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Globetrotter with a cause

Volunteer will travel the world to help less fortunate

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON CORRESPONDENT

ammy Fisher is a globetrotter. Not the seven-foot tall kind with a basketball, but one with a forty-pound backpack

and a well-worn passport. The 27-year-old is on the verge of leaving for a 12-month trip abroad that will undoubtedly change her life - and the lives of the people she'll meet along the way - forever.

A Canton resident and 1995 Plymouth Salem graduate, Fisher has essentially sold everything she owns to pay for ten months of volunteer work through an international organization called i-to-i.

She's hoping to raise more money this weekend at two fund-raisers she's hosting in her hometown.

Fisher's year-long adventure will include working with orphaned and terminally-ill children suffering from the HIV virus in Cape Town, South Africa; conservation work with wild animals at the Vervet Rehabilitation Center near Johannesburg; schooling mildly impaired children in China; and teaching English to students in rural regions of Thailand.

"I used to work all the time but since I've traveled abroad I have so much more respect for life. My humility has really grown and I now know I don't have to get paid to do what I love," said Fisher, an Eastern Michigan University student majoring in Cognitively Impaired Elementary Special Education.

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Fisher will work with

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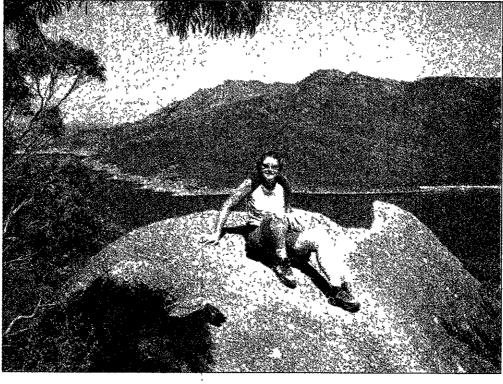
She will take a 56 day camp

ing trip up the east coast of

Africa, traveling to Victoria

Falls and climbing the famous

Fisher said when she is 22 she planned a



Canton resident Tammy Fisher during a recent backpacking trip to Tanzania. She is preparing for a 12-month trip that will take her around the world to volunteer for a number of causes.

minute her acquaintance called off the trip.

"I started thinking about how people were always telling me I should travel and see the world while I was young so I decided to go alone."

Before departing she canceled their hotel reservations and other extravagances the two had planned and left indefinitely with a 70d-backpack chock full of naiveté.

"I've learned so much since that trip," admits Fisher who recalls struggling with the language the first night she arrived in Greece. "I basically couldn't read anything that was

was really scared. I got an expensive hotel room and cried all night."

She pulled herself together and spent a total of seven months backpacking through more than a dozen countries including Fiji, Australia, Switzerland, Poland, Scotland and Ecuador. She pitched a tent on the edge of a 150-foot waterfall, went scuba diving in the Great Barrier Reef and trekked in astonishment through the Amazon rain forest.

Fisher's parents, Jim and Diane Fisher, undoubtedly have concerns about their ~. daughter traveling abroad but it's obvious

Cops search for serial arsonist

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BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

Canton Police are asking for public help to solve a string of seven arson fires in the past year, believed set by the same person.

Six cars were set on fire over the period. Three happened last year at the Lincolnshire Village apartments near Canton Center and Joy Roads. In a fourth arson fire, a wood pallet at the apartments was set on fire Dec. 10.

Then on Feb. 11, three more cars were set on fire at the Canton Professional Park - less than 100 yards west of the apartments.

"With all the vehicles, the fires were set the same way," said Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski. "They used rolled up or crumpled up newspaper and set the paper on top of a wheel, and lit it on fire."

The fires would spread to the plastic wheel wells and then to the rest of the cars. Pomorski said no vehicles exploded from the flames, and there were no injuries.

"To this point we've been lucky," he said. There have been no witnesses coming forward regarding any of the arson incidents.

"We would love to enlist the help of the com-munity," Pomorski said. "Somebody out there might know somebody who has a fascination perhaps with setting fires and watching emergency vehicles and trucks."

Callers can remain anonymous. They can call Canton Police at (734) 394-5400, 24 hours a day. Rewards up to \$5,000 are available for information on the arson incidents through the Michigan Arson Prevention Committee, 1-800-44-ARSON, The first car arson fire happened Feb. 6, 2004

written and when I tried to ask if anyone trip to Australia with a friend. At the very last knew English they couldn't understand me. I

PLEASE SEE GLOBETROTTER, A7



Will spend eight weeks working at a Chinese school for cognitively impaired children.



Will spend several weeks teaching the English language to children living in rural areas

Former aide charged with having sex with boy

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

A 35-year-old Canton woman and former Fiegel Elementary School para-professional (teacher's aide) has been charged by authorities with having sexual intercourse with a 14-year-old boy she met outside of school.

Magistrate Eric Colthurst of the 35th District Court on Monday entered a not guilty plea on behalf of Susanne Eble. She faces three counts of criminal sexual conduct, third degree.

Each carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in jail.

She also faces a maximum two-year sentence on a fourthdegree misdemeanor charge stemming from contact with the boy.

By Michigan law, sexual intercourse between an adult and a 14-year-old is illegal, even if consensual.

Eble was freed on \$1,000 bond. She faces a preliminary exam on the charges at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, in 35th District Court in Canton.

Frank Ruggirello, Plymouth-Canton schools spokesman, said Eble worked for the school district four years, but stopped working in January. "I would assume it's because of this situation," he said.

Ruggirello and Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski said that the investigation shows there was no contact between Eble and the youth in any P-C school.

"The counselors at the affected school will provide counseling if

PLEASE SEE CHARGES, A5



Susanne Eble

PLEASE SEE ARSON, A6

Lost llama story has happy ending

BY KURT KUBAN STAFF WRITER

Richard and Kaye Rowe had quite a surprise waiting for them when they returned to their northwest Canton home on Sunday.

One of the couple's neighbors, Bob Holmes, found a stray llama – yes, llama earlier in the day along Ridge, south of Joy, and asked if they would care for it. While that might seem strange, the Rowes actually own four of their own llamas, so it only seemed natural that Holmes would approach them for help. Holmes found the

llama in his front yard Saturday night, when he heard it screaming in his front yard. When he investigated

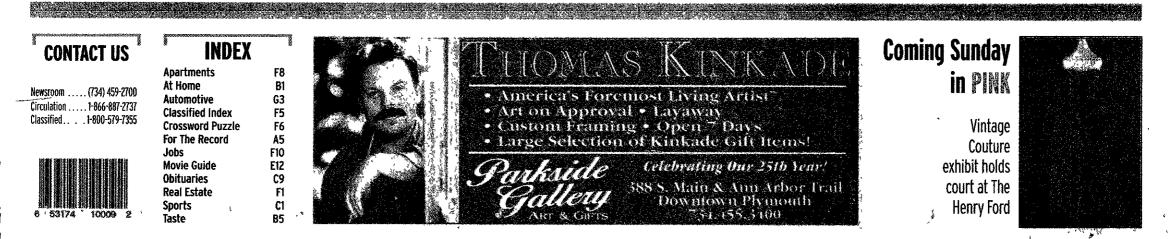
the noise, he found it being attacked by two dogs. He was able to scare the dogs away, but the llama, which is a female, was left with serious wounds to its legs and hindquarters.

-The Rowes agreed to take the animal in. The first thing they did was call a veterinarian, who was able to save the animal, though it received dozens of stitches to halt its profuse bleeding. Richard Rowe said the dogs seriously mauled the llama. "She was in real bad

shape. If it had been my llama, I would have probably put it down," he said.

The next issue for the Rowes was to find the llama's owner. They called a local television news station,

PLEASE SEE LOST LLAMA, AG



AROUND CANTON

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Patterson hours State Sen. Bruce Patterson, (R-Canton Township) will hold office hours for all constituents of State Senate District 7 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28 in the community room at the Canton Library.

All are welcome. For more information, call toll-free (866) 262-7307.

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.

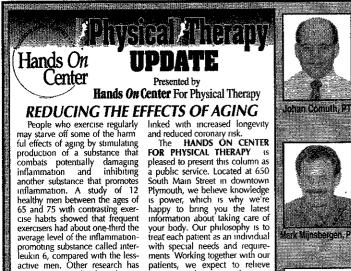
Tickets for the event, which runs from 4-10 p.m., are \$50, which includes food and an open bar. For more information, call Richard Piwko at (734) 981-1149, Jon LaFever at (734) 394-5482, or David Loveland at (734) 207-8943.

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club hosts its second-annual Euchre Party at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Masonic Temple, 760 Penniman in Plymouth.

Prizes will be awarded, refreshments will be served and the evening includes a 50/50 raffle. There's a \$10 entry fee, and space is limited to the first 100 people.

Reservations can be made via e-mail at dtorzy@hotmail.com or by

calling (734) 453-9904 during



Eagle-ranking Scout

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Canton resident Justin Scaparo, a ninth-grader at Plymouth High and a member of Boy Scout Troop 854, earned his rank of Eagle Scout last week, for completing an environmental community service project. He volunteered 120 hours to plan and execute his project with the help of his troop and community to repair the fishing dock at Maybury State Park in Northville. He replaced the wood decking and hand rails that were damaged by fire and unsafe.

the day or (734) 282-2340 in the evenings.

Scholarship deadline extended

The Canton Community Foundation scholarship application deadline has been moved back to Feb. 25. The organization is offering more than 30 scholarships this year, including four new ones. In total they will be giving out more than \$30,000 to high school seniors and students already enrolled in college.

For a complete list of the scholarships being offered, please visit the group's Web site at www.cantonfoundation.org, or call (734) 495-1200.

Sean O'Leary Play Festival

Sean O'Leary and a profes-



sional troupe of actors from West Virginia will visit the Village Theater at Cherry Hill to perform the Sean O'Leary Play Festival. "Pound," the first show of the festival, is O'Leary's third play. Ezra Pound was America's greatest poet, a literary critic, fascist and a politically controversial figure. This new drama questions whether words are as powerful as actions, revenge is just, and sanity is possible. "Pound" will be performed Feb. 17-19 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 20 at 2 p.m.

The second play of the festival is "Rain in the Hollows," which focuses on a journalist who returns to his native West Virginia hollow to confront his larger-than-life brother whose legendary deeds are accompanied by a maddening disregard for rules, laws, or the consequences for his struggling family. "Rain in the Hollows" will be performed at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill Feb. 24-26 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 27 at 2 p.m.

O'Leary began his play writing career in 1999 with his first

play "Wine to Blood," and has gone on to win more than a dozen awards for his plays, including a back to back win for "Rain in the Hollows" and "Pound."

Tickets for "Pound" are on sale now for \$12 for the Thursday-Saturday performances and \$10 for the Sunday performances. Tickets may be purchased at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, or at The Village Theater ticket office, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. For more information please call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonmi.org.

Actuary excellence

Canton resident Robert Newton has been named a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA). Fellowship is the highest professional recognition an actuary can achieve in the United States or Canada. It represents several years of study and the successful completion of a series of examinations administered by the Society of Actuaries.

Newton attended high school in England at the Guilsborough Comprehensive School, and then attended the University of Nottigham, where he graduated in 1981. He completed his EA in 1986 and became an Associate of the Society of Actuaries in 1989. He is currently a retirement consultant at Watson Wyatt Worldwide in Southfield. Newton's wife, Terri, is a reg-

istered nurse in Canton. They have three children. Actuaries design and evalu-

ate financial programs by using statistical and economic techniques to analyze risks and probabilities, and to evaluate the implications of future events. The Society of Actuaries is a non-profit educational, research and profes-

sional society of 17,000 members. To learn more about the

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group, visit the Web site, www.soa.org

Student workshops

D&M Studios will hold two special workshops in February. On Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 3-5 p.m., there will be a ceramic workshop for students 6 and up. From 3-5 p.m. on Feb. 17, the studio will hold a cartooning workshop. The cost for both workshops is \$20.

From 5-7 p.m. on Feb. 28 the studio will hold a workshop called "What it takes to build a competitive college portfolio." The class is open to all high school students. Reservations are required, because space is limited. Portfolios will be looked at.

D&M Studios is located at 8691 N. Lilley in the Golden Gate Shopping Plaza. For more information, call (734) 453-3710.

Fish Fridays are back

The Mayflower/Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 is once again hosting its fish fry Fridays, from 5-7 p.m. now through Good Friday.

Members meets 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. All veterans who have been in a war zone or any member of the armed services that has been in harms way while on active duty are eligible to join. The post is located at 1426 S. Mill St. in Plymouth.

In addition, the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter, which is based at Post 6695, is currently selling raffle tickets to raise proceeds for hospitalized veterans, and other community projects. Grand prize is a Lowe Sea Nymph fishing boat.

Tickets are \$10, and can be bought at the Post, or ordered by mail by sending check payable to VVA Chapter 528 to: 2005 Fishing Boat Raffle, V.V.A Chapter 528, P.O. Box

6319, Plymouth, MI 48170-0473. The drawing is July 11 at Post 6695.

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New salesmen

American Aqua, Inc., providing clean water systems to southeastern Michigan, has welcomed Brian Long of Plymouth to its sales staff. Long brings with him 14 years of water treatment experience in the sales field, and he will be working in the communities of Plymouth, Canton, Westland and Troy.

Long has a degree in liberal arts. He is a member of **Business Network** International/Ann Arbor West. His hobbies include golfing and piano.

Student credit union

Community Financial, headquartered in Plymouth, recently opened its 21st student-run credit union at Hillside Middle School in Northville. Other student credit unions are located in elementary, middle schools and high schools in Michigan.

Student volunteers from Jennifer Smith's sixth-grade Enrichment class, Jackie Treganowan's seventh-grade Leadership class and the eighth-grade Consumer Education class serve as credit union tellers, managers, marketing reps, computer operators and bookkeepers with the assistance of Community Financial staff.

The student credit union program teaches students the importance of saving in elementary schools, provides a way to grow their savings in middle school and then offers access to their savings and checking accounts in high school.

The partnership also includes classroom presentations on financially related topics.

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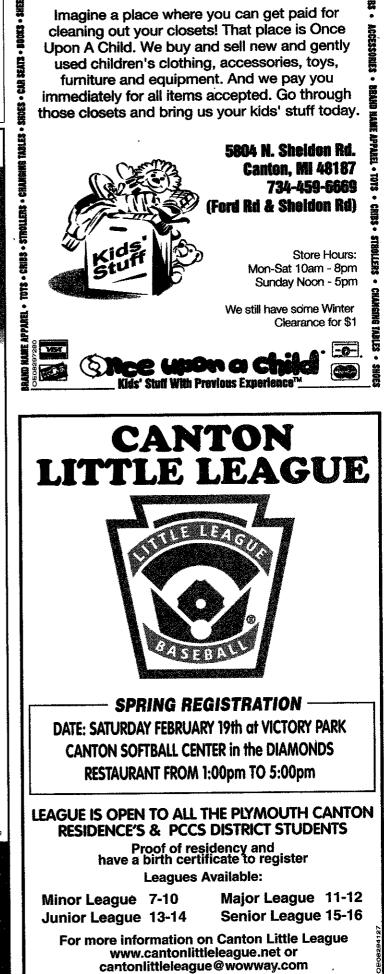
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She's taking to an even bigger stage

Young actress, emerging artist highlight Cherry Hill productions

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

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Thirteen-year-old Molly Wallace stood watching as veteran actors went about their business rehearsing for this weekend's performance of *Pound* at the Cherry Hill Village Theater.

Molly, a veteran of smaller stages with the Whistle Stop Players and Ever After Productions, was used to acting with her peers in productions like *Annie* and *Cinderella*.

Now, about to step onto the stage with professionals for the first time, Molly summed up her feelings in a word.

"Intimidated," Molly said. "I'd been doing a lot of kids' theater, and it was laid-back and fun. This is a lot more serious. It's a lot different than what I'm used to."

Molly begins a four-performance run Feb. 24 as Kit Hulkill in the Cherry Hill Village Theater production of the Sean O'Leary play, *Rain in the Hollows*. Set in West Virginia in 1972, the play depicts a flooding disaster along Buffalo Creek, and follows the reactions of two brothers and their family dealing with the crisis.

The play is being directed by Hal O'Leary, father of the playwright and founder/artistic director of the Towngate Theatre in Wheeling, W.Va. O'Leary said Molly, who won the part of Kit, the daughter of the lead character, in an audition late last year, has fit right in.

"She brings a precociousness, an ability to understand," said O'Leary. "It's a very trying experience, and the capacity Molly has to handle it is remarkable for someone her age. She's wonderful, she's. beautiful, she really is."

Rain in the Hollows is the second of two Sean O'Leary plays being performed at Cherry Hill Village. Arts director Jennifer Tobin said the productions are part of the theater's effort to highlight emerging artists.

Tobin actually knew the O'Learys from her younger days in West Virginia, where she was a high school student studying under the elder O'Leary.

"As we put together this inaugural season, we wanted to have all these different components, from professional to novice, from kids to senior citizens," said Tobin. "One area we think is really important is nurturing playwrights and emerging artists."

Tobin used to go into O'Leary's theater when she was a high school student, and she'd heard good things about Sean O'Leary's work, for which he's won more than a dozen awards. In fact. Rain in the Hollows and Pound, the two plays being performed at Cherry Hill, scored back-toback wins at the Pittsburgh (Pa.) new play festival. -When she heard about the -success her old friend's son was having, Tobin felt his work would fit right in with what they're trying to accomplish at Cherry Hill.

"I e-mailed Hal, and he got really excited about the idea," Tobin said. "I said, 'What if we did a couple of Sean's plays, and did it in repertory?' The idea is, you see one actor portraying several parts, and that is endearing and engaging."

It was decided the first weekend would feature *Pound*, a play about poet Ezra Pound, who made several radio broadcasts in support of Mussolini during World War II and was put on trial for treason. Found incompetent to stand trial, Pound is put in a hospital for the criminally insane, where he's kept for 12 years before finally standing trial and being made to face reality.

The second weekend is devoted to *Rain in the Hollows*. Each show will be followed by a "talk-back," a chance for audience members to interact with the actors and



Hal O'Leary, who also directs, rehearses a scene from "Pound," the play written by his son, Sean, which will be performed at the Cherry Hill Village Theater tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.

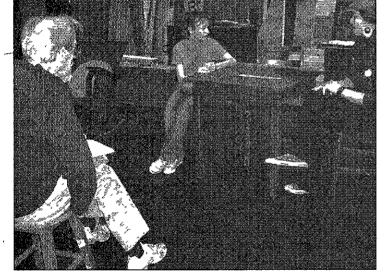
ask questions. Tobin said it's one of the added benefits of producing the plays.

"We got an added bonus in that not only are we doing an emerging artist's piece, but we're doing two of them, and we're doing them back-toback," Tobin said. "People can ask questions, find out who they are, where they come from, anything they're curious about.

It has a nice educational component, and a nice personalized touch," Tobin added. "Hopefully, people will meet the playwright, then come back the following weekend."

And one of the actors they'll have a chance to meet is Molly, the daughter of Linda and John Wallace of Plymouth, who beat out five other girls for the role of Kit, the lead character's daughter. The lead character is never actually seen in the play, but is seen through Kit, who Hal O'Leary describes as "a reincarnation" of the lead





Molly Wallace of Plymouth (center), rehearsing a scene from "Rain in the Hollows" with Hal O'Leary and Joanna Lowe, is a local acting veteran, having been in productions by the Whistle Stop Players and Ever After Productions. character.

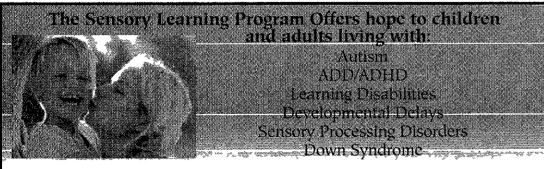
"I watched them rehearse, and I thought, "These are adults and professionals," Molly remembered. "I watched them run through *Pound*, and I was a little intimidated. But they've been so nice. This is going to be a great experience for me."

The whole thing makes one great story, what with a local girl starring in the play and the father/son team producing it, according to Tobin. "Having known Hal since I was a young lady, it's just a really sweet situation," Tobin said. "He's producing and directing his son's plays, and he's playing the title role in one of them. That's about as sweet as it gets."

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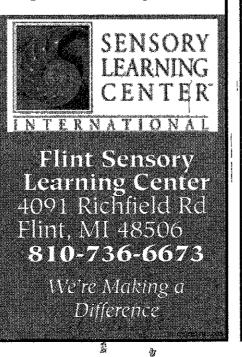
Molly Wallace of Plymouth (right) rehearses a scene from "Rain in the Hollows," a Sean O'Leary play that hits the stage at Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton next weekend. Wallace won the part in an audition late last year.





Dr. Brad Habermehl, Optometrist from Michigan, will be explaining the Sensory Learning Program and its beneficial effect. Parents whose children have participated in the program will also be speaking and there will be dramatic before and after video footage of one child's experience.

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Plymouth's Amanda Baldwin keeps her smile as her and her teammates work through their routine at the Mid-American State Pompon competition held Sunday at Eastern Michigan University.

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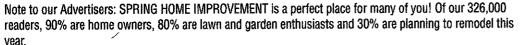
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Poms contest honors teamwork, style

BY STACY JENKINS STAFF WRITER

Precision, energy, teamwork and bright smiles defined the Mid American Pompon State Competition on Sunday at Eastern Michigan University.

It wasn't just about winning - it was about coming together to perform with the best pompon squads in the state.

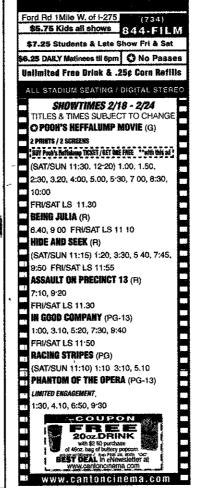
"You're all champions," said Karen Blazaitis, owner of the Farmington Hills-based Mid American Studio, following the performances in the EMU Convocation Center.

For the girls on the 27-member Garden City High School varsity pompon squad, it was about celebrating a secondplace finish in the Class A division.

With a large contingency cheering the girls on from the stands, the reigning state champion team impressed the judges with an exciting routine.

"We really became close as a

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squad this year," said Jacline Contesso, a senior. "We're probably the closest we've ever been. I think it's great – we worked really hard."

Class A pompon squads that placed were: Okemos High School, eighth; South Lyon High School, seventh; Crestwood High School, sixth; Franklin High School, fifth; Churchill High School, fourth; Novi High School, third; Garden City High School, second; and the Saginaw-area Heritage High School, first.

Schools that participated but did not place were: Midland, Lakeland, Bay City Western, Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth and Canton high schools.

The following squads placed in Division II: Thurston High School, seventh; North Farmington High School, sixth; Mercy High School, fifth; Grand Ledge High School, fourth; Harrison High School, third; Waterford Kettering High School, second; and Northville High School first.

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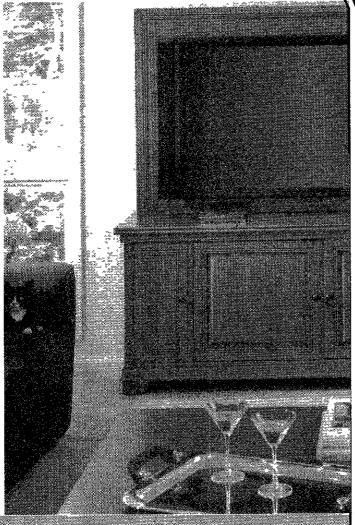
Canton's Katelyn Wade and the rest of her teammates worked through their routine at the Mid-American State Pompon competition Sunday at Eastern Michigan University.



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DEATHS

4 John A. Augspürger, 39, formerly of Birmingham, died Feb. 11. Mary Elizabeth Baldie (nee Roshirt), of Livonia, died Feb. 6. Martha Louise Berels, 48, of Bloomfield Township, died Feb. 13. C Mary M. Cirrincione; 88, of Independence Township, died Feb.

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Mike Grabis, 89, died Feb. 5.

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Charles W. Heil, 67, died Feb. 10. Doris Marion Hirzel died Feb. 8. Richard D. House, 50, of Troy, died Feb. 8.

Nelson Karney, 79, died Feb. 13. Daniel Lee Johnson, 82, of

Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 12. Jéssica Lynn Johnson, 22, of Plymouth, died Feb. 7.

Wallace E. Lemmons, 83, of Clarkston, died Feb. 10. Mary A. Lendzion, 80, of Rochester Hills, died Feb. 4. Amy L. Lyzenga (Nichols), 39, died Feb. 13.

М Helen F. Martens, 82, died Feb. 6. Thomas L. Matheson, 52, of Redford, died Feb. 11. Grace E. McQueen, 90, of Birmingham died Feb. 11. Emmett West Mills, 84, of Beverly Hills.

Marie Nichols, 86, of Mancelona, died Feb. 11.

Winifred E. Polk, 91, of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 12.

Robert V. Radway, 77, died Feb. 11.

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needed in this situation," Ruggirello said.

Ruggirello said a routine police check was performed before hiring Eble. "Her record was clean." According to a police report

filed by the youth's mother Jan. 19, she came home Jan. 18 to find a women's shoes and coat on the living room couch, and heard her son in the bathroom.

She asked who was in there and her son said no one, the report continued. The mother told police she then left the home briefly. Upon returning, the shoes and coat were gone.

The youth later told his mother he had asked a woman acquaintance "to come over and give him a massage and that no sex act took place," the mother told police.

Yet, she told officers she suspected sexual contact between the two, saying this was not the first time her son

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and the woman acquaintance Feb. 2, Clark Sexton, the forwere alone in the home.

Maria Miller, assistant prosecuting attorney and director of communications for the Wavne County Prosecutor's Office, declined to release further information related to the case prior to the preliminary exam. Police said Eble is married

with two children. This the second case this

month that Canton police have arrested a former school employee on charges of sexually assaulting a minor. On

mer principal at Agape Christian Academy, was charged and arraigned on two counts of third-degree sexual conduct and one count of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, for allegedly having sex with one of his female students.

Sexton's preliminary exam was supposed to have taken place Feb. 11 in 35th District Court, but was adjourned until March 4.

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



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Edwin Smolarek, 78, of Canton, died Feb. 6.

Volunteers sought for maple sugar activities

It's maple syrup season for the Natural Areas at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and volunteers are needed to assist with several maple sugaring activities.

The Environmental Interpretive Center at UM-Dearborn will hold a tree tapping event 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19.

"This is work, but it's fun work and many helping hands are needed," said Rick Simek, program supervisor for the **Environmental Interpretive** Center

Participants will learn to identify the proper trees for tapping and then have the opportunity to use old-fashioned hand crank bits and braces to put holes in sugar maple trees.

Individuals and organized groups are welcome to attend the event.

Volunteers also are needed to collect sap on various days between Feb. 20 and March 16, including weekends. Participants meet at 4 p.m. at the EIC and are in the field collecting sap for about two hours. To register, contact Simek at (313) 583-6371.

Adult volunteers are also needed to help make syrup by tending to the sap stove.

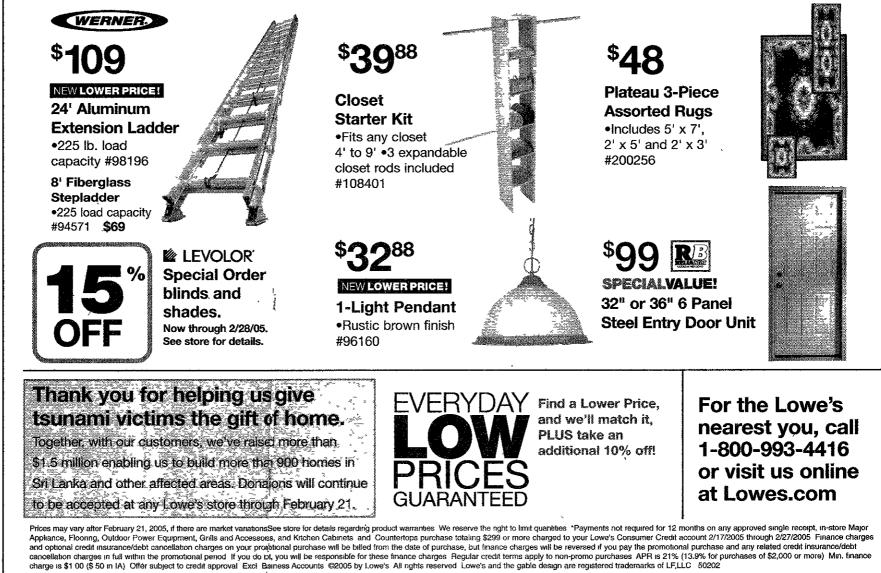


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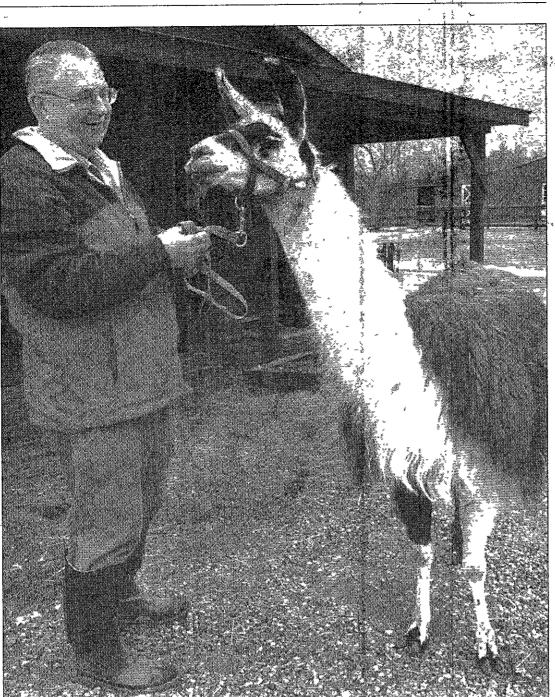
which ran a segment on Fuesday. It wasn't long before relatives of the animal's owners called the Rowes. As it turns out, the owners live about a block away from the couple. They are out of town, vacationing in Florida, and won't be home until this weekend. The couple, who asked that their names not be used in this story, had relatives caring for all four of their llafmas.

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Richard Rowe said the stray lama had broken through its fence, and had wandered off, only to be attacked by the dogs. On Tuesday, he spoke to the llama's owners, who called him from Florida.

"They couldn't thank us enough," he said. "I told them I would keep the animal until they got back this weekend. I also went over to their house and repaired the fence so the other animals couldn't get out." The Rowes, who moved to Canton in 1991, have owned their llamas for about a decade. They own about an acre of and, and had originally planned to buy some horses. Instead, they chose four llamas as pets because the animals are known for being easy to care for. They graze like cows, which keeps feeding costs flown, and maintain good health, which keeps vet bills down.

"We love our llamas. They are very nice natured. They move around the back acre, which means I don't have to mow the lawn," he said. As for the dogs, Canton Police Lt. Rob Cripe said the township doesn't have its own animal control officer, but contracts with a private company. He said residents should call police if they see stray



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Richard Rowe and the llama that was found.

dogs like the ones that attacked the llama. Richard Rowe said both dogs had collars. He is keeping the llama quarantined in his barn, and it will stay that way until the owners come to claim it "She is pretty perky and walking around," he said

Wednesday. " guess you could say this was astory that ended well."

TOM HWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Salem High freshman collects for a cause

Late last month, Neil Murray delivered what took more than 100 hours to prepare and coordinate. The 14-year-old Salem High freshman collected and packed up hygiene kits that were sent to Southeast Asia to help the victims of the Dec. 26 tsunami tragedy, Each hygiene kit contained two hand-towels, four toothbrushes, two combs, two soap bars, and one tube of toothpaste in a large plastic bag. The kits will serve four people, with the goal of helping keep them clean and free from disease. Murray, who's goal was to make 300 kits, collected 354, which will benefit a total of 1,416 individuals.

Murray's inspiration for the project came from his years of service in the Boy Scouts. As his Eagle Scout project, Murray decided to coordinate his project, Hygiene Kits for Tsunami

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in the parking lot of the apartments, when a silver Dodge Stratus was set on fire. The second car, a Dodge Intrepid, burned March 17.

Police said that in both fires – and in the subsequent fires – there were no witnesses and little evidence left at the scene. The fires were set between 1:30– 5 a.m.

The third car arson was June 19 at the apartment complex. Fire fighters arrived to see a Pontiac in flames. On Dec. 10, police were called to a pallet fire. The pallet was leaning against the management office, but the fire did not spread to the office.

The final three fires were set Feb. 11 at Canton Professional Park. Two Volkswagen VWs and a Hyundai were damaged. "Every single one had the same wadded up paper," Pomorski said. Asked if police were stepping up night patrols in the area, Pomorski said, "We've got our officers on patrol; we've contacted (neighboring) Plymouth Township and discussed it with the fire marshall."

"We don't have a pattern," Pomorski continued. "It doesn't happen every week. It's very sporadic."

[°]Canton Fire Marshall Frank Barrett said authorities have investigated some footprints through a seldom-traveled field between the Canton Professional Center and the Lincolnshire Apartments east of the center.

"What we're looking for right now is for people to be aware if they are out about that time," Barrett said. "If they see strange people let us check it out."

Barrett said he would distribute fliers and posters at area businesses and nearby Plymouth-Canton and Plymouth-Salem High Schools.

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Victims. He approached local businesses, friends, and family for help.

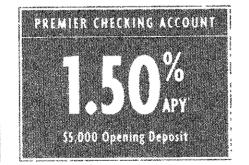
"When I saw the news about the Tsunami I wanted to do something," says Murray. "I thought of how some of the kids lost their parents. I don't know what I'd do in that situation. I know this will only reach a handful of people but I wanted to help."



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"People have a misconception

endeavors will begin on thon at Super Bowl on Ford Road in Canton from 2-4 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person and pin no tap and shoes. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, lucky strike and mystery games for participants.

Fisher's friends and family will join her for a silent auction from 5-7 p.m. at 4 Friends on Warren Road east of Sheldon. Anyone is welcome to come out and show

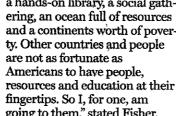


planning her trip through i-to-i, she'll need \$12,600 for 10 months of volunteer work, very basic housing, medical coverage and meals; \$3,000 for roundtrip airfare; and \$2,100 for all the vaccinations/medications she'll need before and during the trip to safeguard her health

She has a two-month break

"I'll be updating my Web site

Although Fisher's around-theworld ticket and her volunteer of 2006, it would be her dream



lies ahead for her. She has done much volunteer work in southeastern Michigan including being a Big Sister, a tutor, a volunteer with the Rouge River Education Project and this year program for Latino girls in Detroit.

Both of Fisher's fund-raising events this weekend are familyfriendly.Super Bowl is at 45100 and 4 Friends is at 44282 out and have fun. To make a

We also offer **Dog Obedience Classes** beginning on March 5th! Puppy (8 wks to 5 months) and Adult Dogs (5 months and over)



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OUR VIEWS Rotary marks century of work

When something needs doing in the Canton community, you can expect to see any number of civic groups step to the plate. The Canton Rotary Club is no exception.

Whether it is helping fund a number of literacy projects in the community, such as trying to get books into every elementary school classroom and working on the annual spelling bee, or donating Christmas baskets to local seniors, Canton Rotary continues to find ways to serve the community.

The club's newest project is to fund a decorative clock plaza in Heritage Park. Look for the Rotary booth at this summer's Liberty Fest, when members will be selling personalized bricks and benches for the plaza.

This Feb. 23, Canton Rotary will be one of many local clubs that will observe the civic organization's centennial, so it's fitting to recognize all the good, hard work Rotary does. It was Feb. 23, 1905, that founder Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer, met with a coal dealer, merchant tailor and mining engineer at the Unity Building to form the world's first Rotary club.

