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District may close Miller for one year

Repairs force school officials to eye options

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Groundbreaking for the new elementary school being constructed in Canton Township's Cherry Hill Village needs to happen soon to guarantee opening in time for the 2006-2007 school year.

School district officials also

say opening of the school in August 2006 is paramount to plans affecting more than 600 students at Miller Elementary in Canton — which houses the Talented and Gifted program with students from Plymouth and Canton — who are expected to be displaced for an entire school year when Miller is closed to complete \$3.5 mil-

lion in renovations.

Both projects are part of the \$109 million bond issue passed by Plymouth-Canton school district voters in September. Ken Jacobs, assistant superintendent for administrative services, said surveys and soil borings are being conducted at the 20-acre site on the northwest corner of

Cherry Hill and Denton.

Design work for the building must be approved and fit in with the Cherry Hill Village architecture, and is expected to be sent to the Canton Township planning commission in time for its March 7 meeting.

However, Jacobs admits the time frame to build and open the school is a bit shorter than what is generally considered acceptable for a school project.

"It's shorter than what we would feel extremely comfortable with. But, if everything goes right, we should be OK," Jacobs said. "We can't afford any trip-ups along the way, because there is no room for maneuvering."

Jacobs said problems with the site, labor problems or material shortages would put the scheduled opening of the school in jeopardy.

"Do we feel confident?

Absolutely," Jacobs said. "Are we on schedule now? Yes."

As blueprints for constructing the new school move forward, Jacobs and his staff are also planning more than \$90 million in repairs and renovations at all the district's buildings constructed before 2000.

That includes Miller, where the outlay of \$3.5 million will most likely mean closing the

PLEASE SEE MILLER, A9



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Drummer Nick Keebaugh, of the band Which Way Is Home?, performs Friday during the Battle of the Bands at Summit on the Park.

Popular Battle of Bands draws young music lovers

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

This Battle of the Bands idea is working as well as anyone could have figured.

"As far as the sheer number of kids that support it, we don't have to market it heavily," said Jon LaFever, youth development specialist for Canton Township's leisure services department.

"They're proving to be much larger than expected," said LaFever, who has been overseeing the shows four times each year since 2001 at the ballroom at the Canton Summit.

"You can go see your local bands and hear the music you like," explained Ryan Hepkowski, 16, who organized the show at the Summit on Friday.

"Kids right around here are into local bands a lot. It's because a lot of the bands are friendly, you get to know them and hang out with them and become friends," he said. "It's not like when you go to a huge concert at Clutch Cargo and can't meet the band backstage."

Admission is typically \$5-\$8, and the proceeds go to causes including the Goodfellows Toys for Tots and Plymouth-Canton High student radio station WSDP, which presents its own Battle of the Bands show Friday, March 18.

Hundreds of youths typically attend the 6 p.m.-midnight Friday shows in the room which holds more than 1,000. "I provide the facility space and the support staff and sound equipment and staging," LaFever explained. "They provide marketing aspects and getting the bands."

HIGH SCHOOL PROMOS

Shows are typically promoted through fliers distributed at high schools and on WSDP.

"We never have a shortage of bands," LaFever said.

There are two stages, which allows the music to continue nearly uninterrupted as bands set up or tear down while the other plays. Each band plays a half hour; there are typically 12 bands each show. Show-goers are of high school and early college age.



The crowd claps with the band, Which Way Is Home, on Friday at the Summit. Battle of the Bands typically draws hundreds of young spectators.

While the event is called a "battle of bands" no winner is declared. Yet, show-goers agree one band is more popular than others: Sandbox Heroes.

"They draw a huge crowd," LaFever said. "They have a ton of friends, their music is good, they're a friendly group of guys."

The style of music at the shows is a blend of alternative and punk rock, preferred over hip hop.

PLEASE SEE BANDS, A9

Center Stage building facing wrecking ball

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The Police, Rodney Dangerfield, The Allman Brothers Band and Grand Funk Railroad all played Center Stage in its late '70s early '80s heyday.

Now, plans call for demolishing the club on Ford Road east of I-275, and building a 11,500 square-foot strip mall and a 14,000 square-foot Gordon's Food Service market.

The strip mall developer is negotiating with Starbucks, Noodles and Company restaurant, and others to occupy sites.

"They would like to go as soon as possible," said project engineer Bob Rowe, adding the project must win approval from township planners.

Developer Bill Banicki said he expects to buy the property by mid-February, from the family of long time owner John Sassak, who died in 2003.

Rowe said "it's real premature" to say when the strip mall and market would open, adding construction would likely begin by fall.

Planning requirements for that stretch of Ford Road include brick building facades, garden walls and landscape provisions in keeping with the upscale village look township planners have established for the flourishing business district.

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF A DREAM

"There wasn't a bad seat in the house," recalled former Center Stage manager John Goci, who currently owns the U.S. 12 club in Wayne.

When Center Stage was built in the mid-'70s, the original owners had a deal with the top local booking agency of the time, Brass Ring Productions. They brought in top acts including Ricky Nelson, War, and Brooks and Dunn.

PLEASE SEE CENTER STAGE, A9

Former Agape principal charged in sexual assault of student

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

A former principal at Agape Christian Academy is charged with the sexual assault of a former student which allegedly began when she was a sophomore at the Canton Township school.

Clark Sexton, 30, of Westland pleaded not guilty Wednesday to two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, a felony which alleges penetration, and one count of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, a misdemeanor. Sexton was arraigned

Wednesday in 35th District Court before Magistrate Eric Colthurst. Bond was set at \$30,000, and Colthurst ordered Sexton not to have any contact with the alleged victim. A preliminary exam is set for Feb. 11 in 35th District Court.

Canton police said the former principal turned himself in on Wednesday.

It is the policy of this newspaper not to name the victims of sexual assault.

Police allege Sexton had a sexual relationship with the girl, who

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Euchre, anybody?

The Exchange Club of Canton will hold its second annual Euchre Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 19 at Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway.

Proceeds from the event will benefit local scholarships and the prevention of child abuse. There will be door prizes, a silent auction, raffles and more. There will also be championship prizes for the top three players.

Tickets for the event, which runs from 4-10 p.m., are \$50, which includes food and an open bar. For more information, call Richard Piwko at (734) 981-1149, Jon LaFever at (734) 394-5482, or David Loveland at (734) 207-8943.

Village Theater receives grant

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill has received a \$3,000 grant from Target Stores which will be used to help fund a series of six free children's concerts for all children including children with disabilities.

Puppets, mime and music will be included in the series. The series will begin this summer with three "Tuesdays Are Terrific" programs. Two concerts in the series will include a special hands-on workshop for children. Target and Village Theater organizers hope that this series will help to build young audiences for the arts locally and reach children with

disabilities who would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in the arts.

For more information about the theater, please call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org

LaJoy visit

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, will meet with residents of his district on Monday, Feb. 14 at Van Buren Township Hall, which is located at 46425 Tyler Road. He will be there from 3:30-5 p.m.

LaJoy will discuss state government concerns and other issues. No appointment is necessary.

Department to close

The Canton Department of Public Safety Records Bureau will be closed next Tuesday & Wednesday, February 8 & 9.

Public Safety Records Bureau personnel will be attending training to enhance the level of service provided to the Canton community.

PCA preview night

Plymouth Christian Academy will be holding a special evening for parents of prospective students to come learn about what the school has to offer. The event will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday February 7.

PCA, which is located at 43065 Joy Road just south of Calvary Baptist Church in Canton, is a nondenominational

Christian school serving students in preschool through 12th grade. The school offers a college preparatory program, athletics, and fine arts. Historically, 99 percent of its graduates attend college.

For more information about the event, call (734) 459-3505, or visit www.plymouthchristian.org.

Pioneer Mystery Zone

Eighth-grade students at Pioneer Middle School host the second-annual Mystery Zone Thursday, Feb. 10.

This dessert theatre will showcase the acting, dancing, singing and writing talents of the Pioneer eighth-graders. In addition to being a culminating activity for their mystery unit, students hope to raise money to refurbish Pioneer's 30-year-old stage.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$8 at Pioneer Middle School. A silent auction featuring donations from local businesses and parents will also be held.

The Educational Excellence Foundation will handle the money raised from the Mystery Zone until there is enough to begin refurbishing the stage.

Mom-to-mom sale

Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples will hold their Spring/Summer Sale from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 5 at Plymouth VFW, 1426 S. Mill, North of Ann Arbor Road.

The event features department-style shopping with baby and children's clothing from newborn to size 7, maternity clothing, toys and baby gear.



Davis will be in Canton Feb. 12.

There will also be a bake sale. Admission is \$1 for adults, no strollers please.

Consumer Expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is looking for businesses to participate in the twice-annual Consumer Expo (formerly known as the Business Expo), to take place Feb. 24 at the Summit on the Park.

The Expo will feature nearly 50 local businesses that will demonstrate their products and services to each other and to the general public. The event is a great way to let the community know what your business offers, as well as a great opportunity to network.

Businesses are invited to participate by renting booth space.

For more information and applications for booth space, call the Chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Blues artist performs

Native Detroit Thornetta Davis will sing the blues at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Feb. 12, at 8 p.m. The multi-talented Davis, who is a singer, songwriter and recording artist, typically plays more than 200 shows a year, and has received many accolades. Her credits include everything from the MGM Casino to The VH1 Fashion Awards in New York's Madison Square Garden with Kid Rock, and Pine Knob's 1999 Lillith Fair, hosted by Sarah McLachlin.

Tickets are on sale for \$20, and can be purchased at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, and the Village Theater ticket office located at 50400 Cherry Hill Rd. For more information please call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Practice reflexology

Learn the basic techniques of reflexology at the Canton Public Library tonight at 7 p.m. Deanna Proske, certified reflexologist, will discuss this ancient art and demonstrate how pressure applied to specific areas of the hands and feet can relax tension throughout the body, relieving back pain, migraines and stress.

Reflexology is a complementary therapy that connects reflex areas in the feet and hands with glands, organs and parts of the body. This popular form of preventative therapy addresses health problems in a

natural way by improving nerve and blood supply, and helping the body find balance. Only the hands are used, making it a safe, simple, yet effective method of releasing tension.

This program is part of the library's Learn to... With Friends series sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library. These free events feature presentations, discussions and demonstrations that highlight unique skills or talents that can influence our everyday lives.

The library is located at 1200 South Canton Center Road. For more information call the library at (734) 397-0999.

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. They are looking for 10 lead roles, 15 adult roles and 15 teens to be chorus members. Participants should bring a recent photo. For more information, call (734) 394-5300, or visit www.spotlightplayers.net.

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.

Gifted children

Nurturing the Clever Child is a series for parents of talented children. The class will help parents better understand such children, and help them grow socially and emotionally.

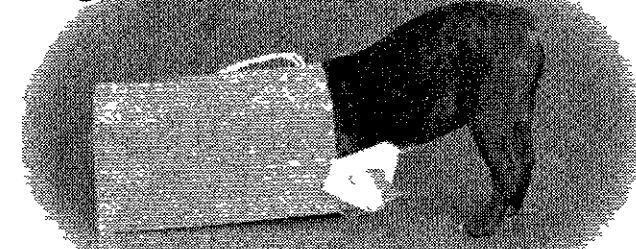
The book, *Guiding the Gifted Child* by James Webb, is the basis for the seven sessions on Tuesday evenings, from 7-8:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 1. The discussions will be at the Miller Elementary media center, 43721 Hanford Road in Canton. For costs and further information, e-mail Marie Brucker at m.brucker@comcast.net, or call (810) 227-5379.



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For information about maintaining an active lifestyle with knock-knees, call HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY at 455-8370. Our staff is dedicated to addressing the unique needs of each of our patients and we provide rehabilitative care for a variety of orthopedic and sports related injuries and conditions. Open by appointment, we are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth and have easy access and parking. New patients are welcome.

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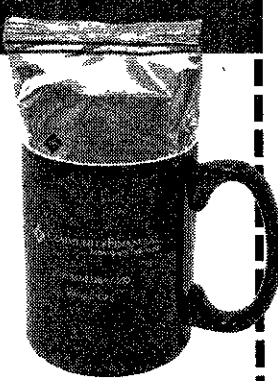
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Everyone's reading

Lauded American novelist focus of reading program; visits Canton

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Everyone's reading ... and reading and reading.

This year's fourth annual "Everyone's Reading" program, sponsored by Metro Net, a consortium of seven area libraries including Canton, will feature a different approach from past programs.

In the past the idea was to get many people reading the same book and participating in book discussions at participating libraries.

This year's program features three different books by author Elizabeth McCracken, who was recognized by *Granta* magazine as one of the 20 best American novelists under 40.

"We wanted to try something new this year," said Rebecca Haverstein-Coughlin, adult services librarian for the Canton Public Library. "We wanted to expose people to dif-

ferent books by the same author. Some people who have participated in the past have requested more choices in books."

Books selected for this year's program include *Here's Your Hat What's Your Hurry*, a collection of short stories, and two novels, *The Giant's House: A Romance* and *Niagara Falls All Over Again*.

The latter book is also available as an audio book recording, narrated by George Guidall, who will be the kickoff speaker for the program. He'll speak at the Farmington Community Main Library at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22.

"He is the premier audio book narrator," Haverstein-Coughlin said of Guidall. "He's actually an actor, too. And he has a voice you can fall in love with."

Canton Library Director Jean Tabor said she liked the new format for the program.

"We always endeavor to select a single book that will appeal to a wide variety of reader audiences, and that is rather difficult to do given people's varied interests and tastes," she said. "We hope that in offering a choice of books, we will encourage even more people to participate in the program this year."

Copies of the books are available for checkout at the Canton Public Library and other participating libraries.

McCracken will also make appearances at all seven Metro Net libraries and do book signings during National Library Week. She'll be in Canton at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13.

"Canton is the first stop on her tour," Haverstein-Coughlin said. "Elizabeth McCracken should be a great speaker herself."

To register for McCracken's appearance, or for more information, call the library at (734) 397-0999.

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Other activities scheduled for Canton will be a discussion of *Niagara Falls All Over Again* at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at the Canton Public Library Community Room. From noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 10, the library will have a lunch and a discussion of all three books.

"Everyone's Reading" was started in the metro area in January 2002. The book chosen for that year was *Pay It Forward* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. The selection for 2003 was *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines. In 2004 the book was *Saul and Patsy* by Charles Baxter.

For more information on this year's events, a list of programs at other libraries, discussion questions and more, visit www.everyonesreading.info.

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Sagear Scholarship aids students facing special adversities

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
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The Plymouth A.M. Rotary is looking for two types of students to receive scholarships - those who have overcome diversity amid special physical or emotional challenges, and those with an artistic flair.

The first is the \$500 Sandra Sagar-Rotary Scholarship, so named for a 1969 Plymouth High School (when it was housed at the current Central Middle School) graduate. Sagar, who died in 1992, overcame the physical barriers of polio and had a successful career working in computers.

One of the biggest challenges Sagar overcame while attending Plymouth-Canton schools was using stairs, because no elevators were available.

Debra Madonna, Plymouth A.M. Rotary scholarship committee co-chair, said Sagar's leg braces made stairwells a challenge, especially since dress codes required girls to wear skirts. Sagar sometimes sat down and scooted herself up and down stairs.

"I think (the Sandra Sagar Scholarship) acknowledges kids who really kind of have to invent how they get through school," Madonna said.

Scholarship committee co-chair Jerry Trumpka, like Sagar, grew up with polio.

He stressed that the Sagar scholarship is not limited to students who overcome physical barriers. Emotional barriers that students must overcome with courage, such as personal tragedy, are important, too.

"We don't limit it to one or two things," Trumpka said. "We want to give the scholarship to kids that certainly face challenges and deserve some recognition."

The 2004 recipients were Brock Knowlton, Matt Tibaldi and Joseph Urban, all of Canton High School.

The scholarship's application deadline is April 8. Requirements include:

■ Fill out scholarship form (students should contact the counseling office).

■ Meet one of the following criteria: Be a graduating senior; have a 2.5 or better grade point average; be a resident of the Plymouth-Canton school district; participate in school activities; perform community service; provide proof of acceptance to college and supply a recent photograph.

■ Applicants must also complete an essay of 250 words or less. The essay must include college plans and a description of future goals.

Scholarship applications should be mailed to: Debra Madonna, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., P.O. Box 5384, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

Lastly, Sagar scholarship candidates must include two letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or employer.

Another Rotary scholarship available is the Damaris Fine Arts Award, named for the late Damaris (Dee) Schulte, who was active with the Plymouth Community Arts Council as a board member, artist and teacher.

The \$600 scholarship is available to Plymouth-Canton seniors who wish to pursue an education in fine arts.

Interested applicants must fill out an application, submit three pieces of artwork to be viewed by a juror and provide two letters of recommendation. The scholarship deadline is March 18.

Forms/application materials should be mailed or submitted in person to: Damaris Fine Arts Award Committee, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, MI 48170. For more details, contact (734) 416-4278.

For more information about either of these scholarships, visit www.storytellerdesign.com. Scholarship forms may be downloaded from this Web site.

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DID YOU KNOW?

■ The library's used book store, Secondhand Prose, has a February special - "To Love or Die. Buy two mystery or romance books, get one free!"

■ Two sculptures by Joseph DeLauro, a local resident and an artist of national renown, are on display at the library. Come take a look!

WEB WATCH

February is Black History Month and the library's Internet Branch features some special collections:

- Black History Month - www.cantonpl.org/specialc/afamhist.html
- African American History - www.cantonpl.org/specialc/blkhist.html
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NEW MATERIALS LIST

To see a complete list of new materials added to the library's catalog this week, visit <http://catalog.cantonpl.org/flist>.

Adult Fiction

- *Dark Fire* - C.J. Sansom

- *Sight Hound: A Novel* - Pam Houston

- *A Woman Named Damaris* - Janette Oke

Adult Non-Fiction

- *Civilization and Its Discontents* - Sigmund Freud
- *Escape In Iraq: The Thomas Hamill Story*
- *A History of Zionism* - Walter Laqueur

Adult Feature Films on DVD

- *Nip-Tuck: The Complete First Season*
- *The Shield: The Complete First Season*
- *Star Trek: Season Three*

Adult Sound Recordings

- *O'ryan*
- *Piano Sonatas, Piano Concertos* - Haydn
- *Symphonies Nos 3 & 7* - Sibelius

Teen Books

- *Always and Forever: Two Novels* - Lurlene Medaniel
- *Frozen Rodeo* - Catherine Clark
- *Solitary Man* - Jeff Mariotte

Children's Fiction

- *A Basketball All-Star* - William Scott Ingram

- *Flying Creatures* - Michael Jay
- *Tree Kangaroos* - Chuck Miller

Children's Picture Books

- *Don't Make a Sound* - By Mary Packard
- *The Purim Surprise* - Lesley Simpson
- *The Teacher From the Black Lagoon* - Mike Thaler


Children's Feature Films on DVD and VHS

- *Friendship Collection: Making New Friends!*
- *Superman: A Little Piece of Home*
- *Pokémon Advanced: Volume Two*

Children's Sound Recordings

- *Big Kid* - Sara Hickman
- *Great Big Sun* - Justin Roberts
- *Songs For Rest Time*

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Ficano appoints deputy county executive

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has appointed Azzam Elder as deputy Wayne County executive. Elder, 35, of Dearborn has served as Corporation Counsel for Wayne County since 2003, overseeing a legal department of approximately 100 employees.

As deputy executive, he will succeed Charlie Williams, who left the county in December. Elder's appointment to the second highest position in the executive office will require approval of the Wayne County Commission.

"Azzam Elder is solution and performance oriented," said Ficano. "He is dedi-



Elder

cated to making government more efficient and implementing the vision of this administration. The residents of Wayne County will benefit from his leadership."

"Charlie Williams did a tremendous job," Ficano said. "His experience and knowledge of the workings of government were assets that benefited the people of Wayne County in numerous ways."

During his tenure as chief civil attorney for Wayne County, Elder restructured the county's legal department into specialized teams led by senior attorneys.

Under his direction, the legal department has helped county departments become more efficient and generated millions of dollars in increased revenues

from settlements, collections of taxes and other initiatives.

Prior to becoming Corporation Counsel, Elder was an assistant Wayne County prosecutor. He served as chief prosecutor in charge of litigation and directed the Drug House Unit and the Abandoned Properties Unit.

Elder received a bachelor's degrees in political science and psychology from the University of Michigan. He earned his Juris Doctor from the Detroit College of Law, graduating magna cum laude. Elder is involved in various civic, business and civil rights organizations. He is the treasurer of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS). Elder and his wife Charlene, also an attorney, are the parents of four children.

Shirley Waldman 'personified O&E's special ways'

Shirley Waldman and Fran Gillis met each other in the classified ad department of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Shirley filled in as manager when Fran was on maternity leave. When Fran returned, the pair became co-managers of the department – a title they held for 31 years.

Their longtime working partnership developed into a warm and loving friendship. Shirley Waldman, 78, of West Bloomfield and formerly of Livonia, died Monday of complications from emphysema.



Mrs. Shirley Waldman

Services were held Wednesday at Ira Kaufman Chapel in Southfield. Interment was at Adat Shalom Memorial Park Cemetery in Livonia.

Gillis, her longtime co-worker, called Waldman "a beautiful, sweet and loyal friend who was always courageous in the face of illness."

"We were buds. We complemented each other. We worked hard, but we also had a tremendous amount of fun working together. Our motto was 'faith, family and loyalty to our staff and company,'" said Gillis.

Shirley's voice could be heard throughout the classified department as she announced: "Calls waiting."

"Shirley personified the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and our special way of doing things," said Philip Power, chairman of the board of HomeTown Communications Network, the parent company of the *O&E*.

"Together with Fran Gillis, she ran the classified advertising phone room with a velvet hand and an iron will that required every sales rep to respond to each and every customer as though they were the most important person in the world, regardless of whether they were placing a big ad or a small one."

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write their ad for maximum impact; she cajoled slow payers into developing a payment plan that worked for their business as well as ours; she made sure every sales rep was well taken care of, whether sick or just feeling blue.

"She was the person who originally suggested I bring dozens of red roses into the phone room for Valentine's Day to pass out to our sales reps, a practice that I continued for years while I was running the papers," said Power.

Waldman retired in March 1992.

"She always said it was the best place she ever worked. She loved it and all the people," said Les Waldman, her husband of 58 years.

Other survivors include sons, Jeffrey of Glendale, Wis., and Richard of Grosse Pointe Park; daughter, Terri of Tucson, Ariz.; grandchildren Weston, Noah, Sara and Erin Waldman; great-grandchild, Kane Waldman; sisters, Elsa Bleeman of Toronto, Canada; Rosalie Schwartz of Farmington Hills and brother Robert Abramovitz of New York.

Memorials may be sent to the American Lung Association.

Local author gives talk on Catholic councils

Local author, the Rev. Francisco Radecki, will speak at the Wayne Public Library 7 p.m. Feb. 10, at on the history of the ecumenical councils of the Catholic Church. He is the author of *Tumultuous Times*, a book that describes this history.

His presentation will appeal to a wide audience, from the high school student to the theological expert.


Radecki will discuss how the ecumenical councils have shaped the Catholic Church and have clarified Catholic teachings. This will prove to be an educational and entertaining evening for anyone interested in history or religion. Copies of *Tumultuous Times* will be available for purchase.

Radecki is a member of the Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen. He and his identical twin brother, the Rev. Dominic Radecki, the co-author of *Tumultuous Times*, were ordained to the priesthood on May 27, 1988.

Francisco Radecki has been at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wayne, Michigan for 11 years.

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Customers are required to ensure that proper access is provided to mail receptacles. Proper access includes the removal of large accumulations of snow and ice from the area around curb line receptacles, so that a carrier can access the mailbox from his or her vehicle. Those customers who have door delivery or receptacles mounted near the house must keep sidewalks, approaches and stairs to the receptacle free of ice and snow.

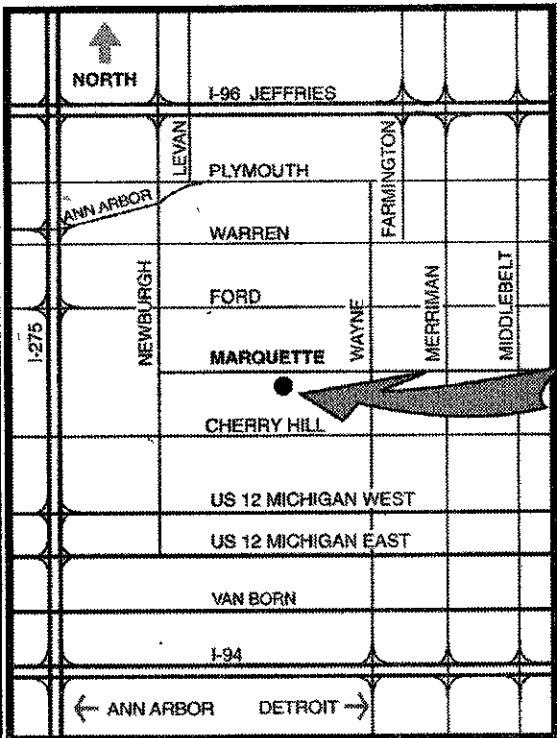
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DEATHS

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Carol M. Albrecht, 82, of Lake Orion, died Jan. 30.
Martha L. Armstrong, 92, of Livonia, died Jan. 17.

B
Nellie May Barr, 99, of Waterford, formerly of Clawson, died Jan. 28.
Randy D. Benefield, of Westland, died Jan. 22.
Martha M. Brown, 87, of Bloomfield Hills, died Dec. 31.

Wallace H. Brown, 92, of Auburn Hills, died Jan. 6.

C
Mary E. Cartier, 66, of Pontiac, died Jan. 28.

D
Harold M. Davis, of Westland, died Jan. 23.
Donald R. Deno, 66, of Pontiac, died Jan. 28.

F
Dolores M. Farwell, 72, of Plymouth, died Jan. 27.
Donald G. Ferguson, 84, of Auburn Hills, died Jan. 14.

G
James A. Gilmore, 91, of Bloomfield Township, died Jan. 19.

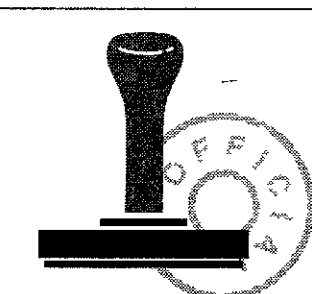
H
Edna Hall, 68, of Westland, died Jan. 31.
Donna J. Harless, 75, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 23.
Edna L. Harp, 75, of Auburn Hills, died Jan. 15.
Josephine N. Helzerman, 75, of Rochester, died Jan. 29.
Doug L. Humer, 57, of Auburn Hills, died Dec. 28.

J
Jerry D. Johnson, 65, of Winter Haven, Fla., died Dec. 28.
Jack H. Jones Jr., 19, of Inkster, died Jan. 20.

K
Robert M. King, 79, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 30.

L
Grace R. Lemerise, 83, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 3.

M
Tia Lynn McArthur, 38, of Plymouth, died Jan. 28.
Leda McBee, 90, of Plymouth, formerly of River Rouge, died Jan. 30.
Carroll "Howard" McDonald, Jr., 62, of Farmington Hills, died Jan. 19.



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 C11.

Anna L. Muellner, 98, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 28.

O
James M. O'Toole, 85, of Westland, died Jan. 20.

P
Robert E. Parr, 59, of Rose City, died Jan. 30.
Harold E. Paulus, 90, of Troy, died Jan. 11.

Dennis Peyton, 91, of Plymouth, died Jan. 29.

R
Floyd E. Ramsey, 81, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 6.

S
John R. Schettenhelm, 85, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 23.
Margaret E. Stallard, 79, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 18.
Donald E. Stapleton, 77, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 10.
Helen Stymelski, 78, Jacksonville, Fla., died Jan. 28.

T
Leonard Bernard Tasiemski, of Westland, died Jan. 25.

V
Mable Vincent, 93, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 5.

W
Madlyne R. Walker, 91, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 14.

Jack V. Wick, 82, of Farmington, died Jan. 20.

James H. Woodall, 82, of Rochester, died Jan. 2.

Z
Walter B. Zetterlund, 75, of West Bloomfield, died Jan. 15.
Atsuko Zmich, 59, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 18.

District, unions to resume talks

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Representatives of Michigan Education Association Local 4 and Wayne-Westland Schools officials are headed back to the negotiating table in hopes of hammering out a new contract.

The move comes just days after hourly union members decided to take their concerns about the possible privatization of support services to the Wayne-Westland school board meeting Feb. 7.

According to Evelyn Baran, Wayne-Westland MEA executive director, the union Wednesday morning called off plans to be at the meeting.

"We have been called back to the table for expedited bargaining," said Baran. "It's a move that we're excited about."

Talk of privatizing custodial services had been circulating in the district for several weeks - talk that Superintendent Greg Baracy called "rumors with no substance."

Baracy last week confirmed that the district was researching privatization, but for informational purposes. Nothing has been discussed, and no decisions have been made, he said.

"We've talked to a few folks for informational purposes only," he said. "It's been blown out of proportion. We have to know, we have to be prepared to answer any and all questions on where we can contain costs."

According to Baracy, the school district "can't continue to do business in the same way" after being shortchanged millions of dollars by the state over the last three years. So school officials are looking at every aspect of the district operations in finding ways to trim more than \$7 million from the 2005-06 budget.

"Transportation costs, supplemental services, administrative costs, we're looking at every area," he said. "And this is caused by the state. It's a responsibility we have and an expectation the community has that we be prudent."

Baracy has been conducting meetings with parents and

WAYNE-WESTLAND SCHOOLS

school employees to provide information on the district's budget and the problem that it faces in the 2005-06 and 2006-07 budget years.

He met with leadership of unions in the district on Jan. 25 and said he "made it clear that when they get to the table, they can work it out."

The district has five contracts it has yet to settle, including Local 4's which expired last July. Also without contracts are the maintenance, paraprofessionals, secretaries and special skills employees.

Baran said she was shocked and discouraged when she initially heard about the companies being called in, but is "encouraged at this time."

"Everyone is concerned, even the teachers," said Baran. "Wayne-Westland is very much a family, a very large family, and to hear this was really devastating."

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Baracy has acknowledged that the union members are the "backbone of the district" and stressed that preserving educational programs and jobs has been the district's intent the last few years. Of the Local 4's 300 members, 205 live in the school district.

"I think they understand there's a very serious problem, but we don't all agree on how to solve it," he said. "The student program is our No. 1 priority and we have to work to maintain that."

"The state isn't going to solve this problem. We have to solve this problem ourselves and by working together we can solve it."

Linda Hardin, Local 4 president, agrees, but is annoyed by what happened.

"If he was sincere he would have come to us first before bringing in these companies," she said. "He should have made us a part of finding a solution. He's asking all the union presidents for ideas, but it's rather late. We're aware the

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district has problems, but we feel he is threatening us first."

Baracy stressed that the district planned for hard times, but "no one anticipated four years of freezes from the state and no one anticipated two years of revenue cuts."

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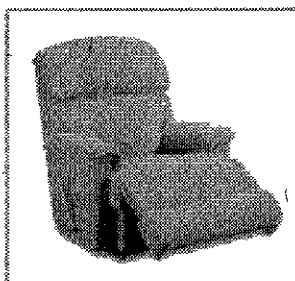
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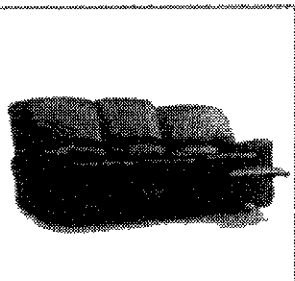
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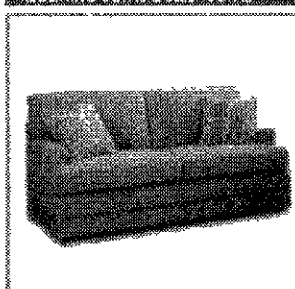
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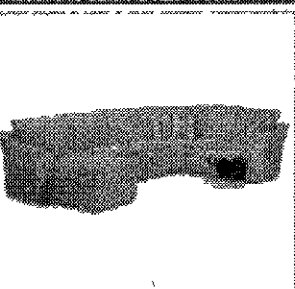
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Prater offers a consultation service for \$75, as well as personal shopping and homestaging, each priced per hour.

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ALL WASHED UP

Mike Toomey spent the past four years in the dog training business. In the meantime he's grown fond of a clean, well-trained pup. That's what led the Ypsilanti resident to open



ShamPooch, the first self-serve dog wash in the **Plymouth-Canton** area.

The business just opened its doors on Thursday, and Toomey said all pets are welcome. The business provides all you'll need, from pet shampoos, conditioners and ear cleaners, to forced-air fur dryers, brushes, combs, nail clippers and aprons. The cost will run from \$15-\$22, with a \$5 charge for larger dogs with a long coat. But through the end of February, ShamPooch is charging \$10 per dog.

The benefit of ShamPooch is that customers don't need an appointment and pet owners stay with their pets.

"You get to pamper your own pet, and you don't have to clean up," said Toomey, who came up with the concept 2 years ago.

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RARE NEWS

Westland residents whet your appetites. **Longhorn Steakhouse** is preparing to open its doors at 35400 Warren Road. The restaurant chain originated in Atlanta in 1981 and has since spawned 235 locations.

According to Tracee Raglow, part of Longhorn's management team, the steakhouse offers "a wide range of menu selections including our savory chicken, mouth-watering salmon and of course our legendary steaks."

The restaurant will also feature a fully-stocked bar. An opening date has not yet been announced. For details, call (734) 466-4300.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the Observer Newspapers. E-mail tips on your favorite new Wayne County shop to scasola@oe.hometownlife.com or call (734) 953-2054.

American Legion post offers scholarship

Rosedale Park American Legion Post No. 390 will again offer a \$5,000 scholarship to a deserving graduating senior.

To qualify for the \$5,000 scholarship, a student must have a parent, grandparent or family member who is currently serving or is an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. military and have a grade point average of 3.2 or higher.

High schools identified to

participate in the program include Catholic Central, Clarenceville, Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, North Farmington, Harrison, Farmington High, Mercy, Ladywood, Northville High, Plymouth-Canton, Plymouth Salem, Plymouth Christian Academy, Redford Union and Thurston. Applications are available at the counselors' offices. Completed applications

must be returned to American Legion Post No. 390 by March 15.

The post, which was founded in Detroit in 1946 in the North Rosedale Park area, currently meets at 8 p.m. every third Thursday at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall on Farmington Road in Livonia.

Members have served in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam.

ASSAULT

FROM PAGE A1
is now 20 and lives in Canton, between 1999 and 2001. Sexton was hired by Agape in 1995, and became principal in July 1999. He left the school last May.

According to police reports, Sexton and the girl began a relationship when she was a sophomore. Police reports state the relationship continued into the student's junior year, when most of the sexual encounters allegedly took place.

Although the victim told police she broke off her relationship with Sexton, he allegedly kept e-mailing her until July 2004.

Last month, the victim told her parents of the relationship and the police were also informed.

After a two-week investigation, police arrested Sexton on Wednesday. The woman told police investigators that most of the sexual encounters took place in Sexton's vehicle in a

parking lot near the northwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road.

Police officials said it makes no difference that the girl consented to the sexual relationship.

"Consent plays no part, because of the age of the victim. The law says when you are 13, 14, 15, you can't give consent," said Canton Detective Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

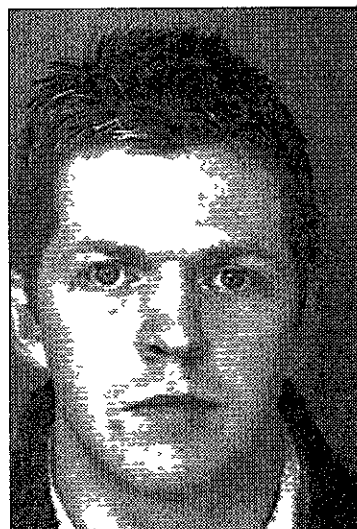
Agape Christian Academy is on Geddes Road, east of Canton Center. It is a non-denominational Christian K-12 school with about 350 students.

AGAPE SPOKESMAN

According to Agape spokesman pastor Mark Moore, school officials were notified of the allegations the same day as the police.

"We heard about the allegations and are shocked and appalled," he said in a statement. "Our prayers go out to the alleged victim."

Moore said the school conducted background checks on



Sexton (police photo)

Sexton, just as it does with all prospective employees.

"All proper safeguards were in place such as a criminal background check, a fingerprint check and also checking references. He passed all the requirements," he said.

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Tickets available for tsunami benefit

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 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.

"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."

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.

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Remote control racing buffs find new home at area track

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

Retired auto worker Woody Seymour is having fun at a new Livonia location to race his remote-control cars.

The Canton resident spends 20 hours a week toying with his remote-control cars and testing them at R.C. Screwz Speedway, one of only a handful of indoor racing tracks for remote-control cars in Michigan. The facility is located in an industrial building on Levan between Plymouth and Schoolcraft.

"I like the people and the competition and it gives me something to do in the winter," Seymour said of his hobby of 20 years. "You get addicted once you get into it."

Owner Keith Bergevin opened the track in September as part of the screw distribution business for remote-control cars. He said these operations are popular and abundant in California, Texas, Arizona and Ohio, however, R.C. Screwz Speedway is the only such track in Wayne County. There are similar tracks in Sterling Heights, Commerce Township and Ypsilanti.

"I knew the interest was out

there but there wasn't a track in the area," Bergevin said. "I figured if you build it, they will come."

The 8,800-square-foot building features an adjustable track on a carpeted or asphalt surface. The speedway also has a pro shop and pit area where racers can tinker with their cars and recharge batteries.

The building is open for practice laps Tuesday through Sunday and organized club racing and classes take place Tuesday evenings.

In club racing, competitors who spend thousands of dollars on their remote-control vehicles can crank them up to 40 mph on a straightway. Five cars compete on a twisting and turning track, completing 20 laps in about five minutes with an average lap speed of 15 mph.

"It's always a fun challenge to figure out why you got beat so you can make adjustments," Seymour said.

In the spring, Bergevin plans to periodically shift his asphalt track into an oval for races with electrical and nitrogen-oxide fuel cars.

Bergevin has been a remote-control car buff since he was a kid growing up in Ferndale and raced against his buddies

in parking lots. He worked in computer systems for 15 years and started a screw-distribution business four years ago.

"I bought screws as part of my hobby and I would sell off what I didn't need," Bergevin said. "I ended up with more requests than screws, and it snowballed from there."

In December 2003, the married father of three quit his full-time job because he was able to support his family with the business he operated out of his Canton home. He supplies specialized screws to some 900 hobby stores in 17 countries.

"I knew if I ever could afford my own building for this business, I had to have a track," Bergevin said.

He found a workable combination of space and rent rates in the industrial building on Levan. One year ago, Bergevin would not have been allowed to use a Livonia industrial building for his business, but a policy change in March made it possible. The Livonia City Council changed zoning rules that permit some recreational uses inside buildings in light industrial districts with a waiver-use permit.

This change was implemented in other communities looking for new ways to fill empty



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Owners Keith and Lisa Bergevin of Canton and their 4-year-old son, Brandon, stand in the remote racing track at R.C. Screwz in Livonia.

industrial buildings. For example, several of these buildings throughout metro Detroit have been converted into indoor soccer fields.

Bergevin's permit was

endorsed by the Livonia Planning Commission on Tuesday and awaits a final review and approval by the Livonia City Council.

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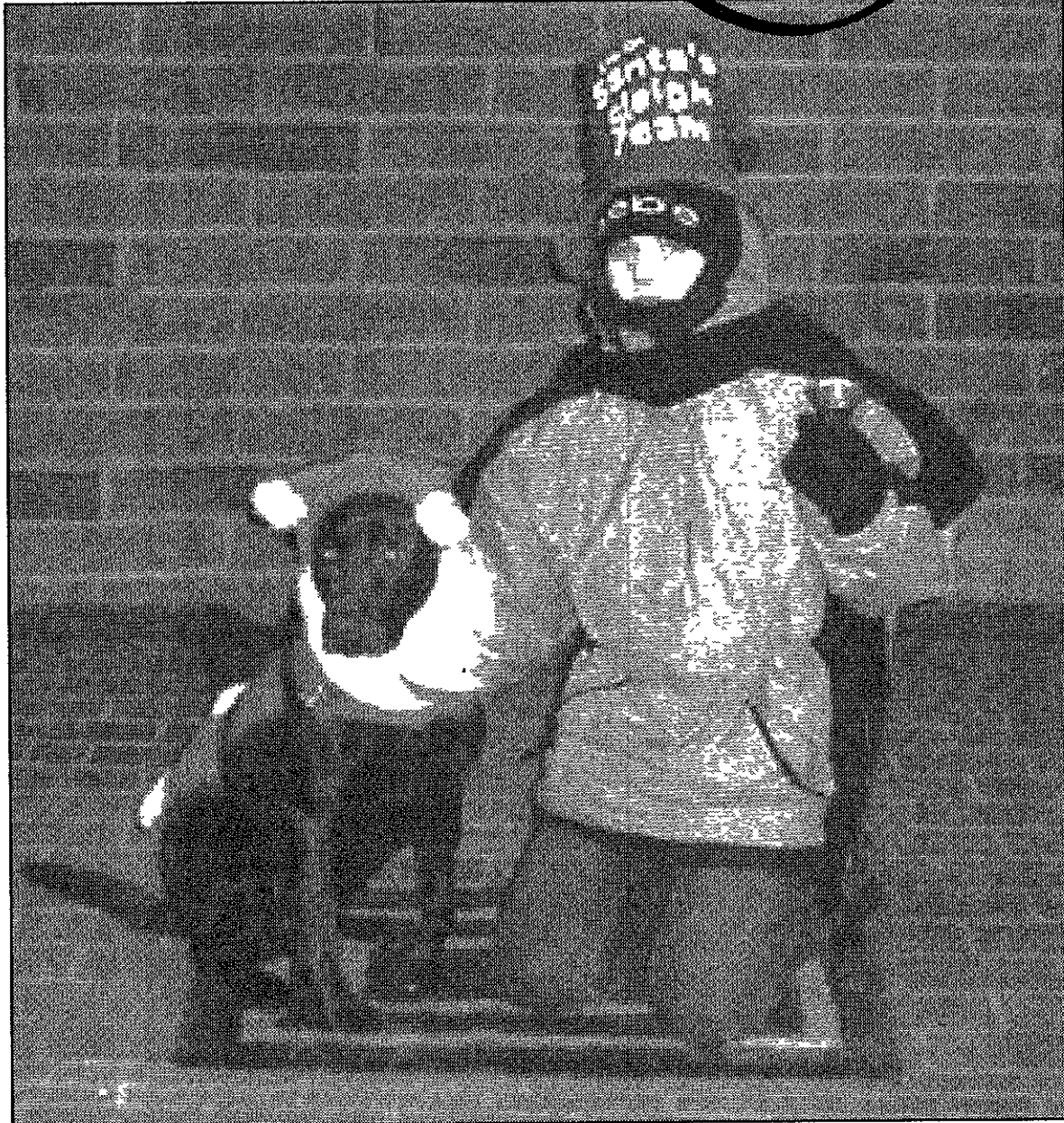
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Ted Krisko of The Transfer, waits for his band's turn on stage Friday during the Battle of the Bands at Summit on the Park.



Mark Paponetti of Plymouth, and Kristen Drozdowski of Canton, listen to the bands.

BANDS

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LaFever is trying to organize a contest in which youths attending the shows can vote for favorites, and the winners would perform June 16-17 at Liberty Fest. The winners would also receive studio time and coaching from Axis Music Academy of Canton. Guitar Center has helped provide equipment for Battle of the Bands shows.

"I'm proud to say it's a very

safe environment," said LaFever, adding the room is not vandalized, nor have there been fights or detectable alcohol abuse.

"We don't allow moshing at all, just for safety," LaFever said. Stage diving is also forbidden, and a staff of eight helps enforce the rules.

"It's a mess when they leave. We just clean it up and it's ready to go the next morning."

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CENTER STAGE

FROM PAGE A1

When the original owners ran into money problems, Sassak - a tool and die business owner who also ran the Urban Cowboy club in Westland complete with mechanical bull - took over.

Goci recalled the 20,000 square-foot club's acoustics as superior. Center Stage was the largest such club on the west side, holding 1,500 on two levels. Even more impressive were two skyboxes available for rentals, before the notion of suites became common.

A former World War II bomber pilot, Sassak also showed major boxing matches on closed circuit TV at Center Stage. Goci said the legendary Thomas Hearns vs. Sugar Ray Leonard bout in 1989 was memorable.

The club was packed. Hearns knocked Leonard down twice, but Leonard was named the winner. "Everybody was totally distraught the Hit Man lost," Goci recalled. "Everybody thought he won and were quite upset."

Around this time, the club was also becoming known for other fights, involving groups

of teens, as Center Stage was also serving as a teen club.

"The Canton police used to set up vans in the parking lot," recalled Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

"Sometimes teenagers get out of hand," Goci said. "I don't recall anybody being seriously injured. I got a lot of training for this business at Center Stage."

Sassak's son, Mark, said his father "loved the night club business."

John Sassak later tried to recast the Center Stage as a dinner club, but closed it in 2001 after he was injured in a car accident. He died at age 83, in May 2003.

MOVING ON

Banicki said he does not have a name for the property, to be developed by his company Model Properties, which is headquartered in Flushing near Flint. He's so positive about the prospects for success that the land sale is going through immediately, and is not being tied to approval of the development by the township government.

"It's certainly near I-275. You've got a huge anchor next door that draws a lot of traffic;

Wal-Mart and Sam's Club are very powerful and Ford Road is an absolutely great site for a small strip mall," Banicki said. "We don't anticipate any big problems."

