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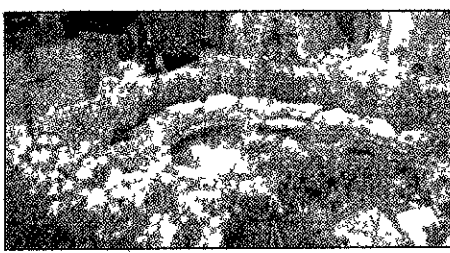
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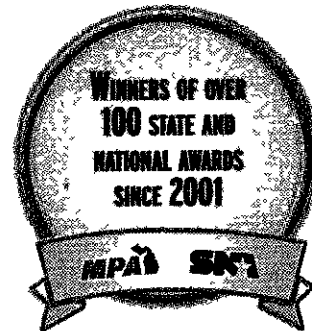


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Investigation will follow fatal shooting

BY KEVIN BROWN
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A man fleeing in his truck from police Monday morning was shot and killed as he tried to run over an armed Canton police officer.

According to Michigan State Police officials, Christopher Slay, 42, of Ypsilanti stopped to take a hit off a crack pipe from behind the wheel of his Jeep Grand Cherokee before trying to run down a police officer in a snow-covered yard north of Ford Road and east of Beck.

"That's when the gunfire started," said MSP Lt. Harold Love.

Five police officers – two from Canton, two state police

troopers and one Wayne County sheriff's deputy – fired at Slay as he drove the moving truck.

"The officers were able to get out of the way," Love said. "He drove through the yard striking another vehicle. He made a small circle and ran into a fence and building. Officers approached the vehicle and saw he had been shot."

Slay was pronounced dead a short time later at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

"My brother was working in his garage (on Ford Road) when it all happened," said Jeff Rosa, gesturing west down Ford where it intersects with Beck Road, roughly an hour after the shooting.

He and other bystanders

were kept several hundred yards from the shooting scene Monday by yellow police tape stretched across the roadway, contrasting with white snow that covered nearby fields. A Wayne County Sheriff's Department patrol officer used his marked patrol car to block westbound Ford at Beck, directing traffic away from the shooting scene.

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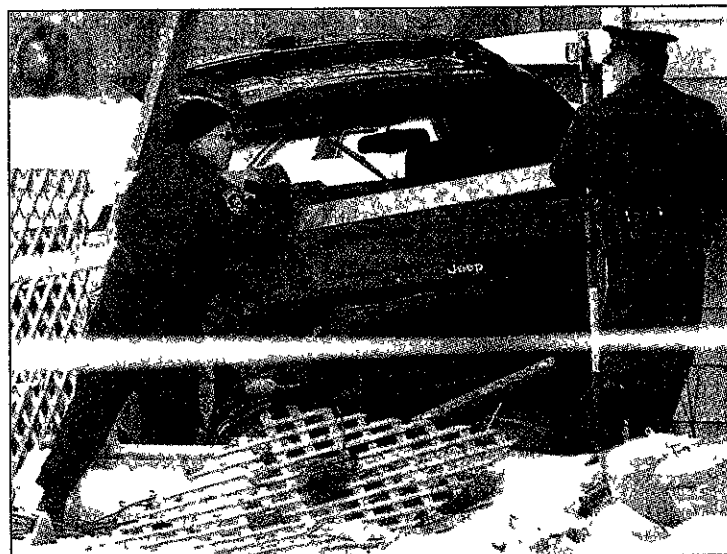
The incident started at about 9:30 a.m. at the intersection of Wayne and Warren roads in Westland. There, Slay made an illegal right turn while the traffic light was red, police said.

Rather than stopping for police, he eluded them for miles, driving east on Warren,

north on Farmington, east on Cowan, south on Venoy, east on Warren again, south on Merriman, west on Ford, north on Newburgh, east on Warren yet again, and north on Central City Parkway to Wayne Road, where he continued north until he left the Westland city limits at Joy Road.

His fastest speed in Westland was about 70 mph on Ford Road, police said.

Westland police put out an area broadcast describing the suspect. He was next spotted by patrol officers with the Wayne County sheriff's department and the Michigan State Police, driving west on M-14. Police continued on a chase that reached speeds of more



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Michigan State Police Northville crime lab officers were on the scene gathering evidence.

Fire forces apartment evacuations

No injuries when malfunctioning ceiling fan sends residents fleeing

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A fire caused by a ceiling fan forced residents to flee 16 Canton apartment units in the dark Monday, but no one was injured.

The fire reported at 9 p.m. severely damaged one building at the Franklin Palmer Apartments at the northwest corner of Morton Taylor and Palmer.

"The company that owns the complex is trying to relocate people," said Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher on Tuesday. "Some people stayed with friends."

Marty Moran, director of properties for apartments owner Consolidated Management Inc., said Tuesday, "What we're attempting to do is put them in another property."

There are 120 apartments in several buildings at the complex.

George Tomasso, a Plymouth Canton High School soccer coach, was in his downstairs apartment when firefighters arrived.

"I was the luckiest – I just had water damage," he said Tuesday while sorting through wet belongings.



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George Tomasso, a resident of the Franklin-Palmer apartment complex, looks over his soaked belongings. He described himself as the 'luckiest' resident of the building since his unit only suffered water and smoke damage.

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District eyes middle school sports hike

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Middle school athletes who participate in two or more sports may be required to pay double the current \$50 fee in an effort to balance the middle school athletic budget and replace tattered uniforms, which in some cases are decades old.

Roche LaVictor, Discovery Middle School principal and middle school athletic director, said that's a recommendation which could make its way to the desk of Superintendent Jim Ryan this spring.

"It's not in concrete, but it seems to be the way to go," said LaVictor, who has had discussions with co-athletic director Clint Smiley, an assistant principal at Discovery, and athletic liaisons at the other four middle schools in the district. "We're looking at a greater need to help defray middle school athletic expenses, which aren't a lot."

UNIFORMS IN TOUGH SHAPE

"And, we are in dire need of uniforms for the schools," he said. "The uniforms at some of the schools are so mismatched it's not funny. We don't have a (budget) line item for new uniforms."

Students are well aware of the uniform problem. Discovery, which is five years old, has the newest compared to the other four middle schools.

"We have the nicest uniforms compared to the other schools," admitted Jill Behrman, 13, a

PLEASE SEE MIDDLE SCHOOLS, A5

Plan for 30-home subdivision at Beck and Joy riles neighbors

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A 30-home project on Canton's upscale upper west side won preliminary approval Monday from township planners.

But some neighbors of the planned Westbury Estates south of Joy and east of Beck had questions for township

planning commissioners about landscaping, lighting and traffic that would stem from the development.

"It's going to bring traffic; it will be a very big mess," said Saviana Demetriade of nearby Reminder Court.

"I think this will be hurting the value of my property," said Dick Dionne of Warren Road. Township Planning

Commission Chairman Victor Gustafson and some other commissioners praised developer Bryan Amann for the proposed project design, particularly dense landscaping along Beck Road and just one entrance road to serve the development, off of Joy Road.

The 30 homes are to sell for several hundred thousand dollars, in keeping with or exceed-

ing the general price range of neighboring homes in the area.

Dionne said he was pleased traffic would not flow onto Beck Road. But he asked if the landscaping along Beck would appear natural.

"We do not plan on any plastic plants," Amann said.

Gustafson added, "What you see there is a softness and a lushness in landscaping." The

design calls for a homes ring-ing a common area that is also significantly landscaped.

Gustafson said that hiking and biking paths were possible.

Dionne also asked about plans to head off flooding in the area, adding this had been a problem in the past. Amann said he would meet with county engineering staff to design the development to head off

these problems.

Some neighbors said they were also concerned with lighting from new housing developments. Amann said he would try to minimize lighting.

Arun Bhauser of Reminder Court asked about the size of the land parcels planned for each home, saying the parcels

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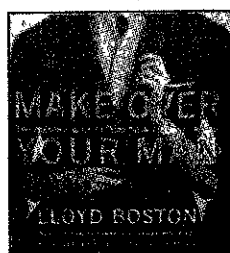
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Senior safety coalition

The group meets quarterly, beginning with its meeting today at 2 p.m. at the Canton Public Safety Training Room, which is located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. The group meets the last Thursday of the month at 2 p.m.

Meeting dates for 2005 are as follows:

- Feb. 24
- May 26
- Aug. 25
- Nov. 17 (date is third Thursday of the month, due to Thanksgiving)

PCAC auction

An evening of Black Satin and Pearls is planned for this year's "Artful Affair" presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council at 5:30 p.m. March 19 at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College.

As the only major fund-raiser for the PCAC each year, the goal for the dinner auction is \$50,000 with proceeds going toward the council's many and varied educational and community arts programs.

The evening includes fine dining, dancing to the sounds of Channel 6 and live and silent auction items.

Advance tickets are \$85 per person and are available by calling the PCAC at (734) 416-4278. Those who would like to donate items for the auction can call the same number.

Family History

The Family History Center

in Westland celebrates its 33d anniversary from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Participants can register for mini-classes to be taught throughout the year, and the event features presentations on resources available at the FHC (electronic and print), how to restore old photographs, the capabilities of Personal Ancestral Files and scrapbooking ideas.

The church is located at 7575 Hix in Westland.

Frog and toad survey

There is still time for Canton residents to volunteer to help monitor the health of the Rouge River.

A training session for the annual Frog and Toad Survey will be held on March 9 at Summit on the Park. The session will be held in the Walnut Room from 7 to 9 p.m. and will focus on identification skills. Being able to identify frogs and toads in their neighborhoods gives residents a proactive role in helping monitor the river's health. Refreshments and snacks will be served at the event.

Frogs and toads spend parts of their lives in both wetland and dry land areas and are very susceptible to human-caused changes in the environment. For this reason, they are excellent indicators of the environmental quality around us. Friends of the Rouge track

changes in habitat and water quality by completing this survey every year. This information is utilized by both local communities and state agencies in developing water quality improvement plans.

Volunteering for the Frog and Toad Survey requires a small time investment beyond the two-hour training session. Volunteers will spend about 5 to 15 minutes at their site(s) each time they visit during the spring and early summer. It may take three to eight visits per site spread out over two to four months to gather data.

This data will be recorded on survey forms that will be turned in for analysis. Initial survey results will be available by late summer, and final results in the fall. Gathering data will not be difficult. The March training session, in fact, will give participants everything they need to know to recognize the calls of frogs and toads and record their presence or absence. Volunteering is easy, fun and important to the future of our environment.

This event is open to anyone, child or adult, who is concerned about the environment and want to play an active role in monitoring its health.

Please pre-register by calling the Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9621 or e-mail picoordinator@therouge.org.

Charlie Brown

The DuBois Little Theatre presents *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, March 10-11 at 8 p.m. and March 12 at 2:30 and 8 p.m. in the Canton High School theater. This delightful, energetic musical is based on

the popular Charles M. Schulz comic strip "Peanuts."

Tickets are \$8 each and are available in the theater after school to 6 p.m. and just outside the theater during the high school lunch period. They also can be purchased through members of the cast and crew.

For information on special rates for groups of 20 or more, call (734) 416-7514.

Little Lambs

Preschool registration for classes in the 2005-06 school year at Little Lambs Christian Preschool takes place at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26.

Located inside First Baptist Church on North Territorial between Sheldon and Beck, the school offers hands-on learning in a theme-based, kindergarten readiness program with a low student/degreed teacher ratio. Emphasizing social skills, problem solving, fine motor skills, pre-reading, writing and math skills and listening; extra amenities include field trips, a Christmas program, student evaluations, parent conferences and an end-of-the-year picnic.

Students must be 3 or 4 years old by Aug. 1. For more information, call Shari, (734) 414-7792.

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.



Manager of the year

Canton resident Leslie Rowe (center) was recently named manager of the year by Henry Ford Village, a retirement community in Dearborn, which is managed by Erickson Communities. She is flanked by Larry Vidovic (left) and Kelly Trudell, both of Henry Ford Village. This is a newly created leadership award at Erickson campuses across the United States. Rowe, the first ever recipient of the honor at Henry Ford Village, was presented a framed certificate of recognition, bouquet of roses and balloon bouquet at a luncheon honoring her and the other nominees for the award. She will travel to the Erickson Annual Meeting in Baltimore in March to be included in the company's national award ceremony. "When Leslie came to Henry Ford Village four years ago, our home health department was below our standards", says Larry Vidovic, Henry Ford's executive director. "Leslie and her staff have accelerated the program to exceed even our high expectations. She is the reason the department is ranked among the best in all Erickson communities."

Euchre anybody?

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 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 professional troupe of actors from West Virginia will visit the Village Theater at Cherry Hill to perform the Sean O'Leary Play Festival.

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. 25-26 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 are on sale now 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.canton-mi.org.

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Area family finds reality TV isn't really reality on ABC show

Special viewing at Canton's Emagine theaters

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Guy Flummerfelt didn't flinch when his wife, Doreen, suggested that he swap her for a new woman.

He was watching television in the family room of their Westland home, paying little attention when she made her offer.

"I did the typical male thing and said, 'That's fine, dear,' not knowing what would happen," he said.

What happened would catapult them and their two sons into television history on *Wife Swap*, an ABC-TV reality show that switched Doreen Flummerfelt with a Baltimore wife for a week in December.

Their story was set to air Wednesday night as the Flummerfelts watched with family members, friends and reality show junkies during a special viewing at Emagine Canton theaters.

"It had some funny parts, and it had some tension," Guy Flummerfelt, 46, said.

AVID VIEWER

Doreen Flummerfelt admits she'll watch any reality show. Still, she didn't really expect to appear in one when she went online last July and submitted an application for *Wife Swap*.

The show's producers called her in late October at Helm Inc. of Highland Park, where she works as a sales assistant for a company that produces publications for the Big Three automakers. By December - after a series of family background checks - the *Wife Swap* segment had been taped.

"We found out that reality TV isn't really reality," Doreen Flummerfelt said. "We found out how real it really wasn't."

The show couldn't have switched her with a woman more different.

Doreen Flummerfelt is a working mother who has two sons, Marques Banks, 17, and Rashad Hamilton, 12, from her two previous marriages.

"The third time is the charm," she said of her current six-year marriage.

LaShelle Bray - the Baltimore woman she replaced for a week - is a stay-at-home-mother who is schooling her five children, ages 2 to 9, at home.

"She has four girls and one boy. I have no girls," Doreen Flummerfelt said.

About the only thing the two women have in common is that they are in interracial marriages. Doreen Flummerfelt is a black woman married to a white man; LaShelle Bray is a white woman married to a black man.

Doreen Flummerfelt quickly learned that she wasn't prepared for the swap.

"The biggest change for me was, one, the kids, two, how dirty the house was, and three, she was a housewife who was home-schooling her kids," she said.

"I go to work every day, and I come home and my family all shares in the chores," Doreen Flummerfelt said. "I'm a take-charge person, but she is told what to do. And even when my house is dirty, my friends always say it's clean."

"This woman had a George Forman grill that still had grease in it from October, and this was December," she said. "The ceiling fans were dirty. For two days, I did not eat in that house."

TOUGH SLEDDING

Back in Westland, Flummerfelt's family wasn't exactly charmed by LaShelle Bray.

"The first few days, she had to live by our rules," said Guy Flummerfelt, who, with his brother, owns a business, HAF Industries, that serves as a manufacturing representative for the casting industry.

"She would spend her time leisurely watching TV and doing whatever she wanted," he said. "Then, she became a mother and homemaker, and we butted heads on a few things."

"She took her impression of what a family should be - meaning her family - and applied it to ours," Guy Flummerfelt said. "She approached it like she was going to fix us, but we didn't need fixing."

The Flummerfelts, who live in Millpointe subdivision near Palmer and Newburgh, learned that TV family life, especially when wives are swapped, isn't exactly like Ward and June Cleaver from *Leave It to Beaver*.

"She left my house like hers," Doreen Flummerfelt said. "When I came home, my house was so messy I started crying. My mother was waiting for me, and we spent time cleaning. That's the first thing we did as a family."

Guy Flummerfelt couldn't have been happier to have his real wife back. What was the worst part of the experience for him?

"The fact that she insulted my family," he said of LaShelle Bray's behavior. "She basically told me that my family was falling apart, that I was not a good role model for my boys, that I was not a real man, and that my sons didn't have an appreciation for their heritage. It was all bull."

Guy Flummerfelt learned a valuable lesson. "Seeing another family and how they live gives you a greater appreciation for your own."

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Doreen Flummerfelt, whose application to the reality TV show 'Wife Swap' got her family on national television, is shown here with husband Guy and her two sons from previous marriages, Marques Banks, 17, left, and Rashad Hamilton, 12.

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Academic All-Star selection widens

The *Observer Newspapers* is proud to sponsor the 2005 Academic All-Star Team. This year marks the 20th consecutive year that the *Observer Newspapers* has honored a team of students for their academic achievements.

In the past, only high schools (public, private and parochial) located in the *Observer* circulation area have been invited to nominate students to the All-Star Team.

"This year, we are opening up the competition to high school seniors who live in the *Observer* circulation area but attend school in another community," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. "We want to open the competition to as many students in our circulation area and the 20th anniversary is a good time to expand the program."

Parents, students and school principals can request an application by e-mail to srosiek@oe.homecomm.net.

Completed applications and transcripts must be returned no later than 5 p.m. Monday, March 14. Only nomination forms that meet the deadline will be considered.

Selection is based solely on grade point average in academic subjects and SAT/ACT scores.

Selection of the All-Star Team will be made by a committee of high school principals under the direction of Dr. Larry Boehms, principal of Troy High School.

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Michigan State Police gather evidence at the scene of a shooting that left an Ypsilanti man dead after an altercation with police.

CHASE

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than 100 mph.

Love said police pursued Slay to U.S. 23 in Washtenaw County, before he changed direction and headed east along Ford Road back to Canton.

"He (Slay) sees a police car at the intersection of Ford and Beck. He turned around to come back westbound on Ford Road and drove off the roadway, across several yards on north side of the road," Love said.

RAMMED COP CAR

Trying to elude police patrol cars, Slay backed into a blue state police car. When he tried to drive the Jeep into an officer on foot, five officers fired the shots that killed him.

"None of the shots hit any homes," Love said.

Each department will conduct separate investigations of the shootings to determine if

the officers followed proper policy. But both Love and Canton Director of Public Safety John Santomauro agreed the decision to shoot appeared justified.

"He was attempting to run over an officer on foot," Love said. "If that is the case, they're justified within the guidelines."

"The preliminary reports I received stated that the initial volley of rounds that were fired were the result of officers feeling their safety was in jeopardy or threatened," Santomauro said. "The person made eye contact with police personnel and demonstrated the intent of running the officer over. That would certainly indicate the first volley of rounds that were fired were justified."

Following standard procedure after a shooting, Santomauro said the state police would investigate the actions of the Canton officers.

Also in following procedure after a shooting, both Canton

officers have been placed on leave and have been given options for counseling. They can be returned to active or limited duty, pending the completion of investigations.

'SUICIDE BY COP'

Santomauro said Tuesday he is aware of the notion in popular media that some suspects shot and killed by police are in effect seeking to commit "suicide by cop."

Was that the case here? "I don't really know," Santomauro said. "I do know the driver from the onset of the traffic stop was exhibiting some really bizarre behavior. Whether or not that plays into that theory, I don't know."

"He had an extensive record of auto theft, breaking and entering, fleeing police, assault, and drug charges," Love said.

Staff writer Darrell Clem contributed to this report.

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MIDDLE SCHOOLS

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Discovery eighth grader who participates in volleyball and basketball. "The others are more ragged, and the colors aren't very good. You can tell they've been worn and washed for a long time."

Discovery eighth-grader Taylor McPhail, who also plays basketball and volleyball, said she'd willingly pay the additional \$50 to participate in two sports.

"I have fun playing with friends, it's exercise and I stay in shape. It's worth it," said McPhail. "The other schools have uniforms that are faded, and not very comfortable, so they should get new ones."

At East Middle School, athletic liaison Kayline Shureb said uniforms for all middle schools need to become a priority.

"In some sports, we have shorts the kids can use, but most choose to buy their own, and the tops don't match," she said. "Some of the other sports teams just have a T-shirt, which definitely looks like they've been around the block."

UNIFORMS REPRESENT

"The uniforms represent the schools, and we want student athletes to be proud of where they came from," added Shureb. "It leaves an immediate impression on the program."

The current \$50 fee to participate in any or all of the five middle school sports — slow pitch softball, volleyball, basketball, swimming and track —

was initiated last year to avoid cutting the sports budget by 20 percent. That probably would have meant the elimination of one sport.

"Despite the participation fee, we did not see a drop-off in sports participation from softball, volleyball and basketball this year," said LaVictor. "We won't have a real handle on it until we get through the swimming and track seasons. We'll look at the patterns at the end of the year."

LaVictor said there is also talk of revamping the middle school sports program, beginning next year.

"We're thinking of trading boys slow pitch softball for boys

'For 30 years it's been a glorified intramural program,' he said. "We're working hard to make it a quality athletic program.'

Roche LaVictor
Discovery principal

and girls cross country," LaVictor said. "The following year, we can trade boys volleyball for a boys wrestling program."

"For 30 years it's been a glorified intramural program," he

said. "We're working hard to make it a quality athletic program that's not only beneficial to the kids at the middle school level, but also prepares them to participate in high school."

Kathy Mineau, the athletic liaison at West Middle School, believes the switch to no-cut sports would be beneficial.

"I think changes are good as long as they benefit the most number of students," said Mineau. "Wrestling will be pretty expensive to start because of the mats and uniforms. But, it's a no-cut sport and would encourage more boys to get involved, and would be available at the next level."

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DEATHS

A
Mary Aquaro, of Troy, died Feb. 21.

B
Margaret "Punkin" Carol Burden, 36, of Belleville, died Feb. 18.

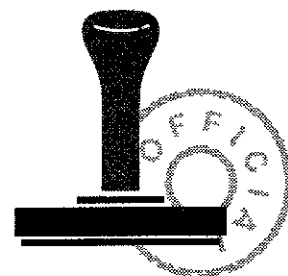
D
Thomas R. Durkin, 62, formerly of Northville, died Feb. 18.

H
Betty (nee Quarton) Hoard, 90, of Birmingham, died Feb. 19.
Dorothy Ruth Howard, 87, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 18.

M
Mildred C. Murdoch, 89, of Plymouth, died Feb. 18.

O
Patricia L. Owens, 47, of Wayne, died Feb. 20.

P
Edmund "Bud" E. Peitz Jr., 77, of



For the Record appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Sports in *Passages* on page C11.

Bingham Farms, died Feb. 17.

W
Donna L. Wyland, 85, of Southfield, died Feb. 15.

BLAZE

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ings including electronic equipment.

Firefighters responded to a 9 p.m. call from someone on the second floor of the two-story building, saying their ceiling felt warm.

Canton Fire Marshal Frank Barrett said maintenance workers were called at about 4 p.m. to tend to a bathroom ceiling vent fan that had burned. They removed it and left the apartment, planning to replace the fan the next day.

But Barrett said flaming debris remained in the ceiling undetected by maintenance staff. He said the debris smoldered for several hours before catching fire.

SMOKE!

Firefighters arrived to see smoke pouring from the roof. Four fire engines, 20 firefighters and three rescue squads were called.

"After we opened it up, we saw the fire in the attic," Rorabacher said. Firefighters went door to door to alert and evacuate residents. Some were sleeping and had to be wakened. All were given time to bring out suitable clothing, as the temperature outside was around freezing.

By the time the fire was extinguished, four units were extensively damaged and other units sustained smoke and water damage.

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NEIGHBORS

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appeared smaller than those required of nearby homes.

Planning Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin said the large common area would in effect be shared by the 30 homes planned for the 30-acre development.

"It's just that some of the property is owned in common," she said.

Responding to traffic concerns, Amann told the group that the planned homes would have no greater impact than other possible developments.

Planning commissioners voted unanimously to approve the preliminary planned development district (PDD) designation sought by the developer. The project must be presented again at a second public hearing, before possible final approval.

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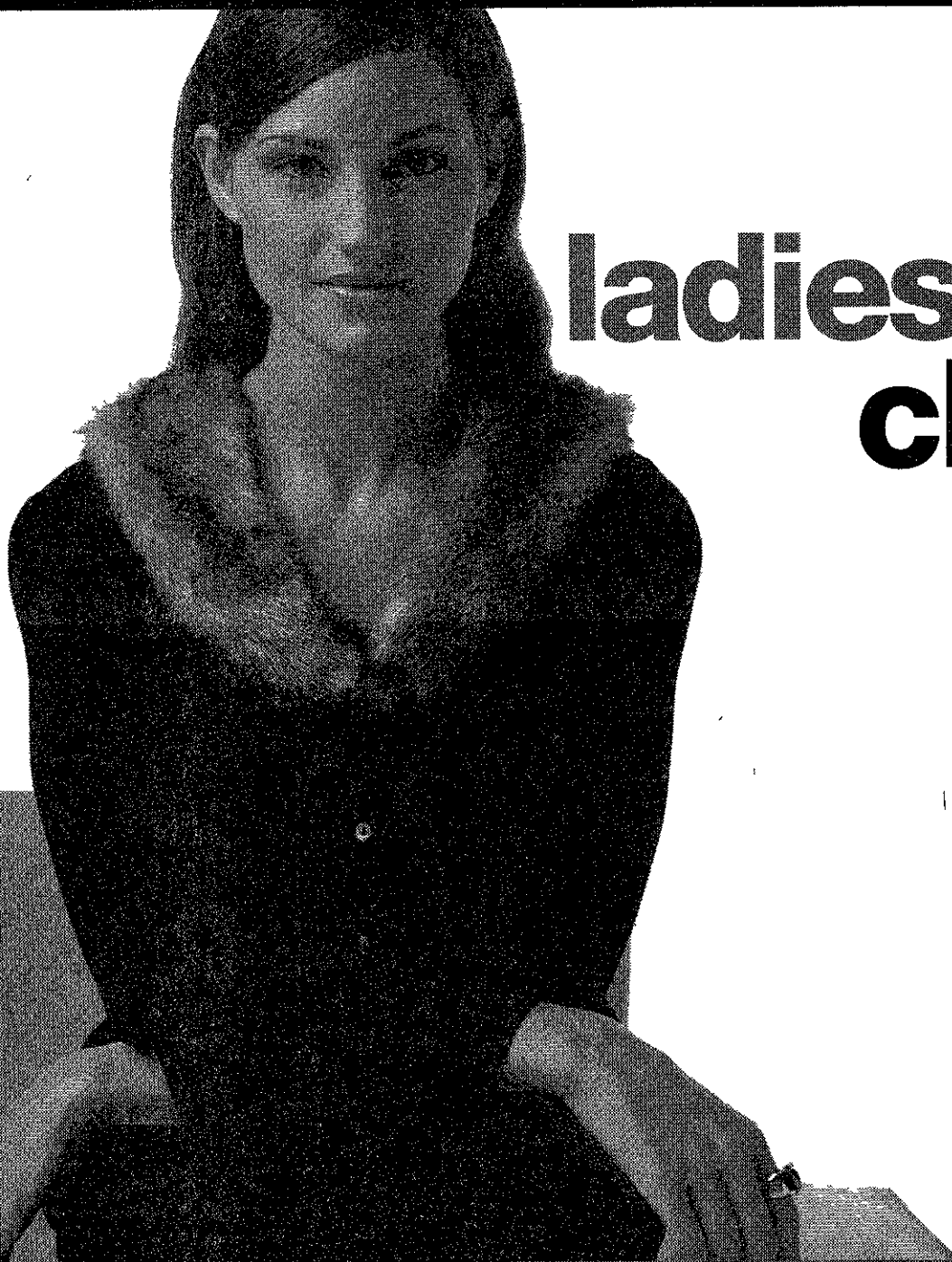
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Speaker to focus on Arab and Arab-American contributions

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Ireland's a ways from the Middle East, but the two will have something in common when the Plymouth-Canton Branch, American Association of University Women, meets March 17.

Corned beef and cabbage will be on the dinner menu that St. Patrick's evening, and AAUW will host a speaker from the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, or ACCESS, based in Dearborn.

"People have a lot of misconceptions and stereotyping," said Celine Taminian, supervisor of educational outreach for ACCESS. The Livonia resident, 26, was born in Jordan of Armenian ancestry and came here two years ago.

The AAUW meeting (6:30 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program) will be Thursday, March 17, at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill, Cherry Hill and Lilley roads in Canton. Non-members, including men, are welcome and should call Pam Dean at (734) 455-3662 or Marly Birchmeier at (734) 459-3594 for dinner reservations.

Taminian will talk about the Arab world, including reli-

gions. Islam is the dominant faith, but some Arabs are Christian and even Jewish.

"Then we talk about the Arab-American world in Michigan and in the United States," Taminian said. She'll answer questions such as why women wear head scarves.

Taminian will also discuss the Arab-American National Museum, at Michigan and Schaefer in Dearborn, slated to open May 5 of this year. The museum, which strives to document and inform on the contributions of Arab-Americans, will have a series of opening events beginning April 23 and continuing through the May 5 ribbon cutting at 5 p.m.

MUSEUM SET TO GO

That museum's been in the works about three years, she said. ACCESS is 34 years old and is a nonprofit social service agency that helps immigrants and others with jobs and other needs. Students whose parents don't know English or American culture receive help from ACCESS. There's a health clinic which includes mental health treatment, including for victims of torture.

Taminian does a great deal of speaking to groups such as

AAUW, spreading knowledge of Arab and Arab-American culture and trying to help people understand.

Dearborn is the dominant community for Arabs and Arab-Americans (especially those from Iraq, Lebanon and Yemen) in this region, but she noted Copts live in Troy, a number of Palestinians and Jordanians in Livonia and Novi, and Iraqis in Southfield.

Information on ACCESS is available online or by calling (313) 842-7010 or (313) 843-2844. The main facility is on Saulino Court in Dearborn.

Plymouth-Canton AAUW President Mickey Edell noted that her organization has a public policy diversity component. Thus, it seeks speakers who have diverse backgrounds and information on other cultures.

Edell, a Plymouth-Canton schools staffer and Canton resident, has heard other ACCESS speakers and was impressed.

"To promote diversity, and also to enlarge our knowledge base about other cultures," Edell said. "Diversity is touted in many ways in AAUW, it's extremely important."

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Radiothon raises dough for Bed & Bread Program

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Eighteen years ago radio personality Dick Purtan was searching around for a special way to celebrate five years with radio station WCZY. "We knew we wanted to tie it in with a charity but just didn't know which one. Someone suggested the Salvation Army," Purtan said.

The Army was interested in raising money for its new Bed and Bread Program and a Radiothon tradition was born.

This year Purtan and his Purtan's People gang, now at WOMC-FM (Oldies 104.3), will be at Oakland Mall in Troy from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday for the 18th annual Radiothon to benefit The Salvation Army's Bed and Bread Program.

The 16-hour event will include live performances by local and national musicians and live interviews with celebrities and sports figures.

"That first year we raised \$15,000. That's not a lot of money for 16 hours on the air, but every year it has gone up," Purtan. "Last year we raised \$1.5 million. That will be a tough nut to crack. The Army said it was the largest one-day, single-station radiothon ever."

SUPPORT SALVATION ARMY

The money raised supports the Army's efforts to feed the most needy in metro Detroit.

"Dick Purtan understood and saw the need," said Dr. Joe Baunoch, administrator of the Army's Harbor Light System and Acres of Hope.

"The critical component is our truck feeding," said Baunoch. "We have three trucks that out each and every day to 2,800 to 3,000 people a day. The trucks make 57 stops. Some folks are homeless, some are very poor. The average yearly income is \$13,000 a year."

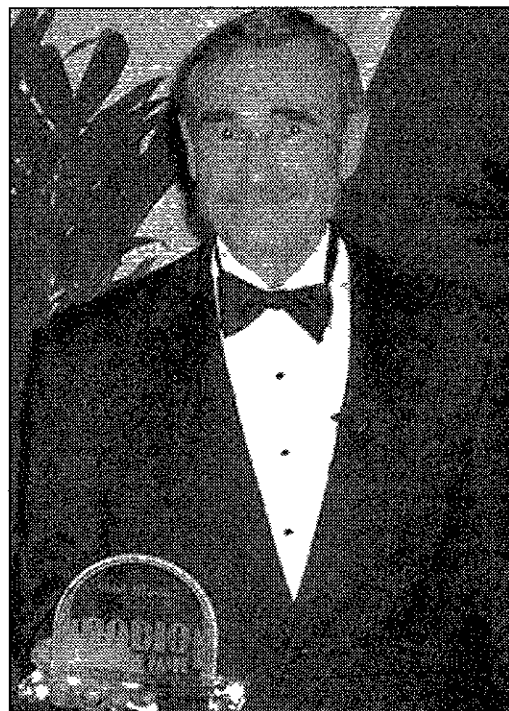
The trucks deliver sandwiches, soup, crackers, fruit and hot chocolate.

The program provides 6,000 meals a day. In addition to the 3,000 meals delivered by trucks, additional meals are served at the Army's shelters.

"I think people realize that it's a good cause," Purtan said. "It feeds and shelters people - hence bed and bread - the money stays at home. And, they believe and trust the Salvation Army."

Purtan every penny earned goes directly to the Army's Bed and Bread Program.

He said if this year's radiothon is successful, the Army might be able to buy a fourth truck which will add additional routes for distribution.



Dick Purtan

A \$10 per month donation to the Bed and Bread Program feeds a child or adult for one year. Donors who pledge \$240 or more to the Bed and Bread program will feed two people and donors receive a special gift - a collector's edition Dick Purtan Bobblehead.

"They talked me into this, which is another reason I worry about whether we'll top next year," Purtan joked.

Schools can join a Jr. Bed and Bread Club. The school that raises the most will a gift certificate for a "sock hop" pizza party from Papa Romano's for \$1,043. The next 10 schools that raise the most will receive a gift certificate for \$104.30.

Baunoch said the need continues to be great. "The trucks are a portal of entry," Baunoch said. "We're not just trying to feed people but get them into our other programs, such as shelters or if there is a problem with alcohol into treatment."

Purtan said he expects to hear from Jay Leno of the Tonight Show, comedians Heywood Banks and Thom Sharp, who has been on every radiothon. In addition the news teams from Channels 2, 4 and 7 will all appear at some time during the 16-hour event.

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Area school chief: Aid package won't end crisis

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

At first blush, Gov. Jennifer Granholm's 2005 budget proposal for public education looks good.

She wants to increase state school aid payments for students in kindergarten through eighth-grade by \$175 per student and add an additional \$50 for high school students, making the increase \$225 per pupil in ninth-12th grades.

But Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy calls the proposal "disappointing" because it "does not solve the funding crisis in Michigan."

"It was my hope, and many other educators hoped that the three years of prorations and freezes that she would provide better incentives to get back on track," Baracy said. "Basically,

our concern is that it does nothing to deal with the sky high costs we're facing."

Those "sky high costs" relate to what districts must pay for retirement and health care. Prior to 1994, the district's obligation was 5 percent for retirement costs. This year it's 14.8 percent and next year will jump to 16.3 percent. And even if the district had received the \$200 per pupil school officials had hoped for, it still would not be enough to cover those expenses, Baracy said.

"We happy to receive \$175, but it's a far cry from what we need to maintain our existing program," Baracy said. "It will take \$268 per student just to cover retirement and health care. It's nice, but we're at least \$68 per student in the hole with her proposal."

Baracy is maintaining a wait-and-see attitude, since the governor's proposal is just that, a proposal. The legislature will "have the last word."

"We only hope that the legislature steps up and keeps its promise to adequately fund public education," he said. "What we see now doesn't do much to help us out. If education is going to be our priority, I'd like to see the legislature illustrate that through action."

The governor's budget proposal also includes an increase in educational funding for at-risk children by \$33 million and a push for school district cooperation, including a \$200,000 grant for a group of intermediate school districts to develop models of regional cooperation in the delivery of services.

Baracy finds those comments perplexing, especially when the state has "developed 200 new school districts with charter schools."

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Detroit Diesel project aids in paving streets

BY DAVE VARGA
STAFF WRITER

Most, if not all, of Redford's 56 miles of unpaved roads could be smooth with asphalt under a \$11 million tax recapture from a huge \$250 million investment and tax break project involving Detroit Diesel Corp., DaimlerChrysler, the state and the township.

Township Board members voted unanimously Tuesday for a tax exemption and a brownfield plan for the Detroit Diesel project, which will create some 600 new jobs at the DaimlerChrysler subsidiary.

Supervisor R. Miles Handy II said after the meeting that he didn't have all the details worked out on paving the roads, which would be done by Wayne County at a cost of \$200,000 a mile.

Handy said he hoped to put down 15-year asphalt pavement in sections of the township, with priority selected through a lottery. "We could do six miles this year," he said.

When asked whether residents would foot any of the bill, Handy said, "We want to have a very aggressive program with minimal participation."

The whole plan, announced in a *Redford Observer* story Sunday, was great news to residents at the township board meeting.

Tom Cunningham, who also works at Detroit Diesel, said he lives on Kinloch, which is paved, but has to drive on Margareta, which isn't. "You've gotta get these streets paved," he said. "I have a big four-wheeled truck that I've almost lost a few times down there."

John Black, who lives on Fox, said he broke a tie rod on the unpaved road, saying "it's really just bare dirt."

"I'd like to thank you for all your hard work," said Cathy Lloyd, another resident. "This sounds like a win-win."

The complicated project, which involved Gov. Jennifer Granholm directly and the Michigan Economic Development Corp., still awaits a March 15 tax credit approval by the Michigan Economic Growth Authority, according to state Rep. Andy Dillon.

"This may be one of the greatest events in the history of this township," said Dillon, D-Redford.

Dillon credited Handy for standing up to the governor and Chrysler by rejecting the original tax break deal. "It was very easy to say no to the governor when it didn't make sense for Redford Township," Handy replied, adding later that he was "not into corporate welfare."

Both Handy and Dillon credited Granholm who "took the time to listen to the tremendous need" in Redford. "Without the governor's help, this never would have happened," Handy said.

Area gets big boost from Detroit Diesel expansion

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Redford Township is in the midst of a renaissance, and at the heart of it is Detroit Diesel, which announced major plans to expand its operations.

The 3.2 million square foot facility - which lies in both Redford Township and the city of Detroit -

More than \$200 million of the investment will go toward tooling for a new heavy duty engine.

is about to receive a \$275 million investment to create a virtual manufacturing mall.

By 2007, Detroit Diesel will become home to a new heavy-duty truck engine line, as well as medium duty engine assembly and expanded axle assembly.

Carsten Reinhardt, president and CEO of Detroit Diesel, called the facility will a one-of-a-kind center of expertise.

"We've been calling this new lease on life 'The Redford Renaissance,'" Reinhardt said.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm met with Daimler-Chrysler officials in Germany last November and "made the pitch that Michigan has to be the place where Detroit Diesel stays and grows," she said Wednesday. "It is critical for us as a state."

GOVERNOR'S ROLE

Granholm received her wish.

The formal announcement was made Wednesday at Detroit Diesel in front of many hundreds of employees and a gathering of industry and political officials. In addition to the heavy-duty engine line, the Redford facility will include operations for the MBE 900 medium-duty diesel truck engine, currently built in Germany. And Alliance Axle Company will expand its manufacturing operations on the Redford campus.

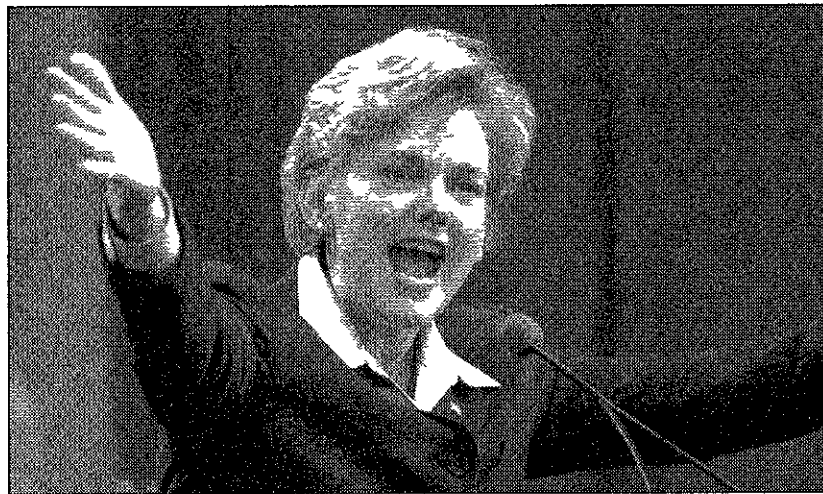
Granholm attributed Detroit Diesel's success to its employees.

"Manufacturing is in our DNA," she said. "We as a state will suc-



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Michigan Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm, President and CEO of Detroit Diesel Corporation Carsten Reinhardt, President and CEO of the Freightliner Group Rainer E. Schmueckle and Joe Steele of UAW Local 163 join together to "push the start button" to signify the beginning of planned expansions.



Michigan Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm is all smiles as she talks to the large crowd of employees, dignitaries, and media about the job growth associated with the Detroit Diesel expansion.

ceed not in spite of our partners at the UAW but because of them."

More than \$200 million of the investment will go toward tooling for a new heavy duty engine - the most advanced in the automotive industry. "It is being developed and it will be produced right here in Redford," Reinhardt said.

Detroit Diesel will also expand

to include new headquarters for Sterling Truck Corp. and Western Star Trucks, two units of Freightliner LLC currently based in Ohio.

The relocation will begin this spring, bringing in sales, marketing, dealer operation and more, according to John Merrifield, senior vice president of sales and

marketing.

"The time is right, we feel, to make a change," he said. "Sales have increased. Production is strong and the popularity of our product continues to grow."

Rainer Schmueckle, president and CEO of The Freightliner Group, said he was "very proud to make this contribution to sustaining jobs in the state of Michigan."

According to Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, the move will save more than 1,500 jobs from leaving Michigan. In addition, a projected 600 new jobs could be created by these changes. Redford Township Supervisor R. Miles Handy III announced that "Michigan's rebirth starts here today."

U.S. Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia (whose district includes Canton), said:

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Deadline nears for Explorer scholarship

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

For students thinking about a police career, the Canton Police Explorers Program has been offering a serious preview since the early 1990s.

Now, Canton Police and the Canton Community Foundation are offering a \$500 scholarship to qualified students in the program.

"It's really a program that promotes good citizenship and leadership," said John Santomauro, Canton director of public safety.

"Explorer gives you a real good hands-on experience on what policing and law enforcement is really like," said Rick Beedle, 20, a University of Michigan student from Canton who has been in the program four years.

The program gets young people, ages 14-21, to ride with officers on patrol, and provides experience in crime scene and accident scene investigations. Youths are also placed in mock domestic vio-

lence situations to learn how to handle them, and to conduct building searches and other police work.

The program is affiliated with The Boy Scouts of America Explorers.

"It's educational and it's fun," said Beedle, who has reached lieutenant rank in the program. "It presents mental and physical challenges but in a good way."

NEWSOME LEADS

Canton Police Sgt. Debra Newsome instructs 16 youths currently in the program. She typically meets with the group Monday evenings during the school year.

In May, Explorer Program groups from around the state compete in a range of law enforcement related challenges.

The scholarship is available to Explorers who now attend or plan on attending Schoolcraft College or its police academy. To apply, they must obtain a letter of recommendation from the director of public safety.

Application packets are available at the Canton Community Foundation, Canton and Plymouth Public Libraries, counseling offices at local high schools, and online at <http://www.canton-foundation.org>.

The deadline for application materials is Friday, Feb. 25. Completed packets can be mailed or dropped off at the Canton Community Foundation, 50430 School House Road, Suite 200, Canton, 48187.

For more information, call the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200.

Ficano: Pinnacle on track for this year

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The long-awaited Pinnacle Aeropark development south of Metro Airport will break ground this year.



Robert Ficano

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano declared "the time for talk is over" in his annual State of the County Address Feb. 16 at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. Pinnacle was one of several initiatives proposed to deal with the county's lingering economic problems.

Ficano said \$7 million will be invested in new roads and sewers to develop the first 150 acres for business development at the county-owned Pinnacle site.

"Jobs are leaving. Revenue is declining. State and federal programs are being eliminated," Ficano said. "As county executive, I must manage the downsizing of government while growing the economy and enhancing the quality of life for all citizens. We are in rough waters. However, I assure you - together we will weather the storm and restore hope, opportunity and prosperity."

GROWTH SOUGHT

Ficano proposed several programs to encourage housing and small business development. He said the county is committed to granting about

\$3 million to support housing development in economically distressed communities of Hamtramck, Highland Park, Inkster, River Rouge, Ecorse and Melvindale.

Ficano and County Treasurer Ray Wojtowicz are proposing creation of a Land Bank Authority which would enable the county to market abandoned properties with tax incentives.

A plan to provide financial incentives for new construction or rehabilitation programs has been labeled TURBO for transforming underdeveloped residential and business opportunities.