From those humble beginnings, Rotary has grown to include 1,219,532 members in more than 165 countries, members of 31,936 clubs. Rotary, and other service clubs that quickly followed in its footsteps, have done a great deal to contribute to the quality of life in our communities

Rotary is truly international in scope, and its efforts extend well beyond North American shores. Currently, the PolioPlus polio eradication effort is focusing on Asia and Africa, bringing good health and a brighter future to those countries.

Literacy, water management and a host of other areas are supported by Rotary International, its districts and clubs. The 100th anniversary is a time for pride in accomplishments, but also a time for reflection.

Rotary's Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do remains relevant in 2005:

1. Is it the truth?

2. Is it fair to all concerned?

3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

As RI President Glenn Estess Sr. writes in the current issue of The Rotarian, "But our centennial is not just a time to reflect upon our past accomplishments. It is also a time to look to the future, to set new goals, and to face new challenges. We must continue to dedicate ourselves to,world peace, promote high ethical standards, and seek new opportunities for service.

Best wishes to Rotary on reaching this milestone, and may the next 100 years bring equally great accomplishments.



HAVE NEW IDEAS SAVE MICHIGAN

Consider bike trails

My wife and I moved to Canton from Livonia almost 11 years ago. We are very happy with the city's special focus on leisure services and recreation. We live adjacent to Griffin Park and use it regularly, especially for the Senior Drop-in Tennis every May through October.

There is one omission in the parks and leisure facilities which we would like some consideration. We enjoy biking. Several times a year we travel to Kensington Metropark to enjoy the bike trail. We also use the trails connecting the Lower Huron, Willow and Oakwoods metroparks.

Last spring, when I was given the watershed map at Canton's Rouge Rescue Day, I was struck with the wonderful network of creeks and streams within Canton. My condo borders the Green Drain on the south edge of Griffin

Park.

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continue your skillful negotiation as you did with Sam's/Wal-Mart for example. You know our expectation when it comes to the million dollars IKEA will spend on traffic improvements.

Others, please use all your contacts and business successes to get us another IKEA, Yazaki, or the like as they have. Kandyce Muniz

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Cheering welcome

During the Plymouth vs. Canton basketball game (Feb. 4), school officials instructed the spirited students in the bleachers to refrain from standing and to temper their cheers. I say, for what?

The event was a high school basketball game, not a symphonic performance. On second thought, the last time I attended a symphony concert, the audience actually did stand and loudly applaud.

The expression of school spirit and pep

gested it to him.

Hopefully, the working young people who contribute to Social Security from their earnings will not bite the misinformation bait advocating the president's "fix." Hopefully, they will not perceive it as an honest attempt at solution, but will recognize it as the first step in dismantling a highly successful government program, to their great disadvantage.

In buying power, the present dollar is worth about five cents of the 1950s. The way the dollar is losing value, and while actual inflation is more than 10 percent, 25 years from now, perhaps even sooner, the dollar most likely will be worth present five cents.

Therefore, the personal retirement accounts advocated by the president make not much sense. With the earned interests in their accounts low, and inflation high, savers will be losing fast their hard-earned money.

If they invest in stocks, most likely the Wall Street stock market manipu reap big profits, but the personal retirement accounts investors will suffer big losses. When their retirement comes, they will have practically nothing, peanuts.

Aggressive approach can build economy

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has taken an aggressive approach to dealing with the state's needs in such fundamental areas as jobs, the infrastructure and education. It's about time.

Her State of the State and budget presentations show she is determined to turn Michigan's economy around. What is less clear is whether Republicans will set partisanship aside, focusing instead on what's best for the state.

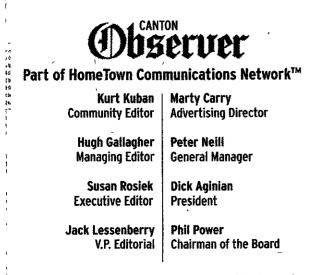
Consider her two big money requests - \$2 billion in bonds to create 72,000 jobs over 10 years, and another \$800 million to improve the state's infrastructure and create another 36,000 jobs. Republicans aren't likely to approve placing that on November's ballot. But those sizable requests are among the few concrete approaches to improve the economy that have been offered by state elected officials.

But her infrastructure proposal is important to the state's economy as well. The small gas tax approved years ago can't keep up with crumbling roads and bridges.

Granholm also is keenly aware that the state needs a cadre of well-educated workers with good technological skills, something that is in short supply in Michigan. Local educators are welcoming a call for an increase in state funding for K-12 education, but they point out that it's been a long time in coming. Will it be enough, they ask?

Certainly it is a start, but Granholm's proposals for higher education are a mixed bag. Tuition increases are limited to five percent, and Merit scholarships are increased to \$4,000 - after a student successfully completes two years of higher education.

Everyone agrees on what the state's problem is -jobs, jobs, jobs. Now it will be up to the state Legislature to work with the governor in making them happen.



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With these creeks and streams (and the woods that often border them), with Canton's well-located network of parks, with power line right-of-ways, the two city golf courses and the railroads at two of our city's corners, it would seem that a wonderful bike-roller blade-walking trail could be designed. Obviously it would have to use existing sidewalks as it passes through residential or business districts as it connects to some of our treasures, like the Summit, Cherry Hill Village, Victory Park and, of course, Heritage Park.

Even a refreshment stop could be designed in front of our new Library Cafe. It could even link up to the I-275 bike trail at the north and south end of the city.

Every time we are on one of the Metropark trails, we are impressed with the number of people using them: individuals, couples and families, young and old, and the attraction is multi-racial. Canton is a community offering excellent leisure services. A well-designed bike path would be a wonderful companion to Canton's other parks and services.

Richard Oestreicher

Canton

IKEA praise

Thanks to the Canton Observer for its keen observation in its evaluation of what IKEA brings to Canton Township in particular (\$13 million projected for the local economy and \$1 million in property taxes yearly, 300 jobs and 500 union workers for the building phase), the state (several million in sales tax) and the region.

Congratulations to township officials Tom Yack and Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo for their efforts with IKEA. In addition, hats off to Kathleen Salla of the Downtown Development Authority, Dianne Cojei of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, along with thousands of us who have worked to make Canton a community this desirable. Companies like this are why we have a broad tax base with a stable tax rate.

Yack, Zarbo, Melissa McLaughlin and all the township planning teams, with your vision and successful track record,

cheers may be uncommon for a basket ball game at The Park, but they're certainly welcomed as part of the festive atmosphere at sporting events. In fact, whenever coaches speak of home court advantage, they're referring to the benefit of a lively pep section.

I enjoyed the enthusiasm of the students. It was an exciting game. Plymouth came back from a 14-point deficit and nearly won the contest, and the Canton students proudly cheered their home team to victory.

As the parent of two high school students, it was a successful night at The Park. Simultaneous to the basketball game at Canton was the Variety Talent Show at Salem. Both events were well attended and, most importantly, the students had fun.

> **Gerald Sabatini** Plymouth

Dean supporter

In August 2003, I became a supporter of Howard Dean for president. Today, I'm excited to see he is gaining support as the leader of the Democratic Party.

His energy, his pragmatic ideas and his plan to make Democrats competitive in every race in every state make him the best choice to lead the party into the future.

Those of us in the 11th Congressional District who have been working in the last year to support Dr. Dean's Democracy for America group welcome his rise to the top of the DNC candidates list. We'd also welcome our friends and neighbors to join us on the first Wednesday of each month for a "meetup" at various local locations (visit www.meetup.com for times and sites).

Kara Gavin

Plymouth

Howard Dean was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee over the weekend.

Bad proposition

President Bush is promoting a bad proposition in regard to Social Security. It would be interesting to know what regressive, anti-societal interests sug-

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"We're cautiously optimistic ... I believe the governor and legislators understand that through three years of freezes and two mid-year cuts, and with rising expenses, it's very tough. I certainly wouldn't use the term windfall, but any additional revenue has a positive effect on the budget."

- Jim Ryan, Plymouth-Canton schools superintendent, on the governor's/plan to increase per-pupil revenue

The Social Security was supposed to be an insurance program. Deductions from paychecks go on the line FICA -- Federal Insurance Contributions Act. The monies so collected should go to Social Security Trust Fund, from which SS retirement benefits are supposed to be paid.

But the fund has been raided by the government. Monies from the fund, large surpluses, had been spent on unrelated projects, like Vietnam War, foreign aid to the tune of tens of billions of dollars every year (subsidizing SS in foreign countries) and the like other uncontrolled wasteful spending.

Young, working people of today are entitled to decent living when they retire. Their FICA contributions, insurance premiums now called SS tax, kept in care of the government, must be available to them when the need arises.

Their retirement benefits must be adequately compensated for the government-created inflation, for the diminishing value of the dollar, for the interest. accumulated over the years.

> Joseph Wira Plymouth

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Granholm reneges on her promise to state's colleges

ast week was a busy one for those in the politics business in Michigan. Gov. Jennifer Granholm delivered *her State of the State speech last Tuesday and, two days later, submitted her budget proposals.

And both efforts received mostly negative reactions from the Republicans who control both houses of the Legislature. Taken together, these events set the stage for the political debate that will go on from now until the November 2006 election.

The governor's speeches were significant. Whatever you think about the details of her proposals, Granholm, for the first time since being elected in 2002, has set out a



coherent long-term agenda for the state. The first two years of her administration were preoccupied with mostly piecemeal attempts to get around the chronic (and so far entirely unresolved) structural state budget deficit of more than \$1 billion per year. This time around, the governor

Phil Power

proposed significant changes to the clumsy and badly out-of-date Single Business Tax. Her reforms are intended to help manufacturers, small businesses and high-tech startup companies.

She wants to take a \$2 billion

bonding measure to the voters; if passed, she believes it will create 72,000 jobs. She also offered up an accelerated \$800 million public works program that's supposed to build roads and bridges and produce another 36,000 jobs. She offered the schools increased perpupil funding and successful college juniors a \$4,000 merit scholarship.

The main themes that come through loud and clear are jobs — jobs right now and jobs in the future. For a governor presiding over a state with a 7.4 percent unemployment rate (the highest in the nation) and a Republican opposition beginning to sense blood in the water, talking jobs right now is a simple exercise in political survival. And for a state facing a fundamental erosion of its historic high-wage, low-skill manufacturing base, nothing could be more needed than steps to produce a highly skilled, educated and competitive workforce.

But selling this package won't be easy, especially in Lansing, where narrow partisanship has become the name of the game. Frankly, I thought the spectacle of the GOP lawmakers sitting dourly on their hands during the State of the State speech was both gratuitously rude and disappointingly partisan. Granholm will need to be nimble over the next months in painting the Legislature as obstructionist and do-nothing, and she'll need to assemble a big-time coalition to sell her program to the public.

Which is why last week's mess over her budget proposals for funding higher education was so embarrassing and unnecessary.

Without getting into "insider baseball" detail, the governor's budget called for a \$30 million cut in this year's base funding for Michigan's 15 public universities, supposedly offset by a pledge of \$100 million in capital outlay and maintenance if they keep tuition increases below 5 percent.

Going ballistic is a mild way to describe the reaction from college presidents around the state. Those I talked with used terms like "betrayal," "astonished" and "plain and simple welshing on a deal" - together with some other comments not wholly suitable for inclusion in a family newspaper.

How come? At the end of last year's budget negotiations, the college presidents cut a deal with the governor: You hold your tuition increases below the rate of inflation and I'll guarantee your base funding won't get cut this year or next. If you read the text of last year's Executive Order, you'll see it right there in black and white. So from the perspective of the universities, Granholm's budget plan was an outright betrayal of last year's deal coupled with a funding cut two-thirds of the way through the school year. "A kick in the teeth," one president called it.

I reached Mike Bolus, head of the presidents' council, on his way to MSU President Lou Anna Simon's inauguration. He was so mad he wouldn't trust himself to an onthe-record interview. His written statement made these points: "A \$30 million cut this late in the school year is the same as a \$120 million cut at the beginning of the fiscal year. ... During the last three years, Michigan's Legislature and governor have steadily cut state allocations to higher education. More than \$250 million has been cut during that time ... Per student state spending has dropped from \$6,840 in 2000 to \$5,720 today."

One president I know well told me that the governor's budget had succeeded in doing something previously considered impossible: uniting all the university presidents in the state.

Then Granholm herself called me to say she was "amazed and distressed" at the rumpus that had been stirred up. "We thought that offering \$100 million in capital outlay and maintenance was a real sign of support for our universities," she said. "We're going to get together early next week to try to work out our differences.

Good idea. Granholm has rightly made the core of her policy for Michigan doubling the number of college graduates over the next decade and increasing enormously the transfer of new technology from university research labs to high-tech companies. To do this, she needs help and cooperation from our state universities, just as they need her aid in trying to reverse the long, dismal and dangerous slide in state support.

Let's hope they succeed. Tin ears in Lansing and dark suspicion in the halls of academe are hardly the stuff on which Michigan's economic future is going to be constructed. Benjamin Franklin never got to Michigan, but he still may have said it best. To paraphrase a bit, if we don't all hang together, the state's future will, most assuredly, be left hanging out to dry.

Phil Power is a former regent of the University of Michigan. He is also 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.

Accomplishments, challenges forge best, worst of times for schools

Neclendon reetings from the E.J. McClendon 🖷 Educational Center in downtown Plymouth. I hope everyone is doing their best to handle the winter weather and living life to the fullest.

The 2004-05 school year is moving along smoothly. Our students and staff have distinguished themselves with many positive accomplishments. Our teams have won tournaments and league championships. We are also fortunate to have many examples of our students exhibiting good character and service to our community.

As you read in the title of this article, it is the best of times for our district. Besides

> guaranteeing we will always be able to levy 18 Dr. James Ryan

mills on non-homestead property. These victories were by record margins and hopefully reflected your approval of the work we are doing in your school district.

Unfortunately, it is also the worst of times. Despite all the positive accomplishments, evidence of success, and the election victories, the fact that 97 percent of our funding comes from the State of Michigan continues to endanger the district's operation.

As you know, we are in the third year of a foundation grant (the money we get per pupil) freeze. Besides these freezes, we also received two executive order budget reduction cuts the last two years, and are holding our collective breath that we do

not receive another mid-year cut this year.

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Because the recovery of the Michigan economy always lags behind the national economy, the revenues received by the state, especially in the sales tax area, continue to fall short of predictions. Thus, we have seen the governor and legislature addressing state budget deficits the last two years.

This is tough on school districts and local municipalities alike. Because the state cannot meet or increase its funding responsi- . bility, both entities have to make reductions to balance the budget. We cry foul and, suddenly, we are perceived as whiners.

Add to this the fact that our communities just passed the bond issue and millage", renewal, and I get angry letters asking me what I am doing with all the money the district just received. It is easy to understand why Charlie Brown gets so frustrat- 🖗 ed when Lucy pulls the football away.

So, what's a superintendent to do? We way are in the process of beginning the development of the 2005-06 school year budget. As always, we'll look at every single ~ 2 revenue and expenditure to determine its, a fit in the budget.

We will look for creative ways to raise revenue and reduce expenditure. We'll do all we can to protect what happens in our classrooms and serve our communities well.

As always, I remain very proud to be the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. We will continue to try to be good communicators, trusted servants with our funding, and always promise to make academic success our No. 1 priority. I wish you the best as we march on toward spring.

Dr. James Ryan is superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. He can be reached at (734) 416-3048.

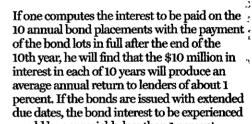
LETTERS

Governor's plan

The bond plan proposed by Gov. Granholm to initiate new business operations would issue \$2 billion in bond instruments. The administration of commerce promoted by government planners seems less promising than private enterprise initiatives.

Today, though, I have questions concerning the report in a Sunday newspaper, "How jobs bond plan will affect investment in Michigan." The bond initiative suggests that the estimated annual interest will be \$10 million to \$12 million.

The \$2 billion in bonds are to be sold and distributed in lots or batches of \$200 million.

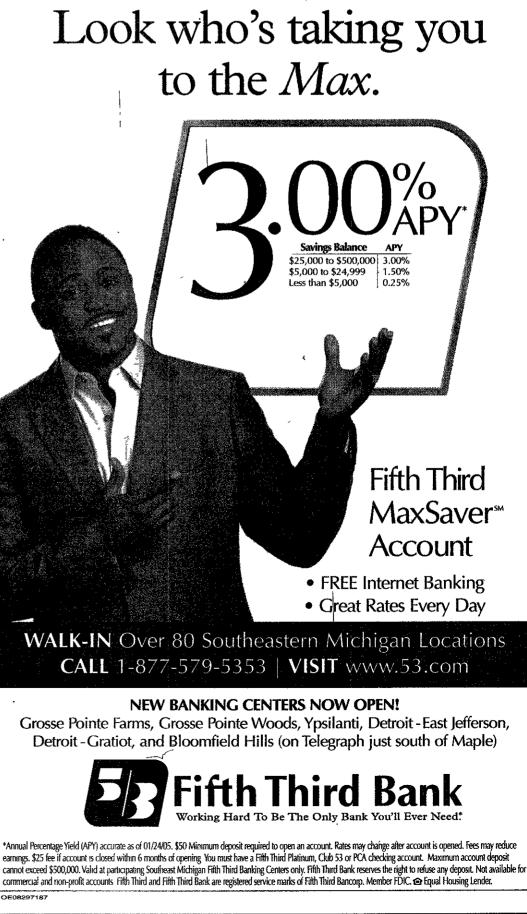


would be appreciably less than 1 percent. Who will be first in line to purchase, with the expectation and promise of a 1 percent return on his loan, his bond purchase? Some scolding ' of this writer or correction by the bond lenders should be forthcoming, and soon.

> Neil Goodbred 🤅 Livonia

the accomplishments already mentioned, the communities that make up the district blessed us by passing our \$109 million bond issue and by





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COUNTY NEWS

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Bouchard drops out from U.S. Senate race

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

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The race for the Republican - Party nod to run against U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow in 2006 again is wide open following **Oakland** County Sheriff Michael Bouchard's surprise withdrawal from the contest.

In a statement released Tuesday, Bouchard cited "health issues, while not life-threatening," which made a statewide senatorial campaign a bad idea at this time. The same release said the medical condition, for which he was hospitalized, would not get in the way of him performing his duties as sheriff.

"I am extremely disappointed at this unforeseen development," Bouchard wrote in a press release. "Given these circumstances, I feel I cannot fairly discharge my important duties as sheriff of Oakland County, focus on my health and undertake the additional demands that are required for a successful Senate campaign."

Bouchard, who could not be reached for comment Wednesday, said he would continue to focus on his work as sheriff and may consider a future run at statewide office once his medical problems are behind him.

, "I feel it unfair to my many

constituents and supporters not to pursue as vigorous a cam-. paign as they and the State of Michigan deserve," he said.

Also Tuesday, Oakland **County Prosecutor David** Gorcyca announced he too was removing his name from anyone's short list for the race. Citing family pressures, the prosecutor said he could not devote the time necessary to running against Stabenow in 2006.

Oakland Republican Party Executive Director Diane Harnisch said her constituents can breathe easy, knowing there will be other quality candidates to come forward.

"I'm looking forward to having another well-respected Oakland County Republican to come out and declare his intentions," she said.

While not naming names or announcing anyone else's candidacy, Harnisch said there were some who were interested in the race who will be re-evaluating where they stand in light of Bouchard leaving the race. She said she was confident that, once certain people were ready, they will step forward and announce.

Until then, there's one thing that hasn't changed: who Republicans will target and why.

Ronald Tate's favorite sport is hockey - there is even a reference to the game on ice in his email address

But with the NHL lockout, he's been thinking about changing allegiances. "Since there's no hockey, I have

no choice," he said. A contest sponsored by the

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers gives Tate another reason to list football as his favorite, in a landslide. Tate, a 61-year-

old Army veteran and retiree from Oxford, won Pick the Pros, a 22-week NFL game picking contest published inside the OSE sports sections in partnership with Baseview.

Tate's name was randomly drawn from a field of nearly 700 contestants, according to Marty

picking correctly, Tate would

have won that, too, Carry said. His winning percentage was tops for the OSE and ranked

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Ronald Tate (left) receives a plaque from Observer &

Eccentric Advertising Director Marty Carry .

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the Pros' contest



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Carry, OSE advertising director. He wins a trip for four to Las Vegas, including airfare and box. hotel, Carry said. Had there been a winner for

seventh nationally among hundreds of other newspapers which run the same contest, according to Carry.

"I went with my gut feeling," Tate said. The more a person played, the better his or her chances at winning, Carry said. Because Tate played every week, there were 22 slips of paper with his name inside the drawing

"We'll be back at the start of next year's season," Carry said. By Steve Kowalski

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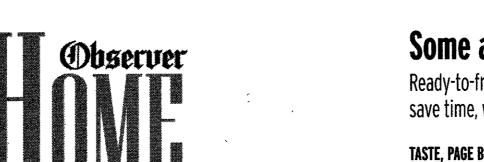
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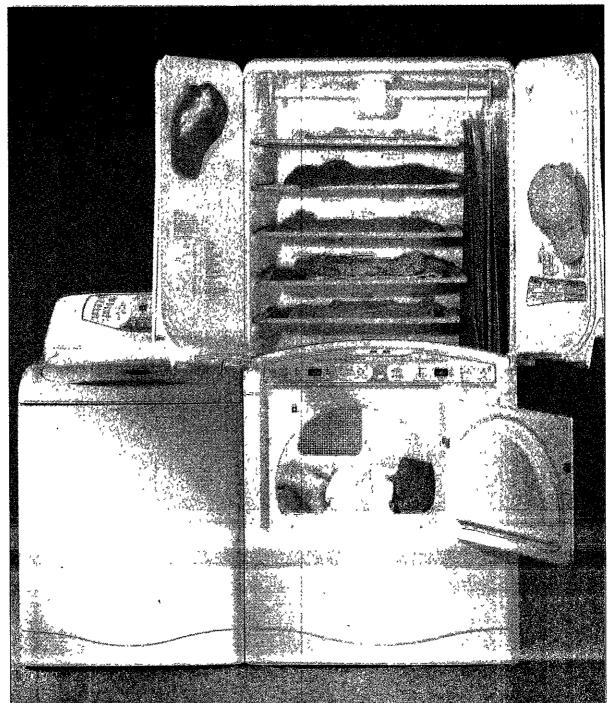
Appliances fit your lifestyle as they work

BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

marter and smarter. Today's appliances are not only easy to use and energy efficient, they can be customized for the way you live, sometimes at the touch of a finger. And you can fine tune them even further with accessories

"Loaded with options" is a description usually connected with cars. And "designer line" usually has to do with fashion clothing. But those phrases can be connected with appliances as well.

"A lot of convenience. That's the main thing," said Raquel Thomas, sales and design consultant, **Kurtis Kitchen** and Bath Centers in Farmington Hills. LAUNDRY At Bill & Rod's Appliance Inc. in





Clean the closet

Mother may have warned you as a child about messy closets, but even grown-ups have ahard time breaking the. habit of closet clutter.

To bring order to your closet, follow these simple rules from Peter Walsh, organizer on TLC program Clean Sweep and author of How to **Organize Just About** Everything.

Set a reasonable timeline for how long it will take to declutter and § get organized. Break the job into small, manageable pieces and tackle them one at a time.

Use the ratio rule. When sorting clothes, shoes or other items stowed in the closet, try cutting down the total number you keep. For every four items you keep, throw away one, or challenge yourself and try to lower the ratio even more.

Use vertical space. Use a closet organization system that is easy to install and requires limited preplanning.

Understand and honor your treasured collections. If you truly treasure those items, display them properly in your home and, if not, ask yourself why you are keeping them.

For more information on closet organization systems and home organization products, visit www.rubbermaidcloset.com

COURTESY MAYTAG

Inspect furnace

Regular furnace inspections can help prevent air stratification. Air stratification happens in your home when warm air rises and becomes trapped in a room's ceiling.

The Affinity V Series furnaces from York prevent this from happening with an electronically commutated motor. The ECM circulates air for longer periods of time and at a fraction of the cost of a standard blower motor, which reduces air stratification and makes a house more comfortable.

To get more tips on annual maintenance, visit www.yorkupg.com or call (800) 910-YORK.

Add a gazebo Gazebos are born out

of our need for romance and a connection with times gone by. They brighten any landscape and now come available in modern design choices while keeping their Old World charm.

Comfort and style aren't reserved for the indoors. An open or screened in gazebo is the perfect place for entertaining or solitary pursuits and is a great focal (point for your city or country home. Whether designed as a garden showcase, entertainment venue or simply a quiet place for two, Summerwood Products has architectural styles aimed to please the eye.

For more information on easy to assemble outdoor garden structures that are delivered right to your home, go to www.summerwood.com or call (800) 663-5042.

COURTESY MAYTAG The French door bottom freezer refrigerator by Maytag, here in stainless steel, has plenty of room. An internal filtered water dispenser can replace bottled

> ing. "I can program how I want to clean a sweater," said Legato, who with her husband, Kim, owns the business.

"And I'm computer illiterate." Using the touchpad control

set instructions within

ed how you can program the Maytag® Neptune[®] washer to clean certain types of cloth-

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moments. Each program can be named and saved so whoever

a few

uses the washer, regardless of his or her level of experience doing laun-

dry, won't COURTESY JENN-AIR be intimidated. The

Jenn-Air's wall oven has a variety of Neptune's features and isn't limited to the Stain Brain panel can kitchen.

Linda Legato Maytag's new Neptune drying center can dry or refresh clothes in its cabinet, where clothes can hang or lay flat. demonstrat-

> also present washing instructions for specific stains.

The front loader Neptune can clean a large comforter and other big loads. Its top spin cycle speed removes more water from the items, so they spend less time in the drver.

Maytag's new Neptune drying center can save you trips to the dry cleaner.

The upper drying cabinet above a traditional tumble dryer - moves air around and through clothes, at a temperature that's gentle on fabrics. Clothes can hang or lay flat. "So many washing instructions

say to lay (the clothes) flat," Legato said.

Items are dried or refreshed by warm air infused with steam that passes through multidirectional openings. A WrinkleRelease^{1M} rod sways back and forth as the clothes dry.

Fragrance can be added to any cycle to refresh smelly items.

The Atlantis® dryer by Maytag self-adjusts the temperature to help eliminate overdrying and shrinkage.

On some models, you can put sweaters on a drying rack instead of tumble drying them. And some Atlantis dryers have a special

COURTESY MAYTAG

The Neptune washing machine and dryer can be programmed to clean certain types of clothes.

Dryel[®] Cycle designed for use with Dryel sheets for "dry clean only" items.

Maytag's titanium iron is a big seller at Bill & Rod's Appliance. The cordless iron doesn't stick, and is good for craft projects as well as laundry. The iron charges in a base.

COOKING

Updated features in microwaves include a miniature browning unit for cinnamon rolls. Convenience ovens, such as those by Jenn-Air®, handle tasks

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emember Napster? Not the controversial file-sharing program that was litigated into oblivion, but the legit online music store that debuted about 18 months ago.



Savvy

Rick

Broida

Yeah, I didn't think so. Most folks get their music downloads from iTunes or Musicmatch. Napster came a bit too late to the party, and with only its name to distinguish it. But now there's

Napster To Go, a new service that offers something you can't get elsewhere (vet): a millionsong music library you can download to your portable player.

Suppose you own a Dell Pocket DJ, which can hold about 1,200 songs. To fill it with 99-cent tracks purchased online would cost you about \$1,200. With Napster To Go, you can fill and refill it endlessly for a mere \$14.95 per month.

Admittedly, that would add up to \$1,200 over time, but you get my point.

Napster To Go provides an eminently affordable way to pack your portable player with music.

Even so, I honestly didn't think I'd like it. I hate paying subscription fees, so the idea of yet another monthly debit had all the appeal of a cable-TV rate hike.

But I soon discovered how liberating it is to have unfettered access to such a huge music library. For instance, I've recently become a fan of the late Elliott Smith. An album was released out a few months ago, but I wasn't too enamored of the track

snippets I'd heard.

With Napster To Go, so what? I can download the entire album, play it through a couple times to see if I like it, and then either keep it or toss it. Similarly, I can sample other artists I probably wouldn't bother with otherwise.

As for the monthly fees, there's a silver lining: Napster accepts PayPal. (I sell stuff on eBay to pad my PayPal account, then turn around and use those funds to buy other stuff. Cash? Who needs it!)

Now for the bad news: Napster To Go is currently compatible with only a handful of portable players. The iPod isn't among them, though Apple is sure to respond with a similar service before long. Thankfully, Napster promises support for more devices in the near future.

I think this service could spark a revolution in the way we buy music - assuming people are comfortable with the idea of renting instead of owning.

Are you? Send your thoughts to the address below.

While we're on the subject of portable players, consider replacing the crummy, uncomfortable earbuds that came with yours. I highly recommend Etymotic's 6i Isolator earphones (www.etymotic.com). They're pricey (\$149) and feel a bit weird at first (they slip right into your ear canal), but they sound tremendous and block out most ambient noise. Splurge on these; you won't regret it. 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 rick.broida@gmail.com.

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AT HOME

Landscape, garden seminars presented at Ford Field Home & Garden Show

When the Ford Field Home & Garden Show opens Feb. 24 - 27, nationally renowned expert, garden writer and educator Jeff Ball, director of Michigan School of Gardening Janet Macunovich and newspaper columnist Nancy Szerlag will be there to help bring homeowners' landscape and garden dreams to fruition.

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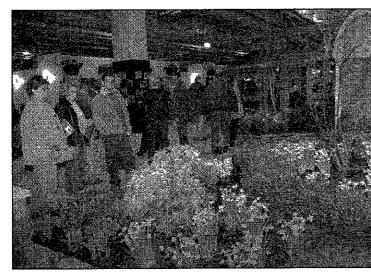
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Ball appeared monthly on NBC's The Today Show for eight years as their gardening expert. He is a full time garden writer with nine books to his credit, has produced garden videos, CD-ROMs and a garden planner software package. Ball will focus on New Ways to a Better Lawn. Ball can be seen at the show at 6 and 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. and 2 pm. Sunday.

Szerlag is a master gardener and metro Detroit free-lance writer who will present Hot Plants and Cool Tools-What's New in the Garden for 2005 at 5 and 7 p.m. Saturday and noon and 3 p.m. Sunday. She co-authored Annuals for Michigan and Perennials for Michigan, has appeared on WDIV-TV and been a garden columnist for several years offering advice for growing plants outdoors or indoors. All the Right Steps for

Beautiful, Easy Gardens and Landscapes to give the best



Visitors to the Ford Field Home & Garden Show will enjoy the view of flowered landscapes and displays. The show begins Thursday, Feb. 24 and lasts through Sunday, Feb. 27.

possible start on gardening and landscaping will be taught by The Michigan School of Gardening staff. Janet Macunovich is the director of The Michigan School of Gardening. She is a gardener through her business Perennial Favorites and writer of gardening books, a weekly newspaper column and a monthly column in The Michigan Gardener.

Macunovich has gardened professionally for over 20 years and has taught and lectured throughout Michigan, U.S. and Canada to help other garden-

ers improve their skills. The Michigan School of Gardening series of educational presentations and workshops will cover healthy soil at 6 p.m. Thursday and 3 p.m. Friday, garden design at 7 p.m. Thursday, night-lighting at 8 p.m. Thursday, gardener's health at 4 p.m. Friday, avoiding construction damage at 5 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday, common problems at 6 p.m. Friday, choosing and planting trees at 7 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday, buying landscape plants at 8 p.m.

Friday, shade gardening at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, landscape design at 2 p.m. Saturday and practical gardens and landscapes at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association will hold it's annual Green Industry Career Fair 4 - 7 p.m. in conjunction with the Show's opening day. The Career Fair will feature over 30 nursery and landscape firms seeking employees including college graduates, skilled landscape designers, experienced laborers and those looking to make a move to the green industry.

Show hours are from 3-9:30 p.m. Thursday; noon to 9:30 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8; \$4 for children 6-14 and children 5 and under admitted free.

Internet Express Tickets, which include a free parking pass, are offered online. Weekday adult admission discount coupons are available at Big Boy. Ford Field daily parking rate is \$3 and over 2,000 parking spaces are adjacent to Ford Field.

For more information, visit www.FordFieldHomeShow.co m or call (800) 328-6550.

GARDEN CALENDAR

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Seminars

English Gardens presents free garden-Ing seminars Saturdays this month at Ats stores in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-600) and Eastpointe (phone (586) 21-4200).

Attracting Birds to Your Yard will be the topic 11 a.m. Feb. 19. Learn tips on plant materials and other elements necessary to create a garden that's

home to birds, butterflies and other small creatures. **Designing Your Outdoor Living Area**

will be the topic 11 a.m. Feb. 26. Winter is a great time to plan your garden for the spring season. Learn tips and techniques from English Gardens professionals on how to get the garden of your dreams. For the nearest English Gardens, call

(800) 335-GROW or visit www.englishgardens.com.

Michigan Orchid Society

The Michigan Orchid Society will meet 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at First

Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits.

Steve Benjamin, an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, will talk about Dendrobium Orchids. The public may attend. First Baptist Church is at Willits and Bates, north of Maple (15 Mile) and east of Southfield Road in Birmingham. Herb study group

The lunch meeting of the University of Michigan Nichols Arboretum and Matthaei Botanical Gardens Herb Study Group is scheduled for Monday,

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Feb. 21, in the auditorium at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Lunch will be at noon and the meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Joan Wysocki will discuss Essential Oils for Skin Care. The public may attend, Admission is free.

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

Landscape design

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

Install that toilet quickly and easily

Sooner or later, you may be faced with having to replace a water closet. For those who

don't know, a

You may be

surprised how

Many peo-

water closet is the proper name for what we commonly call a toilet, commode or stool, as well as several other less flattering terms.

Ask Dad

easy it is to Harry do. Jachym ple give credit

to Thomas Crapper, an English sanitary engineer for inventing the modern flush toilet (hence at least one of the unflattering terms). Others give credit to Alexander Cummings who patented the flush device. There are others who are given credit for our most used appliance. In any event, I'm sure we are all glad someone invented it.

Unless the bowl or tank cracks, a toilet may never need to be replaced. If you wish to upgrade the color or style of this most disrespected appliance, follow these steps:

Turn the water shutoff valve off. Flush the toilet to empty the tank and bowl and use a sponge to remove the remaining water. Disconnect the supply tube from the tank and valve.

TAKE OUT THE TANK

Use a ratchet wrench, adjustable wrench or basin wrench (available in plumbing departments) to remove the nuts and bolts that hold the tank to the bowl. You may also need a screwdriver or another wrench inside the tank to hold the bolts. Remove the tank.

Pry the trim caps that cover the floor bolts off. Remove the floor bolts. These little buggers are probably going to be pretty well corroded. If they won't budge, you may need a nut splitter (available in tool section of home improvement stores or at rental shops) but a close quarter hacksaw (a hacksaw blade with a small handle) will also work. I've also been told that warm vinegar will help dissolve the corrosion. (Just try not to think about why the bolts are corroded.)

under the bowl.

With the bowl removed. scrape the old wax from the flange (the metal or plastic ring that holds the bowl to the floor) with a putty knife. Remove the floor bolts (or what's left of them) from the flange. Stuff a rag into the hole in the floor flange to keep sewer gas from entering the house. You'll need to remove this rag when you install the new bowl so be sure not to stuff it in too far tight or too tight.

If you plan to reinstall the old toilet, clean any wax from the horn (it's the protrusion on the bottom of the bowl).

IN WITH THE NEW

Now it's time to install the new toileţ.

Turn the new (or old one if you're doing a reinstall) bowl over. Place a new "sleeved" wax ring (available in the plumbing section) over the drain horn with the sleeve (plastic collar) pointing up.

Insert the new floor bolts (these usually come packaged with the wax ring) in the slots of the floor flange. Be certain the bolts are pointing straight up and lined up evenly on the sides of the flange.

Carefully lift the bowl over the bolts. It's good to have someone-there to help you align the bowl to the bolts and the horn to the flange. If you miss and damage the wax ring, either try to reshape it or go buy another one and start again. Be sure the rag has been removed.

