfect proficiency required. Send resume and salary requirements to: Box 1059 Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

**LEGAL SECRETARY** for Southfield worker's comp law firm. Competitive wages/benefits. Fax resume 248-352-1124

**Legal Secretary**  
Growing insurance defense firm seeking part time Litigation Secretary. Experience preferred. Flexible hours, with work-at-home possible. Inquiries call (248) 349-3028.

**LICENSED ASSISTANT**  
for 2 top Birmingham real estate agents. Exc. computer & people skills. Please call 248-701-9000

**NOVI COMPANY** seeks full time clerical asst. Wage + benefits. Fax resume/wage requirements: 248-675-4622

**OFFICE MANAGER/ SECRETARY**  
To run 1 person office for an electrical contractor in Farmington Mon.-Fri. 30 hrs/week minimum. Good computer, telephone, & organizational skills a must! A/R & A/P experience a must! Call 248-615-4448 or fax resume 248-615-4453

**OFFICE HELP**  
Will train. Some computer knowledge helpful. Plymouth. TYME (734) 455-5566

**OFFICE COORDINATOR**  
Full time customer service for Oak Park sales firm. Access, XL, Word, Fax. 248-354-5197 email: info@glencosales.com

**PART TIME MIDNIGHT COUNTER HELP**  
10pm to 5am shift Apply at the Looney Baker, 13931 Farmington Rd. Livonia

**RECEPTIONIST**  
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Will train. Some computer knowledge helpful. Plymouth. TYME (734) 455-5566

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Full time customer service for Oak Park sales firm. Access, XL, Word, Fax. 248-354-5197 email: info@glencosales.com

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(E57PAL) 734-455-5600 \$212,000



**LIVONIA Sharp Condo**  
Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath upper unit w/neutral decor, cat ceilings, gas fireplace, snack bar, doorwall to private covered balcony, kitchen w/light oak cabinets & in unit laundry room.

(E485MI) 734-455-5600 \$149,900



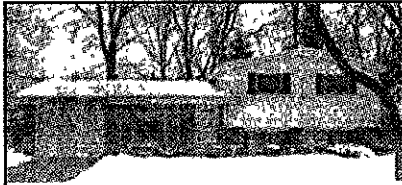
**LYONS Just Like New**  
Open floor plan w/3 BRs, 2 BA's, light oak kit w/strand Hwd flrs, secluded master suite w/Jacuzzi tub & doorwall to deck, track lights in GR w/double doorwall to wrap around deck + 2 car gar, bsmt w/marble flr.

(E46EME) 734-455-5600 \$314,920



**MILFORD Terrific Colonial**  
3 bedroom, 3.5 bath 1995 built colonial with view of Huron River. Pergo flooring in foyer, kit, hall & lav. Fin bsmt w/full bath. Deck w/hot tub. Cathedral ceiling in FR w/gas trpic. Open kit w/eating area & access to deck.

(E91RIV) 248-349-5600 \$239,900



**FARMINGTON Wonderful**  
4 BR, 2 BA home in popular Farmington Meadows sub. Home boasts lots of updates: kitchen, baths, carpet, roof, furnace, C/A and HWH. Hardwoods. Under carpet on upper level. Fenced-in yard w/perennial garden.

(E30ROB) 248-349-5600 \$224,900



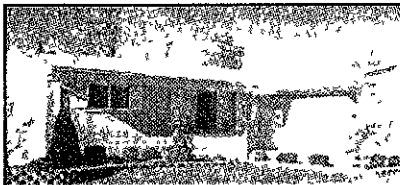
**LIVONIA Lovely Newer Ranch**  
Large 3 bedroom, 3 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached garage, partially finished basement, circle drive, great room w/replace, open floor plan, large deck, bow windows, oak kitchen w/linen area. Home Warranty.

(E88MER) 734-455-5600 \$248,900



**BROWNSTOWN Wonderful Newer Home**  
3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch built in 2003 offers 2 car attached garage, full basement, ceramic floors, skylight, master bedroom w/WIC, 1st floor laundry, great room w/gas fireplace.

(E08JUN) 734-455-5600 \$204,000



**NOVI Rare Find In Novi**  
Updated 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch w/FR, LR & a den. Private 2 tier deck, hardwood floors under carpet. Finished basement, master bath updated w/ceramic tile. Newer vinyl windows & flooring in kitchen.

(E05MEA) 734-455-5600 \$234,900



**LIVONIA Cape Cod**  
Lovely cape cod on huge shady lot in wonderful neighborhood. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 1st floor master, FFL, oversized 2 car garage, updated kitchen and bath. Lots of perennials.

(E64DEE) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



**NORTHVILLE New Listing**  
Private yard with huge deck. Walk to downtown from this charming cape cod. This lovely home has been tastefully decorated T/O & features oak hardwood floors, newer maple kit, updated baths & 4 car garage.

(E50ORC) 248-349-5600 \$370,000



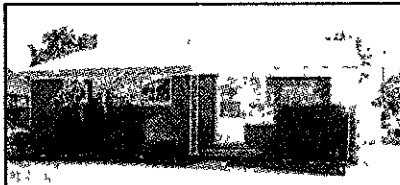
**LIVONIA This One Has It All!**  
Located on oversized lot offering a 3 BR, 1.5 BA bungalow w/4 car att gar, updated fin bsmt, refinished hrdw, ceramic floors T/O. Updated ceramic tile in bath & kit w/counters & flrs, newer lighting & elec panel.

(E26SHA) 734-455-5600 \$213,900



**NOVI Nothing Could Be Finer**  
Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch overlooking a lake-like pond offers gas fireplace, C/A, basement, patio, some appliances, hickory hardwood floors.

(E07PON) 734-455-5600 \$218,000



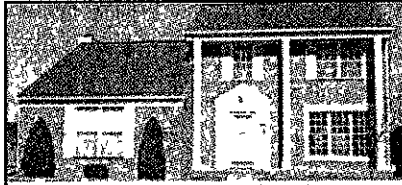
**WESTLAND Recently Remodeled Brick Ranch**  
Remodeled kitchen & bath, re-fin hardwood floors, newer roof, windows, cement, plumbing & electric. Service all offered in this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home w/2 car garage & finished basement w/possible office.

(E51BIR) 734-455-5600 \$139,900



**NORTHVILLE Not Too Many Left!**  
Historical District opportunity. Neighborhood tri offers 3 BR, FR, screened porch and on a court near downtown. Newer furnace, HWH. Northville schools. Near expressways & shopping. Shopping Home warranty.

(E15LIN) 248-349-5600 \$265,000



**CANTON Newer Colonial**  
1987 colonial with Plymouth-Canton schools. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 car side entry gar, fin bsmt. Family room w/hat trpic & doorwall to paver patio. Well landscaped corner lot. Great curb appeal! Neutral & clean.

(E20LEM) 248-349-5600 \$239,900



**NOVI Well Maintained Condo**  
Upper carriage unit is very neutral & updated. All major appliances stay. Very clean private entry & attached garage.

(E29ROC) 734-455-5600 \$122,900



**YPSILANTI Affordable Condo Living**  
2 bedroom, 1.5 bath end unit ranch close to everything. Freshly painted, newer flooring in kitchen, all appliances stay + storage room.

(E42WAS) 734-455-5600 \$88,317



**REDFORD Won't Last Long**  
Beautifully updated ranch offers 2 car garage w/newer roof, finished basement w/dry bar. Newer furnaces, C/A, kitchen flooring, windows, 6 panel doors & front porch.

(E28GAR) 734-455-5600 \$119,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS Charming Home**  
Nicely updated 2-3 BR home. Newer siding, roof, C/A, deck, kit w/appls, refinished hrdwd flrs, upstairs carpet, fireplace in living room. Updated electrical & plumbing. Large yard w/1 car garage. Move-in condition.

(E22ALB) 248-349-5600 \$124,900



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Great Value**  
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial. Granite 42" maple cabinets, custom hardwood, finished basement with bed, bath, kitchen & wooded cul-de-sac lot. 3 car garage. Great lot with plenty of room to play.

(E24MER) 248-349-5600 \$619,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS Updated & Upgrades Galore**  
In this 3 bedroom, 2 bath cape cod w/1st floor laundry, cathedral ceiling in family room, newer oak cabinets in kitchen w/newer appliances, large front porch & 6' privacy fence.

(E04REN) 734-455-5600 \$154,900



**LIVONIA Why Rent When You Can Buy**  
Charming 2 bedroom townhouse w/partially finished basement, fresh paint in most rooms, all appliances, refinished hardwood floors in living room, dining room & bedrooms. Also 1 year home warranty.

(E78MID) 734-455-5600 \$92,900



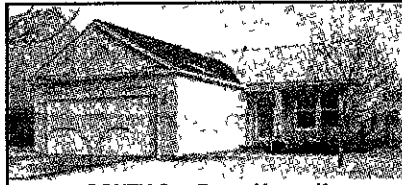
**WYANDOTTE Updated with Plenty of Charm**  
Newer Pergo flooring in kitchen & living room, 2 car garage, partially finished basement, spacious eat-in kitchen w/appliances. All this in this 3 bedroom, 2 full bath bungalow.

(E63ORC) 734-455-5600 \$131,000



**LIVONIA You'd Better Hurry**  
Super ranch home priced right & just listed. 3 BR, 1.5 BA w/full basement, 2 car garage w/opener, fenced yard & close to shopping & x-ways. Fresh paint & carpet in LR. House roof shingles '03 and 1 year home warranty.

(E61OXB) 248-349-5600 \$144,900



**PONTIAC Brace Yourself**  
This home will take your breath away. Extremely clean and neutral T/O. Vaulted ceilings, 3 BR, 2 BA, FFL, 2 car attached garage, deck, finished lower level too. Don't hesitate on this outstanding home. Quick occupancy.

(E06VAL) 248-349-5600 \$184,900



**WESTLAND Soaring Ceilings**  
In this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Updated fixtures & flooring. Finished basement, attached garage & fenced yard w/2 level deck.

(E70STO) 734-455-5600 \$189,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS A Home For All Seasons**  
Colonial, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath w/huge family room overlooking extra deep private yard! 2 car garage, updated kitchen & bath. Newer vinyl windows & carpet. 11/04. Hardwood floors in LR/DR. Walk to golf course. Newer windows, electrical panel & bath fixtures.

(E19CRE) 734-455-5600 \$205,000



**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



**LIVONIA Honey, Stop The Car**  
Awesome brick ranch with 3 BR & 2 full BA. Super finished basement, has wet bar & office. Let's party. Great house for entertaining inside & out. Fireplace & updated kitchen. Most mechanicals & windows updated.

(E10OHI) 248-349-5600 \$184,999



**DEARBORN Great Location**  
Well maintained 3 bedroom brick bungalow. Close to school and park. Finished basement. Updates include vinyl windows, carpet & fresh paint. 1.5 car garage, ceiling fans & C/A also.

(E35BIN) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



**PLYMOUTH 1st Time On the Market**  
2 BR bungalow w/natural trpic in LR, newer carpet, built-in cabs. Kit has custom birch cabs w/pulouts, appls & sunny dining area, newer roof, furn, A/C, plum & elec. Ceramic BA w/whirlpool, part fin bsmt & gar.

(E74ROO) 734-455-5600 \$267,500



**DEARBORN Stunning Dearborn Hills**  
Colonial, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath w/huge family room overlooking extra deep private yard! 2 car garage, updated kitchen & bath. Newer vinyl windows & carpet. 11/04. Hardwood floors in LR/DR. Walk to golf course.

(E35MOH) 734-455-5600 \$262,900



**WIXOM Welcome Home**  
Awesome cape cod features formal LR & DR w/bay windows. Two-story entry, GR & kit offers hwd floors w/open floor plan. Spacious master suite w/master bath. Finished walk-out w/4th BR. Two helped deck.

(E69WAR) 248-349-5600 \$369,900



**NOVI Backs To 5 Approx. Acre Park**  
Rare Novi offering in desirable Birchwoods sub. Updates include roof tear off '04, hardwood in family room '99, fieldstone facade or fireplace '97. Large kitchen w/bkfst area, 2 car side entry garage. Fin bsmt.

(E15BIR) 248-349-5600 \$329,900



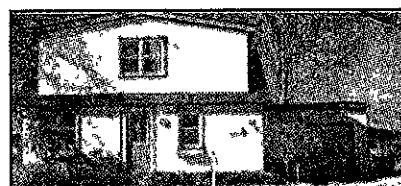
**NORTHVILLE Springwater Condo**  
A 10+, upgrades incld Corian counters T/O (including all 2.5 baths), hrdwd flrs, intercom, alarm, sound system, tile foyer & baths, maple kit cabs. Appl's stay. Two car attached, C/A, MBR w/WIC & MB, FFL. Low assoc. fee.

(E72SPR) 248-349-5600 \$289,900



**DEARBORN HGTS. Move In Ready**  
This sharp & clean 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached garage is ready for your decorating touches. A wonderful place to call home.

(E01HUB) 734-455-5600 \$144,900



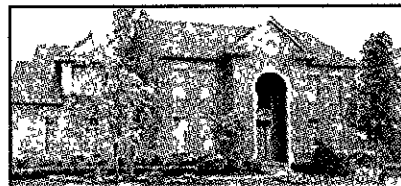
**BELLEVILLE All Sport Lake Living**  
2 bedroom, 2 full bath home on Belleville Lake offers garage, updated kitchen & baths, upstairs deck off master bedroom w/whirlpool tub, Newer vinyl windows.

(E95POT) 734-455-5600 \$247,900



**LIVONIA Location! Location!**  
Exceptional lot on cul-de-sac. Newer wood flrs, 5 bath, lead glass entry door, doorwall, roof tear off, gutters kit floor & counters. Huge FF laundry could be lib. Large MBR ste, WIC & full BA. Bsmt w/glass block. Huge deck.

(E53SHE) 248-349-5600 \$339,900



**NORTHVILLE Executive Retreat**  
Wow! Great floor plan - great location. Northville Hills Golf Community. 4 spacious bedrooms, 3.5 baths & granite. Backyard features a private resort-in-ground pool - daylight. A must see.

(E05MER) 248-349-5600 \$799,900



**NOVI Elegant Lakefront Living**  
Prestigious Island Lake offers this incredible condo finished w/outlook LL, brick patio, gourmet kitchen w/granite counters & SS appls. Hardwood floors in Dr, FR & kit. Sound system, marina, clubhouse & tennis cts.

(E10ISL) 248-349-5600 \$579,900



**PLYMOUTH Classic 1923, 2 Story Home**  
On a double lot 1 blk from downtown Plymouth! Enclosed front porch welcomes you LR & DR w/brdwd flrs, kit has newer maple cabs, flooring & breakfast nook. Newer roof, windows, electric, plumbing & more.

(E65MAP) 734-455-5600 \$295,000



**CANTON "Tee It Up"**  
28x10 deck overlooks 13 & 14 hole. Extensive fin bsmt. Cherry wood, wet bar, recess light, carpet, bright open kit w/angled sink, pull-out drawers, pantry. Mstr ste w/3 closets, 2 car att gar. End unit condo.

(E05CLE) 734-455-5600 \$324,900



**NOVI Won't Last - Honest**  
Superior 3 BR, 2.5 BA colonial in excellent location. New this year kit, patio, doorwalls, some carpet. Newer roof, windows & more. Great finished basement, carpet, drywall & full bath. Loaded w/extras. Move in cond.

(E05JAM) 248-349-5600 \$279,900



**LIVONIA Updated Ranch**  
3 bedroom ranch features remodeled kitchen w/newer cabinets, countertops and floor. Newer windows, air conditioning. All sitting on large corner lot with a spacious 2 car garage. Ready to move in.

(E93INK) 248-349-5600 \$114,900



**NOVI Detached Condo Backs to Woods**  
Pure pride of ownership. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, finished W/O lower level, 2 fireplaces, 2 deck levels, hardwood floors, 1st floor laundry & 2 car garage. This place shines.

(E89SLE) 248-349-5600 \$289,900



**WESTLAND Bring Back The Sparkle**  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/replace vinyl windows, newer roof. Eat in kitchen, finished basement, large fenced yard + Livonia Schools. Hardwood floors in most rooms.

(E44CAR) 734-455-5600 \$144,900



**CANTON Quality Built Pond Setting**  
A winning combination. Premium lot overlooking pond, master suite w/Jacuzzi tub, WIC, 2 story foyer, maple kitchen, FFL, deck, 2 car full basement. Very private golf course. Community pool & clubhouse.

(E27HOG) 734-455-5600 \$241,900



**WESTLAND Move Right In**  
3 bedroom ranch w/soundproof bonus room in basement. Updates include roof, bathroom, 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



**NOVI Fantastic Colonial**  
Four bedroom home with many updates including windows/doorwalls, carpet, kitchen & baths. Finished LL. Professionally landscaped. Newer lighting T/O, FFL, freshly painted interior & exterior. Truly a must see.

(E14BUC) 248-349-5600 \$329,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS Why Rent?**  
Painted 2nd floor unit in "Twelfth Estate" is in perfect cond. Newer neut decor T/O. Upgrades incl ceramic entry & kit flring, quality carpet & mirrored closet dr. Balcony, in-unit laundry, carpet, pool & tennis.