Under the program, Wayne County would provide a year of no property taxes on undeveloped parcels. In future years, the county would give back up to 50 percent on property tax payments to offset investment.

"I see TURBO serving as a catalyst for new family restaurants opening in Detroit, for job growth by attracting new retail businesses in East Dearborn and for housing in our core communities such as Trenton, Highland Park and Harper Woods," Ficano said.

Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson said he is encouraged by Ficano's optimism and sees opportunities with in the Land Bank and TURBO proposals.

"His new TURBO program is something that is an outstanding opportunity for the county and local units of government to refurbish businesses and homes," Engebretson said.

The details still need to be examined, but Engebretson

Tom Yack said the county and Ficano have been very helpful in negotiations with IKEA, the Swedish furniture store that recently withdrew from a deal to build a store in Canton.

said he believes there are properties in Livonia that would benefit from the county program.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said he didn't hear Ficano's speech but was given a heads up on the development proposals.

"I think most of those techniques are designed to help communities that are struggling economically and will have little impact on us," he said. On the other hand, Yack said the county and Ficano have been very helpful in negotiations with IKEA, the Swedish furniture store that recently withdrew from a deal to build a giant store in Canton.

Yack said Canton and the whole area around the airport will benefit from the Pinnacle development. He said the economy continues to be sluggish with rents lower than they should be. He said two auto related companies recently moved operations to Canton,

but he hasn't seen any real diversity in the kinds of business coming to the area. He said the Pinnacle project has taken a long time to get started.

"You would think that the area around the airport would be ripe for development," he said. Yack said it was common to see research development parks and warehousing around major airports but they just haven't developed around Metro.

Ficano said that in addition to the TURBO proposal there are other investment initiatives. He said Wayne County is taking advantage of a federal new market tax credit program to use \$27 million in federal tax dollars to encourage private investment in older communities. He said the federal money will result in \$150 million in new private investment.

The county executive said he continues to "strongly support" the efforts of the Magna Entertainment Corp. to build a horse racing track and automotive research facility in Romulus.

"They have made their investment to this region by spending \$28 million to buy the land," he said.

"It is time for the state to issue the license and create thousands of much-needed jobs."

On other issues, Ficano: ■ Proposed eliminating the Detroit Health Department to avoid duplication with the Wayne County Health Department. He proposed finding jobs for Detroit Health Department employees at area health facilities.

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Nielson visits Joe's Produce

Health and fitness expert Peter Nielson will answer questions on nutrition and exercise 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Joe's Produce in Livonia.

Nielson is the host of "Peter's Principles" which airs on Channel 4 WDIV-TV and WWJ News Radio. Nielson will pose for pictures with customers and sign autographs in addition to answering health and exercise questions.

Joe's Produce will also feature a "Sweet and Crunchy Spinach Salad" demonstration and sampling from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Joe's Produce is at 33152 W. Seven Mile, two blocks east of Farmington Road, Livonia.

Fish Fridays are back at VFW Post

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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Resale shopping grows for Canton-based outlet; Plymouth welcomes new clothing boutique

RESALE AND RESTORE

Talk about expansion. Canton-based resale store, Consignment Outlet, has swapped its former Plymouth location for a mammoth space in Livonia.

Owners Todd and Michelle Schifitar have purchased the former home of Ethan Allen at 15700 Middlebelt in Livonia, which encompasses 18,000 square feet.

"We opened the Plymouth store two years ago," he said. "It was only 1,800 square feet.

We closed that store to purchase the Livonia store."

The new space accommodates more than 1,500 consignors who work with Schifitar to sell everything from home furnishings, furniture, and jewelry, to clothing, tools, antiques and electronics.

While much of the merchandise is gently used, the store also offers new, closeout items from area big box stores, and from liquidation sales.

Since it opened four weeks ago, two showrooms worth of furniture has been sold.

"Our motto is 'Resale beats retail,'" said Schifitar.

He said he tells friends and relatives not to buy anything without coming to Consignment Outlet first. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday in Livonia and at 44125 Ford Road in Canton. Call (734) 261-9423 in Livonia or (734) 844-9423 in Canton.

TIMES TWO

The fashion forward will head to downtown Plymouth this Saturday, Feb. 26, to check out the newest area boutique - Dueto. Owners Nicole Jaskulka and Alexandra Papasifakis have been talking about opening their own clothing store since childhood.

Both Troy residents, they've worked in retail since age 16.

Despite bachelor's degrees in elementary education and premedicine respectively, the longtime friends made their move four

months ago. They took over the lease at 470 Forest Place, Suite 2.

The name Dueto represents not only their longtime friendship, but also the fact that the store offers clothing for both men and women.

Much of the merchandise is denim-based, but includes day and evening attire, and accessories - all featuring up-and-coming designers, said Jaskulka.

She'll be selling her own line of original

jewelry, as well as designer handbags and - coming this spring - men's and women's shoes. Prices range from about \$40 to \$200.

Dueto will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call (734) 454-4700.

NEW DELI

Livonia's latest addition for the

lunch crowd, simply called The Deli, held its grand opening Tuesday. Owner Paul Muonio made the easy decision to bring this latest restaurant venture straight to his hometown.

"I grew up here," he said. "I went to school at Stevenson. It's a good community."

Topping the menu is the hot corned beef sandwich, Muonio said, but The Deli offers everything from fresh lunchmeats, salads, soups and fresh bread baked daily. But above all, he hopes new customers will notice the "consistently excellent service."

The Deli isn't a pricey choice, either, as most sandwiches cost \$4.99 each. And a wide array of candies will satisfy any sweet-tooth. "You'll always be tempted," Muonio said.

The Deli, at 20235 Middlebelt, between Seven and Eight Mile, is currently open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Call (248) 442-7827.

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



Student station gears up for auction

New Liberty Bank presents the annual WSDP 88.1-FM Radio Auction from 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, May 14.

The auction benefits the student-run radio station at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

This year the auction proceeds will go toward an endowment fund that will help provide funding for the station for years to come. The auction kicks off a two-and-a-half year capital campaign to raise funds for the endowment.

This is the second year that New Liberty Bank has served as the title sponsor of the 88.1-FM Radio Auction. Michael Weaver, President and Chief Executive Officer of New Liberty Bank, said sponsoring the radio auction was a good fit for the bank.

"WSDP is an important part of the Plymouth-Canton school district," Weaver said. "This year's auction is especially important to the station's endowment and New Liberty Bank is proud to help ensure its continued success."

Listeners will be able to bid

The auction benefits the student-run radio station at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. This year the auction proceeds will go toward an endowment fund that will help provide funding for the station for years to come.

on items donated by area businesses. Every half-hour new items will be available for bidding. Beginning April 25, station supporters can keep track of new items that will be up for bid by checking the station's Web site at www.881TheEscape.com. Listeners from around the world will be able to listen to the auction via the World Wide

Web.

WSDP volunteers will be contacting businesses for donations through the end of April. Businesses interested in donating items can contact the station at 416-7732.

"We really appreciate New Liberty Bank is willing to support the auction for a second year in a row," said Bill Keith, station manager. "Last year they helped us raise over \$12,000 and this year we hope to top the \$15,000 mark."

New Liberty Bank has expanded its presence in the community with the opening of a new 20,000-square-foot headquarters on Ann Arbor Road. The full-service bank is locally owned and operated in Plymouth. New Liberty Bank reported total assets of \$61 million in October 2004. More information is available online at www.newliberty-bank.com.

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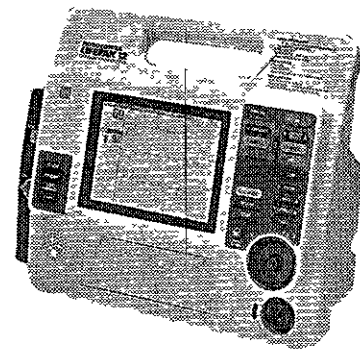
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OUR VIEWS

Losing IKEA is a big blow

Canton officials must have felt like the rug had been pulled out from under them on Thursday after hearing that IKEA officials had pulled the rug out from under the deal to build a store at Ford and Haggerty roads. Maybe even hit with a sucker punch.

There were still some details to work through, but just about everyone — from township Supervisor Tom Yack to all the hip young shoppers that were salivating at the prospect of an IKEA opening in this market — assumed the massive blue and yellow building patterned after the Swedish flag was a done deal. But, just like that, IKEA officials balked because of a disagreement over shared parking spaces with LBS properties, the property owner to the west.

The announcement caught everyone by surprise. In many people's eyes, this store was going to put Canton on the map. It was going to be a gigantic, 306,000-square-foot blue and yellow beacon, attracting shoppers from all over the Midwest to the Ford Road corridor. In addition to the \$1 million in annual property taxes and 300 jobs it would have brought, IKEA was expected to pump \$13 million into the local economy.

But even more than that, the store would have provided the town with a crown jewel — something that would have made Canton a destination, not just a nice, safe place to live. Drive down the Ford Road corridor and you will see lots of nice stores and restaurants, but not much you wouldn't see in any other upper middle class suburban community.

IKEA would have been different. Not many communities have an IKEA. There are only 22 IKEA stores in the United States. The closest stores to metro Detroit are in Illinois and Toronto. The store is nearly a phenomenon in many of its locations, particularly in Europe. In England, for example, several people were trampled to death when a massive crowd showed up for an IKEA store grand opening.

Instead of crowds flocking to Canton for a grand opening, as they surely would have, it appears there will be no such party. And there won't be any of the famous Swedish meatballs, which would have been served in the store's restaurant.

Canton officials are now left with a bad taste in their mouths. That is, of course, if they can't salvage this deal, and patch up the rift between IKEA and LBS Partners. A few parking spaces doesn't seem worth wasting all the hard work so many people have put into making the Canton IKEA a reality.

You can bet the appropriate township officials are doing everything in their power to help facilitate an agreement between the two parties — although it may have taken them a few moments to recover from such a blow.

Sunshine laws serve public well

In the almost three decades since Michigan approved its so-called Sunshine laws — the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act — every community certainly has faced decisions about how information is released and how decisions are made and when meetings are held.

Many times our own communities have failed, knowingly or not, to uphold the intent of these laws. The intentions of the laws are clear. The FOI regulates the definition of public records by public bodies, while the OMA is to "strengthen the right of citizens to know what goes on in government by requiring public bodies to conduct nearly all business at open meetings."

During the week of March 13-19, we celebrate Sunshine Week, a reminder of just how important these laws are for the operation of our nation's particular brand of governance — for the people, by the people and of the people.

The idea for Sunshine Week comes from newspaper editors in Florida, and it's sponsored nationally by the American Society of Newspaper Editors and, in our state, by the Michigan Press Association. And, while we newspaper types may often harp about freedom of information and open meetings issues, this isn't a "press" issue — it's a citizens issue.

While he was not necessarily a fan of newspapers, Thomas Jefferson was clear in his view of open government when he wrote: "No government ought to be without censors and where the press is free, no one ever will."

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LETTERS

Liberal bias

I'm sick of your opinion page being so biased toward liberalism. It seems that most liberal viewed letters take most of your print week after week. The last of which is the "Aggressive approach can build economy" (Feb. 17 editorial). Our liberal governor has only one objective in bringing back jobs and that's one of tax increases.

It's clearly your opinion that if the Republican-majority Legislature should go along with her plan or else these new thousands and thousands of jobs will be lost.

Anthony Cauchi
Canton

Granholm double take

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm turned around and said the right thing now that she wouldn't support displaying the Ten Commandments in the Capitol Rotunda. She is calling such a display unconstitutional.

She appeared on public television's *Off the Record* program and said she didn't have a problem with having the commandments at the statehouse.

"I know that will make some people mad. But I think they are universal values," she said.

She said that while the government should not be promoting religion, the Ten Commandments promote "a universal desire for people to behave with dignity and honor God."

In an incredible display of contempt for our nation's laws she spouted, "That is not promoting a particular religion. That is just recognizing some universal values."

More than 100 years ago, Robert Green Ingersoll wrote the following in *Substitute For The Bible As A Moral Guide*: "All the Ten Commandments that are good were old, were the result of experience. The commandments that were original with Jehovah were foolish."

"The worship of 'any other God' could not have been worse than the worship of Jehovah, and nothing could have been more absurd than the sacredness of the Sabbath."

"If commandments had been given against slavery and polygamy, against wars of invasion and extermination, against religious persecution in all its forms, so that the world could be free, so that the brain might be developed and the heart civilized, then we might, with propriety, call such commandments a moral guide."

Wise words.

Alfred Brock
Canton

Form a new county

As a resident of western Wayne County, I am unhappy with having to view "Detroit's problems as mine, as well." The city of Detroit currently represents about 9 percent of the population of Michigan, yet receives 25 percent of the state's revenue sharing moneys!

Why should the suburbs continue to subsidize an urban area where values, needs and quality of life issues vastly contrast to our own?

We do not need or want a "metropolitanized" area. My family or community

will not benefit in any way from an undertaking such as this. In fact, I would like to postulate a counter-thought: The collective suburban communities within Wayne County should move to distance themselves from the city of Detroit through secession, and form a new county.

If you ignore geographical boundaries, it is evident Detroit and its suburbs are already divided in ways much more critical than can be illustrated on a map. This polarization exists philosophically, culturally, politically and economically.

A western Wayne County split from Detroit proper is a reasonable and constructive option to enhance the ability our region to be more responsive and reflective to the needs and desires of each unique constituency.

Any suggestions for naming a new county?

Sandra Martin
Plymouth

We need road builders

I cannot understand what people are thinking when they say more gas tax will help.

Gov. John Engler said the same thing a couple of years back and we raised the tax five cents a gallon and did it help? No, the roads are worse now.

We need to have accountability from our politicians and state and county road departments. There are too many bureaucrats and money misappropriated. We are not getting our bang for the buck.

Even though I feel that will improve with our new county executive, Robert Ficano, I think a lot of the "do-nothing jobs" and very lucrative retirements are going to be a thing of the past.

Taxes are the only thing some politicians know. We need to hire road builders, not friends. It would be interesting to know how many graduated engineers work for the road commission.

I do not want to circumvent the system, but we need better roads which means better people that are more knowledgeable of the problem and more accountability from contractors. If you do the work, shouldn't a 25-year road last 25 years? And what recourse do we have, if it doesn't?

Wayne Mirth
Westland

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. If one computes the interest to be paid on the 10 annual bond placements with the payment of the bond lots in full after the end of the 10th year, he will find that the \$10 million in

interest in each of 10 years will produce an average annual return to lenders of about 1 percent. If the bonds are issued with extended due dates, the bond interest to be experienced 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? The report must be in error; the original sin that of the planners in Lansing. Some scolding of this writer or correction by the bond lenders should be forthcoming, and soon.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Need fairness

The president has declared his intent to overhaul the federal tax code along with Social Security. That can only mean one thing, doing away with the progressive income tax. Ever since the "modern" income tax was implemented in 1913, the fairness of a progressively higher rate for people with higher incomes has been well-accepted. The argument is that it is fair for the wealthy, who benefit more from our economic system and have a higher percentage of disposable income, to pay a higher percent than the rest of us. Until now.

Some are suggesting a flat income tax rate. Even a federal sales tax. The clever idea being to invert the whole deal and tax those of us at the lower end of the ladder more. Local, state and federal taxes are already stacked against the least fortunate. It surprised me to learn that due to special breaks, a very high portion of business pays no federal income tax whatsoever (and don't tell me it's because they aren't making money).

Let me make one very simple suggestion. If a flat tax is fair, it seems like it would also be fair to eliminate the \$87,000 cap on income taxable for Social Security. That would mean, for example, that a person earning \$200,000 would pay \$26,000 (instead of under \$6,000), or just about enough to cover their own retirement benefit for one year. That seems fair to me. Oh, incidentally, it would pump billions into the trust fund and go a long way toward bailing our Social Security — without the inherent risk of "privatizing" that the president insists on.

Dick Landback
Farmington Hills

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QUOTABLE

"This would have been a huge regional attraction, and would have meant a great deal to our community. It would've spawned development, provided jobs and tax dollars. Just the flush of new economic activity it would have brought in would've meant so much. I'm not giving up on this."

— Melissa McLaughlin, Canton Township trustee, on IKEA's decision to pull the plug on plan for a Canton store

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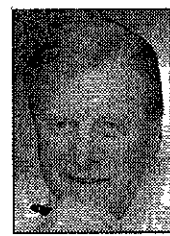
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Stewart has thankless task in funding state's universities

The new chairman of the higher education subcommittee of House Appropriations, one of the most powerful and consequential committees in the state Legislature, is Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth. He's an interesting study — part evangelist, part hopeful Boy Scout, part calculating politician.

And he's got one of the toughest jobs in the state. In case you hadn't noticed, state support for our colleges and universities — without doubt the absolute core of any plausible economic strategy for Michigan — has fallen for the past three straight years.



Phil Power

We now spend more to stockpile felons in the state's prisons than we do in educating our bright young people for high-paying productive jobs. And with our elected representatives united only in being — to a person — too timid to tackle our state's \$1 billion-plus chronic structural deficit, higher education appropriations — “approps,” to use the Lansing term — have become one of the most highly charged subjects in the Capitol.

Stewart is a real rarity these days: He's an unapologetic Republican moderate who admires former governors George Romney and Bill Milliken. (“We cannot let our party lose touch with the vast majority of solid, sensible people in the middle,” he says.) He's an unabashed defender of our colleges and universities. (“Our great universities are the jet fuel for Michigan's economic takeoff, and we simply cannot afford to let them run on empty.”)

And he believes that today's partisan poisonous atmosphere in Lansing will do nobody — least of all the citizens of Michigan — any good. (“We've got to find a way for the sensible center to work civilly together to get the public's business done.”)

Not that he's all Boy Scout and no politician. “I want to reclaim the territory of higher education for the Republican Party. It's a core part of our values,” he says. He recognizes that some day he and other Republicans will have to cut a deal with Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

But he wonders aloud about the governor's “magnificent hyperbole” in talking about how important it is to double the number of college graduates in Michigan in a decade even as she is presiding over the greatest slide in support for higher education in modern times. There are a few Democrats, frankly, who have been wondering the same thing.

Dazzlingly handsome at 55 and possessed of a fine baritone (he sings in Plymouth's First Presbyterian Church, where he's been a member for 21 years), Stewart has a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University, a master's from Wayne State and a J.D. from what then was the Detroit College of Law.

He's practiced law in Plymouth for 25 years and has been an active Kiwanian. He served as a Plymouth Township trustee for four years before being elected to the legislature in 2000. His smart and capable wife, Beth, is director of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Stewart's interest in education runs deep in his blood. Counting his mother (a Vanderveen from Holland, Mich.) and his aunts and uncles, he has seven relatives who have taught for more than 40 years in Michigan public schools. His uncles were superintendents in, respectively, South Lyon, Rochester and Mason.

All in all, he's what we used to know as a salt of the earth, Main Street Republican. Problem is Stewart's party has moved hard rightward in recent years. “Are you a tough, mean SOB enough to deal with your caucus?” I asked him. “No, but I can be hard-core. My values are unshakable,” he replied. Then, no doubt to the pleasure of the GOP House caucus, he threw down the gauntlet to Granholm: “She talks the good talk about how important our universities are to the future of the state, but where's the walk?” Next, moments later, he looks forward to a time when sensible people can reason together: “I want to know what Jennifer Granholm needs politically for her to provide an increase in funding for higher education. I think education is at the core of her values, and I want to find a way that we can work together to mesh these values to help our state.”

Stewart is nothing if not ambitious in his new committee assignment, undertaken with the explicit support of new House Speaker Craig DeRoche of Novi. As part of the appropriations process, he has scheduled a set of hearings on the role of higher education in Michigan. The star-studded lineup for March 23 alone is impressive: University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman, Michigan State University President Lou Anna Simon, Wayne State University President Irvin Reid and former Senate higher ed approps chairman and now Congressman Joe Schwarz. “These hearings should be a seminar for my colleagues about how vital our great universities are to the future of the state,” he enthuses.

Interestingly, Stewart says he gets his complex personality from his religious persuasions. He started out as a Methodist, which he thinks gave him his social conscience and his evangelistic tendencies. But when he married Beth, he became a Presbyterian and took on the church's orientation toward flinty intellectual honesty.

Personally, I think he'll also need the grit and deviousness of a Jesuit and the patience of a Buddhist in order to survive the ghastly supercharged atmosphere of Lansing during appropriations time. But I sure admire his instincts, and wish him well in his task. As should we all.

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

Vietnam War Memorial should be our nation's last such monument

My husband and I had one day to spend in Washington, D.C., so on a beautiful autumn day we decided to see some of the outdoor memorials. The list is very long.

There are memorials honoring presidents and then there are the war memorials. There is the Marine Corps War Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, Tomb of the Unknown covering World Wars I and II and the Korean War. There are memorials for women in military service for America and one to honor women who served in Vietnam. The World War II Memorial is under construction.



Ann Abdo

Then there is the Vietnam War Memorial — the marble wall filled with the names of those who paid the ultimate price. Its understated design is so powerful. Every time I see it, I feel so sad and angry. I remember watching from my dormitory window the male students walking to a testing site at Michigan State University. The results of the test determined who stayed in college and who

got drafted.

I remember looking in my world atlas to find out the location of Vietnam, and when I saw this small country thousands of miles away, I could not see how Vietnam would be a danger to us. It wasn't. All the predictions of what would happen if the entire country became communist did not happen.

As we walked by the wall, we noticed the tributes people left: flowers, a teddy bear and a set of I.D. tags. After all these years, maybe the family of the deceased had found closure, and so they left the tags as a way of saying goodbye? Then I saw a man who had placed a piece of paper over a name and with chalk or crayon, he was rubbing the name onto the paper. Was this the son, nephew, or much younger brother?

For five nights a week for about six years, the network evening news gave a body count. There were more than 58,000 U.S. casualties. Thousands more were injured physically and mentally. More than one million Vietnamese civilians were killed and more than 6.5 million were displaced war refugees. More than 200,000 Vietnamese soldiers were killed. There were very graphic pictures on television and in the print media.

What did we learn from this? What have we shown the families and friends of those whose names are engraved on the wall? I had hoped that they would be shown that we learned our lesson, and developing more

I hope for the day when our political leaders will say this is the last war memorial.

From now on all our efforts will be toward creating a peaceful world. There will be a cabinet level Department of Peace that will strive to fulfill Franklin Roosevelt's wish that ‘we want to end the beginnings of all war.’

sophisticated ways to kill people is not the answer. I had hoped our vast resources would be used to support more humanitarian efforts. I had hoped that our leaders would never again give us a faulty justification for sending our armed forces into combat.

On Jan. 27, 1973, the military draft ended. Our military is made up of men and women who volunteer. Each has their own reason for wanting to serve their country, but all have willingly put their life on the line for us. We owe these brave people the utmost respect; therefore, we should never put these people in harm's way unless it is absolutely necessary.

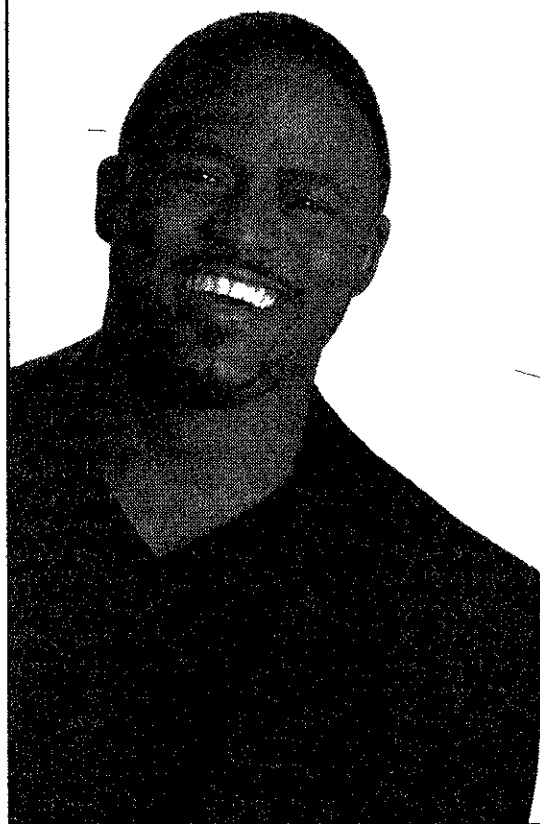
We are not shown the real horrors of the war in Iraq. With 76 percent of Iraqis living in the urban areas where the war is taking place, casualty estimates range from 50,000 to 100,000. With a volunteer army, public protest has been less effective. Also, we have been told that if we speak against the war, we are not supporting our troops. U.S. casualties are now more than 1,400 killed in action and more than 10,500 wounded. Will the brave men and women of this war have a memorial as well?

I hope for the day when our political leaders will say this is the last war memorial. From now on all our efforts will be toward creating a peaceful world. There will be a cabinet level Department of Peace that will strive to fulfill Franklin Roosevelt's wish that “we want to end the beginnings of all war.”

President Bush stated in his second inaugural address that all people are entitled to enjoy the benefits of freedom and liberty. It can be done. The legislation has been written. All we need is enough sponsors in Congress to make it happen. For more information on the Department of Peace campaign, see www.dopcampaign.org.

Ann Abdo is a Livonia resident and a member of the 11th District Citizens for Peace.

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Spring checkup



Snow still flies outside, but Ford Field will display lots of color this weekend at garden displays at the Home and Garden Show.

Ford Field show offers home improvements, garden ideas

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Dan O'Connor believes homeowners want their homes to look attractive, but they don't want to spend weekends taking care of the home's exterior once the weather warms up.

"Homeowners are looking for zero maintenance," said O'Connor, a sales consultant with Replacement Windows and Siding Co. of Redford.

That's why Replacement will display windows and siding that reflect that low maintenance feature at Detroit's Ford Field Home & Garden Show, Feb. 24-27. (See related chart.) Scores of Detroit area businesses and contractors will show what's new for 2005.

"Hundreds of home and garden exhibits feature products and services for home

improvement, remodeling and maintenance," said Mike Wilbraham, show producer of ShowSpan Inc. of Grand Rapids.

Show attendees will be welcomed to the show by spectacular gardens and landscapes with blooming annuals and perennials, waterfalls, reflecting ponds, fountains, brick walkways and patios created especially for Ford Field.

Displays will be filled with home and garden products and services for new homes, remodeling and maintenance. All the major home product categories are available from the basics of heating, cooling, kitchens, baths, windows and doors to room additions, siding, closets, log homes, vacuums, appliances, fixtures, furnishings, landscaping and decorative accessories.

In addition, seminars on building,



PLEASE SEE SHOW, B3

Tulips brighten up the landscape.

Accents

Launch a satellite

Now that kitchens have become the most popular room in the house, homeowners are looking for ways to expand functionality to other rooms.

A growing trend in many households, satellite kitchens are often complete kitchen setups that are compressed. They can feature a sink, stove-top burners, a mini refrigerator and cabinet space all in a compact unit. They offer the convenience of an additional kitchen space in another room of the house.

Satellite kitchens can be modular units that you group together, portable pieces to be moved where needed most, or housed within a decorative armoire, perfect for the living room or dining room.

Homeowners are also applying these kitchens into their outdoor design plans, making it more convenient to prepare food and entertain while in the yard or out on the deck. (Just think of the time and number of trips you'll save not having to go in and out.)

Some satellite kitchens are even found within the main kitchen itself - acting as a butler's pantry to provide an additional work surface.

Satellite kitchens need not be a monumental expense. Many companies offer pieces to fit your budget, including IKEA. For more information on kitchen cabinetry, visit your local kitchen cabinet dealer.

Add a shed

Thinking of a little private space to call your own? Add a garden shed, home office or workshop to your outdoor life and turn it into your personal sanctuary and source of pride.

Summerwood Products and its Web site will help you create the perfect outdoor structure for your home - one that will offer functionality to you and your family.

Here are some tips to ensure that your structure suits all your needs:

Determine the size you need, make a list of all the functions you would like your structure to serve.

If you have a variety of needs such as shed requirements and office needs, partition the structure.

When selecting a location, be aware of access to natural light, ventilation, electricity and water (in case you need a hose or you want to plumb it).

Always buy quality. Well-built structures have a longer life span. Choose options that will suit your tastes, you'll have to look at it every day.

With many options and easy to assemble kits delivered right to your door, purchasing an outdoor structure has never been easier. To customize your own garden/storage shed or other products including pool cabanas, gazebos, cabins, studios, playhouses or garages, go to www.summerwood.com or call (800) 663-5042.

Electric eclectic home furnished with creativity

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

It's electric eclectic. In the West Bloomfield home of Michael and Lynn Seidman and their three children, contemporary and traditional elements are joyously juxtaposed. Whimsical and classical features are combined in delightful ways throughout the majestic contemporary house, which is almost 4,300 square feet and has 10-foot ceilings.

"I wanted to warm it up," Lynn said, smiling.

Visitors on the Heart of the Home House

Tour will be able to savor the accents and the architecture of the residence.

It is among nine homes in Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Franklin and West Bloomfield featured on the event, taking place Sunday, March 13 (see related items, B3).

The tour is presented by Groves High School Senior Parents to benefit the Class of 2005 Senior Party.

DREAM HOME

The Seidmans have lived in the house for

PLEASE SEE ECLECTIC, B3



The bright, spacious kitchen features white and shades of gold and yellow.

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Search for best prices on computers, electronics



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

I don't understand the obsession with Costco.

Sure, if you're looking for batteries, lox or gallon jugs of ketchup, it's the place to shop.

But for computers, electronics, software, DVDs, and other high-tech gadgetry, Costco's prices are actually on the high side.

Blasphemy, you say? No, I crunched the numbers myself. (If you're among those who consider Costco hallowed ground, you may want to stop reading right

here.) Now that tax season is upon us, I checked the store's price on the popular TurboTax Deluxe program: \$34.99 before a \$10 mail-in rebate. CompUSA's price: \$29.99 - and they offer the same rebate.

Next up: the GoVideo Rave AMP256 MP3 player. Costco wanted \$94.99 for it - \$5 more than what you'd pay ordering it direct from GoVideo.

Hewlett-Packard's nifty PhotoSmart 375 printer was selling for \$179.99, a decent price. But I found the same price up the street at Best Buy. No annual fee to shop there.

As for DVDs, Costco's prices are inconsistent at best. Shrek 2 sells for \$19.99, while CircuitCity offers it for \$14.99. But *Alias: The Complete Third*

Season costs just \$39.99 at Costco, versus \$49.99 at Best Buy and \$69.99 at CircuitCity.

The real shocker came in the camera aisle. Costco's price on a Sony Cyber-shot DSC-W1 digital camera: \$349.99. That's list, folks. The same camera sells for the same price on Sony's own Web site. (And for the record, a quick search of PriceGrabber.com found it selling for under \$300 from a plethora of Web vendors.)

Now, this was a fairly random sampling, and I did find that Costco beat the competition on at least a few items. The TiVo 80-hour Series2, for instance, was selling for \$264.99, about \$35 less than at other stores.

Buy one of those and you've just about

recouped the store's annual membership fee.

But my point here is that Costco doesn't always have the lowest prices on computers and electronics, and you shouldn't blindly assume they do.

In my experience, the best deals on such items are found online, where you're also usually exempt from paying sales tax (though shipping charges often make it a wash).

That said, there is one area where Costco stomps the competition: returns.

On computers and notebooks alone, you have up to six months to return them. Most stores give you a couple weeks, and many charge restocking fees.

PLEASE SEE PRICES, B5

HOME CALENDAR

Design/home decor

Wildflower Painting and Faux Finish Techniques are among the design/home decorating classes scheduled at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.community-house.com.

Wildflower Painting (Thursday, Feb. 24) will teach the techniques of painting foliage, stir roses, backgrounds and petals, which can be used on a variety of craft projects as well as furniture. You will complete a wood plaque during the class to take home. Fee is \$22, plus a \$15 materials fee paid to the instructors.

Instructors Bob and Esther Kerr are experienced interior decorating professionals who own their own store and teach extensively on interior decorative finishes. Bob is a licensed builder and Esther a licensed Realtor in addition to their design background. In Faux Finish Techniques (Monday, Feb. 28), a fast-paced, hands-on workshop, you will learn approximately six techniques and tips for this decorating method, and complete sample boards to take home. Fee is \$22, plus a \$15 materials fee paid to the instructors. Wear old clothes and bring plastic gloves. Instructors are Bob and Esther Kerr.

Antiques exposition

The Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition will take place Friday-Sunday, Feb. 25-27, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10-1/2 Mile). Hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 regular, \$5 with any ads or listings of the event, free for ages 12 and under. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show. Celebrating its 25th season, the exposition features a diverse selection of fine American, European, Oriental and African antiques and fine art. Antiques merchants from across the country, noted authors and nationally known experts will exhibit and sell their collections. Dining and free parking will be available. Online show previews are available at www.antiquet.net/M&M.

Glitz and Glamour

The Rochester Community House, 816 Lgdlow, presents a variety of classes. For information, call (248) 651-0622 or visit www.rochestercommhouse.org. In Glitz & Glamour (Monday, Feb. 28), learn to emboss and add glitter to your projects. Make and take home at least three completed projects. Fee is \$15; a \$10 materials fee is payable to

the teacher on class day.

Home decorating

The Rochester Community Schools Enrichment Department presents home decorating classes. For more information, visit www.rochester.k12.mi.us and click the Enrichment tab on the left menu.

The schedule includes Venetian Plaster and Stucco (Tuesday, March 8; fee is \$21) and Upholstered Cornice Board (Wednesday, March 9; fee is \$39). In Venetian Plaster and Stucco, at Fancy Color Paints Store, 3883 Rochester Road in Troy, learn a plaster finishing system that can develop a beautiful, highly polished, marble-like appearance. In Upholstered Cornice Board, at Van Hoosen Middle School, learn step by step how to measure, construct, decorate and mount this fabulous window treatment for a fraction of the cost to buy. The class will teach the tricks of the trade that the professionals use to accomplish this classic but easy window treatment.

Chair re-covary

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. In Chair Re-covary (Sunday, Feb. 27), learn how to revitalize your dining room chairs with a quick, no-sew transformation. Fee is \$30. In this four-hour, hands-on workshop, you will learn how to estimate required yardage, select an appropriate fabric, dismantle, re-pad and recover your dining room chair seat. The class isn't intended for a chair seat with box shaping. Learn how to make pleated draperies, a classic, ever-popular window treatment, in Advanced Curtain (Thursdays, March 3-24). Create a personalized look by changing the style and spacing of the pleats, or choose the more informal tab-top drape. Fee is \$80.

Ornamental

Ornamental, a show of sculptural metal wall pieces in powder-coated steel by Cranbrook Academy of Art metalsmithing graduate Amy Haskins, continues to March 12 at P.F. Galleries, 213 E. 14 Mile, just east of Main/Livernois in Clawson. Call (248) 989-8889.

If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

Maytag offers legal remedy for Neptune

Once owned an appliance store and sold several thousand Maytag clothes washers. I knew that I was selling a customer the best washing machine available.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Even today, after all the recent trouble they have had with the Neptune washer, I've said many times that Maytag still makes one of the better products in the appliance world. The Appliance Service News, a trade industry magazine, recently reported on Maytag's offer to settle a class-action lawsuit over the Neptune.

An Illinois court accepted a proposed settlement offered by Maytag in response to a class action lawsuit that alleged excessive failures among Neptune front-load washers. Barring any filing of appeals,

Maytag will begin immediately providing free repairs, cash payments or discount certificates to owners of allegedly problematic products.

How this settlement affects authorized Maytag service firms had not been decided yet. The settlement will close the books on the lawsuit Mink vs. Maytag Corp., filed several years ago in the State of Illinois 20th Judicial Circuit Court in St. Clair County in East St. Louis, Ill.

The suit alleged that Neptune front-loaders experienced frequent failures of the door latch, wax motor, motor control and related circuit boards. These failures caused the machines not only to function improperly, but to leak below the tub, causing odors, mold and mildew.

In the settlement, Maytag admits no wrongdoing, but offers several remedies to owners who purchased their Neptune front-load washers between April 1, 1997 and August 9, 2004.

These remedies include the following:

■ A reimbursement for reasonable out-of-pocket costs

related to repairs of the door latch/wax motor, motor control, related circuit boards and accumulations of mold and mildew, and their related odors.

■ Up to \$500 (subject to depreciation) of replacement costs if class-action owners have already purchased a washer to replace their Neptune front-loader prior to Aug. 9, 2004.

■ Owners of Neptune front-loaders, which Maytag has been unable to correct, can receive discount certificates good toward replacing the machine with another Maytag washer, such as the Neptune top-loading washer. The certificates can be redeemed for cash value from Maytag within 24 months after issuance, or used to purchase other Maytag non-laundry appliances.

■ Free additional attempts to repair Neptune front-loaders are offered without cost to the owner. For machines purchased prior to March 1, 2000, Maytag offers one additional repair attempt of problems before Aug. 9, 2005. Washers purchased after that date can get two additional repairs (or one if two attempts have already been

made) before Aug. 9, 2005. If the machine still cannot be corrected, Maytag offers a purchase certificate equal to the pro rata value of the machine based on age, ranging between \$1,000 and \$200. Owners can opt to waive the repairs and get the certificate immediately, which can be redeemed only on a Neptune top-loading washer.

The Web site www.maytagfrontloadsettlement.com contains full information on the settlement.

Once again this is an example of what happens when a manufacturer rushes a new product into the marketplace without testing it to prove its dependability. I know this is an expensive lesson to Maytag and I believe they have learned a big lesson. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281. Got an appliance repair question for Joe Gagnon? Please forward it to kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. Your question may be published in a future column.

Put out the 'fire' before it happens

When I arrived at my clinic in 1994, the level of "fire engine medicine" amazed me.

Most clients seemed to prefer taking the chance that diseases wouldn't happen to their pets, rather than trying to prevent them. That is, wait until a fire starts to put it out.



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

To their credit, people would often treat their ill animals, such as puppies

needing intense hospitalized fluid therapy for parvovirus, a disease that could have been prevented by a simple vaccination.

Sometimes treatment would be too late. That's the danger of taking a risk...physical, financial, and emotional devastation. The bane of our existence, however, was heartworm. I would receive reports showing that Michigan clinics would average about 10 positives annually. We would reach 35-40 every year. Certainly, that fire engine mentality was part of the problem, but the clinic did a poor job of stressing the dangers of heartworm. This lack of client education, plus giving preventive for too few months annually, gave us our unenviable situation of being a heartworm hotspot.

NUMBER DROP

After years of improving our clients' understanding of heartworm disease, recommending a year-round preventive and making heartworm control the first priority, in 2004 we have finally dropped below the state average in heartworm positives.

It's not perfect, as too few dogs get preventive, and too many owners still don't get their critter checked. Recently I asked a pet owner if her dog had been tested for heartworm. She said he hadn't, but wouldn't need one, as "he's usually pretty good about that stuff."

Preventing heartworm doesn't require huge demands. Annual blood tests look for the fingerprints of the heartworms in the circulation (if you make like it's a CSI thing, it seems more exciting!)

Then start a preventive and stay with it year round. Last year there were four major heartworm preventives. In 2004, multiple reports of questionable reactions took Proheart off the market, but the other three have great safety records.

Heartgard, made by Merial, has chewable cubes that dogs take monthly and tend to love. Many people tell me their dog looks forward to this monthly treat.

This medicine also prevents roundworms and hookworms, two relatively common intestinal parasites, both of which could be a risk to people (e.g. - the children playing with the dog). Year round prevention helps keep pets and families

safe from these parasites.

Interceptor, by Novartis, does much the same thing as Heartgard. Flavor tablets given monthly keep pets safe from heartworm, and the intestinal parasites roundworm and whipworm. While whipworms don't affect people, they can be devastating to infected dogs, causing severe diarrhea and muscle depletion, even death. Annual fecal exams can help catch these parasites.

Interceptor tends to be a little more expensive than Heartgard, and, despite sales claims, the flavor tabs just aren't as tasty as the Heartgard cubes.

In whipworm areas, or for dogs previously found positive for whipworms, this is the best choice.

Both of these companies guarantee their products when purchased through a vet, and the manufacturers tend to be understanding and efficient should there be a claim.

You say you want a Revolution? Well, you know, Pfizer thinks you do. This topical heartworm preventive also prevents fleas, although likely not as well as Advantage or Frontline, and while heartworm preventive should be given year round, flea control might not be needed through the winter months.

Revolution has limited extra activities, treating and preventing one type of tick and mange, but has no claimed effects on canine intestinal parasites.

Still, it's an effective heartworm preventive.

WANT A REVOLUTION?

Revolution could be a god-send, however, when we look at our next great challenge, feline heartworm disease.

Few cats get tested for heartworm, and too many tested cats show up positive.

Treatment for cats remains somewhere between unlikely and impossible, and death is a common disease outcome.

Heartgard and Revolution both have heartworm preventive for cats, with cat Revolution also preventing intestinal parasites.

Cats don't seem to love the Heartgard chewy tab the way dogs do, so Revolution might be a way to keep your cats (and fingers) safe.

Which preventive you choose should be a decision between you and your vet, based on your individual situation.

The only wrong decision would be to leave your dog or cat unprotected against heartworm.

It's a fire much better to prevent than to put out.

Dr. Brad Davis is Medical Director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City, MI 48135. Mail questions and comments there.

He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show Animal Talk. Visit the web site www.AnimalTalkradio.com. E-mail questions or comments to Questions@animaltalkradio.com.

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Heart of Home houses show wide variety

This year's Heart of the Home House Tour features a wide variety of outstanding homes.

■ The oldest residence on the tour dates back to 1840. At one time it was the Franklin House Restaurant and was once at Franklin Road and Northwestern Highway.

■ The contemporary West Bloomfield home designed and owned by architect Scott Monchink is another gem on the tour.

It was built in 2000 with an unusual triangular core. It is

open and airy, with extensive use of cedar.

The exterior features an unusual brick pattern. The glass entryway door was custom designed by the homeowner.

■ The tour includes a Birmingham home that is reminiscent of the Frank Lloyd Wright style/Oak Park Chicago design of the '30s and '40s.

Guests at the limestone, brick and stucco home pass through a beautiful entryway courtyard. The interior of the home has been completely

remodeled.

■ The traditional colonial exterior of a Beverly Hills home on the tour is deceiving. Upon entry, visitors will find extensive contemporary renovations.

The house features two staircases. The front staircase leads to a second story bridge that overlooks a two-story, open foyer, while the back staircase is a spiral that leads into the family room.

The home is filled with many intriguing pieces of art acquired during the owner's

extensive travel throughout eastern and southeastern Asia.

■ The owner's love of nature is very apparent in a Franklin home on the tour.

From its wooded setting, to the sprawling gardens and waterfall, and its cabin-like beams in the family room, the house delights in nature.

The entryway greets guests with many family photos and articles of family heritage. The home is filled with art work and pottery from around the world.

SHOW

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remodeling, do-it-yourself projects and gardening and ideas, tips and advice from experts on home renovations, maintenance and landscaping will be available.

But the big attraction for many homeowners will be the chance to talk with contractors and businesses about home improvements and see exactly what vendors offer.

Many homeowners are switching from wood to vinyl windows, said O'Connor. (Replacement continues to offer both.)

"They have improved so much with the new technology. They have welded corners for improved strength, improved coatings and a low e glass that reflects the sun's heat," O'Connor said. "I would suspect that the low e glass will soon be an industry standard with the cost and energy savings it offers."

Vinyl windows also have a variety of colors to match the house.

"We're also seeing an increase in a number of bow and bay windows," O'Connor said. "We're also seeing more of a gardenview window." That window generally projects from the kitchen area, which provides a wider view of the yard or garden and allows a mini-solarium area to put plants. "They're popular over kitchen sinks," O'Connor said.

Vinyl sidings also are available in a variety of colors. "The manufacturers are coming out with pigmentation and coloring that allow us to offer darker colors. For many years it was only in white, but now the darker colors are coming out."

Dutch-lap siding has more definition, with a slanted top that makes the siding easier to clean and adds to shadow lines. Shake-shingle looks and scallops (half-circles) are details that allow for a mix of different styles and looks on a home, O'Connor said.

O'Connor is looking forward to the show. "It's a venue where customers can have a hands-on approach," O'Connor said. "Our showroom in Redford has an assortment of these products, but not every-

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12 years. It is on Walnut Lake, with ice skating in the winter, water skiing and jet skiing in the summer, and a beautiful view in every season from multiple sites in the house.

"Our dream was to live on the lake," Lynn Seidman said.

Seidman had a custom rug and furniture business and made many of furnishings in the home, including a settee with a back consisting of a dynamic arrangement of abstract shapes.

"Some girls want diamonds. I wanted routers and saws," she said.

The tall, blown glass flower standing in the two-story foyer is an early indication of the unusual decor in the house.

Delights can be spotted almost everywhere, such as the small tables and half-circle rugs placed along a stairway.

The creative blend of elegance and enchantment in the house is perhaps concentrated in the living room.

Among the elegant elements here are plush sofas in brocade, a baby grand piano in one corner, a trunk-like table, free-standing shelves with fluted column sides, and colors of deep gold, brass and copper.

