

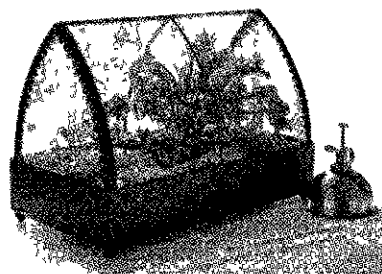
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## Yack: IKEA deal '97 percent' salvaged

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Less than two weeks after township officials were stunned by the news that IKEA was calling off its plans to build a much sought after store in Canton because of a real estate dispute, Supervisor Tom Yack said he was "97 percent" sure the deal had been put back together - something IKEA officials denied Wednesday.

Yack made the announcement during his annual State of the Township address Wednesday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

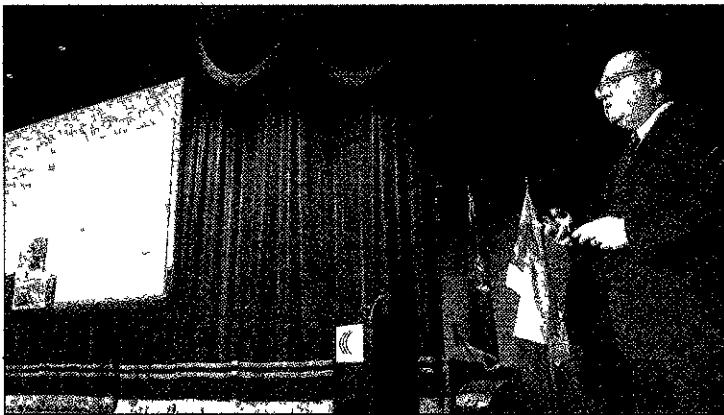
In mid-February, IKEA officials announced they had backed out of a deal to buy the former Super Kmart site at Ford and Haggerty roads,

because of a dispute over shared parking spaces with LBS Partners LLC, which owns the ABC Warehouse property to the west. Yack said the two parties had worked through most of the issues where there was contention.

"We're about 97 percent sure they're on their way," Yack said during his address, his 17th since first being elected supervisor. "There is one issue that still needs to be worked out. We should hear something by the end of the week."

However, IKEA spokesman Joseph Roth said negotiations haven't proceeded as far as Yack suggested.

"I wouldn't want to contradict him, but we're not that far along," Roth said. "We remain hopeful, and certainly are in discussions, but we don't have



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack gives his 17th State of the Township address Wednesday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The highlight was his announcement that the IKEA deal is likely back on.

a deal yet."

LBS principal partner Daniel Stern did not return phone calls for this story.

Roth said IKEA is commit-

ted to the Canton site, but only if an agreement can be worked out with Stern and LBS. In January, the Swedish furniture retailer and the township

agreed to create a planned development district for the former Super Kmart site.

"We haven't withdrawn our contract with the township. Obviously, this is where we want to be. But the fact remains we don't have a real estate deal yet," Roth said.

Yack said IKEA was supposed to submit its final site plan to the planning commission this month, but will most likely ask for an extension if a deal is worked out with LBS. He said there could be a special meeting scheduled so the commission can discuss and possibly approve the plan.

Although IKEA officials accused Stern of raising his asking price for providing shared parking, Yack said there were actually about 12 issues the two parties had to work through,

including shared parking, re-striping of the lot, and set backs. Although he wouldn't say what the remaining issue was, Yack did say it was minor and he expected it to get worked out. And the sooner the better, because the development will mean a great deal to the community, as he said during his address Wednesday.

"This will be great for our community. It will create all kinds of spin-off activity. It's big stuff," he said.

As the crowd let out after Yack's speech, IKEA seemed to be the topic most people were talking about.

"I'm very glad to hear IKEA is coming again. It'll bring people into the community, and jobs," said Canton resident Fayne Loveland. "Plus, I want to shop there."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Derek Fowler stands with his 1926 Ford Model T Coupe, which he will display at the Autorama in Detroit this weekend.

## Hot rod artists

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

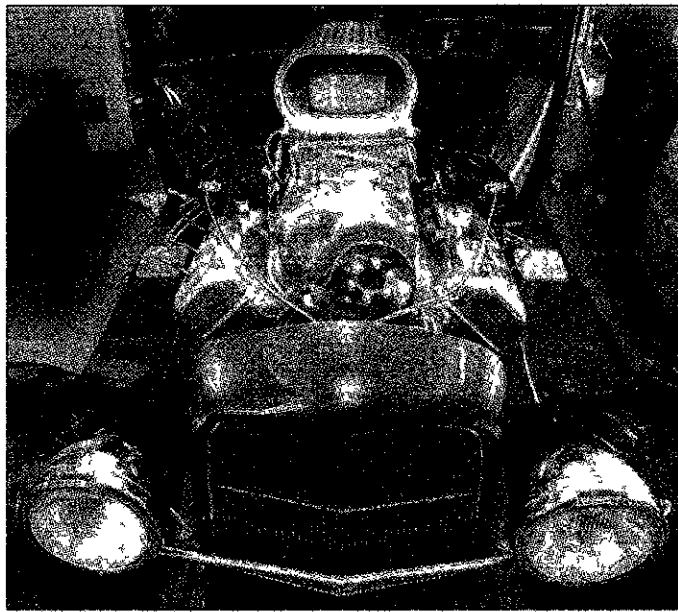
Derek Fowler takes his cars pretty seriously. So a show like this weekend's Autorama in Detroit is kind of like nirvana for the Canton resident of 10 years.

Fowler, 40, will join thousands of other car enthusiasts at the annual show, which is in its 53rd year and billed as "America's Greatest Hot Rod Show." He will be displaying

his 1926 Ford Model T Coupe, which he pretty much built from scratch after acquiring its shell from a guy in Wisconsin, who he paid \$2,200. Since then, Fowler says he has put in countless hours and spent just under \$100,000 turning the car into a hotrodder's dream.

He has chopped the roof, making a new one from scratch, and added suicide

Car enthusiasts set to show off at Autorama



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Derek Fowler's Model T is powered by a supercharged hemi V-8 engine.

## Home Improvement Expo a bonanza for do-it-yourselfers

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The fourth Home Improvement Expo at the Canton Summit on the Park gives do-it-yourselfers a chance to check out and ask questions about home-related products offered locally.

"I get to see my customers face to face," explained Barry Mathison of Mathison Hardware.

"The people in our local neighborhoods get to meet their business owners," added Tom Adamusik, president of Regal Construction Co.

The event happens from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Canton Building Official John Weyer helped

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## Police still determining if shooting was justified

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Police investigating the shooting death of a man who fled from police in Canton Feb. 21 are waiting for autopsy results while pursuing routine investigations into the shooting.

Michigan State Police Lt. Harold Love said that the state police investigation should be complete in three weeks, pending lab test results of the guns fired in the incident and interviews with the four officers who fired.

Love said indications are that the shootings were justified.

Four officers from three different police agencies fired at Christopher Slay, 42, as he allegedly attempted to run down a Canton police officer with a Jeep Grand Cherokee just north of Ford Road west of Beck, police said.

After a traffic stop in Westland, Slay led police on a chase west on M-14 into Washtenaw County, before he led them back east into Canton.

One MSP trooper said he spotted Slay using a crack pipe before running his truck toward an officer. Police said Slay had a record of auto theft, breaking and entering, fleeing police, assault and drug charges.

Of the four who fired weapons, two were Canton offi-

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## Relay kicks off

Join the Canton Chamber of Commerce in taking up the fight against cancer, and attend its Relay for Life Kick-Off today at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Registration for the program and appetizers begin at 6 p.m., with the program beginning at 6:30.

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, a memorial for loved ones lost, and a rally for the community to fight cancer. Please feel free to bring anyone who may be interested in helping.

Once again this year, the Chamber will be hosting its "Fishing for a Cure" team devised of Chamber members. If you are interested in joining our team or having one of your own, the kick-off event is a great place to start.

Over the last six years, the Canton community has raised a total of more than \$860,000 for the American Cancer Society, and is hoping to reach the \$1 million milestone.

For more information or to RSVP for this year's kick-off

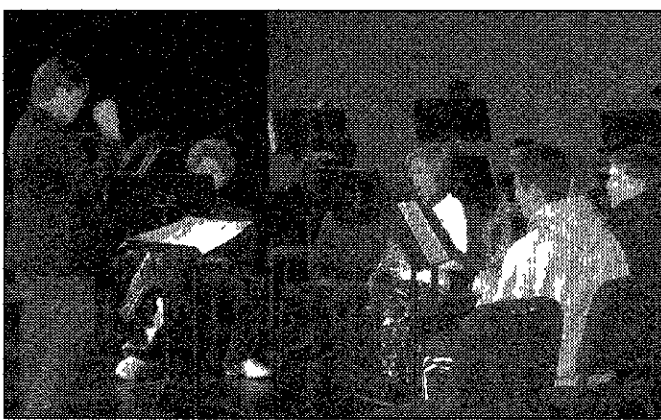
party, please contact the Chamber at (734) 453-4040 or e-mail mail to: cherylg@cantonchamber.com.

## Student honors

Canton resident Theresa Horn, a 2001 Canton High School graduate, was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Kalamazoo College. Horn, a senior majoring in psychology, was also awarded the Marshall Hallock Brenner Prize in psychology for excellence in the field, and has received high honors for the class of 2005.

The daughter of Robert and Christine Horn, also of Canton, Horn independently created a workshop for undergraduate students in abnormal psychology at the college. After graduation, she will begin graduate work in social work in St. Louis, Mo.

Ashley L. Bradley, a Canton teen attending Salem High School, was recently selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars, as a result of superior academic achievement. Members are among the top scholars in the nation.



## Practice makes perfect

Band Director Linda Calzone and the Central Middle School Jazz Band rehearse for a Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' benefit. 'An Evening of Excellence' features 10 outstanding high school and middle school performance groups. The show is Friday, March 4, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are available, call (734) 416-3299.

## Math scholars

Several Canton teens recently earned scholarships through the Michigan Section of the Mathematics Association of America, after successfully competing in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Students take a two-part examination from topics in high school mathematics. Part one consists of 40 multiple choice questions. Those that make it to the second part must solve five problems, which are graded by college professors.

Bohao Pan, who attends Cranbrook Kingswood School, received a \$700 scholarship, while Meelap Shah, of Stoney Creek High School, earned \$500. Wenxin Zhu and Katherine Lu, who both attend Canton High School, received honorable mention in the annual competition.

## 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.

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.

## 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.

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. Volunteering is easy, fun and important to the future of our environment.

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

## Fish Fridays return

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 meet 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, VVA Chapter 528, P.O. Box 6319, Plymouth, MI 48170-0473. The drawing is July 11 at Post 6695.

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Kyle Gnagey (Charlie Brown) asks, 'When do the good things start?' as he and the ensemble cast sing the title song from 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.'

## Playing for 'Peanuts'

Students bring Charlie Brown and gang to DuBois stage

BY LAUREL GNAGEY  
CORRESPONDENT

The creator of the popular comic strip "Peanuts," Charles M. Schulz, once told a *Newsweek* reporter, "It's tough to be a little kid."

Students preparing to present the musical based on the strip, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," say it also is difficult playing little kids.

As students from the DuBois Little Theatre put the final touches on the musical to be performed March 10-12, they say thinking, acting and sounding like a 6-year-old has been one of the biggest challenges to portraying Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Sally and the gang.

"I had to do a lot of changing of my voice," says AmiAnn Bobo, who plays Lucy. "I spent a lot of time with the director, Mrs. [Shannon] Henry, trying to get Lucy down."

The Plymouth High School junior says she not only had to learn the voice and mannerisms of the bossy Lucy,

she had to undergo a complete personality change.

"Her character is the exact opposite of mine. It's been quite a time," Bobo says with a gentle voice that still carries a heavy Tennessee accent after just more than three years of living in the area. "Lucy is brazen and mean. I'm more of a sweet, southern belle."

Plymouth High School sophomore Kim Ford got her inspiration for being kid-like from a 2-year-old and a third-grader she knows.

"I do a lot of babysitting, so I take my cue from them," says Ford, who promises the audience will find the show very entertaining and energetic. "It's a fun, fast-paced play."

In typical Schulz style, the musical portrays the perennial but loveable "loser" Charlie Brown; the devious and brash Lucy; the insecure but wise-beyond-his-years Linus, who still has that blanket; the brooding musician Schroeder; the precocious Sally; and the extroverted daydreamer and human-

wannabe dog Snoopy.

Although Schulz stopped creating "Peanuts" in 2000 — and in fact passed away the day before his final comic hit papers — the messages in the strip, countless books and the musical continue to be relevant today, students say.

"I can relate most to Charlie Brown. At some point in time, every kid feels like Charlie Brown — the last one picked, the one who ruins the baseball game or gets up late for school," says Salem senior Kimme Suchyta, who agrees with the Schulz statement that it's hard to be a kid but believes children are fairly resilient when it comes to bigger issues. "The small things are more traumatic," she says.

It is the second play to be performed at the DuBois Little Theatre since the start of a new drama program in the fall. Increased demand for creative outlets for drama prompted teacher Shannon Henry to offer extracurricular opportunities to be involved in plays.

## Detroit water rate increase won't be felt until next year

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The Detroit City Council approved a water rate increase on Tuesday, but it likely won't affect your water bill until next January.

That's when township officials expect to pass on a general six percent increase on water bills.

Residential water bills in Canton are issued quarterly and range from \$50-\$100, said John Spencer, township water billing manager. That means users can generally expect to pay an extra \$12-\$24 next year.

"We're not going to increase water rates this year. We're looking at January 2006 for a change in our rate structure," Spencer said.

He and township Budget Director Tony Minghine said the 11.2 percent increase in wholesale water costs for Canton residents passed by the Detroit City Council was no surprise.

"It's a little higher than normal. It's because of their capital improvement program. They've got to keep the system

(facilities) current."

Wholesale water costs from Detroit make up about 60 percent of a Canton resident's water bill. Residents also pay for Canton water-sewer operations, and costs to the Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System, Western Townships Utilities Authority, and Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority.

The Detroit City Council-approved water rate hike takes effect July 1, but township officials said the increase won't be passed on to Canton customers right away, as the township is reviewing its billing methods.

"In January we're looking to take a look at the irrigation use of water in the summer, and customers who have sump pumps and those who don't have them," Minghine said. "We're talking a long hard look at the entire rate model. It hasn't been updated for a number of years. You always want to assign cost to people who get the benefit."

Those with sump pumps, which tend to be included with houses built since 1985 in

Canton, use less in sewer capacity than those without sump pumps. Spencer and Minghine said those with sump pumps could be charged less for lawn watering in the summer.

Changes to the water billing system should be presented within three months to the township board of trustees, Minghine said.

The township last increased residents' water bills in 2003. Detroit raised water rates by 12.4 percent in 2004, but the increase was not passed on.

Are the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and Detroit City Council taking advantage of Canton customers?

"I have confidence in what Detroit does," Spencer said. "In the last 10 years or so they've been very open with the rate process, they allow local communities access to studies and discussions."

Water system improvements being paid for through rate increases include a new water treatment plant adjoining the longtime facility at Warren and Lonyo in Detroit.

## Home remodeling was this winner's latest act of kindness

Gloria Rhodes of Redford Township is this week's Random Acts of Pizza winner.

Rhodes works at Cooke Middle School in the Northville School District where she assists special needs students at job sites. She also has a second job — working with semi-independent adults who have developmental disabilities. It's this second job for which Heidi Dougan of Livonia nominated her friend for the Buddy's Pizza and Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Random Acts of Pizza Award.

"She is a warm-hearted, caring woman who spends the majority of her life doing for others," said Dougan in her nominating e-mail.

"Her most recent act of kindness was astounding. She championed a complete remodel of a lady's home. The woman has

developmental disabilities and did not have the means or the ability to make her living situation tolerable. Gloria, using her own limited funds, compiled a team of able-bodied people and three days later the condo was gorgeous!"

"I am in awe of Gloria and I know she does not receive nearly enough praise or recognition for her altruistic endeavors. I am blessed to call her a friend."

Rhodes was surprised and self-effacing about her award. She credited her helpers — eight or nine others (her sister, niece, neighbors and a few other friends including Heidi) who joined in the updating project.

They sent the woman away for a weekend then stripped wallpaper, painted, cleaned carpets, repaired furniture and replaced things that needed replacing.

When the woman came home she was surprised, thankful and tearful because no one had ever done something like that for her.

Gloria said that before the condo was updated, it was just a place to live.

"Now she has a home," said Rhodes.

Rhodes invited her fellow workers to enjoy the special Buddy's Pizza dinner she recently received.

Buddy's Pizza and the O&E salute Gloria Rhodes of Redford — this week's Random Acts of Pizza winner.

Do you know someone who deserves to be honored with a Random Act of Pizza? If so, send an e-mail to Ken Abramczyk at kabramczyk@oe.hometownlife.com. Tell us why in 50 words or less why this person deserves a home-delivered Buddy's Pizza Dinner.

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## Audio book narrator shares story with fans

Fans of George Guidall were able to match a face with an oh-so-familiar voice at the Farmington Community Library this week.

The renowned audiobook narrator, who has entranced thousands of listeners through his acclaimed 20-year career, visited Farmington Hills Tuesday as part of the 4th annual Everyone's Reading program.

Guidall narrated one of the program's three featured books by Elizabeth McCracken, *Niagra Fall All Over Again*. He shared secrets and experiences in his audiobook career with the audience.

Widely noted as the world's most prolific narrator of audiobooks, Guidall has recorded nearly 650 unabridged novels, bringing a consistent artistry to his reading that has delighted listeners for more than two decades.

His narrations of everything from classics like *Crime and Punishment* and *The Iliad*, to



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Audio book narrator George Guidall takes time to answer some questions from listeners.

best sellers like *Snow Falling on Cedars* and Lillian Jackson Braun's *Cat Who...* series have set a standard for excellence that is recognized throughout the audiobook industry.

Guidall received Audi Awards — the industry's equivalent of an Oscar — in 1999 for his recording of John Irving's *A Widow of One Year* and again in 2000 for his rendition of Wally Lamb's *I Know This Much Is True*.

The visit was a highlight to promote the Everyone's Reading program in metro Detroit.

Other special events are happening at the public libraries in Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Canton, Independence Township, Rochester Hills and West Bloomfield Township.

The program encourages everyone to read the same book — or three books in this year's program — between Feb. 1 and

April 16. The three books, all by Elizabeth McCracken, are:

■ *Here's Your Hat What's Your Hurry*, a collection of stories showcasing the author's sense of humor and talent for creating unforgettable characters.

■ *The Giant's House; A Romance*, a tender and quirky novel about a lonely librarian's love for the world's tallest boy.

■ *Niagara Falls All Over Again* chronicles two men and their flawed, passionate friendship over 30 years, weaving a powerful story of family, love, grief and loss.

"We hope that in offering a choice of books, we will encourage even more people to participate in the program," said Jean Tabor, director of the Canton Public Library.

For a schedule of Everyone's Reading activities, visit [www.everyonesreading.info](http://www.everyonesreading.info).

## Airport concessions receive high marks

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport's (DTW's) concessions program at the McNamara Terminal is still impressing industry experts. The airport and its concession operators recently received high marks across several categories in Airport Revenue News' 2005 Best Concessions Poll.

Topping out the list of awards for DTW and its concessionaires, was that for the airport's Motown Music Review store, operated by CA One Services, which was voted Best New Specialty Retail Concept.

Here's what some of the judges had to say about Metro's Motown Music Review Store: "Motown is the perfect local concept for Detroit and CA One Services has done a great job in execution."

"Motown fits the theme of the airport and the music history of Detroit."

"Music is a good airport concept and Motown is clearly Detroit. The concept defines a sense of place and is exactly what you would expect."

Detroit Metro Airport also

placed second among large airports in the category, Airport with the Most Unique Services.

In addition, DTW's concessions operators also received the following awards:

■ Second Place, Best New Food & Beverage Concept.

Mediterranean Grill, a Middle Eastern restaurant at the McNamara Terminal

■ Tied for Second Place, Retailer with the Highest Regard for Customer Service

Pangborn Design Collection, a specialty retail store featuring unique houseworn items and gifts by local designer, Dominic Pangborn, and Erwin Pearl, a women's fashion jewelry store

"We are very proud of our concessions program and the industry recognition we have received," said Myrna Mendez Director of Concessions at DTW. "With new and improved concessions still coming, we hope our program will continue to grow and to be rated among the best, by both travelers and industry groups alike."

In a report last year, the

Physician's Committee for Responsible Medicine commended DTW's Heartsmart program, which gives customers over 50 heart-healthy meal options through-out the terminal. The program was the brainchild of Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson.

This year's ARN Best Concessions Poll marks the 10-year anniversary of this important industry event. Airports and concessionaires alike, were nominated for a variety of awards in sixteen categories, and were rated by a panel of industry experts. Airports were rated based upon size and separated into four categories which included: large airports (serving more than 10 million enplaned passengers annually), medium airports (serving 4-10 million enplaned passengers annually), small airports (serving less than 4 million enplaned passengers annually) and single terminal.

For additional information about ARN's Best Concessions poll, please contact ARN's Pauline Armbrust at (561) 355-8488, ext. 101.

## Women of Color Task Force holds annual career conference at U-M

The University of Michigan Women of Color Task Force will hold its 23rd annual career conference 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 23, at the Michigan League.

The theme for this year's event is "Inclusion and Opportunity: Recognizing Everyone's Contribution." Toni Hoover, vice president and development site head of Pfizer Global Research and Development — Michigan Laboratories, will be delivering the keynote speech during the opening session.

The conference will be at the Concourse Level of the Michigan League, 911 North University St. on the Central Campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

The conference, which is

open to the public, offers professional, financial and personal development workshops, a networking luncheon and an exhibit area featuring the following vendors: TIAA-CREF, Borders Express, Del Gallery, Out of Africa Clothing and Warm Spirit.

New this year is a strategic leadership seminar conducted by U-M Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer Laurita Thomas; a workshop by UHS on how to have a productive doctor's visit; and two panel presentations.

The cost for current U-M staff, faculty and students is \$55 for the conference and \$75 to attend both the conference and luncheon. The cost for non-U-M employees is \$75

(conference only) and \$95 conference with the luncheon. You may still register for the conference via fax or in person; however, registration for the luncheon is closed. Workshop information and the conference registration forms are available online at <http://www.cew.umich.edu>

Also, conference attendees will be able to receive free massages from students studying at the Ann Arbor Institute of Massage Therapy, and University Health Services will provide free health screenings and have a clinician onsite for further consultation.

The conference is sponsored by Women of Color Task Force (WCTF) Center for the Education of Women, University of Michigan.

## Lawmakers seek to curb imported trash

BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER

Riding on the wave of last year's push to control the trash flow into Michigan landfills, Democrats in the House announced bills that would significantly boost the dumping fees.

The cheap cost of dumping in Michigan landfills — at 21 cents a ton — is appealing to out-of-state and Canadian trash companies looking to get rid of their garbage.

That appeal will hopefully end, say Democrats, if they manage to pass a bill that would charge waste haulers \$7.50 per ton.

Democrats said Michigan ranks third in the nation for the importation of trash.

"We don't want to be known as the Great Waste State," said State Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi, D-Farmington Hills, at a press conference this week in Farmington.

"This invasion is threatening our air, land and water," he said.

Vagnozzi was joined by state Reps. Paul Condino, D-Southfield, and Marie Donigan, D-Royal Oak.

"The garbage industry is getting a free ride and it must end and end now," said Donigan.

She pointed out that Pennsylvania slashed its out-of-state trash by 14 percent in the second year after lawmakers

there started to charge companies \$7.25 a ton.

Other bills the Democrats are introducing involve harsher penalties to municipalities that violate the rules.

Municipalities that send banned items such as car batteries and motor oil to a Michigan landfill three times in a year will have their certification revoked.

Those caught sending dangerous items such as radioactive, medical waste and blood just one time will be banned for a year from dumping in Michigan.

Democrats are also pushing a ban on landfill expansion. The current ban ends Jan. 1, 2006, but the Democratic plan will extend it to 2010.

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## EXPO

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found the Expo with the Canton Chamber of Commerce, of which Adamusik is a former president.

The first year, organizers attracted 50 exhibitors. This year, there are 115 exhibitors, and the crowd is expected to top last year's 6,000 for the free event.

While businesses get a chance to show their stuff to homeowners thinking about kitchen, bath, deck or other projects, the township government also gets a chance to inform the public about permit requirements for such work.

"If they're doing structural changes or electrical or plumbing things, they should find out whether they need a permit," Weyer said. Direct questions to the township building department at (734) 394-5200.

Besides traditional home improvement projects, Weyer said exhibitors are trending toward more pools and more elaborate landscaping displays including retaining walls and garden ponds.

Free refreshments, door prizes and free parking are available at the event. WJR-AM Home Improvement program host Murray Gula will also be on hand.

There will also be free workshops at the event, and the chance to tour a variety of homes and condominium units in the Parade of Homes happening during event hours.

Model homes will be shown at Abbey Woods Condominiums, Antique Forest, Canford Park, Charing Cross, Chelsea Square Condominiums, Columbia Square Condominiums, Deer Creek, Hampton Ridge North, Links at Fellows Creek, Maple Park Condominiums, Rivers Edge at Cherry Hill, Tottenham Woods, Traditions Condominiums, and Westchester Village.

Saturday workshops are: How to faux finish walls, 10 a.m.; Landscape design, 11 a.m.; Ask the inspector, noon; Laminate floors, 1 p.m.; New

## Meet the editor and win Garland golf package

Guests at this weekend's Canton Home Improvement Expo and Parade of Homes are invited to meet Canton Editor Kurt Kuban Sunday and register for a chance to win a Garland Golf Package.

Kuban will meet and greet expogooers from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Booth.

More than 120 exhibits will be on hand to offer tips on improvement and repairs. Expo admission is free.

The expo, held in the Summit on the Park, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Workshops for do-it-yourselfers are scheduled both days.

The golf package includes an overnight stay and 18-holes of golf and cart for two at the Lewiston, Michigan resort.

In addition, the O&E and the Canton Imagine Theater are offering expo guests a chance to win an annual theater pass for two to Canton Imagine Theater. Sign up at the O&E Expo booth.

The expo is hosted by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division, The Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

deck products, 2; Accessories, 3; Solatube, The Miracle Skylight, 4.

Sunday workshops are: Lower your interest rate in a rising interest rate environment, 11 a.m.; Ceramic floors, noon; Retaining walls, 1 p.m.; Garden ponds, 2; Drywall repair, 3; and Landscape design, 4.

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# Rare Ty Cobb era baseball cards go to auction

BY STACY JENKINS  
STAFF WRITER

It's a really good thing Harley Earl didn't find water dripping in his basement.

Instead, while searching for what sounded like a water leak, the Ferndale man discovered a bluish-green, velvet box filled with about 200 rare baseball cards.

"It was quite an unexpected discovery," he said. "My wife heard water dripping in the basement, so I got a flashlight out and took a look. I didn't see any water, but there was a box up there (tucked in the rafters). I opened it up and here were all these cards, just laying loose in there."

The cards are in great condition, considering they were not protected.

Harley and his wife, Barbara, live in a home that was built in 1920. Barbara's grandparents lived there and the house stayed in the family through the years. They believe the cards belonged to Barbara's grandfather, Russell Wetmore.

The stash includes 1910-era baseball cards of Ty Cobb, Christy Mathewson and the famous Chicago Cubs double-play combo Joe Tinker, Johnny Evers and Frank Chance, to name a few.

"We couldn't believe it when we realized how old they were," said Harley.

The cards will go on the auction block at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 5 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn. The auction will be presented by Sotheby's of Farmington Hills.

"It is rather rare," said Randy Kesselring, of Sotheby's. "Especially to find something from this era and of this quantity. To find this many cards from the Ty Cobb era is quite unusual."

Harley, 59, discovered the collection about a year ago and wrote letters to the Henry Ford Museum and the Baseball Hall of Fame.

"The response seemed to be that they're of some value," Harley said.

He sold about 16 cards on the Internet via eBay, includ-

ing a Ty Cobb card for \$1,000. The cards vary in worth, ranging from about \$35 to several hundred dollars, Harley estimates.

"Not being a collector, we didn't have an interest in it that way," he said. "So, we decided to see what we could get for them."

Harley, who is retired, noted they may save a few cards to pass to their four children. The money they make from the auction will likely be used for a trip for he and his wife.

As far as other discoveries in the house, Harley notes they've found nothing else of such significance.

"I have checked the rest of the rafters down there for anything else," he said.

A portion of the auction proceeds will benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Call Sotheby's at (248) 761-2603 for more information on the auction.

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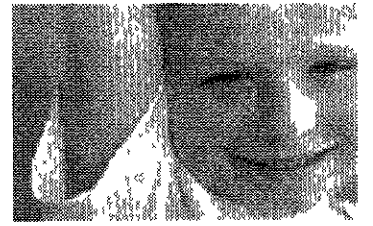
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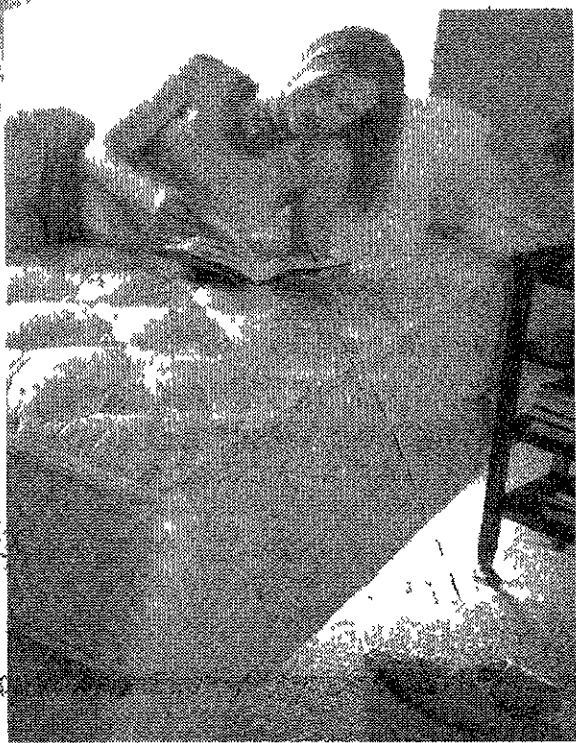
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The Exchange City Judge Josh Choroba (left) and Mayor Carly Curvin go through paperwork before the Town Hall meeting.

## Experiencing life's lessons

Program helps students learn what parents go through

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

As the owner of the International store in Exchange City, Jessie Hackman discovered how demanding being an entrepreneur can be.

Taking a short break from a busy day selling candy, friendship bracelets and masks, Jessie, 10, said owning your own business is a tough venture.

"It's hard because once you're done with something, you've got something else to do," said Jessie, a Fiegel Elementary fourth-grader from Canton Township. "You never stop working."

But, Jessie said, there are rewards to running your own business. "You get to put other people in their place," she said.

Jessie and more than 130 fourth- and fifth-graders from Fiegel took part in Experiencia, an education and learning center in Taylor where students receive a hands-on experience in a student-size city where they learn to develop business plans, make laws, elect officials and provide the city with goods and services.

All-the-while, almost matter of factly, students are learning curriculum in math, science, language arts and social studies, which help them with state-required MEAP tests and compliance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

"It's a great experience for kids," said Jessie's mom, Colleen Hackman, a parent volunteer in the broadcast center. "I think they're learning what their parents do every day. And maybe, just maybe, learning to appreciate it a bit; the whole going to work and paying the bills, in a fun way."

The idea to experience Experiencia was that of Fiegel fourth-grade teacher Barb Toth. Students write resumés, fill out job applications and interview for jobs during a six-week period before the actual field trip.

"The curriculum helps teach them how to do different jobs, write a check and deposit slips and a civics lesson in voting," said Toth. "They don't know they're doing math, civics and social studies."

Andrew Tung, 10, of Canton, interviewed and was chosen for the job as president of the Safe Safe Credit Union.

"It has a lot of responsibilities and I wanted a challenge," said Andrew, appropriately wearing a blue sportscoat and tie. "I have to do loan applications, and I have to help other people and work as a team."

Margaret Gordinier, a fourth-grader from Plymouth Township, was a photojournalist for Exchange City's newspaper, which puts out an eight-page edition.

"I'm taking pictures and downloading them on the computer, and I write the captions," said



Exchange City attorney Hannah Dembny looks over citations with police officers Zachary Cumper, left, and Kyle Adams.

Margaret, with a digital camera hanging around her neck. "I go to different shops and take pictures of people. If they're smiling, good — we'll use it. If not, we won't."

The fourth- and fifth-graders — along with 75 third-graders who study the environment on the EarthWorks side of Experiencia — were able to take the trip with the help of an anonymous \$5,500 donation. The other \$500 was paid by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

"It's career preparation, even though it's a young age," said Chris Dail, a member of the chamber's education committee. "It really teaches them about responsibility and real life situations."

Exchange City residents earn a paycheck of \$7.90, with all but \$2 deposited in the bank. That can make for some tough decisions when it comes to purchasing power.

"I think I'll buy a drink and popcorn," said Brian Lindahl, a fifth-grader from Canton. "Then, I'll have to wait until my next paycheck. So, I guess I'll have to choose wisely."

Zachary Cumper, 10, of Plymouth Township was patrolling the streets of Exchange City.

"I give out tickets for crossing the grass, chewing gum, for running and you can't hang around the bathrooms," said Zachary. "In the beginning, I gave out three warnings because we weren't allowed to pass out tickets until the town meeting."

At the other end of Experiencia, Fiegel third-graders seemed to be having as much fun learning about the environment, animal habitats and recycling.

"We learned about what kinds of animals live in the forest, like snakes and birds," said 8-year-old Jessica Prieskorn of Canton. "We studied a bobcat and found what it eats."

"I'm having lots of fun," she said. "It's better than being in the classroom all day because you get to see animals and how they blend in with their habitat."

## AUTORAMA

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doors. He painted the car metallic purple with flames running down the side.

He has also incorporated some features that weren't around when Henry Ford first built the car in the 1920s, including a digital dash and DVD player.

But what really sets the car apart, according to Fowler, is its engine: A 393 supercharged hemi V-8, which alone cost him about \$35,000 to build.

This will be the second time Fowler, an engineer at Detroit Diesel, will show the car at Autorama. In 2003, the car earned a second place in the "Altered T-Coupe" category.

He said he looks forward to the event every year, whether he is participating or just a spectator.

He said the cars on display continue to get better with each passing year, largely because the available technology is starting to catch up with the creativity of the car owners.

"Autorama is just an amazing experience. It's the people you meet. You really feel the passion for the automobile at this show. You really get to see the artistic expression when it comes to the automobile," Fowler said.

Those are sentiments echoed by Jack Martin, a Plymouth resident who will display his 1931 Ford Roadster alongside Fowler's car in the Murray's Discount Auto booth at the show this weekend.

Martin, 65, grew up in Royal Oak, and spent many nights cruising Woodward Avenue, one of the hotbeds for hotrods. His current car is the fourth Roadster he has owned.

He bought it from a guy in Ohio about a year and a half ago, and has totally rebuilt it. He chopped the top four inches of the roof, lowered the car all the way around, and added custom leather interior. The car also features a modified 350 Chevy engine.

"I bought it, tore it apart, and totally modified it, right down to the frame," Martin says. "Everything about this car is different than the original '31 Ford."

Martin said he is looking forward to the show, which is his first, because it will give him an opportunity to learn from others.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jack Martin of Plymouth lifts the hood on his 1931 Ford Roadster, which will be displayed at Autorama.

"I'm just fascinated by cars and working on them. I like going to the shows and learning all the new techniques. Plus it's a nice bunch of people to hang out with," he said.

Fowler, who owns three other classic cars, admits some people don't understand why people like him spend so much time and energy on their cars. But for him it makes perfect sense.

"I've been building streetrods since high school," he said. "It's a passion, and a way of life."

The 53rd annual Detroit Autorama takes place March 4-6 at Cobo Center in Detroit. Some of the celebrities that will make appearances, include Red Wing Chris

Chelios, Nickelodeon's Spongebob Squarepants and Dora the Explorer, professional wrestlers Lita and John Cena of the WWE, NHRA drivers Tony Pedregon and Tony Schumacher, and actress Courtney Hansen. There will also be many famous cars on display, including the General Lee from "The Duke's of Hazzard" television show.

Admission to the show is \$15 for adults, and \$5 for children 6-12 years old.

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# Cops have right to self-defense

Incidents like last week's fatal police shooting of an Ypsilanti man just reinforce the fact that suburban towns like Canton can't completely insulate themselves from the violence that is all too common in urban communities like Detroit. It also reiterated what a difficult job our police officers face on a daily basis.

Preliminary reports suggest that police officers were justified when they shot and killed Christopher Slay, who had led officers on a high-speed chase through several communities, from Westland to Washtenaw County and back into Canton, on the morning of Feb. 21.

Slay was finally cornered and seemingly out of options, with his Jeep Grand Cherokee parked in a residential yard near Ford and Beck roads and officers closing in to make an arrest. Instead of giving up, however, Slay reportedly took a hit from a crack pipe and tried to run down a Canton officer who was approaching on foot.

It was a fatal move, as four officers from three different police agencies fired at Slay, who police say had an extensive record that included auto theft, assault and drug charges. Two of the officers who fired shots were from Canton, and they have been put on leave, while an investigation is conducted to determine if their actions were justified.

Michigan State Police Lt. Harold Love said that the State Police investigation of the shooting should be complete in three weeks, pending lab test results of the guns fired in the incident and interviews with the four officers who fired. Love said indications are the shootings were justified.

Certainly an investigation is warranted with any police shooting, particularly when the victim is shot multiple times by multiple officers as Slay was. But if police accounts of the incident are correct, it is difficult to call Slay a victim in this case. He not only endangered his own life, but also the general public as he fled from police, as well as every officer involved with apprehending him that fateful morning.

In addition, the officers who shot Slay must live with his death for the remainder of their lives. Although every officer, from the time they leave police academy, knows they may someday be put into a position where they must use fatal force, it is doubtful any of those men thought it would happen that day as they drank their morning coffee.

Obviously, it should be a last resort for police officers to fire a weapon during an incident. Yet when an officer's life is put into jeopardy, as it appears was the case last week, they should have that right.

## Ambitious roads plan has little hope of gaining favor

Everyone knows that the roads in metro Detroit are a mess. And everyone knows that something has to be done about it.