Other strip malls developed by Banicki include the 32,000 square-foot Riverview Plaza at Fort and Pennsylvania roads in Riverview and another at Ford Road and Middlebelt in Garden City which includes a Rite Aid.

Yack said the effort to redevelop the property is welcome. "It fell into disrepair. The sign in front looks terrible," he said.

"It's probably one of the best locations in Canton because of proximity to Don Pablos and Sam's Club," Yack said. "Lotz Road to the north is going to be improved; they won't have to pay any part of that."

Mark Saum, an assistant manager at the Gordon's Food Service store at Ford and Newburg roads in Westland, said plans call for the Westland store to relocate to the larger Canton site.

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Van Buren taps two new principals

BY RUSS HAMMOND
CORRESPONDENT

Van Buren Public Schools will have two new principals come this summer.

Last month, the board of education unanimously approved the appointment of Kevin Kelly as principal of Belleville High School and Michelle Herring as principal of South Middle School. Both will assume their duties effective July 1.

Kelly was appointed interim principal at the high school last year after Bruce Greene stepped down to return to teaching and fulfill administrative duties at South Middle School. Herring will replace current Principal William Houston, who is retiring this year.

"Both of these professionals have a long history of putting their heart and soul into their school," said Superintendent Pete L. Lazaroff, Jr. "We interviewed many qualified, outstanding candidates for these positions. We feel we have two principals that will fulfill their duties in an outstanding way."

The search for a new principal at South Middle School started in the fall of 2004. More

than 30 people applied for the position. After a series of in-depth interviews, which included questions covering academics, student achievement and leadership style, Lazaroff recommended Herring to the school board.

The district actually hired Herring in 1998 to teach at both North and South Middle Schools. She taught seventh-grade science, drama and computers. Herring was awarded the 1999 Sallie Mae First Class Teacher Award her first year. The award is given to rookie teachers of excellence. She has served as South's assistant principal for the last two years. She is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University.

The search for a new principal at Belleville High School also began in the fall of 2004, and nearly 15 people applied for the position.

Kelly, who graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of art degree in history and political science and a master's degree in educational administration from Eastern Michigan University, was hired by the district in 1996 to teach social studies. He became one of four Belleville High School assistant principals in 2001 and the interim principal in 2004.

MILLER

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building for an entire school year to add walls to classrooms which currently have dividers, replace doors, install new flooring and windows, replace boilers and lighting, and repave the driveway, parking lot and bus loop.

"It's got a unique design," Jacobs said of Miller. "Because of the odd shapes, we just can't put up walls. We're looking at tearing everything out and reconstructing it. We're also looking at building a small addition."

Because renovations at Miller can't be completed within a summer, the district's Housing Committee is considering plans to move Miller students for one year, until construction is completed.

"Miller most likely will be closed during 2006-2007," said Barbara Church, assistant superintendent for instructional services. "We know there is no perfect decision, and whatever we decide someone will be disappointed. But, what is best for students is the bottom line."

Of the 621 students who currently attend Miller, Church said 120 are already bused from

Central Park Estates and will become part of the new elementary school community.

"We currently have 137 students in the TAG program, and we'll have to find five classrooms somewhere else in the district for that year," said Church. "The TAG students will stay together, but not in the new school because there isn't enough room."

Church said students in the Miller attendance area, which currently numbers 364, would be housed at the new Cherry Hill elementary.

"That looks like the best thing, right now," said Church. "One area of the new school would be for Miller students and staff, keeping them all together."

With the students who live in the new elementary school boundaries, as well as the Miller students, Church said the new elementary would be close to its 750-student capacity the day it opens.

"We'll have to make some decisions quickly," said Church. Miller PTO president Donna Nehasil said more information is needed, but closing Miller for a year might not be a bad alternative.

"You have to think in terms of the dust and quality of educa-

tion for our children while construction is going on," Nehasil said. "Unfortunately, our kids will be bused to the new school but then they'd be back much quicker than if they were trying to piece-meal the work while students were at school."

"I don't see it as a problem, but any time you inconvenience someone it's a problem," she said.

Leslie Raiford, who has lived in the district since 1989 and has a kindergartner and second-grader at Miller, isn't yet convinced moving students for a year is the best solution.

"I'm not pleased, at all, to have the kids relocated for a year," Raiford said. "I have a kindergartner who took part in the district's pre-school program and has been at three schools already. To have him go another year at Miller, then be bused somewhere for a year, and then back to Miller, is disconcerting."

"If there's no reasonable way to renovate and keep the kids at Miller, then we'll have to make the adjustments," she said. "It's probably easier to do it that way, but sometimes easier isn't in the best interest of the kids."

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OUR VIEWS

Lawmakers will give town voice

The recent appointments of state representatives Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, and John Stewart, R-Plymouth, to chair important House of Representative committees couldn't have come at a better time.

LaJoy's appointment as chair of the Transportation Committee is particularly timely for Canton. As with most growing communities, one of Canton's biggest issues is making sure its roads meet the demands of an expanding population.

Nowhere is this more evident than along Ford Road, where traffic jams are a daily fact of life. With the coming of Swedish retail giant IKEA on the near horizon, many wonder if Ford Road will be able to handle the added traffic the store is expected to draw to the area.

As head of transportation for the House, LaJoy will be in a good position to work with the Michigan Department of Transportation on the issues facing Ford Road and nearby I-275, both of which were the focus of the recent Ford Road Task Force. In fact, LaJoy said one of his main priorities will be to see some of the recommendations of that project come to fruition.

But LaJoy is enough of a conservative to recognize not everything that Canton officials want for Ford Road will happen. He said he will work with both Canton and MDOT officials to see what is feasible for Ford Road and what is pie-in-the-sky. He should give Canton some leverage it wouldn't otherwise have.

Stewart's appointment as chair of the Higher Education Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee is also important, because his district, which also includes portions of Plymouth, Northville and Wayne, is close to four major universities — the Dearborn and Ann Arbor campuses of the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and Eastern Michigan University and Schoolcraft and Wayne County Community colleges.

The role of the committee is to determine appropriations for the state's 15 major universities, and the community colleges. Stewart said his goal is to hold the line on skyrocketing tuition costs, at a time when he said there have been double-digit cuts in the state's higher education budget. To that end, he said he will work closely with Gov. Jennifer Granholm and his Senate counterpart to make sure they do what is necessary to improve student retention and graduation rates.

Having Stewart in such a critical role is important, considering a high percentage of high school students in his district eventually attend college, and their parents are wondering how they will pay for it.

Devil's in details of new election law

There's a big difference between passing laws that sound like good ideas and actually making good laws. The devil, as they say, is in the details, and municipal clerks and school officials see plenty of flaws in the election consolidation law that took effect last month.

This law was pushed as a way to improve voter turnout and, in turn, help eliminate stealth elections, those odd-time elections set up by school districts to ensure that only the die-hard "yes" voters go to the polls. It sets four specific dates a year for all elections — eliminating the June school board votes — and specifies all elections are run under state law.

Local clerks, generally, see nothing wrong with limiting the number of elections and making sure voters in city, township or school elections go to the same polling site for each election. And improving voter turnout is a great goal.

The problem, though, has come in administration of the law.

School districts are also faced with issues over how clerks' offices will be billing them, and for what hours. The law requires schools to reimburse for costs beyond regular staff during business hours, but at least one municipal clerk — Canton's Terry Bennett — is using the change to seek payment for expenses even beyond what the law requires. Facing that situation, Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan is among those who say it's a "bad law" and he notes: "I feel like we're losing the positive relationship we have with our local municipalities."

Officials agree: This law has gaps and lawmakers will need to make plenty of revisions once we get past this first year of elections. And we can only hope the lessons learned won't end up costing taxpayers even more money. Lawmakers could have avoided some of those issues, it seems, by phasing such a law in over a longer period of time.



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LETTERS

Communicate with state

Dear Parents of Michigan students:
For those of you who are not aware, our *state* is involved in a financial crisis. This letter is intended to educate and inspire us as parents to gain knowledge and seek the information available to aid in the effort to resolve our funding issues.

As you know, we are funded by the state of Michigan. And with so much information out there we are not using the resources available to us to take this to the highest level, which is the state of Michigan.

We as a community need to work with our district in an effort to have our voices heard. Our children need solid foundations, and our schools are a part of that foundation. What does this mean to us? It means that without proper funding we lose valuable jobs, textbooks, school activities, building maintenance, busing and other important programs.

We need to turn this negative into a positive and use our resources. Please visit the Web and share your concerns at www.Michigan.gov/gov and use the format at the bottom of this page to construct your letters. Let them know who you are and where you live and why we need changes, and how these changes affect you! And once you have responded, ask five people to do the same and have the five ask five more!

Please attend your local board of education meetings and become part of the solution and stay informed. These meetings are a wonderful way to learn about how funding works and what we can do to help. The state needs to hear each of our concerns. Our districts are being forced into a corner and they need our help to make funding fair for everyone! Our children are our top priorities! Please take the time to let the state know that they need to make our children their priorities, too!

We all know that our community faces budget cuts and downsizing, but how much we allow is up to us! We must speak for our children and ensure them a solid future with the best education possible. Our community does not want to face bankruptcy and job cuts as surrounding districts have. The issues are on your doorstep, let's all invite in a welcome change.

Kelly Adkins

Hamilton Elementary PTA president
Westland

Injection well questioned

I am asking for a special prosecutor to look into the financial dealings of Environmental Disposal Systems of Birmingham, State Sen. Sikkema's campaign finance funds (from out of state natural gas operators), the Detroit Police and Firefighter's Pension Fund and the Bank of New York in relation to the high pressure injection toxic waste well in Romulus.

Remarks on the New Permitting Process for the High Pressure Injection Toxic Waste Well in Romulus, Michigan, by Alfred Brock Jan. 14, 2005
Recently in South Carolina, a chlorine

spill — just chlorine — caused the evacuation of an entire town. The area in which that accident occurred was not half as populous as the area in which this high pressure injection toxic waste well is to be situated.

If that accident had occurred at that railroad siding in Romulus — many people would be dead and maimed.

In this case, waste has been committed on the land at the well head by reason of your digging and removing large quantities of earth, with the resulting hole punched down through many strata of rock, loose sand, cobble, gravel, salt and other materials. You, your company and this lunatic scheme have caused the depletion of the soil causing the ruin of the land for agricultural purposes and the impairment of value of such land. In fact the land is being declared wasted for 10,000 years because no one will be able to build on it or otherwise use it for any other purpose during all of those extended cons.

This well if put into operation will impact on the ability of the local industries, which traditionally have used the layer into which you want to inject imported chemical waste, as a natural resource for pickling, manufacture and recently as a means to extract and store natural gas.

You are undermining in more ways than one the federal tax aspects of the water rights and interests of the people in this area.

It is clear that in this case the State of Michigan may be liable for this attack upon the local community because it has approved and stepped aside while others in this state have constructed and operated similar wells. Most of which have failed or do not operate in the manner intended. The dioxin poisoning by Dow at Midland and by a well in Ann Arbor are the responsibility and direct result of the Department of Environmental Quality refusing to admit that they approved, permitted, licensed and inspected the wells only to find that they had poisoned Michigan citizens.

The DEQ has done well but it has not done enough in this matter. There is no legal barrier to striking down all the permits for this ridiculous scheme and I expect this well to be plugged and abandoned by this company.

Alfred Brock
Canton

Overwhelming evidence

We are approaching the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision to allow abortion. Thirty-two years ago, there was plenty of heated debate about this topic, much of it because medical science did not definitively say whether a fetus is human life.

But in the years since, there has been overwhelming evidence that a baby in the womb is just that — a baby — with unique DNA, who can feel pain, respond to stimuli and can even grab hold of a doctor's finger during intra-uterine surgery. New four-dimensional ultrasounds will astonish those who claim that the fetus is just undeveloped tissue.

The medical profession should be

more vocal in speaking out about the medical facts regarding abortion. By educating the public, the anger will melt away and there will be no option other than to admit that even babies deserve the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

John-Paul Belanger
Rochester Hills

America must do more

I recently became very enthused when I read that \$2 billion has been pledged to help the victims of the devastating tsunami. In the midst of so much pain and suffering, a person can only be hoping and praying for every life that was affected by this terrible tragedy.

Although in matters of life and death, monetary issues barely affect a conscious mind, it is very evident that modern societies must rely on financial courtesies to pull out of such tragedies. To me this is a tragedy in itself. Above, I used the term "financial courtesies," because of the simple reason that a great majority (not all) of the money donated is purely political.

For example, Japan has donated more money (\$500 million) than the richest country in the world (U.S. \$350 million). If we were being humane, we would do our duty to humanity and help out, over and above all other nations, because we are America.

Events like the tsunami take precedent over all economic, political or friendly ties between nations, for people who live within in these nations are not our enemies, they are simply citizens, who occasionally live under evil regimes, but they are still good humans, who simply want to live.

Therefore, it is our duty, not our privilege, our duty to make sure that the people affected by the tsunami have every chance possible to live. As an extremely patriotic American, who does not take for granted what his nation has provided for him, I believe we must step up and put all political motives behind us. For the sake of humanity, the true universal link among all peoples, America needs to take a more responsible role in this tragedy, thus illustrating the respect it has to the Asian community affected, its people, itself, and most importantly, all of humanity.

Brad L. Dizik
Farmington Hills

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QUOTABLE

"In essence the policy states that in order to graduate, a student must attempt all portions of the MEAP."

— Barbara Church, assistant superintendent of instructional services, on decision by Plymouth-Canton Schools to make all 11th-graders take the MEAP tests

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Granholt typically cautious in revamping of tax system

Perhaps the very hardest thing for anyone holding public office is deciding whether – and when – to be bold or to be cautious.

An example. Faced with a then-unprecedented budget crisis in 1983, newly elected Gov. James Blanchard chose to fight to temporarily hike the state income tax to cover the deficit. Net result? Economically, the measure worked, and within a couple of years the tax increase expired and the state had returned to prosperity.

Yet politically, there was a big downside for the Democrats. Two of their state senators who voted for the measure were recalled, and the Republicans took control and have dominated the Senate ever since.

Personally, I thought Blanchard did the responsible and right thing. And maybe the crushing reality of the situation left him with no real choice. But the conventional political wisdom flowing from the event is that being bold – when it comes to raising taxes – is always a mistake.

Now, we are facing a new and timely test of this proposition, in the form of the revisions to the Single Business Tax proposed last week by State Treasurer Jay Rising and Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Certainly, something has had to be done about the antiquated 40-year-old SBT. At heart, it's a tax on payroll; for a state leading the nation in job loss, this seems a perverse way to structure our main business tax. In national surveys comparing state tax climates, Michigan has always stood out like a sore thumb because of the onerous way the SBT operates. Moreover, administering and computing the tax is a royal pain; some businesses spend more in figuring out how much tax they owe than the actual tax they pay.

The proposed changes get a lot of things right:

- The rate drops from 1.9 percent to 1.2 percent, a reduction of more than one-third.

- The tax base reduces the use of payroll as a factor, which also penalizes firms less for hiring new workers.

- A credit for research and development expenses should help high-tech companies.

- Manufacturers using lots of expensive equipment get a credit for personal property taxes.

All told, according to Rising, some 72,000 state businesses (including many small firms, which tend to be the main source of job growth) will see a tax reduction. Another 67,000 businesses will see no tax change; and 22,000 (including, notably, insurance companies) will

get higher tax bills. Overall, the changes in the SBT are supposed to be "revenue neutral," which means they are designed to not affect the total amount of money coming to the state.

But the obvious question now is whether the changes being proposed are far reaching ("bold") enough to really make a substantial difference to our economy. Some business types have proposed doing away with the SBT altogether and replacing it with a tax on business profit.

Personally, I have argued for eliminating the SBT and replacing it by broadening the sales tax to include services, but at a reduced rate. On the other hand, the SBT represents a big component of state revenue (now around \$2.2 billion annually), and it is a relatively stable tax in a state with a very volatile economy.

The Granholm administration has typically followed the path of moderate caution as it has made its choices along the bold-cautious continuum. So the recent SBT proposals are consistent with its overall philosophy. And from this perspective, they certainly represent a good first step.

In such matters, however, it's useful to consider what the economists call the "opportunity cost." The opportunity cost of choosing to buy fixed-interest bonds, for example, is that while such a choice may limit the likelihood of major loss, it also forgoes the possibility of big gains that could come if the money were invested in the stock market.

In choosing to make cautious changes in the SBT, the Granholm administration has forgone an opportunity to address the basic problem in Michigan's financial picture – the chronic structural deficit in the state budget. Deciding to junk the SBT and spread the sales tax to services is probably the easiest way to eliminate repetitive \$1 billion holes in the budget, but it's a risky move. A revenue-neutral tweak at the tax will likely, over time, result in some employment gains, but it almost certainly will not result in any fundamental improvement in the state's financial situation.

Choosing one route over another is all a matter of basic instinct between risk and reward, between boldness and caution. As the old saying goes, "you pays your money and you takes your choice."

But I still remember that when incoming Gov. John Engler was inaugurated, former Gov. George Romney leaned over and gave him only two words of advice: "Be bold!" That was advice he took, and whatever your politics, no man can say that John Engler didn't make a difference.

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.

Tired of the weather? It could be much, much worse

I've been catching myself complaining about the weather lately. In fact, I've been catching a lot of people complaining.

Considering we just got through one of the snowiest Januaries on record, it doesn't seem too strange for people to curse the elements and wish for warmer days, though. That's what we Michiganders do come February. Well, those of us who aren't lucky enough to be snowbirds, anyway. And those people, basking in the southern sun, just laugh at the rest of us.

This January, however, really did seem a bit different than what we typically get from our most frigid month. It was almost bizarre. New Year's Day we were basking in near-60 degree weather, only to be followed by what seemed a daily pummeling of snow, capped off, of course, by the near-record storm we got Jan. 22, when a foot of the white stuff piled up. In all, it was the Detroit area's third-snowiest January on record, totaling around 30 inches, depending where you live.

Still, if you think about it, it seems a bit absurd for us to complain about the weather, considering recent world events. I would much rather deal with shoveling snow off the porch and sidewalk, than with the tsunami that destroyed so many lives in Southeast Asia. I don't think many of us can imagine such devastation. For me, the near-instantaneous loss of more than 200,000 lives, and the destruction of countless others, is really incomprehensible.

But I admit, cold, snowy weather, at least on a prolonged basis, isn't much fun for most of us. I, for one, am glad to see January in the rear view mirror. If you look around, there are plenty of encouraging signs that better days (i.e., warmer) are on the horizon. The groundhog completed its annual rite of passage yesterday. A guy I ran into said he saw several robins in his yard earlier this week. And the Tigers start spring training in just two short weeks.

We in this state love to lament the weather. We've made a sport of it. Have you ever heard the old saying, "If you don't like the weather in Michigan, wait five minutes." It's not that bad really. In fact, I would say we've got it pretty good here in Great Lakes State.

Natural disasters are few. There are the

occasional tornados that wreak havoc on our landscape, but the destruction, in both property and lives, pales in comparison to the hurricanes that batter Florida and other coastal areas of the Southeast. Our summer storms usually do more damage to power lines and trees than to humans.

Despite the number of rivers we have in Michigan, even the flooding isn't as much a problem here as it is in other parts of the country. Granted, we have issues with raw sewage backing up in our basements, but that's more of an engineering problem than weather-related. In places along major rivers like the Ohio and Mississippi, entire towns get swept away when the waters rise.

So many people flee Michigan because they can't deal with the winter. They go to places like Florida, where the winters are mild. But that is offset by stifling summer heat, and the constant threat of the aforementioned hurricanes. Many flee to California, and its wonderful weather. But I wonder if they consider the mudslides, wildfires and drought that seem to be part and parcel of life out there.

Many people are also beginning to move to the Pacific Northwest, to places like Portland and Seattle. It may be more temperate up there, but who wants to deal with rain every day. That just seems a bit too dreary to me. Perhaps that's why Seattle was the home to grunge music. All that rain must make you a bit cranky.

Heck, winters here aren't even as bad as other places. The snow totals we got nearly two weeks ago were nowhere near what they got in New England. In Plymouth, Mass., for example, not only did they get dumped on with 38 inches of snow, they were whipped with near-hurricane-force winds. It was a true Arctic blast.

Or imagine living in International Falls, Minn., where winter temperatures rarely escape the single digits, and frequently dip well below zero.

So just remember, when you are about to curse the gods for this winter weather we've been experiencing, it could be worse. Much, much worse. This is Michigan. We have no choice but to deal with it.

And if it makes you feel any better, it's only 45 days to spring. Before you know it, summer will be here, and January will be just a distant memory.

Trust me.

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Do you have temporomandibular joint dysfunction (TMJD)?

Help us better understand this disorder.
Volunteer to participate in research!

The University of Michigan Chronic Pain and Fatigue Research Center (CPFR) is recruiting and screening individuals diagnosed with TMJD to become part of a research candidate pool. Candidates should be between 18-45 years of age and have no concurrent, serious medical conditions.

Upon completion of a screening evaluation, eligible volunteers will be advised of upcoming studies and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of research projects to be conducted over the next 1-3 years.

Volunteers receive financial compensation for time and participation.

For more information about the research candidate pool and/or to schedule a screening appointment contact the CPFR at: 1-866-288-0046

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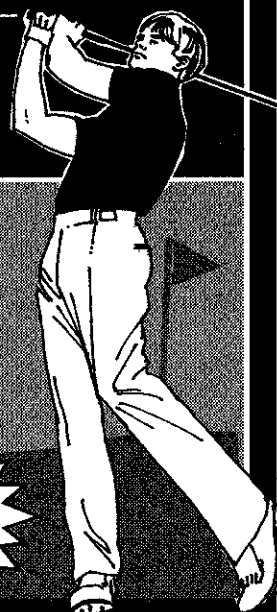
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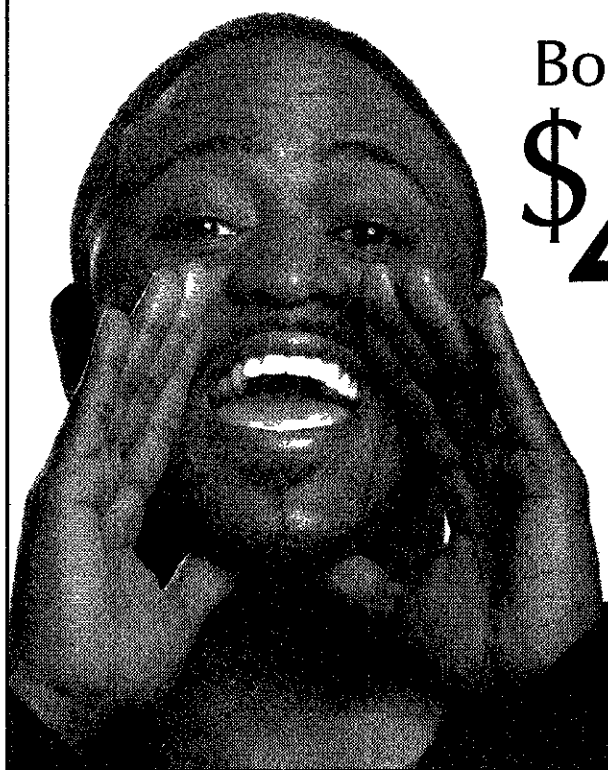
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3 seats up for election to Schoolcraft Board

An election to fill three seats on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees will be held Tuesday, May 3.

Dr. Patricia Watson and Gregory J. Stempien are running for re-election to six-year terms.

Dr. Philip N. Cascade, who was appointed to complete the term of Richard DeVries, is running to fill the remaining four years of the six-year term. DeVries was murdered in June 2004.

Prospective candidates must file their nominating petitions by March 7.

To be included on the ballot, a candidate must obtain the signatures of at least 50 but not more than 200 qualified voters from the college district on an official nominating petition which may be obtained from the college district municipality clerks and the Schoolcraft College President's Office. There is no charge for filing petitions. Petitions bearing the required number of qualified signatures must be returned to the Livonia City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154, by 4 p.m. on

Monday, March 7, 2005.

Candidates must be registered voters and residents of the college's district, which reaches into 15 municipalities - City of Livonia, Garden City, City of Northville, Northville Township, Novi Township, City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, and portions of Canton Township, City of Farmington Hills, Lyon Township, City of Novi, Redford Township, Salem Township, Superior Township, and the City of Westland.

The seven-member governing board holds regularly scheduled monthly meetings as well as special meetings as necessary. There is no compensation for these elected positions.

The President's Office is in the Administration Center on the Livonia campus, and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call (734) 462-4420.

Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Livonia campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City and online.



The congressional delegation visited one of several Jewish cemeteries in Krakow.

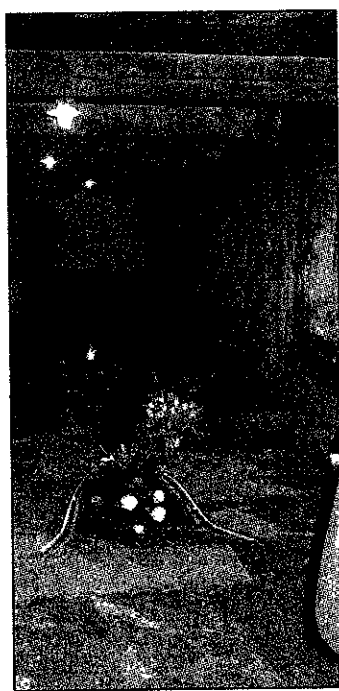
Rep. McCotter attends Auschwitz liberation commemoration

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, joined a congressional delegation taking part in the observance of the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz Jan. 27.

Rep. Steve Israel, D-N.Y., led the delegation to the commemoration. Joining McCotter and Israel was Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nev.

Vice President Dick Cheney led a presidential delegation of holocaust survivors to Poland to take part in the observance.

"The world must not and will not forget the sorrow, suffering, and slaughter of six million innocents, the blood of many of whom have consecrated this ground as a sacred testament to the triumph of the soul; and as an eternal caution to all tempted to elevate ideology over individuality and, in so doing, risk inflicting horror upon humanity," McCotter said.



A memorial floral wreath lies on the floor of a room that once served as a gas chamber at Auschwitz.



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U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, U.S. Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nevada, and U.S. Rep. Steve Israel, D-New York, stand at the main gate of Auschwitz, prior to ceremonies observing the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the former Nazi death camp.

Friends of the Rouge seeks college volunteers

The Friends of the Rouge, a community volunteer organization with offices on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, is seeking College Student Assistant (CSA) volunteers to help with this year's Rouge Education Project.

The Rouge Education Project is a school-based water quality monitoring program that engages nearly 100 elementary, middle and high schools each year.

No experience is necessary to volunteer. All training is provided, according to Christina Bartoli, Rouge Education Project associate coordinator for Friends of the Rouge.

As CSA volunteers, local college students will be trained in water quality monitoring techniques and paired with an elementary, middle or high school in the project. Volunteers will assist that school on a field trip to the Rouge River, where the students will conduct an assessment of the river's water quality.

The volunteers must attend a

brief orientation on Tuesday, March 8, and a daylong workshop on Saturday, March 19. Volunteers also will be expected to help facilitate a daylong training workshop on Saturday, April 9, as well as take part in the monitoring on Wednesday, May 18.

"This is a great opportunity for local college students to gain volunteer experience for resumes, get involved in environmental education, and learn about the Rouge River," said Bartoli.

For more information, contact Bartoli at (313) 792-9626 or as coordinator@therouge.org. Registration forms also can be obtained by visiting the group's office, located on the UM-Dearborn campus in Room 220 of the Academic Support Center (formerly the Student Services Center), reached via the campus's Fair Lane Drive west of Evergreen Road.

For more information about Friends of the Rouge, visit www.therouge.org.

Madonna shows art work for Black History Month

Madonna University Art Department will present the exhibit *Individual Idioms. Interwoven Identity*, in celebration of Black History Month. The exhibit will feature contrasting mediums such as paint, fiber, ceramics, collage, found objects, installation and video by Detroit area artists, including: Peter Williams, Richard Lewis, Chris Turner, Loretta Oliver, Elizabeth Youngblood and Ross Sawyer.

"In defiance of a misinformed tendency to lump persons of color together as 'black artists,' they disprove this stereotype and prove that they are 'artists who happen to be black' through their strongly contrasting mediums," said Christina Hill, gallery curator. "Some have chosen traditional representative styles, others

abstractions, surrealism and radical manipulation of traditional techniques of weaving or sculpture. Most importantly, each of these artists labor to explore the deepest recesses of their intensely creative persona - with intriguing results."

The exhibit is on display through Wednesday, Feb. 23. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

For more information, contact Christina Hill, gallery curator, Madonna University art department, at christinahill49@yahoo.com.

Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

Gibson School hosts open house

Gibson School for Gifted Students is holding an Winter Open House 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Now in its 32nd year, the School continues to fulfill its mission of serving intellectually gifted students from 21 communities in Oakland, Livingston, Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

Gibson's school-aged gifted program is open to children between the ages of 5 and 14. Gibson also offers a Child Development Center for preschool children.

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Plan now to make yard environmentally friendly

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Just a few days before, many metro Detroit communities received more than 10 inches of snow.

But about 60 city and township officials, garden volunteers, landscapers and homeowners met Wednesday at a meeting of the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority in Bloomfield Township to discuss, of all things, lawn care, landscaping, tree planting and geese.

So why discuss these topics when there's still snow on the ground? Well, lawn care companies start distributing information to residents and homeowners about lawn care at this time of year, said Lillian Dean, coordinator of the Healthy Lawns & Gardens for the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority.

And obviously nobody is too busy working outside to inform themselves on proper yard care. And it's not too early to start thinking about spring.

"People are indoors and municipalities really have a role to play in educating their constituents," Dean said.

While that Wednesday discussion was geared toward county, city and township officials, these tips can help homeowner help the environment, starting this spring.

LAWNS

Healthy lawns maintain water, said Rick Lazzell, landscape consultant and instructor at Oakland Community College. "Aeration is great to have every single year," Lazzell said. "It's probably something that needs to be done every year."

Amy Mangus, senior environmental planner for Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, displayed a poster that showed a

Mark your calendars

Rain Gardens: Learn about residential rain gardens, a "beautiful solution to water pollution" at a seminar 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road (one-half mile west of Orchard Lake Road).

Roger Bannerman, a water resources specialist with the state of Wisconsin, will discuss storm water runoff and urban rivers, rain gardens as a solution to water pollution, rain garden secrets of compost, mulch and native plants and rain garden local experiences. Advance registration is requested. Call Karen Bever at Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority at (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDDean@aol.com. The event is sponsored by Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority in cooperation with Rouge River municipalities in the Main 1-2 watershed.

Soil Testing: Michigan State University's Soil Nutrient Testing Service, offered by participating garden centers and hardware stores in cooperation with the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority & Groundwater Stewardship Program of the Oakland County MSU Extension program Saturday, April 2, through Sunday, April 24. Soil testing indicates nutrient levels already in your soil - a first step in determining the amount and type of fertilizer that is needed for plants you plan to grow.

Cost is \$13 per sample - includes organic matter test. Package price includes pH, lime requirement, phospho-



Arborist Marshal Baekeroot shows volunteers with the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority how to properly plant a tree - not too deep, with the "flare" of the tree at the ground level.

PHOTOS FROM SOUTHEASTERN OAKLAND COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Diversify trees when selecting ash replacements

Bert Cregg, assistant professor and extension specialist in the department of horticulture and forestry at Michigan State University, believes tree selections by communities and homeowners for plantings should be diversified.

Just as the elm tree was savaged by Dutch elm disease, the emerald ash borer wreaked havoc on ash trees in Michigan over the past three years.

Cregg estimates that 8 million trees have been affected by the emerald ash borer. Much of southeastern Lower Peninsula is under the emerald ash borer quarantine. Once the ash borer is discovered and the tree treated, that treatment will continue "in perpetuity," Cregg said.

One survey found that nearly 25 percent of a typical community's trees are ash, because they were easy to grow, tough trees, ornamental and had few pest problems.

Cregg recommends that communities should look at tree species and make sure they do not

have more than 10 percent of one species in their communities. "There's also the 'look around' rule," Cregg said. "If you see the same (species) tree nearby, plant something else."

When planting trees, look at adaptability (sun/shade, available space), design intent, originality and diversity. Cregg said there is no alternate to ash that meets all of that tree's characteristics. "You have to ask yourself what traits of the ash that you liked about ash," he said.

Trident maple, hedge maple, state street maple, red maple, American hornbeam, hackberry, American yellowwood, hardy rubber tree, ginkgo and Kentucky coffeetree are all ones that can be planted. The red maple is a Michigan native, hornbeams can be seen along the Red Cedar River on the MSU campus, while hackberries can be used in tight spots, Cregg said. "Kentucky coffeetrees can be messy with seed pods," he said.

Others are sweetgum, hophornbeam, plane tree, swamp white oak, scarlet oak and shingle oak. Tree diseases and pests tend to make trees turn a full circle. Ash trees were planted by many homeowners to trees lost to Dutch elm, and ironically, elms will soon be available to replace the ash trees, Cregg said. Hybridizing the elms in recent years have made them resistant to the Dutch elm.

"Elms are somewhat ugly ducklings, and it will take time for the cultivars to work their way through the inventory pipelines of nurseries," he said. Nurseries nurture the cultivars (grafted trees) for eight-10 years before selling them to the public. Cregg suggests homeowners check the Web site www.hrt.msu.edu for tree ideas and information. "The biggest problem is planting too deep," Cregg said. Ropes around the trunk and root ball and wire baskets on the root ball set the tree up for girdling and can kill the tree.

Accents

Indoor oasis

With the winter season in full blast, you might be feeling a little sun-deprived and in need of a flower pick-me-up.

Thrifty Florists has some creative ideas for decorating your home to make your own indoor summer oasis.

For casual entertainment in your home, decorate with spectacular pansy plants. Scatter them on your dining or coffee table and place votive candles throughout.

Surprise your guests by designing your own place mats and napkin rings.

For the place mats, first take an oblong place mat from your home and use it as a template to cut out felt place mat bases. (Green felt is preferred.) Next, apply tacky glue or florist glue to one side of the felt base and apply lemon (salal) leaves in one direction, going from left to right in horizontal rows. Overlap the leaves as you cover the entire felt base. It makes a natural, crisp, elegant and tailored look.

For the napkin ring holders, take a piece of ribbon approximately 1 inch wide and 24 inches long. Tie it around your linen napkin by making a shoestring bow. Take a single-bloom daisy, pansy, dendrobium, orchid or flower from your garden and remove its stem. Use tacky or floral glue to apply the flower head to the center of the bow.

With these elegant place mats and napkins, you will have created the perfect ambience for a very special evening.

Remodeling?

Whether you're thinking about adding more space, upgrading cabinets and counters or changing a floor plan, you're not alone. Millions of homeowners are remodeling each year.

"Remodeling a home can be the smartest move you'll ever make, saving the time and much of the expense of moving to a different house," said Adam Becker, vice president of Fairway Master Builders of Southfield. "If you like your neighborhood and home's location, remodeling is your best option."

The most common reasons people remodel are to add space, change a floor plan to better suit current needs, increase a home's resale value, upgrade cabinets, counters, fixtures and appliances, and to improve energy efficiency by installing new doors, windows, climate control systems and insulation.

There are many factors to consider before embarking on a home remodel. First, discuss with your family what you like and don't like about your home. Then, plan what you want to change with a list of priorities. Gather pictures of ideas that appeal to you from magazines. While you're planning, take into account colors, lighting, furniture placement and how you plan to use the new space now and later.

Personal video players not quite ready for prime time

Personal video players, or PVPs, made a big splash at this year's Consumer Electronics Show.

And why not? Countless devices already let you listen to music on the go, so it's only logical to add video to the mix.

After all, who wants to be stuck with some watered-down in-flight movie when you could be watching episodes of *Curb Your Enthusiasm* on your own private player?

Unfortunately, the appeal of the PVP has been mitigated by overpriced, overcomplicated first-generation products.

For instance, one of the best PVPs I've seen thus far is the Archos AV420. Equipped with a



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

20GB hard drive and 3.5-inch color screen, it not only plays music and videos, but records them as well. You can actually connect the AV420 to a VCR or DVD player to record TV shows and copy movies.

However, these can be awkward, time-consuming processes. In an ideal world, you'd plug the device

into your TiVo and transfer your recorded shows in a matter of minutes. (Don't think this won't happen - we're just not there yet.)

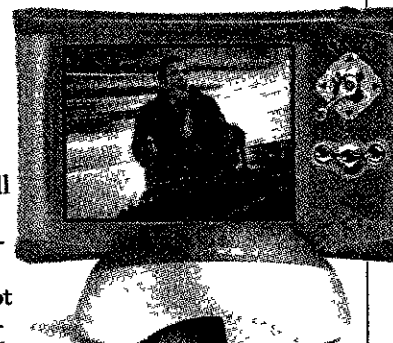
Actually, this kind of simplicity can be found in a PVP like the Creative Zen Portable Media Center, which links seamlessly with Windows Media Player 10 for downloading content stored on your PC.

Great, but where does the content come from? You need a TV tuner card if you want to record shows to your PC, and even then you have to deal with potentially incompatible video formats, lengthy file conversions and other hassles.

As for DVDs, you have to jump through hoops with legally iffy ripping software just to get the movies off the discs and onto your hard drive. Even then, there's no guarantee the movie files will play properly on the PVP (see "incompatible video formats," above).

In short, PVPs require a lot of time, patience and knowledge - to say nothing of cash. The AV420 costs a whopping \$550; the Zen, \$500.

For that kind of money, you could buy a top-end portable DVD



Personal video players like the Archos AV420 can be great for watching movies on the go, but they're expensive and complicated.

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CALENDAR

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rus, potassium, calcium and magnesium.

Bring your soil samples to one of the following stores listed below: Auburn Oaks Nursery, 2810 W. Auburn, Rochester Hills; Bordine Nursery 8600 Dixie Highway, just north of I-75 in Clarkston, and 1835 S. Rochester Road in Rochester Hills; English Gardens, 6370 Orchard Lake Road (at Maple) in West Bloomfield, 4901 Coolidge in Royal Oak and 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights; Four Seasons Garden Center, 14471 11 Mile, Oak Park; Glenda's Garden Center, 40575 Grand River in Novi; Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake in Pontiac; Oxford Farm/Garden Center, 81 N. Washington in Oxford; Telly's Greenhouse & Garden Center, 3301 John R in Troy; and Uncle Luke's Feed Store, 6691 Livernois in Troy.

Composting: Master Composting Training Program, sponsored by SOCWA, in cooperation with the Friends of the Rouge and the Clinton River Watershed Council. Classes are scheduled 6:45-8:30 p.m. at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois (northwest corner of Big Beaver and Livernois), starting Thursday, March 3. Six Thursday classes and one volunteer (optional) outreach session Saturday, April 1, at English Gardens is scheduled. Students

will build a working compost pile, complete written assignments and take-home exam, and complete 10 hours of volunteer service. Registration fee is \$30, payable to SOCWA, due at first class.

Tree sale: Global ReLeaf of Michigan is offering bare-root trees especially selected for their ability to prosper in rural and urban settings. Funds raised through the yearly sale support future community tree plantings. The group offers sugar maple, red maple, swamp white oak, greenspire linden, white spire birch, Allegheny serviceberry, Japanese tree lilac, red bud, aristocrat pear, red-flowing crapapple, white flowering crapapple and pagoda dogwood. Fruit trees available are honeycrisp apple and Stella cherry. For shrubs, you can order the "endless summer" hydrangea and the "blue muffin" arrowhead viburnum.

Trees are \$28 or \$23 each for six or more, and shrubs are \$18 each or \$15 for five or more. All orders must be prepaid. Pickup locations include Springfield Oaks Park, 12450 Andersonville Road in Davisburg near Clarkston; Mike's Tree Surgeons, 249 Park St. in Troy; Friendship Park/Portritt Barn, Orion Township Parks & Recreation at the corner of Baldwin and Clarkston roads in Lake Orion; and the Livonia Department of Public Works yard, 12973 Farmington, Livonia. (800) 642-7353, www.globalreleaf.org or e-mail GlobalReLeafMI@aol.com.

CLARIFICATION

An article in last Thursday's At Home section on carbon monoxide should have indicated that the pilot light that is burning properly has a flame of a crisp blue color.

Manufacturers don't want you to fix it yourself

and frequently asked questions.

Let's go back to 1960 and do some comparisons on products and service of today. I had just graduated and received my doctorate on major appliance repair from a mail order correspondence course in Chicago. Being in the military and playing hockey didn't provide enough income for a high roller like me, so I had to have some part-time income.

I choose the repair industry. All I needed to work on these appliances was a tool box. The standard tools of the day found on most work benches were almost enough to do 90 percent of service calls. Add on to that a few special bearing pullers, snap ring pliers and a continuity checker for electrical problems and I was all set to go.

I had a little Volkswagen 1956 model Beetle with the engine in the back that sounded like a washing machine and this thing could travel through any snowstorm. I removed the passenger seat and used that space for storage of washing

sent an e-mail to Ken Abramczyk, editor of the *Observer & Eccentric's* At Home section, the other day and asked him for some suggestions on column ideas. He came up with suggestions that will bring our readers up to date in the world of major appliances.

In the weeks ahead you will read about energy factors, new technology, warranties, computerization and a whole lot more from a service person's viewpoint on what good or bad has come out of the appliance industry. Added to the mix will be columns on legislation that has become law and pending discussion on needed laws to protect consumers, a mixture of maintenance and repair tips

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

FRIENDLY

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man pushing a spreader over a lake. "Remember, you're not just fertilizing your lawn," she read from the poster.

SEMOG and SOCWA recommend homeowners use organic fertilizer or slow-release nitrogen or hire a lawn service that uses these materials. Fertilizer applications should be at least 20 feet away from the edge of lakes, streams or storm drains.

Residents can sweep up fertilizer and grass clippings left on sidewalks and driveways, to prevent these items from washing into storm drains or rivers.

Homeowners should not fertilize before early May. Leaving the clippings on the lawn also can mean fewer fertilizer applications. Adding compost to the lawn also adds microorganisms, nutrients and organic matter to help build fertile soil.

Homeowners should avoid fertilizers with phosphorous as

these create algae blooms in lakes. When cutting the grass this spring, mow high (3 inches).

SOCWA also has a list of participating lawn care companies that meet guidelines for a river-friendly lawn care program according to the Michigan Green Industry information. Companies must complete an on-site consultation before recommending fertilizer or pesticides, offer soil nutrient tests, use slow-release nitrogen fertilizer, low-phosphorus or no-phosphorus, fertilizer quantities, pesticide options that do not include weed-and-feed.

MORE MEANS LESS

Lazzell says bringing fewer "inputs" fertilizers and pesticides will mean fewer outputs that flow into the rivers and watersheds.

"When you lessen the ecological impact, it also means you spend less money on your site," Lazzell said.

When planning landscaping, homeowners should look at minimizing land disturbance, leave existing natural vegetation, minimize imperviousness (such as concrete pavement) and maintain on-site infiltration.

Lazzell emphasized using the "right plant in the right place." Before purchasing plants, look at the plant's pest tolerance, maximum size, quality, diversity, functionality and conditions needed for healthy growth.

"Everything is connected," Lazzell said. "You have five or six trees in here." Lazzell showed a photo of a group of trees that were scattered at a location and what detriment that is to the yard.

"When you're watering around the trees, you start to get erosion," Lazzell said. "But when you put the trees together, you take out grass, put down mulch and you get away from these 'mulch volcanoes.'" That grouping creates a larger area to help filter water runoff and lessens the need for fertilizer.

Planting slower growing plants means less maintenance. "There are 10 to 15 varieties of

factory-trained technicians have the special screwdriver in their possession, so when you try to take something apart, you can't even buy a tool at the hardware store to do the job.

Look at the electronics of today's appliances and it's no wonder you have to invest a month's salary into electronic meters. Yes, things have changed a great deal in the world of appliances and next time I'll write about the products themselves.

Are things really what they seem to be in the new products that you purchase today? Stay tuned.

Got a question for Joe Gagnon? Forward it to kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net or send it to Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150. Joe's response may be highlighted in a future column.

Joe Gagnon

can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281.

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Gardeners invited to a cordial conversation

According to the dictionary, the word cordial means proceeding from the heart; exhibiting or expressing kindness; and, giving heart; reviving the spirits; imparting vigor or joy, and cheering.



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

What do cordials have to do with gardening? Cordials (also known as liqueurs) are sweet, flavor-infused spirits that are categorized according to the flavoring agent, for instance, fruits, nuts, herbal and spice blends, creams and such. The majority of the flavoring agents are herbs and spices.

VARIED CORDIALS

Curtis Vincent of Rochester Hills makes quite a variety of cordials, and believes they stimulate conversation. "Under-indulgence, not overindulgence, is the key," Vincent said.

Vincent first became interested when a friend served cordials in beautiful glasses about 10 years ago. He soon purchased his first set of cordial glasses and now his collection numbers between 400 and 500.

"I soon discovered a book on how to make this elixir and I was wonderfully hooked," Vincent said. "My wife, Tracy, says it's an obsession."

Vincent shares some tips: To get flavor in the liquid soak (infuse) the fruit as indicated in the recipe, macerate it (age for the specific time), or percolate by pouring boiling water over it. You need to capture the flavor, rack to separate the clear liquid from the sediment, and carefully bottle it. To strain, use a paper towel (support it with a strainer), but do not use a coffee filter. Age at least a month - or longer - for best flavor.

Here's a recipe for spiced rum you can make for your Valentine, if you start right away (you still have 11 days!): 1 cup sugar, 1 cup water, 2 1/2 cups (good) dark rum, 4 teaspoons pure vanilla extract, 12 whole allspice (crushed), 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves (or whole cloves crushed), 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg and 2 cinnamon sticks.

