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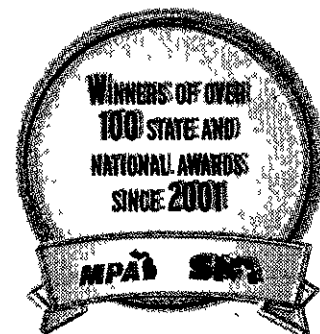
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PCEP Wind Ensemble member Evan Winter plays during the preview concert put on by the band prior to their trip to Indianapolis.

Wind ensemble blows into Indy

Performance earns band trip to national festival

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Wind Ensemble is one of only 19 high school concert bands and percussion ensembles selected nationwide to perform this weekend at the 14th annual Bands of America National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis.

The 54-member P-CCS Wind Ensemble was chosen last year when the group submitted a 12-minute CD of one of its performances. The celebration of musical excellence is considered one of the country's most prestigious concert band festivals.

The National Concert Band Festival is a noncompetitive event where students play for and listen to performances from their highly touted peers, as well as receive instrument classes from some of the finest musicians in the world.

"We're really looking forward to it," said Kavita Srivastava, 17, of Plymouth Township, whose specialty is the oboe. "We're expecting to meet a lot of other really, really good bands and just have fun playing and listening to other people."

John Magnusson, 17, a senior from Plymouth, said this year's wind ensemble is a talented group.

"Last year we had a strong

program, and a lot of seniors," said Magnusson, who plays tuba. "Our performance last year was incredible, and practice this year was hard because we had to live up to last year's legacy."

"We want to get there and show what we've got in front of people who will appreciate our performance," he said. "Performing in front of parents is fine, but they don't have the knowledge the professionals we'll play in front of have."

P-CEP music teacher Marc Whitlock admitted that after a number of seniors graduated, it took awhile for this year's group to get it together.

PLEASE SEE **ENSEMBLE, A3**



PCEP Director of Bands Marc Whitlock directs the band in their preview concert held at Plymouth High School, prior to departing for the National Concert Band Festival sponsored by Bands of America.

Transportation officials get earful from critics

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

How would you fix Michigan's roads? Citizens and interest group advocates told state legislators gathered Monday in Canton how to improve transportation in Michigan — with solutions ranging from European-style deep concrete road beds to prohibiting heavy trucks, and having more of a focus on mass transit.

But Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials maintained they're doing their best with the money that's available.

"What's happening here is happening in 49 other states," said Kirk Steudle, MDOT chief deputy director. But some on hand for the hearing said roads in Indiana and Ohio are superior.

"It's going to be a tough job to fight the trucking industry, but you're going to have

to do it," said Robert McCausland of Canton, adding that Michigan allows heavier trucks than are allowed in most states, and these trucks damage the roads.

"It's just physics. You got to beat the lobbyists back because it's a safety issue also," he said.

"The state took the money for the truck plates; where did it go?" asked Dan McCausland of Canton. "There's all these fines and fees and permits and where is this money at?"

According to Ron DeCook, MDOT director of governmental affairs, "License and registration fees go into the Michigan Transportation Fund as required by the state constitution," and the money is then distributed to counties, cities and villages for road work. Townships are excluded because they are not responsible for road work.

The comments came at the first of six

hearings scheduled around Michigan, hosted by state Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, who is the new chairman of the House Transportation Committee. The hearings are a joint effort between the House and Senate transportation committees.

Monday's hearing opened with comments from three MDOT representatives, who said their department follows a rolling five-year plan to evaluate and maintain roads. Legislators took turns posing questions.

"We have a real problem, an enormous problem getting off I-275 (at Ford)," said Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton. He said MDOT has not supported plans for improved exit ramps at Ford Road to give better access to Haggerty.

"We need relief in Canton Township," he said, adding Michigan townships aren't

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Suspect in baby's death facing life prison sentence

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Life in prison without parole is the charge prosecutors are seeking against a father charged in the March 2 beating death of a 6-month-old Canton boy.

Ryan M. Kierzak, 20, was arraigned Saturday in 34th District Court in Romulus on a felony murder charge. If found guilty, Kierzak faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison.

"I think the underlying factor is a history of child abuse," said Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski. "There is evidence to suggest that on prior occasions that Ryan had hit the child leaving marks."

A not-guilty plea was entered on Kierzak's behalf and he was lodged in the Wayne County Jail without bail.

The accused faces a preliminary exam at 8:30 a.m. March 18 in 35th District Court.

On March 2, police were called by Kierzak's grandparents to their home, near Haggerty and Cherry Hill. The victim, 6-month-old Tyler Bates, stayed there with his mother, Jessica Bates, 17.

Ryan Kierzak did not live at the home, but had been visiting at the time of the 9-1-1 call, police said. The accused then left on foot, walking to a friend's house near Van Born and Haggerty where he was later arrested.

Police allegedly arrived at the grandparents' home to find bruising on the right and left side of the infant's face and behind an ear. The infant's breathing was labored.

Kierzak and the mother were not married. Police said Kierzak stayed sometimes at a friend's house in Canton. Pomorski described him as a drifter with no permanent residence.

Tyler died a short time after his transfer to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Tyler Bates death was the second child abuse incident investigated by Canton police in a 24-hour period. The day before, Canton police arrested Harold Wright of Canton, 27, in connection with the beating of his girlfriend's 11-month-old son.

District eyes buyout as cash-saving move

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is considering a buyout plan for teachers in an effort to reduce the amount of money paid out in salaries, thereby alleviating some financial pressure on a revenue-starved budget.

"There's a fine line in wanting to pay your employees as much as you can," said Superintendent Jim Ryan, "versus our fiduciary responsibility to look at the short- and long-term budget picture so the district remains viable in the future."

The object of a buyout is to offer an incentive for teachers with seniority, who generally are at the top of the pay scale, to leave the district, making way for the hiring of educators with less experience who are earning less. The result is fewer dollars spent on salaries.

"From where I'm sitting, this is one way for them to lower their costs," said Plymouth-Canton

Education Association President, Chuck Portelli. "You have to pay out money to reduce your costs."

"The board is looking at what they have to pay out," he said. "We thought we had an agreement going, but apparently the board has some issues. It's theirs to give."

Ryan declined to reveal exact figures, including how many teachers would have to accept the buyout and how much financial incentive would make the plan cost-effective for the district. He did say, however, it would only be presented to the teacher's union, which represents more than 1,000 educators in the district.

"Teachers are our biggest employee group, and we can have some savings when working with that large a group," Ryan said. "The higher the number that take advantage of it, the greater the potential savings for the district."

"You've got to find the right amount of early retire-

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Patterson office hours

Sen. Bruce Patterson's district director will hold the first official office hours of 2005 for all Northville community residents, and any other interested constituents of state Senate District 7, on Monday, March 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Northville Community Library, 212 W. Cady Street.

Please contact his Lansing office at (517) 373-7350, if you believe you will be stopping by.

Child care honor

Beth Ann Popa of Canton has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The credential was awarded by the Council For Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession.

CDA is the only major national effort to improve childcare by evaluating and recognizing the skills of individuals providing care.

Beth is a 2000 graduate of

Canton High School and the daughter of Michael and Annette Popa of Canton.

Sump pumps

The Canton Homeowners Advisory Council will meet at 7 p.m. on March 14 at Fire Station No. 1. The guest speaker will be Nick Ferri of Canton Customer Services. He will discuss irrigation systems and sump pumps.

Math scholar

Plymouth High student Adam Davis recently earned a \$500 scholarship through the Michigan Section of the Mathematics Association of America, after successfully competing in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition. Davis also earned a bronze award in the annual competition.

Radio benefit

WSDP 88.1 The Escape, the student-run radio station serving Plymouth Canton schools, presents the second-annual King of Spring benefit concert

at 6 p.m. Friday, March 18, at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Six area bands will be performing on two stages. The concert benefits WSDP, with tickets priced at \$6.

Station officials also announced that Forever Inside Records recording artist Ettison Clio will headline the show. The East Lansing-based indie rock band has made quite a name for themselves over the past five years, station officials said, and are "on the verge of much bigger things" with the release of their new CD, "This is for the Blue Collars."

Three of the band's members graduated from Plymouth-Canton schools. Ettison Clio performs early in the evening due to another concert later that evening. Other bands performing include The Rising Tide (formerly Sandbox Heroes), the Transfer, Which Way is Home, Common Misconception and Great Basement Crusade.

For more information, call (734) 416-7732.

Business seminars

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will be holding two upcoming business-related mini-seminars.

The first, Business Succession, takes place from 9-11:30 a.m. on March 10. Topics

discussed will include passing on businesses to heirs, asset protection, wills and trusts, and how to defer virtually unlimited income without 401k restrictions.

The second seminar, 9-10:15 a.m. on March 16, is called What's Your Name Again???. In this upbeat and practical workshop, those in attendance will learn the Dale Carnegie method on how to remember names. Registration deadline is March 11.

Both seminars are \$15 and will be held in the chamber office, located at 45525 Hanford. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Trainer workshop

The Blitz and NETA, a non-profit fitness professional association, are co-sponsoring a nationally-recognized workshop for personal trainers April 2-3 at the Blitz, which is located at 8577 N. Lilley Road in Canton.

This 2-day workshop includes: Demonstrations and practical application of one-on-one training. NETA's expert trainer will cover exercise science review, communication skills, exercise programming, health assessments and more. For more information call Paul Seymour at (734) 459-1405.

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The Cherry Hill Invitational Fine Art Fair, presented by Canton Township Leisure Services and Beechwood Inc., will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10 and Sunday, Sept. 11. This is an outdoor art fair held around the historic schoolhouse at Cherry Hill Village at the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

It is a juried show that has an opportunity for a limited number of qualified fine artists. Booth spaces are assigned. Friday setup permitted, easy site access for set-up, artist parking very close to site, and security is provided both nights.

Application fee is \$150. Submitting deadline is April 29. For an application contact Joyce Murphy at (734) 394-5174, or e-mail kris2clay@juno.com.

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.

Puppet shows

This month, the Village Theater will host two professional puppet companies.

On March 12, Bits 'N Pieces Giant Puppet Theater, from

Tampa, Fla., arrives to perform *The Musical Tale of Peter Rabbit*. Then on March 26, Grey Seal Puppets, from North Carolina, brings *A Tangle of Tales* to the stage.

Bits 'N Pieces Theater specializes in musical puppetry and the production of original, contemporary adaptations of classic children's literature. *The Musical Tale of Peter Rabbit* will be at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 12. Tickets are \$10. To make the show even more enjoyable, Canton Leisure Services is offering "Kids' Luncheon Theater" which includes lunch at noon in the Biltmore Room of the Village Theater, and special reserved seats to the 2 p.m. show. "Kids Luncheon Theater" tickets are \$16.

Grey Seal Puppets bring a taste of the familiar and a touch of the new. Founded in 1976, this award-winning puppet company performs regularly on film and television.

Tangle of Tales brings to life three favorite folk tales from around the world. *The Frog Prince*, from Germany, teaches the importance of a promise. *Three Billy Goats Gruff*, from Scandinavia, warns against gluttony, and *The Three Little Pigs*, from England, is all about doing the job right.

The show runs Saturday, March 26, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Tickets for all performances may be purchased at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Village Theater ticket office located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road will also be open two hours prior to each performance. For more information, please call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

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Friends, parents, and other band supporters watch and listen with great enjoyment as the band performs a preview concert prior to departing for the National Band Festival.

ENSEMBLE

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"At the beginning of the year, we were a little rough out of the gate," said Whitlock. "These kids have stepped up to the plate."

It's the second time Plymouth-Canton has been represented at the Bands of America National Concert Band Festival.

"The Bands of America advertises the core of

American music in the schools," Whitlock said. "This is all about the music, the expression and searching into your soul musically."

"Marching band is an easy public relations machine," added Whitlock. "But, from an artistic standpoint, this is more substantial because of the ability and time you have to explore one's feelings in music."

Kelsey Hafemeister, 18, of Plymouth said playing the euphonium can be an emotional experience for her.

"Just being able to express myself in everything I play, and being able to share that emotional experience with other people," she said.

Magnusson, who started out playing trumpet but switched to tuba, put it a bit differently.

"I love bass and I love the sound that comes out of it," said Magnusson of his tuba. "It's so cool. Every time I pick it up I have to smile."

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Gannett cleared to buy O&E's parent company

Officials at HomeTown Communications Network Inc., parent company of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, are working on a smooth transition of the Livonia-based newspaper chain to Gannett ownership.

The sale received antitrust clearance Monday when the Federal Trade Commission terminated its review of the deal and recommended no action.

"The U.S. Department of Justice has concluded that the sale may now proceed," wrote Richard Aginian, president and CEO of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., in a memo e-mailed Tuesday afternoon to the company's more than 780 employees in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

"With that behind us, we've now begun our discussions with Gannett about setting a closing date. We'll also begin to assist them with whatever plans they are developing for the transfer of operations to their ownership," said Aginian.

HCN officials said no closing date has been set for the sale.

The Livonia-based HomeTown Communications Network is the parent company of the *Observer & Eccentric*

Newspapers which publishes the *Birmingham, West Bloomfield, Rochester, Clarkston, Lake Orion, Oxford, Troy and Southfield Eccentrics* along with the *Farmington, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Westland and Garden City Observers*.

Last November, Gannett announced it was purchasing the corporation from Philip Power, the Ann Arbor resident who built HCN into a Midwest community newspaper company that publishes 62 weekly and twice-weekly newspapers, one daily in Livingston County, telephone directories, shoppers and niche publications in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

The newspapers have a combined circulation of more than 740,000 in the tri-state region. The network also includes a digital operation, with Web sites and Web-based services including design and production, as well as commercial typesetting and printing from four plants.

HomeTown has approximately 780 employees and 2004 estimated revenues of more than \$86 million.

The Associated Press reported that a Justice Department

spokesman said "we looked at it and we closed it and felt that no action was necessary."

Terms of the sale have not been released.

When the proposed sale was announced last year, Power said Gannett "has a track record of capable professional management, great financial stability and high community involvement. I wanted the newspapers, telephone directories and other publications that I spent so much of my career building to wind up in good hands after I left. I believe Gannett's hands are the best available."

Gannett, which publishes *The Detroit News*, is an international company with headquarters in McLean, Va., and operations in 43 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the United Kingdom, Canada, Belgium, Germany, Hong Kong and Singapore. Gannett is this country's largest newspaper group in terms of circulation. The company's 101 daily newspapers in the U.S. have a combined daily paid circulation of 7.6 million.

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Builders to auction off Cherry Hill Village homes

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

You've probably heard of *Desperate Housewives* – but what about Desperate Builders?

Fifty Cherry Hill Village home and condo units will be auctioned off on Saturday. But that is not a sign that builders are turning desperate to move properties, say some Realtors.

But one perspective bidder disagrees.

"I took it on their part to demonstrate desperation, when I see that many properties up for auction," said Kris Halsey of Canton.

Halsey plans to bid on two houses next door to each other, in the auction opening at 1 p.m. Saturday at Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway in Canton.

"I would not equate any kind of auction with a bad market," said Brad Ward, a spokesman with the Michigan Realtors Association. "It might be a marketing tool to generate excitement."

Cherry Hill Village has become a Metro Detroit

symbol of a "New Traditional" subdivision. Many homes have porches and detached garages, and residents can walk to a nearby theater, general store and ice cream parlor.

Homes in the auction run from \$317,045 to \$925,900. Condo units are \$244,900 to \$282,465. Thirteen homes and 37 condo units will be available. Fifteen of the properties will be offered absolute, which means there is no minimum bid.

John McArdle, CEO with the Plymouth and Cherry Hill Village offices of Remerica Hometown One, said home auctions, a Southern tradition, are becoming more popular around the country.

"Michigan has been slow to embrace auctions, there's a lack of clarity as to what goes on," he said.

In 2001, home auction sales in the United States were more than \$54.5 billion.

McArdle said the auction advertised for Cherry Hill Village has already drawn possible buyers.

"The auction is bringing people to the location that

may not have come. This might be a trend that continues with builders," he said.

Kris Gosselin is vice president of Ivanhoe-Huntley homes, which is offering some properties in the auction. The firm built 80 condo units and 80 single family homes in the first two phases of construction at Cherry Hill Village. He said the firm has been successful in selling properties at Cherry Hill Village.

"In order to retain that success we're closing out homes we still have there. We're competing against other builders in phases three and four," Gosselin said.

Prospective buyer Halsey said, "I'm looking to get about a 40 percent discount," though she declined to say just what she hopes to pay.

"I think it's a pretty community. It would be a great family community," Halsey continued. Still, she'll buy "only if it's a financially great move."

Information on the auction is at www.christensonelms.com, or by calling (800) 994-4945.

Students earn broadcasting awards

Five WSDP staff members received awards at High School and College Competition at the Michigan Association of Broadcasters' Great Lakes Broadcasting Conference.

The MAB Foundation presented the awards during the conference luncheon Tuesday. Broadcasters from throughout the state attended the luncheon.

WSDP staffers earned one first-place award and a pair of second-place honors at the luncheon. Salem High School senior Kurt Edelbrock took first place in the Best Promotional Announcement category; Salem High School senior Ryan

Alloway took second-place honors in the same category.

Salem High School juniors Bryan Kelly and Emily Hulscher and Canton High School junior Scott Decker earned second-place honors in the Best Sports Public Service Announcement category. "The work these students have done stands up with the best in the state," said station manager Bill Keith. "Their work would also hold its own among professional broadcasters."

The MAB Foundation is dedicated to promoting, supporting and enhancing the broadcast industry for the good of all

Michigan citizens through education, research, public service, historical preservation, information dissemination and a commitment to diversity in all aspects of the broadcast industry.

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BY NANCY DEUTSCH
CORRESPONDENT

Like many other teenagers, 17-year-old Eric Immerfall of Plymouth doesn't spend much time with older people. So when his senior class at Plymouth Christian Academy took part in 'Seniors Then and Now' - a project pairing students with senior citizens at a nursing home - Eric was a bit nervous. He wasn't sure what he and the senior that he would be paired with would have to talk about. The person might even be senile, he thought.

He was aware of the program, though. Last year, when a few juniors were asked to participate to help out, Eric was paired with a woman in her 90s, who he found to be quite coherent, but also very lonely.

"Her family never visited anymore and she wanted to die," he recalled.

This year, he was paired with 91-year-old Don Donaldson. But all Eric's fears vanished once he and Donaldson met. They hit it off, something that was apparent at the Seniors Then and Now party, held last week at Plymouth Christian Academy (PCA).

"We talk about everything," Donaldson enthused. "Why he picked this school, about his family, and where he's going after graduation. I'm really impressed with him."

Eric says the project, which started last year, has been an eye-opener.

"I think it's awesome. It brings awareness that they're real people," he said. "They're not out of it and they realize that we care about them."

One thing he has found is that seniors usually don't have any problem coming up with topics for discussion.

"They have lots of stories and love to talk," he noted.

Heather Shamie, 17, of Canton, who also participated, agreed.

"I expected it to be awkward and for us not to relate to each other. It's been wonderful," she said.

Heather was paired with Gerry Jacoby, 76, who has suffered through a traumatic year. Her husband died six months ago. Heather has enjoyed listening to Jacoby's stories about her husband and their life together.

"She's such a good example of true love. A lot of time we don't get to see true love. It's inspirational," Heather said.

Both Heather and Eric hope to keep in touch with their senior citizen friends.

"She has really impacted my life," Heather said of Jacoby.

John Zylka, director of advancement for PCA, came up with the idea for the project last year when his daughter was a senior at the school. While there were many events for her to attend, such as homecoming, he realized that every event was "all about the kid."

Being a Christian, "we know it's better to give than to receive" so Zylka prayed, and came up



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Plymouth Christian Academy senior Jordan Brown presents flowers to Imogene Soronsen, the Westland senior citizen he was paired up with for the school's Seniors Then and Now project.

with the idea of doing something with the elderly. He felt his prayers were answered the next day when he mentioned his plan to someone he knew, whose husband just happened to work at Presbyterian Village in Westland. From that point, it was just a matter of working out the details.

Participation is voluntary, but all 53 seniors at the school have chosen to take part, Zylka said. The same was true of last year's students.

The school arranged two visits to see the senior citizens in February, and many students made at least one other visit on their own, he said. As he did last year, Zylka arranged an elaborate party for the end of the project, using donated funds. Last year he solicited funds from a variety of sources, but this year one anonymous donor came forth, and offered to pay for the party, which costs about \$10,000.

Expenses are not spared, Zylka said.

"It's like a wedding," he said.

The party that took place Feb. 26 was lavish. There was a red carpet rolled out to welcome the seniors, the Bill Cairo band played old time tunes, there was Good Humor ice cream and retro candy, plus a dinner served on china. The senior citizens were bussed in, and each sat with their student. They all came dressed to the nines.

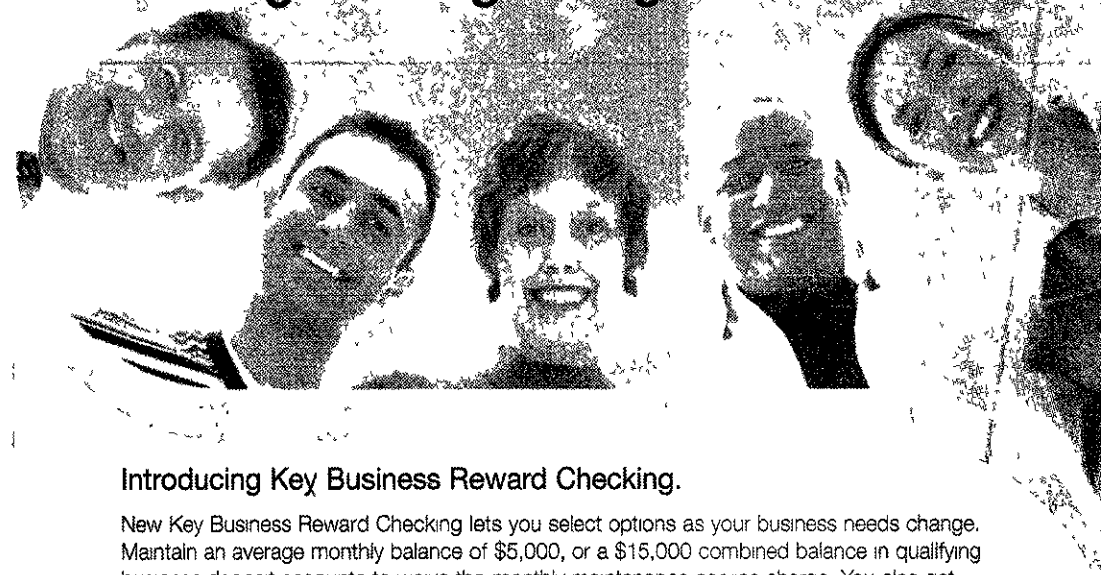
Jacoby was happy to come to the party for the second year in a row.

"I couldn't wait to come," she said. "It's wonderful to see young faces when you live in a place like that."



Marge Winebrener and Plymouth Christian Academy senior Jared Stothers enjoy each other's company during the Seniors Then and Now party last week at PCA.

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FROM PAGE A1

ment incentive and the right number of people willing to take it in order to make it beneficial for the district as a salary reducer," he said.

Portelli said the top salaried teacher in the district makes \$75,000 a year plus benefits, while a starting teacher earns \$38,500.

Six years ago, according to Portelli, 175 teachers — over a two-year period — accepted a \$60,000 buyout incentive paid out over eight years. The payout is still costing the district nearly \$1.3 million this year and a final \$1.2 million payout next year.

All nine of the district's unions will be bargaining this year with the district. The PCEA, and four others, have wage reopeners. The other four have full contracts that expire.

The district currently has a \$14 million fund balance which, despite past and projected budget deficits, could make it difficult to negotiate.

"We're going to use interest-based bargaining, a process that leads to great dialogue," said Ryan. "I believe in (Assistant Superintendent for Business Services) Pattie Brand we have a person on the board and union trusts to give accurate financial outlooks. You just keep working at it to find what's fair to both sides."

Portelli has made it clear in the past that as long as the district has a positive fund balance the teachers should receive a wage increase.

Contract negotiations between the school district and the PCEA could begin as early as March 21, according to Portelli.

Schools call on residents to help fix funding

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland school board is turning to district residents to help get state officials to address public education's funding crisis.

The board Monday without comment voted unanimously to approve a resolution that demands that lawmakers consider "funding mechanisms to address the structural deficit" for financing public education.

The vote comes some three months after school officials and supporters of public education gathered at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn to develop a plan of action, Our Kids Can't Wait — Fair Funding for Schools, to get lawmakers to fix Proposal A. In reading the resolution

into the meeting minutes, board Secretary Martha Pitsenbarger said, "As elected officials responsible for the education of our children, the future leaders of our communities, state and nation, it is our responsibility to speak out when that mandate is threatened."

Pointing out that the tax structure that has been changed since the implementation of Proposal A "has worsened" the funding problem, creating a budget shortfall, the board resolution offered four "funding mechanisms" for lawmakers to consider:

■ Identify other revenue sources to address the deficit and to adequately fund education.

■ Support legislation that would provide annual

improvements to the per-pupil foundation allowance at key categorical.

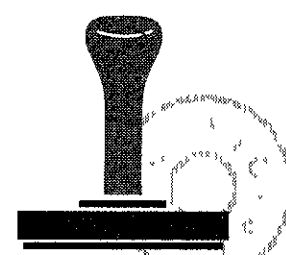
■ Support legislation to help schools control statewide retirement costs.

■ Support legislation to help schools control health insurance costs.

The resolution also calls on the district to get copies of the document to all residents, PTA/PTSA groups and booster organizations "by every means available."

The goal is to generate a public outcry heard in Lansing and across the nation "that Michigan put its funding priorities in place and that its leaders find the courage to take the difficult steps necessary to put the education of its young people first," Pitsenbarger read.

FOR THE RECORD



For the Record appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Sports in *Passages* on page C7.

Rapids, formerly of Birmingham, died March 5.

T
Dorothy A. Thorne, 69, of Barryton, died March 5.

V
Brian T. Valade, 63, died March 5.

DEATHS

B
Helen Bolitho, 106, of Albion, formerly of Farmington, died March 2.

D
Walter Gerard Doherty, 70, of Clearwater, Fla., died Feb. 25.

F
Elizabeth (Betty) A. Frank, 78, of Hot Springs Village, Ariz., formerly of Birmingham, died Feb. 24.

K
Carol Ann Kiffner, 63, of Cadillac, died March 7.

L
Wendell Eugene Lloyd, of Emerald Isle, N.C., died March 4.

P
Ardis M. Peck, 89, of Waterford, died March 5.

R
Henry P. Rupert, 90, of Westland, formerly of Canton.

S
Robert Earl Scheafer, 74, of Grand

TRANSPORTATION

FROM PAGE A1

getting the service that cities get.

Rep. Shelley Goodman-Taub, R-Bloomfield Hills, said a test stretch of I-75 in metro Detroit using the longer-lasting deep concrete European construction model is "beautiful."

"I think what I'm hearing from my constituents is why don't we build it (roads), but build it right," she said.

Steadie responded, "We have to manage an entire system with the money we have."

MDOT engineer Greg Johnson added, "We can't just take all our money and invest in 5 percent of our system — or even less than that."

Nancy Austin of Canton was

among a handful of speakers urging more attention to mass transit. Ed McArdle of the Sierra Club, which has more than 6,000 metro Detroit members, said an adequate mass transit system "makes a city robust and a joy to visit."

Richard Lieberknecht of Garden City joined Ferndale City Manager Tom Barwin in criticizing sprawl, saying that building one infrastructure system then abandoning it to build another is costly.

"It just seems totally insane

what we're doing," he said.

LaJoy wrapped up the meeting by saying his committee would take testimony during the series of public hearings and present a report over the next several weeks.

MDOT said \$525 million is

spent annually on road and bridge preservation.

Other hearings are scheduled for Grand Rapids, Waterford, Cadillac, Brighton and Port Huron.

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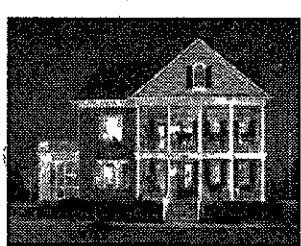
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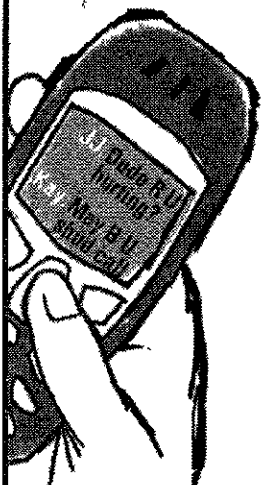
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OUR VIEWS

IKEA only part of the story

The announcement that IKEA is most likely still coming to Canton may have been the biggest bombshell from Tom Yack's State of the Township address last week, but it was just one part of his main theme: Development continues at a blistering pace in the township.

According to Yack, Canton trails only Macomb Township in the number of new building projects in the metro Detroit area. He said Canton has averaged about 1,000 new building permits each year for the last several years and expects the same to be true this year. And as a result of this boom, the town's population is also rising and should surpass 83,000 sometime this year. If that happens, Canton will surpass the population of neighboring Westland.

Nowhere is this building boom more evident than in Cherry Hill Village, where a number of developments are slated for the coming year, including the Cherry Park condos, the River's Edge subdivision, the Uptown apartments, a new Plymouth-Canton elementary school and a new fire station. The West Town subdivision, a mix of single-family homes and condominiums, may also start up in the fall.

But the new development isn't relegated to the village. The Michigan Avenue corridor, which has seen big changes in recent years, will continue to see new developments. A Tim Horton's will soon replace the old dilapidated DeSwann Motel at the corner of Belleville Road, and Yack said a number of national retailers are looking to have a presence along the corridor, something that was almost unthinkable a decade ago.

Other booming areas include the Geddes Road corridor and, of course, Ford Road, where IKEA will definitely be the biggest development but certainly not the only one. Center Stage is set to be torn down for a new strip mall and a Gordon Food Service warehouse. The old Waterbed Gallery showroom will also get a new user.

There will also be a number of road improvements along Ford, including expansion of the ramps off I-275. And the DDA will fund some aesthetic improvements along the corridor, including mast arms for traffic signals, decorative walls and lights, and the removal of overhead wires near Lilley.

Yack also mentioned the developers are starting to set their sights on the last large undeveloped tracts of land in the township: the area around Saltz and Proctor roads, and the corridor east of I-275, between Koppernick and Ford roads. The land near I-275 offers a number of challenges, he said, because there are some wetland issues to deal with. Hopefully the township, which prides itself on protecting its natural resources, will proceed with caution here.

And speaking of I-275, Yack said it will be the state's pre-eminent corridor of the next 30 years, producing more growth, in both jobs and population, than either the I-94 corridor in Van Buren Township or anything in Oakland County.

Adding IKEA to this stable of projects will certainly be welcomed, particularly by property and business owners along Ford Road, but it won't make or break the community. It is obvious that Canton has already become a destination, as all this new development suggests.

The ABCs of reading begin in the home

March is Reading Month, and schools across Oakland and Wayne counties are emphasizing the importance of reading with special programs, contests and celebrity readers.

Reading deserves the monthlong attention it gets from educators because it is the foundation of all learning. Without the ability to make sense out of letters and words on the printed page, a child's success at school is severely limited. Even math assignments require reading the instructions.

