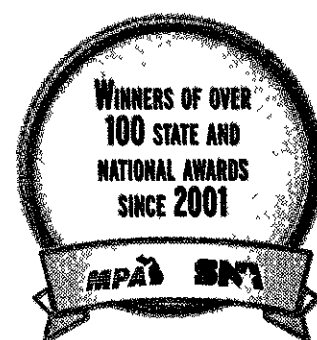




# CANTON Observer



## State won't redraw school district boundaries

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Department of Education has denied a request by residents living in southwest Canton that they be removed from the Van Buren school district and placed in the Plymouth-Canton district.

Administrative Law Judge Lauren Harkness, who heard the case for the department, rendered the decision earlier this month, saying there was no justification to redraw the district

boundaries for the Huntington Place and Huntington Place II subdivisions, which include 135 homes. Residents of the subdivisions filed an appeal with the state to make the change in February 2004, citing both the great distance their children have to travel to attend Van Buren schools and poor performance levels of the district.

According to Martin Ackley, spokesman for the Department of Education, the request was "insufficient to meet the burden of proof" needed to change the boundaries.

The residents, who say they plan to appeal the decision, have until March 28 to do so. If they do, the issue will be decided by State Superintendent Jeremy Hughes, who is serving on an interim basis.

### UPROAR

The decision caused a furor among residents living in the subdivisions. Many of them showed up at Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting, where they expressed their frustration and asked the board to help. Amy Revoir,

who lives in Huntington Place subdivision, said her daughter will have to get on a bus for a half-hour to get to Tyler Elementary in Van Buren Township, something she is not happy about.

"What would be best for my daughter is to go to a public school. Period. But what's really best is for her to go to a school in her community. Belleville is not our community. Canton is," Revoir said.

Trustee Todd Caccamo presented a resolution which would have asked

Van Buren Public Schools to build an elementary school closer to Canton, and that plans to build new middle and high schools closer to Canton should also be strongly considered by VBPS and Wayne-Westland Schools, which also takes in some Canton students in the southeast portion of the township.

The resolution stated that if either district fails to take action in two years, the Canton Township Board of

PLEASE SEE DISTRICT, A5

## 'Great stories'

National storyteller engages students

BY NANCY DEUTSCH  
CORRESPONDENT

When Donald Davis was 6 years old, he made a portrait for his aunt using a crayon, only he drew it directly on her wall. At 7, he cut off his younger brother's golden locks and gave him a hairdo that resembled their grandpa's.

These may sound like the mundane antics of many young children, but Davis has a knack for making even a simple story one that will cause his audience to hoot with laughter, or commiserate in fear.

It may be the way the renowned storyteller changes his voice to suit who is speaking in the story, or uses his arms and hands to show just how he ran up the stairs, or perhaps it's in the details: how his mother was "mama" and she kept the shears in the third drawer of her bedroom dresser, or how the hollowed legs of the kitchen ideally allowed for the sliding down of unwanted dinner fare, and how age-hardened peas and carrots made quiet "pings."

Whatever the reason, Davis makes it look easy, and he managed to keep students at Dodson Elementary School rapt for the hour he performed on Friday. Fourth- and fifth-graders attended



Dodson Elementary students listen to and take part in one of Donald Davis's stories Friday morning.

at one time, and younger children an hour later, though Davis, who hails from North Carolina, managed to tell different tales each time.

In fact, the performances he gave a day later, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, also included different stories from his life, and Davis, who is 60, said none of his performances is ever the same.

"It's always different," said Davis, who has been storytelling for more than 35 years.

He admitted that he doesn't plan what he will say ahead of time.

"I negotiate with them (the audience)," he said. "It's a two-sided event."

Davis gets a feel for the audience and then he's off.

There are two things each story has in common, Davis told the student audience at Dodson. The first is that each story is true, the second that the stories he tells either happened to him, or he was there when they happened.

"I'm the only one who could write them," he said.

Davis painted vivid pictures with his stories, and asked students if they saw the story in their head. He then advised them to use this technique when writing a story.

"He helped us make thinking of ideas (to write about) a lot easier," said Sarah Uhlian, 9, of Canton.

Davis himself hated writing as a boy. "I liked math, recess, maps, read-

PLEASE SEE STORY, A9



Storyteller Donald Davis tells a tale to students at Dodson Elementary Friday morning.

## District taps leader for new elementary

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Jim Burt has been in education for 33 years, all of them in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Burt's teaching career began at Miller Elementary when the school opened its doors in 1972, and continued for seven years until he was chosen as assistant principal at Isbister Elementary. Along the way there were assistant principal positions at Field Elementary, followed by those at Pioneer and East middle schools.

Burt became principal at Allen Elementary in 1986, and remained until he moved to Eriksson as principal - his current position - in 1999.

But, there are always new challenges, and Burt will move on once again after being named by the Board of Education to become principal at the new elementary school to be constructed in Canton Township's Cherry Hill Village, which is scheduled to open in August 2006.

"The whole concept of starting a school from the ground up is exciting," said Burt, 54. "Having a chance to select staff - and building a school community and culture with parents, teachers and students - is a challenge in this phase of my career."

Burt said he anticipates remaining at Eriksson through December, then leaving to work full time on opening the new school.

"I think the district is going to allow me to identify some of the staff this summer, and then start ordering materials, working on policy and a mission statement," Burt said. "As soon as boundaries for families are set, it's my intention to have some regular communication with parents about the progress of that school."

There were four internal candidates who applied for the position.

"We wanted somebody who had a track record of success in the school district," said Barbara Church, assistant superintendent of instructional services. "Jim has credibility in the district. He brings thoughtful ideas to the discussion, and looks at what's best for students and teachers."

While the Cherry Hill Village school

PLEASE SEE SCHOOL, A9

## Engineering expert, longtime resident will be missed

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Donald Trim spent a career building an engineering firm. In fact, he spent most of his life at it, and worked right up until his death March 17. But he went beyond building the company, Wade-Trim Group Inc., he also helped build the communities he worked for.

Trim, and his business partner, Bob Wade, who died in July 2002, bought a small engineering firm in 1968. The two had worked at the firm - Wade since 1951 and Trim since 1964 - before taking leadership of the company.

"Both will be missed. It ends an era of consulting engineering firms founded and operated by local individuals. The trend is consolidation

of engineering firms on a national level," said Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

Both men lived in Canton, not far from each other in Pilgrim Hills, since the 1960s. Wade-Trim had been planning consultants for Canton, in addition to their engineering duties. They became the water system experts for Canton and reviewed all engineering plans for new projects, Yack said.

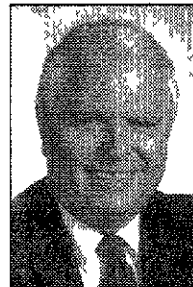
While Wade eventually went into retirement mode and served on Canton Township's planning commission, Trim continued to work part time for the company, despite being treated for liver cancer.

According to the company, Trim had a long history of managing efforts to develop cost-effective solu-

tions to wet weather pollution problems in southeast Michigan. He worked as a senior manager on major projects such as Detroit's long-term combined sewer overflow control plan and Wayne County's Ecorse Creek pollution abatement program.

Trim was known for his success at building relationships with the communities and agencies he served.

Trim was a strong supporter of education and under his direction, the company started a scholarship pro-



Trim

gram for minority and female students pursuing degrees in engineering, surveying and construction management fields. He also helped expand the program to include paid internships and full-time employment opportunities for scholarship recipients.

The day after his death, Wade-Trim was recognized as the 2005 Firm of the Year by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan.

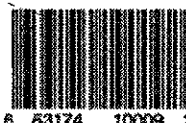
"They set the standard in terms of community involvement," said Canton attorney Bryan Amann. "Very few people ever rise to that level of giving back and getting involved."

Trim is survived by his wife of 43 years, Dorothy, his sons, Jeff, Greg and Christopher, and three grandchildren.

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## Township offices closed

All Canton Township offices will be closed tomorrow for Good Friday. They will re-open Monday for normal business hours.

## Tanana to speak

Former Major League pitcher Frank Tanana will be the guest speaker at the 30th annual Men's Good Friday Breakfast March 25 at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. The former Detroit Tiger will speak at 8 a.m. A full breakfast will be served at the event.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for boys 10 and under. Call the church office at (734) 459-3333 for ticket information. The church is located at 7000 N. Sheldon Road.

## Bookmark contest

The Children's Library at the Canton Public Library is spon-

soring a bookmark contest for kids grade K-5 to celebrate National Library Week.

One winner from each grade will receive a prize and 100 copies of each winning bookmark will be distributed at the library. Entries will be judged on three criteria: originality, design and how well they depict the theme "Celebrate Reading and Libraries."

The contest is open to children who live in Canton. Entry forms are available in the Children's Library and all entries must be received by Monday, April 4. Only one entry per child. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, April 12.

## Identity theft seminar

The Canton Police Department is hosting an identity theft and fraud prevention seminar April 23 at Summit on the Park. Sgt. Scott

Hidden will be on hand to discuss how residents can prevent identity theft from occurring.

The seminar is being offered at no cost to Canton residents and businesses. To make a reservation, contact the community relations office at (734) 394-5325, or e-mail shilden@canton-mi.org.

## Stress Reduction workshop

Feeling stressed out? Dr. Brackney will present a free workshop on Tuesday, March 29, and Tuesday, April 12, at 6:15 p.m. at 8524 Canton Center Road, Canton. Come and learn the seven danger signs of stress and how to decrease emotional, chemical and physical stress. Learn how to relieve tight and sore muscles the natural way using "Trigger Point Therapy."

Due to limited seating, registration is required. Please call (734) 455-4444 to register.

## Blood drive

St. Thomas A Becket Catholic Church will hold a blood drive all day on Friday, March 25. People throughout the community are welcome to donate at this time. Appointments are appreciated, but walk-ins will be happily accepted. Blood supplies are at a very low level right now, so the red cross is seeking as many donations as possible. The church is hoping to take at least 300 pints and residents are asked to help fill the vital need. Anyone who wants to be tested for marrow donation can also have this done on Good Friday.

The church is located at 555 Lilley Road, south of Cherry Hill. For more information, call (734) 981-1333.

## Take a virtual cruise

Canton Leisure Services has the remedy for you and your families "cabin fever" this spring break. Enjoy an evening of special family-friendly "after hours" with your neighbors and make some new friends. On Saturday, April 2, families are invited to

enjoy the many facilities of the Summit including the aquatics center, lazy river, water slide, a game room and the gym from 8:30 p.m. until midnight. Visit such destinations as Hawaii or Mexico through several vacation destination related activities.

The event is suitable for all ages with an activity fee of \$3 per person, not to exceed \$15 per family; non-residents add \$1 each.

## Studio jazz

A jazz club: a table of friends, a cold drink, cool music – the perfect antidote for work week stresses. You can find it right here in Canton, Friday, April 1, when Studio Jazz at the Village Theater features The Tony Ruda Jazz Ensemble, in the intimate atmosphere of the Biltmore Studio. Singer Pamela Ransford, of Plymouth, will join the group for a sultry evening of favorite jazz standards, from 7-9 p.m.

The ensemble includes veteran

jazz drummer, Bill Higgins; Ann Arbor's Pat Smith on acoustic bass; Nick Palise on sax; and Tony Ruda, of Canton, on piano. Their smooth and recognizable jazz, blues, and pops favorites will take you a step back in time. Tickets are \$10, and are on sale now at Summit on the Park. A cash bar will be available.