Bring sugar and water to boil over medium heat, stirring constantly to prevent scorching. When clear, remove from heat and cool to just warm. Combine this syrup, with remaining ingredients in a clean one-quart jar with a screw-on lid (Mason jar). Cover and let stand in a cool dark place for three to four weeks. Use a fine-mesh strainer to strain out solids. Discard.

Transfer cordial to a clean container and server immediately or cover and age for one month or more.

The book, *Herbed-Wine Cuisine* by Janice Therese Mancuso, (\$21.95 Storey Publishing) contains several recipes for making cordials and lots of other good 'stuff.' Vincent recommends *Cordials from the Kitchen*, published by Vargas, and *Glasses* by Jane Florence.

Vincent will present LeGrand Jour de Champagne, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. The cost is \$25 per person. (You must be 21 years of age and bring identification to attend). Learn how champagne and sparkling wines are made, their history to how to pair them with food (and have a taste).

For reservations, call (248) 332-6430. Don't miss this treat.

SYMPOSIUM SET

The annual Cranbrook/Horticultural symposium is scheduled 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Michigan State University Conference Center, 811 W. Square Lake in Troy. The theme for the day is Personal Gardening, Real Lessons from Designers' Own Gardens.

All of the presenters' garden in similar climates to ours and know from personal experi-

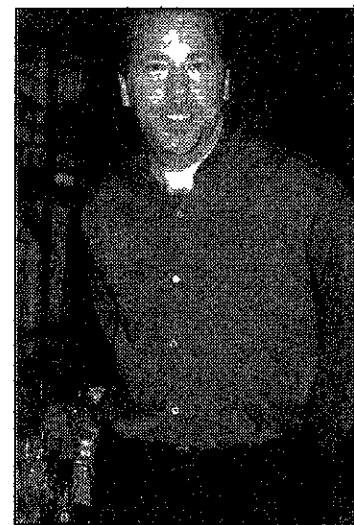
ence what works and what doesn't. They are: C. Colston Burrell, who gardens on 10 wild acres in the Blue Ridge mountains; Paul Cappiello, executive director of Yew Dell Gardens in Crestwood, Ky., and David Culp, sales representative for Sunny Borders Nursery, the largest container perennial grower on the East Coast, who also directs the company's research and development program.

Also appearing are Gordon Hayward, who, with his wife, Mary, have been developing their 200-year-old farmhouse in southern Vermont for the past 20 years as well as a tiny garden outside their cottage in the Cotswold Hills of England; and Nicholas Staddon, director of new plant introductions for Monrovia who also searches the world to find new creations and discoveries.

You can register for this fine program several ways: visit www.hortmag.com, call toll-free (877) GDN-PROG, or if you have a brochure, mail the form included with it with payment to: Horticulture Garden Programs, 4700 E. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45236; or fax the form with your credit card information to (513) 531-0798.

Fees are \$119 for a subscriber or member or \$129 for others. There is a special combination offer: Register for the Symposium and get a year's subscription to Horticulture (7 issues) for \$134.

Registration includes all handouts and refreshments, and a boxed lunch. All registrations must be received no later than Feb. 7. Books also will be available for purchase at this event.



MARTY FIGLEY

Curt Vincent makes delicious cordials and collects cordial glasses as a hobby.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Gardening courses

Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia, offers gardening courses in its Continuing Education department. The schedule includes 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.

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 Papadellis, owner of Telly's Greenhouse, will explore new plants, old-fashioned favorites and several underused and hard-to-find annuals and perennials.

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. Contact the Gardens at (734) 998-7061. Lesley Chace at ledsbeaken@aol.com, or Joan Wysocki at (248) 349-5310 or jdwyssocki@aol.com.

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HOME CALENDAR

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. 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. In Stamp a Stack, Monday, Feb. 21, make and take home 10 cards appropriate for all occasions. Fee is \$15; a \$10 materials fee is payable to the teacher on class day.

Design trends

Learn what we can expect in the best of interior design in the next five years, and how you can blend in the new styles and colors without having to start all over, in Design 2005 and Beyond: Trend Watch, one of the

upcoming design/home decorating classes offered at The Community House in Birmingham. The class will explore who sets trends and how they influence us. It will take place 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates. Fee is \$21.

Instructor Renea M. Lewis, owner of Design by Choice LLC, is one of a select group of designers chosen by Michigan Design Center as a Designer On Call. She has an interior design degree from Baker College and more than 25 years of experience in the design field.

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

Antique show

The 41st annual St. John's Episcopal Church Antique Show will take place Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, at the church, 2699 S. Woodward, on the

southeast corner of Woodward and 11 Mile in Royal Oak.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Donation \$5 per person. On-site parking is free.

This year's show will feature a rich variety of offerings from 28 dealers, including silver, crystal, china, pottery, clocks, jewelry, dolls and toys, garden decor, furniture, sewing collectibles and Orientalia.

Homemade soups, salads, sandwiches, complete dinners and desserts will be available in the dining room Friday. A luncheon menu only will be offered Saturday.

A country store will feature homemade breads, cookies and candy. Silk spring flowers and decorative items will also be offered.

All proceeds help support St. John's Open Hands Food Pantry and a variety of missions and projects of the Episcopal Church Women.

VIDEO

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player and enjoy hassle-free viewing.

That's what I recommend for most folks. PVPs may be more capable than DVD players, but for now they're too complicated and expensive.

Things will improve. The next version of Microsoft's Media Center Edition operat-

ing system (a TiVo-like version of Windows XP) should make it faster and easier to copy video to your PVP (or even your PDA).

Meanwhile, Microsoft is working with video-on-demand service CinemaNow to allow movies to be downloaded from the Web to your TV. Can PVPs be far behind?

Mark my words: in the not-too-distant future, we'll all have iPod-like video players that can download movies,

music and TV shows directly from the Web — no computer required.

In the meantime, there's always books.

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

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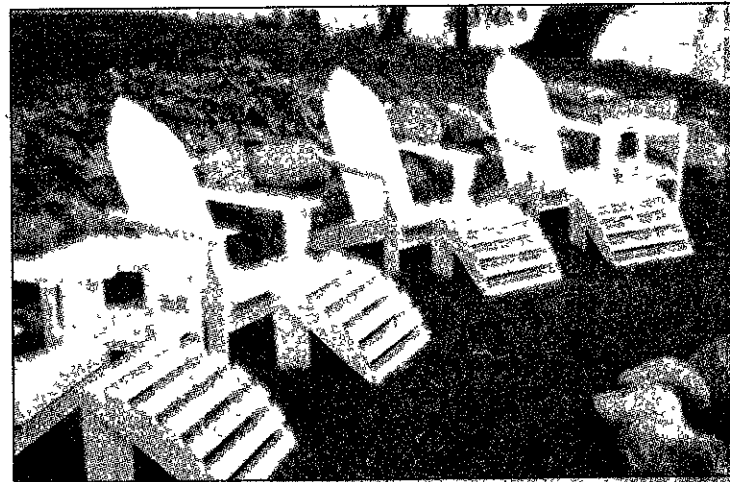
By The Yard Inc., a Minnesota company, offers a full line of outdoor furniture and accessories that can stay in the yard all year and remain undamaged, even in the most brutal climates.

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The furniture comes in white, cedar brown, hunter green, charcoal gray, sandstone and — new for 2005 — weathered wood.

By The Yard offers a risk-free trial. If you aren't completely satisfied, the product can be returned for full credit and By The Yard will pay for the shipping. The company has had only two returns in 10 years, Anderson said.

For more information, or a free catalog and color samples, call By The Yard toll-free at (877) 220-0448, or visit its online showroom at www.bytheyard.net.

Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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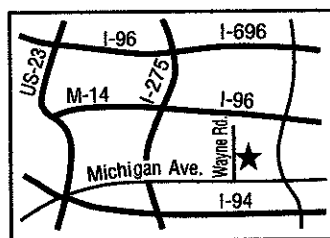
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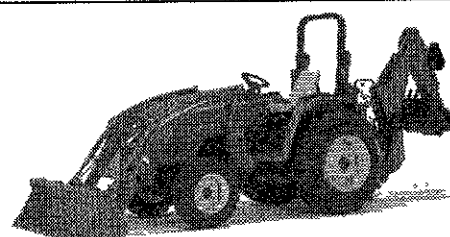


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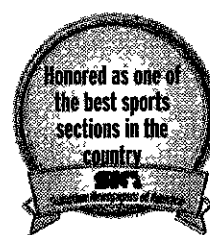
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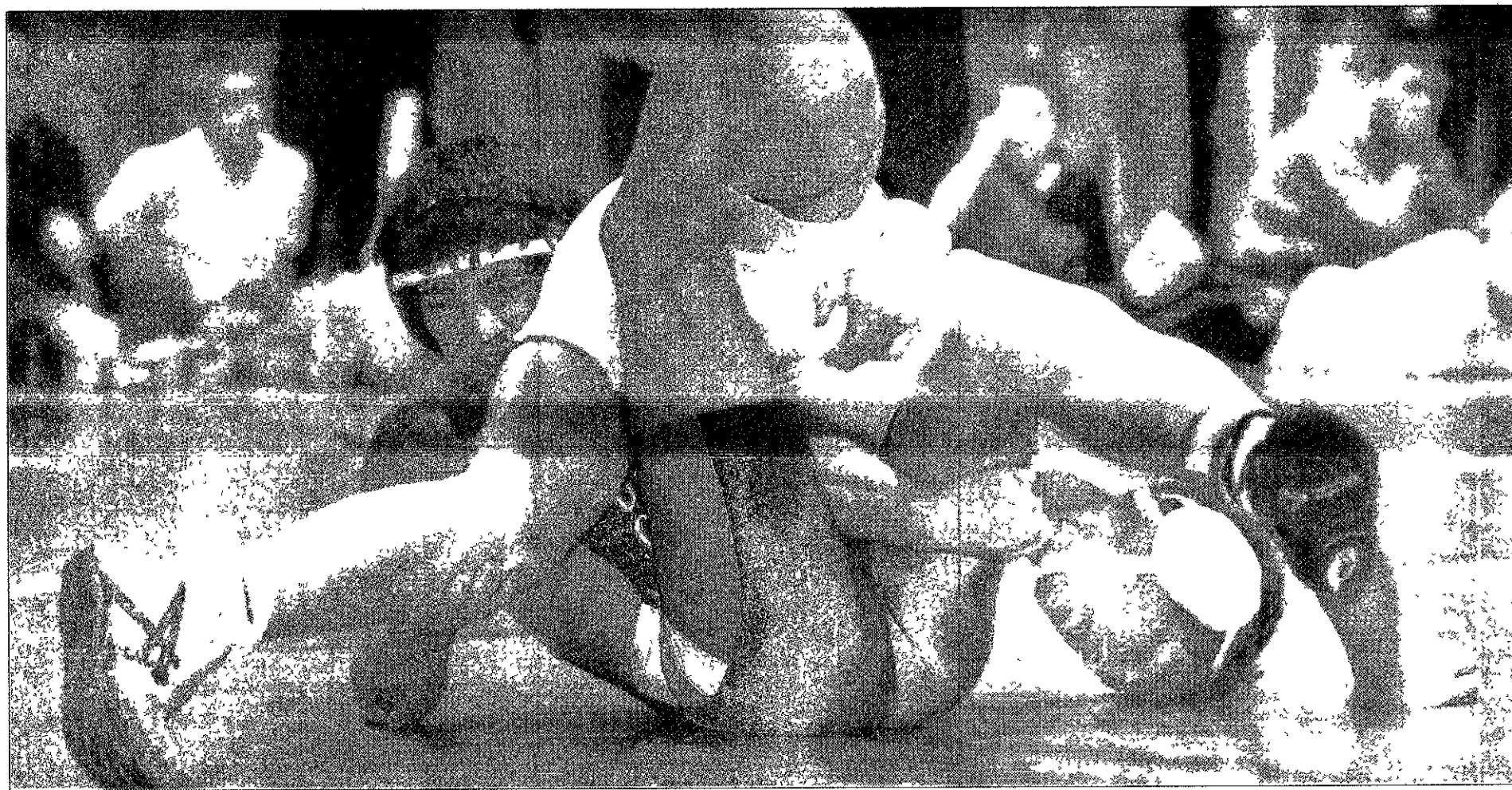
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Stunning reversal: Pats win Observerland



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Salem's Ryan Stump (top) downed Redford Catholic Central's Andrew Nadhir in the 125-pound championship match at Saturday's Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament held at Livonia Churchill High School. Stump, a senior, is undefeated this season.

Canton earns 4th, Salem 5th in 14th annual mat tourney

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There were many reversals executed at Saturday's Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament, but none was more impressive than the one Livonia Franklin's program pulled off.

Just two years after finishing dead last in the 16-team event, the Patriots captured their first-ever Observerland title by accumulating 209 points, 22.5 more than runner-up Livonia Churchill, which hosted the tournament.

Redford Catholic Central was third with 177 points, followed by Canton (172) and Salem (152).

Franklin's worst-to-first comeback didn't come as a surprise to coach Dave Chiola, who has witnessed his current

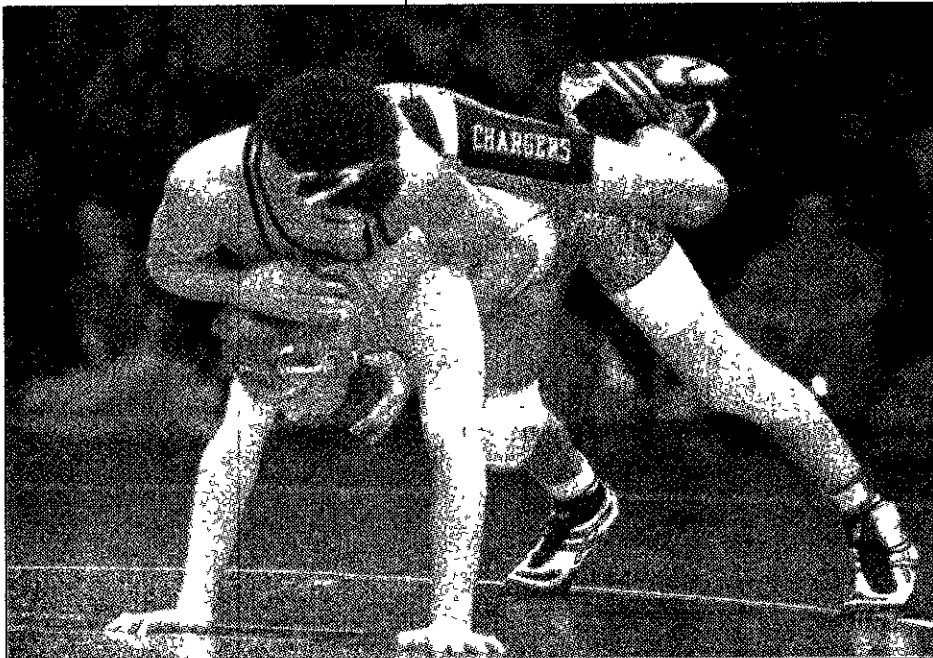
group of wrestlers' potential steadily develop into positive results since they competed for him in the seventh and eighth grades.

"We coached these kids in middle school, so we could see they were going to be good," Chiola said. "They have a good work ethic, and they're fast learners. You show them something once, and they get it."

"Two years ago we had a very young team with nine freshmen. They got banged up, but they never quit. They stuck it out. Last year, we improved, and this year we have a solid wrestler at each weight. We don't have a lot of studs like some teams, but we're solid from top to bottom."

Franklin, which has won all seven

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Canton's Corey Smith (bottom) tries to hold off Livonia Churchill's Justin Smith in the 130-pound championship match at Saturday's Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament. Smith handed Phillips his first loss of the season in a tense overtime showdown.

Chiefs net win over Wildcats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The final match of Saturday's Gibraltar Carlson volleyball tournament had a definite local flavor to it.

When it was over, Canton tasted victory over Plymouth in a three-set thriller.

"We had all 12 of our players in the rotation, so we played well as a team," said Canton coach Alex Perrin, whose squad downed the Wildcats 25-17, 20-25 and 19-17. "In the championship match, Andrea Johnson led us with nine kills, 12 digs and eight service points. She also had a crucial kill to prevent one Plymouth match point."

Wildcats coach Kelly McCausland said she was pleased with her team's performance Saturday.

"Teamwise, that was probably the best we've played this year in a tournament," McCausland said. "We played with a lot of intensity and the girls seemed to have good chemistry."

"Our most impressive match of the day was against Canton, even though we lost. Canton played unbelievable defense against us."

Plymouth had three championship-point opportunities in the finale, but couldn't put away the Chiefs. Canton went 5-0-1, losing just two games. The Chiefs advanced to the finals by upending Redford Thurston. Plymouth qualified for the championship match beating Gibraltar Carlson.

Ward's scoring binge leads Plymouth Whalers

Steve Ward's goal with 2:01 left in the third period Sunday afternoon salvaged a 4-4 tie for the Plymouth Whalers in their Ontario Hockey League game at Saginaw.

The draw, which came on the heels of Saturday's 3-1 home loss to Windsor, kept the Whalers alone in first place in the OHL's West Division with a 21-20-5-3 mark. Second-place Sault Ste. Marie is three points back at 20-22-6-1.

Saginaw, which owns a 15-28-1-4 mark, grabbed a one-goal lead on four different occasions Sunday afternoon, but Plymouth battled back each time.

John Mitchell, Jonas Fiedler and Tim

Sestito also scored goals for the Whalers. Tom Pyatt lit the lamp twice for the Spirit, who also received goals from Dan Borges and Jesse Gimblett.

Mitchell, who tallied three goals and five assists in Plymouth's three weekend games, is now ninth overall on the Whalers' franchise career scoring list with 210 points.

On Saturday night, the Spitfires extended their winning streak against Plymouth this season to five games with the win in front of a sellout crowd of 3,902 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Mitch Maunu's power-play goal at

13:43 of the second period proved to be the game winner for Windsor.

Plymouth jumped out to an early lead when Tim Sestito scored his ninth goal (4:49) of the season, snapping a wrist shot past Spitfires goaltender Brad Topping. The Whalers led 1-0 after the first period, but were unable to beat Topping in the final two periods. Topping finished with 24 saves. Cal O'Reilly's goal at 1:34 of the second period knotted the score at 1-1. Brett Liscomb added an empty-net goal in the final minute to seal the win. Plymouth's Ryan Nie had 34 saves in the loss.

Salem's Maurer excels on the ice

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

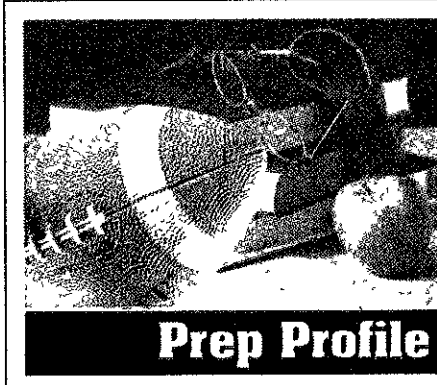
John Maurer couldn't skate before he could run — but it was close.

The Salem senior hockey captain was born into a hockey family and — not surprisingly — he learned how to maneuver his way across the ice not long after he figured out how to walk.

"I started skating when I was 3 years old," Maurer said. "I picked it up right away and have loved it ever since."

When you consider Maurer's bloodlines, it makes sense that the Rocks' premier defenseman has excelled on the rink since he was a toddler. Maurer's father, Ed, played in college at Ohio State University, and his older brother, Mike, skated for Salem before graduating in 2003. He also had several uncles who participated in the sport.

"Hockey has always been big in my family," Maurer said. "My dad played until a few years ago and he coached me

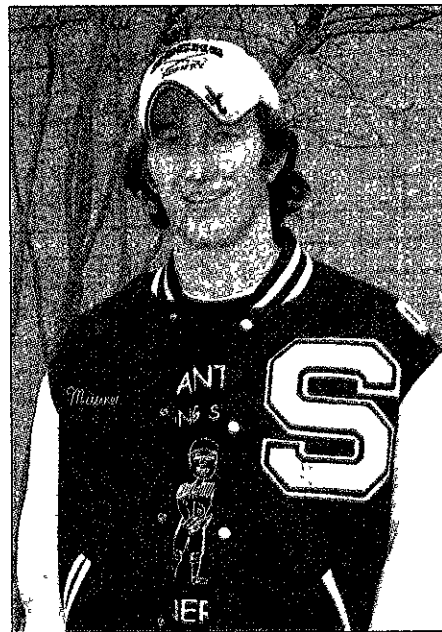


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until I was about 10. Probably the highlight of my high school career so far was being able to play with my brother during my sophomore year. At the time, it didn't seem like such a big deal, but now that I look back on it, I realize how important it was."

Despite possessing the puck-handling

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John Maurer has been a solid contributor to Salem's hockey team for the past three seasons. He also played a key role in the Plymouth-Canton lacrosse team's strong showing in the 2004 state playoffs.

Sidelines

Pingston saluted

Madonna University senior guard Jackie Pingston earned Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball Player of the Week honors after averaging 15.7

points, 4.3 rebounds, 5.7 assists and 3.3 steals in three wins for the Crusaders.

The Dearborn native started her week with 17 points, five assists and five steals in a 63-54 win at Concordia. She then posted back-to-back 15-point games at home vs. Indiana Tech and University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Thornton shines

Canton High School graduate Steve Thornton is making a strong contribution to the Adrian College men's basketball team. Thornton has helped lead the Bulldogs to a 5-3 record in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. He grabbed seven rebounds Jan. 26 in the team's 77-71 loss to Olivet College.

Hockey meeting

The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will be meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Parents of all Salem, Plymouth and Canton hockey players are encouraged to attend the meeting.

The PCCS Hockey Booster Club's annual meeting and election of officers will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the Cultural Center.

Tsunami relief

United States Figure Skating ice-dance champions Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto, who train at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton, are organizing a star-studded figure skating fundraiser that will benefit victims of the recent tsunami that struck southeast Asia.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. Friday 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.

Among the performers will be Belbin and Agosto, who won their second consecutive United States 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.

Call the Compuware Sports Arena Box Office at (734) 453-6400.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASKETBALL
Thursday, Feb. 3
 Huron Valley at Canton Agape at Discovery Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 4
 Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Southfield Christian at PCA, 7:30 p.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Feb. 3
 Northville at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Feb. 2
 Northville at Canton at Arctic Edge Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
 Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 4
 PCS Penguins at Regina, 9 p.m.
 Plymouth at W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
WRESTLING
Thursday, Feb. 3
 W.L. Western at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.
 Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 6 p.m.
GYMNASTICS
Saturday, Feb. 5
 Canton Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Feb. 3
 Canton Agape at Inter-City, 7 p.m.
 PCA at Southfield Christian, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 5
 Canton at A.A. Pioneer Invite Salem at Schoolcraft Invitational
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Feb. 5
 Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 3 p.m.
 Aquinas College at Madonna, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Feb. 5
 Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 1 p.m.
 Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Feb. 4
 Whalers at Kitchener Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 5
 Whalers vs. Toronto (Compware), 7:30 p.m.
 TBA - time to be announced.

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tournaments it has competed in this season and clinched the Western Division crown Tuesday night with a 38-21 win over Canton, won handily despite crowning just one individual champion — 119-pound Mike Warren, who was voted the tourney's co-MVP along with CC's Sean Dong (135) in the lower weight classes (103-140). The Shamrocks' Brad Bartram (189) earned MVP honors for the upper weight classes.

Franklin and Canton both placed a tournament-high 12 wrestlers.

Four Patriots finished second in their respective weight classes — Jesse Gardocki (103), Jon Roos (112), Dennis Tullio (152) and Chris VanCamp (171).

Five Chargers earned first-place hardware — Alex Fowler (103), Justin Smith (130), Ben Adams (160), Hafeez Qureshi (215) and Pat Draheim (275).

"It was a very eventful tournament," said Churchill coach Marty Altounitan, whose Chargers shared the 2004 title with Westland John Glenn.

"There were a lot of upsets. A lot of matches went the opposite way we thought they were going to go.

"All five of our wrestlers who made it to the finals won, so that was a nice sweep. They all did their job. We just needed more wrestlers to reach the

finals."

Mike Rodriguez, coach of the third-place Shamrocks, said his team was hurt by the number of first-round byes it was dealt.

(Actually, fifth-place Salem also had six byes, while Redford Union had five. Franklin, Churchill, Plymouth and Clarenceville were next with four apiece.)

"It's hard to get enough points to win when you have six byes," Rodriguez said. "But that's the way it goes. There's nothing you can do about it."

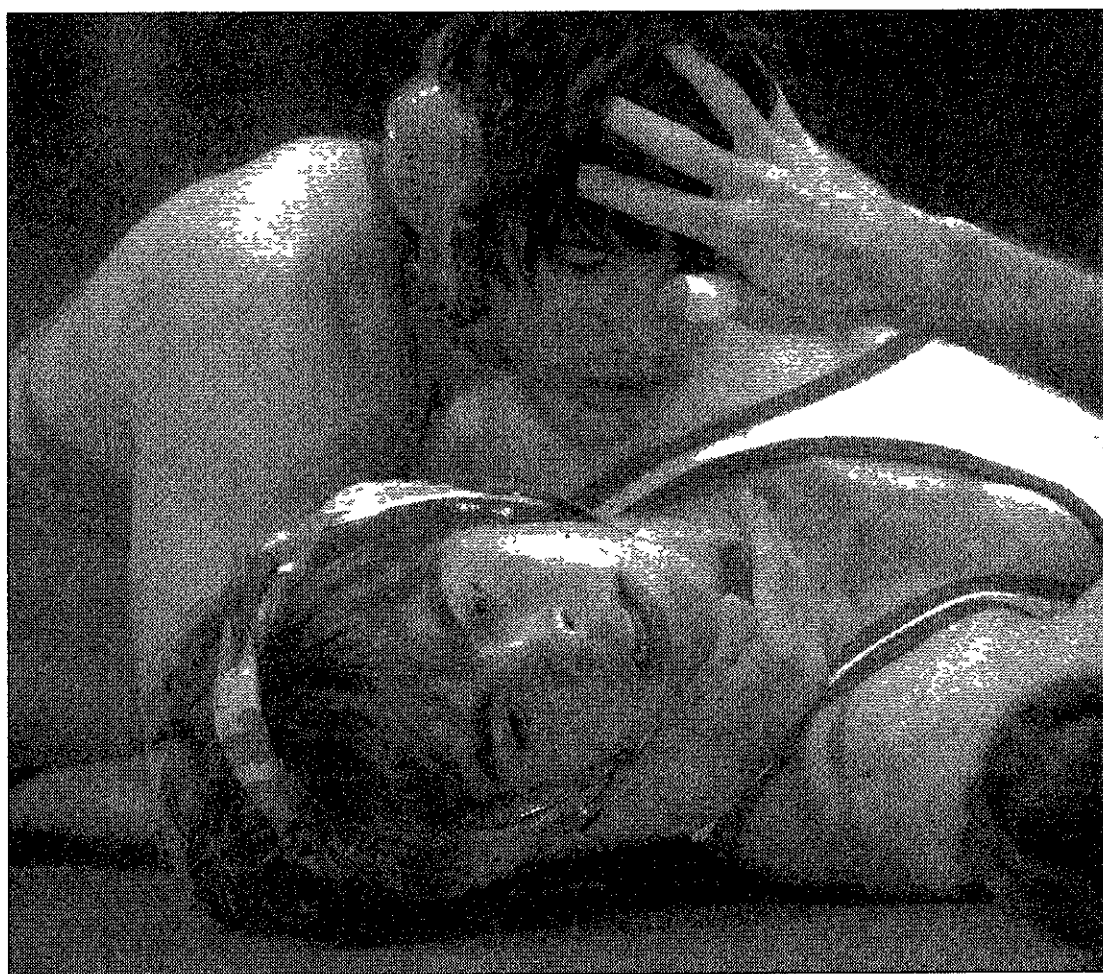
"I thought our two MVPs — Sean Dong and Brad Bartram — were awesome. They've both won twice here now, so it was a nice way to go out for them."

Canton, like Franklin, made a substantial move up the standings after finishing 10th last year. The fourth-place Chiefs were in second heading into the finals with three wrestlers still alive for titles.

"Overall, when I look back at the entire day, we placed 12 of 14 wrestlers, so I'm happy with that," Canton coach Casey Randolph said. "But having three wrestlers in the finals — and not winning one is kind of frustrating."

The most stunning upset of the day occurred at 171, when Canton's Pat McWhirter edged Churchill's defending state champion Manuel Schubert, 9-8.

John Glenn's Rece Cox also repeated as champion at 145 with a 14-5 major decision over



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Canton's Ryan Webb (bottom) dropped a 9-6 decision to Redford Catholic Central's Sean Dong in the 135-pound championship match at Saturday's Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament. The loss was Webb's first of the season.

Salem's Jake Bennett, while CC's Trevor Stewart, who moved up to the 171-pound class in an anticipated matchup against Schubert that never materialized, earned his

third straight Observerland title.

Even though Franklin has accumulated seven first-place tournament trophies and a spotless dual-meet record, the

Patriots' better days may still be ahead, their coach said.

"The funny thing about this team," Chiola said, "is that I still don't think it has come close to reaching its potential."

Rocks boosters to meet Feb. 9

The Salem Rocks Football Booster Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m., in room 2703 of Salem High School.

Parents of all current and new players, including class of 2009 students, are encouraged to attend.

Attendees will get an opportunity to meet the 2005 booster club officers and learn about the 2005 football season. For more information, contact Bob Kilgore at (734) 459-6393.

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CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS
 275 pounds: Pat Draheim (LC) pinned John Morasso (CC), 0:53; 3rd place: Nick Turco (LF) p. Steve Kaptur (Salem), 0:23; 5th place: Donnie Laramie (Canton) p. Kevin Hanka (WJG), 1:31.

103: Alex Fowler (LC) decisioned Jesse Gardocki (LF), 3-2; 3rd: Brandon Nikula (WJG) dec. Ryan Schnettler (Canton), 5-4; 5th: Jeremy Stanekwitz (Salem) dec. Jamie Preiss

(WM), 6-3.

112: Steve Ludke (GC) dec. Jon Roos (LF), 4-2; 3rd: Jon Reale (LS) won by major dec. over Ken Nelson (RU), 8-0; 5th: Jeremiah Austin (WJG) won by technical fall over Tim Hecksel (LC), 23-8 (3:54).

119: Mike Warren (LF) dec. Matt Keffer (Salem), 7-6; 3rd: Ken Nance (GC) dec. Antonio Cosme (CC), 8-3; 5th: Jay Fleischmann (Canton) won by major dec. over Ben Kosmalksi (Ply.), 13-3.

125: Ryan Stump (Salem) dec. Andrew Nadhir (CC), 5-1; 3rd: James Jones (LF) p. Rowdy Glasgow (WJG), 3:36; 5th: Pete Bonneau (Canton) dec. Justin Keatts (WM), 3-1.

130: Justin Smith (LC) dec. Corey Phillips (Canton), 4-2 (overtime); 3rd: Jim Wood (WJG) p. Robert Bytner (LW), 3:42; 5th: Robert Price (CC) dec. Steve Russo (Farm.), 8-5.

135: Sean Dong (CC) dec. Ryan Webb (Canton), 9-6; 3rd: Scott Fysh (Salem) won by

major dec. over Orlando Carswell (WJG), 12-2; 5th: Kaman Davidson (LF) dec. Ali Youssef (Ply.), 5-3.

140: Jim Moore (RU) dec. Konrad Konsitzke (Canton), 11-6; 3rd: David Watkins (LF) dec. Saif Naber (WJG), 7-1; 5th: Jon Hagar (Ply.) dec. Ryan Olson (Salem), 10-9 (OT).

145: Rece Cox (WJG) won by major dec. over Jake Benhett (Salem), 14-5; 3rd: Kyle Mason (Farm.) p. Nate Turco (LF), 1:22; 5th: Josh Kelly (LC) dec. Alex Freitag (Canton), 8-6.

152: Anthony Victor (NF) won by tech. fall over Dennis Tullio (LF), 15-0 (4:14); 3rd: Adam Kokenakes (LS) dec. Marwan Faraj (Canton), 7-4; 5th: Val Gui (Salem) dec. David Wood (WJG), 5-2.

160: Ben Adams (LC) dec. Kurtis Robbins (Cville), 3-0; 3rd: Kyle Lis (LS) dec. Blake Karkoska (LF), 5-3; 5th: Jon McCahill (WJG) dec. Alex Amberg (Canton), 4-2.

171: Trevor Stewart (CC) p. Chris VanCamp (LF), 0-21; 3rd: Cody Rize (LS) dec. Pat

McWhirter (Canton), 8-5; 5th: Manuel Schubert (LC) won by major dec. over Brent Robbins (Cville), 14-5.

189: Brad Bartram (CC) won by major dec. over Jeremy Henderson (Salem), 10-2; 3rd: Joe Bargerstock (LC) dec. P.J. Caram (Canton), 5-4; 5th: Jake Robbins (RU) dec. Taylor Fox (Ply.), 9-6.

215: Hafeez Qureshi (LC) dec. Eric Vojtkofsky (CC), 5-1; 3rd: Larry Crockett (Farm.) won by major dec. over Matt Shileikis (RU), 12-3; 5th: Patrick Kennedy (Cville) won by major dec. over Greg Schuyler (LF), 10-2.

Lower weights co-MVPs: Mike Warren (LF), 119; Sean Dong (CC), 135.

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103 pounds: Jesse Gardocki (F) won by major decision over Ryan Schnettler, 11-1; 112: Jon Roos (F) dec. Sam Santilli, 5-0; 119: Mike Warren (F) pinned Jay Fleischmann, 2:13; 125: James Jones (F) won by technical fall over Pete Bonneau, 22-6; 130: Corey Phillips (C) p. Josh Billiau, 2:29; 135: Ryan Webb (C) dec. Kaman Davidson, 6-2; 140: Konrad Konsitzke (C) dec. Justin Joroh, 11-4; 145: David Watkins (F) dec. Alex Freitag, 6-0; 152: Nate Turco (F) dec. Matt Sweda, 16-7; 160: Blake Karkoska (F) dec. Marwan Faraj, 10-4; 171: Chris Van Camp (F) won by major dec. over Alex Amberg, 9-1; 189: Pat McWhirter (C) p. Pat Roumayah, 1:01; 215: P.J. Caram (C) won by major dec. over Greg Schuyler, 13-2; 275: Nick Turco (F) p. Dan Laramie, 2:25.

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Plymouth cagers win in OT

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's basketball team worked overtime to snap its four-game losing skid Tuesday night against Northville.

The Wildcats upended the Mustangs, 61-55, in a double-overtime thriller played in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. The victory upped the Wildcats' record to 8-6 overall, 4-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 1-3 in the WLAA's Western Division. Northville fell to 5-9 overall and 2-6 in the conference.

Wildcat junior forward A.J. Davey sent the game into overtime when he converted one of two free-throw attempts with one second left in regulation to knot the score at 45-45.

Following a low-scoring first extra session in which both teams managed to score just four points a piece, Plymouth took charge in the second OT thanks largely to the free-throw shooting of junior guard Brent Jones, who canned all six of his attempts from the stripe. D.J. Coleman was also strong down the stretch, netting four of his team-high 18 points in the second extra period.

"We came out slowly again, which we've been doing lately," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner, referring to his team's 12-point first half. "We picked it up in the second half and got some great free-throw shooting in the second overtime from Brent. Three of our starters had fouled out, so we gave him the ball and made them foul him."

"I think this win will put us into the league playoffs (the top eight teams in the WLAA qualify for the post-season tourney). Hopefully, it will give us some momentum heading into our game against Canton on Friday."

Junior forward Josh Le Duc played a strong post game for Plymouth, tallying 12 points, 14 rebounds and four blocked shots. Sophomore forward Kulraj Sandhu netted 11 points, including a key fourth-quarter triple that gave the Wildcats a temporary lead. Jones finished with eight points and eight assists.

Chris Lorente led the Mustangs with 23 points. J.D. Gerblick finished with 17.

Plymouth trailed 22-12 at the half and 34-26 after three

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quarters before outscoring its visitors 19-11 over the final eight minutes to force the overtime.

The Wildcats nailed 16-of-22 free throws (72 percent) while the Mustangs connected on 13-of-22 from the stripe (59 percent).

Canton 64, Walled Lake Northern 45: Junior forward Andre Bridges took advantage of his first start of the season Tuesday night by scoring 11 points to help the Chiefs to their second consecutive victory. Bridges was subbing for starting guard Andy Cortellini, who missed the game due to illness.

The victory improved the Chiefs' record to 8-6 overall and 4-4 in the WLAA. The Knights slipped to 2-12 and 1-7.

"We had our inside-out game working well tonight," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "Andre hit a couple of big three's for us and Dave Calille had another good game. Kevin Thornton played strong inside for us."

The Chiefs didn't have any problems finding their shooting range in the unfamiliar gym as they shot 51 percent from the field (24-of-47) and 72 percent from the free-throw line (8-of-11).

"We were getting a lot of open looks because we were moving the ball well against their zone," Paye said.

Calille led the Chiefs with 16 points, six coming on a pair of three's. Thornton contributed 12 points and six rebounds and junior forward Andy Larsen scored a season-high eight points. Joel Darin twined 10 points to lead the Knights.

Canton took charge early, running to a 31-17 halftime lead and 51-31 advantage after three quarters.

"Similar to our last game we put four good quarters together with no big scoring droughts," Paye concluded.

PCA 69, Bethesda 47: The Eagles soared to a 25-7 first-quarter lead and never looked back in their non-league match-up against Bethesda. PCA is now 7-6 overall while Bethesda fell to 6-7.

PCA stretched its lead to 41-18 at the half before clearing its bench for much of the final 16 minutes of action.

Stephen Sumner paced the

winners with 18 points, nine assists and eight rebounds. Aaron Ciborowski contributed 17 points and 11 rebounds while Mike McCord had 10 points and seven boards.

"Our bench got to play a lot of minutes, which was nice," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "They did a good job, too. Our three guards off the bench — Jordan Johnston, T.J. Miller and Jacob Williams — combined for 10 assists. Everybody played well and we hit six three's tonight, which was a season high."

Chris Seitz led Bethesda with 13.

Canton Agape 73, Franklin Road 29: The Wolverines received 18 points each from Jack Anleitner and Brian Horning, and 12 from Gabe Molnar, who canned four three-point shots. Josh Mansfield led Franklin Road with 12 points.

"We just overmatched them — it was as simple as that," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner.

Agape led 17-11 after one quarter, 34-19 at the half and 58-25 with eight minutes left.

Canton Agape 68, Summerfield Christian 47: Senior guard Gabe Molnar set a school record Monday night with nine three-point baskets, eclipsing the old mark of eight set by Matt Major in 1997.

"We were running our basic plays and Gabe just kept stepping back and nailing them," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner, referring to Molnar's record-setting night. "He hit a buzzer-beater at the end of the first half and he was one step behind the half-court line."

Molnar finished with 31 points and seven rebounds. Sophomore guard Jack Anleitner chipped in with 13 and Matt Molnar — Gabe's younger brother — netted four points and eight rebounds.

David Hamden led Summerfield with 11 points.

Agape led 11-9 after one quarter and 29-22 at the half. The Wolverines put a stamp on the win by outscoring SC 23-11 in the third quarter. Molnar drained five of his three's in the third quarter.

"We played outstanding in the second half," Anleitner said. "The guys really picked it up a notch. It's nice to see us start to jell." The Wolverines host Westland Huron Valley tonight at Discovery Middle School. The opening tip is set for 7:30 p.m.

Walsh's marksmanship paces Zebras' 58-46 win over Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

On the eve of Groundhog's Day Tuesday night, Wayne Memorial's Danny Walsh cast a large shadow over Salem's basketball team.

Walsh, a 6-2 senior guard, drained seven three-point shots and scored a game-high 23 points to lead the Zebras to a 58-46 victory over the Rocks, who slumped to 1-13 overall and 1-7 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Wayne, which has now won eight of its last nine games, improved to 8-6 overall and 7-1 in the WLAA.

With Salem playing a zone defense to contain the Zebras' penetration game and inside scoring threat Gene Nix, Walsh hit nothing but net on his first four triple attempts in the opening quarter to repel a strong start from the scrappy Rocks.

After sitting out a good chunk of the second quarter, the sharp-shooting guard canned three more treys in the third quarter.

He missed his final five attempts from behind the arch, but by then he had already inflicted enough damage on struggling Salem.

"I told the kids before the game to try to take away their inside game and not allow second shots," said Salem coach

Bob Brodie. "Our game plan was that we were going to make them earn it from the outside, but (Walsh) made everything. I thought our kids played hard. Wayne knew they were in a game."

In his preparation for the Salem game, Wayne coach Wayne Woodard emphasized to his team not to look at the Rocks' record, but rather their history of always playing tough, solid basketball.

"I reminded the kids that since I've been here only two teams — Belleville and Salem — have beaten us every year," Woodard said. "Bob always does a good job with his teams. He knows how to prepare. You always have to earn whatever you get against Salem. My biggest fear was them getting to within four or six with a couple of minutes left, because then it's anybody's game."

"I thought our kids played hard tonight. I liked the way they competed. In the first half it looked like we were playing better than we were because our shots were falling. In the second half, we didn't play that bad, but we didn't look good because our shots weren't falling."

Nix led the Zebras in the paint with 13 points, 13 rebounds and three blocked shots. Senior guards Maurice Nelson and Ramond Harris both contributed seven for the winners.

Junior forward Billy Leddy was the lone Rock to break into the double-digit scoring column, netting 11. Kevin Bradley scored eight of his nine points in the opening quarter, which ended with Wayne ahead, 14-12.

Sophomore guard Kevin Burleigh swished a pull-up jumper seconds into the second quarter to knot the game at 14-14, but Nelson followed with a three from the deep corner to give the Zebras a lead they would never relinquish.

Wayne's largest advantage — 34-21 — came in the opening seconds of the third quarter when — who else? — Walsh stroked in a shot from three feet behind the three-point line. Salem whittled its deficit down to 41-36 with 4:30 to play on a driving shot by Joe Halewicz, but the Zebras retaliated with a 6-0 run to regain their comfort zone.

Salem's fourth-quarter comeback bid was hampered by 2-of-17 shooting from the field.

Wayne hit 17-of-52 field goals (32 percent) and 14-of-18 free throws (77 percent). Salem hit 18-of-57 (31 percent) of its shots from the field and 5-of-9 free-throw attempts (55 percent).

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Six-goal spurt leads Spartans over Salem

Things could have gone badly for Livonia Stevenson after allowing Salem to score 16 seconds into Saturday's game at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

But the Spartans had an answer: score six straight goals. Brad Fischer led them to a 6-2 win by notching an even-strength goal and a power-play goal to start the streak as Stevenson was 1-for-5 on the power play.

Michael Voran, Marcus Voran, Erik Anderson and Sam Hoyt also scored goals and Billy Westerman added three assists as Stevenson improved to 14-4-2 overall.

Each team piled up 14 penalties in the contest and Stevenson coach Mike Humitz said the calls were warranted.

"That was just one of these nights that had potential to get out of hand and the refs did a good job of keeping it under control," said Humitz.

The win was the third in four days for the Spartans, which used the tough schedule as preparation for the playoffs.

"I told the guys that when we get into regionals it's going to take three wins in four days to keep going," Humitz said, "so I think this was great preparation."

Salem (9-10 overall) received its goals from Joel Cheeseman and Chris Wilson.

Kit Pruchnik stopped 18 shots to notch the win for the Spartans.

PCS Penguins 4, Liggett 0: Kristie Kowalski recorded her

league-high sixth shutout Saturday afternoon at the McCann Ice Arena in Grosse Pointe.

"Everybody played well," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "We played them in the pre-season, but they were missing a couple of their best players, so we didn't know what to expect."

"Kristie played well, but our defense as a whole did a nice job of keeping their shots down."

Kristen Schwan, Adrienne Cercone (two) and Sharla Gillespie scored goals for the Penguins, who got assists from Kelli Bargowski and Sarah Skonieczny.

Northville 3, PCS 2: Tuesday night's setback at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena dropped the

Penguins to 11-4-1 in the Metro Girls High School Hockey League. Northville improved to 6-5.

"We just didn't come to play tonight," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "Most of our shots were right at their goalie; we didn't make her work hard enough."

Sam Pope scored a pair of goals for the Mustangs, including the eventual game-winner with 5:47 left in the second period.

Keely Kowalski, who was shifted to forward from defense, and Lisa Ealy lit the lamp for the Penguins. Kristen Schwan, Sarah Skonieczny and Olivia Pennebaker picked up assists for PCS.

The Penguins travel to Regina on Saturday.

Salem spikers oust Patriots in WLAA

In a WLAA match Monday, host Salem outlasted Livonia Franklin, 25-20, 25-22, 22-25, 25-15.

Shannon Rusin led the Rocks with 16 kills. Stephanie Price had 13 kills and Lauren Kurtz contributed six blocks.

"Chelsea McPhail had a tremendous defensive game for us," said Salem coach Jennifer Peterson.

Senior setter Ashley Bonsall led the Patriots (4-12-1, 1-6) with 23 assists and three aces, while junior Trisha Morrill had 15 kills, four aces, 12 digs and five blocks (two solo).

Other Patriot leaders included Jen Katinsky, nine digs; Megan Kmet, nine kills and five blocks (three solo); Liz Dempsey, six kills and three aces; Amy Lipan, three aces, and Melissa Kichak, four block-assists.

"It was a tight match with high intensity," Franklin coach

Mary Helen Diegel said. "We're growing stronger each day. I'm really proud of the girls."