(E24TWE) 248-349-5600 \$84,900



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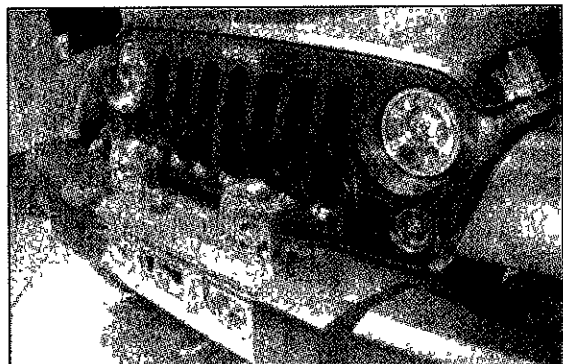
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# Auto Show

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Ford Division President Steve Lyons with the 2006 Ford Escape Hybrid at the North American International Auto Show.



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## Truck of the Year: Escape paves way for more hybrids

BY SAM TRICOMO  
STAFF WRITER

It's not the typical pavement pounding, payload hauling four-wheeler people have come to expect to be named the North American International Auto Show's Truck of the Year, but the Ford Escape Hybrid is not an ordinary truck.

Dubbed by the company as the cleanest, most fuel-efficient sport utility vehicle in the world, the Escape Hybrid - a gas/electric four-wheel-drive SUV - is considered a full hybrid.

That means it has the ability to operate under gas or electric power.

"I'm excited about this being named Truck

The North American International Auto Show Truck of the Year is the Ford Escape Hybrid.

of the Year," said Mike Schrieber of Bill Brown Ford in Livonia. "There is already a lot of interest in this vehicle and being named the best never hurts."

Hybrids use a combination of traditional gasoline internal combustion engine technology and electric power to reach maximum fuel efficiency.

In the case of the Escape, the car switches from gas to electric power depending on demand.

That equates to fuel economy of 35 mpg in the city, a 75-percent increase over the conventional Escape's rating.

By designing the Escape's electric motor to work with the gas engine, Ford maintained the torque and horsepower ratings needed even in a small SUV.

The electric motor operates with the gas engine when extra power is needed and by itself in stop-and-go driving.

"Escape Hybrid's combination of outstanding fuel economy and genuine Ford SUV go-anywhere capability, passenger room and

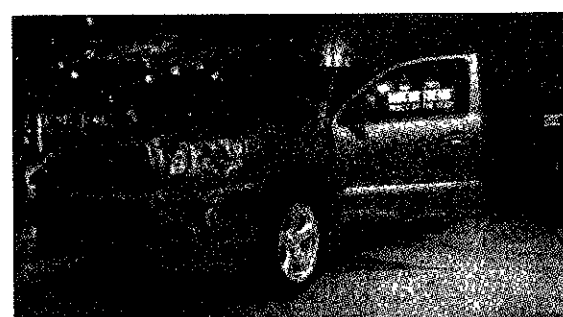
cargo capacity sets it apart from other 'green' vehicles," said Ford Division President Steve Lyons. "Being selected 'Truck of the Year' is a great accomplishment for the world's first full-hybrid SUV. Escape Hybrid embodies our philosophy of great products, strong business and better world - and paves the way for the future as we expand our commitment to hybrid technology."

Typically, any hybrid vehicle can cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000 more than its conventional siblings but that has not hurt sales for the Escape.

Since its introduction in August, Ford has sold more than 4,000 Escape Hybrids.

The NAIAS Truck of the Year award is judged by a panel 50 automotive journalists.

In addition, the Escape Hybrid also received the following awards: Best Products of 2004, *Business Week*; Best Use of Technology, Texas Auto Writers Association; Best of What's New, Automotive Category, *Popular Science*; *Elle*; *Elle*; Top 25 Green Cars, *Green Car Magazine*; and Environmental Power List, *Organic Style*.



## SIMPLY THE BEST

Toyota Tacoma is MotorTrend's Truck of the Year.  
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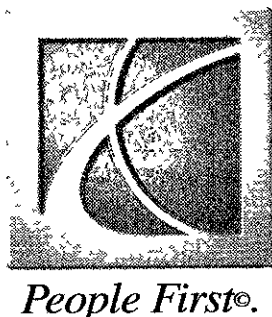
**2005 Relay 2**

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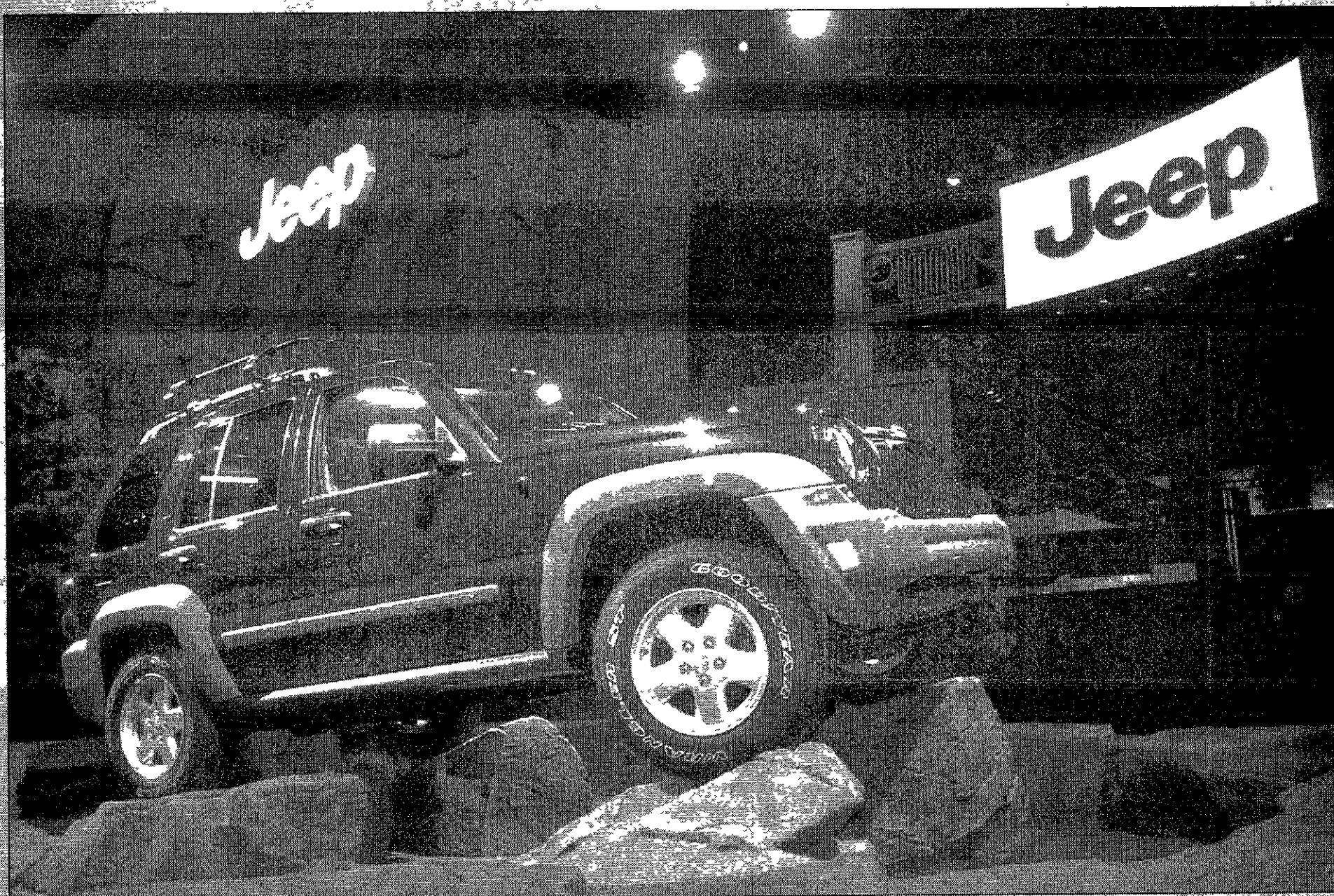
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# Riding with power



Above, the Jeep Liberty gets an optional turbocharged diesel engine that offers a large towing capacity and better mileage. Top, The front end of the Jeep Gladiator features the familiar grille, high-tech lighting, and a winch built in to the bumper.

## Powerful Jeep concepts offer extreme surprises

**H**oping to cash in on the love affair American drivers have with its popular Jeep lineup, Chrysler is preparing to be the first in the country to offer a diesel-powered SUV.

The new 2.8-liter turbo diesel engine delivers the torque of a V-8, the performance of a V-6 and the fuel economy of a four-cylinder engine.

The diesel-powered Liberty will carry the badge CRD which stands for Common Rail Diesel and list at \$25,125 in spot trim. Liberty CRD Sport 4 by 4 is \$25,125 and \$27,355 in the more luxurious Limited trim.



The Jeep Hurricane is an off-road concept vehicle taken to the extreme. It has two Hemi engines and four-wheel steering that enables it to turn within its own length.

Jeep also kept its name in the news and on the lips of attendees at the North American International Auto show with two unique concept vehicles, the Gladiator and Hurricane.

The Gladiator is the company's lifestyle pickup featuring a canvas top and expandable truck bed.

"Jeep Gladiator is an authentic statement of Jeep brand heritage that explores what shape and features a modern Jeep pickup might have," said Trevor Creed, Senior Vice President, Chrysler Group Design.

Jeep enthusiasts will likely recognize the Gladiator name from the 1962 full-size pickup

truck model.

The Gladiator will also be powered by a 2.8-liter, 4-cylinder common-rail turbo diesel engine that provides 295 foot-pounds of torque and 163 hp.

Jeep's Hurricane concept represented one of the most unique auto show unveilings as it spun itself in a circle on a relatively small stage at the NAIAS.

"Jeep Hurricane is simply the most maneuverable, most capable and most powerful 4 by 4 ever built," said Creed. "It pays homage to the extreme enthusiasts' Jeep vehicles in form and off-road capability, but is a unique inter-

pretation of Jeep design. Simply stated, it is the extreme example for the Jeep brand."

Hurricane features two 5.7-liter Hemi engines mounted front and back which make for a combined 670 horsepower and 740 foot pounds of torque.

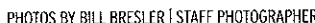
But the real surprise comes from the vehicle's zero turning radius.

The zero turning radius is made possible via skid steer technology much like that used on a forklift and toe steer technology which allows the front and rear wheels to turn inward.

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## So pretty you won't want to get them dirty

BY SAM TRICOMO  
STAFF WRITER

They may be built for hauling but taking a look at the gleaming metal offered by manufacturers in the luxury SUV and truck market makes it hard to imagine getting them dirty.

### CADILLAC

When it comes to flash, power and prestige the three Escalade models offered by Cadillac in the full-sized truck market are hard to top.

Introduced in 2001, the Escalade represented not just a new direction for the full sized truck market but also for Cadillac.

Since the introduction of the original Escalade, Cadillac has introduced two other models, the ESV and EXT.

The EST is a four-door pickup and the one most often seen modified with aftermarket goodies like bigger wheels and tires.

"This tends to be our most expressive vehicle and the one likely to be decked out," said Escalade Marketing Manager Jim Vanaik.

The ESV features touch-screen navigation, leather interior, and that bold Cadillac grille treatment.

"Our ESV buyers typically use them for hauling their families," Vanaik said. "This is also a big



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Lincoln introduces the Mark LT truck at the North American International Auto Show. Top left, The 2005 Escalade is an SUV that evokes a true sense of driver confidence. The standard Road-Sensing Suspension constantly adapts to road conditions.

recreational use vehicle with families. Often times that could mean towing a camper or a boat."

With three choices in the Escalade lineup, Cadillac managed to sell more than 60,000 of the upscale trucks in 2004.

### LINCOLN

Ford's Lincoln-Mercury Division met the challenge provided by

Cadillac with the introduction of the Lincoln Mark LT for 2005.

The Mark LT, like the Escalade EXT combines pickup truck and upscale SUV into one package.

"The Mark LT takes luxury to a place it has never really been before - the truck market," said Darryl Hazel, Lincoln Mercury president. "This is a Lincoln designed for two different types of customers.

"First, it's for people who need a truck, but want all of the trappings of a luxury vehicle.

"Second, it's for those who don't necessarily need a truck, but need to make a bold statement that can only be made by a few unique vehicles in today's market."

The LT goes on sale early this year and Hazel said the division expects great sales numbers.



The Chevy Uplander blurs the line between the SUV and the minivan.

## Uplander, Fairlane: comfortable, spacious

The new Chevy Uplander combines the bold styling of an SUV with the versatility of a minivan.

It offers a functional interior - including a clever overhead rail system that lets you choose what to store and where to store it - a long list of entertainment and safety features, and spacious seating for seven with a third-row

50/50 fold-flat bench seat.

Ford Motor Co. introduced its Fairlane concept at the North American International Auto Show.

The six-passenger, three-row people mover has "French-opening" doors that offer maximum access to the front and rear seating areas. The second-row power armrests automatically retract



Not your Granddad's Fairlane: The Ford Fairlane concept combines the features of an SUV and minivan.

downward when the side doors are unlatched to open more room for passengers to maneuver.

Fairlane appeals to families as well as empty-nesters who need passenger accommoda-

tions for nights out, or game-room flexibility while hauling friends or grandkids.

Today's empty-nesters are much more active than previous aging generations.

They also are busier than

their predecessors, caring for grandchildren or elderly parents.

In fact, 40 percent of leading-edge baby boomers - those 55 and older - are technically empty-nesters, yet only

27 percent claim to live at home along with their spouse. Searching for flexible solutions, seven out of 10 of the top vehicles purchased by boomers are pickup trucks and SUVs.

## Ford Explorer Sport Trac concept raises bar of performance

Concept isn't a word that just applies to cars. Car makers rolled out plenty of interesting "concept" trucks too.

The Ford Explorer Sport Trac concept is a sport utility truck that continues Ford's innovation in a vehicle segment it pioneered, with graceful lines that cover a growing heart.

"The sport-utility truck market is red hot, and it's time for the original to raise the bar again for everyone else to try to follow," said Chris Feuill, Ford SUV group marketing manager.

The Explorer Sport Trac concept exterior is nearly five inches longer, two inches wider and sits two inches lower than today's current Sport Trac model.

The dropped posture combines with massive 21-inch gunmetal wheels and a ground-effects look to give it a dominant, low and fast appearance.

A lowered suspension, 21-inch wheels and longer overall length combine to give the Sport Trac concept a sleek and sporty look.

In keeping with the theme of modern elegance, exterior door handles are removed and a touch on the vehicle's key fob opens doors from outside.

The Sport Trac concept's design is not just for good looks; the load bed is wider, longer, and deeper, resulting in a 30-percent increase in cargo capacity over today's model.

At the rear, the Explorer Sport



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The Explorer Sport Trac concept is a sport utility truck with a sleek, sporty look.

Trac concept incorporates a spoiler cue to give the vehicle a sense of speed and dynamics. Power cues - such as the strong, bright exhaust

pipe extensions - remind that this is a performance vehicle.

The load bed is wider, longer and deeper than today's model for a 30-

percent increase in cargo capacity.

The Sport Trac concept also has an available swing-over tubular bed extender that dramatically increases

its ability to haul oversized cargo.

Sport Trac concept's instrument panel and center stack is driver-focused and dominated by the easy-to-access navigation screen.

### COOL, COMFORTABLE INSIDE

The Explorer Sport Trac concept's all-new interior features four-bucket captain's chairs.

The Light Ice Blue and Midnight Navy interior colors emphasize urban style and street rod simplicity.

The instrument panel is defined by a strong center stack, a floor shifter, and a well laid-out, dominant oval instrument binnacle containing the primary gauges.

The Explorer Sport Trac concept boasts more power than the current production model.

The concept's sophisticated performance-tuned 4.6-liter Triton V-8 offers more power and more towing capability, as well as quicker acceleration.

Independent rear suspension will be added for the first time to the next generation Explorer Sport Trac.

De-coupling the suspension to allow each rear wheel to operate independently brings significant advantages to a vehicle's driving performance. Ford pioneered the use of independent rear suspension in SUVs.

IRS is now standard on Escape, Explorer and Expedition, as well as the new Sport Trac concept.



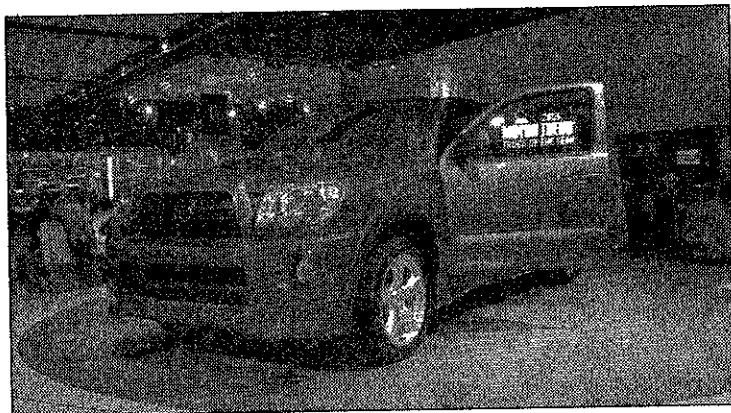
# Toyota Tacoma selected as 2005 Motor Trend Truck of the Year

*Motor Trend* magazine selected the Toyota Tacoma as the 2005 Motor Trend Truck of the Year. Each year, *Motor Trend* evaluates all new eligible pickup trucks and awards the coveted Golden Calipers to the one that most clearly raises the bar in the category, specifically in terms of significance, superiority and value.

"The new Tacoma is a good example of Toyota listening to its customers and delivering the best materials, fit and finish for its price class," said Angus MacKenzie, editor in chief of *Motor Trend*. "Buyers get Toyota's legendary durability and quality in a beautifully built little truck. Proving there is no penalty for buying a reasonably priced, more fuel-efficient truck, especially significant in this time of rising fuel prices, the 2005 Toyota Tacoma is truly deserving of the title of Motor Trend Truck of the Year."