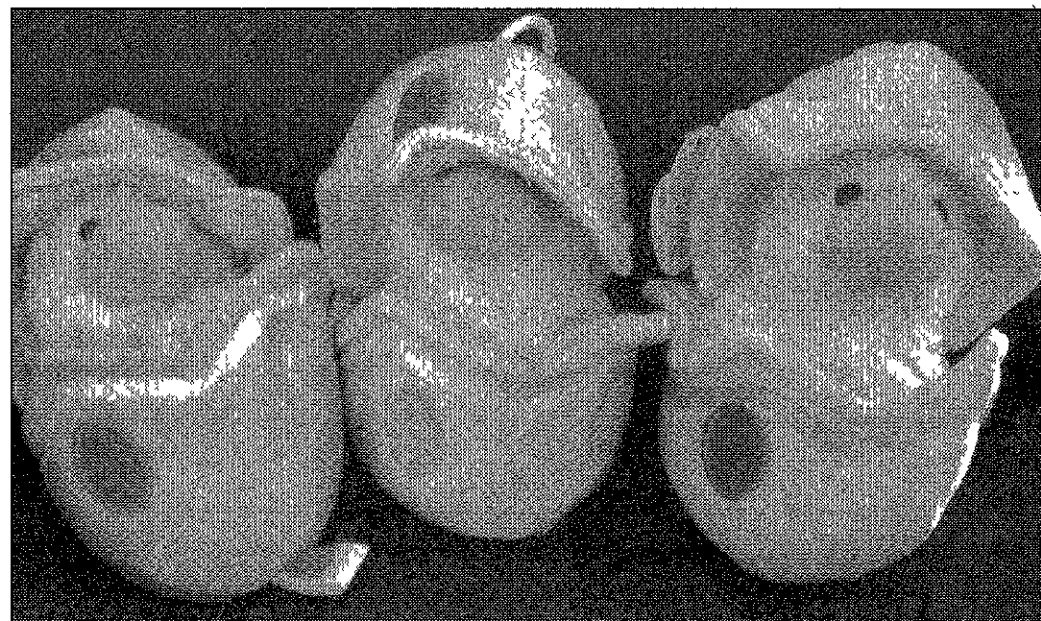
Tickets may be purchased at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Village Theater ticket office, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., will also be open two hours prior to each performance. For ticket information please call (734) 394-5460 or visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org)

## Good Friday concert

As a part of its concert series, the music ministry of the Plymouth First United

Methodist Church presents the Schubert Mass in G Major and the Mozart Piano Concerto in A Major on Friday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. The lyrical Schubert Mass features an ensemble of 50 voices, an orchestra of 22 musicians, and guest soloists. Pianist Clinton Smith, graduate student at University of Michigan's School of Music, will perform the three movements of the Mozart Piano Concerto in A Major.

Throughout the year, the concert series presents local artists, nationally known ensembles, and international solo concert artists for the enjoyment of music lovers in the southeastern Michigan locale. The venue is located at 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township. For directions, visit [www.pfumc.org](http://www.pfumc.org). Admission to the concert is free, presented as a musical tribute in honor of Holy Week.



## Easter chicks for March of Dimes

Jungle Java, located at 6481 N. Canton Center Road in Canton, is selling Easter Chicks for \$5, as part of an Easter Fundraiser for the March of Dimes Prematurity Campaign, a five-year, \$75 million research, education and awareness campaign to help families have healthier babies. Prematurity has been escalating steadily and alarmingly over the past two decades. Between 1981 and 2002, the rate of premature births rose from 9.4 percent to 12.1 percent. The March of Dimes is taking on this devastating problem, to find out what causes it and how it can be stopped.

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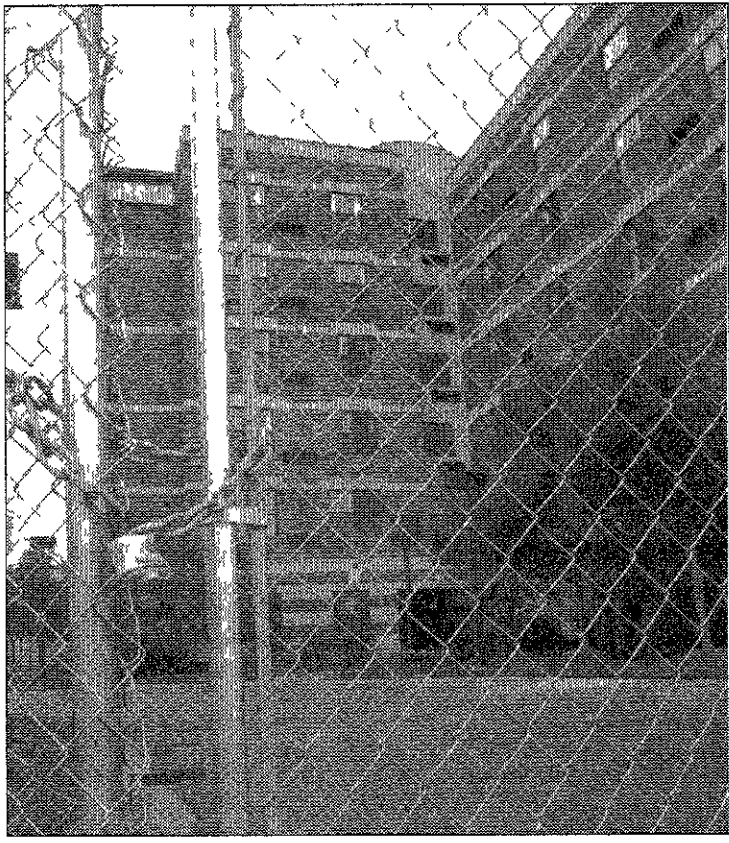
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Sheldon Place will be auctioned off today in Detroit.

## Auction will determine owner for Sheldon Place

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

For more than three years, it's stood empty, just a shell that was once home to 52 senior citizens. Today, Sheldon Place will be sold to the highest bidder at an auction in Detroit. The building has been vacant since August 2001, when leaks and cracks appeared in the building. On further inspection, structural faults were found, and Sheldon Place's residents were relocated.

At the time, the building was just three years old, and cost \$3.4 million to build.

The building could be worth more demolished than it is standing, however.

"Before the IKEA deal was resuscitated property along Ford Road was selling for \$350,000 and \$400,000 an acre, depending on any special characteristics of the site," said Canton attorney Bryan Amann, who represents land developers and realtors. "Since then some of the property

deals being signed are in the range of \$600,000 an acre."

Sheldon Place is situated on a little more than one acre at Ford and Sheldon.

Demolition costs have been estimated by HUD at \$400,000, but there has been no estimate regarding what it would cost to make the necessary structural repairs. Bidders must have \$50,000 in earnest money and a letter of credit verifying they have access to \$100,000 to ensure that the building will be demolished within 12 months of the sale.

A year ago, a court hearing officer ordered the building's owner, National Church Residences of Ohio, to either fix or demolish the building, setting a deadline for Aug. 1, 2004.

"We have been getting a lot of calls from potential bidders interested in information, but I don't know what the response has been," said Canton building official John Weyer.

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## Wildlife boosts learning for students

Grant helps schools use habitats to improve science performance

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Four Plymouth-Canton elementary schools will share \$8,000 in grants to build schoolyard habitats that not only will help students improve science test scores, but also enhance the neighborhoods where they live.

"These are more than just learning opportunities for kids," said Rick Plecha, the project coordinator. "There are benefits for the environment, for the school-community relationship, and benefits in terms of stewardship for both adults and kids."

Visteon provided the initial \$4,000 grant to the Plymouth Community United Way, which then matched it. The schools which developed proposals and were awarded grants are Allen, Bentley, Farrand and Hoben elementary.

Plecha, whose leadership spearheaded the wildlife habitat along the Truesdell Creek behind Field Elementary in Canton Township into what he calls the district's crown jewel, said most schoolyards aren't eco-friendly.

"In terms of the environment, we'll take a school that traditionally is undiverse, with only grass and a few trees, and introduce plants that are indigenous and encourage insect and bird interaction," Plecha said. "It increases the diversity of animals at the school site."

"In order to do something like this, there needs to be interaction and cooperation between the school and the community," he said, "such as people from garden clubs, parents, teachers, administrators and students. And, business, many times, contributes funds."

Ann Page wrote the proposal for Allen Elementary



Collin Richter pitches in to help members of his sister's Girl Scout Troop 643 complete work for a community service merit badge by helping maintain the Field Elementary School wildlife habitat along the Truesdell Creek.

with a special interest in mind. Page teaches emotionally impaired fourth- and fifth-grade students, and believes the habitat project will enhance her students' learning experience.

"I had the boys in mind when I applied," Page said. "They don't always have an opportunity to do hands-on activities. They'll be preparing the soil and planting, and putting in whatever we decide."

"It will give them a life skills experience, and will help their self esteem," she said. "When they look at the finished product, they can say they took part in it."

Work on Allen's habitat will begin in September, after summer construction work is completed at the school. Page said plans include building bird houses and adding plants that will attract birds

and other animals.

"Because each grade level does a life science unit, we can incorporate the courtyard habitat so the entire school can use it for their studies," she said. "Each year we hope to expand the habitat."

Plymouth-Canton's K-12 Curriculum Coordinator for science and math, Janet Kahan, said the grant money is a welcome sight.

"We would never be able to do this with school funding," Kahan said. "We have such a strict budget, we don't have money for these kinds of enhancements."

"The habitats will permit a collaboration between teachers, students and parents to do something that will have a lasting impact," she said.

Habitat projects at Bentley, Farrand and Hoben will

begin in this spring. Other Plymouth-Canton schools that currently have habitats include Central and West middle schools and Salem High School.

Plymouth Community United Way President Marie Morrow said there could be additional grants in the future.

"We're pleased to be partners with Plymouth-Canton Schools to provide outdoor learning environments to students," she said. "There's certainly the potential to develop other outdoor classrooms in the district. We believe they can help catapult the Plymouth-Canton school district into the forefront in providing environmental education."

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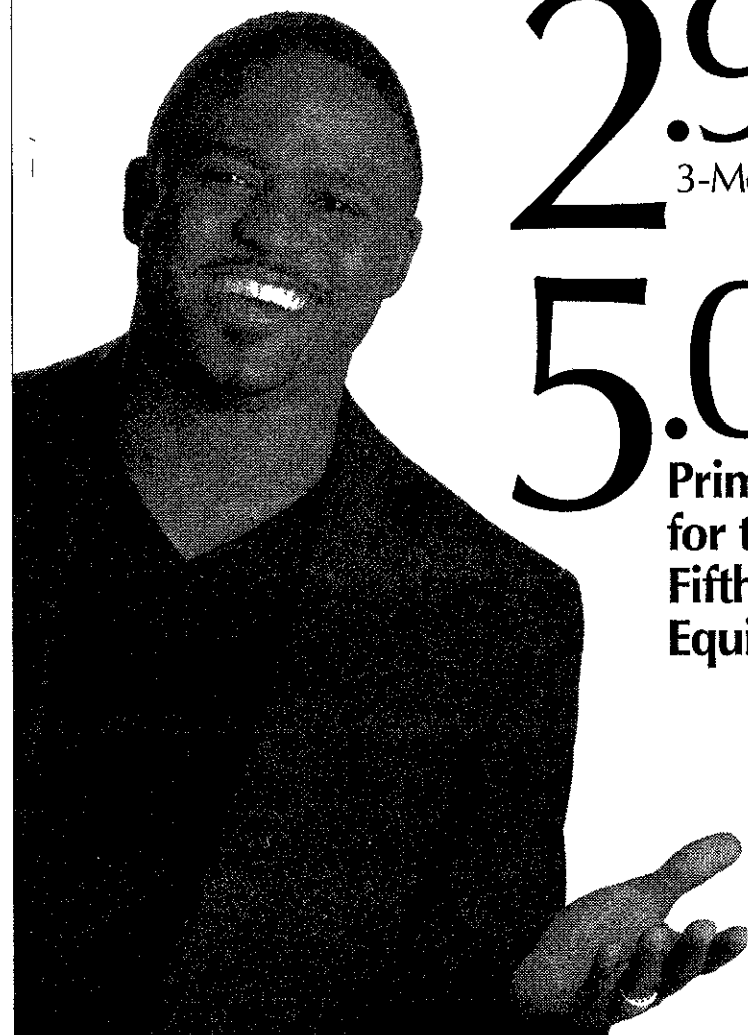
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## Canton offers Easter programs for all ages

Canton Leisure Services is offering several entertaining for all ages to get involved this Easter.

Looking for a way to become involved and give back to the community? The Senior Alliance is in need of donations and volunteer drivers to deliver Easter meals to homebound seniors. Each year, the Senior Alliance provides more than 2,000 hot dinners to homebound seniors on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. A donation of \$5 will provide one hot meal this Easter. To make a contribution or for more information about how you can become involved this Easter, please contact the Senior Alliance at (734) 727-2050.

Flashlights in the Night, a scavenger style egg hunt for middle school students (ages 11-15), takes place on Wednesday, March 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This year the popular event will see some changes. The Easter egg

hunt has been moved from the historic Bartlett-Travis House into Canton's brand new Village Theater at Cherry Hill. You never know where your team's egg might be hidden, back stage, in a dressing room. There is an activity fee of \$9 for this event. Register at the Summit on the Park, (734) 394-5460.