Press the bowl to help seal the wax ring. Use a level to make sure the bowl is level, side-to-side and front to back. If necessary, use shims to help in leveling the bowl.

Attach the washers and nuts to the floor bolts. Use a wrench to tighten them; just DON'T make them too tight. You can easily crack the bowl and you'll have to do all the work all over again as well as buy a new toilet.

The hard part is now done. Each manufacturer has a slightly different way of installing the flush mechanism and tank to the bowl. Follow the

manufacturer's instructions on

how to assemble these. Just like

the floor bolts, be careful not to

over tighten the tank bolts. I've

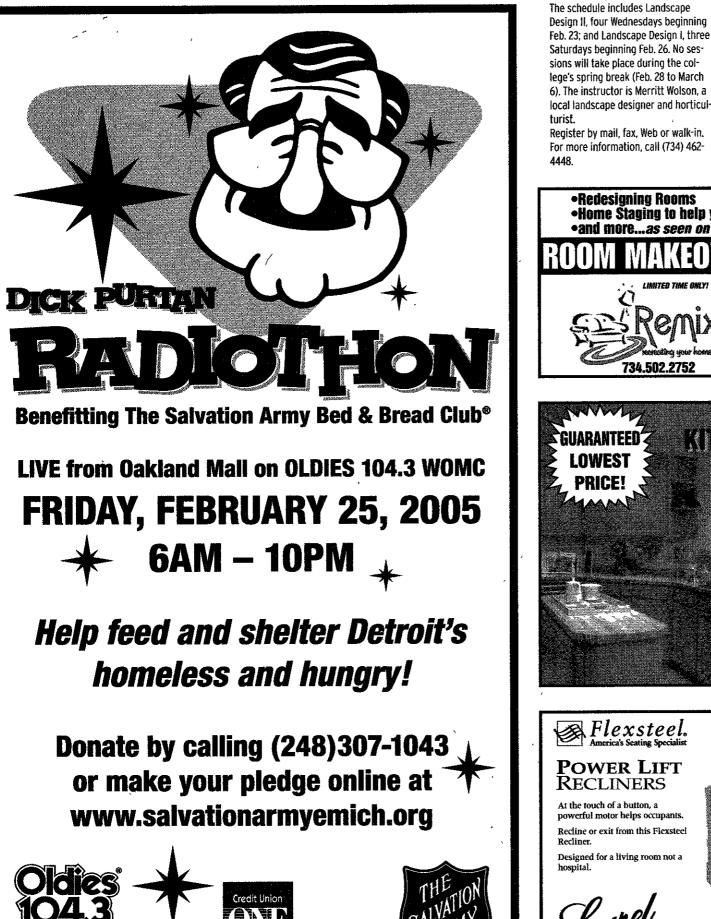
found that a little silicon sealer applied between the rubber

washers (you'll see them as you

helps to prevent leaks. Reattach

the supply line, attach the seat,

install the tank) and the tank



turn on the water supply and check for leaks. There, that wasn't so hard Redesigning Rooms now was it? Just for fun, check Home Staging to help your house sell faster out this site: http://www.toile-•and more...as seen on HGTV! tology.com/ Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building TRODUCTORY OFFER 25% OFF and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to 60 Jachym at askdad@ comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 734.502.2752 www.remixedrooms.com Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150. CHEN REFACING Factory Direct Costs Much Less Than Replacing Available in Solid Oak, Maple & Cherry Have Your Furniture References in Your Reupholstered Neighborhood Today and Receive . FREE ESTIMATES 2 PILLOWS FREE! Cabinet clinic with your order! The Leader in Cabinet Refacing **KIM'S UPHOLSTERING** West 734-421-8151 North-East 586-751-1848 (734) 427-5140 www.cabinetclinic.com Flexsteel. Bring in this ad an **POWER LIFT** RECLINERS At the touch of a button, a powerful motor helps occupants Recline or exit from this Flexsteel Designed for a living room not a Starting at \$68988 Some styles in-stock for immediate delivery ...give a new meaning to the term "easy chair." ENC. 584 W.*Ann Arbor Trail • Plymouth • (*734) 453-4700 Open Daily 9:30-6; Thurs. & Fri. 'til 9; Sat. 'til 5:30

Remove the bowl from the floor. You may have to rock the bowl a bit to break it free from the wax ring gasket that is

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Thoroughly modern: Design Within Reach puts furnishings at hand

BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

A sign in the front window of Design Within Reach in Birmingham says "funiture."

That isn't a misspelling of "furniture." Rather it's a good description of what the studio offers.

DWR, which has 30 studios nationwide, carries one of the largest assortments of modern designs for the home and workspace.

It features such classic designers as Charles and Ray Eames, George Nelson, Isamu Noguchi and Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, and young designers including Karim Rashid, Pablo Pardo, Ted Boerner and Angela Adams.

"When choosing locations for new studios, we always look to areas that reflect the vibrancy of the design community," said Sharon Carlile, Birmingham studio proprietor. "The modernist heritage brought to the area by the Cranbrook Academy of Art makes DWR a natural fit for Birmingham.

"In our area, the design community was started by legends like Eero Saarinen, Charles and Ray Eames and Florence Schust Knoll at Cranbrook. We look forward to serving as a hub for the design-focused community which has a unique tradition and deep roots here."

The studio in Birmingham, the first in Michigan, opened Feb. 1.

Among other cities with DWR studios are New York City, Los Angeles, Miami and Chicago.

The spacious, bilevel studio – 6,000 square feet – presents a variety of

DWR, which has 30 studios nationwide, carries one of the largest assortments of modern designs for the home and workspace.

pieces. They act like visual exclamation points, adding excitement to a setting.

In the front window are Icon pendant lights, hanging lamps with dome-shaped shades in bright colors and almost 2 feet in diameter. In a corner is a Twist coat rack that has a slim, double-helix form.

There are George Nelson "bubble" lamps, in ball and cigar shapes, and colorful Ball clocks; Eames lounge chairs and ottomans, with curving frames and soft leather upholstery; daybeds by Mies van der Rohe; and chaise lounges by Le Corbusier.

Near an Albero sectional chaise sofa is a Rotor coffee table by Luciano Bertoncini.

A Twilight sleep sofa by Flemming Busk can serve as a single-person daybed or unfold for multiple sleepers.

It has a long bolster pillow that adjusts to three different positions for customized seat depths and lumbar support.

There are Taburet M stacking stools by Jorgen Moller; Sonno Prima mattresses of memory foam, which conforms to the body; and outdoor 'main patio furniture, including bistro tables, chairs and pots.

DWR isn't new to area residents who had been customers through its catalog and Web site.

But the studio, open seven days a week, can deliver pieces sooner, usurally within a week. And the site is 23 geared toward interaction between 50 customers and the designs.

"You can feel the leather, you can site on the chairs," Carlile said. "A lot of its people get intimidated when they walk into a store. (Here) dogs can come through, children can climb."

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ranging from warming food to baking and broiling. And they aren't restricted to the kitchen - they can be placed in a family room or wet bar, for example.

For cooking, "the big thing is CustomControl dual elements," Thomas said.

This has two settings: ultra high, for pan-searing, blackening and stir-frying, and ultra low, which keeps delicate sauces warm without scorching. Modular cooktops can be converted to different styles of cooking. Within minutes, you can change from cooking on a radiant element or conventional coil, to grilling, to preparing food on a griddle.

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You can program and save the cook time, oven temperature and cooking method for up to 10 favorite recipes with Jenn-Air wall ovens.

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Jenn-Air ranges consist of a cooktop, an upper oven and a

lower oven. You can bake or broil in the upper oven, and convect bake or convect roast in the lower oven at the same time.

Interior options include a half-rack, which makes space for smaller dishes without taking up an entire rack, and a drying rack with mesh design.

Wolf ovens now have dual convection with two fan blades and halogen lights, the latter for easy viewing of baked or roasted foods.

"The two fan blades are circulating, and it is giving (the oven) more even heat distribution," said Bruce Trevarrow, president of Trevarrow in Auburn Hills. "There's no 'hot spot' in the oven, it's all even."

The disappearing control panels remove the wording and activation buttons from view. Engineers surveyed users and found that they didn't like the "words and flashing lights," Trevarrow said.

REFRIGERATORS

The internal filtered water dispenser in Maytag refrigerators can replace bottled water. The filter treats up to 750 gállons of water and lasts 12 months in a typical household.

Refrigerator interiors can be arranged to fit a large tray on a shelf, and feature a condiment shelf in the door. Shelves can be adjusted by turning a handle.

The Wolf freezer has divided drawers, allowing for separation of meats, fish and vegetables.

"This feature is important because you can control your inventory better," Trevarrow said. "It's easier to tell when you're out of chicken breasts after you've pulled some for a meal for your family."

On a smaller scale are wine cellars and ice machines that fit under a counter.

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Staff writer Ken Abramczyk contributed to this article.





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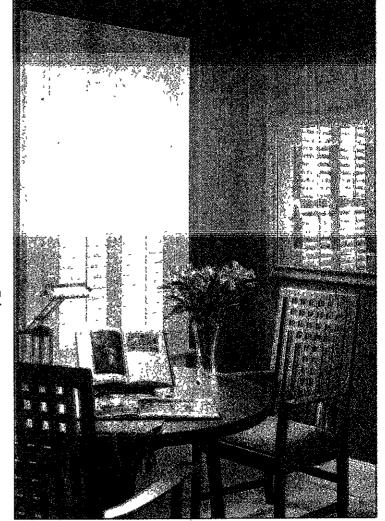
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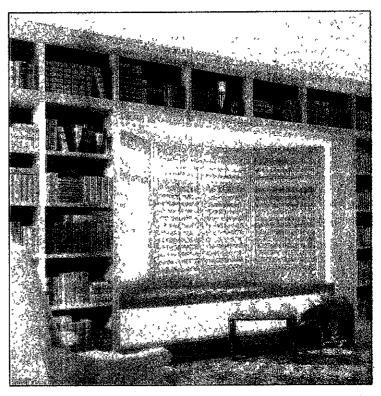
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Ready-to-freeze entrees save time, work at home

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

andwiched in a small strip of shops and nestled in the industrial Rail District of Birmingham, The Chop Shop is the site of three friends creating entrees.

The three women have brought coolers to take home entrees, but there'll be no dishes for them to clean tonight. In fact, this evening, a cold Wednesday in January, the three have a night out together.

Jane Bonanata, owner of The Chop Shop, gives them tips on assembling the entrees. "Anything in a 'hot' bag needs to be put into a double bag," she said. "Meat is portion controlled, but for everything else, you can take as much as you'd like."

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Lisa Hailer of Royal Oak works on chicken strips. Jenny Buchman, Hailer's neighbor and close friend, makes flat iron steak marinade. Beth Eddy, Jenny's sister, who drove from Fraser to join the other two, assembles a chicken chili. It's the latest trend: Make your own food, ready to freeze, to supply

you with meals for the next month. The Chop Shop in Birmingham and From Scratch Cooking in Southfield are two businesses that specialize in make-your-own-meals to freeze.

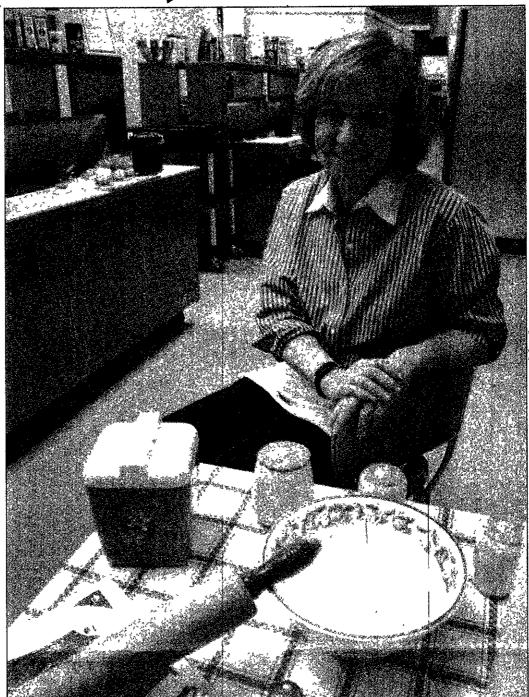
FROM SCRATCH COOKING

Heidi Penman, co-owner of From Scratch in Southfield with her husband Vince, opened her business on Northwestern Highway in September.

She got the idea from her sister who told her about a similar business in Seattle. Penman changed her business (which used to specialize in children's cooking parties, where they'd make their own pizza) to allow for make-your-own-meal preparation for families.

'It's been phenomenal," Penman said of the change. "We get a lot of working moms and executives, people who have elderly parents and they bring them in here for a session, or we have diabetics who come here as well." (The recipes and ingredients can be revised for specialized diets.)

"They assemble (the dishes) here, and we give them cooking instructions. Everything is prepped and ready to go."



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Seal food for storage

You've heard about vacuum-sealing such big and bulky items as pillows and sweaters.

Morris and James Carey, who write for AP Weekly Features, have said you can vacuumseal these by putting the items in a large plastic bag, drawing the air out with a vacuum cleaner hose, then quickly sealing the bag with a twist tie.

But what about food storage for freezing or vacuum-sealing smaller items to protect them from tarnish and rust? Here's how, the Careys write:

To vacuum-seal small stuff such as food (for freezing), or to prevent tarnish or rust, put the item in question in a plastic zip-top storage bag. Insert a drinking straw as far to one side as possible, then zip the top, suck out the air and quickly zip the bag closed as you pull out the straw.

After one or two practice sessions, you'll be a regular vacuum-sealing machine.

Wine tasting

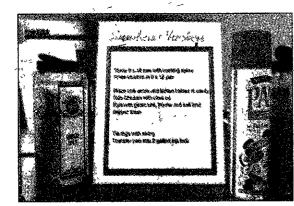
Enjoy an Olive Oil and Wine Tasting Dinner in the Belgian Conservatory at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 10 at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester. **Renowned vintners** Joseph and Deanna Gimelli, owners of Monterey's Pietra Santa winery, will attend along with winemaker Alessio Carli. The Pietra Santa **Cold Pressed Extra-Virgin** Olive Oil won gold medals in 2001 and 2004 at the Los Angeles County Fair. At the March dinner event, it will be compared with olive oils from Italy and Spain. Health-conscious cooks and connoisseurs can buy the olive oil - from 80-year-old imported Mission, Sevillano and Manzanillo olive trees in the Sierra Nevada foothills - in a lovely bottle in the hotel's boutique for \$25. Phone the concierge at (248) 453-8723 for information about purchasing a bottle, or visit the Royal Park Hotel Boutique at 600 E. University, in Rochester, three blocks east of Main Street. Following the olive oil tasting, winemaker Carli will introduce his Pietra Santa lines of superb wines, including a Pinot Grigio, Sangiovese, **Merlot and Cabernet** Sauvignon. A sevencourse dinner prepared by executive chef Gerald Gramzay will complement the tastings. Cost is \$125 per person including tax and service charges, and seating is limited.: In addition, guests who would like to stay overnight at the Royal Park Hotel following the dinner can do so for a special executive room rate of \$189. For Olive Oil and Wine Tasting Dinner tickets and information, phone the Royal Park Hotel restaurant reservation line at (248) 453-8722.

At From Scratch Cooking, customers are allowed to select 12 out of 14 entrees a month, which each serve four to six people and a dessert. Sessions last two hours.

February's menu included: crab strata, spinach manicotti, Italian chicken rolls, spaghetti with turkey pesto meatballs, chicken asparagus quiche, caramel nut bread, hoisin chicken, spinach casserole, Dijon pork chops, Creole baked rice, Mexican noodle bake, zesty turkey burgers, ham and Swiss bake and chocolate chip coffee cake.

March's menu has Cajun pork chops, sweet and sour shrimp, balsamic chicken, reuben pie, fiesta joes, bacon potato casserole, southwest egg rolls, breakfast chimichangas, carrot casserole, feed the crowd lasagna, chili corn casserole, rice pudding, Grand Marnier French toast and oatmeal caramel bars.

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Ingredients and a recipe line the shelf at The Chop Shop.



Jenny Buchman of Royal Oak pours a sauce for one of her dishes.

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Jane Bonanata, owner of The Chop Shop in Birmingham, waits for the next food preparation session to begin.

CHOP SHOP RECIPES

MACARONI AND CHEESE

4 cups cooked macaroni ½ cup butter, melted 1 cup sour cream 1 cup cheddar cheese 1 cup monterey jack cheese plenty of pepper

Spray a 9-by-13-inch foil pan with cooking spray. In a bowl, combine macaroni, butter, sour cream, cheddar cheese, monterey jack cheese and pepper.

Transfer contents to casserole pan. Sprinkle bread crumbs on the top. Squeeze about two tablespoons butter. Cover with foil and place in freezer.

When ready to serve, defrost macaroni and cheese completely, then bake at 350° F uncovered for 30 minutes.

CHICKEN WHITE BEAN CHILI 2 cups cooked chicken 3 cups diced tomatoes 2 cups chicken broth 2 cups white beans ¼ cup green chilies 1 cup corn 1-2 tablespoons chili powder 1-2 tablespoons cumin 3 tablespoons tomato paste Salt to taste

Assemble thé ingredients in order listed. Mix, place in plastic lock bag and push out air. Freeze.

When ready to prepare, defrost completely. In medium saucepan cook for about 15 minutes until flavors blend.

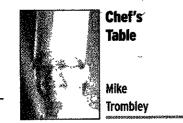
Recipes courtesy of Jane Bonanata of Beverly Hills, owner of The Chop Shop in Birmingham.

Start with fresh goods when baking

s I was thinking about all kinds of baked goods, several important rules crossed my mind.

You must start with quality ingredients. If you want good results, good products are needed. Don't use old flour or yeast. Use fresh products that you know were just purchased.

If yeast is stored dry and remains in a vacuum-sealed package, it will stay good indefinitely. Once the package is opened, it can be placed entirely in a sealed container and stored in the freezer. If yeast is just stored in a sealed container at room temperature over a short period of time, it will lose its effectiveness.



Another important rule is to use measurement tools and be accurate. (Can't figure out why grandma's cookie recipe is different than yours?) If you have dented metal measuring cups, bent measuring spoons or maybe none at all, this should be reviewed and corrected. Check your equipment and make sure it is accurate. This is the only way to ensure consis-

See related recipes from Chef Trombley. Page B6.

tency of the items you are baking. If the result of the recipe is still not right where you want it to be, it may be the recipe at this point that's the problem.

With that being said, let's get to the fun part. (That means the getting your hands caked with flour and getting flour everywhere. I'm just joking, of course.) Just because you are baking doesn't mean there will automatically be a huge mess.

Just as I mentioned before, work efficiently. Read the

recipe; gather all of the ingredients, measuring tools and bowls to place items in. Now you are setting yourself up for success!

Keep in mind several other factors will effect the outcome of your prize-winning bread recipes. That is wild yeast. If you do a lot of baking in a kitchen, it tends to have better proofing results. You may cut the time in half because the wild yeast helps your bread rise. Keep in mind to that the opposite may happen in a "sterile" kitchen. It may need every bit of the added yeast to get the dough going.

The last thing that I want to mention before you fire up your oven is recipes may need some

adjustment. By making a recipe several times, you get to know the ups and downs of a recipe and then make some adjustments.

Winter time, when your heat is on in the home and the air is drier, may cause the flour to shrink, causing it to dry out a little. In this case, less flour may be needed. It is said "it is better to bake on a rainy day."

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CHEF TROMBLEY'S RECIPES

DRIED CHERRY CORN MUFFINS

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1 cup or 8 ounce of whole milk 1¹/₂ cups all purpose flour 1 cup cornmeal 1 tablespoon baking powder 2 eggs 1 teaspoon lemon zest ½ teaspoon salt 1/2 cup vegetable oil 1 cup dried cherries 1 tablespoon sugar

Heat oven to 425ºF and spray muffin pan with vegetable spray.

In a bowl, pour milk over cornmeal and lemon zest, let soak.

In a mixing bowl whisk together the flour, baking powder, sugar and salt.

Beat the eggs and oil, then add them to the cornmeal.

Mix gently the mixtures, don't over stir.

Fold in dried cherries.

Drop into pan and bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until done.

CRUSTY HARD ROLLS

These hard rolls will have great flavor, you just have to wait a day. They taste just like the bakery's own. They are worth the wait. We make a quick starter with the help of yeast.

1 cup unbleached all-purpose flour ½ cup warm water % teaspoon instant yeast

In a bowl place flour and yeast. Pour water over, mix until smooth and cover at room temp overnight. Then the next day...

31/2 cups unbleached, all-purpose flour ³/₄ cup water 1 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon instant veast

Place above mix in a bowl and mix, then add the "starter for overnight" in the same bowl and mix together (it still may be a little rough).

Cover and let rise at least 3 hours, punch it down and let it rise 1 more hour, punch again and let rise 2 more hours.

Create 2-ounce balls and roll them in your hand with a little more flour on the table.

Place on parchment paper then into the refrigerator. Let rise.

Heat oven to 425º F and bake until golden brown (about 25 to 30) minutes.

Recipes courtesy of Mike Trombley, certified executive chef at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth.



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and fruits and vegetables. Dark chocolate is one of the few foods with a high content of chromium which is thought to help control blood sugar. Some tests even show that chocolate contains antibacterial compounds that may discourage tooth decay. Chocolate can cause heartburn in many people, so you may have to go easy on the amount you eat. Researchers have also found that the caffeine in chocolate may lift our spirits and improve our mood and make us feel good.

A great deal of money is being spent on chocolate research and I'm sure all of us hope they find that chocolate is very beneficial to our wellbeing.

There are calories and fat in chocolate so don't begin to think it's a diet food. If you crave the taste of chocolate but want to go easy on the fat and calories try these suggestions: Spoon a little chocolate

flavored syrup over low-fat yogurt or fresh fruit. Drink a chocolate flavored

coffee as a pick-me-up or as a dessert.

Don't buy a large candy bar, instead buy miniature chocolate bars or small sizes such as kisses or even chocolate chips. Eat one piece from the box

instead of the entire box. Cut a chocolate brownie or

cake into smaller portions. Drizzle a little chocolate flavored syrup into skim milk for a refreshing drink for a "pick-me-up."

Don't be fooled into thinking that white chocolate is a gourmet by-product of regular chocolate. White chocolate is made from cocoa butter with milk, sweeteners and natural or aromatic artificial flavorings added. Read the label to see if cocoa butter is even mentioned if it isn't, the product is a confectionery coating, not even white chocolate.

It is true that chocolates should not be kept beyond their prime so you need enjoy them soon after opening. Many special chocolates have whipped cream or butter and may not have a added preservative so it may not last long. When these special chocolates

lose their flavor they can become sour or even develop mold.

Improper storage of chocolate may give you a "bloom." A "fat bloom" is greasy blotches and streaks on the surface of a the chocolate. A "sugar bloom" is moisture that collects on usib the surface and becomes rough to the touch. Both of $\circ^{\tau\tau}$ these are harmless but makes '. the chocolate look funny. Keep chocolates in a cool dry... place but not necessarily in the refrigerator. Chocolates kept refrigerated will sweat when brought to room tem- v. perature. Keep your chocolate candy tasting fresh by storing it right.

Moderation is the key. Some chocolate from time to time is fine but sitting down with a g bag of chocolates and eating them all is really not the way to enjoy chocolate. Chocolate can be called the "food of the Gods" or "the food of love," but eat it slowly and savor each mouthful and enjoy the pure & M pleasure and instant gratification that only chocolate can give you.

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the most craved foods.

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) -Not sure why, but I've been craving caramelized onions.

So a few weeks ago I thinly diced about four large onions, tossed them in a saucepan with a splash of olive oil, set the flame to medium-low and let them go for an hour. A bit of salt and pepper, and they were delicious.

And yes, I ate them just like that.

Last week, I tried it again. But this time I wanted onions with more punch. So midway through the cooking I stirred in equal amounts of brown sugar and balsamic vinegar. Wow!

was happy to ea: 1 903 these onions on their own. But recognizing the average person isn't likely to chow down a pound of caramelized onions. I figured it best to find a use for them. My first thought was soft polenta. A nice mound of warm, cheesy polenta topped with tasty onions. Then I thought about it some more. Kind of has a mush-on-mush thing going on. Pass. That's when I got the idea to use them as a sandwich filler. But they would need a little more substance. Pulled chicken came to mind, not sure why. Chicken-flavored

seitan (a wheat gluten-based meat alternative) would work.

Since seitan doesn't require cooking (just heating), I was able to save a pan and cleanup time by adding it to the onions during the final minutes of cooking.

For bread, I opted for large sheets of flatbread. Excellent varieties can be bought at most large grocers, but I still prefer to make my own. It's inexpensive and easy, especially if you use a food processor to mix and knead.

To assemble, I simply placed several spoons of the onionseitan mixture down the center of the bread and rolled.

For a vegan version, I drizzled a bit of soy mayonnaise mixed with Dijon mustard over vors, including chicken. If the pieces are large or particularly thick, cut into thin strips before heating.

The mayonnaise-mustard sauce also could be used as a dipping sauce for either version of the sandwich. A bit of mild barbecue sauce also would be nice.

FLATBREAD

1 cup all-purpose flour ½ teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon olive oil 1/2 to3/4 cup warm water

Combine the flour and salt in the bowl of a food processor and pulse to combine. With the food processor on, add the olive oil. then slowly drizzle in the water until dough forms a tacky, but not wet ball. Process an additional 15 seconds. Transfer the dough to a lightly floured surface. Cut the dough into four equal pieces. Use a lightly floured rolling pin to roll each piece to the size of a large dinner plate. Lightly oil a large griddle or skillet and heat over a medium-high flame. One at a time, place the flatbreads on the griddle and cook for 1 to 2 minutes, or until puffed and lightly browned on the bottom. Flip and cook another minute.

CARAMELIZED ONION AND SEITAN ROLLUPS

4 large yellow onions, thinly	. £ 3
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2 tablespoons olive oil	4
2 tablespoons brown sugar	
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar	
1 pound seitan, cut into thin	215
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Salt and freshly ground black	· · ·
pepper, to taste	-
4 large flatbreads	11
2 tablespoons soy mayonnaise	λ,
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2 tablespoons Dijon mustard	t's
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1 cup shredded mozzarella	157
(optional)	

Combine the onions and olive oil in a medium saucepan over a medium-low flame. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are completely limp and cooked

Chocolate is a 'feel good' food hocolate is the feel-good, universally loved security Economist blanket. Chocolate is a comfort food and pure pleas-



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the fillings just before rolling. If dairy is your thing, try a bit of shredded mozzarella cheese.

These were so good, I was shocked. I ate three in quick succession.

If you purchase your flatbread, heat it for several minutes in a 200º F oven before assembling. I prefer to make my own because I can add flavorings to the bread, such as a bit of curry powder. Garlic and tomato paste also are nice.

Seitan is available fresh or frozen in the natural foods section of most large grocers. It is available in a number of fla-

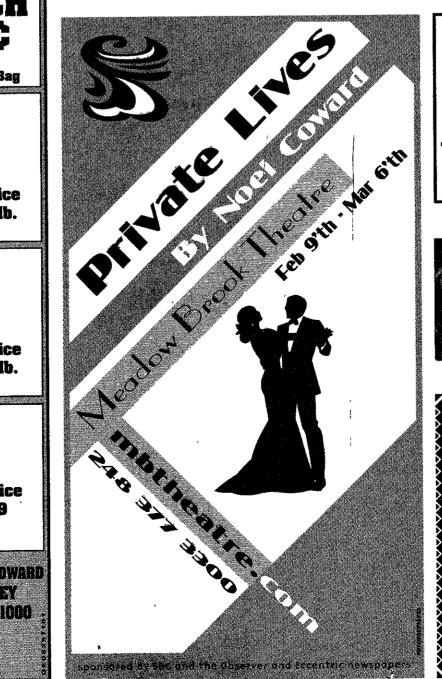
Makes 4 flatbreads.

down to half the volume, about 45 minutes.

Add the brown sugar and balsamic vinegar and continue cooking an additional 5 minutes. Add the seitan and cook another 5 minutes, or until heated through.

Place a quarter of the onionseitan mixture down the center of one flatbread. If desired, top with a blend of the mayonnaise* and mustard, or 1/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese. Roll the bread around the fillings. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Makes 4 rollups.





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Asian foods featured at home, garden show

Chef Dianna Stoffer will prepare simple and flavorful Asian dishes. Chef Angus Campbell and Robert Garlough from the **Hospitality Education** Department of Grand Rapids Community College will teach a class on Tiny Asian Flavors.

These chefs will be featured on the Certified Angus Beef Gourmet Cooking Stage at the Detroit's Ford Field Home & Garden Show Feb. 24@27.

Whether preparing simple dishes or complex meals, Chef Dianna Stoffer focuses on beef, especially Certified Angus Beef.

Stoffer has been a guest instructor at Michigan State University's School of Hospitality Business. Stoffer is a 1991 graduate of the College of Culinary Arts at Johnson & Wales University, summa cum laude. She also completed an **American Culinary Federation** classic kitchen apprenticeship ard earned the Johnson & Wales Trustee Award for her service to the university.

Stoffer will prepare simple Asian dishes at the show's cooking stage Thursday at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.; Friday at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday at 2, 4 and 6 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 3 p.m. She'll prepare Beijing Noodle Salad, Thai Beef Wraps, Asian Nachos or Top Sirloin Stir Fry demonstrations. Stop by the Certified Angus Beef booth for free samples during show hours.

Campbell and Garlough will prepare Thai peanut chicken satay with orange ginger marmalade, Vietnamese Spring rolls with spicy sweet soy chili sauce, Shanghai steamed dumpling vegetable noodle bowl and Indonesian crispy wrapped coconut shrimp with lemongrass garlic sauce. They can be seen at the show on Thursday at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Friday at 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.; Saturday at 1,-3, 5 and 7 p.m. and Sunday at noon, 2 and 4 p.m.

Campbell will be working ith the students of the

Hospitality Education Department of GRCC, where he has been the chef-instructor since 1991.

Before his move to Grand Rapids, Campbell lived in the Bahamas for four years where he did culinary training in the Caribbean Islands. His culinary love began in Scotland, cooking with his family. He went to school and became a master craftsman in Scotland, the highest level in the culinary arts.

Campbell's TV show, Cooking With Angus Campbell, airs on the local college channel. His Web site is www.chefangus.tv.

Garlough is the director of hospitality education at GRCC and an American Culinary **Federation Educational** Institute certified culinary educator and a certified executive chef. He serves on Chef Magazine's Foodservice Educators Network International Advisory Board and executive director of the Center for International Consortium of Hospitality and Tourism Institutes. He won a silver and bronze medal at the 1988 Culinary Olympics in Frankfurt, West Germany, holds the Auguste Escoffier Gold Medal of Merit by the American Culinary Federation and received the Chef Herman Breithaupt Memorial Award as national chef-instructor of the

vear Show hours are from 3-9:30 p.m. Thursday; noon to 9:30 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission for each show is \$8; \$4 for children 6-14 and children 5 and under admitted free. Internet Express Tickets, which include a free parking pass, are offered online. Weekday adult admission discount coupons are available at Big Boy. Ford Field daily parking rate is \$3 and over 2,000 parking spaces are adjacent to Ford Field.

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MARMÅLADE

Peanut Chicken Satay 2 boneless and skinless chick-

en breasts, sliced thin across the grain 1 tablespoon soy sauce 1 tablespoon orange juice 1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar 1 teaspoon vegetable oil % garlic clove, minced 1 tablespoon peanut butter 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander 1 teaspoon ground turmeric 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground ginger

½ teaspoon fresh chili

Place the chicken in a large shallow bowl. Combine the remaining

ingredients and pour over the chicken. Marinate overnight in the

refrigerator. Thread the chicken onto

skewers.

Prepare a fire in a grill or preheat the broiler.

Grill or broil the chicken for 3 to 4 minutes.

Serve with the orange ginger marmalade.

Orange Ginger

Marmalade ½ cup orange juice ½ fresh orange, zest of ¼ cup soy sauce ¹/₄ cup sherry ¼ cup sugar 1 clove garlic, crushed 1 teaspoon fresh ginger, grated 1 tablespoon corn starch

1 tablespoon water Combine the water and the cornstarch; mix into a smooth

slurry. Bring the other ingredients to the boil, and add the cornstarch slurry, stirring to evenly distribute. Allow marmalade to

thicken. Serve hot with the cooked chicken skewers.

SHANGHAI STEAMED DUMPLING

AND VEGETABLE NOODLE BOWL **Dumpling Dough**

1¼ cups all-purpose flour ¼ cup cold water 6 ounces boiling water ¼ teaspoon salt

Mix the ingredients to

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smooth dough, and allow to rest for 30 minutes.

Be sure to cover the dough with plastic wrap while resting. **Dumpling Filling** 1 pound ground pork or ground turkey, cooked 3 tablespoons minced scallion ½ teaspoon grated ginger

1¹/₂ teaspoons dry sherry 1 tablespoon soy sauce 1 tablespoon sesame oil 1/2 teaspoon salt

Roll the dough very thin to make a 3-inch circular skin.

Place 1 tablespoon of the filling into the center of the skin.

Lift one side of the skin upwards to meet the other half. Moisten inside of dough to

seal. Using water to seal, fold dough repeatedly to create pleats. Poach for 5 minutes in boiling salted water. Drain, and

reserve. To finish the dish: ¼ cup carrot, julienne cut ¼ cup celery, julienne cut ¼ cup bean sprouts

1 tablespoon sesame oil 2 cups chicken broth Cook the vegetables in the

broth with the sesame oil, adding the dumplings at the very end, and sprinkling with the green onion.

broth.

VIETNAMESE SPRING ROLLS WITH SWEET SOY CHILI SAUCE

Spring Roll Filling 1 pound pork or chicken. chopped fine, cooked ½ small onion, chooped fine ¼ teaspoon ground black pep-

½ teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon sugar 1 carrot, shredded

1 ounce bean thread noodles soaked in hot water for 15 minutes to soften

soaked in warm water for 15 minutes, cut fine julienne 1 tablespoon fish sauce 12 pieces of rice paper (banh

trang) Mix the filling, setting the rice paper wrappers to the side.

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Fill a large bowl with warm water.

One at a time, dip the rice paper spring roll wrappers into the water for a few seconds to soften. Lay wrappers flat.

In the center of each moistened wrapper, place a row of the filling, being sure to leave about 2 inches uncovered on either side.

Fold uncovered sides inward, and then tightly roll the wrappers into a cylinder, similar in shape to a roll of quarters. Use water to seal the fold. Be sure there are no exposed sides of filling.

Deep fry until golden brown; serve with the dipping sauce.

SWEET SOY CHILI DIPPING SAUCE

1/2 cup sweet soy sauce 1 tablespoon sesame oil 1 tablespoon chili fine dice 1 tablespoon minced scallions 1 teaspoon minced garlic

Combine all of the ingredients, and use as dipping sauce for fried or steamed dumplings.

CRISPY"FRIED INDONESIAN. SHRIMP WITH COCONUT

LEMONGRASS SAUCE

Crispy-fried Shrimp 12 medium shrimp, peeled and vein removed % cup soy sauce 1 tablespoon Sesame oil 1 tablespoon chili sauce 1 tablespoon ginger, grated

1 tablespoon garlic, crushed to a pulp

Salt and white pepper 12 spring roll wrappers 1 egg white

Marinate the shrimp in the soy sauce, sesame oil, chili sauce, ginger, garlic and seasoning for 30 minutes.

Wrap the lower three-quarters of the shrimp with the wrapper, using the egg white to seal.

Fry until golden brown, and serve with the Coconut Lemongrass Sauce.

Coconut Lemongrass Sauce

1 tablespoon vegetable oil 1 small onion, fine diced

1 tablespoon ginger, fine dice 2 tablespoons lemongrass, fine

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dice

- ¼ cup soy sauce 1 cup coconut milk
- 1 cup heavy cream

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1 tablespoon water Salt and white pepper

Sauté the onion and ginger in the oil until soft.