Toyota handed the 2005 Tacoma's interior and exterior more engaging, while preserving the affordability that consumers have come to rely on. The new base 2.7-liter VVT-i four-cylinder engine produces 164 horsepower and 183 pound-feet of torque, while the optional 4.0-liter V6 offers 245 horsepower and 282 pound-feet of torque. Buyers can choose from three cabin configurations, two bed lengths and two- or four-wheel drive to configure a Tacoma to suit their lifestyle or work needs.

"Toyota came out swinging from the get-go with a huge roster of truck variants," added MacKenzie. With 18 different configurations, the Tacoma is the broadbar of the segment



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The Toyota Tacoma is Motor Trend's Truck of the Year.

and full of surprise and delight features."

This year, the editorial staff of *Motor Trend* conducted testing on five new vehicles, searching for the pickup truck that best represented exceptional value, superiority in its class, and the most significant development on the new-truck scene for 2005. All truly new or substantially revised trucks were considered with the condition that they be available for public sale by Jan. 1, 2005.

For the 2005 *Motor Trend* Truck of the Year competition, the winner was selected from the following eligible models: Dodge Dakota, Ford F-250/F-350 Super Duty, Hummer H2 SUT, Nissan Frontier, and the Toyota Tacoma.

## EVALUATION PROCESS

*Motor Trend* editors spent several weeks with the contending vehicles, exploring their performance, features, and functionality. Thorough testing was done on each vehicle with a specific focus on the following: engineering and technology, performance, ride and handling, styling and

design, interior fit, finish and materials, utility, and value. Special attention was paid to the "pickup" aspects of loading and securing cargo, performance with a payload, and towing. Once the testing and evaluations were completed, editors chose the Toyota Tacoma to receive the coveted Golden Calipers.

*Motor Trend* evaluates the eligible vehicles based on three key categories: Significance, Superiority, and Value. Significance refers to the vehicle's impact on the market and innovation in engineering, technology, design, safety and packaging. Superiority balances the playing field and looks for class-leading levels of performance, style and functionality within its specific competitive set. Finally, the all-important Value question asks, "What does this vehicle deliver in relation to what the consumer has to pay to purchase and own it?"

The complete report on the 2005 *Motor Trend* Truck of the Year testing and selection will be published in the February issue of *Motor Trend*.



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The Ridgeline is Honda's first entry into the full-size truck field.

# Honda enters market with truck for weekend warriors

BY SAM TRICOMO  
STAFF WRITER

Honda hopes to have better luck with its entry into the truck market, the Ridgeline, than its Asian counterparts Toyota and Nissan.

Introduced during press week at the North American International Auto Show, the Ridgeline falls into the mid-sized pickup category but offers the versatility of Chevrolet's Avalanche.

"I don't see this as a competitor against the Ram or F-150," said Chris Dillaway, of the Tamaroff Automotive Group in Southfield.

The Tamaroff Group includes Honda, Dodge, Buick and Nissan.

Dillaway said he anticipates strong interest in the Ridgeline and hopes suppliers can meet demand.

"If they send them I will sell them," Dillaway said.

Asian automakers tend to release new products from West Coast to East Coast and

Dillaway said that typically means scant numbers of new offerings in his showrooms.

"We're one of the largest Honda dealers and we received three Odysseys a month when they were introduced. For hybrids I've got a waiting list," he said.

With its Accord, Honda has been able to top sales records year after year. It battled with the Ford Taurus, which offered big incentives to buyers, for the top spot.

The Ridgeline is not expected to be a direct competitor against Ford's F-150 or Dodge's Ram as Toyota's Tundra and Nissan's Titan warrior. It will be a Honda buyer who wants a Ridgeline," Dillaway said.

Neither the Tundra nor the Titan have served much competition for the Big Three with approximate market share percentages of 2 and 4 percent, respectively.

The Ridgeline has a four-wheel, fully independent sus-

pension and automatic four-wheel drive and half-ton capacity with a 5,000-pound towing ability.

The Ridgeline is powered by 255-horsepower 3.5-liter SOHC VTEC V-6 engine.

Unique to the truck are a tailgate that opens from the side or folds down and an in-bed storage trunk.

"The truck market is evolving and we think Ridgeline is at the leading edge of the trend," said Dick Collier, executive vice president of American Honda Motor Co. Inc. at the truck's introduction at Cobo.

"The Ridgeline delivers all the capabilities of a truck with none of the traditional truck trade-offs. It combines Honda innovation, Honda engineering and Honda's commitment to environmental and safety leadership in a next generation truck package."

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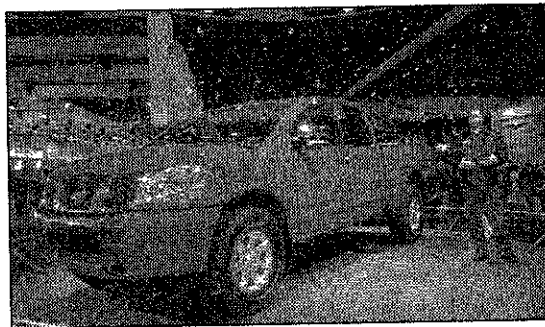
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The Titan is Nissan's entry into the U.S.-dominated full-size truck market.

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PRNewswire—Major automakers introduced a new generation of vehicles at the North America International Auto Show that are 99 percent cleaner than vehicles from 30 years ago.

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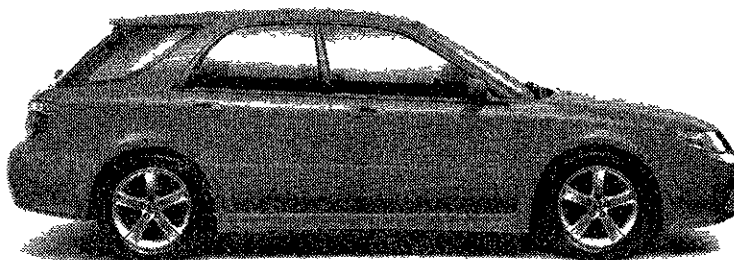
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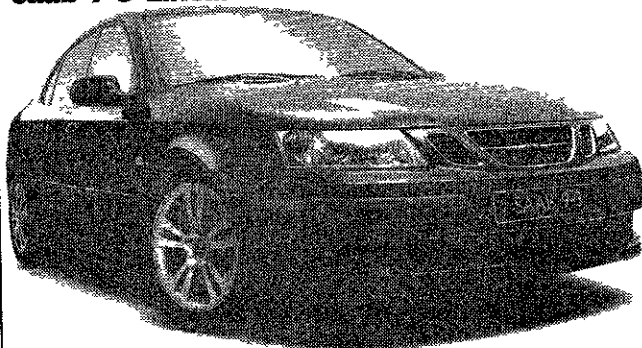
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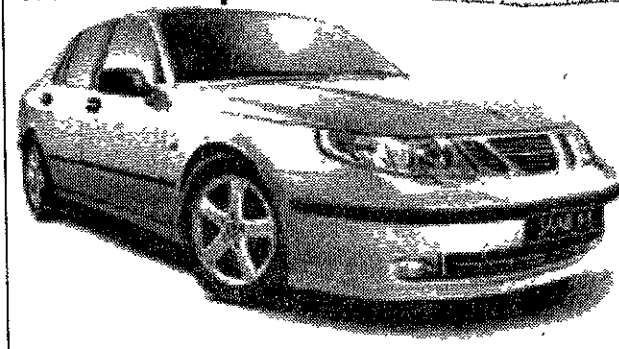
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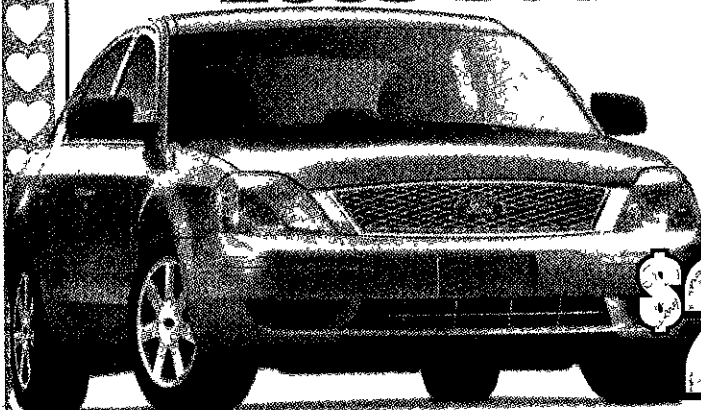
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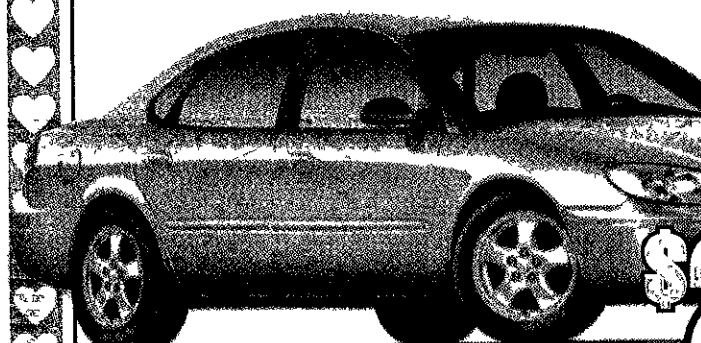
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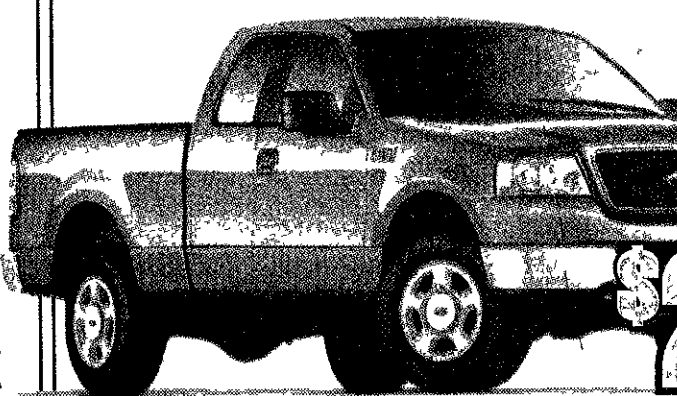
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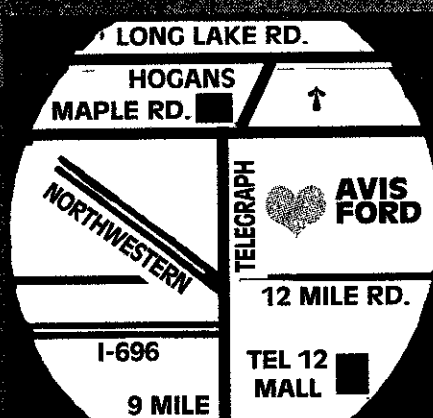
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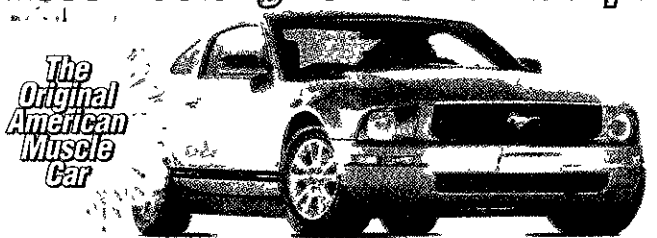


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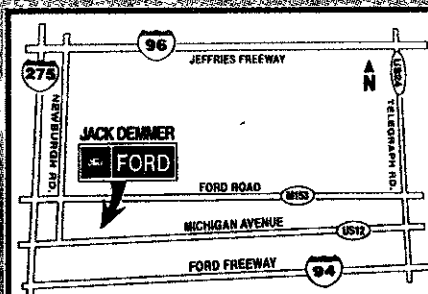


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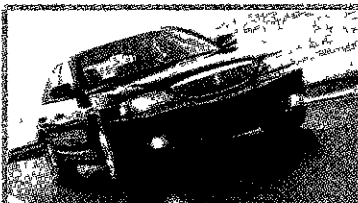
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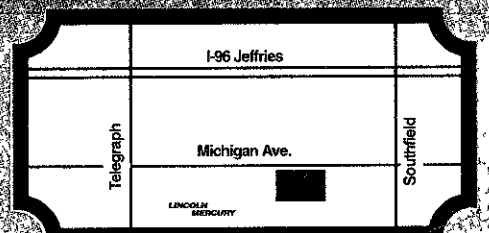
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SBF, 38, is looking for SW/H/M who is educated, fun, outgoing, adventurous, spontaneous. Laughter and conversation are good things. Must be a gentleman. **292589**

### LOYAL

SWF, 43, Leo, N/S, blonde/blue, professional chef, green thumb, petite, enjoys cooking, boating, seeks compatible SWM, 43-50, N/S, for dating and possible relationship. **956732**

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if you are a business man, 60-70, SWM, N/S, N/D, homeowner. Interests in home life, nature, pets, alternative medicine, sports. I'm a SWF, 73, w/the above. **416289**

### ONE OF A KIND

SF, 38, blonde/blue, 5'6", mother, enjoys bowling, pool, concerts, long park walks, cycling, music, especially Rod Stewart. Seeking Macomb man, to share happiness. **404681**

### LOST IN MICHIGAN

SBPF, 29, 5'5", 190lbs, no children, never married, very attractive, easygoing, laid-back, loves travel. Looking for sincere, open-minded, laid-back male who has his stuff together. **229089**

### CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR

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### SLOW DANCING, ROMANCING

DWF, 45, N/S, H/W proportionate, perky brown-eyed girl, honest and outgoing, seeks SWM, 40-50, for good friendship, dating and special times. **576279**

### CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF, mid-50s, seeks attractive gentleman, 50+, with similar interests. I love jogging, walks, concerts, quiet evenings. **574342**

### SEE FOR YOURSELF

SBF, 42, 5'2", 170lbs, compassionate, hard-working, enjoys 70s/80s rock/dance, scenic drives, movies, fishing, playing pool, reading, ISO active SM, who's up for a little adventure once and a while. Friendship/LTR. **580735**

### FRIENDS FIRST

SWF, 42, one child, looking for affectionate, outgoing SWM, 34-44, N/S, with good sense of humor and can make me laugh. I love sports, pool, concerts, long walks, more. **579622**

### SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

40-50, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 43-year-old DJF who's bright, spunky and pretty. Please only Jewish men inquire. **962317**

### SINGLE FATHER WELCOME

WF, 38, 5'4", 108lbs, two children, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, beaches, art, museums, theater, movies, fine dining. Seeking attractive WM, 37-52, who is fit and secure. **579528**

### PRECIOUS ONE

SWF, very pretty, a young 39, medium dark/green, works in medical field, seeks attractive SWM, outgoing, honest, caring, sensitive and creative, for best friend, more. **230588**

### A LOT TO OFFER

Outgoing SBF, 24, 5'6", 350lbs, professional employed, loves the fun and excitement of festivals, enjoys new movies and concerts, seeks handsome, honest SBM. **286633**

### FULL-FIGURED BEAUTY

Light-complexioned SBF, 25, 5'5", 265lbs, brown eyes, dimples, enjoys movies, parks, playing pool. Seeking SM, 18-32, who is sweet, treats a woman with respect. **112932**

### TAKE A CHANCE

SBF, 33, seeks SBM, 30-35, for friendship, possible LTR. I enjoy movies, walks, dining out, sports and more. **588333**

### SEEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE

SWPF, 57", long brown hair, looking for an educated man, 35-55, who likes politics, reading and going to movies. **529129**

### LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL...

In a SBM, 35-50, 6'4", 190+. Must be honest and laid-back. I enjoy movies, going out, walks, nice conversation, dining, more. **531635**

### GET IT TOGETHER

SBF, 28, 5'5", N/S, plus-sized, brown/brown, would love to spend some time with a nice SBM, 30-40, N/S, who has his life together. **543576**

### VERY ROMANTIC

45-yr-old, SJPF, N/smoker, N/drinker, social worker/masters degree, who loves, music, dancing, singing and sports. Over weight but charming, parent of one, looking for SWPM, 45-65, who is honest, romantic, and sensual. **559964**

### SWEET, FUN-LOVING...

adventurous, attractive, friendly young lady looking for a friend and possibly more. Seeking good-hearted male, 29-60, with the same qualities. **557342**

### MACOMB COUNTY SWEETIE

I am a 5'2", brunette, dark eyes, early 60s, searching for a tall, financially secure gentleman who knows how to treat a lady **466121**

### CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF, 50+, physically fit, enjoys jogging, concerts, theater, quiet evenings. Seeking attractive gentleman, over 50, with similar interests. **130522**

### WORKS HARD, PLAYS HARD

Hard-working, fun-loving SF, 41, brunette, will try almost anything once, likes Mexican cuisine, tropical travel. Seeking open-minded, spontaneous, good-humored, athletic SM, into sports, movies and travel. **556130**

### BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE

Sports-oriented BF, 39, two teenage daughters, physically challenged, loves jazz, sports, gospel, picnics, amusement parks. Seeking SF, 29-45. **223080**

### GET TO KNOW ME!

SF, 38, N/S, mother of two, looking for working man, 28-55, N/S, for friendship first. **431382**

### LOVABLE AND SWEET

SBF, 30, 5'2", brown/brown, 170lbs, mother, working student, Libra, N/S, seeks independent, smart BM, 35-75, for friendship, possible relationship, LTR. **437579**

### HONESTY REQUIRED

Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, is looking for tall, dark, handsome SBPM who is honest and down-to-earth, to spend time with. **401088**

### ADAM

Looking for your rib Financially secure, independent SBCF, 31, 5'7", 160lbs, enjoys concerts, movies, dining, quiet times and more Seeking SCM, 30-45, with similar interests, for possible LTR. **217475**