'Cats sweep Zebras

The Wildcats knocked off visiting Wayne Memorial in three games Monday night, 25-23, 25-22 and 25-8 to improve their record to 20-9-1 overall and 3-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Wayne dropped to 3-17 and 0-7.

"That was the best I've seen Wayne Memorial play this season," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "We were up 19-12 in the first game, but they came back and tied it at 19-19. Our intensity level wasn't high until the third game when we really started clicking."

Jeanine Moise led the Wildcats with 15 kills, four digs and four blocks.

Sarah Haskins added 25 assists and four digs while

Janet Hanchett chipped in with 12 digs.

Chiefs fall

Northville upended a weary Canton volleyball team in five sets Monday night: 20-25, 25-18, 21-25, 25-22 and 15-6. The tired Chiefs had less than 48 hours to recover from Saturday's grueling championship run at the Gibraltar-Carlson tournament.

It was Canton's first match against former coach Steve Anderson, who took the reins of the Mustangs at the beginning of this season.

"Northville played extremely well and we didn't," said Canton coach Alex Perrin. "I think the girls were still wore out from our tournament on Saturday, but I don't want to take anything away from Northville. They played well."

The loss dropped Canton to 15-9-4 overall and 3-4 in the

Western Lakes Activities Association.

Laura McKendry led the Chiefs with 10 kills and 21 digs. Izabela Paszkowska recorded seven kills and one clocked, Molly Conlon had nine kills, six digs while Kelsey Bailey had three kills and 14 digs. Stephanie had 16 digs.

PCA triumphs

The Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team defeated Agape for the second time in four days Tuesday night, 22-25, 25-9, 25-19 and 25-10.

"We came out flat tonight," said PCA coach Missy Henry. "We played well the final three games."

Henry commended the play of senior Kelly Feiler (10 kills, 12 digs, 11 service points) and junior Kelsie Tietjen (10 kills, nine digs, four blocks and 11 service points).

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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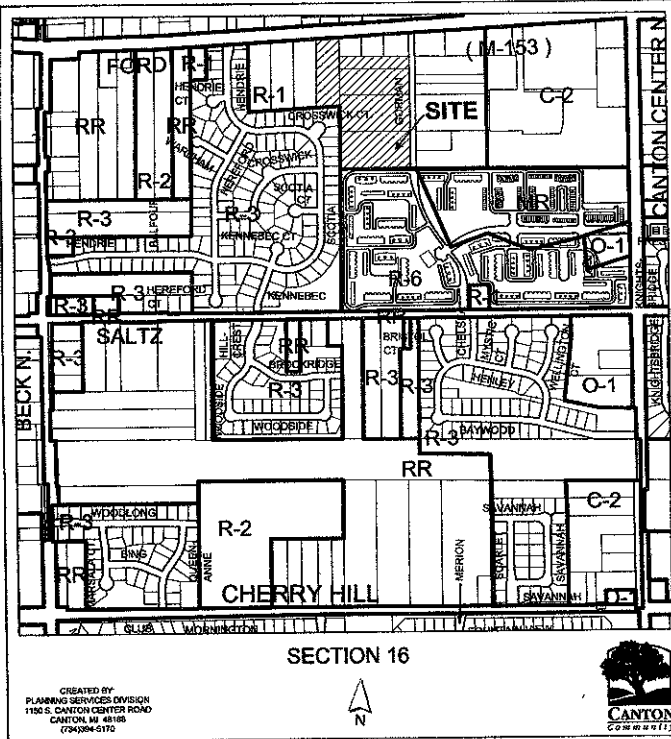
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold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

CLINK/WATSON/STACHOWSKI REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 036 01 0004 001, 036 01 0004 002, 036 01 0005 000, 036 01 0006 000 AND 062 99 0005 000 FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Ford and west of Canton Center Road.



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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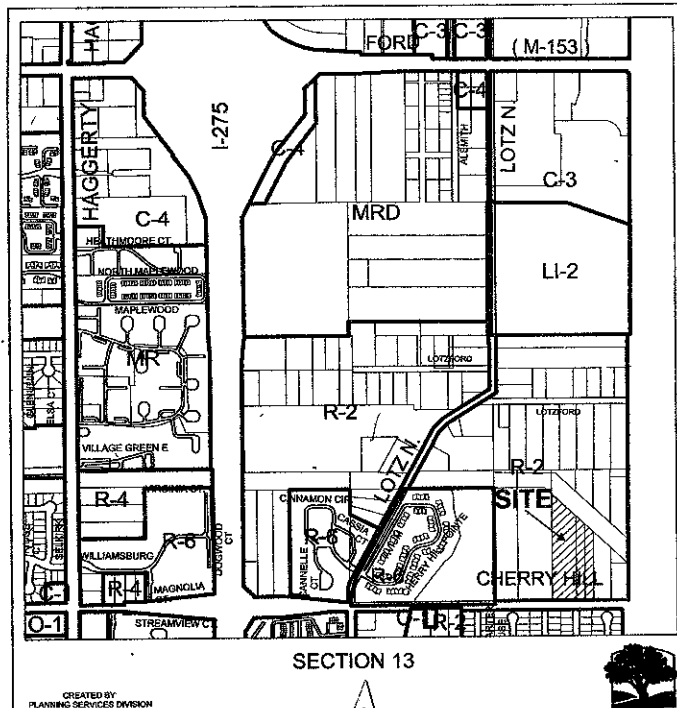
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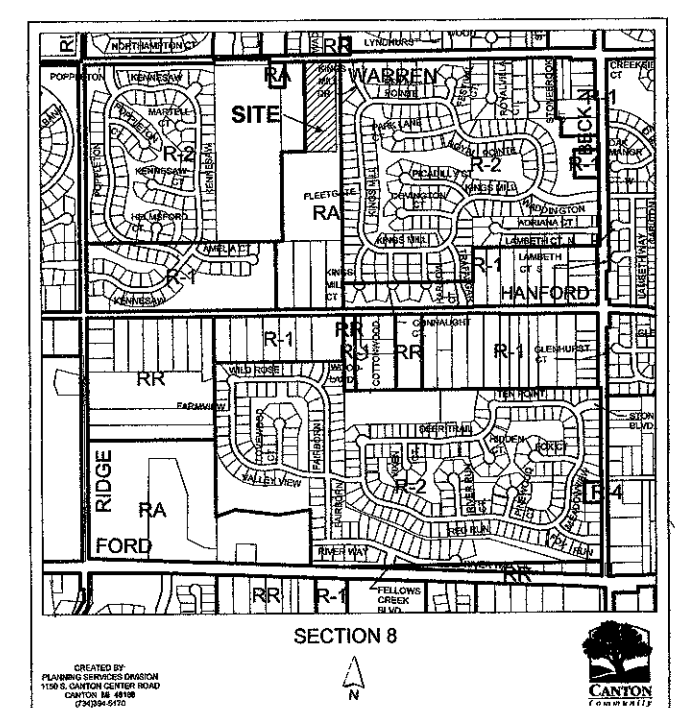
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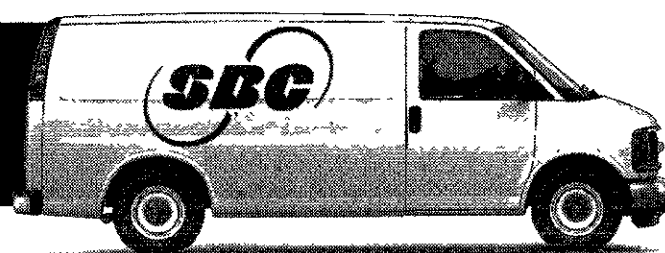
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Super Bowl XXXIX could prove to be craziest ever

The NFL's championship game is just a few days away now and anyone can give you a score prediction. What fun is that when you can let your imagination wander. Here's what Super Bowl XXXIX should look like with any luck at all.

The pre-game show on Fox lasts nine hours and finishes with Howie Long and Terry Bradshaw debating what color underwear the Philadelphia Eagles will have on. The temperature in Jacksonville dips to a record low 16 degrees, making Jimmy Johnson scream, "I can't wait to get to Detroit next year for some warm weather!"

Kickoff takes place promptly at 6:31 p.m. Adam Vinatieri kicks his first field goal for New England at 6:33 p.m. It's 3-0 Patriots.

Terrell Owens, despite pleas from doc-



Mark Wilson

tors not to play, is on the field. His first play from scrimmage, he catches a pass from Donovan McNabb and his injured leg literally flies off into the stands. A guy from Ponte Vedra catches it, but refuses to give it back. Eagles punter Dirk Johnson drops one inside the Pats' 10-yard line. Tom Brady completes three passes and Vinatieri kicks his second field goal. It's 6-0 New England.

Philly's J.R. Reed returns the ensuing kickoff all the way for a 92-yard touchdown. First quarter ends 7-6 Eagles. Owens bargains to get his leg back.

The first of many crazy Super Bowl

commercials airs and it's a spot for a new fast food joint called "Blotto Burger." The Super Blotto has seven pounds of beef, 36 pickles, a gallon of ketchup and mustard all on an eight-foot bun. The 350-pound Eagles lineman Tra Thomas sees the spot on the big screen and leaves Alltel Stadium to get one.

Meanwhile, Vinatieri has kicked two more field goals and the Patriots lead 12-7.

Inspired by the return of Owens, who got his leg back and stitched it up himself, former New England receiver Randy Vataha comes out of retirement and catches three balls from Brady. Vataha then realizes he is now 56 years old and leaves the field. Brady throws another pass to him just for the heck of it.

Vinatieri pounds his fifth field goal of

the day straight through from 49 yards and it's 15-7 Pats. Eagles assistant coach Marty Mornhinweg thinks he's back with the Lions because he keeps wanting to take the wind. The temp now dips to 11 degrees and Detroit Super Bowl officials snicker from their private suite.

By halftime, Vinatieri has kicked three more field goals and it's 24-7 Patriots. Paul McCartney stuns Fox-TV by performing shirtless at age 61. The nation sees it and clamors for Janet Jackson. Ringo Starr calls and demands equal time. Tra Thomas has returned with an extra Super Blotto Burger for coach Andy Reid.

The third quarter begins with McNabb throwing an 87-yard touchdown pass to Owens who amazingly has recovered fully. He celebrates in the end

zone by snowboarding off the press box. The media gives him a standing ovation. Pats lead 24-14.

Brady still hasn't missed a pass. He throws his 22nd straight completion to running back Corey Dillon who sets up Vinatieri's ninth field goal of the day. Fox starts setting up plans for a new reality series, *Kicking with Adam*.

McNabb throws another touchdown pass, this time to Jeff Thomason, who was working construction when the Eagles brought him back to replace the injured Chad Lewis. Thomason celebrates by building a cabinet on the sidelines.

Into the fourth quarter, Vinatieri has kicked three more field goals and it's 33-21 Patriots.

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McNabb and Eagles' running back Brian Westbrook lead Philly to two straight touchdowns. Philadelphia is back on top 35-33. Owens has time to have knee surgery and returns with just one minute to play.

Brady leads the Pats down to the Eagles' 26-yard line. His final completion gives him a perfect 31-for-31 day.

Only four seconds remain on the clock when Vinatieri trots onto the field to attempt his 12th

field goal. New England calls time out because he has forgotten to take off his Superman cape before trying the kick.

Vinatieri is perfect once again and the Patriots win 36-35 for their third Super Bowl victory in four years. Brady is once again the MVP and is helicoptered immediately to Canton, Ohio, to be inducted in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Vinatieri flies to Hollywood to start production on his new reality series and Belichick has the Lombardi Trophy renamed after him.

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Mark Wilson of WKRF-FM (97.1) is a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscenter of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

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Shamrock swimmers outstroke Plymouth

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Good things come to those who wait, including the Redford Catholic Central varsity swim team.

Monday night at the Livonia Recreation Center, the Shamrocks earned their first dual meet victory since 2002-03 with a 106-80 triumph over still-winless Plymouth.

"It's very nice," said Catholic Central head coach Jeff Baker. "We're young and we don't yet have the year-round swimmers that we'd like. Now's the point in their development where you'll see times drop because they're finally getting into shape."

Baker added that getting a victory is a nice reward for working hard. "They like to feel that they're contributing to the athletic success at Catholic Central."

Leading the way for CC (1-3) were senior co-captains Chris Banas and Ben Chabala.

Banas won the 200 and 500 freestyle events, but impressed Baker most with how he "gutted it out" to come right back and help the 200 free relay team earn a victory. The 500 free and 200 free relay events were back-to-back.

"That's double duty," Baker said. "We don't like to do that to our athletes."

As for Chabala, he swam a lifetime best in the 200-yard medley relay and "had a phenomenal swim in the backstroke," the coach noted.

The Shamrocks, who started to show vast improvement during last Thursday's loss to Ann Arbor Huron, got off to a somewhat tentative start in the opening events Monday, Baker said.

"We pulled together for the second half of the meet and did very well," Baker said. "They were worrying too



DONALD J. ALLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Justin Magill cruises through the water in the 50-yard freestyle event during the Wildcats' meet Monday night against Redford Catholic Central.

much about winning. I told them not to worry about it and just swim."

Actually, the Shamrocks were picking up some points early on as Banas (200 free) and Jay Gronbach (50 free) won their respective events.

But even though Plymouth's Justin Magill won diving with 164.25 points, it was that event where Baker said the Shamrocks started to gel for the night.

Three first-year divers took spots two-through-four: Andrew Vance, Iain Kaye and Mike Bonbolanta.

The win could have a very positive impact on the team for the rest of the season - even though tough opponents such as University of Detroit-Jesuit (tonight) and Warren DeLaSalle (Tuesday) await.

But whether the Shamrocks

can add to the win column sooner rather than later isn't as important as keeping perspective, the coach said.

"When you're going against tougher teams you have to focus on what you're doing individually," he said.

For the Wildcats (0-5), a standout was Andy Knisely. He was part of the winning 200-yard medley and 400-yard freestyle relays and then took firsts in the 200 individual medley and 100 freestyle events.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 106 PLYMOUTH 80
Jan. 31 at Livonia Rec Center
200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Michael Conger, Andy Knisely, Sorin Oprican, Ben Ambrose), 1:56.82; 2. Catholic Central (Ben Chabala, Dave Morrow, Nick L. Ansara, Jay Gronbach), 1:57.29; **200 freestyle:** 1. Chris Banas (CC), 1:59.17; 2.

Casey Molloy (P), 2:06.75; 3. Chris Czech (CC), 2:08.35; **200 individual medley:** 1. Andy Knisely (P), 2:14.54; 2. Dave Morrow (CC), 2:26.91; 3. Nick L. Ansara (CC), 2:34.81; **50 freestyle:** 1. Jay Gronbach (CC), 24.90; 2. Kirk D. Nelson (CC), 26.25; 3. Ben Ambrose (P), 26.44; **diving:** 1. Justin Magill (P), 164.25 points; 2. Andrew Vance (CC), 148.25; 3. Iain Kaye (CC), 137.75; **100 butterfly:** 1. Sorin Oprican (P), 1:06.64; 2. Jonathan Deisenroth (CC), 1:10.78; 3. Ben Ambrose (P), 1:11.82; **100 freestyle:** 1. Andy Knisely (P), 52.75; 2. Jay Gronbach (CC), 54.70; 3. Michael Conger (P), 56.87; **500 freestyle:** 1. Chris Banas (CC), 5:17.82; 2. Chris Czech (CC), 5:46.30; 3. Casey Molloy (P), 5:48.74; **200 freestyle relay:** 1. Catholic Central (Chris McGinnis, David Carlson, Chris Banas, Kirk D. Nelson), 1:48.35; 2. Plymouth (Jack Distel, Casey Molloy, Sorin Oprican, Jake Napier), 1:52.10; **100 backstroke:** 1. Michael Conger (P), 1:05.01; 2. Ben Chabala (CC), 1:05.36; 3. Nick L. Ansara (CC), 1:08.51; **100 breaststroke:** 1. Dave Morrow (CC), 1:13.47; 2. Frank Su (P), 1:17.98; 3. James Poteracki (CC), 1:18.79; **400 freestyle relay:** 1. Plymouth (Andy Knisely, Michael Conger, Ben Ambrose, Casey Molloy), 3:53.33; 2. Catholic Central (Chris Banas, Kirk D. Nelson, Ben Chabala, Jay Gronbach), 4:00.64.
Dual meet records: Catholic Central, 1-3; Plymouth, 0-5.

Ford Field to be site of MHSAA football finals

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has entered into a multi-year agreement with Ford Field to host its Football Finals beginning with the 2005 playoffs.

The announcement was made Thursday in a press conference at the state-of-the-art facility in downtown Detroit involving personnel from the City of Detroit, Ford Field and the Detroit Lions.

The move to the 65,000-seat facility is only third in the 30-year history of the tournament. In the tournament's first year - 1975 - the Finals were split, with two classes of competition taking place at Waldo Stadium in Kalamazoo, and two at Perry Shorts Stadium in Mt. Pleasant.

The event moved indoors in 1976 to the Pontiac Silverdome, the second year that facility was in business, which has hosted over 1.75 million fans for 176 title games in the last 29 years.

"With the future of the Pontiac Silverdome in doubt, this is a necessary move for high school football in our state, and it will be great to have our premier games played in one of the premier facilities in the country," said Jack Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "Ford Field has much to offer our game's participants and spectators. They will enjoy the opportunity to begin playing the Finals at Ford Field this November, just two months before the venue will host the 2006 Super Bowl."

With the move to Ford Field will come other changes in the event, the most notable of which will be a single \$9 admission to watch four title games in a single day.

"We always felt, our \$9 ticket for two games, which previously included on-site parking at the Finals, was a great bargain," Roberts said. "That same ticket will now allow a fan to watch all four games on a single day, and we feel that Ford Field has worked hard to provide parking that is in close proximity to the facility at a reasonable price."

Parking, at lots operated by Olympia Entertainment, will provide approximately 2,700 spaces adjacent to Ford Field or Comerica Park at a cost of \$6.00 for passenger cars. "We want our fans to drive to the Olympia parking lots, which will offer an outstanding value and which are some of the closest, if not the closest, lots to Ford Field."

In addition, there are private lots just south of Ford Field

with an additional 700 spaces available. Roberts added that private lots generally follow the lead of the Olympia lots in terms of pricing.

"As the games approach, we will encourage fans to visit the MHSAA Web site often to become familiar with the parking areas around Ford Field and to learn about the facilities' many amenities," he said. "For those fans planning to watch multiple games, the stadium has a variety of in-house dining options available, making an all-day stay attractive."

Because of Ford Field's location, accessible by freeway from all directions, housing options will be available downtown and on the perimeter of the city, all within a 30-minute drive.

"Visitors to this event will be able to find the kind of lodging they want," Roberts said. "With the amenities they want, at competitive prices, all within a reasonable distance, regardless of the direction they will be coming from."

The MHSAA will also engage in promotional efforts for the event and seek corporate support for it with the assistance of the Ford Field/Detroit Lions marketing staff.

"High school sports by their nature must keep a low commercial profile, but it has become necessary to engage the support of corporate partners to help underwrite the costs of these events," Roberts said.

"We plan to work closely with the marketing staff at Ford Field to attract such support, including a major sponsor. This kind of effort will keep our expenses low and assist us in conducting programming in all sports."

Roberts also complimented the Pontiac Silverdome for its many years of service.

"Our run of 29 consecutive years at the Pontiac Silverdome was the second longest at any site ever for an MHSAA Final event, and we are appreciative of how well the building and its staff served our schools and their fans," Roberts said. "We leave the Silverdome with some great memories of great games, and salute the people behind the scenes there and the City of Pontiac for being an excellent host to the event."

The only facility to continuously host an MHSAA Final event longer than the Silverdome is Stowe Stadium in Kalamazoo, with 58 years of service as a Boys Tennis Finals venue beginning in 1947.

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 17th, 2005 for the following:

PURCHASE OF EIGHT (8) GENERATORS

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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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

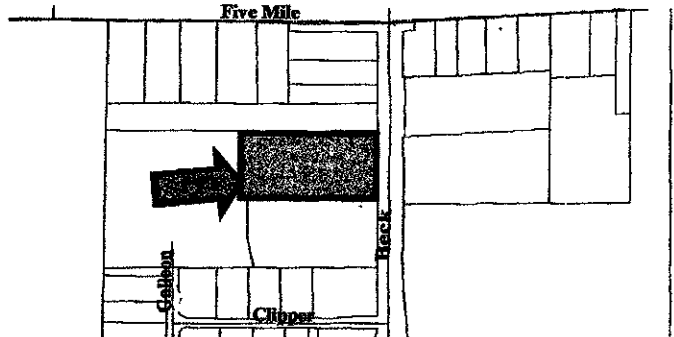
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Special Land Use
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, February 16, 2005
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting **Special Land Use Approval** for a restaurant, in an Industrial District (IND), on Tax ID R-78-005-99-0009-705, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 19.2.14 **Application 1866**



DESCRIPTION: The subject property is on the west side of Beck Road some distance south of the intersection of Beck Road and Five Mile Road.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the application may be examined in the Community Development Department located in the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, at 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI, during regular business hours from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Phone: (734) 453-8131, ext. 37. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone: (734) 453-3840, TDD users: (800) 649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA February 10, 2005

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, February 10, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

- Gaz Ismail of Ford Road Investments, LLC, 28839 Creek Bend, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 for property located at 41911 and 41915 Ford Road, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 4.00, Section 4.01, D, regarding minimum driveway width. Zone C-3. Parcel 053-99-0012-703 (Planning)
- Thierry Dechape of Tech Express Corp., 16801 Newburgh Rd., Suite 112, Livonia, MI 48154 representing Brian Finch of Shell Oil Products U.S. for property located at 5640 Haggerty, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article I, Section 102-1, Article II, Section 102-35, 3 and Article II, Section 102-35, 4, regarding sign requirements for canopy and ground signs. Zone C-3. Parcel 044-99-0026-003 (Building)
- Thierry Dechape of Tech Express Corp., 16801 Newburgh Rd., Suite 112, Livonia, MI 48154 representing Brian Finch of Shell Oil Products U.S. for property located at 40400 Michigan Ave., appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, 3 and Article II, Section 102-35, 4, regarding sign requirements for canopy and ground signs. Zone C-4. Parcel 100-99-0007-000 (Building)
- Chuck Mifsud of Elite Building Company, 1320 Coach House Lane, South Lyon, MI 48178 representing Phil Dober for property at 1216 Willard St, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00 Schedule of Regulations, Section 26.02, regarding setback requirements. Zone R-5. Parcel 060-01-0735-301 (Building)
- Mike Ellithorpe of Bill Carr Signs, Inc., 719 W. 12th St., Flint, MI 48503 representing Fairfield Inn for property located at 5700 Haggerty, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article 102-1, nonconforming sign and Article 102-34, 1, b, regarding sign replacement. Zone C-4. Parcel 047-99-0007-001 (Building)

Approval of January 13, 2005

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CANTON POLICE DEPT. 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON TUESDAY, FEB. 08, 2005.

AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT WESTLAND CAR CARE TOWING, 6375 HIX RD.

1993 PLYMOUTH	ACCLAIM	4 DR	1P3XA463XP	F579980
1997 OLDSMOBILE	ACHIEVA	4 DR	1G8NL52T9VM	336411
1986 LINCOLN	TOWN CAR	4 DR	1LNBP96FOG	Y690098
1997 DODGE	STRATUS	4 DR	1B3EJ46XXVN	580934
1990 DODGE	DAYTONA	2 DR	1B3KG4432LG	442796
1990 FORD	T-BIRD	2 DR	1FAPP6045LH	182970
1988 FORD	BRONCO	S/W	1FMCU14T2JUA	69208
1993 FORD	TAURUS	4 DR	1FACP5245PG	276915
1998 FORD	TAURUS	4 DR	1FAPP52U2WG	133254
1990 FORD	ESCORT	2 DR	1FAPP9194LW	114974
1991 FORD	AEROSTAR S/W	1FTDA34U6MZ	B61788	
1991 LINCOLN	TOWN CAR	4 DR	1LNCM93E6MY	792641

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2005 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

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

SITE PLAN APPROVAL
SP 05-02 3-Story Dental Clinic/Apartments
584 S. Main
ZONED: B-2, Central Business
APPLICANT: PSF Holdings LLC

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

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

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- January 25, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 25, 2005, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Minutes of January 11, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Expenditure Recap for January 25, 2005**

General Fund	101	\$	558,705.79
Federal Grants Fund	274		624.67
Fire Fund	206		242,543.78
Auto Theft Grant	289		30,467.60
Police Fund	207		311,470.72
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402		206,387.92
Summit Operating	208		59,122.99
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403		283.50
Cable TV Fund	230		2,012.57
Golf Fund	584		26,127.91
Public Improvement	245		975.00
Water & Sewer Fund	592		1,103,148.97
Twp Improvement	246		11,205.81
Construction Escrows	702		137,895.27
E-911 Utility	261		25,145.36
Saltz Road Paving	803		19,112.50
Auto Forfeiture(vvwa)	267		1,219.16
Total - All Funds			2,719,296.35

Board Member Reports: Trustee Zarbo distributed articles on Canton restaurants. **RECOGNITION:** RECOGNITION OF PHYLLIS REDFERN FOR SERVICE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** **Item 1. APPOINTMENTS TO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to that the Canton Township Board of Trustees appoint Lisa Grasso and Robert Ramey to serve on the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton each for a four-year term ending January 25, 2009. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. APPOINTMENTS TO THE SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the appointment of Walter Alberty to the Senior Advisory Council to fill the un-expired term of the late Adam Schlitt. The term will commence immediately and expire on December 31, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR:** **Item 1. CONSIDER FINAL PDD AND SITE PLAN FOR CHERRYWOOD PARC CONDOMINIUMS.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution considering final PDD and site plan for Cherrywood Parc Condominiums. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Final PDD and Site Plan for Cherrywood Parc** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested Final Planned Development District and site plan approval for Cherrywood Parc Condominiums located north of Cherry Hill Road and east of Ridge Road within the Cherry Hill Village Overlay District (Tax ID #: 07-99-0018-000 and 072-99-0019-000); and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL, subject to final revisions to the streetscape plan once final plans are approved by Wayne County; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the Preliminary Planned Development District for Cherrywood Parc Condominiums located north of Cherry Hill Road and east of Ridge Road within the Cherry Hill Village Overlay District (Tax ID #: 07-99-0018-000 and 072-99-0019-000), subject to final revisions to the streetscape plan once final plans are approved by Wayne County; and agreement to participate in a property owner's association for the purpose of maintaining the streetscape elements; and subject to all other regulations of the Township. **Item 2. CONSIDER BENNETT/VAN BUREN HOMES REZONING.** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution to consider Bennett/Van Buren Homes Rezoning. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Abstain: Bennett. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Rezoning Request of Bennett/Van Buren Homes

WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 33.2 acres of land located west of Denton Road between Geddes and Proctor Roads be rezoned from R-1, Single Family Residential and RR, Rural Residential to R-2, Single-Family Residential Districts; and, WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and, WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP # 120-99-0010-704 from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-2, Single-Family Residential and tax EDP #s 120-99-0011-000, 120-99-0012-000, 120-99-0013-702 and 120-99-0014 from RR, Rural Residential to R-2, Single Family Residential District. **Item 3. CONSIDER RDK HOMES REZONING.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution rezoning request of RDK Homes (Robert Kime). Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

Rezoning Request of RDK Homes (Robert Kime)

WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 17.81 acres of land located south of Ford Road between Ridge and Napier Roads be rezoned from RA, Rural Agriculture R-2, Single-Family Residential Districts; and, WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan; and, WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP # 070-99-0001-000 from RA, Rural Agriculture to R-2, Single Family Residential District. **Item 4. CONSIDER TIM HORTON'S/FLAGSTAR BANK - MICHIGAN AVENUE (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for special land use for Tim Horton's/Flagstar Bank - Michigan Avenue. Motion carried unanimously. **BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

Special Land Use for Tim Horton's/Flagstar Bank - Michigan Avenue

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Brad Brickel, has requested special use approval for the Tim Horton's/Flagstar Bank to be located on the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Belleville Roads (Tax ID #0132-01-0001-000 and 132-01-0004-000) and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Brad Brickel, to approve the special and use for the proposed Tim Horton's/Flagstar Bank, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to adopt the resolution for site plan approval for Tim Horton's/Flagstar Bank - Michigan Avenue. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

Site Plan for Tim Horton's/Flagstar Bank - Michigan Avenue WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Brad Brickel, has requested site plan approval for the Tim Horton's/Flagstar Bank to be located on the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Belleville Roads (Tax ID #0132-01-0001-000 and 132-01-0004-000) and, WHEREAS,

the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to APPROVE the request to grant site plan approval, conditioned upon extending the Belleville Road sidewalk to Michigan Avenue, adding shutters to the south side of the building, consideration of a decorative wall sconce light on the bank building that matches the decorative acorn pole, and painting the Tim Horton's rear service door to match the color of the brick on the building, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation; and, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Brad Brickel, to approve the site plan for the proposed Tim Horton's/Flagstar Bank, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item 5. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR CANTON CENTER ANIMAL HOSPITAL EXPANSION (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution to approve the site plan for Canton Center Animal Hospital Expansion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Site Plan for Canton Center Animal Hospital Expansion

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Dan Engel, has requested site plan approval for the Canton Center Animal Hospital Expansion to be located on Canton Center Road between Hanford and Ford Roads, identified as tax EDP # 039-99-0015-703; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Dan Engel, to approve the site plan for the proposed Canton Center Animal Hospital Expansion, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item 7. GENERAL FUND 2004 BUDGET AMENDMENTS.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following General Fund 2004 budget amendments for expenditure billings received late in the year: **Increase Revenues:** Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$121,000, **Increase Appropriations:** Legal Fees-Ordinance/General #101-101-801-0002 \$85,000, Legal Fees-Planning #101-101-801-0003 2,000, Audit fees #101-101-802-0000 12,000, Workers Compensation Fees #101-200-720-0000 2,000, Operating Supplies #101-200-740-0000 5,000, Legal Fees-Assessing #101-209-808-0000 15,000, Total \$121,000 This budget amendment increases the Township Board Department budget from \$477,905 to \$576,905, the General Government Department budget from \$753,342 to \$760,342, the Assessing Department budget from \$622,804 to \$637,804, and the General Fund budget from \$25,839,315 to \$25,960,315. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 8. ADOPT BUDGET FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FUND (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the following budget for the Capital Projects Building Construction Fund: Revenues \$1,896,156, Appropriations \$1,896,156 This establishes the 2005 budget for the Capital Projects Building Construction Fund at \$1,896,156. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 9. PURCHASE 118 DELL BRAND DESKTOP AND LAPTOP COMPUTERS AND 4 HUWLETT PACKARD/COMPAQ BRAND FILE SERVERS. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the purchase of 118 Dell Computers & 4 Hewlett Packard Compaq brand file servers for a total price not to exceed \$299,800. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Caccamo Motion carried. **Item 10. FIRE FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT - FIRE STATION 3 PROJECT (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the following Fire Fund budget amendment to continue the Fire Station 3 project into FY 2005: **Increase Revenues:** Appropriation from Fund Balance #206-000-699-0000 \$3,071,200, **Increase Appropriations:** Capital Improvements-Buildings #206-336-975-0000 \$3,071,200 This budget amendment increases the Fire Fund budget from \$7,818,525 to \$10,889,725. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 11. CONSIDER THE PAYMENT OF YEARLY MAINTENANCE FEES FOR EXISTING ESRI (ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC.) SOFTWARE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to authorize the payment to ESRI for Maintenance and Support from March 2005 to March 2006, for a total cost not-to-exceed of \$10,700. Funds are available in the 2005 Budget for Planning Services capital account, #101-853-977-0000, Engineering Services account #101-447-932-0000 and Public Safety account #207-301-818-0000. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 12. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN THE ENTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY FOR THE CANTON COMMUNITY DETENTION BASIN ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the Inter-Agency Agreement with Wayne County for the Canton Community Detention Basin Enhancement Grant. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 13. CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR 2005 BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the 2005 Public Works and Fleet Maintenance blanket purchase orders as required under the Township Purchasing Policy. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 14. APPROVE THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE RECREATION BUDGET, APPROVE BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER FOR THERAPEUTIC RECREATION CONSULTANT. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the following General Fund budget amendment for the 2005 Therapeutic Recreation program: Motion carried unanimously. **Increase Revenues:** Therapeutic Recreation revenue #101-000-652-5000 \$100,000, **Increase Appropriations:** Part-time Salaries and Wages #101-691-706-0000 \$35,000 Program & Activity Supplies #101-691-742-1000 25,000, Contracted Services #101-691-818-1000 40,000, Total \$100,000 This budget amendment increases the Recreation Division budget from \$2,122,201 to \$2,222,201, and the General Fund budget from \$27,737,670 to \$27,837,670. I further move to approve a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$36,000 for Jessica Hohenberger for Therapeutic Recreation consultant services for 2005. Motion carried. **Item 15. APPROVE MECHANICAL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE VILLAGE THEATER. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy, to approve the Village Theater Mechanical System Preventative Maintenance Agreement to Campbell, Inc., 661 Airport Blvd., Suite 5, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 in the amount of \$9,998.00 with funds being charged to Performing Arts Center Contractual Services Account #101-760-818-0000. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 16. REQUEST FOR SPECIAL INCENTIVE AWARDS. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Special Incentive Award in the amount of \$1,000 each to Sean Fletcher and Abe Vinitski. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 17. REQUEST TO CREATE AND FILL BUSINESS SUPERVISOR FOR LEISURE SERVICES. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo, to authorize Leisure Services to create and fill a Business Supervisor position. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Caccamo Motion carried. **Item 18. ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT/POOL AUDIT PROGRAM. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following Resolution Authorizing the Interlocal Agreement/Pool Audit Program and to authorize Supervisor Yack and Clerk Bennett to sign the resolution and the intergovernmental agreement. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 19. REQUEST FOR BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2005. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the attached blanket purchase order list for Leisure Services Department for 2005. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 20. PURCHASE OF COLOR PRINTER/COPIER (ASCD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of an IKON CPP 8050 Color Printer/Copier from IKON OFFICE SOLUTIONS INC. for \$33,633 with a large capacity paper deck for \$1,661 for a total cost of \$35,294 (account #101-200-977-0000, General Government Capital Outlay Equipment.) Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following General Fund budget amendment: **Increase Revenues:** Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$35,294, **Increase Appropriations:** Capital Outlay-General Govt. Dept #101-200-977-0000 \$35,294 This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$777,384 to \$812,678, and the General Fund budget from \$27,358,793 to \$27,394,087. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 21. BUDGET AMENDMENT POLICE FUND - 2003 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Police Fund for the 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. **Increase Revenues:** Federal Grant - LLEBG 207 000 507 0000 \$7,109 **Increase Appropriations:** Police - Capital Outlay 207 301 977 0000 \$7,109 The budget amendment increases the Police budget from

\$12,900,709 to \$12,907,818. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 22. REQUEST FOR BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2005. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize blanket purchase orders for the Public Safety Department. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 23. GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT-HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to carryover the unspent Homeland Security Grant funding to 2005: **Increase Revenues:** Federal Grants-Emergency Preparedness #101-000-545-0000 \$411,838, **Increase Appropriations:** Homeland Security - Training #101-860-952-0000 \$12,450 Homeland Security - Capital Outlay 101-860-977-0000 399,388 Total \$411,838 This budget amendment increases the Grants Division budget from \$28,000 to \$439,838, and the General Fund budget from \$27,325,832 to \$27,737,670. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 24. FIRST READING, AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION PREVENTION FACILITY MAINTENANCE FEE, CHAPTER 106, ARTICLE II, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES, DIVISION 2, PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION THAT ALTERS DRAINAGE, RUNOFF OR RELATED MATTERS, SECTION 106-70. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to introduce the first reading of the amendment to the Stormwater Runoff Pollution Prevention Facility Maintenance Fee Ordinance, Chapter 106, Article II, Construction and Maintenance of Stormwater Management Facilities, Division 2, Permit for Construction that Alters Drainage, Runoff or Related Matters, Section 106-70 with publication on February 3, 2005 and table for Second Reading on February 10, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, ANNUAL STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION, PREVENTION FACILITY MAINTENANCE FEE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE No. 141, SECTION 106-70 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION PREVENTION FACILITY MAINTENANCE FEE; PROVIDING FOR THE ABILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP TO ENSURE THE OPERABILITY OF ANY DETENTION/RETENTION FACILITY AND THE OPERABILITY OF THE ENTIRE STORMWATER SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR INSPECTIONS, GRADING, SEEDING, STREET SWEEPING, CLEANOUTS OF CATCH BASINS AND STORMWATER SEWER SYSTEMS; PROVIDING FOR ANY ACTIVITY REASONABLY BELIEVED RELATED TO FLOOD PREVENTION AND STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION PREVENTION PRIOR TO SUCH MAINTENANCE BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION; PROVIDING THAT THE FEE WILL PRINCIPALLY BE USED BY THE TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE STREET SWEEPING ONCE A WEEK FOR THIRTY (30) WEEKS; PROVIDING THAT THE STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION PREVENTION FACILITY MAINTENANCE FEE SHALL BE ANNUAL AND THE DEVELOPER SHALL DEPOSIT THE ANNUAL FEE PRIOR TO THE PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING; PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL FEES AND PROVIDING FOR THE SETTING OF THE FEE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO THE CODE.

Ordinance 141, Section 106-70 of the Township Code be and is hereby amended to read as follows: **Sec. 106-70 Stormwater runoff pollution prevention facility maintenance fee.** The applicant for a permit under this division shall pay a per-lot or per-parcel fee to be used by the township to ensure the operability of any detention/retention facility and the operability of the entire stormwater system, for inspections, grading, seeding, street sweeping, cleanouts of catchbasins and storm sewer systems, and any activity reasonably related to flood prevention and stormwater runoff pollution prevention, prior to such maintenance being undertaken by the homeowners' association as provided in the applicable declarations, covenants and restrictions. **Sec. 106-70 Annual stormwater runoff pollution prevention facility maintenance fee, annual fee.** The applicant for a permit under this article shall post a deposit for a stormwater runoff pollution prevention facility maintenance fee to be used by the township to ensure the operability of any detention/retention facility and the operability of the entire stormwater system, for inspections, grading, seeding, street sweeping, cleanouts of catch basins and the stormwater system(s), and any activity reasonably related to flood prevention and stormwater runoff pollution prevention, as is the ongoing obligation of the applicant prior to such maintenance being turned over to and undertaken by the homeowners/condo owners' association as provided in the applicable declarations, covenants and restrictions. The fee will principally be used by the township to provide street sweeping once a week for thirty (30) weeks of the year and maintenance of the siltation fabric on the catch basins. The fee may also be used, but is not required to be used, to offset the expense incurred by the township for minor grading, seeding, cleanouts of catch basins and the stormwater system or activity reasonably related to flood prevention and stormwater runoff pollution prevention; such activity by the township not affecting the applicants obligations under Section 106-33 above. The annual stormwater runoff pollution prevention facility maintenance fee shall be calculated based on the estimated cost to the township to provide street sweeping once a week for thirty (30) weeks of the year and maintenance of the siltation fabric on the catch basins in the development project. The initial annual fee shall be established on a per paved mile of street or roadway in the development. The applicant or project developer shall deposit the annual stormwater runoff pollution prevention maintenance fee prior to the pre-construction meeting, prorated for the remainder of days left in the calendar year during which the pre-construction meeting is held, and shall continue to deposit the annual fee for each calendar year thereafter until ninety-five percent (95%) of all units in the development are constructed and paving is complete. Additional fees, not included in the original estimate, may be required if site conditions warrant extensive or more frequent services. At the completion and approval of the project, any unused fees will be refunded to the applicant. The annual stormwater runoff pollution prevention facility maintenance fee shall be set by resolution by the township board and reviewed periodically. **SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.** Provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court. **SECTION 3. 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 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.** 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 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.** All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance. **SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.** The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. **CERTIFICATION** The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 25th day of January, 2005, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. **TERRY BENNETT, Clerk.** **OTHER:** The Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, hereby certifies that the next Board meeting will be at the Administration Building in the Board Room, 1150 S. Canton Center S. The rear door of the administration building will be locked. Visitors must enter through the front entrance, east side facing Canton Center Road. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry J. Bennett, Clerk

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site after Board Approval

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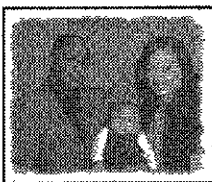
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FEBRUARY

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, 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.

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.

Concert

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 or www.mark-lowry.com.

Bring a Friend Sunday

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services Sunday, Feb. 6, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road. Everyone welcome. Call (734) 699-3361.

Concert

Mark Reitenga, a folk rock artist around Metro Detroit, will perform at a Christian concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at Emanuel Bethel Church, 4000 Normandy, 13 Mile just west of Woodward, Royal Oak. The concert, sponsored by Going To Help Mission is free, but donations and pantry items for Detroit Area Homeless Programs are welcomed. This is part of the monthly First at Four concert series that invites metro Detroit residents to unite in song, worship and service to the community. For information, visit the Web site at <http://www.firstatfour.com> or call (248) 656-4864.

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.

Pancake dinner

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5-7 p.m. Feb. 8, followed by Ash Wednesday Services 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., Evening Prayer on weeknights during Lent at 7 p.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville road, 4 miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361 for details.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

All you can eat pancakes with sausage 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, two blocks west of Newburgh, Westland. Suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$15 for a family. This is a fundraiser of the church's youth for them to attend workcamp this summer in Sarnia, Ontario. Call (734) 722-1735.

What Presbyterians Believe

Rev. Rick Peters delves into the basics of Christian faith as interpreted through the eyes of the Presbyterian denomination 7 p.m. Tuesday, and 10 a.m. Thursday throughout February at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0494.

Ash Wednesday service

7:30 p.m. Feb. 9, spaghetti dinner host-

ed by the Board of Deacons at 6 p.m., at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0494.

Lenten services

Begin Ash Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9 and continue for six Wednesdays, at Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford. A soup and sandwich supper will be held 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday. Call (313) 532-8655.

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.

Ash Wednesday

Begin your Lenten journey 10 a.m. with a silent breakfast, 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Communion Service Feb. 9, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, two blocks west of Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 722-1735.

Lenten study

A video series by Philip Yancey, What's so Amazing about Grace beginning 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, and beginning noon Sunday, Feb. 13, at Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 West Chicago at Inkster road. A simple meal of soup and bread will be served to enjoy during the study. For information, call (313) 937-1199 or send e-mail to trinitycob@sbcglobal.net.

Praying with a spouse

Catholic counselor Joseph Elwart talks about how to pray with your spouse 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. No charge. For details, call (734) 425-5950.

Forgive, and Get Your Life Back

Lenten Forgiveness Series begins 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. with Soup and Salad Dinner at 6:30 p.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road. Call (734) 699-3361 for more information.

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 of Middlebelt, 2 blocks south of 5 Mile, Livonia. Carry out available. Call (734) 422-5220.

Fund-raising concert

7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 featuring the Motor City Brass Band, at O'Leary Auditorium at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt. Proceeds to Garden City Foundation for Educational Excellence. For tickets, call (734) 762-6323. For information, call (248) 788-6618.

Concert

Come to the Abundant Life (a gathering for young adults in their 20s and 30s) featuring the Greg Traviss Band 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Birmingham. Nate Polzin, campus pastor at New Life Christian Fellowship in Mt. Pleasant, will be the speaker. Freewill offering helps defray the band's costs. The band will also play during the contemporary worship service at 6 p.m. that evening. If you would like more information or a flyer of the band, call Todd Merz at (248) 414-4511 or send e-mail to toddmerz@freeway.net.

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 or call (248) 477-4859.

Concert

4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 featuring the Light Metal Band, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington, north of I-96, Livonia. The public is invited to hear this brass quintet (www.lightmetalband.com) which has performed at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, various aviation related functions at The Handelman Sky Ranch (Oxford), holiday and special services at local area churches, educational programs at local schools, numerous concerts and services with The Michigan-Ohio

Chorale, and in Europe including Berlin, Vienna, and Prague. For information about the concert, call Mark Lohmeyer at (734) 522-6830.

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.

DaVinci Code

Pastor Tom Eggebeen, of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia, is leading a three-session review of The DaVinci Code 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 and 23 and March 2 from 7 to 8 p.m. According to Eggebeen, "It's an exciting story, but there's not much fact to it. In fact, there's a lot of serious misinformation that thoughtful readers need to know." Eggebeen will go through the critical areas of Dan Brown's book with careful regard for what is fact and what is fiction. Join with others from the community to explore this remarkable book and the truth behind it. It's not necessary to bring a copy of the book, but if you have one, bring it to the study sessions. All are invited to attend this free event. If you would like to attend or for more information, call (734) 422-1470. Registration not required but appreciated. St. Paul's is at Five Mile and Inkster roads.

Organ concert

Dame Gillian Weir, one of the world's premiere concert organists, will perform in concert 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. For more information about Weir, visit her Web site at www.gillianweir.com. Tickets are \$15; students \$12 with college ID, free for children age 11 and under. Call (313) 875-7407 ext. 324 or visit the Web site at www.metroumc.org. Free, lighted, supervised parking available.

Agape Power Concert

Contemporary Christian music concert sponsored by Agape Power 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Birmingham. A freewill offering will be accepted with all proceeds going to support the Mexico House Building mission trip 30 members of Our Shepherd will be taking in May. Nursery services available during the concert for guests with babies or young children. For more information, call the church office at (248) 646-6100.

Worship services

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

New schedule

Fishin' for Friends & Faith is the Wednesday program continues 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.