The Easter Egg Extravaganza returns to the Canton Sports Center (formerly the Canton Softball Center at Victory Park), which is located at 46555 W. Michigan Ave., on March 26. This event is for children ages 1-10, with a number of Easter egg fields designated for two different age groups. The hunts for both age groups will run continuously from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. In addition to the egg hunt there will be a petting farm, crafts, and several costumed characters to visit with, including the Easter Bunny. This event is for Canton residents only. For further information, contact Bob Dates at (734)

394-5460.

If you are looking for a performance to enjoy following the Easter Egg Extravaganza, the Grey Seal Puppets will be visiting The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Three favorite folk tales from around the world come to life: "The Frog Prince", "Three Billy Goats Gruff" and "The Three Little Pigs". Each story is told in a different style using a variety of puppets. Tickets are \$10 for the shows, which take place at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. on March 26. For ticket information call (734) 394-5460.

There will also be an Easter Sunday brunch with a visit by the Easter Bunny on March 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Brunch will be held at Summit on the Park. Tickets for adults are \$24.95, and \$12.95 for children (4-12). Ages 3 and under get in free. Reservations can be made by calling the Summit on the Park Banquet Sales Office at (734) 394-5487.

## New cable show to highlight 'cool and neat' aspects of Canton

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

There won't be a red carpet, nor will there be flashy urgent preview ads telling Canton residents about the premiere of the township's latest television program. Instead, Around Town will just start airing on government access cable stations on April 1.

Around Town is similar to a program the township used to air, Out and About, which went off the air a couple of years ago, said the show's co-host, Tony Minghine, Canton finance director.

"We'll highlight businesses and events, and anything that's cool and neat in town," he said. The idea is to balance useful information and fun, Minghine said.

"We started doing the original show because we were looking at ways to improve and expand the communications with residents. Most of what I do is pretty boring and no one would want to watch that," Minghine said. "So we thought it would be fun to go out to the various events."

But Around Town is going to go one step beyond event coverage. Minghine and co-host Kristen Thomas will visit local businesses and investigate fun things to do.

### AROUND TOWN

The first round of taping just completed, and Minghine and Thomas visited three businesses - Four Seasons Internet Cafe, Jungle Java and Rose's restaurant.

"So many people who live in Canton don't even know a place like Rose's is there, even though they've been there for 13 years and it's one of Canton's gems," Thomas said. "We just want to show what kind of fun things we have in the community. We try to make it fun, not serious at all."

Around Town will air daily at 8 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. for two months, then will return again in August.

"What I have always found amazing is the number of people that do watch. There would almost not be a time I could go to Target or Meijer or something and not have someone ask, 'Hey aren't you that guy on that cable show?'" Minghine said.

Around town is just one of the programs produced by the township at the cable studio at Summit on the Park. The station, channel 12 on Comcast and channel 10 on WOW, airs township and planning meetings, and shows such as the Home Show, 24/7 (a public safety program), At Your

Leisure, Canton Contact and Canton this Month.

For the next round of taping Minghine and Thomas are looking for volunteers to take part in a makeover program.

"We want to take advantage of the makeover craze, and still highlight local businesses in the area. So we put an announcement in Focus, and we've been getting some response from people who want to be part of the makeover show," Thomas said.

A local Mary Kay cosmetics dealer helped bring together local hair stylists and clothing stores and fitness experts to donate time and resources to provide the makeover.

"We try to get a lot of mileage out of our government access channel, without spending a ton of money," Minghine said.

Programming is paid for with the franchise fees collected from Comcast and WOW. This year Canton will collect \$750,000 in franchise fees, and spend \$300,000 on cable programming. The rest of the money could be put into the general fund, but Minghine said it's usually used to help pay for the township's other communications efforts.

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■ www.cantonpl.org/special/bullying.html - a special multimedia collection of conflict resolution resources available at the library.

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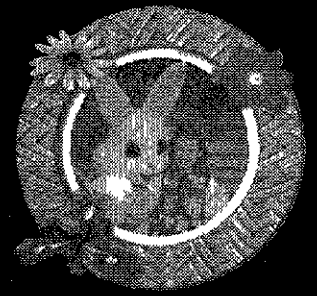
To see a complete list of new materials added to the library's catalog this week, visit <http://catalog.cantonpl.org/flist>.

##### Adult Fiction

■ *Bad Heiress Day* - Allie Pleiter  
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■ *What Comes After Crazy* - Sandi Kahn Shelton

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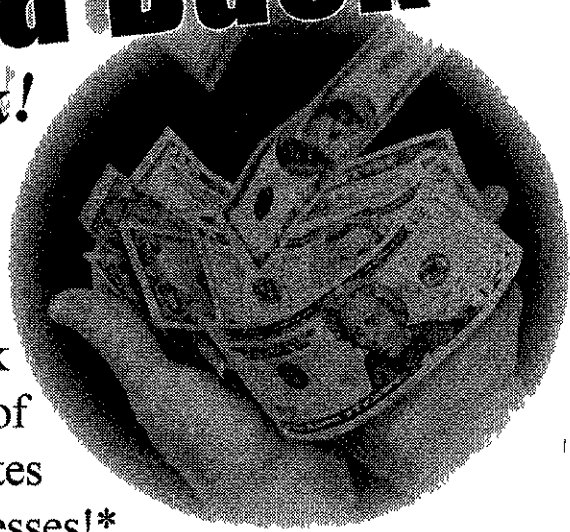


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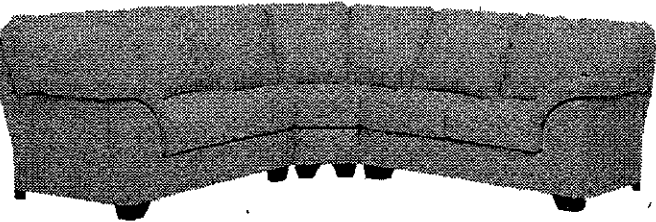
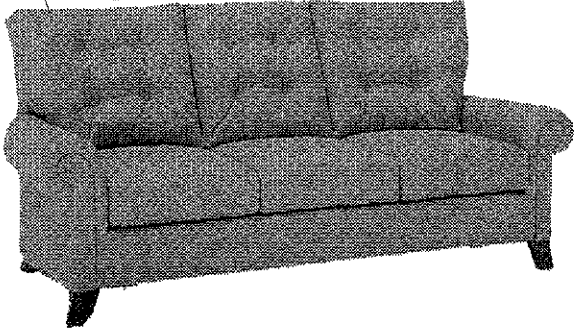
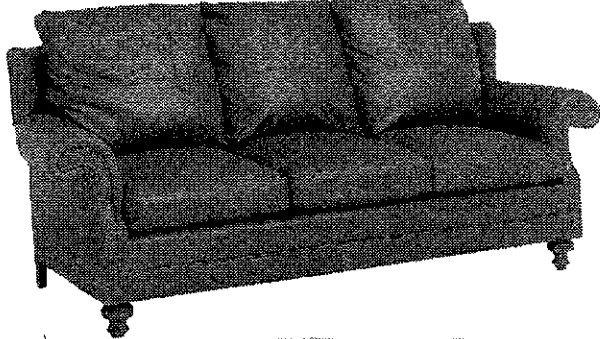
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## DISTRICT

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Trustees "embraces and supports the efforts of Canton residents to seek entry into the Plymouth Canton Community School District."

## NO INFLUENCE

The resolution, however, failed to recognize that the board has no influence over school districts or other municipalities, and that such a resolution could be counterproductive in helping Canton residents negotiate for new construction options with VBPS, said Township Clerk Terry Bennett, who lives in the southern part of Canton and whose children attended VBPS and graduated from Belleville High School.

Canton is a "cash cow" to Van Buren and Wayne-Westland, said Bob Cahalen, who lives in Central Park South, which is seeking an appeal similar to Huntington Place's.

"Even Van Buren says that their highest valued properties are in Canton, but most of the kids don't go to school there. They're going to private schools. They're going somewhere else," he said. "So Van Buren gets all the tax money and none of the students."

Huntington Place houses some 43 school aged children, but only 15-21 attend Van Buren Schools, according to a state of Michigan brief. The rest seek alternative educational options.

Cahalen served on VBPS's buildings committee until the district in September lost a \$151 million bond proposal to build and improve facilities and construct a new high school and middle school; Canton voters are blamed by the rest of the district for the bond's failure, he said, even though it was defeated in every precinct in Belleville and Van Buren and Sumpter townships.

"We clearly feel that Plymouth-Canton schools are superior schools," said Mark

Dixon, who lives in Huntington Place, and filed the brief on behalf of the two subdivisions. "We have the option as citizens called the property transfer act. Why can't we act on it?"

Dixon said there are eight elementary schools in Canton that are closer to his home than the nearest elementary school in Van Buren.

While Bennett acknowledged the residents' frustration, she said passing the resolution could damage relations with neighboring school districts before any dialogue even begins. The board voted down the resolution 6-1, with just Caccamo in support. However, a second resolution to begin discussions with Van Buren and Wayne-Westland officials was passed by the board unanimously.

Building that relationship won't be easy, according to Andrew Wrenbeck, who lives in Van Buren Township and is running for the VBPS Board of Education.

"Canton is a dirty word down there," he said. "But the reality is we have to get better at dealing with Canton."

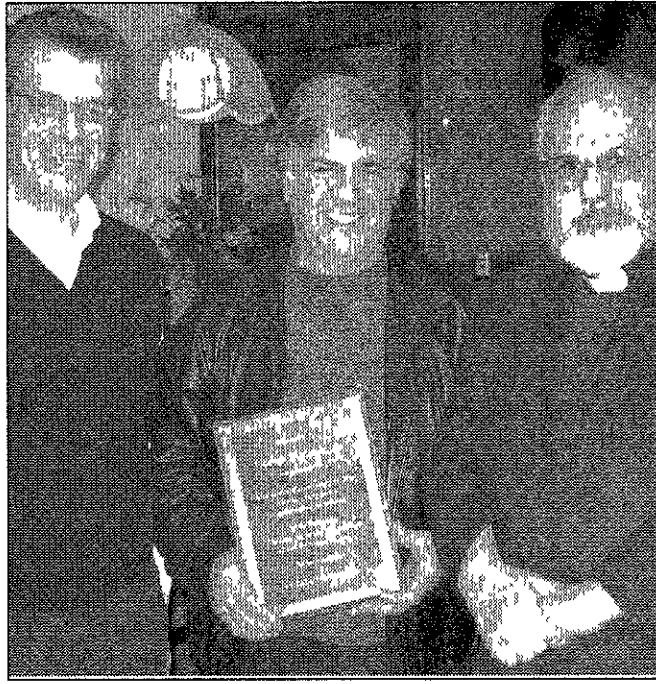
Van Buren spokesman Paul Henning said the district wasn't going to comment on the state's decision until after the appeal process.

"We don't want to say anything in particular about the issue until it's settled," he said. "However, we are more than happy to serve those residents in Canton."

Henning said the district's plans to ask voters to pass a bond that would fund construction of a new elementary school in Canton has been put on hold "indefinitely" because of the recent school funding crisis in Lansing. However, he did acknowledge that there is a growing need.

"It is definitely an option we are continuing to explore," he said. "We're seeing growth in the north end of our district, and we are going to have to service that growth."

Staff writer Carol Marshall contributed to this story.



## Church honor

The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Plymouth recently presented a plaque of appreciation to local restaurateur George Dimopoulos. Dimopoulos, who has restaurants in Taylor, Livonia, Dearborn and the recently opened Senate Restaurant on Haggerty Road in Northville, was recognized for his many years of generosity and support for Nativity Church. Presenting the plaque are Parish Council President Dimitri Katsambris and Father George Vaporis.

## DEATHS

B

Donald C. Boegler, 87, of Livonia, died March 19.

D

William C. (Charlie) Dennis Jr., 52, of Hillsborough, N.C., formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 26. Eleanor Dombrowski, 94, of Waterford, died March 12.

E

Gerald E. Elston, 83, of Four Seasons Retirement Center, died March 15. Edwin J. Eustice, formerly of Birmingham, died March 17.

G

Roger Royall Gay, 72, died March 18. Erma F. Gray, 93, of Frankenmuth, died March 12. Mary Jean Guzik, 62, died March 19.

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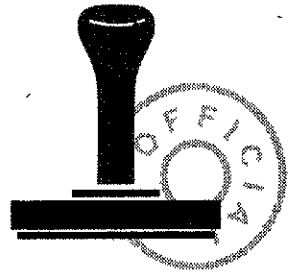
William A. Herd Jr., 72, of Oakland, died March 15. David Hodgson, 64, of Rochester Hills, died March 10.