### LOVES TO DANCE

Tall brunet, very attractive, 5'9", long black/green, looking for an available WM, 53-70, 5'10+, who loves to dance also. **531151**

### SOUND LIKE YOU?

SWF, 18, 5'6", blonde/hazel, 150lbs, sweet, honest, outgoing, likes concerts, movies, hanging with friends. Seeking honest, attractive, funny, outgoing SM for casual dates, fun and friendship. **562708**

### MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES

SWCF, 51, 4'11", 115lbs, blonde hair, two grown children, loves animals, church, children, sports. Seeking a good Christian man, 50-62, for friendship first, possible LTR. **530353**

### SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS

DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5'10+", N/S, social drinker for LTR. **548938**

### ARE YOU OUT THERE?

SF, 52, looking for a BM gentleman, 40-60, who likes movies, plays, fine dining and more. **562052**

### FRIENDS BEFORE LOVERS

SF, 20, seeks attractive, outgoing, available SW/BF, 18-30, for friendship possibly more. Why not call? **576322**

### LOVELY, CULTURED, TRIM

Warm professional, who enjoys dancing, theater, classical and big band music, travels, books, travel, dining out, seeks tall, attractive, educated gentleman w/good build, for LTR. **63-73, 506895**

### WORTHWHILE

Tall, slim, attractive, intelligent, extroverted SF, 58, who enjoys music, theatre, art, and nature. Seeking fit, cultural, educated man w/sense of humor. **543917**

### NOT INTO GAMES

Petite WF, 50s, with herpes, willing to give it another chance, seeks one-on-one relationship with SM. Race, age unimportant. **405796**

### RESCUE ME!

SBF, 41, 5'5", average build, enjoys church, family, shopping, much more. Looking for SBM, 43-47, professionally employed, N/S, who knows how to treat a woman. **408635**

### SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE

Full-figured African-American woman, attractive, 44, no children, ISO African-American male, 32-38, to spend quiet evenings. I'm carefree, love laughter, good times, concerts, plays, sporting events, traveling, and quality time. **290167**

### LOVING AND CARING

Independent, active, loving, caring, down-to-earth SF, 46, N/S, vegetarian, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel. Looking for handsome SW/AM, 45-49, H/W proportionate, N/S, professional job. **421896**

### FRIENDSHIP FIRST

God-fearing, loving, intelligent SBF, 43, enjoys church, the outdoors, laughter, dining out, gospel music and more. Seeking god-hearing, honest, caring SBM, 40-45, for friendship first. **221725**

### NEW TO WAYNE CO. AREA

SBPF, 40ish, 5'6", nurse, with children, marriage-minded, smoker, loves drama movies, dancing, and crossword puzzles. Seeking WM, 45-60, smoker, who enjoys music and sports. **245545**

### WHERE IS MR. RIGHT?

SF, 46, likes dancing, bowling, romantic evenings, swimming. Seeking SM, 40-55, with good sense of humor. **257065**

### ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?

But gentle of heart? Good-looking, trim SM, 42-55, N/S? Very cute SBF, 53, emotionally and physically in shape, with eclectic interests, currently accepting applications. **263684**

### A PRECIOUS JEWEL

Very attractive BPF, Christian, 47, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown, N/S enjoys outdoors, movies, traveling, cooking. Seeking romantic BPM, 40-55, financially secure, similar interests, for LTR. **432793**

### RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM

SWF, 43, N/S, would like to meet an outgoing, friendly, non-smoking man, 35-53, who likes outdoors, bicycling, walking, family. **115795**

### AM I LOOKING FOR YOU?

Attractive, kind-hearted SBF, 44, 5'8", full-figured, enjoys dining out, movies, playing cards, family and more Seeking family-oriented, intelligent, humorous SB/HM, 40-60, for friendship and companionship. **238281**

### SHALL WE?

DWF, 40, 5'4", H/W proportionate, light brown hair, N/S, loves golfing, suspense movies, and travel. Seeking active, outgoing WM, 40-49, N/S, for friendship. **245869**

### SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing, active DWF, retired, ISO fun male, 60+, who likes bridge, tennis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, willing to don a tuxedo now and then. **271793**

### GET TO KNOW THIS...

petite, attractive SBF, 57, N/S, enjoys music, concerts, dining. Looking for SBM, 57-63, for friendship, possible LTR. **402995**

### WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

I could be it! Attractive SWF, 50, 5', 105lbs, willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBM, 32-50, for special relationship. **418068**

### TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE

SBF, tall, medium build, N/S, who enjoys music, traveling, comedy shows, seeks man, 45-55, N/kids, N/S, outgoing, affectionate, stable, for LTR. **444748**

### LIBRA

DBF, 50, looks much younger, enjoys music, long walks, quiet times. Seeking SW/HM, 35-50, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. **253857**

### FABULOUS AND FULL-FIGURED

Cute, sexy SBF, 41, N/S, will try anything once, loves movies, plays, dancing, holding hands, cuddling. Seeking attractive, sexy BM, 31-50, N/S, with similar interests. **113224**

### DARK EBONY

SBF, 42, 5'8", full-figured, seeks intelligent man, 48-60, 5'8"-6'2", medium build or heavier, for possible relationship. **232593**

### SOMEONE SPECIAL

Classy, attractive SBF, 50, 5'3", 120lbs, ISO SWPM, 50+, for special friendship. I love boating, music, quiet times, movies at home, romance, outdoors, travel. **233568**

### AFFECTIONATE & ATHLETIC

SBF, 45, 5'2", 130lbs, enjoys cooking, roller skating, dancing. Seeking SBM, 40-55, 5'5"+, N/S, N/Drugs, for friendship, dating, possible LTR build on honesty, trust, respect. **425305**

### ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF

49, H/W proportionate, medium build, enjoys cruises, concerts, dining out, movies, traveling. Seeking honest, passionate SM, 45-60, with similar interests, for dating, possibly more. **134441**

### ARE YOU THE ONE

DBF, 53, H/W proportionate, outgoing, loves the arts, plays, dancing, movies, outdoors, scenic drives. ISO SM D/D-free, w/similar interests, smoker, social drinker ok. No games! **417236**

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### KIDS OK

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### LOOKING FOR LOVE?

SBM, 25, 5'9", smoker, seeks woman, 20-46, N/S, with sense of humor, with whom to have fun. **564731**

### LUST FOR LIFE!

Sweet SWM, 36, 5'6", 130lbs, brownish/blue, Leo, smoker, enjoys fast cars, boats, adventure, not into bar scene. Seeking sweet SWF, 25-41, N/S, for possible relationship. **437557**

### OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING

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### EVERYONE LOVES A COOK

SWM, 46, professional chef, eats healthy, likes to get away to romantic bed and breakfasts on the weekends, ISO SF, 35-48, for relationship. **555727**

### MAYBE IT'S YOU

SWM, 52, Aries, N/S, seeks friendship first with SWF, 35-48. Call now. I would like to hear from you **546509**

### SO SPONTANEOUS

Dark-complexioned, spontaneous, humorous SBM, 6', 206lbs, average build, Capricorn, smoker, seeks SWF, 28-50, smoker, who is down-to-earth, loves to communicate. **574173**

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### GET INTO TOUCH

SBM, 34, 5'7", 180lbs, slim build, N/S, likes shows, trying new things. Seeking SBF, 19-37, N/S, w/good head on her shoulders. **572848**

### LOVE ME TENDER

SWM, 38, N/S, likes sporting events, movies, dinner dates, looking for SWF, 32-45, who knows how to treat a guy right. **573879**

### BE COOL

Fit SBM, 33, 5'10", N/S, occasional drinker, no kids, seeks SWF, 24-25, who is honest and will enjoy being around me. **574817**

### GET AT ME

SBM, 25, 6', smoker, likes to chill at home with a good movie, enjoys writing poetry, seeks large, lovely SBF, 18-34, smoker, who is real and plays no games. **575283**

### SEE FOR YOURSELF

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DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure. Seeks honest S/DWF, sense of humor, enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, movies, for friendship, possible LTR. **269646**

### LOOKING FOR YOU

SWM, 49, 5'5", 115lbs, blue eye, Gemini, smoker, seeks a sweet woman, 18-35, for dating. If this sounds good, call. **567644**

### LOVELY IN ROYAL OAK

Male, 39, 5'11", 160lbs, part-time clerk, blond/blue, Taurus, enjoys movies, dining out, and music. Seeking friendship or relationship with a woman, 20-38, children ok. **568215**

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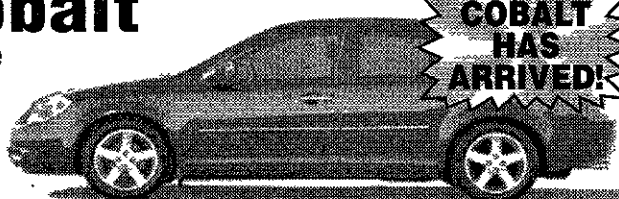
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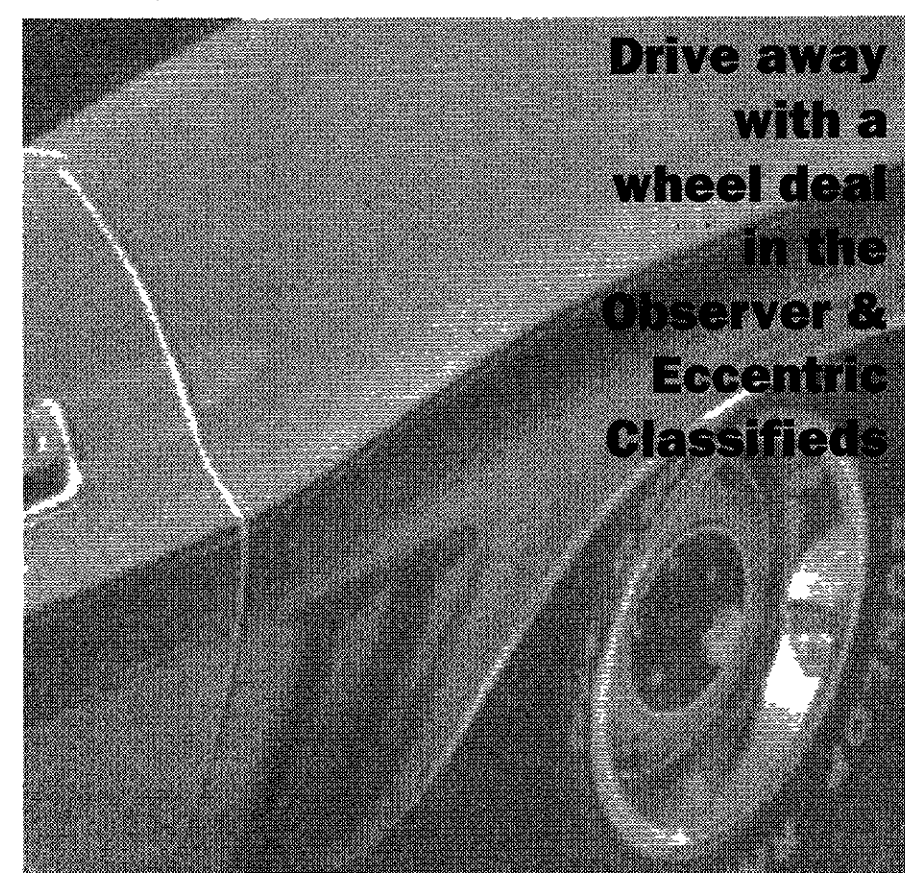
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## The 2005 Honda CR-V

Advertising Feature

### Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

When Honda and Toyota came up with their versions of light sport-utility vehicles several years ago, with the CR-V and the RAV4 respectively, the two Japanese automakers not unexpectedly hit the nail on the head. Now that the entries in the category have proliferated recently, Honda is still doing things right with its CR-V. In fact, you could argue that CR-V is doing more things right than anyone else in the segment.

The 2005 Honda CR-V is roomy, fun and easy to drive, reliable in bad weather, and well designed on the outside and the inside. It sports relatively good gas mileage and a modest price tag to boot. Honda keeps improving the CR-V - including some new wrinkles for this year's model - but it remains difficult for the company to improve significantly on its original concept of a car-based SUV that would serve the demands that most American consumers are ready to make on these vehicles.

For the most part, we want our SUVs to act like SUVs. That means we want to have upright seating and a feel of command from the driver's position. We want surefootedness. We want enough power to feel confident and perform well in all routine driving situations. And we want enough passenger and cargo room for the vehicle to deserve the appellation "utility." CR-V comes through admirably on all those fronts.

Some of us also want a lot of power under the hood for climbing the Rocky Mountains; CR-V doesn't offer that. The vehicle doesn't even come in a six-cylinder configuration. Others, of course, buy SUVs to take them off-road, but the relatively slight CR-V isn't recommended for that either.

As with nearly every Honda, CR-V presents a spare, if pleasing, external design. The front grille and bumper have been redesigned for 2005 to improve aerodynamics, complemented by cylindrical headlights that also are new. A shorter,



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more blunt front end gives CR-V a more rugged look than earlier versions of the vehicle, but you'll never mistake this SUV for a Hummer. In any event, the high-mount tail lights on either side of the rear window remain from the original CR-V design, a truly worthy trademark touch.

Unusually among SUVs, CR-V's tailgate glass opens separately from the door, which is fine except that the lower part of the gate is side-hinged and opens to the right - an accommodation of right-hand-drive models in Japan, but inconvenient for American curbs where opening to the left would be much more convenient.

As with Honda now and from the beginning, the greatest thing about its vehicles is their driveability, and CR-V is no exception. Almost in defiance of its competitors, CR-V doesn't even offer an option for a six-cylinder engine. But Honda's engineers, naturally, have managed to coax the utmost performance out of the vehicle's 2.4-liter, inline four-cylinder engine: 160 horsepower and 162 pound-feet of torque.

And while that can't equal the outright oomph of some of CR-V's competitors, Honda makes up for that lack of raw power with fine gearing and optimum tuning of the engine to typical driving

needs, lending a performance that underscores CR-V's original relationship to the Civic platform on which it is based. CR-V, unlike some competitors, allows you to forget that you're driving an SUV, and for the most part that's a good thing.

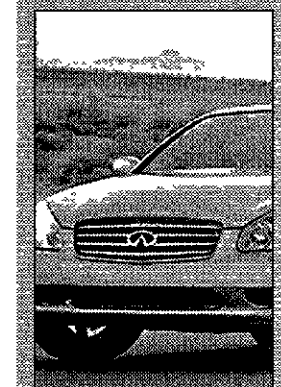
Of course, the four-cylinder configuration also pays off in fuel economy: CR-V delivers an EPA-rated 27 miles a gallon on the highway and a fine 22 mpg in the city.

This isn't to suggest that CR-V is a small or frail thing, however. Its performance out in snow and ice in this challenging Michigan winter was highly dependable. Once inside the vehicle, you'll also find that CR-V offers a generous allotment of room both for passengers and cargo, featuring among other things extraordinary flexibility for the back seat in its range of front-to-back motion and degree of recline.

Clever interior-design twists include a foldaway middle console, so that you can either use it to stash stuff or get rid of it in case you need the room on the floor. There are plenty of other cubbyholes and compartments, some that it's even fun and a bit of a challenge to find. And the climate controls in CR-V are mercifully simple - no small thing in January in metro Detroit.

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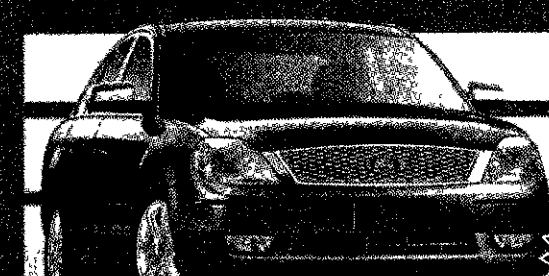
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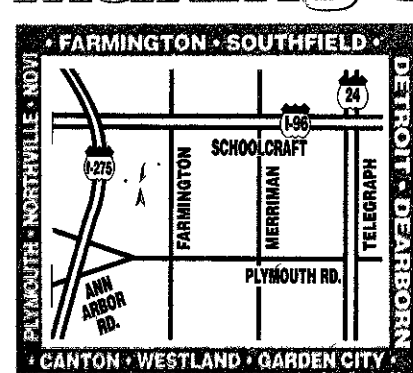
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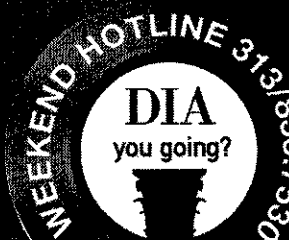
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# Hot Ticket Hollywood story

## 'Chappelle's Show' comedians come to Royal Oak

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

**T**he road to fame has been easy for funny guy Charlie Murphy. He admits it. No struggling artist story here.

Eddie Murphy's brother has traveled the road backward.

Most comedians begin their careers performing stand-up in small comedy clubs and only dream of landing TV or movie roles, but Murphy launched his career in films - *Mo' Better Blues*, *Jungle Fever*, *Harlem Nights* and more.

Today he's best known for his role on the HBO Emmy-nominated blockbuster *Chappelle's Show*.

And while struggling comedians slowly work their way into big comedy clubs, Murphy was practically handed gigs, but he was too busy doing films and TV. But now that the *Chappelle* cast is on break, Murphy is taking his comedic style on tour to nightclubs and theaters nationwide.

He and *Chappelle* co-stars Donnell Rawlings and Bill Burr are bringing their show, *I'm Rich Biatch!* to the Royal Oak Music Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 5. The show's been selling out in the Midwest and on the East Coast.