That's why it's important for parents to also emphasize reading at home.

Remember, parents are their children's first and most influential teachers.

If your children are grown, consider tutoring someone else in reading. In the last decade, a government report, "The State of Literacy in America," found that 47 percent of Detroiters, nearly one out of two adults, are functionally illiterate.



Good police work

The investigation of the Jan. 24 death causing hit and run on Denton Road and subsequent arrest by the Canton P.D. speaks loudly of the professionalism and dedication that the department provides our community.

When I learned of the hit and run, I felt violated being a nearby resident. When I learned of all the thousands of potential suspect vehicles in the metro area meeting the make and model of the suspected vehicle, I knew the Canton P.D. had its work cut out.

We are fortunate as Canton residents to have such a highly trained and competent police department. The national media tends to be critical of bad police work, but rarely recognizes excellent police work. As public defender for Canton, Plymouth and Northville for the last 10 years I have handled thousands of criminal cases from Canton. The apprehension of Natesan Kannanpilla and the tireless investigation by the police department demonstrates the same professionalism that I have seen as defense counsel over the years.

Keep up the good work.

Gregory Demopoulos
Canton

Business as usual

On March 1, the township board had a study session to finalize the goals and objectives for 2005-08, and it appears the board will continue to do business as usual.

After the election, the *Canton Observer* wrote an editorial saying, as a newly elected trustee, I should learn to compromise. I've taken that advice. Unfortunately, others have not.

Keeping my campaign promises to cut government spending and government growth, I proposed a 3 percent cut across the board, with no cuts in service levels. Despite the fact that an analysis shows that we can reduce government spending by even more than 3 percent, I was told by other board members that they would not support any cuts! Now, also keep in mind that our township-related tax rates are twice that of neighboring Plymouth Township. Something just isn't right.

I am simply trying to utilize my education (B.S.M.E. and M.B.A.) and business experience (successful entrepreneur and "Corporate America/Automotive" executive) to help reduce taxes. The first step is to quantify our goals with hard numbers. Goals and objectives without quantifiable and measurable results are neither goals nor objectives. They are dreams at best, and smoke and mirrors at worst.

I have gone into this with an open mind. I listen to the proposals of other board members and have agreed with many of the good ideas that have been proposed, some I never considered before. On those ideas I didn't agree with, I have continued to offer compromises to no avail. I am constantly reminded that I am the "minority." I must remind the board that I did not receive the minority of the votes. This is a slap in the face to the many folks who did vote for me and voted for change.

I have also made a concerted effort to continue to reach out to the people to get their input and air their concerns. Unfortunately, some board members think it still is election

season. They're still running against me.

It's time to end the election season and do what is right for the taxpayers of Canton Township. I was the one viciously attacked during the election and hold no grudges. Perhaps others should open their minds and do the same.

Todd Caccamo
Canton Township trustee

Great trip

The FDR Memorial, Capitol Building, the Smithsonian Institute, Arlington Cemetery ... so many opportunities packed into one short week! The Close-up trip was without a doubt one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had. Not only does one get to experience our country's great history, but also to meet kids just like us from all over the United States and sometimes, the world.

During the mid-winter break, students from Plymouth, Canton and Salem schools went to Washington, D.C., as an optional trip for their government class.

I would like to thank Mr. Boyd and Mr. Silvester for giving us this opportunity. It was truly the best trip I have ever been on. I hope that many kids choose to attend this trip in the future. I definitely recommend it! Hopefully too someday the Hawaii Close-up trip will be available as a choice, because I am ready to learn more!

Kait McKinley
Salem High School sophomore

Unmitigated gall

When I returned to my home in Canton Township from the state Capitol in Lansing last night, my wife of over 30 years greeted me at the door with the evening paper. ... It contained "Letters to the Editor" (from Michael Gresock and William Cole) expressing ... positions on recent "tabloid" accounts of activities sponsored by the Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association.

In particular, as part of a three-day, multi-page exposé by the *Detroit Free Press*, there was a 10-year-old photograph of me, together with a single paragraph dealing with my attendance at a conference over four years ago (2001). In fact, the exposé detailed how everything was perfectly legal, despite the fact that little detail was mysteriously buried in the article!

Unfortunately, any time a public figure can be exposed in the media it increases interest in the "story." This is a fact even when the story begrudgingly admits that everything is honest, above-board and legal. This heightened interest has apparently prompted (Gresock and Cole) to sound off.

Well, I may not be your typical politician because I am not thick-skinned. I may be a flawed Christian because I will not turn the other cheek. Instead, I am just another regular person - your neighbor - attempting to honestly serve as a citizen legislator in an era of term limits, in a responsible manner, the more than 280,000 constituents living in the 16 different communities constituting the 7th Senate District.

As such a person, I want you to know that you caught my attention. I want you to know that your suggestions, innuendoes and bold-faced, sarcastic assertions are insulting and offensive.

Mr. Gresock, I do not believe that we

have ever met. I don't know how long you have lived in this community, but I want you to know that I am sorry you judge people based upon perception, rather than fact and reality. I, for one, do not. Why? Because, for example, at one time the perception of the world was that the earth was flat. Perhaps you still think it is. Perhaps that is only your current perception.

The fact is that I am a relevant, effective legislator and am often invited to address professional organizations, associations, neighborhood groups, and the like. The fact is that I am invited because I have accomplished quite a lot during my six years in the state Legislature. In fact, that is why I have been recognized with five "Legislator of the Year" from groups as diverse as the Michigan Nurses Association to the American Architects Association.

If you compare my record with that of the other 30 Wayne County-based state legislators serving as of Dec. 31, you will find that I have been the author and prime sponsor of 24 percent of all Public Acts enacted by us collectively.

If you can point to a single fact that tarnishes my record, which incidentally has been compiled over four decades of adult life, please do so now. Otherwise, I would consider it a personal kindness and an act of civic responsibility for you to cease and desist your attacks on my character and reputation.

As for Mr. Cole, let me only suggest that I am shocked and dismayed that you would have the audacity to question my integrity. Of all people, you have no moral authority to do so. After all, we both know that you came to my office hours on Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, and specifically requested that I sponsor special-interest legislation to address a problem you were personally having. I am sorry if you didn't like my answer.

A review of your political donations as they are on file with the Secretary of State's office, reveals that you are very familiar with the process of backing certain, select special interests by giving to Political Action Committees in order to influence outcomes.

While this is your right, I am left only to say, "How ironic for you to be casting any stones, let alone one of the first. The unmitigated gall revealed by consideration of the facts."

Bruce Patterson
state senator
Canton

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"This is so unusual that we would have two serious child abuse cases like this in a 24-hour period. It is terrible anyway, but this is really unusual. We do have child abuse cases in Canton, but not usually to this degree."

- Rick Pomorski, Canton police detective sergeant, on the arrests of two Canton men last week for charges of abusing infants in separate cases

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Governor's lack of response is puzzling

Suppose you are Michigan's governor. Your state has nearly the highest unemployment rate in the nation. Your historic economic base of good-paying, low-skilled manufacturing jobs is evaporating before your eyes. You are having trouble balancing your state's budget, in part because people who aren't working aren't paying taxes.

Further suppose you had — right in front of you — an economic development project that would produce at least 3,000 new jobs in a couple of years. And suppose the chief elected officer of your largest county has asked your help in pushing forward a much larger proposal that could produce as many as 100,000 new jobs over the next decade.

Wouldn't you jump at it? You bet you would. In a heartbeat.

Which is why I'm puzzled at the, well, muted reaction from the Granholm administration to requests for help for the Pinnacle Aeropark project near Detroit Metropolitan Airport and for the far larger "aerotropolis" scheme.

Pinnacle, a mixed-use office and technology development slated for 1,250 acres of wetlands owned by Wayne County southeast of the airport, is the first step toward a new airport city that could arise on land between Detroit Metro and Willow Run Airport to the west. Similar airport city projects around the globe — Hong Kong, Los Angeles, Amsterdam — have generated literally hundreds of thousands of jobs. International experts think that the combination of new passenger facilities at Detroit Metro and cargo at Willow Run offers the best chance in the world for such a development.

So, too, does Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano. In his State of the County speech last month, he said, "For years there has been talk about this land that the county owns near Metro Airport called Pinnacle. Time for talk is over. Construction crews will be at work this year opening Pinnacle Park.

"More than \$7 million will be invested in new roads and sewers as we prepare the first 150 acres for new business. We will announce the first of many new tenants very soon — and it's about time!"

When I talked with Mulugetta Birru, the newly appointed Wayne County economic development director, he was enthusiastic. "I'm confident this project will go forward," he said. "It will produce 3,000 new jobs ... easy."

Birru has been busy rounding up support for this project. He's had meetings with officials from the city of Romulus and Huron Township — "They're on board," he says — and he has talks

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scheduled with Washtenaw County. And he's pulling together the financial wherewithal, as well. He has \$300,000 in approved Wayne County funds and expects to obtain another \$1 million in community economic development bloc grant money. And he's applied for \$2.5 million from the federal Economic Development Administration.

All of which makes the non-response from Lansing to Wayne County's requests for help so puzzling. In a letter from Ficano to his fellow Democrat, Gov. Jennifer Granholm, dated Nov. 23, 2004, Ficano wrote, "It is my belief that the I-94 corridor with both Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports at the center offers significant development opportunity for southeastern Michigan. The county owns 1,250 acres, and there is an estimated 23,000 acres of land owned by the private sector between the two airports. We are now in discussion with private owners to master plan the entire site to develop the airport city or aerotropolis concept."

Ficano closed his letter: "This is a development I want to pursue, and I am hoping you would bless it and direct your staff to work with my staff, and make a long-term funding commitment, but probably look for a new development designation to develop a world-class airport city."

Any response? "Not yet," Birru says. When I asked one Lansing insider about what's going on with the airport city project, he sniffed, "Too many working parts." And, of course, there's always the state's budget problems to blame for inaction.

Maybe so, but if you were a governor nervous about high and rising unemployment and could see the potential of 100,000 jobs or more in a new airport city development, wouldn't you jump at it? I would.

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



Phil Power

Don't try to tell me this stuff isn't a sport

A former sports editor used to try to tell me that cheerleading wasn't a sport.

He'd never seen a competitive cheer competition in person, but by his narrow definition a sport pretty much needed to have a ball or puck of some kind and there had to be points or goals kept, usually on a scoreboard. On the other hand, if the winner was chosen by a judge or judges — like figure skating — it wasn't a sport, he'd argue.



Dave Varga

And all this was *after* the Michigan High School Athletic Association sanctioned competitive cheer and decided that it's indeed a sport.

I actually had the same general feeling three years ago when my younger daughter dropped soccer after five years and decided she was going to be a cheerleader.

Now soccer is a sport with balls and scores and it was similar to the football, baseball and basketball that I had always loved. I'd grown to love it. But cheerleading? This shift wasn't easy, especially for me. During my period of withdrawal, I'd go to see local high school and college soccer teams, even find games on television to watch. As for my daughter's new sport, well, I'd tell myself, at least I'd get to watch some football and basketball games during the sideline season.

My view of cheerleading changed quickly, though. I would strenuously argue with that former sports editor in defense of what these girls do as, in fact, a real sport. In the past few years since she's become a cheerleader, I've talked to lots of other parents who also had no idea just how much hard work, training, athleticism and teamwork went into this sport, until they saw it firsthand with their girls.

They need to learn and remember formations; they need balance, gymnastics and tumbling. When it comes to stunts, the flyers need balance and to learn to trust their stunt groups, while the bases and backspots need to be as strong as weightlifters and support the girl they're hoisting on their hands. They lift her, carry her around, catch her, then lift her again.

Like other sports, there are dangers and injuries, but these athletes are asked to be tough. At a competition a few weeks ago,

one of my daughter's teammates twisted an ankle at the end of the first round. Like any athlete not wanting to let down her teammates, she had her ankle taped and went back for the second round and the team performed well.

Parents and fans, though, were unfamiliar with a revised second round, and perhaps anxious about the injury situation. So we weren't on target with our answers to "When we say Blue, you say White. Blue ..." We found out later that the team finished out of the top three places because they were scored so poorly on the fan response. In this particular competition — not sponsored by the MHSAA — fan reaction played into the scoring, but it doesn't in the sanctioned competition cheer events.

Just a few days before a Feb. 26 competition — which was a Livonia Public Schools high school city meet between Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson — one Stevenson girl injured her shoulder. Her injury forced several others girls to learn new positions to fill her spot in different parts of the competition, which was a major challenge.

It didn't quite work as they'd hoped and, though they tried valiantly, Stevenson's varsity came up short. Franklin's varsity squad performed outstanding routines, winning all three rounds to win the city title and a big trophy.

These competitions feature an intense rivalry between the squads, but it's always great that you can see the cheerleaders regularly and enthusiastically cheering the good work of other squads at most every competition.

As a parent, I'm proud of the dedication my daughter has brought to learning and perfecting roundoff back-handsprings, splits, toe-touches and more. And it's really exciting to watch her and her team perform.

Even better was what I saw from my daughter after the team's less-than-perfect performance on that Saturday. One cheerleader blamed herself for missing her stunt and she was in tears. And there was my daughter with her arm around that disconsolate teammate trying to comfort her. That made me even prouder.

Pride is something that comes naturally to parents of any and all athletes. So don't try to tell me — or any number of other cheer parents out there — that what these girls do on those competition mats each spring isn't a sport.

Dave Varga is editor of the *Livonia Observer*.

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Light on their feet

Local dancers hoof their way to regional crowns

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

With its multitudes of categories and a talent pool that traditionally draws from all over the country, the annual dance competition sponsored by Dance Masters of America is a tough test.

At the Great Lakes region, several local dancers passed the test with flying colors.

Carie Jurcak, a 15-year-old Salem High School student from Plymouth Township, was named Miss Teen Dance, while 11-year-old Arianna Bickle of Canton won the top prize as Miss Petite Dance during the recent competition in Dearborn.

Both girls dance at Joanne's Dance Extension in Canton, which had another student, 18-year-old Courtney Washington of South Lyon, win the Miss Dance competition for girls over the age of 16.

Joanne's Dance Extension owner Joanne Zavisa said the girls' accomplishments are impressive ones.

"It's a pretty big accomplishment for them, because they have to go through a personal interview, they're judged on classes, then on performance, so this is one of the toughest dance competitions the kids can enter," Zavisa said. "It's not just based on performance. They have to be very well rounded."

It was the fifth time around in this competition for Jurcak, the daughter of Brad and Fran Jurcak, but her first win. She earned her title dancing to *I Wanna go to Hollywood* from the musical *Grand Hotel*.

"It was a really fun song, and I do eventually want to go on stage to dance, so that's a good song for me," Jurcak said. "Dancing is what I've always done. I just love it so much,



Miss Teen Dance 2006 Carie Jurcak (right) of Plymouth Township and Miss Petite Dance Arianna Bickle of Canton were among the winners.

and I don't think I'll be able to stop doing it. It was amazing. It was like all the hard work I've done finally paid off."

It was the second time in the competition for Bickle, the daughter of Deborah and Randall Bickle. The 11-year-old said she felt better prepared this year than last.

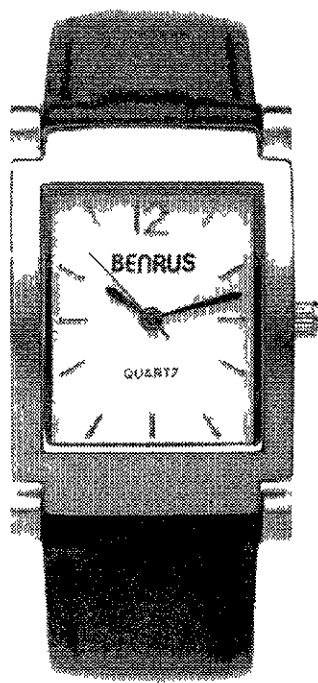
"I felt that if I believed I could win, I could do well," Bickle said. "I didn't have any ideas of winning, so when I won it was a big surprise. I was thinking, now I get to go buy all the cool dresses for nationals, I have to work really hard to do well, I'm going to meet lots of new girls and learn different types of dancing. I was sort of shocked, because I wasn't expecting anything like that."

The national competition takes place at the Grand Ol' Opry Hotel in Nashville, Tenn., June 30-July 10.



Miss Teen Dance 2006 Carie Jurcak of Plymouth Township accepts congratulations and her crown.

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Tile

It's a way to bring boldness, brashness to a room's decor

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to selecting tile, many homeowners believe bigger is better. Homeowners are also installing more natural stone than ceramic tile, according to Tamakia Bell, store manager at The Tile Shop in Westland.

"Slate is really popular. It's rich in color and they also like limestone," Bell said.

"When they're looking at slate, they enjoy it because it's very unique. Each piece is going to be different. People like the way it looks. It has lasting beauty, colors and variety."

Homeowners are using it everywhere: kitchens for backsplashes, foyers, bathrooms and vanity tops.

And they're adding accents and making the room bigger to the eye with larger tiles.

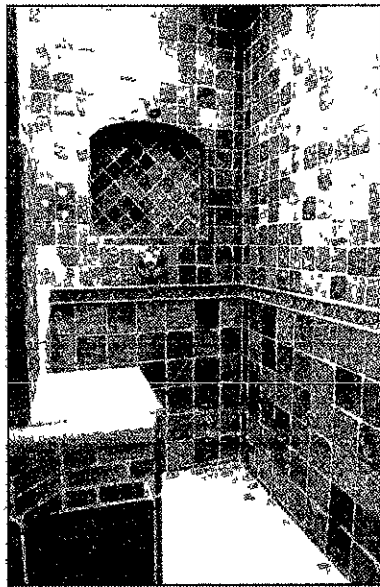
"People love the mosaics," Bell said. "They're also going for larger-sized tiles. It creates interest in the room and it doesn't look as busy."

BIG AND NATURAL

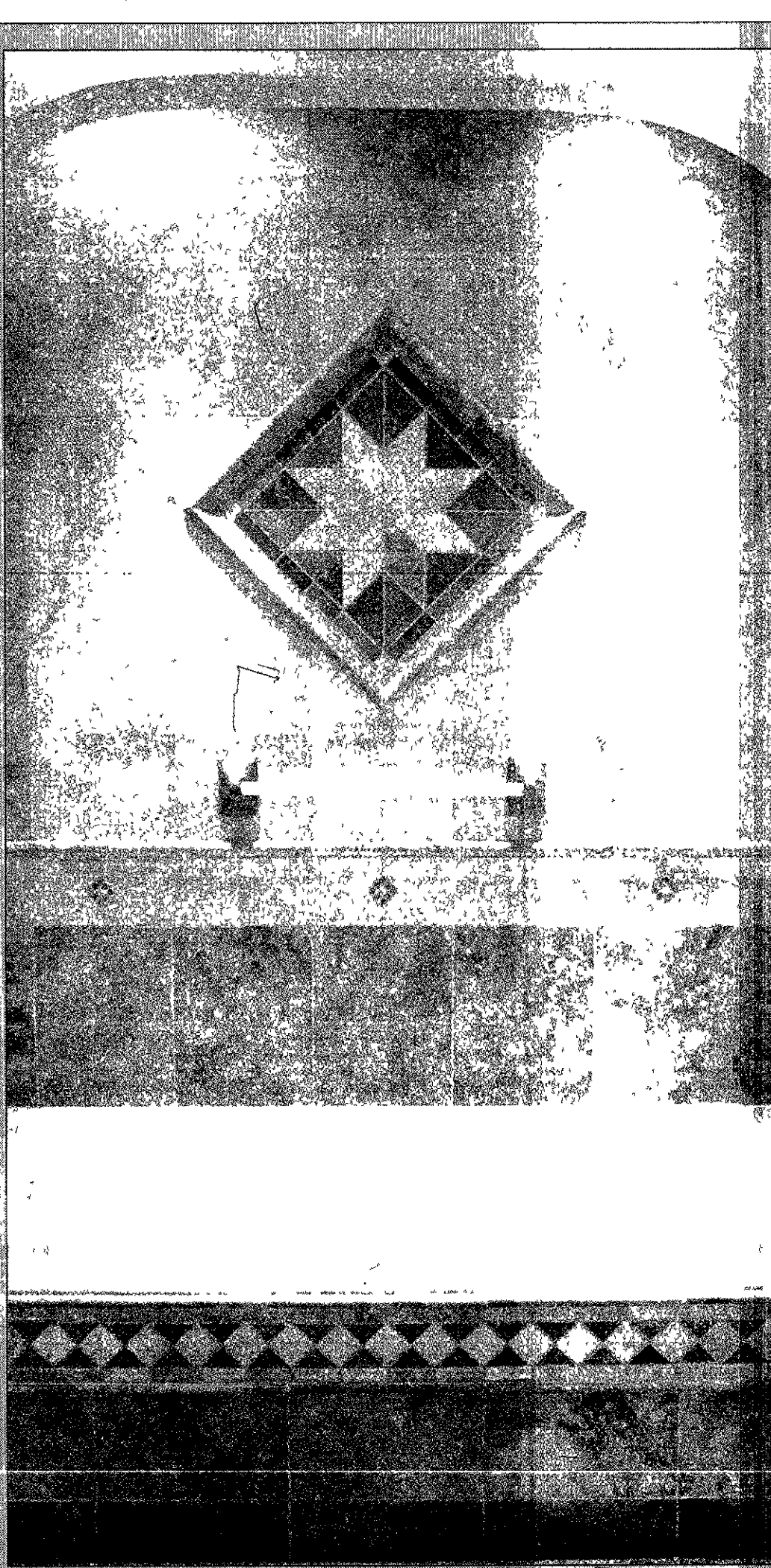
Diane LaFlair, showroom manager at Genesee Tile in Farmington Hills, said more customers want larger tiles, namely 18-by-18 tiles, and want the natural stone look.

"Things with metal and glass are being used in backsplashes and bathrooms," LaFlair said.

"They're just trying to get a different look. You can mix natural stone with tile and porcelain. It's not like



Slate adds a dynamic and striking look to the shower area. It runs \$4.99 per square foot and up and is available at The Tile Shop.



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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Marsha Heads of Livonia and her mother, Wanda White, made a wreath using jigsaw puzzle pieces for a standard flower show that's part of the Michigan Home and Garden Show at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Jigsaw puzzle makes creative wreath for show

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

"Is a puzzlement," the King of Siam said.

This "puzzlement" is delightful rather than baffling. It's a wreath featuring jigsaw puzzle pieces that will be displayed at a standard flower show by members of District I of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan Inc.

The theme of the show is Games of Life, "depicting the fun times and variety of games people play." The event is part of the Michigan Home and Garden Show (see related item inside).

"This was a mother-daughter proj-

ect," said Livonia resident Marsha Heads of Livonia, who created the wreath and worked on it with her mother, Wanda White.

The wreath is about 20 inches in diameter and has a vine frame. The puzzle pieces form 3-by-3-inch scenes of outdoor activities, such as ice skating and sleigh riding.

"We looked around the house for games we play and saw the jigsaw puzzle," said Heads, a member of the Livonia Garden Club.

Fresh and dried plant materials are used in the district's show; artificial flowers, fruit or foliage aren't permitted.

Ribbons of distinction will be awarded in the 14 classes of design,

13 classes of horticulture, several sections of education exhibits, artistic crafts and youth exhibits.

"We try to educate people," said district show chairman Debbie Morrow of Beverly Hills. "We have a lot of horticulture, and people are really fascinated by it."

"It's a fun project to do. We all have a good time. We're trying to get people to understand what flower arranging is."

For the Designer's Choice Award entries, any plant materials and other components may be used. Only dried plant material may be used for the Award of Distinction entries.

Required plant material is speci-

fied for Petite Award entries, and Table Artistry Award entrants may use fresh and/or dried plant materials and other components.

The Farmington Hills Flower Arrangers Guild is offering a \$25 award to the entry that most personifies the show theme.

WAYS TO PLAY

Among the design division classes are Winning the Gold, which is staged in a niche; Hoop It Up, which features a Hula Hoop; and Have a Ball, which is on a pedestal.

Wheel of Fortune incorporates black light. Impressing the Boss is on

PLEASE SEE **PUZZLE, B3**

Learn the truth about sales tax for online purchases

My recent column about Costco generated lots of mail – and reminded me to be more diligent about fact-checking.

Allow me to correct a few mistakes, share some reader insights, and reveal a critical issue regarding sales tax and Internet shopping.

For starters, I wrote that CompUSA was selling TurboTax Deluxe for \$19.99 after a mail-in rebate – \$5 less than Costco's price. In fact, CompUSA's price is \$29.99 after rebate. I apologize for the error, the result of what I consider a misleading product page on CompUSA's Web site.

Furthermore, astute reader Ron



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Horwitz of Farmington Hills pointed out that Costco offers a \$10 in-store coupon for TurboTax Deluxe, bringing the final price down to just \$14.99 – without a doubt the best deal around.

I also goofed on the GoVideo AMP256 MP3 player. Although it costs

\$5 more at Costco than at GoVideo's online store, the Costco version includes extra accessories valued at \$25. Indeed, it's not uncommon for the store to offer special bundles not found elsewhere.

Jason White of Troy lauded Costco's "amazing" return policy. Two years after he'd purchased a pair of PC speakers, they stopped working. Although the manufacturer's warranty had expired a year earlier, he returned the speakers to the store and received a full cash refund, no questions asked.

Finally, several readers noted that buying products on the Internet does not absolve you from paying sales tax.

(I had cited this sales-tax savings as one advantage to shopping online rather than at Costco.)

I checked with certified public accountant Howard Bleiwas of Novi. Sure enough, Michigan requires residents to pay a use tax, also known as remote sales tax, on items purchased over the Internet.

According to Bleiwas, very few people are aware of this tariff, and fewer still make good on it. "It's hard for (the State of Michigan) to enforce," he said.

Of course, I knew about this all along, and I've religiously paid my use taxes over the years, as I'm sure you have. What was I thinking when I said buying

online skirted sales tax? Bad columnist. Bad! I do, however, stand by my statement that you shouldn't blindly assume Costco has the best prices on computers and electronics just because they have the best prices on Styrofoam cups.

On the other hand, if you want a return policy that's second to none, a no-annual-fee American Express card that pays you cash back, and, um, sales tax that's conveniently collected at the time of purchase, get thee to a Costco.

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Pay attention to detail in bookcases

E laine Kay of Canton asks, "I have a white, built-in bookcase in my formal living room. I want to use this space for display, as well as for books; however, it always seems to look cluttered and chaotic. Can this built-in bookcase serve dual purpose as book storage and display space, while looking attractive and fitting in with the formality of the living room?"

With open display space in such a formal room, attention must be given to every item that goes on those shelves. An elegant look can quickly turn cluttered before you know it. As I've mentioned in other articles, accessories need to be deliberate. Let's go over some steps to get you started in the right direction.

FOLLOW COLOR SCHEMES

First, take everything off of your shelves and start with a blank canvas. Look around and note the primary and accent colors in the living room, as well as in any adjoining rooms, like your formal dining room. These colors need to be reflected in some of your accessories on the built-in shelves. Set aside the items that follow your color scheme. Next, look at the color of your book bindings. These are accessories, too. Eliminate all paperback books from open bookshelves in this formal room, then group similar colored, hard cover book bindings together. When you have small items like books, it is best to group them by color for greater impact, which helps minimize the visual chaos. Photos, plants and greenery make nice additions to open bookshelves; however, it's easy to go overboard with these items. Photos look very nice, but too many photos are lost in the clutter. The result is none

of the photos are appreciated because there are just too many to look at. Be very discriminating. Photos are easy enough to put away and then you can rotate your favorite ones out every few weeks for a change. The frames on the photos should coordinate with each other and with the entire room. Keep size and scale in mind with family photos. Little bitty 3-by-5-inch photos may get lost on a large set of bookshelves. To keep a formal flair on your built-in shelves, one or two shelves should be minimally accessorized. A pair of vases or one plant sprawling across the shelf is all that is needed. Not every shelf needs to be filled to capacity. Another consideration when selecting the items to be placed on the shelves is the color of the shelving unit. You mentioned that your built-in shelves are white. With that in mind, avoid white or pale accessories. They will hardly be seen against the white background. The same holds true for the opposite colors. If the shelves are dark-stained, mahogany, the accessories would need to be lighter in color to pop out and not be absorbed in the background. As you begin placing your items on the shelves, keep visual weight in mind. For instance, if you place all of the heavy books on the top two shelves, and then place China tea cups on the lower shelves, the bookcase will look top heavy. To rectify this situation with four open shelves, use shelf one and shelf three to hold the heavier books on them; whereas, shelf two and shelf four could be sparingly decorated with just a plant or a couple of matching urns. You can see how open shelves can be visually balanced and pleasing to look at. Built-in bookshelves add architectural interest to a room. This is a great place to change your accessories with the seasons and to highlight different items that you own. For example, if you collect colored glass, you could display your collection on these shelves for a while. Change out the



This bookshelf is neatly organized and displays a mix of books, photos and flowers, creating a pleasant, inviting look.

glass collection for books, ceramics, and greenery. These shelves can be in an ongoing transformation and will always add flair and personality to a room.

BUILD INTEREST

It is important to create interest with your accessories. Leave room for the eye to rest between items and this will alleviate the chaotic feeling you described. If you are still running into difficulty with your accessorizing, I suggest that you go through some higher end design and decorating magazines and tear pictures that reflect the overall look you are trying to achieve. The pho-

tos you find in these magazines can serve as a catalyst for your own ideas. If it is still not working for you, it may be time to bring in a professional interior designer. For a reasonable fee, an interior designer can do an accessory house call and may even be able to use items from other areas of your home.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella with your questions at: exclusiveinteriordesign@hotmail.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Roses West

Roses West will meet 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at the Novi Community Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile. The program will be Meet the Rosarians. Handouts and a social hour will be featured. The public may attend.

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.

Cactus and succulent society

The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will have a program, Collecting Growing Aloes, 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell in Royal Oak. Admission is free. Guests are welcome. Call (248) 524-0227 for more information.

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.

For information about the Oakland Land Conservancy, call (248) 601-2816.

Orchid show

The Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday Show will take place Saturday-Sunday, March 19-20, at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, just east of the I-275-Six Mile interchange in Livonia. The show will be open during mall hours March 19 and to 5 p.m. March 20. The event will feature more than 20 exhibits of orchids, 800 plants on display, educational information, and vendors of plants and supplies. Admission is free.

Gardeners conference

The Association of Professional Gardeners Annual Meeting and Conference will take place Sunday, March 20, at Wojo Greenhouse, 2570 Oakwood Road in Ortonville (phone (248) 627-6498). The conference will be an all-day program including lunch. Registration will be at 8 a.m. and the program will run until 3:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.associationofprofessionalgardeners.org, or call (248) 330-7466. Cost is \$60 for members, \$70 for non-members. The registration form is available at the Web site. Topics will include Photography in the Garden and What's New in the Garden This Year. The conference will feature a chance to network with professional gardeners, and a tour of the facility.