But here too are features lighter in tone, such as table lamps—some of them tiny—with shades trimmed in feathers and strands, and an upholstered rolled arm bench at the piano.

White custom cabinetry curves and flows around the room, one shelf forming the fireplace mantel. Tassels hang from the wall lights, matching



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Lynn Seidman, who had a custom rug and furniture business, sits on a bench that she designed and created.

their rope form.

Hardwood floors run throughout the house, including the spacious, modern kitchen. The kitchen is white, with black stools and high chairs at the island.

A gold balloon valance is at the sink window, and a bright yellow runner tops a dark wood buffet. Tassels hang from the runner and the backs of the chairs.

The house doesn't have a lower level. The Seidmans put in a sauna on an upper level, and there is an exercise room as well.

Lynn Seidman designed the area rug in an upstairs bedroom, matching the floral pat-

tern to the bedspread.

She made the mirror that hangs on a wall in an upstairs bathroom, featuring glittering accents along the frame.

Also in this bathroom, the row of bulbs over the vanity and the pattern of squares in the shower curtain are similar to the circles and squares in the area rug.

FOR THE STUDENTS

The Heart of the Home House Tour features a variety of residences—some like fantasy homes, some showing creative ways of decorating that could inspire visitors.

"We look for uniqueness in each home," said Madelyn Phillips, who is co-chair of the event with Billie Busch. "We don't want all the same type of home. We look for different architecture, different decorating styles."

Senior class members will serve as docents on the tour and help with parking. Musicians from the Birmingham school district will perform at the featured homes.

The Class of 2005 Senior Party is an alcohol-free and drug-free event at Groves High School. The school is decorated for the party so it appears transformed, a different place for the students.

Party attendees receive favors in such containers as laundry baskets that they could take to their college dorms.

Coupons and gift certificates to Bed Bath & Beyond and local stores are given out, along with prizes that include other items for the dorm—microwaves, refrigerators, toasters, irons.

Ninety-eight percent of the class goes to the party every

HEART OF THE HOME

HOUSE TOUR

■ **What:** A tour of nine beautiful and unusual homes in Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Franklin and West Bloomfield, presented by Groves High School Senior Parents.

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■ **When:** Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 13.

■ **Tickets:** \$20 in advance, \$25 tour day. Tickets are available at the Groves Main Office, 13 Mile and Evergreen; at the Apple Tree Room, 32749 Franklin Road in Franklin; or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Home Tour, c/o Billie Busch, 22114 Allen-A-Dale Court, Beverly Hills 48025 (include name, address, phone number and check). Make checks out to: Groves PTSA Graduation Committee.

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year, Phillips said. The 2005 graduating class has 307 students.

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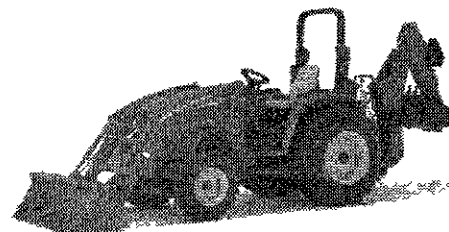
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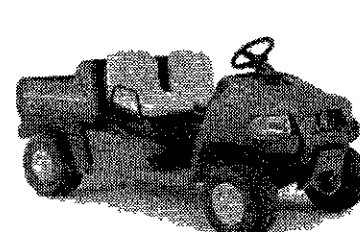


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MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, in the ballroom of Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus in Rochester.

Scott Kunst will present a slide show, Heirloom Bulbs: Four Seasons, Forty Centuries. Guests are welcome. Non-member

donation \$5. Reservations aren't required. For more information, call (248) 299-3948 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org. Kunst is the owner of Old House Gardens, the only mail-order source in the country devoted to heirloom flower bulbs. Since the founding of Old House Gardens in 1993, its unusual and endangered bulbs have been featured in

Horticulture, Fine Gardening, Country Living and other publications. These heirloom bulbs are also found in the gardens of such historic sites as Mount Vernon and the Hearst Castle. A landscape historian and preservationist, Kunst has taught landscape history at Eastern Michigan University and lectured to horticultural groups all across the country.

Landscape design

Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia, offers gardening courses in its Continuing Education department. The schedule includes Landscape Design I, three Saturdays beginning Feb. 26. No sessions will take place during the college's spring break (Feb. 28 to March 6).

The instructor is Merritt Wolson, a local

landscape designer and horticulturist. Register by mail, fax, Web or walk-in. For more information, call (734) 462-4448.

Hardy perennials

Michael Saint, owner of Good Earth Landscape and Interior Design Inc. of Clarkston, will speak at a seminar on hardy perennials Sunday, Feb. 27, at La Café and Java, 5815 Dixie Highway in Waterford.

The program will feature registration 4:30-4:45 p.m., welcome and introduction 4:45 p.m., slide presentation and lecture 4:50-5:15 p.m., dinner 5:15-5:30 p.m., question and answer 5:30-6 p.m. Book sales by Good Earth Landscape and Interior Design Inc. will also be featured.

Cost is \$40 per person, by check or money order. Seating is limited to 25. For more information or to register, call Saint at (248) 620-7188 or e-mail Goodearthlandscapeinc@juno.com. Topics to be discussed by Saint include the newest trends in landscape architecture, conserving time and resources, mimicking nature in your back yard, tried and true perennials, and design tips.

Rain gardens

A free workshop, Residential Rain Gardens for the Rouge River, will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. Roger Bannerman, water resources specialist from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, will present the program. He will focus on the water cycle and ways to reduce storm water runoff through home gardens. Volunteers will describe their own experiences with planning and planting a rain garden with the Rouge River in mind. Registration and displays open at 6:30 p.m.

To register, call Karen Bever of the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) at (248) 288-5150, or e-mail LFDDean@aol.com. Rain gardens, planted with beneficial native wildflowers, are designed to trap and filter rain water before runoff reaches storm drains. In addition to being lovely gardens, rain gardens can make a significant contribution to pollution reduction, and are recommended by SOCWA and Rouge River municipalities.

Beverly Hills Garden Club

The Beverly Hills Garden Club will meet Tuesday, March 1, at the Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W. 13 Mile. Nanette Winowiecki of The Pond Place of Commerce Township will present a program on water gardens at 1 p.m. Guests welcome.

Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at the Livonia Senior Center (Five Mile and Farmington Road). Visitors are welcome.

Roger Sutherland, retired professor emeritus of Schoolcraft College, will present a program about "nature's neatest and most efficient innovation: the flower." He will demonstrate that "flowers really know how to get things done."

Downriver Rose Society

The Downriver Rose Society will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, at the Brownstown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph in Brownstown, south of Sibley and north of West Roads. Tom McMillan will speak on Hybridizing and Propagation. Admission is free. The public may attend.

For more information, call Mike at (877) 860-5364 or Nancy at (734) 461-1230. In his talk, McMillan will share the techniques that professional rose breeders use to develop new rose varieties. He has been a member of the American Rose Society and several local rose societies since 1974, and is active in the Rose Hybridizers Committee of the American Rose Society and serves on its board of directors. McMillan grows hundreds of roses and freely assists the public in his role as an ARS Consulting Rosarian. He has hybridized several well-received rose varieties, including 'Rejoice,' a salmon-pink grandiflora, and 'Affirm,' a light-pink hybrid tea.

Master composter

The Master Composter Program for environmentally minded gardeners will begin 6:45-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3,

at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois.

The program is open to all interested area residents able to contribute some volunteer service to their community. Cost for the course is \$30, which includes the class notebook and name badge. Classes will continue Thursday evenings: March 10, 24 and 31; April 14; May 12; and Sept. 1.

The program is sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority, in cooperation with the Clinton River Watershed Council and Friends of the Rouge.

For information or to register, call Karen Bever weekdays at (248) 288-5150, or e-mail LFDDean@aol.com.

The course includes classes, in-the-garden demonstrations, and coordinated volunteer outreach in cooperation with local garden centers.

Among the topics covered will be making and using compost, soil health, soil nutrient testing, natural mulches, environmental lawn care, proper use of fertilizer, and sustainable landscapes.

Volunteer work in local communities is required.

Hardy Plant Society

The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, March 7, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook Road at Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

George Papadelis of Telly's Greenhouse will speak on New and Underused Perennials for Shade. He will also cover other topics. Guest fee \$3.

For more information, call (248) 589-2286 or visit www.hardyplantsociety-greatlakes.org.

Rochester WNF&GA

The Rochester Branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden Association will host Dale Morgan of Blossom's at its meeting Tuesday, March 8, at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow.

Morgan will discuss fresh flower arranging and related topics. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will follow. Guests are welcome. For more information, call (586) 739-5337.

The Rochester Branch has something to offer everyone, including horticulture, herbs, flower arranging, arts and crafts, community gardening and flower planting projects, and horticulture therapy. New members are always welcome.

Troy WNF&GA

The Troy Garden Club, a branch of WNF&GA, will meet at noon Wednesday March 9, at Big Beaver Methodist Church, 3753 John R in Troy, just south of Wattle on the west side of the street.

Mike Barger of Mike's Tree's will speak about Emerald Ash Borer. Refreshments will be served at noon. Guest donation \$3.

For more information, call Rita at (248) 540-4249.

Perennials

Learn how to combine perennials to cover seasonal dormancy and to fill in lulls in blooming periods in Doubling Up Perennials, a class taught by Pam Palechek Wednesday, March 9, at the Community House in Birmingham. Fee is \$42. The Community House is at 380 S. Bates.

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

Gardeners conference

The Association of Professional Gardeners Annual Meeting and Conference will take place Sunday, March 20, at Wojo Greenhouse, 2570 Oakwood Road in Ortonville (phone (248) 627-6498).

The conference will be an all-day program including lunch. Registration will be at 8 a.m. and the program will run until 3:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.associationofprofessionalgardeners.org, or call (248) 330-7466.

Cost is \$60 for members, \$70 for non-members. The registration form is available at the Web site.

Topics will include Photography in the Garden and What's New in the Garden This Year.

The conference will feature a chance to network with professional gardeners, and a tour of the facility.



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MARKET PLACE

Distressing subject

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Shown here is Coral Roca. It features clear shades of orange, from light to dark, balanced with soft violet-gray undertones.

The other combinations are Natural Roca, a soft, creamy hue with hints of white, taupe and pink; Tumbled Roca, subtle taupe and beige with delicate gray-blue undertones; Villa Roca, warm golden-amber softened by traces of blue-gray; Terra Roca, with flecks of green adding life and versatility to a combination of bronze and chocolate; and Antique Roca, layered orange, red and brown contrasted with a discreet blue-green.

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Submissions

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PRICES

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The company even offers an "open-ended" return policy for certain items, meaning if the HDTV you buy today has compatibility problems down the road (and I'm talking years,

here), the store will take it back. (You should double-check with customer service before buying any such big-ticket item, but the rep I spoke to confirmed this generous policy.)

In my mind, that more than makes up for pricing that isn't always the lowest.

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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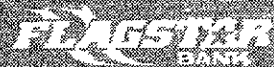
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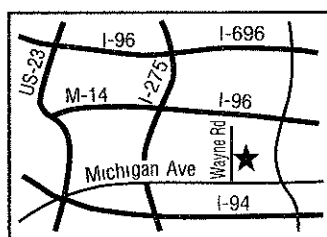
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'Smaczneho!'

Polish food says 'enjoy' in welcoming way

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

"Smaczneho."

The word is Polish for "enjoy your meal." Traditionally, dining companions say it to one another before they begin to eat.

Polish food speaks for itself, saying "enjoy" in a warm, welcoming way.

"It's very hearty, very filling," said Maria Mackiewicz, hostess and cashier at the Wawel Restaurant in the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy. "It's no-nonsense, down-to-earth type of meals that will stick with you."

"It's good, it's all homemade, it's very flavorful," said Mary Solko, who owns Jennies Pierogies in Garden City with her sister, Theresa

Remski.

Pierogies, stuffed dumplings, are among the most popular Polish

Featured authentic Polish recipes. Page B7.

foods. But a full spectrum of variety colors a Polish menu.

Golabki (cabbage stuffed with pork, beef and rice), naleśniki (crepes), meatballs with mushroom gravy, and kielbasa are just some tantalizing examples.

Soups, salads, breads and desserts are numerous as well.

At Two Sisters restaurant in Rochester, popular dishes include city chicken - skewered and breaded cubes of veal and pork - and potato pancakes - a fried mixture of ground potato, eggs, flour and chicken base, said owner Jenny Nedanovski.

Two Sisters, which has been in business at the same location for 17 years, also serves chicken dumpling soup, a farmer's omelet (sausage, bacon and ham), a Polish omelet (sauerkraut and kielbasa), and rice pudding with raisins.

Crepes can be served for dinner or dessert, Nedanovski said.

SOUPS

"We are soup eaters," said Margaret Studzinska, secretary at Polish Market in Troy, which features prepared meals.

"When you eat the soup you don't feel any more hunger ... They're very rich."

Among Polish soups are tomato, pickle; barley, potato, cabbage, chicken noodle, bean, split pea, beet and barley. Hunter stew consists of many ingredients, including meats, sauerkraut and onion.

The Wawel Restaurant was named after the famed historic castle in Krakow. The menu includes pyzy slaskie (a potato dumpling stuffed with meat and topped with bacon) and flaczki (tripe, well-seasoned with ginger, paprika, nutmeg and marjoram).

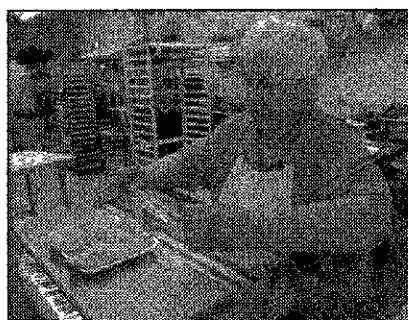
MEATS

Kielbasa has more garlic than



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Theresa Remski deftly handles large sheets of pierogi dough at Jennies Pierogies in Garden City. Her mom, Jennie Kochan, places dough and fillings into the machine that forms the pierogi, two at a time.



Shirley Lenart packages and labels a tray of pierogies.

other sausages, said Greg Przesmycki, owner, Joyview Meat Market in Redford. It is made from pork or beef and pork.

Fresh and smoked kielbasa are featured at Joyview, along with ring and flat kiska, a breakfast sausage; ham; breaded pork chops; city chicken; and other meats.

Fresh kielbasa is prepared by boiling it and then frying or baking; smoked is boiled like a hot dog, Przesmycki said.

An assistant at the market shared the process for breaded pork chops and city chicken: Coat with flour, shake off the excess, dip in an egg bath, roll in bread crumbs, brown for a couple of minutes on each side; then bake at 325 degrees Fahrenheit for about 1 hour 15 minutes.

Bake ham with the fat side up, the assistant said. Score the ham with a knife, insert cloves, and bake in pineapple or orange juice, or Vernor's ginger ale.

SALADS, SWEETS

Polish salads include surowka (grated winter vegetables, such as cabbage, red cabbage, carrots, leeks and apples), mizeria (sliced raw cucumbers in sour cream), hot beet salad and hot carrot salad.



Mary Sokol presides over steaming pots of boiling pierogi at Jennies Pierogies in Garden City.

Sledz w oleju (herring in oil and onions) is served as an appetizer.

Chicken feet can be used to make soup, or made into a jelly with carrots and eaten cold on bread, Studzinska said.

Breads include sunny razowy, a whole-grain bread with sunflower seeds.

"It's very healthy," Studzinska said. Cheesecakes with such features as raisins or chocolate topping; poppyseed rolls; and coffee cakes are among Polish desserts.

PIEROGIES

The versatile pierogi can be a main course or a side dish, served with applesauce or sour cream.

It is part of the traditional meatless meal on Christmas Eve (which also includes mushroom or beet soup, fish, dried fruit compote, and

sweet bread).

Jennies Pierogies has been family owned since 1988. Jennie Kochan, the mother of Solko and Remski, started the business in the family basement. The business moved to a site in Detroit, which it outgrew, and now has a second location in Warren.

Kochan is one of the workers who make the pierogies in the back of the Garden City location.

Here a smooth, gentle ballet unfolds. Dough is flattened and cut into rectangles. Two balls of filling are placed on each rectangle in a device that seals and cuts the dough into two pierogies. The pierogies, resembling tiny pillows, are cooked in boiling water.

Pierogies can be pan fried with

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Side dish

All about olives

Since all fruits and vegetables have a unique combination of vitamins, minerals, fiber and phytochemicals to offer, eating one to two servings from each color group every day provides a better possibility of health benefits.

California black ripe olives are a great food to keep stocked in the pantry to add to a variety of dishes: they are available year round, and come whole, pitted, sliced, chopped or wedged. A member of the blue/purple group, these olives have 25 calories in five medium olives, and like nuts, contain the good monounsaturated fat and no trans fats.

For olive recipes and information, go to www.calolive.org and for more information about 5 A Day The Color Way, visit www.5aday.org and www.aboutproduce.com

New pizza

The pizza starts with a thin crust, covered in a creamy blended cheese sauce full of herbs and a hint of garlic. A second thin crust is added and topped with the basics - tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese and choice of toppings. To top it off, another blend of six cheeses is added.

It's the Doublemeat Pizza, the first new pizza introduced by Domino's since it became a public company in July 2004. For more information, visit www.dominos.com

Try caramel corn

Help celebrate the 90th anniversary of Jolly Time Pop Corn by preparing the Smith Family's Famous Baked Caramel Corn.

Preheat the oven to 250° F. Coat the bottom and sides of large roasting pan with nonstick cooking spray. Place popped popcorn in pan. In large saucepan, melt two sticks butter. Stir in two cups brown sugar, 1/2 cup light corn syrup and a teaspoon of salt. Heat to a boil and stir. Pour over popcorn and mix in well. Bake for one hour, stirring every 15 minutes. After cooling, break apart and store.

For an easy microwave version, visit www.jollytime.com.

Fast and easy

Nutritious and quick, blueberry smoothies serve as a quick start on the morning or as an afternoon pick-me-up. There's no need to peel, chop or core - just rinse and drop them into the blender.

Blueberries rank high in disease-fighting antioxidants that may defend against the occurrence of heart disease and cancer. Compounds in blueberries have also been shown to reduce the incidence of urinary tract infection.

To find out more blueberry health information and recipes, go to www.blueberry.org. For a recipe leaflet, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Healthful Blueberry Treats, 2390 East Bidwell, Suite 300, Folsom, CA 95630.

Argyle leads the pack of Oregon wineries

Founded in 1987 by winemaker Rollin Soles and Australian vintner Brian Croser, Argyle, located in Dundee, Ore., was designed to make premium sparkling wines in the tradition of Champagne and still wines from chardonnay and pinot noir.

Today, Argyle is owned by Lion Nathan Wine Group. Basically, that's trivia (except for splendid capitalization). What's significant is that the passionate and opinionated Texan Rollin Soles directs the winemaking in a modern winery, housed in a former hazelnut processing plant.

Viticulturist Allen Holstein supervises 500 acres of high-density, hillside planted, prime Oregon vineyards with an emphasis on low-yields to maximize quality. Vineyards include Knudsen, Stoller and Lone Star



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

that form a band at Willamette Valley's best elevations from 250 to 800 feet.

From these sites, Soles makes three types of cool-climate vintage sparkling wines: Brut, Blanc de Blanc and Rosé, hand riddled and disgorged to order. Still wines available in Michigan include Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, crafted by traditional methods.

EVOLUTION

Oregon's wine pioneers date back to 1970. Beginning the

Argyle project in 1987, Soles can be considered the second wave.

"To make world-renowned chardonnay and pinot noir still wines at that time, required a viticultural turnaround," Soles said. "So we started with vintage-dated sparkling wines as we began our viticultural evolution."

By 1990, Soles was able to source the highly-touted new Dijon clones from France. He planted them close spaced, and irrigated them because, contrary to common belief, Oregon summers are very dry.

Soles also had a better handle on crop size to elevate quality. When the crop was too large to ripen perfectly, a green harvest (dropping bunches) was conducted at veraison (time of berry coloring before harvest).

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WINE PICKS

Looking for some unique wine tastes? Try any of the following.
2003 Domaine De Nizas Carignan, \$16;
2002 Baron Philippe de Rothschild Carmenera Reserva, \$10;
2002 Ca' del Solo Barbera, \$15;
2001 Chateau St. Jean Cabernet Franc, \$50 (soft, mellow, round and lush);
2001 La Jota Cabernet Franc, \$62 (big and full-bodied);
2002 Alexander Valley Vineyards "Two Barrel," \$19 (50/50 blend of syrah and merlot);
NV Medittrina (by Oregon's Sokol Blosser), \$19 (blend of pinot noir, syrah, and zinfandel with interesting fruit flavors).

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

TASTE CALENDAR

Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.hometownlife.com.

Cooking at Schoolcraft

Enjoy continuing education classes taught by culinary arts instructors in the demonstration kitchens in the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Help with Specialty Diets will be 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.

Seasonal Macrobiotics Cooking

Macrobiotics is a dietary wellness system based on whole foods. The macrobiotic way of life is holistic, taking into account all aspects of human life and acknowledging the inter-relationship between body, mind, and spirit. Learn about foods used in macrobiotic cooking to create a quick and healthy menu plan, and to prepare a complete meal. Sample food and take home recipes. Linda Wemhoff, macrobiotic chef since 1985, was personal chef for Michio and Aveline Kushi while studying at the Kushi Institute in Boston and was head-chef at the International Macrobiotic Institute in Kiental, Switzerland. She has a cable television show featuring her menus and recipes. Sessions are scheduled 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15. A session costs \$29 and a fee of \$5 is paid to instructor the first day of class for the macrobiotic manual. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

FEATURED POLISH RECIPES

CABBAGE ROLLS
(GOLABKI)

1 head cabbage
1 pound ground beef
½ pound ground pork or veal (optional)
116-ounce can tomato sauce
18-ounce can tomatoes
2 cups cooked rice
2 eggs
1 onion, finely chopped
2 tablespoons margarine
Salt and pepper to taste

Remove the core from the cabbage. Put the cabbage in boiling water and remove the leaves as they soften. Sauté the onion in the margarine for a short time. In a bowl add the onion, meat, rice, eggs and salt and pepper, mix this well.

Place about 2 tablespoons of the meat mixture in the center of a cabbage leaf and roll. Put the meat rolls in a large pot and pour the tomato sauce onto the rolls. Then squeeze tomatoes from the can and arrange on top of the rolls. Simmer over low heat for 2 hours.

From www.globalgourmet.com.POLISH HUNTER STEW
(BIGOS)

Traditionally served in Poland as a good-luck New Year's dish, it was originally eaten only by the Polish aristocracy (they being the only ones allowed to hunt game on their estates . . . and the only ones who could afford so much meat) . . . Serve hot to six people as a filling meal, with boiled potatoes, a dish of sour cream, and lots of bread on the side.

1 cup chopped bacon
1 pound of boneless pork, cut into small cubes
3 cloves of garlic, minced
3 onions, quartered
½ pound mushrooms, quartered
2 cups beef stock
2 tablespoons sugar
2 bay leaves
2 cups sauerkraut, rinsed under cold water and drained
3 apples, peeled, cored and cut into chunks
2 cups canned tomatoes, with juice, cut into pieces
1 cup diced cooked ham
½ cups Polish sausage, cut into small chunks
Salt and pepper to taste
Garnish: Sour cream, served on the side

Fry the bacon in a Dutch oven, to render the fat, then toss in the pork chunks, garlic, onions and mushrooms. Sauté until the meat is browned, about 5 minutes.

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margarine and sliced onions, or dipped in boiling water to warm and then browned slightly in a frying pan.

"If your dough is good you have a good product," Solko said.

The pierogi menu at Jennies includes sauerkraut, potato,

Pour in the stock, tomatoes with their juice, sugar, bay leaves, sauerkraut and apples, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for about 2 hours. Stir in the ham and sausage, then cover and cook on medium-low heat for about 30 more minutes.

When ready to serve, remove bay leaves and taste for seasoning. Ladle into bowls and serve with boiled potatoes, a bowl of sour cream, and thick, crusty bread.

From www.soupsong.com.

POPPY SEED OR NUT ROLL

8 cups flour
1 package dry yeast
1 stick butter or margarine, melted
5 eggs
½ cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
2 cups warm milk
Filling:
1 pound poppy seed or ground nuts
1 cup sugar
1½ sticks margarine or butter
1 cup milk, hot
1 lemon rind

Combine all filling ingredients and beat well.

Dissolve yeast in ½ cup of the warm milk. Combine the flour, sugar, salt and eggs. Add remainder of the milk, butter and yeast mixture. Beat until elastic.

Sprinkle top with a little flour and cover with a cloth. Let stand in a warm place until doubled in size. Punch down. Divide the dough into 2 pieces.

Put on floured board and roll out into a rectangle. Spread cool filling and sprinkle with raisins. Roll like a jelly roll. Place in greased pan and let stand to rise again.

Brush top with margarine or butter and bake for 45 to 60 minutes in oven at 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

From www.globalgourmet.com.CUCUMBERS IN SOUR CREAM
(MIZERIA)

Peel and thinly slice cucumbers. Sprinkle with salt, let it stand for few minutes, squeeze out liquid. Add a little bit of pepper.

Dressing: For each ½ cup sour cream add juice of ½ lemon (or less lemon juice), ½ teaspoon sugar, and copious teaspoon of minced dill (dried dill is fine).

Mix cucumbers with dressing and place in a cool place half an hour before serving.

From www.polstore.com.

WINE

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TASTING

Argyle makes some of the most interesting still wines from Oregon that we've tasted.

■ 2001 Argyle Chardonnay, Willamette Valley (\$12) sits among a string of very good vintages from 1998 to 2004. Its pear-like aromas complemented by cool-climate characteristics like a solid core of acidity yet creamy texture are further enhanced by a mineral structure and complex flavor components. An outstanding wine at this price.

■ 2003 Argyle Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley (\$19) showcases black cherry, plum and black raspberry aromas with mirrored flavors. A juicy fruit core leads to a lively and spirited wine with delicious balance. Intriguing coffee-chocolate notes last into the finish of this wine, aged seven months in neutral French oak.

■ 2002 Argyle Pinot Noir Reserve (\$28) was made from selected sites, farmed for specific characters. "It's

our wine with the most nuance and polish," Soles said. Cherry fruit with mushroom and dried leaf characters lead to a balanced, complex, smooth and lush wine with a lengthy finish of spice and vanilla.

"Pinot noir is the only red wine along with a Barolo, that offers fruit brightness and grabs soil influences," Soles detailed. "People want to feel grounded and attached to the earth. That's the unconscious reason people are so attracted to pinot noir."

If you like sparkling wine in a true champagne style, try either the 1998 or 1999 Argyle Brut (\$21). Because they're vintage-dated, they are slightly different but both have characteristic Argyle apple notes complemented with vanilla cream and roasted hazelnuts. From the former processing plant? Don't think so!

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

OCC hosts several culinary events

Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute has several events scheduled this spring, including a new dinner theatre.

The institute will be working with the campus theatre for a dinner theatre evening at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 7 on the third floor of the J Building of OCC's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills. Food stations with international cuisines will be offered to the public, then patrons will enjoy a spring play, "The Nerd," which centers on a young architect and the man who saves his life, a hopeless nerd, who in turn overstates his welcome. Tickets are \$50 for dinner with theatre and \$45 with dinner only.

Wine and food lovers also can enjoy the 10th Annual Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around Tasting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, also on the third floor of the J Building. Sample from a selection of over 500 wines that were judged and awarded medals throughout the day by judges. More than a dozen restaurants will prepare signature dishes to accompany the wines. A jazz band will play music. A raffle drawing will have prizes rang-

ing from Great Lakes shirts to picnic wine packages. Tickets are \$45 per person.

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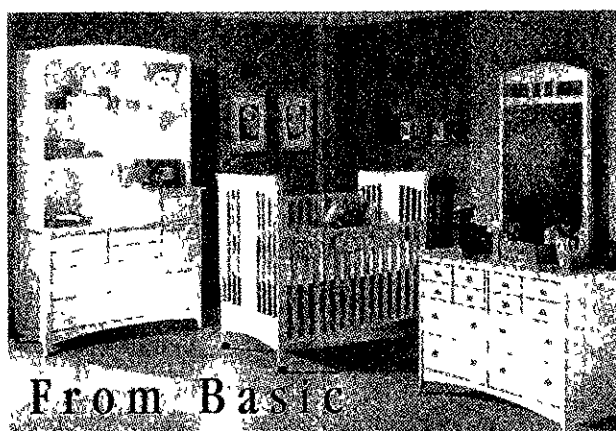
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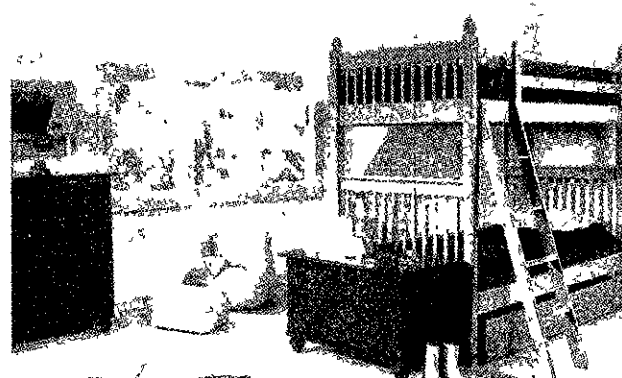
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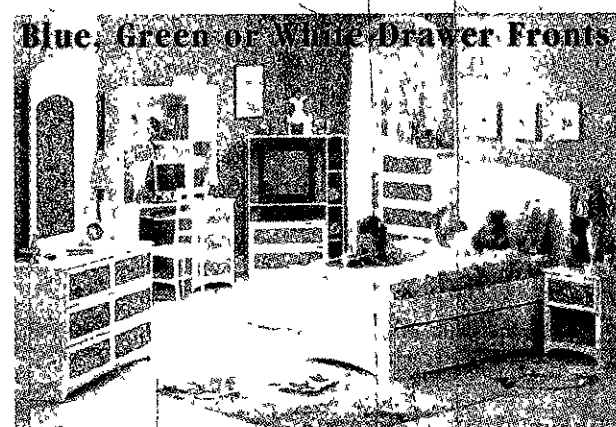


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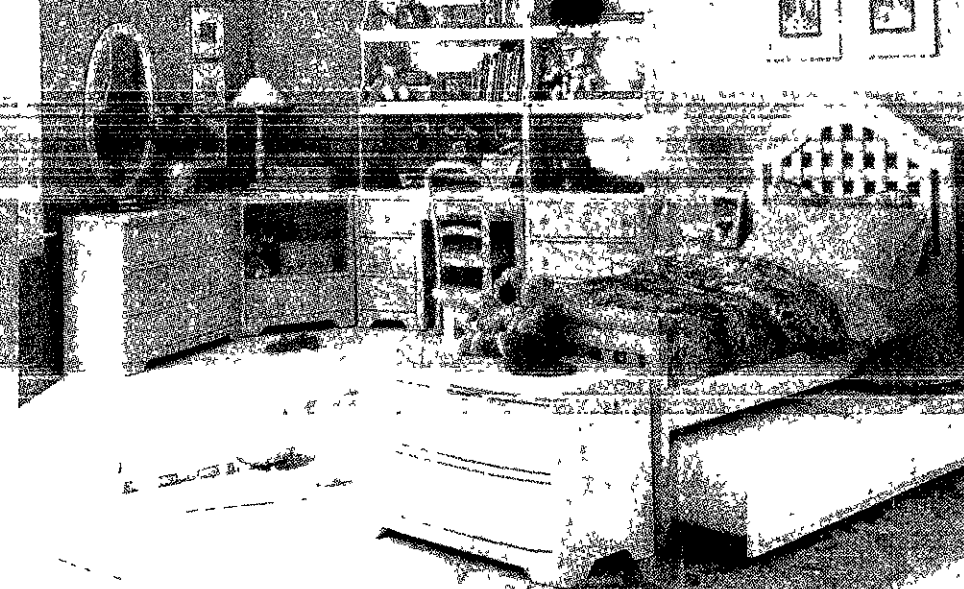
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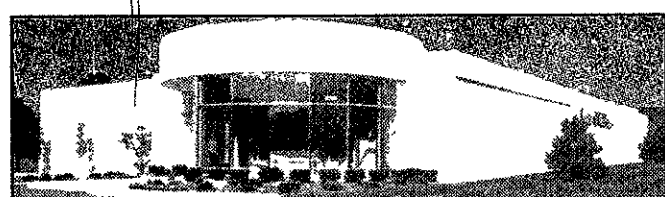
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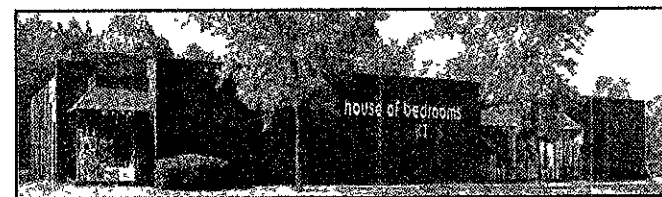
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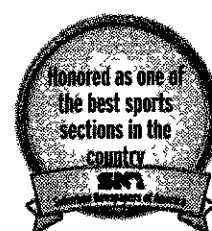
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WLAA final: Canton falls in OT thriller

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Next week's Class A district basketball tournament may seem somewhat anticlimactic for Canton and Walled Lake Central following Wednesday night's down-to-the-wire Western Lakes Activities Association tournament final that was filled with everything except a half-court, buzzer-beating, game-winning shot.

And it nearly had one of those. The Vikings (15-5) defeated — or,

more accurately, *survived* — the Chiefs, 67-60, in an overtime nail-biter to capture the WLAA post-season title on their home court. Canton finished its regular season 13-7.

Central overcame an eight-point deficit with five minutes left to upend Canton, which was dealt a devastating blow when leading scorer Andy Cortellini was sidelined with a severely sprained ankle for the final 1:54 of regulation and the entire overtime.

The Chiefs had two shots at winning the game in the final seconds of the

fourth quarter. However, with the score tied at 57-57, senior guard Jason Houdek just missed a three-point attempt with two seconds left, and David Calille's desperation heave from half-court with a half-second to go hit the backboard and rim before bouncing harmlessly away.

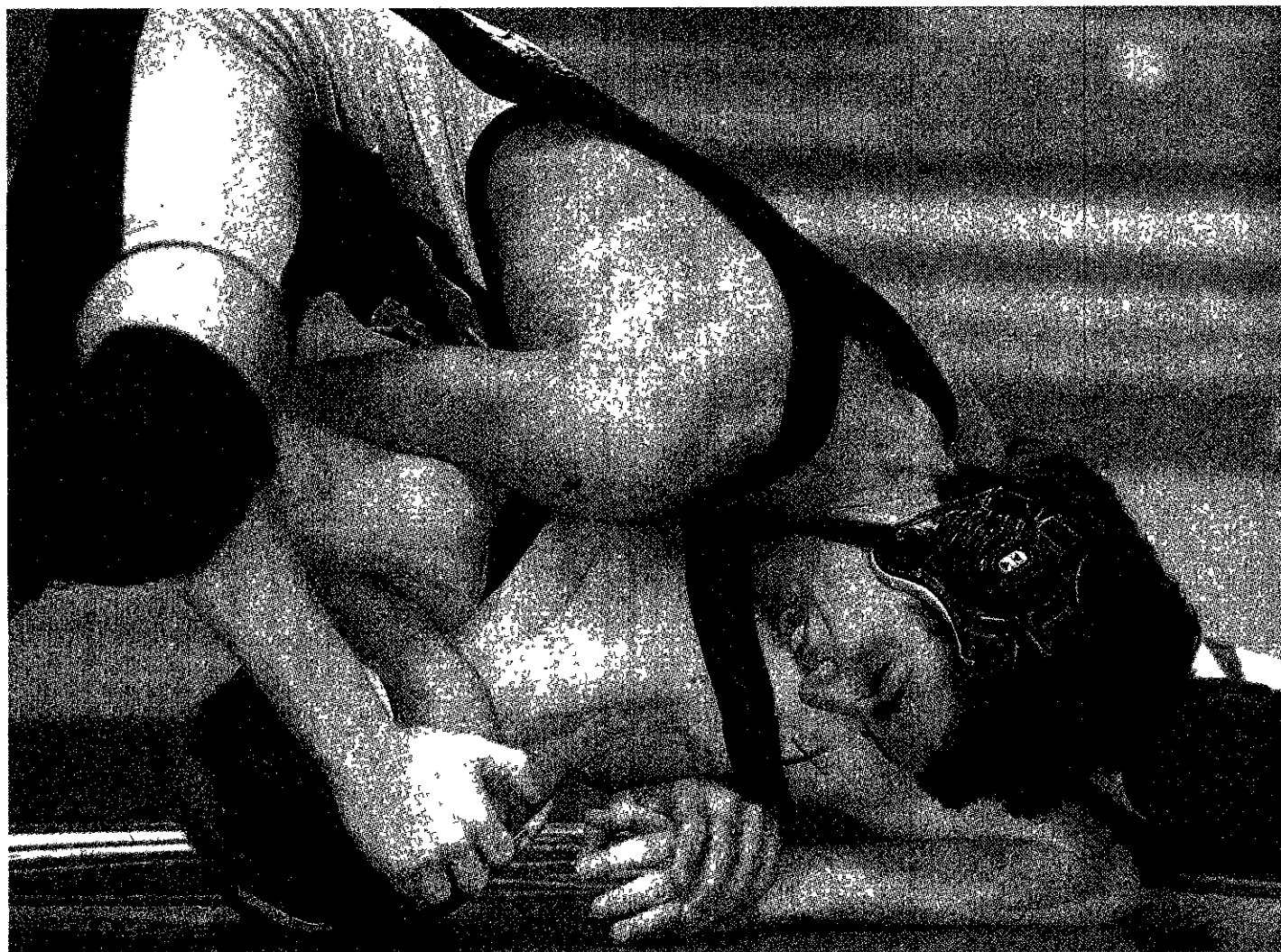
During the latter stages of the game, when the tension became so thick you could cut it with a knife, Central turned to its bread and butter — good defense and great free-throw shooting — to pull out the victory. The Vikings connected on all eight of their shots from the line in

the OT and 23-of-27 for the game.

"It's a shame either team had to lose a game like this," said Central coach Denny Butcher. "I'm very proud of the kids. They've worked hard all year, so they deserve this. We made a couple of nice stops defensively when it counted and we made our free throws.

"We weren't a great free-throw shooting team this year — I think we shot about 65 percent as a team — but we had the right kids shooting them at the

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Plymouth's Amir Pakray pinned Hazel Park's Gary Skowron in the 112-pound match of Wednesday's Division 2 regional semi-final showdown at Plymouth. The Wildcats beat the Vikings, 48-19, but lost in the finals to Riverview, 48-19.

Plymouth wrestlers 1 win short

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth wrestling team's bid for the school's first-ever regional title fell one victory short Wednesday night.

The Wildcats ousted Hazel Park, 48-19, in a Division 2 regional semi-final match in the Plymouth gymnasium, but they were sidelined in the finals by Riverview, 48-19.

The Pirates had advanced to the finals by edging Carleton-Airport, 39-30.

The split left Plymouth with a 19-13 season-ending mark — and high praise, from coach Sam Amine.

"I was pretty satisfied with the way things went this year," said Amine. "The kids worked extremely hard and made good progress.

"I thought we were in a pretty good position starting this tournament tonight, but Riverview is very good. I'm already looking forward to next year when we will have eight seniors in our line-up.

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12 P-CEP grapplers move on

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Dreams for a Division 1 individual state title are still alive for 12 Salem and Canton wrestlers, who advanced to the regional level of the postseason with strong efforts at Saturday's district meet at Salem.

Sixteen teams were represented at the meet, with the top four grapplers from each weight class qualifying for the regional meet Saturday at Monroe High School.

Seven Rocks moved on, including Ryan Stump, who finished second at 125 pounds. Stump, now 36-1, advanced to the finals by winning a 3-1 decision over teammate Cory Mervyn in the semis. The senior suffered his first loss of the season in the finals, 5-1, to Belleville's Tim Davis.

"Ryan wrestled well," Salem coach Greg Woocuk said. "Hopefully, he can keep it going and get back to the state meet again (Stump was a state qualifier as a sophomore in 2003).

"Overall, we were hoping to get nine through, but we had a few guys fall one win short."

Also advancing for Salem were Jeremy Stankewicz (fourth at 103); Matt Keffler (third at 119); Mervyn (fourth at 125); Scott Fysh (third at 135); Jake Bennett (third at 145); and Jeremy Henderson (second at 189). Keffler will carry a 35-4 mark into Saturday's meet, while Bennett has compiled a sterling 33-7 record.

Senior Ryan Webb will lead the Chiefs' five-wrestler contingent Saturday in Monroe. The 135-pounder improved his record to 46-1

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Chief gymnasts vault past W-W

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to the Canton girls gymnastics team, it's hard to tell what is falling faster — school records or the Chiefs' opponents.

One opponent and three records fell Monday night at Plymouth High School when Canton (10-2) dropped Wayne-Westland, 146.25-99.45. Along with setting a new team meet record, the Chiefs also received record-setting efforts from Jessie Murray, who tied Katie Gilles' 9.65 balance-beam mark, and their balance-beam performers, whose combined total of 37.6 points set a new standard.

Three Chiefs turned in personal bests

the all-around: Murray (36.5), Mina Pirzadeh (35.2) and Kara Ahern (36.65). Also excelling was Alyssa Kelley, who remained unbeaten in the vault with a 9.45.

"We now have 18 girls qualified for the MHSAA regionals in at least one event," said Canton coach John Cunningham.

"The most interesting thing about this meet and our team score was that we counted two falls (a half-point each) and Alyssa did not compete on floor because she didn't feel well. We will get better."

Megan Chappo won the bars for the Chiefs, earning a score of 9.35. Kara Ahern finished second (9.2) and Murray took third (9.0).

Ahern captured first place in the floor with a 9.4 as Murray and Kaitlyn Burns

tied for second with 9.15's.

Canton's dominance Monday night was evident on the scoresheet as just one Wayne-Westland competitor cracked the top six in all four events.

On Saturday, the Chiefs won the Traverse City Quad Meet, compiling 142.2 points.

Host Traverse City was second with 138.75. Ahern was second in the all-around with 35.70 points, Kelley was third (35.35) and Murray finished fourth (35.10).

Canton returns to action this afternoon in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet at Plymouth High School.

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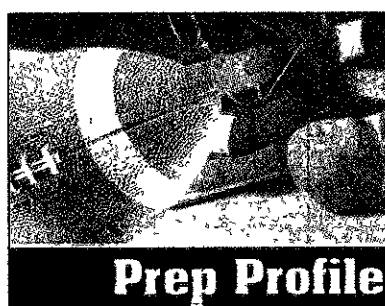
Jurcak fine mentor for younger Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Salem boys swim team is divided into two groups during practices. The more accomplished and experienced competitors work out with the "Rock" unit while the younger athletes who are still honing their water-cutting, time-dropping skills train with the "Blue" squad.

Graduating from a "Blue" to a "Rock" swimmer at Salem is an honorable accomplishment — but one that isn't achieved without countless hours of monotonous, fatigue-inducing laps in the pool.

If you visited a Salem practice this past year, there's a good chance you saw some of the "Rock" swimmers encouraging members of the "Blue" unit as they churned through the water.



And there's a good chance that one of those swimmers was senior captain Matt Jurcak, who takes the time to work with the "Blue" swimmers because — not too long ago — he was one.

For the past two seasons, Jurcak has been one of Salem's top point-earners. He will also be competing in his second consecutive Division 1 state meet March 11 and 12. But

PLEASE SEE JURCAK, C5



PHOTO BY HEATHER ROUSSEAU

During his four years at Salem, senior swimmer Matt Jurcak has established himself as an outstanding swimmer and an even better student.

Swimlines

Elite tryouts

The Michigan Elite Volleyball Club will hold tryouts for its Canton, Livonia and Farmington teams on Sunday, Feb. 27, at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. Tryouts for players in grades ninth through 12th are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., while those for girls in fifth through eighth grades will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Cobras tryouts

The Canton Cobras, a 14-and-under travel baseball team, is looking for an additional two or three players for its 2005 roster. The team will be playing a 35-game schedule.

For more information, contact Bob Kirkendall at (734) 451-7936.

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.

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GRAPPLERS

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by placing first at the district tournament. Webb won all three of his matches convincingly, pinning Monroe's Joe Hess in the quarterfinals, before recording major-decision victories over Fysh (12-2) in the semis and Temperance-Bedford's Colin Arnold (14-0) in the finals. Also advancing for Canton were Corey Phillips (second at 130), Konrad Konsitzke (second at 140), Alex Amberg (fourth at 160) and

The top four wrestlers at Saturday's regional meet advance to the state finals, which are set for March 10-12.