What that something is, however, is the topic of great gnashing of the teeth and wringing of the political hands.

Oakland County Businesses for Better Roads — an offshoot of the transportation committee of the Oakland County Business Roundtable — has decided to take the problem on by looking locally rather than hoping for an influx of cash from the state or federal government.

The group's plan is ambitious and expensive, and while targeted primarily at Oakland County, its success depends on similar proposals being approved in Wayne and Macomb counties as well.

The BBR wants to institute a 0.5-mill countywide property tax, a 0.5-percent local sales tax, a 20-percent increase in vehicle registration fees and a \$25 flat rate driver's license fee. All four initiatives would require the state Legislature to authorize a countywide vote to approve them.

According to the BBR's figures, the four funding sources would generate approximately \$126 million per year for road projects. The money would be used to widen congested thoroughfares, bring new roads to new developments and maintain other important highways and surface roads.

While the plan has merit, there is little chance it will fly in Lansing, or at the ballot box if it makes it that far. The reason?

While everyone agrees our roads are in a shambles, so is the state's financial house. And it is unlikely that the governor and Legislature will give their blessing to any new taxes at a time when whispers are growing that a hike in the state income tax may be the only way to pull the state out of its budget mess.

Which means that at least for the time being, commuters should prepare themselves for another long, hot summer navigating area roads.



Geoff Brooks 3-5-05 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

## LETTERS

### Get some compassion

Sandra Martin's letter (Feb 24), took my breath away. She would like us to turn our back on the families in Detroit that are struggling to raise their children in an economically ravaged city, in violent drug-infested neighborhoods (no small amount of those drugs is consumed by suburbanites), in beleaguered schools. She cares not for the homeless, the elderly, the least among us.

She actually believes there is no one in Detroit who shares her values? Wait. She's probably right.

I have a suggestion for the name of her new county — Inhumania.

Karen Brackett  
Canton

### Candidate support

Please consider this my unequivocal support of Emily Florence for the Board of Education.

I have known Emily for over 10 years and in my opinion she is more than qualified to be a member of the board. Emily is a devoted mother of four children and yet finds time to become involved in events outside the home whether they be in education or charitable fund-raisers. Her positive attitude, her commitment to detail and her ability to accomplish tasks that others may shy away from, make her an ideal candidate for the board of education. She is energetic, professional and resilient and can multi task. The citizens of the community will have a champion of education and a champion of children on their team when Emily Florence is elected to the board.

Bill Kalmar  
former director, Michigan Quality Council

### Misleading story

I was disappointed with the unfortunate tone of your recent news story regarding Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposals for the Michigan Merit Award. To suggest that the governor, or her administration, has been anything but supportive of education in Michigan is disingenuous and misleading. The reality is, through Gov. Granholm's leadership more Michigan students will have access to greater financial resources in the years ahead.

In her state of the state address, Gov. Granholm proposed a new Merit Award program — one that not only increases the award to \$4,000 per student, but also rewards young people for completing two years of college, earning an associates degree, or completing the equivalent in professional training. Recipients will be able to use their awards in any way they choose; to pay off student loans, buy a car, or to sock it away in savings.

It is also important to note that, under the governor's budget proposal for fiscal year 2006, no high school graduate who has qualified for the Merit Award and who attends a Michigan college or university would receive less than \$2,500. That is the same amount that has previously been awarded to qualifying students in the graduating classes of 2000

through 2004.

The governor's budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year also includes a significant K-12 funding increase of more than \$316 million.

Tough budgetary times call for tough choices. Gov. Granholm has faced these choices head on, cutting more than \$3 billion from the state budget in just over two years, while maintaining her steadfast support of education.

Jay B. Rising  
state treasurer

### Perception as reality?

I found it quite interesting reading state Sen. Bruce Patterson's reply to the recent articles regarding the Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association.

I trust what the senator says, but isn't there a concern for the public's perception of improprieties? We are indeed looking for the best and the brightest to represent our interests. Doesn't mere attendance at such junkets continue to create a tainted political stereotype?

And one last question — why does the Wholesalers Association continue to fund such out of town get-togethers unless they are getting some results?

Mike Gresock  
Canton

### Shooting the messenger

The purpose of the sponsored trip by the Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association made an investment in Sen. Patterson and the other legislators who attended the sponsored trip. If he was House majority floor leader at the time of the trip, then the Wholesalers had a very deep interest in gaining his support.

In the Feb. 17 *Observer* Local News section, it was reported that he said the reporting of the trip (in the *Detroit Free Press*) tarnishes an already scrutinized profession (lawmakers). By going on the paid trip, Sen. Patterson himself tarnished "the scrutinized profession." It was NOT tarnished by the *Detroit Free Press*. Does Sen. Patterson believe in shooting the messenger?

William Cole  
Plymouth

Animal worth

Are you considered an owner of a child/family member or a guardian? Why would you think of an animal differently? Sixty-two percent of American households have companion dogs and/or cats. These days more people look at animals as part of their family rather than their property. Using the term "guardian" simply reflects the growing respect that people feel toward animals.

In order to render animal abuse, neg-

lect and abandonment socially unacceptable, it is important that society begin to recognize animals as individuals who have individual needs. By changing our language, we are changing our attitudes toward animals.

Acknowledging the deep bond that forms between people and their animal companions through this verbal change reinforces that animals are not ours to abuse at our whim.

Incorporating the term "animal guardian" into local and state ordinances helps to accomplish historical shifts toward a more humane public standard regarding animals.

As more people consider using the updated term "animal guardian," evidence of society's deep personal relationship with dogs, cats and other animal companions comes to light.

Society's views change over time and every so often society calls for a language facelift. It was not so long ago that women, children and others were seen, in legal terms, as merely property. It appears that society is ready to acknowledge that animals, too, are worth something more than their price tag.

George Sarkisian  
Farmington Hills

### Where are the funds?

In its latest report the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund reports that 90 million children are starving.

How is the United States responding to this great human tragedy?

For fiscal years '03, '04 and '05 Congress approved more than \$30 million each year for the United Nations Fund for Population Activities. These funds would have been used by UNFPA to help women in poor countries engage in family planning programs, prevent disease, space their children, determine the healthiest time for bearing children, reduce unwanted pregnancies, avoid maternal death and reduce the number of abortions.

But each year, President Bush, apparently carrying out his faith-based administration of government has refused to approve these funds.

Frederic Adams  
Beverly Hills

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"I think the bigger picture is the distrust of government. We work really hard in civics education to promote positive citizenship and participating to vote, and then we have the experience of government giving and then taking away."

— Ellison Franklin, West Middle School principal, on Gov. Granholm's decision to scrap college grants for high school seniors who do well on MEAP tests in middle school



# Local leaders showing the way to state's politicians

Michigan is having trouble working out a sensible business strategy. There are lots of reasons, some good, some bad.

Start with the bad: The usual mess in Lansing. The governor's a Democrat; the Legislature, Republican; both are more than faintly interested in short-term partisan advantage.

Nor does the infighting stop there. As I understand it, the tone of discourse during the meetings between Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche and Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema involves language you wouldn't want to appear in a family newspaper.

Worse, relations between DeRoche and Sikkema vary between frosty and frigid. If these folks can't get along like sensible adults, where does that leave the state?

The Legislature started by treating Granholm's proposals as DOA, but then (oops!) figured out that to just keep on saying "no" risked being called obstructionist. So maybe they're re-thinking. On top of it all is the sad state budget, which will need something like \$376 million in cuts to bring this year's spending plan into balance. This is mostly the result of our chronic structural budget deficit, which the Lansing politicians are too timid to tackle.

But the biggest obstacle might called be the "live by the sword, die by the sword" problem. For decades, Michigan made a great living off the high-pay, low-skill manufacturing jobs provided by the auto industry. But over the past few years, a combination of outsourcing, offshoring and productivity gains has resulted in an accelerating hemorrhage of these jobs. It's as though the foundation for our entire economic house is being disassembled, cinder block by cinder block.

Worse, the "one big industry" habit of mind is deeply entrenched. Far too much conversation in Lansing rotates around the fantasy of one great big economic silver bullet that will bail us out of trouble. Will it be life sciences? Might it be homeland security? Could it be agile manufacturing? Nah.

Most likely it will wind up with an unpredictable mix of things where Michigan has a comparative advantage. And the process is very likely to take place piecemeal and by fits and starts.

Which is why it's instructive to look at two locally-based efforts that offer some hope for the future. First is Automation Alley, originally proposed by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson in 1997. The idea was to leverage the combined strength of the county's automobile-related, high-tech businesses into a national marketing effort that would attract skilled talent and new cutting-edge companies. Forty-four organizations joined initially,



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and trade missions jetted off to Europe, China and Mexico.

In 2001, the Alley affiliated with the Great Lakes Interactive Marketing Association, marrying the high-tech business community and an interactive and technical labor force. In 2003, Automation Alley created the Technology Center, which leverages businesses, educators, government and money to help entrepreneurs bring new technologies to market quicker and more efficiently. Just last year, the Alley started a new headquarters in Troy.

The Alley's current annual budget is around \$2 million, mostly raised from dues from member companies and some state assistance. Tom Anderson, the capable and thoughtful director of the Tech Center, says that he's trying to start a quarterly forum to bring together entrepreneurs and investment professionals to make more visible the good business investment opportunities available in southeastern Michigan. He's also working on tripling the Alley's \$1.4 million seed fund.

Over in Ann Arbor, some local business leaders are hooking up with the University of Michigan to try to do something similar. With a working title of "Ann Arbor Tech Central," the group is shaking the bushes to put together a \$1 million-plus annual budget.

Central to the undertaking is active involvement by the University of Michigan, which under President Mary Sue Coleman's regime has at last realized it needs to get its hands dirty exploiting its terrific research capability and helping get businesses launched.

A university insider put the case sensibly to me last week: "We've got to look on this just like a venture capital firm looks at a startup. It's a long-term proposition. You've got to keep at it. You'll make some mistakes. But you have to keep working on it until it works."

Right on. In the case of Automation Alley, it's taken seven years of hard work to make a functioning organization capable of building on southeastern Michigan's existing strengths in automobile-related high tech.

In the case of Ann Arbor Tech Central, the right people are coming to the right conclusion at the right time. Similar organizations are bubbling up in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

In all cases, it's hard-driving local folks who are leading the charge, not the politicians in Lansing. Sure, they need support from the state, in two major ways: a) money; and b) keeping out of the way. And fortunately the local folks are not all hung up with partisanship, egos or chronic structural budget deficits. Perhaps Lansing can learn something from the Livonias of this state. Let's hope so.

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# We need to hear the stories of the 'greatest generation'

Maybe I was oblivious, but I don't remember the ceremonies coming every 10 years for momentous events related to World War II. Don't get me wrong. In no way shape or form do I think they're frivolous. I just don't recall.

But my head snapped to attention Saturday when I realized that it was that day in 1945 that the Marines stormed the beaches of Iwo Jima. Sixty years ago, they piled off landing craft with one order: you must take the beach. The battle was the bloodiest of the war in the Pacific. One of every three Marines was killed or wounded in the battle that raged for 36 days.

On Saturday, there was one man missing, Walter Page. He died Feb. 1. I knew this dashing young man by another name, Uncle Walt, my mom's only brother. He is the second of my greatest generation to pass in this new millennium.

The first to pass was my dad in 2000. Although he did not see combat, he served his country with distinction. Dad had tried to enlist, but was sent home because of his poor eyesight. According to mom, the recruiting officer had told him they didn't need someone who had to feel their way across a battlefield.

His contribution to the war was to work with the team in Los Angeles, Calif., that helped develop the self-sealing gas tank for the long-range bombers. Many air crews would live to fly another day because of their work.

My folks were living in Pasadena during the war; Uncle Walt was at Camp Pendleton. My dad, having some connection or another, knew he was about to ship out, so they took a road trip to see him. My brother, age six months, was their ticket in.

Uncle Walt had never seen his godson, or so they told the guards who gave them a half hour to visit. Luckily, the guards didn't check the baby blanket. Mom and dad hadn't come without gifts. Hidden in the blanket was a bottle of whiskey and mom's homemade cookies.

They also gave Uncle Walt a photograph of my brother. He would carry it with him into battle and when the 50th anniversary rolled around, when his godson took him to dinner, he pulled it out of his wallet. He told my brother that it was that photo that helped get him through it.

Uncle Walt liked his shots and beers and when he was feeling no pain, he would talk about the war. He'd talk about the enemy and being wounded by a sniper on Iwo Jima. With me, the conversation would turn to talk of his work with his buddy, Al Josephy. Al was a military war correspondent. Uncle Walt was a Marine first and a photographer second. He would go out with Josephy to cover the



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battle.

Josephy liked to get up close and personal and more than once the dynamic duo got caught behind enemy lines. In his memoirs, Al said he wouldn't be alive today if not for Walter Page.

I've seen some of Uncle Walt's photos, both civilian and military. As a child, I loved looking into a box in a closet. Underneath some handmade models of World War II fighters were some of Uncle Walt's war photographs. Some were graphic — dead Japanese soldiers, some charred beyond recognition — and there was one of a soldier using a flame-thrower. In the white border at the bottom were typed remarks about the images.

How we got them, I don't know, nor can I recall when they were taken or in what battle. And I'm clueless as to what happened to the box after we moved from Michigan to Pennsylvania in 1963. That was about the last time I recall seeing them.

But I found out so much more about Uncle Walt in his passing. I knew he was wounded at Iwo Jima and received a Purple Heart. I was clueless about battles beyond that, but I now know he was in four campaigns — Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Guam and Iwo Jima — and that he received his first Purple Heart at Bougainville.

And forget that aforementioned one-in-three statistic, Uncle Walt, I discovered, was one of five members of his company of 240 Marines to survive the battle for Iwo Jima.

And his buddy Al... I really should have paid very close attention. If you're into native American history or the tribes of the West, the name may ring a bell. Al is Alvin Josephy Jr. He dabbled in journalism, screenwriting and short fiction, even interviewed Leon Trotsky as a *Chicago Herald Tribune* correspondent in Mexico. After the war, he was an associate editor of *Time* and eventually became vice president and editor-in-chief of *American Heritage* magazine before authoring numerous books on native American history and tribes.

He was a networking opportunity I missed.

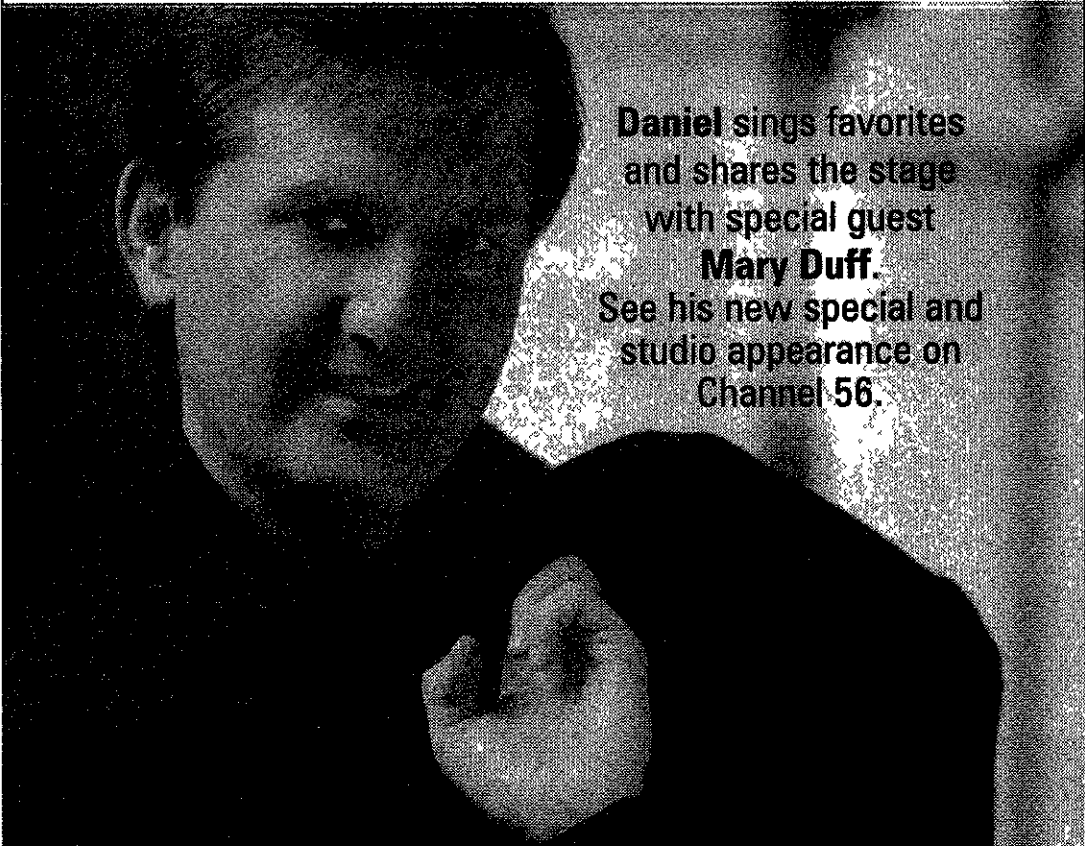
Uncle Walt would talk some about his time in the service, but I unfortunately never took the time to hear the whole story. I now realize it is my loss. As the journalist, I should have taken on the task of recording his memories of that war. We are left with bits and pieces and no way to complete the picture.

Each day, more and more of the greatest generation are passing. They all have a story to tell, and it behooves us all to listen. We need to make what they did a part of our own personal history. We need to remember their sacrifices and honor their commitment to this country.

They may not have been Marines like Uncle Walt, but like him they were always faithful.

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# Returning soldier calls service a blessing

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

Capt. Larry Smith hadn't seen his 3-month-old daughter, Alexa, until he arrived at Detroit Metro Airport from Kuwait Saturday night and instead of feeling robbed of the time missed, the Army trainer said it was a blessing.

"I think it's the absolute opposite of being robbed," Smith, 28, said. "I wouldn't change anything. My daughter is going to grow up knowing that her dad did everything absolutely possible that he could to make sure she'd grow up in a better place. The fact that I wasn't there for the first three months doesn't change anything."

He said the magnitude of war struck him the hardest last Father's Day when his unit was returning from a patrol and a roadside bomb killed two soldiers and seriously injured 11 others.

"We had been shot at before that, but that was the first experience we actually had casualties and it opened my eyes to the real horrors that were going on over there," Smith said. "I looked down and my arms were saturated with blood, because I was trying to bandage people."

On Aug. 14, his unit was involved in another encounter and this time Smith was wounded in the leg. He received a Purple Heart, but he didn't even mention the honor until his wife, Gina, brought it up.

## DOWNPLAYS INJURY

"At the tail-end of that mortar round there was a hit about 10 feet from me and I went down with about nine other soldiers," Smith explained in an interview at his parents' home late Saturday. "My leg didn't move and there was some nerve damage. They were going to evac me to Germany, but I didn't think it was worth it. It was just a little hole."

Family, friends and members from their church, Merriman Road Baptist in Garden City, gathered Saturday evening in his parents' Livonia home. They were greeted at the front door by two posters that read:



Capt. Larry Smith is greeted by his wife, Gina, and 3-month-old daughter, Alexa, at Metro Airport on his return from duty in Iraq.

"Thank you so for protecting your family, neighbors and fellowmen." "You made a difference. We are so very proud of you."

Cathy and Larry Smith were just happy their son was on American soil, even though he would only be in Michigan for 12 hours before driving to Texas where he and Gina will live. Smith also has three sisters, Jennifer, 27, Rebecca, 24 and Melissa, 19.

"It's an amazing relief just to have him safe at home," Cathy explained.

Although Larry and Gina, who was raised in Redford Township and has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Detroit Mercy, have been married two years they've only been together three months, because Smith served in Korea the year before he was sent to Iraq. Smith was on a short leave when Gina became pregnant with Alexa.

Being able to talk by telephone occasionally and using e-mails helped lessen the pain, somewhat, of being apart and knowing that her husband was in such a dangerous situation, said Gina, a graduate of Redford Thurston High School. "I talked to my grandma who

had to go through the same thing in World War II and they would go months without anything," she adds.

## GOD AND COUNTRY

Smith, a former *Livonia Observer* carrier, said he believes he was called by God to serve in the Army.

"I love my country and this is the path that God set out for me and every time he calls you it's not always what you want to do," Smith said. "It's still something that needs to be done, regardless, and it's an honor to be chosen for this purpose."

After the welcome home party, Larry and Gina planned to return shortly to the Farmington Hills apartment where she and Alexa have been living.

In Texas, Smith will continue to work as an Army trainer and has decided to make the military his career. The 1994 graduate of Stevenson High School and 1998 graduate of Eastern Michigan University knew he wanted to be in the service since he was 15.

"The things I've seen in the last year," Smith said. "It put things in perspective about how wonderful it is that our families don't have to experience that

kind of violence. How good it is that our families are safeguarded. People really need to realize it's not just a fruitless endeavor, that others may have a motive for sending us there, but there is an honorable cause and that needs to be fulfilled."

Smith and a friend plan to write a book about their war experience.

Meanwhile, he will work at adjusting to his new role as a father and being back home. At Metro Airport, he was surprised to see how small his daughter is.

"They were talking about how she had quadrupled in size," he said. "I picked her up and I thought, she's so tiny. She's just so wonderful."

"I was a father before and now I can finally be a dad," he added.

# Private companies to get crack at Wireless Oakland

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

Oakland County is taking steps to lay the groundwork for its proposed comprehensive wireless Internet system, "Wireless Oakland," by throwing open its doors to the companies upon whom, ultimately, the creation of the system rests.

At his State of the County address, Executive L. Brooks Patterson announced the county's plan to create a "technological cloud," universal wireless Internet access, encompassing all of Oakland County. Anyone with the right kind of modem could access the web without connection to a cable or telephone line.

As part of his bid to bring high-tech jobs to Oakland County, Patterson wants to offer every businessperson rolling through to be able to access their accounts as easily as they could at home. The details are still sketchy, but he says there might be a mixture of advertising and for-free services to pay for the continued operation of the system.

To that end, the county will hold a private sector summit on March 14 to put the word out to vendors of all kinds in advance of making a request for proposals in the spring. The county is hoping to answer questions potential partners will need to ask before the project kicks off in earnest.

Deputy County Executive Phil Bertolini said the summit will play host to a wide range of businesses.

"We will be talking to bandwidth and technology vendors," he said. "We've sent out some invitations and more than 80

companies have shown an interest."

He said companies like Comcast and SBC, which sell access to the Internet, will be side by side with companies that build the actual components used to access the Internet — both kinds of companies are necessary to getting the Wireless Oakland initiative off the ground.

"I don't believe any one company will be able to do the whole job," Bertolini said. "I think some companies will partner up to make proposals. This will be an opportunity for some companies to come together."

The summit is the first step toward actually getting Wireless Oakland off the ground.

Bertolini said he expects to make a request for proposals in April and, he hopes, award contracts as early as June.

While the final costs are unknown, officials believe Oakland residents have already ponied up enough money for technology to cover their end.

Patterson reiterated that point, adding that between emergency towers, water towers and the fiber optic cable already in place, the county has a very good platform for private investors to build upon.

The final cost? That will come from the private sector.

The Wireless Oakland Private Sector Summit will be held at 1:30 p.m. March 14 in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium, 1200 N. Telegraph. The event is open to the public. Get more information on the web at [www.co.oakland.mi.us/wireless](http://www.co.oakland.mi.us/wireless).

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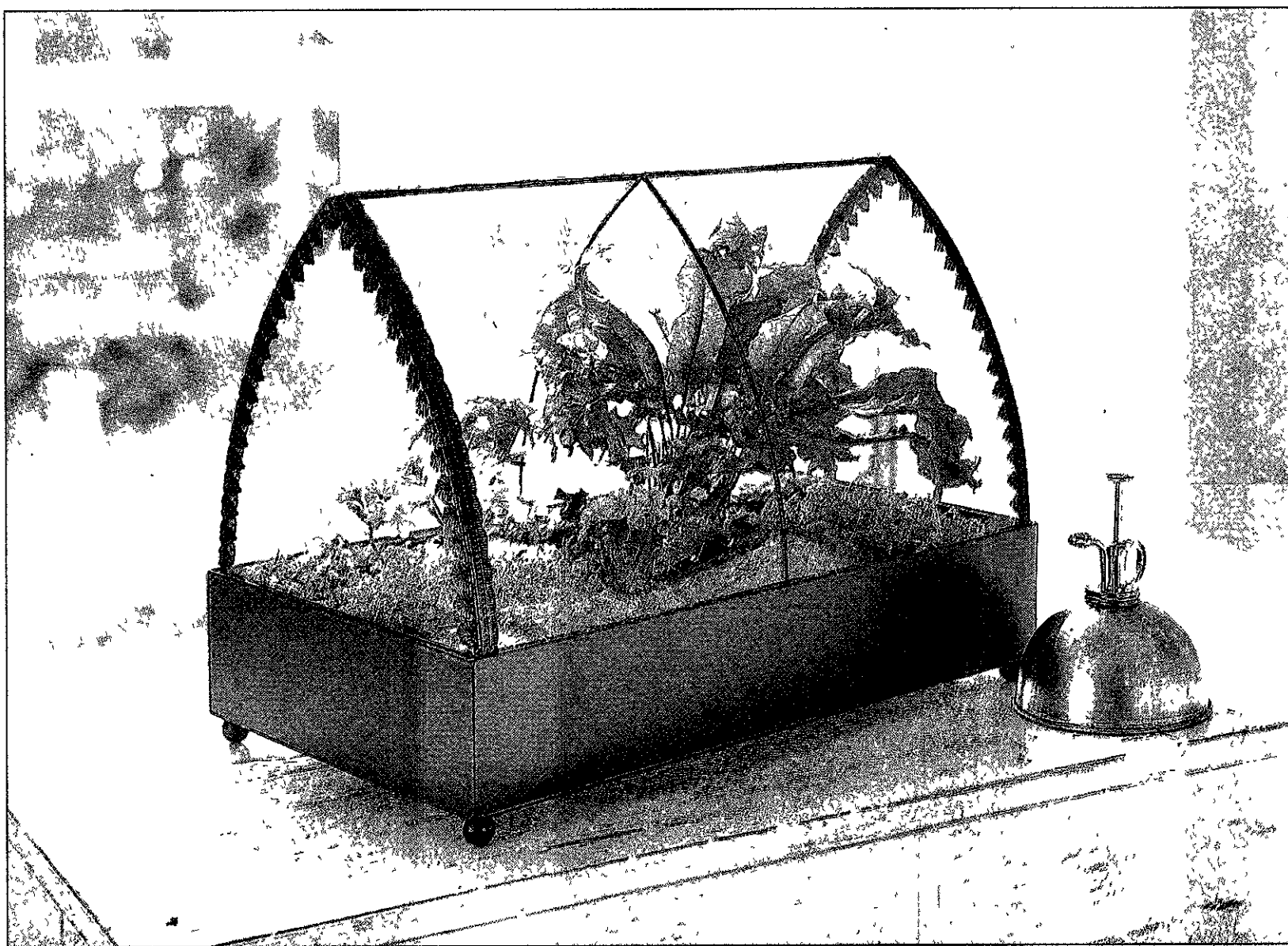


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Ready-made terrariums are available, such as this tabletop model by Smith & Hawken. You can make your own container from almost anything, including bottles and jars.

# It's a small world

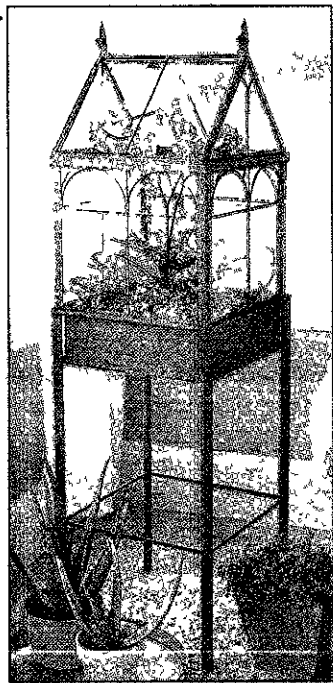


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A terrarium can stand on the floor. Chopsticks can be used to tend to the little landscape contained within.

## Terrariums put you up close to nature

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

The Lilliputian landscape enclosed in a terrarium can be big in terms of fascination and fun.

And on a larger scale, a type of terrarium can purify the air (*see related article*).

A terrarium provides a way of having a garden all year, different from potted plants.

A terrarium is a clear, enclosed or partially enclosed, container filled with compatible plants. Care for the plants is easy.

"If you overwater you create a lot of problems," said Andy Donatiello, sales associate and master florist at English

Gardens in Royal Oak. Other English Gardens stores are in West Bloomfield, Dearborn Heights, Clinton Township and Eastpointe. "The idea is to have a greenhouse effect and have some moisture build up."

"It's a living thing. You have to be considerate of that."

You can choose from ready-made terrariums, such as those offered at Smith & Hawken in Birmingham. Another Smith & Hawken store is in Rochester Hills.

These are handcrafted, Victorian style terrariums for the table or floor, or tabletop terrariums with arched, bronze-finished frameworks, that make humid environments.

PLEASE SEE TERRARIUMS, B5

## Plantaire cleans air in natural way

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

More than 150 years ago, a British physician discovered plants growing inside a closed bottle during his experiments with caterpillars.

The physician, Dr. N.B. Ward, continued his observations with other plants in containers. His studies led to the development of Wardian cases, enclosed containers for growing or transporting plants.

The Wardian case became today's terrarium. And, in a way, the terrarium has become Plantaire™, an installation that turns a room into a little tropical garden that keeps the air clean naturally.

Planterra Tropical Greenhouses Inc. in West Bloomfield is the only North American dealer of Plantaire.

"It does the same thing Mother Nature does," said Shane Pliska, business development at Planterra, COO of Plantaire.

"There's no filter like Mother Nature," said Larry M. Pliska, president and CEO of Planterra. "No man-made filter can do what plants and trees can do."

In Europe, Plantaire is used in airports and at fast food restaurants (where idling vehicle motors create toxins), Shane Pliska said.

Plantaire features a chamber of plants, soil and water in natural light. It pulls in air from the top.

The air flows over the plants and through the soil. Pollutants are absorbed and decomposed, and fresh oxygen is shot out from the bottom of the chamber by silent fans.

Plantaire conserves energy since it purifies and supplies oxygen indoors without having to introduce outdoor air that has to be treated and distributed.

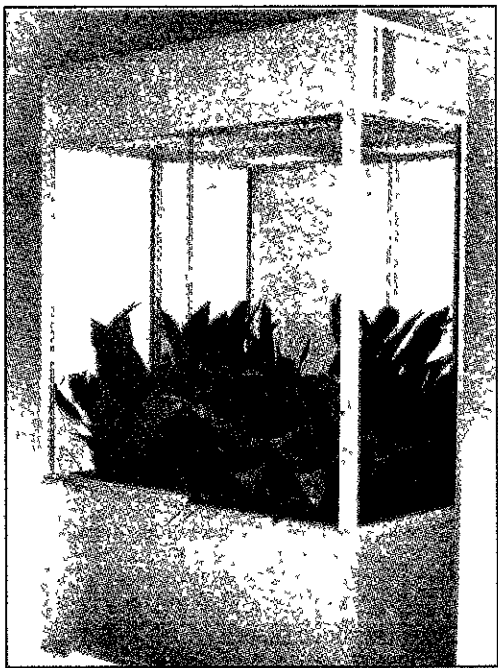
The dry, warm indoor air is humidified to a suitable level that is gentle on mucous membranes.

The cooler air is heated and rises to be drawn through the chamber again.

Plantaire purifies about 120 cubic meters of air an hour and

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Plantaire™ purifies the air in a natural way. Planterra in West Bloomfield is the only North American dealer of the installation, which is like a large terrarium.



PLANTERRA TROPICAL GREENHOUSES

## Learn when to upgrade your PC and when to buy new

Since the dawn of the personal-computer age, users have grappled with the same knotty question: Should I upgrade my system or buy a new one?

Upgrading always seems the most desirable course of action, especially in light of the major investment you've already made in the machine. Wouldn't it be great if, say, a \$50 memory module could rev performance to 2005 levels?

Dream on. While a few strategic upgrades can improve performance or extend the life of an aging PC, there's a law of diminishing returns. I hate to use the well-worn "it's like a car" analogy, but it's true: sometimes you just

have to junk (or, better yet, recycle) the old girl and buy some new wheels.

Specifically, if you're still using a computer that runs Windows 98 or Windows Me, it's time to replace it.

It's not just a matter of gaining faster hardware or a bigger hard drive, though those are obvious perks. A new PC also nets you the Windows XP operating system. Though far from perfect, XP offers vastly superior stability, crash protection, and security than its predecessors.

When shopping for a new system, start with a Pentium 4 processor - pokey Celerons are too slow. Other essentials:



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

512MB of RAM, a built-in media reader (for easy access to your digital camera's memory card), and a DVD burner. Don't let a salesperson talk you into spending extra for XP Professional; stick with XP Home.

What about Apple's new Mac Mini? If you're looking for a second computer or just want to see if Macs are all they're cracked up

to be, this \$500 cutie definitely deserves consideration. Just keep in mind you'll have to pay extra for a monitor, mouse, and keyboard, or use your own if you have spares lying around.

If buying a new machine isn't feasible, I still advise against putting any serious money into the old one. Exceptions include installing a second hard drive (to add more storage space) and replacing a worn-out monitor with a spiffy new LCD (which you can continue to use with the new machine you'll eventually buy).

In fact, the upgrade I recommend for sluggish, ill-performing Windows 98/Me systems isn't an

upgrade at all - and it doesn't cost a cent. To return your system to a speedy, glitch-free, factory-new state, reformat the hard drive and reinstall Windows.

You'll need an afternoon to accomplish this admittedly daunting task, but it's worth the effort. Space doesn't permit me to detail the process here, but a Google search (try "reformat Windows 98 drive") will reveal plenty of step-by-step guides.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books. He welcomes questions sent to [rick.broida@gmail.com](mailto:rick.broida@gmail.com).

## Accents

### New offerings

Hancock Fabrics Inc., one of the country's leading fabric and home décor retailers, announces the national launch of an exclusive new fabric line by Trading Spaces designer Laurie Smith.

Smith has earned millions of fans on TLC's popular television series, *Trading Spaces*, which will begin its sixth season this fall. Laurie Smith's philosophy is to approach each room with a design inspiration.

"Ninety percent of the time, that one inspiration is fabric," Smith said. Whether Smith is designing an entire room or simply adding accessories, her advice to consumers is to have fun with the design process and enjoy inspiration as they express personal style.

Fabrics in the Laurie Smith collection include prints and wovens, both solid and patterned that reflect Smith's classic design technique and contemporary style. Smith chose an assortment of colors such as terra cotta, chocolate and robin's egg blue.

Hancock Fabrics opened its first store in Birmingham, Ala., in 1958. Today, the chain has more than 445 stores in 42 states, including locations at 26105 Greenfield in Southfield, 482 Telegraph in Pontiac and 27500 Schoolcraft in Livonia. Hancock Fabrics operates an Internet store under its domain name, [www.hancockfabrics.com](http://www.hancockfabrics.com).

### Trees sold

Global ReLeaf of Michigan is selling to the public bare root trees especially selected for their hardiness and ability to prosper in both urban and rural areas. Funds raised through the annual tree sale support community tree plantings throughout Michigan.

All trees are bare-root, single or multi-stemmed three-six feet in height depending on species. Trees offered are: sugar maple, red maple, swamp white oak, greenspire linden, white spire birch, serviceberry, Japanese tree lilac, red bud, aristocrat pear, pagoda dogwood, white and red flowering crabapple.

Honeycrisp apple and Stella cherry are two fruit trees offered, along with two shrubs this year, endless summer hydrangea and blue multifin arrowwood viburnum.

Orders must be prepaid by April 9. Quantities are limited. Price for trees is \$28 each, six or more are \$23 each. The shrubs are \$18 each, and five or more are \$15 each.

Call (800) 642-7353 or e-mail [GlobalReLeafMI@aol.com](mailto:GlobalReLeafMI@aol.com) to request an order form. Order forms can be printed off the Global ReLeaf Web site at [www.global-releaf.org](http://www.global-releaf.org).

Pickup is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at the city of Livonia's Department of Public Works Yard, 12973 Farmington Road, and Mike's Tree Surgeons, 249 Park St., Troy.



## HOME CALENDAR

## Home decorating

The Rochester Community Schools Enrichment Department presents home decorating classes.

For more information, visit [www.rochester.k12.mi.us](http://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.

## Heart of the Home House Tour

A tour of nine beautiful and unusual homes in Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Franklin and West Bloomfield will take place noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 13. The tour is presented by Groves High School Senior Parents. Proceeds benefit the Class of 2005 Senior Party. Tickets are \$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.

Call (248) 890-0289 or (248) 722-3827 for information.

## Curtains, pillows

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](mailto:ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com) or visit [www.HabermanFabrics.com](http://www.HabermanFabrics.com). 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. Beginning sewers will learn the basics while making two beautiful decorative square or rectangular pillows, using bias-cut, fabric-covered cording and inserted trims, in Beginner Pillow (Mondays, March 14-28). The class will include learning how to use a rotary cutter, cutting bias and using a zipper foot to cover cording. Fee is \$60. Many of the techniques learned here will apply to future home decorating classes.

## Ornamental

Ornamental, a show of sculptural metal wall pieces in powder-coated steel by Cranbrook Academy of Art metalsmithing graduate Amy Haskins, continues to Saturday, 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@oehomecomm.net](mailto:kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net)

## General Electric recalls dishwashers

Today I'm writing about General Electric's dishwasher recall. You may decide to stop and not read this column, because you figure I'm repeating one I wrote just a few years ago, but this column is not about the 3.1 million dishwashers produced between 1983 and 1989 which had a defective energy switch that caught fire.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

This one is an actual recall. Nearly 74,300 General Electric dishwashers just sold within the past year have a connector that can short circuit and overheat during normal use, posing a fire hazard. (We can thank the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission for this consumer warning.)

GE received 29 reports of connectors overheating, including one report of a fire that spread outside the dishwasher and caused minor property damage. No injuries have been reported.

Dishwashers with the following model numbers are included in this recall and were sold after Jan. 20, 2004: GE dishwasher models GSD5500G, GSD5560G, GSD5800G, GSD5900G, GSD5960G, EDW3000G and EDW3060G, with serial numbers with the first letter A through T and the second letter G, or the serial letters VF.