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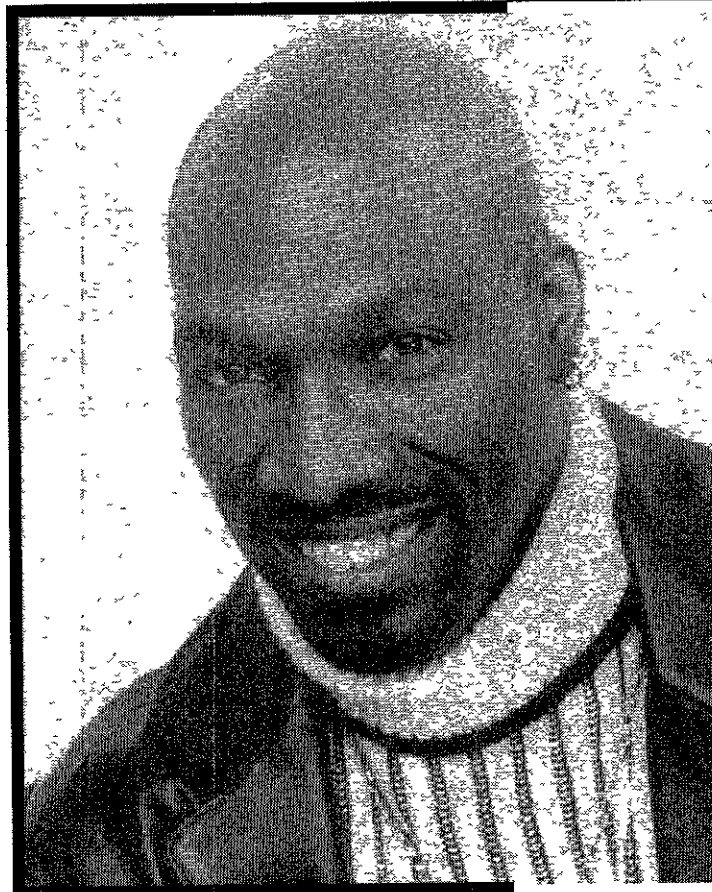
"I want people to realize that it's an adult show," Murphy said. "We'll perform at an adult establishment, not a high school, which means I can say whatever I want. I don't govern myself. We're all adults, we should be able to handle anything ... it's just comedy."

That's Murphy's response to questions on how raunchy *I'm Rich, Biatch!* will be. Topics range from Burr talking about race relations, Rawlings discussing Kobe Bryant and Murphy telling tales of his role as his brother's bodyguard. Of course, it's all funny.

"It's slices of life, it's all improv, we're coming to make you laugh," Murphy said. "It's what we love to do."

Murphy said he was surrounded by comedy his whole life.

"I was always a funny guy, I like to make people laugh, always entertained small groups friends at parties ... the only difference with *Biatch* is that I'm not



Part of the crew from 'Chappelle's Show,' Donnell Rawlings, Bill Burr and (pictured here) Charlie Murphy, are bringing their adult humor to Royal Oak.

talking to six friends, I'm talking to a few thousand friends."

The comedians draw from everyday experience for the TV show and their live act.

Rawlings is also known for his roles in *Spider-man 2* and as a host on Spike TV's *Late Night*. Burr has his own show on *Comedy Central Presents*.

It was Burr and Rawlings who convinced Murphy to take his talents on the road.

"Normally when comedy shows wrap up for a season, the comedians begin their live tours," Murphy said. "The guys pulled me along ... encouraged me to do it."

"I wanted to do stand-up years ago, but didn't want the comparisons (to Eddie). But it's been 25 years since he's been doing it ... so enough time has past."

When Murphy isn't touring with *Biatch* or working on *Chappelle*, he works with his brother. The twosome have written and will star in the film, *Death Do Us Part*.

As for *Biatch*, Murphy said he, Burr and Rawlings are just three guys who like work.

"We're incredibly blessed," he said. "You see those entertainers on the streets playing guitar hoping for some spare change, and some of them get nothing. We're no different from them. We're entertainers too, just very lucky ones."

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### I'M RICH, BIATCH!

**What:** Comedians Charlie Murphy, Donnell Rawlings and Bill Burr best known from HBO's smash show 'Chappelle's Show' in a stand-up comedy act

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Big screen

# DFT season should put film lovers in state of euphoria

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

A thriller by Spanish director Pedro Almodovar, a documentary about Martin Scorsese's real life family and an animation festival — for serious film buffs, this sounds like a kid-in-a-candy-store experience.

And, yeah, it's all for the taking come the Detroit Film Theatre's Winter/Spring 2005 season, slated weekends and Monday starting Feb. 4 and continuing through May 2.

Opening the season is Almodovar's *Bad Education*, a tale of desire and duplicity a la film noir.

"This is a really different direction for Pedro," remarked Elliot Wilhelm, DFT director. "It's a thriller. It's a very intense thriller. And it's so beautifully worked out."

Almodovar, the Oscar-winning director who created *Talk to Her* and *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*, is known for his romantic melodramas and farce. *Bad Education* runs Feb. 4-6 and then again Feb. 11-13.

Need we say more? It is Almodovar after all.

Equally intriguing is the opportunity to get behind the scenes and into the life of famed director Martin Scorsese. In the 1970s, the director offered up *Mean Streets* and *Taxi Driver*, but he also created two rarely seen documentaries. *Italian American* presents a series of interviews with his parents in their New York Little Italy apartment with Mrs. Scorsese all the while cooking spaghetti sauce in the kitchen. *American Boy* profiles Stephen Prince who played that really freaky gun dealer in *Taxi Driver*. The films run together on April 4.

## MUST-SEE ADAPTATION

Another must-see is a new film adaptation of William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, slated Feb. 18-20. Not sure if you're in the mood for the bard or the controversy that this story ignites? The film by Michael Radford stars, in addition to Jeremy Irons and Joseph Fiennes, heavy-hitter Al Pacino as the Venetian moneylender Shylock.

"It's a straightforward interpretation of

## DETROIT FILM THEATRE

**What:** Detroit Film Theatre Winter/Spring 2005 season.

**When:** Films run Friday-Monday with most shows at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Monday.

**Where:** Detroit Institute of Arts theater auditorium (rear of building), 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

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Shakespeare's play, and Al Pacino is incredible," said Wilhelm.

DFT's animation festival, dubbed the 2005 Animation Show, features a group of works assembled by *King of the Hill* creator Mike Judge and comic genius Don Hertzfeldt. It's slated March 25-27 and April 1-3.

Also playing in March is *Born Into Brothels*, a documentary about the children who live in Calcutta India's red light district. The 2004 film, which has garnered 20 major film festival awards, follows a British photojournalist who went to the district intending to document the lives of prostitutes, but instead becomes involved with the children there. So intrigued by the kids, the journalist turns her camera over to them and eventually gets their work published. The film is slated March 11-13.

"She ends up realizing that she can use this to get the children out of there," said Wilhelm, adding, "I'm predicting this film is going to be an Academy Award nominee."

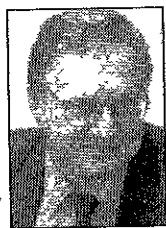
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# The quest for the worst goes on and on

Will my search never end? So lamented Bela Lugosi in one of his many unmemorable movies. But he touches a nerve, for I, like he, am on the eternal quest, but mine is to see every horror film ever made. I've seen most, but many remain elusive. For example, who has a copy of *Peter Rottentail*?



**Beyond Bad**

Greg Kowalski

This has enormous potential to be a truly awful film. As I understand it, a serial killer is killed and comes back to life as the Easter Bunny.

How could you not want to see a movie like that?

Then there's *Oranges: Revenge of the Eggplant*. This all-fruit and vegetable movie tells the story of Dr. Sunkyst and his battle against an evil eggplant. Sounds rotten, you say. I think it's a rather fresh

idea. There's even a Web site [www.evileggplant.com](http://www.evileggplant.com).

Then there's *Autopsy: A Love Story*. This is not to be confused with an earlier Italian film that is enhanced with footage of an actual autopsy (try eating pizza while watching that one), and as the title implies is the tender love story about a man in love with a corpse.

Happens all the time, I know, but this shows real promise of being different. One critic calls it "engaging."

More of the dead: Has anyone seen *A Chronicle of Corpses*? It's a tale of a decayed 1820s Virginia family with some serious problems, including murder.

Still speaking of the dead, I long to see *Zombie Death House* and *Zombie Planet*. The former is a prison tale in which inmates are experimented upon - with disastrous results. In a throwback to the good ol' days, the producers are offering a \$1,000 Shock Insurance Certificate with the film just in case you should die of fright. I don't think you will.

*Zombie Planet* offers a timely warning to all those caught up in the carb craze. In this futuristic tale, a carb diet has turned people into flesh-eating zombies, which implies that we must all be low-carb creatures. Anyway, I have an appetite for flesh-eating zombies.

And there are others, including many indie films that go straight to video. They often disappear with barely a trace and can sometimes be found lurking on the deepest corners of the video store shelves years after they have been forgotten. Keep an eye out for these, and if you spot them, let me know.

Greg Kowalski is ever searching for the worst of the worst. He can be reached at [gkowskioe@homecomm.net](mailto:gkowskioe@homecomm.net).

BY DAVID GERMAIN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

■ *The Village* - After arriving in droves over opening weekend, audiences quickly fled M. Night Shyamalan's little village, not finding it scary enough or loaded with surprises on the order of his *The Sixth Sense* or *Signs*. Yet the brooding thriller about an isolated community living in terror of what lurks in the woods beyond has far subtler rewards in its examination of fear and denial, and how self-exile is no guarantee the evils of the world won't find you out. William Hurt, Sigourney Weaver, Adrien Brody and Joaquin Phoenix lead the cast, which is dominated by sparkling newcomer Bryce Dallas Howard. The DVD features a batch of unremarkable deleted scenes with introductions by Shyamalan, who also contributes his usual snippet from one of his childhood home movies. Available separately is *The Buried Secret of M. Night Shyamalan*, a two-hour glimpse of the filmmaker that proved an embarrassment for the Sci Fi Channel after it was revealed the network fabricated a hoax that it was an "unauthorized documentary" whose production Shyamalan had sought to shut down. DVDs, \$29.99 each. (Disney)

■ *Without a Paddle* - Seth Green, Matthew Lillard and Dax Shepard are clueless buddies who head to the wilds in search of lost loot stolen by legendary skyjacker D.B. Cooper and find an over-protective mama bear, tree-dwelling babes, menacing marijuana farmers and a mysterious old coot (Burt Reynolds). The slapstick mini-hit has audio commentary with director Steve Brill, who also joins cast members for a video-commentary feature. Brill also offers remarks on a batch of 13 deleted scenes, and the DVD has promotional spots and a making-of featurette that aired on MTV. DVD, \$29.95. (Paramount)

■ *Ice Station Zebra* - The 1968 Cold War thriller starring Rock Hudson as a submarine captain on a rescue mission to the North Pole gained status beyond its commonplace story because of the obsessive fascination of Howard Hughes, who watched it repeatedly in his seclusion toward the end of his life. *Ice Station Zebra* is part of a wave of Warner Bros. vault titles hitting DVD. Bette Davis stars in the 1940 W. Somerset Maugham adaptation *The Letter*, which features a newly discovered alternate ending. The 1950 version of *King Solomon's Mines* features Stewart Granger and Deborah Kerr. Robert Taylor has the title role in 1952's *Ivanhoe*, co-starring Elizabeth Taylor and Joan Fontaine in Walter Scott's tale of knights and chivalry. The 1942 wartime romance *Random Harvest* stars Ronald Colman and Greer Garson. DVDs, \$19.97 each. (Warner Bros.)

■ *King* - Timed to the slain Civil Rights leader's birthday, this two-disc

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set has the 1978 miniseries chronicling the life of Martin Luther King Jr., starring Paul Winfield and Cicely Tyson. The set has interviews with co-star and King pal Tony Bennett, co-star Ossie Davis, writer-director Abby Mann and others, along with excerpts from King's speeches and public appearances. DVD set, \$19.98. (MGM)

■ *Monk: Season Two* - Television's most phobic detective returns in a four-disc set containing year two's 16 episodes. Tony Shalhoub stars as the title character, whose obsessive-compulsive disorder sidelines him from working on the police force but who manages to step in as a brilliantly unorthodox consultant on bizarre cases. The set includes a featurette on the show's creative team. DVD set, \$59.98. (Universal)

■ *Gilligan's Island: The Complete Second Season* - The seven castaways are still stuck on a deserted isle, but at least they get to do it in full color after a freshman year in black and white. Season two's 32 episodes are packed on three discs, with an introduction by "The Professor" (Russell Johnson) and series creator Sherwood Schwartz, who also provides commentary on one episode. DVD set, \$39.98. (Warner Bros.)

■ *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys*

- *Season Five* - The big Greek do-gooder (Kevin Sorbo) heads to Hades in year five to see about resurrecting his slain sidekick (Michael Hurst). The eight-DVD set has 22 episodes, accompanied by a CD-ROM disc with background materials.

Extras include commentaries by Sorbo, Hurst, frequent guest star Bruce Campbell and others, plus interviews with Sorbo and Anthony Quinn, who made occasional guest spots as Hercules' dad, Zeus. DVD set, \$69.98. (Anchor Bay)

■ *Hunter: The Complete First Season* - Debuting in 1984, this take-no-prisoners cop show starred Fred Dryer as a Dirty Harry-type detective who hits the mean streets with an attitude. The six-disc set packs 19 episodes, plus half an hour of new interviews with co-star Stephanie Kramer and producer Stephen J. Cannell. DVD set, \$39.98. (Anchor Bay)

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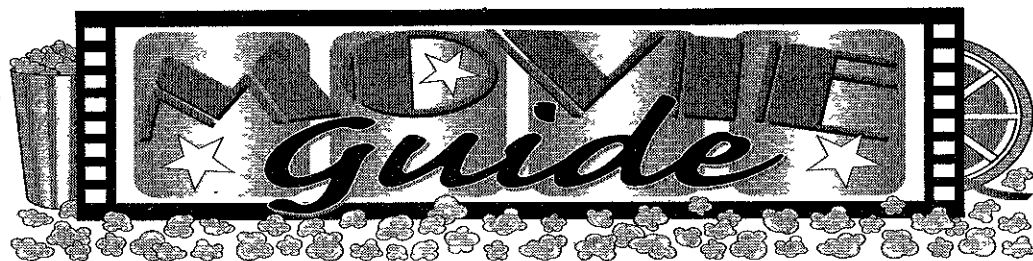
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## Special event

# Dance Cuba dazzles with precision and diversity

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Move over Radio City Rockettes, Dance Cuba is coming to town.

The Cuban-based company melds Spanish, Cuban and African culture, but does so with finely tuned uniform precision.

"It speaks to the culture, in that in Cuba everyone is equal. Everybody is on the same level. There is no chorus in society, which is not to say that there are not solos," said Vince Paul, the show's executive producer and president of World Arts Inc. Paul grew up in Farmington and produces dance programs from around the world, bringing them to Detroit and other American cities.

Dance Cuba is slated to give two performances only, Feb. 4-5 at Music Hall in Detroit.

"It's a fusion work. That is to say that Cuba is a fusion of many different cultures," said Paul.

Accordingly, the company's acclaimed choreographer, Lizi Alphonso, incorporates elements of Spanish flamenco, ballet and African dance.

But the company's signature is their technically superb precision work, said Paul.

"The idea is strength and balance, and it's a repertory that is very difficult to do on the kind of precise level that they do it. We sort of have that Rockettes image of uniform movements, but their movements are so much more complicated and it comes down to every eye brow raise being in unison."

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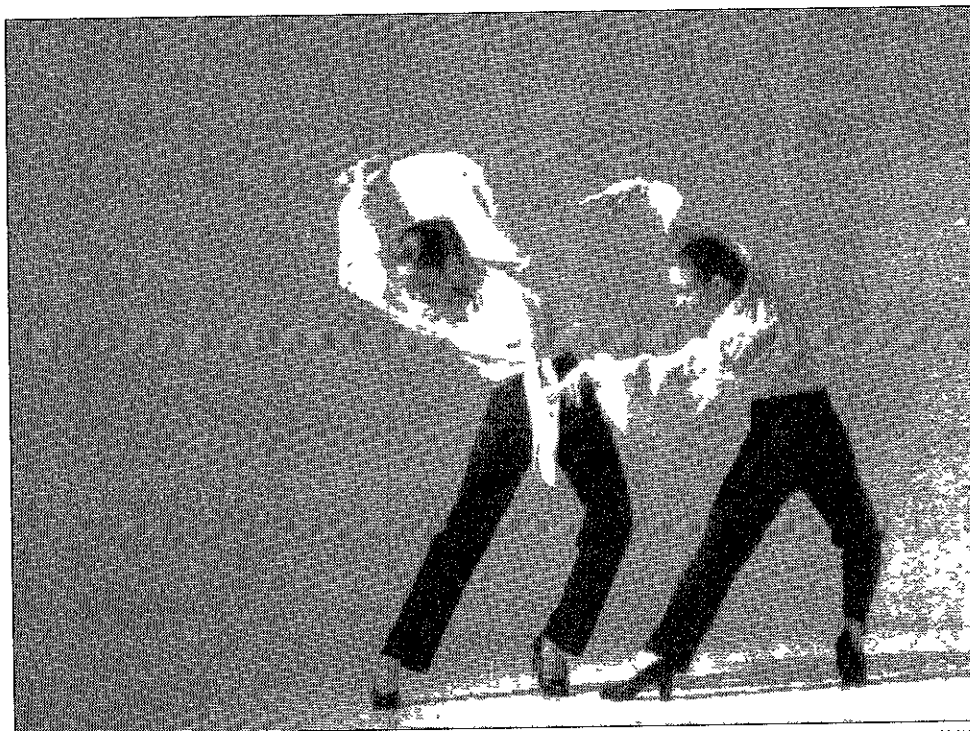


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Dance Cuba presents its unique dance style - a fusion of Spanish flamenco, ballet and African dance - in two performances at Music Hall in Detroit.