Pat McWhirter (third at 171). "Overall, we didn't wrestle as well Saturday as we have been the past couple of weeks," Canton coach Casey Randolph

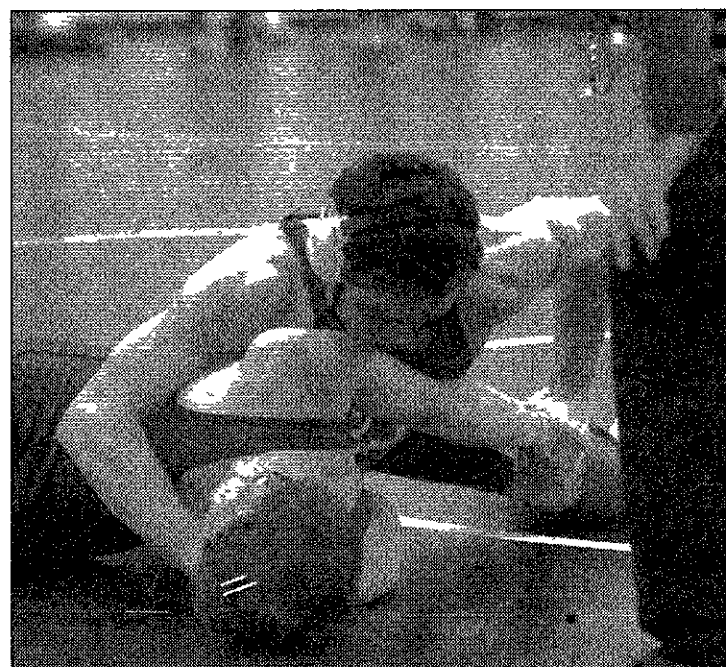
said. "But we qualified five, which is an improvement over last year (when the Chiefs sent three to the regional meet). We had five other kids get to within one win of qualifying, so it was kind of disappointing that none of them got through.

"Ryan Webb wrestled extremely well. The kid he beat in the finals is an outstanding wrestler. Alex Amberg did a great job, too. He was seeded low and his record is right around .500, but he has lost a lot of close matches this season. I was glad to see him get through. He deserves it."

The top four wrestlers at Saturday's regional meet advance to the state finals, which are set for March 10-12 at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Saturday's meet is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

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Scott Fysh advanced to the regional portion of the Division 1 state individual wrestling tournament by placing third in the 135-pound weight class at Saturday's district competition at Salem.

Busy week awaits OHL contenders

The upcoming weekend will be highlighted by two marquee match-ups for the Plymouth Whalers, who are knotted in a second-place tie in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with Windsor. Both teams trail Sault Ste. Marie, which has racked up a 25-23-8-1 record heading into Friday night.

Plymouth (24-24-5-3) will host the arch-rival Spitfires (22-24-6-6) Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena. On Saturday, the London Knights will visit Compuware looking to improve on their OHL-best 50-5-2-0 record.

Friday night's meeting will be the seventh this season between the Whalers and Spitfires. Windsor holds a 5-1 edge, however, the Whalers won the most recent showdown, 6-3, on Feb. 12. Windsor is led by John Scott Dickson (28 goals and 36 assists), David Lomas (32 and 29) and Cal O'Reilly (18 and 43). Goalies Kyle Knechtel and Brad Topping have both given the Whalers fits this season.

The Knights defeated the Whalers, 5-4, in overtime on Oct. 1, and 4-2 in London on Nov. 26. London, which has outscored its opponents, 248-108, this season, is led by OHL leading scorer Corey Perry (39 and 63), Dylan Hunter (28 and 58), Rob Schremp (33 and 42) and Dave Bolland (31 and 38). Veteran defenseman Danny Syvret leads the OHL with a +56 rating.

Leading the Whalers into the pivotal weekend will be John Mitchell (23 and 42), John Vigilante (19 and 34) and Dan Collins (21 and 17). Goalie Ryan Nieuwenhuis has been stellar between the pipes for Plymouth, recording a solid 2.57 goals-against average and .951 save percentage.

Plymouth will wrap up the weekend by visiting Erie on Sunday. The Otters are led by veteran Geoff Platt (39 and 30), who is tied with Perry and Owen Sound's Brad Richardson for the OHL lead in goals.

WRESTLING RESULTS

Division 1, District 7 Individual Wrestling Meet Saturday, Feb. 19 at Salem
(The top four finishers in each weight class advance to Saturday's regional competition in Monroe.)
Championship Results

103 pounds: Zac Stevens (Monroe) dec. Alex Fowler (Churchill), 13-6; 3rd place: James O'Keefe (Belleville) dec. Jeremy Stankiewicz (S), 3-0.

112: Kris Lewis (Temperance-Bedford) dec. Dustin Zak (Belleville), 5-3; 3rd: Steve Brighton (Temperance-Bedford) dec. Ravin Massingill (Monroe), 3-0.

119: Mitch Graves (Monroe) dec. Craig Gin (Temperance-Bedford), 9-6; 3rd: Matt Keffler (Salem) dec. Justin Keatts (Wayne), 7-4.

125: Tim Davis (Belleville) dec. Ryan Stump (Salem), 5-1; 3rd: Chris Mullins (Saline), dec. Cory Mervyn (Salem), 12-5.

130: Justin Smith (Churchill) dec. Corey Phillips (Canton), 5-4; 3rd: Nate Whitenburg (Temperance-Bedford) dec. Jeff Phillips (Belleville), 4-0.

135: 1. Ryan Webb (Canton) won by major dec. over Colin Arnold (Temperance-Bedford), 14-0; 3rd: Scott Fysh (Salem) dec. Hunter Duncan (Monroe), 6-0.

140: 1. Greg Rochon (Belleville) dec. Konrad Konsitzke (Canton), 13-6;

3rd: Tyler Johnston (Temperance-Bedford) dec. Seth Wolf (AA Pioneer), 10-4.

145: Kyle O'Keefe (Ypsi Lincoln) dec. Josh Kelly (Churchill), 9-5; 3rd: Jake Bennett (Salem) won by injury default over Kyle Whitted (Monroe).

152: Ben Adams (Churchill) won by major decision over Mike Steffen (Temperance-Bedford), 12-3; 3rd: Darin Tims (Woodhaven) dec. Nick Wallen (Saline), 3-0.

160: Kevin Zink (Temperance-Bedford) pinned Mark Myers (Monroe), 3:24; 3rd: Kyle Lis (Stevenson) dec. Alex Amberg (Canton), 4-1.

171: 1. Manuel Schubert (Churchill) dec. Scott Heidtman (Temperance-Bedford), 7-2; 3rd: 1. Pat McWhirter (Canton) pinned Cody Rize (Stevenson), 0:56.

189: Jim Petoskey (AA Pioneer) won by major dec. over Jeremy Henderson (Salem), 9-0; 3rd: Joe Bargerstock (Churchill) won by injury default over Robert Coffey (Wayne).

215: Hafeez Oureshi (Churchill) dec. Kyle Hawkins (Monroe), 8-2; 3rd: David Bailey (Temperance-Bedford) dec. Ryan Connors (AA Pioneer), 1-0.

275: Pat Draheim (Churchill) pinned Jeff Maddux (Monroe), 2:52; 3rd: Jimmy Zak (Saline) dec. Scott Golden (Belleville), 5-4.

Wildcat icers tie Canton, 2-2

Mike Kondratek scored a power-play goal with 11 seconds left in the second period to help Canton forge a 2-2 tie with Plymouth Saturday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association hockey game played at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The tie left Plymouth with a 10-12-1 record heading into Friday's WLAA cross-over game against Walled Lake

Central. "It was a good game," said Plymouth coach Mike Kaput. "I think Canton outshot us, but our goalie, Justin Desilets, played well."

Desilets' biggest stop of the night came with just over three minutes remaining when he stymied a Chiefs' three-on-zero breakthrough to preserve the tie.

Canton's Reece McCabe opened the scoring with 8:48 left in the opening period when he deposited a pass from Ben Laurin into the back of the net.

Plymouth's John Knoerl knotted the score at 1-1 five minutes later. He was assisted by Mike Barile and Jason O'Guinn.

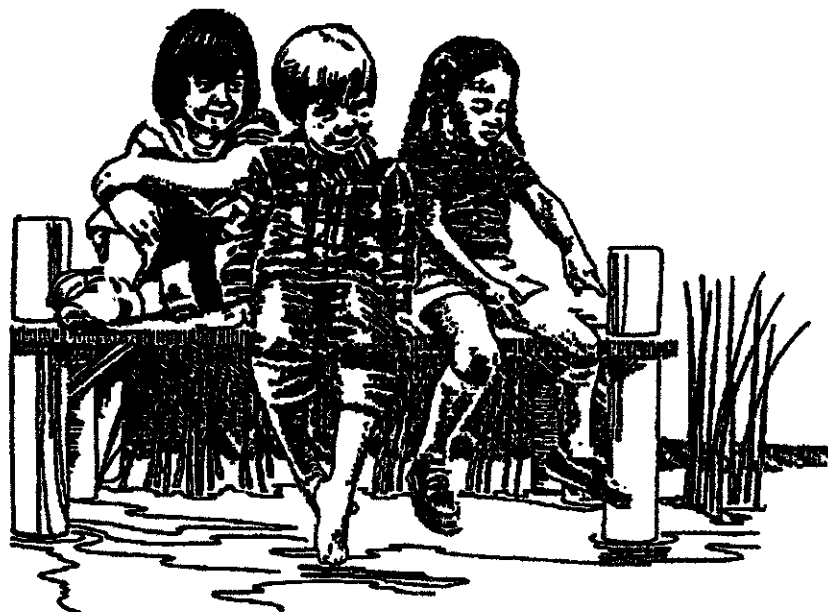
Plymouth's Nick Rosochacki put his team ahead 2-1 with a goal at the 2:33 mark, but Kondratek followed just over two minutes later. Ryan Stamm assisted on Rosochacki's goal.

"Their goalie played extremely well, too," said Kaput, referring to Canton net-minder Jon Bonham.

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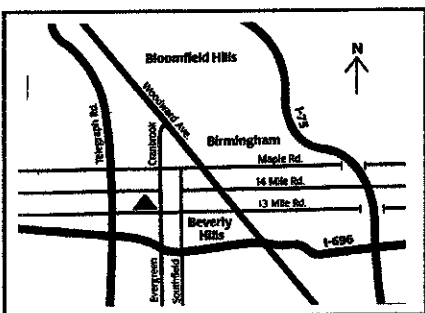
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PCA wins 2nd straight at buzzer, 48-47

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Last-second victories are becoming commonplace for the Plymouth Christian Academy basketball team.

Senior guard Jordan Johnston's eight-foot jumper from the baseline with less than two seconds left Tuesday night gave the Eagles a dramatic 48-47 victory over Warren Zoe Christian. One week earlier, PCA won when Stephen Sumner canned a 37-footer at the buzzer to beat Oakland Christian.

The triumph boosted PCA's record to 10-9 overall and 3-7 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. Zoe slipped to 10-7 and 3-6. PCA clinched fourth place in the conference with the win.

"We were down one with 12 seconds left when I called a timeout," said PCA coach Doug Taylor, describing the game's final seconds. "The in-bounds pass went to Chase Van Tiem, he swung the ball over to our point guard, Stephen Sumner, who was going to penetrate. Zoe did a nice job double-teaming Stephen, so he made a great pass to Jordan, who was wide open because of the double-team on Steve.

"As soon as he got the ball, Jordan looked inside to Aaron (Ciborowski), but he was covered, so he looked up at the clock, saw there were only two seconds left, squared up and stroked a jumper. I think he jumped higher after he made the shot than he did when he shot it. Jordan had great presence of mind to look at the clock, realize how much time was left, then shoot."

Sumner led the Eagles with 15 points and four assists. Ciborowski contributed nine points and nine rebounds, and Mike McCord netted seven points and 15 boards. Johnston's game-winner was his only hoop of the game.

Jeff True paced Zoe with 20 points.

The Warriors led 13-11 after one quarter before PCA bounced back to grab a 24-22 halftime advantage. The Eagles

carried a 37-36 lead into the fourth, which was nip-and-tuck until the final buzzer.

"I thought we played good defense tonight," said Taylor. "We played a 1-3-1 zone. They made five three's, but we played good perimeter defense. Our big guys did a nice job shutting them down in the paint, too.

"I was proud of Matt Saagman. He hit two big free throws with 1:42 left to tie the game."

PCA hosts Taylor Baptist Park Friday night. Tip off is set for 7:30 p.m.

Belleville 56, Detroit

Northwestern 50: The Tigers never trailed after racing to a 17-5 first-quarter lead. The victory upped Belleville's record to 18-1 heading into Friday night's showdown at Romulus, which handed the Tigers their lone setback earlier this season.

"We wanted to play a solid team like Northwestern to prepare us for the Romulus game," Belleville coach Mike Krogel said. "We got a big lead early, then we let them back in it and it was nip-and-tuck the rest of the way. The key was our free-throw shooting in the fourth quarter (10-of-12)."

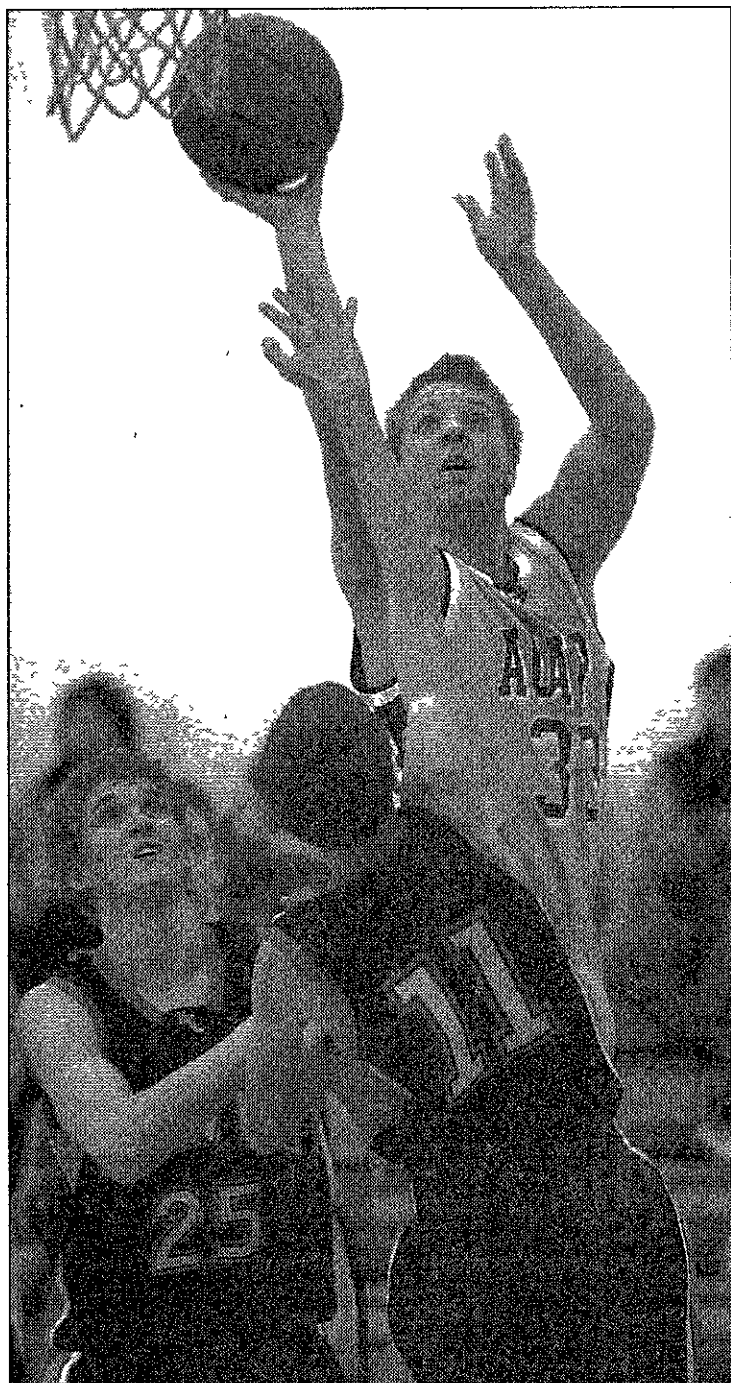
Junior guard Leon Freeman led the Tigers with 21 points and 13 rebounds. DeMarcus Boone (10 points and eight boards), Josh Samarco (nine points) and Anne Partee (nine points and nine assists) also excelled for the winners. Christopher Douglas-Roberts, who has accepted a full-ride scholarship to Memphis, led the Colts with 17 points.

Belleville led 26-20 at the half and 38-33 with eight minutes left to play.

The Tigers canned 15-of-20 free throws for the game.

Canton Agape 71, Novi Franklin Rd. 32: The Wolverines won for the 13th time in 14 games Tuesday night thanks largely to a suffocating defensive effort that resulted in 19 steals. Agape is now 14-5 overall and 10-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Franklin Road slipped to 6-13 and 3-7.

"We came out flatter than pancakes," said Agape coach



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton Agape's Derek Leathers scored eight points and grabbed seven rebounds Tuesday night in the Wolverines' 71-32 victory over Novi Franklin Rd.

Keith Anleitner, whose team trailed, 8-7, after one quarter. "But we came out motivated and fired up in the second half and outscored them 17-2 in the third quarter."

Bryan Horning led the winners with 17 points and eight steals. Gabe Molnar and Jack Anleitner both twined 13 for the Wolverines. Derek Leathers netted eight points

and seven rebounds. Reserve guard Matt Holmes chipped in with six steals.

James Mansfield twined 15 in a losing cause.

The Wolverines will host Taylor Light & Life Friday night at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

Local boys hoop squads set for Northville district

All three P-CEP basketball teams will be competing next week in the Class A, District 25A tournament beginning Monday night at Northville High School.

In the tourney's top bracket, Salem will square off against Novi on Monday, Feb. 28, at 5:30 p.m. The winner of that match-up will take on South Lyon, which drew a first-round bye, in the semis set for

Wednesday, March 2, at 5:30 p.m. In the lower bracket, Canton will battle Northville at 7 p.m. The winner of that contest will face off against Plymouth on March 2 at 7 p.m. The finals are set for Friday, March 4, at 7 p.m.

The winner of the district tournament will advance to the regional the following week at Birmingham Groves High School.

WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASKETBALL
Friday, Feb. 25
Belleville at Romulus, 7 p.m.
Taylor Baptist Park at PCA, 7 p.m.
Taylor Light & Life at Canton Agape at Discovery Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Feb. 24
WLAA prelims at Salem, 2:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 25
WLAA diving at Salem, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 26
WLAA finals at Salem, noon.
PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Feb. 25
WLAA Cross-over games, TBA
GYMNASTICS
Thursday, Feb. 24
WLAA Meet at Plymouth H.S., TBA
VOLLEYBALL
Friday, Feb. 25
CLASS A DISTRICT TOURNAMENT
at NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
First round: (A) Northville vs (B) Salem, 4

p.m., (C) Livonia Churchill vs (D) Canton, 4 p.m.
Semifinals: Plymouth vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; South Lyon vs. C-D winner, 5:30 p.m.
Championship final: 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the Tecumseh regional semifinals vs. Livonia Stevenson district champion)
CLASS D DISTRICT TOURNAMENT
at SALINE WASHTENAW CHRISTIAN
First round: (A) Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs (B) Plymouth Christian Academy, 9 a.m.
Semifinals: Canton Agape Christian vs Ann Arbor Rudolf Steiner, 10:30 a.m.; Washtenaw Christian vs A-B winner, noon
Championship final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the Adrian Lenawee Christian regional semifinals vs. Taylor Light & Life district champion)
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Feb. 25
Whalers vs Windsor (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 26
Whalers vs London (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 27
Whalers at Erie Otters, 6 p.m.

SWIM RESULTS

Salem 109, W.L. Central 73
Thursday at W.L. Central

200-yard medley relay: 1. Salem (Matt Jurcak, Stan Chen, Nick Dixon, Matt Underhill), 1:48.5; 2. Central (Brian Gurta, Ryan Booms, Blake Thomas, Geoff Robel); 3. Salem (John Kline, Dave Xia, Pat Sautural, Steve Moore), 1:56.90.

200 freestyle: 1. Jack Oliver (WLC), 1:51.23; 2. Phil Watkins (WLC), 1:55.29; 3. Billy Horgan (S), 2:01.84.

200 IM: 1. Penn Chou (S), 2:14.34; 2. Geoff Robel (WLC), 2:15.38; 3. Stan Chen (S), 2:24.79.

50 freestyle: 1. Nick Dixon (S), 24.0; 2. Cory Price (S), 24.84; 3. Brian Gurta (WLC), 24.88.

Diving: 1. Andrew Murawski (S), 229.25; 2. Justin Zerber (WLC), 141.20; 3. Neil Murray (S), 132.35.

100 butterfly: 1. Phil Watkins (WLC), 55.94; 2. Ryan Booms (WLC), 58.06; 3. Matt Jurcak (S), 1:00.40.

100 freestyle: 1. Matt Underhill (S), 54.01; 2. Pat Sautural (S), 55.09; 3. Cory Price (S), 57.40.

500 freestyle: 1. Nick Leone (S), 5:42.61; 2. Tory Tederington (WLC), 5:44.17; 3. Steve Moore (S), 5:46.88.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Matt Jurcak, Pat Sautural, Matt Underhill, Penn Chou), 1:36.56; 2. Central (Blake Thomas, Phil Watkins, Geoff Robel, Ryan Booms), 1:40.06; 3. Salem (Billy Horgan, Adam Clark, Dave Olson, Dave Maryanski).

100 backstroke: 1. Jack Oliver (WLC), 55.27; 2. Nick Dixon (S), 55.41; 3. Brian Gurta (WLC), 1:03.56.

100 breaststroke: 1. Ryan Booms (WLC), 1:03.14; 2. Stan Chen (S), 1:07.28; 3. Geoff Robel (WLC), 1:08.13.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Salem (Billy Horgan, Penn Chou, Matt Jurcak, Nick Dixon), 3:29.59; 2. Central (Jack Oliver, Brian Gurta, Phil Watkins, Justin Zerber), 3:45.09; 3. Salem (John Kline, Chris Pavloff, Nick Leone, Matt Underhill), 3:56.90.

Dual-meet records: Salem (7-5).



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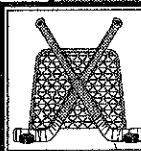
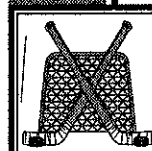
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MAT REGIONAL

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"We started out sluggish against Hazel Park (the Wildcats trailed 16-3), but we really turned it around at 189 and 215 with back-to-back pins from Taylor Fox and Danny Jammoul. That gave us the momentum we needed."

Following Jammoul's pin, the Wildcats received victories from Shawn Bailey (275), Steve D'Annunzio (103) and Amir Pakray (112) to grab a 27-16 lead. Following a loss at 119, Plymouth won the final three matches behind strong efforts from Steve Korpus (125), Andrew Tate (130) and Ali Youssef (135). Hazel Park voided the 140-pound match.

Jon Hagar started the Wildcats off on the right foot by winning his opening match at 145, 10-8, over Brien Gonyean.

In the finals, the Wildcats earned points from Fox (pin), Korpus (decision), Youssef (pin) and Hagar (major decision).

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Plymouth's Steve Korpus (left) pinned Hazel Park's Adam Gottis in Wednesday night's Division 2 regional semifinal match. Korpus also won his final match.



WLAA FINAL

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end."

One of the "right kids" was senior guard David Jackson, who calmly drained all six of his overtime free throws. The other was junior guard Aaron Hakula, who canned a pair in the extra session.

The loss snapped a seven-game winning streak for the Chiefs.

"I'm very proud of this team," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "I don't think too many people gave us much of a chance to get this far before the tournament. When Andy went down, we lost our number-one option on offense, but the kids hung in there. I liked the shot Jason (Houdek) got at the end of regulation. He got a good look and he's been knocking those down recently."

"I don't know what happened to us after we got up eight, but it definitely hurt us when Andy went down. Plus, they were making all of their free throws."

For most of the night, the Vikings' offensive game plan had a "Guldan" tint to it. Senior guard Brad Guldan combined a lethal jump shot with several driving, off-balance lay-ups to lead Central with 19 points. Central senior post players Brad Burkhardt (15 points and four rebounds) and Justin Goltz (10 points and 12 boards) excelled around the basket for the winners.

Senior center Kevin Thornton stepped up big-time for the Chiefs in the second half, netting 12 of his 16 points after the intermission. Thornton also hauled down eight rebounds and blocked three shots.

Senior guard David Calille finished with 15 points for the Chiefs.

Central surged to a 13-3 lead five minutes into the game, but



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton senior guard Andy Cortellini scored a team-high 18 points Wednesday night against Walled Lake Central before leaving the game with 1:54 remaining due to a severely sprained ankle.

Canton narrowed its deficit to 15-12 at the end of the first quarter, thanks largely to Cortellini, who tallied seven points.

Guldan tossed in eight points in the second quarter to lead the Vikings, who led 27-22 at the half.

The Chiefs knotted the game at 33-all with 4:25 left in the third on a jumper by Rob Eppler. Canton then went on to outscore their hosts 9-4 over

the next three minutes to build a 42-37 advantage. A Houdek triple with three ticks left on the third-quarter clock put Canton up 45-39 with eight minutes to play.

Playing with poise and momentum, Canton took a 52-44 lead with 5:02 left when Cortellini made a shot — literally — while sitting down. As he was fouled on a fast-break layup, the crafty three-year starter banked the ball in as his

tailbone hit the floor. When he converted the ensuing free throw, it looked like the WLAA trophy would be heading south down I-275.

However, Central outscored Canton 13-5 the rest of the way to force the OT.

The final two points Central points in regulation came on two clutch free throws by Goltz.

The Vikings took the air out of the ball for close to two minutes in the overtime before Guldan hit a driving lay-up while getting fouled with 2:05 left. He missed the free throw, but Central owned a lead (59-57) it would never relinquish.

Thornton his one of two free throws with 1:43 to go to make it 59-58, but Hakula answered by swishing two from the charity stripe to put the Vikings up 61-58. Calille hit a turnaround jumper to bring Canton to within 61-60, but Jackson finished the game with his six free throws to ice the win.

Wayne Memorial 76, Plymouth 55: Danny Walsh scored 16 points and Gene Nix netted 12 to lead the Zebras over the Wildcats in the third-place game of the WLAA tournament.

Wayne (13-7) jumped out to a 30-7 first-quarter lead and enjoyed a 46-24 halftime advantage.

Plymouth (11-9), which played without starting point guard Brent Jones, was led by Jim Wilbur's 13 points. D.J. Coleman added 11 and A.J. Davey twined 10.

The Zebras were red-hot from the floor, connecting on 58 percent of their shots (30-of-51).

The big lead allowed Wayne coach Wayne Woodward to play all 15 players on the roster. Thirteen players scored for Wayne.

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

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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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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JURCAK

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less than three short years ago, Jurcak was struggling with the "Blues," which is one reason why he makes it a point to assist teammates who yearn to get from where he once was to where he now excels.

"I was with the 'Blue' group my entire freshman season and at the beginning of my sophomore year," Jurcak said. "I wasn't very good my first year, but I kept working at it. When I finally got moved over to the 'Rocks' at the beginning of my sophomore year, I was pretty proud of what I had done. It was a big boost to my confidence, too.

"I like working with the younger swimmers because I know what it's like to be there. Plus, as a captain, I feel like it is one of my responsibilities to show them the right way to do things and what hard work can do. Plus, when I was a freshman, there were older guys on the team like Ben Dzialo that did the same thing for me."

SWEAT EQUITY

Hard work has been a major ingredient in Jurcak's young life. The lanky, 6-foot-3 freestyle and backstroke specialist has paid his dues both in the pool and in the classroom, where he has chiseled an impressive 3.86 grade point average.

Jurcak's swimming career kicked into high gear during the early stages of his sophomore season when his times started to drop faster than an anchor through water.

"Matt worked extremely hard as a freshman and during the summer before his sophomore year," remembered Salem coach Chuck Olson. "He just took off his sophomore year and his times really dropped. Ever since then, he has been one of our top swimmers. He's had an outstanding senior season, and he's an excellent student, too."

Olson said the time Jurcak spends with the team's younger swimmers is admirable.

"He really does a good job helping out the young guys," Olson said. "He encourages them to go faster because he was in the same position as a lot of them."

VERY VERSATILE

Jurcak has qualified for this year's state meet in three individual events: the 200-yard freestyle (1:48.82), the 100 freestyle (49.09) and the 100 backstroke (55.67). He's also a member of the Rocks' state-qualifying 400 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay teams.

"Matt has been a state qualifier for three years, which is quite an accomplishment," Olson said. "He's a great person to have on the team because he is very versatile, especially in the freestyle. I can put him anywhere from the 50 free to the 500 free and I know he'll do well."

SKY-HIGH ASPIRATIONS

To say Jurcak has high career goals is an understatement. In fact, they're so high, they extend beyond the stratosphere.

"I want to get a degree in astronautics and eventually become an astronaut," said Jurcak, whose math skills are out of this world. "As far as college goes, I've already been accepted at the University of Michigan and Purdue, but my first choice would be the Air Force Academy. I've applied there and gone through interviews, but I won't know if I have been accepted for a few more weeks."

THE NEXT LEVEL

Jurcak, who is a member of the National Honor Society, said he definitely wants to extend his swimming career to the collegiate level.

"I've already talked to the coaches at Purdue and Michigan," he revealed. "They can't offer me a scholarship because my times aren't low enough yet, but they said they definitely would want me to walk on. The Air Force coach also said he'd like me to be a part of their team, too."

Wherever he ends up, one thing is certain: Jurcak will not only make his mark, but he'll help others reach their potential as well.

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Indiana Tech drops Crusader cagers, 101-87

Madonna's Noel Emehiser and Derrick Mudri combined for 47 points Saturday afternoon, but it wasn't enough for the Crusaders, who fell, 101-87, to Indiana Institute of Technology.

The loss dropped MU to 3-9 overall and 9-20 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Indiana Tech improved its record to 22-7 and 9-3.

COLLEGE HOOP

Mudri tallied 25 and Emehiser 22 for the Crusaders, who trailed 52-43 at the half. Mike McKeever also turned in a solid effort, netting 16.

Kendrick Cornelius paced the winners with 29 points, which included seven three-pointers.

The Crusaders shot well, converting 47 percent of their shots and 80 percent of their free throws, but they couldn't slow down Tech, which connected on 62 percent of its shots.

Mudri and Emehiser both pulled down six rebounds to lead the Crusaders. Tech's Luke McKenna led all rebounders with nine.

On Monday, Emehiser was

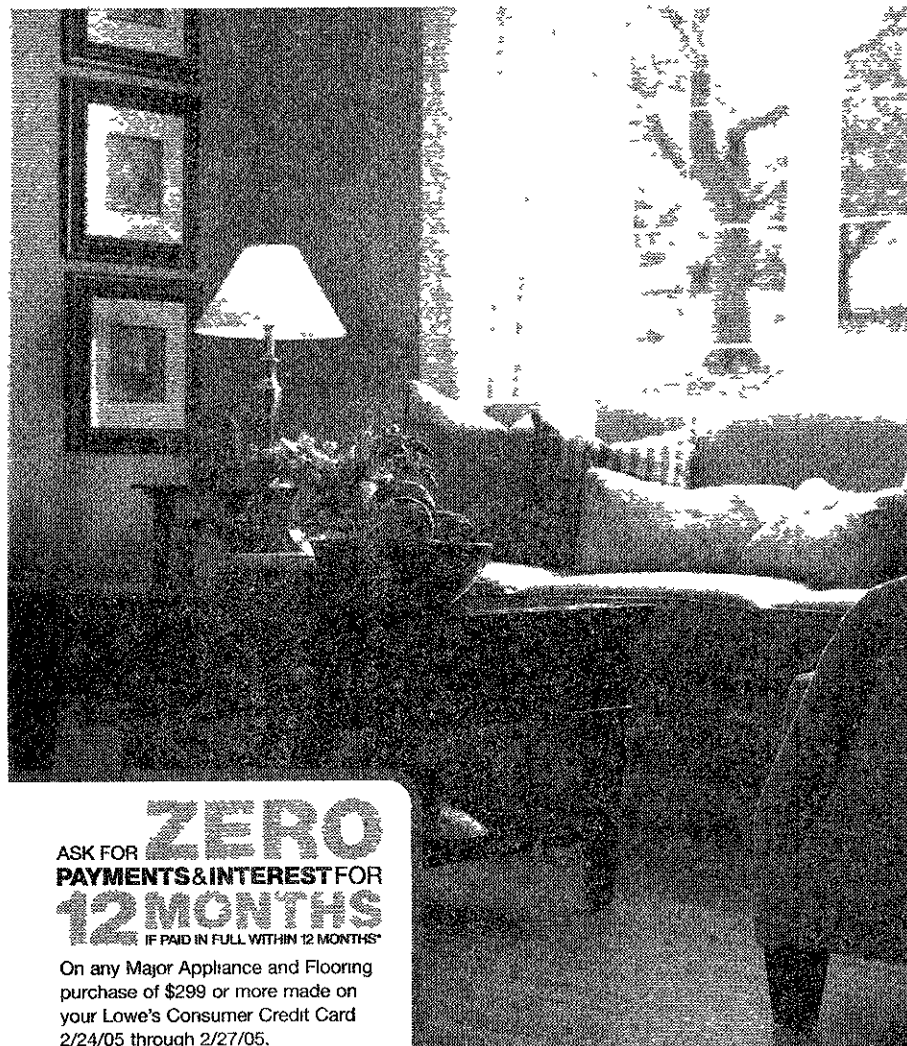
selected by league coaches to the All-WHAC first time. MU's all-time leading scorer earned similar honors last season as a junior. Joining Emehiser on the All-Conference teams were fellow senior Joe Kofahl and freshman Mike McKeever.

Kofahl was selected to the All-Defensive team for the third time after leading the team in steals and blocks.

McKeever was chosen to the All-Newcomer unit after averaging 4.6 points and 2.4 assists as a true freshman.

The Crusaders return to action tonight when they travel to Aquinas for a first-round WHAC tournament showdown.

The tip-off for the game between the fifth-seeded Crusaders and fourth-seeded Aquinas is set for 7:30 p.m.



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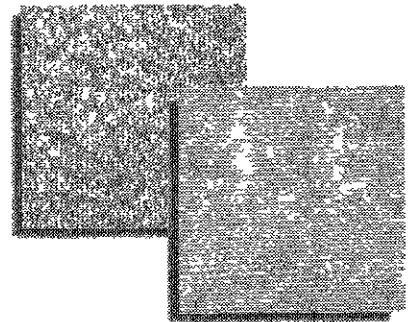
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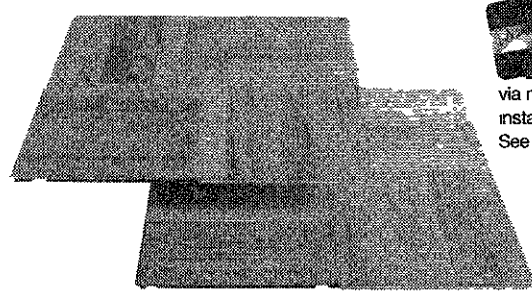
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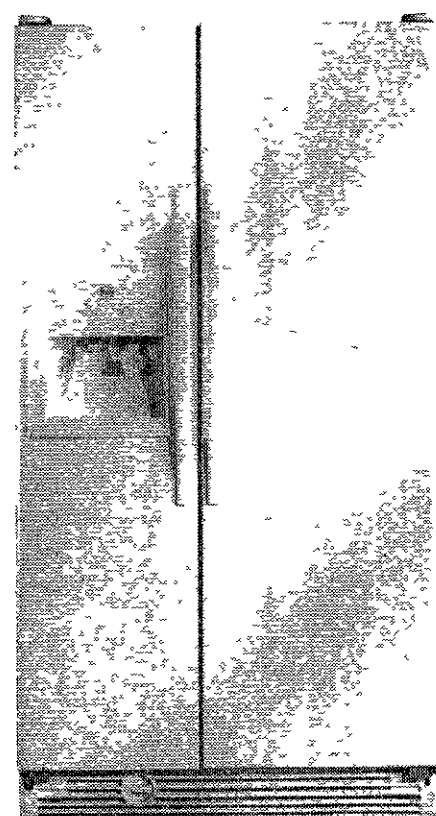
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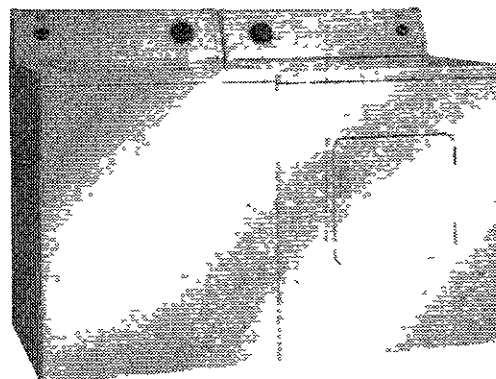
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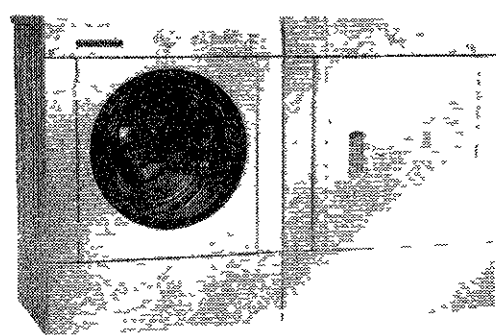
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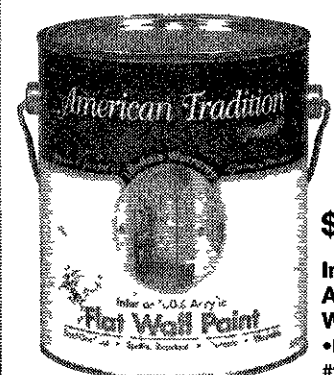


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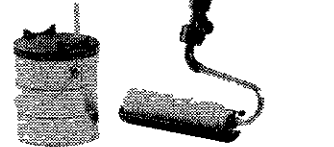


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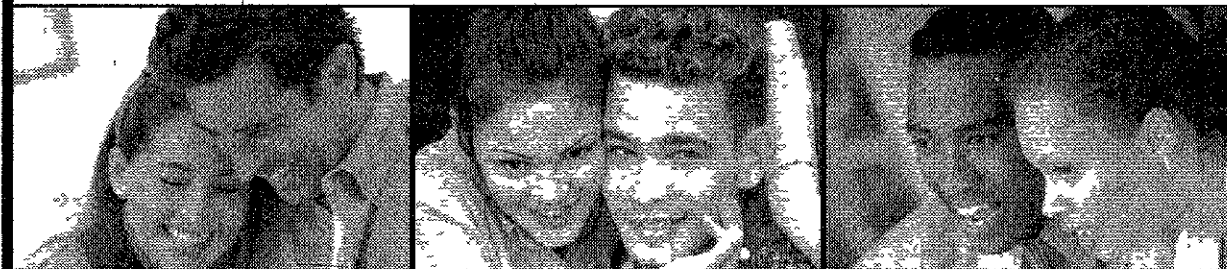
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ONE OF A KIND

SF, 38, blonde/blue, 5'6", mother, enjoys bowling, pool, concerts, long park walks, cycling, music, especially Rod Stewart Seeking Macomb man, to share happiness. **2404691**

OUTGOING AND FUN

Very attractive SWF, 31, laid-back, w/great personality, short blonde/green-blue, tanned, 4'11", 150lbs, childless, never married, smoker, social drinker, enjoys dining, sports, movies, quiet evenings. Seeking very attractive like-minded male **2475370**

SEE FOR YOURSELF

SBF, 42, 5'2", 170lbs, compassionate, hard-working, enjoys 70s/80s rock/dance, scenic drives, movies, fishing, playing pool, reading ISO active SM, who's up for a little adventure once and a while. Friendship/LTR **2580735**

LOYAL

SWF, 43, Leo, N/S, blonde/blue, professional chef, green thumb, petite, enjoys cooking, boating, seeks compatible SWM, 43-50, N/S, for dating and possible relationship **2596732**

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

DWF, 45, N/S, has 4 grown children, enjoys theater, movies, dancing, would like to meet SWM, 40-60, for friendship, romance, possible LTR **2595540**

VERY ROMANTIC

45-yr-old, SJPF, N/smoker, N/ drinker, social worker/masters degree, who loves music, dancing, singing, and sports. Over weight but charming, parent of one, looking for SWPM, 45-65, who is honest, romantic, and sensual. **2559964**

MACOMB COUNTY SWEETIE

I am a 5'2", brunette, dark eyes, 60s, searching for a tall, financially secure gentleman who knows how to treat a lady. **2578564**

GET TO KNOW THIS...

petite, attractive SBF, 57, N/S, enjoys music, concerts, dining. Looking for SBM, 57-63, for friendship, possible LTR **2402995**

ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF

49, H/W proportionate, medium build, enjoys cruises, concerts, dining out, movies, traveling. Seeking honest, passionate SM, 45-60, with similar interests, for dating, possibly more **2134441**

SEEKING MY OTHER HALF

WF interested in meet a WM, 60-65, who likes to enjoy life and will make me happy **2599813**

NEW TO WAYNE CO. AREA

SBPF, 40ish, 5'6", nurse, with children, marriage-minded, smoker, loves drama movies, dancing, and crossword puzzles. Seeking WM, 45-60, smoker, who enjoys music and sports. **2425545**

GAME-FREE

SBF, 37, 5'9", N/S, wife out, enjoys leisurely walks and laughter, seeks man, 35-50, with sense of humor and sense of fashion. **2592847**

SEEKING INTELLIGENT MAN

SBF, 36, Cancer, N/S, works full-time in healthcare, single mother, loves to cook. Seeking down-to-earth, spontaneous BM, 34-48, N/S, for dating. **2589409**

FOR YOUR LOVE

SBF, 37, N/S, likes to travel, see plays and movies, seeks committed, respectful, honest SBM, 40-47, N/S, who is interested in finding long-term love. **2593559**

MUST BE RESPECTFUL

Very attractive BF, financially/emotionally secure, looking for a laid-back, easygoing man, 34-47, who likes travel, dining out, more **2595277**

MUST LOVE ANIMALS

WF, 53, 5'4", blonde/blue, full-figured, likes travel, fine dining, shows, plays, animals, children, picnics, boating, swimming, cooking, reading, fishing, slow dancing. Seeking good, kind-hearted man, 50-62, with integrity and morals. **2601692**

SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT

SBPF, grandmother, N/S, likes dining in/out, movies, plays, bowling, shooting pool, parks, traveling, cooking. Seeking gentleman, 45+, sense of humor, values, knows how to treat a lady. No game playing. **2479737**

SINGLE FATHER WELCOME

WF, 38, 5'4", 100lbs, two children, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, beaches, art, museums, theater, movies, fine dining. Seeking attractive WM, 37-52, who is fit and secure. **2579528**

IS HE OUT THERE?

SJF, 43, 5'6", honest, gentle, intelligent, sensitive, shapely, likes fine dining, pool, theater, movies. Seeking honest, secure, loving and reliable man to share friendship, good times, talks and maybe more. **2601614**

VERY OUTGOING

Catholic DWF, 59, looks much younger, N/S, very tall, looking for gentleman, 56-63, w/upbeat personality, to enjoy family activities, camping, travel, much more. **2450793**

ARE WE A MATCH?

SWF, 28, enjoys the outdoors, rollerblading, biking, long walks and romantic dinners. Looking for SWM, 25-30, for LTR. **2465764**

IT'S ALL GOOD

Cool SBF, 31, 5'8", N/S, likes to bowl, fish, skate and travel, seeks SBM, 19-35, N/S, to share honest friendship, romance, quality time together. **2476802**

CAN YOU CANOE?

Professional SWF, 30, N/S, seeks SWM, 35+, independent and professional, for casual dates, talks, possible LTR. **2575003**

LOST IN MICHIGAN

SBPF, 29, 5'5", 190lbs, no children, never married, very attractive, easygoing, laid-back, loves travel. Looking for sincere, open-minded, laid-back male who has his stuff together. **2290689**

PRECIOUS ONE

SWF, very pretty, a young 39, medium dark/green, works in medical field, seeks attractive SWM, outgoing, honest, caring, sensitive and creative, for best friend, more. **2305588**

CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR

Me 28 4'9, 155lbs brown-com pleted, employed You 5'9" 6'4" 190lbs-240lbs, single, drama free, handsome Friendship first, maybe long-term later. **2271252**

SEEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE

SWPF, 57", long brown hair, looking for an educated man, 35-55, who likes politics, reading and going to movies. **2529129**

LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL...

in a SBM, 38-50, 6'+, 190+... must be honest and laid-back. I enjoys movies, going out, walks, nice conversation, dining, more. **2531635**

GET IT TOGETHER

SBF, 28, 5'5", N/S, plus-sized, brown/brown, would love to spend some time with a nice SBM, 30-40, N/S, who has his life together. **2543576**

TAKE A CHANCE

SBF, 33, seeks SBM, 30-35, for friendship, possible LTR. I enjoy movies, walks, dining out, sports and more. **2568333**

SOULMATE SEARCH

Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. **2589875**

58 YEARS

Pretty SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun looking for her knight and shining armor, any caucasian, sincere, successful, spiritual, 55-80, **2592074**

OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Very attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her knight and shining armor, any caucasian, sincere, successful, spiritual, 55-80, **2592074**

VERY SPICY

BBW, passionate, SBF, 46, honey-complexion, dimples, seeks outgoing, fun-loving gentleman, 35-55, N/S, N/Drugs, any race, for movies, pool, dancing, music, and romance. Dating, possible LTR **2572243**

GREAT PERSONALITY

Honest, caring, sincere SWF, 51, 5'11", 106lbs, likes festivals, movies, and friendly drives. Seeking honest, caring, sincere SWM, 42-56 **2598239**

FULL-FIGURED BEAUTY

Light-complexioned SBF, 25, 5'5", 265lbs, brown eyes, dimples, enjoys movies, parks, playing pool. Seeking SM, 18-32, who is sweet, treats a woman with respect. **2112932**

WHERE ARE YOU?