New in the garden

The Village Gardeners of Lathrup Village will host a special spring gardening program, What's New in the Garden for 2005, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 21, in the Community Room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of I-696. Admission is free to all Village Gardener members. Guests are asked to make a \$3 voluntary contribution to help defray costs and ensure the continuation of quality programs. For more information, call Susan Arneson at (248) 443-1703 evenings and weekends or (313) 202-7842 days. Julia Janiak, garden center manager and buyer, Goldner Walsh Nursery, will present the program. It will explore not only new plant material but also trends in ironware, pottery and planting styles. SOCWA volunteers will staff display tables with information on healthy garden practices, rain gardens, composting, mulching, biodiversity and lawn care before the program (6:30-7 p.m.). Refreshments and a raffle drawing for gardening gifts will be featured.

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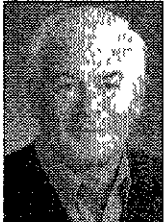
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Manufacturers recall more dishwashers

You may remember that I wrote last week about the recall announced by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission pertaining to the General Electric dishwashers produced between January 2004 and February 2005.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Here it is one week later, and now as Paul Harvey would say, Page Two. The CPSC recently announced the recall of Whirlpool and Kenmore under-the-counter plastic tall tub dishwashers. An electrical defect within the dishwashers' wash motor wiring poses a risk of the motor overheating and possibly catching fire. There were 162,000 of these dishwashers

sold nationwide between June 2004 and January 2005.

The following Whirlpool model numbers are affected, DUL1,DULGU1,GU2 and GU6. If you have one of these units, you should stop using it immediately and call Whirlpool for a free repair. The telephone number is 1-866-769-7260 or visit repair.whirlpool.com, the company's Web address.

The following Kenmore dishwashers were built by Whirlpool. Kenmore model numbers are 665.143, 665.160, 665.163, 665.170 and 665.173.

Ask yourself a question. With these recent recall announcements of dishwashers and a few others publicized in this column, I estimate there are close to 5 million dishwashers recalled in the past five years. How many homeowners even know about the recalls? It just goes to show you how important this newspaper really is.

And now, here's one of the e-mails I received recently about clothes washers.

Joanne writes - "Married in

1950, we bought a Bendix front-loading washer. My mother had one immediately after the World War II, in 1946-47. She had to use special soap and later only All. It was bolted to the basement floor.

"Ours was not as we were in government housing and it was not allowed. Many times I would come into the small kitchen and find the Bendix on the other side of the room! I became pregnant with our first child and found the washer to be very good at getting the clothes clean. The water dispersed through the clothes as it rinsed. I noticed that the rinse water was very clean.

"My husband, a do-it-yourself guy and popular with all the neighbors, loved redesigning the machine. He put spring-loaded shock absorbers on it. After a disastrous door opening incident, with dirty diapers and water all over the floor, he re-worked the closing mechanism.

"When we moved to our new house he took the washer and

dryer outside and sprayed them turquoise to match the laundry decor. We bought another front loader in 1963 from Montgomery Wards and again he reworked it with a new two-speed motor, new shocks and was fascinated with the push button controls. I never had a repairman come into my house. If I dared to say "this doesn't work," I would find the object apart on the kitchen table.

"He passed away 10 years ago and now his sons have taken over. If I complain that something has broken they are right here to help. Or they say, 'How old is this thing? Get a new one!'

"I was always there with a cup of coffee and watched as he did his magic. It is be lonely without my do-it-yourself guy. The snow blower is broke."

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.

TILE

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you have to be in a box. Mixing is pretty unique."

Lynne Moran says larger tile gives a room a contemporary or commercial feel, sort of what she describes as a "Soho look."

"(Larger tile) has less clutter, it's more refined, has cleaner lines, and it's minimalistic," said Moran, director of showrooms for Virginia Tile, which has stores in Farmington Hills, Sterling Heights and at the Michigan Design Center in Troy.

Homeowners can buy some tiles in 16-by-16-, 18-by-18-, 20-by-20- and 24-by-24-inch sizes to cover bathrooms and kitchen floors or on walls for a more contemporary look.

GETTING IT STRAIGHT

For years, homeowners wanted tumbled marble, porcelain or natural stone. Many homeowners are still using these materials, but their tastes are changing.

"Now we're seeing more straight edges," Moran said. "It's finer with a more sleek look and more contemporary feel with a lot of sophisticated decorative trims, metal and glass, relief tiles and slate with straight or tumbled edges."

Mixtures of natural stone, glass and metal are prominent in today's tile projects, whether it is in the bathroom, kitchen or foyer.

"That mixture is what is unique today," Moran said.

Limestone is priced \$5.99 a square foot and up, and slate \$3.99 a square foot and up at The Tile Shop.

Slate is also popular in fireplaces, Bell said.

"Now when you see HGTV, you tend to see a lot of slates," he said. "Slate is used now in bathrooms. Before you'd see them in mud rooms and foyers, but now you see them a lot in bathrooms."

The use of natural stone with glass gives it a "spa-like, Zen feel," said Moran.

And ceramic tile can be mixed with tumbled slate and glass accents.

"This is what's great with tile, is there is endless options,"

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"It's a great look," Moran said.

Metals are cut into porcelain as part of the glass-metal-tile mix. In bathrooms, pebble stones and mosaic stone can be used to create a nautical theme.

"We're seeing a lot of slate and natural stone," LaFlair said. "Mosaics out of natural stone on a mesh backing with slates are very big."

Stone enhancers bring out the color of slate, marble or limestone, she said.

Bell sees more customers going to the intricate mosaic pieces.

They may want an outdoorsy motif for the bathroom with tiles imprinted with leaves or trees. While less grout is needed for the larger tiles, that doesn't make it less important, Bell said.

"Grout is very important. It can change the total look of the tile. If you want the tile to stand out, you need grout that will blend in."

A tile rich in color should have neutral-colored grout.

"With natural stone, you want to focus on the tile not on the grout," Bell said.

Natural stone decorative pieces of granite, marble and slate are added, too.

"People are being very creative with their vanity tops. People are doing their ceilings and framing their mirrors," Bell said.

"A lot of people don't even think about ideas like that. When they see it, they love it."

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PUZZLE

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a buffet table for six, and Games of the Heart is on a table set for two.

The three artistic craft section classes use plant material and a decorated sports racquet for What a Racket, a decorated sports shoe for Walk the Line and a sports glove for Glove in Hand.

Fresh plant materials grown by the entrants will be featured in the horticulture division classes, including house plants, forced bulbs, herbs, dish gardens, terrariums, bromeliads, cacti, topiaries and forced branches.

Horticulture classes are judged on cultural perfection, condition and grooming, and distinction.

DISTRICT

Michigan federated garden clubs are divided into seven districts. District I encompasses communities from Port Huron to Trenton, and west to South Lyon and Canton.

The district consists of 45 garden clubs in five areas, including the Western Area (Farmington, Livonia and Dearborn) and North Area (Rochester and North Oakland).

Meetings, flower shows, garden walks

and community projects are some of the members' activities.

There are two district meetings a year, a state convention and schools on flower shows, garden culture, landscape design and environmental issues.

At last year's Home and Garden Show, District I presented the theme of Broadway, with arrangements interpreting familiar Broadway shows.

OTHER FEATURES

Also at the Michigan Home and Garden Show, 15 spectacular living gardens filled with annuals and perennials in full bloom, shrubs and trees, waterfalls, reflecting pools and fountains will be displayed.

Visitors will see home improvement ideas, including new homes and log homes, kitchen and bath remodeling, room additions, roofing and siding, heating and cooling, windows and doors, flooring and tiling, cabinets and furniture.

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MICHIGAN HOME AND GARDEN SHOW


■ **What:** A show featuring Games of Life, a display by members of District I of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan. Also, judged floral designs, horticulture and artistic crafts will be on display, and educational exhibits and judged youth exhibits will be featured.

■ **When:** Thursday-Sunday, March 10-13. Hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Thursday; noon to 9:30 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

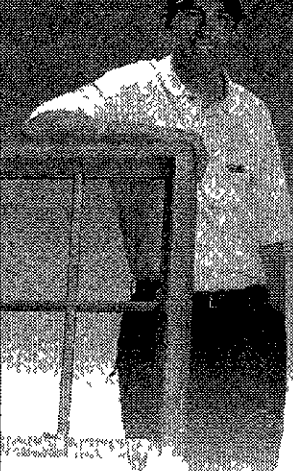
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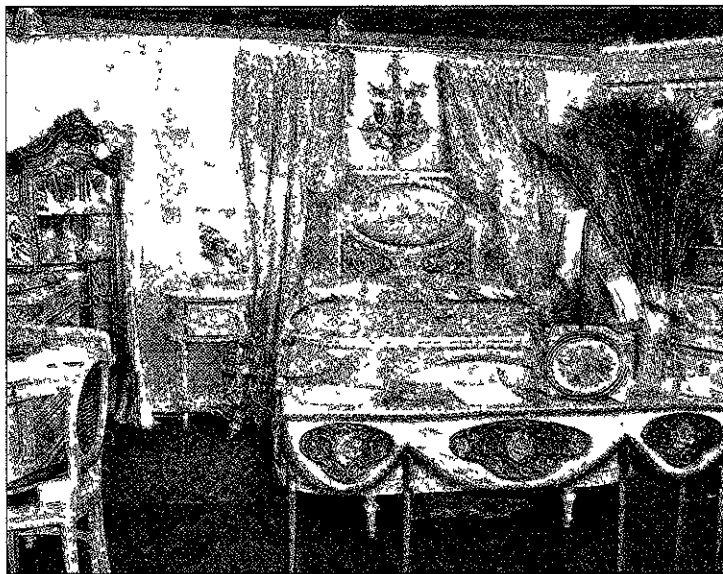
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HOME CALENDAR

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 Sunday. Tickets are available at the Groves Main Office, 13 Mile and Evergreen; and at the Apple Tree Room, 32749 Franklin Road in Franklin. Make checks out to: Groves PTSA Graduation Committee. Call (248) 890-0289 or (248) 722-3827 for information.

Faux stained glass

Learn an interesting craft that simulates stained glass in a class Tuesday, March 22, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Fee is \$22, plus a \$15 materials fee payable to instructors Bob and Esther Kerr. To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.community-house.com.

In the class, you will transfer patterns to an 8-by-10-inch styrene, apply liquid (simulated) leading, and learn to apply, blend and comb your colors to produce a beautiful glass art painting.

Hand quilting

Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services offers a six-week class, Sew Be It: Hand Quilting!, beginning Tuesday, March 29.

Fee is \$75 (\$60 for seniors). Bring a large dose of enthusiasm and a small pair of scissors to the first session. For more information, visit www.schoolcraft.edu or call Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448. In the class, enjoy the history of quilting, learn about fabric care and selection, and discover different patterns and designs, all while you complete a small wall hanging or crib quilt.

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 or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. Beginning sewers will learn the basics while making two beautiful decorative square or rectangular pillows, using bias-cut, fabric-covered cord and inserted trims, in Beginner Pillow (Mondays, March 14-28). 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.

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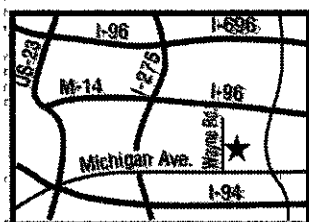
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This Irish potato cake flips onto dinner plates

Think of Irish food to celebrate St. Patrick's Day next Thursday and you may think of Irish stew, bangers and mash (sausage and potatoes) or shepherd's pie.

But boxty have long remained a tradition in Irish foods.

According to Sharon Tyler Herbst in *The Food Lover's Companion*, boxty is like a thick pancake composed of mashed and shredded potatoes, flour and baking soda or baking powder. Boxty are said to have originated during the Irish famine.

Orla Moran, assistant manager at Sean O'Callaghan's in Plymouth, moved from Ireland to the United States two years ago.

Boxty were once called the "poor man's meal," she said.

"It's really the only food that they had," Moran said. "Grated potatoes, flour and a little salt and pepper." Potatoes remain one of the staple crops of Ireland.

Across town at Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham, chef Chris Grubbs said boxty there feature the Northern Irish traditions of shaved potatoes with chunks large enough for diners to enjoy.

"I like their texture, I like their taste," Grubbs said. "They're crispy outside, but also tender inside."

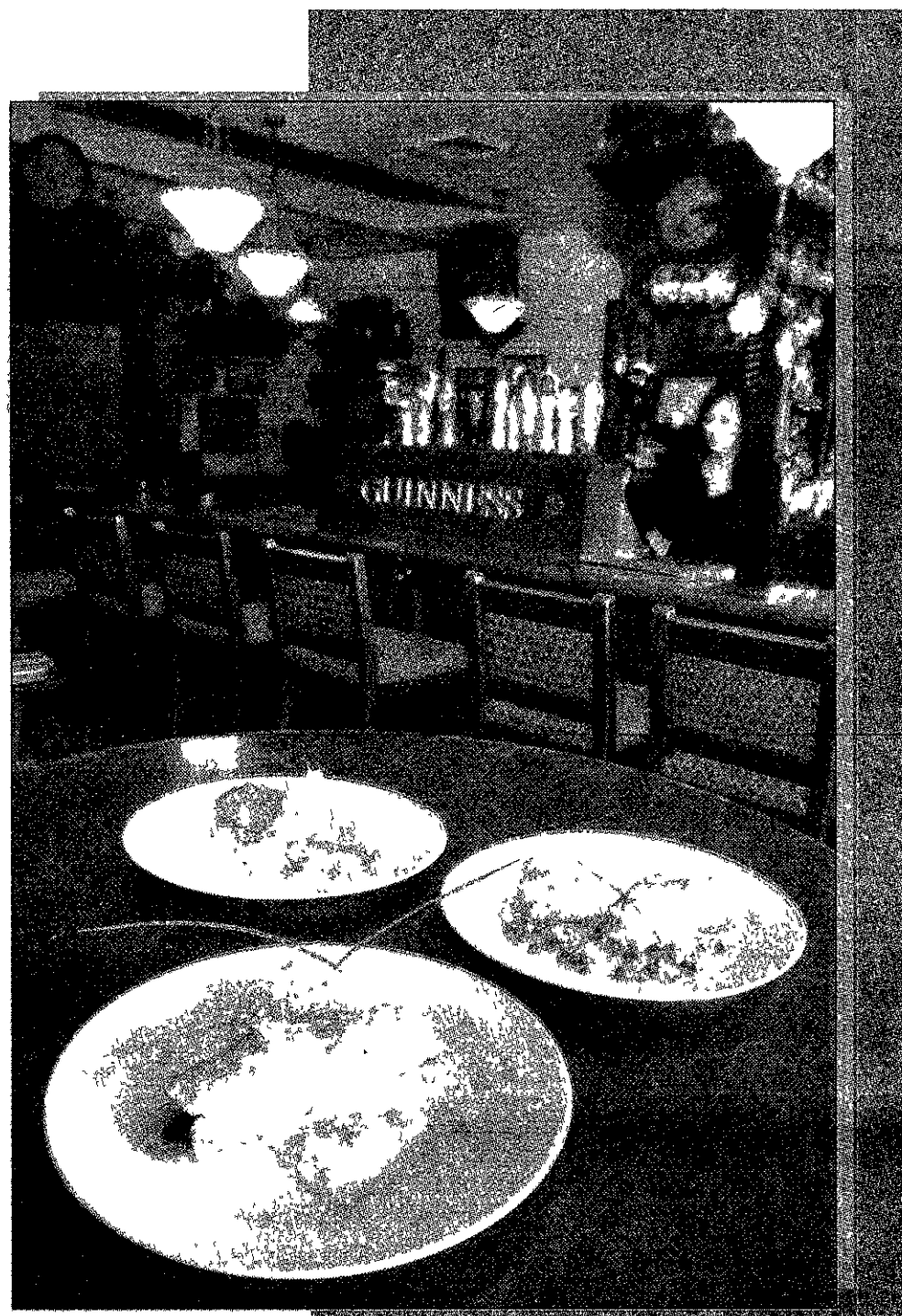
But it's not a potato pancake, Grubbs said.

O'Callaghan's used Moran's grandmother's recipe for boxty. Executive chef John Schofar said boxty batter should be thin almost like a crepe.

"It fulfilled a diet when there wasn't much food and money," Schofar said. "The filling is more of a modern thing."

Leave it to Americans to turn

PLEASE SEE BOXTY, B6



Above, Here are a vegetarian boxty (foreground) with mushrooms, spinach, garlic, shallots and white wine and roasted garlic cream sauce; corned beef boxty with Thousand Island dressing and steamed cabbage (top left), and smoked salmon boxty with capers, onions and chives with creme fraiche. Above left, executive chef John Schofar (front) and sous chef Larry Wood prepare boxty in the kitchen at Sean O'Callaghan's Traditional Irish Pub in Plymouth.

BOXTY

4 large russet potatoes, peeled
2 eggs
1/4 cup flour
Salt and pepper
Butter (for cooking pancakes)

Potatoes should be grated twice through a food processor. Retain the water generated from grating the potatoes. Mix with flour and eggs and adjust with seasonings. Batter should be thin, similar to batter for pancakes or crepes.

Heat nonstick skillet to high heat, and melt butter in pan. (Don't use oil. The butter helps brown them.) Pour batter, cooking for 3 to 4 minutes until boxty browns on one side, then flip it, and cook for 2 to 3 minutes on the other side. Don't overbrown or you won't be able to roll them.

Saute desired ingredients for filling (corned beef, salmon, turkey or vegetables) in separate saute pan. You also can cook scrambled or poached eggs or American bacon and use for a filling, John Schofar said.

Fill boxty with filling, then roll up. Serve Thousand Island dressing and steamed cabbage with corned beef, or capers with salmon.

Recipe courtesy of John Schofar, executive chef of Sean O'Callaghan's Traditional Irish Pub and Restaurant in Plymouth.

Story by Ken Abramczyk | Photos by Bill Bresler

California's Dry Creek Valley is zinfandel country

Paul Draper, veteran winemaker and chief executive officer of Ridge Vineyards, exudes a great passion for zinfandel.

He believes that zinfandel is California's unique contribution to the wine world and just as Bordeaux established the standard for cabernet sauvignon, Dry Creek Valley has for zinfandel.

"It's the one variety where California producers are not the challengers," Draper said. "We established the standard."

In 1969, Draper joined Ridge Vineyards, located in California's Santa Cruz Mountains as a cabernet sauvignon winemaker, and in the early years, that was all he made. "While we were waiting for our replanted 19th century vineyards to come into bearing, we looked for other cabernet sauvignon sources," Draper said. "There were none."

In looking for alternative grape varieties to expand Ridge's production, Draper dis-



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covered vineyards in Dry Creek Valley that were planted in the 19th century. The quality and complexity coming from old vine Dry Creek zinfandel convinced him to make it along with cabernet sauvignon.

From the beginning, Draper treated zinfandel with the care and expense with which he made cabernet. He picked it within zinfandel's ideal maturity window and did not treat it as a grape to be harvested after other varieties were already in the winery - a common practice back then.

He also decided to barrel age zinfandel just as he did cabernet. "We believe to this day that our approach was correct and we are pleased to have been

part of the renaissance of zinfandel in California with Ridge Lytton Springs vineyard in the Dry Creek Valley," he said.

ZINFANDEL ORIGINS

Ridge's focus on Zinfandel also contributed to research into its origins. Although no one knew the history of the grape name, it was discovered that cuttings were brought to Long Island in the 1820s, from the Royal Hapsburg vine collection in Vienna, at a time when Croatia was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Near the end of the 20th century, Carole Meredith, Ph.D., then a research scientist at the University of California Davis discovered the origin of zinfandel in Croatia using DNA comparison to identify it. Even though zinfandel's origin has been proven to be Croatia, it is not grown there today because zinfandel does not do well in a region with summer and

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Other select areas of California also have a handle on growing and making exemplary ZINFANDEL.

■ 2002 Renwood Grandmere Amador County (\$25) has lively spiced aromas with raspberry, clove and brown spice flavors.

■ 2001 Renwood Grandpere Amador County (\$32) is more masculine than Grandmere with blackberry, black cherry and plum fruit accented by cracked pepper spice.

■ 2002 Renwood Fiddletown (\$25) sports jam, cherry, plum and white pepper spiciness.

■ 2002 Renwood "Old Vine" Amador County (\$20) has engaging dark blackberry fruit.

■ 2002 Napa Cellars, Oakville (\$20) with its cassis aromas is very sexy.

ZINFANDEL VALUES: 2002 Kenwood, Sonoma County (\$16), 2002 Valley of the Moon, Sonoma County (\$15) and 2002 Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve (\$12).

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

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Side dish

Bordeaux featured

Some of the finest wines from the Bordeaux region of France await connoisseurs at La Balade Bordelaise, a fund-raising dinner at Schoolcraft College Saturday, April 2. All wines were produced between 1980 and 1990, and are at the peak of their complexity and richness. Many are unavailable except from private collections.

Accompanying the wine will be a six-course dinner prepared by certified executive chef Marcus Haight and post-graduate students in the college's Brigade program. The menu will complement each wine and is built around dishes from two- and three-star French restaurants.

The wines have been collected through the efforts of S. Elie Boudt of Elie Wine Company in Royal Oak. Vineyards represented include Château Gruaud Larose, Château Beycheville, Château Léoville Barton, Château Palmer and Château Figeac.

The menu will feature celery root ravioli with oyster and portabella mushroom filling, roasted grouper, roasted breast of squab, grilled veal medallions and classic apple tart tatin. Diners at each table will sample six distinct Bordeaux wines.

Prices per person will vary between \$150 and \$350, depending upon the wines at each table.

Diners may purchase a specific number of tickets or an entire table. There will be no refunds for the dinner, and a portion of the ticket price is tax deductible.

Profits from La Balade Bordelaise will fund a one-week trip to Paris for students in the Brigade program. This post-graduate program, directed by Chef Haight, provides advanced training in all aspects of restaurant operations. The trip is the culmination of their Schoolcraft culinary education.

To order tickets, telephone Kathryn at 734-462-4400, ext. 5507. Ticket requests will be filled in the order in which they are received. The dinner, held in the American Harvest Restaurant, will accommodate 100 guests.

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

It's Brazilian

Visit downtown Birmingham on Wednesday evenings from 6-10 p.m. in March and enjoy the Brazilian jazz sounds of the Sean Blackman Quintet while sipping tasty caipirinhas (a traditional Brazilian drink) at Pampas Brazilian Grille in downtown Birmingham.

Hungry? Try traditional Brazilian Rodizio of sizzling meats and grilled vegetables served table-side, or the extensive chilled food selection - a haven for carnivores and vegetarians alike.

Pampas Brazilian Grille is at 260 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham. For reservations call (248) 646-2158.

BOXTY

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traditional boxty on its head.

Sean O'Callaghan's features corned beef, smoked salmon and spinach-filled varieties of boxty.

At Dick O'Dow's the boxty dish can be layered with chicken, beef or vegetables.

Corned beef, smoked salmon and spinach boxty are equally popular, Schofar said. Schofar likes the corned beef, while sous chef Larry Wood likes the smoked salmon.

"(The batter) can't be too thick," Wood said. "Fresh potatoes are the key." Wood also likes smoked turkey in them.

"A lot of my friends like the vegetarian, they'll come in for lunch and order the spinach (boxty)," Wood said. He serves it with a roasted garlic cream sauce.

Schofar said the batter should be thin, and potatoes nice and wet to get a liquidy texture. "Otherwise you'll just have a glop of potatoes," Schofar said.

Grubbs cores and shaves potatoes so the potato is left in large chunks.

It is then mixed with eggs, fresh leeks, fresh garlic, salt, pepper, tarragon, dill, mild and sharp cheddar cheeses. Flour is added as a thickening agent.

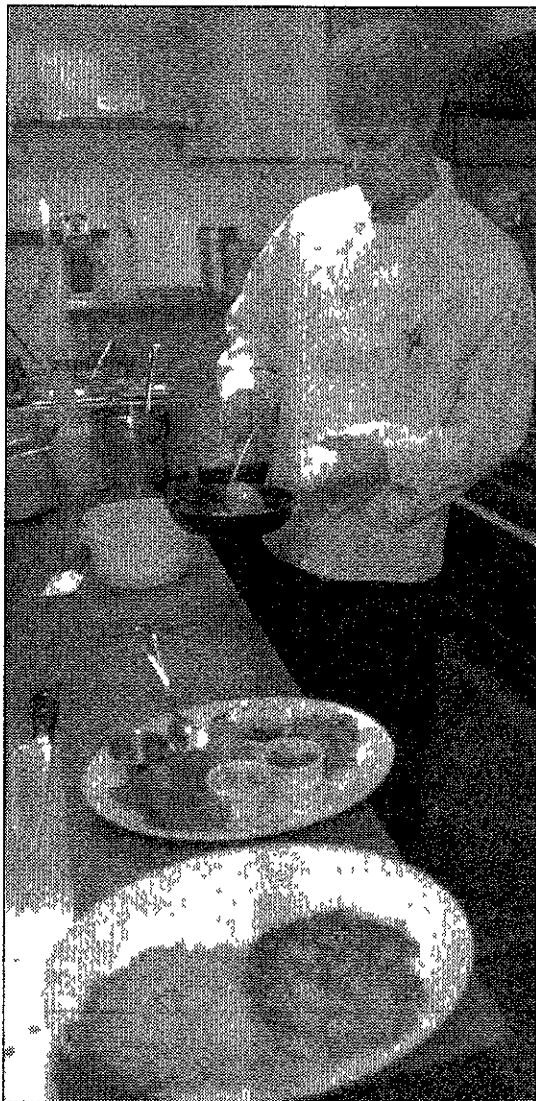
"It sits at 41 degrees for four hours," Grubbs said. "With cheeses and the herbs, you create a real good flavor. But it's not like a potato pancake."

The boxtys can be layered with vegetables (green and red peppers, mushrooms, onions and leeks), chicken (with onions, peppers and mushrooms and fresh red pepper pesto) or beef (top sirloin with tomatoes and leeks).

"So what is it that is appealing about Irish food? For Moran, it's a little taste of home.

"It's hearty, filling and good," Moran said.

Sean O'Callaghan's is located at 821 Penniman, just west of



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Sous chef Larry Wood ladles batter for boxty into a pan.

Main Street in Plymouth. Phone: (734) 459-6666
Dick O'Dow's is located at 160 W. Maple, just west of Woodward in Birmingham. Phone: (248) 642-1135

DUBLIN CODDLE

Dublin Coddle is true Irish comfort food: no fancy sauces, and none of the spices found in hotter regions. Yet every Dublin pub and every Dublin mum has a version of it. It sounds simple — just bacon, sausage, potatoes, onions, carrots, and water or hard cider — but the flavors meld together into a delicious stew.

4 slices lean bacon
1½ pounds pork sausages (6 to 8 sausages)
2 yellow onions, sliced
salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 large potatoes, peeled and sliced
2 carrots, peeled and sliced
1 cup water, hard cider, chicken stock, or beer
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley

Heat a large sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add the bacon and fry for seven minutes, or until crisp. Using tongs, transfer to paper towels to drain.

Add the sausages to the pan and cook, turning frequently, for 10 minutes, or until browned. Using tongs, transfer to a plate. Drain any excess fat from the pan.

Add the onions to the pan and sauté, stirring frequently, for 10 minutes, or until lightly browned.

Spread half of the onions in a layer in the bottom of the slow cooker. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place half of the potatoes in a layer on top of the onions

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and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Lay the strips of bacon over the potatoes. Lay the sausages over the bacon. Spread the carrots over the sausages and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Spread the remaining onions over the carrots and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Top with the remaining potatoes and sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Add the water. Cover and cook on low for five to six hours, until the vegetables are very tender.

Transfer to a warmed serving dish and sprinkle with the parsley. Serve immediately. Serves six.

Recipes courtesy of The Gourmet Slow Cooker: Simple and Sophisticated Meals from Around the World, by Lynn Alley, Ten Speed Press.

BEEF AND GUINNESS STEW

Root vegetables are always found in the cuisine of cold northern climates. In this delicious traditional Irish stew, beef is paired with carrots, onions, potatoes, and hearty Guinness stout. For a completely different flavor using basically the same ingredients, try using lamb shanks rather than beef. Both are Irish favorites.

¾ cup all-purpose flour
2½ pounds very lean stewing beef, cut into 1½-inch cubes
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 to 3 large potatoes, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces
2 to 3 carrots, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces
2 large yellow onions, quartered

1 to 2 sprigs thyme
2 cups Guinness stout or other very dark, hearty beer
1 teaspoon salt
chopped fresh parsley, for garnish

Place the flour in a resealable plastic bag. Add the beef 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 beef and cook, turning, for 5 to 10 minutes, until browned on all sides. Using tongs, transfer to paper towels to drain.

Place the beef, potatoes, carrots, onions, and thyme in the slow cooker and pour the beer over the top. (If you prefer the vegetables with more texture, let the stew cook for one hour before adding the vegetables.) Cover and cook on low for eight hours, or until the meat is very tender. Season with salt. Remove and discard the thyme.

Transfer to a serving bowl and garnish generously with the parsley. Serves four to six.

LAMB AND GUINNESS STEW

Trim off as much fat from four to six lamb shanks as you can. The shanks will still render plenty of fat during cooking. For a lower-fat dish, cook them in the Guinness with ½ onion all day, then refrigerate the stew overnight and remove the congealed fat before finishing the dish. Add the potatoes, carrots, onions, and thyme. Cover and cook on low for two to three hours before serving.

Explore a plant-based diet March 20

Kick the meat habit for a day and explore a plant-based diet at The Great American Meatout noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at the Gerry Kulick Community Center in Ferndale.

Admission is \$5; children 12 and under are admitted free. The local event is hosted by Veggie in Motion (VIM).

The Great American Meatout is for anyone interested in vegetarianism, or simply in eating healthier by cutting back on meat.

Participants will learn the many benefits of a plant-based diet via food samples from local veg-friendly restaurants, as well as lectures, cooking demos, literature, videos, product ven-

dors, door prizes and more. Restaurants such as Inn Season, the Peacock, Sweet Lorraine's, Jade Palace, Thai Smile, Tasi Juice Bar and others will offer tasty meatless cuisine and/or prizes. Featured speakers include "Meat Market" author Erik Marcus; Beaumont Hospital medical director of cardiac rehab Dr. Joel Kahn; author, food and fitness consultant Dr. Kerrie Saunders; Sasha Farm animal activist Bob Harvie; linguist, author, Reiki master and Kabbalist Dr. Schavi Mali Ali; and VIM founder Jim Corcoran.

Meatout 2005 responds to dietary trends, such as obesity surpassing smoking as a top national health threat; more

and more health concerns being raised about Atkins-type diets; and the steady growth of the vegetarian food market. Research has shown that a plant-based diet significantly reduces risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer and other chronic diseases, in addition to benefiting resource conservation, environmental quality and animal welfare.

The Gerry Kulick Community Center is located at 1201 Livernois in Ferndale (take Nine Mile Road to Livernois; south three streets to Pearson). For more information on VIM and the metro Detroit Great American Meatout, call (248) 616-9676 or visit www.vegginmotion.org/meatout.

WINE

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autumn rains.

Actually, there are very few regions of the world where zinfandel can consistently mature and produce premium quality wine. California and especially Dry Creek Valley, is an ideal location.

WHY DRY CREEK?

In 1971, Draper met with the owner of Valley Vista Vineyard on Lytton Springs Road in the Dry Creek Valley and contracted to purchase grapes for the 1972 harvest, which was released under the brand name Lytton Springs.

In 1995, Ridge purchased the vineyards and winery because of the consistent quality of the wines. Today, a state-of-the-art new winery replaces the one purchased with the property.