The serial number is important because not all dishwashers with the above model numbers are included in this recall. The model and serial number are located inside the door wall of the dishwasher. They were sold in the range of \$300-\$400 at appliance retail outlets and builder distributors nationwide from January 2004 through February 2005.

Consumers should immediately stop using the dishwasher

and contact GE to arrange for their dishwashers to be repaired free of charge. Consumers should call GE at 1-800-804-9802 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday to find out if their dishwasher is included in this recall, and to arrange for a free service call.

For more information, consumers can log on to the GE Recall Information page at [www.GEAppliances.com](http://www.GEAppliances.com)

The column which appeared previously in this paper was in regards to dishwashers made by GE and sold throughout the country from 1983 through 1989. GE announced that they were not going to fix them but instead offer a rebate to consumers who went out and purchased a new one.

After I discovered that large apartment complexes fixed the problem for their tenants and the same wasn't being offered by GE to us regular consumers, I approached our state attorney general. Eventually a class action lawsuit was filed by the attorney general of New York

against General Electric and consumers began to receive free repairs of the energy switch.

Of the 3.1 million dishwashers produced and sold during that period, there are still many out there in the American homes which have not been repaired. The CPSC assessed a fine of \$1 million against GE for their lack of action in that particular case.

GE discovered the expense of their lack of action, and today, the company should be praised on this occasion for reacting quickly to take care of the problem with the most recent recall.

Last month I received many comments from people who were interested in what I wrote about the washing machines made today. I will in the weeks ahead use some of the e-mails and letters I have received. 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.

## Celebrate year of melon, sweet pea

On April 10 - 16, we, along with the National Garden Bureau, will celebrate the year of the Sweet Pea and the Melon.

In the 1930s, box cars of sweet pea seeds were shipped from California producers to their customers east of the Rockies. These climbing flowers were very popular in North American gardens.



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

Their enticing scent reminds one of honey and orange blossom; the intensity varies from one cultivar to another. The wide color range includes reds, blues, pastel lavenders, pinks, and the purest whites in solid colors, bicolors, and streaked flowers. While they add much to an outdoor garden, the blooms last a long time as cut flowers.

## A TIME TO SOW

It's time to sow the seeds indoors to ensure a good display all summer long. Most sweet pea cultivars need lengthening days to initiate buds and bloom so consult the seed pack and grow the appropriate plants.

To sow the seed directly in the garden, find a site with full to partial sun and deep and

rich, loamy and moist (but well-drained) soil. The seeds need about 50 days of cool temperatures (under 60 degrees) to bloom. Nicking the outside coating of a sweet pea seed allows for rapid hydration of seeds and it both speeds and increases germination. A nail clipper will do the job.

Plant the seeds outdoors as soon as the soil can be worked. Place them in holes that are about two inches deep. Drop two to four seeds per hole spaced four to six inches apart. Water thoroughly and keep soil moist until seeds have sprouted and continue to water to promote healthy growth. When the seedlings are three to four inches high, thin them, leaving the most vigorous-looking plants four to six inches apart. Sow the seeds each week over several weeks for a luxurious display.

If you wish to learn more about these flowers, The Sweet Pea Book by Graham Rice (Timber Press, \$19.95) describes many of them. It includes information on how to raise sweet pea from seed and grow them in the garden or in containers. Rice describes the plant's history. It is the definitive account of this beloved flower.

## MELON VARIETIES

There are numerous types of melons available in various regions around the world. They are all in the Cucurbitaceae or gourd family. The most popular in North America are the cantaloupe,

muskmelon and honeydew types. If you find a melon that you enjoy during your travels, and want to grow it at home, look for it in mail-order catalogs or seed packets sold in retail stores.

Melons have been enjoyed for more than 4,000 years. They are always grown in a garden, and not found in the wild. Melons are believed to have originated in the hot valleys of southwest Asia - specifically Iran (Persia) and India. Early American settlers grew cultivars of honeydew and casaba melon in the 1600s.

Melons are warm-season fruits, which thrive in temperature of 70 to 80 degrees. They prefer slightly acid soil with a pH between 6.0 and 6.5 and ample soil moisture and nutrients. They can easily cross-breed, so allow plenty of space between different types or cultivars. (To assure this doesn't happen, keep them away from cucumbers, squash, and pumpkins.)

Sow seeds directly into the garden after all dangers of frost is past and the ground is warm and dry. Plant three to five seeds two inches apart about one inch deep in a small hill of rich, amended well-drained soil. Keep them well watered.

When the vines have two sets of true leaves, thin out the smaller or weaker vines, leaving the two strongest to grow. In cold-winter climate, some gardeners plant melons through black plastic mulch. It warms the soil early, conserves

moisture, controls weeds, keeps some pests and diseases away, and makes harvesting a lot easier and cleaner.

Lay the plastic over the future melon garden in late winter (now) to start warming the soil. Weigh down the edges to keep it in place. Start planting when the soil reaches 60° F. Make five-inch cuts at least four feet apart on six-foot centers if you grow in rows. If you commingle edibles and ornamentals, allow at least three feet in all directions around the cut plastic x. Pull the plastic back and create a hill of soil; plant seeds, as above, or transplant melons that you started indoors. (Follow package directions for indoor planting). If you purchase plants, get them in the ground as soon as possible; following directions for transplanting. Water without wetting the leaves; it's critical when the fruit starts setting, the fruit is maturing. Fertilize every two to three weeks with an all-purpose fertilizer.

## GOOD GARDEN TIP:

If you wish to promote special events, please send the information in writing, at least two weeks before the event, to Mary Klemic, Garden Calendar, The Observer and Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009-6440. Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

## Half empty or half full?

Today's households expand and contract in ways that are creating new traditions, and demanding more out of the spaces in our homes. Career couples begin having babies later; baby boomers move toward retirement earlier to take on new hobbies and vocations; grown children leave for college or return during transition times.

We need our homes to be comfortable, intimate and meet the demands of the constant changes in our busy lives. So, what to do with that bedroom just was just vacated,

or where to put that new home office?

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## GARDEN CALENDAR

**Metropolitan Rose Society**

The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet 7:15 p.m. Friday, March 4, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais, east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile. Member Paul Colombo will give a slide presentation from the National American Rose Society's 2004 Rose Show. Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information, call (248) 689-9529.

**Farmington Garden Club**

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

The topic will be Creative and Traditional Designs. Jean Moran, a member of the Hill & Dale Garden Club and the Farmington Flower Guild, and a master judge, will demonstrate the difference between creative and traditional types of flower arrangements.

**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 Papadellis 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](http://www.hardyplantsociety-greatlakes.org).

**Herb study group**

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum Evening Herb Study Group will meet 7 p.m. Monday, March 7, in Room 125 at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Attendees will discuss and participate in coloring Easter eggs with natural dyes. The public may attend. The program is free.

For more information, call the Gardens at (734) 998-7061, or call Joan Wysocki at (248) 349-5310 or e-mail her at [jdwysocki@aol.com](mailto:jdwysocki@aol.com).

**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 Wattles 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.

**Rain gardens**

Rain gardens are not only beautiful but also provide the important function of improving our water quality. Learn about the importance of rain gardens and how you can install one in your yard at a free presentation 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the Milford Township Library, 330 Family Drive off Commerce Road in Milford. Registration is requested, call (248) 684-5335.

The program is sponsored by the Huron Valley Environmental Council, a branch of the Milford Garden Club. The speaker, Peggy Malnati, is a SOCWA member and lecturer.

**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](http://www.community-house.com).

**Floral arrangement**

Join in the fun of making a spring floral arrangement, with fresh flowers and greens to take home with you, at the Floral Arrangement Workshop 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 12, at the Henry Ford Estate. The class will be taught by a professional florist. The \$45 fee includes materials. Proceeds benefit the Henry Ford Estate Gardens. Register by Wednesday, March 9. Call (313) 593-5590.

**Spring Day**

Spring Day, Trees and Shrubs in the Garden, an educational program for gardeners, will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at the Henry Ford Estate. The program is co-sponsored by the Master Gardener Association of Wayne County (MGAWC) and the Henry Ford Estate. Four presentations and a box lunch are included. Cost is \$28 for MGAWC members and \$31 for non-members. Register before Thursday, March 10. Registration forms are available at <http://www.mgawc.org>, at the Henry Ford Estate, or by calling (313) 593-5580.

**Bold landscaping**

Goldner Walsh Nursery's Cabin Fever Lecture Series continues 7 p.m. Friday, March 11, with The Big, the Bold and the Beautiful by Jim Slezinski, the nursery's senior landscape designer and ornamental horticulturist.

Need a little drama in your garden? Want to turn heads twice? Join Slezinski for a slide presentation on how to use super-sized annuals, hardy perennials, tropicals, woody trees, shrubs, vines and impressive flowers, foliage and bark that will fit into any landscape style. A question-and-answer session will follow. Admission is \$7.50. Ticket proceeds will benefit the Bower School Farm's Bird and Butterfly Garden. Seating is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation, call (248) 332-6430. Goldner Walsh Nursery is at 559

Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac.

**Flower show**

District 1 of Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan will present a standard flower show at the Pontiac Silverdome Thursday-Sunday, March 10-13. Hours are 3-9:30 p.m. March 10, noon to 9:30 p.m. March 11, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. March 12, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 13.

The theme is Games of Life, depicting the fun times and variety of games people play. Judged floral designs, horticulture and artistic crafts will be on display. Educational exhibits and judged youth exhibits will be featured. The event is part of the Michigan Home and Garden Show.

**Green infrastructure**

Learn how conservancies can help build a green infrastructure in southeast Michigan at the annual meeting of the Oakland Land Conservancy 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 14, at the Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen, between M-10 and I-696. The public may attend. Registration is suggested; call (248) 601-2816. Admission is free. Donations are appreciated.

Green space in a rapidly developing area such as southeast Michigan becomes a basic necessity that should be planned and developed as an integrated system.

At the meeting, conservation and recreation planner Jonathan Jarosz will explain how individuals can work with the conservancy to create an integrated network of green space. Also at the meeting, the conservancy will present the newest ideas in land conservation, outline its conservation priorities for 2005 and recognize some outstanding volunteers.

Jaros has worked in the Saginaw Bay watershed region for the past 10 years and is currently project coordinator for Genesee/Lapeer/Shiawassee GreenLinks. He holds a master's degree in resource development from Michigan State University and has worked in collaboration with the Conservation Fund and National Park Service on developing green infrastructure initiatives in Michigan. For information about the Oakland

Land Conservancy, call (248) 601-2816.

**Royal Oak Garden Club**

The Royal Oak Garden Club will meet 7 p.m. Monday, March 14, at a new location, the Salter Community Center, 1545 E. Lincoln, in Royal Oak. Tom Guilford, the perennial specialist from Telly's Garden Center, will share his knowledge of hostas. If you have ever been "stumped" with what to do in those shady areas of your yard, let him help answer your questions. The club welcomes everyone to share in its love of nature, friendship and community involvement. Now is the perfect time to visit with the club and help in planning its community involvement with the zoo, Gilda's Club, Royal Oak Cemetery, Marais Street Community Center, Royal Oak in Bloom and community plant exchange, plus field trips and meetings! For more information, contact president Sherry Jurva at [sherryjurva@hotmail.com](mailto:sherryjurva@hotmail.com), phone (248) 217-9883. Or e-mail [camlmartin@aol.com](mailto:camlmartin@aol.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](http://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.

**Seminars**

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

Perennial Gardening will be the topic 11 a.m. March 5. Learn about English Gardens' favorite plants, how to select the best ones for your garden, and how to care for them during and after the growing season.

Organic Gardening (11 a.m.) and Starting Seeds Indoors (1 p.m.) will be the topics March 12.

In Organic Gardening, English Gardens experts will give you tips on caring for plants naturally, without the use of chemicals.

In Starting Seeds Indoors, learn how to grow your own transplants and get a head start on gardening. English Gardens experts will share their knowledge of growing flowers and vegetables from seed. Learn which varieties work best, and what's required to get the best results.

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

**School of Gardening**

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes for different levels at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt, and at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit [www.michigangardening.com](http://www.michigangardening.com).

The schedule includes Lawn Pest Management, Thursdays, March 3-10, in Pontiac (fee is \$84); Growing Fruit, Trees, Shrubs and Fruiting Vines, three sessions beginning Monday, March 7, in Livonia (\$102); Landscape Design, seven Mondays beginning March 7 in Pontiac (\$232); Propagation: Secrets for Making More Plants, Tuesdays, March 8-22, in Livonia (\$115); Roses: Old, Species and Shrub Roses, Sunday, March 13, in Pontiac (\$42); and Garden Design, five Tuesdays beginning March 15 in Pontiac (\$168).

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

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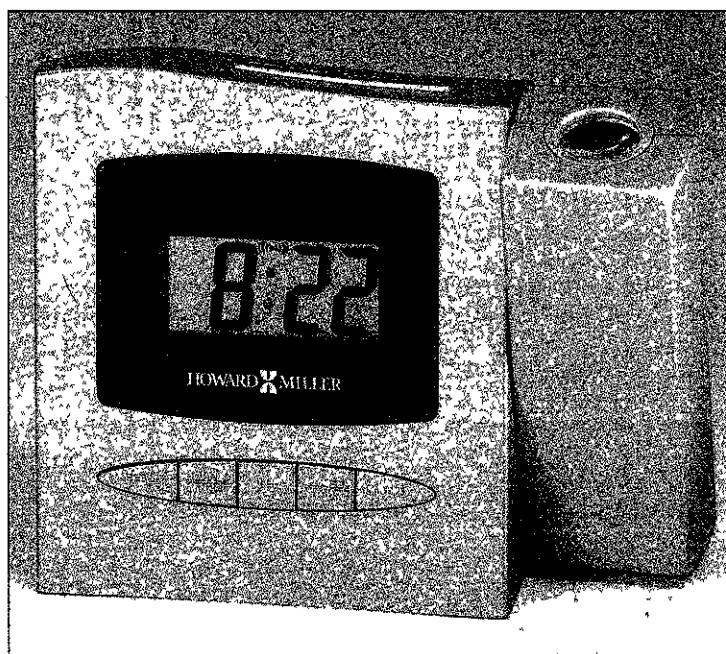
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Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

## How to open up that clogged drain

Plumbing clogs can happen to the best of us. Whether it is in the shower, bathroom sink or kitchen drain, clogs can slowly build up and then stop water from draining altogether.

Fortunately, with the right approach, a clogged drain can be free-flowing again.

Clogs can be caused by buildup of hair, soap and oils on pipe walls or occasionally by foreign objects in the pipe.

Bright Winn, member of the Drain Care Council and the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling-Contractors National Association, is no stranger to clogs. His team of professionals often responds to this common nuisance.

"Liquid drain openers are a good first line of action for common household clogs," says Winn. "The new generation of formulations are effective and safe for your plumbing. If the problem persists, then it's time to call a professional."

"Liquid drain openers that contain less than two percent sodium hydroxide, such as Liquid-Plumr Clog Removers, are safe and effective to use on your pipes, garbage disposals, septic tanks and sinks.

It is also important to pick a product appropriate for your clog type. For slow-running drains, foaming products deep clean and dissolve hair and gunk.

For a fully clogged drain, try a product specifically designated to cut through standing water.

While it is unlikely you will stop clogs completely, there are steps you can take to prevent

slow-running drains from becoming severe problems," says Winn.

Winn recommends flushing drains once a week with warm water and allowing them to drain.

Avoid brushing your hair over the sink and allowing it to wash down the drain. Also, using a liquid drain opener on a monthly basis can be a preventative step to keeping your pipes free-flowing.

There will be instances when the clog will not clear by using a liquid drain opener. When this happens, you should immediately call a licensed plumbing professional.

Hiring a qualified and trustworthy plumber is easy when you know what questions to ask.

PHCC National Association, formed in 1883, provides education and training to more than 4,000 plumbing, heating and air conditioning contractors.

PHCC members pride themselves on quality and service.

When you place your initial call, ask for a current plumber's license and what quality guarantees they provide. Most professional plumbers are responsive to customer service and will share this information.

They should also be willing to explain their diagnosis and provide a written estimate at the time of service.

For more information, visit [www.draincare-council.com](http://www.draincare-council.com).

## RVs of all shapes, sizes, prices rule the show at Ford Field

See RVs of all shapes, sizes and price ranges at the Ford Field Camper, Travel & RV Show March 3-6.

"Our show is the ideal way to comparison shop to find a vehicle to fit your travel plans and budget and to see Kurt Busch's 2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup winning race car, said Mike Wilbraham, show producer for ShowSpan, Inc. of Grand Rapids.

The best campgrounds for great hiking in Michigan will be revealed by outdoor writer Jim DuFresne. DuFresne will inform RVers on how to plan an Alaskan RV vacation. He is an author of over 15 outdoor and wilderness/travel books, including Lonely Planet's Alaska Guidebook, Michigan's Best Campgrounds: A Guide to the Best 150 Public Campgrounds in the Great Lakes State and just released Road Trip: Lake Michigan - Traveling Lake Michigan's Shoreline.

Full-time RVers Steve and Gloria Gibbs will present Planning for Full-Time and

Extended RVing, 10 Tips for New RVers and Traveling the Devil's Backbone - RVing along the Natchez Trace Parkway. Originally from the Detroit area, they are at home wherever they are in their RV working as RV tour guides and educators.

A 1929 Ford Model A Roadster pulling a 1930 Covered Wagon Trailer will be display of the history of auto camping from RV historian and Smithsonian consultant David Woodworth. CNN, People magazine and The New York Times have featured Woodworth.

Hundreds of RVs from folding camping trailers and conventional travel trailers to truck campers, motor homes and fifth wheels will be on display for families who are looking to purchase their first RV, looking to upgrade their present RV or for the veteran camper to explore new camping adventures.

Vacation information will be available on all the camping and travel destination options

from tourism bureaus and campgrounds. Other exhibits will feature accessories, towing systems and camping and cooking equipment. Tips and advice will be available from RV experts on selection, pricing, features, options, design and maintenance.

The third annual Ford Field Camper, Travel & RV Show hours are noon to 7 p.m. Thursday; 3-8 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7.50; \$3 for children 6-14 and children 5 and under admitted free. Internet Express Tickets, which include a free parking pass, are available online at [www.FordFieldRVShow.com](http://www.FordFieldRVShow.com). Weekday adult admission discount coupons are available at Big Boy. Seniors over 62 will be admitted free on Thursday's Senior Day. Active and retired military members and families with valid military ID cards will be admitted free on Friday's Military Appreciation Day. Ford Field daily parking rate is \$3 and over 2,000 parking spaces are available adjacent to Ford Field. For more information, visit [www.FordFieldRVShow.com](http://www.FordFieldRVShow.com) or call (800) 328-6550.

## Conquer space with ingenuity

(NAPS) - A little ingenuity can go a long way toward helping you make the most of your home. Sometimes, more can be less. A few more storage items can mean a lot less clutter. Here's a look at a few that may help:

The first step may be to cut down on cleaning and the time, trouble and supplies it entails. One way is with the help of an anti-microbial doormat from

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Next, if the idea of keeping all your CDs together is music to your ears, consider getting an elegant tower, six feet tall, that's made to hold up to 1,000 CDs, 720 DVDs, 300 videotapes or over 1,000 audio cassettes yet take up less than two square feet on the floor. It has eight pull-out trays and 22 adjustable shelves.

You can cook up some shelf space for your kitchen by getting your hooks on an untouched nook. If, as in most homes, there's 10 inches or so between your refrigerator and counter, you can slip in a strong, sturdy Thin Man Pantry Caddy cabinet.

Rolling right along, install some roll out shelves in or under existing cabinets or counters. Use them for easy

access to pots, pans and other kitchen supplies.

For mobile anywhere storage of bulky items like potatoes or onions, soda cans, dish towels and cooking tools select the rolling, stackable solid wood Market Baskets. The baskets can also easily sit on pantry shelves.

A nice reflection on you is a mirrored cabinet that hangs on the wall in the bedroom, bathroom or entry.

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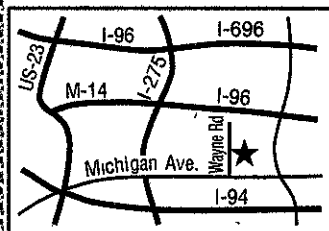
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**Entries must be received by Thursday, March 24, 2005.**

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## TERRARIUMS

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The Victorian style terrariums feature lids that lift off to release humidity. Tropical specimens kept inside can go for a month or more without watering, as moisture trapped inside trickles down the glass sides and is reabsorbed by the roots of the plants.

You can also make your own container out of almost anything, including a bottle, jar, fishbowl or brandy snifter. A clear sheet of glass, a clear dish or plastic sheeting are among the items that could be used as lids.

"Big bottles used for bottled water work real cool for terrariums, laid on their side," said Carol McCreedy, manager, Clyde Smith & Sons in Westland.

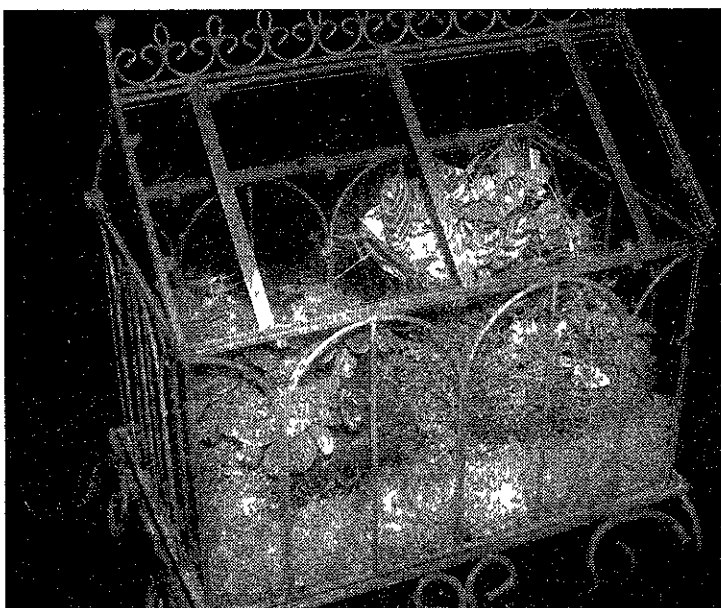
Larry M. Pliska, president and CEO of Planterra Tropical Greenhouses in West Bloomfield, compares tending a terrarium in a bottle or jar to building a ship in a bottle. He recommends using chopsticks or long bamboo sticks as tools.

"Any tropical plant is good for terrariums," Pliska said.

Succulents, small cacti, dwarf plants in general, dwarf ficus trees, cuttings and tillandsia are also good selections, said Shane Pliska, business development at Planterra.

Bushy plants are easier to prune in a terrarium than tall plants, Donatiello said. He suggests plants measuring 2-1/4 to 4 inches.

"You need low-light plants that are slow growing," McCreedy said.



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A terrarium works like a little greenhouse, making a humid environment for plants.

"You don't want plants that are super super tall."

Baby tears, ferns, friendship plant, peperoni and prayer plant are good for terrariums, she said.

Terrarium plants should be chosen for their compatibility in lighting, watering and humidity needs, according to The Garden Helper Web site.

### GETTING STARTED

You also need sterilized soil, and pea gravel, charcoal or coarse sand for drainage.

The Garden Helper Web site (www.thegardenhelper.com) says that the planting foundation in a terrarium will consist of four layers:

■ The bottom layer is drainage. Proper drainage will ensure that the soil doesn't become oversaturated, which

could lead to root rot.

Depending on the size of your container, you will want to spread at least 1 inch of drainage material evenly across the entire bottom. Use up to 3 inches for large or deep containers.

■ On top of the drainage, spread a thin layer of activated charcoal, like that in an aquarium filter. This will help clean the air of fumes caused when organic materials begin to decompose.

■ The third layer is a thin cover of sphagnum moss. This will keep the soil from sifting down into the drainage layer.

■ The top layer is soil. Don't add fertilizer.

The Web site recommends first arranging the plants in their pots in the terrarium to determine their placement.

When removing each plant from its pot, it isn't necessary to loosen the root ball. Keeping the root ball compacted will slow growth.

Firm the soil gently around the roots, and don't crowd the plants or place them directly against the sides of the container, according to The Garden Helper. Leave enough space for them to grow and spread, without getting entangled.

Check the lid frequently for condensation. There should be some moisture on the glass.

If large water drops appear, leave the container open for a while so excess moisture can evaporate. You may have to keep the lid slightly opened for fresh air circulation.

### HISTORY

Dr. N.B. Ward of London is credited with the invention of the terrarium during the Victorian era.

Ward discovered a seedling fern and some grass growing inside a closed bottle where he had buried a chrysalis in moist earth while studying caterpillars. The fern and grass grew for four years, without any water or the cover of the bottle removed.

Ward continued his observations with other plants in containers. He published a book in 1842 called *On the Growth of Plants in Closely Glazed Cases*.

After this came the development of Wardian cases - large, enclosed containers used for growing delicate plants in the home or transporting plants over long distances. Most terrariums today are small versions of the Wardian case.

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## Making bathrooms guest friendly

(NAPS) - If you want to make your home a bit more functional - and hospitable - pretend you don't live there. That's the advice from designers who say looking at your home from a guest's point of view can make a big difference in how comfortable your house is.

There may be no place in the home where a little hospitable forethought makes more difference than in the guest bathroom.

That's probably one reason the latest trend in home remodeling involves installing bath/showers in closet bathrooms and guest bathrooms.

Homeowners can find a number of bathing fixtures that are roomy enough to be comfortable yet small enough to fit into a smaller bathroom. For instance, the Sterling Ensemble bath/shower that's 60 inches long, 32 inches wide and 18 inches deep is a spacious upgrade over standard models that tend to measure 30 inches wide and 15 inches deep.

The fixtures are manufactured in such a way that they

are easy to install and clean, and each fixture has a high-gloss finish that does not chip, crack or peel.

In addition, the showers come with six vertical shelves, three in each corner, that provide ample amount of storage for toiletries.

If you want your guests to enjoy a more luxurious bathing experience, try installing a whirlpool bath. Sterling's Ensemble whirlpool bath incorporates eight adjustable jets to create a hydromassage experience that is unique to each person. Two jets are located on the side, two are directed toward the feet and four smaller jets are positioned for the back and neck areas.

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The bath also features a removable front-access panel, which provides convenient access to the bath's adjustable components.

For more information, visit [www.SterlingPlumbing.com](http://www.SterlingPlumbing.com).

## PLANTAIRE

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comes in three designs - hexagonal, rectangular and corner cabinet.

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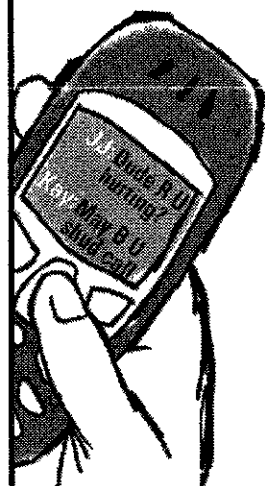
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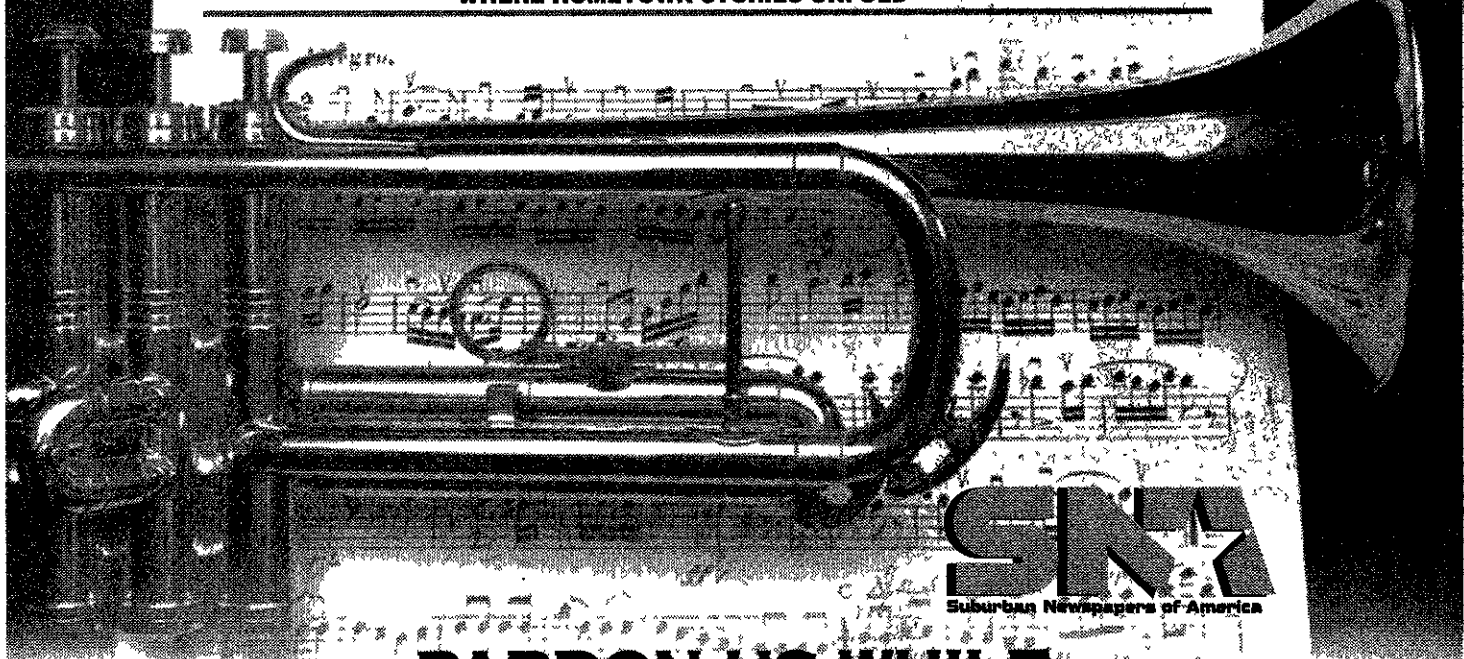
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## PARDON US WHILE WE TOOT OUR OWN HORN.

We grabbed our horn because we've just received the results of the 2004 Suburban Newspapers of America's (SNA) annual competition.

Our staff received nine awards for excellence in journalism in 2004. What makes this even more exciting is that of the 2,246 entries, *we brought home more awards than any other non-daily newspaper in the state.*

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# Some garden facts have roots in lore

BY DEAN FOSDICK  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Oftentimes, gardening is all in the telling. We do things the same way generations before us did them or the way people with flourishing flower beds tell us they do them.

Using banana peels to fertilize roses, for example. Planting vegetables by a waxing moon. Both are folkways handed down from parent to child, neighbor to neighbor.

But are they validated science or myth? In many cases, they're a bit of both.

"My grandmother might be astonished to find that I make tea specially to water the geraniums once a week, but she and my mother always watered them with tea leaves as a bit of astringent helped them to thrive in pots," says Charlie Ryrie in her book, *Garden Folklore That Works* (Reader's Digest, \$24.95).

"The only difference is that I have more geraniums and less tea so the habit of using the leaves has turned into something more proactive," Ryrie says.

"This is exactly what happens in folklore: An old habit or saying changes slightly through the ages until it is hard to see exactly where it came from. But there is still a reason for it."

## ANTS AND PEONIES

Consider the accuracy of some other plant lore, like ants being necessary on peonies if the buds are to open.

That one is all myth, says Vernon Bryant, director of horticulture for the Florida Botanical Gardens at Largo, Fla.

"Generally, the ants are there to harvest the drops of sap exuded from the sepals of the flower buds, but their presence will neither hinder nor help the buds to open," Bryant says.

"Peony flowers usually fail to open for reasons related to the overall health of the plant, because of disease problems or due to weather factors."

"As a matter of fact, there has been some research to suggest that ants may even carry some of the disease that negatively affect the blooms."

## FALL PRUNING

Then there's the one about fall being the best time of year for pruning. Only one-quarter true, Bryant says.

"Generally, pruning on most plants can be done whenever your pruning shears are sharp and in good repair," he says.

"If you prune too early in the fall you may actually encourage new growth that fails to harden off before winter and will be more susceptible to damage."

"Many trees and shrubs set

flower buds in the fall and by pruning in the fall you may be pruning off the flower buds. A better rule is to prune after a plant flowers."

## STAKING TREES

How about that old saw saying you should securely stake a tree after planting it? That's a "yes, but," according to the International Society of Arboriculture.

Although it is sometimes necessary to stake trees to keep them upright and allow establishment, there are some harmful effects related to staking, the society says on its Web site. Trees that haven't been staked actually develop more extensive root systems and better trunk taper than staked trees.

Allowing a small amount of movement can help root and trunk development. Also, staking materials generally should be removed after about a year to avoid "girdling" the tree, the society says.

## BANANAS AND ROSES

Using banana peels to add color to rose bushes? Actually, that one offers as much good science as horse sense.

Bananas are a strong source of potassium, magnesium, phosphorus, calcium, iron and trace amounts of zinc, copper and manganese, among other

things, so you would be passing some of those minerals along by slipping a few sliced banana peels under your rose bushes.

## IN TUNE WITH MOON

How about planting by lunar cycles? Some people swear by it, saying the moon impacts the movement of moisture in soil and plants, or helps bulk up root and leaf growth in vegetables. Others, however, aren't so sure.

"I don't discount the theory," says Tony Bratsch, an assistant professor and extension specialist, vegetables and small fruits at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.

"Look at what the gravitational pull of the moon can do to ocean tides," Bratsch says.

"But I think your macro environment is more important, primarily soil temperature, how deep you plant, moisture and how much fertilizer you use."

Garden lore, then, apparently won't hurt anything and some of the tips could be helpful. It may depend more upon who is doing the telling.

For more about plant and tree lore, visit the International Society of Arboriculture Web site: <http://www.isa-arbor.com/home.aspx>, and click on CAD planting, then shrub and tree transplanting.

# Conserve water throughout the house

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Brett asks, "Can you provide some tips for conserving water?"

Water can be easily wasted during any of numerous activities, from landscape irrigation to showering.

Obviously, it is crucial to cut down on landscape irrigation and vehicle washing. And, it is hoped, at least in drought conditions, eliminate all washing at exterior surfaces of the house and around the house.

Dish washing and rinsing should be done in containers or plugged sinks, but not with running water.

If you have a dishwasher, pre-wash your dishes if possible, and don't use secondary rinse cycles. Never, never run a load unless the machine is completely full.

For clothes washing, cut down on recommended detergent levels (approximately 20 percent), and eliminate extra rinses. Use completely full loads or adjust the water level (if your machine allows).

Swimming pools are big water-wasters, primarily because of surface evaporation caused by a combination of warm water and wind.

This can be reduced by turning off the pool heater and by using a pool cover. The pool cover diminishes the rate of evaporation and will keep the pool comfortably warm as well. You not only will conserve water, but cut the energy used by your pool heater as well.

## FLUSHING

Toilet flushing is another water waster. New toilet tanks are constructed to use about 3-1/2 gallons of water per flush, as opposed to the old ones that used as many as 4 gallons.

The old brick-in-the-tank trick solved tank water waste, but in some cases the brick dissolved slightly, causing clogs in the siphon holes at the inside of the rim.

Ensuring that the siphon jets remain open and clear is very important (mineral salts from water buildup can clog them too).

Clear jets will deliver optimum performance with a minimum of water. Additionally, if you hear water running in your tank, it may be time to adjust the float or replace the "flapper" at the tank throat.

Showering can be done military style: Wet down, soap up, rinse off. But less radical water-saving measures are available.

Modern shower heads are inexpensive, are easy to install, and contain flow regulators that disburse less water more efficiently. You also might investigate a flow-control lever for your shower head in addition to the typical spray control lever.

## WATER HEATING

Water heating is an important issue. The hotter the water in your heater, the more cold water it will take to cool it in a mixing situation (i.e., clothes washer, shower).

Bleed your water heater every six months or so. Air in the tank will cause overheating, and may result in water being lost through the pressure overflow valve. The easiest way to bleed the water heater is to open the drain valve at the bottom until the water coming out stops sputtering. Usually 2 to 3 gallons are lost.

A bucket, eye protection, rain gear and heavy rubber gloves will help. Remember the water that will burst out is hot.

## PRESSURE

Another wonderful way to save water is to precisely control water pressure as it enters your home.

This, appropriately enough, is done with a water pressure regulator. If you have a regulator, adjust it so that the pressure doesn't exceed 60 pounds.

If you don't, buy a water pressure gauge (\$12) with a garden-hose fitting. Hand-screw it onto the faucet closest to where the main water line enters your home. Turn the faucet on with the gauge in place and read the number behind the needle.

Regulator or no, it is wise to make this pressure check. High water pressure isn't only wasteful, but can do damage to dishwashers and washing machines.

# Feeling at home with your decor

(NAPS) - Whether it's a retro room, a minimalist motif or a relaxed atmosphere, virtually every home has a unique design scheme that sets the overall decorating tone.

That's the finding of a recent survey that revealed 67 percent of homeowners considered their home's decor to be "casual." Another 17 percent preferred the contemporary look, while nine percent thought their decorating style to be luxurious or opulent.

"People are looking to decorate with pieces that fit their lifestyle and personal tastes," explains T.J. Maxx Home Fashions Spokesperson Laura McDowell. T.J. Maxx commissioned the survey. "But whatever

your style, it's really the details that count. Accent pieces, careful use of color, the right throw rug or pillow-these are the little things that make a room truly special." McDowell offers these tips for room design.

■ Casual Comfort-Simple yet inviting, the casual look utilizes neutral colors to obtain a soft, muted decor. Edges are softer and more rounded in furniture and accent pieces. Warm colors and earth tones prevail. Focal points of the room may include a textured floor rug, a sophisticated (yet easy on the eye) piece of artwork and light-colored wood accent pieces in maple and birch. Oversized pillows and

throws provide a "sit down and stay awhile" ambience.

■ Contemporary Appeal-Simple shapes and geometric patterns prevail. Strong colors dominate the palette. Stainless steel is the accent of choice, and surfaces are polished in finishes such as lacquer. Lamps are geometric, simple and sleek. Vases and glassware scream color and shapes are everywhere-circles, swirls of color, triangles and squares.

■ Luxurious/Opulent - The style features gold accents adorning rich burgundy, midnight blue, emerald green and onyx accent pieces. Animal prints can provide dramatic flair; or select an elegant tapestry print for fabrics. Artwork is

a focal point featured in large-scale gold or deep mahogany frames. Chenille throws, velvet and satin pillows, and extravagantly patterned area rugs all add to the overall opulence theme.