Add the lemongrass, and cook for a further 2 minutes.

Add the soy sauce, cream, and the coconut milk.

- Bring to the boil and cook for 5 minutes.

Thicken with the cornstarch, and then strain the mixture through a fine sieve.

Season well, and serve with the crispy shrimp.

> BEIJING NOODLE SALAD 24 ounces (680 g) Certified

Angus Beef® strip steak 1 pound (450 g) wheat flour noodles, cooked 2 tablespoons (30 ml) sesame oil Kosher salt and pepper, as needed ½ cup (125 ml) matchstick-cut bamboo shoots 1 cup (250 ml) peanuts, chopped

1 cup (250 ml) sugar snap peas, sliced

- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) minced ginger 3 teaspoons (15 ml) soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) chili oil 3 tablespoons (45 ml) teriyaki sauce

2 teaspoons (10 ml) kosher salt

Toss cooked noodles in sesame oil. Season strip steaks with salt and pepper. Grill 4 to 5 minutes each side to medium doneness.

Remove from grill and rest 3 to 4 minutes before slicing into bite-sized pieces. Combine remaining ingredients and toss in steak. Makes 8 servings

Nutritional Information per Serving: 363.7 Calories; 19.4g Fat; 4.2g Saturated Fat; 50mg Cholesterol; 22.1g Carbohydrate; 5.0g Dietary Fiber; 27.4g Protein; 1,025mg Sodium; 21% daily value Iron (based on 2,000 calorie diet).

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"Everything is in refrigerated coolers, and all you need to do is lift up the lid," Penman said. "They can adjust the recipes accordingly (according to dietary restrictions) and customize it, like if they want to make it extra spicy."

Penman runs two sessions a day.

The most popular dishes are grilled Italian shrimp, caramel pecan French toast and lasagna. From Scratch has a special February promotion of \$199 for 12 entrees. Normally sessions are priced at \$225 for 12 entrees or \$240 for a food pickup of 12 entrees.

CHOP SHOP IS READY

At the Chop Shop, ingredients from cumin to panko crumbs sit on the top shelf. Chopped vegetables, cheeses and other ingredients are set up in cooking stations for each menu item.

Within the hour, the three woman (Hailer, Buchman and Eddy) will create six different entrees – enough for four servings of each one – for their respective households that evening, enough to fill a freezer.

Hailer plans her meals, so

 $\int_{0}^{0} \sqrt{2\pi r_{c}^{2}}$ the session is a natural fit for her.

"I like to pre-bake dinners and freeze them," she said. "I thought it be a fun night out with my girlfriends and get meals done ahead of time."

Next month, the menu will change. Nothing is cooked beforehand. It's all assemblyonly.

The appeal is the time it saves families, Bonanata said. "We're filling a niche for

busy working families, Bonanata said. "This is not for everyone. It's for people who value eating dinner at night as a family.

"In one hour, you can fix six meals, in less than two hours, ten meals."

Bonanata got her idea from a food co-op she was in with friends. The group gathered at church on Sundays to prepare meals, each of them responsible for certain items (such as 10 pounds of ground beef or vegetables), all depending on the dishes that were to be prepared.

Bonanata thought there was a market out there for a retail food prep service. She picked Birmingham for the business location because of the high concentration of working families in the area. (She also lives nearby in Beverly Hills.) January's menu consists of flat iron steak, Sunday chicken, crabby patties, macaroni and cheese, arroz con pollo, chicken white bean chili, maple grilled salmon, meatball subs, crunchy chicken, baked French toast, sausage and wild rice stuffing, and crustless quiche lorraine.

February's menu is marinated top sirloin, valentine ravioli, molasses grilled pork tenderloin, baked ziti, honey lime drumettes, black bean vegetarian chili, shrimp scampi, Monte Cristo sandwiches, parmesan parsley chicken breasts, sweet and spicy kielbasa, chicken and stuffing bake, and tortilla quiche.

Six entrees (with each serving six people) costs \$135. Ten entrees (for six) costs \$200.

Hailer likes to prepare her meals ahead of time at home. "I like to do that, just because it is so hectic at dinnertime," she said. "That's when the kids are the craziest, and it's so much easier just to pull something out of the freezer." Hailer added that sometimes

she "gets tired" of her own recipes.

Buchman was glad when Lisa suggested the food prep night. "It's nice to have it all chopped up, and all you have to do is pull it together," she said.

She also looked forward to



Jane Bonanata, owner of The Chop Shop in Birmingham, gives an orientation to Lisa Hailer of Royal Oak, Beth Eddy of Fraser and Jenny Buchman of Royal Oak.

new recipes like the white bean chicken ehili and stuffed french toast. "Those sounded pretty good," she said.

"Lisa and I are always trying to figure what to do with meals ahead of time. I try to do that (fix meals) the night before, and all you do is pull these (meals) out and put in the oven. It's definitely a convenience. It's a good thing for a working family or a working mom." Eddy liked the idea of trying something new. She tries to prepare things ahead on Sunday, but with two children ages 5 and 8, family life is a little busier with activities, she said.

"It's a chance to try different things we wouldn't normally do," Eddy said. "It's something to do with them and you're not cooking by yourself in the kitchen." Hailer added another point: "It's nice not to have to do the dishes," she said.

For more information, visit The Chop Shop, 2219 Cole Street in Birmingham (Phone:(248) 594-2210 and Web site: www.chopshopkitchens.com) and From Scratch Cooking, 29831 Northwestern (in the Applegate Square Shopping Plaza) in Southfield. (Phone: (248) 350-3007 and Web site: www.fromscratchcooking.com)

FROM SCRATCH RECIPES

GARLIC BAKED CHICKEN

5 chicken breasts ½ cup melted butter 1 tablespoon chopped garlic 2 cups bread crumbs 1 cup Parmesan cheese Salt and pepper to taste Sprinkle chicken with salt In a small bowl, mix together bread crumbs and cheese.

In another small bowl, mix together butter and garlic.

Dip chicken pieces into butter mixture and then into bread crumbs. Coat pieces well with bread crumbs.

Place into a 9-by-13-inch pan and drizzle with any remaining butter.

Bake at 350° F for 45 minutes till cooked through.

CHOCOLATE CHIP COFFEE CAKE

2 eggs 2 tablespoons milk 1 teaspoon vanilla ½ cup sugar 2 tablespoons cinnamon

Grease and flour a loaf pan. Beat together the butter and sugar. Beat in the eggs. Add in the milk and vanilla and beat

again. Mix in the baking soda and baking powder and then beat in flour. Stir in chocolate morsels.

In another bowl, mix together the sugar and cinnamon.

Spread half the batter into the loaf pan and top with half of the , cinnamon/sugar mixture.

Top with remaining batter and then the rest of the

cinnamon/sugar mixture. Bake at 350° F for 40-50 minutes till a tooth pick inserted in center of loaf comes out clean.

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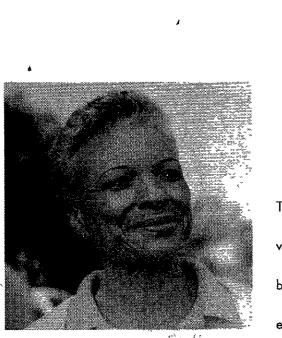
1 teaspoon baking soda 1 teaspoon baking powder 2 cups chocolate morsels

2 cups flour

Recipes courtesy of Heidi Penman of From Scratch Cooking in Southfield.

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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 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: 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.



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BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The best medicine for an illness-ravaged Canton volleyball team Monday night turned out to be something you can't find in a drugstore.

The Chiefs found at least temporary relief from the flu and other ailments with a dramatic five-game victory over Salem in the Phase III gymnasium: 28-26, 22-25, 17-25, 25-18 and 15-7. It was the first victory over the cross-campus Rocks for five Canton seniors, who were playing in their final home match.

The win lifted Canton's overall record to 20-19 and its Western Lakes Activities

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Association mark to 5-6, which is good enough for fifth place. Salem dropped to 13-12-3 overall.

We have three starters who are sick or getting over the flu, but Salem is fighting it, too, so that's no excuse," Canton coach Alex Perrin said. "I think the key tonight was our defense. Even when we were losing, we kept rallies alive with defense. Salem is a good offensive team, but we're good defensively, so our number one goal going into tonight's match was to keep the rallies going. We have more experience than they do, so we wanted

them to make as many decisions with the ball as we could."

All five Chiefs seniors played key roles in the victory. Andrea Johnson contributed 11 kills and 27 digs, Stephanie Price recorded 42 assists and 21 digs, Christie Daniels had 15 digs, Laura McKendry picked up 10 kills and 21 digs and Molly Conlon turned in a steady, allaround performance despite having to sit out half the match due to illness.

Junior Lisa Western (seven kills and five blocks) and freshman Marie Martin (nine kills and seven blocks) were also instrumental in the victory.

"I thought Andrea had an exceptional match," Perrin said. "She kept swinging

hard all night. And Laura McKendry had her usual solid match. Our dig total was high tonight, which is an indication of how well we played defensively."

What the Rocks were lacking in experience they compensated for with frontrow firepower. Junior Lauren Price and sophomores Teresa Coppiellie and Lauren Kurtz all provided Salem with consistent power hitting. They also made their share of rally-saving digs from the back row.

In the opening game, Salem led 20-15 behind strong serving and net play from Coppiellie, Kurtz and Price. Canton ral-

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Déja vu Plymouth runs past Rockets again, 62-53 BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

If you planted the seeds that were handed to the Westland John Glenn and Plymouth boys basketball teams for Tuesday night's first-round Western Lakes Activities Association tournament matchup, you'd probably grow a pretty big upset.

The seventh-seeded Wildcats (11-7) upended the second-seeded Rockets, 62-53, in the Plymouth gymnasium to advance to Friday night's semifinal game at Walled Lake Central. The Rockets (9-9) will host Livonia Franklin Friday night in a consolation matchup. A victory in the semis would propel the Wildcats into the finals against the winner of the Canton-Wayne Memorial game. Tuesday's showdown was played in the lower-seeded Wildcats' gymnasium because all first-round WLAA games are hosted by Western Division teams, regardless of records. Seed-wise, Tuesday night's result was an upset, but realistically it was no surprise at all considering Plymouth knocked off the Rockets a month earlier in the same gym. We came in tonight with a lot of confidence since we had already beaten them once," Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said. "We brought a lot of intensity to the table tonight and we beat a very good team.





Canton too much for WLW, 53-43

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Canton's boys basketball team took care of the ball, which allowed it to take care of business Tuesday night in its quarterfinal Western Lakes Activities Association tournament game at Walled Lake Western.

The fifth-seeded Chiefs (12-6) turned the ball over just seven times and avenged an earlier loss to the fourth-seeded Warriors (12-6) by winning 63-53. The victory advanced Canton into Friday night's semifinal game at Wayne Memorial, which defeated Livonia Eranklin, 57-47. With their leading scorer Denard Branch starting the game on the bench due to the effects of an illness, the Warriors surged to a 9-0 lead. However, as fast as you can say "Andre Bridges," the score was tied, 9-9. Bridges, a junior forward, scored seven of the points in Canton's early 9-0, game-tying spurt. "We played a zone early in the game when Branch was on the bench, but a couple of their other kids hit some shots," Canton coach Charlie Paye said. "Even when we were down 9-0, our kids played with a lot of confidence. Our four seniors especially stepped up and put us on their shoulders. "It doesn't get any easier for us Friday night against Wayne Memorial. They beat us by three a couple of weeks ago, so it should be a good game."

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P-CEP icer meeting

The 2005 annual meeting and election of officers of the Plymouth Canton Community **Schools Hockey Booster** Club will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the **Plymouth Cultural** Center. Current members, and parents of Canton, Salem and Plymouth high school hockey players, are encouraged to attend. Nominations for the executive board will be taken from the floor and committee selections will be available. Anyone interested in the present and future high school hockey programs at Canton, Salem and Plymouth high schools should plan on attending.

Youth wrestling

The Canton Wrestling Club competed in two different tournaments during the weekend of Feb. 5-6. On Feb. 5, the club had four wrestlers compete and placed all four at the Center Line tournament. The placers were: Devin Kelemen (third), Garrett Kelemen (third), Donovon McCoy (second) and Cameron McCoy (fourth). On Feb. 6, the club had 22 participate and nine earned medals: Braden Price (first), Cameron Shaughnessy (second) Mike Karizat (second), Brandon Harris (second), Anthony Abro (third), Alex Bonifacio (third), Carl Lucke (fourth), **Connor Johnson (fourth)** and Justin Baker (fourth). Others who participated were Brad Akers, Zach Blevins, Luke Denzer, Anthony Favot, Ben Griffin, Malcolm Hollingsworth, Mark Lowry, Westen Price, Jamal Sanders, Zach Smilo, Brad Trublowski, **Brock Wickens and Brent** Winekoff.

"Advancing to the final four is a

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Josh Le Duc attempts to maneuver around Westland John Glenn's Barry Eberhardt during the third quarter of Tuesday night's first-round Western Lakes Activities Association game. Le Duc finished with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

The game was tied 27-27 at the half.

The sky's the limit

Future bright for Canton's Price both on and off the court

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

As the volleyball spun toward her Monday night during the fourth and pivotal game against archrival Salem. Canton setter Stephanie Price had one split second to choose between three options;

1. set the ball behind her to net-charging teammate Laura McKendry;

2. set the ball in front of her to leaping teammate Andrea Johnson; or

3. fake out everyone in the gym and push the ball over the net herself.

After using that one tick of the clock to survey Salem's defensive alignment, Price deftly finger-tipped the ball skyward and behind her to

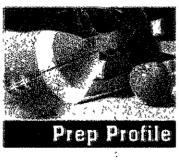
McKendry, who slammed the ball hard into the floor on the Salem side of the net, giving the Chiefs a hard-earned point.

Price - the decision-maker had come through again.

The sequence took just a few seconds in the dramatic five-set Canton victory in which Price recorded 42 assists, but it was a pictureperfect example of how vital the senior's decision-making skills are to the success of the Canton volleyball team, which will take a 20-19 record into Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association tournament

FRONT AND 'SETTER'

"Stephanie was the team's backup setter last year, so she



came into this year without a lot of varsity experience," said first-year Canton coach Alex Perrin. "But she has learned as fast as you can learn. The best setters are unpredictable as far as where they're going to put the ball next. Stephanie has really improved at keeping the other teams off balance and moving the ball around. Setting is 90 percent mental. It's all about decision-making, and she has gotten very good at it."

Price is arguably one of the most well-rounded studentathletes at the three-school

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park campus. She is drawn to responsibility like metal is attracted to a magnet. Along with her volleyball

setting responsibilities, she was unanimously voted by her teammates to serve as the team's co-captain (along with senior Molly Conlon); she was elected treasurer of the Canton Student Congress; she is a stellar defender for the highly ranked Canton girls soccer team; she serves as a tutor for a local elementaryschool student; and, most importantly, she has crafted a brilliant 4.0 grade point average - in spite of all of the previously listed time-consuming responsibilities resting squarely on her shoulders. With everything going on,

I've learned that I can't waste one second of my day," Price said. "I know my time man-

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Canton student/athlete Stephanie Price serves as the No. 1 setter for the Chiefs' volleyball team.

AAU volleyball

Tryouts for the **Crusader Juniors AAU** girls volleyball club will be 1:30-3 p.m. (12s and 14s), 3:30-5 p.m. (15s and 16s) and 5:30-6:30 p.m. (17s and 18s), Sunday, March 6 and 13, at the Madonna University, located I-96 and Levan road.

The program will run through the end of June. Practices are Tuesdays, Thursdays and designated Sundays with tournaments predominantly on Saturdays.

The program fee is \$490, which covers AAU registration, uniform expenses, facility rental, equipment fees, travel. coaches salary and tournament entry costs.

Hoop events

Canton Leisure Services will be hosting a pair of basketballrelated events on Saturday at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

At 9:30 a.m., a free hoop-shoot competition will be held. Winners in each of the age divisions will advance to regional competition in the statewide tournament.

Following the hoop shoot, a three-on-three basketball tournament will be held. The cost per team is \$42.

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200 medley relay: 1 Salem (John Kline, Stan Chen, Pat Sautural, David Xia), 1:53.92; 2. Salem (Nick Dixon, Eric Martin, Billy Horgan, Dave Maryanski), 1:54.96; 3. WLW (Sam Warren, Sean Laque, Ben Jylkka, Shane Rauff), 1.56.15. 200 freestyle: 1. Stan Chen (S), 2:08.07; 2. David Olson (S), 2:13.02; 3. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 2:16.31

200 IM: 1. Sean Laque (WLW), 2:19.39; 2. Eric Martin (S), 2:27.08; 3. Nick Leone (S), 2:28.08. 50 free: 1. Matt Jurcak-(S), 23.23; 2. Ben

Jylkka, 23.81; 3. Cory Price (S), 24.44. Diving: 1. Andrew Murawski (S), 251.35; 2.

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Matt Jurcak (S), 1:00.65; 3. Sam Warren (WLW), 1:06.21 100 freestyle: 1. Mike Higgs (S), 52.57; 2.

Billy Horgan (S), 55:07; 3. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 1:03.29

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500 freestyle: 1. Nick Dixon (S), 4:55.30; 2 Steve Moore (S), 5:47.64; 3. Shane Rauff (WLW), 6:11.21.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Penn Chou, Mike Higgs, Matt Underhill, Matt Jurcak), 4:36.09; 2. Salem (Stan Chen, John Kline, Nick Leone, Adam Clark), 1:40.79; 3. W.L. Western (Sean Lague, Max Yurnakov, Justin Ayer, Demitri Burgimov), 1:45.50. 100 backstroke: 1. Ben Jylkka (WLW),

1:01.87; 2. Sam Warren (WLW), 1:06.95; 3. James Crabill (S), 1:08.58. 100 breaststroke: 1. Dave Xia (S), 1:11.71; 2. Sean Laque (WLW), 1:12.53; 3. Eric Martin (S),

1:14.14 400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Matt Jurcak, Billy Horgan, Cory Price, Pat Sautural), 3:37.87; 2. Salem (Nick Dixon, Mike Higgs, Tim Skeeters, Dave Maryanski), 3:46.53; 3. Salem (Nick Hoffmeyer, Steve Moore, Nate Spala, Nick Leone), 4:02.17.

Dual meet records: Salem (6-5).

Ex-Canton grid coach Schuele dies

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Funeral services were held today for former Canton football coach Dave Schuele, who passed away Saturday at the age of 69.

Schuele, who guided the Canton varsity from 1976-79, suffered an apparent heart attack while working at the Catholic League wrestling tournament at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep High School where his grandson Jeff was competing.

Schuele began his coaching career at Okemos High School before moving over to

Highland Park where he coached former University of Michigan All-America and NFL Hall of Fame offensive guard Reggie McKenzie. Schuele, who resided in Sterling Heights, taught physical education and auto mechanics in the Highland Park Schools from 1969-88. Schuele also coached baseball at Highland Park and served as an umpire.

From 1988-91 he was associate athletic director and football coach at Bloomfield his Cranbrook where he served as a "Dorm Dad' taught P.E. in the middle school.

From 1991-98 he taught at **Birmingham Brother Rice** High School where he developed a drafting program. He also coached wrestling and football there. He also coached CYO football at St. Hugo in Bloomfield Hills.

Schuele, born in Cleveland, Ohio, served in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He loved rollercoasters and served as an usher at his church.

"Dave suffered from diabetes, but he continued to coach at Rice," said Mark LaPointe, who served as an assistant under Schuele at Canton. "It's sort of a shock because Dave was a great guy and such a wonderful person, he was great to me."

While he enjoyed his association with his students and sports teams. Schuele's family always came first.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth and four children, including son Tim, and daughters Susan Kay, Paula Mather and Sharon Weaver, along with 12 grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Troy. A rosary was said Wednesday evening at Lynch and Sons Funeral Home in in Clawson. Memorials to the Brother Rice High School Athletic Fund are appreciated.

Buzzer-beating basket gives PCA dramatic win

Stephen Sumner will probably never forget the buzzerbeating shot he made to end Tuesday night's game against Oakland Christian.

The Lancers are going to have a hard time getting over it as well.

Sumner banked in a 37-foot shot as the buzzer sounded to give the Eagles a thrilling 51-48 victory over OC in the PCA gymnasium. The victory improved the Eagles' record to 9-9 overall and 2-7 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. The Lancers dropped to 3-14 and

2-7."It was a great way to finish the game," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "It's a huge mark to get our record back to .500. It's always fun to win a game like this. I think the last time we did it was a couple of years ago against Roeper.'

The play unfolded after Eagle guard Jordan Johnston called a timeout with 1.2 seconds remaining, which put the ball at half-court.

"Chase Van Tiem made a great pass to Stephen," Taylor said. "Stephen caught it, took one dribble, squared up and shot. It was a nice-looking shot; it had a great arc."

PREP BASKETBALL

Sumner finished with a game-high 23 points. Sophomore forward Matt Saagman twined 10 and Jon Wendt contributed seven rebounds and four assists. Eliot Woolford paced the Lancers with nine points.

PCA led 16-8 after one quarter, 23-21 at the half and 32-28 with eight minutes left.

The Eagles were red-hot from the free-throw line, connecting on 9-of-10 attempts. The Lancers drained 15-of-20 from the line.

Canton Agape 68, Macomb Christian 49: Sophomore guard Jack Anleitner scored 18 points - all in the first half - to lead the Wolverines to the comfortable win. Gabe Molnar added 14, Derek Leathers had 13 and Ryan Barber contributed 10 to the winners' balanced scoring attack. Bryan Horning chipped in with six steals and eight rebounds for the Wolverines.

Macomb was led by Mike Woodhouse's 15 points. The win boosted first-place

Agape's record to 12-5 overall and 9-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division.

Macomb slipped to 6-9 and 4-

Agape, which has now won 11 of its last 12 games, canned 6-of-12 free throws while Macomb buried 10-of-15 shots from the charity stripe.

Livonia Churchill 54, Salem 47: Senior guards Sean Adkins and Cortne' Diaz scored 16 and 14 points respectively Tuesday, lifting host Livonia Churchill (4-14) to a consolation bracket win over the Rocks (1-17).

Senior center Eric Felner contributed nine points and eight rebounds for the Chargers, who avenged a 45-44 setback to Salem on Jan. 11.

Churchill trailed 26-25 at halftime, but stormed back with a 15-4 third-quarter run.

"It was the best third quarter we've played all year," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "We were patient on offense - every shot was a good shot — and we locked down defensively.

Sophomore center Brian Baumgardt led Salem with eight points. Joel Halewicz added seven.

"The third quarter they (Churchill) came out in a manto-man (defense) and we just couldn't score," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "They hit a couple of 'threes.' We had a

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tough time." Salem was 9-of-17 from the foul line, while Churchill was

8-of-14. Beileville 72. Dearborn 42: The Tigers overcame a slow start to win going away in a Mega Conference cross-over game played in Belleville. The victory improved Belleville's record to 16-1. The Pioneers slipped to 10-7.

Belleville led 19-18 after one quarter before outscoring their visitors 53-24 the rest of the way. Leon Freeman and Tommie Clark both tallied 19 points to lead the winners. Josh Samarco (10), DeMarcus Boone (eight) and Stephone Frederick (six) also played well for the Tigers.

Geoff Inch swished a teamhigh 19 points for Dearborn, including five three-pointers.

"They did a nice job of getting Inch open in the first quarter," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel. "They were running him off screens and popping him open, and we didn't respond well. Leon guarded him in the second and third quarters and he did a nice job on him."

The Tigers will host Willow Run Friday night. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

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big step for this team. One of our goals before the season started was just to make the tournament, so getting to the semis is huge. Walled Lake Central is a very good team, so we will have to play our best to win."

The Wildcats beat Central on Friday night, 48-47.

John Glenn coach Joel Lloyd was disappointed in his team's mental approach to the game and its high number of miscues.

"We just didn't answer the bell tonight," Lloyd said, shaking his head. "Right from the start we didn't play like we needed to to win. Plus, we had way too many turnovers (18). We were very careless with the ball, which has been our problem all year. We've averaged 18 turnovers a game, even during the good streak we had. Sometimes, they just show up more than other nights."

D.J. Coleman led a balanced Plymouth scoring attack with 16 points. Most of the junior guard's points came off slashing drives to the basket and pressbreaking layups. Josh Le Duc contributed 11 points and 12 rebounds, while point guard Brent Jones netted 10.

Senior forward Barry Eberhardt was the lone Rocket to hit double figures, tallying 20 to go along with his 13 rebounds. Brandon Pratt and Duncan Jones both scored nine for John Glenn. "Eberhardt is a very good

player and everything we did defensively tonight revolved around him," Van Wagoner said. "We were running something at him the entire game. He scored 20, but we made him work for it."

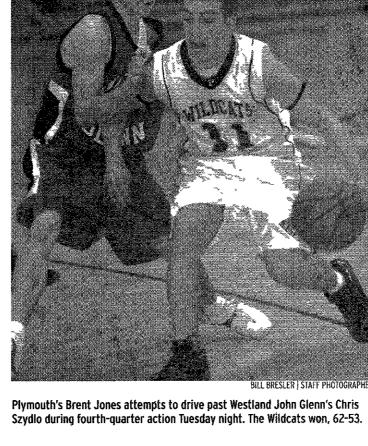
Plymouth led 14-12 at the end of the first quarter, which included a highlight-reel-caliber alley-oop dunk from Rockets point guard Chris Szydlo to the high-flying "Dunkin" Jones.

A long triple from Coleman with 2:25 left in the first half gave the Wildcats a 26-18 lead, but John Glenn cut its deficit to 26-22 at the half.

Ryan Hudy's 3-point shot with 1:50 left in the third quarter put the Rockets up 41-38, but jumpers from Coleman and Kulraj Sandhu gave Plymouth a 42-41 lead heading into the final eight minutes.

It turned out to be a lead the Wildcats would never relinquish as they outscored John Glenn 8-1 to start the fourth. The closest the visitors got after that was 52-50 on a Szydlo pullup jumper with 1:50 remaining. Plymouth's A.J. Davey converted a driving layup 30 seconds later to put the Wildcats up 54-50 and Jones canned two free throws with 58 seconds left to give his team a six-point advantage.

Plymouth shot 41 percent from the field (21-of-51) and 67



percent from the free-throw line (19-of-28). The Rockets connected on 35 percent of their field goals (22-of-63) and 47 percent of their free throws (8-of-17). John Glenn outrebounded Plymouth, 33-23, but turned the ball over more than their hosts (18-16).

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Cornerstone cagers edge crusaders, in 101-82 win

John Junker netted 22 points and was one of four Cornerstone players to score in double-figures to lead it to a _101-82 home victory over Madonna Saturday afternoon.

The victory improved Cornerstone to 25-3 overall and 9-1 in the Michigan Indpendent Athletic Conference. MU fell to 8-19 and 2-8.

Joining Jonker in the double-digit scoring club for the winners were Brandon Voorhees (18), Andy Bronkema

COLLEGE HOOPS

(16) and John Freund (15). Madonna was led by Noel Emenhiser, who twined 29. Derrick Mudri scored 13 for the Crusaders. Joe Kofahl and Charlie Henry added nine points a piece.

Madonna led 43-42 at the half, but was overwhelmed by a 59-39 second-half barrage by its hosts.

Cornerstone connected on 13-of-21 three-point attempts and shot 49 percent overall I from the field. MU hit 10-of-28 I shots from beyond the arch and 30-of-67 attempts from f the field (45 percent).

Led by Andy Bronkema's 10 boards, Cornerstone outrebounded the Crusaders, 40-35. Emenhiser led MU with seven.

SCHOOLCRAFT 89, MACOMB CC 49: Martin Samarco (Belleville) nailed 5-of-6 three-pointers Saturday as visiting Schoolcraft College (24-3) rolled to a victory over fellow Eastern Conference member Macomb CC (5-17, 1-9). Samarco, a 6-foot-4 guard, finished with a team-high 21

ponts. Kevin Massiah and Marcus Moore chipped in with 15 points apiece, while Ty Scott added 14.

Courtney Williams had 11 points and a team-high 10 rebounds (along with Moore). Point-guard Genois Safford had 10 assists and six steals for the Ocelots, who led 45-24 at halftime.

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lied to take seven of the next nine points to forge a 22-22 deadlock. The Rocks led 26-25, but Canton captured the next three points to earn the win. Johnson made two diving digs to set up McKendry's game-winning kill.

Nikki Mersch, Kurtz and Chelsea McPhail paced Salem's three-point win in Game 2. Mersch netted four kills in the game in which Salem never trailed.

Salem built an early 7-2 lead in Game 3 and never looked back, winning 25-17, to seize the match's momentum. Coppiellie iced the triumph with a block and a kill on the final two points.

Game 4 was knotted at 15-15 before Canton took charge behind the serving of Krista Holcomb and Kelsey Bailey, and dominating play up front from Western and Johnson.

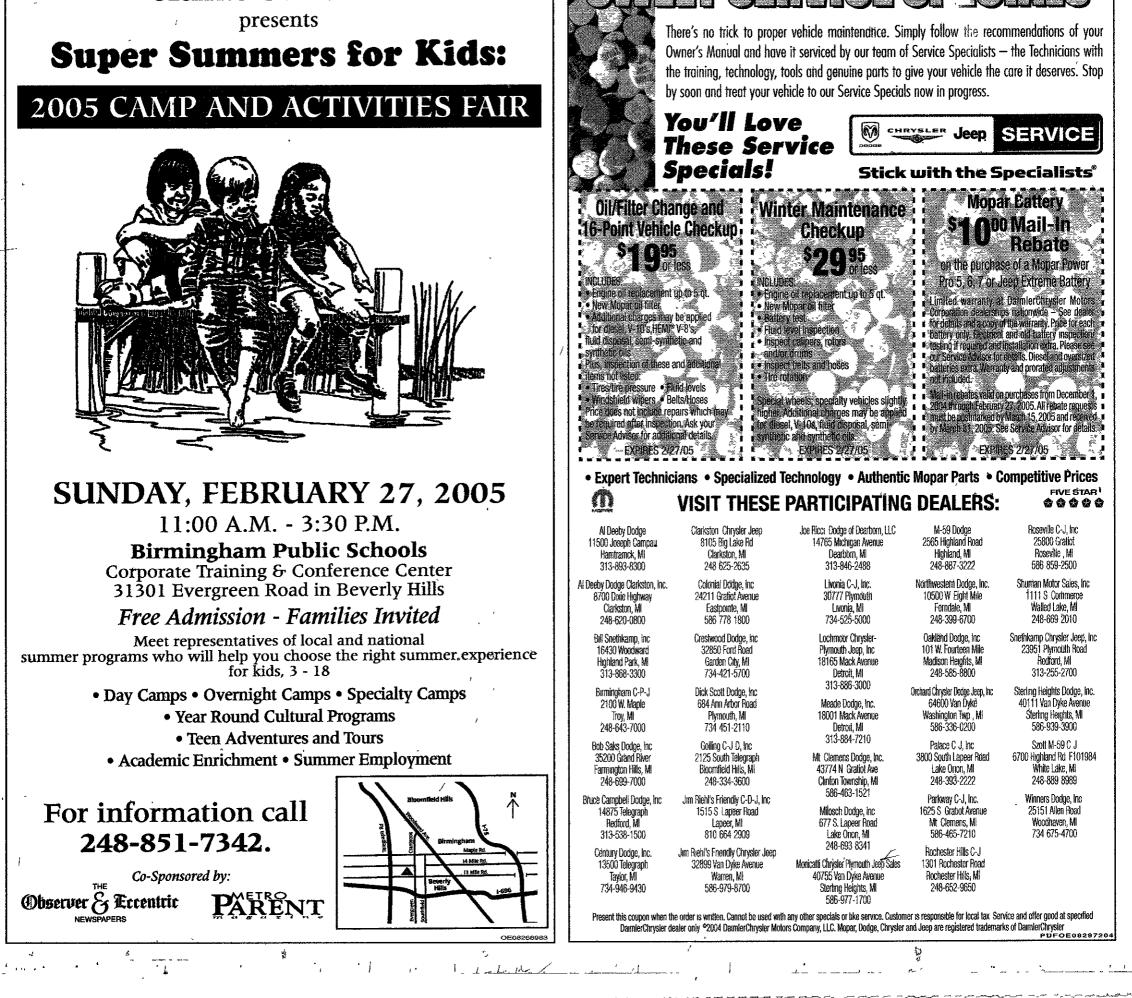
The only lead Salem enjoyed in the deciding fifth game was 1-0. Canton scored six of the next seven points and never looked back.

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Fit to be tied Salem, Canton icers battle to 3-3 deadlock

Adam Gillikin's power-play goal with one second left in regulation earned Salem a 3-3 tie with Canton Saturday night in a game played at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Gilliken's buzzer-beating goal was assisted by Brooks Belhart and David Carey.

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"It was a typical rivalry game between the two teams," said Canton coach Mike Behen. "It was an exciting game and both teams played well, especially the goalies (Canton's Tony Hylko and Salem's Brandon DeMars).

"We had too many penalties. In fact, we were short-handed at the end when they scored the tying goal."

Canton led 1-0 after one period when Mike Kondratek scored off an assist by Reece McCabe at the 4:34 mark.

helpers on Brant's goal.

McCabe and Kondratek.

Canton's Bryan Wioncek knotted the game at 2-2 with 41

seconds remaining in the second period. He was assisted by

Canton's Garett Hyman gave

his team a short-lived 3-2 lead

after lighting the lamp after

taking a pass from McCabe.

Gillikin then tied it with one

Craigen Bauldry recorded two

goals and an assist to lead the

Salem 4. W.L. Northern 1:

tick left on the clock.

Salem surged ahead, 2-1, on
second-period goals from
Craigen Bauldry and Kris
Brant. Bauldry's goal was
assisted by Gillikin whileTommy Cooper gave Salem
an early 1-0 advantage when
he scored an unassisted goal
with 4:19 left in the first peri-
od. Bauldry made it 2-0 four
minutes later off an assist from

Adam Gillikin. The Knights cut their deficit in half, 2-1, on Mike Bell's goal with 2:42 remaining in the second period.

Rocks to a victory over the vis-

iting Knights Tuesday night.

The Rocks received thirdperiod insurance goals from Bauldry and Evan Meibers. Ed Simeone, Kris Brant, Nathan Edelen and Bauldry were credited with assists.

Derek Edelen earned the win between the pipes for the winners. Nick Berbenchuk suffered the setback for Northern.



Canton's Mike Kondratek (28) battles Salem's Kris Brant for the puck during the second period of Saturday night's 3-3 tie between the two P-CEP schools.

Whalers remain in first despite split

Jesse Gimblett's goal at 13:07 of the third period snapped a 4-4 tie and the Saginaw Spirit came from behind to defeat the Plymouth Whalers, 5-4, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Sunday afternoon before 5,527 at the Dow Event Center.

In spite of the loss, Plymouth (23-23-5-3) remains tied with Sault Ste. Marie (23-23-7-1) for first place in the OHL West Division. Saginaw improved to-17-32-2-4 and is now four . points behind Guelph for the final playoff position on the OHL's Western Conference playoff race with 13 games remaining. Marek Kvapil (23rd), Michal Birner (10th), Chase Crowder (2nd) and Tom Pyatt (15th) scored the other Saginaw goals, while defenseman Patrick McNeill chipped in with three assists. Plymouth received two goals and two assists from John Mitchell, who now has 23 goals this season, and single tallies from John Vigilante (18th) and Jonas Fiedler (15th). Plymouth defenseman Mike Knight added four assists.

Plymouth grabbed a 4-2 lead on Fiedler's short-handed goal at 14:51 of the second period, but Saginaw tied the game on power-play goals by Crowder at 16:11 of the second period and

Pyatt at 4:27 of the third period. At that point, Plymouth coach Mike Vellucci pulled starting goaltender and rookie Justin Garay (16 saves) for veteran Ryan Nie, who stopped seven of the eight shots he faced. Saginaw goaltender Jeff Weber stopped 26 of 30 Plymouth shots.