Zinfandel has been cultivated continuously in Dry Creek Valley for over 125 years. A combination of factors creates the gestalt of Dry Creek Valley zinfandel. In addition to terrain, climate and soils conducive to greatness, Dry Creek Valley has a cultural heritage. The vintners of Dry Creek Valley appear to have a feel for growing zinfandel and it's not something they learned from a textbook.

In addition to a Lytton Springs Zinfandel, we highly

recommend 2002 Dry Creek Vineyard Somers Ranch Zinfandel (\$30) with blackberry, chocolate and black pepper spiciness, 2002 Dry Creek Vineyard Beeson Ranch Zinfandel (\$30), showcasing raspberry, blackberry and Bing cherry flavors.

At \$16, the 2002 Lake Sonoma Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel, sporting bright raspberry aromas and flavors with a nice touch of spice, is a real deal.

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

Do You Want to Honor a HomeTown Hero?

Your Observer & Eccentric, Mirror and HomeTown Newspapers, in conjunction with the United Way of Oakland County, are calling for nominations for the HomeTown Heroes™ Awards, which recognizes, encourages and rewards outstanding volunteers who have given selflessly of themselves to support non-profit organizations in Oakland County. Nominees and awardees will be recognized at the Sixth Annual HomeTown Heroes™ Luncheon that will take place on June 1, 2005 at Marriott at Centerpoint in Pontiac, Michigan.

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

Mail or fax forms to: HomeTown Heroes™ Awards • c/o United Way of Oakland County
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For questions, further information, or more applications go to
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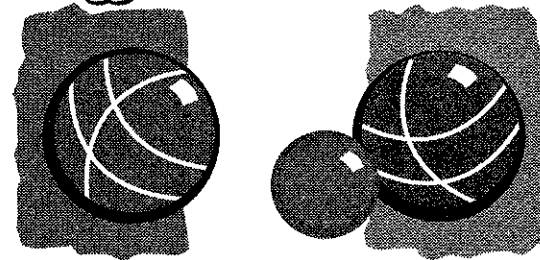
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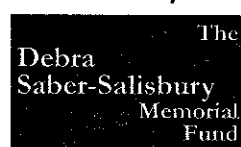
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For super-light noodles, rice is super

BY DANA JACOBI
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Rice noodles, popular across Southeast Asia to southern China, are essential to many dishes, including savory-sweet pad thai, slurpy Vietnamese pho, and curry-flavored Singapore noodles.

Sold now in many American supermarkets, they are easy to use in flavorful one-dish meals like Thai Rice Noodle Soup with Shrimp.

This light pasta is made from rice ground into a fine flour, mixed with water and slowly dried. It contains no wheat, gluten, eggs, cholesterol or fat.

Because they are already cooked, you need only soak rice noodles in hot water until soft before using them.

These not-quite-white noodles, brittle and translucent, come folded into skeins and in different thicknesses, from angel hair-fine vermicelli used in soups, and wider, linguini-flat rice sticks used both in soups and stir-fries, to fettucini-width noodles for stir-fries.

In ethnic markets, you may see them called mai fun or bunh, depending on their thickness and the country in which they were produced.

To prepare rice noodles, first place them in a plastic bag and separate off the amount you want to use. This prevents bits of dried noodles from scattering as you break them apart.

Allow 1 to 2 ounces for each serving of soups and salads,



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Rice noodles are easy to use in flavorful one-dish meals like Thai rice noodle soup with shrimp.

and 3 ounces for every serving of a main entrée.

Traditionally, rice noodles are soaked in cold water until soft, at least an hour, then drained and plunged into boiling water.

Today, many cooks just cover them with boiling water in a bowl and soak the noodles until soft and tender, three to 10 minutes, depending on their thickness.

Always rinse the softened noodles under cold water before using. This washes away the starch that makes noodles stick together and turns soups and sauces cloudy.

To reduce clumping, leave the reconstituted noodles

moist if you aren't using them immediately.

If desired, use scissors to cut long noodles after soaking, so they are easier to eat.

THAI RICE NOODLE SOUP WITH SHRIMP

4 ounces dried rice noodles, broken in half

4 slices fresh ginger, scored with a knife

2-inch piece fresh lemongrass, halved lengthwise and mashed flat with a knife*

1/2 to 1 teaspoon Thai red curry paste, or to taste

8 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth

1 small red onion, cut lengthwise into 1/2-inch slices

8 large cherry tomatoes, halved

16 raw medium shrimp, shelled and deveined

1 cup canned straw mushrooms, rinsed and drained

1 tablespoon reduced-sodium soy sauce or fish sauce

2 fresh limes, one juiced, one cut into 4 wedges

8 to 12 thin slices red chili pepper, or to taste

Place the noodles in a large bowl. Pour in boiling water to cover and let soak just until pliable. Drain in a sieve and set aside.

Place ginger slices, lemongrass (if using), curry paste and broth in a deep saucepan. Bring it to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer 5 minutes.

Add the onion and simmer until almost tender. Add tomatoes and shrimp.

Simmer just until shrimp turn pink. Add the mushrooms, soy or fish sauce, lime juice, noodles and chili pepper.

Remove from heat and cover. Let stand until the noodles and mushrooms are heated through. Remove ginger and lemongrass. Serve garnished with lime wedges.

*If whole, fresh lemongrass isn't available, omit it. Don't use packaged, cut-up lemongrass or the powdered form.

Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: 87 calories, less than 1 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 15 g. carbohydrate, 6 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 760 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is author of The Joy of Soy

A quick hit: honey-garlic green tea shrimp

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When it comes to Chinese food, Martin Yan is one of the best-known authorities to turn to for guidance. His latest book is particularly encouraging — just look at that title: Martin Yan Quick and Easy (Chronicle, 2004, \$24.95).

Whether for a Chinese New Year feast or a treat any time of year, Yan's recipe for honey-garlic green-tea shrimp offers a subtle adventure in flavor combination. Like all the recipes in the book (a companion volume to Yan's public television series), the shrimp dish can be ready to put on the table in under 30 minutes.

Yan suggests the use of a spice grinder to turn green tea leaves into a fine powder. "If you don't have a grinder, use the green tea in a bag. Cut the bags open and use the tea inside; most of the time it is pretty fragrant. You will be amazed at the subtle flavors the leaves impart in this dish," he adds.

HONEY-GARLIC GREEN TEA SHRIMP

For the marinade:

1 tablespoon cornstarch

2 teaspoons soy sauce

1 pound medium-sized raw shrimp, peeled and deveined

For the sauce:

1/2 cup chicken broth

2 tablespoons oyster-flavored sauce

1 1/2 tablespoons honey

1/2 teaspoon sesame oil

1/2 teaspoon cornstarch

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

3 cloves garlic, minced

2 teaspoons ground green tea leaves

1/2 cup macadamia nuts

To make the marinade, combine 1 tablespoon cornstarch and the soy sauce in a bowl and mix well.

Add the shrimp and stir to coat evenly. Let stand for 10 minutes.

To make the sauce, combine all the ingredients (chicken broth, oyster sauce, honey, sesame oil and cornstarch) in a

small bowl and stir until honey dissolves.

Place a stir-fry pan over high heat until hot. Add the oil, swirling to coat the sides.

Add the garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 10 seconds.

Add the shrimp and stir-fry until they turn pink, 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. Sprinkle the ground green tea over the shrimp and

stir to coat evenly.

Stir the sauce once, add to the pan, and bring to a boil.

Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook, stirring, until the sauce thickens, 1 to 2 minutes.

Add the nuts, transfer to a plate, and serve.

Makes 4 servings. *Recipe from Martin Yan Quick and Easy*, (Chronicle, 2004, \$24.95).

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Cooking at Schoolcraft

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

March classes include: Swiss Chocolates taught by master pastry chef Joe Decker, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, March 10 (\$98); 30-Minute Meals taught by Bruce Konowalow, the director of Schoolcraft's culinary arts department and certified executive chef, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, March 12; Good Morning Sunshine (Breakfasts) taught by Michelle Bommarito, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 15 (\$77); Meals 500: Start to Finish with Polcyn, 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 (\$139); Savory Soups and Stews with Gabriel 5-9 p.m. Thursday, March 17 (\$89); Classic French Pastry Series (Pate a Choux for You, Too and Mille-feuille to Die For) taught by Decker, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, March 24 and 31 (series classes can be taken separately for \$99 each or together for \$175) and Quick Easy Meals with Gabriel, 5-9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 30 (\$99).

For more information on class fees for these classes and other culinary arts continuing education classes, visit www.schoolcraft.edu under Continuing Education Schedule or call (734) 462-4448.

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

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Eat something green for St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is a good excuse for the wearing of the green on your dinner plate.

The color that represents Ireland, the shamrock and spring is also the color that represents good health.

Greens are low in both calories and fat but are rich in fiber and vitamins A and C. Greens also contain naturally occurring substances called phytochemicals that help fight cancer and other serious health problems. A single serving of cooked leafy greens (one-half cup) is estimated to contain more than 100 different phytochemicals.

The most common greens are collard, kale and chard. They look similar but have distinguishing differences. Collard greens have large, cabbage-like leaves and are a muted green, sometimes tinged with blue. Most varieties of kale have ragged or frilled leaves ranging in color from bluish to almost black, magenta, yellow, or gray. Chard usually has dark green leaves that are often ruffled.

Sometimes, the names of certain greens can be confusing. Many, for example, are called "Chinese cabbage." Some varieties also are called Napa cabbage or bok choy. Whatever it's called, Chinese cabbage is mild and delicate. It is usually available year round.

Amaranth also has become

easier to find. Once considered a weed in the United States, amaranth greens are now recognized as a highly nutritious food. These greens have a wonderful, slightly sweet flavor and can be used both in cooking and for salads.

Whatever greens you use, look for those that are crisp and unblemished and a dark color. Leafy greens are highly perishable and should be used within a few days of purchase. Wrap them, unwashed, in damp paper towels and refrigerate in a plastic bag with a few air holes so the greens can breathe.

Greens can be full of soil and grit, so rinse them carefully before cooking. They should not be cooked in pans made of aluminum, which gives them an unpleasant taste. Keep in mind that greens cook way down. A pound of fresh greens will result in 1 1/2 to 2 cups of cooked greens, or about 4 small servings.

STEAMED GREENS WITH GINGER AND WATER CHESTNUTS

3 cups mixed leafy greens, chosen from the following: bok choy (Chinese cabbage or Chinese chard), choy sum (Chinese flowering cabbage), Chinese spinach (amaranth leaves), Swiss chard leaves, stems removed, spinach leaves, stems removed
1 teaspoon finely minced, peeled

fresh ginger
1 teaspoon finely minced fresh garlic
1/2 cup diced canned water chestnuts (rinsed and drained)
1/2 tablespoon sesame seed oil, or as needed
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Keeping types of greens separate, steam them one at a time. (Each type of green will take a different length of time to steam until tender.) Sprinkle ginger and garlic over the top of greens, then evenly drizzle a small amount of oil on top.

Steam until greens are just tender, watching carefully, as they may take as little as 30 seconds. Meanwhile, heat a small amount of oil in a small stick-free pan until hot. Add water chestnuts and sauté for 30 seconds. With a slotted spoon, immediately transfer to a plate covered with two sheets of paper towel.

As each green becomes tender, immediately transfer to a serving plate, placing each next to each other. Scatter sautéed water chestnuts on top. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve immediately.

Makes four servings.

Per serving: 31 calories, 2 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 3 g. carbohydrate, 1 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 19 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Here's citrus zest made simple

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

Walk into a room after someone has peeled an orange, and the fragrance is positively uplifting.

This instant aromatherapy comes from essential oils in the zest, the colored outer layer of citrus skin.

Polyphenols, the source of citrus' fragrance, also add flavor in cooking, and they are potent cancer-blocking antioxidants.

The challenge in using zest is removing it from the fruit easily, and without including any pith, the bitter-tasting layer just beneath it.

Even a tiny bit of pith left on the zest can result in a very unpleasant taste. To avoid this, chefs have devised a variety of instruments and methods over the years.

The fastest, simplest way to remove the zest from citrus is with a microplane. That's right, the woodworking tool called a rasp.

Resembling a long, narrow grater, its fine teeth whisk zest off in a wink - as long as this is done with a light, gentle hand. A microplane can create angel-hair fine curls, pith-free and ready to use.

Microplanes cost as little as

\$10. They do a brilliant job grating hard cheeses and fresh ginger, too, and are far superior to a zester, a culinary tool that makes long thin strips, often with pith attached, and can leave a great deal of zest behind on the fruit.

A swivel-blade vegetable peeler neatly removes zest in wider strips that are excellent for making applesauce, as with lemon zest, or butternut squash soup, using orange zest, and removed before serving the finished dish.

A sharp paring knife also works. Slice the strips lengthwise into the thinnest strips, using a sharp knife. Turn them over to expose the interior side to check if any pith remains.

If so, hold down the strip, cut side up, at one end with a fingertip and, with the blade of the knife almost horizontal to the zest, work it between the pith and the peel, slicing away the pith.

Coarser than grated zest, these fine bits release delightful flavor bursts in baked goods, tabbouleh and rice salad.

BLACK BEAN AND ORANGE SALSA

1 navel orange
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
1 small yellow bell pepper, seed-

ed and finely chopped
1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and finely chopped
1/2 cup cilantro leaves (stems removed), finely chopped
1/2 cup finely chopped scallions, white and green parts
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
1 teaspoon canola oil

Grate 1 teaspoon of zest from the orange. Peel and section the orange, holding it over a medium bowl to reserve the juice. Chop the sections and place them with all the juice collected into the bowl. Add the beans, yellow pepper, jalapeño, cilantro and scallions.

Whisk together the lime juice and oil in a small bowl. Mix it into the salsa, tossing with a fork to combine. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Mix in the orange zest. Let the salsa stand 30 minutes before serving to allow the flavors to develop and meld. This salsa keeps for 24 hours, tightly covered, in the refrigerator.

Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: 65 calories, 1 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 11 g. carbohydrate, 3 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 166 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is author of The Joy of Soy.

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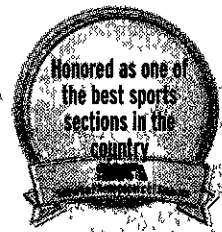
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Extended family



Plymouth Whaler captain John Mitchell takes a break to play some crazy eights with his 'billet' family siblings Jesse (left) and Julie (right).

Whalers billet program gives players comforts of home

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Most youngsters who attend Plymouth Whalers games take home a Whaler souvenir puck, a Whaler mini-hockey stick or — if they're real fortunate — a Whaler autograph.

Members of two Plymouth families — the Predhommes and Mancinellis — do much better.

They bring home an actual Whaler player after every game.

Both families are part of the team's "billet" program, in which Plymouth and Canton residents open up their homes from September through May for Whaler players, most of whom come from Canada or hometowns so distant that commuting is improbable.

WHAT'S A BILLET?



Plymouth Whalers captain John Mitchell gets some special attention from the Predhommes family pet Riley. The Predhommes are Mitchell's 'billet' family. Pictured are children, Julie and Jesse, and parents, Tom and Margaret.

A billet, according to Webster's dictionary, is "a written order to provide quarters or lodging for military personnel, as in a private building."

Billet families, according to Whalers head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci's definition, are essential to the team's existence. "We wouldn't be able to

function without the billet program," said Vellucci, referring to the 18 families who are currently involved in the program.

"Our players wouldn't have anywhere to live without these generous families. We are very fortunate that we have people who are willing to open their homes

to our players.

"These players have a lot going on in their lives. They're trying to get a pro contract, they have demanding schedules between attending school, practices and the road trips, so they need a stable

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, C5



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ryan Stamm has been one of the Plymouth hockey team's most consistent players over the past two seasons. The junior was near the top in all of the team's important statistical categories, including total points and minutes played.

Stamm is catalyst for Wildcat skaters

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

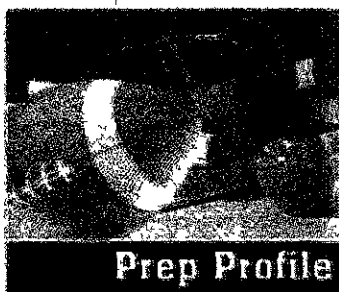
Over the past few months, Ryan Stamm has used his videotape-editing skills to compile season-ending highlight films for the Plymouth High School football and volleyball teams.

The junior also played a key role in creating a highlight package for the Wildcats' hockey team this past winter — only he was the focus of this film, not the editor.

Stamm recently completed his second season as one of the Plymouth varsity hockey team's most productive players. A captain, he was near the top of the charts in all of the team's important statistical categories, including points and minutes played.

"Ryan isn't real big, but he doesn't back down from anybody," said Plymouth coach Mike Kaput. "He's a good skater, but he's physical. If you have the puck, he's going to do whatever it takes to take it away from you."

"Ryan is a good leader, too. He's more of a quiet, lead-by-example guy. Every time he



goes out on the ice for his shift, he works so hard that the other players take notice."

FUTURE SPIELBERG?

Stamm used his own time and the school's video-editing equipment to put together the football and volleyball highlight reels. The football film he produced was aired at the team's banquet in November.

"I was a little nervous before it was shown," said Stamm. "When I put it together, I had to go through each game film and pick out about two minutes of highlights from each one. I also added the background music. It was a lot of work, but I enjoyed it. Everyone seemed to like it at the banquet. It wasn't for a class. I just decided to

PLEASE SEE STAMM, C2

Canton, Salem gymnasts finish 1-2 at regional meet

For complete regional meet results, please see page C3

The abundance of gymnastics talent in the Plymouth and Canton communities was reflected in the top of the standings at Saturday's regional competition held at Plymouth High School.

Canton won its first regional title Saturday by compiling 145.200 points, and Salem finished a strong second in the 15-team field with a score of 140.375. Both teams — along with third-place Hillsdale (137.575) — qualified for a berth in Friday's team state gymnastics meet at Plymouth High School.

The top 10 places in the overall standings were filled out by Saline (131.875), Adrian (130.950), Ann Arbor Pioneer (126.300), Tecumseh (124.050), Parma Western (122.800), Jackson (120.775) and Coldwater (109.150). Plymouth finished 13th with 50.550 points.

Seven of the top nine finishers in the Division 1 all-around competition had local

ties, led by medalist Alyssa Kelley of Canton, who racked up 36.600 points. The other local top-10 performers were Canton's Jessie Murray (second, 36.250), Megan Chappo (third, 36.050), Kara Ahern (fourth, 35.750) and Kate Staley (eighth, 33.950); Salem's Sarah Bugosh (sixth, 35.025); and Plymouth's Jordan Brodehl (seventh, 34.750). A pair of Salem gymnasts finished first and second in the Division 2 all-around. Elena Gueorguiev won with a 36.500 total while Ashley Aquinto was the runner-up (36.150). Canton's Mina Pirzadeh finished eighth with 33.550 points.

The top eight finishers in each of the four events qualified for Saturday's individual state meet. Local individuals qualifiers include:

■ **Salem** — Bugosh, Aquinto and Gueorguiev;

■ **Canton** — Kelley, Murray, Staley, Kara Ahern, Chappo, Kaitlyn Burns, Pirzadeh; and Hillary Bracht; and

■ **Plymouth** — Brodehl.

Friday's state team competition commences at 4 p.m. at Plymouth.

The Division 1 individual meet kicks off at noon on Saturday while the Division 2 competition will start at 3:30 p.m.

PCA spikers take a fall just one step from state meet

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The first thing Plymouth Christian Academy's volleyball team did Saturday afternoon was grab state power Adrian Lenawee Christian's attention.

Then the Eagles almost snatched the Cougars' Class D regional volleyball crown.

In Saturday's regional final match played at Lenawee Christian, PCA surprised the Cougars by winning the first game, 25-20. The loss seemed to awaken state-ranked Lenawee, which won the final three games, 25-15, 25-11 and 25-19, to win the match and advance to this weekend's Class D state finals at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

"I don't think Lenawee expected us to be as good as we were," said PCA coach Missy Henry. "They've won the regional so many times over

the past several years, I think they took us a little too lightly early in the match. Their experience helped them later on in the match. They've been to the finals so many times, so I don't think they felt the pressure like our team did."

The season-ending loss dropped the Eagles' record to 23-15, which was a more-than-commandable mark, according to Henry.

"What a great group of girls this has been to coach," Henry said. "They worked extremely hard, both on and off the court. There were no attitude problems or selfishness with this team. They just love the game and love each other."

"They've come a long way in a couple of years. We only lose two seniors from this team, and all of the returning girls are playing together in a spring league, so I'm already looking forward to next season."

PLEASE SEE SPIKERS, C3

Sidelines

Gymnasts shine

Several area youth gymnasts, competing for Gym America, fared well Feb. 18-20 at the Cereals City Gymnastics Meet held at the Kellogg Center in Battle Creek.

Kayla Weber, a Level 7 gymnast and a student at Eriksson Elementary School, took first place on beam (9.40) and floor (9.20). She also finished second in the all-around with a 35.625, third on bars (8.30) and fourth on vault (8.725).

Level 5 gymnast Haylee Weber, Kayla's younger sister, placed fourth on beam (8.30), fourth on floor (8.625) and sixth all-around (33.55). Sidney Lane, a student at Gallimore Elementary, finished fourth on vault (9.05), fifth on bars (8.425), sixth on floor (8.65) and fifth in the all-around (34.325). Olivia Ozeranic, a third-grader at Eriksson, placed seventh on the bars (8.75), sixth on beam (8.75), seventh on floor (8.55) and eighth all-around (35.075).

The meet attracted more than 1,400 competitors from across the country.

Gym America is coached by Claudia and Ed Kretschmer.

Wrestlers excel

Members of the Canton Wrestling Club earned 16 medals last month at the Milan Youth Wrestling Tournament. Earning first-place honors for Canton were: Brent Winekoff, Braden Price, Anthony Favot and Zach Blevins; placing second in their respective weight classes were Connor Johnson, Brandon Lee and Alec Pantaleo; third-place finishers were Brad Trubowski, Cameron Shaughnessy, Sean Lee, Malcolm Hollingsworth, Brandon Harris and Brad Akers; and finishing fourth were Mark Lowry, Jamal Sanders, and Ryan Sheeler.

Also competing for Canton were Carl Lucke, Jimmy Keena, Ben Griffin, Nick Frazier, Mike Frazier, Caleb Finamore, Luke Denzer, Ray Coram, Brandon Ciciotti, Justin Baker and William Askew II.

Cobra tryouts

The Canton Cobras U-14 travel baseball team will be holding tryouts soon for their upcoming 20-plus game schedule in the Washtenaw Area Baseball Association League. The Cobras have their own field on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

For details about the tryouts, contact Bob at (734) 451-7936; Steve at (734) 459-2749; or Joe at (734) 459-2631.

Salem boosters

The Salem High School Football Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, in Room 2703 of Salem High School.

All parents of current and future players are invited to attend. For more information, call Bob Kilgore at (734) 459-6393.

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DIVISION 1

Vault

1 Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.600, 2 Jordan Brodehl (P), 9.200 3. Jessie Murray (C) 9.150 4 Kate Staley (C), 9.050, 5 Sarah Bugosh (SALEM), 8.950, 6 Kara Ahern (C), 8.800 7 Megan Chappo (C), 8.700, 8 Courtney Vannatter (SALINE), 8.30, 9 Adrianna Spiteri (H), 8.200

Uneven Bars

1 Megan Chappo (C), 9.500; 2 Jessie Murray (C) 9.200; 3 Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.100, 4 (tie) Courtney Vannatter (SALINE) and Jordan Brodehl (P), 8.850; 6 Kara Ahern (C), 8.800, 7 Adrianna Spiteri (H), 8.650; 8 Sarah Bugosh (SALEM), 8.300, 9 Kate Staley (C), 7.900.

Balance Beam

1 Sarah Bugosh (SALEM) 8.975 2 Megan Chappo (C), 8.950, 3 Courtney Vannatter (SALINE), 8.925 4 Jessie Murray (C), 8.700, 5 Kara Ahern (C), 8.650, 6 Alyssa Kelley (C), 8.500; 7 (tie) Kate Staley (C) and Adrianna Spiteri (H), 8.350, 9 Jordan Brodehl (P), 8.200

Floor Exercise

1 Kara Ahern (C), 9.500, 2 Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.400 3. Jessie Murray (C) 9.200, 4 Courtney Vannatter (SALINE), 9.150, 5 Megan Chappo (C), 8.900 6 Sarah Bugosh (SALEM), 8.800, 7 Kate Staley (C), 8.650, 8 Adrianna Spiteri (H), 8.550 9 Jordan Brodehl (P), 8.500

All-Around

1 Alyssa Kelley (C), 36.600, 2 Jessie Murray (C) 36.250, 3 Megan Chappo (C) 36.050, 4 Kara Ahern (C), 35.750 5 Courtney Vannatter (SALINE), 35.225, 6 Sarah Bugosh

(SALEM), 35.025, 7 Jordan Brodehl (P), 34.750, 8 Kate Staley (C), 33.950, 9 Adrianna Spiteri (H), 33.750

DIVISION 2

Vault

1 Trisha Kulas (PW), 9.150, 2. Ashley Aquinto (SALEM), 9.100, 3 Heather Rogers (J), 9.025, 4 Elena Gueorguiev (SALEM), 9.000, 5 (tie) Courtney Shaneour (H) and Aubrey Calligan (H), 8.900 7 Katlyn Burns (C), 8.800, 8 Mina Pirzadeh (C), 8.750, 9 Tamika Jones (AAH), 8.700, 10. Patty Ahern (C), 8.600

Bars

1 Elena Gueorguiev (SALEM), 9.200, 2 Ashley Aquinto (SALEM), 9.050, 3 Courtney Shaneour (H), 8.950, 4 Heather Rogers (J), 8.800, 5 Lauren Globke (Q), 8.650, 6 Paige Cederna (SALINE), 8.550 7. Trisha Kulas (PW), 8.450, 8 Aubrey Calligan (H), 8.400, 9 (tie) Hillary Bracht (C) and Ashley Newvine (AAP), 8.350

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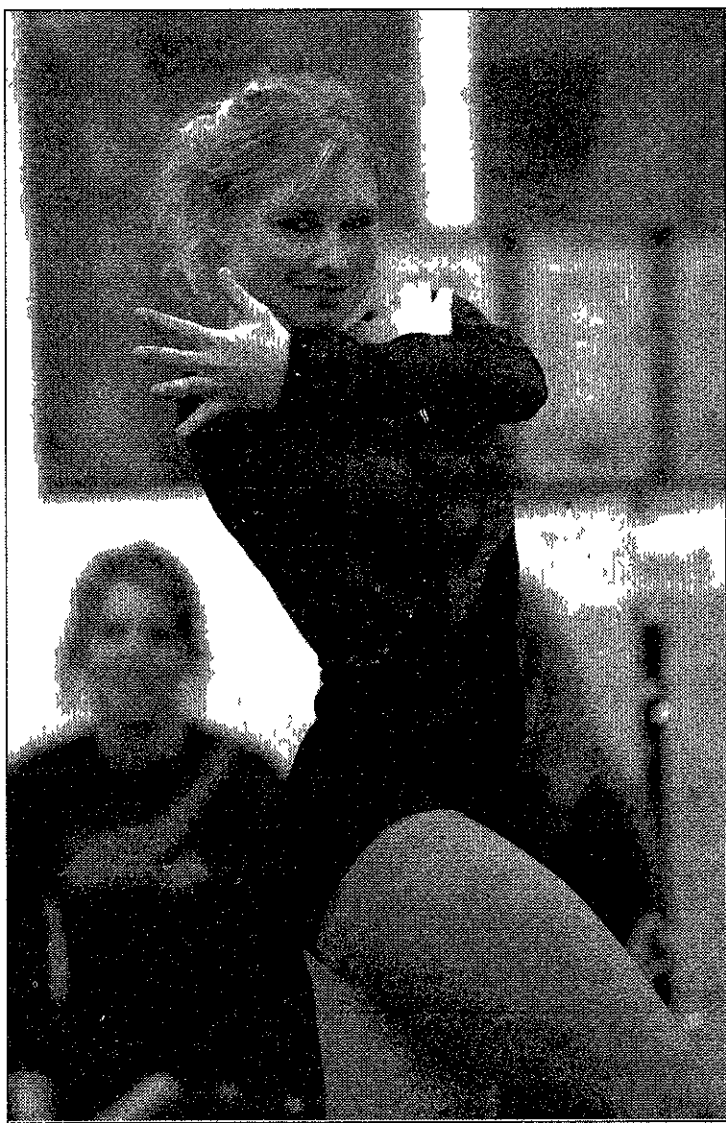
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Floor Exercise

1 Elena Gueorguiev (SALEM), 9.400, 2 Aubrey Calligan (H) 9.375, 3 (tie) Heather Rogers (J) and Katlyn Burns (C) 9.100, 5 Ashley Aquinto (SALEM), 8.950, 6 (tie) Hillary Bracht (C) and Megan Cabose (A), 8.900, 8 Katie Shriver (A), 8.750 9 Tanya Faulhaber (A), 8.750, 10 (tie) Courtney Shaneour (H), Jessica Russell (H) and Danielle Sassano (AAP), 8.700

All-Around

1 Elena Gueorguiev (SALEM) 36.500, 2 Ashley Aquinto (SALEM) 36.150 3 Heather Rogers (J) 35.225, 4 Courtney Shaneour (H) 35.150 5 Aubrey Calligan (H) 6 Trisha Kulas (PW) 34.500 7 Paige Cederna (SALINE) 33.600 8 Mina Pirzadeh (C) 33.550 9 Lauren Globke (Q), 33.525 10 Sarah Demlow (A), 33.500



BRYAN MITCHELL

Canton's Hillary Bracht earned the right to compete in Saturday's Division 2 individual state meet at Plymouth High School.

SPIKERS

FROM PAGE C1

The Eagles showed their never-say-die attitude in game four when they fell behind the Cougars, 21-7.

"The girls fought back and made it 21-19 at one point," Henry said. "Lenawee's coach even commented to me after the match how impressed he was by our team."

Statistically, Sara Ross (20 assists and 15 digs) and Kelsie Tietjen (five blocks, 13 digs and eight kills) paced the Eagles against LC.

"But every girl on our team played very well," Henry said. "We had a couple mental lapses at times, but team defense was great. There weren't any holes on our side of the court for them."

In the semifinals, PCA swept Wyandotte Mount Carmel, 25-11, 25-17 and 25-13.

"We started out hot in every part of the game," Henry said. "We only missed three serves all day. The girls played well as a team, which is what you need this time of year. We had a lot of momentum heading into the finals. Unfortunately, we had to sit and watch Lenawee's match, which took about an hour, and then they chose to wait the maximum 30 minutes before their match against us."

Julie Bahbah (16 digs, eight kills and 15 service points) and Kelli Feiler (10 digs, 10 kills and three service points) led the Eagles.

The Cougars advanced to the finals by dispatching Camden-Frontier in the three games.

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Whalers' 'Green Out' Sunday

The Plymouth Whalers will host their second annual "Green Out" Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena when they host the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds.

Not only will the game between the Whalers and Greyhounds help decide first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division as well as playoff positioning between the two long-time divisional rivals, but the "Green Out" will provide additional fun for fans.

Fans who attend the game are encouraged to wear green. Since the game will be telecast live by Comcast on Channel 25 at 2 p.m., the "Green Out" visual effect will stand out before the television cameras.