Jesus & Java

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

Grief workshops

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight week grief workshop. From Grief to New Hope began 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 or to register, call Jan Hall at (248) 853-5390, ext. 123.

Divorce Recovery Workshop

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



EDNA HALL

January 31, 2005 age 68 of Westland. Beloved wife of William F. Hall. Dear mother of Marjorie Lynn (Jeff) Plante and Joyce (Edward) McKenna. Sister of Mary Branshaw, Jean Bowling, Harold, Jack and Don Roberts. Grandmother of Derek and Jayne Plante and Kyle W. Greshover. Funeral at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland, Thursday 1 PM. Family will receive friends Wednesday 1-9 PM. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com.

HELEN STYMELSKI

78, beloved wife, mother, and friend, passed away at Hospice of NE Florida January 28, 2005 in Jacksonville, FL. She was born in Hamtramck, MI, the daughter of the late Leopold and Waleria Proszkowski. She had been a resident of Jacksonville since 1989 and previously of Livonia, MI. Helen is survived by her husband of 59 years, John Stymelski; daughter, Valery Mosborg (Dave); grandchildren, Cynthia and Alexander; brother, Henry Proszek and sister, Irene Solowiej. Funeral services in celebration of her life will be held at 11:00AM Thursday, February 3, 2005 at Orange Park United Methodist Church, 2063 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00PM, Rosary at 7:00PM Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at Jacksonville Memory Gardens Funeral Home, 111 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, FL. Donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 1430 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32207.

TIA LYNN MCARTHUR

Age 38, of Plymouth, died January 28, 2005. She was born August 26, 1966, in Livonia. She came to the Plymouth community in 1995, from Northville. She was a homemaker, and she also worked at the Lyon Township Library. She was a volunteer at the Northville Historical Society, the Westland Historical Society, the Belleville Historical Society, and Greenhead. She loved animals. She was a Civil War and Victorian Era enthusiast; she had a true passion for history and genealogy. She was a loving wife, mother, and sister. She is survived by her husband, Gerald; her daughter, Celestia; her parents, Carolyn and Roger Rathburn of Northville; her brother, Nicholas Andrew Rathburn of California; and her mother and father-in-law, Lois and Harold McArthur of Belleville. She is preceded in death by her brother, Kevin Wilson Rathburn. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 1, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Celestia McArthur Foundation.



JOHN M. ELGIN

January 31, 2005 Age 93 Retired accountant for Chrysler Corp. Veteran US Army. Husband of the late Harriet. Brother in law of Betty McNamer (Jack). Uncle of Russell and Robert McNamer. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile) Saturday 9am until funeral service 11am. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery.

Obituary at

www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

DENNIS PEYTON

Age 91, of Plymouth, died January 29, 2005. He was born October 10, 1913, near Dawson Springs, Kentucky. A tobacco farmer in Kentucky, Dennis came to Detroit in 1941, to work in the automobile industry during World War II. He retired in 1978, after 30 years with General Motors. He was a member of the Livonia Senior Citizens group, and UAW Local #735. He enjoyed going to concerts and events at Kellogg Park in Plymouth, and he also enjoyed traveling. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Aurelie (Plymouth); his daughter, Marilyn (James) Horen of Canton; his grandchildren, Anita (Roger) Poore, Kenneth Horen, and Brian Horen; and his great-grandchildren, Thomas Peyton, Michael James, and Steven Ryan Poore. He is preceded in death by his brothers, Ragie, Garland, and Archie Peyton. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Thursday, 10am. Memorials may be made to Geneva Presbyterian Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

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.

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.

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LEDA MCBEE

Age 90, of Plymouth, formerly of River Rouge, died January 30, 2005. She was born March 30, 1914, in Gilmore Township, Michigan. She is survived by her brother, Wayne (Rita) McBee; her sisters, Mary Violet Vitale and Marguerite Walters; her nephew, Bruce (Susan) McBee; and many other nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 1, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Risen Christ Lutheran Church.



SHIRLEY WALDMAN

Beloved wife of Lester Waldman. Dear mother of Jeffrey (Jeri) Waldman, Richard (Reanetta) Waldman and Terri Waldman and partner, Diane Delp. Loving grandmother of Weston Waldman, Noah Waldman, Sara Waldman and Erin Waldman. Devoted great-grandmother of Kane Waldman. Cherished sister of Elsa (Manny) Bleeman, Rosalie (George) Schwartz and Dr. Robert (Dr. Mimi) Abramovitz. Also survived by many other loving relatives and friends. She was a volunteer at Henry Ford Gift Shop if West Bloomfield and also an appointed Special Children's advocate for the Oakland Probate Court. Services were held on Wednesday afternoon at the IRA Kaufman Chapel, 248-569-0020. Interment at Adat Shalom Memorial Park Cemetery. www.irakaufman.com



JEAN A. NUNNELLEY

Died January 27, 2005. Of Traverse City, formerly of Birmingham - Jean Alice Nunnelley died Thursday afternoon, January 27, 2005, at Tendercare Nursing Home in Traverse City after a long and courageous battle with dementia. She was born in Detroit on February 17, 1924, the daughter of Raymond and Ruth (Bressman) Blackwell. She married C. G. "Dick" Nunnelley on September 4, 1943 in Detroit. Jean and Dick moved to Traverse City 27 years ago. Jean was a devoted wife, mother, grandma and great-grandma who enjoyed crafts of all kinds, especially ceramics and needlework. Spending time with family and friends marked her life with many wonderful memories and experiences, leaving a legacy of laughter and sweetness as a thread connecting her to everyone who knew her. Jean is survived by her devoted husband, Chauncey (Dick) Nunnelley, of 61 years and three children, James C. Nunnelley of Troy, Ruth (Fran) Shane of Traverse City and Stewart (Beth) Nunnelley of Cedar. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren; brothers, Raymond (Robin) Blackwell, Jr. of Huntington Woods, Robert (Mary) Blackwell of Bowling Green, Ohio and Richard (Lori) Blackwell of Boca Raton, FL. Services were held at 11 A.M. Tuesday, Feb. 1 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth St., Traverse City. Burial was in Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens. The family would ask that memorial contributions be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or to a charity of one's choice.

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Birthday party comes day late for 300 game

On Jan. 8, Alan Wilson of Redford celebrated his 21st birthday on Jan. 8 and then celebrated his first 300 game the very next day at Wonderland Lanes in Livonia.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

Bowling in the Motor City Eagles Lads & Lassies League, he came right out throwing strikes in the first game.

His girlfriend and teammate, Stacey, was right there cheering for him. Even his mother and dad, Al and Karen Wilson, were there to enjoy the moment.

Right after the 12th strike, Alan was jumping up and down with excitement and there were lots of hugs and good cheer.

By the way, Alan is now eligible to purchase his own beer.

His 646 total raised his average to 192. (Thanks to Gene Paxton of Redford for the information.)

■ "Phil the Thrill" has done

it again.

Phil Horowitz, 66, of West Bloomfield, enjoyed his 11th career 300 game with a total of 762 last Wednesday in the Senior Men's Classic at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

A veteran of tournament bowling, Horowitz has enjoyed success in senior events such as the Senior Olympics, the Maccabee Games, the local monthly senior scratch tournaments and has qualified for the Greater Detroit Senior Masters, which is currently under way.

■ The 76th annual Detroit Lutheran Bowling Tournament opens the first weekend in February with a three-week run at freeway accessible Cloverlanes in Livonia. It is the oldest fraternal organization bowling event in the state.

This tournament also marks the 50th year of participation for Redford's Warren Teubert, who serves as a vice-president of the organization.

It is open to any sanctioned Lutheran bowlers or anyone who bowls in a Lutheran league. The tournament also features squads for men and women to compete together in the 42nd mixed event.

The first squad bowls on Saturday, Feb. 5.

For more information, call tourney secretary Jerry DeRuiteat (586) 771-7004.

■ Jeff Teichman of Westland recently rolled his first 600 series in several years at Oxford Lanes in Dearborn. The 53-year-old is an amputee, having lost his left leg right below the knee a few years ago and is now just getting back some of his old bowling skills. He also works part time on the counter at Country Lanes in Farmington.

Sean Severance has been on a roll at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. He record an 807 series recently in the Wednesday Trio.

Rick Siler added a 300 game in the Midnighters, while Darin Flores (in the Grandale), Rick Diamond (Ford LTP) and Rod Girolami (Ford Part) leagues each came up with 299s.

Dick Hayden went 178 pins over average in the Mayflower Lanes Wednesday Senior Men's Classic on games of 268-226-245 for a 739 series.

Bob Slayden had 724 on games of 212-243-269; Gary Nagle rolled a 267 with a 713 and Cal Simmons had a 700 series on games of 220-246-234.

Other top scorers in the

Tuesday Junior Classic at Town 'n Country Lanes in Westland included: Bob Pniewski, 300-247-264/811; Greg Rousse, 213-277-213/703; Jason Parrillo, 268-246-206/720; Rich Trullard, 254-278-267/799; Chris Dolby, 269-222-245/736; Jeff Wojcik, 236-259-256/757; Jeff Matties, 200-278-259/757; Keith Tramel, 269-254-226/749; Carl Watkins, 289-217-231/737; John Adomitis, 226-247-279/752; Brian Rothermel, 261-236-247/744.

Trullard, a left-hander from Westland, became only the fifth GDBA member to roll a three-game triplicate with a 279-279-279-837 in the Men's League, Jan. 24, at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth.

Trullard rolled all strikes with the exception of leaving the 6-pin in the opening game, the 7-pin in the second game and the 2-pin in the final game.

He is joined by John Bennett (1982), Brian Brennan (1987), Mark Milasinovich, Jr. (2003) and John Sitalo (2004).

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia, a life member of the American Bowling Congress and a director with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

Lady Ocelots rout Alpena

Schoolcraft College's offensive juggernaut continues.

The Lady Ocelots rolled up an 82-49 drubbing of host Alpena Community College Saturday, with Char Greer leading the way with 21 points.

Schoolcraft (16-3 overall, 8-0 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association) built a comfortable 39-24 lead at the half and kicked the offense up a notch from that point on. In the second half, the Lady Ocelots nailed 18 of 35 attempts from the floor (.514 percentage).

In addition to Greer, who also led the Lady Ocelots with 13 rebounds, Ashley Gibson tallied 17 points.

Chipping in with eight and seven, respectively, were Miki Williams and Erika Mims.

Westland John Glenn alum

Sara Tyree, Amantha Combs and Mims each pulled down six rebounds.

For Alpena (2-14 overall, 3-6 in the MCCA), Megan VanSchoten scored 17 points while Kelli Weichel collected 14.

MADONNA 68, UM-DEARBORN 61: Four players scored in double figures Saturday as Madonna University (12-11, 4-2) defeated host University of Michigan-Dearborn in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game.

Madonna led 36-23 at the break, and had to hold off a UM-Dearborn surge in the second half. The Wolves outpointed the Crusaders in the final 30 minutes by a 38-32 count, but it wasn't enough.

Leading the Crusaders (12-11 overall, 4-2 in the WHAC) in scoring was Kassi Jacob, with 19 points. Jackie Pingston chipped in with 15 points and nine boards while Lydia Prusinowski and Sarah Thomson each collected 10 points.

For UM-Dearborn (1-20 overall, 0-2 in the WHAC), the leading scorers were Amir Alexander (17 points) and Stephanie Sylvester (16 points).

Schoolcraft College hoop team notches 20th win

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team earned its eighth-straight 20-win season Saturday with an 89-65 win at Alpena Community College.

The Ocelots, 20-2 overall and banned from postseason play by the National Junior College Athletic Association because of off-season violations, led 49-27 in cruising past the Lumberjacks.

Marcus Moore, a 6-foot-5 transfer from Central Michigan University, finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Courtney Williams, a 6-9 transfer from Oakland University, added 18 points

MEN'S HOOP

and 15 boards despite sitting out 13 minutes in the first half with an ankle sprain.

Martin Samarco chipped in with 15 points, while Ty Scott and Kevin Massiah added 11 apiece. The Ocelots made 58.4 percent of their shots from the floor (38-of-65), including 6-of-18 from three-point range.

Matt Unkovich scored 23, while Thomas Bray added 13 for the Lumberjacks, who fall to 5-12 overall and 2-5 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

UM-DEARBORN 84, MADONNA 71: Five Wolves scored in double-digits to lead University of Michigan-Dearborn and keep Madonna University as the only team below them in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Standings.

Justin Miller led all scorers with 18 points and Tyrone Carreker notched a double-double with 13 points and 10 boards as Dearborn cruised.

Noel Emenhiser was one of only two Crusaders in double-digits. Emenhiser finished with 15 points on 6-for-16 shooting and 10 rebounds and Derrick Mudri added 12 points as

Martin Samarco chipped in with 15 points, while Ty Scott and Kevin Massiah added 11 apiece.

Madonna (5-15 overall, 0-4 WHAC) stayed firmly entrenched in the last spot.

Dearborn (7-12, 1-3) shot 55 percent (12-for-22) from beyond the arc despite shooting only 39 percent (29-for-74) total.

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Sweet Valentines

Restaurateurs have celebrated 30 of them

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Like most marriages do, the marriage of Lorraine Platman and Gary Sussman had a humble and modest beginning. Sussman remembers – and appreciates – Platman's culinary prowess. The couple were newlyweds and he attended night school while getting his master's degree in mechanical engineering from Wayne State University, while she studied fine art and later environmental science.

"She'd have these sumptuous meals for me when I'd get home from night school," Sussman said. Learning how to work with a tight budget, Platman purchased a whole chicken at 19 cents a pound, boned it and created several meals.

Today mechanical engineering and fine art studies are distant memories for the pair.

The couple own Sweet Lorraine's Cafe & Bar on Greenfield in the city of Southfield, and at the Livonia Marriott Laurel Park Place at Six Mile and I-275 and on East Jefferson in Detroit, across from the Renaissance Center.

They've been married 27 years and spent 30 Valentine's days together. For the Bloomfield Township couple, the foods for that day (a night out for many couples) are similar to New Year's, but they are different.

"It's comfort food for the holidays, but for Valentine's Day, it should be some-



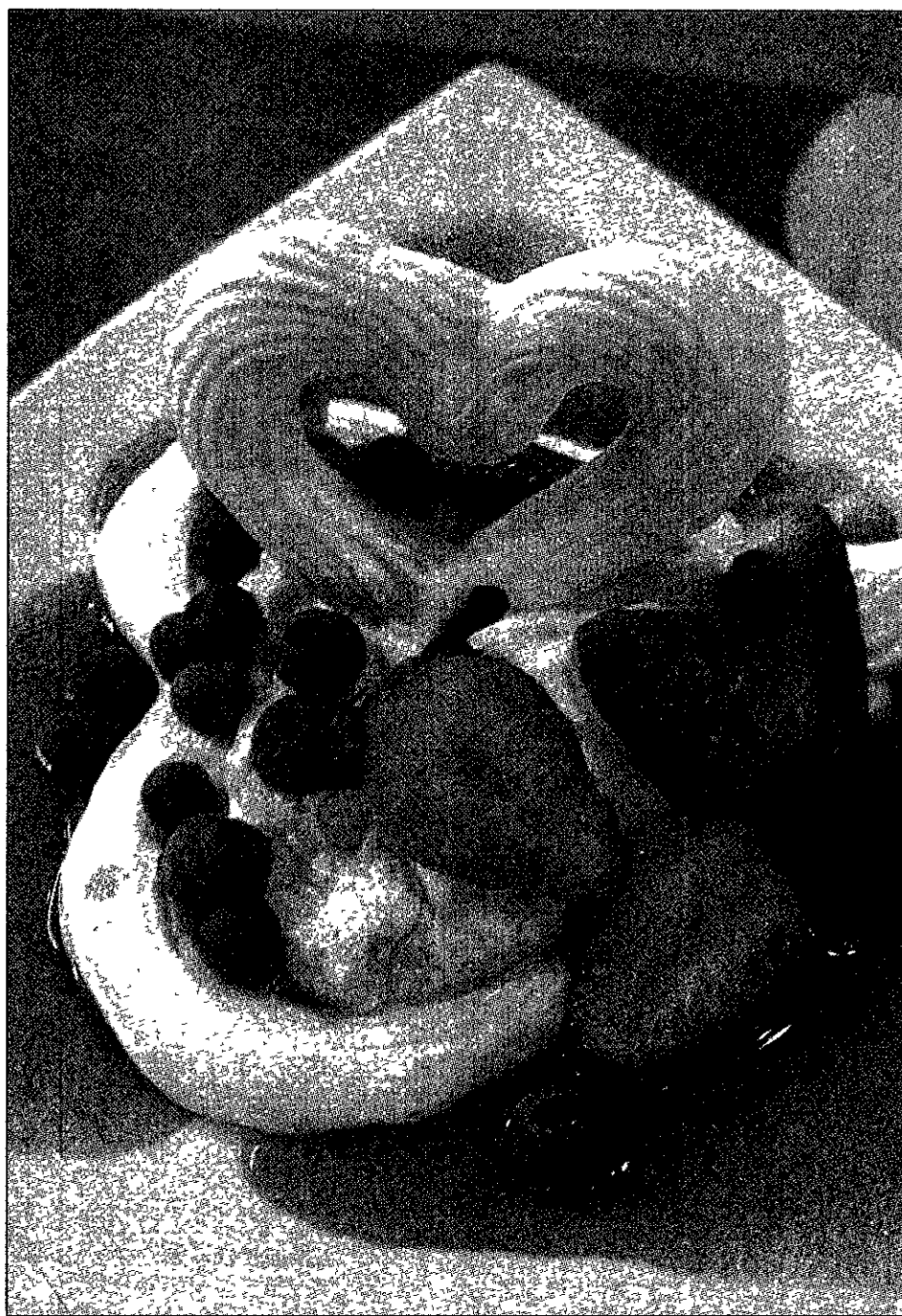
Lorraine Platman and Gary Sussman, owners of Sweet Lorraine's Cafe and Bar in Livonia and Southfield, have enjoyed 30 Valentine's days together.

thing special, something you don't have that often," Sussman said. "And if you go to a restaurant, you both get the night out."

Platman and Sussman love champagne, especially Veuve Clicquot Brut Champagne. "That's my splurge," Platman said. "Gary and I will have sushi with it."

Mixed grills of filet mignon and lobster tails or a bouillabaisse or cioppino with

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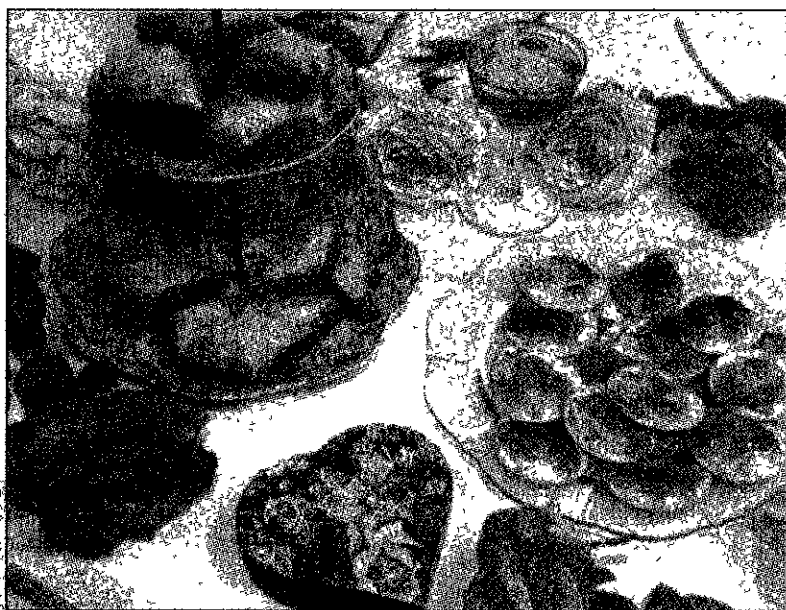
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These crisp heart meringues, created by Lorraine Platman, help couples celebrate Valentine's Day on a special night out.

Jam, water take on a 'rosy' outlook

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

See related rosy recipes. Page D2.



Rose is a rose is a rose is a rose ... and a delicious ingredient, too. Examples here are rose juice, rose preserves, and baklava made with rose water. The juice, preserves and baklava are from New International Market in Livonia.

"That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet," Shakespeare wrote.

And that which we call a rose – as long as it hasn't been sprayed or dusted with pesticides or fungicides – could be among ingredients in a recipe, using a flower commonly given as a Valentine's Day gift.

Rose water has been used in Middle Eastern cooking for centuries. Rose extract may be substituted for vanilla or almond flavoring in desserts. Rose syrup and rose juice are available on grocery store shelves as well.

Rose hips and rose petals also make delicious culinary contributions, such as the jam with the romantic name of

Champagne and Roses by Redford resident Priscilla Chapman, a member of the Metropolitan Rose Society.

"It has a very mild flavor and it's pretty," Chapman said. Diane Schrifft of Birmingham, director of the Great Lakes District of the American Rose Society, doesn't recommend cooking with roses because of the problem of systemic chemicals, she said.

"This time of year, I prefer chocolate roses," Schrifft said, laughing.

But she enjoys rose hip jam. "I do use rose hip jam sandwiched between cake layers or cookies or with warm scones or toast and tea on a dark, cold

afternoon," Schrifft said. "Organically grown petals are wonderful as a garnish on desserts, in punch or steeped in vinegar with herbs for salad. A few petals can be tossed in with the greens."

Rose water is used in making baklava, Turkish delight, rice pudding and cookies, and it's also good for cleansing skin, said Ismail Chammout, manager of New International Market in Livonia.

"It's like tasting a rose, like when you smell a rose," he said of rose water. "It's good for you."

FLOWER POWER

Rose hips have been used medicinally for all sorts of ail

PLEASE SEE ROSES, D2

New computer game lets you have fun with wine!

True or false: In Washington State, the Yakima Valley AVA (American Viticultural Area) is the only AVA west of the Cascades.

You struggle with geography a little and answer "True." That's incorrect. And the new Advanced Level CD-ROM wine trivia game *World Wine Challenge: Wine Regions* gives you lots of opportunities to be incorrect again and again!

That's because the 110 questions on the disk are based on the type found on the Master of Wine and Master Sommelier exams.

Don't be intimidated by this or consider it too geeky. If you're really into wine and would like to quickly improve your background and have fun doing it, you'll enjoy the game-show format, playable by one or



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

two persons. Also, you'll likely know the answer to a number of the questions.

As a player, you'll spin the "Big Wheel" to land its pointer randomly on one of 22 wine growing regions, organized under different geographic categories such as France, Italy, Spain and Portugal, New World and other regions.

Here's another example. A click on "spin" lands on the following:

multiple choice question: The WWQA (Washington Wine Quality Association) created the nation's first definition of the term "reserve," which required that a wine so labeled (a) represent no more than 10 percent of the winery's total production, (b) may be made from a vineyard yielding no more than 3.25 tons of grapes per acre, (c) carry a single vineyard designation and (d) all of the above.

If you answer correctly, you're rewarded by the satisfying sound of harp strings as your score increases. If incorrect, you get raspberry and a depleted score as the correct answer appears on the screen. Depending on the score, players are rated from novice to wine master.

The *World Wine Challenge: Wine Regions* which works on both PC and Mac retails for \$24.95 and is available at leading bookstores or can be ordered from The Wine Appreciation Guild (800) 231-9463 or on the Web site www.winehard-ware.com.

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In 1972, wine merchant Kermit Lynch was just another struggling musician when he borrowed \$5,000 from a girlfriend and opened an 800 square-foot wine shop in Berkeley, Calif.

Some 30 years later, Lynch is not only one of most celebrated wine

PLEASE SEE HEALDS, D4

WINE PICKS

Big CABERNET SAUVIGNONS take to the heartier dishes of winter. Take your pick from under \$10 to a wine that should be cellared for several years.

Pick of the pack: 2000 Stags' Leap Winery Reserve Stags Leap District, \$65.

Cellar selection: 2001 La Jota Anniversary, \$93.

Celebrated producers: 2001 La Jota, Howell Mountain, \$52; 1998 Peter Lehmann Mentor, Barossa Valley, Australia, \$50; 2001 Stags' Leap Winery, \$42; and 2001 J. Lohr Carol's Vineyard, Napa Valley, \$40.

Wine pleasers: 2001 Glass Mountain, \$8, and 2003 Cypress, \$10.

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

COOKING WITH ROSES RECIPES

RUBY ROSE SYRUP

Rose syrup keeps well in bottles for months without refrigeration.

It can be added to canned, frozen or fresh fruit such as pears, figs, apricots, strawberries, bananas, oranges or cranberries.

Make a fluffy hard sauce or whipped cream flavored with rose syrup to use on steamed puddings, gelatin desserts, applesauce cake or gingerbread.

4 cups sugar
2 cups water

2 cups light corn syrup
10 teaspoons rose water
1 teaspoon lemon juice
Red food coloring

Simmer the sugar, water and corn syrup for 20 minutes. When cool, add the rose water, lemon juice and enough red food coloring to make the syrup a light ruby shade. Stir well and pour into sterilized bottles with screw tops. Store in a cool, dark place.

Recipe from American Rose Society

ROSA RUGOSA JAM

Use rose hips that haven't

been sprayed or dusted with insecticides. Wash 2 cups of Rosa rugosa hips thoroughly. Then cut out the black calyx. Cook hips in 2 cups of water until tender. Mash fruit while cooking. Push pulp through a fine sieve. Add 1 cup of sugar to each cup of pulp, and then cook until the pulp thickens to jam consistency.

Recipe from American Rose Society

ROSE AND CARAWAY COOKIES

½ pound butter or oleo
½ pound sugar
½ tablespoon grated nutmeg
4 cups sifted flour

3 tablespoons caraway seed
2 tablespoons rose syrup

Rub butter into sugar; add flour, spices and rose syrup; moisten to stiff dough with water. Cover mixture and let stand in refrigerator for several hours. Roll into ¼-inch sheet. Cut with cookie cutter. Bake in buttered pan in hot oven.

Recipe from American Rose Society

PINK KISSES

3 egg whites
2 cups confectioners' sugar
Few drops red food coloring
1 teaspoon rose extract
½ cup chopped walnuts

Beat the egg whites until they stand in peaks. Beat in the sugar a little at a time. Add the rose extract and a drop or two of the red food coloring to obtain a pink tint. Beat once more. Fold in the chopped walnuts. Place a piece of brown wrapping paper on a cookie sheet. Drop the kisses by the teaspoonful onto the ungreased paper. Bake in a 350°F oven for 15 to 20 minutes.

Recipe from American Rose Society

ROSE PETAL SALAD DRESSING

2 teaspoons vinegar
½ cup sugar
½ cup water

¼ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons, chopped rose petals (Note: Use rose petals that haven't been sprayed or dusted with insecticides.)

Heat sugar and water just to a boil to make syrup. Add vinegar and salt. Pick roses just after the dew has dried. Wash and separate petals carefully before using. Pour dressing over 2 tablespoons of chopped rose petals. Store in refrigerator for 48 hours. Strain to remove petals. This makes a good dressing for a fruit salad.

Recipe from American Rose Society

ROSES

FROM PAGE D1

ments for thousands of years, and Napoleon's army treated lead poisoning from bullet wounds by using rose petals boiled in white wine, according to www.foodreference.com.

On a more appetizing note, scented roses were used to make a jelly in the 19th century, the Web site said.

According to the American Rose Society (which features recipes for cooking with roses at its Web site, www.ars.org), rose water has been used in the East for centuries — for flavor and nutrition.

Arabians glaze a roasting chicken with rose water, honey and butter; in Greece, rose water flavors candies and rich pastries; in Turkey, a rose water sprinkler is on the dinner table, according to the ARS.

When Britain's citrus supply was cut off during World War II, the British got their vitamin C from rose hips, said Nancy Lindley, who with her husband, Roger, owns Great Lakes Roses, south of Belleville.

"The hips are very high in vitamin C. No other fruit is as high in vitamin C, ounce per ounce, as rose hips," she said.

The roses in Lindley's cooking come from Great Lakes Roses, as chemical pesticides and fungicides aren't used at the nursery.

"Don't use any rose products from roses that have been treated with pesticides or fungicides in the past year," she said. "If you're just buying a rose bush from a nursery, wait a year (before cooking with the

roses) so you know its history."

Lindley, author of *Roses From Michigan*, describes the taste of roses as "very like an apple."

"Roses and apples are related," she said. "Like apples, roses taste sweeter after a frost."

Rose hips are cooked the same way as cranberries: boiled in a mixture of equal parts sugar and water until they pucker, Lindley said. The skin is then strained.

Two parts of the rose are used in cooking: the blooms (petals) and hips (seed pods), Lindley said. The sepals (protective leaves) and stems are removed.

Cooking with rose hips is more of a northern European tradition, Lindley said.

Rose hips in Rugosa roses are about the size of marbles. They are smaller in multiflora roses.

"The hips can be dried. The petals need to be used fresh," Lindley said.

Dark-colored rose petals have a more metallic taste, while the taste of light-colored rose petals is very mild, Lindley said.

"Most of what you're experiencing (with lighter roses) is the fragrance," she said.

Lindley said she will include a section on cooking with roses in her next book.

CHAMPAGNE AND ROSES

Recipes from the American Rose Society include coating petals with the white of one egg beaten to foam and sprinkling sugar on both sides. After they have dried in the refrigerator, the petals can be used to garnish cakes or served as candy.

Another ARS recipe is Rose Frost. Twist the rims of beverage glasses in a mixture of egg

white and a little rose water whipped to froth. Sprinkle with granulated sugar, and dry on waxed paper.

For her Champagne and Roses jam (see recipe), Chapman picks handfuls of petals off rose bushes from the garden of her daughter-in-law, who doesn't spray the roses with chemicals.

"You don't want to use petals that have been sprayed," Chapman said. "I prefer using roses that have a nice fragrance. I think it makes the jam taste a little better."

She selects petals in reds and deep pinks for the recipe.

"It makes a nice, pretty rose blush. ... The rose petals dissolve and disappear," she said.

Chapman minces the petals on a cutting board the same way she minces herbs.

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CHAMPAGNE AND ROSES JAM

¾ cups champagne
1 cup lemon juice
1 package SURE-JELL® pectin
½ cup minced rose petals (Note: Be sure that the roses haven't been sprayed with chemicals.)
2 teaspoons rose water or rose extract
4½ cups sugar

Combine champagne, lemon juice, pectin, rose petals and rose water or rose extract in large saucepan and bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Bring to a hard boil and add sugar. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Bring to a rolling boil and boil for 1 minute, stirring constantly so mixture won't overflow. Remove from heat and put into containers. Lid containers and process for 5 minutes.

Recipe from Priscilla Chapman.

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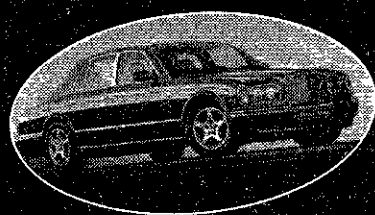
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Sunflower tips

Vino Mania

The Community House in Birmingham will host Vino Mania, a unique wine event that combines wine tasting, wine games, food and live music 7:30-10 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 11.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet people with similar interests while learning about wine in a fun and entertaining setting. The event will feature wine tasting, short seminar and wine trivia games combined with live jazz band and a wide array of appetizers.

The host for Vino Mania is Nidal Daher, certified sommelier. Daher has been working in the wine industry for over 15 years. He is the former fine wine director and buyer for Merchant of Vino and is co-author of *Romance Begins in the Kitchen*.

The registration fee for Vino Mania is \$50. You must be 21 or older to attend. To register, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street in Birmingham at (248) 644-5832, or visit online at www.communityhouse.com.

Here's news to brighten your day: Sunflower seeds are like a multivitamin - only better, since they deliver many powerful nutrients in a naturally small, flavorful morsel. Tiny sunflower seeds package an entire winning team of hard-to-get nutrients, including 76 percent of the Recommended Dietary Allowance for vitamin E.

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For sunflower information and recipes, visit www.sunflowerusa.com

Favorites in olives

In a recent survey conducted by Harris Interactive Inc. for Lindsay Olives, more than 1,000 Americans ranked peppers (56 percent), cheese (35 percent) and garlic (23 percent) as their favorite olive stuffings. Plump, mild, pitted California black ripe olives are perfect bowls for a

medley of yummy stuffings.

Now you can add a fresh twist to this old favorite by quickly mixing up simple ingredients and stuffing them into the bowl of each pitted olive. Start with a simple base of cream cheese and your favorite herbs, and then let your imagination run wild.

For olive recipes, visit www.lindsayolives.com.

Diet changes

Small changes to diet and lifestyle can have a large impact in terms of your health and how well you feel each day, according to registered dietitian Tracey Carlyle.

Some of her tips include practicing portion control and making meals ahead of time, then freezing them for later.

Another easy way to stick to your diet is to check out the hundreds of healthy recipes on the Web, such as www.mrs-dash.com. This site allows you to search for recipes by content, nutritional value or dietary restrictions, including low-sodium, low-fat and low-carb options.

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.homecomm.net

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: 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); Classic French Pastry Series (Pate a Choux for You, Too and Mille-feuille to Die For) taught by Decker, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, March 24 and 31 (series classes can be taken separately for \$99 each or together for \$175) and Quick Easy Meals with Gabriel, 5-9

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p.m., Wednesday, March 30 (\$99). For more information on class fees for these classes and other culinary arts continuing education classes, visit www.schoolcraft.edu under Continuing Education Schedule or call (734) 462-4448.

Cooking Classes

Vegetarian, whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef, Valerie Wilson. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get "hands-on" experience preparing the recipes. Each class includes discussions on the healthy benefits of the ingredients. Upcoming classes include: Valentine-Cook For Your Sweetie on Feb. 9, and Mexican Cooking three-week series on Feb. 23, March 2 and 9. Wilson also offers a four-week beginning series which she describes as the best place to start as this class is the most informative. Next beginning series dates are March 7, 14, 21 and 28. Details of all classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are held in Garden City, visit the Web site or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.

Seasonal Macrobiotics Cooking

Macrobiotics is a dietary wellness system based on whole foods. The macrobiotic way of life is holistic, taking into account all aspects of human life and acknowledging the inter-relationship between body, mind, and spirit. Learn about foods used in macrobiotic

cooking to create a quick and healthy menu plan, and to prepare a complete meal. Sample food and take home recipes. Linda Wernhoff, macrobiotic chef since 1985, was personal chef for Michio and Aveline Kushi while studying at the Kushi Institute in Boston and was head-chef at the International Macrobiotic Institute in Kiental, Switzerland. She has a cable television show featuring her menus and recipes. Sessions are scheduled 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15. A session costs \$29 and a fee of \$5 is paid to instructor the first day of class for the macrobiotic manual. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832, or online at 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.rochestercommunityhouse.org or phone (248) 651-0622.

Make your loved one's heart 'beet'

Say it with beets.

Show your love with a healthful beet dish as part of your Valentine's Day meal.

Root vegetables such as beets contain substances that not only fight cancer, but help strengthen resistance to other health problems, according to the American Institute for Cancer Research. They contain calcium and anti-oxidants, which help fight free radicals, the damaging forms of oxygen that attack the cell's membranes and contents.

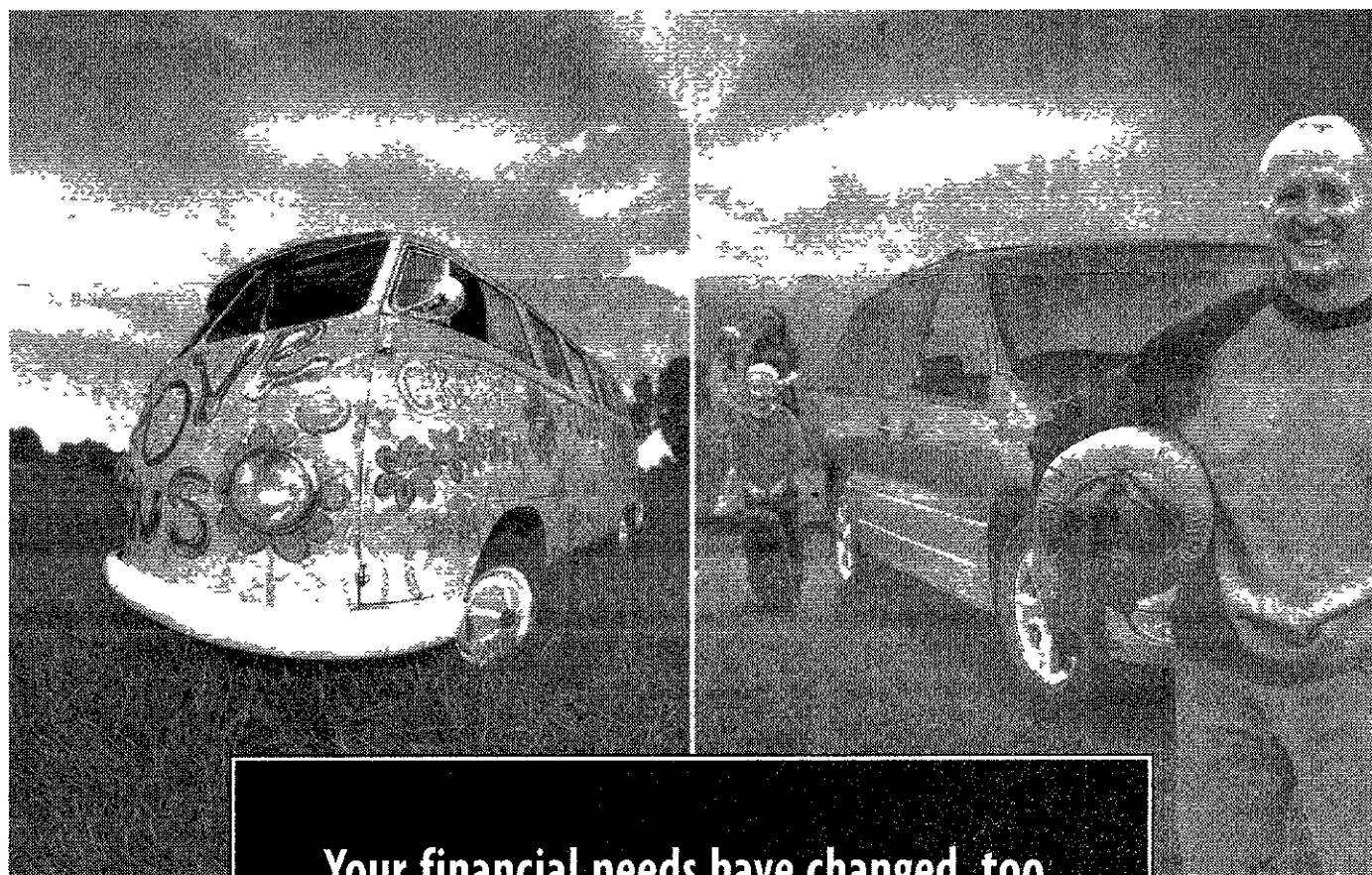
Both beets and oranges provide flavonoids, one group of

phytochemicals that seems to help lower risk of cancer and heart disease. Flavonoids, too, can prevent injury from free radicals by converting them to more stable, less-reactive forms. Beets have even more of the antioxidant vitamin C than oranges.

Beets are exceptionally high in natural sugar (up to 8 percent of their weight), and the beet's sweetness increases with oven roasting. When foods with natural sugars, like beets and other root vegetables, are roasted, a chemical process occurs which produces a sweet rich flavor.

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San Felipe attracting developers

I have heard of a new development that is approximately four hours south of San Diego on the sea of Cortez which rivals Los Cabos. Do you have any information about it?

I presume you are speaking of San Felipe, Mexico, on the sea of Cortez which was originally a small shrimp fishing village and which has now become a burgeoning residential/resort area. A number of major American developers have purchased a substantial amount of property, are building golf courses and thousands of residential condominiums and single family homes along with the pertinent amenities including water and sewer. The developers claim that this will be the next Los Cabos but with the advantage of being much closer to the continental United States. You are best advised to consult with a real estate consultant before making any investment.

I am aware of the growth in the downtown area of San Diego but am wondering what type of real estate investment can be had in that area from a residential standpoint. Do you have any comments?

Downtown San Diego is burgeoning with real residential development not only along the bay front but in the Gaslight District, Little Italy and the park areas. There are multiple developments in progress including a number of high rises as well as mid-rise commercial/residential developments. Indeed, many of these projects are sold out before they are even constructed based upon preconstruction discounts that are provided to prospective purchasers. There is also the common development of ancillary services including restaurants and boutiques, and places such as Little Italy are three times the size that they were merely two years ago. You are best advised to retain a real estate consultant and attorney before making any purchase.

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. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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It's harder to sell a house in the winter

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

You're house-hunting in the winter. Your agent has parked in front of what might be your dream house. But it's one of those gray Michigan days. It's freezing cold. It's windy. It's snowing. You think you have the flu. You're about to get out of the car and you're wondering if you've lost your mind.

Well, before you rush off to have yourself committed for house-hunting in the winter, do what the home inspectors do when they arrive at a house in a wintry setting. What they do is look at the roof.

A snow-covered roof, the inspectors can tell you, is an excellent way to check on attic insulation. If the snow lies in an even blanket all across the roof, the inspectors will say, you can be confident about the insulation.

But if you see patches of bare roof where the snow has melted away, you should suspect improper insulation and heat-loss in those spots.

And that just might be all the good news there is about how a blizzard can help you choose a house to buy. Actually, it might even be harder to sell houses during winter.

"The weather definitely slows us down," said Joan Downing, sales agent with RE/MAX in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills.

"I just can't show as many homes when the streets are impassable or have ruts in them," she said. "It can take us forever to get from house to house."

It also can seem like forever, she said, to get house-hunters up and down snow-covered or icy front walks and steps.

"You have to go out a second time to show the same amount of houses we'd show in good weather - say, just three houses in two hours, instead of six."

If bad weather hits while sellers are out of town, Downing said, "we might have to make arrangements to have their sidewalks and steps made safe."

"Or those of us who are more ambitious will get a shovel out. Anyway, the seller might clear the snow in morning, but we can get hit again later in the day, so we have to go above and



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Record snowfalls over the last three seasons make this year the perfect time to consider purchasing a snowthrower to clear the way for potential buyers.

beyond."

OK, now you've made it up the front steps and you're about to walk through the door of a stranger's home, how much winter are you going to bring in with you?

"I tell my clients," Downing said, "right when we hit the front door, if we've been walking in a mess we're taking our shoes off."

"If the seller doesn't give us something to put the wet boots or shoes on, it's their problem. I tell my sellers to hang signs: 'Please remove shoes.'"

Carlene Slone agrees that it's "always harder to sell in this weather." Slone is an agent with Wilhelm & Associates in Clarkston.

"You have to have the four-wheel and be ready to go," she

said. "And just like the mailman, it's easier to get up to the house if it's plowed."

Now you've gotten up to the house and into it, but you still might be facing some special wintertime challenges to homebuying.

"Yes," Slone said, "you might have questions about how much water is in the land - is it wet? What's the landscaping like? You have to use your imagination more."

Beyond imagination, Lynn DeJohn, an agent with Quality Properties GMAC Real Estate, Plymouth, likes to put it in writing to protect her buyers.

"You can't see the landscaping, the inspectors can't inspect pools or hot tubs or air conditioning, so you put that

into the purchase agreement as a contingency" and hold money to cover possible expenses that would be revealed in the spring.

To help her sellers, DeJohn cautions them about their liability in the event someone slips on icy steps. And she hopes that they remembered to take some fair-weather photos of the house and yard to display now.

She tells them to put down a mud rug at the front door. But if they've forgotten to do that, "you have to be prepared. Grab a paper towel or a tissue from your pocket and wipe the mess."

That might not be what she thought they meant by "cleaning up in the real estate business."

Power up for snow removal with blower

(MS) - Who can say they didn't make (or at least consider) a solemn promise last winter: No more shoveling! Wise decision, and not just for your aching muscles, but your heart. According to a recent study, snow shoveling requires as much energy as playing tennis or downhill skiing. Cold temperatures can camouflage the symptoms of overexertion, so it's no surprise that heart attacks often result from snow shoveling.

Now that you have even more of a reason to trade in your shovel for a snowthrower, here are some basic guidelines will help determine which model is right for you:

Walk-behind snowthrowers generally fit into one of three categories - single-stage, two-

stage and electric.

Single-stage units are light and easy to maneuver. They gather snow with a high-speed rotor and throw it out of the machine in a single action. Two-stage units are more powerful and first break up the snow with a slow-turning auger, then pass it to a high-speed impeller that blows it out through a chute.

As a general rule of thumb, electric snowthrowers are not built to be as powerful as larger gas-powered models. Yet for those with smaller areas to clear, an electric snowthrower might be ideal. It can clear snow up to 6 inches deep, throwing snow as far as 20 feet away, and is perfect for cleaning sidewalks, decks and steps. For heavy-duty snow

removal, gas-powered equipment is the answer. Light, fluffy snow can be handled with a single-stage machine. Single-stage snowthrowers move snow in one motion and require less power than two-stage units. For snow depths of more than 6 inches, or heavy, wet or icy snow, a two-stage snowthrower is your best bet. Two-stage machines aggressively move piles of snow, like those left by the snow plow. Areas with heavy, drifting snowfalls, like lake-effect snows, generally opt for two-stage models. Two-stage models are also the only option for unpaved surfaces, because they have "skid shoes" that allow them to ride above the ground. Pay close attention to the snow - throwing design.

Models may look alike, but those with easy-to-use drive and chute control mechanisms promote ease of maneuverability and snow placement.

Look for a better model that can start easily. Many gas-powered models have electric start options, which are highly recommended on larger two-stage units. Look for manufacturers who offer engines with starting guarantees.