"New home fashions arrive weekly in all our stores, so fresh items can always be found at great prices," explains McDowell.

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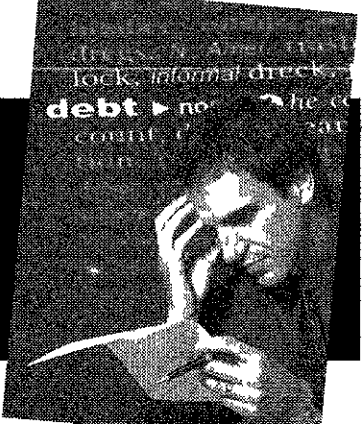
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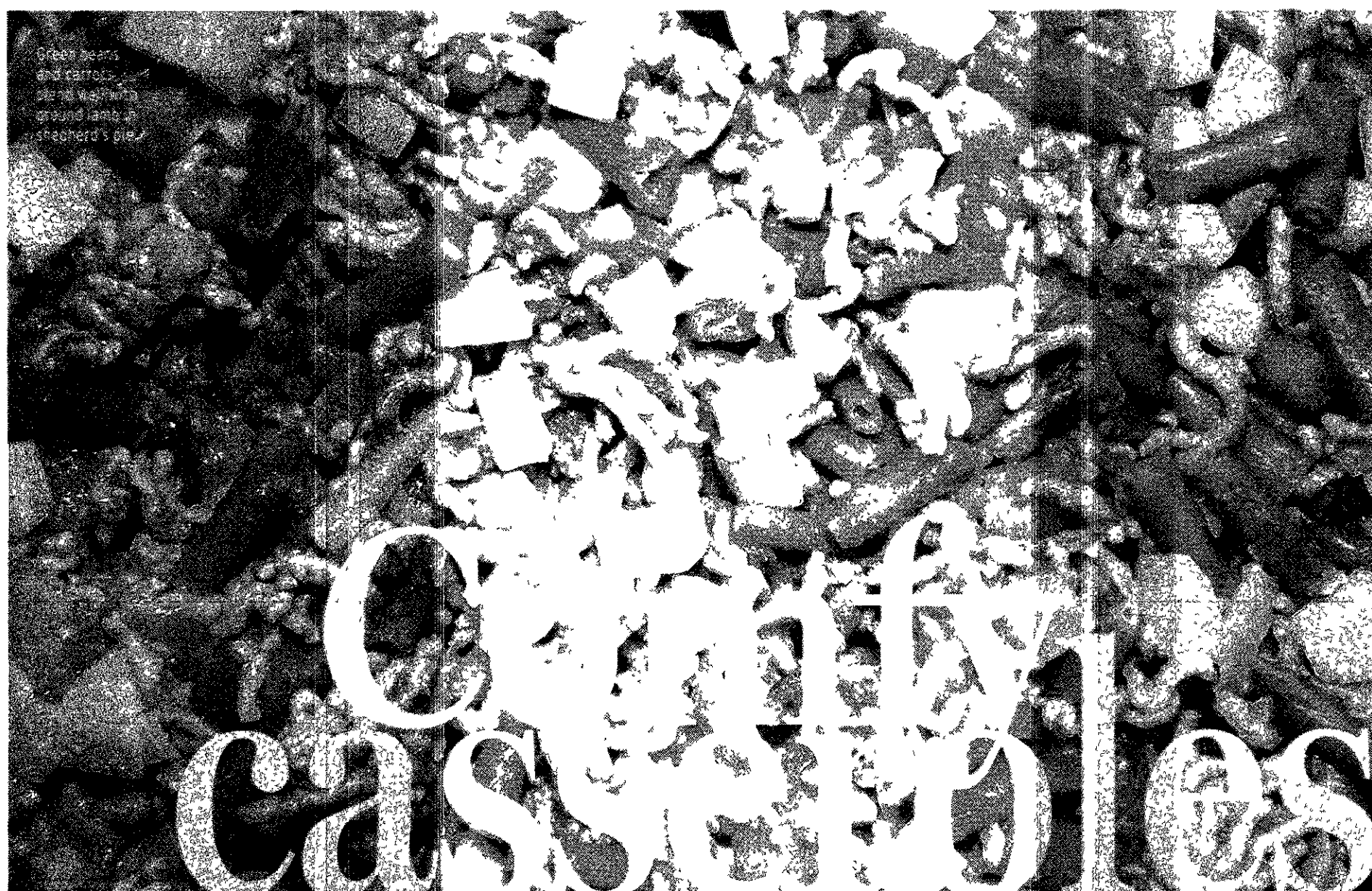
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## Side dish

### Pancho's opens

Pancho's Mexican Grill opened its newest location in Michigan Feb. 21 at 17390 Haggerty Road in Livonia.

Pancho's Mexican Grill serves its signature homemade tortillas. Customers also can choose from burritos, quesadillas, tacos, fajitas and salads.

"Pancho's Mexican Grill offers its customers great-tasting, fresh, high-quality Mexican food in a quick-service format. We are excited to open our first of a planned 20 locations in the metropolitan Detroit area. Our second store will open in Southfield in May," said Ernie Byerly, Pancho's project manager for the Detroit metro area.

The restaurant will have its official grand opening celebration 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 5, featuring local personalities, special giveaways and \$1 burritos.

Pancho's Mexican Grill (www.pancheros.com) was started by Rodney L. Anderson, president and founder, along with his father in 1992 with two locations. Today, it has grown to over 25 locations.

The original store was in East Lansing, and the restaurant expanded two years later to Ann Arbor. "So as we expand our fresh concept, we've looked for strong communities," Anderson said. "We know that Livonia is just that, and it's a great place to start our metro Detroit area growth."

### Eat like a champ

Competitive eating is coming to Michigan.

The GameWorks World Tex Mex Roll-Eating Championship converges on Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills at 2 p.m. March 12.

Events include a Kids Neat-Eating Event at 1 p.m., an Amateur Contest at 1:30 p.m. and the Main Championship Event at 2 p.m. The event is free to the public.

The winner of the 12-minute championship event, which is sanctioned by the International Federation of Competitive Eating, will receive a luxurious trip for two to Hawaii valued at \$4,000. Second and third place will also receive certificates redeemable for cash in the amounts of \$1,000 and \$500 respectively.

Among the competitors is Ed 'Cookie' Jarvis of New York, the former American Hot Dog Eating Champion and one of the most recognized competitive eaters in the world. Jarvis has amassed no fewer than 25 wins in IFOCE contests. His records include 21 cannoli in 6 minutes; 91 Chinese dumplings in 8 minutes; 1-gallon, 9-ounces of vanilla ice cream in 12 minutes; six and 2/3-pounds of linguini in 10 minutes, and 33 1/2 ears sweet corn in 12 minutes.

To register to compete (must be 18 years or over) visit [www.ifoce.com](http://www.ifoce.com) or call (212) 627-5766.

## One-dish meals are all that's needed in cold weather

**K**atie Renton, a caterer of small parties, a culinary instructor and owner of Chef Girl Productions, loves preparing casseroles. "It's a great way to get your family to eat vegetables," Renton said. "Americans don't get enough vegetables in their diets, and I'm always looking for new ways to get them in."

"Casseroles freeze well. You can have one for dinner and another at a later date."

Renton enjoys the traditional favorites of macaroni and cheese and shepherd's pie.

But you can use vegetables for casseroles, too, beyond the green bean casseroles that so often grace the table during holidays. You can create them from spring vegetables to hearty winter dishes.

Renton likes variety.

Asparagus with parmesan cheese gets a little added zip from curry powder. "You can use spices to make the dish interesting,"

Renton said. In shepherd's pie, Renton uses cumin. "Cumin gives it a smoky, earthy flavor," she said. "I love using fresh herbs as a garnish for casseroles. It adds a more lively flavor."

You can feel free to substitute in casseroles, too. "I love lamb, but you can still substitute ground beef. But I love to find different ways to fix ground lamb," Renton said.

Renton adds a little nutritional bang in adding sweet potatoes instead of potatoes. "You really ante up the nutritional value of the dish."

Egg casseroles also make a beautiful presentation for catered parties, and they translate well for home cooks, Renton said. Renton also will use prosciutto, tarragon and baby Swiss cheese in casseroles.

Adding herbs bring new life to casseroles. "Tarragon is obviously wonderful, but fresh basil and cilantro can be added to tomatoes," Renton said.

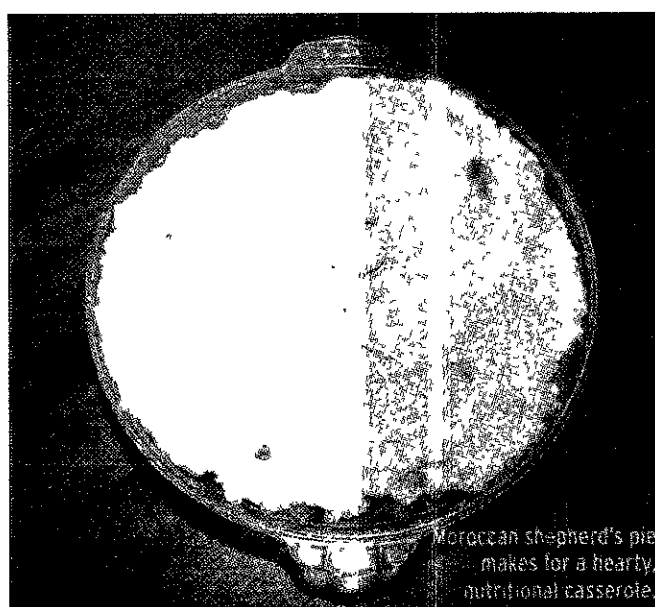
Italian parsley brightens up any dish, while chopped mint is "herbaceous, and is beautiful in any dish with chiles."

Renton, a Birmingham resident, teaches in Bloomfield Hills public schools and at The Community House in Birmingham and the First United Methodist Church in Birmingham.

Renton grew up in Birmingham in a household where both her parents — John and Liz Hurbis — cooked. "My dad was a meat-and-potatoes guy, and my mom would try anything," Renton said.

Her parents eventually moved to Bloomfield Hills. Her father

More casserole recipes on page B9.



Moroccan shepherd's pie makes for a hearty, nutritional casserole.

### MOROCCAN SHEPHERD'S PIE

This recipe makes two 9-inch casseroles, so you can freeze the second and enjoy it at another time.

2 pounds ground lamb (or ground beef if desired)  
1/2 cup dry white wine  
1 large yellow onion, diced  
6 small carrots, peeled and diced  
6 cloves garlic minced  
2 tablespoons tomato paste  
2 tablespoons flour  
2 cups low sodium chicken stock  
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce  
4 teaspoons cumin  
2 teaspoons Tabasco sauce  
Kosher salt and ground pepper to taste  
16-ounces fresh green beans  
1 cup currants (optional)

**Sweet Potato Topping**  
3 pounds of sweet potatoes, peeled and cut  
Kosher salt and pepper  
1 cup half and half (or whole milk)  
3 tablespoons butter

Preheat oven to 425°F. In the meantime, heat up a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook 1 pound of lamb, 2 teaspoons of cumin, salt and

pepper until meat is browned and no longer pink on the interior. Remove lamb and pour off fat from pan. Repeat with remaining lamb, cumin, salt and pepper. Deglaze pan with wine while scraping the bottom and sides of the pan with a wooden spoon. Turn heat down and cook onions and carrots until tender. Add tomato paste and flour and stir to combine. Add to the pan Worcestershire sauce, chicken stock, Tabasco, salt and pepper. Add lamb and currants then stir until mixture becomes thickened. Add green beans, stir to combine and cook for one minute. Pour mixture into two 9-inch glass pie plates or round casserole dish. Begin sweet potato crust.

Boil potatoes in salted water until tender. Drain and add back to pot. In the microwave, heat half-and-half and butter until steaming and pour over potatoes. Season with 2 teaspoons of kosher salt and pepper to taste. Mash well using hand masher. Spread topping over pie or cool slightly and add to pastry bag fitted with star tip and pipe on to pie. Bake pie until top has browned 25-30 minutes. When you freeze the second casserole do not bake, but wrap well and include reheating instructions to "bake at 375°F for one hour." Serves 8.



Katie Renton, owner of Chef Girl Productions and Birmingham resident, prepares her Moroccan shepherd's pie, one of her favorite casseroles.

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## Doña Paula leads the Argentina wine market

**A**gainst the backdrop of the Andes Mountains, meticulously tended vineyards in the Mendoza region of Argentina display dazzling beauty that's hard to beat anywhere else in the wine world. Doña Paula vineyards, with an average vine age of more than 30 years, in the Lujan de Cuyo region, are at an average altitude of more than 3,280 feet.



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ential between nighttime lows and daytime highs. Such a diurnal temperature variance causes grapes to ripen perfectly, while at the same time keeping acid levels high for balance and freshness.

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for malbec.

Grown at higher elevations, malbec makes densely-colored, concentrated wine with a powerfully rich fruit presence. Less well-colored and less intense malbec comes from vineyards at lower elevations.

### UNIQUENESS

Also interesting in the hands of Doña Paula is the new character of chardonnay from

Lujan de Cuyo. Having tasted it over several vintages, we know the tropical fruit element is quite different from the same descriptor used for chardonnay produced elsewhere in the world.

The 2003 Doña Paula Chardonnay, Lujan de Cuyo (\$15), displays tropical fruit in the exotic passion fruit, mango,

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## WINE

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papaya spectrum; not pineapple. Although it was 70 percent barrel fermented and aged six months on the lees, the oak is well-integrated, adding notes of vanilla, spice and smoke to an overall impression of a food-worthy wine.

As we learned during our visit, vineyard land prices in Argentina are attractive and much less expensive than those in the best areas of Chile.

In 1997, when owners the Claro Group began looking for vineyard land in Argentina, they did not discover value in old wineries with older technology that were for sale. So they built a modern winery from the ground up to make wine from the Lujan de Cuyo vineyards and also those in Tupungato, planted to merlot, which makes a pleasant wine with pleasing grip at \$15.

## LOCATION ADVANTAGE

Locating a winery in Argentina, the fifth-largest wine producing country in the world, was a good company

## WINE PICKS

Another of our favorite Argentine producers is Catena. Try:

■ 2001 Catena Alta Chardonnay (\$32), grown at 5,000 feet elevation, it packs a rich payoff in attractive tropical fruit and soft wood tones. Produced in limited quantity, it's worth a search.

■ 2000 Catena Alta Cabernet Sauvignon (\$53) has generous ripe fruit with spice notes over the top from judicious barrel aging. Why spend more for most Napa Valley cabernets or a Bordeaux, when you can drink this?

■ 2001 Catena Alta Malbec (\$53) is full and plump with a gorgeous fruit core that finishes rich and elegant.

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

decision. Argentina is now building a solid wine export market and Doña Paula is one of the leaders.

As it is at Santa Rita, Doña Paula's sister winery in Chile, the winemaking focus at Doña Paula is directed toward regional expression of the variety, yet with a fruit pres-

ence supported by balanced oak aging for food-friendly wines.

Of all its wines, 2003 Doña Paula Malbec (\$15) must be a reflection of Argentina.

With its mellow, approachable black fruits and integrated tannins and lush finish, it is.

Malbec from outside Argentina does not have the same characters.

Other Doña Paula wines at \$15 we recommend are the 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon (big and powerful blackberry and dark plum fruit expressions with good length) and 2003 Shiraz-Malbec (smoky black fruit spectrum with a solid core of fruit and pleasant grip in the finish).

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## Chicken pot pie is a quick hit at dinner

Carla Fitzgerald Williams rushed through the grocery store, children in tow, panicked about what to feed her family and spur-of-the-moment weeknight guests.

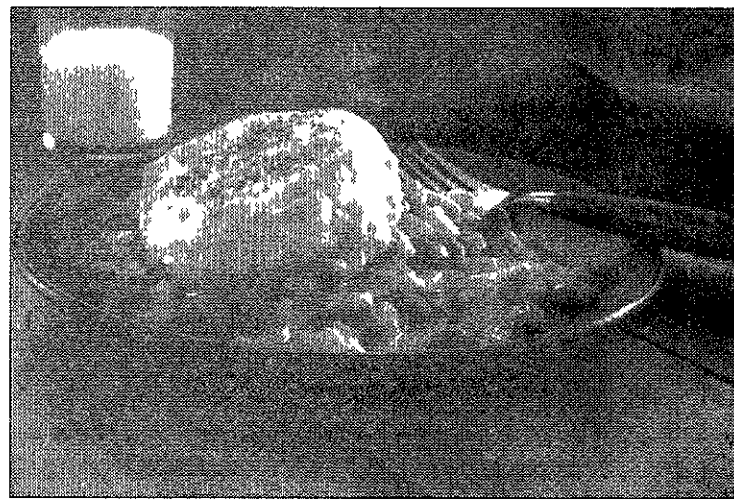
Inspiration hit. A rotisserie chicken could serve as the starting point for a delicious meal and save a lot of preparation time.

The revelation prompted her cookbook, *Rotisserie Chickens to the Rescue!* The cookbook is filled with tasty recipes based on her simple theory: rotisserie chickens, when used creatively as an ingredient, can help deliver home-cooked meals without spending added time in the kitchen.

"Feeding a family can be tricky, but approaching traditional ingredients with a little ingenuity can help fit home-cooked meals into any lifestyle," Williams says. "I used to be obsessed with cooking everything from scratch. But after my boys were born, I realized the goal was just to get everyone to the table.

Convenience products like rotisserie chickens are one of the ways I can do that without sacrificing taste. Whether it's a rotisserie chicken, frozen vegetables or refrigerated biscuits, each provides a delicious shortcut and tasty addition to recipes."

Williams points to her Chicken and Biscuit Pot Pie recipe as an example of how a little creativity brings a favorite comfort food to the table in under an hour. She makes the classic pot pie with rotisserie chicken, but she also uses a combination of frozen and fresh vegetables and canned soup and broth for added ease. Then for a tasty topping, she arranges Pillsbury Grands refrigerated buttermilk biscuits



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Chicken and Biscuit Pot Pie is an example of how a little creativity brings a favorite comfort food to the table in under an hour.

atop the mixture. For a special touch, she brushes the biscuits with milk and sprinkles thyme on top.

"The biscuits bake up to form a nice golden crust, and everyone in the family can get their own warm biscuit with the meal," added Williams. "There's little clean up with this dish because it's prepared in just one skillet. That makes life a little easier for mom, too."

In her book, Williams provides a list of pantry staples that make dinner easier to prepare. Like rotisserie chicken, refrigerated biscuits are another key convenience product she suggests you keep on hand. You can serve them as a bread with the meal or use the biscuits as an ingredient for many recipes.

With eight large biscuits in each can, Grands! Biscuits are perfect for moms wanting to satisfy a hungry family with just-baked breads.

Here are some quick, tasty dinner tips using Grands! Biscuits from the Pillsbury test kitchen:

Individual-sized biscuit bowls add more substance to a soup or salad dinner and cut down on dishwashing time. Simply roll each section of biscuit dough into large circles and gently lay each over crumpled foil on a cookie sheet to make upside-down edible bowls. The biscuits will bake into golden bread bowls that are perfect for holding chili, hearty soups or salad.

For a meal that can be personalized to suit everyone's tastes, make build-your-own biscuit sandwiches by rolling biscuits into large, flat circles and baking until golden brown. When served with family-style plates of bacon, lettuce, tomato or other sandwich fixings, this is an easy way to encourage your family to build a dinner that's right for them.

Or, turn your family's favorite casserole or hot dish recipe into a more satisfying comfort food by adding a golden biscuit topping. When your favorite casserole is 15 to 20 minutes from being done and the contents are hot, cut biscuit dough into quarters and

arrange on top of the casserole. The biscuits will bake into a golden, fluffy crust and make your standard supper more special.

Satisfying your family during dinnertime doesn't have to take all your energy when you get creative with family-favorite foods like rotisserie chicken and biscuits. For more meal-time tips and recipes, visit [www.pillsbury.com](http://www.pillsbury.com).

## CHICKEN AND BISCUIT POT PIE

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 large stalk celery, cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 3 cups bite-size chunks rotisserie chicken
- 1 cup frozen peas and carrots
- 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounce) fat-free reduced-sodium chicken broth
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- 1 can (16 3 ounce) Pillsbury Grands! Homestyle refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
- 2 teaspoons milk
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed

Heat oven to 350° F. In 12-inch nonstick ovenproof skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Cook onion, mushrooms and celery in butter about four minutes, stirring occasionally, until softened. Reduce heat; stir in chicken, peas and carrots, poultry seasoning, pepper, broth and soup. Heat to simmering; cook five minutes, stirring frequently.

Arrange biscuits over mixture in skillet, seven around outside edge and one in center. Brush tops of biscuits with milk; sprinkle with thyme.

Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown. Serves eight.

Tips: Three cups of turkey can be used in place of the chicken for a quick meal idea using leftover holiday turkey. Wrap skillet handle in foil, if not ovenproof.

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## CASSEROLE

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died a few years ago. Her mother still lives in Bloomfield Hills. "She still makes chicken curry that I adore," Renton said. She also remembers her father's chicken with potato chip topping. "It's amazing that when you talk about food, it reminds you of your childhood," Renton said.

Casseroles allow you to be creative without a lot of pressure or risk. "Casseroles are a real forgiving way to experiment," Renton said. "If you are using foods you like, you're so rarely going to make a mistake.

"Use leftovers layered with cheddar, leftover mashed potatoes or puff pastry. I like using white cheddar because it browns real nicely, but you can use parmesan or romano or any of the hard cheeses. They stand up well to baking."

## MORE IDEAS

Cookbook authors often write glowingly about casseroles. Over the years, many delicious dishes have been created and named after famous people — especially European opera stars.

Chicken tetrazzini, named in honor of the Italian diva Luisa Tetrazzini, is a delicious combination of pasta, chicken, mushrooms and cheese sauce. The dish is a fantastic way to use up

leftover chicken and pasta.

This casserole is perfect for an informal dinner with friends. "Round out the meal with some crusty bread and a tomato, black olive and arugula salad drizzled with balsamic dressing," the author writes.

Lynn Alley writes in *The Gourmet Slow Cooker, Simple and Sophisticated Meals From Around The World* that *Provençal Beef Stew* is a flavorful one-pot meal from the south of France that can be made with either free-range veal or beef.

"The use of thyme, olives, garlic, olive oil and particularly rosemary makes this dish truly representative of Provence," Alley writes.

Renton will be the instructor

of Cooking 101, one of several classes offered through Birmingham Community Education. This three-class series will teach you basics that will expand your kitchen prowess, as you sharpen up those knife skills (or develop some) at the first session. Class members will discuss and make beautiful stocks, as well as a roasted cream of tomato soup.

The second class focuses on two all-purpose, no-fail entrées.

First roast beautiful and juicy chicken and master perfect gravy.

Second, students will use yesterday's crockpot to produce a perfect yankee pot roast.

In the final class, the science

behind baking will be discussed while creating a rich and tempting Brazilian chocolate cake, as well as superb chocolate chip cookies. A \$15 material fee is payable to the instructor at the first class.

Classes are scheduled 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 17, 24 and 31.

Three sessions cost \$90. To register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates Street, Birmingham, call (248) 644-5832, or online at [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

Renton also caters small parties (50 persons or less).

For more information, visit her Web site at [www.chefgirl-productions.com](http://www.chefgirl-productions.com) or call (248) 760-5469.

## RECIPES

## ASPARAGUS AU GRATIN

Blanching seems daunting, but in reality, it is very easy. It allows the asparagus to maintain its bright color.

2½ pounds fresh asparagus  
¼ cup unsalted butter  
4 chopped scallions, chopped  
½ small white onion, chopped  
½ cup unbleached flour  
¼ teaspoon curry powder  
1 teaspoon kosher salt  
Black pepper (to taste)  
1½ cups whole milk  
½ cup dry white wine  
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese  
½ cup white cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 400°F. Fill a stockpot with 1 quart of water and add 1 tablespoon of kosher salt to the water. Fill a medium-sized glass bowl with ice cubes and water to serve as your ice bath. While you are waiting for the water to boil, remove the tough, dry ends of the asparagus and cut stems into 1-inch long pieces. Cook the asparagus in boiling water for 30 seconds and remove quickly with a strainer and place into ice bath.

In a pan over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add white onion and cook until translucent but not browned. Add scallion and cook for an additional minute. Blend in flour, curry powder, salt and pepper, cooking until bubbles begin to form. Gradually pour in milk, then wine and whisk to combine. Cook until sauce boils then remove from heat. Mix in Parmesan cheese and drained asparagus. Transfer mixture to a 9-inch casserole dish and sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Bake uncovered for 20 minutes. Serves six.

## EL DIABLO MAC AND CHEESE

Never get bored with the same old elbows and cheese, just take it to another level.

1 pound rotini (spiral) pasta, cooked according to package directions  
½ cup unsalted butter  
1 medium yellow onion, chopped finely  
½ cup unbleached all-purpose flour  
2½ cups whole milk  
1 cup heavy cream  
¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire  
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper (more if you like)  
2 cups white cheddar cheese  
2 cups Monterey Jack Cheese  
½ cup dry white wine  
Salt and pepper  
¼ cup bread crumbs  
¼ cup Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375°F. Melt butter in frying pan over medium-high heat until it bubbles, and then add onion. Cook until soft and translucent. Add flour and cook until mixture bubbles. Pour in milk and cream and whisk mixture until it boils and thickens. Turn heat to medium-low and add red pepper, cayenne and Worcestershire. Add cheddar and jack cheeses and stir to combine. Pour in wine and stir.

Incorporate cooked pasta and season with salt and pepper after tasting. Scoop mixture into 8 individual buttered ramekins and top with breadcrumbs and Parmesan cheese. Place ramekins on a sheet pan and bake for 25-30 minutes or until lightly browned. Serves 8.

## SPINACH AND CHEESE STRATA

This dish has been a staple in Katie Renton's family "for as long as she can remember." Renton says: "This dish is wonderful because you make it the night before and pop it in the oven in the morning. It couldn't be a more simple for a brunch entrée."

6 slices of sourdough bread (whole wheat may be used)  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature  
2 cups grated English Cotteswold cheese  
1½ cups half and half  
6 large eggs, beaten lightly  
10 ounces package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained  
½ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon pepper  
3 tablespoons fresh tarragon, chopped

The night before you wish to serve: Spread bread with butter and place slices in a single layer on the bottom of a greased 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with grated cheese. In a large bowl combine half and half, eggs, spinach, salt, pepper and tarragon and whisk well. Pour over bread and cheese. Cover well and refrigerate overnight (or at least 6 hours).

The morning you wish to serve: Preheat oven to 350°F and bake strata for 1 hour until golden and puffy.

Recipes courtesy of Katie Renton of Birmingham, owner of Chef Girl Productions ([www.chefgirlproductions.com](http://www.chefgirlproductions.com)).

## PROVENÇAL BEEF STEW

¾ cup all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
2½ pounds beef stew meat, cut into 1½-inch cubes

2-3 tablespoons olive oil  
2 sprigs thyme  
2 sprigs rosemary  
2 yellow onions, sliced  
4 cloves garlic, minced  
1 cup dry white wine  
1 (14½ ounce) can crushed tomatoes  
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard  
freshly ground black pepper  
1½ cups green olives, pitted

Combine the flour and salt in a resealable plastic bag. Add the meat to the bag, several pieces at a time, and shake to coat completely.

Heat a large sauté pan over medium-high heat and add the oil. In batches if necessary, add the meat and cook, turning, for 7 to 10 minutes, until browned on all sides. Using tongs, transfer the meat to the slow cooker and add the thyme and rosemary.

Place the onions in the plastic bag and shake in the remaining flour to coat completely. Set the sauté pan over medium-high heat and add the onions. Sauté, stirring frequently, for about 10 minutes, until lightly browned. Add the garlic and sauté for three to four minutes, until softened. Add the wine to the pan and stir to scrape up the browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Add the tomatoes and whisk in the mustard and pepper to taste. Cook, stirring frequently, for 10 minutes, or until the sauce thickens somewhat. Pour the sauce over the meat in the slow cooker.

Cover and cook on low for five to eight hours, until the meat is very tender. Stir in the olives 20 minutes before the end of cooking. Remove and discard the thyme and rosemary.

Ladle into soup bowls and serve immediately. Serves four to six.

Recipe courtesy of *The Gourmet Slow Cooker, Simple and Sophisticated Meals From Around The World*, by Lynn Alley, Ten Speed Press.

## CHICKEN TETRAZZINI WITH TWO CHEESES

8 ounces spaghetti, broken in half  
4 teaspoons olive oil  
½ pound white mushrooms, quartered  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
¾ cup thinly sliced scallions  
¼ cup cornstarch  
¼ cup medium-dry sherry  
2 cups milk  
1½ cups chicken broth  
½ cup grated Jarlsburg or Swiss cheese  
½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese  
salt and freshly ground pepper  
2½ cups shredded cooked chicken or turkey  
½ cup fresh bread crumbs

Bring a large pot of water to a boil over high heat. Add a large pinch of salt and the spaghetti and cook, stirring often, for 9 to 10 minutes, until al dente. Drain the pasta in a colander and toss with a little of the oil;

set aside.

Preheat the oven to 450°F. Spray a shallow two-quart baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

In a medium nonstick skillet, heat two teaspoons of the oil over high heat. Add the mushrooms and garlic and cook, stirring for four minutes, or until the mushrooms are lightly browned. Stir in the scallions and cook, stirring, for one-two minutes longer, until the scallions are wilted. Remove from the heat.

In a small cup, blend the cornstarch with the sherry until smooth. In a large pot, stir together the milk, broth, and the cornstarch mixture. Place over medium heat and cook, stirring, until the sauce thickens and boils.

Remove from the heat and add the Jarlsburg, about half of the Parmesan, one teaspoon salt, and ½ teaspoon pepper, stirring until well blended. Stir in the chicken and the mushrooms, then stir in the spaghetti. Transfer the mixture to the prepared baking dish.

In a small bowl, mix the breadcrumbs with the remaining Parmesan and the remaining two teaspoons oil and sprinkle over the casserole. Bake for 10-15 minutes, until the top is browned and the casserole is bubbly. Serves four to six.

Recipe courtesy of Mary Engelbreit's *Queen of the Kitchen Cookbook*, Andrews McMeel Publishing, Kansas City, \$19.95.

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Salem wrestlers Ryan Stump (left) and Jeremy Henderson qualified Saturday for the Division 1 individual state wrestling finals, which are slated for March 10-12 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.



Canton wrestlers Ryan Webb (left) and Corey Phillips will both be making their second consecutive trip to the Division 1 individual state finals March 10-12.

## Survival of the fittest

Four local wrestlers move on to state finals

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Following months of rigorous training in their respective schools' workout rooms, four P-CEP wrestlers have earned the right to display their talents under the bright lights of the Palace of Auburn Hills next week in the Division 1 state individual wrestling tournament.

Canton will be represented at the Palace on March 10-12 by senior Ryan Webb and sophomore Corey Phillips, both of whom competed in the event last year. Representing Salem will be two-time qualifier Ryan Stump, a senior, and first-timer Jeremy Henderson, a junior.

All four grapplers qualified for the state meet by placing fourth or higher at Saturday's Division 1 regional competition at Monroe High School. Sixteen wrestlers in each of the 14

weight classes will be on hand at the finals, with the top eight finishers taking home medals.

The 135-pound Webb will take the most impressive record into next week's action: 49-1. On Saturday, he avenged his lone loss of the year when he upended Redford Catholic Central's Sean Dong, 5-2, in the regional final.

"I've been looking forward to that match ever since I lost to him at the Observerland tournament," Webb said. "That was probably my most satisfying win so far, but it wasn't as important to me as our team winning its first district championship."

Webb will open the state tournament against Utica Ford's Jack Abbate, who crafted a 34-14 mark this season. A victory would propel him into the second round against the winner of

PLEASE SEE WRESTLING, C6

### Randolph honored

Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph was recently honored as the Division 1, Region 3 Coach of the Year.

Randolph, who was named the Chiefs' varsity wrestling coach prior to the 2002-03 season, led Canton to a school-record 23 dual-meet victories and the school's first-ever Division 1 district team title this past season.

"The award has my name on it, but it is a testament to the hard work all of the kids and our staff have put in this season," said Randolph, a former state champion wrestler at Hudson High School.

Randolph, 29, wrestled at the collegiate level for Eastern Michigan University.

He also serves as an assistant football coach at Canton.

## Sidelines

### Waidmann excels

Canton graduate Brad Waidmann, a freshman at Eastern Michigan University, finished seventh in the heptathlon this past weekend in the Mid American Conference Indoor Track-and-Field Championships held at Central Michigan University.

Waidmann, who graduated from Canton in 2004, also finished seventh in the open high jump with a leap of 6-feet, 4 inches.

Waidmann either equaled or set personal best efforts in five of the seven heptathlon events on his way to earning 4,292 points.

The Eagles finished third in the event behind first-place CMU and second place Kent State.

### HVS spring events

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering a pair of sports camps during spring break March 28 through April 1.

The all-sports camp includes soccer, flag football, volleyball, floor hockey, dodge ball, kickball and other backyard games. Participants will also do team-building exercises and take part in fun relay races.

The half-day camps for kids between the ages of 5 and 8 years old are \$20 per day while the full-day camps for 8- to 12-year-olds cost \$35 per day. Both camps are also available on Friday, March 25.

HVS will also host a soccer camp, which is designed to help recreational players hone their dribbling, shooting, passing and defensive skills before the upcoming outdoor season commences.

The camp is offered for players between the ages of 5 and 8 (from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) and for kids between the ages of 9 and 12 (noon to 2 p.m.). The camp fee is \$75 per player and will be run by HVS staff and Canton Soccer Club trainers.

A play group for youngsters between the ages of 1 and 5 will also be available during spring break from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The play group allows kids to run, kick and play on the HVS facility's fields. The cost is \$5 per child.

For more information on the programs, call (734) 487-7678 or visit [www.hvssports.com](http://www.hvssports.com).

### Wildcat boosters

The next meeting for the Plymouth High School Football Boosters will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, in room 401 of Plymouth High School. All parents of current players are encouraged to attend.

### Lacrosse boosters

The booster club for the unified Plymouth-Canton-Salem high school lacrosse team is accepting business ads for the inaugural game program through March 10. The 2005 season begins March 31 and programs will be sold at home games.

If you are interested in placing an ad, contact Linda Sorensen at (734) 476-3903 or e-mail [sorensenfamly@comcast.net](mailto:sorensenfamly@comcast.net).

## Chiefs' 3's sink Wildcats, 55-34

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's basketball team took the highway to Northville High School for Wednesday night's Class A district semi-final game against Plymouth.

Once the game started, the Chiefs jumped on the "three-way" to advance to the finals.

### DISTRICT BASKETBALL

Canton swished nine three-point bombs — four in the first quarter — and ran away with a 55-34 victory over the Wildcats, who finished their inaugural varsity season with an 11-10 record. The Chiefs will tangle with South Lyon in Friday night's 7 p.m. district final at Northville. The 10-11 Lions upset Novi (18-4), 46-41, in the other semi-final match-up. "Offensively, we start outside and work our way in," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "When our threes are falling like they were tonight, it opens up the inside game, which Andre Bridges took advantage of. We have five weapons on offense now, so we can be hard to defend."

Senior guards David Calille and Andy Cortellini

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## PCA thumps Hawks

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

There's no better way to open the district basketball season than with a bench-clearing, everybody-gets-to-play victory.

Plymouth Christian Academy enjoyed one of those games Tuesday night when the Eagles opened their Class D district tournament at Detroit Urban Lutheran with a resounding 60-40 win over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran.

With the win, PCA improved to 12-9 and advanced to tonight's semi-final contest against Redford Bishop Borgess, which nipped Urban Lutheran, 44-42, in overtime Tuesday night. The Hawks finished the year with a 4-17 mark.

"They were missing a 6-3 starter tonight due to illness, so we tried to put a lot of pressure on them in the pivot," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "We got off to a big, early lead, which allowed us to rotate a lot of players in."

"I thought Jordan Johnston played well tonight. He had a season-high 10 points and he only missed one shot. He also handled the ball really well."

Offensively, the Eagles were paced by senior center Aaron Ciborowski, who netted 17 points. Stephen Sumner (14 points), Mike McCord (eight points, seven rebounds) and Chase Van Tiem (five assists) also played well for the winners.

Erik Gruenewald led the Hawks with nine points.

PCA raced to a 16-3 first-quarter lead and 31-9 halftime advantage. The Eagles erased any comeback plans the Hawks may have envisioned by securing a 45-19 lead after three quarters.

PCA canned 8-of-13 free throws and four three-point shots. The Hawks were 12-of-27 from the line.

Tonight's game against Borgess is slated for 8 p.m. It will follow the other semi-final contest which pits Canton Agape Christian against Detroit City.

"Borgess is a very athletic team that wants to score at the rim," Taylor said. "We have one day to prepare for them and they have one day to prepare for us. We won five in a row and eight of our last 11, so we're excited."

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Plymouth John Knoeri battles Walled Lake Central's Tony Lis for the puck during the first period of Monday night's Division 2 district game played at Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena. Knoeri scored twice to lead the Wildcats to a 5-2 win.

## Plymouth skaters upend Walled Lake Central, 5-2

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

When the going got tough for Plymouth's hockey team Monday night, so did Wildcat goalie Justin Desilets.

Walled Lake Central fired 19 shots at Desilets during the second period alone, but the junior net-minder turned away every one to lead the Wildcats to a 5-2 victory in the Division 2 regional game played at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

It was the first post-season state tournament win for Plymouth, which will carry an 11-12-2 record into tonight's 6 p.m. semi-final game against Birmingham Brother Rice.

"Justin Desilets played extremely well for us tonight," said Plymouth coach Mike Kaput. "He was the difference — especially in the second period when they had all those shots."

"Overall, we did a good job of pressuring the puck in their zone and forcing turnovers. We scored two of our goals off their turnovers."

Plymouth skated to a quick 2-0 lead when John Knoeri and Ryan Stamm scored goals within the

game's opening five minutes. Mark Olivier assisted Knoeri while Nick Rosochacki and Charlie Webb recorded helpers on Stamm's.

The Vikings cut their deficit in half, 2-1, with 3:51 left in the opening stanza when Jack Kennedy scored.