Other special events include:
■ The first 50 fans attending

the game wearing a green Plymouth Whalers jersey will receive a certificate for a free car wash;

■ The first 1,000 green-clad fans will receive coupons that can be exchanged for a free ice cream cone; and

■ A post-game auction will be held at the adjoining Ginopolis on the Ice restaurant in which 2004-05 game-worn Whalers jerseys will be auctioned off. Players will model the jerseys after the game in the restaurant while fans bid for their favorite jerseys. The players will also sign the jerseys for the winners.

The Whalers are averaging 3,250 fans per game. Eleven games have been sold out.

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ALL-CONFERENCE

Goalies: Jim Gates, Sr., Northville; Scott Lewan, Soph., Livonia Churchill

Defense: Mike Kondratek, Sr., Canton, Nick Guerro Sr., Northville

Forwards: Justin Stadler, Sr., Churchill, Shawn Anderson, Jr., Livonia Stevenson, Dan Kozlowski, Jr., Livonia Franklin

Co-Coaches of the Year: Pete Mazzoni, Churchill, Brad O'Neill, Northville.

ALL-LAKES DIVISION

Goalie: Kit Pruchnik, Sr., Stevenson

Defense: Craigen Bauldry, Sr., Salem, Phil Wendecker, Soph., Churchill

Forwards: Justin Tonti, Sr., Churchill; Marcus Vran, Soph., Stevenson; Brad Murphy, Jr., Walled Lake Central, Mike Bell, Sr., Walled Lake Northern.

Coach of the Year: Mike Humitz, Stevenson.

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION

Goalie: Justin Desilets, Soph., Plymouth.

Defense: Brandon Winowiecki, Jr., Plymouth, Rob McTavish, Sr., Northville; Steve South, Jr., Franklin

Forwards: Derek Mohacs, Jr., Northville; Reece McCabe, Sr., Canton; Nick Kenney, Jr., Walled Lake Western.

Co-Coaches of the Year: Terry Jobbitt, Franklin, Mike Kaput, Plymouth

HONORABLE MENTION
(overall records)

Churchill (16-7-2): Joe Gessier, Mike Fierk, Brandon Mishowski, Dan Wensing, Dan Deuby, Northville (18-7-2): Joe Vitale, Dornyn McKinnon, Mike Monticciolo, Stevenson (17-6-2): Dan Lamonica, Brad Fischer, Jason Mfsud, Erik Anderson, Ryan Zucal, Canton (15-7-3): Tony Hylko, Pat Davison, Brian Wioncek, Garrett Hyman, Salem (11-12-3): Adam Gilkin, Tommy Cooper, Brandon DeMars, Chris Wilson, John Maurer; Franklin (13-10-2): Alex Chisholm, Garrett Radford, Darin Tracy, Bert Smith, Plymouth (11-13-2): Ryan Stamm, Nick Rosochacki, Jason O'Guinn, W.L. Northern (6-17-3): Al Harvey, Danny Rockhey, Mike Roberts, Nick Berbenchuk, W.L. Western (11-14): Jean-Luc Dely, Jack Nicholls, W.L. Central (2-22-2): Joe Burt, Tim Henderlong, Ryan Wykoff, Ryan Bean.

FINAL WLAA STANDINGS

Lakes Division: 1. Churchill, 8-0, 2. Stevenson, 6-2; 3. Salem, 4-4; 4. W.L. Northern, 2-6; 5. W.L. Central, 0-8.

Western Division: 1. Northville, 8-0; 2. Canton, 4-3-1; 3. Franklin, 4-4; 4. W.L. Western, 2-6; 5. Plymouth, 1-6-1.

Overall: Churchill, 12-1-1, 2. Northville, 10-2; 3. Stevenson, 11-3, 4. Franklin, 9-5; 5. (tie) Canton and Salem, 7-6-1 each, 7. Plymouth, 4-8; 8. W.L. Western, 4-10; 9. W.L. Northern, 2-11; 10. Central, 0-14.

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Saline spikers bump off foes at regional tourney

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

In a town where you can go sky diving — Tecumseh — it was Saline's volleyball team which parachuted safely, while Livonia Churchill took a freefall and crashed in the Class A regional final Saturday afternoon.

Saline, which had lost two-of-three previous meetings against the Chargers, won its first regional title since 1984 with a convincing 25-16, 25-17, 25-22 victory.

Saline, 48-11-5 overall, advanced to Tuesday's state quarterfinal against Temperance Bedford (69-6). Churchill, knocked out of the regional final for the second straight year, finished 37-8-3.

It was a battle of two of the premier hitters in southeastern Michigan — Saline's 6-foot-5 Lauren Paolino and Churchill's 6-foot Kelsey Mack.

Paolino, who is headed to the University of Texas, finished with 17 kills, 11 digs, three aces and three blocks, while Mack countered with 20 kills, three blocks and an ace.

But Paolino had more of a supporting cast as senior Jessica Duff had eight kills, 13 digs and three blocks. Senior setter Allison Dwyer added five

kills and three blocks and 31 assist-to-kills, while senior Karen Zawisza had 10 digs.

"We single-blocked Mack this time and tried to slow her down early because she's the heart of their team, just a phenomenal player," Saline second-year coach Jamie Collins said. "My sixth, seventh and eighth players did a phenomenal job. They dug out a lot of balls and played good defense. We were out of position more than I liked, but our offense came through so strong that it didn't matter."

Churchill only got seven other kills, four blocks and an ace from the rest of their supporting cast. Senior setter Kristyna Archer had 17 assists and 11 digs, while sophomore Kelly Archer finished with eight digs. Junior Stacy Urbats added six assists.

"The first and second games we couldn't stop their opposite middle hitters and we did not get enough touches off the block," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "We tried a couple of combinations that did not work. Credit Saline, they hit and served well, and we flat-out couldn't deal with it."

"It's disappointing, but I'm proud of the kids. Even though we came up short, we accomplished a lot."

Spartans, Tigers fall

In the first semifinal Saturday at Tecumseh, Livonia Stevenson started out strong, but lost steam as Churchill rallied for a 23-25, 25-11, 25-18, 25-15 win.

Mack had 25 kills, 17 digs and eight ace to lead the Chargers.

Other Churchill standouts included Kristyna Archer (22 assists), Kelly Archer (19 digs), Brynn Kerr (five aces), Urbats (13 assists) and Lauren Krupsky (seven kills, two blocks).

"We blocked her (Mack) more, we committed to that because the last time her serving and kills combined killed us," said Stevenson coach Kelly Graham, whose team finished 30-17-3 overall. "We made some mental mistakes, but we had her figured out. Serve-receive killed us. We couldn't get our offense going."

Maria Mezzadri, a junior led Stevenson with 12 kills. Kaitlin Armstrong added five kills and two blocks, while Beth Prost contributed four kills. Setter Ashton Judis finished with 26 assist-to-kills and 19 digs.

"I have to give my girls a lot of credit," Graham said. "They put their hearts into it. They were not giving up. They were pumped and it was good to see

it. We played more competitive this match. We were down five, sixth, seven and nine points and came back. It was huge. Give the girls credit."

In the second semifinal, Belleville (17-13) put up a struggle before falling to Saline in three competitive games, 25-22, 25-16, 25-23.

"Our game plan was right there," said Belleville sixth-year coach Danny Simpkins, who has guided the Tigers to four district titles. "We knew the kind of offense they'd run and about their middle blocker (Paolino). We served aggressively, double-blocked the middle and had to watch for the tips."

"We were just a little off. Had we had five or six more aces ... And No. 2, we had 15 unforced errors."

Senior Cynthia McGoldrick led Belleville with 14 kills, while senior Christina Soloman added 11. Senior setter Tamar Mida had 38 assist-to-kills, while senior Danell Dotson added 13 digs. Senior Tessa Coleman had four blocks.

"We gave ourselves a chance to win, that's all we could do," Simpkins said. "We had a good time here. The girls played well. I'm happy we had the opportunity to win and that's all I could ask for."



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Belleville senior Danell Dotson bumps the ball during Saturday's regional semi-final loss to eventual champion Saline. Dotson finished with 13 digs.

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For more information, contact the recreation department at (734) 455-6620.

WILDCAT BOOSTERS

The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be held Tuesday,

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WHALERS

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home where they can eat well and get plenty of rest. It's also important that they have a family to come home to every night to offer them support and structure."

FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE

Vellucci knows of what he speaks.

In the mid-80s, the Farmington native was drafted by the Ontario Hockey League's Belleville Bulls, which necessitated him moving in with a billet family.

"The family that billeted me consisted of a doctor and his wife," Vellucci said. "They were both in their 60s, so they were more like grandparents to me than parents. Dr. Lyones passed away a few years ago, but I still keep in touch with Mrs. Lyones. It's like I'm part of their family. That's the way it is with a lot of our players, too. They never lose touch with their billet families."

Billet families receive a monthly stipend from the Whalers of approximately \$260 to help cover the cost of food and other player expenses.

MEMBER OF THE FAMILY

It was dinner time Tuesday night at the home of Tom and

'I still remember the day John's parents dropped him off. It was pretty emotional. His mom, Kim, cried. And I know when John leaves us for the last time - whether it's this spring or next - I'm going to be the one crying.'

Margaret Predhomme
'billet family mom'

Margaret Predhomme, who live within walking distance of downtown Plymouth. The appetizing scent of homemade spaghetti filled the air as the Predhommies, their two children — Jesse, 17, and Julie, 14 — and family friend Jordan Brown sat down to enjoy the meal.

Joining them was John Mitchell, 20, the captain and current leading scorer for the Whalers.

"One nice thing about having John around is that he cooks," said Tom Predhomme, smiling. "His specialty is spaghetti, but he makes eggs for us too some mornings."

The Predhommies have hosted Mitchell for the past four years, so — as you can imagine — the bond that has grown between the family and player is almost thicker than blood.

"I still remember the day John's parents dropped him off," said Margaret Predhomme. "It was pretty emotional. His mom, Kim, cried. And I know when John leaves us for the last time — whether it's this spring or next — I'm going to be the one crying."

EASY TRANSITION

"I remember the first couple of weeks I lived here," Mitchell chimed in, reflecting on the transition period. "Julie wouldn't talk to me. I'd come home from practice and she would run away. But she was only in the sixth grade, so that was only natural."

"Now, Julie seeks shelter from John when her brother is picking on her," Margaret Predhomme said, laughing.

Mitchell and Tom Predhomme hit it off right away.

"I call him 'Snoop,'" Mitchell said. "Not long after I moved in with them, we were driving somewhere and a rap song came on the radio. Tom said, 'This is Snoop Doggy Dog, isn't it?' Ever since then, I call him 'Snoop.'"

GIVE IT A TRY

The Predhommies were encouraged to try the billet program by Jesse, who worked for the Whalers as a stick-boy when he was 12.

"Jesse asked us if we could bring one of the kids in," Tom Predhomme remembered. "We were a little reluctant at first, but then we had a couple of the coaches come over and tell us about the program. They also asked us a lot of questions and observed our family. They try to match up the player with a family that has a similar set up to his real family."

Mitchell's father, John Sr., who lives in Waterloo, Ontario, said the Whalers couldn't have found a better match for his son.

"The Predhommies have the same values and morals that our own family has, so it's been a great life experience for John," Mitchell Sr. said. "They are like members of our family now. When I attend games in Plymouth, I spend the night at their home. We see them over the summer, too, when they invite us to their cottage on Lake Erie."

EASY ADJUSTMENT

Mitchell Sr. said the initial uneasiness about sending his son to live with an unfamiliar family soon dissipated.

"It was very emotional at

first, especially for my wife," he said. "But John seemed to fit in with them right away."

"He adjusted so well that my wife and I were a little disappointed that John didn't show a little more homesickness than he did," Mitchell Sr. said, chuckling.

When Tom Predhomme was asked whether or not his family would host another player once Mitchell leaves to play for the Toronto Maple Leafs in the near future, he deferred to his wife.

"Only if we can get another player just like John," she said.

3 YEARS, 3 WHALERS

Plymouth residents Joe and Yvonne Mancinelli have boarded three different Whalers in the past three years. They currently house James Neal, an 18-year-old center from Whitby, Ontario.

The Mancinellis are the parents of four children between the ages of 1 and 8, so they thought the program would be an interesting experience for their kids.

"The first year we billeted was three years ago for Taylor Raszka," Joe Mancinelli said. "Taylor quickly became part of the family. Unfortunately, right before Christmas that year, he was traded, so he was gone before we knew it, which was a little confusing for the kids."

Before the 2003-04 season,

the Mancinellis took in Ryan Ramsey, an "over-age" player who had just one year of eligibility remaining.

"Just when we got to know Ryan really well, he left, too," Mancinelli said. "The kids were sad, but we explained to them that it was time for him to go. Ryan is playing minor league hockey now and we still keep in touch with him."

Mancinelli said his family has gotten to know several members of the team, who often drop by to socialize with Neal.

"We'll have a few of the players over for dinner quite a bit," Mancinelli said. "We've probably gotten to know about half the team. It's a great group of people. This entire experience has been fantastic and I would definitely recommend it to any family out there who is thinking about doing it."

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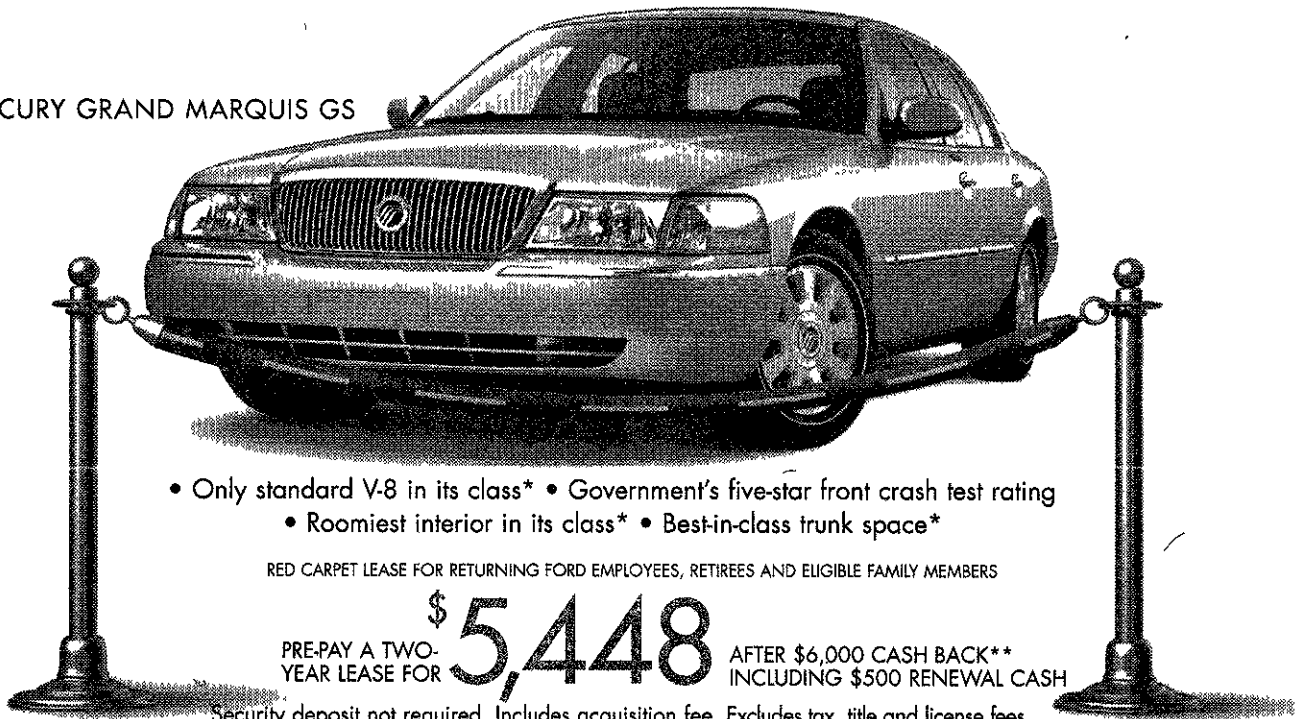
A prime example of how tight the players become with their billet families is the birthday present Mitchell gave to Tom Predhomme last year. It is a framed photo of Mitchell in his Whaler uniform during a game. With a marker, Mitchell wrote on the photo: *"To Big Snoop: I couldn't have asked for a cooler billet dad. Thanks for everything. Your friend, John."*

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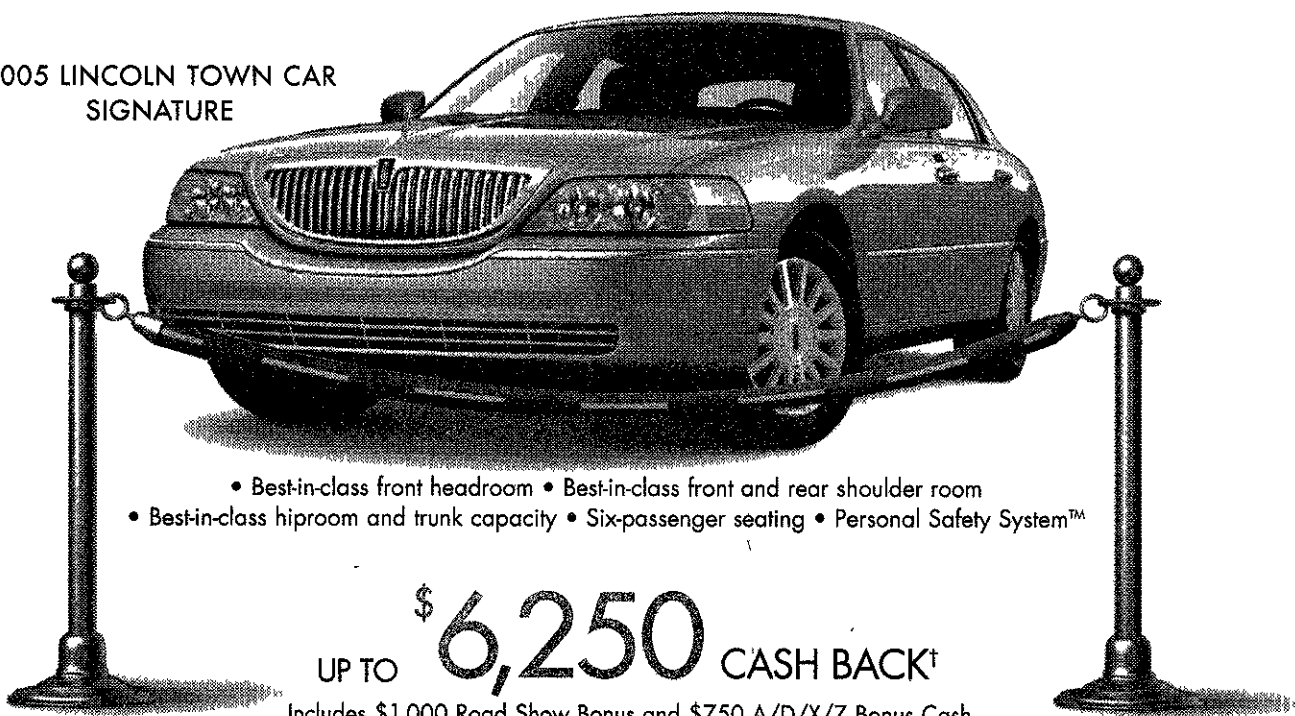
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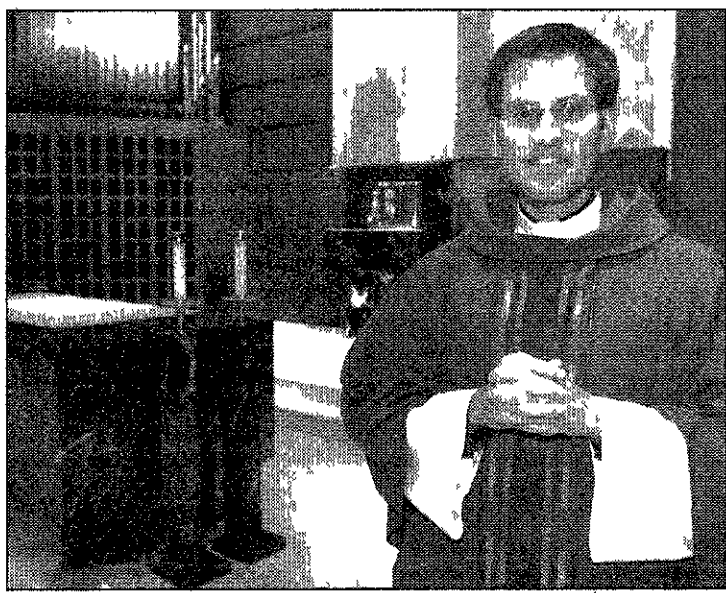
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The Rev. James Smalarz stands in his vestments in the sanctuary at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington.

Newly ordained priests are older and wiser

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

When the Rev. James Smalarz told friends he was going to become a priest they laughed and said, "remember playing church and you were always the priest."

Smalarz smiles at the memory. His life has taken a few turns since then. It wasn't until his mid 30s that Smalarz even considered joining the priesthood. According to a recent survey of men ordained in 126 U.S. dioceses in 2004, Smalarz is among a growing number of men becoming priests after age 30. Of nine priests ordained last May in the Archdiocese of Detroit, only two were in their late 20s.

More than 30-years after playing priest, Smalarz, 42, is caring for nearly 10,000 parishioners at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington.

"I had to find my way back to the church from when I was growing up. I had to make the Catholic faith my own and ask what does that mean for my life," said Smalarz.

"In the seminary, there were guys from 18-19 to 50s and 60s, one close to 70 who will be ordained this year. They had families and wives who died. They came from a variety of backgrounds - attorneys, engineers, doctors from China, Africa, Nigeria, Samoa, Poland, Albania."

Smalarz's experiences at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit reflects a national trend of older, more highly educated men from a variety of ethnic backgrounds entering the priesthood. Smalarz earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn before working as a financial analyst for a Troy company then entering the seminary.

"I got out in the world and realized there's something missing and it's that calling inside from God within my heart," said Smalarz.

Like Smalarz the Rev. Ronald Richards had earned an engineering degree from Michigan State University, a teaching certificate from Wayne State University, and was teaching and coaching varsity swimming at Brother Rice High School in Birmingham when he began thinking about becoming a priest. In July, Richards became associate pastor at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church in Bloomfield Hills after studying at Gregorian University in Rome.

"I had to reflect on the decisions I made in my life, to teach at Brother Rice. I had opportunities to leave but didn't. Then I saw God was pulling me in that direction," said Richards, 42. "I enjoy working with families, preparing couples for marriage, counseling people with problems, financial need. I get so much more than I could ever give them. In coaching days it was about the kids and the relationships with them and each other. It's a very joyful thing to work with other people."

Richards especially looks forward to visiting the 800 grade school students next door. Like Smalarz at Our Lady of Sorrows grade school, the visits give Richards a chance to demonstrate priests are not that different from everyone else and to possibly consider the vocation.

"I want to sit with kids in

small groups rather than just being the guy up on the altar," said Richards. "I tell them it's about listening to what God's calling you to do. ... It used to be viewed in terms of helping other people was a great thing. People need to serve other people."

It's the Rev. Jim Bilot's job as vocations director for the Detroit archdiocese to draw men and women to the religious life at an earlier age. In the 1950s, a greater number of young men considered the priesthood straight out of high school.

As times changed and applicants grew older, the church realized they must begin as early as seventh grade to host vocation days at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. By the time they're juniors in high school, the 43-year old Bilot is visiting them to talk about the future.

"It's taking people longer to make a commitment," said Bilot, who was 24 when he considered becoming a priest. "I was in the teen group in high school and that helped me. We're looking for gentlemen who have their feet on the ground. We're not looking for saints. We're looking for people who love God, love the church, have a sense of compassion."

A caring attitude seems typical of the men becoming priests. The Rev. Jim McNulty attended Our Lady Queen of Peace and Bishop Gallagher High School but still wasn't ready to join the priesthood. He went on to earn a law degree and practiced in Detroit and Flint after first working as a disability examiner.

"For me the thing that's been the common thread is the counseling. Not being able to include the spiritual aspect was very limiting for me," said McNulty, 50. "I needed to do these other things first. If I had gone out of high school I wouldn't have stayed. As a society we learn to focus on material stuff, focus on that for security. If you're looking for money for security you're never going to have enough."

McNulty has everything he needs at St. Agatha Parish in Redford where he is administrator. For the first 18-months after his ordination, McNulty served at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth.

"It has been a blessed year and half," said McNulty. "I loved doing everything I'm doing, love being with people. Our relationships are the most important. We're privileged to be welcome into people's lives, to share their joys and sorrows."

It's because of those reasons Smalarz believes men will continue to join the priesthood. "There's a lot of faith alive in junior high, high school, college. It is a minority but they'll hold onto their faith. They may in 10-12 years consider a vocation. I don't think it will be like in the 50s when they were ordaining all these priests, but I do see it being able to meet the needs of the diocese in the future. It's still a world that needs people to lead them to God. Even though times are different from 50 years ago, they need God now more than ever."

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BRIAN T. VALADE

Age 63, March 5, 2005 Beloved husband of Ann Valade. Loving father of Angela (Tony) Attard, Noel, Gregory and Nathan Valade. Devoted grandfather of Andrew, Karissa and Collin Attard. Son of Vera Valade; brother of Sharon Golla, Susan Bur, Mary Valade-Levin, Alan, David and Laura Ann Valade. Employee of Ford Motor Co. for 40 years. Arrangements by McCabe Funeral Home. Memorials to ALS of Michigan.

CHARLES R. HANSON

Age 73, of Royal Oak, died March 7, 2005. Beloved husband of Varda. Dear father of Karen Hanson Abdelmoumene (Youssef). Grandfather of Asmaa, Mouhamed, Abdallah and Khadija. Brother of Margaret Beenken (Kenneth) and Eleanor Sukkestad (Dennis). Funeral service Thursday 4 PM at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham. Further services and burial in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes WSU School of Nursing Student Scholarship Fund or Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Arrangements by A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 248-362-2500. Obituary at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

DOROTHY A. THORNE

March 5, 2005. Age 69 of Barryton, MI. Beloved Wife of Aldren Thorne. Dear Mother of Harold (Cathy) and Gerald (Irene). Grandmother of Nicholas, Stephen, Andrew and Katherine Thorne. Sister of Geraldine (Leroy) McDaniel, JoAnn Oster, Robert, Jr., (Ruby) Feister, Donald (Dee) Feister and Louis (Joan) Feister. Daughter of the late Robert and Lottie (Ramsey) Feister. Services were held Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at the UH Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhfuneralhome.com.

ELIZABETH B. MCNAMARA

Age 89, March 7, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Mark J. Loving mother of Barbara Johns, Carole (George) Downing-Velasco, Mark, Sharon (Dennis) Smith, Paul (Kathleen), Mary (Thomas) Strates and the late Thomas James (Pamela). Dear sister of Susanne (Robert) Clayton. Also survived by 15 grandchildren & 4 great-grandchildren. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia on March 10. R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be directed to Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

HENRY P. RUPERT

Age 90, of Westland, previously of Canton for 50 years. Mr. Rupert was born July 12, 1914 in South Heights, PA. He was graduated from Farrell High School, Farrell, PA. Mr. Rupert retired from the Plymouth-Canton School system. He is survived by his wife, Josephine; children, Joanne (Michael) Smith of Murphy, NC, and Mary Rupert of Plymouth; brother, Michael and sister, Sue Rupert. Also survived by 2 granddaughters, and 8 great-grandchildren. Private cremation services arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home. To leave a condolence please see www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

JEANNE LYNN MILLIGAN (nee ART)

Age 50, of Plymouth, died March 8, 2005. She was born June 26, 1954, in Dearborn. She was a homemaker and a resident of Plymouth for 40 years. A daily church-goer, she was very devoted to the Catholic Church and to her family. She loved flowers, and enjoyed gardening and canning. She is survived by her husband, Thomas; her children, Alaina and Adam; and her mother, Genia Art. Funeral from St. Alphonsus Church (on Schaefer, one block north of Warren Rd.), Dearborn, Saturday 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9am. Visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Thursday 5-9pm and Friday 1-9pm. Rosary Friday 7:30pm. Memorials may be made in the form of Mass Offerings.

JOHN A. MEHOCK

Age 59, March 5, 2005. Beloved husband of Donna. Loving father of Dr. Courtney Mehock-Benedix and Dr. Matthew Benedix. Dear brother of Dixie and Karen Mehock. John was a much loved teacher in the Livonia Public Schools for 29 years. Through his passion for teaching, he was able to influence the lives of so many of his students. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia, Saturday from 11 AM until the time of the Memorial Service at 1 PM. Memorial Contributions may be directed to Gift of Life Michigan, 2203 Platt Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 800-482-4887 or the Botsford Foundation Chapel Fund. Please sign the online guest-book at www.rggharris.com

WILLIAM JOHN BARLOW

WWII Veteran, long time Livonia resident and Hockey Coach, died of heart failure, Saturday, March 5, 2005 in Lakeland, FL. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ruth; son, Dennis (Karen); daughter, Kathleen; son, Kevin (Linda); 2 grandchildren, Stephanie & Steven; sister, Mary Manchester. Preceded in death by brother, Joseph Barlow. Funeral, March 11, 2005 in Lakeland, FL.

ELIZABETH (BETTY) A. FRANK

Age 78, of Hot Springs Village, AR, formerly of Birmingham, passed away February 24, 2005. She was born April 9, 1926 to Hugh D. Alexander and Lillian Estelle Mercer Alexander in Little Rock, AR. She is survived by: husband, Henry Frank of Hot Springs Village; two sons: Greg Frank of Columbus, OH; Larry Frank of Crown Point, IN; one daughter, Lynn Parker of Troy, MI, one brother Don Alexander of AZ, two sisters: Carolyn Harris of Albertville, AL; Sabra Lough of Dallas, TX, 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Memorial service was February 26, 2005 at Balboa Baptist Church, Hot Springs Village. Memorials may be made to Stonecroft Ministries or Teen Challenge of Arkansas-Hot Springs.

CAROL ANN KIFFNER

Age 63, of Cadillac, formerly of commerce Township, died Monday, March 7, 2005. Born December 7, 1941 the daughter of Frederick and Florence (Tyson) Radtke. Member of the Red Hat Society; Wedgewood Ladies Golf League, Cadillac and auxiliary volunteer with Cadillac Mercy Hospital. Survivors include husband, Nicholas Kiffner whom she married in 1963 in Grosse Pointe, children, Leanne (Henry) McAuley of Howell; Lori (Joe) Bolsenga of Brighton and Nick Kiffner of Commerce Township, MI, grandchildren, Jared, Megan, Erin, Joey and Kara; Mother, Florence Radtke of Grosse Pointe; twin brother, Robert (Diane) Radtke of Shelby Township and sister, Pat (Norm) Plumstead of Mt Pleasant. Visitation was Wednesday 2-8 P.M. Funeral Thursday 11:00 A.M. from McDonald's Funeral Home, Howell (517-546-280). Interment in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Howell. In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to American Cancer Society.