L

Howard Angell LaDue, 83, died March 16. Jennifer Hay Luby, 44, formerly of West Bloomfield, died March 7.

M

Flossie B. MacDonald, 82, of Farmington, died March 17. William L. McMurphy, 77, of



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Chesterfield Twp., died March 10. Sofie Miess, 91, of Leonard, formerly of Eastpointe, died March 7.

P

Norman F. Prentice, 90, of Auburn Hills, died March 5.

S

Allen L. Smyth, 71, of Pontiac, died March 18.

T

Catherine T. Theisen, 76, of Plymouth, died March 16. Gordon Lee Townsend, 67, formerly of Northville, died March 18.

U

Myrtle E. Umbaugh, 92, of Lady Lakes, Fla., formerly of Canton, died March 18.

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Cheri Isaacson of Canton watches as her daughter, Emily, 6, gets her fingerprints taken by Canton police officer Dave Boljesic during the Michaels Kids Club on Saturday. The fingerprinting was done free of charge to parents by the Michigan Association of Police as part of its Children Be Aware program.



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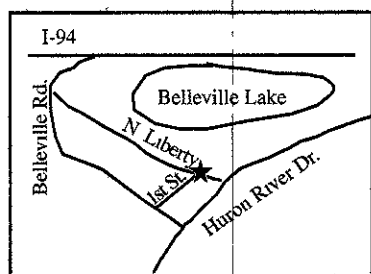
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Sisters Katie (age 9, right) and Kylie, 7, Davidson of Canton play with some of the clay crafts available during the Michaels Crafts Kids Club on Saturday.

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## Parents get children fingerprinted in case they go missing

BY RUSS HAMMOND  
 CORRESPONDENT

For the second time in nearly six months, Michaels on Ford Road in Canton held a free child fingerprinting and safety day on Saturday. Parked outside the store were fire trucks from the Canton Fire Department and a motorcycle with lights flashing, from the Canton Police Department. "Every Michaels in the United States offers free child

safety fingerprinting," said Annette Bergquist, event coordinator for the Canton store. "We do this every March, June and October."

The parents keep the fingerprints. If their child ever disappears, they'll have a set of prints for law enforcement agencies. The fingerprints are on an identification card that parents can fill out with all of the pertinent information concerning their child. There is a spot for a recent photograph, and parents are also encouraged to add a few strands of their child's hair for a possible DNA sample.

Also offered was free literature that covered 21 safety tips for children. The tips included the obvious: Never accept gifts or candy from strangers, never go into a public bathroom alone and never approach a car to offer directions. There are also tips for the not-so-obvious situation, such as: Never volunteer information on the phone, never go anywhere without your parents permission and always make sure that your parents know who your friends are.

Besides being fingerprinted, the children also got to make and take a clay character. Bergquist said Crayola supplied all of the Michaels stores across the country with Build a Buddy kits. She said the children get to build a clay character and then add ears, eyes and other various body parts.

The fingerprinting was done

by the Michigan Association of Police with help from 13 members of Girl Scout Cadet Troop 899 from Canton. The Cadets also helped the smaller children with their clay buddies.

"The girls are working on their silver award," said Nina Merget, of Canton, the troop leader. "The silver award involves leadership and community service."

Jamie Hunley, 11, a sixth grader at Discovery Middle School, said helping out at the fingerprinting event was "cool because kids get to make things."

Lauren Uhlan, 12, agreed. "It's good to help kids out," she said.

One of the children fingerprinted at Michaels was 9-year-old Canton resident Brandon Waach. His mother Debbie brought him to be fingerprinted "just in case."

"This is a good thing," she said. "You never know what can happen."

Brandon, who is in the fourth grade at Field Elementary, said he liked everything about the fingerprinting event. He also got to sit on a police motorcycle while the blue flasher was on.

Bergquist was very happy with the turnout. By noon, nearly 200 children had shown up to be fingerprinted. She said her goal was 250. In October, when the first fingerprinting event took place at Michaels, less than 100 children showed up.

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Canton residents Ryan Heinz (left) and David Snow, both 8, check out the driver's seat of a Canton fire engine at Michaels Crafts on Saturday while Firefighter David Champaigne looks on. Ryan sports the police badge he earned after getting his fingerprints taken.

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# Local groups earn honors in St. Patrick's Day parade

**BY M.B. DILLON**  
CORRESPONDENT

Participants in the United Irish Societies' 47th annual St. Patrick's Parade and Corktown Races did the Detroit metropolitan area proud in an event that drew 40,000-plus to honor Ireland's patron saint in Corktown, Detroit's oldest neighborhood.

Led by Grand Marshal Colleen Karagozian, a hearty throng of government and church officials, and the Maid of Erin and her Court, 100 marching units, eight marching bands, five pipe bands, numerous floats and novelty groups in six divisions stepped off from the new Irish Plaza near Michigan Avenue and Sixth Street.

Garden City High School captured second place in the marching band competition and won \$200. Detroit Central High School's band took the \$300 first-place prize. Notre Dame High School of Harper Woods placed third, good for \$100.

The Birmingham Celtic Pipe

& Drum Corps was named first in its division, followed by the Windsor Police Pipe Band in second place. The Shrine Highlanders Pipes & Drums and the Red Thistle Pipes & Drums split third-place prize money.

Prizes went to floats best exemplifying this year's theme of "Marching Together in Honor of St. Patrick." The Ancient Order of Hibernians Norman O'Brien Division took top honors, followed by the Irish-American Club Downriver and the Caren Family of West Bloomfield.

The philanthropic Knights of Equity topped the field in marching-unit competition, followed by O'Mara's Restaurant of Berkley and Sons of the Auld Sod.

Novelty group champs included the Detroit Fire Department Clown Team, the Loyal Order of Thirsty Toucans and the Livonia-based Heinzman School of Irish Dance.

Grand Marshal Colleen Karagozian of Oakland County was honored for her long

record of community service. For many years, she was instrumental in staging the St. Patrick's Parade.

An active member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Rose Kennedy Division, Karagozian helps chair an annual dinner that funds the Pallottine Fathers' missionary work in Africa. As part of Detroit's tri-centennial celebration, she spearheaded a video production entitled "Modern Irish Journeys."

Brian Goodwin of Allen Park, 23, won the Corktown four-mile race in 19:18 minutes. Linda Ewing, 43, of Grosse Pointe topped the women's field in 24:34 minutes.

Each year, six young women chosen to reign as The Maid of Erin and her Court and the Court of St. Brigid win cash awards and represent the Irish-American community at events throughout the year. Competitors are judged on public speaking ability, talent, and knowledge of Irish history.

Redford's Mary Margaret Casey, 21, a pre-law student at

Michigan State University, is this year's Maid of Erin. First runner-up is Hailey E. MacDonald, 17, of Livonia, a senior at Stevenson High School who plans to become an industrial engineer. Second runner up is Meghan Gaffney Liroff, 18, of Bloomfield Hills, a student at the Academy of the Sacred Heart who plans to be a doctor.

Caitlin Erin Clyne, 22, was named queen of the Court of St. Brigid. Clyne, from Grosse Pointe Farms, is a student at Wayne State University where she is pursuing a degree in physical anthropology.

First runner-up is Kelly Maureen Weir, 19, of Canton, a student at Grand Valley State University, majoring in social work. Second runner-up is Patricia Ann Brady, 20, of Traverse City, an education major at the University of Michigan.

Young women interested in entering next year's competitions may contact Ann Poppe (Maid of Erin) at (586) 790-2566 and Maureen Kelly (Court of St. Brigid) at (734) 632-0334.

More than 500,000 metro Detroiters claim some Irish ancestry, according to the last

census. The newly-dedicated Irish Plaza pays tribute to Detroit's Irish, many of whom made their way to the U.S. on "coffin ships" beginning in the 1840s to escape the potato famine often called "The Great Hunger."

Mike Kelly of Livonia and Joe Parsky of Harper Woods served as co-chairs of the UIS parade. The United Irish Societies is an umbrella group of 27 Irish organizations in metropolitan Detroit. Moderating the parade were TV personality Ken Moriarity Ford and Mary Galvin.

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## NEED AN ADJUSTMENT

Michigan Chiropractic Specialists are growing their business, which opened in Garden City last year. Chiropractors Amanda and Adam Apfelblat will celebrate the first anniversary of the business 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at its first location, 30900 Ford Road. The public



is invited to attend and learn more about their practice.

"We specialize in pediatric and maternity care," said Amanda Apfelblat. "We see a lot of families."

Trained at Michigan State University and Life University in Georgia, she previously practiced in Redford and Westland, before founding Michigan Chiropractic Specialists in 2004.

Recently, the West Bloomfield couple expanded their business to include a second spot at 1348 Scott Lake Road in Waterford.

While chiropractic adjustments are most important, Apfelblat said they also have massage therapists on staff. She compared going to the chiropractor with going to the dentist. "It's spinal hygiene," she said. "You want to get evaluated one time a year, get a check up once a year to make sure your bones are properly aligned."

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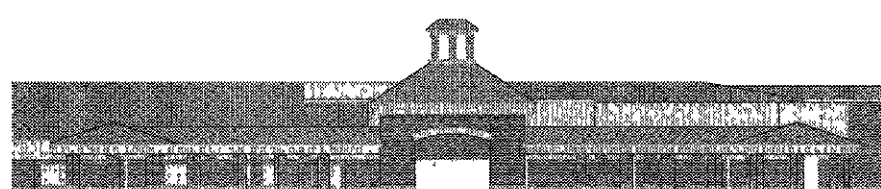
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Staff writer Stacy Jenkins contributed to this report.

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This artistic rendering shows what the new elementary school in Cherry Hill Village will look like. It is scheduled to open in August 2006.

## SCHOOL

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will have the same basic blueprint as Tonda, Bentley, Hobson and Dodson elementaries, it will have several exterior design changes to fit with the Cherry Hill Village theme. It will also be larger by about eight classrooms, housing up to 750 students, and cost about \$13.5 million.

When the school opens, Burt will share the new building with students and staff from Miller Elementary, which will be closed for an entire year to complete \$5.5 million in renovations approved by voters in the September bond issue.

"The challenge will be to make sure we can provide the

service to parents and have the personal connection to kids," Burt said. "We'll need to work extra hard at that."

Groundbreaking for the Cherry Hill Village school is slated for Tuesday, May 17. While a groundbreaking is generally ceremonial in nature, Ken Jacobs, the district's assistant superintendent for administrative services, said in reality it could be the first day a shovel is put in the ground. That will leave 15 months for construction.

"It's certainly an aggressive schedule," Jacobs said. "You just pray for a dry summer so you don't have sloppy conditions. We need to be closed in by winter, and done by the middle of August (2006) to get an occupancy permit."

As for naming the new school, Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations, said the Board of Education will most likely begin discussions in the fall.

"There is a board policy that tells how to name our buildings," he said. "Elementary schools are named after members of the community."

School board President Mark Slavens said there are a number of people who could be given the honor.

"We'll be getting input from the community on names that are appropriate for the new school," Slavens said. "The board will then make a final determination after input from the administration."

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## STORY

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ing. There was only one thing I didn't like. Writing. I hated it."

He now writes books in addition to producing audio tapes of his stories and traveling to tell his stories. For the two presentations at Dodson, the school paid \$400 (less than Davis' normal fee of \$500), which came from building funds.

While Davis has performed

in Plymouth and Livonia in the past, this was his first time in Canton, he said.

"The kids were wonderful," Davis said, and he was impressed that the teachers and principal also seemed interested in his art.

The students had a short opportunity to ask questions, such as whether Davis knew any scary stories (his answer: "only about my mama") before sauntering back to class.

"I thought it was great," said

Eric Klinger, 9, of Canton. "It was funny. They were great stories."

As for Davis, he rested for a while before an afternoon performance at Miller Elementary School. "It's physically tiring, it really is," he said after his performances. "I'm holding up everybody in there."

More information about Donald Davis can be obtained from his Web site at <http://www.ddavisstoryteller.com>.



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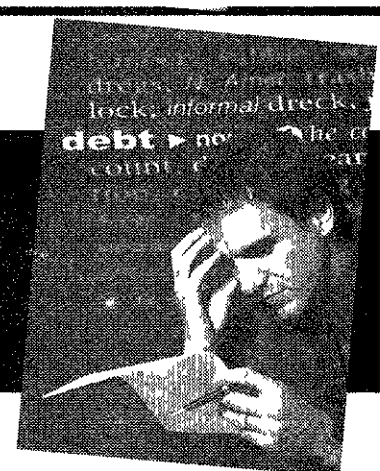
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OUR VIEWS

# Police deserve our thanks

Although we're not even three full months into the new year, it must feel much longer for the Canton Township Police Department. So far, 2005 has been quite a busy year for the men and women behind the badges.