The Wildcats regained their two-goal cushion midway through the second period when Knoeri scored again, this time off a pass from Justin Michalek. Six minutes later, Michael Manner found the back of the net with a shot to put the Wildcats up 4-1 with 19 seconds left in the period.

Central's Matt Johnson scored four minutes into the third period to make it 4-2, but Webb countered a short time later with a goal that was assisted by Stamm.

Both teams finished with 24 shots on goal. Kaput said his team will be feeling no pressure heading into tonight's semi-final showdown against Birmingham Brother Rice.

"To tell you the truth, I think we've over-achieved up to this point," he said. "Nobody expected us to be this far, so all of the pressure is on them."

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# Rough season ends for Salem cagers

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The way Salem's 2004-05 basketball season unfolded, the Rocks probably wouldn't have been totally surprised if the tires on their school bus were flat following Monday night's season-ending loss to Novi in the Class A district quarterfinal game played at Northville High School.

Fortunately, the tires still had plenty of air, but Salem's chances of moving on in the tournament were deflated by the Wildcats, 57-37. The loss dropped the Rocks' final record to 1-20. The victory catapulted Novi into Wednesday night's semi-final contest

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against South Lyon, which drew a first-round bye.

Just about everything that could go wrong did go wrong for the Rocks this season — or at least it seemed that way.

That was never more apparent than in the second quarter of Monday's loss when on a few occasions, potential comeback-igniting shots by the Rocks rolled around the rim and out. Meanwhile, Novi seemed to be hitting three-pointers from as far away as the intersection of 6 Mile and Beck roads.

Novi outscored Salem, 21-3, over

the eight-minute period to seize a 39-9 halftime lead that would doom any hopes the Rocks had of pulling off a substantial upset.

The Rocks went over seven minutes without scoring between Jeff Lake's fast-break lay-up that opened the quarter and Jon Pomorski's free throw that ended it.

There was smoke coming off the fingers of Novi's Sean White, who buried three long triples in the second quarter for the winners.

Todd Janer finished the first-half scoring for the Wildcats by securing an offensive rebound from just outside the free throw line, dribbling a few feet back behind the three-point arch, and swishing a fade-away trey

as the buzzer sounded.

Welcome to Salem's world.

To the Rocks' credit, they never quit hustling during the second half and actually outscored Novi, 28-18, over the final 16 minutes.

Brad Zonca and Billy Leddy both scored six points to lead Salem, which got five from Kyle Price and four each from Dave Cardenas, Lake and Jierah Dixon. Price pulled down a team-high six rebounds.

White finished with a team-high 11 for Novi. Janer contributed 10 while Mark Moore and Anthony Harbin swished eight a piece. Moore led the Wildcats with eight boards.

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Salem's Jon Pomorski (left) and Jeff Lake saw their season end Monday night in the Class A district opener against Novi. The 18-3 Wildcats upended Salem, 57-37.

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## CHIEFS ADVANCE

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did most of the damage on the perimeter for the Chiefs. Calille finished with 18 points, including a pair of threes, while all 12 of Cortellini's points were the result of four first-half triples. Bridges contributed nine points and a team-high seven rebounds.

"We didn't really go into the game looking to take threes, but they were giving them to us in the first quarter," said Cortellini. "Once I hit the first one, I felt pretty good, so I kept shooting."

"Before this season, I had never won a district game, so getting to the championship game is pretty exciting."

Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said his team — which opened in a zone defense — wasn't able to chase down the Chiefs' three-point shooters quick enough early in the game.

"We had a hard time locating their shooters in the first quarter," Van Wagoner said. "We didn't close well on defense. But give Canton credit — they made plays and we didn't."

Juniors Josh Le Duc and D.J. Coleman paced the Wildcats with 11 points a piece. Jim Wilbur netted six points and five rebounds.

Plymouth's normal starting point guard Brent Jones came off the bench against the

Chiefs.

"Brent's been very ill for a while, so he hasn't been able to practice much," Van Wagoner said. "He actually played a little more tonight than we thought he would."

Freshman Brandon Roberts started in Jones' place Wednesday night in his first varsity game.

The Chiefs surged to an 8-0 lead in the first three minutes of the game thanks to a trey and fastbreak lay-up from Calille and a Cortellini triple. Undeterred, Plymouth scored the next nine points — five by Le Duc — to take a 9-8 lead.

However, Canton reeled off a 13-1 run over the next three-plus minutes to grab a lead it would never give up.

Canton led 28-18 at the half and 44-29 following three quarters. The most impressive two-point shot of the night came from Canton's 6-foot-8 center Kevin Thornton, who grabbed an offensive rebound with 2:10 left in the second quarter and slammed home the putback to put the Chiefs ahead, 26-16. Thornton finished with six points, six boards and four blocked shots.

"At halftime, I reminded them that Novi was leading South Lyon by 10 at the half and ended up losing in the game before ours," Paye said. "We came out in the second half with the same intensity we had in the first."

Friday night's district final



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Canton's Andre Bridges tallied nine points and seven rebounds in the Chiefs' 55-34 victory over Plymouth Wednesday night.

will be the second meeting this season between South Lyon and Canton. The Chiefs won the first match-up, 64-58, in overtime on Dec. 16. Cortellini scored 18 and Thornton added

17 in the win. "South Lyon has a very scrappy, physical team," Paye said. "We have a size advantage on them, but they scrap for everything."

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# Canton ickers earn 1st district win Salem rocks Willow Run, 11-0

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's hockey team killed two birds with one puck Tuesday night.

The Chiefs won their first-ever Division 1 regional contest, 5-4, over Ann Arbor Huron. With the win, they also got rid of an annoying monkey that had been riding on their collective backs for the past four seasons.

"Huron had beaten Canton in the first round of the regionals the past four years, so winning tonight, in a way, was like getting the monkey off our backs," said Chief coach Mike Behen, whose team improved to 15-6-3. "Tonight's game wasn't our best, but I thought the kids played hard. We have to learn to play smarter with the lead. We had a couple of bad

penalties that helped them get back into the game after we were up 4-1.

"Huron's record isn't great (7-14-2), but they have a good team. They play a tougher schedule than us, which is one reason they haven't won more games."

The victory propelled the Chiefs into Thursday night's 8 p.m. regional semi-final showdown against Ann Arbor Pioneer, which advanced by thrashing Temperance-Bedford, 10-0.

"They're a good team, they're very well-coached and they've been highly ranked all season," said Behen, sizing up his team's next foe. "It should be a good game."

Canton surged to a 2-0 first-period lead against the River Rats thanks to goals from Bryan Wioncek and Reece McCabe. McCabe and Ben

Laurin assisted on the first goal while goalie Tony Hylko and Wioncek picked up helpers on the second.

Huron made it 2-1 early in the second period on the first of three Thomas Renkes goals, but Canton answered a short time later when Kevin Tollison and Wioncek lit the lamp to make it 4-1. Renkes' second goal with eight seconds left in the period made it 4-2.

The River Rats made things interesting with 10:40 left when Adam Dwyer slid the puck past Hylko to make it 4-3, but Wioncek's third tally of the night helped Canton regain its two-goal cushion.

Renkes' third goal with 1:30 remaining made it 5-4, but Huron failed to mount a serious threat in the final 90 seconds.

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BY ED WRIGHT  
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Willow Run's first-year hockey team got "Tripp-ed" up by Salem Monday night in a Division 1 regional quarterfinal match-up played at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor.

The Rocks' Stephen Tripp recorded a hat-trick and an assist to lead Salem to a mercy rule-shortened 11-0 rout of the upstart Flyers, who were getting a taste of post-season tournament hockey for the first time. In accordance with a Michigan High School Athletic Association rule, the game was called after two periods because of the lop-sided score.

"We've been where they're at now," said Salem coach Fred Feiler, whose team evened its record at 11-11-3. "We got laid out pretty good our first year, too."

Salem's semi-final test on Thursday night gets considerably more difficult as Brighton — the second-ranked team in Division 1 — advanced to play the Rocks thanks to a 5-3 triumph over Jackson on Monday night.

"While I don't know a lot about Brighton, I do know they have a very good team and they brought a lot of experienced players back from last year's team," Feiler said. "We stayed and watched them play Jackson. We're looking for a good game in the semis."

Thursday's game is set for 5:30 p.m. at the Ice Cube.

The outcome of Monday's game was never in question as Salem scored seven first-period goals and four in the second. Goal-scorers in the opening 15 minutes were Tripp (two), Kris Brant, David Carey, Craigen Bauldry, John Maurer and Chris Wilson. Carey (two), Brooks Belhart, Tripp, Maurer, Nathan Edelen, Tom Cooper (two) and Adam Gillikin picked up first-period assists for the Rocks.

Bauldry, Belhart, Evan Meibers and Tripp joined the goal-scoring bonanza for Salem in the second period.

"David Carey assisted on all three of Stephen Tripp's goals, so those two were working very well together," Feiler said. "I



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Adam Gillikin recorded a pair of assists in the Rocks' 11-0 victory over Willow Run Monday night in the team's Division 1 regional opener at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor.

thought Craigen Bauldry and Tommy Cooper both played well, too. They worked hard on both ends of the ice."

Salem's goal-tending duties were split in half between starter Brandon DeMars, who made four saves in the opening period, and Derek Edelen, who knocked away two shots in the second stanza.

Salem outshot the over-matched Flyers, 33-6.

**PCS Penguins 3, G.P. North 2:**

With the thrilling victory Saturday afternoon, Plymouth-Canton-Salem improved its record to 14-5-1 and clinched third place in the Michigan Metropolitan Girls High School Hockey League.

The Penguins trailed 2-0 after one quarter as the Norsemens outshot them, 15-5. Junior defenseman Kelli

Bargowski beat North goalie Angela Lee 1:06 into the second period to cut PCS's deficit in half, 2-1. Keely Kowalski assisted on the goal. Penguin senior forward Olivia Pennebaker tied the game at 2-2 with a power-play goal with 12:18 remaining. Stephanie Murray and Kelli Bargowski picked up helpers on the goal.

Junior forward Lisa Ealy scored the game-winner with 1:20 to go after taking a pass from Murray.

"The girls remained focused tonight," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "Even though North scored the first two goals, we continued to play. We were able to pull together as a team, support each other and put forth the extra effort that was necessary to come back and win."

## Eagle spikers capture 2nd title

The Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team captured its second consecutive Class D district title Saturday at Washtenaw Christian. The Eagles, who are now 22-14, advanced to Saturday's regional tournament at Lenawee Christian. They will take on Wyandotte Mt. Carmel in the opener.

"Every girl came to play Saturday," said PCA coach Missy Henry. "We played well as a team, both offensively and defensively."

The Eagles ousted Huron Valley Lutheran in the quarterfinals: 25-11, 25-17, 25-27 and 25-12. In the semi, PCA swept Washtenaw Christian

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25-6, 25-5 and 25-19.

In the finals, PCA upended Canton Agape Christian 25-9, 25-12 and 25-12.

The Eagles were led by Kelli Feiler (34 kills, 29 digs and 16 service points), Kelsie Tietjen (28 kills, 11 blocks and 26 points), Julie Bahbah (20 kills, 53 digs and 30 points) and Sara Ross (60 set assists, 32 digs and 34 service points).

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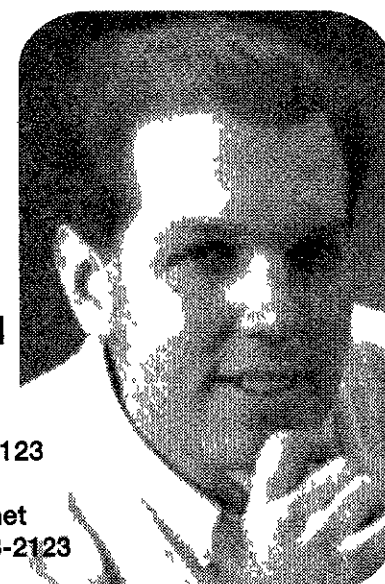
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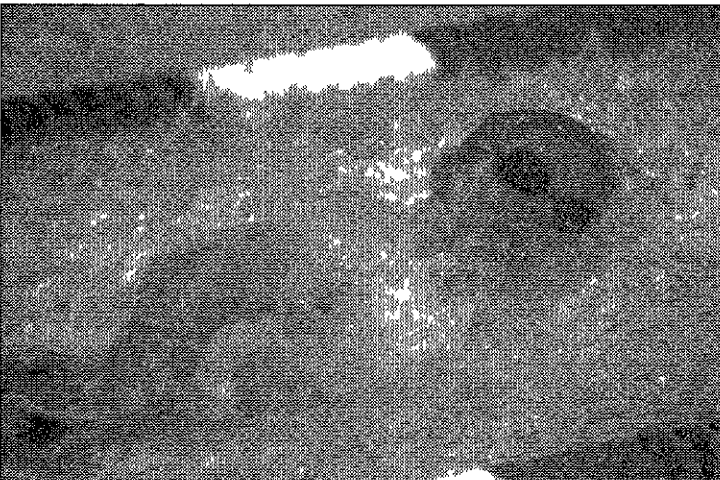
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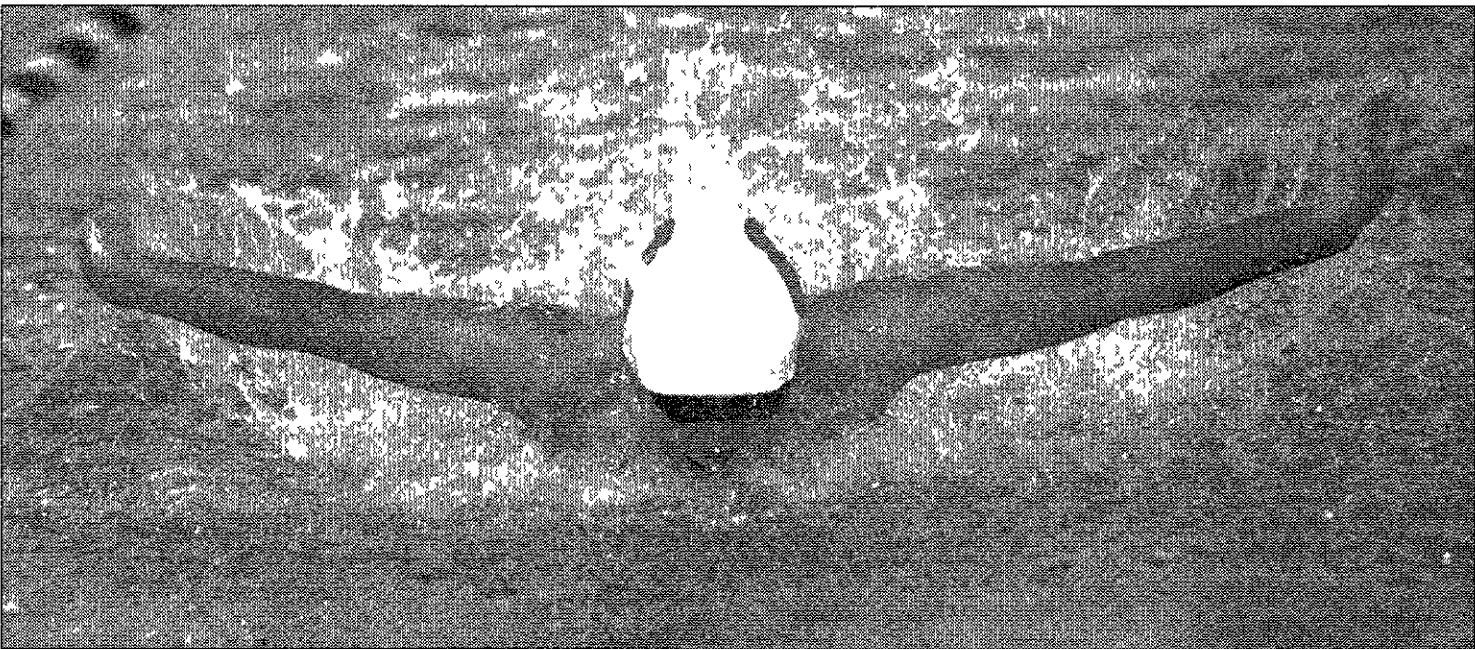
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Salem's Mike Higgs finished fifth Saturday in the 50-yard freestyle at the Western Lakes Activities Association conference meet held at Salem. Higgs' time was 22.78.



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SWIM RESULTS

**WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS SWIM MEET**  
**Feb. 24-26 at Salem**

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1 Northville, 590 points  
2. Livonia Stevenson, 565 3 Salem, 377, 4 Canton, 366, 5 Walled Lake Central, 244, 6 Walled Lake Northern 218, 7 Livonia Churchill, 193, 8 Wayne Memorial, 143, 9, Walled Lake Western, 103 10 Westland John Glenn, 75 11 Livonia Franklin 64 12 Plymouth 57

**CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**

**200-yard medley relay:** 1 Stevenson (Jeff Pauza, David Gosdzinski, Garrett Baringhaus, Steve Bruestle) 1:39.25 2 Northville 1:40.75, 3 W.L. Central, 1:41.3 4 Salem 1:42.17 5 W.L. Northern 1:43.32, 6 Churchill 1:49.61 **B final:** 7 Canton, 1:48.9, 8 Wayne, 1:52.36, 9 Franklin 2:01.89 10 John Glenn, 2:09.29 11 Plymouth and W.L. Western, disqualified.

**200 freestyle:** 1 Chris Keady (N), 1:44.24, 2 Matt Jurcak (S) 1:47.89 3 Chris Culklin (N) 1:48.21 4, Brody Bickie (N) 1:48.92 5 Andrew Schoff (LS), 1:49.12, 6 Baringhaus (LS), 1:50.88, **B final:** 7 Nick Landis (C), 1:51.06 8 Mark Stuber (N), 1:52.59 10 Derek Schmitt (C), 1:55.15 11 Matt Underhill (S), 1:56.7, 12 Sam Loria (LS), 1:57.15

**200 individual medley:** 1 Travis Hatt (LS), 1:59.16, 2 Roman Sandler (WLN), 2:01.08, 3 Nick Dixon (S), 2:01.68; 4 Will Bickie (N), 2:01.68, 5 Ryan Booms (WLC), 2:02.6, 6 Matt Carlson (C), 2:07.33 **B final:** 7 Westen Laabs (N), 2:07.37 8 Greg Scully (LC), 2:10.99 9 Penn Chou (S), 2:11.6, 10 Hunter Schwartz (N) 2:11.81, 11 Nathan Phillips (C), 2:12.01, 12 Kyle Herman (LS), 2:13.53

**50 freestyle:** 1. Matt Massman (LS), 22.22 2 Joel Rinkevich (WLN), 22.28 3 Gosdzinski (LS), 22.41; 4 Brad Farris (N), 22.46 5 Mike Higgs (S), 22.78, 6 Bruestle (LS), 22.92, **B final:** 7 (tie) Joe Hogan (N) and John Faraoni (C) 23.23 each 9 Ben Jylkka (WLN), 23.28 10 Kyle Erdmann (WM) 23.7 11 Jon Templeton (C), 23.91 12 Greg Calabrese (C) 24.78

**1-meter diving:** 1. Andrew Murawski (S), 370.05 points 2. Travis Kneale (WLN) 360.95 3 Brad Lempke (N), 359.95, 4 Kevin Cafarelli (C) 358.55, 5 Ken Stafford (LS), 336.70, 6 Jarrett Machovec (WM) 290.15, 7. James Corp (WLN), 280.55, 8 Jamie Weiner (N) 269.75 9 Matthew Williams (LC), 269.70, 10 Steve Smith (LS), 259.30 11 Justin Magill (P), 255.85 12 Scott Lee (N) 255.50

**100 butterfly:** 1 Baringhouse (LS), 53.13, 2. Bruestle (LS) 53.94 3 Phil Watkins (WLC) 53.96, 4 Faraoni (C) 55.3 5 B Bickie (N) 56.01, 6 Shogo Uno (C), 56.41, **B final:** 7 Jylk (WLN) 56.09, 8 Ryan Smith (N), 56.37, 9 Robert Luke (LS) 57.79 10 Spencer Mabey (LC) 58.36 11 Pat Sautural (S), 58.45, 12 Billy Horgan (S) 1:00.64

**100 freestyle:** 1 Farris (N) 48.55 2 Rinkevich (WLN), 49.24 3 Massman (LS) 49.36 4 Jack Oliver (WLC), 49.74, 5 Schoff (LS), 50.3 6 Higgs (S) 50.8 **B final:** 7 Hogan (N) 51.47 8 Stuber (N) 51.86 9 Adam Whalen (LS) 52.26, 10 Templeton (C) 52.76 11 Underhill (S), 53.51, 12 Calabrese (C) 54.43

**500 freestyle:** 1 Keady (N) 4:40.3 (breaks WLAA record of 4:41.8 set by Karl Kozicki in 1994) 2 W Bickie (N) 4:48.96 3 Hatt (LS) 4:52.34 4 Culklin (N) 4:53.34 5 Dixon (S) 4:57.97 6 Landis (C) 5:00.02 **B final:** 7 Pauza (LS), 5:04.62 8 Greg Sheppard (N) 5:07.92 9 Herman (LS) 5:14.45, 10 Andrew Randall (LC), 5:16.2, 11 Loria (LS) 5:22.21, 12 Ross Schwartz (C) 5:28.04

**200 freestyle relay:** 1 Stevenson (Gosdzinski, Hatt, Bruestle, Massman), 1:29.14, 2 Northville 1:31.13 3 Salem 1:32.63 4 W.L. Northern, 1:33.26, 5 Canton 1:33.28, 6 Wayne, 1:37.59 **B final:** 7 W.L. Western 1:38.12, 8 Churchill, 1:38.81, 9 W.L. Central 1:39.29, 10 John Glenn, 1:41.20 11 Plymouth, 1:43.59, 12 Franklin, 1:43.69

**100 backstroke:** 1 Oliver (WLC) 54.59 2 Jurcak (S) 55.7, 3 Schwartz (N) 57.22, 4 Pauza (LS) 57.6 5 Luke (LS) 57.73 6 Scully (LC), 57.8, **B final:** 7 Whalen (LS), 58.76, 8 Smith (N) 1:00.12 9 Phillips (C) 1:00.53, 10 Robert Blaesser (C), 1:00.96 11 John Bardsley (N) 1:01.35 12 John Kline (S) 1:02.83

**100 breaststroke:** 1 Booms (WLC), 1:01.6 2 Sandler (WLN), 1:01.68, 3 Gosdzinski (LS), 1:01.72, 4 Laabs (N), 1:02.05 5 Stan Chen (S), 1:05.07 6 Carlson (C) 1:05.26 **B final:** 7 Geoff Wroble (WLC) 1:05.94 8 Chou (S) 1:06.11 9 Jeff Weber (LS) 1:08.29 10 Sheppard (N) 1:08.49 11 Mark Gordon (LC) 1:08.85, 12 Dan Anthony (C), 1:08.89

**400 freestyle relay:** 1 Northville (Keady Farris W Bickie Culklin) 3:16.19 2 Stevenson 3:18.53, 3 Salem, 3:20.84 4 Canton, 3:25.74 5 W.L. Central, 3:26.07 6 Churchill 3:36.17, **B final:** 7 Wayne 3:38.86, 8 W.L. Northern 3:41.03, 9 John Glenn 3:48.67 10 Franklin 3:52.87 11 Plymouth 3:56.83 12 W.L. Western 3:59.54

Canton's Shogo Uno stroked his way to a sixth place finish in the 100-yard butterfly event at Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association swim meet held at Salem. Uno's time was 56.41.

Northville lands WLAA boys swim title

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Like a good symphonic performance, the Northville boys swim team has been building toward a crescendo.

Saturday afternoon at Salem High School, the Mustangs took a curtain call by winning their first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association championship, edging defending champion Livonia Stevenson by 25 points, 590-565.

The host Rocks and neighbor Canton finished third and fourth, respectively, with 377 and 366.

It took a 1992 Stevenson graduate and Spartan assistant girls coach to help orchestrate the upset.

"Its been a process and it paid off today," said Northville sixth-year coach Rich Bennetts, who swam under Stevenson girls coach Greg Phill when he was at the Clarenceville Swim Club.

"We've been creeping up a place or two every year. What really did it for us were the kids who swam in the second heats (places 7 through 12)."

Sophomore Chris Keady figured in three firsts in leading the Mustangs, winning the 200-yard freestyle (1:44.24) and setting a meet record in the 500 freestyle (4:40.3). He also teamed up Brad Farris, Will Bickie and Chris Culklin to win the meet's final event, the 400 freestyle relay in 3:16.19.

Northville also got a first from Farris in the 100 freestyle (48.55).

The Mustangs helped cement their win by placing three of the top four in the 500 freestyle.

"Freestyles have always been our strongest," Bennetts said. "That's the way I've tried to build our team, because if you stop and think about it, that's half the meet. If you have freestylers, you'll have a pretty good team."

Stevenson captured two of three relays and had three individual champions in Travis Hatt (200 IM), Matt Massman (50 freestyle) and Garrett Baringhaus (100 butterfly).

"The teams are so evenly matched that you could split hairs," Bennetts said. "We just had a good day. In the dual meet they smoked us and I've reminded our boys quite often of that score after that point."

Stevenson may have been the favorite going in, but Northville had been building toward a crescendo all season.

"I could see this coming," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "They beat us here (at Salem) in the Kilgore Invitational and we knew they had depth. I've been telling our guys that the last one-and-half months. I knew how stacked they are."

"Northville earned it. Rich Bennetts is a great coach."

All is not lost, however, for the runner-up and state-ranked Spartans.

"Our focus now is the state meet," Shoemaker said. "We have six guys going that are non-tapered and non-shaved."

Salem, meanwhile, got a first place from senior diver Andrew Murawski, who had a total of 370.05 points.

Murawski heads Tuesday, March 8 to the Ann Arbor Pioneer regional.

"Andrew should do well there," Olson said. "He just missed placing at state last year."

Salem pair of seconds from senior Matt Jurcak (in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke).

"I thought we swam really

well, a lot better than the dual meet season."

The Rocks also took thirds in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays, along with a fourth in the 200 medley relay.

"This is the fastest our 400 freestyle relay (3:20.84) has swam," Olson said. "We were sixth at MISCA (meet) and third here, which isn't bad. We knew we had to go 3:17, and that was asking too much."

"(Mike) Higgs made the (State) cut in the 50 freestyle (22.78). Our 200 freestyle relay team of Higgs, (Penn) Chou, Pat Sautural and Matt Underhill made it, too (1:32.63), so we have all three relays going now."

Earlier in the season the Rocks lost a dual meet to Canton, but turned the tables this time.

"We knew we couldn't discount guys like Carlson, Templeton, Shogo and Landis," Olson said of the rival Chiefs.

"They have some good kids over there, a lot of them."

But the day belonged to the upstart Mustangs.

"Northville is legit," Olson said. "They have a lot of depth and a lot of speed and that's a good combination to have."

# HOME EXPO

## Improvement

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10 am How to "Faux" Finish Your Walls  
11 am A Focus on Landscape Design  
12 pm Ask the Inspector  
1 pm How to Install a Laminate Floor  
2 pm New Products for Decks  
3 pm Completing the Look with Accessories  
4 pm Solatube, The Miracle Skylight

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6**  
11 am How to Lower Your Interest Rate  
12 pm How to Install Ceramic Floors  
1 pm How to Install a Retaining Wall  
2 pm Garden Pond Construction  
3 pm Drywall Repair  
4 pm A Focus on Landscape Design



SPORTS ROUNDUP

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.

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.)

CUBS TRYOUTS

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

WILDCAT FUND-RAISER

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

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

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

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 tournament 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.

WRESTLING

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the match between Jenison's David Johnson (42-6) and New Baltimore's Ben Boudro (47-4).

Phillips, who has chalked up a 47-5 mark at 130 pounds, finished seventh in the state last year as a freshman. He finished first at the regional meet by taking down Livonia Churchill's Justin Smith, 8-2. Smith and Phillips have tangled five times already this year with Phillips winning three of the showdowns.

Phillips' first opponent next week will be Holt's Zach Shaw, who went 24-7. A victory will lift him into a second-round tilt against the winner of the match between Saginaw Heritage's Andy Sullivan (47-3) and Utica Ford's Tom Webb (38-14).

"If Ryan and Corey stay healthy and I perform up to their abilities, I think their chances of doing well at the state meet are extremely high," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "They've both beaten several very good wrestlers to get to where they are now, so nothing would surprise me."

Salem's Stump, who has compiled a 39-2 mark at 125 pounds, qualified for the individual state meet as a sophomore at 119, but was knocked out at the regional level in 2004. Both of Stump's losses this season have been at the hands of Belleville's Tim Davis.

Stump will take on Battle Creek Central's Brent Hare (38-2) in the March 10 open-

er. If Stump wins, he'll battle either Hartland's Owen Wilkinson (41-1) or Lansing Eastern's Jeremy Larkin (24-14) in the second round.

"I've gone through it once, which should help me," Stump said. "I don't think I'll be as nervous as I was when I was a sophomore."

The 189-pound Henderson will carry a 33-9 record into next week's season-ending competition.

"Qualifying for the state meet was one of my top goals all season," Henderson said. "Now that I've made it this far, I want to try to place in the top eight. I'm sure I'll be a little nervous at first, but that will wear off once the matches start."

West Bloomfield sophomore Zoran Lazar (42-4) awaits Henderson in the first match. A victory over Lazar would send the Rock into a round-two dual with either Holly's Chris Turner (47-6) or Lansing Eastern's Paul Hutchins (31-11).

Three Salem wrestlers — Scott Kysh, Jeremy Stankewicz and Jake Bennett — and a trio of Chief grapplers — Konrad Konsitzke, Alex Amberg and Pat McWhirter — all came within one victory at the regional meet of qualifying for the state meet. Konsitzke came the closest to making the trip up I-75. The junior 140-pounder led in the closing seconds of his decisive match before suffering a heart-breaking 7-6 loss to Temperance-Bedford's Alex Johnston.

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WRESTLING RESULTS

MHSAA Division 1, Region 3 Individual Wrestling Results Feb. 26 at Monroe High School

103 pounds: Ibrahim Abdulla (Dearborn Fordson) dec. John Cole (Wyandotte Roosevelt), 3-2; 3rd: Zac Stevens (Monroe) dec. Phil Noriega (Roseville), 7-3.

112: Jack Cassidy (Dearborn) dec. Kris Lewis (Temperance-Bedford), 5-2; 3rd: Steve Brighton (Temperance-Bedford) dec. Jubran Nasser (Dearborn Fordson), 11-5.

119: Craig Gin (Temperance-Bedford) dec. Mitch Graves (Monroe), 9-2; 3rd: Josh Stadwick (Roseville) dec. Zaid Aljahmi (Dearborn Fordson), 6-5.

125: Tim Davis (Belleville) dec. Ryan Stump (Salem), 9-2; 3rd: Andrew Nadhir (Redford Catholic Central) dec. Josh Noble (Roseville), 15-9.

130: Corey Phillips (Canton) dec. Justin Smith (Livonia Churchill), 8-2; 3rd: Jon Gruenberg (East Detroit) pinned Justin Ball (Dearborn Fordson), 4-10.

135: Ryan Webb (Canton) dec. Sean Dong (Redford Catholic Central), 5-2; 3rd: Matt Fulgenzi (East Detroit) dec. Colin Arnold (Temperance-Bedford), 9-1.

140: Rece Cox (Westland John Glenn) pinned Greg Rochon (Belleville), 3-29; 3rd: Jim Moore (Redford Union) dec. Tyler Johnston (Temperance-Bedford), 3-2.

145: David Watkins (Livonia Franklin) dec. Kyle O'Keefe (Ypsilanti Lincoln), 4-2; 3rd: Kyle Whited (Monroe) dec. Josh Kelly (Livonia Churchill), 9-3.

152: Chris Gruenberg (East Detroit) dec. C.J. Lynn (Southgate Anderson), 8-2; 3rd: Darin Tims (Woodhaven) dec. Blake Karkoska (Livonia Franklin), 7-5.

160: Trevor Stewart (Redford Catholic Central) dec. Kevin Zink (Temperance-Bedford), 9-3; 3rd: Ryan Stephens (Grosse Pointe North) dec. Kyle Lis (Livonia Stevenson), 13-7.

171: Brad Bartram (Redford Catholic Central) dec. Manuel Schubert (Livonia Churchill), 5-3; 3rd: Scott Heldtman (Temperance-Bedford) dec. Will Higgins (Southgate Anderson), 10-4.

189: Jim Petoskey (Ann Arbor Pioneer) won by major dec. over Steve Fiordellis (Southgate Anderson), 13-3; 3rd: Joe Bargerstock (Livonia Churchill) dec. Jeremy Henderson (Salem), 9-2.

215: Hafeez Oureshi (Livonia Churchill) pinned Kyle Hawkins (Monroe), 15-7; 3rd: Eric Volkofsky (Redford Catholic Central) dec. David Bailey (Temperance-Bedford), 4-3.

275: John Morasso (Redford Catholic Central) dec. Spencer Channell (Grosse Pointe North), 4-3; 3rd: Pat Draheim (Livonia Churchill) pinned Nick Turco (Livonia Franklin), 15-3.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA

March 10, 2005

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

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

Acceptance of Agenda

1. Tim McDonough of RBS Construction, 2250 Genoa Business Park Dr., Suite 100, Brighton, MI 48114 representing Thomas Mallory of Canton Classic Living, LLC, 363 E. Town St., Columbus, OH 43215, for property located at 3741 Shepard Lane, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00 General Provisions, Section 2.24, C, regarding storm water protection buffer along the drainage course. Zone R-3. Parcel 111-99-0004-000 (Planning).

Approval of February 10, 2005

Publish: March 3, 2005

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR:

1. SP 05-01 Change of Use - Sandwich Shop  
710 N. Mill  
Zoned: MU, Mixed Use  
Applicant: Cliff Engerer

PUBLIC HEARING FOR:

2. SP 05-03 Planned Unit Development - Amelia Row Condos  
377 Amelia  
Zoned: I-2, Heavy Industrial  
Applicant: Connektiv LLC

PUBLIC HEARING FOR:

4. SP 05-04 Planned Unit Development - Condominiums  
300 Hamilton  
Zoned: I-1, Light Industrial  
Applicant: Connektiv LLC

PUBLIC HEARING FOR:

5. SP 05-05 Change of Use - Business Office/Residential  
725 N. Mill  
Zoned: MU, Mixed Use  
Applicant: Kathryn & Bill Smith

All interested persons, are invited to attend.

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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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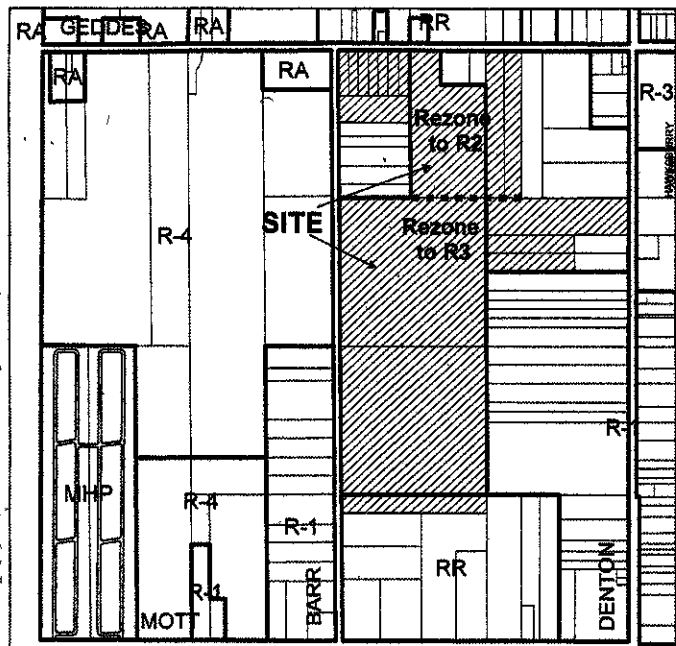
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PLANNING COMMISSION, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 7, 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**PULTE REZONING** - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 121 99 0012 000, 121 99 0013 000, 121 99 0024 002, 121 99 0025 000, 121 99 0026 000, 121 99 0027 000, 121 99 0028 000, 121 99 0029 000, 121 99 0030 000, 121 99 0031 000, AND 121 99 0032 000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL, RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL AND R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AND TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 121 99 0014 000, 121 99 0015 001, 121 99 0015 002, 121 99 0038 000, 124 99 0001 AND 124 99 0002 000 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL AND RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Geddes between Denton and Barr Roads.



SECTION 31

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 3, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

Publish: February 10 & March 3, 2005

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Bid for the Remodeling of Allen, Bird, & Smith Elementary Schools**. Bid documents are available by phoning Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at (248) 427-8400 or are available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; Builders Exchange, Grand Rapids; Construction News Service, Grandville; and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at the Smith Elementary School Media Center located at 1298 McKinley Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the bid division being bid identified on the outside of the envelope. All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) and are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 15, 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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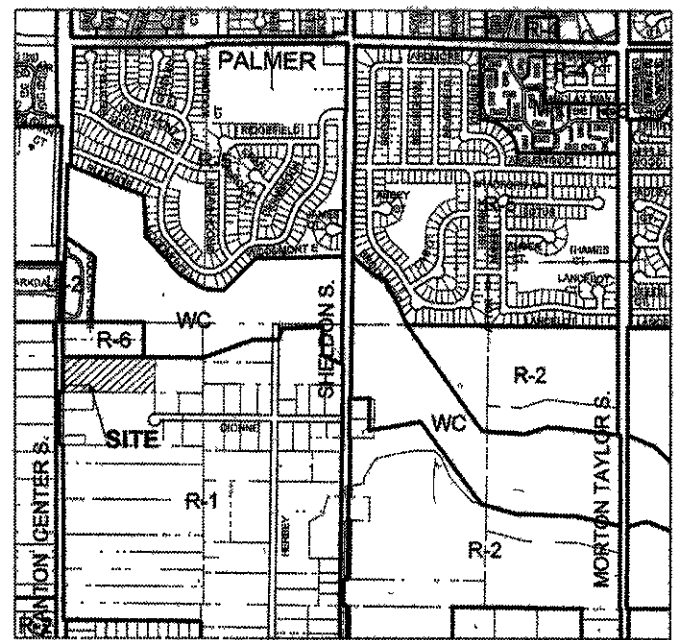
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 7, 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**SINGH REZONING** - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 107 99 0003 002 AND PART OF PARCEL NO. 107 99 0003 001 FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-6, SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Palmer and east of Canton Center Road.