JAMES J. CROWE

March 7, 2005. Age 77 Beloved husband of Mary (nee Thompson). Dear father of Anne Crowe Wolf (Ted), William T. (Krisaundra), James J. Jr. (Joslin), Peter M. (Alexa), Thomas P. (Yvonne), Michael J. (Kristen) and Mary Elizabeth Crowe Stanley (Fred). Also survived by 10 grandchildren. Brother of Catherine Petz (Thomas) and Alda Marie McCook (James). Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Wednesday 4-8pm and Thursday 2-8pm. Rosary Thursday 7pm. Funeral Mass Friday 11am at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, 32340 Pierce, Beverly Hills. Visitation begins at church 10:30am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorials to Melanoma Education Fund @ Karmanos Cancer Institute, c/o Dr. Flaherty, 3990 John R., Detroit, MI 48201 or The Jesuits Detroit Province of Society of Jesus, 7303 W. Seven Mile Rd., Detroit, MI 48221-2198. Obituary at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ROBERT P. VOLLMER

Age 79, of Plymouth, died March 6, 2005. He was born June 26, 1925, in Hubbell, Michigan. A Plymouth resident since 1978, he previously resided in Livonia and Australia. He was the owner and operator of Vollmer Janitorial Services, and he formerly worked for Burroughs Corporation in Plymouth. He was a member of St. John Neumann Church in Canton, where he was also an usher. He belonged to the VFW Post #6695 in Plymouth, the American Legion in Livonia, the Knights of Columbus in Livonia, and the Plymouth Elks Club. He loved sports and reading. He was a loving husband and father. He is survived by his wife, Geri; his children, Celeste (Fred) Hotash of Ypsilanti, and Carla (Todd) Vollmer-Bills of Milan; his sister, Clarice Bailey of Livonia; and many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Mass was held Wednesday, March 9, at St. John Neumann Church in Canton. Memorial contributions may be made to Leukemia Research Life. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home (734)453-3333

ROBERT EARL SCHEAFER

Age 74, of Grand Rapids (formerly of Birmingham and Marine City), lost his battle with leukemia on Saturday, March 5, 2005. He was born in Royal Oak on July 5, 1930, a son to the late Earl R. Scheafer and Celeste (Massenick) Oamka-Scheafer. Mr. Scheafer was a certified fluid power engineer and retired from J.N. Fauver (Madison Hts. and Grand Rapids) following 33 years of service. He also served his country as a member of the U.S. Air Force. Bob's father grew up in St. Clair, MI. His father owned and operated Murphy's Bar. The family had a cottage in Avalon Beach (Marine City) where many happy times were spent. Mr. Scheafer raised his children in Birmingham, MI before moving to Grand Rapids where he resided for the past 13 years. Mr. Scheafer was the loving father of Cynthia of CA, John of CA, Susan of Farmington, Stephanie of CA and Matthew of N. Mexico; dear grandfather of Lauren, Benjamin, Sydney, Chloe, and Mary Quinn. Also surviving are his sister, Jane Friedle of Marine City and his nephew/godson, Jeff Friedle. A Memorial Service was held Thursday, March 10, 2004 at Bower-Rose Funeral Home, Marine City, with Reverend Timothy P. Birney officiating. Memorials may be made to the Leukemia Foundation. "Dad, you will be missed!"

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HELEN BOLITHO

106, formerly of Farmington, died on March 2, 2005. Services were Tuesday.



WALTER GERARD DOHERTY

Age 70, Clearwater, FL died peacefully at Morton Plant Hospital on Friday, February 25, 2005, after a brief illness. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on September 24, 1934. Raised on Long Island, New York, he spent his teen summers working at Yankee Stadium. He attended Brooklyn Preparatory Academy on scholarship and graduated from St. John's University in 1956 with honors. He met his beloved wife of nearly 40 years in Chicago and was married on June 12, 1965. He worked in various public relations positions in sports including as sports information director for the University of Detroit. He eventually took a job in human resources with the Oakland County (MI) Road Commission where he worked for 20 years. He fulfilled a dream to "get out of the cold" when he retired to Clearwater, Florida in 1997 from Oxford, Michigan. (Formerly of Southfield, MI.) He was an avid sports fan and loved watching sports, especially college football and basketball (Big 10 in particular), NBA, and NFL. He also loved cooking, growing cacti, swimming, reading books and newspapers, and had a real talent for completing crossword puzzles, especially the New York Times crossword puzzle. He was preceded in death by his parents, David Louis Doherty, Mary Fay Bundy Doherty, father-in-law Robert Kennett, granddaughter Faith Mary Bond, and brother-in-law Doug Ferguson. He was devoted to his family and is survived by his wife Mary Ann; his children, all of Madison, Wisconsin: Justin (Martha) Doherty, Ian (Dawn) Doherty, Kathleen (Andrew Kuemmel) Doherty, and Kelly (Jeffrey) Bond; his grandchildren Erin, Sean, Joseph, and Amber; his mother-in-law Mary Kennett and sister-in-law Patty Kennett. A memorial service celebrating his life was held in Clearwater. In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN.

WENDELL EUGENE LLOYD

On Friday, March 4, 2005, Wendell Eugene Lloyd passed away at Craven Regional Medical Center in New Bern, North Carolina. He will be sorely missed by numerous relatives and friends. He was born February 27, 1922 in Salem Center, Ohio, but moved to Gallipolis, Ohio as an infant with his parents Uriah Irwin Lloyd and Bonnie Marie "Kate" Ball Lloyd. In Gallipolis, he thrived and became an outstanding 3 sport letterman, musician and public speaker. He played in several popular dance bands throughout Ohio and New York before entering the US Navy to fight in WWII and the Korean Conflict. In 1946, he married Marylu Stewart Lloyd, also of Gallia County, Ohio. He continued his college education and graduated cum laude from the Ohio State University with an accounting degree in 1948. Wendell worked as a CPA for 5 years with Touche, Niven, Bailey and Smart (later named Deloitte and Touche) before beginning a very successful business career with Wheel Trueing Tool Company and later, Automotive Moulding Company, both in Detroit. He rose to the Presidency of Wheel Trueing Tool Company for several years before becoming Chief Financial Officer of Automotive Moulding, a position he held for 15 years before retiring. His successful business career was paralleled by numerous services to the community and church. Wendell and Marylu shared a full life of family, friends, music, golf, bridge, and parties while living in Michigan, Texas, Ohio, and for the last eleven years on the Atlantic coastline in the little town of Emerald Isle, North Carolina. He will be sorely missed by: Marylu, his wife of 58 years, his five children, John Lloyd and his wife Sue of The Woodlands, Tx, Susan Vogel and her husband Steve of Rock Hill, SC, Wendy Buechele and her husband Bill of Ft. Worth, Tx, Katie Hill of Troy, Michigan, and Melinda Bradley and her husband Thad of Troy, Michigan; 13 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild; sister, Marilyn Donaldson of Walled Lake, Michigan; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and other relatives. Wendell was predeceased by his parents, two brothers, Bruce and John, and four sisters, Helen Wells, Vivian Kull, Charlotte Gothard and Gail Louise Lloyd. A memorial service will be held on Saturday March 12 at 11:00 AM at Willis Funeral Home in Gallipolis, Ohio followed by his burial at Ohio Valley Memory Gardens. Friends and family may call at the funeral home from 6 to 9 PM, Friday, March 11, 2005. Military graveside services will be conducted by volunteers of area veterans lodges. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Wendell's name to the American Lung Association, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association or to the Swansboro United Methodist Church, 665 West Corbett Avenue, Swansboro, North Carolina 28584.

• BRUCE E. GOUDIE

Age 83. Beloved husband of Marion. Dear Father of Douglas (Holly), Denise, and Dolores. Grandpa of Aaron and Brent. Interment at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia



SISTER MARY PATRICE SINNOTT, RSM

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(Farmington Hills, MI) - Sister Mary Patrice Sinnott, RSM, 87, died March 8, 2005 at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills. She had been a Sister of Mercy for 62 years. She was born to Patrick and Sarah (Coe) Sinnott on January 6, 1918 in Owosso, Michigan and named Mary Christine at her baptism at St. Paul's Church. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in Detroit in 1943 and received the name, Sister Mary Patrice. She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Mercy College of Detroit and made profession of perpetual vows in 1949. Sister Mary Patrice served in Mercy hospitals throughout Michigan as nursing supervisor, administrator and pastoral associate. From 1952 to 1958, she supervised patient units at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit, Mercy Hospital in Muskegon and St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids. After earning a master's degree in hospital administration from St. Louis University in 1960, Sister Mary Patrice spent a year as assistant administrator at Mercy Hospital in Muskegon. She was administrator of Mercy Hospital in Bay City from 1961 to 1972, and assistant administrator at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Detroit from 1972 to 1974. Sister Mary Patrice served as patient representative at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac from 1974 to 1980. After a sabbatical during which she earned a certificate in ministry from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, she returned to Pontiac for two years. She later served as pastoral associate at Mercy Hospital in Grayling and at St. Lawrence Dimondale Center near Lansing. Sister Mary Patrice served on the Board of Trustees for St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Corporation of Detroit. She was active in professional associations including the American Association of Hospital Administrators, Catholic Nurses Association, Michigan Nurses Association, Michigan Hospital Association, Michigan Chapter of Patient Representatives, Bay City Community Health Services Group and advisory boards at Delta College and Saginaw Valley College. In 1987, Sister Mary Patrice assumed part-time responsibilities at the information desk and in pastoral care for her sisters at McAuley Center. She retired in 1994 and spent the rest of her years praying for the needs of the community and Mercy hospitals. Sister Mary Patrice is remembered for her practical and sensitive approach to life. Her responsibilities never kept her from enjoying the companionship of her sisters or giving personal attention to the needs of patients. Her warm Irish smile, even during her illness, endeared her to all. She is survived by her brother, John, of Owosso; sisters Katherine Sinnott and Rose Senrud of Owosso; Irene Buckley of Holland, MI; Margaret Britton of Las Vegas, Nevada; and Patricia Wirth of Pullman, Washington; many nieces and nephews; and the members of her religious community. A welcoming service was held at McAuley Center on March 9, 2005 at 3 pm, with a scripture and remembrance vigil at 7 pm. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated in McAuley Center's Sacred Heart Chapel on March 10, 2005 at 10:30 am, followed by burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements are under the direction of McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI, 48336-1405

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Bloomington sets WSU mark in season-ending loss



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Jason Bloomington, a native of Canton, set a new single-season goal-scoring record for Wayne State during Sunday's regular season finale.

Canton resident Jason Bloomington scored two goals Sunday afternoon to establish a single-season record for Wayne State's varsity men's hockey team. But it wasn't enough as the Warriors lost their season finale Sunday, to visiting Alabama-Huntsville at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

Bloomington, a sophomore forward, tallied his 19th and 20th goals of the season.

The Warriors let a 3-0 first-period lead evaporate against the Chargers, who scored five goals in the second period.

With the loss, WSU finished the regular season with a record of 14-16-4 overall and 7-9-4 in College Hockey America. Alabama-Huntsville improved to 17-9-4 overall and 14-5-1 in the CHA.

Wayne State got its offense cranked up early. At the 5:09 mark of the first period, freshman forward Tylor Michel slammed the rebound of a Dan Iliakis shot past Alabama-Huntsville's starting goalie, junior Scott Munroe.

Michel set up sophomore forward Nate Higgins with about nine minutes left in the period and the Warriors made it 3-0 at the 14:50 mark when Bloomington tipped a slap shot from sophomore defenseman Matt Boldt past Munroe. Livonia's Adam Krug, a freshman forward, also assisted on Bloomington's tally.

But the tide turned in the second, with the Chargers pulling Munroe in favor of freshman goaltender Marc Narduzzi. He stopped 24 of 26 shots the rest of the contest, giving his teammates time to stage a comeback.

Alabama-Huntsville, with Livonia natives Todd Bentley and Keith Rowe on its roster, scored five straight goals in the second to take a 5-3 advantage entering the third. Scoring the

goals were Doug Watkins, Jeremy Schreiber, Dominik Rozman, David Nimmo and Steve Canter.

Bloomington's second goal of the afternoon, with 13:10 left in the third stanza, brought WSU to one goal of the Chargers. He received a goal-mouth pass from Michel and tapped it into the net past Narduzzi, who had no chance.

Wayne State then tied it 5-5 when Iliakis, a sophomore defenseman, buried a shot from the right circle with 6:50 remaining. But just 22 seconds later, Alabama-Huntsville regained the lead for good. Senior center and co-captain Jared Ross, who went to Redford Catholic Central, broke in on sophomore goaltender Will Hooper (34 saves) and slipped the puck past him.

WSU begins CHA tournament play 8:35 p.m. Friday against Air Force in Grand Rapids, Minn.

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Covenant still should be enforceable

Our subdivision plat was recorded about 35 years ago for residential use only. At the time, there was a two-lane road with residences and small businesses on both sides. However, the road has become an 8-10 lane commercial strip lined with shopping centers, hotels, restaurants, and automobile dealerships. The owners of four lots in our subdivisions, which have never been improved, have begun to explore commercial development options. Do you think we have a basis to stop them from moving forward in that regard?

More than likely you do based upon a case on similar facts out of the state of Virginia affirming the long standing proposition that if a covenant still serves its intended purpose, it will be enforced. In this particular case, the covenant served its intended purpose because all the changes were exterior to the subdivision. In effect within the subdivision, the only changes were the aging of homes and the maturing of trees. You are best advised, however, to consult an attorney to obtain, if necessary, an injunction and/or declaratory judgment.

I have heard that real estate values in certain cities in the East are based upon their proximity to commuter railroads. Do you have any information about that?

Having reviewed the real estate market recently in Philadelphia, it is clear that availability to rapid transit is a benefit to a prospective seller of a home particularly in the far reaching suburbs. Unlike Michigan, Philadelphia and, of course, New York, have elaborate commuter railroad systems jetting into the city from all directions and, therefore, the availability of such rapid transit is a definite plus for the marketability of homes. It also provides additional incentives for persons to locate in the suburbs but do business and/or to do shopping and frequent restaurants in the center city. Credos should be given to both Philadelphia and New York for having extensive downtown residential areas and commuter railroads availability to the airport as well as the suburbs.

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Thank Mother Nature

Ancient glaciers created area lakes

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

That Oakland County lakefront house you love so much was more than 14,000 years in the making.

The first step in building it was to arrange for a glacier to reach a melting point along, say, the Lone Pine Road area, give or take a few mile roads in either direction.

This glacier, according to the National Park Service Web site, was no ordinary coating of ice on your windshield. No, this was snow compressed into a super-slab of frozen water thousands of feet high, maybe a mile or so, and covering more than half of North America including what became Michigan and our neighboring states.

As the glacier continued to melt and shorten back toward the colder north, blocks of ice broke off here and there, giving us what a Cranbrook geologist said are called "ice block lakes."

This geologist is John M. Zawiskie, a museum educator at the Cranbrook Institute of Science. A great many, he said, of Oakland County's 1,400 lakes are ice block lakes.

"The blocks of ice that broke off," Zawiskie said, "would get buried in sand and mud by waters swept from the melting ice. When a block finally melted, there would be a depression left on the landscape." There you have it: A lake.

Meanwhile, Zawiskie said, "the melting edge of the glacier kept piling rocks and mud and boulders along its softening southern edge." Well, if you pile enough rocks and mud and boulders you can create some pretty hills. Bloomfield Hills, for example.

These hilly areas, found throughout Michigan, are called moraines, Zawiskie said. "There's one you can trace from Ontario across the state into the bed of Lake Michigan."

O.K., back to your waterfront house. When the foundation was dug, workers might have turned up mastodon or mammoth skeletons. Those giant ancestors of modern-day elephants are connected to Michigan's glacial history.

About 250 sets of remains have been found around Michigan, Zawiskie said,

"including right here at Cranbrook."

On the other hand, Zawiskie said, Michigan's extensive salt deposits are not related to the glaciers but are from a much earlier time, before the dinosaurs, when the area was covered with shallow tropical seas and our weather was like the Bahamas.

O.K., but about your house. Joan Downing, a sales agent with RE/MAX in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, said, yes, people do ask her to find houses for them on lakes. "If that's their interest," she said.

"And then it depends on their price range. If 'X' is what they can spend, we might have to say, how does lake privileges sound instead of lakefront?"

With lake privileges, Downing said, your house might be across the road from those on the water or you might be some substantial distance away in the subdivision. You would share the lakefront, having access to the beach and water through a public easement the original developers drew into the plat.

A privilege you might not have, depending on the community, is docking. You might be able to bring a boat to the water but not be able to leave it there overnight, Downing said.

A house that might cost \$275,000 to \$400,000 in a conventional subdivision, Downing said, might be priced \$200,000 more along the shore of an all-sports lake where motor boats and other powered devices are permitted.

"Most people who want to live on a lake," Downing said, "have some idea of

what it's all about. For some, it's not that different from a regular subdivision except you have a fabulous view and you can go swimming when you get hot.

"On most lakes you don't have to do any special maintenance, but some people take meticulous care of their lake frontage, maybe bringing in extra sand if it's allowed.

"They might have a dock that they take in for the winter and hoists for toys and boats.

"But others buy on a lake because they like the open isolation and the beauty. They just want the setting. It all depends on how water-crazy you are."

There was a time, Downing said, when you could buy an early-1900s summer cottage that had been converted to year-round living or was a candidate for conversion. "They were good buys," she said, but now are bought just for the land they're on so someone can tear it down and put up the biggest house that will fit on the lot."

After all, said Erin O'Neill, "a lake-front lot has value beyond an ordinary piece of dirt." O'Neill sells real estate for Weir Manuel Snyder & Ranke, Birmingham.

"I have a customer right now who's been looking for a lakefront location," O'Neill said. "Didn't specify all-sports but they don't want a pond and they don't want a river or a canal."

"They want to be on a real lake so they have the view. You love it. You dream about it."

Learn more about geological history of Michigan

The following Web sites are good sources of information about our state's topography:

- www.coastlandmuseums.org
- www.michigan.gov/hai (search for "When glaciers covered Michigan")
- www.nps.gov/sibe (search this National Park Service site for the story of the moraine we know and love as Sleeping Bear Dunes)

To your health: Mold in your home can be treated

(NUI) - The National Concrete Masonry Association suggests taking the following steps to avoid mold growth.

■ Look for visible signs of moisture and eliminate the source.

■ Maintain roofs, walls and openings. Replace caulking and repaint as needed.

■ Keep the maximum relative humidity levels in your home at about 40 percent during the heating season and

below 60 percent during the cooling season, as recommended by the National Association of Home Builders.

■ Install bath and kitchen fans and vent fans to the outside of your home.

■ Seal outlets, sill plates and through-wall penetrations, to minimize uncontrolled air infiltration. For more information about mold and cleaning concrete masonry, visit www.ncma.org.

Today's TIMBIT: You hear time and again about folks much less educated than you making huge profits in real estate. If you have not had the will nor the courage to learn what's required to be a real estate investor, there may never be a better time than the present.

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Mortgage Bits

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Conditions perfect for investors

These "dog days of winter" have many real estate professionals waiting anxiously for the spring buying season — and less erratic paydays — to arrive. There are a good number of homes on the market and interest rates remain attractive.

If you invest in residential real estate, or if you want to become a real estate investor, now may be the time to make a move. It's prime time for real estate investors to snatch up some great deals. Canvass the market and you may find homes that have been on the market for some time, and perhaps even a motivated for-sale-by-owner home whose seller is willing to deal.

Investors generally need a 10% down payment unless they are going to actually live in the subject property, or in a portion of it.

There are some exceptions, of course, but this requirement is often the biggest hurdle. (A quick cure: Take out a small home equity line on an existing property as a down payment.)

Spend time and effort sniffing out those evasive, zero down deals, if you will, but that down payment will give you access to virtually every deal out there.

Surprisingly, you can have bruised credit and still be an investor. In fact, that relatively small 10% down offsets enough lender risk to get approvals for borrowers with credit scores below 600.

Of course, higher scores mean better interest rates and mortgage terms. With higher scores, you may not even need to document your income to qualify.

Generally, investors pay an interest rate about 1.5 to 2 percent higher to compensate for the added lender risk non-owner occupied properties pose. To compensate, investors often use shorter-term, 3- or 5-year ARMs to preserve their cash flows.

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Take time for research when choosing windows, enhance home's value

(NU) — Of all the remodeling projects undertaken by homeowners, replacing windows or doors ranks among the top five. It is one of the most cost-effective ways to add to a home's value, comfort, security and "curb appeal."

With hundreds of window and door options, the dilemma for many homeowners is choosing stylish, high-quality products that will stand the test of time. Jeld-Wen, the largest manufacturer of win-

dows and doors, offers the following tips to help homeowners make the right choices:

■ **Recognize reliability:** An indicator of reliability is the warranty. Don't settle for a one-year warranty on interior molded doors when a five-year warranty is available. And don't settle for a short-term warranty on vinyl windows when some manufacturers offer a lifetime warranty.

■ **Set a budget:** Costs va-

based on the material used to construct the window or door. For windows, prices are lowest for aluminum, followed by vinyl. Wood is generally the most expensive. For doors, prices are lowest for steel, then composite and fiberglass. Wood tops the list.

Be sure to examine overall value, however, and not just the price tag. Energy Star-qualified windows and doors cost about 5 percent more, but can save money in the long run

by reducing yearly energy bills by up to 15 percent.

■ **Pay attention to performance features:** Useful features increase the comfort and safety of a home. Consider ergonomically designed options like one-touch, automatic-locking windows that lock and unlock with almost no effort. If privacy is important, look for solid-core interior doors, which significantly reduce noise transfer.

■ **Consider climate:** For regions with high heat in the summer or extreme cold in the winter, choose windows and doors with low-E glass. Low-E is a microscopic metallic coating applied to the glass that diminishes the amount of heat that can be transferred through it.

In humid regions, look for wood windows and doors that are protected against decay and insect damage and backed

by a 20-year warranty. In arid regions, immediately seal and finish wood windows and doors to maintain their moisture, or consider high-quality vinyl windows.

When it comes to selecting the right windows and doors, a little planning can bring major benefits for years to come.

For ideas, style options and more information on choosing windows and doors, visit www.jeld-wen.com

Some timely tips to help you find your new home

(NUI) - How can you find and buy a home to enjoy for years to come? The first step is to answer this simple question honestly: Is it the right time for you to buy?

You need to consider the tax deduction, building equity, monthly mortgage payments and maintenance expenses, funding for a down payment and closing costs, and staying in the home long enough for its appreciation to cover your transaction costs.

If you can afford and want to buy a home, the next step is to get pre-approved for a mortgage from a lender.

"I ask buyers to do this right away, before we start looking for homes," said Bill McCarthy, a certified residential specialist with Coldwell Banker Devon-shire. "That way I know what price range the

buyer can afford. Otherwise, a buyer could find the 'perfect home' only to be disappointed when he or she cannot afford it."

An experienced real estate agent can help you decide on your needs and desires for a home. For example, how important is its location? How long is your commute? How are the schools if you have children? How many bedrooms? A one- or two-car garage?

Once you have prioritized your answers, a real estate agent will know which homes to show you.

"I always explain a home's advantages and disadvantages to buyers," McCarthy said. "For example, one home may have a great layout but need updated decorating. Another home may be nicely decorated but have a awkward kitchen and dining

room. I tell clients that decorating is easy to fix, but major structural deficits are not."

Once you find the right home in your price range, your agent will make an offer on your behalf and negotiate with the seller's agent. If your offer is accepted, there are a few more steps before closing.

"I always advise my clients to get a housing inspection," McCarthy said. "It ensures whether your future home's structure and mechanical systems, from the furnace to plumbing, are working properly or not."

The lender requires an appraisal of the property to confirm the home's value is sufficient to support the sales price. If that goes smoothly, you are ready for the closing. Once that's done, the home is yours.

Home air cleaners come in many shapes, sizes

(NUI) - Millions of people buy portable air cleaners to improve their health, remove harmful particles from the air and maintain a clean home. But consumer research shows that portable air cleaners also have some drawbacks.

Some people complain that the air cleaners make too much noise. Others say the units are unsightly, expensive to maintain and take up space.

An alternative for those who want to have clean air in every room of the house is a whole-home air cleaner that attaches

to the heating and cooling system and is installed by a professional contractor. Whole-home air cleaner reduces all airborne contaminants such as dust, pollen and bacteria.

Recent reports show that these irritants, not germs, may be responsible for chronic colds.

A recent study sponsored by Aprilaire revealed that homeowners prefer a whole-home air cleaner versus a portable air cleaner when comparing performance, installation and maintenance factors and over-

all cost.

For instance, the Aprilaire whole-home air cleaner costs around \$400 for the first year and about \$40 thereafter. The initial price includes the unit, filter and professional installation. The equipment is in the utility room, where it does not detract from the home's aesthetic appeal. Typically, a whole-home air cleaner needs maintenance once a year.

Conversely, in the first year alone, a homeowner with four portable units serving about 500 square feet apiece would

spend nearly \$2,500 for the cleaners, filters and electricity. Plus, the units are placed throughout the house and distract from a room's decor. Portable air cleaners also have to be cleaned regularly and their filters need to be changed four times a year.


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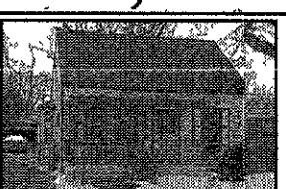


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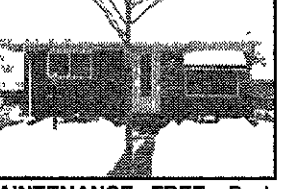
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PLYMOUTH BUNGALOW. On a tree lined street with a walk up attic space plus a full basement. Updated & neutral throughout. Newers include: windows, siding, cement work, roof, floor coverings, light fixtures & more. \$164,900 (P-345EA)



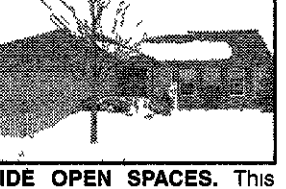
BROOKFIELD VILLAGE. New 4 bedroom colonial with many upgrades: cathedral ceilings in master w/window in master bath, central vac, air cleaner, additional electric outlets, marble fireplace, sprinkler system and over 2000 sq. ft. \$274,500 (P-348-ET)



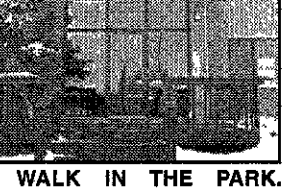
PERFECT BUY! Red brick ranch with 3 beds, 1.5 baths and a 2.5 car garage! Many updates since '03 including tear off roof, siding, exterior doors, windows, furnace, oak kitchen, refinished hardwood floors, paint and carpet. Wow! \$164,900 (P-224RI)




BASK IN THE WARMTH. Of this superb colonial in a terrific family sub. Formal living areas plus a family rm. w/pergo floor & fireplace, finished basemnt, bedrooms, finished basemnt, deck and gazebo. \$229,900 (C-409AA)




WIDE OPEN SPACES. This Canton beauty is sure to please with an open concept, volume ceilings, and a fantastic master suite. Professionally finished LL w/family room, den, game room and ceramic bath. \$289,900 (C-354PO)




A WALK IN THE PARK. Carefree condo living bordering scenic Hines Park. 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, spacious family room with a fireplace and a garage. Perfect for those looking for affordable living. \$154,900 (P-731SY)



IT'S ALL HERE! Everything you want - Canton colonial with lots of updates: Newer roof, furnace, AC, HWH, windows and doorways. Finished basement, nice garage, 4BR/2.5BA and award winning schools! Great value at only \$230,000 (C-151AV)



55+ COMMUNITY. Beautifully updated condo with 2 beds, 1.5 baths. Eat in kitchen plus formal dining, all updated big ticket items. Pool, clubhouse and many senior activities. Close to airport and parking. \$134,900 (C-847NE)



IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY!! Neat & clean condo backing to the woods w/neutral decor, soaring ceilings, skylights, appliances incl the washer & dryer, large deck, Andersen windows, huge closets & low association dues. \$114,900 (C-296SH)

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**BRIGHTON** \$374,900

Curved walls accent this contemporary colonial. Upstairs den/loft could be used as 4th bdrm or computer rm. Lrg master suite w/spacious bath. Walk-in closet+ sitting rm. Fireplace in 2 story great rm. huge kit (OESLY92HIG) 248-437-4500

**BRIGHTON** \$299,900

2880 sq ft lakefront home on over 1/3 acre close to expressways. Sandy beach and dock. Large 30' deck facing lakeside to watch the wildlife. Den with fireplace, cathedral ceiling and skylights. 2.5 car garage. 6 bedrooms (OESLY56CLA) 248-437-4500

**CANTON** \$395,000

Fabulous Home On Superb Lot! Professionally Fin. Lower Level W/3rd Full Bath, Den/ofc & Add'l Family Rm. Beautiful Hdwd Flrs In Entry & Through Kitchen & Nook. Great Open Flr Plan-bridge Overlooking Fam. rm. W/rlpl. (OEN55HEN) 248-347-3050

**CANTON** \$387,900

Stunning Beauty! This Home Possesses So Much Glamour. A Baybrooke Mo Del. It Offers 2 Stories W/4 Bdrms, 2 Baths & 1 Lav. Entrance Has Hdwd Flrs, Lrg Family Rm. W/rlpl. Neutral Decor (OEN06MAN) 248-347-3050

**CANTON** \$345,000

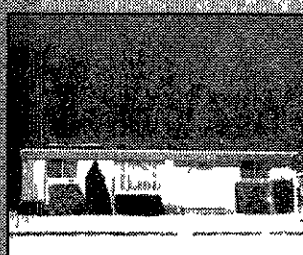
Picture Perfect! Beat The St. Rush To This Terrific 2-story Home backing To Woodlands! Dramatic story Foyer W/arch Window. Credibly Spacious Kitchen W/isl Family Rm with marble Surrounding place (OEN49NOR) 248-347-3050

**CANTON** \$319,900

3BR col w/lg kit, nook w/maple cnts & wd flrs. Nat. FP in FR w/cust mantle. Prof fin bsmt, 1st flr Indry, lux mstr ste w/jetted tub. Lg corner lot w/br paver patio, some fences allowed. 3 car garage. Plymouth-Canton schools (OEP56SOR) 734-453-6800

**CANTON** \$234,900

Get ready for summer! Spectacular tri-level w/n-ground swimming pool. Delightful setting. 4 BR. 2.5 BA with great location! Just move your family right in! Enjoy the summer 1 year home warranty (OEP76SHA) 734-453-6800

**CANTON** \$184,900

Affordable Canton! Brick ranch backing to private wooded area. Updates: cement driveway/porch (04) glass block windows (03), entry/storm doors (02), vinyl siding windows & central air (00). Quick occupancy! (OEP00PRO) 734-453-6800

**CANTON** \$2,600

Home Backing To 6th Fairway Of Pheasant Run Golf Course. Finished bsmt w/storage. Updated kitchen W/48" stainless stove W/dbl ovens. Fab master W/2 person jacuzzi. Deck & 3 car gar 1-3 yr lease. No Pets-smokers (OEN18MU) 248-347-3050

**COMMERCE** \$169,900

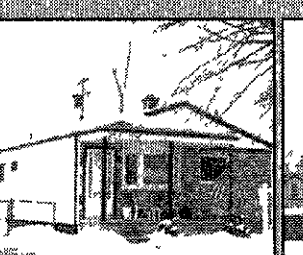
Charming 3 bdrm 1 bath bungalow within walking distance to all sports lake. Many updates which include kitchen bath roof windows siding. 10 X 16 deck. HWH carpet, freshly painted. 5 ceiling fans and basement (OESLY59BR) 248-437-4500