## BACK FROM HAVANA

**What:** Dance Cuba with choreography by Lizi Alphonso.

**When:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5.

**Where:** Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, downtown Detroit.

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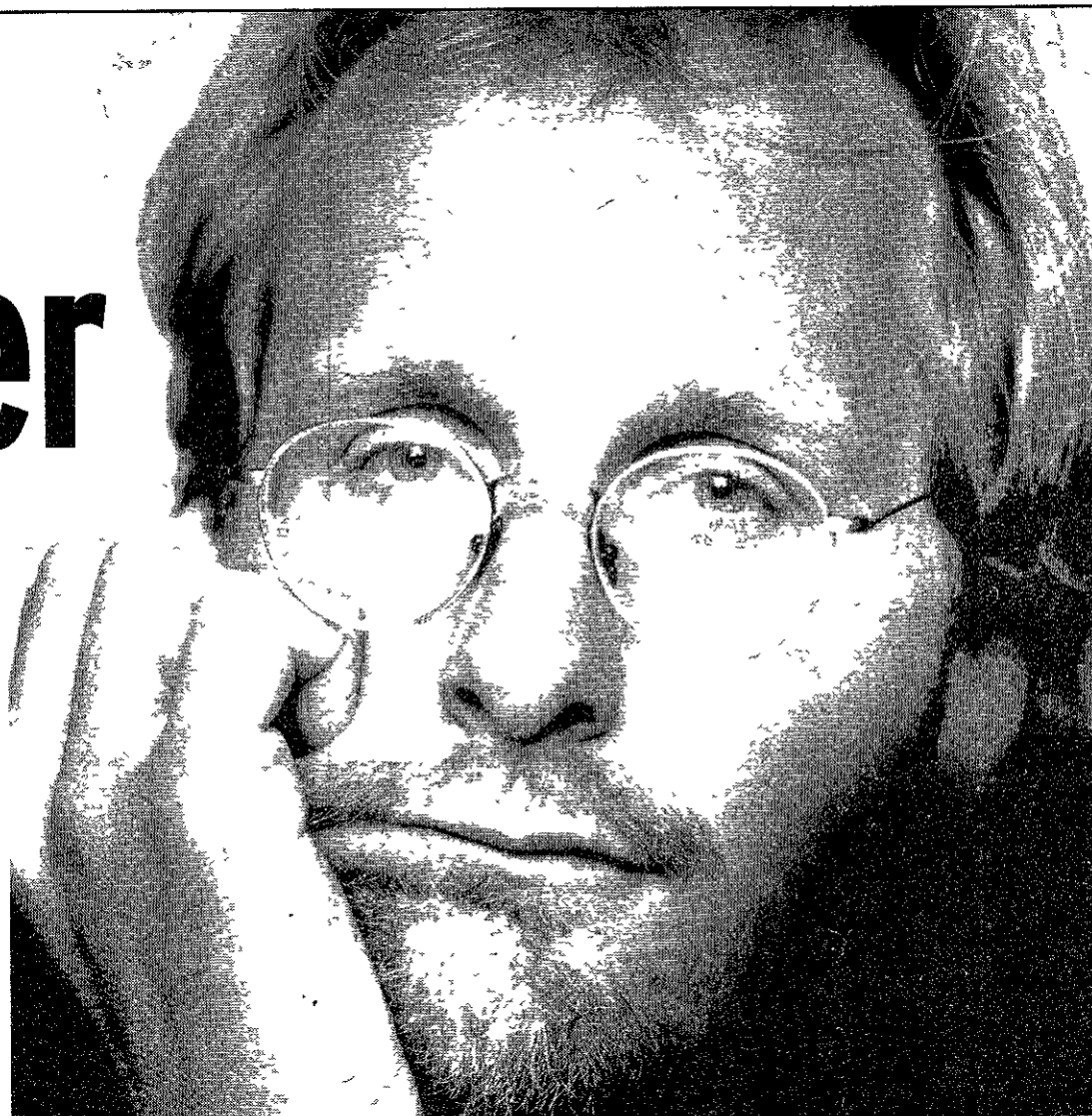


PHOTO DANNA SEGREST, COURTESY OF PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

Sandra Birch, (from left), and Michelle Mountain star in Jeff Daniels' new comedy about two sisters 'Norma & Wanda.'

It's dark inside Jeff Daniels' tiny corner office at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea.

Daniels seats himself in the darkest corner of the room, props his booted feet up on an old wooden crate like a farm boy and hunkers down into a posture that one comes to realize is characteristic of him.

Legs crossed and slightly bent, one elbow comes down to thigh, head and chest fold in, chin drops into cup of hand, and before you know it, the 6-foot-something Hollywood actor has shed his height and something more, for he is looking up toward you with those *Dumb and Dumber* eyes from a dim corner of the room.

No, Daniels, who lives in his hometown of Chelsea, is not hiding in the shadows. He's just trying to blend in, to physically minimize his celebrity, as if to say: "Listen, don't fuss, I'm just a silly guy who likes to bust out a few gags. But, hey, feel free to laugh at me at anytime."

Daniels, who turns 50 this year, is up to all his usual comedy hat tricks. He's still starring in movies — jetting off to Hollywood and shoot locations as required — writing plays and raising money for the

Purple Rose Theatre, which he founded in 1991.

At the moment, he's in rehearsals for his new play *Norma & Wanda*, which opens Friday and runs through Saturday, March 19.

A farce about two very different sisters, the comedy involves yet-to-be-disclosed mature audience content and a "Baby Jesus Memorial Brunch" that induces heavy-duty anxiety between the play's characters.

"I've been around that dynamic for years," said Daniels, whose wife Kathleen, also a native of Chelsea, has two sisters. "I wanted to write a comedy after *Escanaba*. This play sat in the first draft for a long time, since 1996. I picked it up two years ago maybe, and really just went after the comedy."

Two sisters, adult content, farcical comedy — who knows where this play is going? Both Daniels and the play's director, the Purple Rose's artistic director Guy Sanville, are happy to report it's tough for the audience to figure out.

"Comedy is dead, if it's predictable," said Daniels. "That's part of my process. You write yourself

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STORY BY NICOLE STAFFORD | STAFF WRITER



## DANIELS

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into a corner. Then the craft of it becomes getting out."

In initial drafts, Daniels stops at crucial plot junctures to determine what the audience thinks is going to happen. Then, taking cues from his characters, he goes in an unpredictable direction. The actor-director-writer has created nine plays for the Purple Rose, the last four of which were published by Dramatists Play Service. He considers American playwright Langford Wilson his greatest mentor.

But back at the Purple Rose, he looks to Sanville for guidance. It's more typical than not for Daniels to hand the artistic director a 1,000-page manuscript for editing, cutting and feedback. "I'll say, 'it's a play about this or a play about that,'" Sanville said, adding *Norma & Wanda* tackles the subject of forgiveness.

### MAKING AN IMPRESSION

The two met in 1992 when Sanville, an unknown local actor, came to the theater to audition for Daniels' play *The Tropical Pickle*, and made quite an impression with his portrayal of the script's off-balanced character.

"This guy walked in from Lansing and I thought he came straight out of an institution. I mean, is he on his meds?" recalled Daniels.

Sanville was cast again at the theater



PHOTO BY DANNA SEGREST COURTESY OF PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

Terry Heck, (from left), Michelle Mountain, Sandra Birch and Grant R. Krause unfold a tale of forgiveness and family at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea.

and then worked as a director. In 1995, he was named artistic director.

Sanville describes Daniels as "very smart, very honest, very direct ... and like all good playwrights, ruthless with his material, like a machine." From a director's point of view, he says Daniels is appropriately hands-off and hands-on.

"He doesn't come in here and dictate from day one that this line has to be said this way or the set has to be that way. He'll come in say this is great and this is okay or you're way

off here. It's a great collaboration."

Is there a downside to directing Jeff Daniels' plays?

"The only thing that bugs me sometimes — and it's not his fault — is the fame thing. It is a double-edged sword."

On the one hand, it means that Sanville can get playwright John Guare to take his telephone calls. On the other, celebrity has a way of interfering with what should be everyday routine at the theater.

Occasionally, actors cast in shows are a bit

## SISTER ACT

**What:** Jeff Daniels' new comedy about two sisters, *Norma & Wanda*.

**When:** Opening night, 8 p.m. Friday, play continues through Saturday, March 19, with evening performances at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and matinees slated 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

**Where:** The Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park, in downtown Chelsea.

**Tickets:** \$22.50-\$32.50, call (734) 433-7673 or visit [www.purplerosetheatre.org](http://www.purplerosetheatre.org).

star struck when Daniels comes in to check out rehearsals. Watching play previews and opening night presents other challenges. If Daniels is seated in the theater, the audience watches him react instead of the play.

"But I found a way to watch," Daniels said, describing a small closet located next to the sound and lighting booth at the rear of the theater that's been equipped with two seats. "It's our luxury sky box," he joked. "Once the public is here, I'm gone."

OK, so maybe Jeff does hide in the dark sometimes, but only so you'll have a good laugh.



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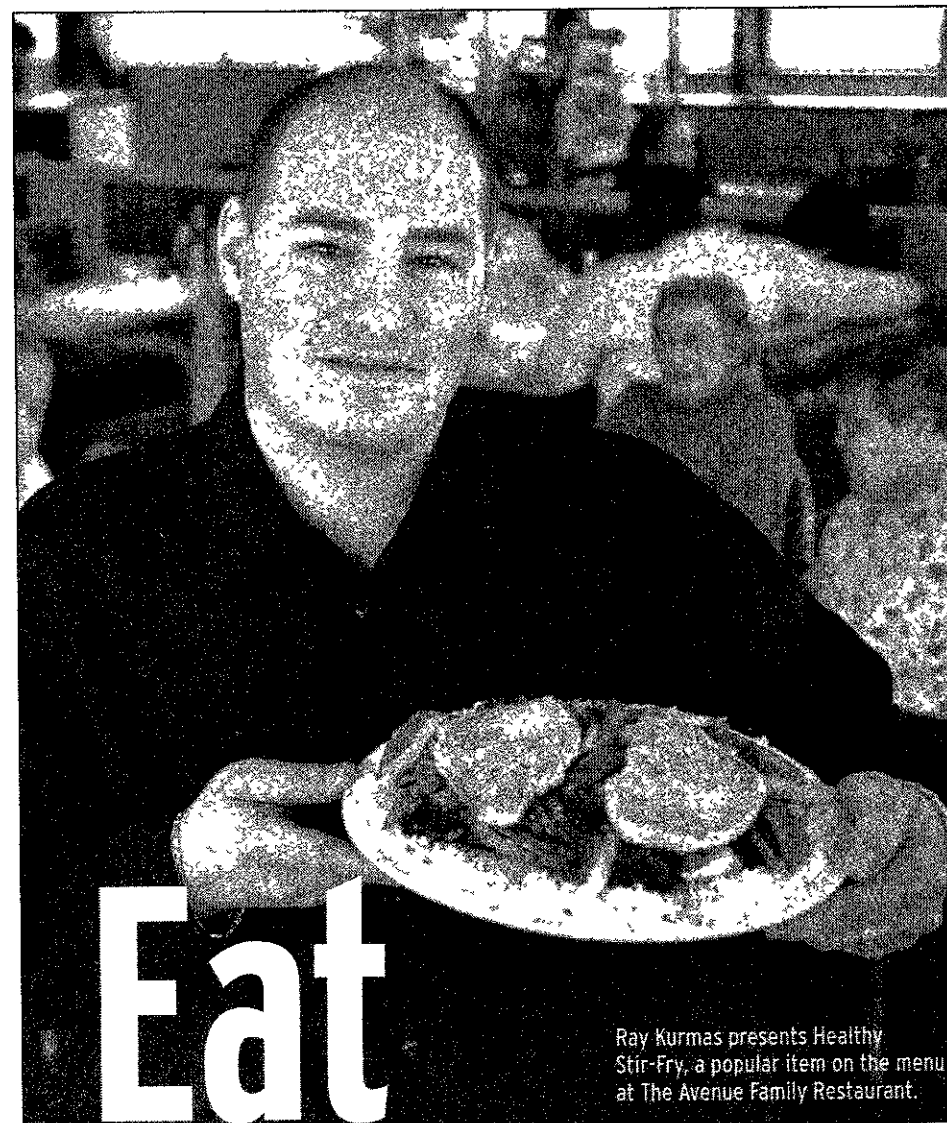
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## Table hopping



Ray Kurmas presents Healthy Stir-Fry, a popular item on the menu at The Avenue Family Restaurant.

# Eat well

## Sensible prices are on the menu at The Avenue

STORY BY ELEANOR HEALD | CORRESPONDENT

Last August, frequenters of eateries along Woodward Avenue, between Ferndale and Bloomfield Hills, noticed a change.

The Ram's Horn, north of 13 Mile Road in Royal Oak, changed its name to The Avenue Family Restaurant. The menu expanded yet pricing remained sensible.

"Lacking capitalization to go it alone, I opened this location as a Ram's Horn franchise in 1974," said partner and building owner, 52-year-old Tim Derda. "As the third ten-year contract was nearing its end in 2004, I knew that my

partner Ray Kurmas (34 years old) and I could own our own restaurant outright."

Kurmas, like Derda, began his career as a cook at another Ram's Horn. They met in 1987 and over the years Kurmas left the kitchen to begin managing and then entered a partnership with Derda.

### OWNERS ON PREMISE

Watching how "things work" at The Avenue Family Restaurant, it's easy to see how and why it has become so popular. Price is not the only incentive that has built



Healthy Stir-Fry - two chicken breasts, red and yellow peppers, onions, broccoli, carrots, pea pods, mushrooms and zucchini, served on a bed of rice - will satisfy your appetite and desire to lose weight.





A great menu, and attention to detail are some of the reasons The Avenue Family Restaurant is a well-liked dining destination.

a customer base. During popular eating times such as after 10 a.m. on Sunday or lunch and dinner, especially on weekends, a line forms inside the door.

Don't drive away when you see that. Both Derda and Kurmas run the front of their house — directing fast and efficient clearing of tables and quick seating of parties waiting. During peak hours, a wait is rarely more than 10 minutes.

Although the restaurant was remodeled from ground up in 1997, it offers the appearance of happening only a few months ago. Attention to detail, such as clean carpets and replacement of worn chairs only happens when owners are on premise and do not leave their restaurant to hired or outside management.

A kitchen staff of three or four working different shifts pump out an average of 700 meals per day.

Service is competent and friendly in this 134-seat eatery with counter space for six, ample booths for four and tables for four to six. Burgundy, green, gray and mauve tones form a background to hanging plants and attractive lighting that creates an inviting atmosphere where smoking is not permitted.

#### VALUE PRICING

At The Avenue, a patron can eat breakfast, lunch or dinner any time of day. However, breakfast specials, ranging \$2.59 to \$3.39 run only to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Yet at other times, the number one seller Avenue Special breakfast with three eggs, two strips of bacon, two sausages, one slice of ham, served with a pineapple

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**Where:** 31253 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak (248) 549-4130.

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**Reservations:** Not accepted.

**Other feature:** No smoking.

slice, hash browns and toast is only \$6. The Works Omelette made with ham, bacon, onions, green peppers and hash browns cooked inside, topped with melted Jack and Cheddar cheese and served with toast is \$6.39.

Diners seeking low cal, low fat and low cholesterol have a whole page of items suited to diet preferences. A 1/3-pound Turkey Burger on a whole wheat bun served with shredded lettuce and tomato is a light lunch at \$3.79.

Chicken Stir-Fry, a regular and popular dinner item, is dubbed Healthy

Stir-Fry, on the Healthy Avenue Page. Essentially, the dinner menu does chicken eight ways and accounts for 50 percent of all orders.

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BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD  
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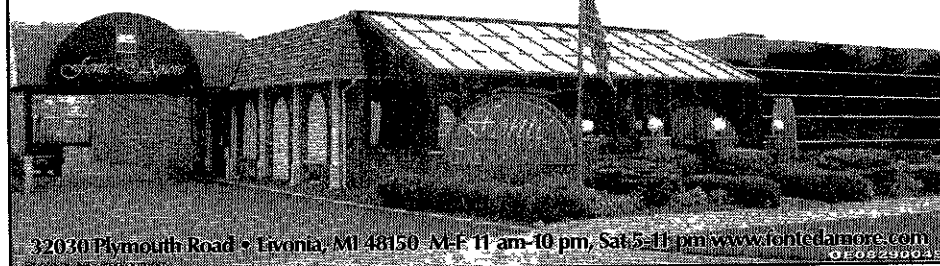
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# Music

## It's so hard to say good-bye



Bobby Lewis will retire his Cracker Jack Band this month after a 45-year run.

## Bobby Lewis & The Cracker Jack Band bid adieu

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Bobby Lewis & The Cracker Jack Band will be dearly missed.

For 45 years the rock band has been dedicated to Michigan.

Yes, they've played Las Vegas and Reno; performed for Elizabeth Taylor; knew Frank Sinatra and bonded with Bobby Vinton. This band could have moved to Los Angeles or New York for an even bigger career. Instead the band was signed to Motown and made strong roots here.