SECTION 27

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 3, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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# Defensive specialist

## PCA's Bahbah is nightmare for big hitters

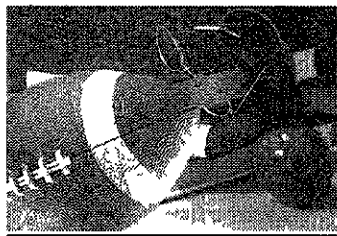
BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If you are a big-time hitter and your volleyball team is lined up across the net from Plymouth Christian Academy, you'll quickly become aware of Julie Bahbah.

After awhile, you may not like the way Bahbah's hustling, diving digs snuff out your potential kills, but you'll appreciate her all-out style of play.

Missy Henry certainly does.

Henry is Bahbah's coach, not to mention one of her biggest fans.



Prep Profile

"Julie is a good all-around player. She's always on the court for us. She has worked very hard over the past year to improve her offensive skills. Right now, Julie is a better defensive player, but her offense is getting there."

Bahbah isn't just talented — she's also versatile, according to Henry. "Last weekend in the U-of-M Dearborn tournament, we had a player out sick, so Julie had to play in the middle, which she isn't used to," Henry said. "Well, she did a great job and was a big reason for our success."

Bahbah's first taste of sets, digs and spikes came in the seventh grade when she made PCA's middle-school team. She was

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quickly inserted as the team's setter, a position she played until making the Eagles' varsity squad as a freshman.

"I prefer playing a couple positions — like I'm doing now — to being the setter," Bahbah admitted. "I especially enjoy playing back-row defense. I get an adrenaline rush when I can go down and pick up a hard hit. Defense gets overlooked a lot because everyone's watching the set and spike right after the dig, but for me, it's the most satisfying part of the game."

After playing sporadically as a freshman, Bahbah became a regular in the Eagles' line-up at the beginning of her sophomore season. She rarely left the court as PCA earned the school's first Class D district volleyball title — thanks in large part to her all-around play.

"Winning that first district title is probably the most memorable thing that's happened to me sports-wise," she said. "I was happy to see our seniors, who hadn't won a district title during their first three years, win something in their final year of high school. I was only a sophomore, but it was still exciting. Winning the district championship was exciting this year, too, but not as much as winning last year."

Bahbah said the responsibilities that go along with her team captaincy are greater

than she anticipated before the season started.

"I didn't think it would be much different (than last year), but being a captain has totally changed my perspective on things," she said. "Last year, I could just go out and play and have to worry about how I played. This year, I feel more responsible for making sure all five girls that are out there with me are fired up and ready to go. I like to encourage my teammates and make sure everyone is giving that extra effort. This team is very close, so that's not even an issue."

If opponents are blown away by her digging skills, they should check out her work in the classroom. With just over a year of high school remaining, Bahbah has earned a just-slightly-less-than-perfect 3.99 grade point average. Her only sub-A effort came in an English class earlier this year when she received a 96.

"In a way, it took a lot of pressure off me when I lost my four-point," Bahbah admitted. "When I had a 4.0, I was sacrificing a lot of important things to keep it up. Now, there's not as much pressure to get a 97 and higher on everything."

Bahbah still has a chance to push her GPA over the magical 4.0 mark next year when she takes a few advanced-placement classes.

While her post-high school life is still not set, Bahbah said she's aiming towards attending Taylor University, a Christian college located in Upland, Ind.

"My brother, David, is a freshman there, and he said he likes it because it is small and everyone is friendly, a lot like things are at Plymouth Christian. It would be a smooth transition to go from here to there. Plus, I would have a chance to play volleyball, which would be nice."

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Christian Academy's Julie Bahbah played a key role in leading the Eagles' volleyball team to its second consecutive Class D district title Saturday. The junior is also a standout student, having earned a 3.99 grade point average.

### Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- February 22, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 22, 2005, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton Township, MI. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Caccamo to move Consent Calendar items C-1, Appointment to the Canton Tax Board of Review, C-2, Reappointment to the Canton Tax Board of Review and C-7, Approval of Cultural Arts Strategic Plan to the General Calendar and approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Planning Commission and Board of Trustees joint meeting minutes from January 24, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Minutes of February 8, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Study Session Minutes of February 15, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Expenditure Recap for February 22, 2005** General Fund 101 \$ 305,208.82, Fire Fund 206 112,021.12, Police Fund 207 49,301.20, Summit Operating 208 36,457,052, Cable TV Fund 230 1,863.04, Two Improvement 246 197,292.61, E-911 Utility 261 327.64, Auto Forfeiture(wva) 267 5,300.04 Federal Grants Fund 274 1,829.00, Auto Theft Grant 289 27,686.30, Cap Proj-Summit Const 402 19,650.69, Cap Proj-Road Paving 403 1,947.13, Golf Fund 554 15,628.21, Water & Sewer Fund 592 595,011.57, Construction Escrows 702 5,336.47, Saltz Road Paving 803 349,476.64 **Total - All Funds 1,724,328.00** **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING THE PLYMOUTH-CANTON MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES "MOM TO MOM" SALE** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to grant special event status and to approve installation of signs advertising the Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples 'Mom to Mom' sale on March 5, 2005 at the Plymouth VFW Hall. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL LIBERTY FEST PARADE AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN MDOT ROAD CLOSURE PERMIT.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby approve the Fourth Annual Liberty Fest Parade for June 18, 2005, beginning at 9:00am and ending at approximately 10:00am; that Michigan Department of Transportation is hereby requested to grant permission to close Ford Road, just east of Canton Center, at Meijer's far most east drive to Outback Steakhouse drive, just west of Lilley Road. The Charter Township of Canton will assume liability for any damage claims, which may arise as a result of the road closure, and Supervisor Yack is hereby designated and authorized to sign the road closure permit on behalf of the Township. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 5. SECOND READING TO AMEND ORDINANCE FIREARMS, CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to remove from the table and amend the Ordinance Chapter 46, Article IV, Division 2, Firearms, with publication and effective date on March 3, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. **STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON FIREARMS AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II; TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTIONS; TO PROHIBIT THE POINTING OR DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS; TO PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION OR DISCHARGE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR DRUGS; TO PROHIBIT THE RECKLESS CARRYING OR USE OF FIREARMS; TO PROVIDE FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AND SAVING OF ALL PENDING MATTERS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:** SECTION 1: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II Chapter 46, Article IV, Division 2, Subdivision II is hereby amended to read as follows: **Sec. 46-241. Definitions.** The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this subdivision, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: *Approved range* means a range for the shooting of firearms and/or bows and arrows approved by the township board and constructed in a manner as to prevent the projectile from any weapon so fired on the range from exceeding the physical limits of the range. *Building, structure and edifice* mean a space within walls and usually, but not necessarily, covered with a roof. *Firearm* means any weapon or device from which is propelled any missile, projectile, bullet, shot, pellet or other mass by means of explosives, compressed air or gas, or by any means of springs, levers or other mechanical device, but does not mean a bow and arrow, sling shot, paint ball gun or BB gun, which propels a projectile of a caliber of .177 or less. **Sec. 46-242. Exemptions.** Notwithstanding anything in this subdivision to the contrary, this subdivision shall not be construed to prohibit the possession or discharge of any firearm by: (1)

Authorized officers of the law who utilize and/or discharge their weapons in the performance of their duties. (2) People who discharge their weapons for the lawful protection of life and property.

**Sec. 46-243. Possession Pointing or discharge generally of firearm.** (a) *Pointing or discharging without malice* It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally, without malice, point or aim any firearm at or toward any other person, or to discharge any firearm while so aimed. (b) *Discharge* upon or across certain places prohibited. It shall be unlawful to discharge a firearm within the township, except at an approved range. (1) Discharge any firearm within an area of 100 yards from any building, structure or edifice, whether occupied or unoccupied. (2) Discharge any firearm upon any platted land or within 100 yards of any public or private school property. (3) Discharge any firearm upon or across any public road or highway within the township (c) *Discharge by person under 17 years of age.* It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 17 years to discharge a firearm unless under the direct supervision and control of and accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or adult authorized by the parent or legal guardian to have direct supervision of the person under the age of 17. It shall be the responsibility of every parent, legal guardian or other person having the physical custody or charge of any minor under the age of 17 years to control the minor and prevent him from violating or attempting to violate any provision of this subdivision. **Sec. 46-244. Possession or discharge while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.** It shall be unlawful for any person under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any exhilarating or stupefying substance to carry or have in possession or under control or use in any manner or discharge any firearm within this township. **Sec. 46-245. Reckless carrying or use.** It shall be unlawful for any person to recklessly or heedlessly or willfully or wantonly use, carry, or handle or discharge any firearm without due caution and circumspection for the rights, safety or property of others. **SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.** Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the Unlawful Acts provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and/or imprisonment for up to ninety (90) days. Every act or violation and every day upon which a violation shall occur shall be considered a separate offense. **SECTION 3. REPEAL.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. **SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof. **SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.** The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended. **SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.** The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. **SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication. **CERTIFICATION** The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 22nd day of February, 2005, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. Introduced: November 23, 2004, Published: December 2, 2004, Adopted: February 22, 2005

**Effective upon Publication: March 3, 2005** **Item 6. REAPPOINTMENT TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to reappoint Melissa McLaughlin and Elaine Kirchgatter to the Election Commission, for a four (4) year term from November 24, 2004 to November 26, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER DEDVUKAJ REZONING.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for Dedvukaj Rezoning from R-2, Single-Family Residential District to R-6, Single-Family Attached Residential. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. CONSIDER CLINK/PRICE/WATSON/STACHOWSKI REZONING.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution to rezone Clink/Price/Watson/Stachowski property from R-1, Single-Family residential to R-3, Single-Family Residential District. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 3. CONSIDER NEW TOWNE PLAZA (JOANN FABRICS ADDITION) SITE PLAN.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for New Towne Plaza Expansion (JoAnn Fabrics.) Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. CONSIDER LEGACY DEVELOPMENT REZONING.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution to rezone the subject property from RA, Rural Agricultural to R-2, Single-Family Residential District. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-7. APPROVAL OF CULTURAL ARTS STRATEGIC PLAN.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Canton Cultural Arts Commission Strategic Plan, 2005-2008. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE \$6,000 IN INVOICE FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR CANTON'S STORM WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize payment of the invoice in the amount of \$6,000.00 for Canton's Storm Water Discharge Permit from account

number 101 445-928-000, Storm Water Permit Fees. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 6. CONSIDER CREATING AND FILLING A WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN POSITION IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the creation and filling of the Water Quality Technician position in the Public Works Division. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 7. CONSIDER PURCHASING UNINTERRUPTABLE POWER SUPPLY (UPS) BATTERY BACK-UP ITEMS FOR SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the purchase of battery back-up traffic signal systems from Carrier & Cable, Inc. for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$92,131 50 (account no. 101-860-977-1800). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 8. CONSIDER AWARDED ALTERNATE "A" OF THE HARD ROCK CONCRETE, INC. BID FOR CONCRETE WORK AT THE DPW AND INCREASING PO 49017.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the Alternate "A" portion of the Hard Rock Concrete, Inc. bid opened on September 9, 2004, and increase PO 49017 to Hard Rock Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$89,845 (account # 592-441-977-9999) less \$1,720 for testing and inspection for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$294,005. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to increase PO 49019 to the Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. for the added testing and inspection necessary for Alternate "A" by \$1,720.00 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$11,720 to provide inspection, laboratory testing and as-built drawings. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 9. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF VIDEO MONITORING SYSTEM.** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase and installation of an additional video surveillance system from Advanced Satellite Communications, Inc., 9282 General Dr., Ste #110, Plymouth, MI 48170 for an amount of \$8,947 (Account #207-301-977-0000, Police Fund Capital Outlay). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 10. PURCHASE UNLEADED GAS AND DIESEL FUEL FOR PARKS AND GOLF MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid for unleaded gas and diesel fuel for the Parks and Pheasant Run Golf Club operations to RKA Petroleum Companies, 28340 Wick Rd., Romulus, MI 48174 in the amount of \$45,000. Funds are available in the 2005 Parks budget account # 101-270-860-000/Transportation, # 101-270-980-000, Maintenance and Repair, and the 2005 Pheasant Run Golf Club budget account #584-756-860-0000/Transportation. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 11. APPROVE COLOR COPIER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the 2005 Maintenance Contract for the IKON CPP8050 Color copier/printer at \$.045 per color impression and \$.014 per black and white impression (Account #101-200-932-0000 Maintenance and Repair of Equipment - General Government (\$15,000). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 12. APPROVE PURCHASE OF RECYCLING BINS.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of 2,000 eighteen gallon recycling bins from SCL A-1 Plastics Ltd. in the amount of \$9,660 (account #246-500-800-0000, Community Improvement Fund, Professional & Contractual Services.) Motion carried unanimously. **Item 13. APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR PURCHASE OF OPTICAL SCAN VOTING SYSTEM BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution approving Grant Application for New Election Equipment, State of Michigan Department of State and Canton Township, Help America Vote Act Grant application, Optical Scan Voting Tabulators and Election Management Systems. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 14. APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A DELEGATION AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE REVIEW AND INSPECTIONS OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON SCHOOL'S CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to delegate Plymouth Canton School District's inspection authority to Building & Inspection Services for the purposes of performing plan review and inspections for the school's construction projects for 2005. Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-1. APPOINTMENT TO THE CANTON TAX BOARD OF REVIEW.** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton approve the appointment of John Burdziak to the Canton Tax Board of Review for a two year term to expire March 1, 2007. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Caccamo Motion carried. **Item C-2. REAPPOINTMENT TO THE CANTON TAX BOARD OF REVIEW.** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton approve the reappointment of George Bradley to the Canton Tax Board of Review for two year term to expire March 1, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. **OTHER:** A study session is scheduled for next Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at the Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. - 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](http://www.canton-mi.org) after Board Approval

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# Clustering brings parishes together

BY LISA LUCKOW-HEALY  
CORRESPONDENT

Changes in the Catholic Church due to urban sprawl, fewer priests and economic shifts are key factors that have led to grouping several neighborhood parishes together in what is known as a cluster.

"Clustering is bringing two to three parishes together under one pastor," said Pam Beech, director, Office of Leadership Services, Archdiocese of Detroit.

Clusters pool resources and approach common challenges together, while keeping the identity of each parish.

"For us, it was a wonderful life-giving solution to the problems of the three parishes that were struggling on their own," said the Rev. Chris Talbot, Pontiac cluster of St. Michael's, Shrine Church of St. Joseph and St. Vincent de Paul.

"There's an identity to our cluster within the city of Pontiac. Before, each parish was servicing different communities with little communication between each. Now, we are united in religious education for children to learn and grow in the faith.

"Our adult education is together to learn and grow in the faith. We're now growing with a free clinic at the Shrine Church of St. Joseph, a food pantry at St. Michael's and a soup kitchen and prison outreach ministry at St. Vincent de Paul. The prison outreach program services the prisons and those who've recently left who need to integrate back into society."

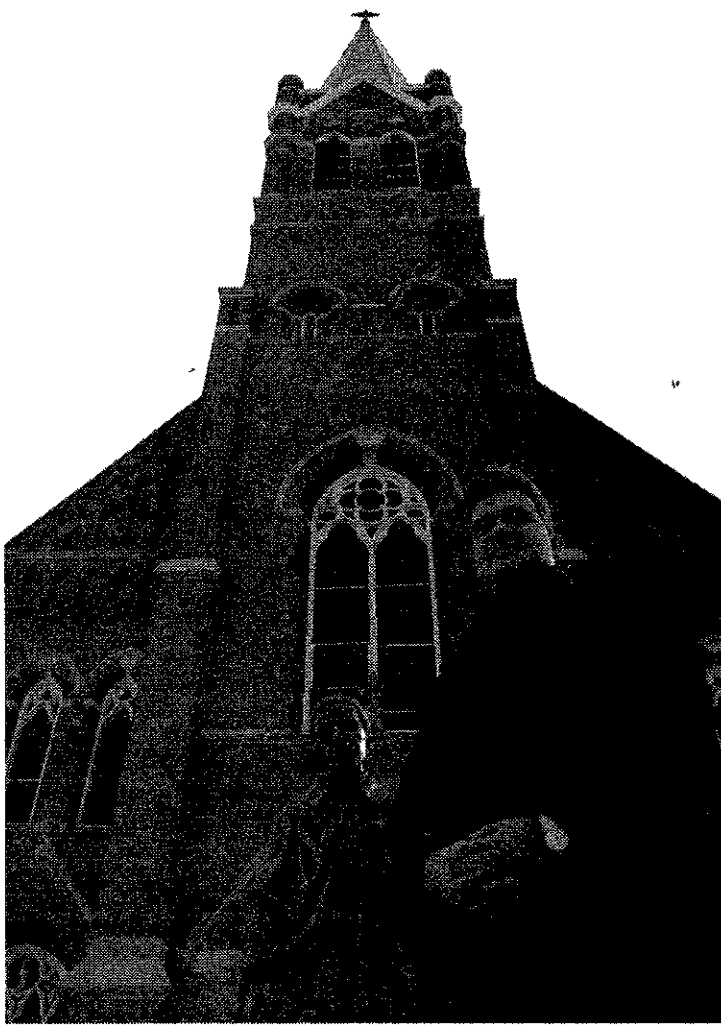
## SHARING

Beech said the cluster is the only one in Oakland County. But, it is a unique one.

"That's one of our most diverse clusters," she said, referring to its Hispanic, Euro and African American membership. "It's a diverse community of many gifts."

She added of the possibility of additional clusters in Oakland County that "in the future there may be, but not at the present time."

According to the Archdiocese of Detroit, parish leadership sets the schedule for liturgies to make sure there is an adequate amount of time between services. Sometimes, parishes may rotate as host sites based on the number of



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The Rev. Chris Talbot, in front of the historic St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Pontiac, is the priest of a church cluster that also includes St. Michael's and the Shrine Church of St. Joseph.

available priests and how many people a facility will accommodate. The liturgies take into account the cultural traditions customary to each parish within the cluster.

Those who attend one of the clustered parishes may make their financial contributions at any one of the parishes within the cluster. Enclosing their donations in weekly designated envelopes will ensure that their donations are sent to their home parish.

Each of the churches within a cluster keeps its own set of financial records as well as a cluster budget. These records are reviewed by a stewardship commission to see if some costs can be shared or eliminated within the cluster.

## 3- YEAR PROCESS

Cluster implementation and evaluation is a three-year process. "I think clustering is hard in the beginning, but

after the first year, people come together through dialogue and relationship building," said Beech.

"It's not easy, but it's the people that are important," said Martha Cooney, secretary, St. Jema Church, in the Detroit cluster including St. Christine. "I think that realization helped with the process that has now lasted ten years in our cluster."

There are stringent guidelines for measuring the success or failure of a cluster to meet both parish and individual needs. Parameters are set up for each year of the process. Clustering among Catholic parishes can help sustain the life-giving religious community and breathe new vitality into the church, especially in an age of changing times when there are fewer priests, urban sprawl, and changing economic conditions facing the church. Adds Beech, "As the clusters change, the parishes find new ways to come together."

## RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

## MARCH

### Lenten concerts

Following Thursday Lenten Services of Holy Communion 12:10-12:30 p.m. March 3, 10 and 17, at Mariner's Church in Detroit's Civic Center, 170 East Jefferson at the entrance of the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Free parking in Ford Underground Garage with entrance on the median on Jefferson Avenue at Woodward. For information, call (313) 259-2206.

### 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. 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.

### Canton Friendship event

10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 6, Canton Friendship Church invites the public to performances by Hands of Friendship puppet ministry and the Friendship Worship Band along with a message on the Bridge to the Other Side. For more information, call the church at (734) 451-2100 or Robin Leclerc at (734) 981-3798, or visit www.canton-friendship.org.

### Open house

Applications will be available for pre-school 3 and 4-year olds, kindergarten full day, and grades 1-8 at 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at St. Robert Bellarmine School, 27201 West Chicago, Redford.

### DivorceCare

Series begins 7 p.m. Sunday, March 6, class is designed to help you rebuild your life after divorce and recover from the deep hurts it causes, can also give a fresh start to troubled marriages, repair and strengthen

them, in the library at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 North Sheldon, Canton. Cost is \$15 for 13-weeks. Advance registration preferred so that materials may be ordered. Childcare provided for children through fifth grade for \$15 for all 13-weeks (must register in advance). Call (734) 459-3333.

### Concert

By Evangel University Concert Choir 6 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile, one half mile west of Haggerty. call (248) 348-9030

### Healing and Wholeness service

7 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Communion will be served and there will be anointing with oil for healing. Everyone is welcome. For information, call (248) 374-5928.

### Pasta potluck

Bring your favorite pasta salad or sauce 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 6, family oriented movie follows at 6:30 p.m., at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 West Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038.

### Sacred Cantata

St. Robert Bellarmine Church Choir present Theodore DuBois's The Seven Last Words of Christ 7 p.m. Sunday, March 6, at the church, 27101 West Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. No charge.

### Lenten series

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

### Exploring scripture stories

March 9, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call 9734) 425-5950.

### Holocaust Cantata

Performed by Rackham Symphony Choir 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at Holocaust Memorial Center, 28123 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills, and 7 p.m. March 13, at Beth Ahm Synagogue, 5075 West Maple, West Bloomfield. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for students with ID. Call (313) 272-0334.

### Fun and Faith Fair

Come learn about Jesus 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 13, games, crafts, refreshments in the Social Hall at St. Maurice Parish, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia. For information, call (734) 421-5240.

### Great Lakes Memorial

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

### Potato dinner

5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 13 featuring baked potatoes with all the fixings, potato soup and dessert, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 West Six Mile, Livonia. Good will collection to benefit the Society of St. Andrew's National Hunger Program. Call (734) 422-6038.

### Shamrock Shuffle

Card party 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, at St. Raphael Parish, 31530 Beechwood, Garden City. Tickets are \$8 and include dessert, coffee, blarney bags, table and door prizes. Call (734) 427-1533 or (734) 844-1801.

### Concert

Featuring gospel musician Anthony Burger 6 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at First Church of the Nazarene of Detroit, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. No charge. Call (248) 348-7600.

### Lenten services

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, at Timothy Lutheran, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia, and March 9 at Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia, On March 24 Timothy Lutheran hosts a 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service and Church of the Holy Spirit a noon service of the Altar, and on Good Friday, March 25 Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, hosts a 7 p.m. Good Friday service on March 25 with Timothy Lutheran and Holy Spirit.



### AARON THOMAS LEVI

Age 27, of Birmingham, beloved son of Thomas and Mary Levi, also of Birmingham, passed away Sunday, February 20, 2005, succumbing to injuries sustained when he was struck by a car late in the evening of February 18th. The family made the decision to donate his organs through the 'Gift of Life' program. Services were held on February 22nd at Hamilton Bell Chapel with the Rev. Rodney F. Quanton of Birmingham First United Methodist Church officiating. Aaron was a graduate of Seaholm High School and obtained a B.A. from Bowling Green State University of Ohio. He is survived by his parents, his brother Mark and his wife Lisa, his sister Carrie and her husband Bill, two nephews and one niece, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

### ELIZABETH (BETTE) MOE

Bette passed away on February 21, 2005 at the age of 80. She was born in Ellwood City, PA on September 24, 1924 to Michael and Elizabeth Schuster. She met and married Gordon A. Moe in 1946 in Plymouth, MI. Bette worked as a Secretary-Bookkeeper for Burroughs Adding Machine Corp, then Cloverdale Dairy in Plymouth for many years. Bette and Gordy retired to Lake City, MI and spent many enjoyable years there before their last move in 2001 to Leesburg, FL. Gordy predeceased Bette, after 55 years of marriage, shortly after their move to FL. She was also predeceased by her parents and a brother, Alfred Schuster of Ridge Manor, FL. Survivors include her sisters, Anne Bakhaus of Milford, MI, Freda Gale of South Lyon, MI, Mary A. (Mickie) Beyer, of Plymouth, MI, and Gretchen Heeren, of Lake City, MI. Also surviving is her brother Carl Schuster of Kalamazoo, MI.

### FREDERICK REID KEYDEL

Frederick Reid Keydel died peacefully at home on February 26, 2005 after a 15-year struggle with Parkinson's Disease. He was 76. Born May 8, 1928, Mr. Keydel grew up in Indian Village, Detroit. He was the son of Miriam and Oscar Keydel (both deceased). He attended Cranbrook School (class of 1945), Yale University (BA 1949), and University of Michigan Law School (JD 1952) where he belonged to the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity. He served in the Air Force from 1952 to 1954, as a Judge Advocate and attained the rank of First Lieutenant. Until his retirement in December 2003, Mr. Keydel was one of the principal partners with the Detroit law firm Joslyn Keydel & Wallace, LLP having been with the firm for 52 years. Mr. Keydel was a devoted husband, married to Roberta Latzer of St. Louis and would have celebrated his 53rd wedding anniversary on March 15th. He was deeply loved by his three children, Janet Lawson of Concord, Massachusetts, William Keydel of Denver, and Thomas Keydel of Boston. In addition to his wife and three children, his brother, John Keydel of Old Saybrook, Connecticut, his sister, Cynthia Huebner of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and his seven grandchildren survive him. He and his family summered at Pointe Aux Barques in Port Austin, Michigan since 1952. Mr. Keydel achieved national recognition in the estate planning field, having written and lectured extensively on estate and trust topics throughout the United States. He was a visiting adjunct Professor with the University of Miami School of Law LLM program in Estate Planning from 1975 to 1985. He is listed in the publication "The Best Lawyers in America." Mr. Keydel was an active member of numerous professional organizations including: the Advisory Committee of the University of Miami Estate Planning Institute, American Bar Association (ABA), American College of Tax Counsel, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (participating on the Board of Regents from 1979 to 1985, Executive Committee from 1982 to 1984, and the Editorial Board from 1977 to 2005), American Law Institute (Life Member, 1985), Financial and Estate Planning Council of Metropolitan Detroit (President, from 1983 to 1984), and the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law (Executive Council member). As a member of the American Bar Association, Mr. Keydel made significant contributions to the profession's understanding of estate tax law. From 1977 to 1981, he was member of the Council of the ABA Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, serving as the Section Secretary during his last year 1981. From 1993 to 1996, he served as an ABA representative on the National Conference of Lawyers and Corporate Fiduciaries. From 1980 to 2001, Mr. Keydel served as Liaison for the ABA Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law to the ABA Section of Taxation. A memorial service will be held on March 12 at 2:30 PM at The Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be sent to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 30161 Southfield Road, Suite 119, Southfield, Michigan 48076, Phone: (800) 852-9781. See http://www.parkinsonsmi.org for additional information.

### PAULINE J. DAVIS

Age 83, February 25, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Richard P. Davis Sr. Loving mother of Richard Jr. (Jean), Debra (Gerald) Mayer & Todd (Cathy). Dear sister of Edward (Karen) Patchett. Also survived by 11 grandchildren & 14 great grandchildren. A funeral service was held at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia, on Wednesday at 11 am. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Mary Mercy Hospital where Pauline was a volunteer for over 20 years.

### LUCILLE CAIANI DOBBS

Age 82, of Garden City, died February 28, 2005. She was born October 12, 1922, in Boston, Massachusetts. A former resident of Detroit, she came to the Garden City community in 1952. She worked for many years as a waitress at the Cadillac Hotel in Detroit. She was a member of St. Richard's Catholic Church in Westland. She was an excellent Italian cook, and she loved family dinners. She also enjoyed Big Band music, dancing, sports, playing poker, and hosting poker games. She is survived by her children, John Dobbs of Lincoln Park, Chuck (Sharon) Dobbs of Plymouth, and Terry (Lori) Dobbs of Brighton; nine grandchildren and eight grandchildren. Memorial service at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Saturday 1pm. Friends may visit beginning at 12noon.

### MARION GENEVIEVE DISCOVISH MURPHY

Age 91, passed away February 27, 2005 at the Arleigh Burke Pavilion in McLean, Virginia. The daughter of Frank and Ida Hedwig, Discovish, she was born August 27, 1913 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After the death of her mother, Marion moved to Detroit, Michigan at the age of 7. She grew up with the family of her life long friend, Estelle Drobot. As a young woman she became employed as a dietitian at Cranbrook School. There she met and married Homer J. Murphy on June 21, 1941, at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church. Marion was active at St. Hugo's church and school. Later she became employed at Community National Bank on Long Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. She and her husband, Homer, retired and lived on Bates Street in Birmingham for over 20 years. In 1999, they moved to Great Falls, Virginia to live with their son, Michael. Marion is survived by her son, Michael J. Murphy, of Great Falls, VA; daughter, Susan Foster of Windsor, Vermont; grandchildren, Sean (Janine) Foster of Port Orange, Florida, Kelly Foster of Windsor, Vermont and Laura Murphy of Lovettsville, Virginia; and great granddaughter, Raegan Anne of Port Orange, Florida. Mrs. Murphy is preceded in death by her husband, Homer. Funeral at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 32340 Pierce, Beverly Hills, Saturday, 11 am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10:30 am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Rd. (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Friday 3-8pm.

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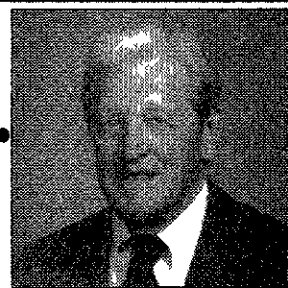
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### RALPH E. ZIMMERMANN, JR.

Of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Died February 25, 2005 at Wm Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak due to Respiratory Failure. Born in Detroit, MI. Lived in Bloomfield Hills for 28 years from Birmingham MI. Co-Owner of Ralph Zimmerman & Sons. Mr. Zimmerman was a Lieutenant during W. W. 2, served aboard the USS Stallion ATA-193 as the Executive Officer. Graduate of University of Michigan, 1940. He was a member of Detroit Athletic Club, member and Past President of Detroit Gun Club, member and Board of Director-Pere Marquette Rod and Gun Club. Member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, Member of Victors Club. His hobbies include Tournament Skeet, Trap shooting, Duck Hunting, Photography, and Travel. Husband of the late Mary Ashley Zimmermann. Survived by his Children: Daughter: Martha M. Zimmermann of Bloomfield Hills and Son, Ralph III (Collette) Zimmermann of Birmingham, MI. Grandfather of: Trevor, Caity and Julie. Brother of Robert P. (Betty) Zimmermann. Memorial services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. maple on Wednesday March 9, 11:00 A. M. The interment will be private in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit. Memorial Tributes may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind. Officiating Clergyman will be The Reverend Mary Austin and The Reverend Dr. L. P. Jones. Arrangements by the Wm. R. Hamilton Co. of Birmingham.

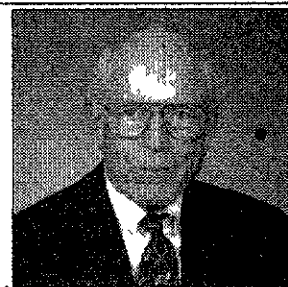
### RICHARD R. LOWE

February 28, 2005. Beloved husband of Mary. Dear father of John, Mary Ellen, Michael (Heidi), James and the late Patrick Richard. Grandfather of Maria and Matthew. Brother of Donald (Betsy). Family will receive friends Thursday 2-9pm, with Prayers Thursday 7pm at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver). Funeral Mass Friday 10am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 280 E. Square Lake Road, Troy. Visitation at church begins Friday at 9:30am. Rite of Committal White Chapel Cemetery. Memorial Tributes Salvation Army. Obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



JOHN CHARLES WRIGHT, JR.

John C. Wright, Jr. was born on October 6, 1914 in Buffalo, New York and died quietly at home in Williamsburg Virginia on February 15, 2005 at the age of 90. Jack attended prep school at the Wyoming Seminary in Kingston Pennsylvania, and then went on to Columbia University (class of '39) where he joined the Sigma Chi fraternity and distinguished himself as captain of the football team. During World War II, Jack served his country as captain of the U.S. Army, and while in the Army he met and married Barbara Frenning of Ellensburg Washington in 1942. When the war ended, Jack began his lifelong career with the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, living first in Akron, Ohio and then settling down for many years in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Jack retired from Goodyear in 1979 to Harbor Springs Michigan to ski, golf, and sail and to enjoy friends and family. In 1998, Jack and Barbara moved to Williamsburg Virginia. Always ready with a hearty laugh and an encouraging word to all, Jack lived his life with gusto and was an avid golfer and snow skier. He was a member of the Rotary Club, the Detroit Athletic Club, the Recess Club, the Orchard Lake Country Club, the Bloomfield Hills Country Club, the Otsego Ski Club, the Michigan Seniors Golf Association, and SCORE. Jack is survived by his sister Catharine Wright of Hamburg New York, his wife Barbara, his children Richard and David Wright and Laurie Kingsley, and his grandchildren Adam, Christina, and John David (JD) Wright. A memorial celebration will be held in Williamsburg in the spring.



WILLIAM JOHNSTON ADAMS

Age 70, of Detroit's Indian Village, passed away February 27, 2005. Bill obtained his BBA in 1957 and his MBA in 1958 from the University of Michigan Business School. A Certified Public Accountant, Bill retired in 1990 from Arthur Andersen, where he was a partner. Bill was a former Board member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA). He was Board Chairman of Detroit Executive Service Corps (DESC). He also served as a Grosse Pointe School Board member, Junior Achievement Advisor, junior hockey coach and sailing instructor at both the Detroit Yacht Club and the Detroit Boat Club. He is survived by: his son, William D. (Dave); his wife, Donna Wolcott Adams; his granddaughter, Rebecca L. Adams; and his siblings: John M. Adams, Richard N. Adams, Elizabeth Kirsten, and Anne Adams. Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity or (1) Detroit Executive Service Corps Endowment Fund, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 390, Southfield, MI 48075, (2) William J. Adams Scholarship Fund, University of Michigan Business School, c/o Ross School of Business, 701 Tappan Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1234 or (3) The Michigan Accountancy Foundation William J. Adams Scholarship Fund, a scholarship for accounting students, C/O the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, 5480 Corporate Dr., Suite 200, PO Box 5068, Troy, MI 48007-5068. A memorial will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2005 at Sinbads Restaurant at 10 a.m. Sinbads is located at 100 St. Clair Avenue, Detroit, MI 48214. Phone 313-822-7817

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## Cornerstone earns WHAC title vs. MU

BY RYAN DOHERTY  
SPECIAL WRITER

Senior point-guard Jackie Pingston scored the first two points in Monday night's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball championship game.

Unfortunately, this was the first and only lead Madonna University would enjoy, as the Crusaders battled a double-digit deficit for most of the game and fell 73-51 to the No. 2 seed Cornerstone Golden Eagles at the Madonna Activities Center.

More importantly, the Crusaders also lost the conference's automatic bid to the 2005 NAIA Division II National Tournament in Dubuque, Iowa.

Madonna was the No. 1 seed in the tournament, and had beaten Cornerstone just three weeks ago, but during that game the Crusaders lost the WHAC Player of the Year Sarah Thomson to a knee injury.

Without Thomson in the lineup on Monday, Cornerstone was able to get the ball down low in the post and score several easy layups.

"Playing Cornerstone without our leading scorer and rebounder was huge," Madonna coach Marylou Jansen said. "They our strong inside and have great rebounders."

That explains why Cornerstone shot a blistering 53 percent from the field, and how its full-court press forced the Crusaders into 23 turnovers.

Early in the first half Cornerstone went on a 16-0 run that the Crusaders were never able to recover from.

Cornerstone's pressure defense kept the Crusaders out of their rhythm offensively, and prevented them from even attempting a free throw in the first half.

Cornerstone went into half-time with a comfortable 14-point cushion, 35-21. The Golden Eagles didn't let up in the second half either, as their lead ballooned to as many as 25 points.

"We were rushing everything on offense and it was hard to get a good look at the basket," said an emotional Pingston after the loss.

Cornerstone sophomore guard Mary Schmidt led all scorers with 19 points and four assists.

Cathi Velzen, who went scoreless in the previous meeting with MU, finished with 14, while Stephanie Allers and Ashley Tatro came off the bench to score 12 and nine, respectively.

Pingston led the way for Madonna with 13 points and three steals, while Amy Henry (Canton Agape Christian) came off the bench to score 11. Lydia Prusinowski finished with 10 points. Freshman forward Martina Franklin (Redford Union) chipped in with seven points, seven rebounds, and two steals.

Madonna and Cornerstone were regular season co-champions of the WHAC with 10-2 records.

Cornerstone is 27-4 overall, while Crusaders finish 18-13.

**MADONNA 68, SIENA HEIGHTS 67:** The Crusaders (18-12) earned a spot in the WHAC final thanks to Jackie Pingston's three-point play with only 14 seconds to play in Saturday's semifinal against Siena Heights University (15-14).

Pingston finished with a team-high 21 points, while Stephanie Childs scored 12 of her 19 in the opening half as MU led 38-35. Kassi Jacob, who nailed three triples, chipped in with 11, while Martina Franklin (Redford Union) had eight points and 11 rebounds.

Laura Panozzo paced the Saints with 21 points, while Nicole Coffey added 15.



Schoolcraft College sophomore Sara Tyree (No. 50), formerly of Westland John Glenn, helped the Lady Ocelots earn a state championship. She is shown in game action from her freshman season.

## Talent fuels Lady Ocelots

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Both Sara Tyree and Amantha Combs made Observerland proud by their contributions to the state champion Schoolcraft College Lady Ocelots.

Tyree, a 6-3 sophomore center from Westland John Glenn, and 5-8 sophomore forward Combs (from Belleville) provided skill and leadership in helping Schoolcraft win the Michigan Community College Athletic Association tournament championship Saturday.

And after the Lady Ocelots defeated Mott Community College 76-73, both had trouble keeping smiles off their faces.

"It's a different feeling" than succeeding in high school, said Tyree following the postgame awards ceremony. "To come to Schoolcraft and play on such a great team, it's just great."

According to Combs, winning the state tourney "was a great, awesome experience. I'm so happy. We've been talking about it for so long and we finally did it."

Combs said the Belleville teams she played on won four state district championships

and three state regionals. But they weren't quite as sweet as Saturday's accomplishment.

"It's even better," she said. "So much better."

Tyree said the Lady Ocelots succeed because of hard work, talent and teamwork.

"We play together as a team," Tyree said. "It's not just one person doing it all."

Their coach, Karen Lafata, praised Tyree and Combs for their contributions.

"They're local kids and I'm so proud of them," Lafata said.