Since problems can arise, read the warranty before purchasing. The best warranties cover all material and workmanship defects for two years or more. It is also a good idea to make sure there's a service center in your area that can handle the type of snowthrower you buy. For information, visit www.toro.com.

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Act fast while it's slow to get a great deal

It is sometimes refreshing and rewarding to do things out of sync relative to the rest of the world. I often buy my summer clothes in the fall and my wife and I shop for Christmas throughout the year. I go to the gym when everybody else is working, I run errands during their dinnertime, and often work when everybody else is sleeping.

It's good for my spirit to keep variety in life by timing tasks and events in such a manner as to create an advantage for my family. My non-conforming, non-traditional tactics usually lead to better service at restaurants, better bang for my purchase bucks, and better time-efficiency by avoiding crowds. By now, I likely have you asking (once again) where I'm going with this in a mortgage column.

Right now, many people are huddling from the cold waiting for a spring thaw before they strike out on a house-hunting expedition. Meanwhile, there are dozens of homes on the market just begging to be picked up at a discount by buyers who can qualify for such purchases using any possible means. (Sounds like the makings of a great deal, eh?)

OPPORTUNITIES

At the same time, most mortgage lenders are bored stiff. In fact, many take their annual vacations between November and February lest they forego the rare opportunity for rest. For you, this means that there's a herd of lenders willing to be extremely flexible with their underwriting guidelines to get their money loaned out.

Remember, lenders have to loan out money to stay in business. If it's slow - like right now - it's a prime opportunity for you to make a move, even if it's out of sync with the rest of the world. This is especially true if you have challenging circumstances. However, wait four months from now when every lender is humming on all cylinders and you may be very hard-pressed to get somebody to even listen to your story.

Today's TIMBIT: It's true that good things come to those who wait. However, they are usually those things left by those who hustle.

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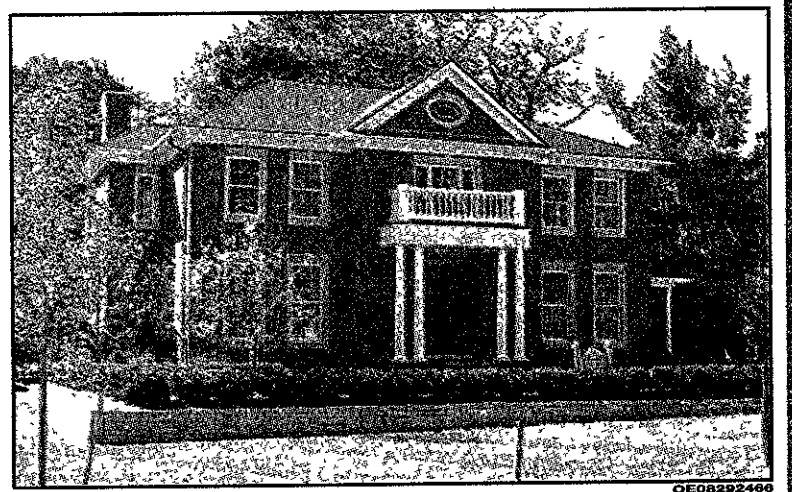
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Tips for buying foreclosure property and prospering

PRNewswire - House hunting can be a very daunting experience, especially in today's real estate market. Both investors and home buyers have been priced out of the market by escalating costs, and good real estate deals are increasingly difficult to find.

But there are bargains out there, for people who know where to look.

"For people willing to do some homework, the foreclosure market offers some of the best opportunities in real estate today," explains James J. Saccacio, chief executive officer at RealtyTrac, the leading online foreclosure marketplace.

Web-based services such as RealtyTrac give consumers access to foreclosure and pre-foreclosure information that was previously available only to professional real estate brokers and investors. Today, homebuyers can use these services to identify and

research potential home purchases, as well as to find the tools and professional resources they need to help them close the deal.

With interest rates ticking up and ARMs adjusting upward, experts predict an increase in the number of foreclosure properties on the market. RealtyTrac, which provides all the foreclosure data for both MSN House and Home and Yahoo! Real Estate, has already compiled a list of over 550,000 foreclosure properties across the country.

"Foreclosure properties can be a terrific investment, or give home buyers a much more affordable option than traditional properties," notes Saccacio. "But they're not a way to get rich quick, and a foreclosure purchase needs to be approached in an educated, intelligent manner."

TIPS

Saccacio offers five tips to

help you close a deal on a foreclosure property:

■ Learn about the different types of foreclosure properties, and the foreclosure process.

There are three basic types of foreclosure properties, representing different stages in the foreclosure process: notice-of-default (NOD) and notice of trustee sale (NTS), which are both pre-foreclosure properties; and real-estate-owned (REO), a foreclosure property which has been re-purchased by the bank.

For most consumers, buying a pre-foreclosure property from a private homeowner is the best option. It's important that both the buyer and the seller see the situation as a win-win situation, in order to ensure a smooth process. In this case, the seller is able to get out from under a mortgage without destroying their credit rating, the lender is saved the time and expense of foreclosing on the property, and the

buyer gets a below-market price on a home.

Foreclosure auction sales are typically the domain of the professional investor. These properties are formally in default, and sold to the highest bidder at an auction. Buyers are required to be physically present at the auction, and must pay 100 percent of the sale price in cash, on the spot. Though foreclosure auctions can offer significant savings, they are not for the faint of heart or the uninformed.

Unless the buyer is already familiar with a particular property, there is usually little time to examine it. And the buyer will be competing against professional investors - and sometimes even the lender - at the auction.

Once the lender officially reclaims a home, it becomes a real-estate-owned property (d). While REO properties typically offer more time for evaluation and a more standard bank-managed transaction, their prices are usually very close to full retail market value.

■ Secure financing early

It's important for a buyer to be pre-qualified before engaging in discussions with a seller. This ensures that the buyer is in a financial position to purchase the property, and is in the strongest possible position to negotiate. It's best to work with a lender who understands the foreclosure process, and can guide the buyer through certain steps, such as ensuring that a property is FHA-compliant. Another reason to consider pre-qualification is that not

all lenders finance foreclosure properties. Having approved financing in-hand makes negotiations with both the seller and the lender easier, and may even make it possible for the buyer to simply cure the default and take over the existing loan to reduce loan processing fees.

■ Engage a real estate agent as a "buyer's representative"

Most people hire a real estate agent to sell their home. These "seller's representatives" are charged with making the sale and negotiating the best deal for their clients. "Buyer's representatives" have the home buyer's interests at heart, and are charged with finding the right property and negotiating the best price for their clients. Picking the right real estate agent will make a buyer's life much easier. There are agents who specialize in the foreclosure market, with specific experience in REO properties. Look for an agent with foreclosure transaction experience, as well as knowledge of local, regional and state laws. But it's also important to consider the agent's knowledge of the area; their ability to close a deal; and their access to other professionals (attorneys, lenders, mortgage and title professionals) to ensure that the buyer is in good hands.

■ Do your homework

Stocks offer higher potential returns for investors than traditional savings programs, but are also riskier. Similarly, purchasing foreclosure properties is somewhat more risky than buying traditional real estate properties, but offers much

higher potential savings. With the right examination and due diligence, buyers can significantly reduce the risks. It makes sense to give any property under consideration a thorough examination. Here are eight steps for doing a professional-level exam.

■ Make a realistic offer

Despite what you may see on late-night cable TV, investing in foreclosure properties isn't a sure fire "get rich quick" formula. Lenders aren't likely to give properties away, particularly in a real estate market where prices continue to rise. And homeowners in financial distress may be difficult to deal with, particularly early in the foreclosure process. The keys to a successful foreclosure property purchase are diligence and patience.

As a rule of thumb, the best savings can be made at the pre-foreclosure stage, where home owners can avoid a foreclosure and lenders can save the time and cost involved in going through the process. Another critical point in the process is immediately prior to the auction date, when all parties might be most open to a last-minute solution. It's not unusual to save from 10-30 percent of the market value on a foreclosure property, and certain properties offer savings of 50 percent or even more. An educated buyer - one who knows how much is owed on the property and what its market value is - can usually come up with a realistic offer; one that offers significant savings, while meeting the requirements of the lender.

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EXAMINATION PROCESS STEPS

■ Identify desirable neighborhoods - Identify specific neighborhoods where you'd like to live or own a home. This will limit your search to a manageable size for you and your real estate agent, and give you a sense of relative property values.

■ Cast a wide net - There are a number of Web-based services that can put hundreds of thousands of foreclosure properties at your fingertips. Since the best savings are often found in pre-foreclosure properties, it's important to check the percentage of pre-foreclosure (vs. REO) properties in any database before subscribing.

■ Determine the property value - Look at the original purchase price, and recent comparable property sales to determine the current value of the property.

■ Find out the amount in default and the remaining loan balance -- In order to determine a reasonable offer price, you'll need to know - at a minimum - how much money it will take just to satisfy the debt to the lender.

■ Run a legal investing report - Before purchasing any foreclosure property, make sure it is free and clear of any bankruptcies, tax liens or other financial liabilities.

■ Assess the condition of the property - If at all possible, visit the property, ask your Realtor's opinion, and review pest and structural reports to make sure that the property is in acceptable condition, or to determine how much of a rehab budget you'll need to build in to your deal.

■ Build a positive relationship with the seller - Before purchasing the property, try to make sure that you're entering into a win-win situation with the seller, so that they'll do what they can to make the process easier and leave the property in good condition.

■ Leverage your timing - Knowing when a property is going to be auctioned gives you an extra bargaining chip when negotiating with the seller or the lender.

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Art of Successful Negotiating
Kathy Tosoian of Dale Carnegie will con-

duct the seminar focusing on using self-control, examining conflict, resolution strategies, negotiating responses and negotiating to win, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills, \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$65 non-members and guests, includes continental breakfast, (248) 862-1033.

Field Superintendent course

Sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, 8 a.m. to noon, Friday, Feb. 11, BIA headquarters in Farmington Hills, \$135 BIA members, \$160 non-members and guests, (248) 862-1033.

Home buying seminars

Presented by Standard Federal Bank, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Lighthouse Community Development, 46156 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 19 at Peoples Community Hope for Homes - Westshire Place Community off Middlebelt Road, south of Michigan Avenue in Westland. Upon completion of the seminar participants will receive certificates entitling them to apply for a mortgage loan under Standard Federal's Community Home Buyer's Program. No charge, call (800) 643-9600, Ext. 22532, to register.

CREW-Detroit

Triad 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 or call Megan Cottrell at (888) 866-CREW or megan@crewnetwork.org.

Buying a home

Seminar for first-time homeowners and those who have purchased a home before, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, RE/MAX Alliance, 37569 Five Mile Road, Livonia. No charge, reservations requested because seating is limited, call (734) 462-3600.

Schoolcraft College Continuing Education

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. (734) 462-4448.



LIVONIA - Executive 2,600 SQF Colonial located in Calburn Manor featuring 4 BR's, 2.5 BA's, 1st floor laundry and library, new premium windows t/o, kitchen w/oak cabinets, new cherry wood flooring & plenty of counter space, eating space. Master suite w/WIC & bath. Many mature trees for privacy. \$352,900



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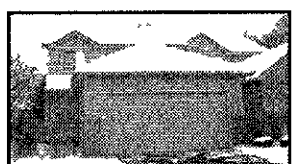
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LIVONIA - Nice upper 2 bdrm Condo, 1,123 sq.ft. Excellent kitchen w/newer counters, flring & all appls. Formal dining rm. Pretty LR w/doorwall to balcony. Bath w/dual entrance & access to Master bedroom & closet organizer. Updates include: gas furn, 6 panel drs & more. 1st flr laundry w/wash & dry. \$125,000



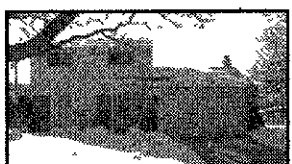
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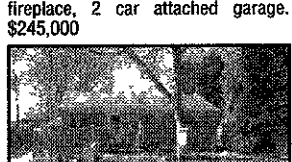
LIVONIA - WOW! They should all look like this! Immaculate 1,400 SF colonial with 3 bdrms, 1.5 baths in Dover-Arbor Estates. Done to the 9's w/gorgeous neutral decor t/o. Updates incl: kit w/oak cabs, furnace, roof, vinyl wind & more. Beautiful low maintenance landscape. This one will be "gone in a flash". \$209,800



REDFORD - Clean & sharp 3 bdrm, 2 full bath brick Ranch. Charming living rm w/bay window. Excellent updated kitchen w/maple cabinets, granite counters & all appls. Full bsmt w/glass block window & copper plumbing. Vinyl windows. Newer furnace & roof shingles. 1.5 car garage. \$130,000



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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of Sept. 20 - 24, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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41520 Alleghany	\$210,000	30731 Brown	\$135,000	13241 Wendover	\$386,000				
1453 Bayberry Park	\$240,000	30526 Dawson	\$135,000	1074 York	\$170,000				
47820 Candace	\$396,000								
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48776 Greenwich	\$399,000								
1510 Hampshire	\$195,000								
41341 Maplewood	\$227,000								
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2179 Preserve	\$235,000								
983 Princess	\$220,000								
3504 Riverside	\$243,000								
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1960 W. Franklin	\$131,000								
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44623 Westminster Way	\$200,000								
7596 Wheaton	\$250,000								

Rates on 30-year mortgages fall for a fourth straight week

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
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Rates on 30-year mortgages fell for a fourth straight week as investors waited to see what the Federal Reserve will do with interest rates.

Freddie Mac's weekly survey of mortgage rates released Jan. 27 showed that rates on 30-year, fixed rate mortgages averaged 5.66 percent, down from 5.67 percent.

Low mortgage rates have powered sales of both new and existing homes to record highs. The National Association of Realtors reported Tuesday that existing

home sales climbed to an all-time high of 6.68 million units last year, the fourth straight year of record sales.

Analysts are forecasting housing will enjoy another good year in 2005 as long as mortgage rates do not rise too sharply under the impact of the Federal Reserve's credit-tightening campaign to make sure inflation stays well contained.

"Until the market gets a better read of how the economy performed at the end of last year and how the Fed interprets that information, interest rates will likely remain calm," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

Rates on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, dipped to 5.14 percent, down from 5.15 percent. Rates on one-year adjustable-rate mortgages were 4.18 percent, up slightly from 4.11 percent.

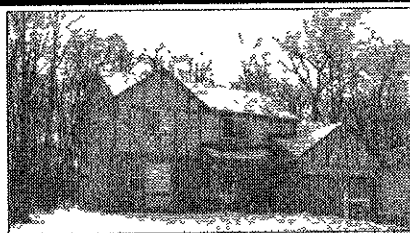
Five-year hybrid adjustable rate mortgages averaged 5.02 percent, down from 5.05 percent. These hybrid mortgages have a fixed rate for five years and then they adjust each year after that.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. The 30-year, 15-year and five-year mortgages each carried a 0.6 point fee.

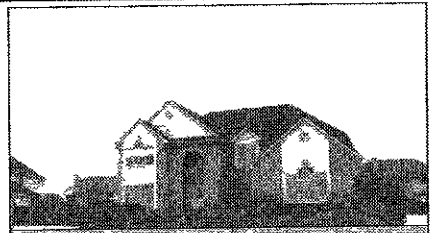
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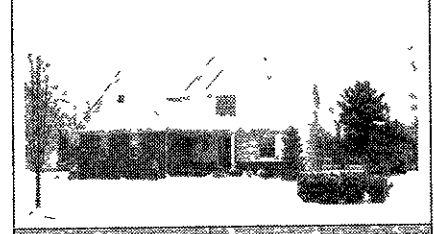
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Prime private location backs to protected woods. Neutral décor and bay windows in LR and DR. Kitchen with island overlooks backyard with brick paver patio. Cozy FR with fireplace and built-ins. 734-455-6000 LP991A-25003445



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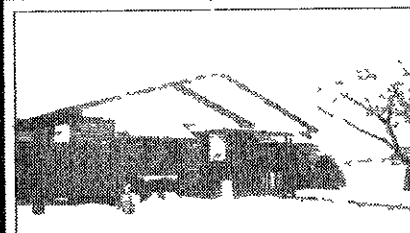


PLYMOUTH \$255,000
Classic 3 bedroom downtown Plymouth home. Updates include kitchen, 2 full baths, furnace and a/c, roof and siding. 20x30 garage with loft & front 'rear' entry doors. Davite basement windows. 734-455-6000 LP7611A-25002862

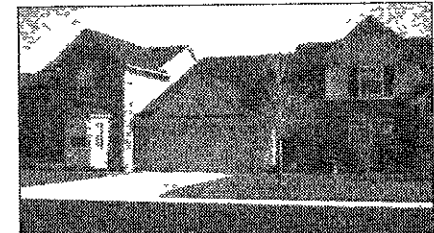


ROCHESTER \$249,900
Simply beautiful, this 3-bedroom colonial offers country living w/city amenities. Upgrades everywhere from hardwood floors to side entry attached garage. Bay window in dining area w/great view. 734-455-6000 LP15HA-25002727

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PLYMOUTH \$144,000
Bradbury adult community with pool/clubhouse. Neutral décor throughout this 2 bedroom, 1st floor utility area. New carpet, eat-in kitchen plus formal dining room. Basement bath area. Wallside windows. 734-455-6000 LP10NF-25003913



CANTON \$254,900
Gorgeous Vantred ceilings. First floor master. Palladium windows overlooking golf course. Neutral decor, many upgrades. Hardwood floors, foyer, hall, kitchen, & breakfast nook. Full basement, attached 2 car garage. 734-455-6000 LP271A-25002313

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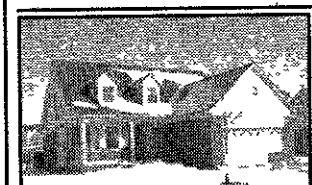
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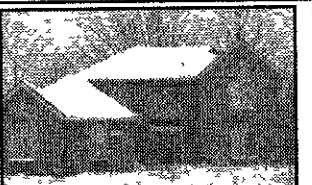
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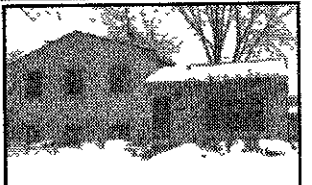
AWESOME CONTEMPORARY. Spotless cape cod with an awesome great room floor plan. Hardwood floors, fireplace, island kitchen, tiered deck w/hot tub, sprinklers and a beautifully finished basement w/wet bar. \$277,931 (450BA)



NOVI COLONIAL. Built in '02, with 4BR/3.5BA and 3375 sq. ft. Nestled deep in the sub with ceramic & hardwood floors, huge island kit., 3 car garage, tub, sprinklers and a beautifully finished basement w/wet bar. Truly magnificent! \$499,000 (473CA)



BEAUTIFUL VIEW. Upgraded Oxford model in popular Canton sub surrounded by a 16 acre nature preserve. Many upgrades - circular stairway, hardwood & ceramic, side entry garage, fireplace & cherry kitchen. \$324,999 (859DO)



BETTER HURRY. Before this gorgeously updated Livonia home is sold! Walk to elementary & the park. Maple kitchen, ceramic baths, entertainment sized family room and a fenced interior lot make this home perfect. \$219,000 (160MA)



EXCITING NEWER CONDO. Who wouldn't love to own this affordable condo? High ceilings, a beautiful gourmet kitchen, huge great room with a fireplace, a deck, master with private bath and quality Livonia schools! \$149,900 (848FI)



LIKE NEW. Enhanced Charleston model! Cherry kitchen & stainless appliances, soaring ceilings, master w/ cathedral ceiling, walk in closet & his and her seated enclosed shower. Much more. \$189,000 (934NO)



DEAL OF THE DECADE. Lovely brick ranch with 3 beds, 1.5 baths in a nice family neighborhood. Remodeled kitchen, updated windows, water heater, furnace and paint. Central air & central vac too all at a very affordable price. \$104,900 (146PA)



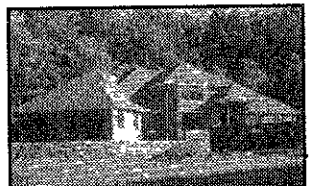
JUST A SHORT WALK. To the elementary school from this brick ranch in Canton with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2.5 car garage, newer roof, updated kitchen and a great location. \$179,900 (627VH)



THE LINKS. Pheasant Run condo fully loaded with extras. Tastefully decorated, ceramic floors, formal living & dining, maple kitchen, maintenance free exterior, sprinklers, deck, pool, 2 car garage and a clubhouse all in a golf course community! \$255,000 (494KI)



ONE OF THE FINEST. Homes in the area with total privacy on this 20.76 acre parcel. Open floor plan w/massive great room & stone fireplace, cathedral ceilings, skylights, finished walkout, formal dining and an endless list of amenities. \$848,900 (787EA)



STILL TIME TO PICK COLORS! A truly custom built home on a beautiful 1+ acre lot backing to a wooded commons. Huge floor plan with 4BR/4.5BA, Heated 4 car garage, marble floors, dual sided fireplace, custom kitchen & more. \$1,199,900 (650PE)



ELEGANT CAPE COD. Nestled in a private wooded setting. Architectural details abound, marble & granite kit., palladium windows, heated floors, finished walkout, recessed lights, enchanting garden room and all the modern conveniences. \$1,250,000 (319HI)



LOVELY RANCH WITH 5 ACRES. Spectacular 5 bedroom ranch with a finished walkout basement & den. Formal dining, family room, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces & more. All on a quiet street with lots of room for a large family. \$484,900 (150HA)



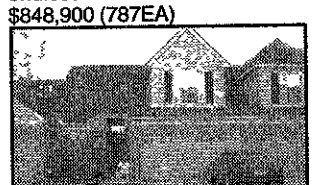
NORTHVILLE BEAUTY. Newer feature rich colonial with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Huge kitchen with an oversized island & abundant cabinets, 2 story family room & foyer. Master w/ walk in closet. Oversized side entry garage. \$439,900 (405WI)



GLEAMING CAPE COD. Beautifully updated and glowing with pride, this 3 bedroom beauty offers skylights, remodeled baths, hardwood floors, fresh paint and a long list of updates. Quiet wooded setting. Livonia schools. \$239,900 (317HU)



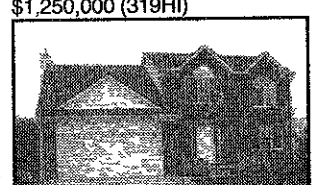
EXCELLENT VALUE. Northville townhouse style condo under 115K with over 1100 sq. ft. New windows, doorwall, furnace, hardwood floors, basement, remodeled kitchen and a common pool! \$114,900 (285JA)



BUILT IN 2003! Lovely 3 bedroom Cape Cod Condo with an attached 2 car garage. Master on main floor, 2 additional bdrms. on the second level. Loft overlooks LR with fireplace. Full basement and deck overlooking the fountain. \$219,900 (250CA)



SUPER SHARP & UNIQUE. Multi level condo in Novi. Master w/ WIC & balcony. Dining room w/mirrored wall overlooking the living room w/ fireplace. White kitchen w/appliances, finished basement, deck & attached garage. \$174,900 (479CO)



UNPARALLELED APPEAL. Novi colonial with wooded views on an x-large lot and premium elevation. Beautiful landscaping w/deck & paver patio, formal living areas, bonus rm., and nice master. \$334,900 (951CR)



WALK TO DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE. From this spacious condo. 2 bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half baths! Newer kitchen with Birch cabinetry, Garage, basement, 1st floor laundry, and more. Association dues include heat and water. \$159,900 (026BR)



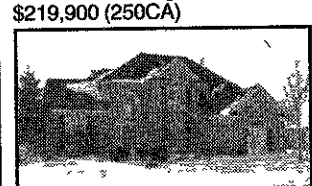
FORMER MODEL. Just a short walk to the golf course is this newer Canton colonial. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, open staircase, full basement, attached garage, family room fireplace, and many upgrades and extras. \$315,900 (765BR)



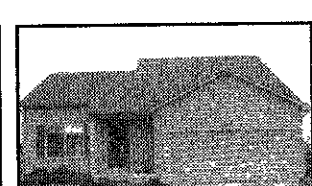
BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME. Prominent location in Canton on approx. one acre. Live in smaller home while building. Perfect for in-law quarters too. Existing home remodeled and in excellent condition. Call for details. \$179,900 (874CH)



ALMOST AN ACRE! Close to downtown Belleville lies this lovely ranch with a huge covered entry, attractive dimensional shingles, new furnace and HW/H, family rm. w/corner brick fireplace, deck and fresh paint. \$229,890 (732MA)



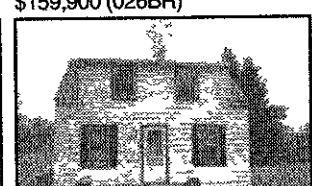
STATUS SYMBOL. Stunning Fairways Colonial. Formal living areas, library, family rm. w/ fireplace, kitchen w/nook & snack bar island and luxury master. Highly desirable golf course community. \$399,900 (175 MO)



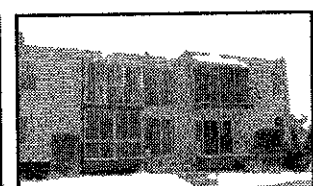
NATURAL BEAUTY. Custom 5 year old home with a 1st floor luxury master and Jacuzzi tub, great room w/fireplace, daylight basement, neutral flooring and a wonderful view. \$234,900 (207AP)



GREAT PRICE ON THIS Plymouth condo with 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Newer Pergo flooring, newer roof, gutters and siding. Gorgeous bay window and extra large doorwall leading to a private paver patio. Full basement and carport. \$139,900 (182RI)



ATTENTION INVESTORS: Outstanding opportunity in this Romulus fixer upper with 3 bedrooms in an area of fine properties. Adjacent vacant lot also for sale. \$69,900 (020WA)



LIVONIA END UNIT. In move in condition with low association fees that include heat and water. Newer windows, flooring, carpet and paint. Extra storage in the basement. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, great price. \$73,500 (187FA)

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**BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$2,500,000**

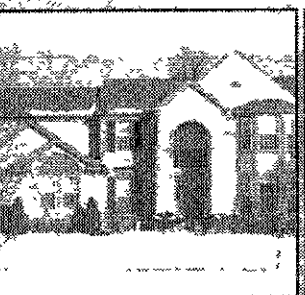
The Castle House!! Custom Antique Vestibule, Elegant Dr + Lr Million Dollar Views On The 18th Hole! Elegant Room Sizes Designed For Family Living And Gracious Entertaining Custom Millwork And Stonework. (OEN00AYE) 248-347-3050

**CANTON \$439,900**

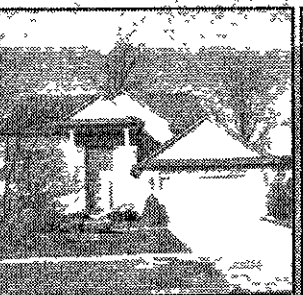
Upgrades galore! Gourmet kitchen-nook w/HWD flrs, oversized island, double oven & glass cooktop, 2-way fireplace, Master w/vaulted ceiling, fashion bath & oversized jacuzzi tub. Interior-exterior freshly painted. (OEP09STO) 734-453-6800

**CANTON \$404,500**

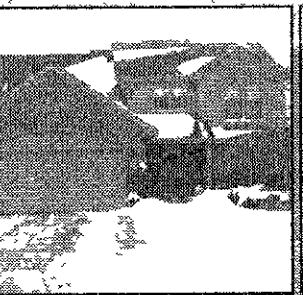
Fabulous Home On Supurb Lot. Professionally Fin Lower Level W/3rd Full Bath, Den/Ofc & Add'l Family Rm. Beautiful Hwd Flrs In Entry & Through Kitchen & Nook. Great Open Flr Plan. Overlooking Fam Rm W/Plr (OEN55HEN) 248-347-3050

**CANTON \$345,000**

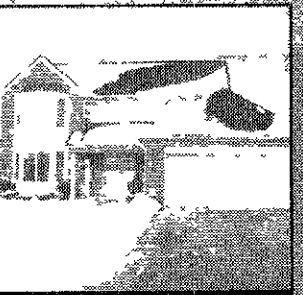
Unbelievable Value! Two-story Foyer, Formal Living/dining Rm W/ba, V. Window, Kitchen W/center Island, Pantry, Doorwall To Deck, Eat-In-nook, Family Room W/gas Frpl W/marble Surround, Mstr Ste W/trey ceiling (OEN49NOR) 248-347-3050

**CANTON \$320,000**

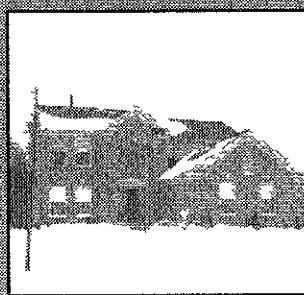
This is The One You've Been Waiting For! Transferring Owners Are Sad To Leave This Beautiful & Spacious 4br, 2.5 Bth Colonial Situated on a Premium Cul de sac Lot. 2 Story Foyer W/hwd Flr, Formal Living & Dining Rm. (OEN26WO0) 248-347-3050

**CANTON \$319,900**

4BR, 2 1/2 BA cape cod located deep in Covington Square sub. Spacious kitchen w/abundance of cabinets-countertop space, newer Pergo floor & large nook. Open great room w/replace 1st floor master. Finished basement. (OEP85OAK) 734-453-6800

**CANTON \$309,900**

Exceptional colonial in "Huntington Place" Fabulous finished basement. Spacious master w/fashion bath. Gourmet kit-nook w/island. Open family room w/vaulted ceilings & gas FP. Upgraded flooring t/o 2-tiered deck. (OEP40DON) 734-453-6800

**CANTON \$309,900**

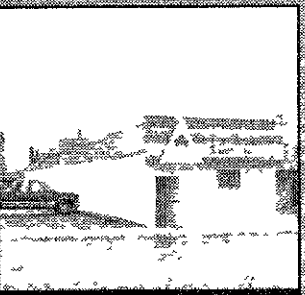
Central Park South! Sharp & clean 4BR, 2.1BA colonial on deep lot. Gourmet kitchen-nook. Open airy family room w/fireplace. Lux master suite w/fashion bath & WIC. Neutral decor. Side-entry garage. Must see! (OEP71BRO) 734-453-6800

**CANTON \$219,900**

Get A Exciting New Start In This Well Maintained 3 bdrm Colonial W/terrac. Location In Embassy Square. Large Family Rm W/Plr Overlooks The Park Like Yard. Dining Rm W/bay Window. (OEN25PRE) 248-347-3050

**CANTON \$2,600**

Home backing to 6th Fairway of Pheasant Run Golf Course. Finished bsmt w/storage. Updated kitchen w/48" stainless stove w/dbl ovens. Fab master w/2 person Jacuzzi. Deck & 3 car garage. 1-3 Yr Lease No Pets/smokers (OEN18MUJ) 248-347-3050

**DEARBORN \$490,000**

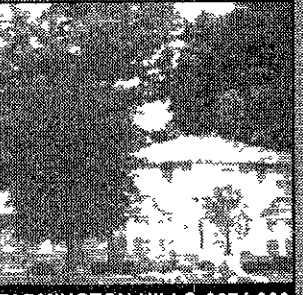
Newer Items Incl: Roof, Gutters, Park Lot, Kit, Elec Serv, Furn, A/C Plumb & Sprink Sys Bar Owns All Machines. 2 Dart Mach, Juke Box & 2 Poker Machines Near Rouge Plant. Terms Avail. Includes Liquor License. (OEL14SCH) 734-591-0333

**DETROIT \$95,000**

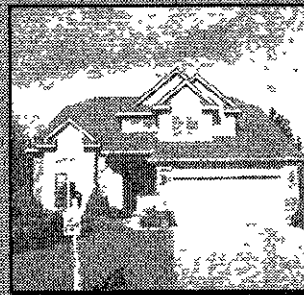
Lovely 3 Bed w/ C/A, Alarm System, Washer, Dryer. Newer fridge & Paneled Walls In Bsmt. Owners Are Anxious To Sell \$1000 Floor Allowance Offered To Buyers As Well As A Home Warranty. A Great Home To Invest In. (OEL90WAP) 734-591-0333

**DETROIT \$94,700**

3 Bdr BungW Kit Form DR Bath Lvg Rm & Full Fin Bsmt Beautiful HW Flrs T/O Mstr Bdrm Has 2 WI Cedar Closets. New Wns Circuit Brkr's Bath Tiles And Other Updates Bsmt Has Wet Bar Kit. Has New Sink, FI & Counter. (OEL18FRE) 734-591-0333

**FARMINGTON HILLS \$374,900**

Elegance & Charm Beautiful 4 Bdrm, 2 1/2 Bath Colonial Secluded IN Deep Wooded Lot In Great Subdivision Year-round Sunrm, Lg Gracious Liv Rm, Library/den, Crown Molding T/O. Formal Dining & Gourmet Kit. (OEN51WES) 248-347-3050

**FARMINGTON HILLS \$350,000**

Spectacular Detached Condo With Lovely Private Setting In Prestigious Gated Community. Dramatic 18 Ft Ceilings, Hardwood Floors In Entry, Kitchen, Family Room & 1/2 Bath. Cozy Family Rm W/fireplace. (OEN15TAN) 248-347-3050

**FARMINGTON HILLS \$274,900**

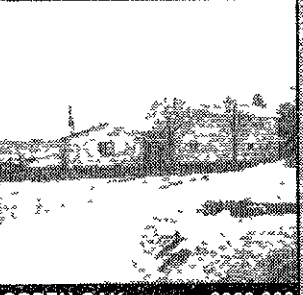
Beautiful Ranch Condo With Finished Daylight Basement. 3br. 3.5 Bat Hs, completely Updated, gas Frpl, vaulted Ceil, mbr W/ Jet Tub, Updat Ed Island Kitchen W/stainless Appl & Nook. Neutral Colors, Incl Home Warranty. (OEN03MEA) 248-347-3050

**FERNDALE \$129,900**

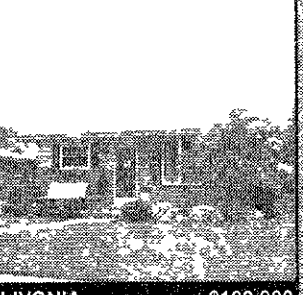
Great 3 BR bungalow w/full bsmt. Separate DR. Huge MBR. All A/C windows cooling stay. Newer Wallside windows 12/03. All appliances stay. Cute home very neutral imm possession available. (OESLY54PIN) 248-437-4500

**GREEN OAK \$449,000**

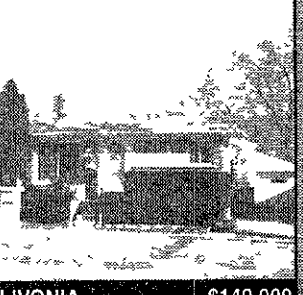
In the middle of a hrdwd forest backing to Moose Ridge Golf Course. All appli stay. Master has a separate rm for the ind hot tub w/its own private deck. One of a kind home, like living up north without the drive. (OESLY43AND) 248-437-4500

**GREEN OAK \$269,900**

Beautiful lakefront living on 2.35 acres! Almost totally remodeled in 1997. 2400 sq ft, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, with open floor plan. Great for entertaining. Large island kitchen and first floor master. (OESLY25AQU) 248-437-4500

**LIVONIA \$182,900**

Classic brick ranch 3 bdrms, 1.5 bath, many updates which included spacious oak kitchen w/ceramic tile, beautifully refinished hardwood floors, roof, furnace and CA. 2.5 car garage and basement. (OESLY75HIL) 248-437-4500

**LIVONIA \$149,000**

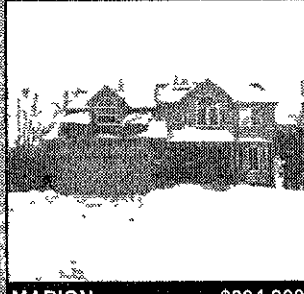
3 BR-1 1/2 Bath Brck Ranch On Blvd Str In North Livonia. Newer Kit. Cabinets-all Appliances Stay. HW Flrs-updates-Furn, C/A. Windows Fin Bsmt W/glass Block Windows, Copper Plumbing 1/2 Bath (2) Car Garage. (OEL64ANT) 734-591-0333

**LIVONIA \$128,900**

Perfect for the retiree who doesn't want a condo but wants a small home. This 1/2 of ranch duplex is it. Full fin L/L provides 1600 sq ft living space. Carpet over H/W floors. 2 1/2 car gar. A small yard of your own. (OEL19SHA) 734-591-0333

**LIVONIA \$60,000**

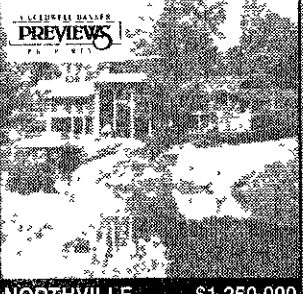
Turn Key Operation. Store Completely Remodeled. Store Broke Even In 1st Yr. Even With The Unseasonably Cool Weather In Summer 2004. Business Is Ready To Take Off. Most Of Equipment Is New. Or Refurbished-2004. (OEL65PLY) 734-591-0333

**MARION \$294,900**

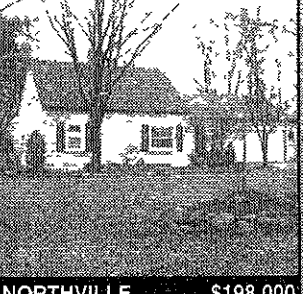
Beautiful home in newer sub that features city water and sewer, walking trails and playground. Home has huge island kitchen, hardwood floors. Large master suite w/jetted tub. (OESLY70FAI) 248-437-4500

**MILFORD \$489,900**

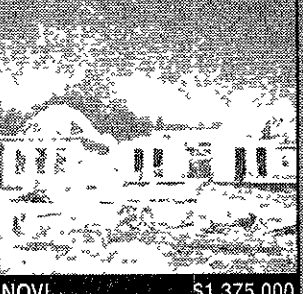
Pristine Best Describes This Stunning 2 Story Contemporary That Sits On 1.62 Acres Backs To Woods. 4 Brs, 3.5 Baths, & 1st Fl Mstr Ste W/sky Lights & Plenty Of Privacy Fin Bsmt Providing An Add'l 1,400 Sqft. (OEL67HER) 734-591-0333

**NORTHVILLE \$1,250,000**

4BR, 4.5 BA w/multiple fireplaces & 3.5 car garage. Exceptional W/O LL welcomes you to an incomparable rear yard. 2.75 acres lends to a privacy & eye popping views of water & lavish landscaping. Limitless amenities! (OEP20VAL) 734-453-6800

**NORTHVILLE \$198,000**

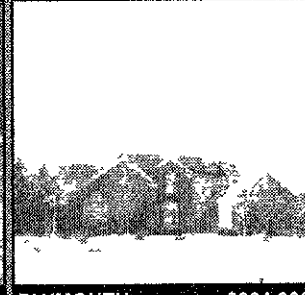
Country like setting on 38 acre Prime property for expansion. Centrally located btwn Northville & Plymouth. Open & airy home features GR W/vaulted ceilings & 2 skylights. Kit remodeled w/maple cabs, ceramic backsplash & Pergo floors. Bath updated. Wallside

**NOVI \$1,375,000**

Bellagio executive home! 5BR, 3.2 bath. Premier gated community. Cambridge built! Gourmet kitchen & nook w/custom cabinetry. 2 fireplaces. Dual staircases. 2BR, 2BA, FP, formal DR, 1st flr Indry, bsmt & att 2 car gar. (OEP30RAV) 734-453-6800

**OCEOLA \$245,000**

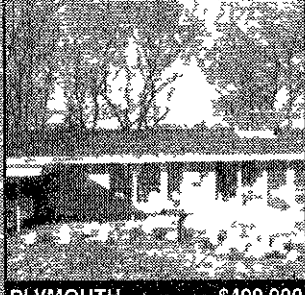
A ranch with a finished walkout, 5 acres, 30 X40 barn with 4 stalls. All new appliances, new roof 2003, garden tub, wood burner. Peace and quiet and privacy! This is a must see! (OESLY20ARG) 248-437-4500

**PLYMOUTH \$664,900**

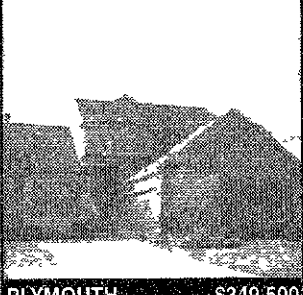
4 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath cape cod backing to woods. Gourmet kitchen w/granite countertops, oversized island & built in appliances. Stunning great room. 1st floor master. Prof fin walkout. Heated 4 car att garage. Hurry! (OEP03MAP) 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH \$569,900**

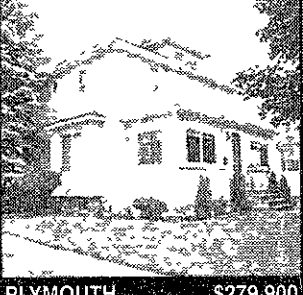
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath colonial. Dual staircase. Gourmet kitchen w/maple cabinets, 2 story family room. Lux master suite. Guest suite. Daylight basement. Soft neutral colors. Estate size lot! (OEP65PLY) 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH \$499,900**

Custom built & architecturally designed. This hidden treasure is located within 2 miles of Plymouth situated on 2 rolling & treed acres. Completely redone by its present owners with attention to detail! (OEP24TER) 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH \$349,500**

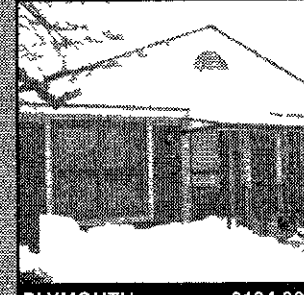
Hurry to this 3BR, 2 1/2 BA cape cod in "Country Club Village". Lux 1st floor master w/cathedral ceiling. Open & airy great room w/replace & soaring ceilings. Spacious kit & nook. Formal dining room. 1st floor study. (OEP93PLY) 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH \$279,900**

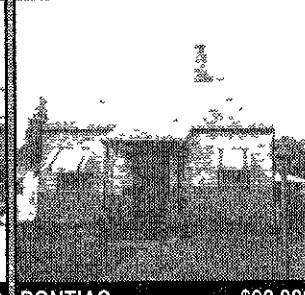
Great Opportunity In Plymouth Within Walking Distance To Downtown. Over 2000 Sqft. Add Your Finishing Touches. Owners Have Install Ed Newer Water Htr, Anderson Windows, Newer Roof, 200 Amp Electric service. (OEN94ROS) 248-347-3050

**PLYMOUTH \$225,000**

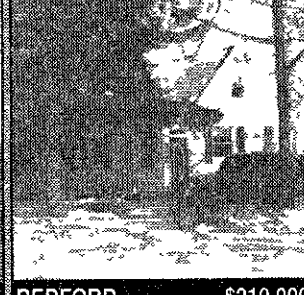
Seldom available end unit ranch w/premium location "Beacon Hollow" just west of Sheldon on Ann Ar Tr. Newer furnace, CA, flr coverings, kit & cntr tps. 2BR, 2BA, FP, formal DR, 1st flr Indry, bsmt & att 2 car gar. (OEP46PIN) 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH \$134,900**

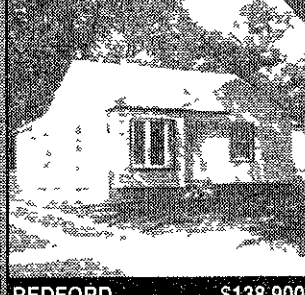
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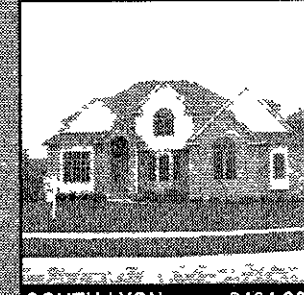
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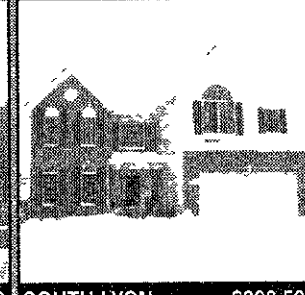
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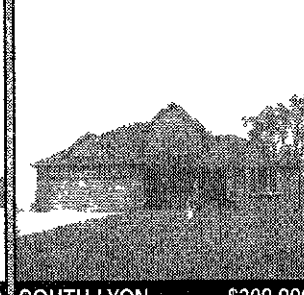
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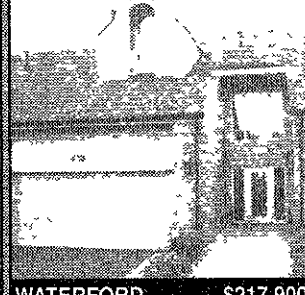
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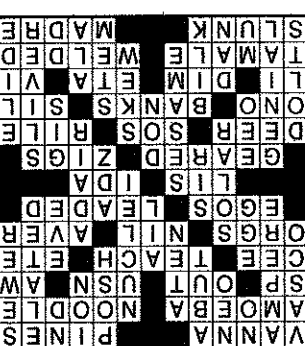
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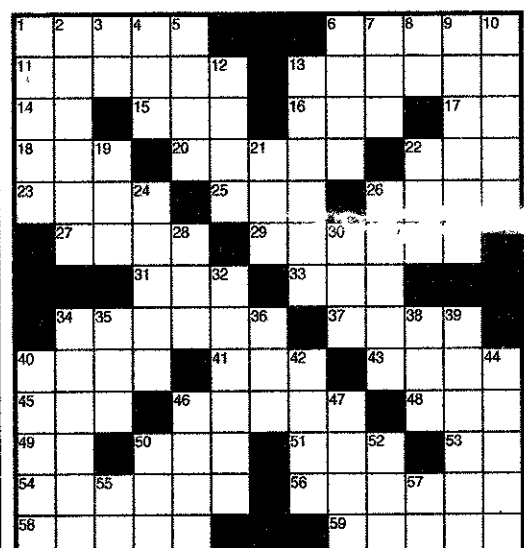
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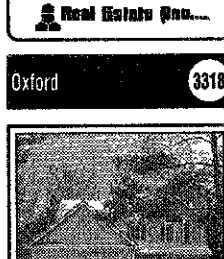
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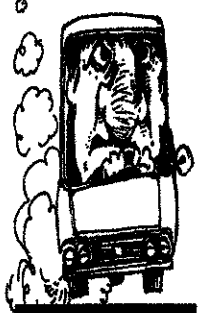
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WESTLAND Great Location
Cute 2 bedroom condo w/park like setting, private patio, newer windows, carpet, finished basement & all appliances stay Neutral colors

(E55BAR) 734-455-5600 \$114,900



WYANDOTTE Spacious Starter
Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1.5 car garage w/openers, updated kitchen, windows, roof, electric, plumbing, roof & siding. Formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, basement w/full bath, large lot, all appliances & freshly painted

(E405TH) 734-455-5600 \$119,900



DEARBORN Super Sharp Ranch
2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch, roomy living room, separate dining room w/Pergo floor, updated bath, newer kitchen floor, 2.5 car garage w/newer roof Vinyl windows

(E62DAR) 734-455-5600 \$110,000




NORTHVILLE Mind-Boggling Condo
Stunning 2 BR 2.5 BA condo decorated to perfection & upgraded flooring T/O. Delightful kitchen w/orkst nook, formal DR, LR w/natural trpic, lg MBR w/walk-in closet, FFL, wood deck, C/A, fin rec rm & heated 2 car gar

(E66NEW) 248-349-5600 \$184,900




FARMINGTON HILLS Opportunity In Olde Town
3 bedroom bungalow on a corner lot w/den and 2 car attached garage. Extra lot also available. Walk to park & school. Convenient to shopping, freeway & hospital. This home needs TLC, and is being sold "as is"

(E04IND) 248-349-5600 \$132,000




TAYLOR Brick Ranch
3 bedroom, 2 car garage, lots of updates - full basement, dining area w/bow window, corner lot. Spacious ranch w/immediate occupancy. Hardwood floors. Clean & neat. Great value

(E44BAI) 734-455-5600 \$144,900



PLYMOUTH A Real Charmer
Custom built, all brick contemporary "big lot in little Plymouth." Very clean & well taken care of. Has built in double ovens, newer roof & HWH. Unique floor plan in this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath home

(E90ANN) 734-455-5600 \$199,900



LIVONIA Pride Of Ownership
This home has many updates t/o. Family room has cozy fireplace w/doorwall that leads to deck. Kitchen has newer counters, floor and dishwasher. Popular sub w/easy access to everything. Not a drive by

(E17SWA) 734-455-5600 \$274,900



NOVI For Under \$125,000
Priced to sell. Clean, well maintained 2-story townhome, 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths with private entrance and private patio in back. Updated kitchen, newer windows t/o, newer carpet, newer front door

(E84OLD) 248-349-5600 \$119,800




LIVONIA Desirable Kimberly Oaks Estates
3 bedroom all brick ranch w/full finished basement. Open floor plan & huge deck to enjoy private backyard. Grand new roof in 2004. Freshly painted throughout. Most appliances included

(E33LYN) 248-349-5600 \$177,500



WARREN Maintenance Free Brick Ranch
3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, hardwood floors in living room & bedrooms, newer furn, C/A, HWH & newer kitchen LR w/bay window, 2 car garage w/newer roof, fenced yard w/playset. Walk to elem schls. Minutes from I-696

(E38ROM) 734-455-5600 \$135,900



DEARBORN HGTS. Living At Its Finest
Delightful brick ranch offers 3 bedrooms within walking distance of schools, churches & rec center, charming eat-in kitchen, 2.5 car w/openers

(E33MCK) 734-455-5600 \$113,900




DEARBORN HGTS. Right Out Of A Magazine
Updated & maintained brick ranch w/great curb appeal. Neutral decor T/O. Hardwood floors under carpet. Updated roof, vinyl windows, kitchen floor + large finished basement w/gas fireplace, patio & 2.5 car gar.