Bobby Lewis & The Cracker Jack Band has played nearly every Michigan festival imaginable and every event big and small. The music is rock n' roll.

As of Sunday, Jan. 30, Bobby Lewis & The Cracker Jack Band will be no more.

And the final show is already sold-out.

The gentlemanly band will play one more show at The Venue in Dearborn. After that Lewis, formerly of Florida who now has a home in Northville, will pursue new musical projects. He's giving the band name to current members of the Cracker Jack Band and they'll continue to perform.

Just not together as Bobby Lewis & The Cracker Jacks.

"It's been a great run," Lewis said. "Detroit is a great town for musicians and I wanted to quit while we were ahead. I want to focus on writing."

What's so special about Lewis and the band is the loyal following.

From 1970-1983 they were a house band at the now defunct Your Mustache nightclub that was located at Ford Road and Oakman. In its heyday, when Lewis

and the band performed, it wasn't unusual for Bobby Vinton or Peggy Fleming to be in the audience. After the club closed, the band continued playing other nightclubs and events, becoming a Detroit mainstay.

### STRONG FOLLOWING

"We've had a strong following for years," Lewis said. "People came and met at our shows, got married, brought their kids to our shows ... we've grown up with a lot of people. We even made it through the disco era because we didn't fall into that trap. We stayed true to what we loved."

And what they love are good songs — originals and also remakes like *Drift Away* by Dobie Gray. Lewis also worked to introduce the audience to new styles of music.

"We exposed our audience to many up-and-coming musicians like Steely Dan," Lewis said. "We played their songs live before they were popular. The audience appreciated that. We weren't a cookie cutter group."

His daughter, popular local musician Gia Warner, said she realizes the impact her father has on the Detroit music scene.

"Is there anyone in Michigan who doesn't know Bobby Lewis & The Cracker Jack Band?" Warner said. "I've heard stories of people telling me how they remember seeing my dad perform at Your Mustache ... I think all of Michigan went to that place during its heyday at least once."

Lewis, a singer who also plays the guitar, banjo and mandolin, is known in the local music scene as an entertainer who treats his band well and respects his audience. He's honed musicians such as Larry London, a drummer considered one of Nashville's best, for example.

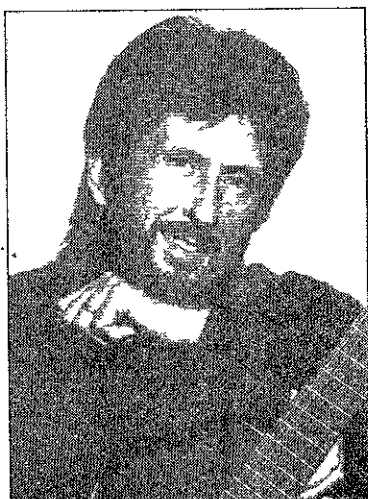
"It's his love for musicians and music

that's made him so successful," Warner said. "He always kept the shows fresh, because he loves being on stage."

Lewis played guitar on Warner's upcoming album; hopes to play bluegrass and plans to release a CD of the *Bobby Lewis & Cracker Jack Band* sometime this year.

"Through the years we tried to provide high caliber entertainment and I'm grateful to everyone who followed us," Lewis said. "It's time to try something new."

Keep in touch with Lewis' projects by visiting his daughter's Web site at [www.giawarner.com](http://www.giawarner.com).



Bobby Lewis and the Cracker Jack Band are calling it quits as a team — but the band and Lewis will continue to make music, just not together.



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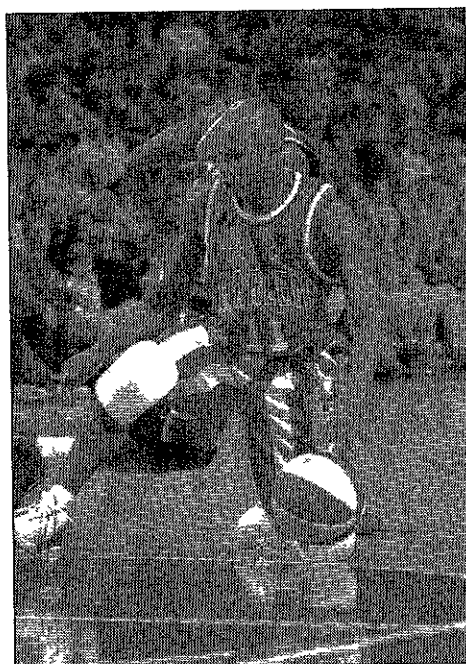
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# Harlem Globetrotters push limits in a good way



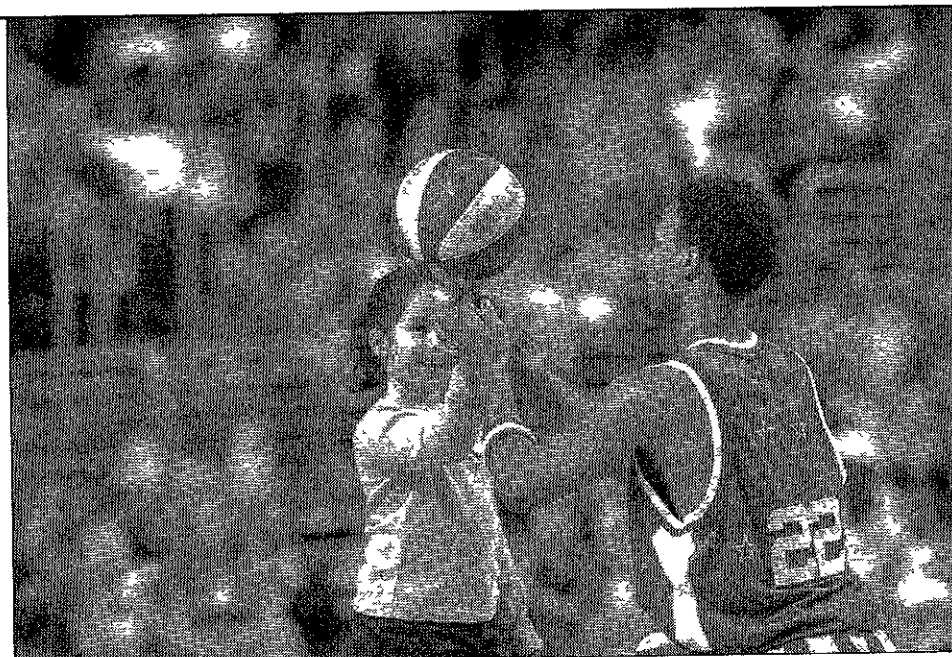
BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

The world's fastest dribbling basketball players, the 12-foot slam dunk, the first African-American owned basketball team: The Harlem Globetrotters score on all these points, and don't forget their lighthearted humor.

Founded by Mannie Jackson in 1933, the Harlem Globetrotters have been entertaining families for 78 years. They're bringing their game to The Palace on Saturday.

Is there any American who can't whistle the Globetrotters' theme song? Is there any child who hasn't laughed when the players throw buckets of confetti at other players?

"People came when they were kids to see the Harlem Globetrotters and as adults they bring their own kids," said Globetrotter Anthony Blakes. "The Globetrotters are an American entity. ...



The Harlem Globetrotters have been entertaining generations since the late 1920s. The team's impact on basketball is strong. Globetrotters were instrumental in creating the 'slam-dunk.'

Everyone gets a kick out of them. ... I did when I was a child."

Blakes is in his third season as a Globetrotter, a career that's a dream come true.

"What young kid hasn't dreamt of playing pro sports?" Blakes said.

## STERLING REPUTATION

Blakes said the Globetrotters are role models who take their job seriously. While some NBA players make news with legal troubles or wild on-court behavior, The

## THE HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

**When:** 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29

**Where:** The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills

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Globetrotters' reputation shines. More than 90 percent of the team members are college graduates. On court, they behave modestly.

"A lot of athletes don't want the responsibility of being role models, but like it or not, we are," Blakes said. "We want to show children the possibilities that are out there if they work hard. We serve as goodwill ambassadors ... to schools, hospitals ... anywhere we can make a child smile."

Blakes said being a Globetrotter takes more than world-class athletic talent.

"You need to have the personality for it," Blakes said. "I was always a down-to-earth guy, always smiling on the court, trying to be a positive person. The Globetrotters noticed that so they approached me."

Smiles are important, but talent even more so. Blakes played for the University of Wyoming when the Globetrotters approached him.

The Globetrotters developed the fast-break offense, the slam dunk and a scouting system to recruit players, Blakes said. Recently, the team set world records in the vertical slam dunk.

"We're always looking to push the limits," he said.

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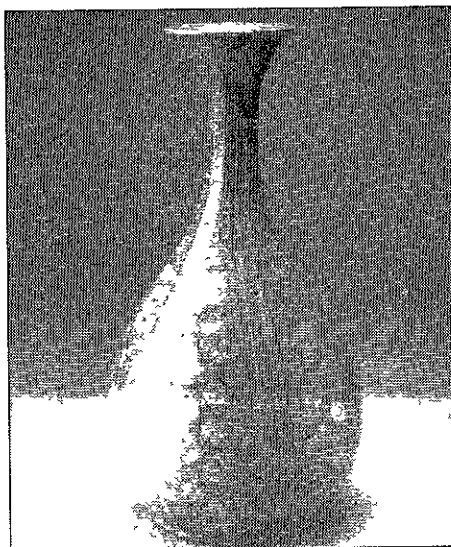


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Celadon-glaze pottery is the most well known style of Korean ceramic art. A wine bottle with an inlaid design of chrysanthemum blossoms represents the style and the Goryeo Period between 918 and 1392.

## Still standing, still speaking

Exhibit presents Korea's  
enduring, but  
centuries-old, art works

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

It's fair to think of Korean pottery as a sort of sole survivor with a profound tale to tell.

Unlike most other works of art created centuries ago in Korea, ceramics weathered the country's tumultuous history at least partly because of their burial in tombs.

"Korea, by virtue of its location as a peninsula, had been ravaged by warfare throughout its history, so you can't trace Korean architecture and also the paintings did not survive. Many were taken to Japan as booty of war," explained Maribeth Graybill, senior curator of Asian art at the University of Michigan Museum of Art, where an exhibition of Korean pottery spanning the second century to 1910 recently opened.

*The Enduring Art of the Korean Potter*, which continues through July 24, also debuts the Ann Arbor museum's newly acquired collection of more than 250 Korean ceramic works.

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### New York Philharmonic

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 8 PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 4 PM

Hill Auditorium

PROGRAM (SAT 2/5)

Mozart: Symphony No. 25 in A Major, K. 183 (1774)

Debussy: Symphony No. 3 in E-flat Major, Op. 68 (1901-02)

PROGRAM (SUN 2/6)

Debussy: Symphony No. 3 in E-flat Major, Op. 68 (1901-02)

Bartok: Concerto for Orchestra (1945)

FREE EDUCATION EVENTS

New York Philharmonic Residency Activities

Saturday, February 5, 12 noon to 3 pm

All events take place at the U-M School of Music.

Complete details are available online at [www.nyspo.org](http://www.nyspo.org).



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### Letters from Mozart

### Netherlands Wind Ensemble

Barth Schreiermann, conductor

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 8 PM

Backham Auditorium

PROGRAM

Mozart: Concerto No. 10 in D Major, K. 417 (1781)

FREE EDUCATION EVENT

Diary of an Ex-Bassoon Player

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Thursday, February 10, 7-7:30 pm

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Faculty Artists of the U-M School of Music

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 4 PM

Backham Auditorium

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## PROFESSIONAL THEATER

### Jewish Ensemble Theatre

*Door to Door* by James Sherman through Feb. 13, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900, [www.jettheatre.org](http://www.jettheatre.org).

### Fox Theatre

The new production of the musical *Oliver!* through Jan. 30, shows at 8 p.m. today-Saturday and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, matinees at 2 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$28-\$70.50, (248) 433-1515 or (313) 471-6611 or visit [www.OlympiaEntertainment.com](http://www.OlympiaEntertainment.com).

### 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).

atre.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)

### 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)

### Detroit's City Theatre

Mitch Albom's *Duck Hunter Shoots Angel* has extended its performance schedule through Feb. 27. Tickets \$25-\$40, (248) 645-6666 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). For information, call (313) 872-1000 or [www.NederlandDetroit.com](http://www.NederlandDetroit.com).

### Breathe Art Theatre Project

Sam Shepard's dark comedy *True West*, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave. West, Windsor, Ontario. \$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).

## YOUTH THEATER

### PuppetArt

*Firebird*, 2 p.m. Saturday, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit, \$5 children, \$7 adults, (313) 961-7777.

### Starlight Theater

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott presented by Oakland Theatre Guild, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Feb. 4-5, Feb. 11-12; 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, and Feb. 13, at the theater inside Summit Place Mall, 315 N. Telegraph, corner of Elizabeth Lake Road, \$14 adults, \$12 seniors, \$10 children 12 & under at the door, on line at [www.starlighttheater.net](http://www.starlighttheater.net), or call (248) 335-1788. Order advance tickets on-line before Jan. 28 and save \$3. Enter the coupon code OTG333.

## COMMUNITY THEATER

### Avon Players

*A New Brain*, musical based on the life of composer William Finn, with book co-authored by James Lapine, Jan. 27-29. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances start at 8 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.

### Farmington Players

*Proof*, 8 p.m. curtain, 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 28-30, Feb. 4-6, Feb. 10-13, 17-19 at the Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 Twelve Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads. Tickets \$13, \$10 on Thursdays and for seniors on Jan. 30, (248) 553-2955, [www.farmingtonplayers.org](http://www.farmingtonplayers.org)

### Players Guild of Dearborn

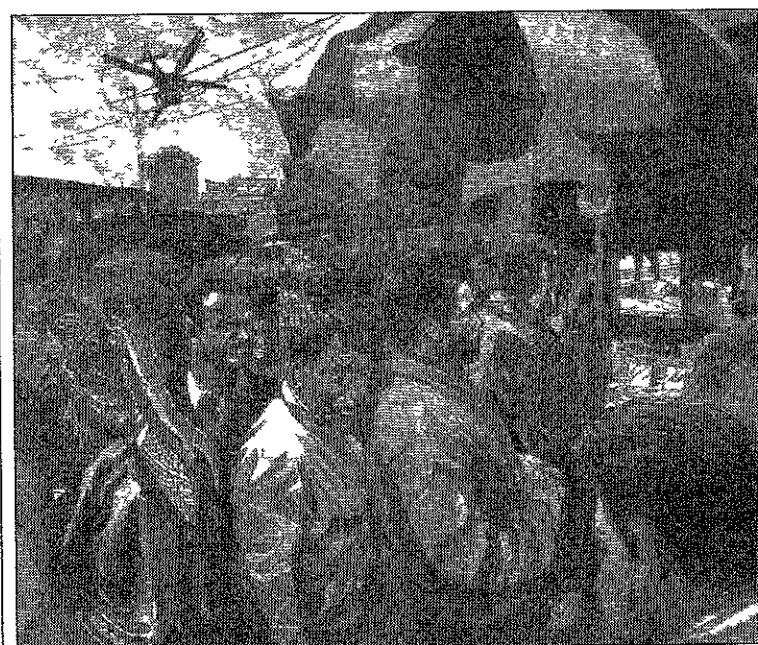
Comedy *Dear Ruth* by Norman Krasna, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. (313) 561-TKTS or [www.players-guildofdearborn.org](http://www.players-guildofdearborn.org).

### St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild

Neil Simon's *Rumors*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 27-29, \$15, students/seniors \$13, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-0527 or [www.stdunstantheatre.com](http://www.stdunstantheatre.com).

### Village Players

*High Spirits* Noel Coward's classic come-



*Sketches From the Front, 'Drawing from Life: Steve Mumford in Iraq, 2003-2004'* exhibit at Cranbrook Art Museum opens Jan. 29 and runs through April 3 in the Museum's deSalle Auditorium. Mumford's work chronicles military and civilian life in Iraq. He will present a lecture of his experiences at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 28. The museum is at 39221 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Fourth Fridays of each month. Admission free for members; \$6 general public; \$4 students and seniors; children 12 and under are free. For more information, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or visit [www.cranbrook.edu](http://www.cranbrook.edu).

*dy Blithe Spirit* is set to a rollicking musical score, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, 34660 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, \$15, (248) 644-2075 or [www.birminghamvillageplayers.com](http://www.birminghamvillageplayers.com)

### Stagecrafters

*Pippin* through Feb. 13, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette in downtown in Royal Oak. Tickets \$16 and \$18, call (248) 541-6430.

### Pontiac Theatre IV

Neil Simon's *Rumors* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Feb. 4-5, Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene, (248) 249-7471 or email [pontiactheatreiv@comcast.net](mailto:pontiactheatreiv@comcast.net).

### Rosedale Community Players

*The Melville Boys* by Norm Foster, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, (1/4 block east of Lahser) Detroit. \$12, (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010.

## COLLEGE THEATER

### Bonstelle Theatre

*Metamorphoses*, based on Ovid's ancient stories, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Sunday, Jan. 30, 3424 Woodward Ave., one block south of Mack Avenue at Eliot. 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

### Novi Theatres

*Oliver!* actors ages 7-99, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, (children); 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 (adults); 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 (callbacks), The Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, (248) 347-0400.



The Actors' Company presents the Prince Street Players Ltd. musical production of *'Sleeping Beauty'*, 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (northwest corner of I-275) in Livonia. Tickets \$8 ages 12 and younger, \$10 ages 12 to adult. Seating is limited, call (248) 988-7032 or visit [www.theactorsco.com](http://www.theactorsco.com). The show has twelve tuneful songs, colorful sets and costumes and fast paced dialogue. *Sleeping Beauty* is portrayed by Jacqueline Plunkard and the prince by Sean Ward.