On Saturday, the Whalers' special teams excelled in the team's 6-3 victory over Windsor Saturday night before 3,050 fans at Compuware. Of the nine goals, seven were on special teams. Plymouth went 4-for-5 on the power play. Windsor, which went 3-for-7 with a man advantage, fell to 20-23-6+6, two points behind Plymouth and Sault Ste. Marie. Neal led the Whalers in scoring with two goals and now has 17 this season. Cory Tanaka, Steve Ward, Dan Collins and Tim Sestito also scored for Plymouth, John Vigilante recorded three assists and was voted the game's first star.

Windsor's goals were scored by John Scott Dickson, Ryan Garlock and Jason Dixon.

The win was Plymouth's first in six tries against Windsor this season. The final two games of the series will be played Friday, Feb. 25, at Compuware, and Thursday, March 10, at Windsor.

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agement skills are better than they would be if I wasn't involved in sports and everything else."

GRATIFYING GRADES

Of her many high school accomplishments, Price said she gets the most gratification from her classroom achievements.

"I'm the most proud of my academic success," she said. "Academics are definitely first on my priority list because my parents (Kevin and Mary) have helped me understand that doing well in school is what is going to take me the furthest in life."

In the fall, Price will be a freshman at the University of Michigan, her father's alma mater and the college she has had her sights set on attending "since I was a baby."

"My dad has had season tickets for U-M football for a long time, so I've been going to games since I was 5," she said. "We only have two tickets, so when I was younger, I'd only get to go to one or two games. But the last couple of years, I've gone to three or four. I love "I didn't play a lot of volleyball growing up, but I used to watch my parents play with their friends, so that helped me gain an understanding of the sport," she said. "When they played, it wasn't real competitive, but I could see the basics of how everything worked with the bumping and setting.

"My last two years at Canton, I've been lucky to be able to play for two coaches who both know a lot about the sport. They're very different as far as how they coach, which has allowed me to learn even more. Coach (Steve) Anderson called all of our plays. But this year, coach Perrin lets me make the decisions. It was tough at the beginning, but I feel more comfortable now that I've been able to do it more."

PRICELESS HONOR

Price said she was honored to be chosen one of the team's co-captains.

"I think my biggest responsibility as a captain is to help keep the team together and to keep everybody up during the matches, but that's not had because this is a great group," she said. "When we're down five or six points in a game, I think it's my job to make sure no one gives up and that we

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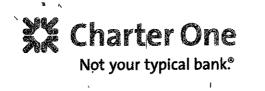


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the atmosphere at Michigan. "I'm not positive yet, but I

"I'm not positive yet, but I think I may major or minor in psychology and then apply to med school. Both of my parents have worked in the health care field, so I've seen how much they've gotten out of it."

ONCE A SETTER ...

Price's volleyball career began at East Middle School, where she played setter for two years before starting at Canton. keep working hard as a team." Price isn't looking forward to

Price isn't looking forward to the time during the next few weeks when she has to walk off the volleyball court for the last time as a high school player.

"The past four years have gone by so fast," she said. "It's going to be very sad when it's all over with, but I'm sure I'll play it again at some time after I graduate."

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WRESTLING

WRESTLING RESULTS

Franklin takes WLAA mat title

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

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Livonia Franklin's wrestling team entered Saturday's 12team Western Lakes Activities Association meet at Plymouth aiming to prove that its firstplace showing at the Observerland tournament twoweeks earlier wasn't a fluke.

Mission accomplished. The Patriots' magical season continued as they outpointed runner-up Livonia Churchill, 241.5 to 223.5, to earn the WLAA championship hardware. Franklin, which has a spotless 18-0 dual-meet record, has won all eight tournaments it has competed in this season.

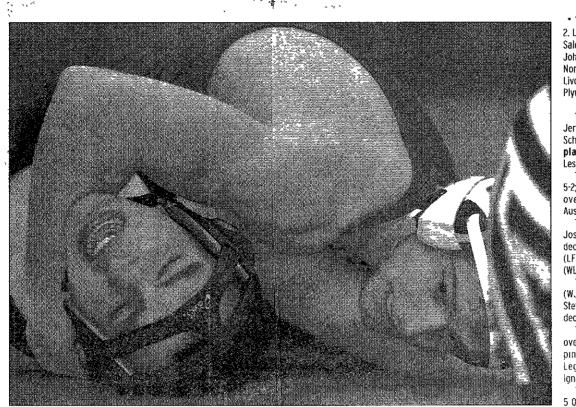
The top six spots in the standings were filled out by third-place Canton (200.5), Salem (184.5), Walled Lake Central (130.5) and Westland John Glenn (129.5).

"Even though we haven't lost yet this year, winning is still new to us, so we never go into a tournament thinking we're the favorite," said Chiola, whose team finished seventh in the WLAA meet in 2004. "We always go in thinking we can win, but we always feel we have something to prove.

"Last week, I talked to the kids about how there were a lot of the same teams in the conference meet as there were in the Observerland tournament and how important it was not to let up. We wanted to prove to everyone that winning Observerland wasn't a fluke."

The formula for Franklin's success this year revolves around its depth and consistency. While only two Patriots — 103-pound Jesse Gardocki and 160-pound Blake Karkoska — won their respective weight classes, a total of 12 Franklin grapplers placed in the 14 divisions.

"The thing I like about this team is that everyone contributes. We've never won six weight classes in a tournament this year, but we've had at least 12 wrestlers (out of 14) place in all of the tournaments. I like the way we're doing it now better than having six kids win every week and the others not



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Canton's Konrad Konsitzke (right) was the 145-pound chamon at Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association wrestling meet held at Plymouth High School.

round berth at 152, but was edged by Walled Lake Central's Craig Dropiewski, 4-3. Fowler (112) also finished second, succumbing, 5-2, to Central's Rick Aubry in the championship match.

Canton's third-place showing was paced by first-place efforts from Ryan Webb at 135 and Konrad Konsitzke at 140.

"It was a pretty solid third," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "If P.J. (Caram) doesn't get hurt in the semis, I think we had a chance at second. Ryan Webb was phenomenal for us. The kid he beat in the finals (Wallled Lake Western's Mike Morfitt is a two-time All-Stater, so that was a solid win.

"That was the first tournament win for Konrad, so it was huge. He won in pretty dominant fashion, beating a return-

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ing state qualier (Franklin's Dave Watikins, 11-1, in the finals. We had couple of kids who weren't seded (Alex Amberg and Tm Bonnell) place, too, whih was nice."

Salem shine in the lowerweight classes; ecceiving championship effort from Matt Keffler at 119 ad Cory Mervyn at 125. Ryan Sump advanced to the finals at 130, but had to default due to an injury. It was Stump's first setback of the season.

Rece Cox was the lone firstplace finisher for defending champ John Glenn, pinning Salem's Jake Bennett in the final match.

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WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT Feb. 12 at Plymouth High School

TEAM STANDINGS: 1 Livonia Franklin, 241.5;
2. Livonia Churchill, 223.5;
3. Canton, 200.5;
4. Salem, 184.5;
5. W.L. Central, 130 5;
6. Westland John Glenn, 129.5;
7. W.L. Western, 90.5;
8. W.L. Northern, 88 0;
9. Wayne Memorial, 73.0;
10. Livonia Stevenson, 68.0;
11 Northville, 64 5;
12. Plymouth, 54 5.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

103 pounds: Jesse Gardocki (LF) pinned Jeremy Stankewitz (S), 3:15; 3rd place: Ryan Schnettler (C) dec. Jamie Preiss (WM), 4-1, 5th place: Andrew Rudzki (WLW) dec Maxx Lesnick (WLC), 10-3.

112: Rick Aubry (WLC) dec. Alex Fowler (LC), 5-2; **3rd:** Jon Reale (LS) won by major decision over Alex Alfaro (LF), 10 1, **5th**; Jerimiah Austin (WJG) dec. Nick Poole (C), 7-6

19: Matt Keffler (\$) won by default over Josh Giesly (WLN); 3rd: Justin Keatts (WM) dec. Jay Fleischmann (C), 5-0; 5th: Jon Roos (LF) won by major dec over James David (WLC), 17-3

125: Cory Mervyn (S) dec Rowdy Glasgow (WJG), 7-3, **3rd:** Mike Warren (LF) pinned Steven Korpus (P), 5:26, **5th**: Greg Roberts (LC) dec. Jacob Hill (WLC), 6 4.

130: 1 Justin Smith (LC) won by default over Ryan Stump (S), 3rd: Cory Phillips (C) pinned Jim Wood (WJG), 0.57, 5th: Jerreli Leggs (WLC) won by tech fall over Jerry Ignash (LS), 21-5

135: Ryan Webb (C) dec Mike Morfitt (WLW), 5 0, 3rd: Jamar Leggs (WLC) won by major dec over Orlando Carswell (WJG), 14 2, 5th: Kaman Davidson (LF) dec. Scott Fysh (S), 7-5. 140: 1. Konrad Konsitzke (C) won by major

dec. over Dave Watkins (LF), 11-1; **3rd:** Saif Naber (WJG) dec. Nick Didia (N), 12-6; **5th:** Ryan Olson (S) won by major dec. over Jon Hagar (P), 13-2

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145: Rece Cox (WJG) pinned Jake Bennett (S), 5-50, **3rd:** Dennis Tullio (LF) dec. Josh Kelly (LC), 6-2; **5th:** Craig Waldie (WLN) dec Alex Freitag (C), 11-8.

152: Craig Dropiewski (WLC) dec. Ben Adams (LC), 4-3, 3rd: Nate Turco (LF) won by major dec. over Adam Kokenakes (LS), 22-8, 5th: Justin Swanson (N) dec. Andy Goodman (WLW), 8-6

160: Blake Karkoska (LF) won by major dec. over Kyle Lis (LS), 13-1; 3rd: Dean Decker (WLC) pinned Alex Amberg (C), 2:15; 5th: John McCahill (WJG) dec. Kevin Mlynek (S), 9-2.

171: Manuel Schubert (LC) won by major dec over Chris VanCamp (LF), 20-8; 3rd: Stedman Frye (WM) pinned Adam Dropiewski (WLN), 1:30; 5th: Pat McWhirter (C), dec. Cody Rize (LS), 3-2

189: Joe Bargerstock (LC) dec. Jeremy Henderson (S), 8-3; 3rd: Mike Skiver (WLW) won by default over Taylor Fox (P); 5th: Robert Coffey (WM) won by default over PJ. Caram (C).

215: Hafeez Oureshi (LC) pinned Tim Resnick (N), 1·43, **3rd**: Chris Alexopoulus (WLW) dec Greg Schuyler (LF), 2-1; **5th**: Mark Ruggles (WLN) pinned Tom Bonnell (C), 3:25.

275: Pat Draheim (LC) pinned Nick Turco (LF), 142, 3rd: Donnie Laramie (C) pinned Moody Mattan (WLN) in 015, 5th: Steve Kaptur (S) pinned Dave Stewart (N) in 145

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., March 10th, 2005 for the following:

SPRING 2005 TREE PLANTING

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

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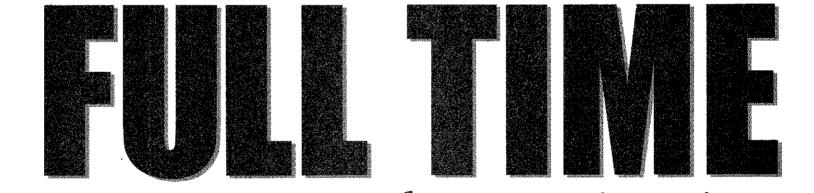
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Gardocki has been a points sponge all year for Franklin. The senior has compiled a 43-1 record and could be a poster child for perseverance and never giving up.

"Jesse was 4-23 as a freshman, so he's worked extremely hard to get to where he's at now," Chiola said. "His one loss was to the Churchill wrestler (Alex Fowler) at the Observerland tournament, so he was hoping to avenge that. But (Fowler) moved up to 112, so Jesse didn't get to face him. I told Jesse that we needed a pin or a technical fall out of him in all of his matches, and he went out and did it."

Churchill dominated the heavier weight classes as five Chargers advanced to the finals from 152 and higher. Five Churchill grapplers walked away with gold medals: Justin Smith (130), Manuel Schubert (171), Joe Bargerstock (189), Hafeez Qureshi (215) and Pat Draheim (275). Churchill's Ben Adams earned a final-

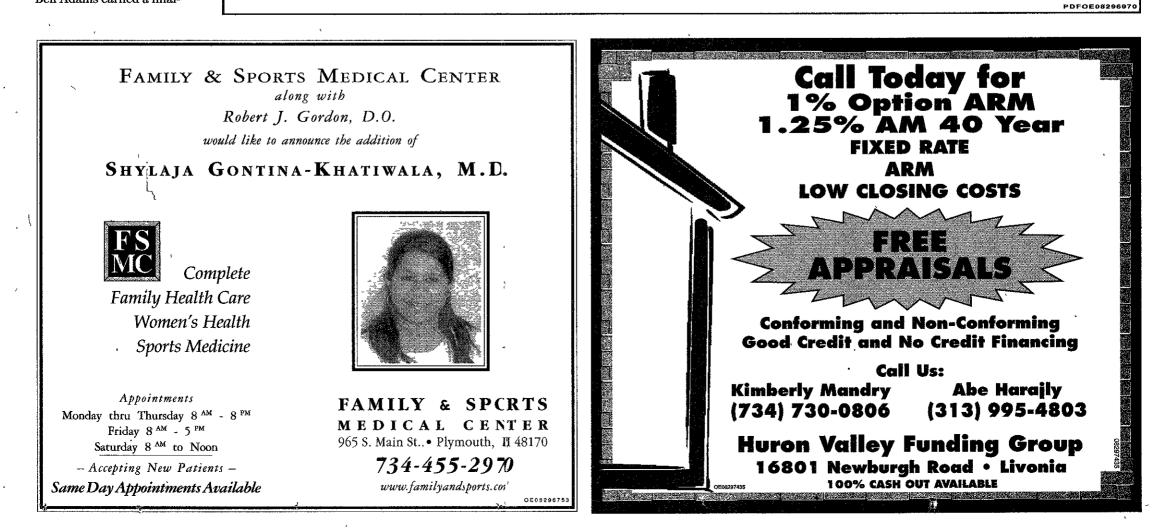


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LOCAL SPORTS

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Football Booster lub meeting

at 7 p.m. on Tuesay, March 1,

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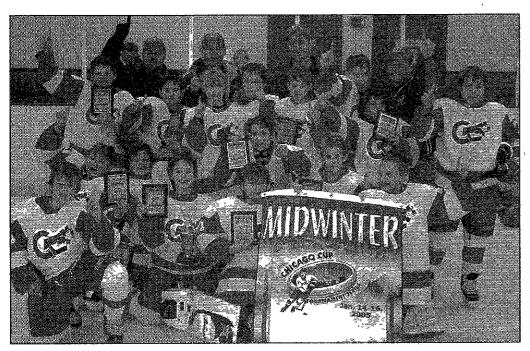
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Plymouth. Paren of current

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Canton Crush rule

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The Canton Crush Pee Wee A hockey team emerged as the champion of the Chicago Midwinter Classic Tournament Jan. 16 by defeating the Jaguars from Hyland Hills, Colo., 3-1, in the championship game. The entire Crush team was named Tournament MVP and Midwinter Classic Pee Wee A Champions. The Canton Crush, which is a travel hockey team from the Canton Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA), consists of: Garrett Berg, Stephen Champagne, Josh Dickson, Alex Estes, Jordon Fox, Tyler Gielniak, Alex Gravlin, Matt Kataja, Greg Kolis, Rob Minielly, Matt Rodgers, Tyler Schultz, Sean Smiatacz, Brandon Smyth, Travis Trombley, Brad Tullar and Chris White. The head coach is David Smiatacz; assistant coaches are Keith Berg, David Rodgers and Joe Smyth.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF A LYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times: Hearings are by appointment, please call 354-3267, between 8 am

and 4:30 pm for an appointment. Tuesday, March 8 9 am-Noon Organizational Meeting

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×	Monday, March 14	2 pm-5 pm 6 pm-9 pm	Hearings by Appointment Hearings by Appointment
	Wednesday, March 16	9 am-Noon 2 pm-5 pm	Hearings by Appointment Hearings by Appointment
	Saturday, March 19	9 am-11 am	First Come - First Serve¢

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 19, 2005

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Please come prepared as' a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board of Review will be strictly adhered to.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO: C-05-02

CHAPTER 32

March 26, and Sturday, April Please recycle 16, in the Salem ligh School gymnasium. Pancipants will rcceive three hors of baseball

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CAN'ON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CharterTownship of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michiga will accept proposals at the Leisure Services Department upto 5:00 p.m., March 3rd , 2005 for the following:

GOOSE CONTROL SERVICES

Proposals may be picked up at the Leisure Service Department counter or you may contact Brad Sharp at (734) 39 5363. . The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any call proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in empyment or the provision of services.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CAN'ON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CharterTownship of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michign will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.i., March 3rd, 2005 for the following:

SPORTS ROUNDUP

instruction with the Salem varsity baseball team's players and coaches, a T-shirt, snack and drink.

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

VOLLEYBALL TRYOUT

The Madonna University women's volleyball program will hold an open tryout from 10 a.m. until noon, Sunday, Feb. 20, at the school's gym.

The tryout is open to all eligible senior high school volleyball players, and also those with remaining college eligibility.

For more information, call MU assistant coach Brian McClain at (734) 432-5612; or e-mail him at bgmcclain@aol.com.

CUBS TRYOUTS

The Canton Cubs 14-andunder travel baseball team is looking for one or two additional players. The team plays a 40-game schedule. For more information about the team, tryout dates and location, contact Larry Ott at (248) 982-1405.

WILDCAT FUND-RAISER

The Plymouth High School Athletic Department invites members of the Plymouth-Canton community to participate in its second annual PHS Athletic Department Spring Fund-raiser. All funds raised will help defray the costs for students to participate in high school athletics.

The event will be held March 12 at the VFW Hall in Plymouth. Businesses or individuals that would like to donate gift certificates or items to be raffled off should contact Barb Swanson at (734) 454-9867 or Baswanz@aol.com.

Donations can also be mailed to: Plymouth High School, Athletic Department, 8400 Beck Rd., Canton, MI 48187.

SOCCER SIGN-UP

The Canton Soccer Club is accepting registrations for spring soccer for players 5 through 19 years of age (as of March 1). Registration forms are available online at www.cantonsoccerclub.com or at the club office, which is located at: High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Ave., Canton.

For more information, call (734) 480-7046.

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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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept proposals at the Leisure Services Department up to 5:00 p.m., March 4th , 2005 for the following:

ENGINEERING, INSPECTION, CONSTRUCTION FOLLOW

NOXIOUS WEEDS

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

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. NOXIOUS WEEDS.

- Definitions. This section provides for the definition of 32.010. noxious weeds.
- Violations: penalty. This section provides that any person 32.020. or entity that violates any provision of this ordinance may, upon conviction, be guilty of a municipal civil infraction and may be fined and assessed costs as provided in PA 236 of 1961, as amended (MCL 600.8701, et seq.) including mandatory minimum fines.
- Areas subject to chapter. The section provides for the 32.030. areas in the township subject to the ordinance, i.e. residential and commercial areas.
- Notice to cut weeds. This section provides for the posting 32.040. of notice of this ordinance by the township.
- 32.050 Noxious weeds prohibited. This section prohibits a property owner growing noxious weeds or allowing noxious weeds to grow on the property.
- Duty to remove. This section provides that the owner or 32.060. occupant shall cut down such noxious weeds by certain periodic dates.
- 32.070. Removal by township. This section provides that the township shall remove the noxious weeds upon failure of the owner or occupant from doing so and the owner/ occupant shall be billed. Upon non-payment the bill shall be placed on the tax roll.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

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

SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

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

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.

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

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 8th day of February, 2005, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. 1 Į

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GENERATOR REPLACEMENT

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budgt Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearl marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telohone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reerves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Towship does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origi, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of sevices.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF WAYNE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMUTH

REPEAL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS OR/INANCE

ORDINANCE NO. C-05-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF (RDINANCES

OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLMOUTH BY REPEALING THE NOXIOUS WEEDS DIDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. C-93-05; PROVING FOP

SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL PROVIDING

REPEAL OF THE ORDINANE.

That the Noxious Weeds Ordinance, Ordinance Vo. C-93-05, be

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph r part of this

Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm,

corporation, legal entity or circumstances shall befor any reason

adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be nonstitutional

or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impairor invalid the

remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared t the legislative

intent of this body that the Ordinance is severab, and that the

Ordinance would have been adopted 'had sch invalid or

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All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflit herewith are

The repeal(s) herein shall not abrogate or affec any offense or

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymath shall cause

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect von publication

CERTIFICATION

Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called/and held on the 11th day of Januar 2005, and was

/ordered to be given publication in the manner requied by law.

January 11, 2005

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February 17, 2005

February 17, 2005

The foregoing Ordinance was repealed by the 'ownship Board

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk

act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture acurred, or any

pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinane, as amended.

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SAVINGS CLAUSE.

PUBLICATION.

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EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH @DAINS:

SEVERABILITY.

REPEAL.

Ordinance full force and effect.

FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

TERRY G. BENNET, CLERK

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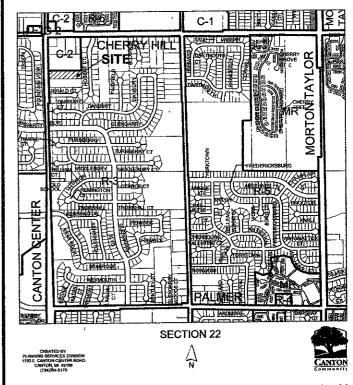
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE

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

OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

MORRIS REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 086 99 0002 001 FROM R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO 0-1 OFFICE. Property is located east of Canton Center and south of Cherry Hill Road.



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

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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- UP AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR TH SIDEWALK GAP CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Proposals may be picked up at the Municipal Service Department counter or you may contact Todd Zilincik at (734) 394-5156 . The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

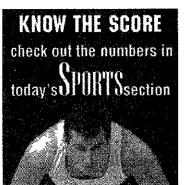
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Honeybaked skaters prevail

The Honeybaked 1994 AAA hockey team recently captured championship trophies in a pair of tournaments: the 14-team MWEHL and the 32-team Bell Capital Cup, which was held in Ottawa, Ont., Canada. Honeybacked, which allowed just two goals in the tournament, downed Compuware, 1-0, in the double-overtime finals of the Ottawa tournament. The team consists of: Ryan Dougherty, Sheldon Dries, Jake Foguth, Tyler Gardiner, Nolan Gluchowski, Dennis Guss, Chase Hatcher, Steven Haydon, Brandon Hope, Kevin Lining, Jonny McMillan, Nick Schilkey, Matt Slinder, Grant Webermin, Connor Wood, Robert Ault and Brian Yim. The head coach is Todd Gardiner; his assistants are Todd Dries, Doug Itami and Gary Matych. Dan Dougherty is the team manager.



STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (Feb. 25, 2005), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

> Whitney Wells Household Items Cheryl Lawrence Totes & Misc. Curio Cabinet, Chest Carol Panik ruary 10 & 17, 2005



Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-**February 8, 2005**

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A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 8, 2005, 1150 Canton Center S. 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 Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move Consent Agenda Item C-1, Resolution in Support of Rotary Day in Capton - February 23, 2005 to the General Calendar as G-1 and approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Study Motion carried Minutes of January 18, 2005 as amended. unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Minutes of January 25, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Study Minutes for February 1, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Expenditure Recap for February 8, 2005 General Fund 101 \$705,081.36. Fire Fund 206 74,728.48, Folice Fund 207 93,819.47, Summit Operating 208 111,937.44, Street Lighting 219 17,402.29, Cable TV Fund 230 3,961.54, Twp 261 272.52. Auto Improvement 246 1,005.00, E-911 Utility Forfeiture(wwa) 267 4,709.78, Federal Grants Fund 274 2,356.22, Auto Theft Grant 289 12,163.87, Downtown Dev. Auth. 294 6,632.61, Cap Proj-Summit Const 402 81.25, Golf Fund 584 18,928.78, Water & Sewer Fund 592 80,791.77, Trust & Agency Fund 701 6,048.00. Post Employ. Benefits 736 27,925.40, Saltz Road Paving 803 1,760.00, Total - All Funds 1,169,605.78 Board Member Reports: Trustee Zarbo presented the Board with articles regarding the shrinking size of grocery stores and updated retail information. <u>PRESENTATION</u>: PRESENTATION IN HONOR OF GERRI SVEC'S RETIREMENT. <u>CONSENT</u> <u>CALENDAR</u>: Item 2. CONSIDER BEAPPOINTMENT OF DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER (SUPERVISOR Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to reappoint Tim Ford to the Canton Downtown Development Authority for a term of four years to expire on January 28, 2009. Motion carried unanimously, Item 3. SECOND READING, AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION PREVENTION FACILITY MAINTENANCE FEE, CHAPTER 106, ARTICLE II, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STORMWATER MANANGEMENT FACILITIES, DIVISION 2, PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION THAT ALTERS DRAINAGE, RUNOFF OR RELATED MATTERS, SECTION 106-70 (CLERK). Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to remove from the table and adopt the second 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 effective date and publication of February 17, 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 CHAPTER 106, 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. Chapter 106, Section 106-70 of the Township Code be and is hereby amended to read as follows: 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

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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 preconstruction 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. Any person or entity that violates any 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 invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to 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 8th day of February, 2005, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. Introduced: January 25, 2005, Adopted: February 8, 2005, Published: February 17, 2005, Effective February 17, 2005 Item 4. CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Township Supervisor's nomination of Delphine Marshall and Dennis Crimboli for reappointment to the Council for Community Excellence for threeyear terms, effective January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING THE PARADE OF HOMES. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to grant special event status and to approve installation of signs advertising the Parade of Homes. Motion carried unanimously. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ROTARY DAY IN CANTON -**FEBRUARY 23, 2005. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution in support of Rotary Day in Canton, February 23, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Item 1. CONSIDER IKEA PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for IKEA Preliminary Planned Development District. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON IKEA Preliminary Planned Development District WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, has proposed the development of a commercial Planned Development District to be known as IKEA PDD, located on Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty Roads (Tax ID #'s 044-99-0017-706, 047-99-0010-000, 047-99-0012-000 and 047-99-0014-003); and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, at a public hearing, reviewed the proposed Preliminary Planned Development District concept plans and agreement, and recommended APPROVAL of IKEA Preliminary Planned Development District, conditioned upon modification of the PDD agreement as outlined in the applicable portions of the staff review dated 1/13/05, and based on the following findings of fact: 1. The layout of the project is in keeping with the Community's goals and objectives for the Ford Road corridor. The design of the project demonstrates sensitivity to the preservation and enhancement of an existing tree line which provides a natural buffer along the residential neighborhood to the north of the site. 2. The

design demonstrates consistency with the spirit and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance and Master Land Use Plan in the development of the project as a PDD, creating a higher quality project than might be possible under standard zoning requirements. 3. The proposal is in general compliance with Township regulations. All requested modifications have been outlined in an attachment to the PDD agreement and submitted for review and approval. Additional modifications may be requested as part of the final PDD approval. 4. The traffic study indicates that this area of Ford Road and the nearby intersections currently operate at a level of service F and will continue to operate at this level, which is approximately the same traffic condition that existed when the former HQ and Super KMart facilities were in operation. 5. The project has demonstrated that it meets the open space requirements of the PDD regulations. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does APPROVE the request of the project sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, to grant approval of the IKEA Preliminary Planned Development District, conditioned upon modification of the PDD agreement as outlined in the applicable portions of the staff review dated 1/13/05, based upon recommendations made by staff and the Planning Commission as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Item 2. GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT - THE SENIOR ALLIANCE, INC. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following General Fund Budget amendment in order to pay the assessment from TSA for \$6,109.00. Increase Revenues: Appropriation from fund balance #101-000-699-0000 \$ 6,109, Increase Appropriations: The Senior Alliance #101-670-844-0000 \$ This budget amendment increases the Social Services 6.109, Division budget from \$413,097 to \$419,206. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. REQUEST TO PURCHASE 13 PATROL VEHICLE LAPTOP COMPUTERS. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the purchase of 13 laptops from Motorola, Inc., for a total price of \$69,697.55. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the following Police Fund budget amendment to carryover the unspent laptop computer capital outlay item funding to 2005. Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #207 000 699 0000 \$14,000, Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay - Computers #207 301 977 2580 \$14,000 Item 4. CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR OR TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE WAYNE COUNTY CONSTRUCTION PERMITS, TOWNSHIP UTILITY ACCEPTANCE FORMS, AND STORM MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the township supervisor or the township clerk to execute Wayne County permits for storm water facility maintenance or landscape maintenance in the right of way, to execute standard reciprocal agreements with developers for storm water facility maintenance, and to accept jurisdiction of newly installed water mains and sanitary sewer mains. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENT TO COVER ELECTRICAL COST FOR LIGHTED STREET SIGNS ON THE MAST ARM SIGNALS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to cover the electrical cost for lighted street signs that are installed on mast arm traffic signals: <u>Increase Revenues:</u> Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$11,400, <u>Increase Appropriations:</u> Traffic Signal Costs-Public Works Division #101-441-920-0000 \$11,400 This budget amendment increases the Public Works Division budget from \$626,850 to \$638,250, and the General Fund budget from \$27,880,464 to \$27,891,864. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. **REQUEST FOR PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2005 - WATER** BILLING DIVISION (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve purchase orders to Matrix Printing Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$6,845 (account no. #592-560-900-0000) plus 10% for over/under run costs plus shipping costs of \$761.76 (for the printing of water bills and envelopes, to Lasertec, Inc. for \$6,200 (account no. #592-560-900-0000) for the printing and processing of water bills and the US Postal Service for \$30,000 (account no. #592-560-729-0000, Postage) for water bill postage for 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Item 7. AGREEMENT FOR ELECTION COSTS TO CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON: (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Agreement for Payment of Election Costs to the Charter Township of Canton with Schoolcraft College, and the Plymouth Canton School District. I authorized the Supervisor and Township Clerk to sign the agreement. The agreement will be for a term of two years. I further move to "Opt In" for the administration of the school elections for Schoolcraft College and the Plymouth Canton School District for a period of two years, the length of this agreement. Motion carried unanimously. OTHER: February 15, 2005 will be a study session at the Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan, including topics for discussion on: Tax Abatements, IT Reorganization and School Inspections with closed session on employee negotiations. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Shurgard Storage Centers

"Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 02/25/05 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or thereafter at the following locations:"

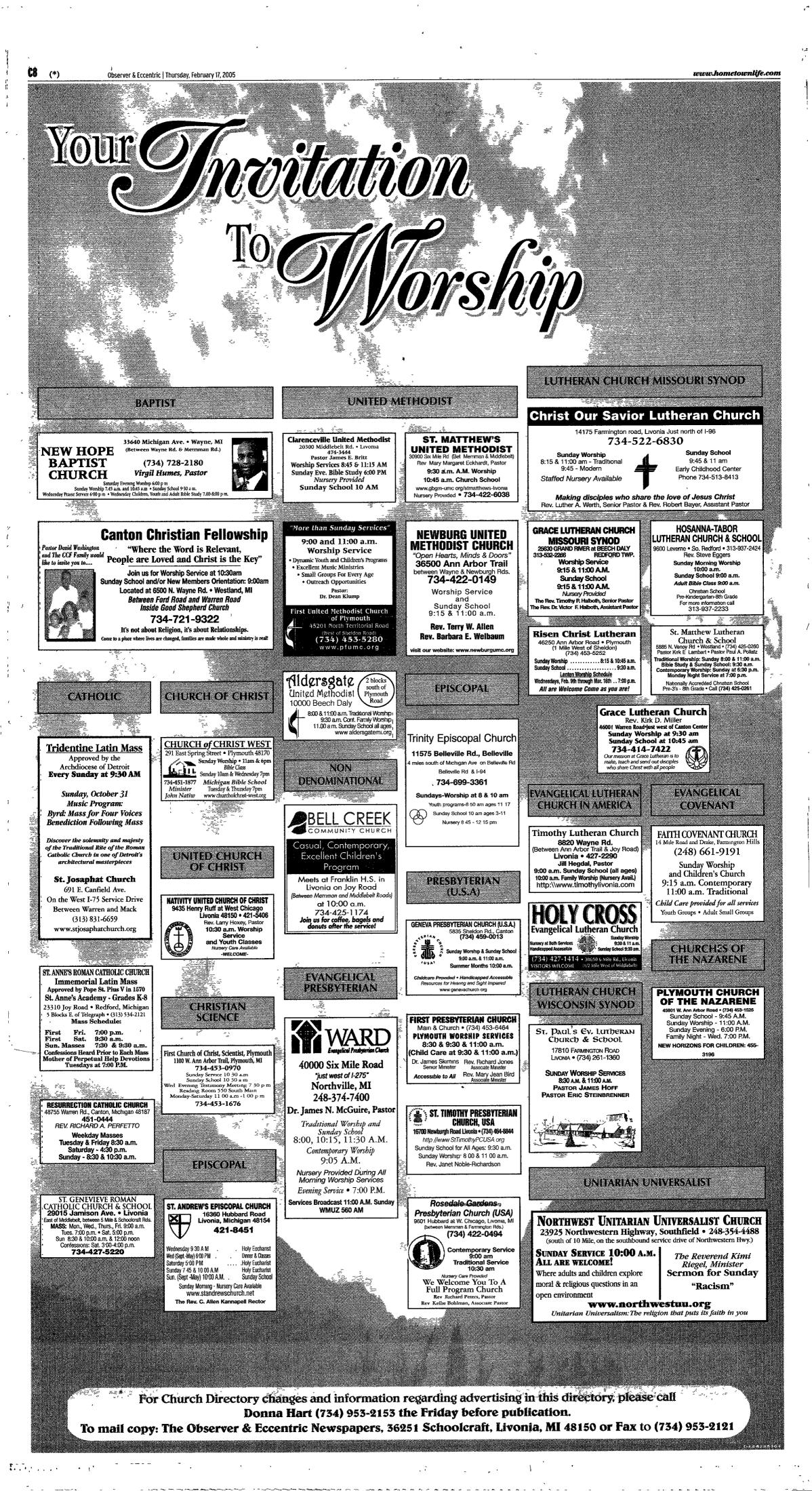
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In her early 20s, Paula Skiles was a divorced mother with two young children. She had come from what she calls an "extremely abusive" lifestyle and needed a lot of healing physical and spiritual.

A friend invited her to attend a Unity Church service, which she found unusual after spending her childhood going back and forth between Catholicism and a Pentecostal church. But finally, the church's accepting philosophy began to resonate.

"My background was one where we barely got by," she said. "So, I had a variety of life needs, to learn how to live life on life's terms, to do a lot of forgiveness because of physical and sexual abuse, to be able to heal mentally and emotionally. My soul just kept hearing things that I needed hear."

Today, Skiles and her husband, Dennis Skiles, are the coministers at Unity of Livonia, a Christian church with a different perspective.

COMMON GROUND

"The most distinctive difference is that we accept other churches as holy and true," Dennis said. "We look for similarities rather than differences, That's probably the most distinctive difference, that we accept truth in all religions. Other churches don't accept that there's truth in others. From that perspective we're considered a liberal church."

Unity Church began in the 1880s, a time when several other new religious groups were beginning in the United States. Charles and Myrtle Fillmore began the church in Kansas City, Mo., after Myrtle healed herself of a tubercular condition through prayer, a concept that is also a part of the Christian Science movement that was begun in the late 1800s by Mary Baker Eddy. Prayer and healing are still important concepts in the Unity movement, which is still headquartered in Kansas City. Paula Skiles said she herself was healed of an ulcer when she first came into the church, which convinced her "that there was something here, I didn't know what it is, but something."