The year didn't waste any time getting off on the wrong foot, when, shortly after midnight on New Year's Day, a 25-year-old Taylor man was struck and killed by a car on Lilley Road, after he had left a party and walked out onto the roadway.

Since that time, the cops have had to deal with cases involving the murder of a baby, another case of child abuse, a hit and run death, several high-profile sexual assault cases involving children, and they were even involved in the shooting death of a motorist who tried to run down an officer after a prolonged chase.

Needless to say, they have been busy.

The community should be proud of the job the department has done faced with so many challenging cases. As usual, they have conducted themselves with professionalism and have been vigilant bringing the perpetrators to justice.

One case in particular shows just how effective they have been. On Jan. 24, Canton resident James Smith Clark III was riding a bicycle on Denton Road, when he was struck and killed by a motorist, who fled the scene, leaving little evidence and no witnesses. Police investigators had one piece of evidence to go on - a Toyota Camry emblem from the front grill that was left at the scene. From that investigators knew they were looking for that model, 2002 or newer.

They compiled a list of all the cars matching the description registered in the area, which included more than 6,000 vehicles. Talk about looking for a needle in a haystack.

After sending out officers to do personal checks on all the Camrys registered in Canton, which amounted to a couple hundred or so, investigators learned that the emblems can only be ordered through a dealership. They checked around with local dealerships and learned a local body shop had recently ordered one. They checked it out, and within days had arrested a suspect in the case. On March 2, Natesan Kannanpilla, who lives in Superior Township just west of where the accident occurred, was arrested and charged with failing to stop at the scene of an accident resulting in death, which is a felony.

Kannanpilla's arrest is a perfect example of excellent police investigative work, and the department should be commended.

All too often, we take for granted the job our public safety personnel do on a daily basis. We expect our community to be safe, without giving much thought to the effort it takes to make it so. The next time you see a police officer out on the street, make sure you say hello, and let him or her know you appreciate the job being done. It is not an easy one.

# Easter celebration matches message

Compared to Christmas, Easter gets the short shrift.

There are fewer decorations in homes and malls, no gift exchanges and no office parties.

But Easter is the most holy of Christian holidays, commemorating Jesus' resurrection from the dead more than 2,000 years ago.

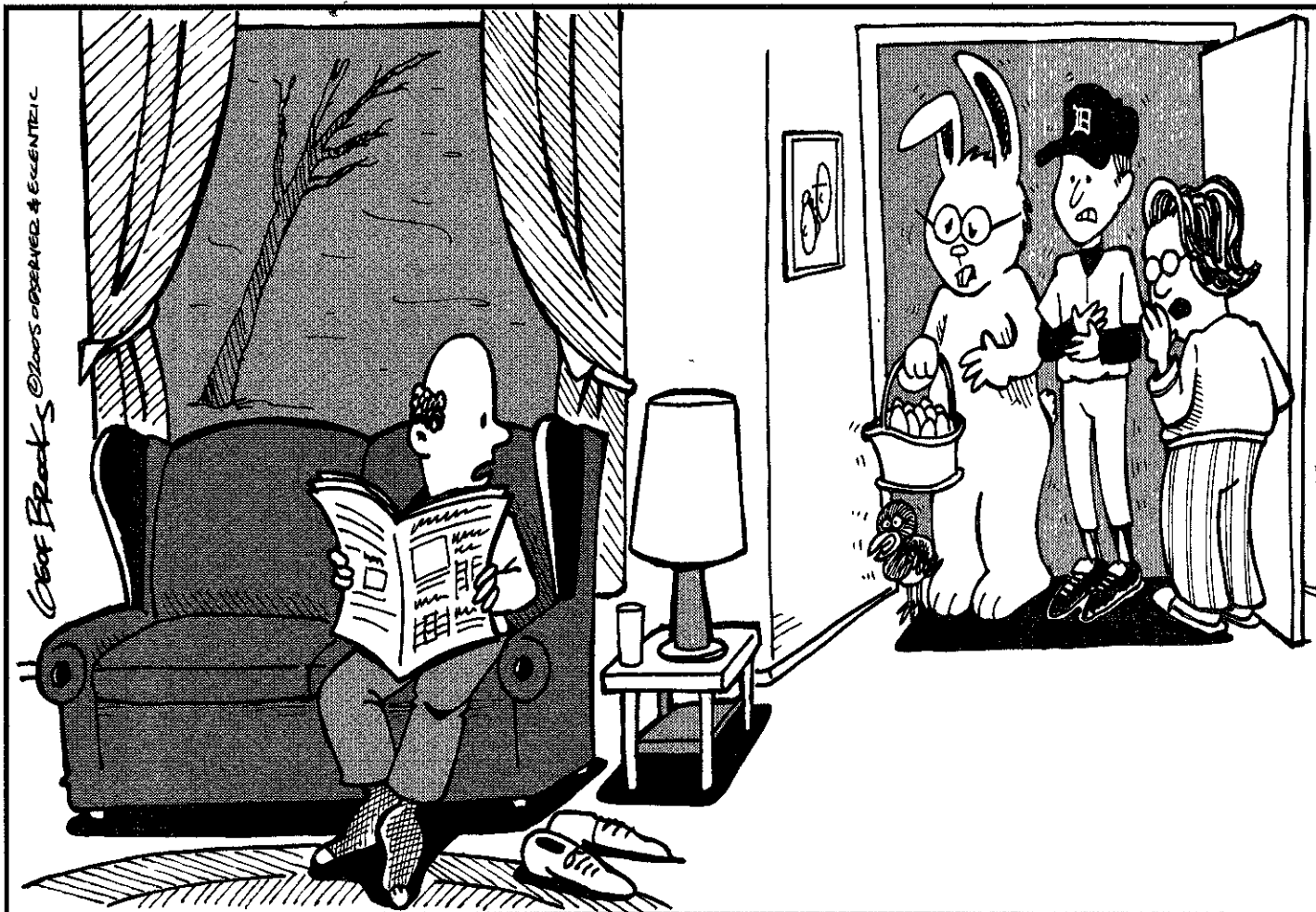
It sets Christianity apart from other world religions. Other faiths teach that people have to earn their way to heaven. Christians believe Jesus paid the price for them.

The Bible says Jesus was God's son, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, who lived the only perfect life and took the punishment for everyone else's sins by dying on the cross. If we believe in him, the scriptures say, we too will live forever in heaven.

Christmas has little significance without Easter. If Jesus hadn't risen from the grave, as the Bible says, he would have been just another prophet or philosopher and his birth likely would not continue to be celebrated today.

Though it doesn't get the same attention Christmas does in secular society, Easter is many Christians' favorite holiday. Perhaps it's how simply the holiday is celebrated - there's no frenzied decorating, baking, wrapping and hurrying from one party to the next.

The uncomplicated observance is in keeping with the Christian faith's simple message: believe and be saved. The work has all been done.



"Honey, it's the first robin of Spring, the Easter Bunny and Alan Trammell begging to come inside and get warm."

## LETTERS

### Veterans deserve more

President Bush has proposed and is trying to pass a bill giving the families of the military members who have been killed in Afghanistan and Iraq the sum of \$100,000 for the loss of their loved ones. The families currently get a one-time death benefit of \$12,500. This is a step in the right direction for taking care of our military families.

But this bill does not cover or help the families of the military who are still alive, but severely wounded. Many of these severely wounded military members have lost all their quality of life and will forever be hospitalized in a V.A. hospital until they die.

I believe these families should be compensated as well as the families of the men who were killed. The loss of their loved one is just as great as the loss of a person killed. Many of these severely wounded men and women are National Guard and Reserve members who are married and have families.

I propose that all American citizens should call the Congressional switchboard number in Washington, D.C., at (202) 224-3121 and tell your congressman to please inform the president that the families of the severely wounded military members should be compensated as well as the families of those military members who were killed.

You can also call the White House switchboard at (202) 456-1111 and leave your personal message for the president. I believe that calling your congressman will be more productive. Currently, if you have been wounded or injured while on active duty, you have to file a claim through the Veterans Administration. The V.A. is currently backlogged with claims for about two years. The families of the severely wounded should not have to go through this lengthy process any more than the families of the men and women who were killed.

I believe that our country and government should take care of our many severely wounded and not quibble about the cost, as they didn't quibble about the cost of sending them into harm's way. I hope that most Americans feel as strongly about this as I do and will call their congressman.

**Ken Crane**  
USAF Reserve (ret.)  
Canton

### Patterson defended

Recently, several letter writers submitted their opinion of state Sen. Bruce Patterson. While they are welcome to their opinion, they don't know the man - I do.

I've known Bruce Patterson, his wife and family for about 20 years now. I've worked for Bruce Patterson off and on for the past 10 years. I know him to be a man of deep character and strong moral ethics. Bruce Patterson is very loyal to his friends, as he's always been to me, and other friends that we share.

However, in having known Patterson for nearly 20 years I have never witnessed him act in anything but that of high moral and ethical character. He is influenced by intelligent reasoning and

logic, but will not acquiesce to a request from even his dear friends if it violates his sense of right and wrong, if it violates or circumvents the law in any way; even if it gives the impression of unethical behavior, he will not partake.

His character and good name define who Sen. Patterson is, and in what is sometimes thought to be "old-fashioned" ideal, believes that his word is his bond. Sen. Bruce Patterson is someone that I know can be trusted - not always agreed with, but definitely trusted.

While these letter writers may be entitled to their opinions, however biased or based in falsehoods they may be, my opinion is based on historical observation, fact and personal experience. Weight these divergent points of view as you will.

**Melissa McLaughlin**  
Canton

### Arts thrive in Canton

The construction of The Village Theater at Cherry Hill by the enlightened citizens of Canton is a story that should be told round the world. As the director of the troupe who produced The Sean O'Leary Play Festival in this magnificent facility, let me first thank your paper for the wonderful coverage you gave our production, and then let me thank Ann Conklin, Jennifer Tobin, Chris Kurz and the entire theater staff without whom we could not have pulled it off. These people are an invaluable asset to your community.

But I would be remiss if I failed to extend commendation to the Canton board of trustees, the Canton cultural commission and the people of Canton. Any other community would demand that artists fend for themselves or at least demonstrate a dire need for such a facility. Instead, the people of Canton have had the wisdom, foresight and courage to make the arts a central focus in their search for the good life. May this project serve as a beacon to guide less enlightened communities than Canton, Michigan.

**Hal O'Leary**  
director, The Sean O'Leary Play Festival

### Wendy's apology

On Feb. 18, at approximately 7 p.m., my husband and I were eating at the Wendy's at Ford Road and Haggerty in Canton, when we noticed a couple changing a baby's diaper on a dining room table.

I was appalled and said so to my husband. The couple obviously overheard me, because on their way out the woman complained about us to the manager, who assured her that what they had done was "no big deal" and then glared at us as though we were harassing her customers.

I am totally outraged that older parents would do such an unsanitary thing in a restaurant, and that Wendy's would condone it. The manager evidently thought so little of the matter that evidently she didn't even bother to have someone disinfect the table.

I believe that Wendy's owes the public an apology.

**C.A. Martin**  
Canton

### Wonderful evening

The first "Evening of Excellence" extra-ordinaire at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill was, well, excellent!

From the light and refreshing master of ceremonies Dr. Jim Ryan (and Terry Wood), to the wonderful strolling dinner, to the great company, to the amazing displays of talent from across our district, to the final touches of champagne and dessert, everything was excellent!

There are so many people I would like to thank, and I am certain to miss someone along the way, so please forgive me if I do. First of all, thank you to the Educational Excellence Foundation for conceiving of this wonderful event, and then working so hard to make it happen! Thank you to George Shea, EEF chairperson; Richard Reaume, EEF vice chairperson and Plymouth Township supervisor; Carole Kody, EEF executive director; and all of the other officers and trustees of the EEF Board.

Thank you to State Rep. Phil LaJoy and Canton board Trustee Todd LaJoy.