### Clarkston Village Players

Auditions for *Bat Boy: The Musical*, Story and Book by Keythe Farley and Brian Fleming at Clarkston Village Players' Depot Theatre. 18 roles available for adult men and women.

Auditions will include: readings from the script, singing a prepared song, and a dance audition. Auditions are at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 and 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7. For information, visit [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org).

### Rosedale Community Players

*Self Help*, comedy by Norm Foster, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River (1/4 block east of Lahser Road), Detroit, three men and women, 25 and older sought, (313) 532-4010.

### The Henry Ford

Auditions for spring and summer shows, 3-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21; 3-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, Anderson Theatre inside Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn. Call (313) 982-6100, Ext. 2154 or visit [www.TheHenryFord.org](http://www.TheHenryFord.org) (click on employment or Greenfield Village for the audition page).

### Oakland Community College

Just for You arts and entertainment series call for entries in the 10th annual Through Our Eyes photo contest and exhibit, March 10 through April 1, second floor Student Center, OCC Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford.

Submission deadline 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. For entry forms, information, call (248) 942-3241.

## DANCE

### 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.

## COMEDY

### Paisano's Joey's Comedy Club

The Sandman, 8:15 p.m. & 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, \$12; 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, \$10; 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn, dinner packages available, (313) 584-8885.

### Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Tom Mabe, 8 p.m. today, \$9; 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 28-29, 314 E. Liberty, \$12, (734) 996-9080. Discount for tickets purchased in advance.

## CLASSICAL

### Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

Brass Bonanza, featuring organist Tony Trenney, 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham; David Jackson, musician and trombone professor at the University of Michigan presents *The Slide's the Thing*, preview at 2:15 p.m. \$25 adults,



The Detroit Ensemble Theatre presents '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. 28-29, at the theater in Roseville at the intersection of Ten Mile Road and Gratiot Avenue. Tickets are \$15, and are available by calling (888) 220-8471 or at the door. Pictured from left are Cliff Kanske, Ken Wood and Megan Pennefather

\$22 seniors (over 60), \$10 students, at door or call (248) 559-2095, [www.detroitchamberwinds.org](http://www.detroitchamberwinds.org).

### DSO

Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 2 featuring conductor Neeme Jarvi and pianist Alexander Markovich, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28; 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 377 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 576-5111, [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com)

### UMS

Audra McDonald 4 p.m. Sunday, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor, \$10-\$44, (734) 764-2538, [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org)

## FOLK

### Kitty Donohoe

Award-winning, singer-songwriter brings her three-octave voice and multi-instrumental talent to Trinity House Theatre in Livonia, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, \$12 at the door or call (734) 464-6302. Trinity House Theatre is at 38840 W. Six Mile Road, in Livonia [www.kittydonohoe.com](http://www.kittydonohoe.com).

### Clarkston Village Players

Presents Jeremy Kittel Trio, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 at Clarkston Village Players' Depot Theatre, \$12, call (248) 625-8811 or visit [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org).

### Larry Arbour

Coffee Beanery Cafe, 28557 Woodward Ave., Berkley, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, (248) 336-9930.

### The Ark

The 28th annual Ann Arbor Folk Festival, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28 and 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor, \$30 or \$45 for both nights, (248) 645-666, (734) 761-1451 or [www.theark.org](http://www.theark.org).

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### The Magic Bag

Tony Fusco Tribute with The Gaza Strippers, 3D Invisibles and Mitch Manns, 8 p.m. tonight, \$7; Radiocraft 8 p.m. Friday, The Mega 80s, 8 p.m. Saturday, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, [www.themagicbag.com](http://www.themagicbag.com)

### Winter Rock Fest

At Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak, (248) 543-4300, 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30. A Detroit rock festival including Blind Shame, Proxi, Joe Anthony and Natives of the New Dawn to raise money for the Detroit Music Awards. \$5 donation, [www.detroitmusicawards.com](http://www.detroitmusicawards.com)

## JAZZ

### Peabody's

Al Duncan and Patrick W. Doran, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 34965 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, (248) 644-5222.

### Edison's

John D. Lamb, 8 p.m. to midnight today; Tall Cool One, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

### 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. Saturday, Jan. 29.

### Bugs Beddow Band

Memphis Smoke, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, (248) 543-4300; [www.bugsbeddow.com](http://www.bugsbeddow.com)

## ART

### Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Jim Cogswell: *Definite Article*, opening 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, exhibit continues to March 5, 407 Pine St., Rochester, [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.org)

### Cranbrook Academy of Art

Network Gallery at Cranbrook Art

Museum, *Cranbrook to Lancaster and Back*: Contemporary works in clay, fiber and metal from the Robert L. Pfannebecker Collection, opens 5-8 p.m. Friday, continues to March 26, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3312, [www.cranbrookart.edu/museum](http://www.cranbrookart.edu/museum)

### Zeitgeist Gallery

Tribute to Jacques Karamanoukian, opening reception 7 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Jan. 29. Guest musicians begin playing at 9 p.m. Exhibit continues to March 12, 2661 Michigan Ave., between 19th and 20th Streets, less than a mile west of the old Tiger Stadium, (313) 965-9192, or [www.zeitgeistdetroit.org](http://www.zeitgeistdetroit.org).

### Full House

555, a nonprofit studio/gallery at 4884 Grand River Ave., in Detroit, is seeking submissions for Full House a show that runs Jan. 29 to Feb. 12.

Artist's talk 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, reception 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. will feature food from local merchants and live DJ sets by Monika Lockett a.k.a. DJ Genesis (Subgroundz), additional performances by Eric Leiss (Espleece 6Dirty) and Mark Szymanski (Omoa Music).

Bring up to 15 pieces of work.

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To reserve your space in the show

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[www.555arts.org](http://www.555arts.org).

### Janice Charach Epstein Gallery

*The Forgotten Photographs: The Work of Paul Goldman*, opening reception 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, exhibit continues to March 20, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 432-5448.

### Epiphany Glass

Opens studio to the public 4-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3. View an individually crafted collection of handblown glass sculptures including the Splash Free Form and Nest series. Meet artisan husband and wife team Jason Ruff and April Wagner.

Live glass blowing demonstrations will be conducted every half hour.

No charge.

All welcome, 770 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, (248) 745-3786.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Artrageous 2005

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, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 29 at The American Center Building, 27777 Franklin Road near Telegraph and the Lodge Freeway, \$100, call (248) 584-4150 or visit [www.fanclubarts.com](http://www.fanclubarts.com).

### Michigan Camper Travel & RV Show

Through Sunday, Pontiac Silverdome, 3-9 p.m. today-Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, \$7.50 adults, \$3 children 6-14, children 5 and under free,

[www.michigancampershow.com](http://www.michigancampershow.com), (800) 828-6550.

### 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.detroit-publicity.org](http://www.detroit-publicity.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 presents 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

## MUSEUMS

### Detroit Institute of Arts

*Murano: Glass from the Olnick Spanu Collection*, through Feb. 27; 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit; \$10 adults, youth ages 6-17, \$5, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org). Museum open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Closed Monday and some holidays.

### Detroit Science Center

*Monster Trucks: An Xtreme Exhibit* continues to May 29, \$4 adults, \$2 children age 2 and up and seniors, with paid general admission. For more information, call (313) 577-8400 or visit [www.detroitssciencecenter.org](http://www.detroitssciencecenter.org)



## CERAMICS

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the museum's holdings in the geographical area and significantly increases its Korean art collection. The gift came from Bruce and Inta Hasenkamp of California, with funding for the purchase from Elder Sang-yong Nam, an alumni of the University of Michigan, and his wife.

Now the museum's collection of the country's ceramics spans the centuries and fairly represents important Korean pottery styles. The exhibit presents the pieces in chronological order.

Thin-bodied, gray stoneware made for society's elite and funeral rituals between the second and eighth centuries is the earliest work featured.

"They're really kind of awe-inspiring," Graybill said. One piece, a mounted equestrian warrior that functioned as a lamp, is extremely rare with less than 10 known.

The next grouping, from the Goryeo Dynasty spanning 918 to 1392, features celadon-glazed pieces used in Buddhist rituals. Although influenced by Chinese green-glazed wares, they show off Korean potters' unique contributions to the style - molded and carved decoration and abstract or pictorial inlays.

"Although (Korean potters) learned celadon from the Chinese, they took it in very interesting directions," said Graybill. Chinese potters used layers of clay, pro-

## SPANNING TWO MILLENNIA

**What:** 'The Enduring Art of the Korean Potter,' an exhibit of ceramics.

**When:** Through July 24; regular museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

**Where:** University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State St., University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor.

**Tickets:** Admission is free; suggested donation \$5, call (734) 763-UMMA or visit [www.umma.umich.edu](http://www.umma.umich.edu).

ducing thick, rich and luminous pieces, but Korean artists created thin delicate works with elaborate designs.

The Joseon Dynasty, from 1392 to 1910, followed, marking the fall of Buddhism and its replacement with Confucianism. As such, the new Korean government favored austere white porcelain in accord with Confucian frugality. By the 17th century, tastes shifted toward blue-and-white wares and another style - buncheon ware - emerged.

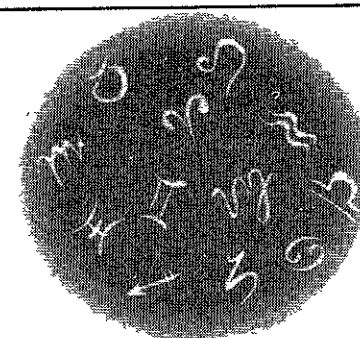
"The exhibit truly is an opportunity to survey Korean art through the centuries," said Graybill.



## Star struck

(Jan. 27-Jan. 29)

By Dennis Fairchild



### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

A chance remark or encounter should now provide you with the perfect opportunity to force both intensely personal and financial matters out into the open. Just ensure that others realize that your patience is exhausted and that a new format must be put into operation - ASAP, Aries!

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You've been hoping for an opportunity to shake off that "careful, practical Taurus" tag and try something different. Well, you are now about to get your chance. A new life beckons, so don't be afraid to discard anything that fails to measure up to your exacting measures.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

If you carry on at your current pace, it won't be long before you're running on empty. The trouble is you have so many things on the go at the moment that you don't have time to slow down. You must make the time. You'll find it's a precious commodity.

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

No matter what setbacks you may have suffered recently, you must get over them quickly, Moon Kid. There are many good things coming your way when the Sun enters your element next month, and you'll miss them if you're moping around with that "woe is me" look on your face. Cheer up!

### LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

You can change just about anything right now - your e-mail name, hairstyle, or career. The most important thing is that you change something at this time, because Mars changing signs promises that changes are a-comin' soon - and they will be good for you! Don't be lazy, Lion.

### VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

You'll be remarkably laid-back over the next few days and nothing will bother you very much. What's come over you? Most likely you've come to the conclusion that nothing in life is worth getting worked up about. It has taken you a long time to get there, but it was an important realization.

### LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Once you overcome certain irrational fears, you'll find that new openings and opportunities bring a new dimension to your existence - and maybe a new source of income as well. You're capable of much more than you are achieving. Stop worrying and start living, Libra. If you can dream it, you can be it!

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Having forged new alliances recently, you must now go a step further and start making them work for you. What is the point of having talented and influential friends if you don't use them? Do something for them and they'll do something for you, Scorp. Assert and insist.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Certain folks still do not believe that you have made your very last attempt to settle your differences and bring about a reconciliation. Therefore, you must be prepared to go to any lengths to ensure that you are compensated in full for your past efforts. Refuse to be drawn into any more put-downs, Archer.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

With the Moon in your element now, you won't be short on ideas or opinions. In fact, you'll have far too many of them for some people's liking. Be that as it may, you won't hesitate to let others know what you think and what you expect of them - and the time is ripe, Cap!

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

Loved ones will want to go their own way and do their thing now, and if you're wise, not only will you let them, you'll encourage them too! You should be delighted that they want to be more independent - it means they've learned something positive from you, Water Bearer.

### PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

The time has come to make a serious assessment of your financial position and make the kind of changes that will ensure your long-term security, Fish. That means making short-term sacrifices, but it's a small price to pay for peace of mind - and money in the bank!

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](mailto:DenFairchild@aol.com).

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# Pure Picks

## Blogs

If you haven't heard yet (and who could've escaped them by now) blogs exist! Short for Web logs, blogs are journals found on the Internet, but they are so much more than that. They create online communities where everyone can share their ideas on everything – from the breakup of Jen and Ben to the stupid thing the President said. Most blogs (the good ones anyway, the ones with advertising and sponsors and some even with a staff of writers and "reporters") deal with specific topics – everything from politics ([www.wonkette.com](http://www.wonkette.com)) to tech gadgets ([www.gizmodo.com](http://www.gizmodo.com)). This week I focus on entertainment blogs – perhaps the most common type of blog (next to personal musings. Note: I have no scientific research to back this up). Because there are so many pop culture blogs, it can be a little daunting to sort through the best. It's a good thing I'm here to tell you which are the most interesting. I mean, what if the blog you love isn't really that great? How would you even know unless I told you? May I suggest you clip this column out and stash it in your desk at work for that dreaded downtime? You'll thank me later. As a sidenote, if something is marked NSFW, it means it's Not Safe For Work and you best not open that link if you value your job. Unless, of course, you work in porn, in which case click on anything you wish.

### Entertainment blogs

Many entertainment blogs are simply pop culture mockery and the creme de la creme of snarky comments is **Golden Fiddle** ([goldenfiddle.com](http://goldenfiddle.com)) – plus, if you're into that sort of thing, they often post photos of hot chicks. Reading this blog will have you on the cusp of everything new – from movie trailers to celebrity happenings to band touring dates – and keep you current of sarcasm trends.

**Scott Stereogum** ([www.stereogum.com](http://www.stereogum.com)) has a penchant for young teen starlets and left of the dial MP3s. Mostly a music blog, Stereogum often links to album streams and new music videos but he also hooks you up with the latest Ashlee Simpson and Britney Spears faux pas.

On the local front, **Whats** ([www.whatevs.org](http://www.whatevs.org)) is a seriously popular blog that compiles the must-know entertainment commentaries and Detroit-interest stuff. A tightly written blog (he was just nominated for the Bloggies shortlist prize) this is a great place for those unfamiliar with blogs to be thrown into the fire, but be careful if you have a super uptight boss – it often carries sexy photos of young starlets (Notice a trend here?).

**Mister Pants** ([misterpants.com](http://misterpants.com)) is rarely updated, but when it is you'll find the best and weirdest links, many related to entertainment or at least providing entertainment (the line is blurry here, if a blog is not exactly about entertainment yet provides entertainment, it is an entertainment blog, correct? I hope so, 'cause farther down I discuss those.)

### MP3 and Music blogs

Free music you ask? Why yes, blogs focusing on

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top entertainment picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you.

free MP3s do exist. As well as blogs with a music focus.

**Large hearted Boy** ([blog.largeheartedboy.com](http://blog.largeheartedboy.com)) provides lots and lots of daily MP3 links, many of which are bootleg shows or live versions of single songs. It also provides daily links to music stories all over the country, allowing you to catch one of your favorite artists in an Arizona newspaper interview. The sheer volume of daily music-related stuff makes this site one of my favorites.

**Said the Gramophone** ([www.tangmonkey.com/blogs/music](http://www.tangmonkey.com/blogs/music)) is a blog not unlike my column. MP3s are posted with a personal impression of the song. A music fan's commentary if you will. Good stuff.

Another MP3 elite (read elite like they have loads of visitors, not like they are snotty) blog is **Fluxblog** ([www.fluxblog.org](http://www.fluxblog.org)). Providing daily MP3s of very left-of-the-dial musicians, the best thing about this site is the pure variety of music picked.

On the local front, **Motor City Rocks** ([www.motorcityrocks.com](http://www.motorcityrocks.com)) runs a blog compiling local music and Detroit interest stories, as well as local show reviews, and band news. Elsewhere on the site you'll find a local event calendar. This is a must for local rock music fans.

Here are a few more worth checking out:

**The Modern Age** ([www.themodernage.org](http://www.themodernage.org)) – Garage rock blog from New York.

**CatchDubs** [www.catchdubs.com](http://www.catchdubs.com) – Often linked by other blogs, I would be remiss not to mention this one.

### Blogs to Kill Time With

I often wonder if **Gawker** ([www.gawker.com](http://www.gawker.com)) will one day collapse from its own sarcasm. With a total disdain for *The New York Times*, intern party reports, Page 6-like blind items, celebrity screwups, it's a lot like Vice with more hipster hate and less swearing.

**The Minor Fall, The Major Lift** ([www.popfactor.com/tmf.html](http://www.popfactor.com/tmf.html)) is a Jeff Buckley lyric but I've never been able to figure out how that relates to the content. After a brief hiatus, this smarty pants is back with a bang discussing stories you missed with a unique insight.

Finally, maybe the best local blog is the simply named **Detroit Blog** ([detroitblog.blogspot.com](http://detroitblog.blogspot.com)) – despite not having a comment form (this is the only thing I would change, as this blog is very positive comment-able). This well-researched and well-written blog takes you urban exploring in Detroit. In the winter months (because it's too cold to truck around abandoned buildings) it provides great local news links, but click back through the archives to take a tour of the Motown Recording studios, old hotels, the Riverfront area and tons more. I can't tell you how much I've learned from this extremely interesting and historically relevant blog.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy, who is always NSFW. Her computer does not recognize blog in spell check. 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.



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