BELIEFS AND VALUES

"We take Jesus' teachings and make them practical and relevant," she said. "He offered us a way of life and that's what Unity teaches, the teachings in the Bible."

LIFE LESSONS

However the Bible isn't read literally, but as a lesson in how to live.

"The Bible is a story, a spiritual awakening of human kind until it embraces Christ consciousness," said Paula. "Each story in it is the story of what it takes to move to that place. ... Every character, every event, every circumstance is offering me an understanding of something within myself, the David in me. It's a lifetime achievement, some of us make it and some of us don't."

Suzanne Serlin of Southfield is Jewish and attends both synagogue and Unity, which she sees as a lifestyle and a way as much as a church. She had no problem with Christian language

"In Unity, I see if as a loving presence of the Christ mind, and the Christ mind is love,' said Serlin, who has been involved with Unity for more than 30 years and met her husband, also Jewish, through Unity. "One important concept is that God is never forgiving us, we are forgiving ourselves. God always sees us as perfection and love. We have chosen our course, whatever it is."

The church doesn't have the concept of original sin.

"In the beginning, there is the tree of life and we take that as not the original sin but as the original beginning of humanity, the gift of living life in the material world," said Dennis.

Unity of Livonia began meeting in Livonia as Unity of Western Suburbia in 1962, formed by members from the Detroit Unity Temple. Meetings were originally held at a motel on Plymouth Road and then at the old Bentley High School. The group moved into its first church on Curtis in 1963. In 1970, the growing congregation bought 3 1/2acres on Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster, home of the current church.



ROBERT V. RADWAY

Age 77, February 11, 2005. Beloved husband of Jean. Loving father of Jim & John Twin brother of (Lisa). Raymond (Vivian). Son-in-law of Thelma Adams. Brother-in-law of Gary & Janet Adams. Also survived nieces, nephews & cousins. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia, Saturday from 2 until time of Memorial Service at 4 pm. Memorial may be directed to Arbor Hospice. Please sign the online guest-book at www.rggrharris.com.

MARIE NICHOLS

Age 86, passed away at her home in Mancelona, Michigan on Friday, February 11, 2005. She was born December 11, 1918. She is survived by her loving husband, Joseph S. Nichols, and daughter Mary Anne Claude) Roux, grandchildren, great grandchildren, one great-great grand-son, brother and sister in law Stanley . (Mary) Nichols of Spring Hill, Florida, nieces and nephews, and many wonderful friends. Marie and loe lived in Rochester Hills until 1981, where they attended St. Irenaeus Catholic Church. Arrangements are being handled by the Mancelona Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

MARTHA LOUISE BERELS

Of Bloomfield Township, died Sunday, February 13, 2005 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak of Cancer. Martha was born June 29, 1956 in Detroit, Michigan. Martha was Office Manager for ABC Group Sales & Marketing of Southfield, ML, and a 48 year local area resident. A Seaholm High School Graduate, Martha received an associate's degree in ccounting from Oakland Community College. Martha was a dedicated employee, loving mother, devoted daughter and sister; good friend. Survivors include children Scott (21), Matt (18) and Allison (15). Parents, Dick and Judy Smith. Sister to Scott, Liz and Sarah. A memorial service was held at St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham, on Wednesday, February 16, 2005. Family suggests that tributes may be made to American Cancer Society or Charity of Choice.

DANIEL LEE JOHNSON

82, of Bloomfield Hills, Age. Michigan, passed away on February 12, 2005. He was born on October 27. 1922, in Detroit, Michigan and was a former resident of Grosse Pointe Michigan. He is the son of Sarah Caulkins & Charles Bissell Johnson. He is survived by his loving wife of eight years, Elise Smith Johnson. Predeceased by his loving wife of 50 years, Sally Weckler Johnson. Dear brother of Stephen Olin Johnson, Horace James Johnson and Charles Johnson, Jr. (deceased). Bissell Ir., Christine Johnson Zoufal, and Julie Johnson Doonan. Grandfather of four. Memorial Service at Kirk in the Hills of Bloomfield Hills, 1340 W. Long ake Rd., Saturday, February 19 2005, at 11:00 AM. Memorial tributes may be made to: The Leelanau Conservancy, Box 1007, Leland, Michigan, 49654.

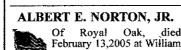
NELSON KARNEY Age 79, February 13, 2005. Beloved husband of Barbara for 58 years. Loving father of Kathleen Kenyon, Michael, Christine (Marc) Bruce Applebaum and Mark (Ronda). Proud grandfather of 5 and great grandfather of 4. A memorial gathering will be held Thursday 4-9 pm from McCabe Funeral Home 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Karmanos Hospice or American Cancer Society. Please visit www.lifestorynet.com for more information.

MILDRED "MILLIE" ADAMS

February 13, 2005, of Farmington Millie was born in Davidson, Tennessee and was a resident of Farmington Place for the last ten years. She is survived by daughter Sandy (Doug) Bartley of Farmington and son David Wilson of Birmingham. Cherished grandmother of Beth (Joe) Canejo, Kristin (Bob Lenz, Jason Bartley and great-grandmother of Alex and Cullen Caneio and Maya Lenz. Millie also leaves her sister Wanda Ducharme of Sterling Heights and brother Jim (Carol) Lowhorn of Clarkrange, Tennessee and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday, Feb. 18th, 12 noon at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington (1 Blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Thursday, 3-9pm.

GRACE E. MCQUEEN

Age 90 of Birmingham, Michigan passed away on February 11, 2005. After a brief illness, she died of natural causes. She was born on September 13, 1914 in Highland Park, Michigan. She moved from Grosse Pointe Shores to the Birmingham area where she resided for 20 years. She was a graduate from Highland Park High School and attended the University of Michigan and was a Charter Member of Alpha Chi Omega at the University of Michigan. She is survived by son, Robert (Barbara) McQueen of Grosse Pointe Woods; daughter, Cynthia Kragt of Okemos, Michigan; grandchildren, Robert, Christine, Jay, Stephen and Kara; and 5 great grand children. She is the sister of the late Fred (Bud) and Alec Lamb. There will be a private service. Also, a private internment at Acacia Park Cemetery in Beverly Hills. The Reverend Father Fred Elwood, Rector of St. James Episcopal Church of Birmingham will be officiating. Memorial tributes may be made to the Salvation Army or the American Red Cross.



Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. Albert was born on Jan. 26, 1922 In Bay City, MI. He is survived by his wife Dorothy D Norton (Dean) who he was married to for 58 years. His daughter A. Edward Penelope) Norton of Redford, his brothers & sisters; George, Emma Murial and the late Clyde and the late Bobby. Albert was a salesman for Hughes & Hatcher Clothier. Retired from Lakeside Mall Store. Crossing guard in Madison Hts received Merit Award from the city. 3rd Degree Mason, Lifetime member of Berkley Lodge #536, Oak Park Boy Scouts & Kwanis. Coached baseball in Royal Oak & Oak Park. Served his country in WWII in US Marine Corps., 5 th Div. Albert loved baseball, fishing & golf. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 3-9pm., Masonic Service, Wednesday 7:00 pm. Interment Service Thurs at 11:00 am at Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home 2125 12 Mile Rd., Berkley. Burial at Oakview. Memorials to American Diabetes Association.

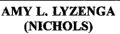


Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

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Age 89, died Feb. 5th, 2005. Retired from Detroit Edison Co., He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, as a motor mechanist. He is survived by his son, Paul Grabis, three grand-daughters and six great-grandchildren



Age 39. Went to be with the Lord, 13, 2005. Beloved wife of February Edward. Loving mother of John, Benjamin, Daniel, & Hannah. Dearest daughter of Charles & Lorraine Nichols. Sister of Chuck (Mary) & Chris (Adrianna) Nichols. Also survived by many dear nieces and nephews. Visitation at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia, Road, Wednesday 2-9p.m. and at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road Canton, Thursday from 10a.m. until Funeral Service at 11a.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to The Navigators. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rggrharris.com

WINIFRED E. POLK

Age 91, passed away on February 12 2005. She was born on April 6, 1913 in Detroit, Michigan, and was a resi dent of Bloomfield Hills since 1939 She was a graduate of University of Michigan, with a major in History She was a member of Kirk in the Hills of Bloomfield Hills. Winifred deeply loved painting, gardening and music. She was the wife of the late Ralph Lane Polk III, who was Chairman of R.L. Polk and Co. She was the mother of Janet Polk Read of Wellington, FL, and of the late Ralph Lane Polk, Jr. and Stephen Roland (Bobbi) Polk of Bloomfield Village, MI. Village, Grandmother of Katherine Osborne, Susan & Julie Polk, Christopher Read, Rebecca, Stephen Jr. Travis and Ryan Polk. Great grandmother of Patrick & Reilly Osborne. Sister of Janet Schoo of Potomac, MD. Mother-in-law of Nancy Knorr Polk of Bloomfield Hills. Memorial service at Kirk in the Hills of Bloomfield Hills, Wednesday February 16, 2005 at 11:30 AM, with Reverend Dr. Raymond B. Knudsen II officiating. Visitation at the Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple, Birmingham, Tuesday, 4-8PM. The Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery Detroit will be private. Memorial tributes may be made to: Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Road Rochester Hills, MI, 48307 or to Detroit Symphony Orchestra, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48239.

JOHN A. AUGSPURGER

39, beloved son of Lynn L. and Judith Augspurger of Hopewell Junction passed on February 11, 2005, following a long illness. Surviving him at home in Summit, NJ are his wife Cecilia and daughters, Jacklyn and Jessica. Additional survivors are sister Anne L. Albritton, Summit, NJ, sister Amy E. Abramowitz and her husband Ronald. Hopewell Junction, NY; Thomas J. Augspurger brother Chicago, IL; and an aunt, Dr. Carol K. Augspurger, Urbana, IL. Predeceasing were grandparents Rudolph E him and Kathryn C. Augspurger; and Wilburn W. and Beulah E. Peery; and an uncle, Dr. Robert M. Augspurger, all of Columbus, OH. John was graduated from Seaholm High School in Birmingham, Michigan where he was captain of the swimming and water polo teams and involved in student government. He was graduated from Miami University in Oxford, OH with a B.S. in Business Administration after which he enjoyed a career in technology sales and training. Visitation was held at the Robert H Auchmoody Funeral Home on Route 82 in Hopewell Junction, NY from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2005. Pastor Taylor Holbrook conducted a memorial service at the Hopewell Reformed Church in Hopewell Junction, NY at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2005. The family will honor John's request to be cremated and his ashes spread on the water where he loved to sail.

PHYLLIS E. GAYLORD

Age: 82 years, of Monroe, MI. passed away Monday, February 14, 2005 in Mooresville, NC. Phyllis was born on July 25, 1922 to Phileman and Elizabeth (Basinger) Huser. On June 4, 1944 she married Joseph P. Gaylord, sadly, he preceded her in death on June 22, 2001. She is survived by three loving children: Gary L. (Joyce) Gaylord of Plymouth, MI., Timothy P. Sue) Gaylord of Mason, MI. Jan S. (Timothy) Valentine of Mooresville, NC, two brothers: Sherwood Huser and George (Rachel) Huser of Pandora, OH. Five sisters: Jeannette (Homer) Baumgartner of Delphos, OH., Mary Jane (Francis) Greutman of Findlay, OH., Dorothy (Jim) Moser of Pandora, OH., JoAnn (Don) Etter of Pandora, OH, and Betty Jean (Don) Cherry of Florida. Also surviving are six grandchildren.Visitation will be held on Friday from 1-4 and 6-9 PM in the Bacarella Funeral Home 1201 S Telegraph Rd. Monroe, MI. 48161, (734) 241-4600. She will lie in state òn Śaturday form 9:30 AM at St. Paul's United Methodist Church until funeral services at 10:30 AM. The Rev. Evans C. Bentley pastor of the church will officiate. Interment Roselawn Memorial Park. In addition to her husband, her parents and a granddaughter, Sarah Gaylord, preceded her in death. Memorials may be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Church or the Special Day Camp in care of Mason State Bank - PO Box 130, Mason, MI. 48854. Online con-

dolences may be made by visiting:

www.bacarellafh@ameritech.net

ARCHIE M. STURDY

Died at home, February 6, 2005. After a year and a half long battle with can-cer. He was 79. He was born on December 2, 1925 in Glasgow, Scotland. He came to the United States at the age of 5. He served in the Army in WWII. After his military service, he joined the Detroit Police Department in 1948. He retired a Detective Lieutenant in 1974, after 26 years of dedicated service. He then became an Airport Supervisor and retired after 20 years of service to Metro Airport. Mr. Sturdy was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Mary (Theresa), 3 brothers, and 1 sister. He is survived by his children. Michael (Patricia) Sturdy, Lynn (William) McPherson & Barbara (Rodney) Wolfe. Grandfather of 7, great-grandfather of 2. Also survived by sisters-in-law, Joyce Sturdy of Redford, MI., Virginia Koers of Clearwater, FL., Doreen Sturdy of Kary, TX., and many nieces and nephews. His family, work, and golf were his favorite things. Services were held Wednesday, February 9, 2005 at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon.

The church that accepts the wisdom of other churches doesn't have a set creed, but does have certain principles.

"There is nothing in the universe stronger that God or equal to God," Paula said. "God is the greatest force in the world."

Another principle is mind attraction, that meditating on something long enough will bring it into being and that humans are "co-creative" with God.

"We have direct contact with God through prayer or meditation. We don't go through anybody which is basically the Protestant priesthood of believers," Dennis said. "In other words if what I preach here isn't true for you, it would be difficult for you to follow it. What you have to follow if what you believe to be the truth today."

Paula Skiles said Unity is a trinitarian Christian church that views Jesus as a model for behavior.

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The Rev. Gene Sorensen and his wife, Lucille, became the co-ministers in 1972 and served until 2002 when the Skileses were appointed the new ministers.

Today, the congregation numbers more than 200.

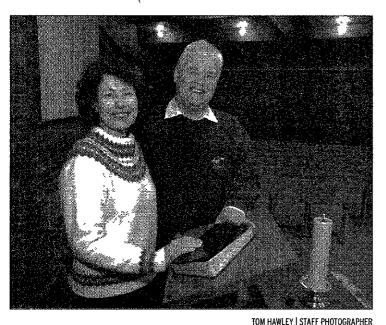
FAMILIAR LOOK

A visitor to a Sunday service from another church would feel at home, according to Dennis Skiles.

"When you walk into a Unity service, you would think it looks pretty Protestant, but it would be very positive. It would be open," he said.

A Unity service will quote the Bible, especially the New Testament, but also the Buddha and Hindu scripture. Most Unity services end with the song "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

"We reach out to others, the message of love and tolerance is important to Unity," Dennis Skiles said.



Paula and Dennis Skiles have been the co-ministers at Unity of Livonia since



ARBIE OTTO THALACKER

Was born on January 9, 1907 in Wisconsin and died Wautoma, February 14, 2005 in hospice at Wm. Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI. He resided in the Birmingham /Bloomfield area since 1936. Arbie began his professional career as an attorney in Marquette, MI and was then hired as in-house counsel for Detrex Corporation, Detroit in 1937. At Detrex he also served as Secretary. General Manager, Executive Vice president, President and Chairman of the Board before retiring at age 80 in 1987. Arbie served as a post president, treasurer and chairman of the grounds committee for the 60 plus vears as a member of Orchard Lake Country Club. During the early years at Orchard Lake he is credited with the planting of thousands of trees and starting of the tree nursery at the Club "Arbies' Arboretum". He was also member of the Bar Association in Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as a member of Tequesta Country Club, Michigan Senior Golf Association, the Detroit Athletic Club, Recess Club, and POETS. An industrial magazine article likened Arbie to Abraham Lincoln, citing his clear thinking and strong leadership abili-ties coupled with being a quiet gentleman. He was an avid golfer (shooting his age until he could no longer play at age 94, hole in one at age 84), fly fisherman, hunter, and snow skier. Arbie was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Jeanne Emmett, and his wife of 10 years Marjorie Dickenson and one son, Donald William (Helene Heldenstien of Luxembourg, Europe). He is survived by children Arbie Robert (Deborah) of New York, Richard Emmett (Brenda) of Whitmore Lake, MI, Nancy Odom (CAl) of Brighton, Sue Welcome (C David) of Bloomfield Hills; stepchil-dren Thomas Dickenson (rose), and Lynn O'Neil, 14 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. A memorial service is planned for 12 Noon on great Saturday, February 26 th. at Pine Hill 4160 Congregational Church, Middlebelt Rd., West BloomfieldMi. In lieu of flowers tributes may be made to Evans Scholars Western Golf Association, One Briar Rd., Golf, Illinois 60029 (college scholarships for golf caddies) or charity of choice.



EMMETT WEST MILLS

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Georgia, the son of Hugh and Jonnie Mills and brother of Hugh, John and Frances. He married Jacqueline E (nee. Franco) in 1944 and she preced-ed him in death January 14, 2000. He married Jane (Lady Jane) Buell April 2002, who was with him at his time of passing. Mr. Mills attended North Georgia College and Georgia Tech and served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy (USN Submarice Service) during WWII and earned two Bronze Stars. He then served in the Naval Reserve, rising to the rank of Captain He worked for Kresge Co. (later K Mart Corp.) as an engineer for 38 years, retiring in 1986. He founded Oakland Utilities Service Co, in 1963 and operated it until 2002, when he sold it to his son, Bubba. He headed up various church fund-raising campaigns and belonged to all the school booster clubs. He was also an animal lover. He is survived by his eight children, John (Kathy), Emmett Jr. "Bubba" (Gayle) Richard (Mary), Frank (Sheila), Jacqueline Aubuchon (Richard), Patricia A., Mary Jo Mercier (Paul) and Gwen Smith, his stepchildren, Michael, Beth, Scott, Webb, Mardi and Robin; 25 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; his siblings, Hugh (Patsy), John (Carol) and Frances yptak and dear friend Rev. Donald Walker. Services were held Monday Feb. 14 at St. Regis Church, W Bloomfield. Burial at Holy Sepulchre 25800 W. 10 Mile, Southfield. Memorial tributes to Variety, The Children's Charity, 30161 Southfield Rd., Ste 301, Southfield, MI 48076 or Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit, MI 48201. Obituary at

www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



50 years young of Troy (24 years), MI, died February 8, 2005. He was taken from his beloved family and friends in an automobile accident while driving home from work near Ann Arbor. He was born March 7, 1954 in Paducah, Kentucky, to Patsy Vandenabeele nee Clark and Louie E. House. After his service in the U.S. Army from 1972-1975, he married his high school weetheart on Valentines day, 1975 and died six days before their 30 year anniversary. Ric was extremely honest and hard-working, enjoyed playing with his three grandchildren and deeply cared for and loved his family. He had a kind and generous heart and was always ready to help anyone in need. In the little free time he did have. he enjoyed spending time with family members, hosting family barbeque cook-outs, campfires, occasionally playing his guitar, wood-working and working in the yard. Besides his family the focal point of his life was his faith and love of God. He was member of St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Sterling Heights. All who were honored to know him will deeply and whole heartedly miss him. Ric is survived by his wife :Theodora Dori nee Eicker; his daughters; Natalie and Erica (Alex) Ruiz; his three grandchildren: Victor, Monica and Andrea Ruiz, his mother; his brothers; Steve House and Randy (Patty) House; his sistersin-law; Dolores (Mike) Ayar and Elizabeth (Joseph) Komisar, his nieces and nephews; April House, and Ronald (Desiree) House; Angela (Benjamin) Erickson Raya, Mariah, Selena and Antonia Ayar; and Jonathan, Joseph and Sarah Komisar. Visitation Friday 2-8 PM at Gramer Funeral Home, 705 N. Main St. (North of 14 Mile Clawson). In State Saturday 11:00 AM at St. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church (Ryan Rd., North of 18 Mile, Sterling Heights) until funeral mass at 12 noon. Rite of Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memories and

condolences can be shared at www. gramerfuneralhome.com

KENNETH M. RICH

70, died Tuesday, February 15, 2005 at his home in East Jordan, Michigan. Kenneth was born on October 25, 1934 in Ann Arbor, Michigan the son of Burt and Marion (Hadley) Rich. He grew up and lived in Salem area near Ann Arbor for many years. On April 24, 1954, he married Diana McKay. Ken was self-employed working as an electrician from 1974 to 1995 and as an electrical inspector in the Ann Arbor/Salem areas from 1978 to 1995. He retired in 1995 and moved to Northern Michigan. Diana preceded him in death in 1997. On May 17, 2003 in Echo Township, he married Patricia McCormick German.Kenneth was a member of the Elks Club in Plymouth and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Boyne City. He attended the Pleasant Valley Free Methodist Church in Echo Township near East Jordan.He is survived by his wife, Patricia Rich of East Jordan; eight children, Deborah (Tom) Freedle of Ypsilanti, John (Kay Reed) Rich of South Lyon, Angela Bentley of Santa Clara, California, Douglas (Julie) Rich of Plymouth, David (Jan) Kirk of White Pine, Debbie (Steve) Leaman of East Jordan, Linda (Mickey) Reynolds of Barrien Springs and Martin (Kay) Kirk of East Jordan; eighteen grandchil-dren; eleven great grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary (Joseph) Bagnasco of Plymouth and Elaine (Duncan) McIntyre of Pinckney. Funeral services will be on Monday, February 21, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. at the Vermuelen Funeral Home in Plymouth with visitation Sunday from 2:00 to 9:00 P.M. Interment in Lapham Cemetery in Salem Township, Washtenaw County, MI. Memorials may be given to the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Hospice.



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Food festival continues through April 3 at Kruse & Muer restaurants including locations in the Village of Rochester, Grand Blanc at the Grand Mall and Lake Orion, as well as the Rochester Chop House and Kabin Kruser's Oyster Bar in downtown Rochester. Visit www.kruseandmuerrestaurants.com for details. Guests will enjoy a variety of traditional island recipes including Bahamian Conch Chowder, Coconut Shrimp, Grand Cayman Grouper and Caribbean Mojo Steak.

Giulio's Cucina Italia

Offers early bird specials 3-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, featured menu items are \$6.95. David and Francesco perform classic Italian music on the accordion and mandolin every Thursday beginning at 6:30 p.m. Giulio's is at 31735 Plymouth Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-9500 for information.

Bavarian Inn

Seafood/Fest at the Frankenmuth restaurant continues through April 12. Featured items include Apple Pecan Crusted Salmon, Crab & Shrimp Cakes, Sea Scallops baked in cheese and artichoke sauce, Gulf Shrimp stuffed with crab and scallops and Teriyaki Sea Bass served over baby spinach and water chestnuts. The Bavarian Inn Restaurant is at 713 Main St. For more information, visit www.bavarianinn.com.



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Hot Ticket

Sight to behold

Murano glass exhibit in its final week at the DIA

My obsession with Murano glass was instant. A friend returning from Florence brought me a small ashtray and I was smitten by the bold,

vivid red, thick glass. The ashtray is Pulegoso, a type of Murano glass with a spongy appearance and so many air bubbles

it appears almost opaque. On the

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edges is the popular Millefiori design — little, detailed glass circles, often with flowers in the middle. It's a symbol of Italian glass even though the design can be traced to Mesopotamia.

A year later the same friend visited Venice and brought me a small Murano plate. It's hardy with a dense black border and a blue, red and green prism dominating the center.

My fascination for Murano grew from there. I visited Italy to see more and while my budget doesn't justify a purchase of large pieces, it's fun just to go there and look. Chicago and

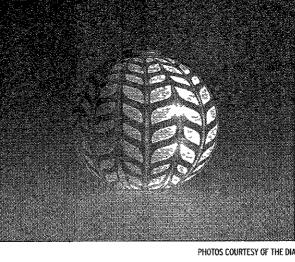
go there and look. Chicago and Toronto both had great exhibits over the last few years where I purchased a few small pieces, but nothing compares to the museum-quality works that are becoming hard to find.

So it's a treat just to see them and just one week remains of the current exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts: *Murano, Glass from the Olnick Spanu Collection . It* includes nearly 300 pieces from the privately owned collection.

SOME HISTORY

Since the 15th century, the island of Murano, off the coast of Venice, has

A familiar Murano glass style is stripped vessels in primary colors such as these by Gio Ponti, Venni & C., titled 'Bottiglie morandiane,' from 1946-1950.



This piece by Carlo Scarpa, titled 'Fenicio,' is part of the exhibit.

been the focal point for Italian glass. Archeological discoveries reveal that glass-making in the vicinity dates back to the 7th century.

The island currently hosts a handful of designers and glassblowers who follow strict rules for the craft, some dating back to 1271, that separate Murano glass from the rest. One in particular is the secret recipe for several bold colors.

The island has access to many raw materials and sands that cannot be found anywhere else.

Unlike many glass lines, there's a

strong communication between the Murano glass designer and the glass-blower, said Peter VanDyke of the DIA. The result is inventive pieces with explosive colors.

THE EXHIBIT

The displayed pieces owned by Nancy Olnick and Giorgio Spanu of New York are mostly vessels from 1910 to 2002. The exhibit is curated by Venetian-born glass scholar Marino Barovier.

What's interesting about Olnick and Spanu is the loving style they use to choose each piece, some worth up to \$200,000. They collect the glass because they adore it, not because of its value. "They've flown

MURANO GLASS EXHIBITS

What: Red Hot and Very Cool, Murano: Glass from the Olnick Spanu Collection Where: The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit When: Continues through Sunday, Feb. 27

Open: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday **Admission:** \$10 adults, \$5 kids 6-17; DIA members and kids under 5 admitted free

For more information: Call (313) 833-1292 or visit www.dia.org

around the world when they've learned that a particular piece is available," VanDyke said. "They have a rule that both of them must really like the piece. If one doesn't, they won't purchase it. It's a wonderful love they share as a couple."

Their admiration for the glass was an accident. In the late 1980s, they were at a Sotheby's Auction House event and purchased their first piece, a 1955 green and blue hourglass vessel designed by Paolo Venini. They placed it next to their Andy Warhol painting (*Flowers*) and from there their Murano fascination blossomed.

Today, Olnick said she's captivated by Murano designers Carlo Scarpa and Massimo Vignelli, both creating beautiful yet functional pieces. Spanu prefers glass with sculptural influence by Thomas Stearns and Checco Ongaro.

"Over the past two decades, glass has become a focus of collecting in the United States, generally, but nowhere more so than in the Detroit area," said Graham W.J. Beal, director of the DIA.

VanDyke said metro Detroiters' appreciation for glass has surged over the past 10 years; the number of glass galleries in Ferndale and other cities offering some proof.

"I don't think I can ever tire of Murano," said VanDyke. "I see so much art and appreciate it all, but this is particularly intriguing."

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More city bites

Walsh Gala

Walsh-College offers business education in the classroom daily; but 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 p.m. 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.

Unique Restaurant Corp.

Vegetarian Feast March 18-19 at Morels, 30100 Telegraph Road in Bingham Farms. Chefs Jim Barnett and Frank Turner get together to create the annual Vegetarian Feast that can be enjoyed during the Lenten season. To reserve a spot, call (248) 642-1094 Ext. 1. Visit www.mattprenticerg.com for information about wine tastings and other special events.

Drinkology Can you improve on an original?

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD CORRESPONDENTS

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Improve is probably not the best word to explain the ultimate indulgence of Cask & Cream Chocolate Temptation with its dark chocolate flavors and creamy richness. Poured over ice, it's dessert in a glass.

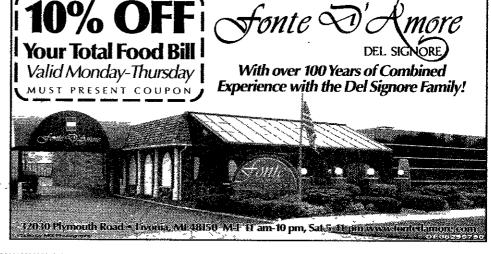
If you like caramel as well as you like chocolate, then you'll like Cask & Cream Caramel Temptation equally as well, poured over ice or added to coffee as a mealending treat.

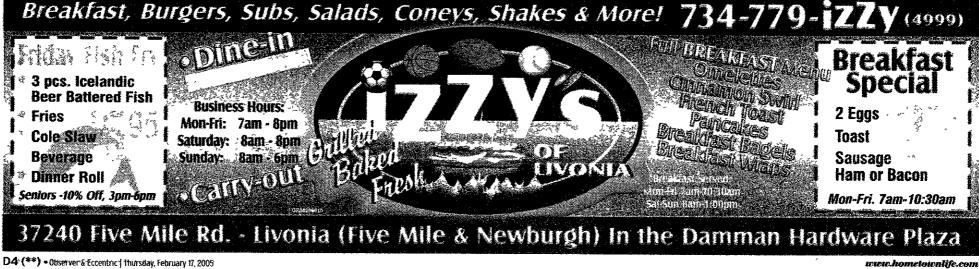
Because it's still cold outside, mix up a Brandy Chocolate Alexander as a great winter warmer-upper. Combine 3/4 ounce E&J Brandy and 1 ounce Cask & Cream Chocolate Temptation with piping hot chocolate. Serve in a large coffee mug topped with whipped cream. Pure indulgence.

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Special event Traditional Japanese drummers unleash their power

BY NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITER

Typically, drummers go unnoticed by their audiences. Rock drummers stealthily drive the music while their flamboyant front man counterparts steal the show. And an orchestra's percussion section, hidden behind an army of violins and other stringed instruments, only gets its due when there's an especially roaring drum roll.

But Kodo, an ensemble of traditional Japanese drummers, is percussion that's something to hear and see.

"It is a dance in a sense," said Kaoru Watanabe, an Americanborn member of the Japan-based group, which is slated to perform Feb. 21-23 at the Power Center in Ann Arbor. "We're showing the drumming. It's not just the sound. We show the body movements, and the cleaner the body movements, the cleaner the sound."

Kodo drummers take center stage, while other musicians and

performers accompany the often thunderous roar and athletic. almost fanatical, beating of the drums.

"It's very musical, melodic and very physical," said Watanabe, a flutist with the ensemble who became a member after participating in Kodo's intensive apprenticeship program in a small village in Japan. "And many people feel it's very spiritual."

Kodo employs drums of numerous sizes and shapes to create and fuse varying textures of sound and rhythm. The drumming can be "quiet, almost inaudible, like tapping or whispering or rain drops, and it can be almost piercing," said Watanabe.

The smallest drum is about the size of a snare. The largest and most visually impressive weighs 900 pounds and requires intense physical strength and training to play well.

"In order to just create a sound from it requires a tremendous amount of strength, while hitting with precision," said Watanabe,

Kodo showcases the art of traditional Japanese drumming.

who learned taiko as an apprentice.

"We have some very traditional pieces, as well as very modern pieces, pieces that have been written by classical composers," Watanabe said, adding Kodo performers regularly play with drummers from countries around the world to build on the art

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HEARTBEAT

What: Kodo. When: 8 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 21-23. Where: Power Center. 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor. Tickets: \$20-\$44, call (734) 764-2538 or visit www.ums.org.

form. Most recently drummers from West Africa, Brazil and Rumania visited Kodo's training village to jam with members.

But audiences need not concern themselves with musical genres and styles, famous composers or the evolution of taiko to be blown away by drumming, said Watanabe.

'You don't need to understand the history of the music. It's just the sound of the drum. It's something you'll feel in your stomach."

other cultures and genres.



rhythms and styles of music from

Kodo is probably the most well known taiko ensemble outside Japan. Taiko dates back thousands of years, but today's modern version emerged in the 1950s. Kodo is known for melding the Japanese art form with the

Cover story



The Australianbased Ten Tenors are bringing the wilder side of opera to the Royal Oak Music Theatre on Sunday, Feb. 20.

OLD FORM NEW TWIST

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

First off, this isn't your grandmother's opera.

The Ten Tenors want that clear. This is opera with sex appeal. Ten young classically-trained Aussie singers formed the Ten Tenors during art school almost as a frat joke. For fun they combined their wild attitudes and sincere respect for music. The result was a concert repertoire that ranges from classic Italian tunes to the Bee Gees.

They were surprised it was successful. "We were just mates having a good time," tenor Stewart Morris said. "We never thought anything real would come of it, but people responded strongly to it." Very strongly.

They're coming Sunday, Feb. 20, to the Royal Oak Music Theatre. They sell out shows nationwide.

Here's what's interesting about the Ten Tenors: They aren't a contrived singing group made up of strangers. These guys are actually friends who

THE TEN TENORS

What: Ten classically trained, young Australian singers perform everything from classical to pop

When: 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 Where: The Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318. W. Fourth St., Royal Oak

Tickets: \$47-\$77, purchase online at www.royaloakmusictheatre.com or call (800) 919-6272

For more information: Call (248) 399-2980 or visit www.thetentenors.com

grew up together in Brisbane, Australia, and studied opera together. As a band, they make all decisions together — including what songs to perform, from classical to modern pieces like Bohemian Rhapsody; Dancing Queen; O Sole Mio; *Funiculi, Funicula; Santa Lucia*; and *Rawhide*. They also write music.

The Tenors gained international attention several years ago as surprise guest artists at the Eurovision Grand Prix de la Chanson in Germany.

THE FORCE

They were hailed as the force from Down Under with supreme medleys and a fresh sense of fun. Immediately they began to tour Europe and their shows sold out. The combination of strong artistry, their camaraderie and ability to not take themselves too seriously appealed to wide audiences, but mostly women between the ages of 18 and 50.

"We're definitely something the music scene has never seen before and that's because we're organic," Stewart said. "And we have great fun on stage. We literally have never had a performance without a standing ovation ... it doesn't make us arrogant, it makes us extremely grateful and encourages us to train even harder."

While they're all, of course, deeply interested in opera, the tenors are young guys who love powerful rock ballads a la Guns 'N' Roses.

Stewart, known as the wild man in the group, was an electric guitar player before he was a singer. His first loves were Metallica, Poison and Guns 'N' Roses. Then on a whim, he landed a lead role in Joseph and the *Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and then in *Les Miserables*.

The Ten Tenors have performed with Andrea Boccelli, Rod Stewart, Alanis Morissette and Willie Nelson.

Their latest CD, Larger Than Life, was released last September to critical acclaim. Their previous CD, One is Not Enough, reached the top 10 in Europe and they hope to break bigger ground here on the charts.

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Music

Is Kasabian our savior from contrived pop punk rock?

U.K. sensation comes to Detroit

BY LANA MIN STAFF WRITER

They've got attitude, confidence, heart and respect for music and its creative process. They're outspoken, smart, have a huge fan base in their U.K. homeland and are touted with being as relevant to 2005 as Oasis was to the mid-'90s.

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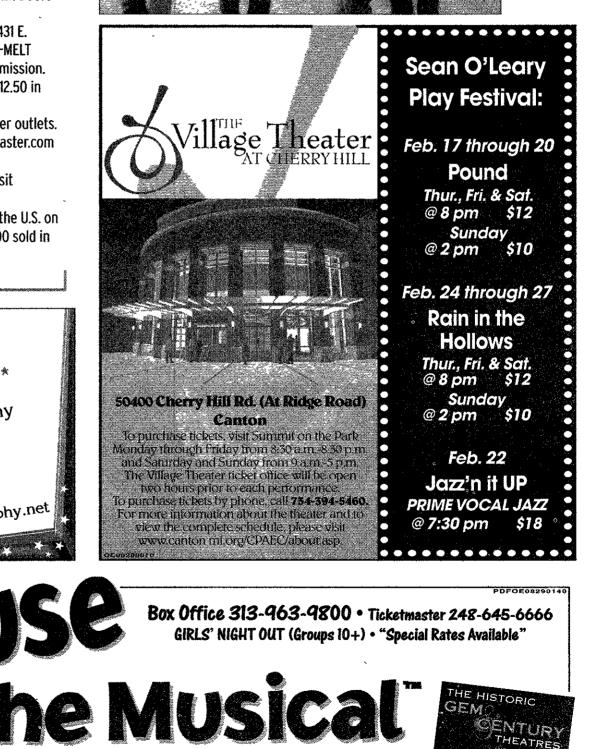
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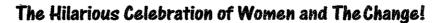
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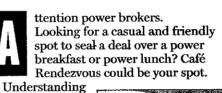
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Table Hopping

Café Rendezvous provides just the spot for a Werline



that in French, rendezvous means meeting. owners 44-yearold Leo Stotland and 26-year-old Yakov Fleysher opened their 56 seat café last September as a place to meet. "In fact,"

Stotland said, "our idea has caught on. Professionals have chosen our café as a place to conduct business But we also want it to be a place where friends meet."