Attractive, outgoing, honest, sexy SBF, 32, ISO SM, any race, 31-37, for relationship. I enjoy movies, rollerblading, comedy clubs, bowling, etc. Serious replies only. **2455371**

ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB

SBPF, 31, 5'7", 160lbs, enjoys concerts, movies, dining, quiet times and more. Seeking SCM, 30-45, with similar interests, for possible LTR. **2217475**

BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE

Sports-oriented BF, 39, two teen-age daughters, playful, chattered, loves jazz, sports, gospel, picnics, amusement parks. Seeking SF, 29-45, **2223080**

LIFE IS TOO SHORT

Mature and outgoing SBF, 50 years young, 5', 175lbs, thick not fat, great figure, interested in meeting mature black male who loves to live spontaneously. **2276032**

A LOT TO OFFER

Outgoing SBF, 24, 5'6", 350lbs, professional employed, loves the fun and excitement of festivals, enjoys new movies and concerts, seeks handsome, honest SBM **2286633**

HONESTY REQUIRED

Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, is looking for tall, dark, handsome SBM who is honest and down-to-earth, to spend time with. **2401088**

CALL ME...

if you are a business man, 60-70, SWM, N/S, N/D, homeowner. Interests in home life, nature, pets, alternative medicine, sports. I'm a SWF, 73, w/like above. **2416289**

GET TO KNOW ME!

SF, 38, N/S, mother of two, looking for working man, 28-55, N/S, for friendship first. **2431382**

CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF, mid-50s, seeks attractive gentleman, 50+, with similar interests. I love jogging, walks, concerts, quiet evenings. **2574342**

SLOW DANCING, ROMANCING

Deaf, 45, N/S, H/W proportionate, perky brown-eyed girl, honest and outgoing, seeks SWM, 40-50, for good friendship, dating and special times. **2576279**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

God-fearing, loving, intelligent SBF, 43, enjoys church, the outdoors, laughter, dining out, gospel music and more. Seeking god-hearing, honest, caring SBM, 40-45, for friendship first. **2212725**

MAKE ME LAUGH

SBF, 45, smoker, wants to find friendship, possibly more w/gentleman, 40-60, who appreciates music, travel, spending time outdoors. **2460269**

JOURNEY WITH ME...

through life's adventures! DWF, 50ish, slim blonde, enjoys romance, travel, life to its fullest. Seeking financially secure WM, 55-65. Let's unravel life's mysteries together! **2605996**

MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES

SWCF, 51, 4'11", 115lbs, blonde hair, two grown children, loves animals, church, children, sports. Seeking a good Christian man, 50-62, for friendship first, possible LTR. **2530353**

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS

DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5'10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR. **2548938**

SOUND LIKE YOU?

SWF, 18, 5'6", blonde/hazel, 150lbs, sweet, honest, outgoing, likes concerts, movies, hanging with friends. Seeking honest, attractive, funny, outgoing SM for casual dates, fun and friendship. **2562708**

EDUCATED AND POSITIVE

SWF, 55, 5'10", Polish, N/S, likes the outdoors, movies, good conversation, travel, genial, outgoing, traveling, dogs. Seeking intellectual SWM, 47-60, **2600661**

FRIENDS FIRST

SWF, 42, one child, looking for affectionate, outgoing SWM, 34-44, N/S, with good sense of humor and can make me laugh. I love sports, pool, concerts, long walks, more. **2579622**

LOVELY, CULTURED, TRIM

Warm professional who enjoys dancing, theater, classical and big band music, movies, books, travel, dining out seeks tall, attractive, educated gentleman w/good build, for LTR. **63 73 2506895**

SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE

Full-figured African-American woman, attractive, 44, no children, ISO African-American male, 32-38, to spend quiet evenings I'm carefree, love laughter, good times, concerts, plays, sporting events, traveling, and quality time. **2290167**

A PRECIOUS JEWEL

Very attractive BPF, Christian, 47, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown, N/S enjoys outdoors, movies, traveling, cooking. Seeking romantic BPM, 40-55, financially secure, similar interests, for LTR. **2432793**

EBONY SEEKS IVORY

DBF, 42, 5'3", 140lbs, full-figured, seeks to date SWM, 40-50, in the Mount Clemens area. **2455323**

LOVING AND CARING

Independent, active, loving, caring, down-to-earth SF, 46, N/S, vegetarian, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel. Looking for handsome SWM/AM, 45-49, H/W proportionate, N/S, professional job. **2421896**

LIBRA

DBF, 50, looks much younger, enjoys music, long walks, quiet times. Seeking W/A/H/M, 35-50, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. **2538567**

LONESOME

Senior WF, retired, 5'4", active, honest, healthy. Need the attention of a WM, 65-75, enjoys everything, easy to please. So hurry up and call me! **2449585**

RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM

SWF, 43, N/S, would like to meet an outgoing, friendly, non-smoking man, 35-53, who likes outdoors, bicycling, walking, family. **2115795**

FABULOUS AND FULL-FIGURED

Cute, sexy SBF, 41, N/S, will try anything once, loves movies, plays, dancing, holding hands, cuddling. Seeking attractive, sexy BM, 31-50, N/S, with similar interests. **2113224**

DARK EBONY

SBF, 42, 5'8", full-figured, seeks intelligent man, 48-60, 5'8"-6'2", medium build or heavier-set, for possible relationship. **2232593**

WHERE IS MR. RIGHT?

SF, 46, likes dancing, bowling, romantic evenings, swimming. Seeking SM, 40-55, with good sense of humor. **2257065**

ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?

But gentle of heart? Good-looking, trim SM, 42-55, N/S? Very cute SBF, 53, emotionally and physically in shape, with eclectic interests, currently accepting applications. **2263684**

SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing, active DWF, retired, ISO fun male, 40+, who likes bridge, tennis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, willing to don a tuxedo now and then. **2271793**

NOT INTO GAMES

Petite WF, 50s, with herpes, willing to give it another chance, seeks one-on-one relationship with SM. Race, age unimportant. **2405796**

RESCUE ME!

SBF, 41, 5'5", average build, enjoys church, family, shopping, much more. Looking for SBM, 43-47, professionally employed, N/S, who knows how to treat a woman. **2408635**

ARE YOU THE ONE

DBF, 53, H/W proportionate, outgoing, loves the arts, plays, dancing, movies, outdoors, scenic drives. ISO SM D/D-free, w/similar interests, smoker, social drinker. No games! **2417236**

AFFECTIONATE & ATHLETIC

SBF, 45, 5'2", 130lbs, enjoys cooking, roller skating, dancing. Seeking SBM, 40-55, 5'5"+, N/S, N/Drugs, for friendship, dating, possible LTR build on honesty, trust, respect. **2425305**

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

I could be it! Attractive SWF 50 5 105lbs, willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBM, 32-50, for special relationship. **2418068**

SEMI-RETIRED

SF, 62, 5'9", slim, fit, likes jazz, concerts, symphonies, theater, travel and outdoors activities. Seeking intelligent, honest, caring, humorous gentleman, 55-70, with similar interests. **2467917**

TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE

SBF, tall, medium build, N/S, who enjoys music, traveling, comedy shows, seeks man, 45-55, N/kids, N/S, outgoing, affectionate, stable, for LTR. **2444748**

ROMANTIC LADY

Beautiful, voluptuous DWF, 42, 5'6", likes traveling, outdoors. Seeking man, 45+, race unimportant, to enjoy life together, for friendship maybe more. **2464984**

LOOKING FOR MY TEDDY BEAR

Attractive W/WF, 64, red/blue, 5', 150lbs, looking for easygoing, well-groomed gentleman, 65-70, who enjoys meeting new people. **2476645**

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NICE GENTLEMAN

SM, 29, good person, looking for a SB/WF, 19-40, for friendship or more. Call me, let's talk! **2606930**

EVENINGS AT HOME

Respectful SM, 39, 5'11", slim build, N/S, delivery man, likes to watch movies, eat dinner, go dancing, seeks SBF, 23-35, N/S, for LTR. **2527179**

NO BAGGAGE

SWM, 32, Virgo, N/S, loves to travel, watch sports, and dine out. Seeking WF, 23-42, for friendship and dating. **2568293**

DETROIT'S WEST SIDE

SBM, 25, 6'1", 200lbs, Leo, N/S, seeks conversation and friendship with a woman, 23-37. How about coffee? **2506783**

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Bilingual SM, 32, good body, N/S, enjoys the outdoors, dancing, movies. If you are romantic, passionate, affectionate, and love life, call. **2590390**

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities. seek friendly SF, age/location open. **2531308**

MAYBE IT'S YOU

SWM, 52, Aries, N/S, seeks friendship first with SWF, 35-48. Call now I would like to hear from you. **2546509**

KNOW WHAT'S REALLY GOOD?

Spending time with this bright, enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realistic SM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s. **2550046**

CUTE & CUDDLY

Fun, charming, helpful male, 56, Cancer, with wit, wisdom, and warmth, seeks a nice woman, 44-62. **2478746**

TIME FOR A CHANGE?

VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

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Finals: Livonia Churchill defeated Walled Lake Northern, 25-19, 20-25, 15-13.

Semifinals: Churchill def. Westland John Glenn, 25-10, 25-16; W.L. Northern def. Livonia Stevenson, 25-21, 25-23.

Quarterfinals: Churchill def. Canton, 25-18, 25-12; W.L. Northern def. Salem, 25-20, 25-11; John Glenn def. Walled Lake Western, 19-25, 25-16, 15-6; Stevenson def. Walled Lake Central, 25-18, 25-19.

POOL PLAY RECORDS

(A): 1. Churchill, 6-0 (games); 2. John Glenn, 4-2; 3. Canton, 2-5; 4. Wayne, 0-6.

(B): 1. W.L. Central, 6-0; 2. Salem, 3-3; 3. Plymouth, 2-4; 4. Livonia Franklin, 1-5.

(C): 1. W.L. Northern, 5-1; 2. W.L. Western, 4-2; 3. Stevenson, 3-3; 4. Northville, 0-6.

ALL-WESTERN LAKES

All-Conference: Kelsey Mack and Kristyna Archer, Churchill; Jessica Knurick, W.L. Northern; Maria Mezzadri, Stevenson; Jenny Swartz, John Glenn; Jeanine Moise, Plymouth; Erika English, W.L. Central.

All-Lakes Division: Brynn Kerr and Kelly Archer, Churchill; Laura Robinette, W.L.

Northern; Mariel Little and Kelsey Rabish, W.L. Central; Ashton Judis, Stevenson; Lauren Price, Salem

All-Western Division: Evonna Karchon and Diana Deaoibes, Northville; Ashley Belrose and Laura Schmidt, W.L. Western; Sarah Haskins, Plymouth; Laura McKendry, Canton; Liz Dempsey, Franklin.

HONORABLE MENTION-LAKES

Churchill: Mia Maceratini, Lauren Krupsky; W.L. Northern: Brittany Essian, Sam Matheson; Stevenson: Jennifer Perkins, Jamie Radley, Beth Prost; **John Glenn:** Amanda Campbell, Erinn Phillips, Devin Ross, Heather Lindon; Salem: Teresa Coppiellie; W.L. Central: Jessica Howard, Kelsey Bruce.

HONORABLE MENTION-WESTERN

Canton: Christie Daniels, Stephanie Price, Andrea Johnson, Molly Conlon, Lisa Western; Plymouth: Brandi Swyhart, Janet Hatchett, Lindsay Vogelsberg; W.L. Western: Asilda Dhembi, Kathleen Smiley, Adina Walton, Candice Byrne; Franklin: Trisha Morrill, Megan Kmet, Jaleece Lavine, Ashley Bonsall; Northville: Maryann Daut, Krysta Cicala, Alison Perrin, Krista Ehelhalt; Wayne Memorial: Amber Day, Carrie Laubernds, Olivia LaFortune, Jena Trudelt.

Spikers converge at districts

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If one of the three local Class A high school volleyball teams is going to advance past Friday's District tournament at Northville High School, it's going to have to go through powerhouse Livonia Churchill.

The Chargers, who are coming off a championship effort in Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association tournament (see related story), are the early favorites to win the district competition. The Kelsey Mack-led team has compiled a 33-7-3 record to date.

Canton will have the first shot at the Chargers in the opener slated for 4 p.m. The Chiefs, who are 20-19-5, lost four games to Churchill in Saturday's WLAA tourney.

“Churchill is a very good team, so there's no good time to play them,” said Canton coach Alex Perrin. “But if I had to choose when I was going to play them, it would probably be in the first match. Hopefully, we can get off to a good start and we can catch them before they get warmed up.”

The Canton-Churchill winner will advance to play a 5:30 p.m. semi-final match against South Lyon, which drew a first-round bye.

Salem will square off against Northville in the opening round at 4 p.m. A victory would send the Rocks into a semi-final showdown against P-CEP neighbor Plymouth, which also drew a first-round bye.

The finals are scheduled for 7 p.m.

Churchill spikers reign at WLAA tourney

3 local teams knocked out in quarterfinals and pool play

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

VOLLEYBALL

Lauren Price played excellent defense and serve-received very well.”

Canton was hampered all day by poor serving, according to coach Alex Perrin.

“Our serve percentage was 82 percent for the day, which is not very good,” Perrin said. “It was only 70 percent in our loss to John Glenn, which means every third serve was out. It was kind of a contagious thing.

“I thought we played well against Churchill. The games were closer than the finals score indicate.”

The Chiefs were led by Andrea Johnson (12 kills and 21 digs), Laura McKendry (11 kills and 37 digs), Kelsey Bailey (10 kills and 18 digs) and Stephanie Price (43 assists, 22 digs, 19 service points and five aces).

Plymouth was swept by Walled Lake Central in its opening match before splitting with Livonia Franklin and the Rocks.

“It was very disappointing not getting out of pool play,” said Wildcat coach Kelly McCausland.

Jeanine Moise paced the Wildcats with 18 kills and 25 digs. Lindsay Vogelsberg contributed 26 digs, Janet Hanchett compiled 24 digs and Sarah Haskins chipped in with 31 set assists.

Churchill, which breezed through pool play and cruised

With an 11-0 regular season record, Livonia Churchill was clearly the top girls volleyball team to beat in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

But in Saturday's WLAA Tournament, the host Chargers found themselves on the ropes in the championship match, needing a third-game rally to upend upset-minded Walled Lake Northern, 25-19, 20-25, 15-13.

“We dodged a big one,” said Churchill coach Mark Grenier, whose team improved to 33-7-3 overall. “The last time we played them (on Jan. 26) we beat them (Northern) three straight out of five. But they've certainly improved and done a nice job for themselves.”

Salem, Canton and Plymouth failed to advance past the quarterfinal round of the tournament.

The Rocks, who finished with a 3-3 pool-play record, were ousted by Northern in the quarters, 25-20 and 25-11; the Chiefs, 2-5 in their pool, were knocked out by Churchill, 25-18 and 25-12; while the Wildcats failed to survive the pool-play round, finishing 2-4.

“Lauren Kurtz and Nikki Mersch were our players of the day,” said Salem coach Jennifer Peterson. “Lauren was huge on offense, leading us in blocks, and Mersch led us in kills. Kelly Behr and

past both Canton and Westland John Glenn (25-10, 25-16), appeared to be on its way to a two-game sweep of Northern after breezing through the first game, 25-19.

But the momentum shifted quickly in the second game as Northern's 6-foot-2 setter Jessica Knurick began to control the middle of the court while countering the hard-hitting Kelsey Mack, a 6-1 senior standout for Churchill.

“She's tough,” Grenier said of Knurick, who is headed to Oakland University on a basketball scholarship. “When you go up against a 6-2 right side with Kelsey coming from the left side, it's as big a block as you'll see. It takes awhile to adjust.”

After Northern won the second, 25-20, the Knights carried that momentum into the third game jumping out to a 5-3 advantage, only to have to critical calls go against them, one ruled a four-touch and the other by a line judge off a disputed touch down the line.

Instead of a 5-3 lead, Northern found itself tied at 5-all.

“They're a good team and you expect a team to come back and play well,” said Grenier after the first game win. “They (Northern) pass well and play good defense.

“We were fortunate to come out on top. The defensive effort (in the third game) was huge for us. We also got a

break and were able to capitalize and get the momentum back.”

With Churchill clinging to a 14-13 lead, 5-10 junior middle hitter Carly DeClercq came through with the match-clinching block.

Mack finished with a team-high 14 kills, while Laura Robinette had eight and Knurick six for Northern.

Mack finished the day with 63 kills and 17 aces serves, while setter Kristyna Archer contributed a total of 60 assist-to-kills and 11 aces.

Other Churchill standouts included Kelly Archer, 38 digs and 10 kills; Brynn Kerr, 26 digs and 10 aces; Mia Maceratini, 25 digs and 94 percent serving; Lauren Krupsky, 12 kills and six blocks; and Stacy Urbats, 41 assists and 59-of-60 serving.

Northern, the top seed in Pool A, won five of six games before eliminating Salem (25-20, 25-11) and Livonia Stevenson (25-21, 25-23).

“We had a pool where we were able to get through quickly and maybe didn't have to compete as hard as they (Northern) did,” Grenier said. “But I'm happy for our kids because they work hard. They earned it. We've got some good, quality kids.”

“I'm happy for our kids because they've worked hard. They earned it. We've got some good quality kids.”

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
REQUEST FOR AN
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR
CLIPS & CLAMPS INDUSTRIES
TUESDAY, MARCH 08, 2005

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 08, 2005, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Clips & Clamps Industries for a twelve year Industrial Facilities Exemption for new machinery and equipment to be installed within the facility located at 15050 Keel Street, Lots 27 and 28, metro West Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, March 08, 2005, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings
- February 15, 2005

A study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 15, 2005, at 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, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Conklin, Director Faas, John Weyer, Brad Thompson, Kathleen Salla. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 1. Information Technology Reorganization.** **Item 2. Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement Policy** **Item 3. Discussion on Request by Plymouth canton Community Schools for Review and Inspection of School Construction Projects.** **CLOSED SESSION** - Employee Negotiations Update Motion by Zarbo, seconded by McLaughlin to move from open session to closed session for the purpose of employee negotiations update at 8:28 PM. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Conklin, Director Faas, Dave Medley. Motion by Zarbo, seconded by Kirchgatter to return to open session and adjourn at 9:35PM. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor -Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO PUBLIC
BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton: that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 15, 2005.

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall. Please come prepared, as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

Saturday, March 12, 2005 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.
First Come, First Serve (Walk-in-Schedule)

Monday, March 14, 2005 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.
AND
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Tuesday, March 15, 2005 Hearings from 1:00 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m.
AND
6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call Jana Shaw, Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394-5111.

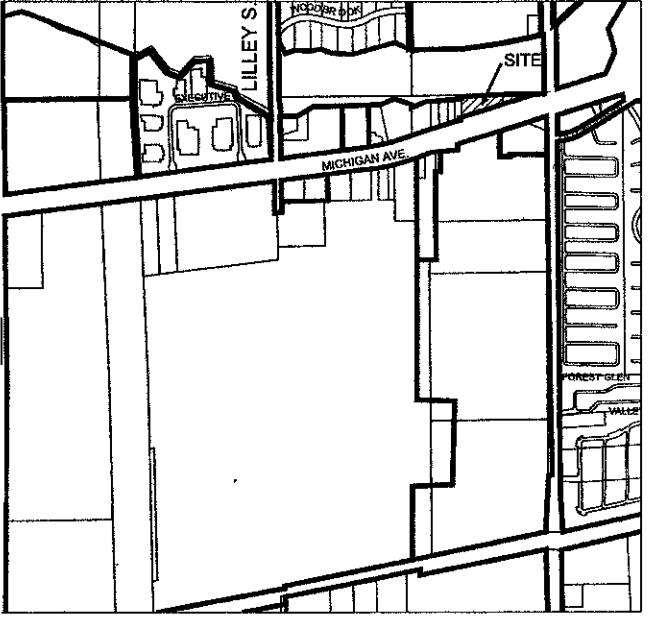
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Charter Township of Canton

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE 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, March 7, 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

MELODY'S GOURMET MARKET SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR DRIVE THROUGH RESTAURANT AND CAR WASH AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B FOR PARCEL NOS. 137 99 0001 000 AND 137 99 0002 001. Property is located north of Michigan and west of Haggerty Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 7, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

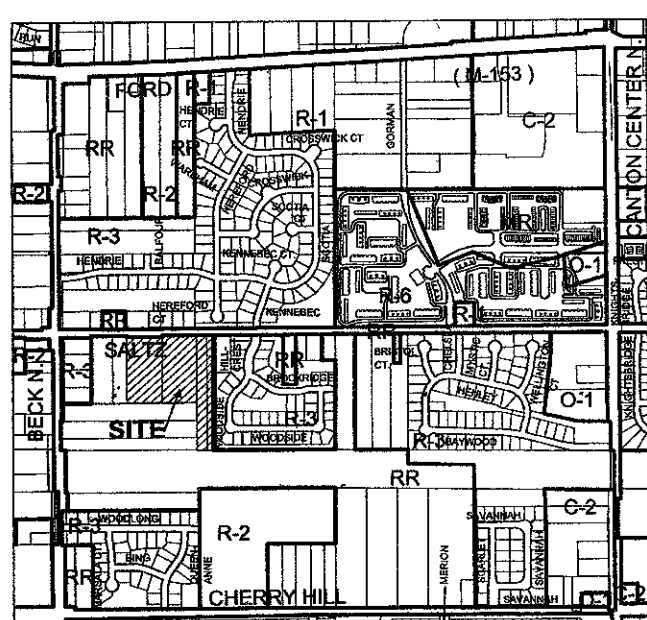
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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

LIVONIA BUILDERS REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 063 99 0004 702, 063 99 0005 000, 063 99 0010 000 AND 063 99 0012 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Saltz and east of Beck Road.



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

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

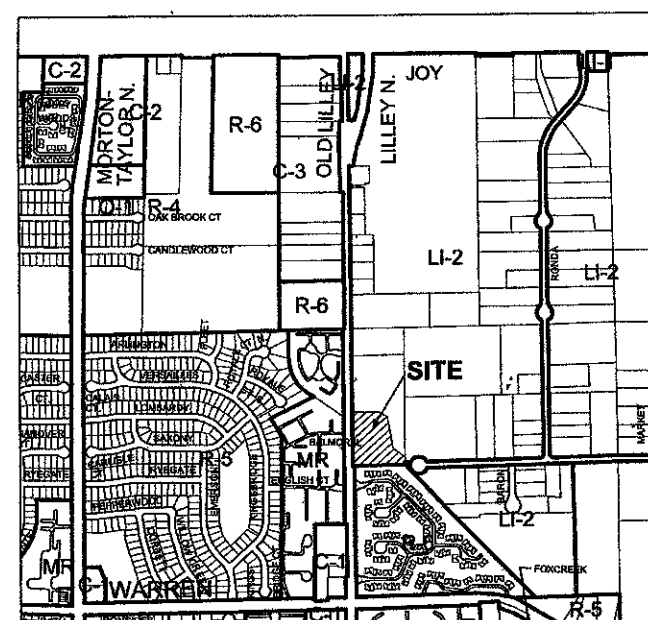
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PLANNING COMMISSION
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BLOCH REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 008 99 0001 707 FROM LI-2, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO R-6, SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located east of Haggerty and north of Warren Road.



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

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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PENGUIN FUND-RAISER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins, a girls hockey team that consists of players from all three P-CEP high schools, will be holding a fund-raiser today at Cold Stone Creamery in Canton from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. A percentage of the sales will go directly to the team.

Cold Stone Creamery is located at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads in Cherry Hill village in Canton. A coupon

can be picked up from any player; by e-mailing llcallahan@comcast.net; and they will be available at Cold Stone Creamery on Feb. 24, when the team's players and coaches will be serving ice cream.

P-CEP ICER MEETING

The 2005 Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will be held Tuesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. 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.

CANTON BOOSTERS

There will be a Canton Football Booster Club meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth. Parents of current Canton football players and parents of current eighth-graders who will be freshmen at Canton in the fall are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Kathy Powers at KMPowers6@aol.com.

SALEM CLINIC

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be held Saturday, March 26, and Saturday, April 16, in the Salem High School gymnasium. Participants will receive three hours of baseball

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

The fee for the clinic, which is for players 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.

SALEM TENNIS

Unofficial conditioning workouts for the Salem boys tennis team are being held on Mondays from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the upper-commons area of Salem High School. The season begins March 14.

All interested players should attend conditioning and stop by the athletic office to pick up medical, eligibility and physical forms, which must be turned in by March 14.

AAU VOLLEYBALL

Tryouts for the Crusader Juniors AAU girls volleyball club will be from 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 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.

(There is an additional expense for those team players who play in USA tournaments, AAU state tournaments and the USA Nationals in Chicago, Ill.)

JUNIOR GOLF TOUR

Scholarship opportunities are available for local students between the ages of 12 and 18 who participate in the third season of the Top 50 Jr. Tour, which is presented by the Professional Golfers' Association Michigan Section. The program is a regional golf tour offering players tournament experience plus the opportunity to earn college scholarships.

Boys and girls are eligible for tour membership. Players do not have to be members of their school teams to participate. The tour consists of 10 qualifying rounds and 10 tour-

namment rounds, and is held on local private and public courses.

"The top 40 qualifiers at each qualifying round play in the tournament round for free," said tour director Dan Thomas. "The qualifying field for each tournament is limited to 150 players. Additionally, the top 10 finishers in each week's tournament are exempt into the following week's tournament and will play for free. So a total of 50 players per week are playing free golf."

Scholarship awards are offered based on rules of golf exams, topical essays, sportsmanship and community service. Scholarship awards can be increased as a student's grade-point average increases.

Play begins on June 11 and runs through the season-ending championship tournament on Aug. 8. The full schedule is posted on the tour's Web site at www.Top50JrTour.com. Interested parents and players should contact the tour at (248) 321-0000 or visit the tour Web site for a membership application.

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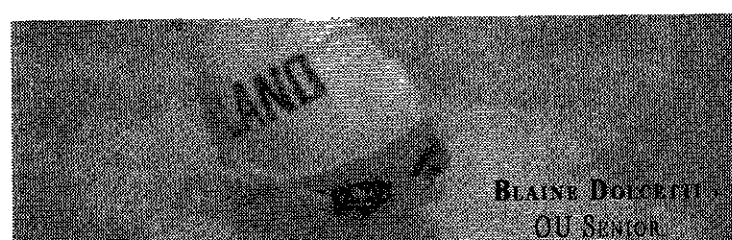


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Disinterest in WSU hockey program is puzzling

What's wrong with this picture. There are more than 200,000 Wayne State University alums living in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties not to mention about 33,000 current students.

Metropolitan Detroit is a certified hockey hotbed. Yet, when Saturday's College Hockey America game between Wayne State and Niagara University began at

Tim Smith

Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township, some sections were completely empty and in others, two or three spectators had rows and rows to themselves.

Many of those 200,000 WSU alums will not hesitate to drive long distances to watch their "adopted" university hockey teams in Ann Arbor and East Lansing.

What's wrong with throwing an occasional bone of patronship to your own alma mater, where Division 1 hockey is being played for crying out

loud?

Even folks who live in Observerland could enjoy a trip to Compuware for Warriors hockey because several area players play prominent roles.

WORTH THE PRICE

Okay, I admit I'm getting on the soapbox in part because I have selfish intentions. I too am a Wayne State graduate, even though when I went there in the mid-to-late 1970s when athletes were known as "Tartars."

I gnash my teeth (sorry) when I see how poorly WSU men and women teams are drawing when many alums have the means to easily fork over a fin and support their old school.

What I saw Saturday didn't make sense. There were two D-1 teams playing fast, exciting hockey, going to overtime before settling for a 2-2 tie. But only 383 paid to watch the contest, which is a hundred or so customers short of the season average, said Jeff Weiss, Wayne State director of sports information.

One of those hardy souls, Steve Kovalchik Sr. of Brownstown Township, took in the contest to watch his son, also Steve, play defense (and

score a goal) for the Warriors.

Kovalchik shook his head, looking out at the sparse crowd on a sunny afternoon in the middle of a "No Red Wings" winter. It's a case of missed opportunity, in his opinion.

"The funny thing is, you're probably a Wayne State alum-nus, you probably know a lot of people that root more for Michigan hockey than they do for Wayne State," Kovalchik lamented. "They don't even know they have a team."

LOCALS LEAD WAY

If fans from Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford and Farmington — whether or not with a connection to Wayne State stopped by for the WSU-Niagara contest they could have enjoyed fine performances from local players.

In the first minute of the game, Livonia freshman forward Adam Krug dished the puck to Jason Bloomingburg, a sophomore forward who hails from Canton.

Bloomingburg's pass went to the right point, where junior blueliner Kovalchik blasted it past Purple Eagles goalie Jeff Van Nynatten. Just like that, the locals had the lead.

A couple shifts later, they could have watched some nifty

give-and-go passing between junior forward John May of Livonia and South Lyon's Mark Nebus, a sophomore forward who graduated from Livonia Stevenson.

Krug and Bloomingburg later hooked up on the play that would tie the game at 2-2 and send the teams to overtime. With just 4:42 remaining in the third, Bloomingburg battled along the right boards, extracted the puck and sent it toward the goal mouth. There, Krug tipped it behind Van Nynatten.

If not for a clutch stop by Van Nynatten in OT, Krug also would have scored the game-winning tally. Those at Compuware were being thrilled right down to the final seconds, even though their shouts were almost drowned out by the sounds of workers stringing cable to get ready for that evening's cablecast of a Plymouth Whalers Ontario Hockey League game.

CHICKEN OR EGG

Perhaps some of the blame needs to go to the metropolitan Detroit mass media, where Wayne State games only receive a sentence or abbreviated on-air mention, if that. It's that old chicken-or-the-egg kind of thing.

Weiss insists he's tried, through various public relations efforts designed to get more coverage and entice alums to bite the hockey bait.

Other factors working against the hockey program taking hold include the 25-mile distance from Wayne State's campus to Compuware; the fact WSU hockey is only in its sixth year; the almost-annual shifting of venues from the Michigan State Fairgrounds to Great Lakes Sports City in Fraser (since 2003-04) Compuware.

The women's team, meanwhile, plays home games at City Arena in Detroit, further adding confusion to the whole deal.

According to Kovalchik, the team needs to move yet again, believe it or not.

"I think they need to publicize it a little more, and I think they need a building on campus," he said. "Students are 25 or 30 miles away, and that's where the fan base has to come from. There going to have to get a barn on campus somehow to attract people. Until they do that, it's going to be rough. But it's great hockey. The kids play hard."

For such a good product, perhaps more effort and risk-taking is required to at least



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Jason Bloomingburg, a native of Canton, is a high-scoring forward for the Warriors.

enhance awareness.

Perhaps if efforts from Weiss and the WSU Alumni Association, for example, somehow opened up a pipeline to the dailies, to programs such as Detroit Sports Report on Fox and to the all-sports radio stations, maybe something good could be discovered.

Otherwise, Warriors hockey will continue to be played in a state-of-the-art "vacuum" on Beck Road.

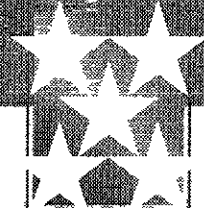
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Warmed only by their shawls, Naga women prayed and fasted for three days in a barn-like structure where walls were covered with newspapers to keep out the elements.

American Baptists inspired by religious fervor half a world away

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The longer Rev. Wungreiso Valui is away from Nagaland the harder it is to endure the harsh living conditions in his homeland. But the minister of outreach at First Baptist Church of Plymouth is determined not to forget the people in northeast India. He and a group of pastors and church members from Farmington Hills, Birmingham, Troy, Warren, Detroit, and Dearborn Heights recently traveled 13,000 miles to teach at the Tangkhul Baptist Pastors Church Leaders Conference organized by Valui and endorsed by the Southeastern Area Board of American Baptist Churches of Michigan.

Cold nights in shacks warmed by heating pots left them spiritually enriched - Valui continued to be impressed by the zeal for their faith. Shortly after arriving in Imphal, the capital of Manipur, he became paralyzed from an electrolyte imbalance and had to travel seven hours by Jeep to a hospital. Several of the women from the village fasted and prayed for him and a successful conference for three days. By the fourth day he was teaching pastors how to care for their flocks in the primarily Christian region of India, Burma and China where 3.5 million Nagas live. Naga is the collective name given to tribes who trace their heritage to the northwest corner of southeast Asia.

Since American Baptist missionaries were asked to leave in the 1950s, Naga religious leaders have tried to comfort their congregations without much pastoral training to carry them through their conflict with India. The British ruled the area from the 18th century until 1947 when India took over. Ever since the Nagas have been fighting to own their land.

"They've been encouraged because they see missionaries coming back," said Valui who came to America five years ago. "They feel they're not alone in this journey. The conference will have a lifelong impact on

Tangkhul Naga pastors and leaders."

The religious leaders and people affected Scott Moore as much as he did them as one of the conference facilitators. The Birmingham Mayor Pro Tem had never visited Nagaland but knew of their struggles with the India government. He and the Rev. Sharon and Pastor Daniel Buttry of Warren stayed in India for a third week to meet with religious leaders, the chief minister of Nagaland and the insurgent group in an attempt to further the peace process. Pastor Buttry of International Ministries in Warren has presented conflict training and worked for peace in Nagaland since 1996.

"I was deeply touched by the isolation of the people and land from the rest of India and the rest of the world," said Scott Moore, a member of First Baptist Church of Birmingham where he will share his experiences on March 6. Moore joins the rest of the group to speak about the trip 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at First Baptist Church of Royal Oak, 309 North Main.

"It's had its effect in terms of road, electricity and water, but also people. A fourth generation of an oppressed people are being born. It was wonderful for these people who've had very little contact with the west and westerners to be able to meet together, share bread and worship together."

Even though the trip left Pastor Jane Moschenrose with bruised arms from banging around in the van over rough terrain, she came home with a warm feeling for the people as well. Before becoming pastor of Wellspring Church in Farmington Hills she had lived in southern India for four months when she was in the seminary.

"Manipur is under marshal law. There were soldiers all over," said Moschenrose, "but I was surprised by how incredibly hospitable the people were. The giving was amazing. They were poor monetarily but wealthier than most people here when it came to relationships because all they have is each other. We gave them hope and encouragement. In

three days you can't do a crash seminary course but gave them some skills. Hope and encouragement will go farther in their lives." Naga religious leaders in turn gave each of the American Baptists gifts to take home to their congregations. Sharon Buttry discovered new ways to fund projects. As executive director of Friendship House, a neighborhood action program based in Hamtramck, she learned resourcefulness from the women.

"The women wanted to open a hostel for girls who come for schooling," said Sharon Buttry. "They collected a handful of rice a week and then sold the rice to pay for this. The resources you need are really at hand. They didn't go to a major corporation for funding."

In exchange for teaching leadership skills, Pastor Susan Beaumont was inspired by the people's fervor for their faith. In Troy her business, S.K. Beaumont Associates trains corporate and church leaders to resolve conflicts and work together as a team.

"Here in our culture the mainstream Christian church is struggling with relevance and zeal and passion of people for the gospel," said Beaumont, interim pastor at Cherry Hill Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights and a Troy resident. "People have become almost complacent. We traveled to Manipur, India where people have to make a conscious choice. People felt the gospel was an incredible gift to them."

"I taught pastors how to manage and resolve conflicts in their churches and deal with difficult people in their congregation, problems are not that different from problems here. There's a struggle with changing music styles and worship, trying to get volunteers working together. We were all very humbled by the efforts of the people. I had people who had walked two days on foot. This is a tribal culture so the community is more intense. We saw 5-6 year olds carrying infants on their backs."

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St. Michael School hosts an open house 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at 11300 Fairfield, south of Plymouth, between Merriman and Farmington, Livonia. The grad school offers a full academic program with computers for grades 1-8; art, physical education and music programs that includes band, sports; Quiz bowl and Science Olympiad, kindergarten, and extended day program. For more information, call (734) 421-7360.

Spaghetti Supper

Good Hope Lutheran Church of Garden City hosts its annual Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction 5-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at 28680 Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$6 adult, \$3.50 ages 3-11, free under age 3,

and available by calling (734) 427-3660.

Fish dinner

St. Aidan Catholic Church, on Farmington Road, north of Six Mile in Livonia, hosts a Lenten Fish Dinner featuring cod and salmon, pasta and more 5:30-7 p.m. Feb. 25 and March 4, 11 and 18 in the activities center. Cost is \$8 for adults; children under 10 pay \$4. The menu also includes mixed vegetables, coleslaw, rolls, dessert, and coffee, tea or milk.

Agape Power Concert

Contemporary Christian music concert sponsored by Agape Power 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Birmingham. A freewill offering will be accepted with all proceeds going to support the Mexico House Building mission trip 30 members of Our Shepherd will be taking in May. Nursery services available during the concert for guests with babies or young children. For more information, call the church office at (248) 646-6100.

Concert

Music for Organ, Soprano and Tenor, A Farewell Concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, features tenor John McLaughlin, soprano Jennifer MacDonald with organist Michael Brittenback who are all leaving, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. No charge but a freewill offering will be accepted at the door to help support the series. Call (734) 453-0190, ext. 16.

Lenten series

Adult education series discussing the Gospel stories of Jesus' passion, death

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Living Stations of the Cross

8 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23815 Power, Farmington Hills. No charge. All are welcome. For more information, call (248) 474-5720.

New schedule

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

Evening prayer

7 p.m. weeknights during Lent at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville road, 4 miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361 for details.



MARY AQUARO

Died February 21, 2005 in Troy. Our deepest love and prayers to our dearest Mame. Dear sister of Carmen Torpey (the late Raymond) and the late Rita Aquaro and Anthony Videtta. Dear aunt of Mark (Linda) and Scott Torpey. Great-aunt of Evan, Kyle and Madison Torpey. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Wednesday 4-8 PM with Prayers Wednesday 7PM. Funeral Mass Thursday 10 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 280 E. Square Lake Road (btwn Livernois & Rochester), Troy 48085. Visitation at church begins Thursday at 9 AM. Memorial Tributes may be made to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

MARGARET "Punkin" CAROL BURDEN

Age 36, of Belleville, passed away on February 18, 2004. She was born on September 7, 1968 in Westland, MI. She is survived by loving companion, Jason Ballard. She is the dear daughter of William G. (Melinda) Burden, Sr. and Sue (Shelly Burlett) Burden Sister of Becky Debono, William "Bill" (Erin) Burton, Jr., April (Adam) Ray, Robert Burden and Kathy Burden. She is also survived by her grandmother, Alice Estes and grandmother, Margaret Newbell; niece, Barbara Reilly; 2 nephews, Hunter Ray and David Burden; her former husband, Brian Kurzenick, also her cat, Mister. She is preceded in death by 2 grandfathers and her aunt, Kathy Burden. She was employed by Ford Motor Co. Truck Plant in Wayne for more than 15 years. Funeral services were held Wed., February 23, 2005 at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Chuck Ozment officiating. Interment Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

MICHAEL FREDRICK CHILDRESS

Age 32, of Fowlerville, formerly of Howell, died unexpectedly, Thursday February 17, 2005 at his residence. He was born October 23, 1971 in Farmington, son of Ernest "Fred" Childress of Midland and the late Sharon (Korinek) Childress and was 1992 graduate of Howell High School. Michael was employed by Detroit Diesel in Detroit for the past seven years and enjoyed target shooting and especially video games. Surviving in addition to his father Fred, is his brother, Robert Childress of Caro, his two sisters and their spouses, Patricia and Dennis Nagel of Midland, and Jennifer and Scott Ingersoll of Linden, and his niece and nephew, Nicole Nagel and Gavin Ingersoll. Memorial services for Michael will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 27, 2005 from the Ware-Smith-Woollever Funeral Chapel, 1200 West Wheeler Street in Midland. Reverend Kirk Havel of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Midland will officiate. Michael's family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday from 11 a.m. until time of services. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Pamela Stearns Foundation for kidney replacement in care of the Ware-Smith-Woollever Funeral Home. You may share your thoughts and memories with the family at the funeral home or through waresmithwoolver.com.

THOMAS R. DURKIN

Age 62, of Townsend, TN, and a former long time resident of Northville, died February 18, 2005. He was born November 16, 1942, in Dayton, OH. He leaves behind a loving family, including his wife of 18 years, Patsy Hunt Durkin; his children, Sara and Rob Reimer, Betsy, and Tom and Sheri Durkin; and four grandchildren. A memorial service will be held Friday, March 11, 7 pm at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. Friends may visit beginning at 6 pm. Memorials contributions may be made to Friends of the Smokies, PO Box 5650, Sevierville, TN 37864.



ELIZABETH GATES

Elizabeth was a highly respected English teacher who taught in the Wayne Public School System for 35 years. Elizabeth was born on June 3, 1914 and died at age 90 on Sunday February 20, 2005 at 6:00pm at the nursing home in Crestwood, Kentucky. She is survived by her son, Chuck Gates, her late daughter, Beth Troia and widowed, son-in-law, Joseph (Buzzy) Troia, her grandson and his wife, Grok and Tera Gates, her brother, Bill and his wife Inga, and her sister, Jene. There will be a short memorial service held at the Michigan Memorial Cemetery scheduled for Thursday, February 24, 2005 at 11:00am, where she will be in urnment next to her husband John.