**DEARBORN** \$490,000

Newer Items incl Roof, Gutters, Park Lot Kit, Elec Serv, Furn, A/C, Plumb & Sprink Sys. Bar Owns All Machines-2 Dart Mach, Juke Box & 2 Poker Machines. Near Rouge Plant. Terms Avail. Includes Liquor License (OEL14SCH) 734-591-0333

**DEARBORN HTS** \$185,000

Make me your new home & make your friends envy you! I'm a custom built ranch that is ready to move into. 3 bedroom 2 fireplaces. finished basement. Florida room & more! (OEP05ROU) 734-453-6800

**DEARBORN HTS** \$119,900

Starter home! 3BR brick faced ranch w/siding. Full basement & 2 car detached garage, new roof (tear off) & gutters. Newer electrical furnace (90%) some copper plumbing. HDWD floors. Great schools! Priced to sell! (OE45SYR) 734-453-6800

**DETROIT** \$88,000

Move Right In To This 4 Bdr Home W/ 2 Kits 2 Baths & 2 Lvg Rooms. Could Be A 2 Fam Flat W/2 Up 2 Dn. Has FP Full Bsmt. Huge Bkyrd. Updates Include New Furn (05) Cop Plumb, Elec W/croct Brks & Some New Wndws (OEL01LIT) 734-591-0333

**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$370,000

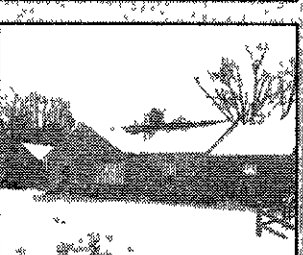
Impeccable Legends End Unit Condo. Overlooking Pool/creek/clubhouse-wetlands! Impressive GR w/volume ceiling w/granite FP & wet bar. black & white Cont. cabs in kit w/3 skylights in adjoining nook, study off foyer (OEN38LEG) 248-347-3050

**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$329,900

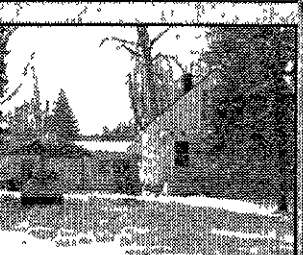
Beautifully maintained 3 bed 2.5 bath det. condo on large lot. Cathedral Ceilings. Nat. FP. LG Mstr Ste w/WI Closet. Dressing Area & Jacuzzi. Tub Kit w/Island. Hw Flrs. Private Wrap Around Deck. Show & Sell! (OEL67BUR) 734-591-0333

**FENTON** \$133,500

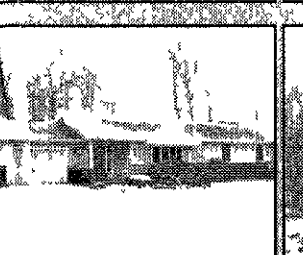
Super end unit! Small complex low maintenance fees. 2 story great room, large bedrooms. spacious kitchen. finished basement w/daylight window. Attached garage. Almost new (OESLY04EAS)

**GARDEN CITY** \$174,000

Finally everything you have been hoping for! Very clean & beautiful 4 BR, 2 BA ranch offers spacious living room w/fireplace. open newer kitchen, 1st floor laundry, family room, 1 car garage. Updated baths, (OEP57PAR) 734-453-6800

**GARDEN CITY** \$89,900

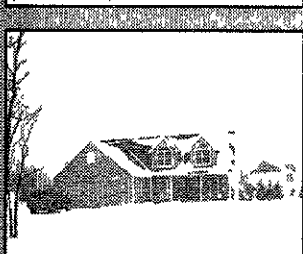
Investor/handyman special! Don't miss the opportunity to live in one of Garden City's most beautiful neighborhoods. Priced below market value & being sold as-is. Gorgeous double lot. Tons of potential! (OEP61BAR) 734-453-6800

**GREEN OAK** \$349,500

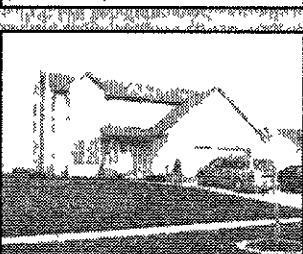
Bring your horses! Great ranch on 5.5 acres w/60x40 barn w/water and elect. fenced paddock. Spacious home/open floor plan. 3 bdrms, 2.5 baths, overlooks gorgeous wildlife habitat. (OESLY12EIG) 248-4-4500

**GREEN OAK** \$139,500

Looking for privacy and wildlife? This 5.5 parcel offers the best of both worlds. Nature privacy yet just minutes to town. Great location for all expressway access. Build your dream, park ready (OESLY00DIX) 248-437-4500

**HARTLAND** \$334,900

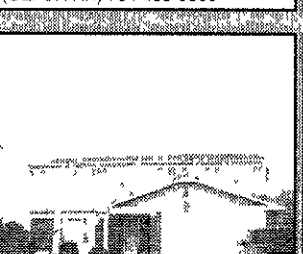
Want country living? This 3 bedroom 2.5 bath Cape Cod Colonial on over 2 acres is r. Close to expressway for easy commute. Hartland township schools. Geothermal and cooling (OESLY68HOL) 248-437-4500

**HOWELL** \$234,500

Spectacular, spacious colonial with open floor plan, neutral colors, great room with fireplace and extra large master suite with bath and walk-in closet. Dressing Area & Jacuzzi. Tub Kit w/Island. Hw Flrs. Private Wrap Around Deck. Show & Sell! (OESLY84ASH) 248-437-4500

**LIVONIA** \$389,900

Exceptional well maintained 4bdrm Tudor in Bicentennial Estates. Great location in subdivision. Upgrades galore. Traditional flr plan w/formal living, dining & family rm. 2.5 baths. Lrg 1st flr laundry (OEN22HAL) 248-347-3050

**LIVONIA** \$289,900

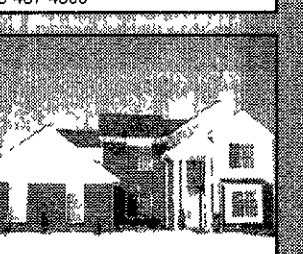
Totally Updtd-Maint Free Home-Mst Bdrm 12x25. FR 15x27-2 Skylights. Each-Updtd Wdws-Kitch W/oak Cab, 2nd Flr Indry. Wd Drs-Jetted Tub Mst-90% Eff Furn-& Fr-365 Sq Ft. Rec Rm L/L-Privacy Fence-Nwr Gar dr (OEL21PER) 734-591-0333

**LIVONIA** \$145,000

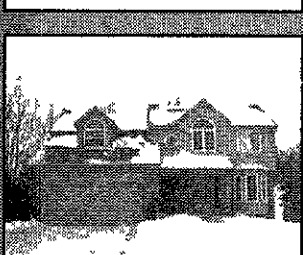
3 Bedroom-1 1/2 Bath Brck Ranch On Blvd Str In North Livonia. Newer Kit Cabs-all Appliances. Stay HW Flrs-updates-Furn, C/A Windows. Fin Bsmt W/glass block Windows, Copper Plumbing 1/2 Bath (2) Car Gar (OEL64ANT) 734-591-0333

**LYON** \$474,900

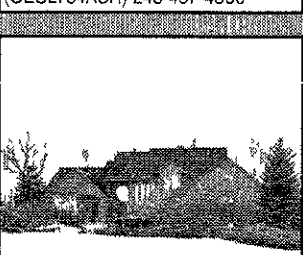
A Lot! House For The Money! Gorgeous Extra Deep Fin Lower Level to (03) Which Opens To A Spectacular Backyard W/cabana House! Hot Tub, newer Spacious Deck, rd Floors In Foyer (OEN6VIN) 248-347-3050

**LYONS** \$333,500

Why Build When You Can Move Right In! Better Than New Kit W/stainless Steel Appl & Island, Eat-in Nook W/dnwall to spectacular maintenance free Trex deck, Hot Tub, Brick Pavers, Over \$50,000k Of Seller Upgrades (OEN01COB) 248-347-3050

**MARION** \$294,900

Beautiful home in never sub that features city water and sewer, walking trails and playground. Home has huge island kitchen, hardwood floors. Large master suite w/jetted tub (OESLY70FAI) 248-437-4500

**MILFORD** \$479,900

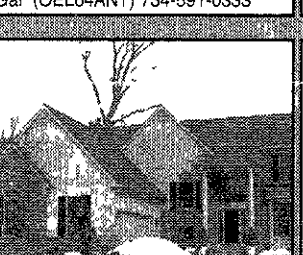
Stunning 2 Story Contemporary. Sits On 1.62 Acres Backs To Woods. 4 Bed, 3.5 Baths, & 1st Flr Mstr Ste W/sky Lights & Plenty Of Privacy Fin Bsmt Providing An Add'l 1,400 Sq Ft. One Showing Is All That's Needed! (OEL67HER) 734-591-0333

**NORTHVILLE** \$1,700,000

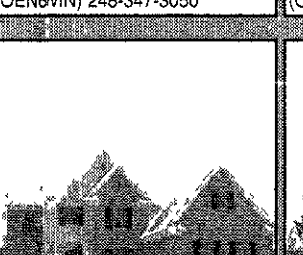
Pheasant Hills At Its Finest! 1st Flr Mstr W/limestone Shower & Flr Rls W/Pl & Granite Ctrs, gour Kit W/3000 Bottle Walk-in Wine Cellar, granite Ctrs, cherry Flrs & Viking Range, 4 Car Gar, study W/cherry Panelling, (OEN00MIL) 248-347-3050

**NORTHVILLE** \$999,999

Impeccable "monarque" Model Built By Moco! Quick Occupancy On T. His Lakefront Home W/extra Deep Fin LI W/o W/gr, media Rm, full Bath & Wet Bar. Hwd In Foyer, half Bath, Kit & Dr. granite Counters In Spacious Kit (OEN40MAN) 248-347-3050

**NORTHVILLE** \$790,000

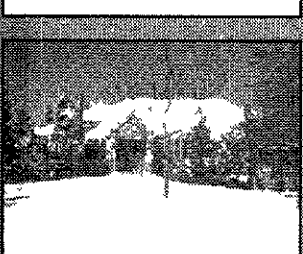
Luxury At It's Finest-this Exquisite Customized 5 Bdrm, 4.5 Bath Home Reflects The Best W/over 5000 Sq ft of Luxurious Living. Gourmet Kitchen W/granite, Den, Hdwd Flr T/o Fin, walkout LI W/ Fam Rm, 5th Bdrm (OEN37CAS) 248-347-3050

**NORTHVILLE** \$759,900

Imm Occupancy, Priced To Sell! Colon, low traffic interior at backing to commons! Stunning, neat decor w/unflr daylght bsmt, 18x18 cer tile in foyer, all, kit, hearth rm & laund 2-stry Gr, 2 fs, gran ctrs, comm pool w/lenis of (OEN92COG) 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$625,000

Outstanding custom 1.5 story in Autumn Park Sub. 4br, 3.5 bath including 1st flr mstr ste w/jetted tub & huge W/I closet. 2 story foyer w/dual staircase, hdwd flrs crown moldings (OEN02SUM) 248-347-3050

**PLYMOUTH** \$1,475,000

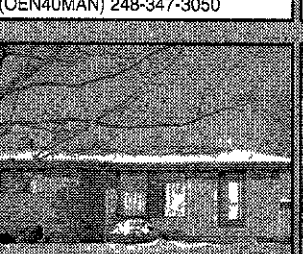
Secluded, wooded, natural setting w/stream & awesome contemporary home. 2 x 6 const, exposed beams, 14 skylites, 2 stone FP's, plantation shutters. Woodmode kit. Expansive 1st flr mstr suite 3rd flr retreat, WO LL. (OEP50TER) 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH** \$339,900

Wow! Hurry to this truly exceptional 3BR, 2 BA colonial located in desired Trailwood sub. Beautifully landscaped on premium lot w/privacy backing to woods w/creek. Lib/den could be 4th BR. Lux mstr ste w/mstr BA (OEP38PIN) 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH** \$309,900

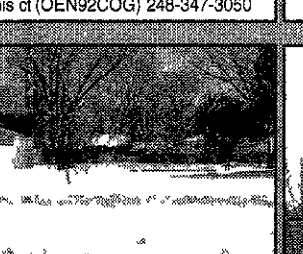
Dream Home in dwn Ply Renovated In 1997 4 Br, 3 Full Bths, Nwr Wndws, Roof, Furn, Siding & Doors Mstr Bd, W/wic, Pergo Flrs On 1st Flr, Nwr Oak Kit, 2 Bth Updated & Lg Bay Wdw In Mstr & Lvg Rm. Open Floorplan (OEL73HAR) 734-591-0333

**REDFORD** \$158,900

This One Sparkles! 3 Bd 1-1/2 Bath, Brick Ranch W/ Numerous Updates. Roof, Windows, C/A, HWH, Flooring. Beautiful Kitchen w/ Pantry-and All The Appliances. Full Bath W/ Jacuzzi Tub! 2 Car Gar, part fm bsmt (OEL01NAT) 734-591-0333

**REDFORD** \$138,000

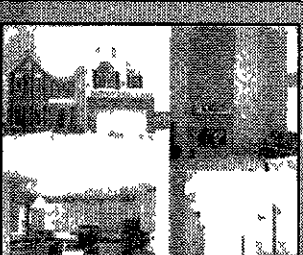
PRICE REDUCED! Updated kit, newer ref, stove 2yr, roof 5 Yrs/complete tear-off, furn 03, Fin bsmt w/storage, pool, newer gar dr & som drs, blown in insulation. SELLER ALLOWING \$2000.00 OUTSIDE COSM REPAIR! (OEL13ROC) 734-591-0333

**REDORD** \$40,000

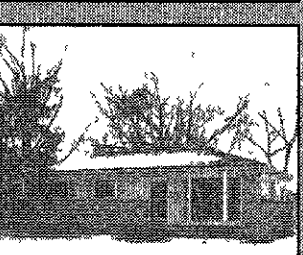
Near Redford Union High School. Previous Home Destroyed In Fire. Lebris Has Been Removed (OELJWAK) 734-591-0333

**SOUTH LYON** \$412,900

A perfect 10! Located on a premium cul-de-sac, this home is better than brand new! Your fueslist buyer will enjoy the professionally landscaped yard, custom window treatments & decorated like a model interior (OEP18HAC) 734-453-6800

**SOUTH LYON** \$393,500

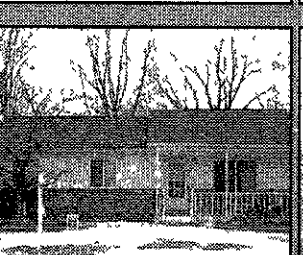
Spectacular newer 3228 sq ft colonial on double lot! 4 bdrm, 2.5 bth, gourmet island kit w/curian counters. 2 story GR w/nat fireplace. Dual zone heating and AC. Split staircase. Cathedral ceiling in mstr suite (OESLY01HOR) 248-437-4500

**WESTLAND** \$139,900

Lovely 3 bedroom ranch! Updated, kitchen w/oak cabinets. Living room has large bay window and hardwood floors. Basement offers large finished rec room and utility room. Fenced in yard. A must see to appreciate (OESLY38SHA) 248-437-4500

**SOUTH LYON** \$750/Lease

Everything is new or returoished!! New carpet, flooring, light fixtures, appliances, windows, ect, ect. Opps forget the hotwater tank. New kitchen and new bath. Best in complex! (OESLY04PRI) 248-437-4500

**SOUTHFIELD** \$150,000

1993 Ranch W/ Brick Paver Walk & Deck To Fenced Yard. Furn - 00, A/C - 99, Newer Hwh, Stove, Wash, Dry & Gar Door. Newer Oak Kit. Bath W/ Del Sinks. Hwd Flrs In LR, DR & Hall. Kit Appliances Wash & Dry. Staying (OEL94BER) 734-591-0333

**WESTLAND** \$179,900

It's Gorgeous Inside!! Beautifully updated 4 bdrm, 2 ba colonial. Livonia Schools. Updates, furn, C/A, windows, carpet, landscaping, lrg bed w/WI closets. Oak kit w/ HWH flrs. Lg storage shed. Huge backyard (OEL13JOY) 734-591-0333

**WESTLAND** \$139,900

Wow! Hurry over to this well maintained 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath located in a quiet neighborhood. Home has alot to offer w/newer kit w/vinyl floor, ceramic splashboard. Vaulted ceilings in kit & LR. Private w/o patio off FR (OEP0MID) 734-453-6800

**WESTLAND** \$137,000

3BR brick ranch deep in Moulin Rouge sub w/benefit of Livonia Schools. Open flr plan w/crown moldings. Updates inc newer roof, heating, HWH, firing & crpt. Huge mstr ste w/wood stove over fenced yd w/patio. (OEP00LIB) 734-453-6800

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HOWELL-Open Sun 1-5 5149 Northfield Dr North Shore Comm. Immaculate 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1546 sq ft ranch, bit 2002 Upgrades \$289,000. For info & pics www.HMO.com ID #19748 517-552-1261

HOWELL, OPEN Sun, 1-5pm 363 Matana Dr. Ravines of Rolling Ridge Sub, off Grand River, across from Home Depot 3 br, 2 1/2 bath dining rm, first floor laundry, 25 car attach garage, ceramic floors, Andersen windows, brick pavers & wood decks, all appliances, see info tube net ad #102956 for more info \$328,500 (734) 464-3159

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NOVI - OPEN SUN 1-4 43061 Emerson Way Relocating! Charming 3 bdrm 2.5 bath, 2253 sq ft, yr 2000 \$324,900 318-87-8999

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RE/MAX 100
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BY OWNER - Open House
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32679 Meadowlark
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Allie Ping
RE/MAX Community Assoc.
1000 E. Salem Blvd.
734-218-05/429-3767
aping@max.net

FARMINGTON HILLS
Open Sun 1-4 4754 Bunker Hill Dr, N of 12 Mile, E of Drake 3 bdm, 2.5 bath Colonial on tripod. Finished bsmt, family rm with natural fireplace. Many updates including kitchen \$269,000 248-3-9212

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OPEN HOUSE SUN 3/13 1-4
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LIVONIA - Located in quiet section of Livonia. Deck walk leads to this maintenance free home which has many updates. Family room leads to large backyard and garage. Ready to move in with neutral décor \$135,000

PRICED TO SELL! Great starter home or retiree home. Nice sized bedrooms and completely remodeled bath. Stove and refrigerator remain. Super clean and move-in condition. One year home warranty \$84,900

LIVONIA - Outstanding, well-built, brick Cape Cod with 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths in the Stevenson School District. Updates everywhere-kitchen, windows, furnace, electrical, and more! Family room off kitchen looks onto lovely backyard. Finished basement and 2 car garage with additional workshop off the back

LIVONIA - Move-in condition describes this 4 bedroom brick/Vinyl Colonial. Charming LR & Formal DR with hardwood floors. Beautiful updated kitchen w/maple cabinets, corian counters & doorwall to large wood deck. Fantastic family rm with natural fireplace. Full basement. 2 car attached garage \$230,000

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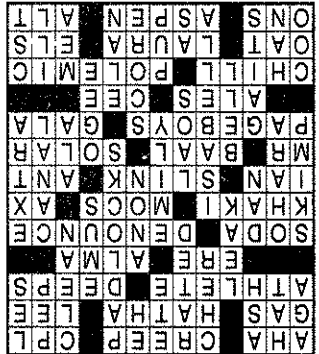
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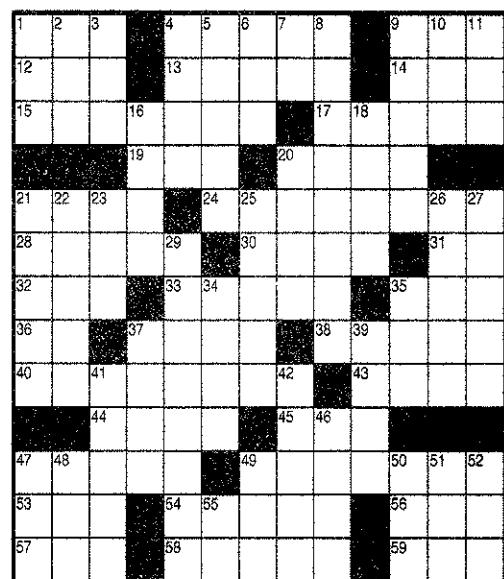
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3 bedroom brick home with a spacious family room, huge kitchen, 1 1/2 baths, 2 1/2 car garage, on a large lot, \$152,900

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A LOT FOR A LITTLE! - Fall in love with this wonderful, comfortable ranch on private one acre setting with fenced yard and 22x24 garage! 3 large bedrooms newer windows, well, septic and furnace. Convenient location just a short distance from pavement and country store! Very nice! Hartland Schools \$174,900

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Lyn
Heritage GMAC
(517) 404-1645

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Howell 3230

CIRCLE THIS AD!
Immaculately cared for 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on 9.73 acres. Home features great room with gas log Franklin Stove, formal dining room and nice kitchen. Many newer updates include Wallside Windows 30x60 pole barn too! Howell Schools \$227,900

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Lake Orion 3236

RANCH- SPACIOUS 3 BDRM.
on Lake Mantou, 2071 sq ft \$415,000
(248) 649-6110

Livonia 3250

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3 Bdrm brick Ranch. Living room w/ bay window. Kitchen w/ built-in oven & cooktop. Finished bsmt with fireplace. Garage with greenhouse. Home Warranty \$154,900 (DE115)

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PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP

Shows in this 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath ranch w/ many updates. Possible 4th bdrm in bsmt. 2 car detached garage \$217,900 (ALSSUO)

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BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED
4 bdrm, 1.5 bath colonial. Remodeled kitchen, family room w/ fireplace. Dining room, 1st floor laundry, Bsmt, 2 car attached. \$244,900
Susan & Rachel Rion
Remax Alliance
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ROSEDALE GARDENS
Beautiful 1,368 sq ft Cape Cod in this lovely historic area. Living room w/ fireplace. Formal dining room. Finished bsmt. 2 car detached brick garage. Home Warranty \$252,500 (N110)

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Livonia 3250



JUST LISTED!
BRICK CONTEMPORARY
with spacious open floor plan. Great Room w/ fireplace. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Awesome kitchen w/ cherry cabinets, Pergo floor & track lighting. Bsmt 2 car attached garage. Newer roof, C/A & appliances \$269,900 (PE157)

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BY OWNER - 3 bedroom, newer kitchen, updated family room w/ wet bar, large corner lot, 0 down, \$1100 per month 734-521-0270 (U-4)

BY OWNER - OPEN SUN 1-4

30761 Bobrick, Brookwood Estates, NE corner 6 Mile & Merriman Colonial, 2200 sq ft, 4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, wooded lot custom kitchen, appliances, fireplace, 1st floor laundry, finished bsmt, lg attached garage 734-421-1845

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Rosedale Gardens 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. Coved ceilings, hardwood floors finished bsmt, 2 car garage don't miss this one! \$274,900 (O1AUB)
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Livonia Open Sun Feb 27th 12-4
34190 Trillium Ct W. of Farmington N. AA Trail 2002 brick Ranch 3 Bed, 2 Bath, Full Basement, Attached Garage, Appliances Fireplace, Backs to Hines Park! \$323,900! SEARCH HOMES ONLINE! LOW COMMISSION!
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METICULOUS
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OPEN DOORS - Wonderfully cared for and nicely updated ranch situated on a half acre in award winning Livonia Schools. Home offers 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, newer vinyl windows, roof, hand-crafted kitchen cabinetry and counter tops. Carpeted hardwood flooring thru-out, partially finished basement with half bath, large breakfast room w/ door/wall to deck and backyard! \$215,900. Take Merriman South of 5 Mile, left on Lyndon then right on Hillcrest following open signs to 14300 Hillcrest

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PRICED TO SELL!
3 Bdrm brick Ranch. Living room w/ bay window. Kitchen w/ built-in oven & cooktop. Finished bsmt with fireplace. Garage with greenhouse. Home Warranty \$154,900 (DE115)

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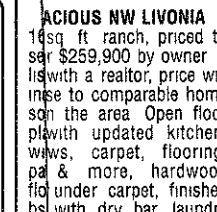
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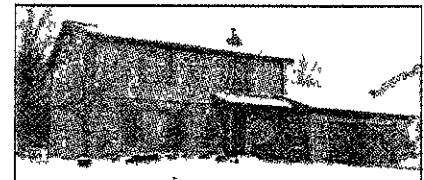
WATERFORD Curb Appeal & Incredible Updates
Lake privileges in this beautiful 3 bedroom ranch home. Custom entry doors, newer roof, windows, doorwall, kitchen cabs & counters w/appliances. Partially finished basement & more.
(E60MAP) 734-455-5600 \$159,900



ROMULUS Bright & Cheerful
3 bedroom ranch w/partially finished basement, 2.5 car garage, updated windows, roof, furnace & more. Don't miss out on this warm & cozy family home.
(E32BAR) 734-455-5600 \$128,500



TAYLOR Meticulously Maintained
Perfect townhouse condo w/2 BR, 1.5 BA. Newer furnace A/C, carpet, windows, appliances. Updated kitchen w/ceramic floors in foyer and bath. Gas and H2O included in association fees - clubhouse, pool, tennis.
(E98DUP) 248-349-5600 \$71,900



NOVI Fantastic 4 Bedroom Colonial
Many updates including windows/doorwalls, carpet, kitchen & baths. Finished LL. Professionally landscaped. Newer lighting T/O, FFL, freshly painted interior & exterior. Best of all a sidewalk community.
(E14BUC) 248-349-5600 \$324,900



NOVI Sellers Have Outgrown This Home
Lovely updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/newer oak kitchen, custom deck, 6 panel doors, leaded glass front door, Fella windows & more. All appliances stay. Lots of activities in the sub.
(E12VAL) 734-455-5600 \$214,900



REDFORD Won't Last Long
This charming updated 3 bedroom ranch presents a spacious finished basement, numerous updates, large 2 car garage. Lovely wooden front porch for cozy summer nights & nice sized fenced yard.
(E28GAR) 734-455-5600 \$117,400



REDFORD Wonderful Updated Home
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/2 car garage, finished basement, newer windows, furnace & C/A. Large kitchen w/oak cabinets, beautiful hardwood floors, all sitting on a dead end street.
(E32SAR) 734-455-5600 \$149,900



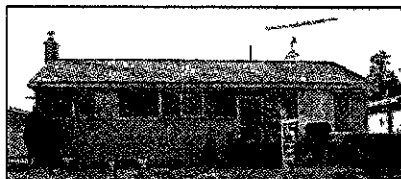
NORTHVILLE Historic Northville
Downtown location, nestled into warm wooded area. Close to parking. Washer & dryer in building. Recently renovated, newer carpet, kitchen and bath cabinets. Newer windows, roof, paint. Must see to believe.
(E25FAI) 248-349-5600 \$100,900



CANTON Beautiful Home
4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial w/upgrades. Kit w/granite ctrs, backsplash & SS appls. MBR & guest rms w/BAs. Cust paint, lighting & flooring. FR w/custom frplc. Lib LR & formal DR. Hwdw flr in kit, foyer & 5 bath.
(E57DIL) 248-349-5600 \$469,000



LIVONIA Pride Of Ownership Shows
Large 4 bedroom, 3 full bath tri-level w/2 car attached garage, finished basement, family room w/fireplace & custom mantle. Lg oak kitchen w/SS appls, 2 doorwalls & built-ins. Spacious BRs w/storage & closets.
(E06ING) 734-455-5600 \$230,000



WESTLAND Stretch Your \$\$\$\$\$
Charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/2 car garage, nice finished basement. Newer furnace, electric, carpet, updated bath. Hardwood floors in most rooms & home warranty.
(E84DEN) 734-455-5600 \$134,900



CANTON Sunflower Maintenance Free
Colonial loaded w/upgrades! Roof approx 6 yrs, siding & gutters, Walside windows, newer furn, 50 gal WHH. Spacious kit has newer stove 1 yr. DW, disposal & fring. Updated BAs, FR w/frplc & doorwall. part fn bsmt.
(E44BAR) 734-455-5600 \$277,000



SOUTH LYON Centennial Farms
55+ walkout ranch Phase II 2 bedroom, 2 bath with ceramic foyer and kitchen. Florida room. Crown moldings, neutral decor, formal dining room and larger kitchen.
(E04LEX) 248-349-5600 \$150,000



SOUTHFIELD Craftsmanship Style Cape Cod
Unique & charming 3 BR, 2 BA cape cod on wooded approximately 1 acre lot. Country living in the city with easy access to x-wet & shopping. Home has lots of detailed woodwork, natural fireplace & finished bsmt.
(E61EVE) 248-349-5600 \$224,000



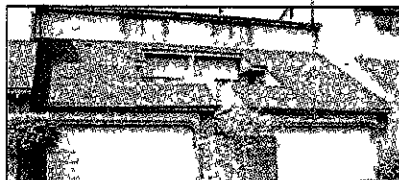
PLYMOUTH Cape Cod
Redesigned 2 story LR w/new carpet. Open staircase to loft/study w/skylights, kit w/granite top island, newer cabs, to DR w/columns & net cherry custom built-ins, FF BR w/5 bath, mstr w/3/4 bath, newer roof, FFL.
(E50FAI) 734-455-5600 \$337,500



WYANDOTTE Updated With Plenty Of Charm
Never Pargo flooring in kitchen & living room, 2 car garage, partially finished basement, spacious eat-in kitchen w/appliances. All this in this 3 bedroom, 2 full bath bungalow.
(E63ORC) 734-455-5600 \$131,000



LIVONIA This One Has It All!
On oversized lot offering a 3 BR, 1.5 BA bungalow w/4 car attached garage, updated finished basement, refinished hrdw, ceramic flrs T/O. Updated ceramic tile in BA & kit w/counters & flrs, newer lightg & elec panel.
(E26SHA) 734-455-5600 \$207,000



NORTHVILLE Mind-Boggling Condo
2 BR, 2.5 BA condo decorated to perfection & upgraded flooring T/O. Delightful kitchen w/breakfast nook formal DR, LR w/natural frplc, lg MBR w/walk-in closet, FFL, wood deck C/A, fin rec rm & heated 2 car gar.
(E66NEW) 248-349-5600 \$179,900



NORTHVILLE Walk To Downtown
Location, location! Rare find! Ideal setting everyone looks for when buying a home. The serenity and comfort of living in a private court location. A hop, skip & jump to downtown. Hardwood floors under carpet.
(E78FAI) 248-349-5600 \$229,900



COMMERCE Sharp & Updated Home
4 bedroom, 2 full bath tri-level w/2 car attached garage, great sq ftg. Updated kitchen, bath, vinyl windows & doorwall to deck, track lights in GR w/double doorwall w/gas logs or entertain on never 24x24 deck.
(E78ORE) 734-455-5600 \$219,900



PLYMOUTH Old English Colonial
Character, charm & open floor plan in this 2 bedroom home located near downtown Plymouth. Hardwood floors, partially finished basement, garage. Newer furnace, windows & vinyl exterior.
(E57PAL) 734-455-5600 \$212,000