Born in the Ukraine, Stotland emigrated to the U.S. in 1992 and now lives in Oak Park. Fleysher, who resides in West Bloomfield, was born in Latvia and emi-

area.

grated in 1995. Both men, now U.S. citizens, met while working as cooks in the

"For three years, we talked about a partnership and considered some locations," Stotland said. "When this spot, with major traffic passing by, became available, we decided to do it."



omelet next to a bowl of oatmeal with fresh berries, offer a taste of some of the items you'll find on the menu at Café Rendezvous.

need an eyeopener, let's start with breakfast. Corned beef hash, consisting of two eggs (any style), cheddar cheese and scallions or

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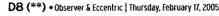
"This spot," has been a number of unsuccessful eateries over the last few years. Don't let that or the current rather shabby exterior deter you from trying Café

Rendezvous. It's not a fancy interior, seating 56, but very comfortable with principally roomy booths for four and tastefully decorated. An open kitchen allows customers to watch Stotland and Fleysher at work. **EYE OPENERS**

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Leo Stotland, co-owner of the Rendezvous Cafe, flips an omelet during the morning rush.

salmon scramble with lox, red onion, cream cheese and dill are the most popular egg dishes outside of omelets.

The meat lovers omelette with chicken breast, sausage, bacon, ham and cheddar cheese and crab omelette with jumbo lump crab, spinach, tomatoes, wild mushrooms and Havarti cheese are the most ordered.

"Many customers ask for egg white omelets," Stotland said. Egg Beaters substitute (\$1 more) is another frequent choice.

Toast, bacon, hash browns or tomatoes are side orders.

Among French toast and waffles, the item named Belgium waffle, with fresh fruits such as raspberries, blueberries and strawberries, topped with whipped cream, is a popular item at breakfast and also as dessert at lunch since Café Rendezvous does not have special dessert items.

MID-DAY RECHARGE

Generously-sized salads served with pita bread are main course portions and presented in a 48-ounce bowl. White 🛬 albacore tuna salad with spring greens, boiled egg, tomatoes and zucchini is a house favorite.

Shrimp salad with spring greens, grilled vegetables, red onion, blue cheese and balsamic vinaigrette is a healthy midday recharge.

Sandwiches Americans like to eat (which can be ordered as a romaine lettuce wrap) and several burger choices (including a one-third pound charbroiled vegetable burger) round out lunch offerings. All are served with French fries. Skip

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CAFÉ RENDEZVOUS

Where: 29556 Orchard Lake Road (1/4 mile north of 13 Mile Road), Farmington Hills, (248) 626-0804. **Open:** For breakfast and lunch only Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Food style: Breakfast and lunch principally food that Americans like to eat.

Cost: All items \$10 and under. **Reservations:** Not accepted. Other feature: No smoking.

them if you're considering slimming down and choose the cup of soup alternative for \$1 extra.

Two made from scratch soups are available and choices change daily. Or there's vegetable black bean chili.

Also daily, five to six specials are posted on a board.

"Even though others were not successful here," Stotland said, "we will be because we can cook. Also, we believe that we offer quality at very good prices."

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 focusonwine@aol.com.



Family Fun **Sugar buzz** Go deep inside Morley's candy kitchen

GELTHAT SWEET FEELING

What: The Detroit Historical Society hosts a behind-thescenes tour at Morley Candy Makers.

When: 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. Where: Morley Candy Makers, 23770 Hall Road, Clinton Township (maps provided by Detroit Historical Society). Tickets: \$25, reservations are required, call (313) 833-4727 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

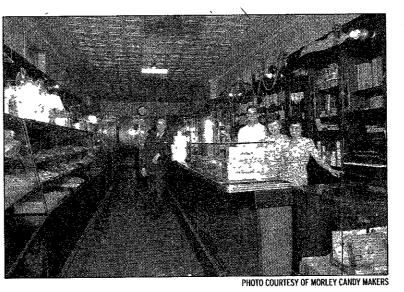
STAFF WRITER You'll smell the candy, taste it,

feast your eyes on it and likely return home with one big, bad sugar buzz.

Fortunately, you'll learn a whole lot about candy-making and its history in Detroit by taking a tour of the Morley Candy Makers factory in Clinton Township.

The Detroit Historical Society is hosting an up-close tour of the facility Thursday, Feb. 24, as part of its behind the scenes program series.

Although Morley regularly offers guided and self-guided tours of the factory via a glass



The first Morley sweet shop opened in 1919.

walkway, the historical society's spin through the facility will enable participants to stroll through the candy kitchen.

"I'm going to guide them through the actual factory with the designer hair nets and everything," joked Kathy Buono, tour director at Morley.

Also planned are a candy sampling session, video on cocoa processing and candy-making and lecture about Detroit's confectionery history.

Morley Candy opened its first sweet shop here in Detroit in 1919. "Most things were done completely by hand," Buono said, adding it wasn't until the '60s that the Morley family opened its first factory in what is now Eastpointe. Manufacturing was relocated to its current location in 1989. In 2002, Morley acquired an even older Detroit confectioner, Sanders. Today, the

REGULAR TOURS

What: Morley Candy Makers' guided and self-guided tours from an observation walkway. When: Guided, 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday-Friday; self-guided, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Where: Morley Candy Makers, 23770 Hall Road, Clinton Township.

Admission: Free, reservations are required for guided tours, call (586) 468-4300 ext. 2218 or visit www.morleycandy.com.

factory makes the brand's famous hot fudge.

Visitors can even munch down on a Sander's hot fudge cream puff at the on-site retail shop.

"It's good for visitors of any age," Buono said. "The kids get caught up, and the older folks reminisce about Sander's."

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PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Meadow Brook Theatre

Noel Coward's *Private Lives*, through March 6, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Show times vary, call (248) 377-3300 or www.mbtheatre.com.

Detroit Repertory Theatre

Intimate Apparel by Lynn Nottage, 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 3 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Sunday through March 20, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, \$17, (313) 868-1347, www.detroitreptheatre.com

Detroit's City Theatre

Mitch Albom's *Duck Hunter Shoots Angel* has extended its performance schedule through Feb. 20. Tickets \$25 -\$40, (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com. For information, call (313) 872-1000 or www.NederlanderDetroit.com.

Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Emerging Artist Series welcomes Sean O'Leary and a professional troupe of actors from West Virginia and Pennsylvania. They will perform two of O'Leary's plays in two weeks. Talk back after each performance. *Pound - Ezra Pound*, 8 p.m. today-Saturday, Feb. 17-19, \$12; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, \$10, mature subject matter. *Rain in the Hollows*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26, \$12; 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, \$10; 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, (734) 394-5460

Plowshares Theatre

Paul Robeson by Phillip Hayes Dean, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, Feb. 23-25; 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 26-27, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit, (313) 872-0279 or www.plowshares.org

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PuppetArt

Oh Anansell, a west African folktale, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 and Feb. 26, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit, \$5 children, \$7 adults, (313) 961-7777.

Paper Bag Productions

Alice in Wonderland, lunch noon, show 1 p.m. Saturday, noon lunch Sunday, 2 p.m. show, Feb. 19-20, Feb. 26-27, March 5-6, March 12-13, March 19-20, Theatre Livonia in Livonia Mall, 29516 Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt, use "G" entrance on north side of mall. Lunch & show \$10, show only \$7. Auditions for *Tom Sawyer*, 4-8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 22-23, ages 5-18, at Theatre Livonia, (586) 344-7774

Skating championships More than 120 figure skaters comprising

More than 120 figure skaters comprising six different divisions of Team Elan synchronized skating teams, representing the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills, will perform their competition programs at a free exhibition on Saturday before heading to the National Championships at the end of the month. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Bethania Foundation. Teams, comprised of 20 skaters ranging in age from 6 to 40, perform in unison to music. Silent auction 6-7 p.m., program 7-8 p.m.



The Ishangi Family African Dancers are bringing the customs, history, music and legends of West Africa to metro Detroit's Youtheatre at The Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. Tickets are \$8 in advance. For more information, visit the Youtheatre Web site at www.youtheatre.org or call (248) 557-PLAY (7529). at the Detroit Skating Club, 888 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills, 1/4 mile east of the intersection of Square Lake Road and Franklin Roads. (248) 332-7133.

COMMUNITY/COLLEGE THEATER

Farmington Players

Proof, & p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 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 **Rosedale Community Players**

The Melville Boys by Norm Foster, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 18-19: Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River, (1/4 block east of Lahser) Detroit. \$12, (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010. Main Stage Theatre Guild

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No, No, A Million Times No, a musical mellerdrammer, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17-19, Feb. 20-27, Theatre Livonia in Livonia Mall, 29516 Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt, use "G" entrance on north side of mall, \$12, \$6 students and seniors, (586) 344-7774 **The Studio Theatre**

Will present Jason Robert Brown's musical *The Last 5 Years* 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Feb. 18-20. The Studio Theatre is at 4743 Cass Ave., corner of Cass and Hancock downstairs from the Hilberry Theatre on the campus of Wayne State University. \$10 at door, or call (313) 737-1993.

Eastern Michigan University *The Miser*, French comedy by Moliere, 8 p.m. today through Saturday, Feb. 19; Quirk Theatre, EMU's Ypsilanti campus, \$8 today, \$14 Friday-Saturday, (734) 487-1221.

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



Keller Williams will be in Ann Arbor to play Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St., 7 p.m. (doors 6:30 p.m.) Wednesday, Feb. 23. Tickets \$20, all ages welcome. For tickets and information, go to www.kellerwilliams.net. He will be promoting his eighth album and (first live release) 'Stage' and syndicated radio show 'Keller's Cellar.'

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 on selected Saturdays through March 12 at 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.ticketmas-

ter.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

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Best of Arts & Crafts

Second annual Paint Creek Center for the Arts Pewabic Pottery winter art fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 19-20, Shotwell Gustafson Pavilion on the campus of Oakland University, in Rochester. \$5 per person. (248) 651- 4110, Pewabic Pottery at (313) 822-0954 Ext. 125, visit www.pccart.org or www.pewabic.com. Detroit Boat Show At Cobo Center in downtown Detroit, 3-9 p.m. today-Friday, Feb. 17-18; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. \$11 adults, no charge for children under 12 with adult. (800) 224-3008 or www.detroitboatshow.net **Coldstock**

At the Hastings Street Ballroom, 715 E. Milwaukee, Detroit, 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25; 4:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, \$30 good Friday and/or Saturday. The schedule of bands includes Lonesome Dave Paul, Lucas, The Alley Cats, Cathy Davis & The Soul Searchers, Jeff Grand & The Gran, www.nocover.net or (248) 398-6877.

Greenmead

Presidential Tea at the Alexander Blue House 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, tickets \$22 in advance, call (248) 477-7375 for reservations. The patriotic tea includes, tea sandwiches, scones, tasty desserts and of course tea. Each of the tea tables will be set with linens, silver and accented with Presidential china.

Livonia Symphony

Americana, concert of works by American composers, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, ~ Feb. 19, James P. Carli Auditorium, Churchill High School, Newburgh Road, north of Joy Road, Livonia. Preconcert discussion 7 p.m., \$17, students/children \$8, (248) 645-6666 or door. **Trinity House Theatre** Date 20 and Bill Durum and Loope

Delta 88 and Bill Bynum and Jason Dennie 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, \$10; Songwriters in the Round featuring Dave Boutette, Timothy Monger, Lisa Pappas and Jere Stormer, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 464-6302.

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LIFE photographer tells it like it was to kick off exhibit



GIANT FORGING PRESS, DETROIT, BY JOHN DOMINIS JOHN DOMINIS OF TIME INC.

Life magazine assigned Dominis to photograph day-to-day living in the Polish community of Hamtramck. 'Giant Forging Press' is one of the photographs that emerged from the project. BY NICOLE STAFFORD Staff Writer

The saying goes: A picture's worth a 1,000 words.

But a great photograph provokes curiosity about the story behind the image and the eyes behind the camera.

And noted *LIFE* photographer John Dominis, who plans to talk about his work as a freelance journalist for the magazine Friday at Art Leaders Gallery in West Bloomfield, has more than a few "war stories" to share.

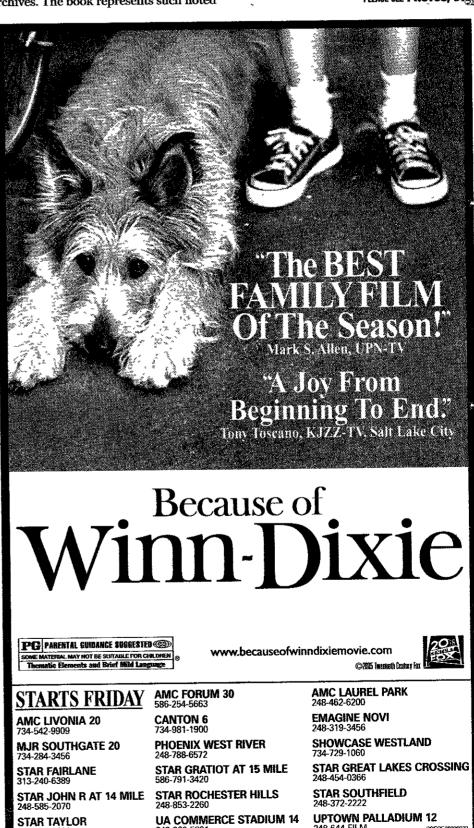
His visit, which culminates in a conversation with the artist Saturday, kicks off an exhibit of *LIFE* photographs at the gallery.

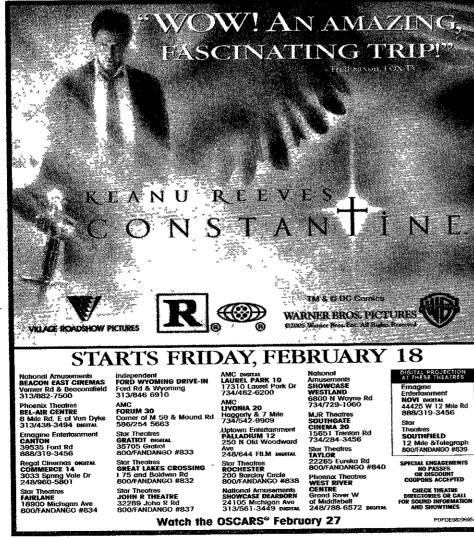
"It's real exciting. We were one of nine galleries selected to show the exhibit," said Bonnie Mansour, Art Leaders Gallery owner. "So it's a wonderful opportunity for the gallery and for fine art photography lovers."

The exhibit of some 60 works, mostly black-and-white-photography, continues

through March 15. It also coincides with the release of *The Great LIFE Photographers*, a compilation of almost 800 images, including Pulitzer Prize-winning pictures from *LIFE* magazine's archives. The book represents such noted photographers as Alfred Eisenstaedt, Yale Joel, Ralph Morse, Martha Holmes and Margaret Bourke-White, in addition to Dominis.

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Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top entertainment picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you.

I was reading through old Pure Picks last weekend (I can't believe how long I've been writing this column!) and realized that I haven't taken the schoolgirl crush tone in quite a while. I spent all of last summer perfecting this style and then dropped it like gym class the first week of September. I'm so sorry boys in bands of the world. You deserve to be fawned over in a groupie type of way – a way that totally disregards your talent for music. The **Kings of Convenience** will save us all. It's like, oh my gosh you guys, have you heard of them? And they are so dreamy, tool First I'd marry Erik and then I'd marry Erland and then I'd move to their native Norway and be all cute with my two husbands. I'm going to try to get them to sign a T-shirt for me when they play Saturday at the Magic Stick, 4120 Woodward Ave, in Detroit.

Cover is \$13. Doors at 8 p.m. It's all ages, but for those other girls who think they have a chance, like, le psshaw. For more, check out www.kingsofconvenience.com.

Local NUSIC ago, someone asked me

what bands I think are essential to see live. (Seriously, music geeks ask each other these types of questions.) The first thing to pop in my head was **Nathaniel Mayer and the Shanks**. I saw him for the first time last year and it instantly became the best show of 2004. A legend in Detroit and soul music, Mayer puts on the kind of show you wish you'd see more often – the kind of show you never want to leave. Charismatic, high energy, and downright fun. If you need anymore convincing take note: He rarely plays around Detroit. Seriously, don't miss this. Mayer will play Wednesday, February 23 at the Magic Stick in Detroit. Cover is \$5. 21 and up. Doors at 9 p.m. Everyone's favorite cult film (and when I say everyone, I mean people between 17 and 22 who feel . misunderstood) **Donnie Darko** was released this week on DVD. But Stephanie, that was released a long time ago. Yes, but this is the director's cut with 20 extra minutes of footage and a bunch of goodies ~ commentaries, storyboards and documentaries.

Of course, none of this is going to help you clarify the meaning of the film. And that's why you should check out "Everything you were afraid to ask about *Donnie Darko*," an excellent decoder ring of an article on Salon.com. It will make you sound smarter than you actually are.

It's here: archive.salon.com/ent/movies/ feature/2004/07/23/darko/ (May require you to sign up for a free day pass by watching a commercial.)

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.









ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Although you may not be happy with the romantic and financial hands you were dealt recently, you still have one or two aces up your sleeve – you just have to know how and when to play them. Don't underestimate the importance of passive resistance, because others simply cannot match your stamina, Ram!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

The Bull's hassle now is that you allow a domestic or dollar disagreement to develop into a fullscale confrontation, which in turn could lead to a most unwelcome change and possible conclusion. Inner planets at odds with Pluto demands that you take others' wishes into account, however much it goes against the grain.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Stick to the straight and narrow, squirrel away money, avoid all forms of speculation and, above all, refuse to be pressured by partners or biz associates, Twins. Self-preservation is the Name of The Game until the 23rd's Full Moon. To have anything worth giving, you must first belong to yourself!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

🐠 🕷 The coming week should be a relatively straightforward one, MoonKid ... just as long as you don't demand much. Close companions are not likely to stray too far off the straight and narrow, but they won't take kindly to being told to do as you say, kiddo. Try a little tenderness and freat others as you'd like them to treat you.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

So much still needs to be sifted or straightened out, Lion. However, real strength and respect can only be achieved now by setting the hungry self aside and concentrating on what affects other's welfare, happiness, security and comfort. You got it in you, feline - so try it! The name of the game this month is "be grand."

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Because you are a law unto yourself and often appear to have everything buttoned up, very few realize your need for emotional security. Why not open up for a change and prove that you could not only be more eager, ready to care, share and make a commitment? Now is the time to re-invent and express yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Anything of permanent value will only be achieved now through your own creative abilities, skills and efforts. Therefore, forget about past involvements and associations and show coleagues or family how strong you are and prove how determined you are to strike out in, possibly, a completely different direction!

SCORP10 (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

hispite of a flare-up with the Moon in your element this weekend when you discover that certain individuals have betrayed your trust or reneged on their promises, Scorps should be in top form. You'll soon be in top form with stellar developments in your personal life. (It's about time, right?)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Guard against seeing everything as either black or white, Sadge. You may have encountered aggravation, put-downs or blank stares since '05 began but, if you are to finalize an important transaction or benefit from a professional career move, then you simply have to remain cool, calm and collected.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)



You're not one for "change." Right? Oh well, sorry. Everything points to this being a time of major changes in your personal life. However, if you honestly desire the opportunity to prove just how talented and ambitious a Sea Goat can be, then a move or reorganization of some kind will do your chances a world of good!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

As a rule, Water Bearers deal with conflicts as they happen. You certainly react to events with lightning speed. But the direct approach won't be enough in the days to come. You may have no alternative but to start planing further ahead. Don't worry about sharing your feelings – let others share your vision.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Stop swimmin' in circles, Fish! Don't make a fuss if you now have to pay out more than you had anticipated. Close ones have gone out of their way recently to support and assist you, and now you must ()) return the favor, even if it means putting your own resources or objectives on hold for a while.

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham-based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 546-6912 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.

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"The fantastic thing was LIFE was such a popular magazine," Dominis recalled of his days working for the publication starting in the late 1940s after finishing military service in World War II. Shortly thereafter, Dominis accepted an assignment with LIFE to document the Korean War. He subsequently lived and worked in Asia for many years. Over the course of his career, he photographed six Olympic Games, President Kennedy's trip to Berlin and President Nixon's trip to China.

However, one of his most cherished assignments took place back home in the United States - photographing the 1969 Woodstock concert.

"For one thing, we didn't know it was going to be a huge event when I was assigned to go there. It was a big surprise to everybody that it became a major, major event," Dominis said, adding that LIFE ultimately published a special issue documenting the concert. "I was older than the kids, but they were really, really nice. I slept in a tent and heard all the music."

His favorite image from Woodstock depicts a group of concert-goers taking

KASABIAN

FROM PAGE D7

Hall in Detroit on Sunday, Feb. 27. Their self-titled CD hits stores on March 8.

In the first two weeks alone of their U.K. CD release, Kasabian sold 100,000 copies. The band has gone gold twice there. They're No. 1 in Japan and are ready to prevail in the U.S.

"People connect to our music ... I'm not exactly sure why but that's the beauty of it," guitar and keyboardist Sergio Pizzorno said. "They can feel that we respect them and care for how they feel. We aren't one of those f__ing bands out to make people depressed. The world is in a bad enough state right now, so we want to remain positive."

Kasabian is a group of childhood friends who lived together in Leicester and are serious about the integrity of the music they make. They won't allow themselves to be marketed in anyway that isn't true to the band's spirit - which is raw, honest, positive, rebellious rock. They want to change the boring state of today's music scene, they say.

"Our album's about love and violence, the strongest human emotions you go through," Pizzorno said. "There's a lot of belief and a lot of passion going into the songs."

Featured are vocalist Tom Meighan, keyboardist/ guitarist Christopher Karloff, bassist Chris Edwards, and drummer Ryan Glover.

"There's some old ideas in the music but not a repeat of it," Pizzorno said. "Our goal is to have good songs ... psychedelic songs with electronics added into it and with a hip-hop inspired swagger."

cover from the rain.

"It typifies most of the days when it was pouring rain and really miserable. But these kids didn't leave, they just stuck with it," he said. "It shows their misery and their tenacity."

Among his many LIFE magazine assignments was the job of documenting Polish-American life in Hamtramck.

"We did a picture story," he said. "This was a typical LIFE story - showing something that Americans had never seen." His favorite image from the series shows a man performing a Polish mountaineer dance.

Ultimately, this type of photograph images depicting everyday life in America - accounts for LIFE magazine's tremendous success, Dominis said.

"People didn't have television then. They didn't really see how America lived at that time. I think that's what LIFE brought to the people - a look at how Americans lived."

Opening champagne reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, conversation with the artist, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, exhibit continues through March 15. The gallery is at 33030 Northwestern Highway, West Bloomfield. Free, call (888) 264-4887 for opening night reservations or visit www.artleaders.com. 1-2

The sound itself isn't hip-hop but the attitude is. Kasabian lists Eminem on its Web site as an inspiration.

"Thank God the world has Eminem," Pizzorno said. "An honest musician with integrity."

Kasabian makes other Detroit references too. Singer Tom Meighan said both hip-hop and Techno have dark sensibility.

When we were younger, the hardcore years, that was always there. (Leicester) was the place to be when that sound was going on. And it was interesting. It's like Motown Records - if you strip it down, to drum and bass it's got a groove to it. That's what Indie music lacks and always has done ... it's just drone jingle jangle boring music."

Kasabian isn't afraid to offend yet, they're known as a social band, not a political one.

We make music, we have some things to say but we aren't out to preach to anyone," Pizzorno said. "At our shows we're trying to bring crowds together to celebrate rather than be f__ing miserable."

The song that Pizzorno hopes Americans might connect with is the. same one that draws a strong reaction from Kasabian's fans abroad: LSF.

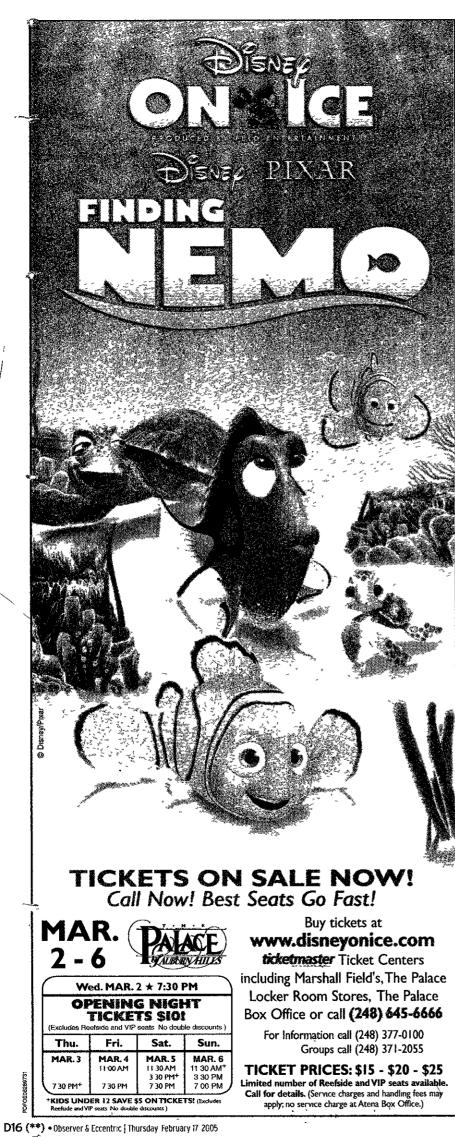
"That one more than any other is the one the audience is singing along with ... it's an incredible moment when that happens," Pizzorno said. "When a crowd in one room is captured in one moment through song."

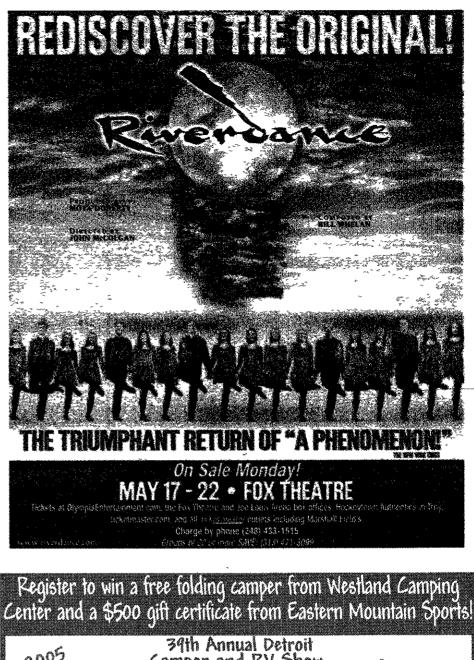
The band name means "butcher" in Armenian. And Kasabian is a band trying to butcher predictable rock.

Passion – it's what drives Kasabian. Will they alter the rock scene in the States?

Many people are hoping so.

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Real Estate Inquires Robert M. Meisner

Attorney can pave way for smooth turnover

I am a developer of a condo for the first time and understand that there is a turnover at some point in the development. Can you explain what it means?

The "turnover" or as legally referred to, the "transitional control date," is generally the time referred to when the majority control of the board of directors of the condo association is transferred from a developer controlled board to a board of persons elected from the membership who purchased condominiums from the developer. The turnover is a time when the financial and physical affairs of the condominium should be reviewed by the co-owners and the developer through his attorney should be prepared to assist the coowners in the turnover process, including explaining what the effect of the turnover means. Many times developers misunderstand the turnover process and many coowners think that the developer will then be relieved of his responsibilities to complete the condo project after turnover which is generally not the case. Both parties should have counsel represented at the time of the turnover meeting.

I am a real estate sales woman and I have a claim against a business that is refusing to pay a commission to me where I had an exclusive sales agreement. Can I pursue that person for a commission?

Partner with your Realtor to make a good showing, impress buyers

BY NORMAN PRADY CORRESPONDENT

Are you eager to sell your house? Well, are you just going to sit there?

You'll have to do more than hang around and wait for things to happen if Richard Halmekangas is your agent. He'll tell you that he isn't going to simply list your house for sale. He'll want to have a relationship with you.

Halmekangas, broker/owner, One Way Realty, Ltd., Livonia, will expect you to play a role in the selling process. "I get six cents of every dollar the house sells for and you get 94 cents, he said.

So it's important that you're involved in the process.

"I'm investing my time free until I can collect my commission. You're investing your time free until you can get your cash. We're in the process together," he said. "When you put a property up for sale, we're creating a relationship, not just a listing to put on the computer. We agree that the price is fair and that my opinion is correct. We talk about what period of time it can take to sell and all the steps we'll go through."

He meets with the seller every two weeks to review price and potential buyer reactions. "You'll make the house sell quickly or slowly based on your responses to my suggestions," he said. "It makes them active participants rather than sitting in the corner waiting for the house to sell."

His action plan is a way to counter the seller's naturally diminishing enthusiasm. "They come in with a dream, and things keep poking holes poking a hole in the dream, they get deflated," said



Ronnie Keating, a sales agent

Keating in Birmingham.

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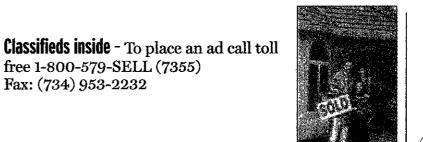
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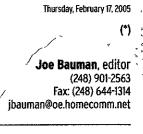
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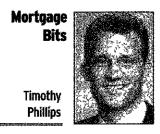
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Trust your instincts

n 1906, Italian economist Vilfredo Pareto created a mathematical formula describing the uneven distribution of wealth in his country, observing that 20 percent of the people controlled 80 percent of its wealth. Since then, managers and statisticians have learned that Pareto's Principle also applies to many other aspects of life.

The majority of a company's revenue comes from a minority of clients. Most of a family's expenses are from only a few sources. And the bulk of a teacher's headaches come from a mere handful of students.

In my world of originating mortgages, I spend a disproportionate amount of time with people who cannot make decisions. I found it much easier to instruct student pilots on how to fly Air Force jets than to teach people who have not yet learned how to make decisions to do SO.

Some borrowers suffer from "information constipation," finding it impossible to make a decision because they feel they never know enough. Others have plenty of information, but are frozen with fear of possibly making a "wrong" decision.

Granted, making a major purchase decision is not easy. However, I find that the people who cannot make big decisions in their lives can also be found staring blankly at a restaurant menu exchanging the empty mantra, "I dunno, what are

Your case presents the question of whether a real estate sales person can maintain a cause of action for commissions owed to her under a contract. Under various Michigan statutes, the law clearly prohibits a sales person from accepting consideration for the performance of real estate transactions from anyone other than her broker/employer. The definition of employment, under the act in question, is the relationship between a real estate broker and a real estate sales person. A sales person's right to a commission is governed by the employment agreement, not the listing agreement.

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@meisnerassociates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Halmekangas.

But if the Realtor and seller are working together, the focus is on positive, forward steps rather than the emotional stress of selling a house.

"It's painful being in a fishbowl every day," he said. "They want to get it over with." Following a preset marketing program can help reduce the sting of criticism.

"We discuss what the homeowners liked about the house when they bought it and what they enjoyed about living here so we can articulate that for prospects," said Halmekangas. He developed his selling style

25 years ago after nine years in real estate.

"I was exhausted," he said, "from trying to be a magician. In a relationship, we each have our responsibilities about selling the house. We're doing everything together. They maintain the home and keep it polished. I give them narratives with non-threatening affirmations." He talks about sellers who didn't keep the kitchen clean, make beds or pick up laundry.

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At the same time, the seller has to be aware of current

Welcoming tips

Here are some tips for showing your house from the National Association of Realtors, www.realtor.org.

Vacate the house for showings. Otherwise, buyers might feel as if they are intruding.

They might also find it difficult to imagine the house as their own.

Make closets look larger by packing away out-of-season clothes.

Depersonalize the home by removing photos, mementos, and dated articles.

Create a cleaning routine. Set aside a half-hour each day to straighten and clean. Put a candle and some potpourri in a convenient place so

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they can be located easily and set out before each visit.

Another option is to hire a cleaning service while your home is on the market.

Discuss your concerns with your real estate professional.

Tell him or her what times work best for you and concentrate on having the house in its best condition during those hours.

Take some time for yourself. Letting off steam, whether by exercising or having a nice dinner with friends, will reduce your anxiety levels and help you have a better perspective.

they don't understand market conditions.

Meanwhile, there are practical steps for showing your house. Get rid of clutter, keep your house neat and clean.

"It's just common sense," said Andy Sakmar, a Realtor. with Century 21 Sakmar & Associates in Rochester.

"Keep all valuables and important papers locked up," he said. Put away items that be could slipped into someone's pocket.

On the other hand, Sakmar said, in his 29 years of selling more than 400 houses a year. "we've never had an incident."

Determine ahead of time the best

■ If the sellers have a fireplace, have

feel more at home with those touches. But

■ Make sure lights are on, and adjust

drapes, blinds, and shades to let in as

Display pictures of the property

showing what it looks like in spring, sum-

much daylight as possible.

don't light any fires if the sellers won't be

them light a fire. Prospects are likely to

place to park. Shovel out some parking

you gonna get? spouses.

Like anything, you can gain experience by practicing with small things. You can decide right now, for example, to follow your instincts. If the small inner voice whispers that you may be working with a Bozo mortgage loan officer, make the small decision to change - even if it is your brother's wife's cousin.

We all make mistakes. In fact, the most successful people have become so simply because they were brave enough to have made more mistakes.

They understand that a "botched" decision can often be repaired with a subsequent good decision.