Thank you so much to the many sponsors of the event including: Community Financial; Cold Stone Creamery; TMP Architecture; The Law Offices of Brashear, Tangora, Gallagher, Creighton, & Amann, LLP; Horton Plumbing; McCarthy & Smith Construction Services; UBS Financial Services; the PCEA; Clark Hill Attorneys at Law; Health Air Inc.; Michigan Made & More; Harper, Finley & Associates, P.C.; Wakely Associates Inc. Architects + Engineers; Neville Financial Group; and the Holiday Market.

But most importantly, thank you to the students for the remarkable show! The P-CEP Orchestra Strings, the West Dream Team, Girls' Vocal Ensemble, the Winter Guard, the P-CEP Park Players, the P-CEP Percussion Ensemble, the P-CEP Chamber Choir & Madrigal Singers, the Central Jazz Band, the DuBois Little Theatre Productions, and the P-CEP Wind Ensemble, BRAVO! So much talent in a single show, it was almost impossible to believe, each act bringing their own unique style, genre, and flair.

I do not speak for the whole Board of Education, but I am pretty sure they all join me in saying once again, "thank you."

**Rich Ham-Kucharski**  
school board trustee

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# Spring in Michigan is season of discontent

April is the cruellest month, breeding  
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing  
Memory and desire, stirring  
Dull roots with spring rain.

T.S. Eliot (*The Waste Land*) had it wrong, at least for Michigan. April isn't the cruellest month. It's March, not really winter — but not yet spring.

Officially, spring this year started at the equinox (when light and dark in a 24-hour period are equal) last Sunday. But this so far is the fifth coldest March since the 1870s, according to the National Weather Service.

And the winter which has just officially ended — but still seems too much with us — was among the snowiest on record, with an average of 84 inches in southeastern Michigan.

Yet since it's officially spring now, there are grounds for hope. At our house, the snowdrops just started blooming over the weekend, pale green and white, and if I look carefully I can see the crocuses just beginning to stick their green tops above the winter-yellowish grass.

But it's still a cruel time for Michigan. The story that General Motors is going to lose money on automobile operations this year came as a big shock to most people. The folks I talk with at GM are saying that the best outcome they can see is to soldier on for another five years or so, when the "legacy costs" of hundreds of retirees begin to come down and, maybe, somebody will do something about the rising costs of health care.

Any chance for a radical restructuring of the company, along the lines of smaller but better? Negative, say my GM sources. It's too big, too complicated, and the iron grip of the United Auto Workers union on costs — labor contracts with the auto industry make labor, in effect, into a fixed cost — is as firm as ever.

Of course, now that Chrysler's long-forgotten side deal with the UAW has surfaced, which allows the company to do something about health care costs, you may be sure that the phone will be ringing off the hook in the office of Ron Gettelfinger, the UAW's president.

Until he answers it, you may be sure that the market share of our two remaining domestic manufacturers will keep going down. Michigan's unemployment, now tied with Mississippi for second highest in the nation, is hostage to the automobile industry, both manufacturers and the supply chain. To her credit, Gov. Jennifer

Granholm is making a pitch to Toyota to put a new manufacturing plant in Michigan. But its nearness to Solidarity House seems more than likely to spook the Japanese.

Granholm is also proposing some changes in the Single Business Tax designed to help out the manufacturing sector. But the insurance industry is howling. The state Chamber of Commerce, resolute in its opposition to any taxes at all, is grumpy. And the Republicans who run the Legislature are happy to let the governor twist slowly in the wind.

Just a quick glance at the situation in Lansing is enough to suggest despair. There are now so many constituencies at the table that any serious effort to change the fundamental rules of the game here in Michigan seems almost certain to get bogged down.

My old friend, Craig Ruff, advises me it was not always thus. He recounts the days in the 1960s, when George Romney was governor and the idea of creating a Single Business Tax was fresh on everybody's mind. When it finally came down to crunch time, according to Ruff, the only people gathered around the table in the governor's conference room were from General Motors, Ford and the UAW. Michigan's economics and politics were concentrated in those days in a way difficult to imagine today.

Which is why I'm beginning to lose hope that any public policy fixes might be a success. The climate is too partisan. There are too many contending constituencies. Term-limited legislators have been there too short a time and by and large know far too little about what they're doing.

But there is hope in the news from Oakland County, where County Executive L. Brooks Patterson wants to blanket the entire county with wireless Internet by 2006. Yes, all 910 square miles and 61 cities, villages and townships! The technology would let anybody with a PC, laptop or other Internet-compatible device have full access to the Internet without any direct wire connection.

He sees that widespread Internet access is a basic tool to connect people and companies with the essential technology of our age.

County-wide wireless access would help Oakland attract and retain "brain-based" businesses that are much more the future than old-fashioned "brawn-based" manufacturing that relies more on bending metal than bending neurons.

That — coupled with the certainty that spring will really come, some day — makes me feel just a little better.

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

# People need to be heard on transportation issues

Transportation issues impact all of us. Whether you are stuck in traffic because of a construction project or you have broken an axle in one of the area's numerous potholes, the state of our roads has an impact on your time and your finances.

As chair of the House Transportation Committee, I am spending the next few weeks touring the state listening to residents talk about their transportation needs and concerns.

We are hoping to answer the following questions: How is the Michigan Department of Transportation's five-year plan impacting local municipalities? How is the plan impacting growth — both business and residential? What parts of the plan are working? What parts of the plan can be improved? What can the transportation committee do to improve people's quality of life?

The first hearing took place in Canton and I was very pleased with the amount of interest it garnered and the large number of residents that came out to express their views.

It is important when hearings like this come to our area that people participate, and I was thrilled with the turnout. It was very interesting to hear residents' take on the importance of public transportation and what they think should be done in various areas to help ease congestion.

There are several other hearings scheduled for the metro Detroit area — Brighton, Waterford and Detroit. I encourage you to attend.

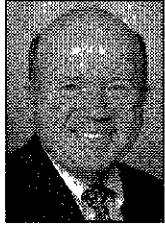
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Michigan residents pay into this tax with every gallon of gas they purchase. Michigan currently receives 90 cents for every dollar the state sends to Washington, D.C. These resolutions ask our congressional delegation to do everything they can to ensure we get more of that money back to utilize right here at home.

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, was elected in 2002 to represent a district that includes portions of Canton Township, Belleville and Van Buren Township. He was recently appointed chair of the House Transportation Committee.



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### BOWEL BYPASS SURGERY

Bariatric surgery has become an increasingly popular way to treat obesity. In this operation, the surgeon connects a portion of the stomach to the small intestine. The result is a much smaller stomach, but the procedure also leaves a segment of the bowel that is essentially at rest. Being at rest means the bowel does not undergo the usual rhythmic movements (peristalsis) of intestinal tissue. Nor does the resting bowel experience the rush of fluid and food particles that usually traverse past the bowel wall.

The effect is that the flora of that segment of resting bowel changes. All of us have bacteria in our small and large intestine. The effect of motion and food through the bowel determines the type of bacteria that will reside in the intestine. Change the conditions of a segment of bowel and the bacteria residing in the segment will change.

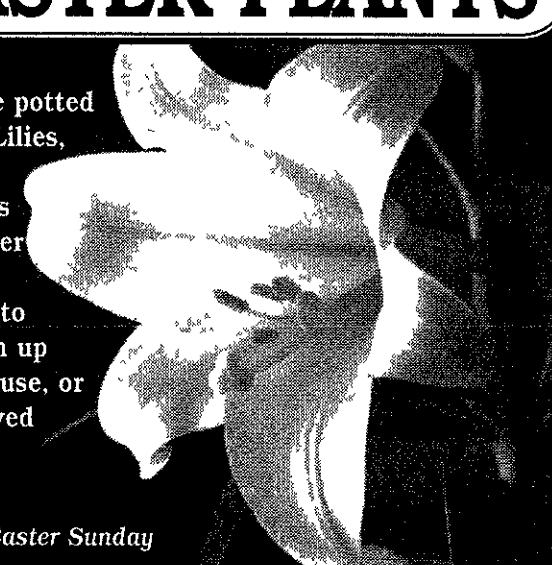
In most cases, the body has no trouble accommodating to this change. However, at times, the new bacteria flora sets up an immune reaction in the body. The result is arthritis, called the arthritis of bowel bypass surgery.

This arthritis can come on at any time from 2 months to 2 years after bariatric surgery. The arthritis occurs in the hips, knee or ankles, involving one joint or several. The pain can be intense and incapacitating; attacks usually last for several days to a week. Joint injection, a short course of oral steroids, or non steroidal drugs resolve the episode. The arthritis may return in a month or year or later; and will resolve again with retreatment.

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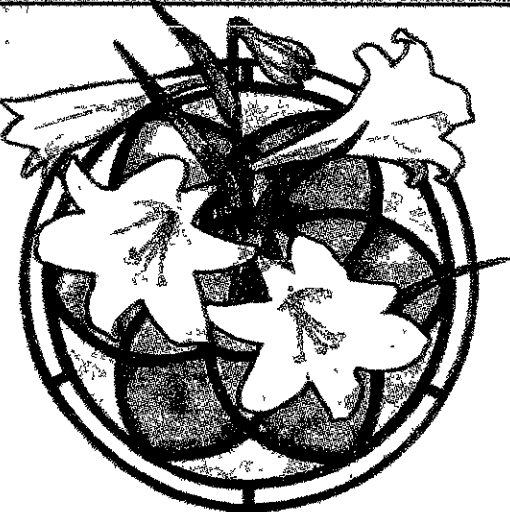
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## Before



THE ROCKWELL FAMILY  
The kitchen in the home of the family of Tom and Elizabeth Rockwell didn't have much room.

## After



The Rockwells' kitchen features an island with two ovens, a six-burner cooktop, a microwave oven and a sink with a drinking fountain.



These six burners and two ovens help when more than one of the children want to cook.

# Classic Rockwell



Members of the Rockwell family stand inside their recently remodeled kitchen in their home in Farmington Hills. Joining their parents Tom and Elizabeth (right) are Isaac (left of parents, then clockwise), Mary, Alice, Kristen, Philip, Sara, Mark and Paul.

## Kitchen expanded for family of 10

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

The Rockwell family members love to cook.

And the old kitchen wasn't big enough considering the children - all eight of them (Sara, Mark, Paul, Kristen, Philip, Alice, Mary and Isaac) - spend time in the kitchen along with their parents Elizabeth and Tom.

It was time to get to work on their Farmington Hills home. After all one dishwasher, one oven and a four-burner range wasn't enough for this crew.

"It was a rather cramped kitchen when we all wanted to do something at the same time," said Elizabeth.

### OPENING UP

In 2003, Elizabeth and Tom hired an

interior designer and contractor to help them plan a new kitchen. Tammy Wyland, co-owner of Kitchens By Design with Michael George, was the designer. She recommended that they remove a wall on the north side of the kitchen to open up the kitchen to a side window.

An island was created, featuring a sink with a drinking fountain, Thermador six-burner cooktop, two Bosch ovens and a microwave oven.

Granite countertops were installed on the island. With the microwave moved into the island and a coffeepot placed in another room, more counter-top space was created.

Old cabinets were removed and new ones, featuring a hard maple glaze, were installed, along with new tumbled travertine wall tile.

The family kept the old refrigerator. The old gas stove had a four-burner top, but a new cooktop with six burners would allow more cooking to be done. (Elizabeth also had a big pot that was so large it melted laminate near the stove with the old cooktop, so she knew she needed something larger.)

Two huge drawers on the island have baking supplies and a variety of cookie cutters, another contains pots and pans. "It doubled - if not tripled - the space we had," Elizabeth said of the remodel.

Still, they need additional space, even today. Pots and pans are on shelves in the mud/laundry room, which also has cabinetry that matches the kitchen.

PLEASE SEE KITCHEN, B4

## News and views: Learn about the buzz behind blogs



Tech  
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I have become a blog junkie. In case you're unfamiliar with the term, "blog" derives from "Web log," which itself is just a fancy way of saying "online diary."

For a long time I didn't think much of the idea. Why would I want to read the random ravings of a bunch of strangers? As it turns out, the best blogs aren't random ravings at all, but rather topic-specific news and views.

Take Engadget, one of my

favorites. Every day the author churns out a dozen or more blurbs regarding new gadgets and gear. Each blurb includes a product photo and the author's unique, often amusing take.

For instance, here's the recent opener to a late-breaking rumor about a new PDA: "They sound more like some fanboy's wish list than an actual leaked spec sheet, but some sketchy details have turned up for what is supposed to be palmOne's next flagship handheld, the Tungsten T6."

Then there's the Web's most famous blogger ("person who writes a blog"), the Washingtonienne, who made headlines last year with racy accounts of her exploits as a Capitol Hill intern.