(E78MCK) 734-455-5600 \$142,500



NORTHVILLE Ranch Condo
Beautiful end unit 2 bedroom ranch ground level condo w/cathedral ceilings. Private location with attached garage. Open floor plan. Central air and easy living. Community pool, tennis courts & huge clubhouse

(E77ONA) 248-349-5600 \$127,500



COMMERCE Immaculate Throughout
Come experience this Hidden Paradise yourself. Immaculate builders model 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths with W/O basement on canal front. Five sites also available for your custom built home

(E89MAQ) 248-349-5600 \$724,900



NEWPORT Endless Upgrades
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath built in 2003 offers 3 car attached garage side garage. Large corner lot, upgrades incl 3-D roof, 50 gal HWH, 3 ton C/A, 200 amp elec, large master w/2 WIC, cath ceiling, bath, full basement, FR w/frplc

(E96STO) 734-455-5600 \$279,000



REDFORD Clean Ranch
3 bedroom home freshly painted, neutral decor, newer windows, steel entry doors & flooring. Some appliances, ceiling fans. Nice floor plan. Screened porch & a 1 year home warranty.

(E48CEN) 734-455-5600 \$108,900



NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
W/open floor plan, 2 story foyer w/hardwood floors, formal LR & DR, FR w/frplc, professionally finished basement, spacious master suite has glamour bath, 3 car attached garage, 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home

(E61RED) 734-455-5600 \$472,300




WESTLAND Rare 3 Bedroom Quail Run Condo
This one is move-in ready. Neutral colors throughout. Light oak hardwood floors in foyer & kitchen. Master bedroom with vaulted ceilings, double closets and master bath

(E57QUA) 248-349-5600 \$182,500



DEARBORN HGTS. Spacious 3 Bedroom Colonial
Full of charm from the covered front porch to the homey decor. Updates include newer roof, oak kitchen cabinets, bathroom floor & more. Hardwood floors T/O, formal LR & DR. Deep backyard w/shed. C/A & FF laundry.

(E03NEW) 248-349-5600 \$95,000



GROSSE ILE Elegance At Its Best
Spacious custom built 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial on approx 1/2 an acre lot, offers 2 car attached garage & finished basement w/bath. Updated kitchen w/corran countertops, furnace, C/A & roof. Plus all appls

(E66MAN) 734-455-5600 \$389,900



INKSTER Wonderful Find
Brick home in peaceful location. Updates include roof, furnace, HWH, vinyl windows, C/A, plumbing, driveway & porch. All updates are energy efficient. Nice fenced yard w/great landscaping

(E83ARL) 734-455-5600 \$99,900



REDFORD Spectacular Home
Great location across the street for Corvette Park. Newer windows, entry doors, roof and carpet. Appliances included. All in this 3 bedroom brick bungalow w/finished basement and 2.5 car garage.

(E67FEN) 734-455-5600 \$139,900



WIXOM Nearly Half An Acre
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath with 3 car garage in prestigious sub. Master suite w/cathedral ceiling. His & hers walk-in closets & soaking tub. Ceramic tile in kitchen & nook. Security system. Intercom w/radio. Sprinkler system

(E09DEV) 248-349-5600 \$319,800



ORCHARD LAKE House On 2 Sports Lakes
Enjoy Orchard Lake & Upper Straits Lakes. Awesome 2+ acre property with huge deck, gazebo, paths & nature. 6 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 fireplaces, cathedral ceilings, huge dining room & office. It's a one of a kind.

(E47OLD) 248-349-5600 \$1,875,000



NOVI Absolutely Stunning Ranch
Circle drive, open foyer to GR w/marble trimmed trpic, vaulted ceiling, newer hardwood flr. Lib. Has built-in desk, newer kit cabs, cer flr, counter & appls. Dimensional roof, newer vinyl siding, FFL, paver patio & priv yard

(E11SIE) 734-455-5600 \$335,000



PLYMOUTH So Sweet!
Clean & beautifully maintained. House w/beautiful yard! 3 bedrooms, finished basement, garage, many updates. Amenities. Bright & cheerful kitchen. Hardwood floors & all appliances

(E80SUN) 734-455-5600 \$234,900



CANTON Condo Comfort
Move-in ready perfection 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, finished basement and attached garage make this the affordable choice. Plymouth Canton Schools. Great complex with low association fee

(E35BED) 248-349-5600 \$149,800



REDFORD Stop Dreaming!
Start living the reality of home ownership in this fantastic ranch. Spacious floor plan w/3 BR, 2 BA & FR. Large LR w/hardwood flrs, full basement w/frplc. Extra BR possible & full BA, 2 car gar, lg fenced lot, appls.

(E70DIX) 248-349-5600 \$159,900



NORTHVILLE City Ranch
Sprawling ranch built into a hill to facilitate a wonderful W/O. Custom amenities include natural stone fireplace, large gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors. Wrap-around deck w/patio. Sunroom and much, much more

(E45POT) 248-349-5600 \$524,000




GARDEN CITY Wow! Move Right In
This 3 bedroom brick ranch has it all! Newer furnace, AC, air filter, copper plumb, 200 AMP elec, basement kitchen w/2nd bath, baseboard heat, power generator hook up. Clean eat-in kitchen, great landscape & BBQ

(E40ARC) 734-455-5600 \$159,900



PLYMOUTH Nestled In The Woods
Very private setting 2 BR, 2 BA condo. Large LR & DR w/corner fireplace. FFL, 2 private store rooms in basement. Beautiful oak cabs w/all appliances to stay. Neutral decor. Deck overlooking beautiful setting

(E49SYC) 734-455-5600 \$147,900



NOVI Pottery Barn Perfect!
Just move into this spacious updated home. Numerous updates included. Ceramic entry, HW floors, carpet, fresh paint, professionally finished LL w/FR w/P & office. Large LR w/frplc. Newer blinds T/O. Tennis, pool

(E02CRO) 248-349-5600 \$159,900




SOUTH LYON Great Home
Clean 2 Br, 1.5 BA ranch on double lot. Third is included. 2 car detached garage, heated porch & deck overlooking wooded yard. Some updates, newer carpet and kitchen floor. Appliances stay. Take a look

(E38DON) 248-349-5600 \$179,900



WESTLAND Great Location
For this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch. Partially finished basement w/5 bath. Eat-in kitchen & dining area. Fully fenced rear yard with patio. Low maintenance exterior. House roof in March of '04

(E90STI) 248-349-5600 \$131,900



DEARBORN HGTS. Sprawling Ranch On Double Lot
Approx 1500 sq ft, 3 bedroom home w/2x32 2 story garage, updated windows, siding, furnace, C/A & roof. Jacuzzi tub in bath, fireplace in living room, large kitchen, FFL. Walk to all schools (District 7)

(E06HAR) 734-455-5600 \$159,900



NOVI Picturesque Colonial
Landscaping from Better Homes & Gardens w/brick paver patio w/built-in lights, hot tub & gazebo, perennial gardens. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, finished basement, 2 car attached garage & maple kitchen & more

(E65BRO) 734-455-5600 \$279,900




NOVI The Best In The West
Convenient location to x-way & shopping! Awesome 2 BR ranch condo - only attached by garage. Everything's been done. Maple kit, bath, HW flrs, furnace, windows. Lots of storage. Open flr plan w/vaulted ceiling

(E10GLE) 248-349-5600 \$129,900



LIVONIA Super Sharp Ranch
Beautifully decorated & immaculate clean home with a huge fenced-in yard. Home boasts hardwood floors, covent ceilings, custom window treatments, newer bath, large updated kitchen, newer windows and roof

(E91FLO) 248-349-5600 \$139,900




PONTIAC Brace Yourself
This home will take your breath away. Extremely clean and neutral T/O. Vaulted ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, FFL, 2 car attached garage, deck, finished lower level too. Don't hesitate on this home. Quick occupancy too

(E06VAL) 248-349-5600 \$184,900




DETROIT Great Home!
3 bedroom vinyl ranch offering partially finished basement, 2 car garage, newer furnace, windows, electric & roof. Above ground pool w/deck. All this as a great price!

(E91SAL) 734-455-5600 \$89,900



PLYMOUTH Live Downtown
Historical 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial w/all modern updates. Hardwood floors t/o, large family room w/brick fireplace, partially finished basement, open kitchen w/appliances, large fenced yard w/newer deck

(E16HOL) 734-455-5600 \$204,900



NORTHVILLE Links Of Northville Condo
Beautiful neutral decor w/2 BR suites w/bath & WIC. Granite kitchen counters, 2 car garage, full basement with carpet. Clean & neutral. Ready for quick occupancy. Upgrades & extras T/O. Pool & clubhouse

(E29LOC) 248-349-5600 \$308,500



SALEM Beautiful Cape Cod
Convenient country living for the buyer who seeks peace & quiet yet needs quick drive to Ann Arbor or metro. Nestled high on a hill with approximately 2.74 acres. 4 BR, 4.5 BA, kit w/cherry cabs, hwd flrs

(E28FOX) 248-349-5600 \$659,900



LIVONIA Location! Location!
Exceptional lot on cul-de-sac. Newer wood flrs, 5 BA, lead glass entry door, doorwall, roof tear off, gutters, kit floor & counters. Huge FF laund, could be library. Lg MBR ste, WIC & full BA. Bsm't w/glass block. Deck

(E33SHR) 248-349-5600 \$339,900



CANTON Meadowbrook Colonial
Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home w/2 car attached garage, full basement, step up master suite, hardwood floors, family room w/frplc, bay windows, vaulted ceilings, professionally landscaped lot

(E57MYS) 734-455-5600 \$349,900



CANTON Custom Built Cape Cod 2005
New construction. On approx 1 acre lot w/4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 4 car attached garage, fireplace in both great room & library. Large kitchen w/bay window. Admired 2 staircase layout 2 story foyer, full basement

(E51ROL) 734-455-5600 \$732,500



NORTHVILLE Luxury Upscale Living
Don't miss this 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath condo w/updated kitchen, crown moldings, luxury bath w/jetted tub, 2 fireplaces, family room in fin W/O, all appls

(E32NEW) 248-349-5600 \$220,000



NORTHVILLE Discover A Perfect Oasis
Amazing woodland lot w/creek shelters. Newly crafted home that gracefully blends historic w/contemporary in soothing comfort & style designed for the way you live. Beautiful stone, wood & granite. In heart of town

(E35HIG) 248-349-5600 \$949,900



NORTHVILLE Transferee Ready - Custom Estate
Premium cul-de-sac lot overlooking pond. Custom upgrades T/O. Hwd flrs, tile backsplash, maple cabs, hearty rm w/2-way trpic. Custom landscaping & deck. Fully finished LL w/5th bedroom & custom bar

(E00WHI) 248-349-5600 \$649,900



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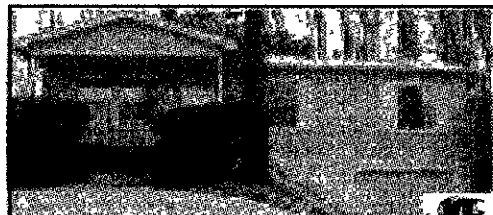


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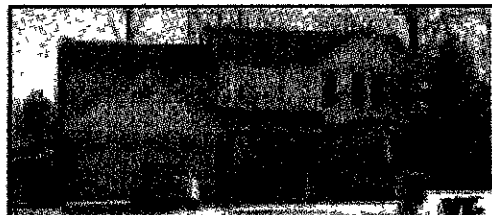
NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
WALK TO TOWN Charming home w/updates galore. 3 BR, 2 bath. Hdwd flrs, newer wndws, granite cnts. Mstr bath w/spa tub and separate shower. Heavily treed, private yard. 349-6200 (25003322) \$310,000



NORTHVILLE 734-591-9200
END UNIT RANCH CONDO 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath 1768 SF with 2 car att gar backing to a wooded view. Immaculate condition, full bsmt. Golf, pool, and tennis on site. Just Listed! (25004847) \$299,900



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 Comm. Short walk to pool, clubhouse & Summit. 349-6200 (25003694) \$287,900



CANTON 734-591-9200
GORGEOUS COLONIAL, 3 BR, 3.5 BA, loft overlooking family room w/cath ceilings. Step down to your luxurious mstr ste. Beautiful finished basement w/full bath. Nice landscpg w/sprinklers. (24153309) \$279,900



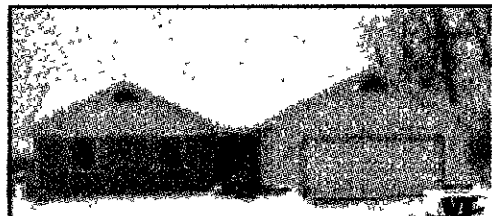
CANTON 734-455-7000
NOW AVAILABLE 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial backing to the commons. DR, LR, FR, 1st flr Indry, FP, wet bar. All new carpet and more. Lrg yard w/mature trees. (23144856) \$249,900



CANTON 734-455-7000
STUNNING MINT RANCH! Fabulous 3 BR brick home. 2 full baths, new white kitchen w/granite counters. Open floor plan w/cozy FR w/fireplace. 2 car garage & first floor laundry. (2317340) \$237,743



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
IN THE CITY, BUT OUT OF THIS WORLD 4 BR, 2 bath Colonial w/remolded dream kit w/ island counter & built-ins, fplc, 2 full baths, MBR w/shower & jetted tub, att 2 car gar, AG pool. (B314) \$229,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
NEWER RANCH 1989 built, 3 BR/2 BA, ranch w/fplc, cathedral ceilings, skylgts, MBR & full bsmt. (24063105) PC070402 \$225,900



CANTON 734-455-7000
COMFORT AND SPACE Open floor plan, lrg kitchen, 2 full baths, FR w/gas fplc. Master has WIC and direct access to main bath. 1st flr Indry. 2.5 car gar. Immed occup. (23S727) \$221,900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
BROWNSTONE CONDO SHOWS LIKE A MODEL. Absolutely exquisite! 2,000 SF, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, living room, family room, fireplace, deck, 2 car attached garage. (C704) \$214,900



CANTON 734-591-9200
2 BEDROOMS, 2.5 BATH Dramatic stair case in GR. Cath ceiling w/fan & fplc. MBR has 2 WICs. Bright kit has new flr & doorwall to patio, appls stay. 1st flr Indry. 2 car gar & bsmt. (25009266) \$184,900



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
FANTASTIC HOME W/LIVONIA SCHOOLS Beautiful 3 BR/1.5 bath hdwd flrs t/o. New furnace 03'. Newer win, roof, glass block win, cement drive & porch, sprinkler sys & fin'd bsmt. 2.5 car gar. (25001547) \$171,990



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
ELEGANT LIVING AWAITS YOU 3 BR, 1 1/2 BA Tonguish home w/approx 1,930 SF of living space. FR w/nat'l FP hdwd flrs, newer carpeting and updated t/o. Det 2 car & att 1 car garages. (G658) PC220512 \$169,900



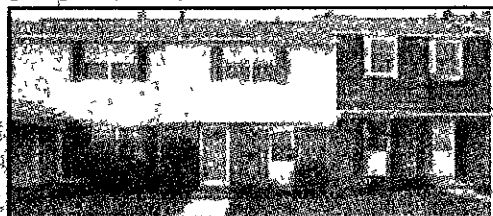
GARDEN CITY 248-349-6200
CMPLTY UPDTD HOME A beautiful kit & prvt elegant mstr ste are just two of the updates in this mint condition 3BR, 3BA bungalow. Walk to elementary & high schools. 348-6430 (25007432) \$159,900



REDFORD 248-348-6430
WONDERFUL HOME! Move right in & enjoy this well cared for ranch! 3 BRs, 2 baths, hdwd flrs, fin'd bsmt w/rec rm, office & bath. Newer roof, gutters, bath, dishwasher & more. 349-6200 (25007170) \$159,000



REDFORD 734-591-9200
BEST BUY! 1436 SF broadfront brick bungalow on double lot in desired golf & CC sub. 3 BR/1.5 BA, fin'd rec rm, sun porch, 1.5 car att gar. (24148804) \$149,900



NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
UPDATED CONDO! Highland Lakes. 2 BR, 1.5 BA. Updtd kit & bath, cer tile, crpt, fin LL w/wrkrm. Enjoy lake, pool & clubhouse. Lowest price in Highland Lakes. Lease avail @ \$1450/month. 349-6200 (24101955) \$145,900



REDFORD 734-591-9200
3 BEDROOM RANCH with special features such as form DR, bay wndw w/wndw seat & half baths. Updates incld: remodeled kit, wndws, BAs, roof & furn. South Redford School District. (24153519) \$137,900



REDFORD 248-348-6430
CHARMING BUNGALOW Updtd kit cab & countertops, 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



NOVI 734-455-7000
OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING! 2 BR condo w/bsmt, 1.5 BA, Novi schools. Seller offering concessions to buyer. Immediate occupancy. Small FR leads to private patio. (23O24643) \$129,643



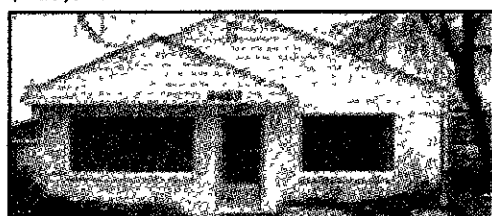
REDFORD 734-591-9200
MOVE IN CONDITION. Updates include: roof, furnace, siding, windows, C/A, front walk & elec in garage, kitchen & bath. Glass blk wndws in bsmt. Nice clean house. A pleasure to show. (25007699) \$126,000



REDFORD 734-591-9200
CLEAN, NEAT! 3 bedroom vinyl ranch freshly painted & carpeted. Many updates: some new wndws, roof, siding, plumbing, elec, furn, hdwd flrs under crpt, part fin'd bsmt. 2 car gar. (25008964) \$124,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS 248-348-6430
UPDATED RANCH Well cared for 3 BR, 1.5 BA home w/nat'l fplc. Newer roof, gutters, bath, oak kit cab. Refin'd hdwd flrs. fin bsmt w/ lav. 2.5 car gar & fenced yard. 349-6200 (24155688) \$124,900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
OPEN FLOOR PLAN RANCH Newer windows, fresh paint and an updated bath makes this 1,200+ SF ranch special. Ad your personal touches. This one is unique. Come and see. (C309) \$99,900

BRIGHTON 248-348-6430
EXQUISITE CUSTOM HOME 1 acre rustic setting, 3800+ SF, gorgeous kit, elegant LR, lib, 2-way frpl highlights FR. Sunroom, hdwd flrs, tremendous fin'd w/o! 349-6200 24124565 \$795,000

CANTON 734-455-7000
ONE LOOK AND YOU WILL SAY SOLD! Sumptuous ranch. Fin bsmt, w/wet bar, theatre rm, exercise rm w/equipment. Hot tub in bath. Home office. (23G45300) 25006452 \$289,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
CLOSEST THING TO CAREFREE LIVING! No more shoveling SNOW! Pride of ownership shows in this 6 month new cape condo. Golf comm. Bright, airy home. (23S47552) 25004184 \$249,997

CANTON 734-455-7000
OUTSTANDING SPACIOUS COLONIAL! 3 BR, 1.5 BA Colonial w/numerous updates. Bsmt 90% finished w/new ceramic shower. Beautiful exterior & interior. (23W1463) \$234,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BUY IN CANTON! Nicely updated. New hdwd flrs, carpet, appls, counter tops, tile in BA & all new light fixtures. Freshly painted inside & out. Walk to Field Elementary. (23H1164) 24144969 \$189,900

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CUL-DE-SAC W/POND VIEW 4 BRs/2 1/2 BAs, light, bright kit w/dining bay, lib, great mstr ste, FR w/fplc leads to deck & patio. Open fl plan, walk-out LL! 349-6200 24084404 \$469,900

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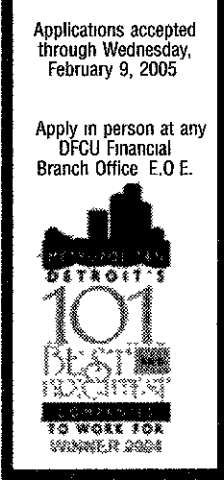
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Canton Township is accepting applications for part-time Coordinator. Assisting with operation of front-of-house operations at the theater. Rate of pay: \$12.36-\$15.45 per hr. Applications available at the Canton Township Administration Building, Human Resources Division, 150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. An application form is also available on the Canton Township website at: www.canton-mi.org. All applicants must complete a Canton Township application form in its entirety and must be received by Canton Township Human Resources Division prior to 4:00 p.m., February 4, 2005. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Farmington area apartment community is looking for a maintenance technician exp. and knowledgeable in apt. preparation, plumbing, electrical, appliance repair and HVAC. Permanent full time position. Fax resume to 248-474-1372

MANAGEMENT
Assistant part-time for self-storage. 2 days/wk. Experienced in Sales, PC, office skills required. Outside maintenance duties. Livonia, (734) 422-4600

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Flagstar Bank, a national mortgage lender, is looking for Loan Officers for its Farmington Hills Loan Center. These candidates must have a minimum of 1 year experience with a "lead" generated mortgage company/call center. Must be able to make 100+ "dials" per day. Flagstar offers a competitive commission structure and excellent benefits, including medical, dental, 401(K), and stock purchase plan. If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please fax your resume to 949-706-1847
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PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR
Growing medical device manufacturer in Wixom. Ideal candidate will have 3 years supervisory experience in a manufacturing environment. Knowledge of GMP and FDA regulations a plus. Strong organizational, interpersonal, and math skills required. Fax resume to:
(248) 960-9119 Attn: Plant Manager

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Electronics Parts Buyer wanted with good computer skills working in Windows based programs Must have electronics background. Purchasing experience preferred Fax or email resume with salary requirements to: IVS, Inc 734-261-1968 rjinxon@flash.net

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RECEPTIONIST/CLERICAL ASSISTANT
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Help Wanted-General 5000

SHIFT MANAGER & DELIVERY PERSON
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Must be dependable, have own transportation. Available at any time. (734) 421-8267

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Non-Profit residential agency seeks a few mature, organized, detail-oriented individuals for key positions:
VOLUNTEER SERVICES COORDINATOR
to recruit, screen, monitor adult volunteers; bachelor's degree plus 2 to 5 years' experience in related field; public relations, computer skills and ability to work effectively with youth required.
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directly responsible for the daily supervision, welfare, and progress of the residents in care. Bachelor's degree preferred. Both full time and part time positions available.
TREATMENT COORDINATOR
to coordinate activities of a treatment team by planning, implementing, and coordinating group and individual treatment. Bachelors degree in Social Work or related field with two years experience in a child care facility.
Send cover letter and resumes to Boys & Girls Republic, 28000 West 9 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336, fax (248) 473-6332, or email to alexander@bgpublic.org EOE

STOCK PERSON NEEDED
Mon-Fri. in Livonia. Must be able to lift over 50 lbs. 18 and older with transportation.
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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) 721-9806 or stop in and pick up an application at 2221 S. Wayne Rd., Westland.

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TRAVEL AGENT (TA)
Seeking experienced TA in Worldspan Reservation System, fluency in at least one of Spanish, Japanese or German is desirable, upscale agency, customer focused (all about the customer). Fax resume to 248-816-3112 (EOE/MFMBDD)

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Fast growing transportation company looking for qualified truck & trailer mechanics. Must have experience & own tools. Competitive salary & benefits package. Fax resume 734-397-1799 or call 1-800-832-0350 ext 1055 or come in and fill out an application at 5601 Belleville Rd., Canton.

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Visual Merchandiser
Needed for retail grocer in western Wayne County. Exp. preferred. Send resume to: Box 1040
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WAREHOUSE HELP energetic individual needed. Computer experience a plus. Please send resumes to: 35200 Plymouth Rd., Livonia, MI 48150 ATTN: Warehouse Manager

WAREHOUSE HELPER/DRIVER
Needed, must be 21 or older. Fire, sprinkler knowledge helpful. Will be driving pickup & state truck. Fax resume to: 248-427-0750

WAREHOUSE POSITION
Available, full-time with benefits. Hi-Lo exp. preferred.
Call: 1-800-476-9009

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Lead the growth of a new Wellness Program focused on the older adult population! Retirement Communities in Chesterfield, Westland & Pontiac are seeking dynamic individuals to develop and manage a comprehensive, holistic wellness program for the mature adults we serve.

Qualifications:
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• Strong programming skills
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• Demonstrated effectiveness & proficiency in serving older adults

For immediate consideration, send resume and salary history via e-mail to: johnston@pvm.org or via mail to:

Presbyterian Villages of Michigan
Attn: S. Johnston-People Resources
25300 West Six Mile Road
Redford, MI 48240
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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FULL-TIME
Large Reform Congregation seeking dynamic and energetic team-player for its caring and warm Education Department. Excellent phone skills, strong working knowledge of Access, Microsoft Word, Power Point, Excel, Mon, Tues, Wed; 8:30 am - 5:00 pm; Thurs 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Fri 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. Good benefits. Please fax or mail resume to:
Personnel
TEMPLE ISRAEL
5725 Walnut Lake Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48323
Fax: 248-661-5790

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
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Detroit, MI 48234
Fax 313-366-6305
or email to: mfo@globaltitanium.com

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Full time, Bookkeeping knowledge helpful. Excellent pay & benefits, long term career applicants please.
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CLERICAL
Small Farmington Hills office searching for detail oriented person with strong aptitude for accuracy, able to multi-task, to work in inventory control & goods in transit. Exp. beneficial. Part time approx 32 hours. Ask for Cory (248) 473-4031

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LEGAL SECRETARY For office in Farmington Hills, experience necessary. Call 248-477-6205

LEGAL SECRETARY
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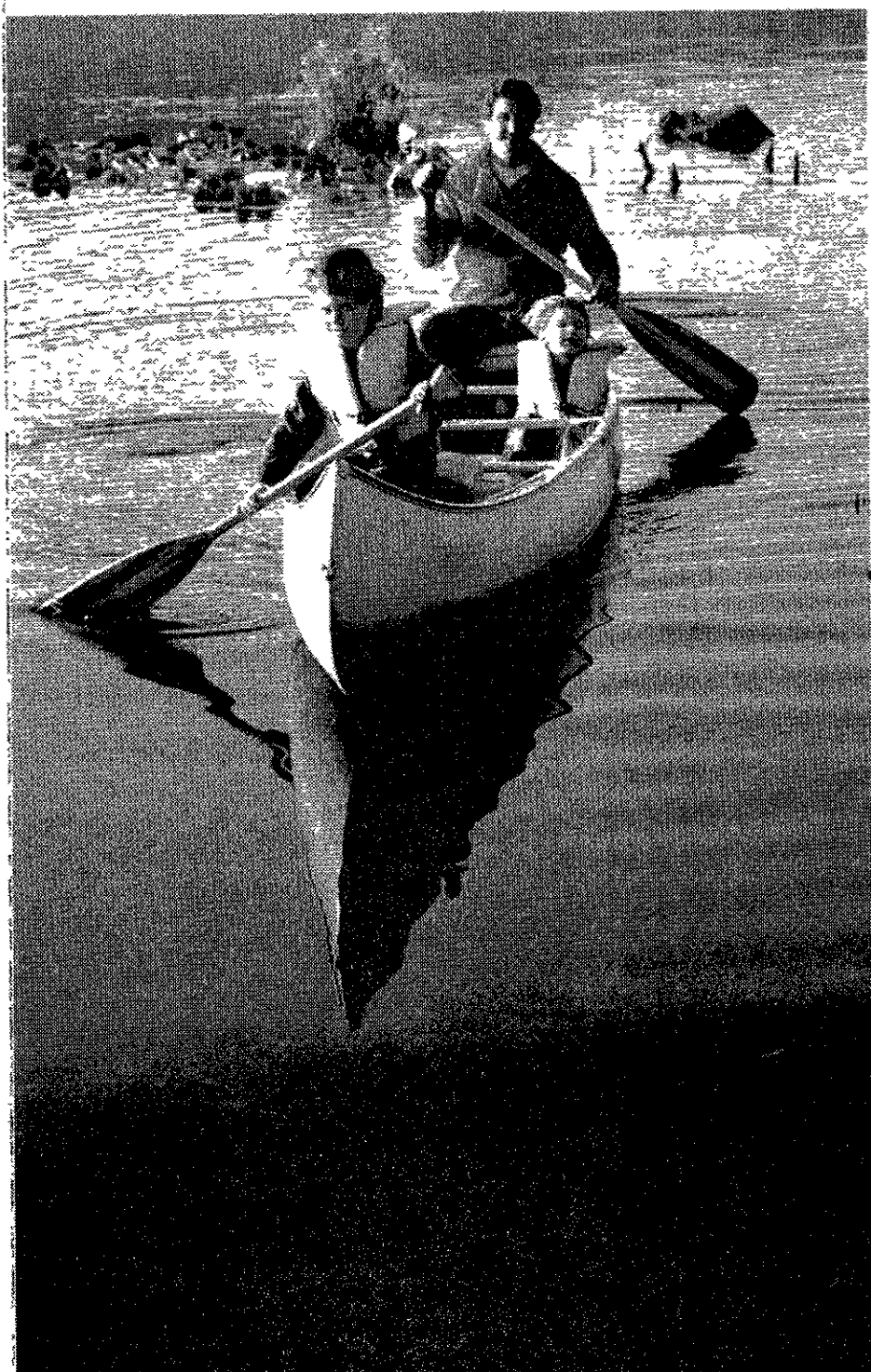
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The 2005 Honda CR-V is roomy, fun and easy to drive, reliable in bad weather, and well designed on the outside and the inside. It sports relatively good gas mileage and a modest price tag to boot. Honda keeps improving the CR-V - including some new 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,



The Buick LaCrosse CXS gets 19 mpg in the city and a nifty 27 mpg on the highway.

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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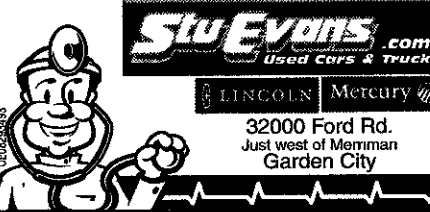
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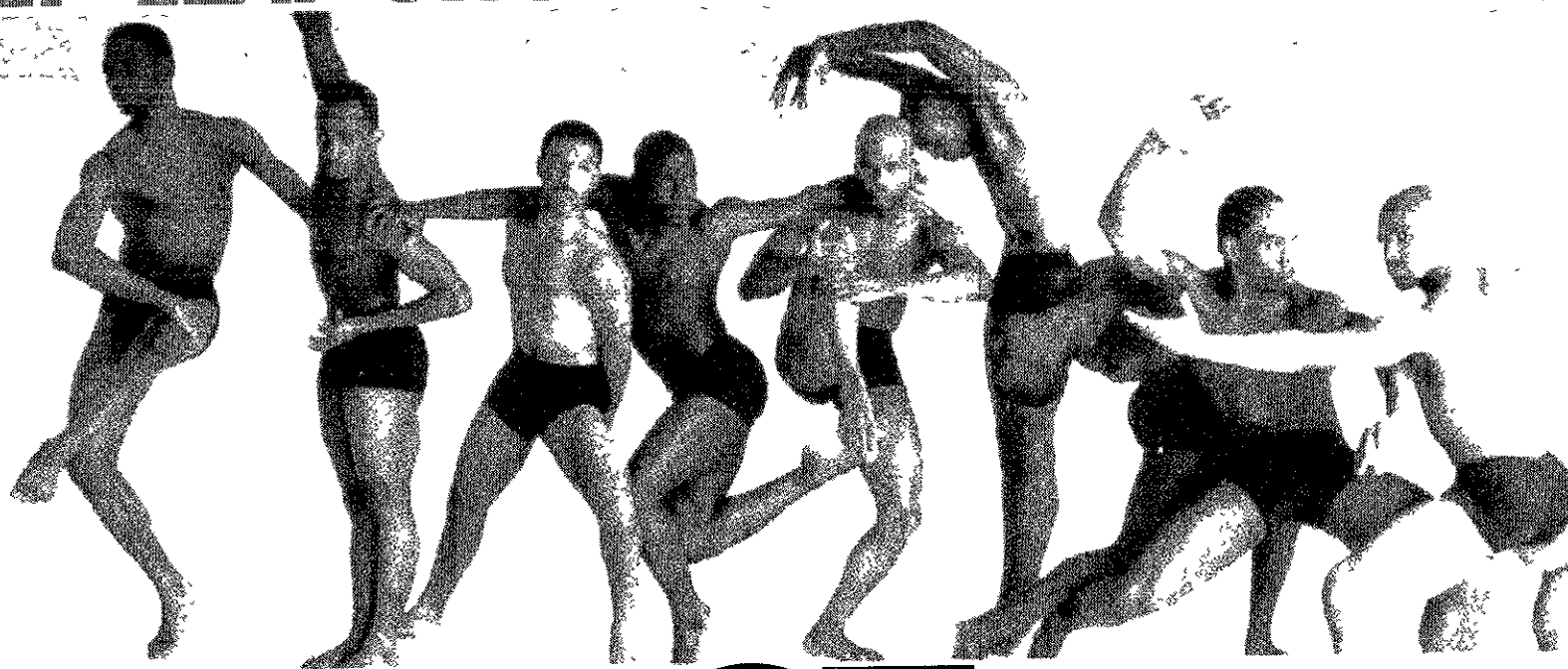


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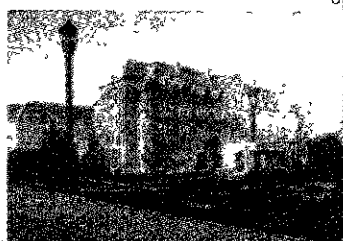
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Hot Ticket

Come back to Sesame Street

BY LANA MINI
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Did you know that Big Bird is only 6 years old? Elmo is just 3. The Count is 1,832,647 years old, and Snuffleupagus is 4.

Big Bird loves writing poetry. Elmo idolizes Bert & Ernie. Oscar loves rainy days and anchovy milkshakes, and Grover likes to right the world's wrongs.

Do you remember those details from Sesame Street?

It's been on America's airwaves since 1969, and has been a theatrical show touring the nation for 25 years.

And it's back live on stage for a huge 25th anniversary show that's aimed at kids and those of us who grew up visiting our friends on Sesame Street.

Sesame Street Live, Out of this World is coming to the Fox Theatre Feb. 4-13. It's a new production for Detroit.

The zany live show is about an average day on Sesame Street when Terry, the street's fix-it girl, and her Muppet pals, teach Martians about life on Earth.

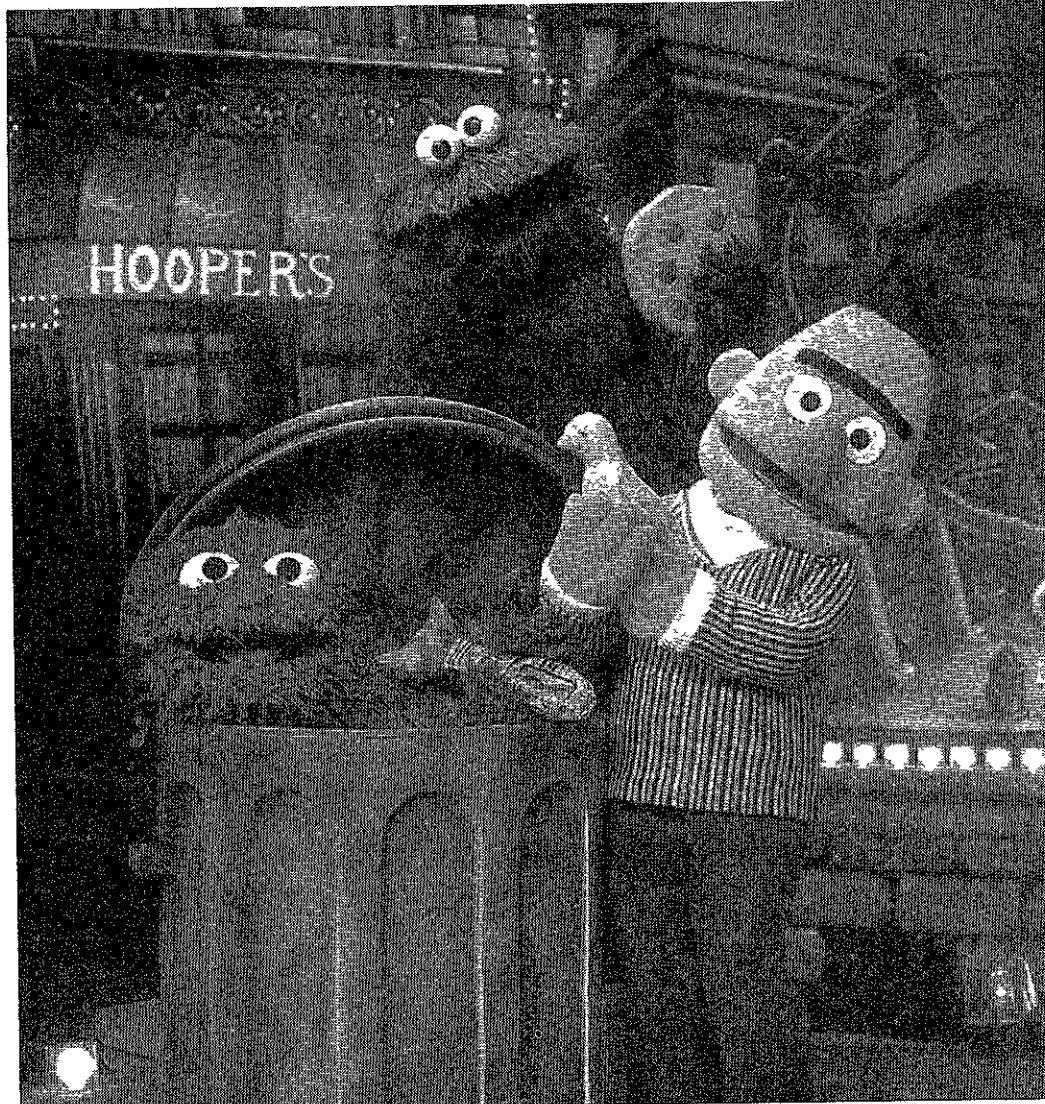
For example, in Kuwait, Sesame Street is called Iftah Ya Simsim. In Israel, it's Rechov Sumsum. In Poland, it's Ulica Sezamkowa and in Indonesia, it's Boneka Sesame. The cute, wacky characters will teach world lessons like that during the show.

That's the success of Sesame Street. It blends fun with education.

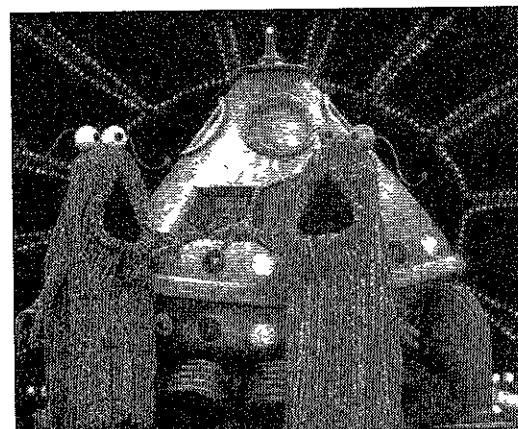
"Parents enjoy it as a learning tool and the kids really have fun," said Lee Henderson of *Sesame Street Live*. "The kids don't feel tricked into learning. They don't think The Count is trying to teach them, he's just counting because that's what he does."

Out of this World tackles global issues.

"The characters teach Martians about the world and we learn that whether we're human or a Muppet, we're all still Earthlings,"



The Cookie Monster, Oscar, Bert and the rest of the Sesame crew will have fun with Martians during the show.



The Martians' spaceship breaks down on Earth. While it's being repaired, Muppets teach them about Earth life in the performance of 'Sesame Street Live Out of this World.'

said Henderson.

The live show lets audiences learn new things about their favorite character. Did you know the Cookie Monster has five fingers on each hand?

But most other Muppets have just four - except Big Bird who has only three.

Elmo's pet goldfish is named Dorothy. Bert has only one eyebrow. The address of Sesame Street is 123 Sesame. Oscar's best friend is a worm. The Count's full name is Count von Count and the only dog on the street is named Barkley.

It's all wonderfully weird enough to intrigue adults and their kids.

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Big Screen

'Aliens of the Deep' dazzling beauty underwater

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
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James Cameron goes down with the ship, again, in *Aliens of the Deep*, his latest 3-D IMAX extravaganza now playing at the Henry Ford in Dearborn.

The *Titanic* director, who previously married his loves of filmmaking and underwater exploration in the 2003 documentary *Ghosts of the Abyss*, takes his high-tech toys and a team of scientists and dives deep one more time.

The results are frequently dazzling and sometimes even amusing, especially when creatures jump out at you from the screen. Chunks of coral jut toward your face, and a jagged monstrosity that one researcher describes as "the ugliest fish in the world" seems to swim right into your lap. And it has feet!

(To make the three-dimensional effect work, you have to

wear enormous plastic glasses that will make you and everyone else in the theater look like former Paramount Pictures chief Robert Evans, but it's worth the embarrassment.)

Other life forms are far more beautiful, both for their mystery and for the astonishingly sharp way in which they're shot. A translucent jellyfish-looking thing – even the scientists admit they have no idea what it is – bobs and weaves in a way that recalls the dancing plastic bag from *American Beauty*. A pastel pink creature (which might be an octopus – who knows?) floats like a delicate ballerina through the deep ocean, and scads of shrimp swarm around chimneys that spew ultrahot water.

It's all fascinating, and it makes you wish the film lasted longer than 47 minutes.