Today's TIMBIT! It is true that smart people learn from their mistakes, but the wise learn from the mistakes of others. There is real value in having experienced professionals guide you through your decision-making processes.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy archives at www.PhillipsHQ.com or phone him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

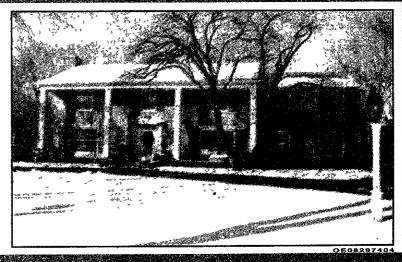




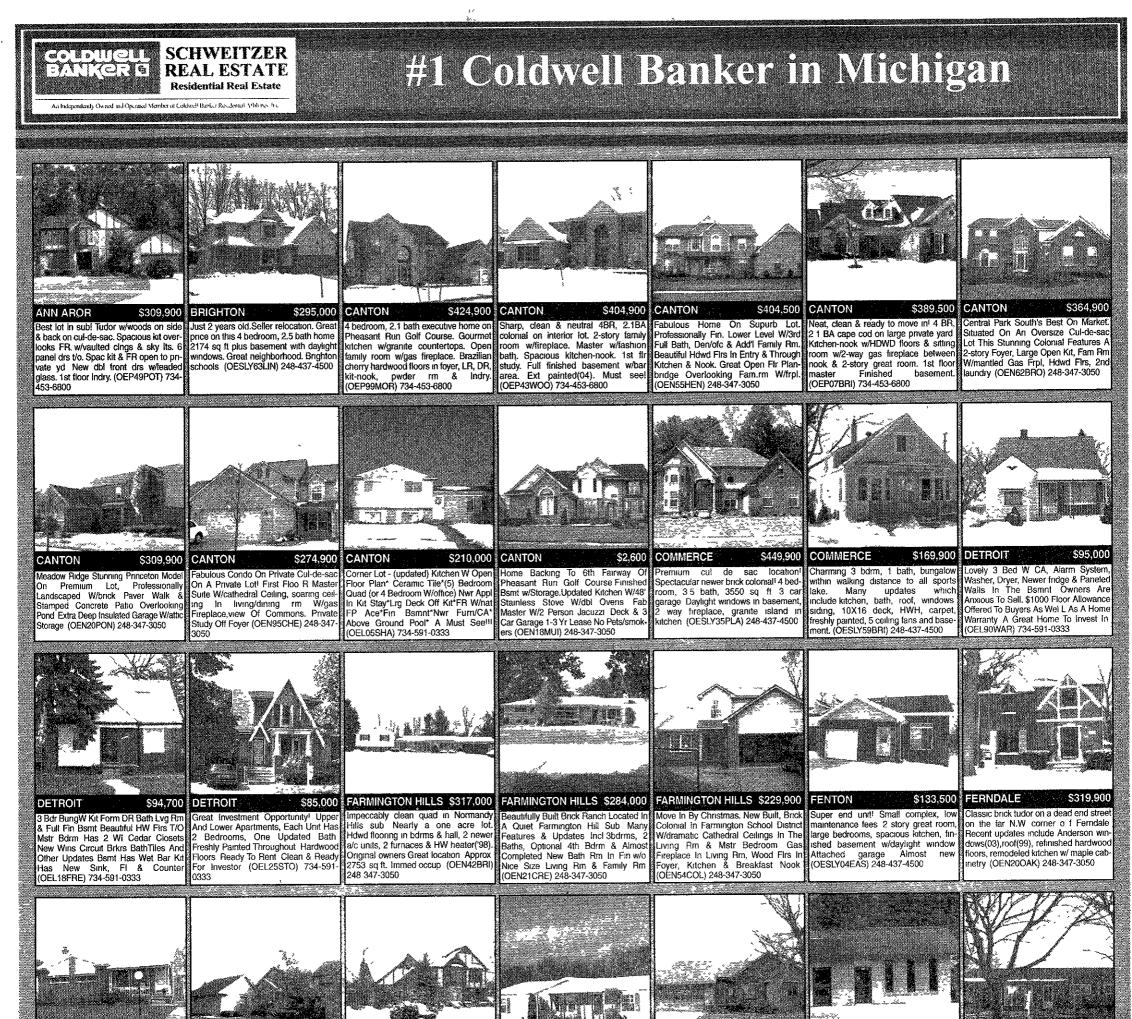
Simply beautiful center entrance Colonial in the estate section of Bloomfield Village. This lovely all brick home offers a quiet elegance from the moment you step into the welcoming foyer. The moldings, quality of materials and style throughout the four bedroom home are apparent in every room. There is a feeling of comfort from the formal LR and DR to the large FR w/ custom fireplace and bookcases, through the spacious kitchen w/ FP and a marble island. The master suite is truly fabulous from the carved niches to the marble bath w/ large his and her closets.

The home has been lovingly updated throughout and the attention to detail is evident from the Richard Lyzynski gardens to the Stark carpets. 1221 Glengarry Bloomfield Village \$1,595,000

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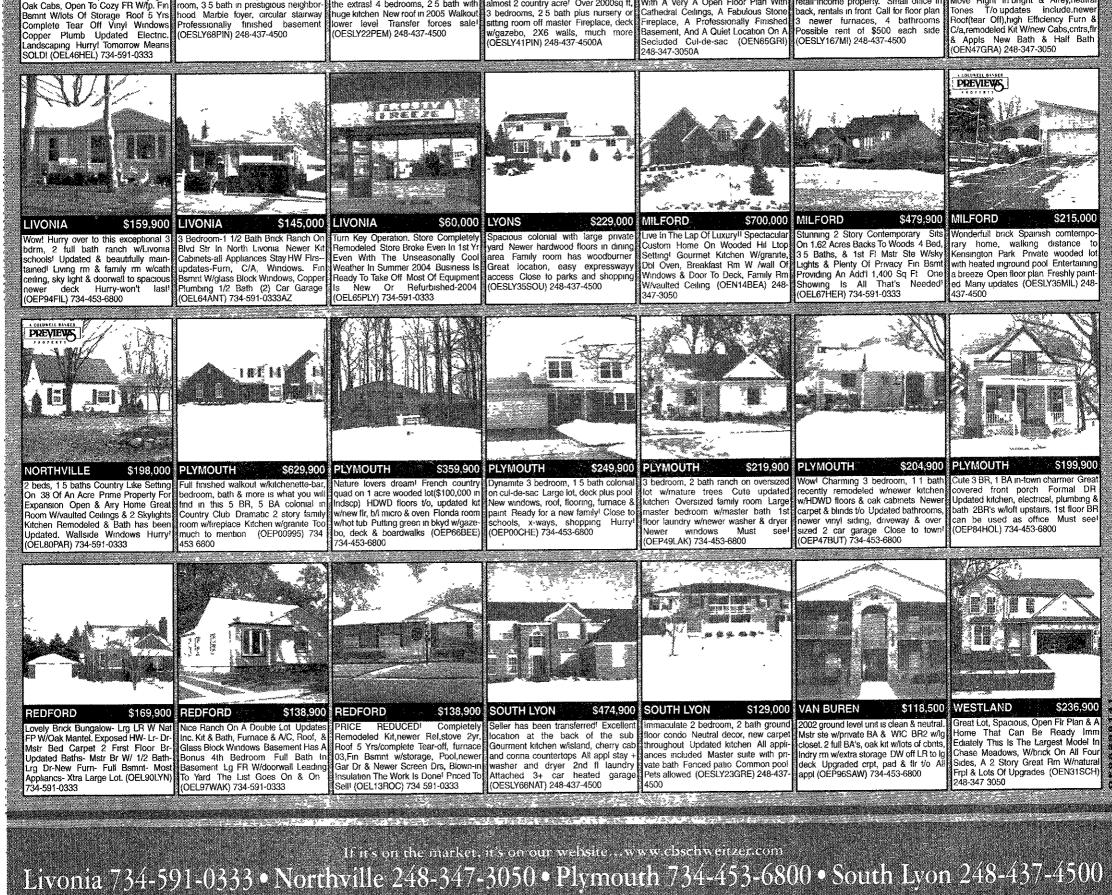
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Presented by Standard Federal Bank, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 19 at Peoples Community Hope for Homes -- Westshire Place Community - off Middlebelt Road south of Michigan Avenue in Westland. Tips on buying a house from how to set a budget to understanding credit reports and the mortgage application process. Upon completion of the

seminar, participants will receive a certificate to apply for a mortgage loan under Standard Federal's Community Home Buyer's Program designed for people with low to moderate incomes. No charge, to register call (734) 722-1280 or (800) 643-9600, Ext. 22532.

Offered by Rosemary Firestone of Re/Max and Michael Preston of Golden Mortgage, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22 at Michigan Title, Six Mile Road at 1-275. Seminar covers all aspects of buying a home. No charge, but seating is limited, call (734) 420-9600 to RSVP and for more information.

Refrigerant Recovery Course Sponsored by the Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council, 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Course will give maintenance profession-

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Schoolcraft College Continuing Education 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, S199.

The series is made up of the following class topics which can be taken individually: "How To Deal with Problem Tenants," "Risk Management for Landlords," "Leases & Lease Clauses" and "Making Money & Reducing Taxes on Your Rental Properties." "Home Staging with Style," 6-9 p.m. Feb. 17 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Feb. 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$175. "Home Staging with Style," 6-9 p.m. April 7 and 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 16, \$175. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, (734) 462-4448

Basement Remodeling

Farmington Community Education with Oakland Builders Institute is offering a seminar on basement remodeling, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 and March 5, at Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee in Farmington. Seminar is designed to help people make better use of space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling.

The instructor will explain the many facets of basement remodeling including space planning, meeting building codes, insurance, permits, existing materials and the basics of construction. The instructor will also discuss working with subcontractors and finishing techniques. The cost is \$95 plus \$10 for textbook. Register by Thursday, Feb. 17, by calling (248) 489-3333. For information on upcoming classes, call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 or visit www.buildersinstitute.com.

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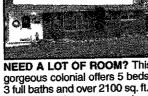


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PRNewswire - John Mudd, a Realtor with Exit Realty Suncoast in Largo, Fla., markets himself and his services using a weblog, or blog.

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Mudd's, Tampa Bay's Inside Real Estate Journal

(http://insiderealestatejournal.blogspot.co m/) focuses on real estate market trends and other information for those considering buying or selling homes or condos in Tampa Bay's real estate market.

Tampa Bay's Inside Real Estate Journal has become so popular that it was nominated for the Business Blogging Awards, but Mudd will need more than popularity to be victorious in being named Best Real Estate Blog, the category his blog was nominated for. He'll need your vote.

"I'm truly grateful to have been nominated for this fantastic award, and I am hopeful that with the help, and votes of my clients, fellow Realtors, lenders and readers that my blog, Tampa Bay's Inside Real Estate Journal, will be victorious in winning Best Real Estate Blog in the 2005 Business Blogging Awards," he said. "Their support will definitely be the deciding fac-

tor as to whether or not I will win this award, and I greatly appreciate them and any support they will provide me with." Those interested in voting for Mudd's

blog in the Best Real Estate Blog category can vote at the Business Blogging Awards Web site created for that category (http://www.businessbloggingawards.com /index.php/archives/2005/02/03/bestreal-estate-blog/).

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Send items for consideration in Movers and Shakers to: Joe Bauman, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or e-mail jbauman@oe.homecomm.net. Sachse Construction

A Birmingham provider of premium commercial construction and design/build services, Sachse has 30 percent more commercial construction projects under way in the first quarter of 2005 than a year ago. The company hired six superintendents to help handle the growing workload. Jeffrey Adams has 28 years of commercial and industrial construction experience. He is a licensed builder, and certified construction industry technician with the Construction Association of Michigan.

Brett Donohoe's 15-year construction management career includes significant multifamily and single-family residential construction. Christopher Freeman's 26-year construction career includes significant restaurant and retail construction experience. Timothy Hays has 10 years of construction experience, most recently as a superintendent for Kirco Construction in Troy. His background includes retail, restaurant, office, medical and industrial construction. Chris Jones has nine years of construction industry experience. Erik Sondergaard has 20 years of commercial construction experience, much of it for retail clients. He is a "traveler" - an experienced manager who travels the country directing construction jobs in the field for Sachse.

Sachse Construction was founded in July 1991. Recent projects include The Corner Bar at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. the renovation of Detroit's historic Dime Building, a 107-room Residence Inn in Novi and hundreds of high-end retail stores at the Somerset Collection in Troy and in other upscale malls throughout the country. Kathleen Longton is the new office manager. For more information, visit www.sachseconstruction.com.

Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services, Inc. Michelle K. Miller joined the firm as property manager. Miller's eight-year commercial real estate career includes office, retail and multi-family residential management and lending experience. Prior to joining Broder & Sachse in Birmingham, Miller was employed as a property manager with

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Finsilver/Friedman Management Corp. in Farmington Hills, where she managed a 16property, 1.4-million-square-foot portfolio of office and retail properties in Michigan and Ohio. A Ferndale resident, Miller earned a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and a Michigan real estate license. Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services, Inc., www.brodersachse.com, manages more than 60 properties consisting of more than 6.5 million square feet. Century 21 Hartford South Inc.

James T. Bynum has expanded his expertise to include mature consumers with the designation of Century 21 MatureMoves Specialist. Bynum has gained the experience necessary to assist homebuyers and sellers ages 60-70 in their next move. He has also been designated as a senior real estate specialist by the Seniors Advantage Real Estate Council based in California, www.seniorsrealestate.com. Century 21 Hartford South is at 39209 W. Six Mile Road in Livonia. For more information. call (734) 464-6400 or visit www.century21.com. RE/MAX

Lisa Begin has joined the real estate office, RE/MAX Trio, 29848 Ford Road in Garden City. For more information, visit www.remax.com.

Coldwell Banker Schweitzer

Jim Smith has joined the office at 7151 N. Main St. in Clarkston as a full-time sales associate. Smith is a resident of Waterford. For more information, call (248) 625-1000.

Neuman Smith & Associates Sherry Innes of Waterford and Scott Bonney of Birmingham have earned the US Green Building Council's LEED Accreditation. They have demonstrated their knowledge of green building design and construction industry and the Leadership in Energy and Environmental DesignGreen Building Rating System, Resources and Process required on the LEED Professional Accreditation Exam. Southfield-based Neumann/Smith & Associates specializes in architecture and interior design for corporate, academic, recreation and commercial buildings. Recent and current projects include Nolocaust Memorial Center, Farmington Hills; city of Livonia, Community Recreation Center: and the University of Michigan-Dearborn, University Center. Century 21 Chalet

Realtor Mary Beeton has paired up with Century 21 Chalet in Livonia to be a part of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training. She is committed to raising \$4,800. For each house she lists from now until May 24, 2005, Century 21 and Beeton will donate \$200 toward her \$4,800 goal. For more information, call Beeton at (734) 432-7600.

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The 19-year-old Bingham Farms based technology integrator and software re-seller was selected by St. James Capital, a multi-family mortgage lendein Birmingham, MI to install a new network with Intel Workstations and Servers. Qualitech offers real estate, building, distribution, accounting software solutions, lease management software solutions and computer telephony. The Company's services include network hardware, software and administration, monitoring, design and implementation, system security, outsourcing, product research and evaluation, computerized phone systems, office automation services and general consulting. Qualitech supports 400 clients in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Colorado and Nevada. For more information, call (248) 646-0093.

Home Inspector

Mike Goewey, owner of Property Facts Home Inspection in Plymouth, has been reelected to the National Association of Home Inspectors Board of Directors for 2005. His term will expire in 2007. Goewey is a certified real estate inspector, licensed builder and licensed termite inspector with extensive training in property management. He was originally elected to the NAHI Board of Directors in 2003. Property Facts Home Inspections is a professional home inspection service. The company conducts several types of inspections including presale home, new construction, commercial, partial and condo and mobile home inspection. Headquartered in Minneapolis, the NAHI is a national non profit organization founded in 1987. Its mission is to promote excellence and professionalism in the home inspection industry; to provide standards of practice and a code of ethics; to educate its members; and to inform the public of the benefits and scope of professional home inspection.

Foreclosures dip during January

PRNewswire - According to data released by online foreclosure listing service Foreclosure.com, 20,279 new foreclosed residential properties were listed for sale in the U.S. during January 2005. The total number of residential foreclosure properties available for sale in the U.S. during the month of

slipped only by 6 percent.

A reduction in the number of new foreclosures is common at the beginning of a new year, resulting from properties not being processed as quickly during the holiday season. The more striking number is January's total inventory level, which remained very high

sure inventory dropped by 2,320 properties as compared to December – nearly a 50 percent reduction. On the other hand, total inventory only dropped by 553 properties to 9,375. This means that foreclosed properties are not selling as fast and indicates a very strong buyer's market."

January was 78,694. Compared to December 2004, new foreclosures dropped by 41 percent, while the total U.S. foreclosure inventory

despite the drop in new foreclosures," said Brad Geisen, president and CEO. Foreclosure.com. "In Texas, for example, new foreclo-

There were 1,209 new foreclosures reported in Michigan in January.

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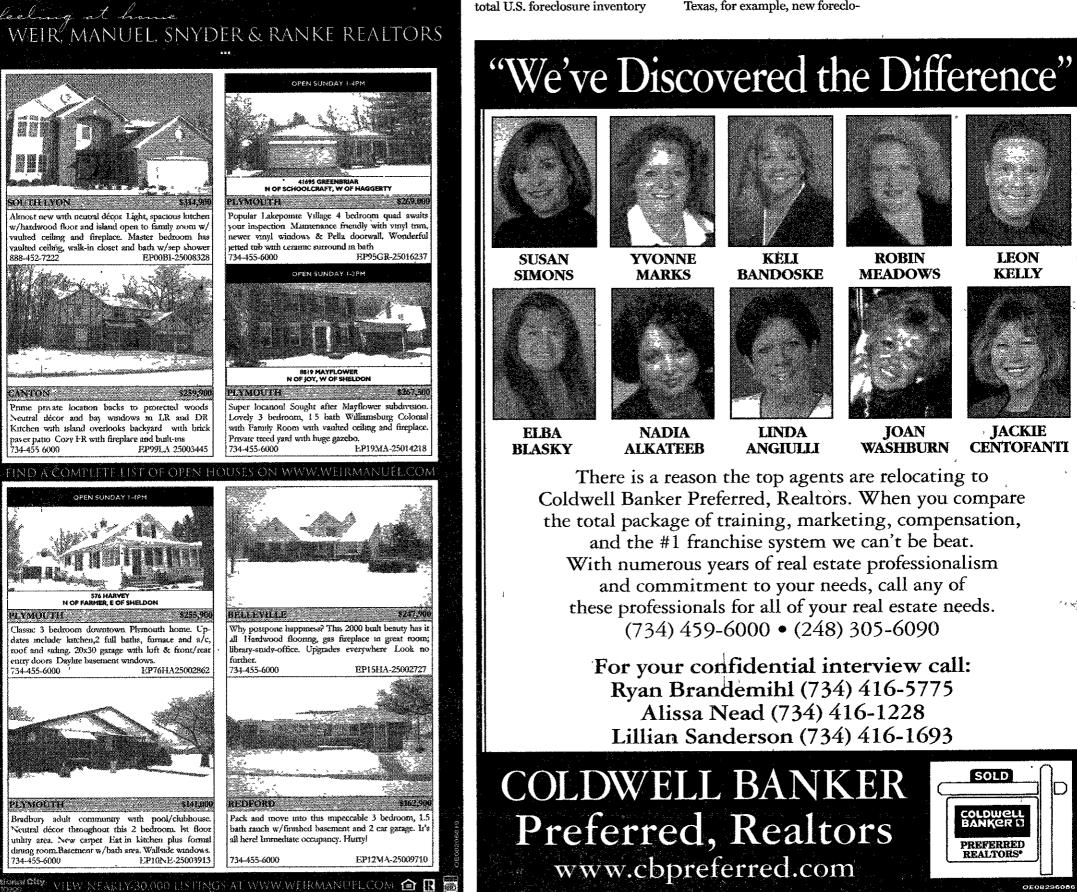
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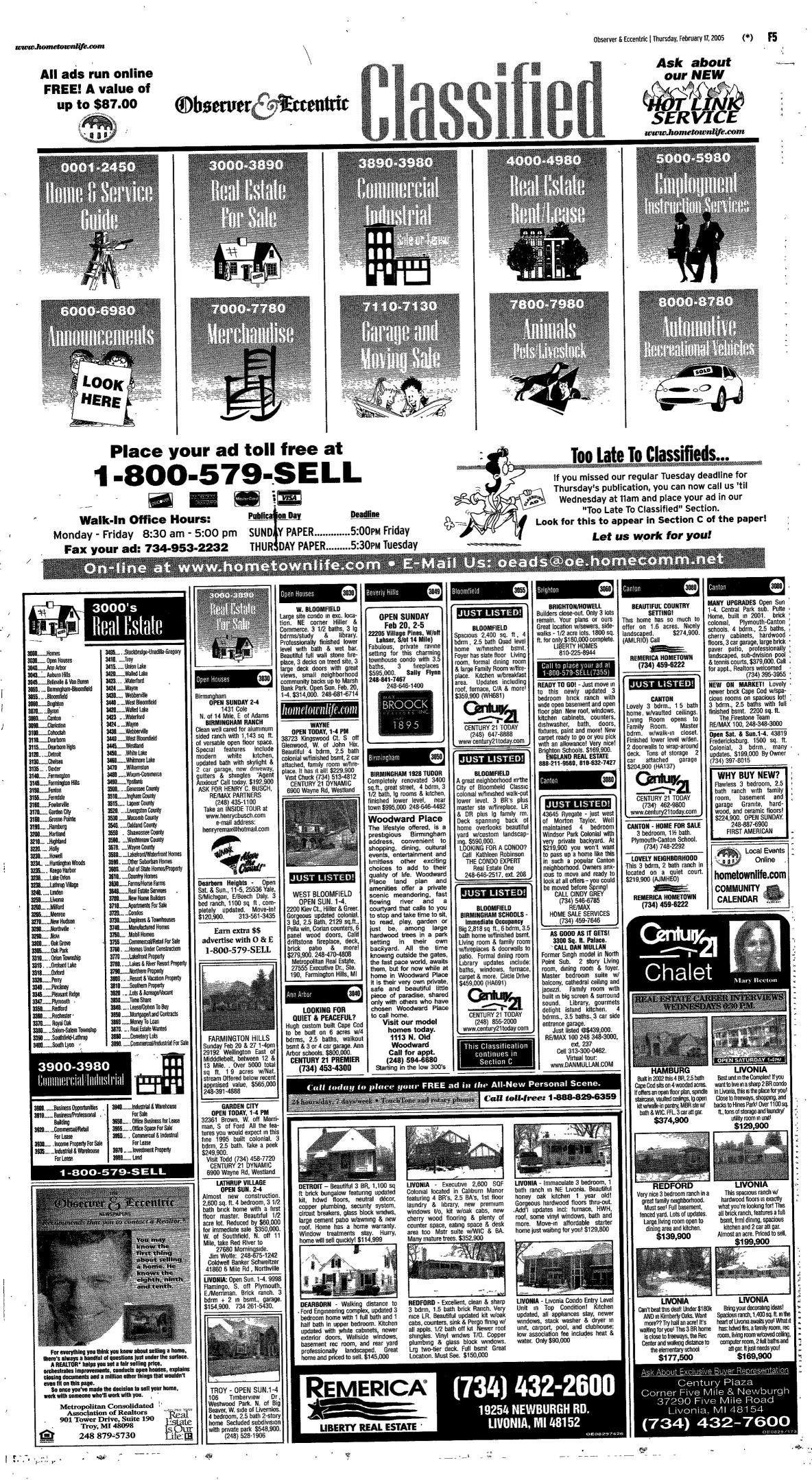
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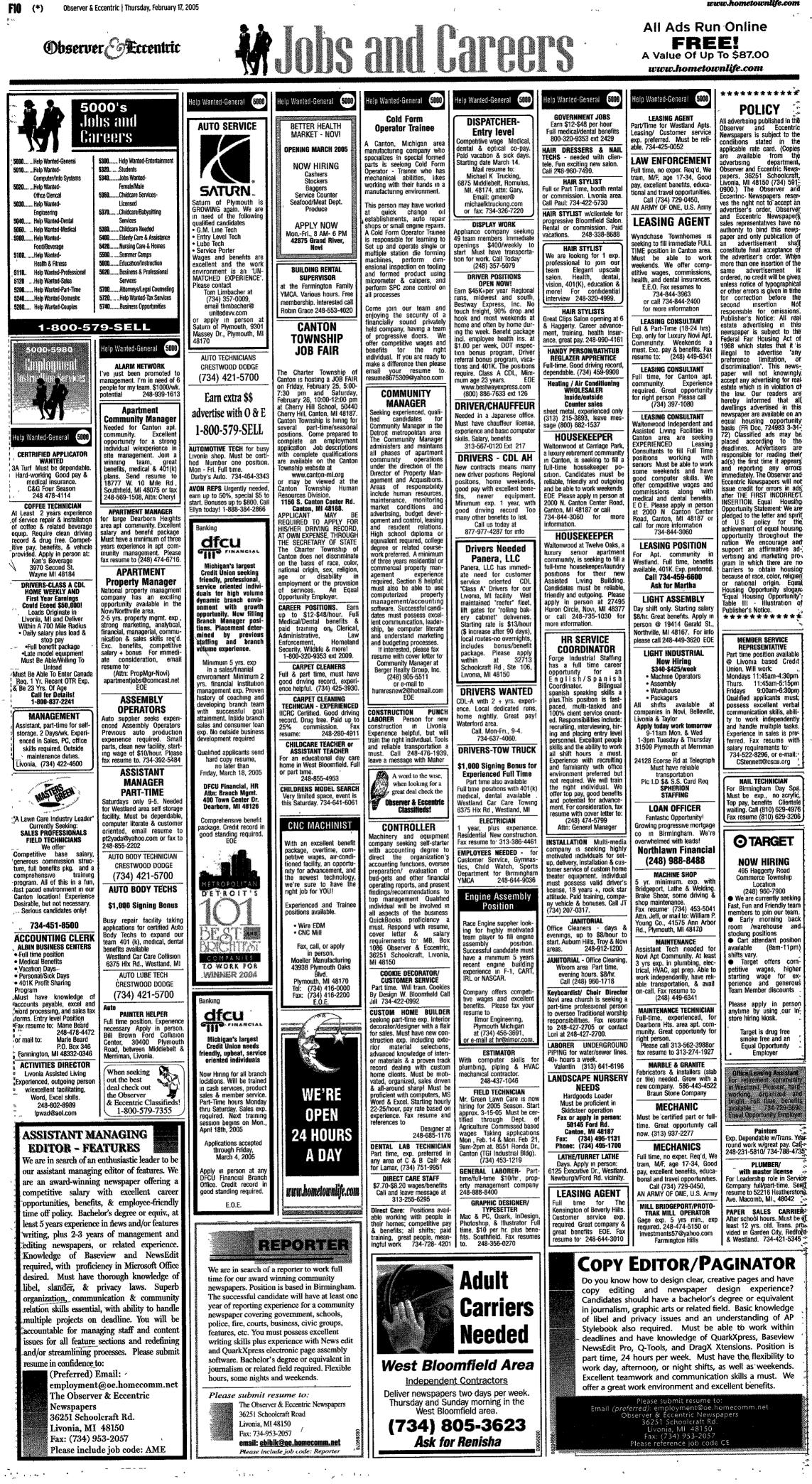
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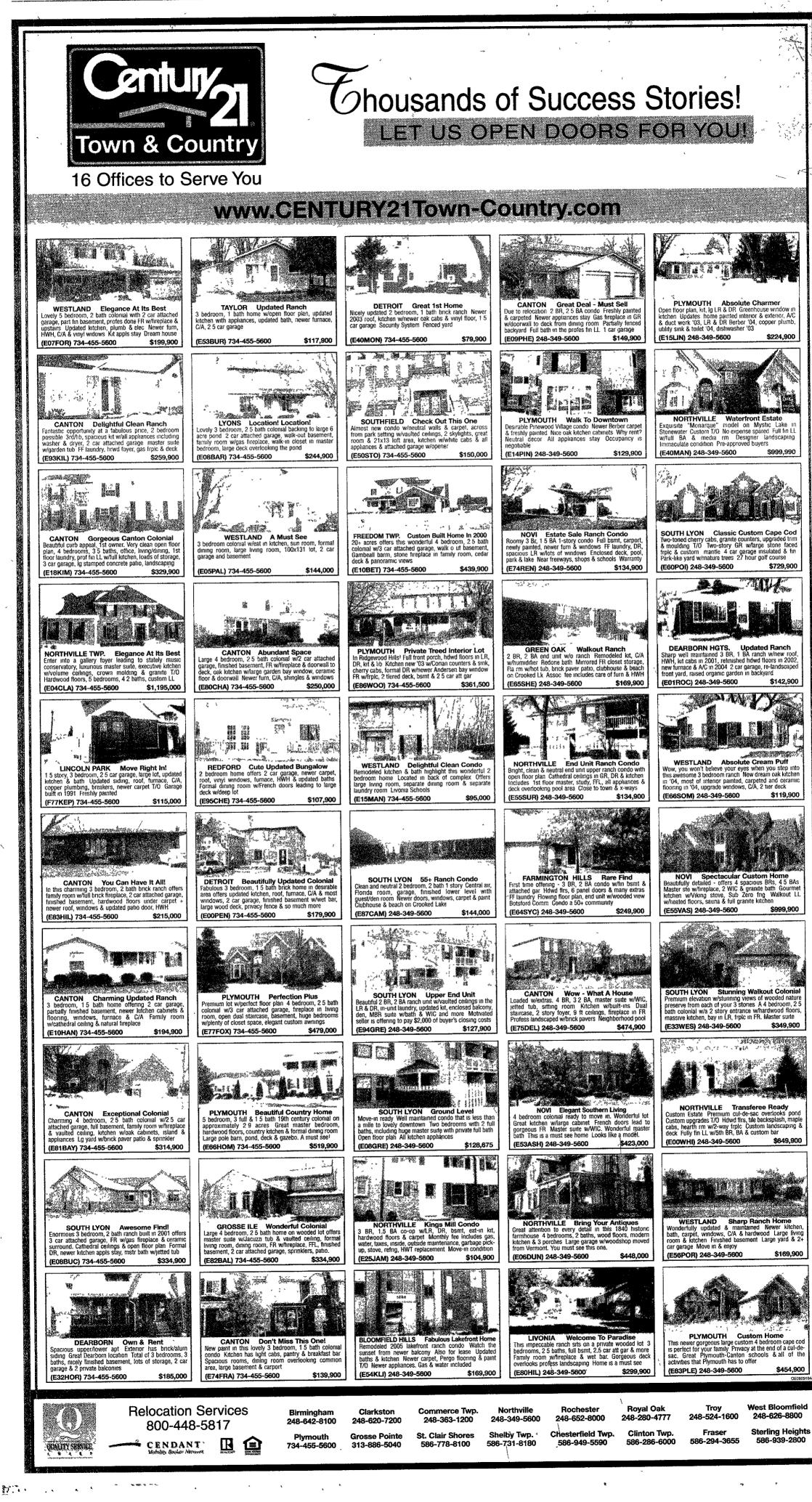
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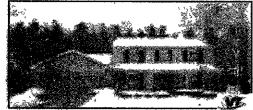




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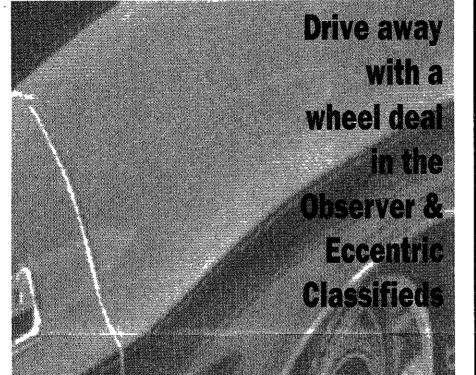
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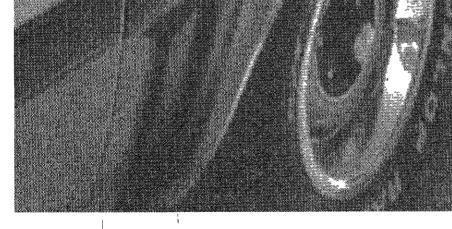
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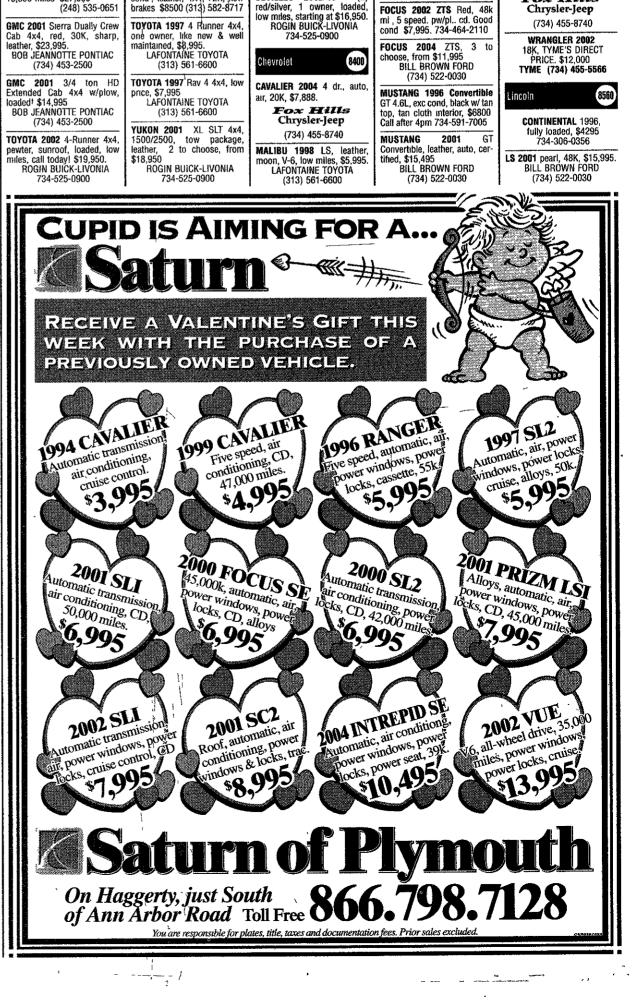




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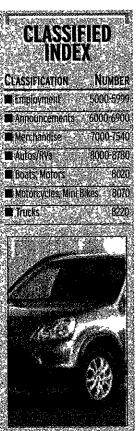
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Suzuki has always been synonymous with small cars in the American market. And while the brand has diversified into SUVs and the like over the last several years, General Motors Corp.'s Japanese affiliate is re-asserting itself in the small-car niche with a lineup of spiffy, showy, stylish and capable new vehicles.

Over the last several weeks, I've driven three of the four new nameplates from Suzuki: the 2005 Reno compact; the 2005 Forenza Wagon, a version of the other compact sedan which added the wagon for this model year; and the 2005 Aerio, a compact sedan and hatchback whose five-door model is offered with all-wheel drive. The furth new Suzuki is Verona, a midsize sedan.

All but Aerio are built not in Japan but in a factory in South Korea by Daewoo, also a GM affiliate, which no longer produces vehicles in its own name. And Forenza and Reno were both designed by an Italian firm, ItalDesign, with the objective of taking them out of the familiar genre of Japanese-designed small cars in this market.

Suzuki clearly succeeded on that count, because exterior design – and, to a lesser extent, interior styling – are one area where all three small vehicles stand out. Reno is remarkable for its aggressive, wedge-shaped hatchback styling, which is accentuated by a spoiler-type brow over the rear window, slit-type taillights and by the car's 102-inch wheelbase and 58-inch track. This flowing statement clearly differentiates Suzuki from old-suyle econoboxes and even many of today's compact competitors – although the front end sort of resembles one of the old-generation Ford Escort subcompacts.

Similary, Aerio makes a design statement – but one of a different nature. It's about as long as Reno, but Aerio's hatchback version has a much blunter rear end and a taller profile than Reno. Aerio's sedan styling isn't as remarkable, and neither is the design statement made by Forenza, which is about six inches longer than Aerio. The Forenza Wagon that I drove probably bears the most conventional

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styling of this handful of vehicles, and at a length of nearly 180 inches it's also the most practical of the group.

In addition to styling pizzazz, however, I also appreciate the performance characteristics of these cars. Reno's 2.0-liter, 16-valve engine, for instance, produces 126 horsepower which provides capable low-speed power for accelerating and climbing hills. Suzuki notes that Reno delivers 17% more horsepower and 25% more torque than the Scion xA, the offspring of a new youth-oriented brand hatched by Toyota recently. Predictably, Reno's mileage ratings are a welcome attribute, at 22 miles a gallon and the magic 30-mpg level on the highway.

On a recent excursion in and around Washington, D.C., Reno's handling also proved solid, depending on a MacPherson strut suspension up front while an independent, dual-link rear suspension system blends comfort and control.

Inside, I found Reno to be more than adequately designed and equipped, with its European styling extended there as well. Even the base S model comes with many desirable features including air conditioning, power windows and power door locks – even steering-wheel-mounted audio controls. The

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Reno's suggested list price, for the EX version that I drove, is \$16,949, a figure that alos includes a 100,000-mile, seven-year warranty and other nice touches including fog lamps, heated mirrors, a powe sunroof and leather seating and door trim. The Aerio I drove recently, a 2005 SX all-wheeldrive model that gets 24 mpg in the city and 29 on the highway, retails for a suggested \$17,,249. The 2005 Forenza Wagon LX that I reviewed, with mileage of 20 and 28, retails for a somewhat higher suggested price of \$17,694.

Suzuki smartly has tried to fill a couple of niches – small sporty cars and compact SUVs – rather than spread its resources across an increasingly fragmented automotive market. With these three small cars, buyers benefit.

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