FARMINGTON HILLS Head For The Hills
1994 built ranch home close to downtown. 3 bedrooms inc a master suite. Spacious great room w/fireplace. 3 full baths. Beautiful finished LL w/wet bar, full bath & walk-in cedar closet. Interior paint in 2005.
(E00BOS) 248-349-5600 \$249,500



FARMINGTON HILLS Now This Is A Great Deal
Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch unit with underground 2 car garage and elevator. Living room w/fireplace and doorwall to large private balcony. Seller to pay buyer's closing costs.
(E94ORC) 248-349-5600 \$139,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Heights Beauty Is Born
Beautiful 2004 built full brick ranch w/3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Open flowing floor plan w/great attention to detail. Generous room sizes and large country kitchen. Central air, custom front porch.
(E81HAR) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



LYONS Just Like New
Open floor plan w/3 BRs, 2 BAs, light oak kit w/island. Hwdw flrs, secluded master suite w/lacuzzi tub & doorwall to deck, track lights in GR w/double doorwall to wrap around deck, 2+ car att gar, bsmt w/marble flr.
(E46EME) 734-455-5600 \$309,900



DEARBORN HGTS. Perfection Plus
Great location for this 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo backing to Hines Park. Open floor plan, 2nd floor laundry, deck off kitchen, full basement & 2 car attached garage.
(E12LEG) 734-455-5600 \$164,900



SOUTH LYON Ranch Condo
Centennial Farms end unit w/2 BR & 2 full ceramic baths. Extra sink in dressing area. Great view from DR window. Newer dishwasher. Lg patio. Single car garage. Enjoy clubhouse & beach on Crooked Lake.
(E52CAM) 248-349-5600 \$138,000



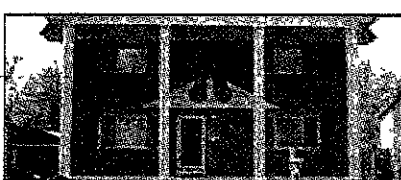
SOUTH LYON Shows Like A Model
Freshly painted. Newer carpet, updated kitchen w/newer appliances, crown moldings, large laundry room w/fireplace and doorwall to large private balcony. Schools and churches A must see. All the work is done.
(E34PRI) 248-349-5600 \$94,000



LIVONIA Brick Bungalow
Original owner. Well kept, 3 bedrooms, vinyl windows, roof - 3 yrs, 1 year carpeting - neutral. Huge master bedroom w/attached frplc. MBR w/WIC, FF laund, FR (option 3rd BR) w/surround sound, wet bar & B-I fring. Full cust ceramic BA on LL, W/O to paver patio. All appls.
(E65INK) 248-349-5600 \$152,000



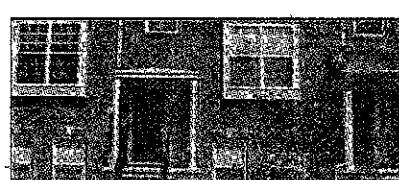
WYANDOTTE Spacious Starter
Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1.5 car garage w/opener, updated kitchen, windows, roof, elec, plum, roof & siding. Formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, basement w/full bath, large lot, all appls & freshly painted.
(E405TH) 734-455-5600 \$119,900



PLYMOUTH Fabulously Renovated
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial in "Old Village" just a short walk to downtown offers 1st floor master suite, 2nd floor FR w/fireplace, 1st floor fireplace in LR, finished basement, 2 car garage w/opener & kit appls.
(E61ADA) 734-455-5600 \$289,500



SOUTH LYON 55+ Ranch Condo
2 bedroom, 2 full bath w/main bath recently updated w/handicap access. Kitchen updated w/extra cupboards and built-in breakfast table. Covered front porch. A/C, Florida room, fin LL w/BA & guest rm. Single car garage.
(E64CAM) 248-349-5600 \$155,000



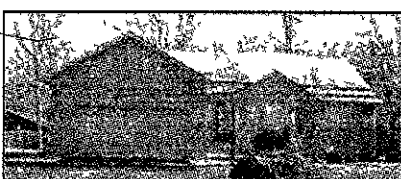
SOUTHFIELD 2 Suite Condo With Fireplace
Location! Location! Location! This condo is ready now. All appls including front loader washer & dryer, Hunter Douglas blinds, upgraded shower doors & carpeting. 2nd floor laundry. What more could you want?
(E91STJ) 248-349-5600 \$195,900



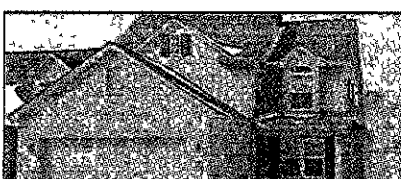
HARTLAND Pristine Inside & Out
3 BR, 2 BA home w/kitchen w/oak cabs & skylight. LR w/electric start frplc. MBR w/WIC, FF laund, FR (option 3rd BR) w/surround sound, wet bar & B-I fring. Full cust ceramic BA on LL, W/O to paver patio. All appls.
(E51NEW) 248-349-5600 \$199,900



PLYMOUTH A Real Charmer
Custom built all brick contemporary "big lot in little Plymouth." Very clean & well taken care of. Has built-in double ovens, newer roof & WHH. Unique floor plan in this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. Bring all offers.
(E90ANN) 734-455-5600 \$199,900



LIVONIA Lovely Newer Ranch
Large 3 bedroom, 3 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached garage, partially finished basement, circle drive, great room w/fireplace, open floor plan, large deck, bow windows, oak kitchen w/dining area. Home Warranty.
(E88MER) 734-455-5600 \$248,900



CANTON Awesome Cape Cod Condo
First floor master suite w/huge master BA & WIC. Upgraded carpet, hardwood floors & custom lighting. Open floor plan w/cath ceilings & neutral decor. Finished 2 car garage, full bsmt w/lots of storage.
(E30CHE) 248-349-5600 \$274,900



SOUTH LYON Super Sharp!
Spacious 2 bedroom, 3 bath condo. Great room w/vaulted ceilings. Kitchen w/oak cabs & ceramic floor. Third BR in LL w/fabulous jet tub. Upper loft FFL. 2 car garage. Appliances. Close to schools and trails.
(E97VIL) 248-349-5600 \$214,900



COMMERCE TWP. To Be Built
Community true Hidden Paradise. Your dream home in the middle of nature at its finest. Walkout site w/breathtaking canal front & island view. Use our flr plan or your own. Custom builder in cust comm.
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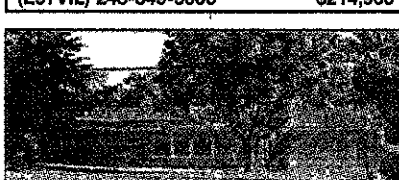
NOVI Rare Find In Novi
Updated 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch w/family room, living room & den. Private 2 tier deck, hardwood floors under carpet. Finished bsmt, master bath updated w/ceramic tile. Newer vinyl windows & fring in kit.
(E05MEA) 734-455-5600 \$229,900



GARDEN CITY Real Cute Cape Cod
3 bedroom home w/2 car garage, family room w/doorwall to deck, some appliances. Some newer carpet & windows, formal dining room & a 1st floor laundry.
(E74BRO) 734-455-5600 \$114,900



NORTHVILLE Stylish And Spacious
2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 lav end unit with walk-out. 2 car garage. Lots of updates. Close to downtown. Highly acclaimed schools. Great Value. Great investment.
(E44CON) 248-349-5600 \$199,000



NOVI Welcome Home
Spacious open floor plan California style ranch. Great room with lots of windows. 2 fireplaces & 1st floor laundry, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2.5 car garage w/workbench, crown moldings & Novi schools.
(E80TEN) 248-349-5600 \$187,900



REDFORD Ready To Move?
Quick occupancy. 3 BR ranch w/LR, dining area, plus eat-in kit with oak cabinets & neutral counters. Neutral carpet T/O, plus hardwood floors under carpet. Garage bsmt, never turn w/humidifier, air cleaner & C/A.
(E37WCH) 248-349-5600 \$139,900

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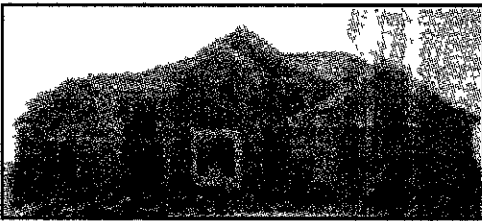


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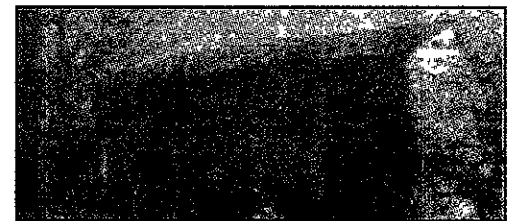
PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
ESTATE SIZED LOT! Pride of ownership in this 4 BR, 3.5 BA Cape Cod. Gorgeous gourmet kit w/hdwd & cherry cabinets. Cozy up in front of the fpic in Hearth room. Call now for appt. (23F11075) \$550,000



MILFORD 248-348-6430
INVEST IN THE BEST! Elegant custom designed home on 2.8 acres, overlooking pond. 4 BRs, 3.5 BAs, 1st flrmstr ste, gourmet kit, hdwd flrs, open flr plan & so much more. 349-6200 (24145337) \$549,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Winding brk paver pathways flow thru a wooded 1/2 acre that surrounds this 2000 SF ranch w/3 BRs, 2.5 BAs, hdwd flr, rec rm, granite & tile accents. A must see! (25003630) \$400,000



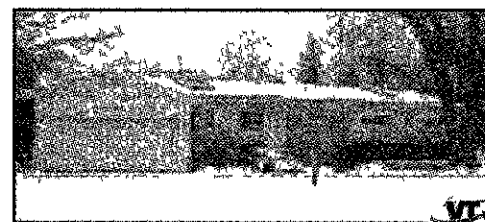
WEST BLOOMFIELD 734-455-7000
SPACE TO GROW! 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 3405 SF Colonial. Remodeled kit w/granite island, W/I pantry, dbl ovens, appl's. Zoned hgt & A/C. Newer roof, siding, some wndws. GR w/wet bar/stone fpic. (23L4932) \$389,900



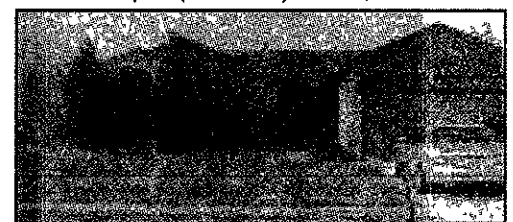
PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
GORGEOUS PLYMOUTH CHARMER! A rare & unique blend of early century character & "new construction" amenities. Ext. remodeled. Custom trim work, cherry hdwd flrs. 2 full baths, 1st flr office/den. (23A40810) \$329,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
POPULAR BURTON HOLLOW SUB. 4 BR, 2 BA, 2133 SF. Open flr plan w/vaulted ceils in LR, DR & kit. New roof ('04), wndw & DR. Flr rm overlooking Indscp & fenced yrd. (24142312) \$269,000



PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430
COUNTRY SETTING ON ALMOST HALF AN ACRE! Freshly painted 4 BR, 2 bath home. New kitchen cabinetry and counters, new carpet and newer roof. 2 cozy fpics, spacious FR. 349-6200 (25022828) \$225,000



CANTON 734-455-7000
RANCH! One floor of gracious living! 3 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, entry level Indry. Plymouth/Canton schools. Built in 1988. Full basement. (23W1129) \$224,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
4 BR, 2.5 BA in Livonia. 2 car att gar. Newer roof, furnace, HWH, wndws & more. Fin bsmt, family rm w/natural fpic & wet bar. Quick occup too. (24113515) \$219,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Beautifully decorated & loaded w/updates 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. New kitchen w/hickory cabs '03'. New windows '00', A/C & furnace '00'. Roof '02'. Siding, trim, gutters '02'. (25013334) \$214,900



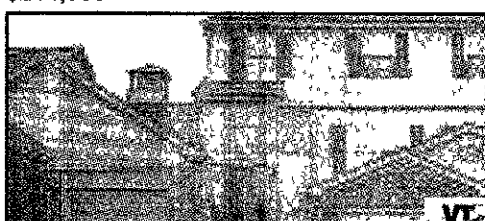
DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
North Dearborn Heights condo w/2 lg BR plus a 13x10 loft, 2.5 BAs, vaulted ceiling in GR, fin bsmt, 2 car att gar, and very low association fee. Very striking decor. (24056714) \$210,000



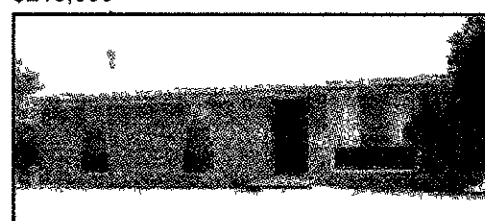
FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6430
CAREFREE, RELAXED LIFESTYLE 2 BRs, 2 BAs. Tiled entry. Open flr plan. MBR w/WIC. Eat-in kit. Spacious LR w/gas fpic. Formal DR. 1st flr Indry. Full bsmt. Brick paver patio. 349-6200 (24089471) \$199,500



WAYNE 734-326-2000
WAYNE'S WOODBROOK SUB Fabulous custom ranch on ravine lot. Must see open floor plan with exceptional view. 3 BRs, 2 baths, fireplace, C/A, attached garage & more. (W326) \$184,900



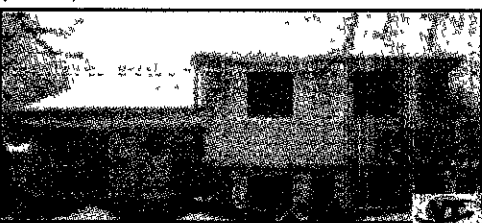
PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430
SUPER BUY. Contemporary flair. Enjoy this spacious condo! Vaulted ceilings, skylights, 2 car garage, 2 BRs, 2.5 baths, fireplace. Convenient location. Quick occupancy. 349-6200 (24043061) \$175,900



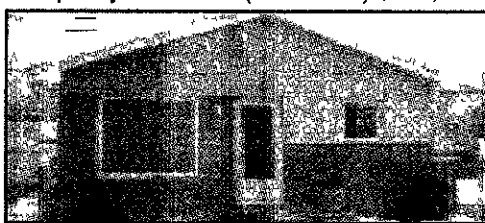
WESTLAND 734-326-2000
TOO GOOD TO LAST!! 3 bedroom brick ranch with full basement and 2 1/2 car garage. Updates include: roof shingles, plumbing, electrical, windows and central air. (P150) \$159,900



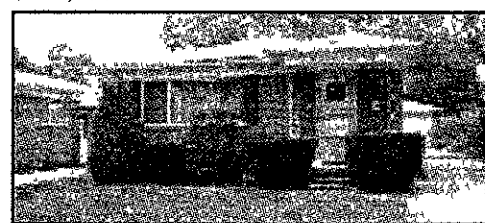
GARDEN CITY 248-349-6200
COMPLETELY UPDATED HOME! A beautiful kitchen & prvt elegant mstr ste are just two of the updates in this mint condition 3 BR, 3 BA bungalow. Walk to elem & high school. 348-6430 (25007432) \$159,900



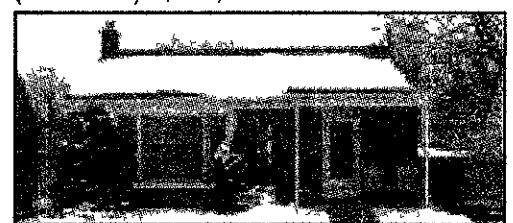
DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
STOP YOUR SEARCH! This home is a sparkling gem you must see. 3 BR, 1.5 BA w/walk-out bsmt, new furn, C/A, newer crpt, flr, drvwy, wndws, eat-in kit & DR. (24115068) \$154,900



LIVONIA 248-348-6430
TOTALLY UPDATED RANCH 2 BR (possible 3rd in bsmt) 2 bath. Updates include: roof, furn, C/A, vinyl siding, wndws, doorwall & Berber crpt. Wood burning stove for those cool evenings. 349-6200 (25020453) \$148,800



DEARBORN HEIGHTS 248-348-6430
3 BR, 2 BA UPDATED RANCH. Newer bath, \$6,000 in new windows, perfect hdwd flrs. Kitchen & bath in bsmt, investment potential! All appl's stay. What more could you ask for? 349-6200 (24133637) \$144,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
Extremely well maintained 3 bedroom, 1,094 SF, updated brick ranch. Finished basement w/wet bar & 1.5 car gar. All appliances stay. A must see! Visit www.samsellshouses.com (25012225) \$139,900



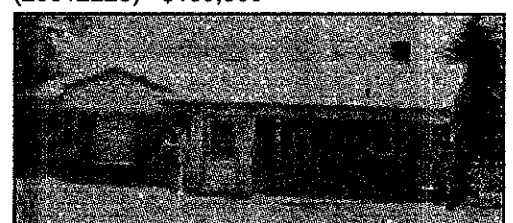
WESTLAND 734-326-2000
RANCH 3 BR, 2 bath offers large eat-in kitchen, 2 garages, finished basement, all appliances are included (pool table negotiable), deck overlooks an extra deep lot. (P330) PC220972 \$136,900



REDFORD 734-591-9200
Move in condition. Updates include: roof, furnace, siding, windows, C/A, front walk & elec in garage, kitchen & bath. Glass blk wndws in bsmt. Nice clean house. A pleasure to show. (25007699) \$126,000



DEARBORN HEIGHTS 248-348-6430
UPDATED RANCH Well cared for 3 BR, 1.5 bath home w/natural fpic. Newer roof, gutters, bath, oak kit cab. Refinished hdwd flrs. Fin bsmt w/lav. 2.5 car gar & fenced yard. 349-6200 (24155688) \$124,900



REDFORD 734-326-2000
THE WOW HOUSE! Lots of bang for the buck in this South Redford, 3 BR, brick ranch w/clean & bright open floor plan. Newer windows, furnace, C/A, carpet, interior paint & more! (O244) \$104,500

ANN ARBOR 734-326-2000
6 acre Executive Estate. 4 BRs, 3 1/2 BAs, 3+ gar, lg kit w/Brkfst rm, overlooking golf course, LR w/large fpic, mstr ste w/Whirlpool tub. (T354) PC220342 24106089 \$454,900

BELLEVILLE 734-591-9200
End unit freshly painted, window treatment incld & all appl's. Kit w/oak cabs, lrg mstr ste w/WIC, covered patio & near Belleville Lk. (24132779) \$119,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
Spacious Pulte Princeton Model. 4 BR, 2.5 BA. Luxurious mstr. Cherry cabs. Ext hdwd flrs. Lg prvt deck. 3 car gar. (23N3410) 24106594 \$344,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
4 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial-Detached Condo. Frml LR & DR. 1st flr Indry. FR w/fpic. Mstr w/full BA, shower & jet tub. (23S41523) 25006710 \$314,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
Newer condo. 3 stories of 2082 SF. Gas fpic, lg GR, dining area, eat in kit w/doorwall to deck. 2.5 BA, 2 car att gar. (23C516) 24142293 \$234,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
Three BR Colonial built in 1998. Clean, neutral decor. FR, fireplace, mstr BA. A great home and fantastic value. (23S45615) 24123327 \$229,900

CANTON 734-591-9200
2 bedrooms, 2.5 bath, dramatic staircase in GR. Cath ceiling w/fan & fpic. MBR has 2 WICs. Bright kit has new flr & drwall to patio, appls stay. 1st flr Indry. 2 car gar & bsmt. (25009266) \$184,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME On this wooded 1.29 acre w/Plymouth-Canton schools. North on Palmer, W. side of Sheldon. Call for more information. (23S1700) 24099250 \$155,000

GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
Remodeled 3 BR Cape Cod w/2,400 SF, remodeled kit w/all appliances & BA w/vanity, deck, 3 car gar & huge MBR. (P330) 24139579 \$174,000

INKSTER 734-326-2000
3 BR brick bungalow. Remodeled kit and BA. Lovely fin'd bsmt. 2 1/2 car gar. Newer furn, HWH and carpeting. (S109) 24127823 \$119,900

LINCOLN PARK 734-326-2000
3 BR RANCH Well maintained home, many updates, including the BA. Huge kit with doorwall to patio, partially fin'd bsmt. (N206) 24148483 \$125,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Beautiful, open, soft contemporary ranch, 3 BRs, 2 BAs, cath ceilings, skylight, wet bar, GR & DR, fpic, 2 car att gar, part fin'd bsmt, appls & home warranty incld. PC070402 (24111744) \$225,900

LIVONIA 734-455-7000
CHARMING LIVONIA RANCH! Brick ranch w/lg oversized bktyrd. Walking distance to elementary school. New deck surrounding above ground pool. 3000 back towards upgrades at closing. 1yr hm wrrnty. (23P35948) 25021630 \$204,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
A must see! 3 BR, 1.5 BA brick ranch in Rosedale Gardens. Updates: A/C 04, re-fin hdwd flrs. Indscp in frnt & back, privacy fence, copper plmb. Fin bsmt w/glass block windows. (24151396) \$184,900

LIVONIA 734-455-7000
Updated ranch w/2 car gar. Newer kit w/appl's. Roof 2001, HWH 2 yrs, newer elect 1.5 yrs. Nicely fin'd bsmt w/gas fpic. (23C12232) 25012619 \$144,900

NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
UPDATED HOME Quiet street w/sidewalks. Near schools & town. New window, beautiful red oak floors. Updates galore. New BAs, lg bedrooms, FR w/fpic, prvt yard. 349-6200 (24142068) \$309,900

NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
WALK TO DWNTWN N'VILLE-LOVELY RANCH Open floor plan. Neutral decor, oak floor, updt kit, newer wndw & furn, new deck & brk patio, fin bsmt, lg fenced yard. 349-6200 (24121746) \$214,900

NORTHVILLE 734-591-9200
2 BR, 2 BA condo. Great floor plan with vaulted ceilings, covered balcony. Updates incld: roof, tilt out wndws, sinks & fixtures, storm door, pergo in kit & entry & more. (25013417) \$135,900

NOVI 248-348-6430
NEW CONSTR! Custom 4 BR, 3.5 BA Colonial in beautiful Broadmoor Park! Gourmet kit w/cooktop, dbl oven & microwave. 3600 SF home awaits your final touches! 349-6200 (24128648) \$599,900

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Popular Olde Orchard townhouse condo with great location! 2 lg BRs, 1.1 BAs. Updated kit, BA, lav, carpet, paint & more. Assoc incld gas and water. Novi schools. 349-6200 (24157833) \$139,900

NOVI 248-348-6430
POPULAR STONEHENGE CONDO Many updates: BA, light fixtures, carpet, painted, storm door & doorwall. Open floor plan, attached gar, all appliances stay. 349-6200. (24144007) \$123,500

PLYMOUTH 734-591-9200
Totally updated ranch. Spacious eat-in kit. Neutral colors. Ceramic tile & jet tub in BA. New Berber crpt. Fin bsmt w/an extra room. (25013288) \$209,900

REDFORD 734-455-7000
PRIME REDFORD LOCATION! Large 3 BR, 1.5 BA ranch on beautiful .82 acre directly across golf course. House is surrounded by year long beauty. Most popular location in all of Redford. (23R26811) 24134769 \$254,900

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3 BR brick ranch. Additional kit space, newer roof, updated BA, gar door, glass block windows, central air, park-like setting. (24106305) \$159,900

REDFORD 734-591-9200
This house has it all! Great main & upstairs floors. Fin'd bsmt. Loaded w/updates. 1246 SF. (24120771) \$139,900

REDFORD 248-348-6430
Updtd kit cab & counter tops, newer wndws, furn & c/a, newer roof, copper plumbing, gar door & deck. Close to park w/trails, picnic & play area. 349-6200 (25003712) \$135,900

REDFORD 734-591-9200
Clean, neat! 3 BR vinyl ranch freshly painted & carpeted. Many updates: some new wndws, roof, siding, plumbing, elec, furn, hdwd flr under crpt, part fin'd bsmt. 2 car gar. (25008964) \$124,900

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GORGEOUS 3 BR IN NICE NEIGHBORHOOD! Newer roof, vinyl siding, windows, copper pipes, h/w tank, furn, fencing, steel doors & alarm system. 349-6200 (25013218) \$120,000

SOUTH LYON 248-348-6430
PRIME LOCATION! W/O UNIT & LAKE ACCESS Privacy & beauty in end unit w/Fla rm, FR, fpic, direct gar access. 2 BR, 2 BA & appls. Overlooks trees, in 55+ co-op. Includes beach and clubhouse. 349-6200 (24124573) \$138,000

SOUTHFIELD 734-591-9200
Sharp 1600 SF brick ranch w/gourmet oak kit, FR, rf (01), furn w/C/A (02), newer wndws (29), glass blk (99), 2-tier deck, backs to woods. All appl's & home warranty. (24139431) \$196,000

SOUTHFIELD 734-326-2000
FABULOUS RAISED RANCH CONDO Offers Lg mstr ste w/walk-in closet. Ceramic countertops. Many updates throughout. This beautiful condo is located in much sought after downtown Southfield. (R202) 25016523 \$184,900

WAYNE 734-326-2000
CUSTOM BUILD ON RAVINE LOT 1,865 SF 3 BR brick bungalow, fireplace, cove ceilings, formal DR, sunroom, C/A & partially fin'd bsmt, 2 car gar. Extremely clean. (W321) 24123945 \$219,900

WESTLAND 248-348-6430
ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS! LARGEST RANCH IN SUB! Newer roof, wndws, furn, A/C, H2O heater, Berber carpet, brick paver, patio. Huge 3.5 car gar w/storage attic. Nicely landscaped yard. Immediate occupancy. 349-6200 (25014999) \$184,750

WESTLAND 734-326-2000
One year old 2 BR, 2 1/2 BA Brownstone condo. Neutral throughout w/luxury features: Mstr ste w/BA & WIC, 2nd floor laundry, C/A, deck, att gar. (S870) 24154447 \$144,900

WESTLAND 734-326-2000
This 2 or 3 BR alum ranch on a nice lot. Clean w/lots of updates including, furn, carpeting, RF shingles, C/A & vinyl windows. Lg kit w/good table space. (P324) 24076968 \$94,900

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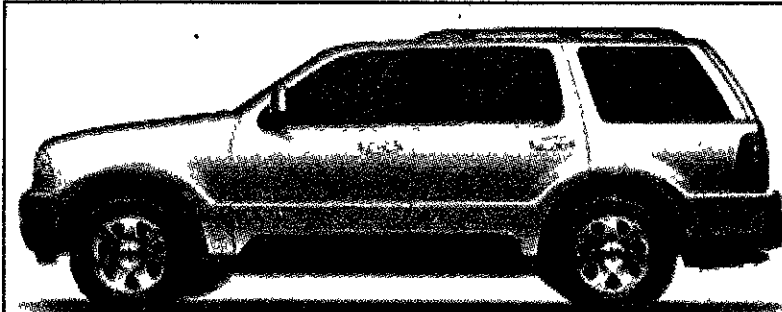
There are many reasons, of course, why the prospect of \$2.25-a-gallon gas just in time for the summer driving season is a bad thing. And among the many is this: It could spell big trouble for great vehicles like the two near-luxury SUVs I drove recently, the 2005 Lincoln Aviator and 2005 Volkswagen Touareg.

Here's my reasoning. It's true that gasoline prices are still nowhere near their inflation-adjusted record in the United States, which would take them right now to around \$2.95 a gallon. Still, the \$2-a-gallon barrier long has been a key psychological benchmark for the American consumer. As long as we've only been flirting with that level over the last couple of years, gas prices don't seem to have taken a huge chunk, anyway, out of the hide of the market for large SUVs that are some of the industry's worst gas guzzlers.

But now that it seems we may have pierced the \$2 level definitively, and indefinitely, I believe we'll start to see some more dramatic effects on the psychology of the automotive buyer. It'll simply be very difficult to ignore the drain at the bottom of your wallet when you're paying \$2.25 or possibly even more for a gallon of gas for your SUV this Memorial Day that isn't even going to get you to the county line, much less a good sight toward Flint.

And that's where these two fantastic vehicles could come in for a marketplace beating. For as expensive gasoline increasingly separates the relatively insulated well-to-do buyer from those of us who are not, there will still be a market for the heavy-weight Navigator or Suburban for those for whom gas prices are really no object. And of course higher fuel prices will boost sales of relatively fuel-efficient vehicles ranging from compact SUVs like the Ford

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Which brings us back to Aviator and Touareg. These two vehicles are priced almost exactly the same: The all-wheel-drive version of Aviator that I drove carries a suggested retail price of \$46,142, while the spiffy V6 Touareg I drove is asking \$46,835. And actually, Touareg's fuel efficiency — at an EPA-rated 16 miles a gallon in the city and 21 mpg on the highway — isn't half bad for a vehicle that weighs 5,100 pounds. Weighing in at a mere 4,800 pounds, however, Aviator's V8 engine delivers a mere 13 mpg in the city and only 17 on the highway, a truly deplorable rating that is as bad as many vehicles that are much heavier.

If Aviator is in your affordability spectrum, it's hard to go anywhere in more style. The vehicle displays all the dignified yet crisp exterior design, and

interior class and amenities, of the much larger Lincoln Navigator — without as much cargo room, of course — but demonstrates a spryness afoot that makes it a much more enjoyable vehicle. I and my passengers especially enjoyed the fact that, while Aviator's second and third rows of seats are plenty roomy for just about any demands, they allow a coziness for, say, a family trip that you just can't get with the much wider Navigator, with its second-row bucket seats separated by a huge central console.

Touareg may have been Volkswagen's best idea since resuscitating the Beetle a few years ago. VW had to get a foothold in the SUV market in the United States in order to remain a credible presence in this market, and Touareg delivers handsomely. Its 3.2-liter, V6 engine delivers enough power to carry the package, a nicely appointed vehicle with leatherette upholstery, eight-way adjustable seating, wood trim, a power-glass sunroof and more — in other words, all the doodads that competitors such as Aviator carry as well. Fortunately, Touareg lacks some of the loopiness that other VW models sometimes display.

Long live Aviator and Touareg. And \$1.50-a-gallon gasoline.

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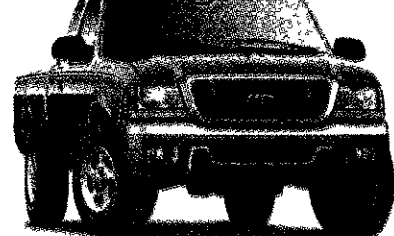
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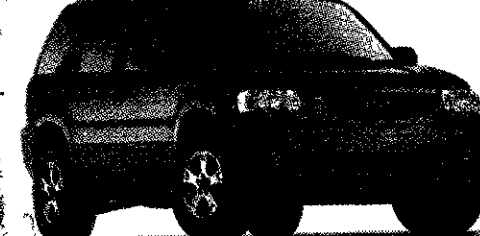


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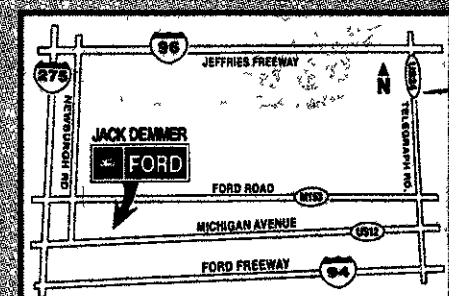
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