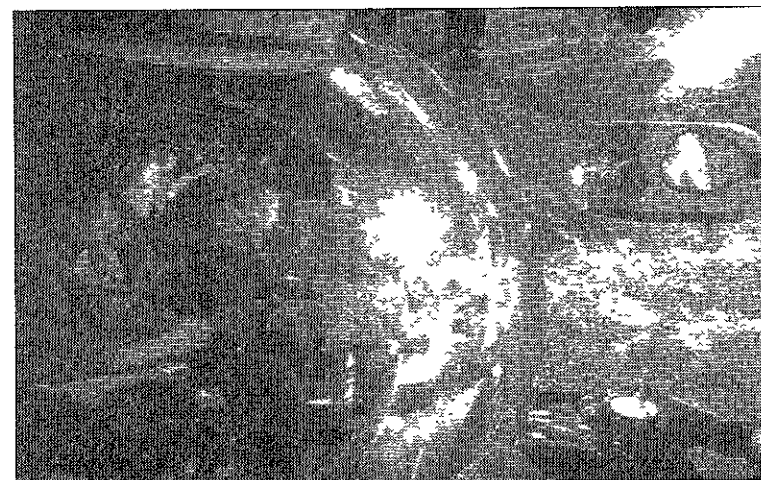
Cameron intended the film to be visually arresting, but he also compiled his crew of marine

biologists and astrobiologists to prove that underwater expeditions are crucial for preparing to study the solar system. Life forms exist in unknown, underwater places on Earth where no sunlight has ever shone, and yet they thrive. Couldn't this be true on other planets, as well?

That's an excellent point, but one that he and his researchers reiterate a few times too many. Yes, the work they're doing is mind-boggling and important, but sometimes the images alone are more than capable of speaking for themselves.

At the same time, it would have been helpful to know a little more about some of the creatures they encounter 3,000 feet (900 meters) under the sea, and to know where in the world they are.

And we could have done with less Cameron on camera, rallying his troops and navigating unknown oceans worlds from the cockpit of his glassed-in bubble.



DISNEY ENTERPRISES

Submersible Pilot Tym Catterson (left to right), Loretta Hidalgo (Space Generation Foundation President, center), ROV Bot 1 (aka "Jake," right) in 'Aliens of the Deep.'

Here's a typical comment from the Oscar-winning director: "I'm Jim Cameron and here's the deal: I love this stuff."

And we know that, and it's hard not to appreciate his enthusiasm, but a truism of reality TV

applies here, too. Regular people who we can relate to can be more compelling than big-name stars.

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BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
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What is Robert De Niro thinking?

The question is being posed not with condescension or derision – though that's probably how it sounds – but with curiosity and concern.

When he makes a movie like *Hide and Seek* – essentially a B-horror flick with the benefit of a high-quality cast – is he doing it for a change of pace? He's turned to comedy in recent years from the films (*Taxi Driver*, *Raging Bull*) that defined his esteemed career early on. Maybe he felt the need to mix things up again after playing the pent-up gangster shtick of the *Analyze This* movies and the pent-up retired CIA agent shtick of the *Meet the Parents* movies.

He made a similar choice with last spring's sci-fi bomb *Godsend*, in which he played a doctor who helped a couple clone their child. Maybe he sees something in these projects that the rest of us don't.

Certainly the first two-thirds of this generically titled thriller are engrossing enough, chock full of good, old-fashioned scary movie images and ideas. Director John Polson, who also directed the high-school stalker movie *Swimfan*, concocts a sort of horror flick greatest hits in working with Ari Schlossberg's script.

De Niro plays New York City psychologist

David Callaway, who takes his daughter, Emily (Dakota Fanning), to a dinky town upstate after the suicide of his wife (Amy Irving). David and Emily move into a rambling Victorian home with creaky doors and hardwood floors, surrounded by dark woods and blanketed in perpetual cloud cover. Creepy neighbors stop by with homemade preserves or to drop off extra keys in the middle of the night, and the sheriff (Dylan Baker) personally patrols every home and but still finds time to write parking tickets.

Hoping to start over, David becomes friendly with cute divorcee Elizabeth (Elisabeth Shue) and hopes that Emily will come out of her frequently stoic state to make new friends, too.

What he doesn't realize is that Emily does have a buddy: His name is Charlie. Charlie is "fun like mommy." Charlie does not want daddy to be happy. David assumes this is an imaginary pal, the manifestation of her grief. His protegee, Katherine (Famke Janssen), who's Emily's psychologist back in the city, agrees. Then the bodies start piling up. Emily, in her small, eerie voice, blames them on Charlie. De Niro is forced to say and do things that an actor of his stature should not have to say and do.

'Hide and Seek', a Twentieth Century Fox release, runs 105 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

'Flesh for the Beast' is mildly tasty

Despite the abundance of gore that is reflected routinely in this column, I do try to keep a sense of decorum. That's why you will never read a review of, say Jodorowsky's *The Beast*, on these pages.

That is what makes it rather difficult to approach *Flesh for the Beast* — no relation to *The Beast* — which I found while lurking the shelves of Thomas Video in Clawson.

Flesh for the Beast is a tale of a haunted house of ill repute, to put it genteelly. A group of dumb but well-meaning psychic researchers comes at the invitation of the owner to the Fisher



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mansion (no, not the one in Detroit) to uncover its secrets. Owner John Stoker is insistent they seek out the demons haunting his house and doubles the salary of the psychic team when the researchers have some second thoughts about roaming its decrepit halls.

So off they go into the dark-

ness. Well, what's the first thing you do as a group when you enter a haunted house? Why, you split up and go your separate ways. That way there will be no chance of anyone being able to aid anyone else when they come up against the evil spirits.

It doesn't make much sense but it does help the story along. For just as quick as you can say "my goodness," the young researchers start bumping into unusual people all over the place. As first, they think these are vagrants who occasionally have taken refuge in the sprawling old house. Sure, vagrants in skimpy nightgowns who could have

served as George's inspiration in the classic *Seinfeld* episode.

But these idiot ghost hunters are taken in by the slinky spirits, with dire results. Tearing out and puking up guts seems to be a recurring theme throughout this film.

One spirit has a treasured toy collection, and when one of the researchers accidentally crushes a prized possession she returns the favor by crushing him to the point that he upchucks his lungs and beating heart.

There are a few plot twists as we learn that Mr. Stoker knows all about the ghosts and really is using the ghostbusters to help

him find a magic medallion, which will allow him to control them, or some such nonsense. I'm not exactly sure why that is important.

And this is a cheap excuse to justify the sex and violence, as if it needed justification.

Flesh for the Beast is hardly a great film or even a good film, but if you're in the right frame of mind to waste 90 minutes or so you could do worse. *Meet the Fockers*, for example.

Greg Kowalski has nothing to say about house of ill-repute. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or by e-mail at gkowalski@oe.homecomm.net.

NEW DVD RELEASES

BY DAVID GERMAIN
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Alien vs. Predator — Monsters from space go head to head in this crass hybrid that exists solely to wring a few more bucks out of two moribund sci-fi franchises. The premise: The extraterrestrial hunters of *Predator* are using Antarctica as a proving ground for young bucks, who must battle beasts from the *Alien* series in a rite of passage.

Writer-director Paul W.S. Anderson tosses in some puny humans as appetizers. Anderson and co-stars Lance Henriksen and Sanaa Lathan team for one commentary track, while visual- and creature-effects overseers provide separate commentary.

The DVD also has deleted footage and a making-of featurette. DVD, \$29.98. (20th Century Fox)

Also out is a new edition of *Predator 2*, starring Danny Glover as a cop whose drug investigation leads him into a showdown with one of the alien hunters.

The two-disc set has commentaries by director Stephen Hopkins and the screenwriters. DVD set, \$19.98. (20th Century Fox)

Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow — With this sci-fi tale that's part spectacle and all debacle, writer-director Kerry Conran clearly sold Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Angelina Jolie a bill of goods that they were getting into an edgy new action franchise.

This incomprehensibly stupid throw-back to old-fashioned heroic serials surrounds the actors with computer-generated props, backdrops and effects to present

a World War II-era world threatened by robots created through a mad utopian's vision for a better future. Conran and the effects crew offer commentary, and the DVD has deleted scenes, a collection of behind-the-scenes featurettes and the filmmaker's original six-minute short film that inspired the feature-length version. DVD, \$29.99. (Paramount)

Monster, Head in the Clouds — A Charlize Theron double feature. Her Academy Award-winning turn in 2003's *Monster* gets a DVD update, while last year's romantic drama *Head in the Clouds* debuts in a single disc. *Monster* earned Theron the best-actress Oscar as Aileen Wuornos, a highway prostitute who was executed for murdering some of her tricks.

In *Head in the Clouds*, Theron co-stars with Penelope Cruz and Stuart Townsend in the story of a 1930s-era temptress trying to maintain her hedonistic ways as Europe tumbles into conflict.

The two-disc *Monster* set has commentary from writer-director Patty Jenkins, plus deleted and extended scenes. *The Head in the Clouds* DVD includes a making-of featurette. *Monster* DVD set, \$24.96; *Head in the Clouds* DVD, \$24.96. (Sony)

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Diverse group presents a 'Mosaic' of song

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

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The Mosaic Youth Group, part of the Mosaic Youth Theatre in Detroit, is a progressive arts project where kids from metro Detroit have the opportunity to hone their musical skills. More than 60 singers will be featured in *Magnificat - Mosaic Singers in Concert*, Feb. 4-6 at the Max M. Fisher Music Theatre in Detroit.

The concert will showcase the range and versatility of the singers. They will perform a variety of works, everything from Bach to tunes from Broadway's *Smokey Joe's Cafe*. Half of the show is a cappella. The second half features a three-piece band. The group will also perform *Lean on Me* as a tribute to the

Tsunami victims and *We Shall Overcome* in honor of Black History Month.

"It will be a tribute to the civil rights movement," Artistic Director Kenneth Anderson said, adding the group has exploded in popularity over the past few years.

"Years ago we had about fifteen singers, today, we have more than 60," Anderson said. "Kids need an artistic home and so many programs are being cut so they find their way here. I also believe there's a growing interest in music in general."

Anderson himself is a former student of the Mosaic Theatre. In 1992 he studied music and voice. It helped him so much creatively that he stayed on to train other musicians.

"The term mosaic is a work of art - different

pieces make-up the art but they don't overlap," Anderson said. "That's a wonderful word for our group because it's a tribute to the diversity in this area. Each singer is their own person, yet fits in well with the group."

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What: Young people from metro-Detroit performing choral, classical and show tunes
When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6
Where: The Music Box located inside the Max. M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit.
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MOTIONS OF MANY

AFRICAN-AMERICAN DANCE SWEEPS UP MOTOWN

STORY BY NICOLE STAFFORD — STAFF WRITER

AFRICAN-AMERICAN ARTISTS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN CULTURE COME TO THE FOREFRONT DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH. BUT IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT AFRICAN-AMERICAN DANCE TAKES OVER MOTOWN IN SUCH A SWEEPING WAY; IN FEBRUARY, A NUMBER OF PRODUCTIONS HIGHLIGHTING THE DANCE FORM AND ITS ORIGINS, AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL FORUMS, ARE SLATED.

A Celebration of Contemporary African-American Dance, scheduled to run Feb. 15-20 at the Detroit Opera House, offers a total of six performances, while showcasing three pre-eminent dance companies.

"In the realm of African-American dance, we've always alternated the big dance companies," said Carol Halsted, coordinator of dance at DOH. "My idea was let's do something different. I felt that we needed to bring in new blood, some new ideas."

What ultimately emerged was a festival of African-American choreography smack in the middle of opera house's 2004-05 dance season.

"All the choreographers are African-American. And all of the (visiting) companies are established, older companies," said Halsted.

CLASSIC WORKS

The Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, which is credited with having the largest collection of classic works created by African-American choreographers, opens the festival with performances Feb. 15 and 16.

Among the choreographers represented is Detroit native Sir Warren Spears, who recently passed away at the age of 50. Spears attended The Juilliard School on full scholarship and was a member of the highly regarded Alvin Ailey dance company. His featured work, *On the Wings of Angels*, goes up both nights with a memorial reception for Spears following the opening show.

"The piece is a tribute to the Tuskegee airmen that follows them from their early training to when they became airborne," said Halsted. "Along the way, (Spears) shows the intense camaraderie that developed among these men faced with enemies on two fronts - at home and overseas."

Following Dayton Contemporary is The Philadelphia Dance Company - commonly known as Philadanco. The always innovative, highly athletic, contemporary dance

DANCE FESTIVAL

WHAT: 'A Celebration of Contemporary African-American Dance' featuring Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, The Philadelphia Dance Company and Alonzo King's LINES Ballet.

WHEN: Feb. 15-20; Dayton Contemporary at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Philadelphia Dance 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. Friday, LINES Ballet 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday.

WHERE: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit.

TICKETS: \$23-\$66, call (313) 237-SING or TicketMaster at (248) 645-6666. For more information, visit www.MichiganOpera.org



Dayton Contemporary Dance Company opens the Detroit Opera House's festival of African-American dance.

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DANCE

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company takes the DOH stage Feb. 17 and 18.

Philadanco's program, entitled "We Too Dance" explores African-American men in the art form and features work by choreographers Eleo Pomare, David Brown, Ronald K. Brown and Christopher Huggins.

The festival's closing performances by Alonzo King's LINES Ballet, slated Feb. 19-20, is a study in contrast. Aesthetically, LINES, a contemporary company, is firmly rooted in the classical ballet tradition. For the DOH festival, they're performing a multimedia work that recreates what choreographer King has dubbed "Pre-Blues." The piece is set to rarely heard, non-produced recordings of music by legendary jazz musician and composer Pharoah Sanders and interweaves film and photographic images.

"Each of the companies themselves are very different," said Halsted. "That's what's going to be interesting to see."

Exposing audiences to the breadth of contemporary African-American dance is what's so exciting about the DOH festival and related events, said Ben Johnson, director of education and audience development for the University Musical Society.

HIP HOP

For its part, UMS is hosting the hip hop dance ensemble Rennie Harris Puremovement Feb. 11-12 at the Power Center in Ann Arbor.

Harris emerged from the Philadelphia hip hop scene and through his dance company and teachings seeks to preserve the form's authentic cultural roots. The group's UMS performance, entitled "Facing Mekka," not only explores African roots in the hip hop movement but also dance as a spiritual journey. The closing solo features Harris in performance. Even enthusiasts under-



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Alonzo King's LINES Ballet presents 'Before the Blues,' a contemporary ballet set to rarely heard recordings by jazz musician and composer Pharoah Sanders.

estimate the complexity of African-American dance in the United States today, Johnson said, adding the upcoming bevy of productions is truly an opportunity to learn about the form's current evolution.

"And the companies who are coming really represent the best of

what's going on in African-American dance," he said. "There's this real deep diversity within each company. These are really strong artistic voices all contributing to the dance form in America today."

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REAL HIP HOP

WHAT: Hip hop dance group Rennie Harris Puremovement presents 'Facing Mekka.'

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12.

WHERE: Power Center, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor.

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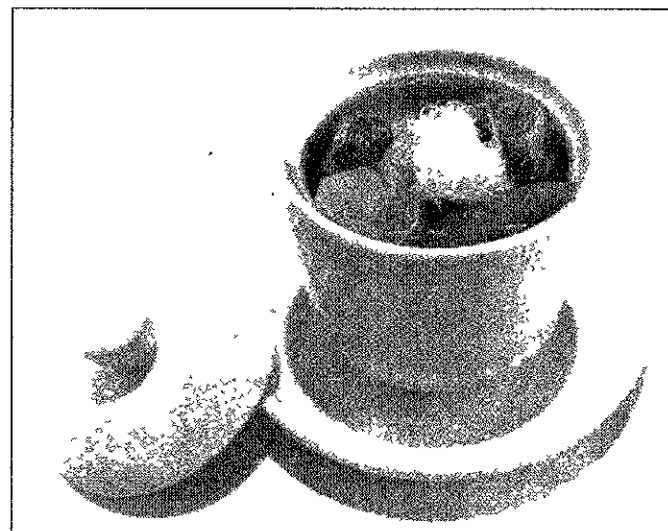
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BY ELEANOR HEALD
 CORRESPONDENT

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The Chinese calendar is a yearly one but, unlike the western calendar, the start is based on cycles of the moon. Thus the new year falls anywhere between late January and the middle of February. This year, it's Feb. 9 in the year 4702.

YEAR OF THE ROOSTER

The Chinese lunar calendar names years after an animal. Legend indicates that before his earthly departure, Buddha summoned all animals to come to him. Only 12 came. As a reward, he named a year after each, in the order that they arrived.

The Chinese believe the animal "ruling" the year in which a person is born has a significant influence on personality. This year, it's the rooster and such people are said to be very observant, accurate and make pre-



cise observations. However, a rooster likes to be noticed and flattered. With this in mind, a rooster person may dress slightly flashy, yet is conservative at heart.

The principal rooster virtue is loyalty, so rooster folks make devoted friends. You are a rooster if you were born in 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981 or 1993.

WHERE TO CELEBRATE

This year marks the first Chinese New Year celebration at the new Asian Delights in Royal Oak. On Sunday, Feb. 6, at \$40 per person, owner Bill Yee plans a 10-course dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations with a non-refundable deposit are required by Friday, Feb. 4. Some special dishes include a shrimp bowl, five-appetizer plate, seafood soup, Chinese fried chicken, a sweet and



Top left, Buddha Jump Over the Wall is a seafood soup with shark fin, sea cucumber, lobster, crab, and abalone. At left, Hong Hua's shrimp salad. Above, Steamed Lobster Tail with Noodle and Garlic Sauce.

sour cup made from edible spring roll wrapper and filled with sweet and sour ingredients, a fish course and concluding with a sweet soup as dessert.

During the week of Feb. 7-12, Asian Delights will offer six dishes not regularly on the menu at a fixed price of \$25 per couple.

At Shangri-La, owner Nancy Chan launches celebrations Tuesday, Feb. 8, and will run a special menu daily 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. through Sunday, Feb. 13. At 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, special menus will be accompanied by traditional festivities, including the lion dance.

A four-person, five-course menu is \$98 per table. For six, there's six courses for a table price of \$188 and, for 10 people, nine courses run \$388 per table. For one or two people, the chef will prepare any one of his eight New Year's specials starting at \$12.95 for bean curd skin roll with golden mushrooms or barbecued squab to Peking duck at \$29.95.

On Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Hong Hua, revelry begins outdoors at 6:30 p.m. with the lion dance and fire crackers. A multi-course dinner indoors at \$88 per person will begin at 7 p.m. with an appetizer buffet that includes rock oysters, sushi, spring rolls, shrimp toast, crab wontons, BBQ ribs, BBQ pork and more. A soup course follows. Chef Peter Chan will also serve sea cucumber with Asian mushrooms,

steamed live lobster with garlic, braised lamb shank, panfried sticky rice and braised noodles with crab meat. The meal concludes with a dessert buffet, then karaoke with live music begins at 9 p.m. Reservations are required.

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NEW YEAR

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According to Mon Jin Lau's proprietor Marshall Chin, its celebration will start 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, with a four-course dinner including a first course of four appetizers, a second course of Peking duck lettuce wraps with hoisin and a choice of one main course from among five fusion-styles including veal osso buco, seafood in taro's nest, wok-seared beef tenderloin, pan-roasted sea bass and a sushi bento box. Dessert is from among four choices.

At 9 p.m. the lion dance, accompanied by the traditional firecrackers, begins outdoors then comes inside where the celebration continues with lucky money, magicians and fortune tellers. Cost is \$89 per person (including tax and gratuity). Ticket reservations must be confirmed in advance by cash or credit card. All ticket sales are final. The celebration continues 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in an adult late-night atmosphere with a DJ, dancing lions and laughing buddhas for a \$5 admission.

At Great Wall of China, owner Sterling Lum indicated that the evenings of Feb. 9-16, a multi-course Chinese New Year's dinner for two is \$33.95. It includes sizzle rice soup, egg rolls, Buddha delight (rice noodle dish with Chinese mixed vegetables), orange chicken, beef broccoli, cashew shrimp and a fresh fruit dessert.

According to General Manager Shen

WHERE TO CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR

Asian Delights - 418 S. Washington, Royal Oak (248) 591-0028

Great Wall of China - 35135 Grand River Avenue, Farmington (248) 476-9181

Hong Hua - 27925 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (248) 489-2280

Mon Jin Lau - 1515 E. Maple Road, Troy (248) 689-2332

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Yu, New Peking restaurant in Garden City will offer a 12-course traditional New Year's menu for \$30 per person 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Feb. 7-10. The lion dance and other cultural entertainment will be included nightly. Reservations must be confirmed in advance by a non-refundable \$10 per person, confirmed by cash or credit card.

Eleanor Heald is a nationally-published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at focuson-wine@aol.com.

Drinkology

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BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
CORRESPONDENTS

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The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected *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 focuson-wine@aol.com.



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Music

Let Paul Anka stir it up for Valentine's Day

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

If you're hoping to stir up some downright shameless puppy love for Valentine's Day, pop icon and singer-songwriter Paul Anka ought to work.

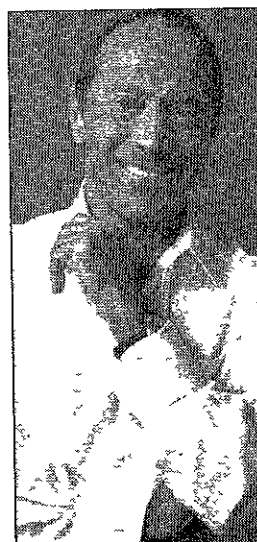
Anka, whose love song *Put Your Head On My Shoulder* became a starry-eyed 1950s hit, performs Friday, Feb. 11, at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Detroit.

The show, which features a 14-piece orchestra, is Music Hall's fifth annual Valentine's Day concert.

"What we're doing is a kind of potpourri of songs," Anka said. "Some old, some new."

Of course "old and new" doesn't narrow down the play list much for Anka. In his 45 years in the music business, he's written more than 900 songs with LP and single sales collectively numbering more than 60 million.

Along the way, he composed *My Way* for Frank Sinatra, *She's a Lady* for Tom Jones and *It Doesn't Matter Anymore* for Buddy Holly. His songs have been performed by a diverse selection of heavy-hitting performers, from Elvis Presley to Barbra Streisand to the Sex Pistols.



"I'm inspired by the style of the singer and the singer themselves," Anka said of composing songs for other performers, adding that working with Sinatra was one of his most thrilling collaborations.

Another notable project — *The Tonight Show* theme song that Anka created for Johnny

Carson in 1962 — had the icon making a number of unplanned special performances last week following news the legendary talk show host had passed away.

"It feels like they threw away the mold," Anka said of Carson's death. "We go way back."

With three No. 1 hits — *Diana*, *Lonely Boy* and *You're Having My Baby* — plus more than 30 Top 40 hits to the singer-songwriter's credit, the only sure thing

BE MINE

What: Fifth Annual Valentine's Day Concert performance with pop music icon Paul Anka performing.

When: 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11.

Where: Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit.

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For more information: Visit www.musichall.org.

about Anka's upcoming performance is love, baby, love.

So what's the connection between music and romance in Anka's opinion?

Well, he hopes his crooning works wonders on his audience, but Anka doesn't necessarily let his own music put him in the mood.

"It's the other way around," he said. "Love is the strongest and easiest thing to write to. Love is the most powerful emotion."

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Since I have taken a less-traditional approach to Pure Picks lately, you may have missed out on Whirlwind Rock Part I last week. The band-tastic benefit – literally one band playing a short set right after another – was a special fund-raiser for tsunami relief. Fear not! **Whirlwind Rock Part II** takes place Friday at two local venues and features a lot of bands with the same all-proceeds-to-those-in-need promise of last weekend (UNICEF to be exact).

At the Magic Stick will be the Hentchmen, the Riots, Nice Device, the Beggars, Slumber Party, Bang Bang!, The Trembling and more. Doors open at 8 p.m. 18 and up. Cover is \$10.

At Small's in Hamtramck will be The Demolition Dollrods, Detroit City Council, Capitol Cities, Dollfaces and more. Doors at 8 p.m. All Ages. Cover is also \$10.

It should be noted that I'm really proud of myself for not making a crude reference to "a wave of music" in this pick.

Local Music

Outrageous Cherry

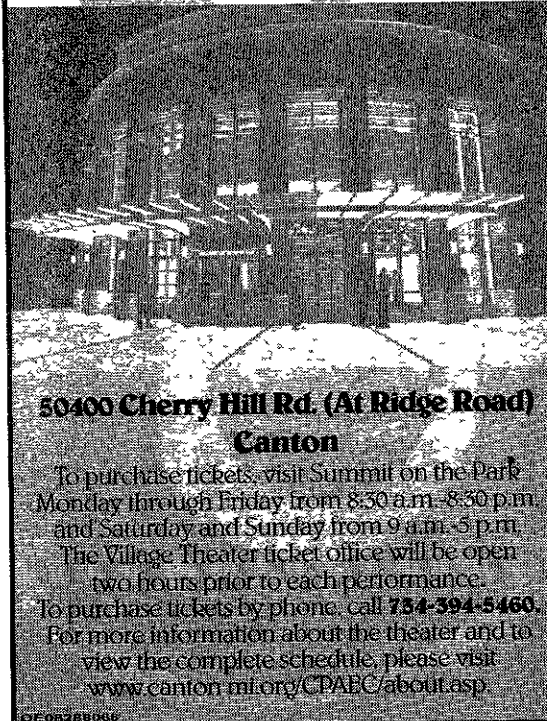
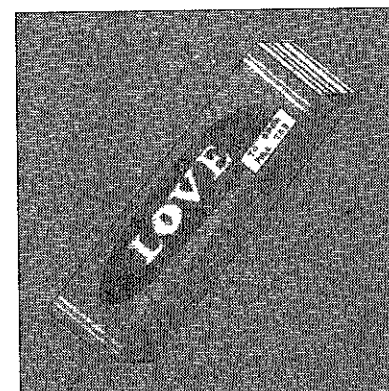
draw a lot of labels and comparisons: A groovy Dylan, A psychedelic Beatles, A melodic Velvet Underground, heck, just the Velvet Underground in general. But I think they draw these comparisons because writers are too lazy to actually describe the music. I mean, what can be easier than comparing a retro pop group to the pioneers of the genre? As in, "they sound like this, sure everyone in this genre sounds a little like this, but they do, too!"

If you've ever seen them live, you know they are catchy. If you've ever listened to one of their albums, you know it's swirling. And if you listen to their latest "Our Love Will Change the World" (Rainbow Quartz) you'll hear both sides of OC melting into a freak-out fest of greatness. Lead singer and songwriter Matthew Smith deserves a lot of credit for his Beach Boys-esk compositions. (Shoot, it's unavoidable!) Around every corner of "Our Love" addicting hooks lurk and lull. Boy-girl harmonies wash over you in the way only harmonies can wash when you're speaking rock and roll journalese. And maybe it's just cause I tend to listen to more modern music, but the record reminds me of the best of Pulp and Sloan – two wonderfully infectiously fuzzed-out bands that never get brought up in the OC conversation. Let's do more of this.

Outrageous Cherry will play their record release party Saturday at the Magic Stick, Detroit. The Avatars, and The Pizazz (who, by the way, will steal your indie-rock-lovin' hearts and need to get a press kit to me ASAP) will open. Doors open at 9 p.m. Cover is \$8. 18 and up.



Their future's so bright they have to wear (two pairs of) shades (at the same time). Outrageous Cherry will play Saturday at the Magic Stick.



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Free

"Hello Stephanie, How are you? It's been so long, too long," the e-mail began. "I have an awesome free show you could put in your column." It then went on to describe a free show in the VisTaTech Center basement at Schoolcraft College. The **Suburban Sprawl Music showcase** is to feature the pop playings of El Boxeo, Javelins, the Recital, Pop Project and Word Play at 7 p.m. Friday it stated. It bated me with

the words "refreshments will be served."

And then the bottom dropped out: "Also, say something about how awesome my band is so I can put that (word edited for decency) in my press pack. Thanks. your pal, Zach" It's a good thing Zach is so adorable and polite in real life.

Anyway, "El Boxeo is so awesome they border on radventageous."

You're welcome.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy, who strives to be your information burrito, overflowing with facts, layered in tasty observational detail. You can state your peace, piece, peas, gruff by e-mailing her at 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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Walsh Gala

Walsh College offers business education in the classroom daily; but on Saturday, March 12, Walsh is offering fine art appreciation in the ballroom at the Hotel Baronette in Novi.

The third annual Walsh Gala features fine wine, an art exhibit and strolling supper catered by Unique Restaurants. VIP tickets are \$150 and the reception begins at 6 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 for general admission tickets which are \$75 and \$40 for current Walsh students.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information contact Andrea Richards at (248) 823-1204.

All funds raised will benefit the Walsh College Novi Student Scholarship and an art endowment for the college.

Miss Lucy's Tea Room

Recently opened at the Historic White Horse Inn The Tea Room was named in honor of Lucy Carpenter Hoard, wife of Lorenzo Hoard, who purchased the inn (initially known as the Hoard House) in 1850.

Miss Lucy's Tea Room is open for afternoon tea every Saturday noon to 3 p.m. A pot of tea and an assortment of tea sandwiches, scones, mini sweets and tea breads served on a tier plate is \$12.95. Parties may be booked in Miss Lucy's Tea Room for up to 30 guests. It is also available daily for booking holiday and private tea parties, bridal and baby showers, wedding day breakfasts, adult and child birthday parties, social and club meetings, groups, special events and any other special occasion. Reservations are suggested and may be made by calling (810) 678-2150. The inn is at the corner of Oak and High Street (Dryden Road) in downtown Metamora, one mile east of Lapeer off (M-24) and seven miles west of Rochester Road. For more information, visit, www.historicwhitehorseinn.com

The Majestic Cafe

Valentine's dinner for two, \$80, offered Saturday, Feb. 12 and Monday, Feb. 14, five course dinner includes appetizer, soup, salad, entree and dessert with choice of glass of wine or champagne, 4124 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

Century Grille

Offered Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12, dinner and live entertainment by The Project, featuring Jennifer Consiglio. This dynamic group of talented local musicians will surround you with classic love songs and jazzy favorites. Packages start at \$85 per person; Call (313) 963-9800 for reservations. The Historic Gem & Century Theatres and Century Grille are 1 at 333 Madison Ave (at Brush) in downtown Detroit. For directions and more information call the box office at (313) 963-9800 or visit www.gemtheatre.com

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Letters from Mozart Netherlands Wind Ensemble

Bart Schneemann, narrator

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 8 PM
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PROGRAM

Mozart Serenade No. 10 in B-flat Major, K. 361 ("Gran Partita") (1781)

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Mozart Symphony No. 25 in G Major, K. 189 (1774)

Mahler Symphony No. 5 in C-sharp Minor, K. 160 (1902)

PROGRAM (SUN 2/6)

Mahler Symphony No. 9 in D Major, Op. 95 (1912)

Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G Major, BWV 1048

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 8 PM

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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.

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

Detroit's City Theatre

Mitch Albom's *Duck Hunter Shoots Angel* has extended its performance schedule through Feb. 27. Tickets \$25-\$40, (248) 45-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com. For information, call (313) 872-1000 or www.NederlanderDetroit.com.

YOUTH THEATER

PuppetArt

Oh Anansell, a west African folktale, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26, 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, Feb. 4-5, Feb. 11-12; 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, Feb. 12; 2 p.m. Sunday, 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, or call (248) 335-1788.

COMMUNITY THEATER

St. Dunstan's

A trio of short plays by Steve Martin - *WASP*, *The Zig-Zag Woman*, and *Patter for the Floating Lady*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 10-12, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, \$8,

(248) 644-0527, www.StDunstansTheatre.com

Farmington Players

Proof, 8 p.m. curtain, 2 p.m. on Sunday, 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, (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.org

Stagecrafters

Pippin through Feb. 13, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak. Tickets \$16 and \$18, call (248) 541-6430.

Pontiac Theatre IV

Neil Simon's *Rumors* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 4-5, Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene, (248) 249-7471 or e-mail 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.

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 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 or 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. today, (children); 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 (adults); 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 (call-backs), The Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, (248) 347-0400.

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.

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 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 (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.



The Cranbrook Music Guild presents Yi-Chun Chen in concert 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 in the sanctuary of Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, on the southwest corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook Roads, in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$30, call (248) 644-6352. Chen is this year's Betty Brewster Cranbrook Music Guild Scholar. She is a graduate student at the University of Michigan, pursuing a master's degree in flute performance. All concerts conclude with a traditional afterglow at Christ Church Cranbrook. Refreshments will be served.

JAZZ

Mardi Gras Party

Sponsored by Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club, 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Farmington Road, between Seven and Eight Mile Roads in Livonia.

Dixieland music by Wally's Warehouse Waifs featuring Dave Bennett on clarinet, Bill Meyer, piano, Dave Tatrow, leader and trumpet, Keith DeWitt, trombone, dancing and costumes encouraged, refreshments available for purchase, \$15, smoke-free room, call (248) 476-2674.

Jazz tribute to Larry Nozero

Features Matt Michaels, Dan Jordan, Ray Tini, Tom Saunders, Alexander Zonjic and others, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, Clarenceville's Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, between 7 & 8 Mile Road, Livonia. \$20 per person, reserved only, call Midge (248) 474-2720 or Louise (734) 421-7374.

CLASSICAL

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Nightnotes concert 8 p.m. hors d'oeuvres, 8:30 p.m. concert, Friday, Feb. 4, Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham, Bassoons Unlimited featuring an ensemble of DSO bassoonists, \$20 at door or call (248) 559-2095, www.detroitchamberwinds.org.

Music by Michigan Composers

Lettie Alston and Friends, 6:30-7:30 p.m. (preconcert discussion), 7:30 p.m. reception, 8 p.m. performance, Saturday, Feb. 5, Oakland University's Varner Recital Hall, \$15 general, \$8 students, at door.

DSO

All Tchaikovsky, 8 p.m. today, 10:45 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, the Max M. Fisher Music

Center, 377 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitssymphony.com

UMS

New York Philharmonic, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor, \$10-\$90; Letters from Mozart, Netherlands Wind Ensemble, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington, Ann Arbor, \$20-\$42, (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org

Classical Bells

Handbell ensemble, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Road, intersection of Cranbrook and Southfield, part of the Birmingham-First Concert series, no charge.

Dearborn Symphony

Berstein, Gershwin & Ravel, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center on Michigan Avenue at Greenfield in Dearborn, \$10-\$30, (313) 565-2424, www.dearbornsymphony.org

FOLK

Trinity House Theatre

Just Plain Folks Showcase 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4; Christopher Williams with Jim Bizer, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, \$10, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 464-6302.

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

The Ark

Rory Block 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, Jack Ingram, 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, The Sirens, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, John Berry, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451 or www.theark.org.

Art

Erotic events are artistic, poetic

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Sex is the theme at two events taking place in Detroit this month; if that kind of thing makes you nervous, don't read on.

We aren't talking about pornography, we're talking art. But then again ... who decides?

"Dirty is in the eye of the beholder," said Jerry Vile, one of the founders of Dirty Detroit, a large, wild erotica art show that's coming to Tangent Gallery in Detroit Feb. 11-15. "Pornography is designed to stimulate ... art stimulates us too, but in a different way. The line is blurry and it gets blurrier every day."

At Dirty Detroit, juried art by more than 200 local and international artists will be displayed. There will be paintings, photographs and sculptures. Erotica movie clips will be aired.

Burlesque dancers will perform.

"The dancing will be dirtier than anything Patrick Swayze ever did," Vile said.

Dirty Detroit began six years ago and has grown so large that this year more than 400 artists submitted work for consideration. The mission of the show is to "promote, publish and propagate erotic art in all forms."

One of Vile's favorite artists at the show is Justice Howard, who has photographed celebrities and "everyday" people in erotic forms. Her works include Jane's Addiction's Dave Navarro licking legs; Mamie Van Doren laying exotically on her star on Hollywood Blvd.; and clothed photos of Billy Idol, Marilyn Manson and others.

"Erotic doesn't have to be nude," Vile said. "We turned away images of people having hard-core sex because it wasn't erotic. But a photo series we have on feet ... it is. It's beautiful."

POETRY AND MUSIC

Thousands of people are expected to attend the event.

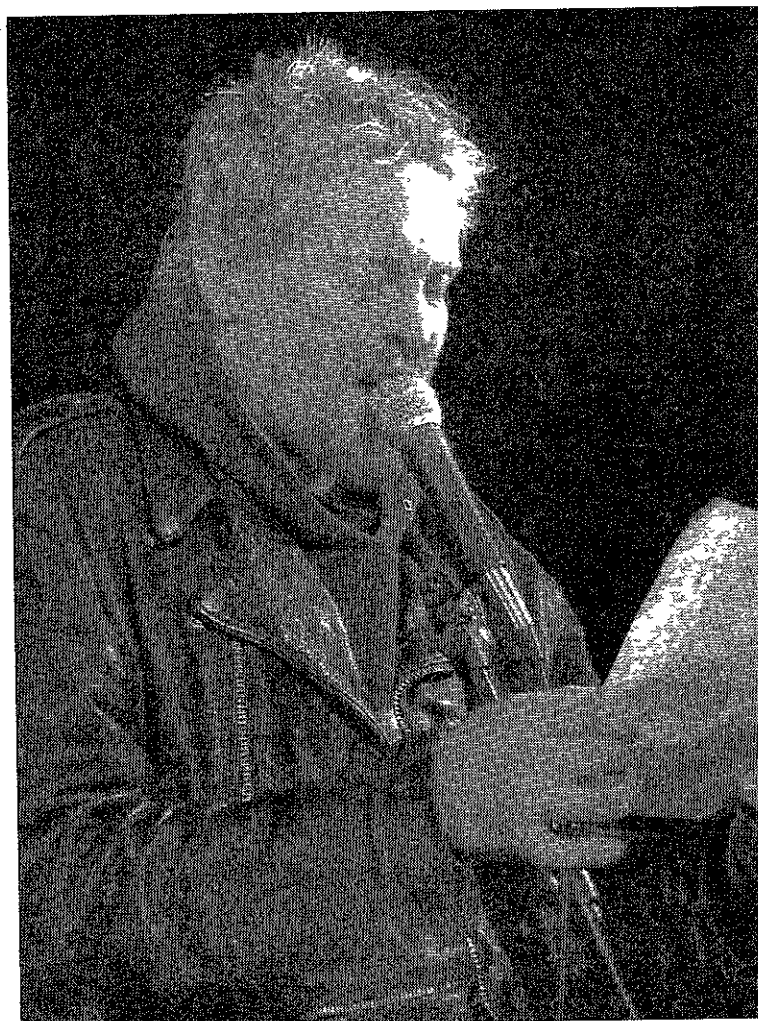
The crowd will be both mainstream professionals, gothic and punk, gay and straight, singles and couples.

They'll come to hear spoken word poetry that ranges from romantic and dreamy to downright raunchy. Sensual music will waft through the air and erotic art will hang on the walls.

The 18th Annual Erotic Poetry & Music Festival will be a week before Dirty Detroit, on Saturday, Feb. 5, at Alvin's in Detroit. The event, presented by Static Records, is a benefit for Paws with a Cause.

"It's always a packed house," said coordinator Sue Summers of Static. "The open mic portion is interesting. ... Some people come with prepared poetry, others go on stage spontaneously if they're inspired."

Throughout the evening, music and poetry will be alternated on the stage. Some of Detroit's most well-known poets will read, including Jimmy Doom, known for his wild words, and Cindi St. Germain with her no-holds-barred attitude. Also speaking is Dirty Detroit's Jerry Vile (a.k.a. Vic Toledo), plus Scotty Boman, Annie Houston, Ann Holdreith, Kelly Kalls, Christopher Park, Marc Maurus, Angela Michelle, Ellen Hildreth and Lauren "the bare-foot poet" Chiasson.



Legendary local spoken word artist Jimmy Doom will perform at the Erotic Poetry Festival.

Most of the musicians will play acoustic sets except for the electronic band The Twilight Babies. Also performing is Inohs Sivad, Frank Paul, Blair and Gretchen Wolff.

Summers has been leading the Erotic Poetry & Music Festival since 1994. Prior to that it was

handled by former Alvin's owner Bernadette Kurkowski.

"Normally our event is the same weekend as Dirty Detroit, but we moved it because we don't want to compete with each other," Summers said.

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18TH ANNUAL EROTIC POETRY & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sensual live music plus erotic art and poetry, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, 18 & over only at Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit (313) 831-4577. Admission, \$8. Partial proceeds benefit Paws with a Cause. For more information, call (313) 886-7860 or visit www.staticrecords.com

Bands: The Twilight Babies, Inohs Sivad, Frank Pahl, Blair, Gretchen Wolf.

DIRTY DETROIT

An erotic art display featuring 200 international artists plus performance artists such as burlesque dancers, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12; 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13; and noon to midnight Monday, Feb. 14; 21 and over only on Friday and Saturday; 18 and over Sunday and Monday, at Tangent Gallery, 715 E. Milwaukee St., Detroit, in the New Center area, one block south of East Grand Boulevard, one block west of I-75. Admission \$10, tickets available through www.ver-sopass.com or at the door. For more information, call (313) 873-2955 or visit www.dirtydetroit.com

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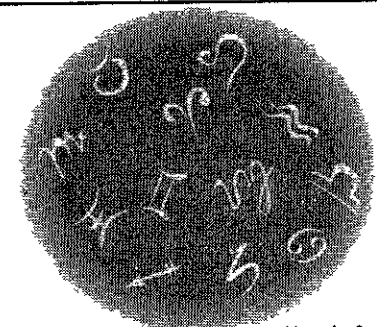
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Star struck

(Feb. 3-6)

By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)



Been some changes money-wise, Ram? - Constant changes? - In any year, Mars in Capricorn (starting today) tends to make Aries only remember the sad times, the losses and disappointments in life. Forget it! Take things at a slower pace and prize your general well-being and welfare above all else.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)



The shuttle of life certainly seems to be weaving a very peculiar pattern at the moment for Bull-born, and in spite of your concern over finances, what transpires around Tuesday's New Moon should find you traveling in a completely different direction in your career or home front. Go for "few," not routine.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)



Accept what is now an offer and be grateful that a long period of frustrations or rejections is finally ending. No doubt you would prefer to challenge those who have aided against you or made mischief, but it really would be pointless to carry on a feud. Got it, Twin?

CANCER (June 22-July 23)



Taking a daily inventory of yourself - your finer points as well as failings - contributes to a gradual but sure increase in awareness. Consequently, somewhere along the line you are now bound to realize that a conflict either at home or work will only bring out the best in you. You can do it, Moon Kid!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)



Listen up, Leo: to imply that there are those who are hoping that you will take a tumble may sound rather far-fetched. However, the Sun in the most sensitive part of your chart signifies that this is very much a time of power struggles and you simply cannot afford to miss a trick.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)



Once again, Virgo, the astro-accent is on financial issues and the need to insure that everything is cut and dried. However, a New Moon is operating during the early part of the week plus through March and even those with whom you have had long-standing dealings are liable to spring surprises! Roll with the punches, kiddo.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)



Now don't get paranoid, Balancer, but keep travel plans to an absolute minimum during the next two weeks and allow for delays if you have to be on the move. More than anything else, this is very much a time when the winds of change begin to blow at full force on the home front. Ride out the pre-spring storms.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)



Although you appear to be having second thoughts, a pang of conscience, or even real regrets, current planetary activity still urges you to go the whole hog. Bring pressure to bear on those who have misinformed or misled you over a very personal or professional issue, Scorp! Your value as a human being cannot be measured by man-made scales.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)



Much depends on how you convey your thoughts or feelings this week, Sadge. Many planets now in your sign tends to put others on the defensive and inclined to overdramatize difficulties. Therefore, delay important meetings or discussions rather than lose the goodwill of those you need. Stay calm, Archer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)



What seemed like a reversal or failure should now prove to be a blessing in disguise. However, more than anything else, you must capitalize on a fantastic aspect to your ruling planet Saturn this week to demand the kind of recognition or acceptance you seek - and deserve. Examine what's behind the scenes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)



Your natural empathy with the needs of others sometimes dictates that you neglect your own, Water Bearer. The Sun in your sign focuses on your path to enlightenment and happiness, kid. You must stop compromising what you know is right for you - now! Change is often for the better.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)



You have withheld a difference of opinion for long enough, Fish! Today's Mars change means that it's best to speak. Remember - not everyone sees life from your vision or perspective. Keeping peace is not as vital as maintaining your independence, right? Through adversity, there is always strength.

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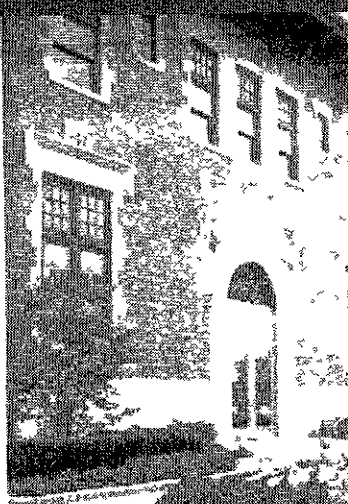
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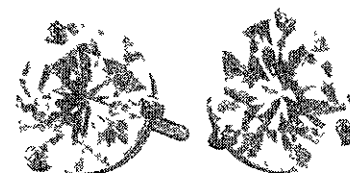
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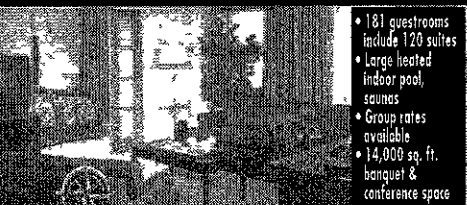
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