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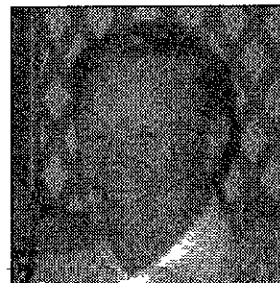
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ELIZABETH MCGUFFIE

February 19, 2005 Age 76 of Bloomfield Hills, formerly of Alpena, MI and Toronto, Canada. She was a Licensed Practical Nurse at local hospitals and also volunteered at the Women's Crisis Center in Pontiac. Elizabeth was a very talented writer. Throughout her life she wrote hundreds of non-fictional manuscripts with recollections from her childhood to present, full of memories and personal experiences. She was very meticulous when it came to writing, as she wanted to ensure that she passed on to her children and grandchildren, detailed accounts of her life and the events and culture that shaped their family. She came to North America after WWII as a young bride and wrote to her mother in Scotland almost everyday. Her writings are full of family history and their Scottish culture, a wonderful legacy to pass on to her family. Elizabeth was also an accomplished artist, enjoying sketches and sculptures. She also had a love for gardening, knitting, sewing, cooking and canning. According to her children she canned the "best pickles" in the world. Wife of the late A. Duncan. Mother of Elizabeth "Gael" McGuffie, James D. McGuffie (Christine), David A. McGuffie (Karrie), Duncan C. McGuffie (Alease). Grandmother of Bryan, Matthew, Alexander, David, Cameron & Anna. Sister of James H. Sykes (Doreen). Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 32515 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, Thursday, 3:00-8:00pm. Funeral service Friday 11am at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Interment Pine Lake Cemetery. Memorial tributes to The Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Dr., Southfield, MI 48075 or The Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Ste 175, Southfield, MI 48034. obituary at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



EDMUND E. PEITZ, JR. "BUD"

Age 77, passed away on February 17, 2005 in Naples, FL. He was born on May 20, 1927 in Detroit, MI. He was a resident of Bingham Farms, MI, and a winter resident of Naples, FL. He graduated from Annunciation High School in Detroit. Mr. Peitz developed and owned Export Corp., in Brighton, MI. He was retired. He was an avid golfer, enjoying golf vacations, and was a member of the Detroit Golf Club. He also loved to read, and was a great dancer. He was a U.S. Army Veteran. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary (nee: Wallace) Peitz - married in 1954; sons, David Peitz and Donald Peitz (Cynthia); grandchildren, Tristan, Trevor, Travis, Chelsea, and Earl Peitz; sister, Doris Lapierrre (Jay); brothers, Robert Peitz and Tom Peitz (Grace). Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road, Troy, MI. Memorial Mass will be held on March 5, 2005, at 11:00 AM at Church of St. Owen, 6869 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills, with Reverend Frank Canfield officiating. Visitation at church begins at 10:30 AM. In lieu of flowers memorial tributes in memory of Edmund E. Peitz may be made to Society for PSP, Executive Plaza III, 11350 McCormick, Suite 906, Hunt Valley, MD 21031. Share memories at obitDesmondFuneralHome.com

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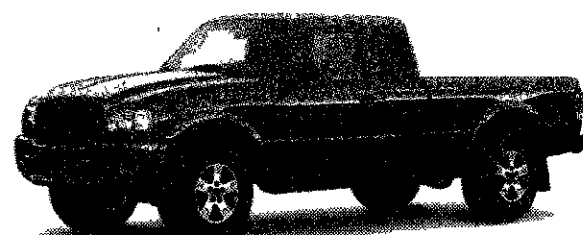


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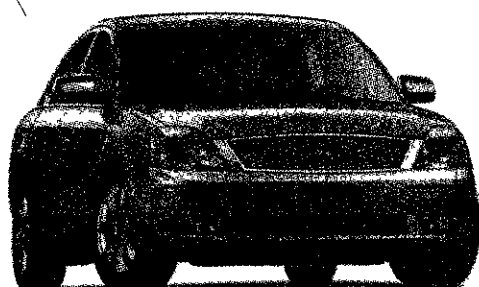


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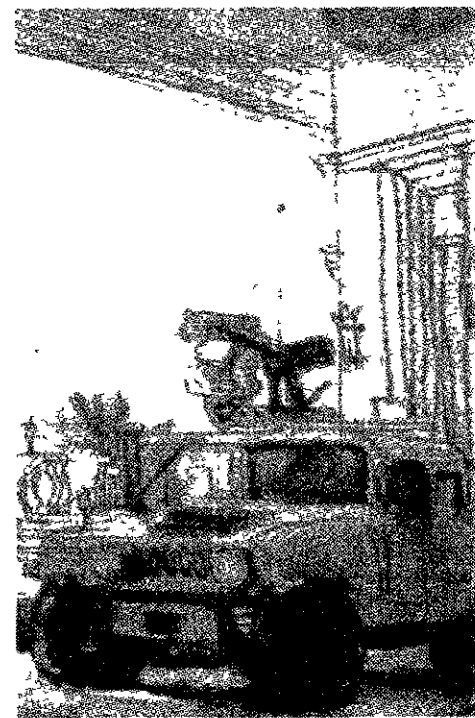
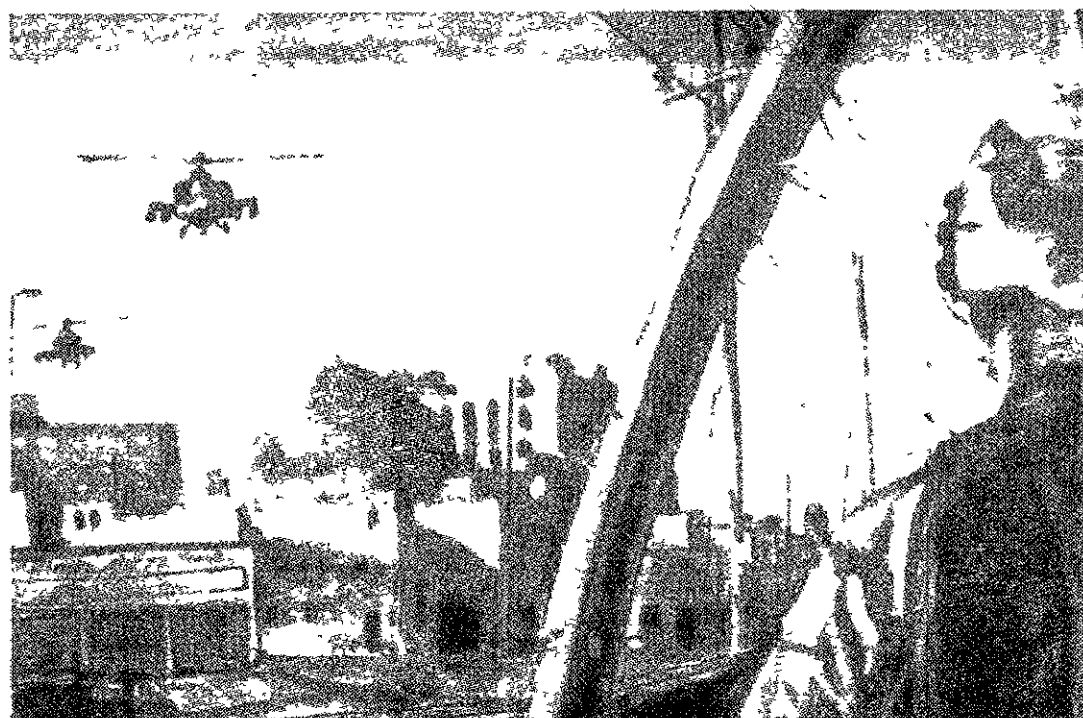
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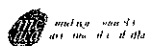


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**Keely
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company I begin working for on Monday designs software for newspapers. They developed News Edit Pro, the system we use at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. My official title is Installation and Training Team Manager. You can't leave without writing a column, my editor said. People will want to know what happened to you.

A lot has happened since I began working at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers on the copy desk in June of 1989. Never, in my wildest dreams, could I have predicted the way life would turn out.

I came to work everyday, did my job, was promoted from copy editor to Arts & Entertainment/Taste section editor to Assistant Managing Editor of Features. When I started working on the Taste and Entertainment sections there wasn't a features department. The Entertainment section was three pages, and a lot of people didn't even notice it because the pages were in the sports section. Over time, staff was added and features became a department. We developed the Arts & Entertainment and Arts & Leisure sections, which evolved into Filter.

Without a doubt I can honestly say I had the best job at the newspaper. It's been a blast. Where else can you get paid to interview and write about actors, musicians, dancers, playwrights, chefs, restaurants, business owners, vacation destinations, and cool houses? Two interviews stand out. Talking to George Burns on the eve of the opening of the former George Burns Theatre in Livonia, and Jerry Lewis who was in town to perform in *Damn Yankees*. Burns said he would die on stage, that nothing pleased him more than performing. Lewis was one of the nicest, most sincere people I've ever met.

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WINTER HATERS CAN COMMISERATE AT MUSIC FESTIVAL



Gray weather inspires the blues so here's a reason to celebrate the cold:

If Detroit didn't have such depressing weather we might not have such great musical events like the upcoming Winter Blows Blues Festival and the Coldstock '05.

Both festivals are all about bringing blues musicians and its fans together for an evening of warmth. Winter Blows is on Sunday, March 6, at Herman's Old Town Grill in Plymouth. Coldstock '05 is Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25 and 26, at Hastings Street Ballroom in Detroit.

"Well we all know that winter blows, but the reason for Winter Blows is about the horns," said festival organizer Dave Danielle of the Sax Maniacs. "We're featuring bands with wind instruments. It's a fun concept to showcase newer Detroit blues musicians — to give them a chance to be appreciated and play with some old time favorites."

One of those favorites is The Soulshakers Blues Band, whose

members performed with the famous Butler Twins blues act — the brothers, Clarence and Curtis passed away just a year apart in 2003 and 2004, respectively.

Winter Blows benefits the Motor City Music Foundation, which hosts the Detroit Music Awards. Danielle said the festival will be recorded and a CD should be out later this year.

"Detroit has a strong blues community and we're trying to document as many events as possible to hold onto our heritage, to document it for the future."

Coldstock '05 is a two-day event featuring Denny Baran & The Bluesaholics, Jeff Grand & The Grandmasters, "Lonesome" Dave Paul and many others.

"Blues festivals are usually friendly events because everyone who comes is there for the music," Danielle said. "It's nice to see older and younger people together — all there to appreciate the music."

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STORY BY LANA MINI | STAFF WRITER

THE WINTER BLOWS BLUES FESTIVAL

When: 8 p.m., Sunday, March 6
Where: Herman's Old Town Grill, 195 W. Liberty, Plymouth, (734) 451-1213
Who's playing: the bugs Beddow Band, The Sax Maniacs, The Carl Henry Band, The Smokin' 45s and the Soulshakers Blues Band. Master of ceremonies is musician and writer Luther Badman Keith.
Proceeds: Benefit The Detroit Blues Society and WDET-FM Radio
Admission: \$5

COLDSTOCK BLUES FEST '05

When: Doors open at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 and 3:30 Saturday, Feb. 26
Where: Hastings Street Ballroom, 715 E. Milwaukee, Detroit, (313) 873-2955
Admission: \$30
Who's playing: "Lonesome" Dave Paul, Lucas, The Alley Cats, Miss Cathy Davis & The Soul Searchers, Jeff Grand & The Grandmasters, The Curtis Sumter Project, "Monster" Chuck Lyon, The Billy Davis Rhythm Machine, Little Jr. Cannady, The Ben Moore Blues Express, Jeff Maylin, Rick Stel, Stoney Mazar & The Westsiders, Denny Baran & The Bluesaholics.
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The Sax Maniacs are one of the featured acts at the Winter Blows Blues Festival. Above left, Dave Daniels of the Sax Maniacs and the Detroit Music Awards organized the festival that features an array of horn players.

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On stage



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Sarab Kamoo, from left, Matthew Phenix, Neil Necastro and Jerri Doll appear in 'Private Lives' by Noel Coward at Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester Hills..

Meadow Brook offers up a battle of the sexes

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Following Valentine's Day, what could be funnier than a good, no-holds-barred battle of the sexes?

Meadow Brook Theatre's production of Noel Coward's *Private Lives*, which continues through March 6 at the Rochester Hills venue on the campus of Oakland University, promises a good fight.

But there will be a limit on the physical fights between the characters, a divorced couple, recently remarried, who separately go on honeymoon only to encounter one another in adjacent suites.

"We're doing it in the very classic style," said Meadow Brook Artistic Director David Regal.

"But I was concerned about, as described in the play, the slapping matches. This felt too edgy for me in this day and age."

So a few of the drag-down fights that ensue between the characters, members of the 1930s upper-class, manifest

themselves with pillow-throwing, playful tackling and the slinging of various objects from across the room. But the source of humor - that can't-live-with-them-can't-live-without-them antagonism - remains.

The lead characters, Elyot and Amanda, played by Meadow Brook newcomers Neil Necastro and Sarab Kamoo, ultimately ditch their respective honeymoons and steal away to Paris. The new spouses they left behind catch up to them in Amanda's Paris flat in the last act and more fireworks fly.

"It really gives us a very clear picture of the upper class of the 30s, the idle rich. We never find out what they do for a living and where they got their money," said Regal.

But *Private Lives* eschews reality for silly, comic romance with an old-time feel, he said. "We think it's the equivalent of

a '30s sitcom, great situations and humorous witty dialogue."

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ON STAGE

What: Meadow Brook Theatre presents Noel Coward's 'Private Lives.'

When: Through March 6, shows at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday with some 2 p.m. matinees.

Where: Meadow Brook Theatre, 207 Wilson Hall, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills.

Tickets: \$22-32, call Meadow Brook Theatre Box Office at (248) 377-3300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com.

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Mike Anthony, from left, as Falstaff and Chris Roady as Prince Hal in The Hilberry Theatre's production of William Shakespeare's 'Henry IV, Part I.'

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Hilberry Theatre opens 'Henry IV, Part I'

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Theater companies in metro Detroit don't often mount full-scale productions of William Shakespeare works.

Producing the Bard's plays are expensive, work-intensive and a risk with mainstream audiences, so often university theater companies are left to do the job.

But it's a job The Hilberry Theatre, Wayne State University's graduate theater ensemble, is glad to do.

Their production of *Henry IV, Part I* opens Friday, March 4 and continues through May 5.

"It's just a great niche here in Detroit because we don't have a regional theater here," Blair Anderson, chair of the Wayne State University Department of Theatre, said of the university's commitment to Shakespearean drama.

Henry IV, Part I continues the saga of the Bolingbroke family that Shakespeare began in his play, *Richard II*. The story surrounds the recently crowned King Henry, known as Bolingbroke in *Richard II*, and the challenges that threaten his territory and the future of the throne.

FROM THE BARD

What: William Shakespeare's 'Henry IV, Part I.'

When: Opens Friday, March 4, and continues in rotating repertory through May 5.

Where: The Hilberry Theatre, Cass at Hancock on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit.

Tickets: \$13-22, with student rush tickets available the day of the show for \$10, call the box office, (313) 577-2972 or visit www.theatre.wayne.edu.

"It's important to share Shakespeare's look at royalty and the upper classes," Anderson said, adding, "We haven't done an historical play in quite some time."

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BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
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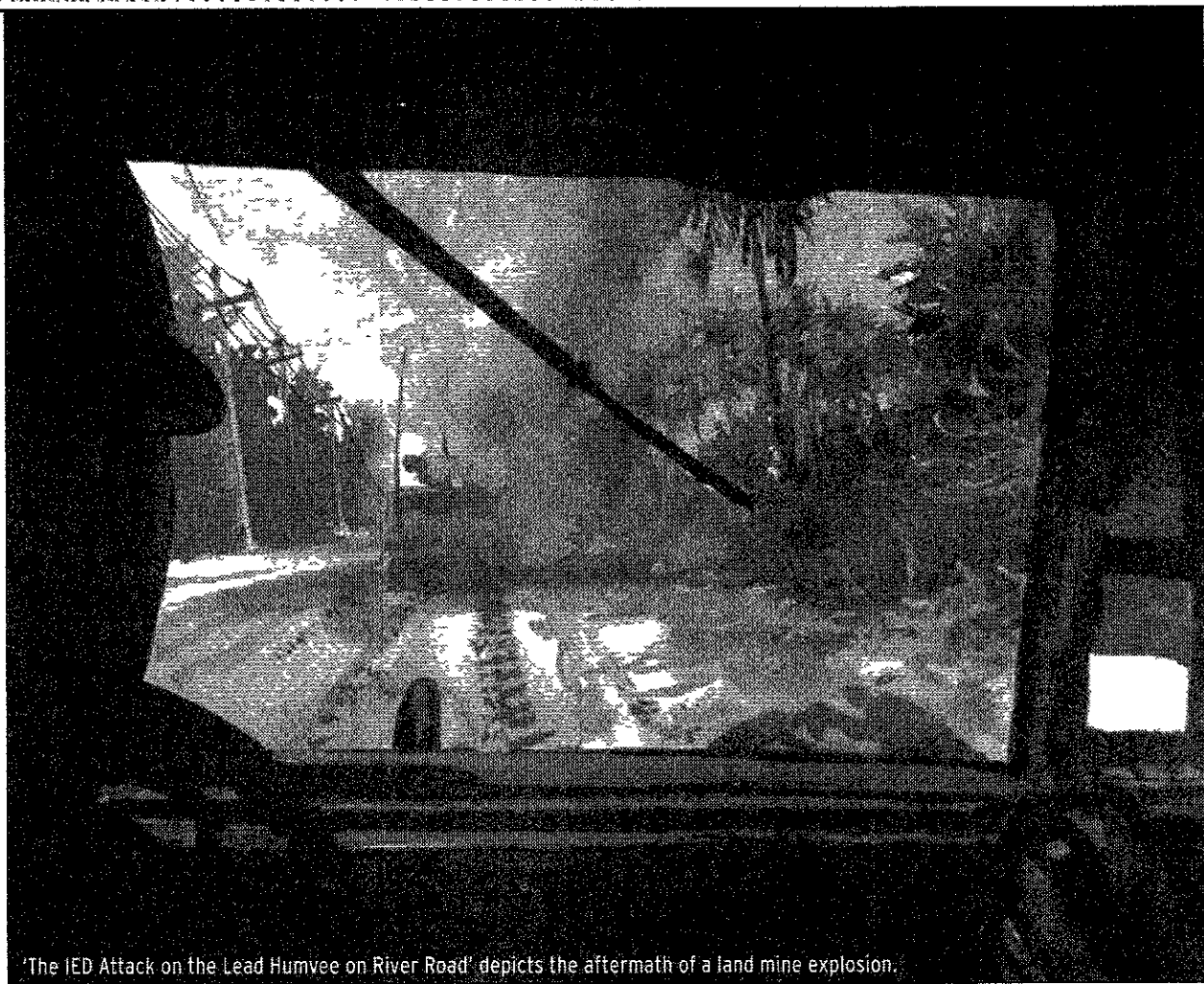
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ART OF WAR

STORY BY NICOLE STAFFORD | STAFF WRITER

CRANBROOK SEES IRAQ THROUGH THE ARTIST'S EYES



'The IED Attack on the Lead Humvee on River Road' depicts the aftermath of a land mine explosion.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

The media's daily reports on Iraq often suggest the war is a repetitious circle of events.

An attack by rebel forces early in the week precedes the death of an American military soldier a few days later followed by yet another devastating bomb explosion.

No doubt the accompanying images of war are powerful and telling. But does the media's sweeping coverage paint the entire picture?

Drawing From Life, an exhibit of drawings depicting military and civilian life running at Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills, answers the question with a

resounding "no."

"We're not starved for images of Iraq," said Gregory Wittkopp, museum director. "But what an artist brings to the story is humanity."

Drawing From Life continues through April 3. A film series featuring two award-winning documentaries about the war in Iraq also runs this weekend at Cranbrook.

The 40 watercolor and sepia drawings in the exhibit were created by Steve Mumford, an artist imbedded in Iraq for the on-line magazine Artnet.com. The New York-based artist made four trips to Iraq in 2003 and 2004, spending a total of

about 10 months traveling and working in the region. Mumford ultimately created hundreds of works for Artnet.com, garnering much media attention, including ABC News Person of the Week in December 2004.

Many of his works convey a quiet normalcy and less-than-dramatic day-to-day existence in Iraq: a soldier taking a nap, an Iraqi tailor doing repairs inside an American military base, another soldier practicing his golf swing outside a former Saddam palace.

Wittkopp, who co-organized the exhibit with Matthew Kolodziej, assistant professor of art, University of Akron, hopes

the arrangement gives visitors "a sense of the ebb and flow."

The viewer, for instance, might encounter a work depicting a military base with nothing taking place followed by Mumford's portrayal of a nighttime raid and then a sketch of two young Iraqi boys seeking money to run errands for American soldiers.

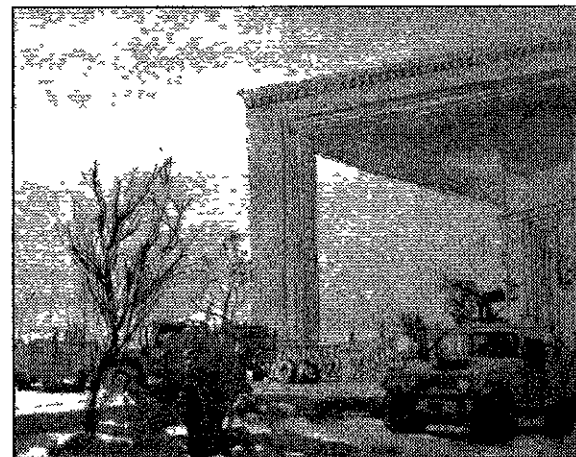
But several of Mumford's works capture a surreal beauty in the chaos of battle. The *IED Attack on the Lead Humvee on River Road* depicts the aftermath of a land mine explosion on an Humvee from the interior window of the vehicle directly behind it. Outside the

tanks, a melba peach light surrounds a haze of smoke near the explosion. The control panels and soldier's face inside the Humvee remain dark but glow in the artificial green light emitted by the equipment.

"It's just much more palpable – the humidity, the density of the night, the sounds, the wind in the air," Wittkopp said of the drawings. "This is what it means to view life in Iraq from the eyes of the artist."

Adam Shapiro, co-director of the documentary *About Baghdad*, which runs Friday at Cranbrook, couldn't agree

PLEASE SEE IRAQ, D10



Left to right, soldiers engage in a fire fight in a sketch by Steve Mumford, who was imbedded in Iraq for the on-line magazine Artnet.com. Mumford's war images have a surreal beauty. His drawings portray a variety of scenes in Iraq, including U.S. military forces set up in former Saddam palaces.

Club scene

Musician makes it eclectic at the Ground Round



BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Musician Terry Jacoby has seen Bruce Springsteen perform at least 40 times.

Watching a master songwriter like The Boss performing on stage is inspiring for Jacoby, a writer himself. It rouses him to write, sing, play guitar and harmonica with passion.

It doesn't matter if Jacoby is singing his own songs or music from others, the passion is still there. He strives to play music that people will remember.

Jacoby, of Wixom, performs every Saturday night at the Ground Round in Livonia. His nearly three-hour show isn't packed with just predictable covers tunes.

Terry Jacoby doesn't limit himself to one musical era when he performs at The Ground Round in Livonia. He'll sing obscure Springsteen, popular Sarah McLaughlin, and tunes by U2 and John Mayer.

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Yotsuba translates from Japanese as four
leaf clover.

"Because it's rare, Japanese people also
consider the four leaf clover a symbol of
good luck," said owner Ann Lin, who opened
Yotsuba late last November but who
acquired a full liquor license only recently.

Lin is not a newcomer to Japanese restau-
rant ownership. In 1989, she opened Miki in
Ann Arbor and sold it in 1996. She missed
the business, so opened Yotsuba there in
2001.

"When I saw this West Bloomfield place
(formerly a Japanese eatery that closed) I
liked it immediately," Lin said. "It's large
(seating 100) with a tatami room for 25 and
bigger groups can be accommodated."

CLASSY DECOR

Yotsuba's atmosphere and decor mirrors
its classy owner. A centrally placed sushi bar
seats 20. Blonde wood chairs and flooring
create a bright and attractive accent that is
both simple and expressive of Japanese
artistry.

An open ceiling gives the impression of
spaciousness. Eating areas on two levels cut
both noise and offer the sense of intimacy



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chef Nobu's Alaska roll and California roll.

for smaller tables.

Contrasting colors of fern green and salmon are creative touches, as are the interior small pools with soothing gurgle. All this is backdrop for some of the most attractive plate presentations of any Japanese restaurant in the area. "I like to think of beautiful plate garnishes as a fusion expansion," Lin noted.



Ann Lin opened Yotsuba last November.

Then there are Lunch Sets such as Teriyaki or Tempura. Kamro Don, tender roast duck served on a bed of rice (\$10) is an outstanding Donburi choice.

Yotsuba Kaiseki Bento (\$13), served with a house salad, miso soup and white rice, offers a wide assortment of exemplary Japanese dishes, including shrimp and vegetable tempura.

OMEKASE

To enjoy dinner at a first-rate Japanese restaurant, ordering "Omekase," meaning Chef's Choice, is the way to go. At Yotsuba that means allowing head chef Toshi Iwaishi (nicknamed Rocky) to prepare about seven traditional and inventive Japanese courses.

Offerings, that end with a special dessert, change seasonally or with the freshest ingredients secured from purveyors. For a group of more than four people, Omekase requires a 24-hour pre-order. For two to four people, it can be ordered on the spot. Omekase prices range \$50, \$75 and \$100 per person. "The quantity of food is the same," Lin indicated. "The difference in price is related to the quality of ingredients used in each dish."

A LA CARTE

Selections from sushi to sashimi and on to Japanese specialties are broad, both at lunch and dinner. Two salads are musts: Asparagus and Avocado or King Crab. Soft Shell Crab, deep fried and served with ponzu sauce or Tuna Tataki, lightly seared, thinly sliced fresh tuna served with a delicate sauce are appetizers, that with Miso Soup or Vegetable Gyoza Soup, make a delicious light lunch.

DINNER DELIGHTS

If you don't choose the Omekase route, don't miss ordering Gyoza, pan-fried dumplings served with a spicy dipping sauce and the Japanese-French fusion dish Komo L'Orange, pan-fried duck breast served with signature Grand Marnier orange sauce.

Seafood lovers have abundant choices. Then, there are Sets or Ochazuke (rice soups generally ordered after a main course or as a light meal) or Nabemono, cooked to order tableside, or Bento boxes.

Leave room for dessert. Passionberry Duo is a good choice.

"Hopefully, diners, who don't know Japanese food and who still believe that sushi is all raw fish, will come to Yotsuba to learn that this is not true," Lin concluded. "I hope that they will also come to try the wide selection of other Japanese dishes our chefs make."

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Steve Mumford, a New York-based artist made four trips to Iraq in 2003 and 2004.

IRAQ

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more. "Artists are trying to find out the spirit of things and more about what's going on in people's lives, whereas the news media is driven by headlines," said Shapiro, who went to Iraq for a month in 2003 to shoot footage for the film.

About Baghdad, a series of interviews with Iraqi citizens, won 2004 Best Documentary at the Big Apple Film Festival in New York. *Control Room*, which shows Sunday, profiles the controversial Arab television network Al-

Jazeera and won the 2004 Grand Jury Prize for Best Film Documentary at the Sundance Film Festival.

Of course artists and members of the media understandably have different goals, said Shapiro. "Artists are interested in presenting what they see, and the news media is interested in presenting what its audience wants."

'Drawing From Life,' runs through April 3 at Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. For more, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or (877) 462-7262 or visit www.cranbrookart.edu.

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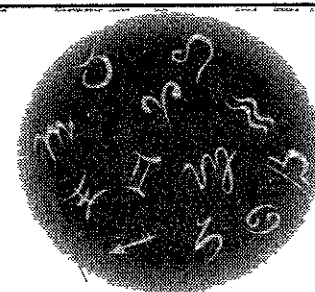
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Star struck

(Feb. 24-26)

By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Before issuing some kind of ultimatum, do everything in your power to find out why partners or close companions have been acting in such a strange, secretive manner. Chances are that they are as bewildered by recent developments as you are and therefore cannot be held completely responsible for their actions.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Your ruling planet Venus says now you have the wherewithal to transform every situation you encounter and to cease feeling trapped by situations that have lost their sparkle. Determine what you want, what opportunities have been overlooked and, above all, what personal resources are still untapped.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Although by nature you like to know all the ins and outs and the whys and wherefores, the best results now will be achieved by taking a great deal more on trust - whether dealing with affairs of the heart or long-term career issues. Be open-minded, not open-mouthed.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Having recently accepted an invitation, challenge or taken on board certain new responsibilities, you must now deliver the goods, Moon Kid. To do so may exhaust you and keep your nose to the grindstone a while longer, but in this instance the financial rewards could be quite phenomenal!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

It's astro arm-wrestling time, Lion! Not everyone you have to deal with this week, either in your personal life or at work, will be as tuned in as you are, so expect others to frustrate you. (Sorry.) But don't let your anger show. That will only encourage them. Purr, don't growl.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

No one knows just how strong you are, kiddo. Ingenuity is the key operative word now whether your current probs be of intensely personal or financial nature. You have been through the mill and put to the test. The moment has come to do something just because you have an overwhelming urge to do it.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

There seems to be quite a lot taking place behind the scenes and so much uncertainty about career or family matters, no wonder you are unable to plan ahead! However, this week's planetary set-up will bring light to info that will enable you to work on these matters. The approaching Spring promises a dream or two coming true.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

On any journey, we must find out where we are before we can plan the first step, Scorp. Therefore, by mid-week's Full Moon, you need to put your own house in order, then put others in the picture and place your trust in those who have stood by you through all the recent trials.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Although it would be silly to make you believe that you can't put a wrong foot forward now, an extremely confusing cycle concerning cash flow is coming to an end, Archer. Therefore, you no longer need to bow and scrape or accept any situation that goes against your principles or beliefs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

Unusually powerful planetary influences now denote a time of far-reaching changes in close personal and professional relationships. However, having pleaded with others to be totally honest, you really cannot complain if what you're told isn't exactly flattering, Cap! Don't lose sight of who you are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

This time of year the Sun in the water element is supposed to give you the wanderlust as well as another window on the world. You certainly deserve a break and a lot of praise for the way you have kept your head during a long phase of conflict and financial struggle. Dance to your own tune, Water Bearer.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

At this time of year, the Sun passing through your house of self-esteem makes you wonder if you are being too gentle and understanding, right? What is certain is a series of decisive aspects to your ruling planet Moon signify that believing in y-o-u is one of life's most challenging tasks.

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Detroit Repertory Theatre

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Plowshares Theatre

Paul Robeson by Phillip Hayes Dean, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Feb. 24-25; 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

Masonic Temple Theatre

Phantom of the Opera, Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical version of Gaston Leroux's novel, March 2-7, 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. No performance Monday. Tickets, \$18-72-50. Available at Ticketmaster or call (248)645-6666.

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p.m. Saturday, noon lunch Sunday, 2 p.m. show, 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

Marquise Theatre

Peter Cottontail, a musical version of the Beatrix Potter classic, 2 p.m. Saturdays, March 12, 19 and April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, March 13, 20 and April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1 and weekdays 2:30 p.m. March 28, 29, 30 and April 1 at the Marquise Theatre, 135 E. Main, Northville. Tickets \$7.50. For school reservations, birthday parties and group rates, call (248)349-8110.

First Theater Guild

The Velveteen Rabbit, adaptation of Margery Williams classic story, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 11-12 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13 at the Knox Auditorium at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 Maple Road, Birmingham, Tickets \$5. For ticket reservations, call (248)644-2087, ext. 151.

'On The Record'

New musical featuring more than 60 songs from Disney's most popular movies. Showing through Feb. 27, shows 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday; 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Fisher Theatre, 3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit. \$32.50-\$72.50, Ticketmaster 248) 645-6666, box office at (313) 872-1000 or www.nederlanderdetroit.com.

Community House

Peter Pan. Musical version of J.M. Barrie's famous story of the boy who wouldn't grow up. 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 6. Tickets \$8 and \$10 at the door. At the Sara Evelyn Smith Stage in the Wallace Ballroom at The Community House, 380 South Bates St., Birmingham. Call (248)644-5832.

COMMUNITY/COLLEGE THEATER

Main Stage Theatre Guild

No, No, A Million Times No, a musical mellerdrammer, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26-27,

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

Novi Theatres

My Fair Lady, Lerner and Loewe's musical version of Shaw's *Pygmalion*, Friday-Sunday, March 4-6 and 11-13 at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. All seats reserved. Tickets \$17. For reservations, (248)347-0400.

Rochester College Theatre

Little Women, dramatization of Louisa May Alcott's popular novel. 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the Richardson Academic Center on campus at 800 W. Avon Road, Rochester Hills. Tickets \$10. Call (248)218-2051.

Bloomfield Players Community Theatre

The Music Man, Meredith Willson's musical about a lovable con artist. 7:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, March 4-5, 11-12 and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 6 and 13. Tickets \$12 available from the Bloomfield Hills Recreation Office, 4200 Quarton Road. For group rates, call (248)433-0885.

Heartland Theatre Company

Box Step, by Seth Kramer. Script reading at Meadow Brook Theatre. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28 on the campus of Oakland University. Suggested donation \$5. For information, call (248)-377-3300.

Flint City Theatre

Like Mother, Like Hell. Play by Rikki Schwartz. 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Good Beans Cafe, 328 N. Grand Traverse, Flint.

Village Players

The Skin of Our Teeth. William Saroyan Pulitzer Prize winning comedy. 8 p.m. March Friday-Saturday 4-5, 11-2 and 2 p.m. Sunday March 6 and 13, at the theater, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. Tickets \$15. Call (248)644-2075.

DINNER THEATER

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.ticketmaster.com

Rogerland Productions

Run for your Wife by Ray Cooney, 6:30 p.m. buffet dinner, show 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday through Feb. 25, \$25 per person, show only \$12 per person, tax, tip, drinks and dessert not included, Clawson-Troy Elks, 1451 E. Big Beaver, west of John R., Troy, (586) 776-9844. Starbrite Dinner Theater Smell of the Kill. Black comedy by Michele Lowe. Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 25 through April 2 at the 14th Street Bar and Grille, 350 E. 14 Mile, Madison Heights. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., curtain at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$39.50. For information, call (248)589-9900 or www.starbriteprod.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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.

British Isles Spectacular

Motor City Brass Band presents music from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales featuring coronet virtuoso Amy Nelson. The program will open with bagpipers. 8 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the Ford Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Tickets \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students, free for children under 12. For tickets, call (313)943-2354.

Dinner auction

An Evening of Black Satin and Pearls is planned for this year's *Artful Affair* presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. As the only major fund-raiser for the Arts Council each year, the goal for the Dinner Auction is \$50,000 with proceeds going toward their many and varied educational and community arts programs. The VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia will be the location for this elegant evening of fine dining, fun dancing to the sounds of Channel 6, and wonderful live and silent auction items. The Saturday March 19 event will begin at 5:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$85 per person, call (734) 416-4278.

Camp & activities fair

The 16th annual Super Summer for Kids: A Camp & Activities Fair offering one-stop shopping for interesting and stimulating camps is set for Sunday, Feb. 27 in the Birmingham Public Schools Corporate Training and Conference Center, 31301 Evergreen, Beverly Hills (behind Groves High School). More than 70 U.S. and Canadian Camps, both day and overnight, will be showcased at the event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Many new camps will attend this year, according to Elaine Sturnam, camp fair organizer. In addition, new programs for older children that include overnight travel programs, computer camps, sports camps, and programs that have a community service component will be represented. Admission is free. In addition, high school and college students interested in summer employment will also have the opportunity to obtain information. The camp fair is presented by Elaine S. Events and co-sponsored by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Metro Parent Magazine.

President's Collage Concert

Henry Ford Community College musical groups perform. 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

Warren Concert Band

Sounds of America, featuring the music of Copland, Sousa, Ungar and others. 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Warren Woods Tower High School Auditorium, 27900 Bunert, Warren, Mi. Tickets, \$8 adults, students under 13 complimentary with adults. Call (734)377-3336.

JAZZ

Odessa Harris Group

First Baptist Church, corner of Willits and Bates, downtown Birmingham, 6-8 p.m., no charge, (248) 644-0550.

CLASSICAL

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony

Classical works, a festival of film music and prize-winning young cellist Erik Asgeirsson are highlights. Charles Greenwell conducts music by Rossini, Tchaikovsky, Liszt and Lafo. 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. For more information, call (248)645-2276.

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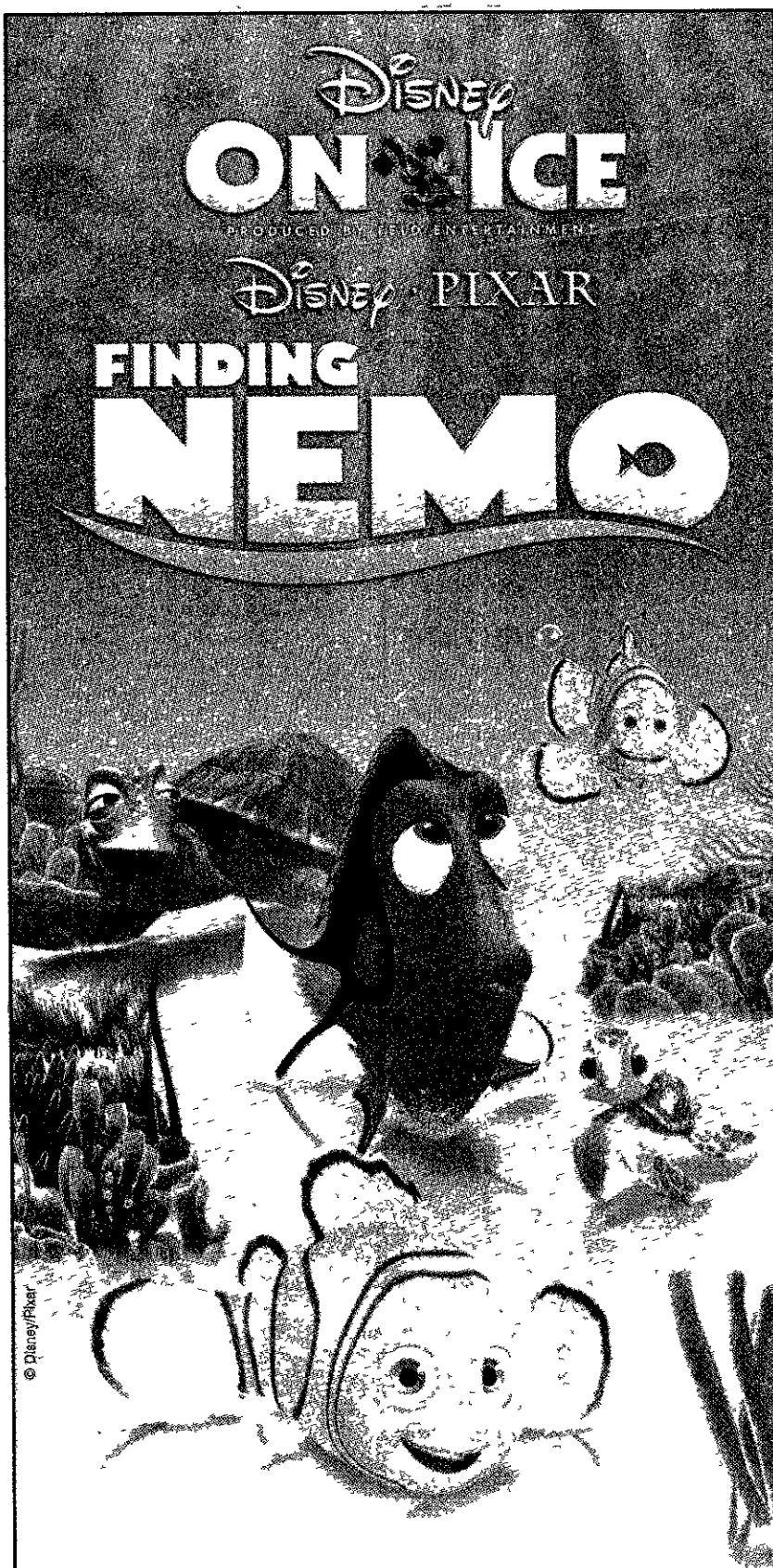
Richard Kogan and George Gershwin by Proxy, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, featuring Kogan on piano and Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and *Porgy and Bess Fantasy*, at the Music Box at the Max, Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Tickets \$40, call (313)576-5111.

Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings

The groups performs music by Beethoven, Carter and Spohr. 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors and \$10 for students. Call (248)-559-2095 and at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at the Music Box at the Max, Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Tickets, \$25, call (313)576-5111.

A Midsummer's Night's Dream

A semi-staged concert performance featuring the music of Mendelssohn and the poetry and comedy of Shakespeare. 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Hill Auditorium, 825 North University, Ann Arbor. For ticket information, call (734)764-2538 or go online to www.ums.org.



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Family fun Candy store hosts old- fashion carnival

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER



Fun House Candy Store carries old-fashion candies.

It will be an old-fashion carnival with modern twists.

Games like the floating rubber ducks and the hit-the-bell-with-the-hammer contest are among the 19 different games

CANDY CARNIVAL

What: An old-fashion carnival to benefit the Salvation Army

Where: The Fun House Candy Store, 25 S. Main Street, Clawson

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26

Admission: Free. Tickets to play games five for \$1

For more information: (248) 307-0534

that will be featured at the Winter Carnival at the Fun House Candy Store in Clawson on Saturday, Feb. 26. Near those old-style games will also be a chocolate fountain where patrons can dip breads, candies and fruits in rich milk choco-

late. There will also be fresh popcorn, cotton candy, face painting, caricature artists, clowns and more.

Everything that a carnival offers...well, almost.

"The only thing we won't have are rides

and summer temperatures," said Fun House Candy Store co-owner Colin Ayres.

The carnival is an event to introduce new people to the old-style store and to raise money for the Salvation Army Bed and Bread fund.

The idea was introduced by child customer Ayres Cahaney, 12, whose mother owns the chocolate fountain. Since he was 8 years old, Cahaney has set up the fountain at various locations and then donates proceeds from the sales to The Salvation Army.

"He's an amazing child who will bring his good work here," Ayres said. "We were so motivated by Alec that we thought we'd help him. Knowing that many people in metro-Detroit have been affected by the harsh winter and economy we wanted to do our part."

His mother, Cat, owns the carnival game company called A Step Outside of the Box, and is donating the items to the carnival.

And while candy stores and carnivals seem like they would be a place primarily for kids Ayres said just as many adults are expected to attend.

"Baby boomers love it," Ayres said. "We've hit a niche specializing in hard-to-find candies. People love to find their old favorites here."

FAREWELL

FROM PAGE D2

orchestras fill their houses by writing about them is one of my proudest accomplishments. These volunteers contribute to the quality of life in our communities and make them better places to live and work in.

My staff - Ken Abramczyk, Mary Klemic, Lana Mini and Nicole Stafford - is excellent and committed to community journalism. They take their mission very seriously. The feature sections - At Home, Taste, Filter, Real Estate and New Homes, along with special sections like Academic All Stars and Spring Home Improvement - are reflections of their creativity and hard work.

Change is certain in life. You can't stop it, but you can change how you react to it. I try to keep a positive attitude, even when horrible things happen. Like when my husband of 18 years died Dec. 17, 2000, after a short battle with leukemia.

My coworkers rallied to support me and applauded my victories - losing over 60 pounds, earning an MBA from Walsh College and graduating cum laude, learning how to listen and be a good manager, adopting my maiden name Kaleski to rediscover "Keely," picking up the clarinet after many years and joining the Farmington and later Ann Arbor Concert Band. Going on dates in my 40s and meeting the man who would become second husband.

Life, I've learned, is fragile, and not predictable. But when one door closes, another one opens. You just have to be brave enough to walk through it.

Here's my secret to success: Build on accomplishments to create opportunity, follow your passion, take chances, don't be afraid to step outside your comfort zone, it's the only way you'll grow, and try to make a difference.

Best of luck, and thank you for letting me tell your stories and provide news you could use for nearly 16 years. It's been an honor.

Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top entertainment picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you.

Local Music

If you combine the 60s girl group with the Detroit rock of the 70s, you have **The Gore Gore Girls**. And they are everywhere lately. They just released a new EP, *7X4*, and are playing a ton of shows to support it including one tonight with The Riots and The Muggs. I want to write more about them, but the Blowout took up all my space this week. Check the sassy ladies out in that photo though: Way hott. The GG Girls will play tonight (Thursday) at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor. Doors at 9:30 p.m. 18 and up, but \$10 for those under 21 and \$8 for those who can legally get smashed. For more on the band, click on www.goregoregirls.com.



The girls your mother warned you about. The Gore Gore Girls play tonight at the Blind Pig.

Show

OK, I have to be honest with you guys. Though I've always hyped the **Hamtramck Blowout**, I've yet to actually attend anything beyond the launch party each year.

See, we work late nights here at the O&E and paying for a wristband for the one night I'm off to see bands I can see all the time never seemed worth it to me. But, this year, oh this year, is different. I've taken Friday off work and plan to attend the whole *expletive deleted* weekend.

The Blowout Pre-Party, where you can purchase a wristband for the entire weekend, is Wednesday, March 2 at the Majestic Theatre Complex in Detroit. Changing the pre-party from focusing solely on rock, the Majestic Theatre will feature hip hop acts including the Black Bottom Collective and Sol. The Garden Bowl will have electronic acts such as Jimmy Edgar and Team Dorkwave. And the Magic Stick will have rock acts TANI, Lee Marvin Computer Arm, Tiny Steps and more.

As far as the rest of the weekend goes, here are the acts I recommend checking out:

Thursday, March 3:

Mom punk rockers the Candy Band @ the Belmont

Quirky, cult-worthy bands His Name is Alive and Nomo @ New Dodge

Friday, March 4:

Prog-rockers PAIK @ The Attic
Stop, Pop, and Rollers Great Lakes Myth Society @ Polish Sea League
High-energy punk band Bang! Bang! @ Knights of Columbus

Saturday, March 5:

Alt-country troubadours The Wrenfields @ Adam's Corner Bar

Much-talked about singer-songwriter Ryan Elliot's DJ set @ Diesel

In case you missed him last week, Nathaniel Mayer and the Shanks @ Small's

Hey, this is just the small part of a giant block of ice. For a complete schedule, including information on where you can buy wristbands early for a discounted price check out www.metro-times.com/blowout.

Album

What's more perfect after Mother Nature dumps a bunch of snow on us than an EP called *Winter Songs*? Yeah, not much. Maybe burying yourself under blankets and drinking hot chocolate. But you're going to need something to listen to while you do so and this album of seven songs by **Matt Pond PA** is perfect.

Clocking in at 20 minutes (can we discuss how some full-length albums are only 25 minutes?) the record consists of three covers (can we discuss how much I love covers when they are done well?) including an excellent, outside-the-box cover of the Neutral Milk Hotel tune *In the Aeroplane Over the Sea* (can we discuss how much I love NMH?).

As far as sound, MMPA's warm, upbeat melodies and sprawling lullabies are like Treasure State on downers. This is music that sidwinds. (Sidenote: A little Internet research found Treasure State are still together deeming that reference still current!)