Needless to say, a blog can consist of anything anyone cares to write. From the author's standpoint, it's the chance to voice an opinion on any subject - MSU basketball, things over-

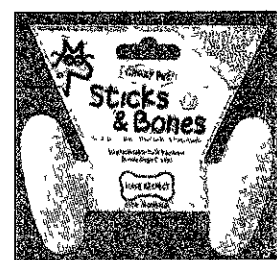
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Like all Crazy Pet products from Cardinal, Sticks & Bones is colorfully packaged and uses a child-friendly Crazy Pet cartoon character to teach youngsters character-building lessons and respect for animals.

Sticks & Bones is available in small (with a suggested retail price of \$3.49), medium (\$4.99) and large (\$8.99).

Call Cardinal at (800) 433-7387 or visit [www.cardinalpet.com](http://www.cardinalpet.com).

### Modernism preview

The gala preview of the Michigan Modernism Exhibition will benefit ArtServe Michigan and the Detroit Area Art Deco Society.

The preview will take place 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 22, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen, between 10 and 11 Mile Road. Tickets are \$65 in advance, \$75 at the door, \$150 Patron.

Tickets are available at [www.artservemichigan.org/moderne](http://www.artservemichigan.org/moderne), and at Artspace (phone (248) 258-1540) and David Klein Gallery (phone (248) 433-3700) in Birmingham, Decades in Plymouth (phone (734) 354-0142), Hersh's at the Boardwalk in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 626-7776), Lemberg Gallery in Ferndale (phone (248) 591-6623), Krightrsbribe Antique Mall in Northville (phone (248) 344-7200), and Antiques on Main (phone (248) 705-9665) and Deco Doug (phone (248) 547-3330) in Royal Oak.

The preview will feature select wines, sophisticated light fare, and DJ powdrblu. Attendees will be able to shop an assortment of furnishings, art work and collectibles, including art glass, jewelry, sculpture, lamps and vintage clothing.



GARDEN CALENDAR

Gardening courses

Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia, offers gardening courses in its Continuing Education department. The schedule includes Landscape Design II, Saturdays, March 26 to April 9, and Perennial Gardening, Wednesdays, March 30 to April 13. The instructor is Merritt Wolson, a local landscape designer and horticulturist. Register by mail, fax, Web or walk-in. For more information, call (734) 462-4448.

Egg hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at all five English Gardens stores. The Easter Bunny will visit from noon to 3 p.m. and be available for photographs. Children ages 2 to 12 are invited to join the hunt. English Gardens stores are in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100) and Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200).

African violets

The Michigan State African Violet Society will have its annual Spring Display and Plant Sale Saturday-Sunday, March 26-27, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. A great variety of African violets will be for sale. Many gesneriads and supplies will be available. Best selections are on Saturday.

Lawns

English Gardens will present a free gardening seminar, Lawn Care, 11 a.m. Saturday, March 26, at its stores in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100) and Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200). Learn the basics of proper watering, fertilizing and mowing to give you a healthy lawn during the spring and throughout the year. For the nearest English Gardens, call (800) 335-GROW or visit [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com).

Healthy lawn care

Learn about proper lawn care from the experts in the free Oak Park Healthy Lawn Care Workshop. The workshop will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 28, at the Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd. Advance registration is requested. To register, call the Oak Park Department

of Public Works at (248) 691-7497 weekdays, or e-mail [LFDean@aol.com](mailto:LFDean@aol.com). Topics covered will include mowing, fertilizing, watering and weed management with minimum pesticides. Gary Eichen, plant health care specialist, Mike's Tree Surgeons Inc., will be the featured speaker. Rick Billings, owner of Billings Lawn Equipment, will update the audience on lawn mowers and other equipment. Lillian Dean of the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCRA) Healthy Lawns Program will highlight soil health and soil nutrient testing. Registration and table displays will open at 6:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Rose Society

The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet 7:15 p.m. Friday, April 1, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais, east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile Road. Tom Taylor, noted rose judge and consulting rosarian, will speak on Everything You Wanted to Know About Pruning Your Roses. Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information, call (248) 689-9529.

Sense of humus

Southeast Oakland County Water Authority master composter volunteers will present free, one-hour workshops, Secrets of the Soil - With a Sense of Humus, Saturday, April 2, at four English Gardens stores. The workshops are part of English Gardens' Garden Party event. Topics to be covered include secrets of the soil, soil testing, making compost the easy way, using compost to protect water quality, and earth-friendly fertilizers. Times are 10 a.m. at English Gardens in West Bloomfield and Royal Oak/Troy, 1 p.m. at English Gardens in Dearborn Heights and Clinton Township. Advance registration is requested. Call SOCWA weekdays at (248) 288-5150. In addition, master composters will be on hand 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the West Bloomfield and Royal Oak/Troy stores to assist with soil testing. Soil test kits will be available for purchase and hands-on instruction provided. For English Gardens locations, call (800) 335-GROW or visit [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com).

Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, April 4, at Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Composting experts Jane and Allan Geisler will speak on Organic Gardening, showing slides and dis-

cussing gardens in which only organic products are used. Guests are welcome.

Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile at Farmington Road. Carole Czechowski will demonstrate how to develop and maintain topiaries. Visitors are welcome.

Perennials

Learn start-up tips for the gardener who is new to perennial flowers in Perennial Tips, a class scheduled Wednesday, April 6, at The Community House in Birmingham. Fee is \$22. To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit [www.community-house.com](http://www.community-house.com). In the class, you will receive information on plant selection, planting and care that will save you time and money and make your garden look more like a catalog picture, sooner. Instructor Julia Dingle has been an advanced master gardener since 1995, and an instructor with the Michigan School of Gardening since 1999. She is a principal of The Classic Garden, a custom design, installation and maintenance service.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes for different levels at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt, and at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit [www.michigangardening.com](http://www.michigangardening.com). The schedule includes Landscape Design, seven Thursdays beginning March 24 in Livonia (fee is \$232); Pruning Trees and Shrubs, three sessions beginning Thursday, March 24, in Pontiac or Wednesday, April 6, in Livonia (\$102); Ins and Outs of Plants, Mondays, April 4-18, in Livonia (\$102); Weeds, Tuesday, April 5, in Livonia (\$42); Solving Common Pest and Disease Problems, four sessions beginning Wednesday, April 6, in Pontiac (\$137); and Choosing and Using Annuals and Perennials, five sessions beginning Thursday, April 7, in Pontiac (\$168).

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

English Gardens sets seminars

English Gardens will host its annual Garden Party Weekend Saturday-Sunday, April 2-3, at all five English Gardens stores.

The weekend will include free gardening seminars and information, a look at what's new for the season, and refreshments.

"After a particularly cold winter, everyone is ready for spring," said John Darin, president of English Gardens.

"English Gardens Garden Party Weekend is our celebration of spring and a kickoff to April's National Gardening Month."

Free seminars will include presentations on container gardening, lawn care, new annuals and perennials, landscaping, orchids and arranging fresh flowers. Presentations are planned 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 2 and 1 and 3 p.m. April 3 at all stores.

English Garden stores are in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak (phone (248) 280-9500), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100) and Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200).

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

Topics and presenters include:

■ Hot Plant Combinations: The Magic of Mixing, by Nancy Szerlag, gardening columnist and author - 1 p.m. in Royal Oak and 4 p.m. in West Bloomfield April 2; 1 p.m. April 3 in Clinton Township.

The trend of container gardening continues to grow. See new ideas of combining plant

materials and learn the secrets of a successful container garden.

■ Create the Lawn Your Neighbors Will Envy, by Scotts Fertilizer Lawn experts - 10 a.m. in Dearborn Heights, 1 p.m. in Eastpointe and 4 p.m. in Royal Oak April 2; 1 p.m. in West Bloomfield and 3 p.m. in Clinton Township April 3.

A beautiful green lawn is the backdrop to a perfect garden and easy to obtain if you follow the right steps. Learn the secrets for lawn care from the experts.

■ What to Plant Now, by Sue Urban, English Gardens associate - 10 a.m. in Clinton Township and 4 p.m. in Eastpointe April 2; 1 p.m. April 3 in Dearborn Heights.

There are lots of flowers, perennials and vegetables to plant in the garden this time of year. You'll be shown options to provide instant color and tips for making your garden flourish.

■ Sense of Humus: Secrets of the Soil, by representatives from Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority and Groundwater Stewardship Program (SOCWA) - 10 a.m. in West Bloomfield and Royal Oak, 1 p.m. in Dearborn Heights and Clinton Township, April 2.

Healthy soil is the key to a successful garden. Learn the basics of soil care, the benefits of compost and how to make and use compost in your garden. Information on Michigan State University's soil nutrient testing program will also be discussed.

■ Designing Outdoor Living Spaces, by English Gardens

landscape designers - 10 a.m. in Eastpointe, 4 p.m. in Dearborn Heights and Clinton Township April 2; 1 p.m. in Royal Oak and 3 p.m. in West Bloomfield April 3.

An attractive, well-designed and maintained landscape can increase your home's value by 10 to 15 percent. Learn how to create an outdoor environment that's beautiful and extends your home's living space.

■ Growing Beautiful Orchids, by Larry Ohlman of Ohlman's Orchids - 1 p.m. in Eastpointe and 3 p.m. in Royal Oak April 3.

Learn the secrets to growing these popular and long-lasting flowering plants. Ohlman will present information on popular orchid varieties, including care and reblooming tips.

■ Arranging Fresh Flowers, by an English Gardens floral designer - 1 p.m. April 2 in West Bloomfield; 3 p.m. April 3 in Dearborn Heights and Eastpointe.

See a step-by-step demonstration of arranging fresh flowers, with design basics and lots of inspiration and ideas.

Representatives from the Detroit Rose Society will be available to offer advice on selecting and growing roses 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at all five stores.

Volunteers from SOCWA will be at the West Bloomfield and Royal Oak stores 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 2 to provide information on Don't Guess - Soil Test, MSU's soil nutrient testing program.

Soil test kits will be available from English Gardens for \$13 from April 2 through Sunday, April 24.

Learn about gardening on April 9

Have you been looking at seed catalogues and daydreaming about the sun on your back and the sweet aroma of damp spring earth?

Learn more about gardening at A Day in the Gardens from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, at the Belle Isle Conservatory and Gardens.

The event will offer frustrated gardeners a chance to network, shop and lunch. The program is presented by the Association of Professional Gardeners and the Belle Isle Botanical Society in cooperation with the Detroit Recreation Department.

Featured speakers will be newspaper garden columnists Janet Macunovich and Nancy Szerlag. Macunovich is also co-founder of the Michigan School of Gardening and the APG.

Other APG members presenting include Mil Anthony of A Southern Gardener, Inc. in Grosse Pointe Park; Gail

Morrell, a professional gardener from Troy; Sue Grubba of Creative Scapes in Rochester Hills; and Heidi Cook of Liberty Street Gardens in Farmington.

Topics will include Pruning Back that Rambunctious Yard; Spring Cleaning; Garden Maintenance; Stars in Your Garden; Night lighting; Sexy Soil; Wildflowers Can Add Fascination and Whimsy, and You Don't Have to Wait: Cool Season Gardening.

For those who are inspired to hurry home and plant a container garden, BIBS will have hardy, cool season plants like pansies and bright lights chard available. Other vendors are Antique Enterprises Inc. of Detroit; Ariells Enchanted Garden of Eastpointe; Association of Professional Gardeners; Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary; Detroit Garden Center; Hirts at Eastern Market; Michigan School of Gardening;


Schmidt's Antiques of Ypsilanti; Starbucks Coffee; Victorian Antique Emporium of Lexington; and the Master Gardener programs in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties.

Lunch will be available to purchase in the greenhouses.

Details of the schedule and registration forms are available on line at [www.associationof-professionalgardeners.org](http://www.associationof-professionalgardeners.org). Phone registrations can be charged by calling the BIBS office at (313) 822-2548.

Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door. Members of BIBS, APG and the Friends of Belle Isle can pre-register for \$25. Preregistration deadline is April 5. The full ticket price is tax deductible. All proceeds from the event will support educational programming at the conservatory. Seating is limited, so pre-registration is strongly recommended.

Attendance can be used for Master Gardener credits.