"Sara and Amanda have represented Schoolcraft in the highest fashion . . . They've done it in the classroom and on the court and they'll be going somewhere after here. They exemplify what junior college basketball is all about."

Tyree is still deciding on where to play as a junior while Combs said she likely will go to Concordia University in Ann Arbor. Other area players on the championship squad include 5-9 freshman forward Renita Price (Wayne Memorial) and 5-5 sophomore forward Jenna Hess, who graduated from Lutheran West in Westland.

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## Wolverines present, future earn mutual respect on ice

BY RYAN DOHERTY  
SPECIAL WRITER

Two current Michigan Wolverine players faced off against two future Wolverines for the first time this past Saturday night at Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor, and all four shared one common bond: growing up in Livonia.

Left wing Zack MacVoy (Redford Catholic Central), and defenseman Mark Mitera (Livonia Stevenson), are current members of the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 team, which is based in Ann Arbor.

The U-18 team plays in the North American Hockey League, but also schedules several exhibition games against Division I teams, as was the case Saturday night.

The U-18 team is comprised of the 30 best 17-year-old players in the entire country. Both MacVoy and Mitera have committed to play next season at Michigan, and have already played 20 games against NCAA Division I opponents.

That has Michigan coach Red Berenson very excited.

"There is no question that they can play at this level, and they showed that tonight," he said.

MacVoy and Mitera didn't waste any time shaking off their nerves, because just 23 seconds into the game they were on the ice when teammate Dan Fardig snapped a wrist shot past Noah Ruden, to give Team USA an early 1-0 lead.

MacVoy and Mitera started on a line with three other players that have also signed to play with Michigan next season.

This is tradition whenever Team USA plays at a college where their players will be moving onto the following year.

Team USA continued to lead 5-3 going into the third, but the Wolverines rallied with three unanswered goals, and junior Jeff Tambellini netted the game-winner with just

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5.6 seconds left, giving Michigan a slim 6-5 victory.

Michigan senior center David Moss and junior left wing Brandon Kaleniecki, both Livonia natives, played together at CC for three years before heading to the North American circuit and then to Ann Arbor.

"It will help Zack and Matt tremendously, because they have already played a year together on the U-18 team," said Moss, who has 10 goals and 18 assists in 32 games this season.

Berenson agrees: "From our experience the players from the USA National training and developmental program have always come in and been able to be impact players right from the start."

Twelve USA NTDP players have gone on to play at Michigan, more than any other school.

"That says something about minor league (youth) hockey and the production of quality players in the state of Michigan," Berenson said.

For MacVoy and Mitera, the transition to life in the CCHA next year will be eased a bit because of their experience against top level play this season.

"Playing against college players has given me a lot of knowledge on how the speed and skill level will be like next year, so it's like having a freshman year under my belt," MacVoy said.

For Mitera, this has been an opportunity he has been looking forward to.

"Growing up as kid I always wanted to be a Wolverine, so to get a little taste of that atmosphere tonight was a great feeling," he said.

Kaleniecki, who has 11 goals and six assists in 34 games, recalled the first time he put on that Maize and Blue helmet.

"It is something you will never forget," he said.

"Because once you get on the ice and the band starts to play, you realize how special it is."

Meanwhile, playing close to their friends and families is also an added benefit that has helped all four players.

"I can go home on the weekends and eat dinner with my family, and a lot of my teammates have to wait until Christmas break to do that," said Mitera.

"Their families will be at every game next season, and for a young player that is the kind of support you need the most," said Moss, who also grinned when he talked about playing against MacVoy and Mitera. "We took it like a normal game, but Kaleniecki and I gave them an extra shot or two just to remind them that they will still be rookies when they come here next season."

Also, both Team USA players are eager to play for one of the most revered coaches in college hockey.

"His reputation speaks for itself, and I have a ton of respect for Coach Berenson," MacVoy said.

Berenson has been behind the Michigan bench for 21 years, and has led Michigan to 14 consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament.

"I know that he will help me improve my game, and he always has his team in the hunt for a national championship every year," added Mitera. He also said that during the off-season, the 6-foot-3, 197-pound defenseman will continue to work on improving his physical conditioning.

"My strength and skills have definitely improved over the last two years playing on the U-18 team, and I know that I can be even better."

When asked about allowing that early goal when five of his future players were on the ice, Berenson chuckled first and then said, "I hope they can score like that when they get here."

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## There's no place like home? New condos open to small business

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

A developer wants to offer small business owners the opportunity to own their offices under an arrangement formerly only open to those shopping for a new home.

RSM Development and Management has converted the 46,000-square foot Pineview office park, turning the facility into office condominiums and offering small businesses the chance to purchase office space under the same auspices that allow homeowners to purchase condominium homes.

RSM Principal Scott Marcus said there are a lot of similarities to a residential condominium development in the office condominium arrangement.

"(Under the arrangement) you own your four walls," he said. "You can get loans on it, rent it out, use it and basically do what you want with it within the restrictions of the agreement."

He said the office condo idea has been very well-received out west where those operations have been running for the past five years. Shay Development, an Arizona

'(Under the arrangement) you own your four walls," he said. "You can get loans on it, rent it out, use it and basically do what you want with it within the restrictions of the agreement.'

Scott Marcus  
RSM principal

firm doing office condominiums, is doing big business at \$200 per square foot.

RSM is selling space at Pineview for \$159 per square foot and renting it for \$19 per square foot plus electricity. Spaces are available between 799 and 6,300 square feet with an option to pick up as much as 12,600 contiguous square feet. The benefit, he said, is ownership.

"The owners will be members of the association," Marcus said. "As the

association grows, we will be phased out of ownership in the

building. That should happen in three or four years."

RSM bases that on similar developments' track records in the region. Two operations in West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills have both sold out, their respective companies leaving the associations as ownership forced them out.

Marcus said the investment pays off.

An analysis RSM performed before launching Pineview showed a lease or purchase of 2,000 square feet over five years would give a business more than \$68,000 savings over traditional rent. He said, on the purchasers' side, opening up ownership perks to smaller business operations will be a draw all its own.

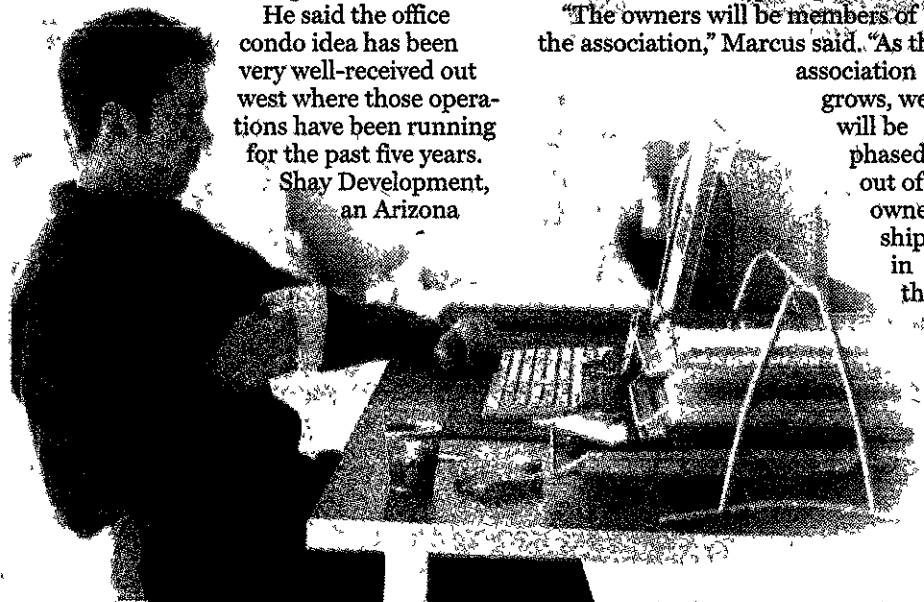
"That doesn't include appreciation or tax benefits," Marcus said. "With 5 percent appreciation per year, we anticipate a benefit of \$160,000."

The Pineview office condominiums are being offered exclusively by the Friedman Real Estate Group. Company Vice-President Eric Banks said there's a lot of interest in the option.

"There aren't a lot of opportunities for an office user in the 2,000 to 12,000 square foot range," he said. "There are more opportunities for 10,000 to 12,000, but when you move down to 2,000 to 5,000 square feet, the market is very, very tight."

Since many business owners are already familiar with the condominium concept in general, he says a lot of operations looking to buy know that this will give them more flexibility. He said there will likely be more office condominiums in the future.

"In a soft office market like we've had this past few years, more developers will be opening up their projects to the condominium idea," Banks said.



## What consumers need to know about subprime loans

(NAPST) - You may have heard horror stories about abusive lenders who take advantage of subprime borrowers by charging outrageous interest rates and fees. While there are some predatory lenders out there, the vast majority do not use such tactics.

The reality is there are a number of laws and regulations that protect subprime borrowers

from predatory lenders. However, consumers still need to arm themselves with the right information to find a reputable lender and get the best deal.

Roughly 25-35 percent of Americans are classified as subprime and 10 percent of all mortgages are taken out by such borrowers, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. Subprime borrowers are not

only people who have low income. Layoffs, unexpected medical bills and divorce all may result in less-than-perfect credit.

Many consumers with imperfect credit assume they can't buy a home or refinance their existing mortgage. The good news is consumers with bad credit are usually able to obtain a mortgage, although they will have to pay slightly

higher interest rates and fees.

On average, consumers with less-than-perfect credit receive interest rates about 50-200 basis points higher than "prime" borrowers. The exact interest rate depends on how many problems exist in the individuals' credit histories as well as how their current gross incomes compare to their existing debts and the level of equity in their current homes.

## Mortgage Bits



Timothy  
Phillips

## Making sense of cash-flow mortgages

Every person reading this article has two things in common with all the others reading it: Each of you has to pay for a place to live, and the payment you make is likely the largest of your monthly debt obligations, regardless of whether you rent or own your home.

For most, renting for the long term is a poor financial decision. Occasionally, a reader will challenge me on this assertion. However, nobody has put forth a logical, fact-based argument to the contrary that would compel me to change my position.

Simply put, renters have inflation working against them instead of for them. Thus, given that all of us should own homes, the only significant remaining decision is whether to have lower monthly mortgage payments for a very long time, or whether to completely own your home much sooner.

Personally, I opt for cash flow at this phase of my life. I currently have a new interest-only, three-year adjustable-rate mortgage that allows me to live in my home for very little out-of-pocket. My payments are low and fixed for three years, and my home is going to appreciate the same amount regardless of my monthly payment.

In turn, I take my large cash savings every month from my discounted mortgage and invest it into other growth investments.

The only credible counter-argument to this strategy is that interest rates might be extremely high three years from now due to inflation. Well, if that's true, my house and my investments should be worth much more, too.

I can refinance my home again into another similar cash-flow mortgage, as required, to continue to keep my payments low, and my net interest savings can pay for the refinance many times over.

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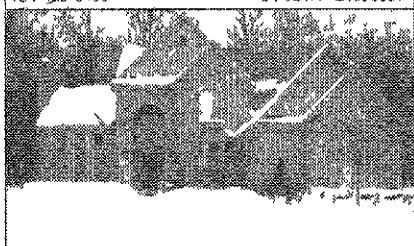
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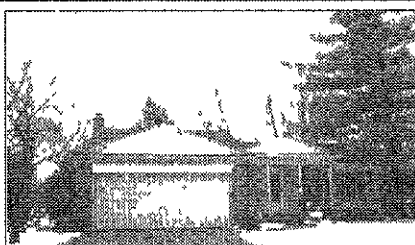
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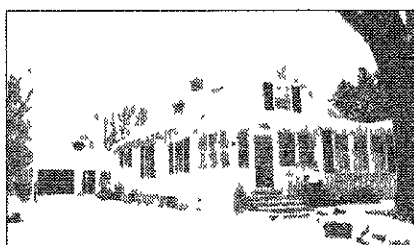


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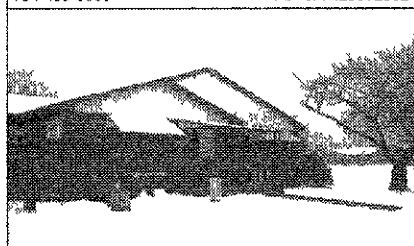


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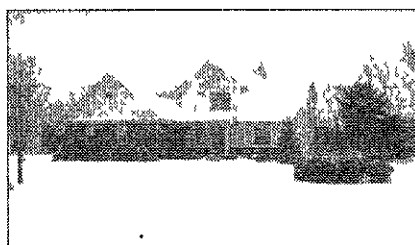
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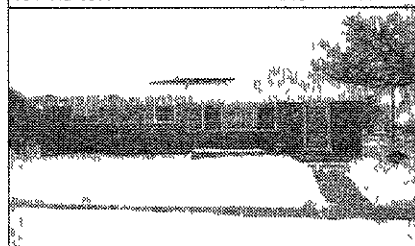
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46290 Larchmont	\$293,000
41251 Maplewood	\$230,000
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1670 Marlowe	\$200,000
44691 Meadowcreek	\$215,000
2043 Preserve	\$228,000
2051 Preserve	\$211,000
2067 Preserve	\$231,000
1841 Ramier	\$218,000
3974 Ravensfield	\$204,000
3337 Riverside	\$250,000
43338 Stonington	\$265,000
770 Suttan	\$221,000
1547 Tradition	\$466,000
41512 White Tail	\$192,000

### Garden City

32360 Alvin	\$132,000
689 Arcola	\$126,000
29021 Balmoral	\$140,000
29037 Beechwood	\$93,000
32221 Bock	\$124,000
511 Cardwell	\$130,000

1715 Cardwell	\$146,000
5919 Deering	\$145,000
30906 Dover	\$143,000
6702 Fairfield	\$155,000
31468 Florence	\$121,000
5733 Harrison	\$38,000
1731 Helen	\$202,000
32260 James	\$165,000
33005 John Hawk	\$137,000
33006 John Hawk	\$145,000
634 Lathers	\$132,000
28634 Leona	\$120,000
29131 Marquette	\$150,000
29525 Marquette	\$160,000
131 Radcliff	\$135,000
33211 Rosslyn	\$155,000
1048 W Rose	\$203,000

### Livonia

36309 7 Mile	\$188,000
14947 Alexander	\$170,000
15874 Alexander	\$160,000
37621 Amrhein	\$209,000
35034 Andrea	\$120,000
9646 Arcola	\$153,000
30482 Barkley	\$196,000
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11101 Brookfield	\$155,000
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38902 Dover	\$200,000
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29712 Pickford	\$156,000
29650 Richland	\$187,000
38728 Richland	\$182,000
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28944 Savoir	\$140,000
31184 Schoolcraft	\$172,000
18432 Stamford	\$266,000
9480 Stark	\$213,000
33129 W Chicago	\$160,000
35423 W Chicago	\$193,000
29620 Wentworth	\$220,000
18931 Whitby	\$178,000

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47248 Beechcrest	\$327,000
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41519 Greenbriar	\$120,000
13733 Hidden Pond	\$445,000
40114 Newport	\$142,000
40606 Newport	\$141,000
417 Pacific	\$237,000
1414 Sheridan	\$225,000
50464 Waterstone	\$318,000

### Redford

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25752 Beech	\$175,000
34855 John Hawk	\$165,000
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8898 Dale	\$135,000
20563 Delaware	\$90,000
24961 Elmira	\$135,000
10013 Farley	\$134,000
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7288 Floral	\$120,000
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6314 Glastonbury	\$180,000
38097 Greenwood	\$101,000
35018 Hazelwood	\$127,000
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1192 N Hanlon	\$120,000
2258 N Hix	\$97,000
35140 Nancy	\$148,000
32217 Oscoda	\$91,000
1731 Regene	\$141,000
8261 Roselawn	\$157,000
38048 Sherwood	\$86,000
1878 Steber	\$78,000

## MOVERS & SHAKERS

### New vice president

Dave Foess has been named vice president of sales for Real Estate One. In this role, Foess is responsible for promoting the company's Personal Perks program, heading national sales to corporations and organizations of its relocation management services offered through subsidiary Relocation America, and managing its the Home Services One division. Foess has been President of Relocation

America since 2000.

### Franklin promotion

Karen Stutzman has been promoted to vice president at the Franklin Property Corp. Stutzman, formerly a project manager for the company, has been with the firm for eight years and heads up the construction division.

### New hires

The architectural firm of Southfield-

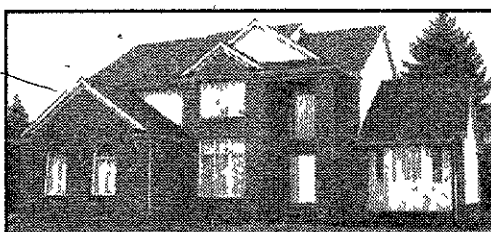
based Neumann/Smith has added to staffers. Patrick Kanary joins the firm as a project architect. He brings over 10 years of experience in the health care, educational, multi-unit housing and commercial office industries. He lives in Bloomfield Hills. Diane Zachary joins as an interior designer. She has more than 23 years experience in the corporate, financial, health care, educational and hospitality industries. She lives in Walled Lake.



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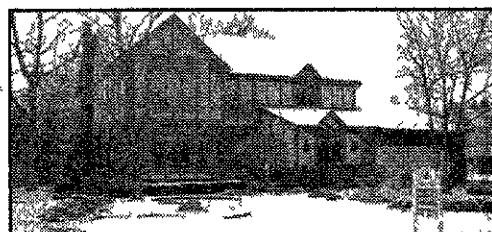
**CANTON CAPE COD.** 2 story great room w/fireplace. 1st flr library, 1st flr laundry, 1st flr master w/garden tub, walk-in shower, his-n-hers closets. Crisp white kitchen, cedar deck. 1,971 sq. ft. \$259,900 (25003541RIV) 248-324-3800



**FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT-STYLE BEAUTY.** Deep private lot. Soaring ceilings w/walls of glass bring nat. light & views! Rich original woodwork. Updated kit w/brand name appl copper backsplash, custom tile baths. Garden-level master w/private bath. \$188,000 (25021414BEN) 248-851-4400



**AFFORDABLE NEWER CONDO.** Desirable 1st floor master suite, Great room w/ 2 story cathedral ceiling, Bright white kitchen, appliances stay, 1st floor laundry, garage, basement. \$144,900 (24148860HUN) 248-324-3800



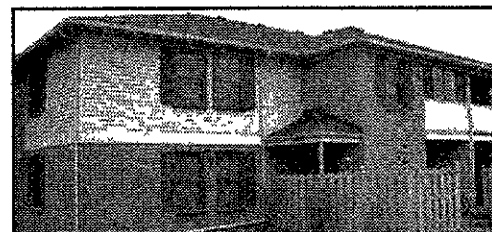
**FARMINGTON HILLS COLONIAL.** 3BR's, 3.5 baths, huge foyer opens to LR, DR & FR w/skylight & stone FP. 2 stairways lead to LL w/FP & kit. Luxurious master w/ bath & door to a private deck. \$474,900 (25004254LOW) 248-626-8700



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**JEWEL FARMINGTON HILLS CONDO.** Soaring ceiling lines. Dramatic 2 story fireplace. Lovely breakfast bay. Finished basement. Private courtyard. Neutral. Appliances. Garage. Pool, tennis ct. & walking trail. \$154,900 (24142347COU) 248-324-3800



**NORTHVILLE.** Ideal 2 bdrm, 2 bath upper, ranch end unit. Very clean & neutral. All appliances stay. Quiet location in complex, screened balcony, laundry rm in condo. Low assoc fees, new roof & new furnace. \$137,500 (24146755NOR) 248-324-3800



**CANTON.** Move right int Spotless throughout w/ the finest finishings. Hdwd flrs, granite kit, doorwalls to tiered decking. Huge fam rm w/ FP. Prof fin bsmt w/ full kit, fam rm & bath. 4 bdms, 3.5 baths. \$349,900 (24141918CHA) 248-324-3800



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**REDFORD.** Hard to find brick ranch! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, HW floors under carpet, pt. fin. bsmt. 2 car detached garage, fenced yard. Newer windows, furnace, air, humidifier, HWH, electrical. Walk to local park & elementary school! \$145,000 (25020774DEN) 248-651-8850



**REDFORD.** This updated home is a great starter. Updated kitchen, bath, roof, windows, furnace, c/a & more. Lots of storage on main floor, plus attic space. Fenced backyard w/ shed. Warranty. \$93,000 (25011047WIN) 248-324-3800

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# Home sales in the Portland area are defying a national decline

(AP) — The housing market may be cooling in some parts of the nation, but it shows no sign of slowing down in Oregon's largest city.

Robust levels of home construction, along with sales of existing dwellings in the Portland area, describe trends far more frenetic than chilly. Keeping the market hot, experts say, is an influx of newcomers to Oregon — many of them affluent.

"In-migration is significant right now," said Randy Sebastian, who owns Renaissance Development. "And it's not just anyone who's moving here. They're high-earning professionals who are able and ready to buy new homes."

At least 20,000 more people moved into the Portland area during the past year than moved out, said Barry Edmonston, director of Portland State University's Population Research Center.

Records based on out-of-

state driver's licenses surrendered by incoming residents to the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles indicate most new arrivals came from California, Washington, Arizona, Colorado and parts of the Midwest.

Most are of working age rather than retired.

"When the economy is very strong here, we get a pronounced influx of people accepting job transfers," Edmonston said. "But even when it isn't that strong, we still get a net inflow of at least several thousand people into the metro area alone."

Jim Chapman, president of Legend Homes in Tigard, said that the hot construction market has everything to do with low interest rates. The rates, despite the Federal Reserve's gradual increases in its benchmark federal funds rates since June, are dipping further. Fixed-rate 30-year mortgages fell to 5.66 percent last week, marking the fifth straight week

they've hovered near historic lows.

## NEWCOMERS

But newcomers are a significant part of the continuing Portland boom.

"It's a huge part of the market," he said. "We're getting new buyers from all over. The Denver area alone seems to have sent a bunch in the past few weeks."

Current residents are, for the most part, not among those rushing to buy new houses, Chapman said.

And new buyers are putting Legend Homes on a pace to chalk up 2005 as one of the best sales years in its 40-year history, Chapman said.

"Across all price ranges, I'm having a difficult time keeping inventory at most of our sites," he said. "It's just hot."

Last year saw a record number of home sales in the Portland area, according to RMLS, the primary regional real estate listing service. The

33,075 sale closures topped the next-closest year — 2003 with 31,013 sale closures. That figure outdistanced the 27,695 closures in 2002.

Renaissance Development's Sebastian is building houses around Wilsonville, West Linn, Sherwood, Beaverton, Southwest Portland, Southburn and Camas, Wash.

Last year was his best in the two decades he's been in the business, he said. From the looks of things so far this year, 2005 may be even better.

"Interest rates continue to be a big, big deal," Sebastian said. "That helps us because we're a move-up builder, not a starter builder. People have to be able to sell their existing house to be able to buy one of ours."

But, unlike even a year ago, he added, in-migration was increasingly popping up on his radar screen.

"A lot of people arriving from California just can't believe how less expensive the housing is up here," he said.

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### Home buyers seminar set

Learn how to work with Realtors, sellers and mortgage companies when shopping for your first home. A free seminar is scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 17. Sponsored by Victory Home Loans, 950 S. Old Woodward Ave. in Birmingham. Space is limited, so call 248-723-6400 to register.

### AGC names new directors

The Associated General Contractors (AGC), Greater Detroit Chapter has selected its 2005 board of directors. Elected were Odell Jones, III, president of JOMAR Building Company, as vice

chairman of the board for 2005; James J. Cole Jr., of Skanska USA Building, Inc. in Southfield was elected as its chairman. Serving with them is Paul E. Hatcher, of Oliver/Hatcher Construction Company as treasurer. The elections were held at the AGC's annual meeting at the Detroit Science Center on Jan. 19.

### Home builder class slated

Oakland Builders Institute is conducting a comprehensive, 16-hour seminar on how to build your own home. The seminars are set for two Sundays, March 13 and March 20, at the Best Western Concorde Inn in Rochester Hills. Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who wish to work with a builder, the two-day, 16 hour seminars will cover home financing, the building process, builder's terms and contracts as well as building codes and insurance requirements. Pre-registration with \$210 payment is required by March 10. For more information call (248) 651-2771.

## Addressing myths about manufactured housing

PRNewswire — A common misconception about manufactured homes is that since they are affordable, they are poorly constructed versions of site-built homes.

In reality, like site-built homes, manufactured homes are built with the same quality materials such as sturdy two-by-four or two-by-six construction, fiberglass insulation, vinyl siding, shingles, and energy efficient windows and doors.

Unlike site-built homes, manufactured homes are constructed to the federal Manufactured Home Construction Safety Standards

enforced by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This building code is similar to BOCA, CABO and the International Building Code that modular and site-built homes are built to, but has gone through progressive updates and improvements.

HUD regulates the home's design and construction, strength and durability, transportability, fire resistance, energy efficiency and quality control. It also sets tough performance standards for heating, plumbing, air-conditioning, thermal and electrical systems.

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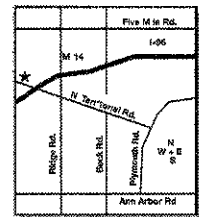
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**SUPER CUTE.** Plymouth bungalow with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Inviting entry, hardwood floors, coved ceilings, finished basement w/cozy fireplace, huge corner lot with a deck and many updates. \$209,900 (P-175GA)



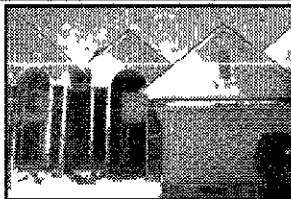
**HALF ACRE LOT.** Move right into this charming ranch with a new honey maple kitchen and newer bath. Over 1200 square feet on a prime half acre lot. Oversized garage and extra parking. A steal at only \$189,900 (P-045JO)



**A SHOWPLACE.** Lavishly landscaped lot, premium elevation, palatial window w/Romeo & Juliet balcony, great room w/volume ceiling, maple kit, finished basement, game room and more. Fabulous! \$455,000 (C-291LA)



**GORGEOUS CONDO.** Upper end unit with great room floor with a full basement, garage plan, Pergo floors, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, custom window treatments, balcony, appliances and a great location. Priced right at \$127,700 (P-533LI)



**SHARP CONDO.** Built in 2002 spotlessly clean and recently updated Canton condo. Freshly painted and carpeted, sparkling new baths, snappy updated kitchen, crown moldings and new roof & windows. Ideally located. \$119,900 (P-834NE)



**EXCELLENT PRICE.** On this spotlessly clean and recently updated Canton condo. Freshly painted and carpeted, sparkling new baths, snappy updated kitchen, crown moldings and new roof & windows. Ideally located. \$119,900 (P-834NE)



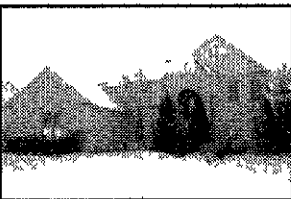
**55+ COMMUNITY.** 2 bedroom condo in excellent condition in a much sought after community. Private entry, basement, heated pool, clubhouse with many activities and outings. Many updates. \$139,900 (P-330NE)



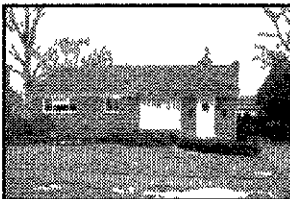
**SHAZAM!** Sure enough... 3 bedrooms. Add an updated kitchen w/pantry & nook, living room w/fireplace & den w/built ins plus a finished basement w/full bath & attached 2 car garage! Here it is... the perfect condo. \$239,900 (P-405PI)



**NATURE LOVERS, REJOICE!** Recreational opportunities abound in this awesome home on an oversized lot w/metro parks nearby. Quality details throughout, dramatic foyer, great room w/hardwood, island kitchen, extra deep fin. basement & pond views. \$319,900 (P-885PO)



**THE KEY TO HAPPINESS.** Unlocks the door to this breathtaking Pulte home. Private court locale, gourmet kit, hardwood floors, hearth room, a den — even a deck complete with a hot tub! Don't miss it. \$509,900 (P-469PU)



**BETTER HURRY!** These homes don't last. Totally remodeled Livonia home with hardwood floors, crown moldings, beautifully finished basement w/bar, huge garage, new kitchen & baths, vinyl windows. \$209,900 (P-636WE)



**SHOWCASE HOME.** Stunning Woodlore home on a premium lot built in '99. Formal living areas, huge kitchen w/isle & built ins, walk out basement, brick pavers, a sumptuous master and 3 car garage. Superb. \$469,900 (P-020WO)



**TRANQUIL SETTING.** Three bedroom condo with 2.5 baths close to downtown Plymouth. Deck overlooking tall Pines, updated kitchen, new windows & doorwall, 2 story entry and don't forget the pool and clubhouse. \$199,900 (P-462WO)



**BEST BUY.** Garden City Ranch with 3 bedrooms, formal dining, family room w/frplc, appliances, newer windows & doorwall, new carpet and décor, 2.5 car garage and a large floor plan. \$159,900 (C-330AL)



**SUPER SHARP & UNIQUE.** Multi level condo in Novi. Master w/WIC & balcony. Dining room w/mirrored wall overlooking the living room w/ fireplace. White kitchen w/appliances, finished basement, deck & attached garage. \$174,900 (P-479CO)



**BEAUTIFUL VIEW.** Upgraded Oxford model in popular Canton sub surrounded by a 16 acre nature preserve. Many upgrades — circular stairway, hardwood & ceramic, side entry garage, fireplace & cherry kitchen. \$324,999 (C-859DO)



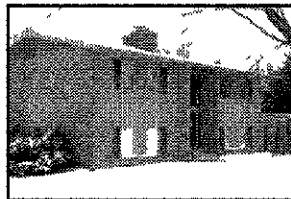
**LIKE NEW.** Enhanced Charleston model! Cherry kitchen & stainless appliances, soaring ceilings, master w/cathedral ceiling, walk in closet & his and her seated enclosed shower. Much more. \$189,000 (C-934NO)



**LIVONIA SCHOOLS!** 3 beds and 1140 square feet. Remodeled kitchen with Pergo floor, new water heater & Berber dishwasher, freshly painted w/neutral décor, open floor plan, 1st floor laundry, and a large lot! \$133,900 (C-400FL)



**NATURE IS YOUR NEIGHBOR.** Pleasant brick colonial on a large private lot. Formal dining, hardwood floors and Berber carpet. Bright kitchen and great location with Northville schools make this an outstanding value. \$269,900 (P-174EM)



**BRIGHTON CONTEMPORARY.** Beautiful open floor plan, 4 beds/2.5 baths, vaulted ceilings and lots of windows. Kitchen w/Pergo floor, 3-car garage and private lake access w/beach. Priced under appraisal at \$249,900 (C-081GR)



**IT'S PERFECT!** Situated on 1.35 acres this 1999 built ranch offers 4 bdrms & 3ba. Brand new Cherry/Oak kitchen w/appliances, Pergo & ceramic floors, 2 masters! Bay windows & 3 car garage. \$239,900 (C-460KA)



**SPECTACULAR VALUE.** Perfectly situated estate with over 5000 sq. ft. of pure beauty and insightful design. Dual staircases, 3 fireplaces, extensive landscaping & all the luxuries you deserve. Just over an acre on a privately owned wooded park. \$912,500 (P-840VA)



**IMMACULATE CONDO.** Enjoy the luxury of a full basement, hardwood floors, neutral carpet, fresh paint, skylights, patio & private entry not to mention the open floor plan & award winning schools. \$142,900 (C-99ARB)



**GOLF COURSE VIEW.** 3 bedroom ranch on a large lot with a park-like setting. Garage and carport, finished LL, luxury bath, updated kitchen, family rm. w/wood burning stove and a lrg. Yard with a pond. \$149,900 (C-180FI)



**LOCATION? WE HAVE IT!** Northville end unit with 2 beds, 2.5 baths built in '01. Soaring ceilings, spacious living w/dual sided fireplace, neutral décor, maple kitchen, attached garage, upgraded carpet & light fixtures. Appliances remain. \$229,900 (P-424SP)



**BRICK CAPE COD.** Within walking distance to downtown. Home has been prof. painted t.o. Both baths have been updated to perfection. 4 bds w/hwd flrs. Good size LR, formal DR, FR, updt'd Kit w/granite c-tops & Pergo floor. Beautiful fenced yard & 2 car garage. \$319,900 (P-402AN)



**NOVI CONDO.** Sharp 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo offering ceramic & hardwood floors, crown moldings, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, cedar deck, partially finished basement w/workout room & plumbed for a bath, plus an attached 2 car garage. \$224,900 (P-363CO)



**SUPER SHARP COLONIAL.** 4 beds, 2.5 baths & large floor plan. First floor laundry, formal dining, family w/fireplace, wet bar and doorwall to deck. Appliances stay. Finished basement, attached garage & immediate occupancy. \$234,900 (C-773ST)

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**CANTON** \$224,900

Colonial with 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath and eye catching staircase. Newly updated kitchen. Natural fireplace, hearth and door wall to large fenced yard off family room. Home warranty included. (OESLY34DER) 248-437-4500

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Spacious LR w/nat FP &amp; lg pic wndw overlooking Levagood Park Updates inc roof(02), furn(04), driveway, vanity w/Conan ontr, new Berber crot upstairs, newer fir in 1/2 bath. HDWD flrs under LR, DR &amp; main flr BR's (OEP14DEN) 734-453-6800

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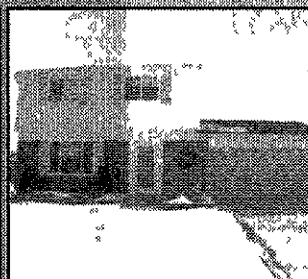
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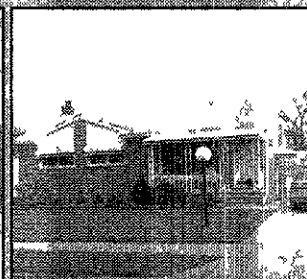
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Great 3 bedroom bungalow w/full basement Separate dining room Huge master bedroom All A/C windows cooling stay Newer Wallside windows 12/03 All appliances stay Cute home very neutral Imm possession available (OESLY54PIN) 248-437-4500

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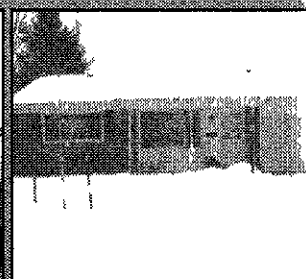
Wow! Great family home great lot and curb appeal galore! Newer roof furnace air H2O heater and gutter helmets Excellent location! Partially finished basement with boss-ble 4th bedroom (OESLY61GLE) 248 437 4500

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Spacious &amp; neutral 1BR 1st flr unit w/updated kitchen includes all app, in-unit Indry w/washer &amp; dryer. Formal dining area &amp; LR w/doorwall to patio Huge mstr suite w/direct access to bath &amp; WIC, 2nd closet &amp; vanity (OEP02ANN) 734-453-6800

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**NEW HUDSON** \$229,000

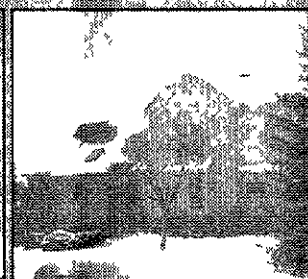
Pella windows 96% Furn Recassed &amp; indirect lighting in great rm Ceramic fl in kit &amp; DR Merrill cabinets. Separate shower/tub in master 6 panel doors, wood blinds 2 car gar w/2car sized workshop attached &amp; 2nd fl. (OESLY57CAS) 248-437-4500

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Wow! All sports lake privileges on Whitmore Lake on quiet dead end street! Brick paver patio for entertaining w/large lot w/sprinklers Spotless w/motivated sellers (OESLY30HOR) 248-437-4500

**NORTHVILLE** \$799,900

Immed. Occupancy! Exciting New Dynasty Bldg Co Floorplan W/9 ceilings On 1st Fl, huge Kit &amp; Hearth Rm W/custom Cabinets W/granite Counters, extensive Use Of Hardwood Floors, 3.5 Car Garage, urfin W/ 0.2-story Foyer (OEN28MER) 248-347-3050

**NORTHVILLE** \$344,900

Totally Custom W/top Of The Line T/o Immediate Occupancy! Backs To Commons W/trees For Privacy, huge Deck, 1st Fl Laundry W/custom Cabinets, euro Custom Cabinets T/o Note Gourmet Kit W/putl Outs. (OEN08STL) 248-347-3050

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2-beds, 1.5 baths Country Like Setting On .38 Of An Acre. Prime Property For Expansion. Open &amp; Airy Home Great Room W/vaulted Ceilings &amp; 2 Skylights Kitchen Remodeled &amp; Bath has been Updated, Wallside Windows Hurry! (OEL80PAR) 734-591-0333

**PLYMOUTH** \$339,900

Dwntwn brick tudor w/refinished HW flrs, coved dnrgs, plstr walls w/modern updates: newer roof, new siding &amp; gutters, neutral paint, baths, kit cabs, fir, cntrs &amp; ceramic tile. New cprt in tin basement. Move right in! (OEP50ANN) 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH** \$269,900

Trailwbd quad-level. Spacious kit-nook. Family room w/fireplace. Formal dining room. Beautiful maple floors in foyer &amp; kitchen. Freshly painted. Newer carpet in bedrooms CA Prof landscaped w/lots of trees: (OEP10SHE) 734-453-6800

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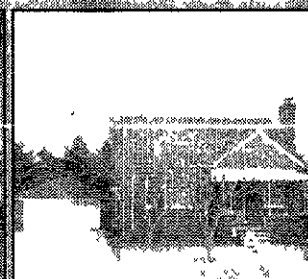
2 bks to dwntwn Plymouth on quiet street! Seller will assist w/land contract, newer drywall, electricity, baths, kit, furn &amp; air. Needs new roof! Zoned for office use w/value in land. See MLS#24069732. Fenced yard! (OEP80DEE) 734-453-6800

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Lovely Brck Bungalow- Lrg LR W Nat FP W/Oak Mantel Exposed HW- Lr- Dr- Mstr Bed Carpet 2 First Floor Br- Updated Baths- Mstr Br W/ 1/2 Bath- Lrg Dr-New Furn- Full Bsmt- Most Appliances Xtra Large Lot. (OEL90LYN) 734-591-0333

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**ROMULUS** \$123,750

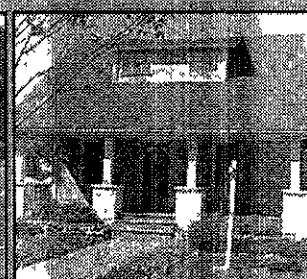
3BR ranch w/new kit cbnts, cntrs, Pergo fir, micro stove, fridge, washer &amp; dryer Lg LR w/rrp, new cprt v/o, 6 panel drs, new lighting &amp; hardware, vinyl wndws, New fir, toilet, sink &amp; vanity in bath. New ext siding (OEP14SID) 734-453-6800

**SALEM** \$479,900

4BR, 2.1BA home on priv 2.15 acre. Gmmt kit-nook w/HDDWD flrs &amp; sitting rm 1st flr mstr ste w/washon bath Covered porch wraps 3/4 way round house 3 car side-entry garage w/12 x 16 storage room in attic or garage. (OEP89GEN) 734-453-6800

**SALEM** \$229,900

3 bedroom ranch on 2.56 acres, two 2 car garages, Walkout w/daylight windows. Newer furnace - Lennox - newer air, H2O heater, newer elec Priced to sell (OESLY70ANG) 248-437-4500

**SOUTH LYON** \$173,900

Super kit w/ceramic floor and rough sawn pine walls; fireplace in fam rm, hrdwd under LR carpet Downstairs bdr used as den. Many updated, most windows, furnace, AC, deck and extra wide yard w/ fenced dog run. (OESLY004SO) 248-437-4500

**SOUTHFIELD** \$150,000

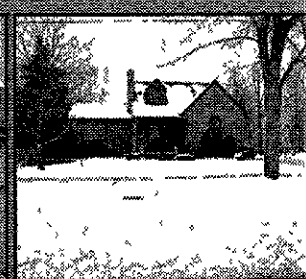
1993 Ranch W/ Brick Paver Walk &amp; Deck To Fenced Yard. Furn - 00, A/C, 99, Newer Hwh, Stove, Wash, Dry &amp; Gar Door, Newer Oak Kit Bath W/ Dbl Sinks Hwd Flrs In LR, DR &amp; Hall Kit Applincs. Wash &amp; Dry Staying. (OEL94BER) 734-591-0333

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**WESTLAND** \$135,000

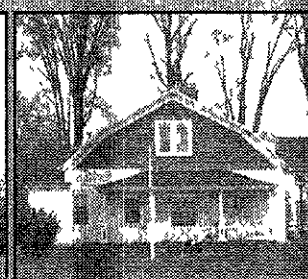
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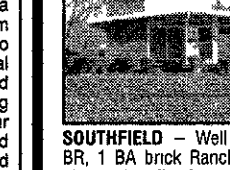
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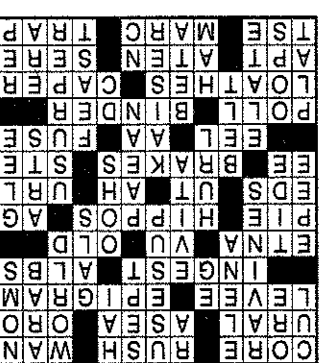
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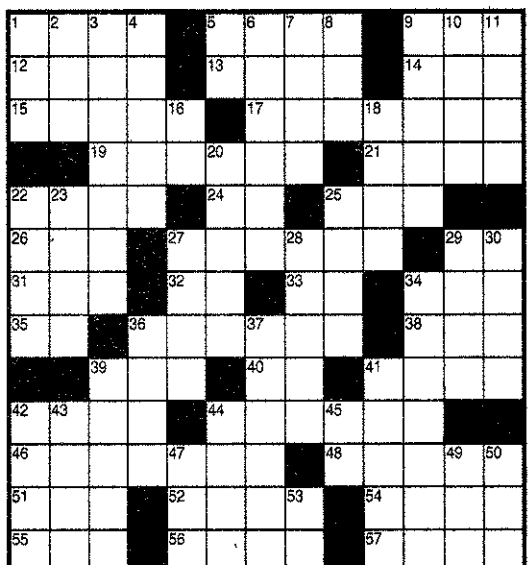
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Spacious living room,  
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Finished bsmt w/bar  
Oversized 2.5 car garage,  
\$159,900.