For more on the band, check out www.mattpondpa.com.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy, who strives to be your information burrito, overflowing with facts, layered in tasty observational detail. You can state your peace, piece, peas, gruff by e-mailing her at stardy@oe.homecomm.net or snail mailing Pure Picks c/o Stephanie Tardy, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI, 48009. As always, information regarding local entertainment events is also something you should really send to her.

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CITY BITES

City Bites lists special dinners/promotions, menu changes, restaurant renovations, promotions and other news. To get listed, send, fax or e-mail information to Hugh Gallagher, Features, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net.

Escape to the Caribbean

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.

MUSIC

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Jacoby said. "It can be an Elvis hit or something more obscure like *Dear Prudence* from The Beatles ... just good songs."

The Ground Round is a casual grill and bar that serves burgers, wraps, soups, salads, pastas and beers, wines and frozen drinks. On Saturday nights, Jacoby strives to turn it into an entertainment venue where audiences do more than dine.

"If you play guitar, come play a tune with me," Jacoby will ask the audience. "If you can sing, join me for a song."

And the audience often responds.

Jacoby performs mostly covers, but will throw a few original tunes into the mix.

"But I know people want to hear music they can sing too ... so I'll play what they want to hear."

But that doesn't mean Jacoby, a journalist by day, doesn't take his own

song-writing seriously.

"Lyrics are important to me."

Lately he's been busy honing his own words. The song *With Her Next Breath* is about the passing of Jacoby's friend and the spouse that was left behind.

"She hears footsteps like we hear thunder, feels pain like a child feels joy ... Have you ever met your hero, then watch helplessly as he's destroyed"

And from a song called *Standing Again*, Jacoby writes;

"I was Superman who could not fly, I was a billionaire just getting by"

And as another creative outlet, Jacoby, a journalist by day, is also reforming his band from his Eastern Michigan University days. Terry and the Pirates, named after an old comic strip, was a relatively well-known name at EMU in the mid 80s. Jacoby hopes that band will eventually perform around metro-Detroit later this year.

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Gobble, gobble, gobble, this turkey really stinks

This is just too easy. *Blood Freak* is about a guy who turns into a giant turkey.

I will not insult turkeys by making any disparaging remarks about them. This movie does enough to tarnish their already fowl reputation.



Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

But where to begin examining this tur-... no, I'm sorry. This motion picture.

Made in 1972, *Blood Freak* is, believe it or not, a morality play, about the evils of drug abuse, food additives and the hippy way of life. It also unintentionally makes a statement about long hair, mustaches and sideburns and why they are best left as relics of that era.

Herschell is a rather large and seemingly not too bright guy who meets up with a Bible-spouting gal who has a hippie pot-smoking sister and equally bad pals who do nothing but get high, man. Like, man, they are groovy. Can you dig it? It's their bag.

Herschell simultaneously gets hooked on drugs and gets a job at a turkey farm, where he becomes the victim of an experimental drug test.

It's hard to determine what's worse, the scene of Herschell getting high or the prolonged stuffing of Herschell as he downs practically a whole turkey by himself.

Wait, I know what's worse. The acting. Not a single person here can act or even come close to acting, except for maybe Herschell, who at least gives it a try. Everyone else seems to be a relative of director, producer, writer pair of Steve Hawkes or Brad Grinter. Or maybe they worked cheap.

Whatever, after gorging himself, Herschell passes out. When he awakes, he finds that he has the head of a turkey. Herschell gobbles his way across the countryside drinking the blood of people he hangs upside-down from a ladder and whose throats he cuts.

Charming. When things look like they can't get any worse, Herschell wakes up and we discover this has all been just a dream. He walks into the sunset with his goody-good girlfriend.

And, oh yes, periodically, the camera

breaks away to Grinter sitting at a desk who babbles some nonsense about God and human nature, or something like that. In a truly bizarre turn (as if this wasn't bizarre enough) he ends his comments by choking uncontrollably as he sucks on a cigarette.

There may be a message here that drugs are bad, but smoking is OK. Remember,

this was 1972.

Or maybe there is no message at all. Maybe this is just stupid. If you must, it's at Thomas Video in Clawson.

Greg Kowalski probably should have saved this one for Thanksgiving, but we might as well get it over with now. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or by e-mail at gkowalski@oe.homecomm.net.

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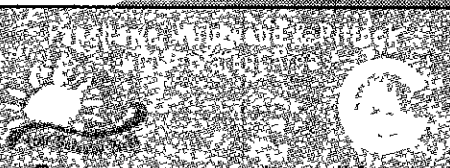
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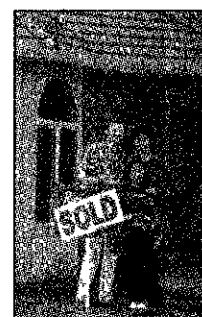
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Contact attorney before signing

We signed a purchase agreement for a condo and the seller, who was selling by owner, told us that we did not need an inspection. We also do not have the condo docs and our period for inspection has run out. What can we do?

As you probably realize, you should have gotten an experienced lawyer before you signed the purchase agreement or, in the alternative, provided for a contingency in the agreement that it would not become binding until a lawyer had adequate time to review the condominium documents, the financial condition of the Association, and whether in fact the seller was in compliance with the condominium bylaws and rules. The best you can do now is try to get a lawyer to get the information needed in order for you to make an intelligent decision and hope that you have a way out of the deal if in fact it turns out to be a bad one for you.

I am wondering what types of non-traditional condo conversions you are seeing in your practice.

There are an endless number of condominiums that can be created in strip centers, motels, hotels, and high rises, parking structures, campgrounds, and boat slips. These can now be combined with other types of residential and/or commercial developments that are not condominiumized. An experienced condo lawyer with creative ideas can fashion a condo project suiting the needs of the investor/developer.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Market teaches rate lessons

If you have been paying attention, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan

Greenspan has increased interest rates a few times already this year. Home equity line of credit (HELOC) owners are grumbling that their payments are about 25 percent higher than just a few months ago.

The reason: Unlike most mortgages, HELOCs are almost directly linked to a federally controlled index. For years, you have heard me say that Greenspan controls a key interest rate, but he does not control mortgage interest rates.

His changes affect the federal funds rate - the interest rate banks charge each other for overnight loans. They mean little to most of us most of the time.

The mainstream media makes mountains out of Greenspan's occasional molehill announcements. The effect of this incessant sensationalism is that listeners hear the news, but they miss the real information.

People become numb to what is news and what is junk. When mortgage rates began their downward migration a couple years ago, they did so as a result of the Fed's actions. But, there was very little correlation between his announcements and the market changes.

Here, we see it again, but in the opposite direction. Banks are being charged more expensive money by the Fed, but the rates the banks are charging for mortgage money have not yet changed much.

The lesson again as loudly as I can place in print: The free market controls mortgage interest rates, not the Fed. Listen to the market, not to Greenspan.

Yes, the mortgage rates will go up as a result of the Fed's actions - eventually. For now, mortgage rates remain exceptional. If you want to ditch your HELOC, now is the time to act.

Jump now for planned home purchases, too.

Today's TIMBIT! - The ancient proverb says, "When the student is ready, the teacher appears," meaning the knowledge is out there for the mind fertile enough to receive the seed.

Remain open to the weekly information I share with you. It's not always news, but it's relevant to your life.

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Pushing to

close

Couple giving birth to a new baby and home

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

Can you do two things at once? How about close on a house purchase and give birth to a baby?

If you need guidance in this two-step of the home-and-family dance, you might consider how Yvette Tamlin did it.

Actually, she didn't have much choice.

As last year was only a couple of days away from becoming last year, the 33-year-old mother of three boys became a homeowner and the mother of four boys.

"We had to close before the end of December," said Bruce Webb, a sales agent with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Westland. The pending new mortgage, he said, wouldn't carry over into the following month.

And there also was the pending new Tamlin, a being then of unknown gender, late in arriving and whom the doctor didn't want carrying over into the following month.

Induction of labor to deliver the child was scheduled for Dec. 28. The closing was scheduled for the 29th. Close, but workable. Ah, apparently the baby didn't get the memo.

At 9 a.m. on closing day, Webb picked up a representative from the title company and headed to William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak where the Tamlin baby was a no-show from the day before.

"There were papers Mrs. Tamlin had to sign," Webb said. She was in labor and his labor was to get her signature. The step to do that put him into the labor room with her.

Everything signed, Webb headed back to Dearborn where the expectant father, Curtis, 35, who works in construction, was to come for the 3 p.m. closing on the family's new home.

After almost 10 years in a three-bed-

'He'd never missed any of our children's births. But it was our first home purchase.'

Yvette Tamlin
mother, homeowner

room apartment in Southfield, Yvette said, the Tamlins now would have their very own four-bedroom colonial complete with back yard and driveway. The house was love at first sight, she said, after they'd looked at more than 50 houses around the metro area.

As that Wednesday slid into afternoon and the Tamlins came ever closer to the Great American Dream, the newest Tamlin still wasn't present. At least, not that anyone could see or hear. But it was time for Curtis to go to the closing.

"He'd never missed any of our children's births," Yvette said. The other Tamlin boys are 15, 5 and 3. "But it was our first home purchase." Neither Yvette nor Curtis wanted him to miss either of these wonderful milestones in their lives.

"I told him I'd call him when he was there and he'd be able to be with me on the phone while the baby was being born. Make it seem like he's in the room. But he couldn't hold the phone and sign the papers at the same time so he put me on the speakerphone."

Well, let's see now. There's Yvette in her hospital bed, attended by her mother and the med-

ical folks; while over in the conference room at the title company, there's Webb, along with the seller's agent, the title rep, the mortgage rep and - oh, yes - the father-in-waiting.

The scratching of Curtis' pen was almost-inaudible background to the sounds from the scene. "I didn't scream much," Yvette said.

Before Curtis finished his stack of papers, all the participants were joined by Dion D. Tamlin, who would be the eight-pound, 14-ounce resident in the new house. For the once-again mom, the day was just another example of "managing my time."

You see, she's a liberal arts graduate of a community college who's now finishing her bachelor of science degree in business at University of Phoenix. A full-time student with four children?

"When you want something real bad, you work at it," she said.



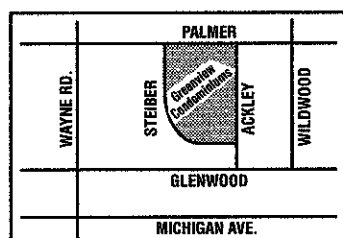
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Golden years: High-end communities lure metro area seniors

Aging baby boomers who don't plan to relocate to the Sun Belt can find increasing numbers of high-end retirement communities in metropolitan Detroit.

Many of the communities operate as virtual self-contained cities, featuring restaurants, salons, movie theaters, banks and swimming pools. Some also offer assisted living, which provides help with things like dressing, bathing and grooming for those who don't need the skilled medical care furnished in a nursing center.

Six upscale seniors' complexes have opened in metro Detroit since last year and at least another half-dozen are being developed, putting the region in the top 10 nationwide for this type of housing, according to the American Seniors Housing Association.

Apartment can range from \$550 to more than \$2,300 a month. Some require life contracts and deposits of hundreds of thousands of dollars in addition to monthly rent payments. Most have waiting lists.

Developers of upscale seniors' housing are taking their cues from sources like an American Association of Retired Persons survey that said only one-third of all baby boomers expect to scale back their lifestyle after they've left the work force.

The focus on upscale development, however, has provided comfort and flexibility to retirees like David Hague, 76.

Hague sold his home in Troy after his wife, JoAnn, died in October. The retired steel company owner moved to The

Village of Rochester Hills, which opened last year.

"It was paid for, but I didn't want to keep the place up anymore. Now, I've got an extra \$350,000 in the bank, and I think I actually reduced costs by coming here," Hague said. "I don't pay for plow service, lawn service, water, sewer, house cleaning or property taxes. For \$1,600 a month, I come and go as I please."

Hague's apartment does not require a life contract.

"I can move to Florida or a different place someday if I want to," he said. "If I get to a point where I need help and can't do my own cooking, I can move into the building next to me where the apartments are nice and they provide the meals. Then, when I need a little help dressing or bathing, there are plans for assisted living."

"And, when I get to the end of the road, I can go into hospice. It's all right here on this same 22 acres."

Featured HOMES OF THE WEEK

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Berkley - Priced to sell fast! Totally updated 3-bed brick bungalow. Refinished hardwood floors, new carpet in family room, basement, garage, fenced yard. Beautiful landscaped lot w/ deck, kitchen w/all appliances, bath w/ new shower ad kohler sink. \$199,900 (28CUM)

Clinton Twp - Well maintained 2-bed, 1.5 bath condo. Very spacious master bedroom w/walk-in closet and an extra closet. Newer carpet, roof, finished basement, patio, carport. All appliances stay, pets are allowed. Not a drive by! \$107,900 (54MEA)

Canton - Newly built 3 bedroom 2.5 bath condo, 2-story foyer, neutral decor, oak kitchen cabinets, master suite has walk in closet and bath, gas fireplace in living room, appliances included, 2-car attached garage, private cul-de-sac location. Asking \$220,000 (63CON)

Dearborn - Charming 3-bed, 1.5 bath colonial. Large fenced wooded lot w/ landscape and sprinklers. Basement, garage, fireplace, enclosed sunroom, refinished hardwood floors. Newer furnace, windows, roof, siding and deck. Just move in! \$264,900 (35 WAW)

Dearborn Hgts - Ready to move in! 3-bed bungalow with a large front porch. Long driveway that leads to a huge car garage. Basement, hardwood floors under carpet, lot's of closet space, fenced yard. Updated eat-in kitchen with bay window overlooking a beautiful yard. \$115,900 (11LEH)

Livonia - 3-bedroom ranch in a great area of Livonia for under \$160,000! This home features a 3 season sunroom, central air, 2-car garage, a newer driveway and all appliances stay. Covered ceilings in living room, dining nook off living room, newer hot water heater, basement \$159,900 (66GRO)

Livonia - Sharp 3-bedroom brick ranch with all appliances included. Home warranty, 2 car garage, basement has rec room w/bar, spare room, workshop and laundry room. Hardwood floors, newer windows, A/C, hot water heater, furnace & garage door. \$154,900 (52MCJ)

Plymouth - Beautiful 4 bed, 2.5 bath colonial. Large F/R with natural brick fireplace, freshly painted, brand new carpet and flooring. 2 car att-garage, beautifully landscaped yard w/sprinklers, deck and porch. Basement, attractive brick and stone exterior. Close to schools and x-ways. \$359,900 (29CAN)

Taylor - Gorgeous 1500 sq ft 3 bedroom ranch. Features include living room, family room w/cathedral ceilings, most bedrooms w/walk-in closets, heated 2-story shed. Newer features include kitchen cabinets, roof shingles, hot water heater. This home is very clean! \$136,900 (90LIN)

Westland - Cute and clean 3-bedroom ranch with Livonia Schools! Finished basement, open kitchen w/eat-in dining room, C/A, doorwall that leads to 16x16 deck. Andersen windows, 2 car garage, lot's of perennials planted all around the home. \$162,900 (39FRE)

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709 Cherry Orchard	\$246,000
717 Cherry Orchard	\$238,000
6492 Durham	\$265,000
1925 E Roundtable	\$182,000
43593 Emrick	\$183,000
47382 Fairlawn	\$260,000
329 Harvard	\$243,000
44699 Heather	\$260,000

1238 Hendrie	\$400,000
46986 Hadden River	\$320,000
47243 Labana	\$436,000
49390 Lincolnshire	\$145,000
6647 N Lambeth	\$315,000
43517 Nowland	\$288,000
7004 Poppleton	\$437,000
2035 Preserve	\$192,000
3913 Ravensfield	\$202,000
231 Robert	\$353,000
42967 Saxony	\$186,000
691 Stonehenge	\$228,000
49387 Townsend	\$490,000
2075 Tradition	\$524,000
1449 Trinity	\$219,000
1341 Wagon Wheel	\$253,000
6791 Woodmere	\$293,000
43603 Yorkville	\$159,000

Garden City

27547 Cambridge	\$152,000
28657 Donnelly	\$135,000

2034 Harrison	\$400,000
31909 Pardo	\$320,000
901 Radcliff	\$436,000
33090 Rosslyn	\$145,000
	\$315,000
31630 Six Mile	\$288,000
33909 Eight Mile	\$437,000
11311 Arden	\$192,000
11027 Cranston	\$202,000
15354 Deering	\$353,000
17279 Dolores	\$186,000
18998 Fairway	\$228,000
34660 Fargo	\$490,000
9019 Fremont	\$524,000
9931 Garvett	\$219,000
14507 Gary	\$253,000
15011 Norman	\$293,000
34072 Parkdale	\$159,000
30997 Richland	
14102 Riga	\$152,000
19418 Saint Francis	\$135,000

Livonia

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Plymouth

18749 Vanderhaven	\$570,000
34104 Wadsworth	\$186,000
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Redford

14115 Centralia	\$110,000
19205 Centralia	\$129,000
12083 Columbia	\$112,000

Westland

8540 Alper	\$135,000
839 Autumn Ridge	\$253,000
6679 Bison	\$165,000
6617 Caribou	\$143,000

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18690 Denby	\$120,000
18811 Denby	\$129,000
19757 Denby	\$130,000
26824 Glendale	\$146,000
11319 Grayfield	\$133,000
9217 Jerome	\$154,000
15845 Leona	\$102,000
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Participants in the course will learn about cultural values and how to understand cultural differences, such as the various expectations, needs and communication styles, including how to recognize and react to verbal and non-verbal cues. The home buying priorities of various ethnic groups will be explained and strategies will be taught on how to encourage feedback, gain trust, and acquire the individual's or family's business.

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Remerica of Michigan announces the opening of Remerica Liberty Real Estate. The office, located at 19254 Newburgh in Livonia, is owned and operated by Dave Owens. Before his affiliation with Remerica,

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WESTLAND - LOVELY 3 bedroom bungalow is ready to move into! New carpet throughout & linoleum in kitchen. Updates include: furnace, hot water heater, roof, newer windows & updated elect. Offers large corner lot, oversized garage, fenced yard, brick paver patio & walkway! \$139,900 (D11Bea)

PLYMOUTH - STUNNING 4,700 sq. ft. cape cod w/1st floor master suite Den & GR step down into a magnificent 2-story octagon shaped atrium. Newer granite kitchen, T-stairway, 13x11 loft could be office, formal living & dining rooms, large professionally finished LL, beautifully landscaped w/brick paver & backs to commons! \$699,900 (D68Coo)

CANTON - GREAT HOME IN GREAT AREA! Beautiful 3 BR, 2 bath colonial w/spacious master suite w/walk-in closet, bay windows in living & dining room, family room w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace w/oak mantle, updated large oak kitchen, finished basement, wood floors, large BR's, loft, 24x24 deck, etc. \$279,900 (L85Hiv)

REDFORD - WELL MAINTAINED starter w/vaulted ceiling in living room, open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, updated ceramic bath & windows. Appliances stay including washer & dryer. Fenced backyard w/shed that has electric. Home shows well & has immediate occupancy. A must see! \$99,900 (L42Ink)

REDFORD - SPARKLING HOME! Quality built w/wet plaster & hwd flrs. Updates include tear-off roof, glass block windows in basement, all windows, storm doors, interior paint, newer furnace, H2O heater, driveway, garage door w/remotes, etc. etc. Located close to schools & walking distance to shopping! Home Warranty. \$154,900 (L29Jen)

LIVONIA - COUNTRY LIVING IN LIVONIA! 1/2 acre park like setting is what you get with this 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home w/full basement and a 2 car attached garage. Quality built w/wet plaster, coved ceilings, hardwood floors & fireplace. Close to schools, parks, Livonia Y, ice rink & ball diamond. Great family home! \$245,900 (L31Lyn)

REDFORD - HIDDEN TREASURE DISCOVERED! One of the prettiest settings for this charming bungalow. Honey oak floors. Pella doors, fireplace, 1st floor bedroom that comfortably holds king-size bed, deck that welcomes you to gorgeous flower gardens. This list goes on! Drive by 16030 Meadowbrook, Redford & see if you agree! \$185,000 (L30Mba)

WESTLAND - A LOT OF HOUSE FOR THE MONEY! See this very nice 3 bedroom brick ranch with finished basement. Basement has a kitchen w/2 extra bedrooms & full bath. Walkout deck from kitchen. This is truly a must see home! \$165,000 (L30Joh)

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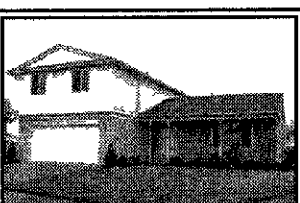
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ROOMY CAPE COD Over 1600 square feet and quality updates like the roof, windows and siding. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a study, 1st floor laundry, hardwood floors and more. Downriver area. \$129,900 (C-342TW)



GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY Adorable brick ranch on the first hole. 3 bedrooms, updated windows, furnace, roof, new kitchen, laundry room floor and water heater. Home warranty included. Seller will consider all reasonable offers. \$117,500 (P-656BI)



BACKS TO A PARK! Nothing to do but move into this sharp 4 bedroom colonial with many nice features. Newer oak kitchen, updated baths, newer roof, siding, carpet and paint. Fenced yard backs to a commons. \$258,000 (P-601BO)



FAMILY FRIENDLY Large colonial offers newer windows, furnace, ac, hardwood floors, 2 car garage, appliances, nice master fireplace, deck and a finished basement. Great location with good schools. Open floor plan. \$334,900 (P-908KI)



WINDING CREEK SUB Open floor plan with formal dining, family room w/fireplace, 1st floor laundry, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, a large lot with a deck and many upgrades. Built in 1998. Shows very well. \$309,900 (P-589BR)



A DREAM COME TRUE This multi-level family home is a dream come true and easy access for commuters too! Formal living areas, family room for casual relaxation and a fenced yard. \$188,500 (C-283DO)



CHARMING BUNGALOW Great opportunity to own this updated home with 3 beds, 2 baths. All appliances stay, new vinyl windows, water heater, finished basement, central air, garage and fenced yard. A must see. \$134,900 (P-313CU)



WIDE OPEN SPACES 4 bedroom colonial backs to a city park with basketball, tennis and more. Family room with fireplace, formal living area, nice master and more. Immediate occupancy. Better hurry! \$253,000 (P-685FA)



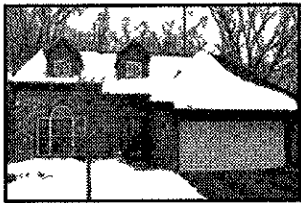
IDEALLY LOCATED 3 bedroom bungalow with a beautiful oak kitchen, nice master, full basement, new roof, vinyl windows and many more valuable amenities. This is truly a great value for under 150K. \$149,900 (P-863LA)



THE PERFECT CONTEMPORARY Almost 4000 sq. ft. 2 1/2 story great room w/floor to ceiling fireplace & arch sunburst 3 tier double windows overlooking awesome backyard with deck & sunken hot tub. \$535,000 (C-974CO)



PRIVATE RETREAT Custom built on a 2.82 acre lot with a beautiful view. Beautifully done custom workmanship thru-out, finished walkout with a full bath, bar, and breezeway leading to the 1500 sq. ft. glass enclosed pool room. A rare beauty. \$1,199,000 (P-141SA)



UNIQUE APPEAL Light and airy Farmington Hills colonial featuring volume ceilings, skylights, woodland view and a lovely master with fireplace and glamour bath. Maple kitchen and formal dining too! \$329,900 (C-450TO)



GORGEOUS COLONIAL South Lyon home with 3 beds, 2.5 baths and a must see finished basement. Ceramic and hardwood floors, oak kitchen w/island and appliances, vaulted master, deck and beautiful landscaping. Fences allowed. \$242,000 (P-991WE)



RELISH THE PRIVACY Spacious 2 bedroom condo boasts master bedroom with sitting area and extra lg. walk in closet. Fireplace, snack bar and a white kitchen with newer counters and flooring. Backs to the woods. \$149,900 (P-721SY)



SENSATIONAL SUNFLOWER! 4 BR quad in Canton's family friendliest neighborhood incl. tennis courts, 2 pools & 2 clubhouses. Newer roof, furnace, HWH, flooring & more. Appls stay. Ceramic baths & nat. fireplace w/wet bar complete the package. \$244,900 (P-532ED)



CLEAN, AFFORDABLE CONDO First floor condo in Redford with a courtyard view and private entry. One bedroom, common basement, laundry room & storage. Perfect for first time buyer. Community pool for summer enjoyment. \$44,000 (P-301FI)



INVESTOR SPECIAL Good location in Westland for this 3 bedroom fixer upper. Basement and a 2-car garage with a workshop. Price reflects the need for a new owner to make this home new again. \$64,900 (C-120NO)



ROYAL OAK BUNGALOW Gorgeous new kitchen and a spacious master suite both with granite and marble. Add a new furnace, air, roof and siding and you have the perfect house! Nicely landscaped yard, 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. \$254,900 (P-906AM)



UNIQUE AND FUNCTIONAL! Zoned residential or small business. All of the major components of the home updated i.e.: roof, windows, furnace, air, remodeled kitchen & baths. Basement and garage. Walking distance to downtown Plymouth. \$199,900 (P-469MI)



WELL MAINTAINED Garden City Ranch with 3 bedrooms, formal dining, family rm. With fireplace, appliances, newer windows & doorwall, new carpet and décor, 2.5 car garage and a large floor plan. \$159,900 (C-359AL)



WALK TO TOWN From this great condo in town on a quiet cul-de-sac. Hardwood floors in the kitchen, ceramic tile in the bath, newer furnace and air. 1 car garage. Great opportunity for first time buyer. \$104,900 (P-500FO)



FABULOUS FERNDALE Close to downtown with 4BR/2BA and an updated kitchen w/appliances. Formal living areas, 1st floor bedrm. w/doorwall to deck & hot tub. Finished basement, fenced yard & many updates. Awesome opportunity. \$184,900 (P-250BR)



GROUND FLOOR CONDO Ranch condo with an open floor plan, basement and garage in Plymouth now available for immediate occupancy. 2 beds and 2 baths, fireplace, common pool and tennis. \$168,000 (C-960PL)



BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME! 3 lots available. 2.5 acres each, one lot is a walkout. 2400 sq ft minimum to build gas & electric. Sarnie schools. Can build a pole barn on all 3 lots. \$129,900 (P-400PE)



JUST MOVE IN! Walking distance to shopping area. 2 bedroom vinyl sided home with newer Wallside windows, roof and furnace. Large 60x309 lot. Great for starters or retirees. \$94,500 (C-616GL)



NORTHVILLE CONDO Meticulously maintained end unit 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath condo. Kitchen w/oak cabinetry, hardwood floors, master w/private bath & walk in closet. Close to the beach, clubhouse & pool. \$159,900 (C-500LA)



WHERE DO I START? This one is like a new home! 3 bedroom ranch with a new roof, gutters, vinyl siding, front porch, windows, electrical, paint and carpet, furnace, central air, updating to make it yours. Stop renting and start building equity see to appreciate. \$113,500 today. \$73,500 (P-189WE) (C-546LE)



BEST BUY IN TOWN! Reasonably priced and only one owner! Large floor plan with 3 bedrooms, basement, garage, and a double lot. Needs a little updating to make it yours. Stop renting and start building equity today. \$73,500 (P-189WE) (C-546LE)

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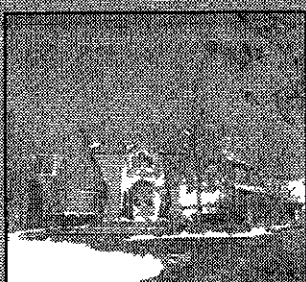
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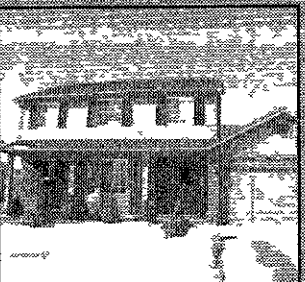
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CANTON \$414,500
Phenomenal price! 4BR, 2 BA colonial w/1 of the best views! Gourmet kit w/granite. Open family room w/vaulted ceiling & gas fireplace. 2-story foyer Master w/gas fireplace & fashion bath 3.5 car garage. Must see! (OEP29INV) 734-453-6800



CANTON \$404,500
Fabulous Home On Supurb Lot! Professionally Fin Lower Level W/3rd Full Bath, Den/office & Add'l Family Rm. Beautiful Hdwd Flrs In Entry & Through Kitchen & Nook Great Open Flr Plan-bridge Overlooking Fam rm W/frpl (OEN55HEN) 248-347-3050



CANTON \$239,000
Must see! Open flr plan, 4bd, 2.5 bath colonial priced to sell! Lg kit, ceramic backsplash, bay window in breakfast, great rm w/cathedral ceiling, formal dining, 1st flr laundry, lg deck, C/A, sprinklers. Hurry! (OEN00226) 248-347-3050



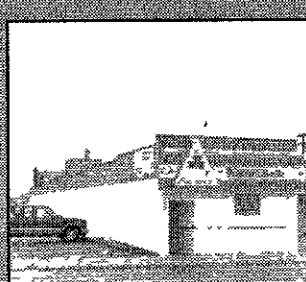
CANTON \$235,900
Don't Judge A Book By It's Cover. Walk Into This Canton Beauty & Be Charmed Bring The Whole Family. A Home Made For Entertaining Note The Formal Dining Rm & Living Rm Large Family Rm. What's More! (OEN09ARL) 248-347-3050



CANTON \$2,600
Home Backing To 6th Fairway Of Pleasant Run Golf Course Finished Bmnt w/Storage. Updated Kitchen W/48" Stainless Steel W/dish Ovens, Fab Master W/2 Person Jacuzzi Deck & 3 Car Garage. 1-3 Yr Lease No Pets/smokers. (OEN18MUJ) 248-347-3050



COMMERCE \$269,900
Wow! Don't miss this one! 4 bedroom colonial on a huge prof landscaped corner lot. Tastefully decorated Beautiful floor-to-ceiling brick natural fireplace in family room. Home warranty included. Near Milford. (OEP50CHE) 734-453-6800



DEARBORN \$490,000
Newer items incl roof, gutters, park lot, kit, elec serv, furn, A/C, plum & sprink sys bar owns all machines- 2 dart mach, juke box & 2 poker machines. Near Rouge Plant. Terms avail. Incl liquor license. (OEL14SCH) 734-591-0333



DETROIT \$187,500
Spacious Rosedale Park Colonial! Well Maintained Updated Kit, Fnsd Bsmnt, New Wnds, Sprinkler Sys, Gas FP Upstairs Sunporch Must See 1 Yr HW Agent Related To Seller Buyer Agent To Verify Room Sizes And Sq ft (OEL23GRE) 734-591-0333



DETROIT \$90,000
Updated Bungalow in Warrendale! Updated Kitchen * Spacious Mstr Bed W/lots Of Storage * Newer Win & Doors * Newer Furn & C/A * Part Fin Bsmnt W/Bath * Nwr Driveway * Newer Roof! Newer Appliances stay just Move In (OEL31GRE) 734-591-0333



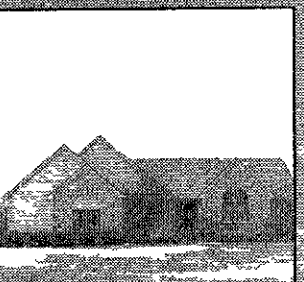
FARMINGTON HILLS \$145,000
Great price for Farmington Schools! Very charming home, beautifully updated & maintained Kitchen & bath have been remodeled, both are very clean and bright. Hardwood floors throughout in great condition (OEN96PUR) 248-347-3050



FARMINGTON HILLS \$329,900
Beautifully Maintained 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath Det Condo On Large Lot. Cathedral Ceilings, Nat FP, Lg Mstr Ste W/ W/ Closet Dressing Area & Jacuzzi Tub Kit w Island, Hw Flrs, Private Wrap Around Deck Show & Sell! (OEL67BUR) 734-591-0333



GENOA \$252,000
Outstanding Cape Cod in sub on shores of Crooked Lake. Enjoy the lake view from your brick paver patio Vaulted ceilings in great room, full basement plumbed for bath and large first flr master bedroom (OESLY68OAK) 248-437-4500



GREEN OAK \$329,900
View nature out your back door! 4 bdrm, 3.5 bath brick ranch on premium lot. Fin walkout, spacious kit, first flr laundry & master suite. Huge deck w/screened in porch. Home warranty and so much more call today (OESLY52CAN) 248-437-4500



GREEN OAK \$289,900
2000 ft deeded lake access just a few steps from the beach. 2 story, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath with 2 car detached garage. Beautifully decorated and landscaped (OESLY79GRO) 248-437-4500



HARTLAND \$339,900
Awesome newer cape cod w/walkout bsmnt on premium corner lot! Gated community, tennis courts and park 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath and 3 car garage 2 story great rm w/ corner fireplace. 1st flr master bdrm w/huge master bath (OESLY67ROT) 248-437-4500



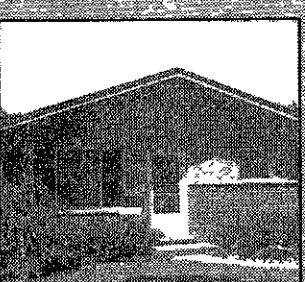
HAMBURG \$338,000
Spotless 4 br, 2.5 bath Colonial on 82 acres Island kitchen w/butlers pantry Hardwood flrs 1/2 to first flr Master bath w/Jacuzzi tub & separate shower Princess suite w/direct access to 2nd bath Daylight bsmnt (OESLY69CLO) 248-437-4500



LIVONIA \$289,900
Totally Updtd Maint Free Home- Mstr Bdrm 12x25, FR 18x27- 2 Skylights Each Updtd Wdws- Kitch W/oak Cab, 2nd Flr Lndry- Wd Drs- Jetted Tub Mst- 90% Eff Furn- & Fr- 365 Sq Ft Rec Rm L/L- Privacy Fence- Nwr Gar Dr (OEL21PER) 734-591-0333



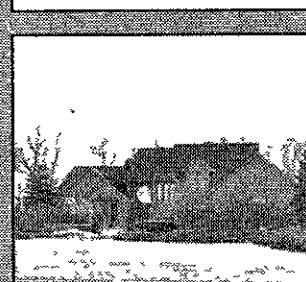
LIVONIA \$179,900
Clean 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath Brick Ranch In Great Livonia Neighborhood All Appliances Included Stove, Refrig, Washer, Dryer, Dishwasher & Microwave Finished Basement Has Glass Block Windows & Tons Of Storage (OEL35LOR) 734-591-0333



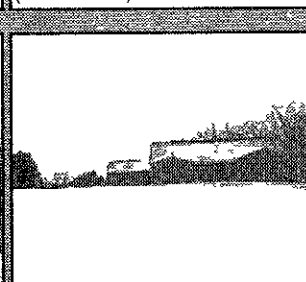
LIVONIA \$170,000
Price Reduced!! 1212 Sq ft brick Ranch In Stevenson District Aggressively Priced For A Quick Sale Updates Incl oak Kitchen W/appl, Remodeled Bath, Newer Siding & Gutters, Hwh, Elec Service, & Vinyl Windows (OEN09FLA) 248-347-3050



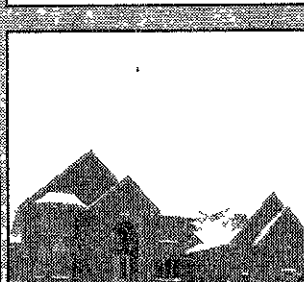
LIVONIA \$145,000
3 Bedroom-1 1/2 Bath Brick Ranch On Blvd Str In North Livonia Newer Kit Cabinets-all Appliances Stay HW Flrs-updates-Furn C/A, Windows Fin Bsmnt W/glass Block Windows, Copper Plumbing 1/2 Bath (2) Car Garage (OEL64ANT) 734-591-0333



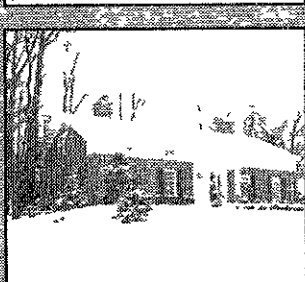
MILFORD \$479,900
Stunning 2 Story Contemporary Sits On 1.62 Acres Backs To Woods 4 Bed, 3.5 Baths, & 1st Fl Mstr Ste W/sky Lights & Plenty Of Privacy Fin Bsmnt Providing An Add'l 1,400 Sq Ft. One Showing Is All That's Needed! (OEL67HER) 734-591-0333



NORTHFIELD \$399,900
Custom built 5 bd, 3.5 bth brick ranch on 5+partially wooded acres on private dr. Kit. features handcrafted hrdwd cab, built-in gas range, db ovens Great room has lrg flr to ceiling fireplace-deck. Pro fin w/o bsmnt (OESLY85AIN) 248-437-4500



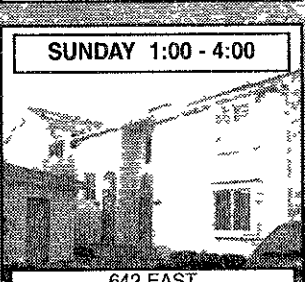
NORTHVILLE \$824,900
Transferee Perfect W/mediate Occupancy! Custom Maple Cabinets w/granite T/O, 2-story Foyer, 2-story Gr W/2-way Fp To Kitchen, Ceramic Tile In Foyer & Kit, dramatic Balcony Overlooking Gr W/ Wall of Windows (OEN64MER) 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE \$624,900
Decorator Perfect Woods Of Edenderry Cape Cod On Approx One Acre Gorgeous Wooded Lot Deep In N Sub! Mahogany Flrs 1/2, 2 Fp's, cherry Cabs In Kit W/new Counters(01), 1st Fl Mstr Ste new Landscaping Front Yard(03) (OEN40LAR) 248-347-3050



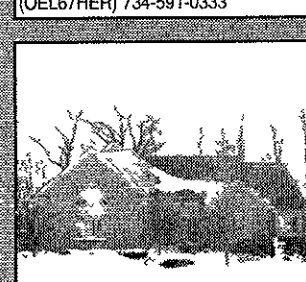
NORTHVILLE \$365,000
Charming home is located in one of the nicest areas of Northville with winding streets, sidewalks, & large common areas. Many updates in the past few years include windows, furnace, AC, aluminum siding & gutters (OEP88MOR) 734-453-6800



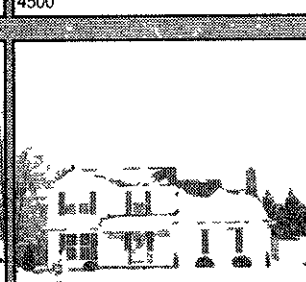
NORTHVILLE \$248,900
End unit in wooded area overlooking downtown Northville. Short walk to restaurants, shops, schools and playgrounds. Neutral decor, skylights, finished walkout with 1 1/2 bath, wet bar, patio off of walkout (OED42EAS) 313-407-0090



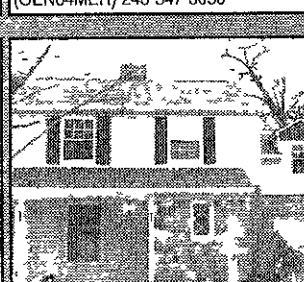
NORTHVILLE \$234,900
Perfect location w/pvt entry 3BR, 2.2BA(3 levels) w/in WO LL. Spac formal LR w/gas FP & formal DR offers 2 doorways access to rear decking Kit is open to added bkfst dining w/wndw Mstr ste w/BA & lg WIC Private! (OEP80WAS) 734-453-6800



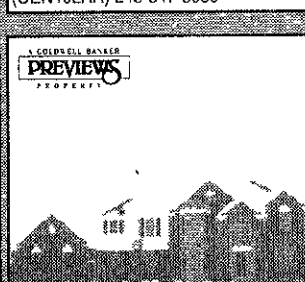
NOVI \$559,900
Impeccable Original Owner Chose Farms Cape Cod On Premium Lot Backing To Woods Deep In Sub! Impressive Gr W/12 Ft Ceilings W/tnpl E Crown Midg, 2-story Foyer ext Painted(04), hwd In Foyer, hallway, Kit & Half Bath (OEN62CHA) 248-347-3050



NOVI \$305,000
Check out the price on this gorgeous home on over 1/2 acre lot w/NV schls. Updates inc Kit flr, wet bar in FR, frnt slrm dr & beveled dr wall, huge deck, gls blk wndws, gar dr opener, newer fur, hwh & roof Warranty (OEP60GAL) 734-453-6800



PLEASANT RIDGE \$279,900
Sharp Pleasant Ridge Colonial W/premium Fieldstone Elevation! Vintage Charder T/O! New Roof Tear-off (01), New Furnace & Ca (02), Fenced Backyard, Sprinklers, New Garage Door & Opener (01), New Windows On 2nd Flr (OEN11MAY) 248-347-3050



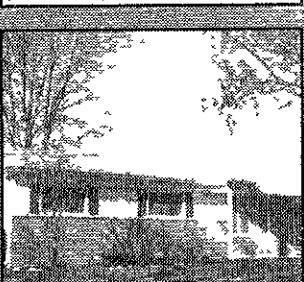
PLYMOUTH \$619,900
Prestigious Country Club Village executive size lot 4/5BR, 4 full BA, upgraded thru-out, cherry oak flrs in foyer, hall, kit, hearth room, 1st floor bath. Walk out LL w/full windows 4 car garage Pool, club house (OEP11FEL) 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH \$329,900
Traditionally elegant 3 bedroom 2 bath home on a double lot offers an open floor plan. Formal living room, gourmet kitchen opens to family room w/tireplace. Newer windows & carpet 2 car heated garage w/private yard (OEP86HER) 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH \$204,900
Updated 3BR, 1 1/2 story home offers nearly 1/3 acre w/2 car gar + 28x19 workshop Lg LR w/16x8 area perfect for study w/HW flr Kit is spac w/newer cbnts, flr w/DW to deck & paver patio Ceramic BA, newer crpt, roof (OEP45SCH) 734-453-6800



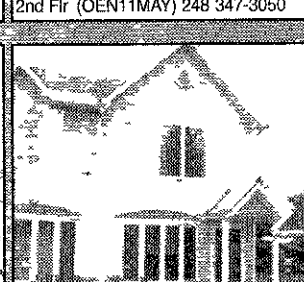
PLYMOUTH \$196,500
Delightful Brick Ranch In Fine Plymouth Neighborhood Neat Floor Plan W/kit-breakfast Area Adjacent To Fam rm W/cozy Fireplace Lar Ge Liv rm greets You Upon Entry To This Swell Home (OEN75WOL) 248-347-3050



PLYMOUTH \$184,900
Great Duplex Priced Right! Investors Take Notice! Wonderful In Town Location. Near Schools, Shopping, Churches This Duplex Is In Great Condition. Newer Roof, 2 Bedroom Each Side "Don't Snooze On This One!" (OEN99ADA) 248-347-3050



PLYMOUTH \$169,900
Updated ranch inc plumbing, landscaping & newer kitchen The list goes on! Updated bath w/pedestal sink & new tub. Lots of storage in lg attic & ovrzd garage w/loft Neutral t/o. Appls remain & incl washer & dryer (OEP20JUN) 734-453-6800



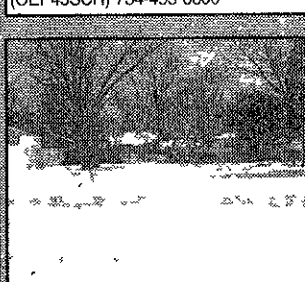
PLYMOUTH \$169,900
Walk to town from 2 BR, 1.5 BA end-unit condo Kit w/island, nook, oak cbnts, newer Pergo floor & doorwall to deck & yard Mstr ste w/wic, full bath & vanity Big bsmnt, carport & new furnace Prime location! Hurry! (OEP00AAN) 734-453-6800



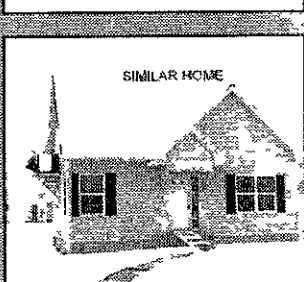
REDFORD \$138,000
PRICE REDUCED! Completely Remodeled Kit, newer Ref, stove 2yr, Roof 5 Yrs/complete Tear off, furnace 03, Fin Bsmnt w/storage, Pool, newer Gar Dr & Newer Screen Drs, Blown-in Insulation The Work Is Done! Priced To Sell! (OEL13ROC) 734-591-0333



REDFORD \$119,900
Brick ranch w/3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, partially finished basement, oversized 2 car garage. Hardwood floors, wet plaster all appliances remain (OEP48BEE) 734-453-6800



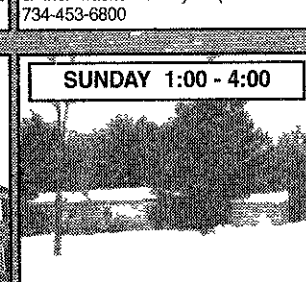
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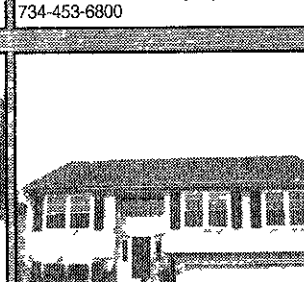
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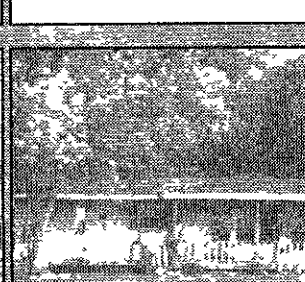
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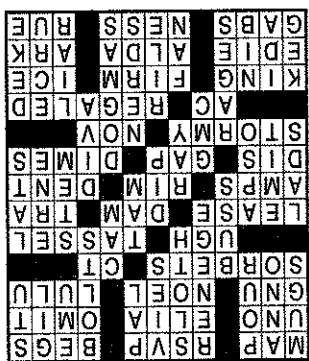
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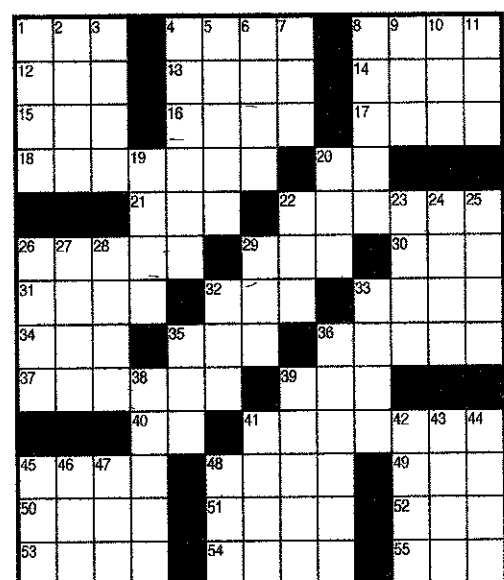
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HIGHLAND Stunning Lake View
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 car att garage, FFL, LR & DR w/covered patios all on approx 3 acres of land. Lake & wetlands. Approx 800 ft frontage on 2 lakes & your own putting green. Garage allows for 2nd floor addition.
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PLYMOUTH Move Right In!
Excellent location in Plymouth. This 2 bedroom condo has newer carpet, kitchen cabinets, dining room flooring and windows in living room. Large private basement and more.
(E99SHE) 734-455-5600 \$89,900



TAYLOR Don't Miss This One!
Newer construction condo opens to a 2 story foyer. Beautiful gas fireplace master bedroom w/WIC & vaulted ceiling. Features C/A 2 car attached garage & carpeted basement.
(E78COA) 734-455-5600 \$172,000



ROCHESTER HILLS Stunning Condo
3 BR, 2.5 BA condo w/att gar, tile kit. Fireplace heats LR & DR. Combo w/doorwall backing to trees, putting green & walking trails. Basement used as family room has glass block daylight. Beautifully decorated.
(E76TEN) 248-349-5600 \$199,900



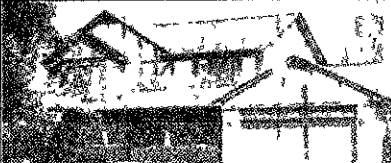
WIXOM Amazing Home & Lot
Fabulous 4 BR, 3 BA home on approx 5 acre wooded lot. Huge country kitchen w/hearth area. 2-story GR, FF MBR, FFL, screened-in porch, professionally landscaped, brick paver walkways, sprinkler, 1 yr warr.
(E64HED) 248-349-5600 \$394,900



CANTON Central Park South
Offers this stunning colonial w/4 bedrooms & 2.5 baths. Breathtaking 2 story foyer, hardwood floors T/O, upgrades kitchen cabinets w/island & pantry, cath ceiling in GR & mstr ste + basement & 3 car attached garage.
(E75GRE) 734-455-5600 \$319,900




MELVINDALE Fantastic Buy
On this sharp 2 unit brick home income property. Both units identical w/2 bedrooms living room, dining room, kitchen & bath. Separate basements w/separate furnaces. Nice sized fenced yard.
(E81WOO) 734-455-5600 \$138,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Colonial
Charming 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached garage, finished basement, family room w/natural fireplace & cathedral ceilings. Updated from top to bottom. Just move right in and enjoy.
(E36SIL) 734-455-5600 \$329,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Remodeled Home
4 BR, 2 BA updated roomy home. Large master w/WIC & full bath. FF laundry. Beautiful LR, FR w/wood stove large deck & 2 car garage. Kitchen appls stay. Large pantry. Fenced yard. roof new 02' carpet 03' Updated.
(E28ALB) 248-349-5600 \$179,900



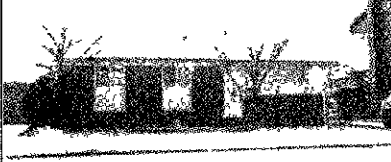
CANTON Live In Elegance
4 BR, 3.5 BA beauty. Master ste has jet garden tub & WIC. Tile foyer & kitchen. Scoring ceilings T/O. Upgraded carpet all neutral. Upstairs guest suite, 3 car garage. Basement is plumbed for bath. A true beauty.
(E11HID) 248-349-5600 \$374,900




DEARBORN Great Investment
You can live in lower half & rent out the upper half. A great home for a large family. Newer roof in 2002.
(E80ARG) 734-455-5600 \$139,000




VAN BUREN Awesome Cape Cod
Elegance from the front door to the back yard, presenting 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car attached garage, basement ready for your custom finishing. DR, FR w/fireplace & lib. Built in 2001 & ready for you.
(E32WAL) 734-455-5600 \$299,999




ROMULUS Cute As A Button
Come take a look at this updated ranch 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, partially finished basement, newer windows, fenced yard. Very clean and not too far from freeways & shopping.
(E03WAL) 734-455-5600 \$137,900




LIVONIA Exceptional Ranch
3 BR, 1 BA & 2 LAV main free brick & aluminum ranch. Unbelievable kitchen w/white cabinets, Corian counters, ceramic floor, mind-blowing. Fin rec room w/trip hwd flrs deck 2 3/4 car gar C/A.
(E97AUB) 248-349-5600 \$204,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Spacious Brk Ranch
3 BR, 2.5 BA w/open floor plan, DR, FR, LR, FFL, hardwood 2 car gar & C/A. Partially fin bsmt, gas trpic recessed lighting. Large lot, lots of closet space, side entry garage w/openers. Large kitchen. Needs some TLC.
(E55LED) 248-349-5600 \$290,000



DETROIT Impeccable Ranch
This 3 bedroom brick home features hardwood floors, C/A & water purifier. Partially finished basement, 2 car garage & kitchen appliances. This is real beautiful.
(E95PAT) 734-455-5600 \$124,000



SHELBY TWP. Outstanding Open Floor Plan
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial on lg premium part wooded lot presents 2 story GR w/fireplace, large lot w/island, 2 car attached garage, partially finished basement, doorwall to lg deck & stamped concrete.
(E79STR) 734-455-5600 \$299,500




CANTON New Construction Home
Elegant cape cod w/4 bedrooms 3.5 baths, 4 car att gar 1st flr mstr w/setting rm, lg WIC & bath w/corner garden tub, cath ceiling in open foyer & great room. Kitchen w/granite tops. Time to pick cabs + grand staircase.
(E02ROL) 734-455-5600 \$768,000



LIVONIA Great Neighborhood
Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath quad with lots of privacy. Formal dining room, family room w/natural fireplace. Hardwood under carpet. Rec room in basement & 2 car attached garage. Great opportunity.
(E12BEL) 248-349-5600 \$227,500



WEST BLOOMFIELD Morris Lake Value
Near Bloomfield schools. Minutes from the conveniences of Orchard Lake road. 3 bedroom contemp colonial w/att gar & finished basement. Brk paver drive & extensions. 2-story GR w/cath ceiling.
(E50LOC) 248-349-5600 \$469,900




ROMULUS Move Right In!
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath colonial w/many updates and wide lot. Newer furnace, roof, windows, carpet. 2 car attached garage, unfinished basement, fenced yard. All appliances included.
(E99DEL) 734-455-5600 \$179,825



PLYMOUTH This Home Is Wonderful
Gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath w/2 car attached garage, basement, family room w/gas fireplace, library, cherry kitchen w/island & granite counters, doorwall to deck 1st floor laundry & so much more.
(E60WIL) 734-455-5600 \$419,900



MILFORD Nothing To Do But Move In
Remodeled from top to bottom. Cath ceilings T/O. Open kitchen overlooking great room. Master ste w/bath & French doors to patio, formal LR w/grand staircase. All in this 3 BR, 2 BA home w/2 car attached garage.
(E23CHA) 734-455-5600 \$329,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Updated Ranch
If you are looking for a newly updated home on a great lot, your search is over. 3 bedrooms, 2 updated baths. 2 car attached garage. fireplace newer roof, large utility room. Turnkey condition. Farmington Schools.
(E00CAR) 248-349-5600 \$199,900




LIVONIA Most Wanted List
This hot new listing is located in the heart of Livonia and has just what you're looking for. Great floor plan with large living room. Updated kitchen, FR/DR, finished basement w/lav, deck, fenced yard. Att 2 car garage.
(E50MER) 248-349-5600 \$174,900



WESTLAND Big Bang For The Buck
Move right in. Neutral deco - great updates include bath-kitchen, newer carpet great room, family room has wood stove, family room for projects or play room for kids. Extra large 2 car gar offers great storage.
(E29CAL) 734-455-5600 \$106,900




SOUTH LYON Great Family House
Charming 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath bi-level w/open floor plan, updated oak kitchen w/ceramic tile floor. Family room, walkout basement & 2.5 car garage.
(E54LYO) 734-455-5600 \$179,900



WIXOM Want To Save Money?
Cute & cozy 2 bedroom co op ranch home. Clean & move-in ready. Finished basement w/workshop & laundry. Sun porch w/patio open floor plan walk to shops. Clubhouse & pool. Adult 55+.
(E20HEL) 248-349-5600 \$55,000



LIVONIA Looking For A Ranch?
Ready to go! Offering 3 BR, LR, DR & 2 BA. White eat-in kitchen. Finished FR in LL w/fireplace. Updates Appl's stay. Hardwood floors T/O. Glass block windows. Large fenced rear yard. garage insulated & drywalled, C/A.
(E93DEE) 248-349-5600 \$164,000




HOWELL Peaceful W/View Of Pond
Near downtown Howell & Brighton. 1994 built ranch w/3 BR, 2 BA. Huge kit w/workst rm to GR w/gas frpic. Formal LR & DR. Mstr BA has garden tub & sep shower, WIC, Lg 2.5 car gar. Over 1 acre wooded lot.
(E22PAR) 248-349-5600 \$272,000



DEARBORN HGTS Hurry It's Sweet!
Brick ranch, gleaming hardwood floors, 2 full baths. Updates elec, a/c, windows, doors, garage siding, lot, humidifier, copper plumbing, bbw, freshly painted landscaping, very clean & awesomely decorated.
(E42PLA) 734-455-5600 \$172,500



DETROIT Updated Home
What a charming home w/garage & finished basement w/home theater room. Updated marble bath & updated kitchen. Florida room overlooking nice yard. Once you see it you will fall in love.
(E22ROS) 734-455-5600 \$68,500



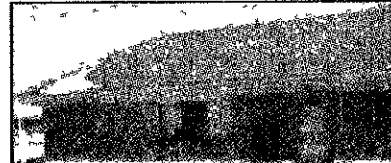
SOUTH LYON Colonial Acres
Walkout ranch condo. Large family room & patio. Extra sink/vanity in master dressing area. Bright kitchen with skylight. Clean and neutral. All appliances stay. Great pond view.
(E07JEF) 248-349-5600 \$95,000



NORTHVILLE Location, Location
Great family home w/room to spare. Spacious LR w/vaulted ceilings & skylights. Family room w/cozy fireplace. Lg deck off DR. Updated kitchen, furn, HWI, windows, carpet & paint. Short walk to downtown.
(E13ELY) 248-349-5600 \$287,900




NORTHVILLE Elegant Custom Cape Cod
Breath-taking views from this lavish villa on 2+ acres. FF master ste offers huge MBA w/traverse flrs, 2nd flr 3 BR, 2 BA, bonus rm. Gourmet kitchen, cherry-granite custom circular staircase. Fin W/O w/full kit & BA.
(E64ROB) 248-349-5600 \$799,900




SOUTHGATE Charming End Unit
This 2 bedroom ranch condo offers vinyl windows, circuit breakers, neutral carpet t/o & Armstrong floor in kitchen w/Merriat cabinets & double SS sink & all appls. Newer roof in 2003.
(E50HOL) 248-112-3456 \$210,000



LINCOLN PARK Great Location
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath w/eating in kitchen, hardwood floors under newer carpet, ceramic baths, newer roof & furnace. Bedrooms upstairs equipped w/sink & stove hookups. Finished basement & 2 car garage.
(E69GRE) 734-455-5600 \$129,000




NORTHVILLE The Epitome Of Elegance
Spell yourself with this 3 BR, 2.5 BA condo w/1st floor master, custom cabinets, granite counters & island, hardwood, a wine grotto, walk-in closets. The upgrades are endless. Great location.
(E93LYO) 248-349-5600 \$419,900



REDFORD This Is A Charmer
2 BR ranch w/lots of updates. Home boasts updated kitchen, newer windows, roof, furnace and HWI. Home is well maintained with neutral decor. Kitchen has white cabinets. Nice yard and oversized 2 car garage.
(E47FIV) 248-349-5600 \$79,900



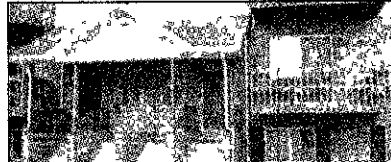
NORTHVILLE Timber Ridge Beauty
Spectacular brick colonial on premium lot backing to commons. Lovely hardwood floors, gorgeous wood paneled study, great floor plan, fully finished LL w/4th BR, full bath, kit area sauna, game room. Won't last.
(E51SCE) 248-349-5600 \$459,000




DEARBORN HGTS Beautifully Updated Ranch
Pride of ownership shows in this 3 bedroom brick home w/partially finished basement, 2.5 car garage, oak kitchen w/appls, hardwood floors T/O, sprinklers & you can walk to private or public District 7 schools.
(E68LIN) 734-455-5600 \$137,500



LIVONIA Something Special
Updated 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial w/newer windows, roof, furnace & C/A. Fresh & neutral family room w/wood stove & 2 car attached garage.
(E25RIC) 734-455-5600 \$214,900



PLYMOUTH Walk To Town
Fabulous location for this 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Neutral decor, open floor plan, doorwall to deck. All appliances stay.
(E52PIN) 248-349-5600 \$124,900



GARDEN CITY Mechanics Dream
Wonderful 3 BR ranch w/finished LL w/full bath. Newer carpet windows, roof & furnace 94 Copper plumbing, updated electrical & glass block windows. Close to schools. All appliances stay. Steel entry doors. Cute.
(E61FLO) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



NOVI Ideal Cul-De-Sac Location
4 BR, 3.5 BA home on prem wooded lot in one of Novi's finest subs. Two-story FR, 4 season sun room, extra deep bsmt w/daylight windows, brick paver patio kitchen w/mplae cabs, formal DR, 2nd floor laundry.
(E90SUN) 248-349-5600 \$639,900



WESTLAND Fabulous Yet Casual
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch w/2 car attached garage, finished basement w/walk-out. Master bedroom w/WIC, open floor plan, large oak kitchen w/garden window, oak vanity in both baths, cathedral ceilings.
(E80NEL) 734-455-5600 \$179,000




DETROIT Warrendale Bungalow
Cute freshly painted brick home w/3 bedrooms, 1 bath, hardwood floors, coved ceiling, newer windows, roof & finished basement & fenced yard.
(E10BRA) 734-455-5600 \$89,900



NOVI Desirable End Unit Ranch Condo
Direct access garage w/plenty of storage. Open floor plan. All appliances stay. Large kitchen has breakfast area. Newer garage door opener, HWI, furnace & A/C. Large private patio w/wood fence. One year warranty.
(E99ROC) 248-349-5600 \$135,000



NOVI Beautiful Colonial
Northville schools. 1988 built 4 BR, 2.5 BA home w/huge great room w/cath ceiling & fireplace. First floor laundry, formal dining room, custom cabinetry in breakfast nook. Master BR w/BA & WIC. 2 decks, more.
(E00FOR) 248-349-5600 \$339,900



REDFORD Charming Ranch
Brck 3 BR home w/fantastic oak kit, spacious LR & Dr. Master BR w/whple closet doors. Vinyl windows, newer concrete, finished basement w/block windows. Patio, newer concrete, 2 car garage. Well maintained.
(E90TEC) 248-349-5600 \$139,900



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CANTON 734-455-7000
ARTFULLY ELEGANT This 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial was designed to turn heads. Lg cul-de-sac lot backing deep woods. 9 ft ceilings on main flr. (23P2552) \$439,900



WESTLAND 734-591-9200
DISTINCTIVE & artfully elegant 3 BR, 3.5 BA brick ranch. Gourmet kitchen. GR, library with French doors. Professionally fin'd basement. Overlooking Anthony's Pond. (25014215) \$324,900



WHITMORE LAKE 734-455-7000
BEAUTIFUL BUILDER'S MODEL. Backs up to golf course. Quiet country living. Many upgrades in this open flr plan. Custom wall coverings & wndw treatments. Fully Indscpd incld irrigation system. (23T7995) \$298,500



CANTON 248-348-6430
A PERFECT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY! Luxury Cape Cod condo w/many upgrades in Links of Pheasant Run Golf Comm. Short walk to pool, clubhouse & Summit. 349-6200 (25003694) \$287,900



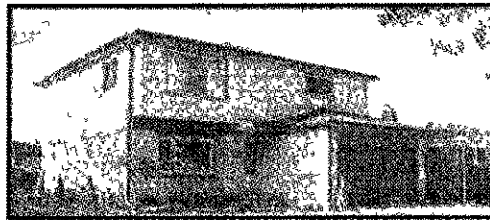
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
A RARE FIND In this custom 1800 SF ranch. Updates are plumbing, wndws, furn, roof-gutters & trim, hot water tank, FP in FR, fin bsmt-wet bar. Park-like setting. (25014797) \$269,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
OPEN FLOOR PLAN 3 bedroom, 2 bath 1,471 SF brick ranch. Hardwood floors t/o, 2 car att garage, bsmt & a lot of updates. Visit www.samsellshouses.com (25015848) \$249,900



LIVONIA 248-349-6200
1500 SF MAINTENANCE FREE RANCH Walk into this brick and vinyl ranch and see a nat'l frpl surrounded by marble in a spac FR. Light kit w/dining area. 3 BR, 2.5 BA. 348-6430 (25012473) \$249,900



ALLEN PARK 248-348-6430
SPACIOUS COLONIAL! Lovely hm totally renovated & expanded in '92! Over 2900 SF! LR & FR! Multiple BR suites-perfect for guests or extended family! 349-6200 (25000042) \$239,000



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
OUT OF THIS WORLD is this 4 BR, 2 BA colonial w/remold dream kit w/island counter & built-ins, fireplace, 2 full baths. MBR w/shower & jetted tub, att 2 car gar, AG pool. (B314) \$229,900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
BROWNSTONE CONDO SHOWS LIKE A MODEL. Absolutely exquisite! 2,000 SF, 2 full baths, 2 half baths. living room, family room, fireplace, deck, 2 car attached garage. (C704) \$214,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Beautifully decorated & loaded w/updates 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. New kitchen w/hickory cabinets '03'. New windows '00', A/C & furnace '00'. Roof '02'. Siding, trim, gutters '02'. (25013334) \$214,900



PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
FABULOUS BARBERRY UNIT! 2-story cell makes this LR inviting. FR w/adj powder rm. Can be bit w/3rd BR. Avail upgrades. Ext Indscpg, sprnklr sys, lawn main & snow remov. Prime location. (23A1205) \$210,900



PLYMOUTH 734-591-9200
TOTALLY UPDATED RANCH Spacious eat-in kitchen. Neutral colors. Ceramic tile & jet tub in bath. New berber crpt. Fin basement w/an extra room. Large tree lined lot and much more! (25013288) \$209,900



PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
STOP WASTING TIME! Looking at overpriced small homes in undesirable areas? We have a split level w/upgrades galore! Hdwd flrs, lg fenced yrd. Plymouth Canton schools. (23B105) \$199,900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
CONOLIAL Premium wooded lot on quiet cul-de-sac. 3 BR. 1 1/2 bath has features galore, C/A, Master BR w/WIC, full bsmt, 2 car att gar, hot tub w/gazebo and bar. (D612) PC220412 \$189,900



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS! LARGEST RANCH IN SUB! Newer rf, wndws, furn, A/C, H2O htr, Berber crpt, brick paver patio. Huge 3.5 car gar w/storage attic. Landscaped yard. 349-6200 (25014999) \$184,750



SOUTHFIELD 248-348-6430
BRIGHT AND CHEERY RANCH. Neat and tidy with a white picket fence. Fplc in FR. Fin'd bsmt w/tons of storage. Many updates. Excellent location. 349-6200 (24053850) \$149,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
EXTREMELY WELL MAINTAINED 3 BR, 1,094 SF, updated brick ranch. Finished basement w/wet bar & 1.5 car gar. All appliances stay. A must see! Visit www.samsellshouses.com (25012225) \$139,900



MONROE 734-591-9200
PERFECT HOME for water people 3 bedroom ranch w/inground pool, 1/2 mile from state park w/boat ramps. New pool liner, pumps & fltrs. HWH, plmbg, hardwood flrs, windows & much more. (25012823) \$139,000



NORTHVILLE 734-591-9200
2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH CONDO. Great floor plan with vaulted ceilings, covered balcony. Updates incl: roof, tilt-out wndws, sinks & fixtures, storm door, pergola in kit & entry & more. (25013417) \$135,900



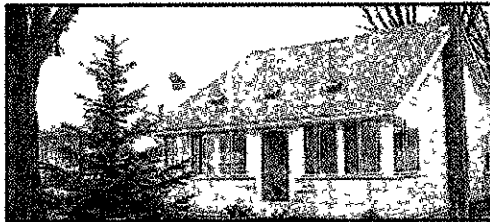
WESTLAND 734-326-2000
GREAT BEGINNINGS Clean and roomy 2 BR condo w/finished basement, 2 car attached w/opener, workshop, storage. Appliances stay. Clubhouse, pool, plus Livonia schools. (C374) \$134,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS 248-348-6430
UPDATED RANCH Well cared for 3 BR, 1.5 BA home w/natural frplc. Newer roof, gutters, bath, oak kit cab. Refinished hdwd flrs. fin bsmt w/ lav. 2.5 car gar & fenced yard. 349-6200 (24155688) \$124,900



REDFORD 248-348-6430
GORGEOUS 3 BR Newer roof, vinyl siding, windows, copper pipes, h/w tank, furn, fencing, steel doors & alarm system. A must see home. Move in condition. 349-6200 (25013218) \$120,000



REDFORD 248-348-6430
UPDATES! SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE! Newer kit, bath, c/a, furn, roof, wndws, HWH, copper plmbg & fresh paint. Computer room/den on 1st flr. Perfect turn-key starter home! 349-6200. (25004290) \$104,900

BRIGHTON 248-348-6430
7+ SPLITTABLE ACRES backing to Shenandoah Sub Wooded Great for small development, prvt estate Convenient to Brighton, Expressways 349-6200 (24080021) \$174,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
TANTALIZING TOTTENHAM! 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2983 SF Hampton model. Lndscpg, sprnklr, paver patio. Huge mstr ste & BA. (23G2588) 24121044 \$394,999

CANTON 734-455-7000
NOW AVAILABLE 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial backing to the commons. DR, LR, FR, 1st flr Indry, fplc, wet bar. All new carpet and more. Lg yard w/mature trees. (23L44856) 24137397 \$239,000

CANTON 248-348-6430
CONDO Better-than-new 3 BR, 2.5 BA w/2-car gar & full bsmt. MBR has 2 WIC. Bright kit has new flr & to commons. Clean & ready to move in! Great price. Quick Occ. 349-6200 (24156050) \$209,900

CANTON 734-591-9200
Beautiful 3 BR, 2.5 BA condo GR with adjoining dining area. Fin rec room w/wet bar in bsmt. New ceramic flr in foyer & kit w/doorwall to patio. 1st flr Indry. 2 car att gar & more. (25016141) \$194,900

CANTON 734-591-9200
2 BR, 2.5 BA dramatic staircase in GR. Cath ceil w/fan & fplc. MBR has 2 WIC. Bright kit has new flr & bsmt. (25009286) \$184,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
GORGEOUS 2 BR, 2.5 BA TOWNHOME close to shopping, freeway access & community facilities. Neutral decor. Mstr ste has vaulted ceilings & 2 lg closets. (23H45081) 25011692 \$182,997

CANTON 734-455-7000
LEASE FOR \$1,150/MONTH Newer condo in Chatterton Vlg. 2 BR, 2 BA, 1337 SF-appl's-1g mstr ste-end unit w/1 car att gar. Hdwd flr in kit. Balcony off DR. Call today. (23E4156) 25001667 \$1,150

DEARBORN 734-455-7000
DUPLEX Live in one side, rent the other. 2 car gar for both sides, bsmt, 2 BRs up & lots of character. One side offers C/A. Well cared for brick bldg w/ updates. (23F4571) 24150506 \$192,000

DEARBORN 734-591-9200
VINTAGE 1,421 SF brick bungalow with 3 BRs and 2 Full BAs near Oakwood Hospital. Nicely appointed upgrades include fin'd bsmt (24137797) \$169,900

DEARBORN 734-591-9200
Cozy 2 BR, 1 BA ranch. New rf '04'. Remodeled BA '00'. Newer carpet since '03'. Newly insulated & sided in '01'. Kit updated in '99'. Fresh Paint & lots more (25015185) \$107,900

DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
North Dearborn Heights Condo w/2 lg BR plus a 13x10 loft, 2.5 BAs, vaulted ceiling in GR, fin bsmt, 2 car att'd gar, and very low association fee. Very striking decor. (24056714) \$210,000

DEARBORN HEIGHTS 248-348-6430
3 BR/2 BA UPDATED RANCH. MOVE RIGHT IN! Newer BA. \$6,000 in new wndws, perfect hdwd flrs. Kit & BA in bsmt, investment potential! All appl's stay. 349-6200. (24133637) \$144,900

DETROIT 734-326-2000
HUGE 2 FAMILY FLAT 3 BRs, DR, kit, LR, BA each floor, good condition. Immediate occupancy (C446) 24156178 \$89,900

INKSTER 734-326-2000
ADORABLE BUNGALOW with a park vrf & extra deep yard. Quiet setting 3 BR, updated rf, siding paint, wndws, plumbing, faucet, BA & more. Cute kit & all appl's stay. (H149) 25016904 \$105,000

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Beautiful, open, soft contemporary ranch. 3 BRs, 2 BA, cath ceilings, skylight, wet bar, great room & DR, fplc, 2 car att gar, part fin'd bsmt, appls & home warr incl. PC070402 (24111744) \$225,900

MELVINDALE 734-326-2000
SHARP 3 BR Roomy BRs, large 2 car gar, newer Wallside Wndws and more. All appl's, except stove included. Seller will help with costs. (C231) 24158009 \$84,900

SOUTHFIELD 734-591-9200
FABULOUS RAISED RANCH CONDO Offers lg mstr ste w/walk-in closet. Ceramic countertops. Many updates throughout. This beautiful condo is located in much sought after downtown Southfield. (R202) 25016523 \$184,900

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CHARMING BUNGALOW Updtd kit cab & counter tops, newer wndws, furn & c/a, newer rf, copper plmbg, gar door & deck. Close to park w/trails, picnic & play area. 349-6200 (25003712) \$135,900

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VERY WELL MAINTAINED BUNGALOW Great value! Newer updates. wndws, hdwd flrs. Bsmt has been prof waterprfd Newer furn, glass block wndws in bsmt. 349-6200 (25009510) \$129,500

REDFORD 734-326-2000
COZY STARTER Well cared for clean 2 BR, updt'd kit and BA, furn less than 1 year old, new shingles on rf. Fncd yard. (D186) 24066665 \$90,000

SOUTHFIELD 734-591-9200
Sharp 1600 SF brick ranch w/gourmet oak kit, FR, rf (01), furn w/C/A (02), newer wndws (29), glass blk (99). 2-tier deck, backs to woods. All appls & home warranty. (24139431) \$199,900

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COMFORTABLE AND INVITING Cozy 3 BR, 1.5 BA colonial w/a newer open kit. Nat'l fplc in FR. Some new wndws & doorwall. Beautifully fin'd bsmt 349-6200 (24134371) \$187,500

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WOODED SURROUNDINGS 2 BR, 2 1/2 BA condo w/full bsmt, fplc, 2 car att gar, deck, 1st floor Indry & immed occup. (C330) 25016114 \$189,900

WESTLAND 248-348-6430
OUTSTANDING LOCATION. Clean, well kept condo. New carpet on 1st floor, oak kit cabs, all appl's included. Fin'd bsmt. Deck from doorwall 349-6200 (25001454) \$172,500

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SJF, 43, 5'6", honest, gentle, intelligent, sensitive, shapely, likes fine dining, pool, theater, movies. Seeking honest, secure, loving and reliable man to share friendship, good times, talks and maybe more. **22601616**

VERY OUTGOING

Catholic DWF, 58, looks much younger, N/S, very tall, looking for gentleman, 56-63, w/upbeat personality, to enjoy family activities, camping, travel, much more. **22455079**

ARE WE A MATCH?

SWF, 26, enjoys the outdoors, rollerblading, biking, long walks and romantic dinners. Looking for SWM, 25-30, for LTR. **22465764**

IT'S ALL GOOD

Cool SBF, 31, 5'8", N/S, likes to bowl, fish, skate and travel, seeks SBM, 19-35, N/S, to share honest friendship, romance, quality time together. **22476802**

CAN YOU CANOE?

Professional SWF, 30, N/S, seeks SWM, 35+, independent and professional, for casual dates, talks, possible LTR. **22575003**

LOST IN MICHIGAN

SBPF, 29, 5'5", 190lbs, no children, never married, very attractive, easygoing, laid-back, loves travel. Looking for sincere, open-minded, laid-back male who has his stuff together. **2229089**

PRECIOUS ONE

SWF, very pretty, a young 39, medium dark/green, works in medical field, seeks attractive SWM, outgoing, honest, caring, sensitive and creative, for best friend, more. **22305588**

CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR

Me: 26, 4'9", 155lbs brown-complexioned, employed. You: 5'9"-6'4", 190lbs-240lbs, single, drama free, handsome. Friendship first, maybe long-term later. **2271252**

SEEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE

SWPF, 57", long brown hair, looking for an educated man, 35-55, who likes politics, reading and going to movies. **22529129**

LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL...

in a SBM, 38-50, 6'+, 190+. Must be honest and laid-back. I enjoys movies, going out, walks, nice conversation, dining, more. **22531635**

GET IT TOGETHER

SBF, 28, 5'5", N/S, plus-sized, brown/brown, would like to spend some time with a nice SBM, 30-40, N/S, who has his life together. **22543576**

TAKE A CHANCE

SBF, 33, seeks SBM, 30-35, for friendship, possible LTR. I enjoy movies, walks, dining out, sports and more. **22568333**

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VERY SPICY

BBW, passionate, SBF, 46, honey-complexion, dimples, seeks outgoing, fun-loving gentleman, 35-55, N/S, N/Drugs, any race, for movies, pool, dancing, music, and romance. Dating, possible LTR. **22752243**

GREAT PERSONALITY

Honest, caring, sincere SWF, 51, 5'11", 106lbs, likes festivals, movies, and friendly drinks. Seeking honest, caring, sincere SWM, 42-56. **22982309**

FULL-FIGURED BEAUTY

Light-complexioned SBF, 25, 5'5", 265lbs, brown eyes, dimples, enjoys movies, parks, playing pool. Seeking SM, 18-32, who is sweet, treats a woman with respect. **2212332**

WHERE ARE YOU?

Attractive, outgoing, honest, sexy SBF, 32, ISO SM, any race, 31-37, for friendship. I enjoy movies, rollerblading, comedy clubs, bowling, etc. Serious replies only. **22455371**

ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB

Financially secure, independent SBCF, 31, 5'7", 160lbs, enjoys concerts, movies, dining, quiet times and more. Seeking SCM, 30-45, with similar interests, for possible LTR. **2217475**

BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE

Sports-oriented BF, 39, two teen-age daughters, physically challenged, loves jazz, sports, gospel, picnics, amusement parks. Seeking SF, 29-45. **2223080**

LIFE IS TOO SHORT

Mature and outgoing SBF, 50 years young, 5'7", 175lb, thick not fat, great figure, interested in meeting mature black male who loves to live spontaneously. **2276032**

A LOT TO OFFER

Outgoing SBF, 24, 5'8", 350lbs, professional employed, loves the fun and excitement of festivals, enjoys new movies and concerts, seeks handsome, honest SM. **2286633**

HONESTY REQUIRED

Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, is looking for tall, dark, handsome SBPM who is honest and down-to-earth, to spend time with. **22401088**

CALL ME...

If you are a business man, 60-70, SWM, N/S, N/D, honest, mature, interested in home life, nature, pets, alternative medicine, sports. I'm a SWF, 73, w/the above. **22416289**

GET TO KNOW ME!

SWF, 38, N/S, mother of two, looking for working man, 28-55, N/S, for friendship first. **22431382**

CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF, mid-50s, seeks attractive gentleman, 50+, with similar interests. I love jogging, walks, concerts, quiet evenings. **22574342**

SLOW DANCING, ROMANCING

DWF, 45, N/S, H/W proportionate, perky brown-eyed girl, honest and outgoing, seeks SWM, 40-50, for good friendship, dating and special times. **22576279**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

God-fearing, loving, intelligent SBF, 43, enjoys church, the outdoors, laughter, dining out, gospel music and more. Seeking god-hearing, honest, caring SBM, 40-45, for friendship first. **2221725**

MAKE ME LAUGH

SBF, 45, smoker, wants to find friendship, possibly more w/gentleman, 40-60, who appreciates music, travel, spending time outdoors. **22460269**

JOURNEY WITH ME...

through life's adventure. DWF, 50ish, slim blonde, enjoys romance, travel, life to its fullest. Seeking financially secure WM, 55-65. Let's unravel life's mysteries together! **22605996**

MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES

SWCF, 51, 4'11", 115lbs, blonde hair, two grown children, loves animals, church, children, sports. Seeking a good Christian man, 50-62, for friendship first, possible LTR. **22530353**

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS

DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5'10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR. **22548938**

SOUND LIKE YOU?

SWF, 18, 5'6", blonde/hazel, 150lbs, sweet, honest, outgoing, likes concerts, movies, hanging with friends. Seeking honest, attractive, funny, outgoing SM for casual dates, fun and friendship. **22562708**

EDUCATED AND POSITIVE

SWF, 55, 5'10", Polish, N/S, likes the outdoors, movies, good conversation, trivia, genealogy, restaurants, traveling, dogs. Seeking intellectual SWM, 47-60. **2260061**

FRIENDS FIRST

SWF, 42, one child, looking for affectionate, outgoing SWM, 34-44, N/S, with good sense of humor and can make me laugh. I love sports, pool, concerts, long walks, more. **22579622**

LOVELY, CULTURED, TRIM

Warm professional, who enjoys dancing, theater, classical and big band music, movies, books, travel, dining out, seeks tall, attractive, educated gentleman w/good build, for LTR. **22508895**

SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE

Full-figured African-American woman, attractive, 44, no children, ISO African-American male, 32-38, to spend quiet evenings. I'm carefree, love laughter, good times, concerts, plays, sporting events, traveling, and quality time. **2290167**

A PRECIOUS JEWEL

Very attractive BPF, Christian, 47, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown, N/S, enjoys outdoors, movies, traveling, cooking. Seeking romantic BPM, 40-55, financially secure, similar interests, for LTR. **22432793**

EBONY SEEKS IVORY

DBF, 42, 5'3", 140lbs, full-figured, seeks to date SWM, 40-50, in the Mount Clemens area. **22455323**

LOVING AND CARING

Independent, active, loving, caring, down-to-earth SF, 46, N/S, vegetarian, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel. Looking for handsome SW/AM, 45-49, H/W proportionate, N/S, professional job. **22421896**

LIBRA

DBF, 50, looks much younger, enjoys music, long walks, quiet times. Seeking W/AM, 35-50, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. **2223857**

LONESOME

Senior WF, retired, 5'4", active, honest, healthy. Need the attention of a WM, 65-75, enjoys everything, easy to please. So hurry up and call me! **22449585**

RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM

SWF, 43, N/S, would like to meet an outgoing, friendly, non-smoking man, 35-53, who likes outdoors, bicycling, walking, family. **22115795**

FABULOUS AND FULL-FIGURED

Cute, sexy SBF, 41, N/S, will try anything once, loves movies, plays, dancing, holding hands, cuddling. Seeking attractive, sexy BM, 31-50, N/S, with similar interests. **2213224**

DARK EBONY

Intelligent man, 48-60, 5'8"-6'2", medium build or heavier, for possible relationship. **2232593**

WHERE IS MR. RIGHT?

SF, 46, likes dancing, bowling, romantic evenings, swimming. Seeking SM, 40-55, with good sense of humor. **2257065**

ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?

But gentle of heart? Good-looking, trim SM, 42-55, N/S? Very cute SBF, 53, emotionally and physically in shape, with eclectic interests, currently accepting applications. **2263684**

SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing, active DWF, retired, ISO fun male, 60+, who likes bridge, tennis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, willing to don a tuxedo now and then. **2271793**

NOT INTO GAMES

Petite WF, 50s, with herpes, willing to give it another chance, seeks one-on-one relationship with SM. Race, age unimportant. **22405796**

RESCUE ME!

SBF, 41, 5'5", average build, enjoys church, family shopping, much more. Looking for SBM, 43-47, professionally employed, N/S, who knows how to treat a woman. **22406635**

ARE YOU THE ONE

DBF, 53, H/W proportionate, outgoing, loves the arts, plays, dancing, movies, outdoors, scenic drives. ISO SM D/D-free, w/similar interests, smoker, social drinker ok. No games! **22417236**

AFFECTIONATE & ATHLETIC

SBF, 45, 5'2", 130lbs, enjoys cooking, roller skating, dancing. Seeking SBM, 40-55, 5'5"+, N/S, N/Drugs, for friendship, dating, possible LTR build on honesty, trust, respect. **22425305**

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

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SEMI-RETIRED

SF, 62, 5'9", slim, fit, likes jazz, concerts, symphonies, theater, travel and outdoors activities. Seeking intelligent, honest, caring, humorous gentleman, 55-70, with similar interests. **22467917**

TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE

SBF, tall, medium build, N/S, who enjoys music, traveling, comedy shows, seeks man, 45-55, N/kids, N/S, outgoing, affectionate, stable, for LTR. **2244748**

ROMANTIC LADY

Beautiful, voluptuous DBF, 42, 5'6", likes traveling, outdoors. Seeking man, 45+, race unimportant, to enjoy life together, for friendship maybe more. **22464984**

LOOKING FOR MY TEDDY BEAR

Attractive W/WMF, 64, red/blue, 5', 150lbs, looking for easygoing, well-groomed gentleman, 65-70, who enjoys meeting new people. **22476645**

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NICE GENTLEMAN

SM, 29, good person, looking for a SB/WF, 19-40, for friendship or more. Call me, let's talk! **22606930**

EVENINGS AT HOME

Respectful SM, 39, 5'11", slim build, N/S, delivery man, likes to watch movies, eat dinner, go dancing, seeks SBF, 23-35, N/S, for LTR. **22527179**

NO BAGGAGE

SWM, 32, Virgo, N/S, loves to travel, watch sports, and dine out. Seeking WF, 23-42, for friendship and dating. **22582293**

DETROIT'S WEST SIDE

SBM, 25, 6'1", 200lbs, Leo, N/S, seeks conversation and friendship with a woman, 23-37. How about coffee? **22608783**

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

SWM, 46, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities seek friendly SF, age/location open. **22531308**

MAYBE IT'S YOU

SWM, 52, Aries, N/S, seeks friendship first with SWF, 35-48. Call now. I would like to hear from you. **22546509**

KNOW WHAT'S REALLY GOOD?

Spending time with this bright, enthusiastic, optimistic, yet realistic SM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s. **22550046**

CUTE & CUDDLY

Fun, charming, helpful male, 56, Cancer, with wit, wisdom, and warmth, seeks a nice woman, 44-62. **22478746**

TIME FOR A CHANGE?

SWPM, 5'8", brown/blue, fit, enjoys biking, jogging, being outdoors, music, movies, reading, concerts, good conversation, being with friends and family. Seeking emotionally available SWPF, 28-44, who is passionate about life. **2261**

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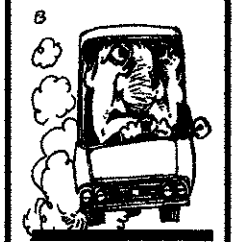
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The Volvo V50 and Mazda 6 Sport Wagon

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BY DALE BUSS

One of the most welcome things about the proliferation of vehicle types over the last few years has been the return of the station wagon. Minivans arose in the Eighties and took away much of the previous purpose of the traditional wagon, proving to be superior people carriers and just as good in the cargo hold. Then, of course, came the rise of the SUV, with its high profile and boxy back end, pushing the station wagons of old further into the automotive graveyard of history – or so it seemed.

Indeed, for a while there, in the mid-Nineties and later, it seemed as if the whole selection of true station wagons for the American marketplace was down to, say, the Mercury Sable, the Chevrolet Caprice and maybe some strange European bird.

But these days, I'm happy to observe, are experiencing something of a renaissance in what can only be called the traditional station wagon. I guess that automotive designers had experimented with so many different ways of hybridizing vans, wagons, sedans and hatchbacks that they had to have had dozens of designs on their blackboard for a conventional-looking wagon, at any given time. Eventually, there was no avoiding the conclusions that – just as crossovers from the wacky Pontiac Aztek to the small but versatile Chrysler PT Cruiser to the spiffy new Ford Freestyle all have found a place in the new, highly segmented market, so, too could a blast from the past.

I recently tested a couple of this new crop of station wagons, a couple of compacts, neither by an American producer: the Volvo V50 and the Mazda 6 Sport Wagon (although both companies, of course, are affiliated with Ford Motor Co.) Happily, I can report that each car provided a satisfactory experience, although for different needs and in different ways.

Retailing for a suggested \$32,600 for the manual-transmission version I drove, the V50 seemed lit-

The all New Volvo V50 Wagon gets 22 mpg in the city and 31 mpg on the highway.



The Mazda 6 Sport Wagon is longer, and carries a nice payload. The Mazda 6 gets 20 mpg in the city and 27 mpg on the highway.



erally to glide over the road, providing ample punch and a smooth ride whatever the situation, as well as plentiful cargo space; the larger Mazda 6 Sport Wagon was less zippy but came through admirably both in ride, interior comforts and, especially, payload, though it retails for a considerably less price of \$24,000 for a base model.

V50 actually shares a mechanical platform with the Mazda 6's smaller sibling, the 3, but obviously what's put on the frame makes all the difference. V50 is an all-new wagon from Volvo, replacing the previous V40. But like the old V40, the V50 still stands apart from the rest of Volvo's lineup both in terms of its compact size and its affordability.

Actually, with its sleek styling including a roof that swoops down to a relatively pinched rear, V50 resembles something of a pocket rocket. And its lack of the traditional Volvo boxiness at the back clearly robs V50 of some of its stowaway space. But while staying within the broad and intriguing guidelines of Volvo's new design theme of the last several years, the V50 perhaps is the line's sportiest member.

What I really enjoyed about the V50 was the ride.

The six-speed transmission that I caressed slipped gears smoothly and seamlessly, winding up a 2.5-liter, five-cylinder, 218-horsepower engine that provided plenty of punch from zero to 60 and lots in reserve when I needed a spurt to pass or switch lanes. Mileage is a more than respectable 22 mpg in the city and 31 on the highway.

Something about the power steering and overall handling of the car was magical as well: I really felt as if I were gliding over the roadways, yet always in ultimate control and in reassuring contact with the pavement. I found the ride truly worthy of any sedan's in the price segment, much less a wagon.

The Mazda 6 Sport Wagon is a different creature, built more for the mass market. But its 3.0-liter, V6 engine provided adequate thrust for all driving situations and a pleasing 20 mpg in the city and 27 on the highway. Overall, the Sport Wagon offered the space and versatility of a mid-size wagon along with fairly sporty chassis tuning – and ah highly competitive price for the segment.

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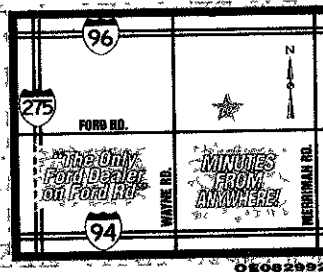
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