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3 bedroom brick ranch with  
2 full baths, finished bsmt  
w/wet bar, 1.5 car garage,  
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bath, beautiful kitchen with  
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wood floors Deck off dining  
area, great room with gas  
fireplace, 11x30 finished  
bonus room over 2 car  
attached garage and full bsmt!  
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Subdivision! Large kitchen  
overlooking breakfast nook  
and great room Gas fireplace,  
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Highland 3210

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## SHIPPING/RECEIVING AND PRODUCTION

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## WAREHOUSE PERSON

Must have experience with lift truck Some administrative office work Some typing Background check will be done on all candidates. Westland location Call for appt 1-800-228-7253

## Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020

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## BOOKKEEPER

Part time, for Southfield company 12-15 hrs/week, flexible schedule. Fax resume to (248) 353-5013.

## CLERICAL - GROWING FARMINGTON HILLS OFFICE

seeking friendly person with good organizational skills, 32 hrs per week. Duties include phone, general office, inventory & goods in transit. Fax resume to Cory 248-473-2114 or call 248-473-2100

## CLIENT SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

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## Help Wanted-Office Clerical 6020

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Exp Needed for small professional business Computer skills needed. Prefer college education interested in history & current events Fax resume to (734) 425-7755

## GENERAL OFFICE

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## LEGAL SECRETARY &amp; PARALEGAL

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Small law firm seeking Legal Secretary who can multi-task at answering phones, typing dictation, noticing depositions, scheduling appts, etc., etc., to work for 2 attorneys on a split schedule Must be computer literate & type 60 wpm Needles exp a plus Send resumes to: Gittleman & Pascal, P.C., 24472 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48075, attn Sherry

## NOVI HEALTH AGENCY SEeks UNDERWRITER

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## OFFICE ASSISTANT

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## RECEPTIONIST

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## RECEPTIONIST/LOAN OFFICER

For Birmingham Mortgage Co Call: 248-203-9933

## Receptionist/Clerical

Livonia company seeks full time receptionist/clerical person to answer phones and input data in spreadsheet and databases. Knowledge of Word and Excel a must Bookkeeping and accounting background helpful Good benefits & competitive salary for position. Fax resume to Attn HR (734) 266-6400.

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## DENTAL ASSISTANT

With experience wanted, long term, for friendly Garden City Family Practice Full time, Please call (734) 422-5480

## DENTAL ASSISTANT

Full/Part-Time. Exp needed Fax resume: 248-356-2568 or call 248-356-5521

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## DENTAL HYGIENIST

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## DENTAL OFFICE MANAGER

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## ANALYST

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## CHARGE NURSE

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## EEG TECHNICIAN Part-Time

Needed in Taylor. Email resume: pr@netgel.com

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## MEDICAL ASSISTANT PART TIME

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## Help Wanted-Medical 6060

## MEDICAL ASSISTANT

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## MEDICAL ASSISTANT

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## MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Full time experienced for established busy pediatrics office in Farmington Hills Competitive salary & benefits Fax resume to 248-203-0093

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## MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

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## MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

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## MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST/ASSISTANT

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## OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIAN IMMEDIATE OPENING

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## PHYSICAL THERAPY TECHNICIAN

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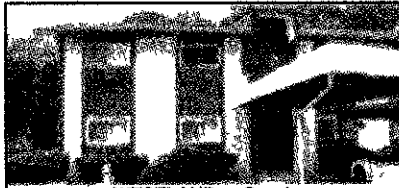
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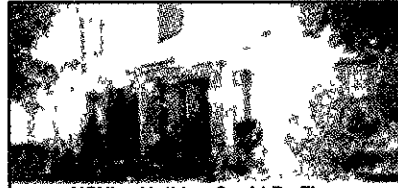
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2 BR ranch remodeled in 2001. 2 full baths, newer vinyl windows, roof, furnace, hot water heater, carpeting, steel entry door. Newer white kitchen cabinets. Appliances stay. Come take a look at the possibilities (E59PEN) 248-349-5600 \$174,900



**COMMERCE Lovely Home**  
You'll love coming home to this beauty. Elegant 3 bedroom 2.5 bath w/first floor MBR & first floor laundry. Stainless steel appliances. Large yard w/prof landscaping. Frplc in LR, 2 car gar & full bsmt (E65COM) 248-349-5600 \$298,000



**WAYNE Move Right In!**  
Extensively updated 2 bedroom ranch w/newer vinyl siding, doors, furnace & C/A. Newer appliances included. New windows with marble sills in '04. Hardwood floors & garage (E96WIN) 734-455-5600 \$94,900



**NOVI Enjoy The Tranquility**  
In this lovely 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse w/spectacular view of pond from the patio or every room. 1st class finished basement, beautiful kitchen with hardwood floor (E03PON) 734-455-5600 \$185,000



**DEARBORN Stunning Dearborn Hills Colonial**  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath w/huge family room overlooking extra deep private yard! 2 car garage, updated kitchen & bath. New vinyl windows & carpet 11/04. Hardwood floors in LR/DR. Walk to area golf course (E35MOH) 734-455-5600 \$282,900



**LIVONIA Open & Bright**  
The open floor plan & finished basement make this 3 bedroom ranch w/2 car attached garage a great home. Updates inside & out. Appliances & home warranty included (E85NOR) 248-349-5600 \$184,900



**DEARBORN HGTS. Like New Ranch**  
Must see this updated 3 bedroom ranch w/newer Pergo floors, kitchen, HWH, appliances, siding, gutters, paint. Newer roof, bath, vinyl windows. Detached garage and great location (E74CLI) 248-349-5600 \$119,900



**SUMPTER TWP. Your Wait Is Over**  
This is the house w/3 bedrooms, newer hardwood floors in family room & foyer, newer furnace, Wallside windows, updated bath, cabs, Moon faucets. All this sitting on approximately 3.7 acres (E60WIL) 734-455-5600 \$249,900



**DEARBORN Facing Beautiful Woods**  
1 bedroom, 1 bath condo in high rise with newer carpet in living room and bedroom. Freshly painted throughout. Lots of storage space (E00GAR) 734-455-5600 \$68,000



**BELLEVILLE All Sport Lake Living**  
2 bedroom, 2 full bath home on Belleville Lake offers garage, updated kitchen & baths, upstairs deck off master bedroom w/whirlpool tub. Newer vinyl windows (E95POT) 734-455-5600 \$247,900



**NOVI Entertain In Style**  
Elegant 4 bedroom, 2.2 bath colonial w/formal LR & DR, open floor plan w/island kitchen open to family room w/rfprc, den, prof finished LL, first floor laundry, sidewalks in sub & Novi schools (E11MUL) 248-349-5600 \$448,000



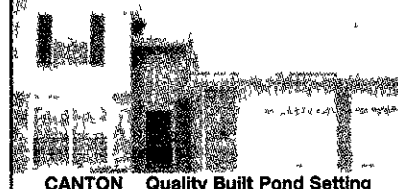
**WEST BLOOMFIELD Meticulously Kept**  
Spectacular - one of the best "premium" lots in Chelsea Park. Formal living room & dining room, 3 story family room w/whiro way fireplace. 4 rooms delight kitchen. Grand master suite, princess suite and Jack & Jill bath (E43CHE) 248-349-5600 \$710,000



**GARDEN CITY Move Right In!**  
To this recently remodeled brick ranch. New tear off roof this March. Newer furnace, updated electric, copper plumbing & windows. Finished basement w/5 bath. Newer kitchen, hardwood floors & fresh paint (E68LEO) 734-455-5600 \$154,900



**CANTON Great Townhouse Condo**  
2 bedrooms with 1.5 baths. Crisp & clean, freshly painted. Low traffic area, updates in kitchen & 5 bath. Nice bay window in dining room w/built-in seat. 2 skylights, brick paver patio, basement & apps stay (E79ARB) 734-455-5600 \$137,000



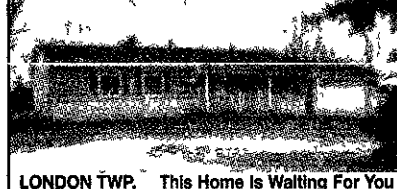
**CANTON Quality Built Pond Setting**  
A winning combination. Premium lot overlooking pond, master suite w/Jacuzzi tub, WIC, 2 story foyer, maple kitchen, FFL, deck, 2 car full basement. Very private golf course. Custom pool & clubhouse (E27HOG) 734-455-5600 \$234,800



**LIVONIA Welcome Home To Rosedale Gardens**  
3 bedroom ranch w/2 car garage finished basement w/rfprc, being sold by its original owner. Experience living in Livonia w/new rec center along w/approx 1,342 acres of park land including 46 developed parks (E28MAY) 248-349-5600 \$165,900



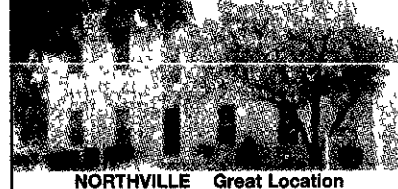
**NOVI Immaculate Colonial**  
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home w/updated kitchen, brookscap patio. Newer windows, garage door & sprinkler. Natural fireplace, park-like backyard. Walk to schools & historical downtown. One year warranty (E81CEN) 248-349-5600 \$324,900



**LONDON TWP. This Home Is Waiting For You**  
3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, updated hickory kitchen, doorwall in dining room to deck, new roof in '04, 2 car attached garage, hardwood floors & some appliances stay. All this sitting on approximately 12 acres (E08PLA) 734-455-5600 \$279,900



**MELVINDALE Adorable Brick Bungalow**  
3 bedrooms w/extra den, C/A, newer vinyl windows, finished basement, freshly painted, hardwood floors, 1.5 car garage w/opener. Fenced yard. Close to all amenities. Home warranty included. Call Now! (E81RUT) 734-455-5600 \$129,900



**NORTHVILLE Great Location**  
4 BR colonial within walking distance of downtown. 2.5 car garage, FR w/rfprc, C/A, partially finished basement, beautiful landscaped yard. Home has great curb appeal. Many newer updates (E47WES) 248-349-5600 \$284,900



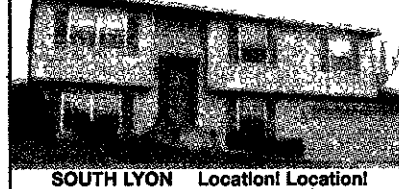
**WESTLAND Prime Location**  
Close to shopping & restaurants - yet quiet little neighborhood. Big backyard. 3 BR, 2 BA brick ranch w/basement & garage. Seller's replaced roof, windows, furn, C/A, HWH & plumbing. Florida room, hndw frs (E02KEN) 248-349-5600 \$159,900



**COMMERCE Extreme Quality**  
New construction 3 Br, 2.5 BA ranch w/rfprc in Gr. Extra deep basement w/daylight windows - plumbed for add'l bath, cathedral ceilings, ceramic and hardwood. First floor laundry. All on approximately 1 acre. 4 car garage (E45CAR) 248-349-5600 \$314,900



**PLYMOUTH Fabulous Yet Casual**  
Close to downtown Plymouth, this top floor condo features 2 skylights, bay window, 1st floor laundry w/skylight, w/d. Kitchen has oak cabinets. Seller is offering \$1000 decor allowance. Truly worth viewing! (E11PIN) 734-455-5600 \$130,000



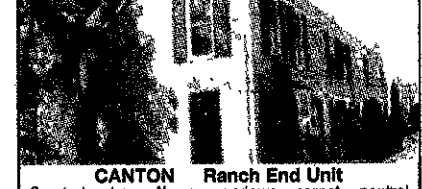
**SOUTH LYON Location! Location!**  
Pretty treed setting on large corner lot! Clean neutral decor for 4 bedroom, 2 bath bi-level. Newer hardwood floors in LR & DR. Kitchen w/corstone, Apple, LL, walkout w/gas fireplace & storage, 2 car att garage (E74PEP) 734-455-5600 \$224,900



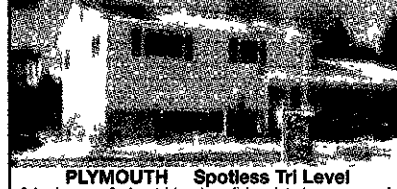
**DEARBORN Brick Colonial**  
Updated and shining all brick 3 BR, 1.5 BA home w/new windows, floors, paint and carpet in 2004. Breakfast room & formal dining room. Near Ford Headquarters & shopping. Well built and updated (E16WES) 248-349-5600 \$174,816



**WAYNE Updates Galore - Must See**  
Numerous updates in this charming 3 bedroom bungalow including kitchen, bath, carpet, windows, HWH, driveway, paint & more. Finished basement, 2 car garage. Close to comm ctr. Immed Occup (E60JOH) 248-349-5600 \$132,900



**CANTON Ranch End Unit**  
Great location. Newer windows, carpet, neutral throughout. Spacious living room, children's play area. Plymouth Canton schools. Viny pay rent, when you can own. A must see (E38ORC) 248-349-5600 \$98,000



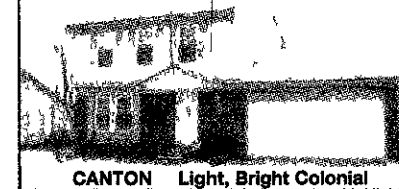
**PLYMOUTH Spotless Tri Level**  
3 bedrooms & den tri level, well insulated, newer roof, gutters and downspouts, 1 car attached garage w/opener, 13x13 patio, hardwood floors, all appliances stay except microwave (E11HIN) 734-455-5600 \$199,900



**WESTLAND Charming Townhouse**  
Offers 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath full basement, attached garage, newer kitchen floor, light oak cabinets & some newer appliances. Master suite w/bath. Custom woodwork & window treatments. Large deck (E13HUN) 734-455-5600 \$161,900



**COMMERCE TWP. To Be Built**  
Amazing community, only 4 sites available. Live in Hidden Paradise. Canal front and island views, nature everywhere w/pace and relaxation. Use our floor plan or we can design your own. Minimum sq ft required (E01SER) 248-349-5600 \$549,900



**CANTON Light, Bright Colonial**  
An open flowing floor plan w/windows galore highlights this 3 bedroom colonial. Updated kitchen, family room w/natural fireplace, finished lower level, patio and deck for entertaining (E82HER) 248-349-5600 \$204,900



**NORTHVILLE Walking Distance To Town**  
Contemporary condo w/many upgrades. Hardwood floors, heated floor in master bath. Large WIC, finished LL w/O. Two large bedrooms, 2 car attached garage on a wooded setting. All appliances. Large deck off DR (E00MOU) 248-349-5600 \$329,000



**LIVONIA Rosedale Gardens**  
3 bedroom brick colonial w/old world workmanship, plaster walls, coved ceilings, hardwood floors. Updates include windows, HWH & electric, 2 car garage and home warranty (E04BER) 734-455-5600 \$198,500



**WEBSTER TWP. Unique Country Home**  
Custom built 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial on approx 2 acres w/2 car attached & 3 car detached garage, basement, wrap-around porch, above ground pool w/decking, large kitchen & dining room + appliances (E42RYA) 734-455-5600 \$355,000



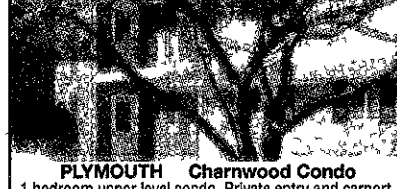
**NORTHVILLE Colonial**  
Updated 4 BR, 1.5 BA home on beautiful treed lot. Fresh paint, newer carpets and windows T/O. Two new doorways '02. Large master bedroom w/walk-in closet. Close to expressways, schools and shopping. Warranty (E49SCE) 248-349-5600 \$289,000



**GREEN OAK Quiet Country Setting**  
3 bedroom home on approx 2.54 acres w/woods at rear. Upper & lower decks. Spacious kit w/pickled cabs. Open floor plan, skylights, GR w/natural fireplace, heated garage, pool & hot tub. South Lyon schools (E50EIG) 248-349-5600 \$279,900



**LIVONIA Only The Best Here**  
This outstanding 2-story 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home was built in 2001 & shines top to bottom. Loaded w/upgrades - premium flooring, cherry cabinets, Corian counters, cust window treatment and more (E60FAR) 248-349-5600 \$244,900



**PLYMOUTH Charming Condo**  
1 bedroom upper level condo. Private entry and carport in-unit laundry, storage unit, C/A, ceiling fans, ceramic floor and major appliances. Very well maintained! (E70PLY) 734-455-5600 \$95,900



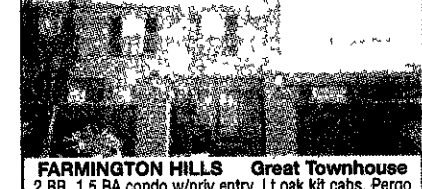
**BROWNSTOWN Wonderful Newer Home**  
3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch built in 2003 offers 2 car attached garage, full basement, ceramic floors, skylight, master bedroom w/WIC, 1st floor laundry, great room w/gas fireplace (E06JUN) 734-455-5600 \$189,900



**SOUTH LYON Great Golf Community**  
4 BR, 2.5 BA former builders model. Numerous upgrades. Neutral decor. Crown & chair molding, large MBR, professionally landscaped, brick paver & walkway. 3 car heated garage. 1 year warranty (E02ROY) 248-349-5600 \$499,000



**LYON TOWNSHIP Country Near The City**  
An open floor plan with large rooms for family living. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch w/partially finished LL has many, many updates and is well cared for. Lovely screened porch w/hot tub off of great room (E00CUR) 248-349-5600 \$291,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS Great Townhouse**  
2 BR, 1.5 BA condo w/priv entry. Lt oak kit cabs. Pergo fir in kit & 5 BA '03, neut Berber T/O new '03, all wndw treatmt new '04, most light newer roof & bath skylight '03, frplc in LR, tin bsmt, gar, courtyard w/deck (E23COU) 248-349-5600 \$167,900



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**ORION TWP** 248-348-6430  
FABULOUS RANCH ON MORGAN LK. Breathtaking view of lake. Beautiful ranch on 1.5 acre Morgan Lk. MBR w/grdn bath jacuzzi, new deck, furn, C/A, eng septic field & water softener. 349-6200 (2500904) \$488,900



**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
UPGRADES GALORE! This lovely colonial is turn key. 4 BR, 3 BA, 2 lavs. Fmrl LR, DR, library. Fabulous kit w/cherry cabs, island & pantry. (23L427) \$469,900



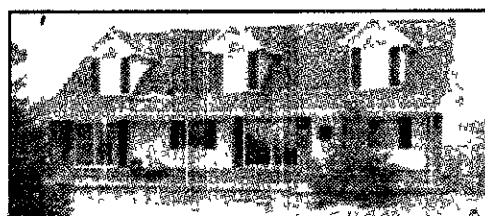
**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
Fabulous location! Wonderful ranch on cul-de-sac, backing to commons/pond. New wndws & roof. 3 lg BRs, ceramic baths, GR w/vaulted ceiling/doorwall to deck. Lg bsmt, att gar. 349-6200 (25017244) \$260,000



**LIVONIA** 248-348-6430  
WELCOMING SPACIOUS RANCH Over 2060 SF w/3 BR, 2.5 BA, kit, DR, FR w/FP & mstr w/BA & WIC. Full fin bsmt. Fenced yard w/cement patio, gar & shed. Numerous recent updates! 349-6200 (25016599) \$337,500



**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
PICTURESQUE LOT Home w/charm, delightful kit, warm & inviting FR, lovely DR w/hdwd flr, 4 BR, fin'd bsmt w/a great entertainment center. Projection TV & surround sound. 349-6200 (24157780) \$329,900



**DEARBORN** 734-326-2000  
QUALITY BUILT BUILDER'S HOME! 1st flr MBR & mstr bath. 1st flr Indry. 3/4 acre lot in private fenced yard. 4 car plus gar. Finished bsmt. 4 BR/3 full & 1 1/2 bath over 2400 SF. (1630) \$324,999



**WESTLAND** 734-591-9200  
Distinctive & artfully elegant 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath brick ranch. Gourmet kitchen, great room, library with French doors. Professionally fin'd basement. Overlooking Anthony's Pond. (25014215) \$324,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS** 734-591-9200  
4 BR, 2.5 BA brick Colonial. Lrg eat-in kit, formal DR, library w/custom dual work station & solid cherry shelving. Mstr w/BA & WIC, fin bsmt, tiered deck. 50 AC commons w/tennis, & more. (24098383) \$314,990



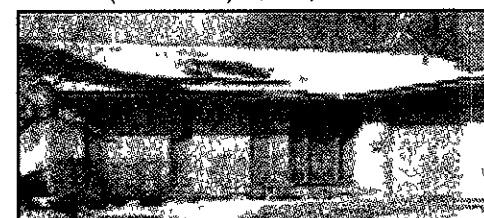
**NOVI** 248-349-6200  
0.5 ACRE, NORTHVILLE SCHOOLS Peaceful park-like corner lot w/circle drive! Comfortable spacious sun-lit home w/full bsmt. FR w/FP, 2 car att gar and prvt landscaped deck. 348-6430. (24121310) \$299,900



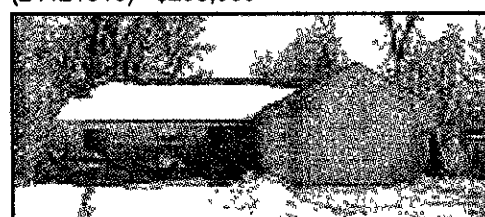
**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
ONE LOOK AND YOU WILL SAY SOLD! Sumptuous ranch-go a head pamper yourself! Fin bsmt w/wet bar, theater rm, exercise rm w/equipment incld hot tub in bath. Home office-the list goes on! (23G45300) \$289,900



**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



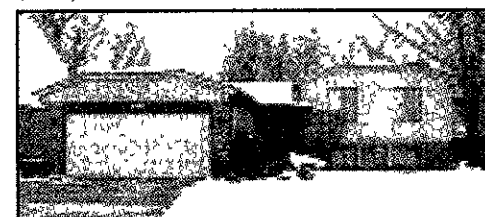
**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Welcome to this open floor plan 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,471 SF brick ranch. Hardwood floors T/O, 2 car att garage, basement & a lot of updates. Visit [www.samsellshouses.com](http://www.samsellshouses.com) (25015848) \$249,900



**LIVONIA** 248-349-6200  
1500 SF MAINTENANCE FREE RANCH Walk into this brick and vinyl ranch and see a nat'l flpc surrounded by marble in a spac FR. Light kit w/dining area. 3 BR, 2.5 bath. Complete this flr plan. 348-6430 (25012473) \$249,900



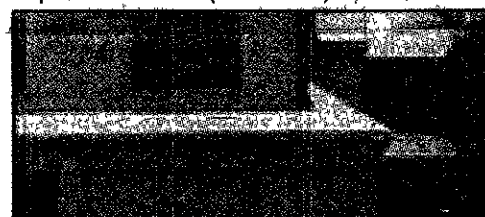
**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6430  
NICE CLEAN & PRVT CONDO. Prvt southern view from this grt ranch condo. Lrg w/cath ceil, nice kit, formal DR w/nice sliding door to deck, 2 car att gar & walk to common pool. 349-6200 (24064761) \$238,500



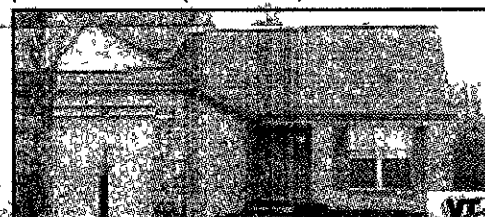
**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
COMFORT AND SPACE Open floor plan, lg kitchen, 2 full baths, family rm w/gas fireplace Master has WIC and direct access to main bath. 1st flr laundry. 2.5 car garage. Immed occupancy. (23S727) \$221,900



**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



**CANTON** 734-591-9200  
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. Great room 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** 248-348-6430  
HUNTERS GROVE CONDO WITH COURT LOCATION! Well maintained end unit w/neutral decor. GR w/vaulted ceiling & gas FP. Huge lot/BR. Bright kit. All appl's included. 349-6200 (25019266) \$159,900



**GARDEN CITY** 734-326-2000  
THE END OF THE RAINBOW is here in this 3 bedroom brick Garden City ranch with full basement, 2 full baths, 24x25 garage, C/A, and remodeled kitchen and baths. (H636) \$154,900



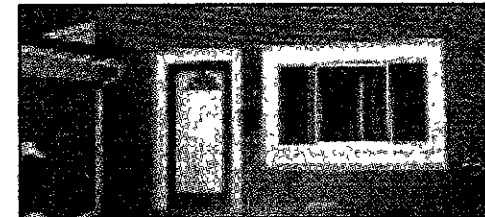
**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
What a nice house! 3 BR, 1.5 BA loaded w/updates. Formal DR. Great room sizes. Finished basement w/wet bar & family room. Large patio, nice landscape w/privacy fence. (24120771) \$139,900



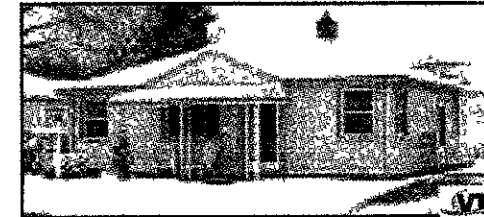
**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
3 BEDROOM BUNGALOW Home features 3 large bedrooms, newer siding, roof, front door, & deck. Some hardwood floors. Shows well. Nice 2+ garage & fenced lot. Ready to move into. (M357) \$119,900



**NOVI** 734-455-7000  
OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING! Two BR condo w/bsmt, 1.5 bath, Novi schools. Seller offered concessions to buyer. Immediate occupancy. Small family room leads to private patio. (23O24643) \$119,643



**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION Currently being converted from Co-op to condo. Livonia schools. 2 bedrooms, fin bsmt, hardwood floors, doorwall to patio, C/A. (M291) \$109,900



**DEARBORN** 734-591-9200  
Cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch. New roof '04'. Remodeled bath '00'. Newer carpet since '03'. Newly insulated & sided in '01'. Kitchen updated in '99'. Fresh Paint & lots more. (25015185) \$107,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
LUXURY Amazing views from this many windowed condo home in Central Park of Canton. Highly upgraded in every way. Tennis courts, pool & clubhouse. (23V47547) 25018818 \$334,475

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
OUTSTANDING SPACIOUS COLONIAL! 3 BR, 1.5 BA, numerous updates. Bsmt 90% fin'd w/new ceramic shower. Beautiful exterior & interior. One show will sell! (23V1463) \$234,900

**CANTON** 248-348-6430  
GREAT RANCH IN FELLOWS CREEK SUB! Cul-de-sac. 3 BR, 1.5 BA! Kit updated w/oak cabs, solid surface counters. Full unfin bsmt. Great deck off FR. 349-6200. (25003127) \$189,900

**DEARBORN** 734-455-7000  
Gorgeous condo. Many nice upgrades. Mstr ste is on a flr of its own w/walk in closet & BA. DR & LR feature cozy 3 sided gas FP. Balcony off kit. Make appt today. (23S4305) 24119734 \$157,000

**DEARBORN** 734-326-2000  
COMPACT & CUTE IS THIS 3 BR bungalow with formal DR, gar, newer windows & roof shingles, hdwd flrs, kit appl's. (K642) 24126078 \$109,900

**DEARBORN** 734-326-2000  
GREAT INVESTMENT Cozy ranch needs some TLC. 2 BRs, open floor plan, full bsmt. Could be a profitable investment. (L311) 25009879 \$94,900

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-455-7000  
Cute/cozy ranch on prvt ct, near schools. Priced to sell. Good sized rms. Great location for first time buyers, handicapped, down-sizers, or just one or two folks. (23E25585) 25000547 \$140,000

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-591-9200  
Extremely well maintained 3 BR, 1,094 SF, updated brick ranch. Fin'd bsmt w/wet bar & 1.5 car gar. All appl's stay. A must see! Visit [www.samsellshouses.com](http://www.samsellshouses.com) (25012225) \$139,900

**FARMINGTON HILLS** 248-349-6200  
LIVE IN THE CITY W/A COUNTRY FEEL Totally rebuilt in '98'. Extra wide oak staircase, 1st flr mstr BR and BA. 19x10 ceramic & oak kit. Deep 70 x 292 lot backs to woods & Gill schools. 348-6200 (24158111) \$254,000

**FERNDAL** 248-348-6430  
Att Colonial in trendy Ferndale. 50x152 lot w/mature trees. Spa tub, brand new carpet, new floor in kit. Needs a little TLC. 349-6200 (25000758) \$199,900

**GARDEN CITY** 734-326-2000  
OVERSIZE LOT & OVERSIZE GAR Highlight this 3 BR vinyl cape cod with fireplace & bsmt. (J295) 24156638 \$158,900

**GARDEN CITY** 734-455-7000  
In great areal 1350 SF, 2.5 BA, fin bsmt, 2.5 car gar, only \$156,900. Huge MBR w/BA, expanded kit/gathering room, new carpet & paint. (23M32750) 241217166 \$156,900

**GARDEN CITY** 734-326-2000  
THE EXTRAS STEEL THE SHOW In this 3 BR brick ranch with full fin'd bsmt, remodeled kit, C/A, 2 full BAs, newer windows, unique storage areas & 2 car gar. (M681) PC220082 24105193 \$154,900

**LINCOLN PARK** 734-326-2000  
BEAUTIFUL 3 BR BRICK BUNGALOW Full Brick home with large MBR. All appl's included: 2 stoves, fridg, washer, dryer, freezer & microwave. Furniture is negotiable! (M177) 24032710 \$116,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Livonia Stevenson High School. Burton Hallow sub with a wooded ravine lot. 4 BR, 2 Full BA home has so much to offer. (25008905) \$279,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Beautifully decorated & loaded w/updates. 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs. New kit w/hickory cabs '03'. New windows '00', A/C & furnace '00'. Roof '02'. Siding, trim, gutters '02'. (25013334) \$214,900

**LYON** 248-348-6430  
EXTREME MAKEOVER, MOVE OVER! Gorgeous 3056 SF, 4 BR, 3.1 BA 2 story w/fin'd w/o bsmt on 1.9 acres w/lake frontage. Tasteful neutral decor. Hickory/granite kit, hdwd flrs on 1st flr. 349-6200 (24153438) \$639,830

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**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6430  
WALK TO DOWNTOWN Updates in 1994, FR addition, kit/ white cab/all appl's, hardwood floors, roof in 94 plus furn/c, siding, 2 sheds, a great buy. 349-6200 (24130106) \$199,900

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Superb contemporary custom built home w/almost half acre lot. 4 BR, 4.5 BA, open & flowing flr plan. (23E1409) 24090935 \$649,900

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7120 Lawn, Garden Material

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## The 2005 Mercury Mariner

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### Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

After dawdling over the issue for several years, it seems as if Ford Motor Co. has made a recommitment to its Mercury line, promising a number of new vehicles over the next several years as it continues to refurbish one of its three main brands. The company needs vibrant Mercury and Lincoln brands as well as Ford in order to have a shot at remaining No. 2 or even No. 3 in the U.S. market versus old-time rival General Motors and a nascent Toyota.

But Mercury has made another good step toward brand revival with the 2005 Mariner, the brand's first compact SUV, which is based on the same mechanical platform as the Ford Escape and Mazda Tribute. This five-passenger, five-door SUV makes for a nice, crisp entry in the crowded SUV-lite market and a worthy smaller, less expensive echo of the redoubtable Mercury Mountaineer standard-sized SUV.

I found the Mariner Premier model that I drove a perfect balance of size, power, payload and space. Its all-wheel-drive system performed very reliably in the local snows of mid-February, even effortlessly traversing suburban side streets that were left unplowed for much of that time. Its ride and handling -- owing largely to the successful fine-tuning of the related Ford Escape model over the years -- were very sharp, producing a lot of confidence in the machine as I drove.

And while esthetics are highly personal and subjective things, there is just something I like about how Mariner looks, inside and out: It is stylish in a tightly drawn sort of way outside, and spiffy inside. Start with its exterior styling. Some reviewers criticize Mariner as looking too much like its larger and more expensive sibling, Mountaineer. But I admire Mountaineer's styling, too, and I still don't believe there's anything wrong -- and, indeed, there may be a certain consumer appeal -- to designers' creating a family resemblance within a brand, especially in sim-



The Mariner Premier model gets 18 MPG in the city, and 23 MPG on the highway.

ilar-type vehicles. It certainly seems to work for Jeep, for example.

One thing I appreciate about Mariner's design is that it is organic without getting overtly so: A mid-door seam between the cladding on the lower door and the sheet metal, for example, runs elegantly from the front fender to the bumper. The cladding itself is subtle, as is the understated front and rear fender flares. Mercury's satin-finish aluminum vertical-bar grille spearheads Mariner just as it does Mountaineer. My favorite touch: A highly diagonal C-pillar, lending a streamlined look, but followed by D pillars that are more straight up and down, underscoring the fact that Mariner can haul some cargo too.

Even more than its styling, however, I appreciate Mariner's performance. A 153-horsepower, four-cylinder engine is standard, and I'm not sure that would do the trick with this vehicle. But the Premier version is powered by the same 200-horsepower V-6 that makes Escape a joy to drive, and Mariner utilizes it well. Acceleration and gear shifting are consistently sharp and seamless, reminiscent of a fine Japanese-made powertrain. At 18 miles a gallon in the city and

miles a gallon on the highway, Mariner Premier's fuel economy is just fair to middling.

Inside, Mariner Premier is both esthetically striking and efficiently functional. In this top-end version, satin-finish aluminum doesn't just occur here and there -- it predominates. From the vertical braces of the center stack to the shift-lever cap, from the logo in the steering-wheel hub to the flat surfaces on the door armrests, satin-finish aluminum is a signature of this vehicle. I like the look because it's consistent and it is crisp.

Even more of a visual statement in the premier is the two-tone upholstery, a stimulating mélange of a suede-like material and a more conventional cloth. In the Mariner I drove, the leathery stuff was black and the other material was cream, creating an ambience that is quite unusual for a mainstream vehicle. I really appreciated it; others, easily, might not.

Overall, then, Mariner is a worthy and welcome entry in the compact-SUV marketplace. At a list price of just \$28,000 even for the Premier version, it would be very easy to do much worse in your purchase.

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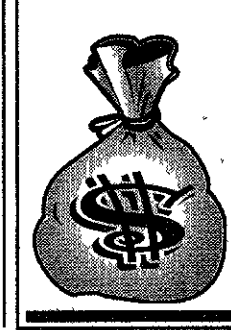
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