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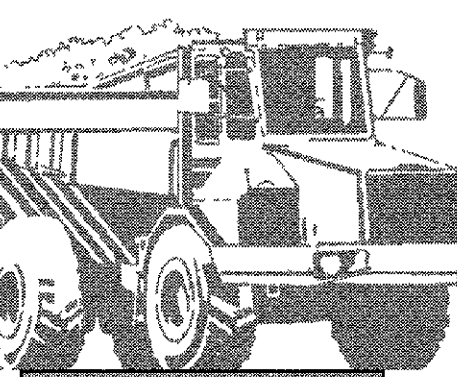
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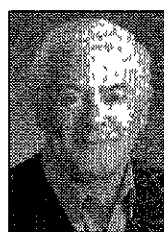
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# Brush lint filter if you use fabric softener sheets

Diane Armstrong wrote me the other day to relay the following story about fabric softener sheets:



**Appliance Doctor**

**Joe Gagnon**

"The heating unit went out in my dryer. The repair man pulled out the lint filter. It looked clean. I always clean the lint from the filter after every load of clothes.

"He took the filter over to the sink and ran hot water over it.

Now, this thing is like mesh and the hot water just laid on top of the mesh and didn't go through it.

"He told me dryer sheets create a film over the mesh and that's what burns out the heating unit. You can't see the film, but it's there. He said the best way to keep your dryer working for a very long time (and to keep your electric bill lower) is

to take that filter out and wash it with hot soapy water and an old toothbrush (or other brush) at least every six months.

He said it makes the life of the dryer last at least twice as long! I certainly didn't know dryer sheets would do that, so I thought I'd share this information."

What the service technician above explained to her and visually showed her is true. He cared about educating the customer, knowing full well that if he said nothing, he might be getting another service call to this home a few years down the road.

These sheets can also cause other problems such as blocking air-movement holes within the dryer tumbler and sliding down into the blower itself. Any imperfections in the felt seals could allow the sheet to land in the heat chambers and cause a fire. These sheets are not recommended by this writer.

Keep the dryer going  
Not so many years ago, I owned an appliance repair

shop where homeowners would purchase their parts and repair their appliances themselves. Today, they call these people do-it-yourselfers. I call them my friends and if they didn't have the ability to repair it on their own, I felt proud in showing them. A customer would walk in with an electric heating element for a dryer and I would ask, "you have plastic vent line on the back of your dryer, don't you?"

The reason is air must move through the dryer to the outside at a specific rate of speed. If that rate is slowed down by improper vent line, or too long a vent line, you are reducing that rate of air movement. The heating element will overheat and break on you. It is that simple.

For the past 20 years I have travelled across the country, appeared on major television networks, and spoken in person to thousands of homeowners, and always about the most dangerous appliance in the American home, the clothes dryer. I carry a bag of props filled with parts such as bear-

ings, belts, drum rollers and other parts which fail prematurely (most of time, due to improper vent line installation).

And yes, I always have a dryer lint filter with me to show what Diane highlighted in her e-mail.

If placing water on a lint filter shows that the screen is plugged with the by-products of a wash load and won't allow the water to fall through it, how can you expect the air to move through it while the dryer is operating.

Whether you use fabric softener sheets or not, give the lint screen on your dryer a test. Gently pour a handful of water onto the screen and see what happens. When cleaning it, brush carefully.

One more thing: your dryer will do a load of clothes 15 minutes quicker with a cleaner filter.

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.

## HOME CALENDAR

### 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](http://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.

### Home decor

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail [ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com](mailto:ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com) or visit [www.HabermanFabrics.com](http://www.HabermanFabrics.com). In Simple Curtain (Tuesdays, March 29 to April 12), beginners will learn how to sew as they dress up living room,

bedroom, kitchen or bathroom windows. Fee is \$60. Make a simple rod-pocket window treatment, lined or unlined, to use alone or over blinds or shades. You'll leave class with a custom curtain that fits your decor. In Beginner Pillow (three Tuesdays beginning April 5), beginning sewers will learn the basics while making two beautiful decorative square or rectangular pillows, using bias-cut, fabric-covered cord and inserted trims. Fee is \$60. The class will include learning how to use a rotary cutter, cutting, bias and using a zipper foot to cover cord. Many of the techniques will apply to future home decorating classes.

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## BLOGS

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heard while standing in line, your pet ferret, or whatever.

For the reader, it's a chance to know thy neighbor, to learn what others think about topics that interest you – or even topics that don't.

During the dot-com boom of the late '90s, I said the Internet was the Great Equalizer, enabling tiny businesses to compete on the same playing field as giant corporations.

Blogs take that notion even further, giving individual voices the shot at a world audience. Witness the aforementioned Washingtonienne, who landed a six-figure book deal from a blog that ran for just two weeks. (Hey, publishers – you can find my blog at [www.broida.com](http://www.broida.com)!)

In addition to Engadget, the blogs I digest daily include Joystiq, a site for gamers; Digital Music, which is self-explanatory; TV Squad, ditto; and Cinematical, home to all things cinema.

From within any of these, you can find links to dozens of other special-interest blogs: everything from cars and Apple computers to scuba div-

ing and diabetes. Want to start your own? Head to the Google-owned Blogger.com, where you can whip together a smart-looking blog absolutely free.

One note of caution to parents: police recommend that teen and child bloggers keep personal information to a minimum. A little supervision will help keep your kids safe from online predators.

**Rick's Product Pick of the Week:** As a full-time computer user, I'm always interested in ergonomic products. The VerticalMouse 2 ([www.evolutent.com](http://www.evolutent.com)) resembles a standard mouse turned on its side, with the promise of greater comfort from its handshake-like positioning. If you've had problems with Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, this could offer you some relief.

However, its \$74.95 price is steep, and I found button-presses a bit less precise than with a standard mouse.

**Rick Broida** writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including How to Do Everything with Musicmatch and 101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld. He welcomes questions sent to [rick.broida@gmail.com](mailto:rick.broida@gmail.com).

# Bad connections can cause power failure

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Dan asks, "My dining room light suddenly stopped working. I checked the bulbs, and they were OK. I went to the electrical panel to check for a popped breaker. None were. I even turned them all off and then on again to make sure.

"Finally, I removed the chandelier and the wall switch to expose the wires for a voltage test. It turns out no power is getting to my light. What can I do? This kind of thing shouldn't happen in a 15-year-old house."

Before we attempt to locate the cause of your problem, we must offer a warning: Live electrical circuits can kill.

So, prior to working on wiring in your home, learn how to test for voltage, and don't take it for granted that testing one pair of wires in a box means that all the wires are safe. It isn't uncommon to have power from more than one source in the same box.

The major cause of electrical failure (except for bad bulbs, switches, plugs and fuses) is a bad wire connection.

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The National Electric Code requires proper connectors, with all connections to be made inside an approved and properly sized, readily accessible junction box.

Taped connections made in wall cavities are unsafe and against the law. They're a fire hazard.

Since your home is relatively new, the chance is extremely remote that an improper connection exists in a wall cavity.

We have addressed the issue of bad connections, because that's what we suspect your problem stems from.

Wire nuts can be installed too tightly by an overzealous electrician and this can actually start a break in a wire that vibrates loose over time.

The broken connection may not be in the box where the light switch is located. It may be in another box between that box and the panel.

To check (after power is off), start at the light box in question, remove the wire nut, and look for broken wire ends. Repeat the procedure from box to box, removing and replacing wire nuts until the bad connection is found.

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## MARKET PLACE

## KITCHEN

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The project had a few glitches. The couple considered a stainless steel exhaust hood, but that project was switched due to cost. The exhaust line for the fan had to be installed through the family room and not on the west side of the home as originally planned. They had to install two more boards in the family room ceiling to run the line to the back of the house.

Kitchens by Designs finished the work by November 2003, and the Rockwells wrapped up the kitchen by March 2004.

## FAMILY FUNCTION

"We wanted something different, and we were tired of the dark and wanted more light in the kitchen," Elizabeth said. Recessed lights were added so all the cooks — even the littlest — could see in the kitchen. Decorative lights also were added for style.

"The overall concern I had was I needed a kitchen that would function," Elizabeth said.

The family went from one to two dishwashers and one to two ovens, and four to six burners. Electrical outlets at each end of the island help when someone wants to use a mixer on one end, and someone else a blender on another.

There's also room to study. That evening, Philip is doing his homework at the island while his siblings have guests in the family room. The kitchen's west wall displays drawings by the younger children.

The Rockwells added a convenient detail onto the kitchen after son Mark pitched his idea, asking his parents a simple question: "What does everybody's kitchen not have but need?" The children would get a glass every time they get a drink of water and drop a glass in the sink for washing when



Philip helps Alice with some cookies.

they finished.

Mark's idea — a drinking fountain, installed in the island's sink. Today the children don't use nearly as many glasses and cups.

To create more counter space, the coffeemaker was moved onto a wine rack from Bombay in an adjacent room.

The Rockwells enter the Farmington pie contest every summer at the Founder's Festival. Last year Kristen won the junior division for her coconut caramel pecan pie, and five of her eight siblings (Sara, Mark, Philip, Alice and Mary) entered pies in the contest. (The family was featured in an article in the Observer & Eccentric's Taste section in July 2004.)

Last year was the first contest in the new kitchen. While there was more space, it was still difficult for the children to use the kitchen simultaneously, so they took turns.

"The thing we lacked was utensils, but they worked together. It was great," Elizabeth said.

The couple likes the openness and accessibility between the kitchen and the family room. With the wall removed, the light is brought in. "This window was hidden and it really opened it up," Tom said.

The expanded kitchen and open feel of the home helps when the couple has parties, like cast parties for the chil-

dren active in plays at Brother Rice or Marian high schools in Birmingham.

"It's pretty relaxing and aesthetically pleasing," Tom said. "But you can see it here, you can have a cup of coffee and just relax. It's like the old days where houses were just one room. The kids like it and it's relaxing. I really enjoy it."

Have you completed a remodeling project that you really love? We'd like to know about it and perhaps write a story to be featured in the At Home section. Please forward details about the project to Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or email [kabramczyk@oe.hometownlife.com](mailto:kabramczyk@oe.hometownlife.com).

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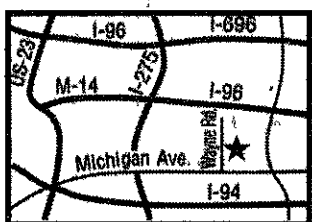
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## Keep window screens clean, repaired

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Newer, more energy-efficient homes don't allow for the passive exchange of air through cracks, gaps and penetrations as older homes did.

Thick insulation, caulking at windows and doors and gaskets at lights and plugs are a few of the improvements that make today's homes more energy-efficient. Unfortunately, this condition often creates stale, trapped air within the home. In addition, some of the components used in the fabrication of construction materials emit gases that cause health problems, which can range from a minor case of the sniffles to a full-blown allergic reaction.

Air in the home must be continually exchanged with a fresh supply from the outside.

Think window screens aren't important? Think again.

A dirty screen doesn't "breathe" as well as a clean one. And a dirty screen is an eyesore, too.

There are many advantages to keeping screens clean. First, you'll be able to see out of your windows a whole lot easier.

And remember: Grit and grime can hasten deterioration, thereby diminishing the life of a

window screen.

Dirty screens also prevent light from making its way into your home.

Moreover, a gust of wind can blow dust from a screen straight into your home, aggravating allergies and increasing house-keeping chores.

Each spring, we remove our screens and scrub them down.

One of the best means of cleaning window screens is to lay them flat on a smooth, cloth-covered surface, such as an old sheet on a picnic table. Scrub them gently with a soft nylon brush, rinse with a hose, and shake off excess water.

## REPAIRING

Like anything, screens eventually fail. When this happens they can often be patched.

Screen patch kits are available at hardware stores and home centers everywhere. They are inexpensive and easy to install (the process takes less than a minute).

A small repair will work best until such time as you see fit to replace the screen.

There are several good methods that can be used to repair window screens, depending upon the type of screen material being repaired.

■ Apply a small amount of

clear nail polish to a small hole or tear in a vinyl or fiberglass screen. The polish will act as an adhesive sealing the damaged area.

■ Small tears in metal or fiberglass screens can be mended with a dab of clear silicone adhesive. If necessary, dab it on in successive layers until the tear is completely filled.

■ You can "darn" small holes in metal screening. Simply unravel a strand or two from a piece of scrap screening and sew the hole shut, weaving the strands through the sound fabric with a needle.

■ Large holes in metal screen material are repaired with a bit more effort.

Start by neatly trimming the damaged area to a ravel-free square or rectangle using tin snips. Next, cut a piece of patch screen material that measures about an inch larger (in both directions) than the damaged area.

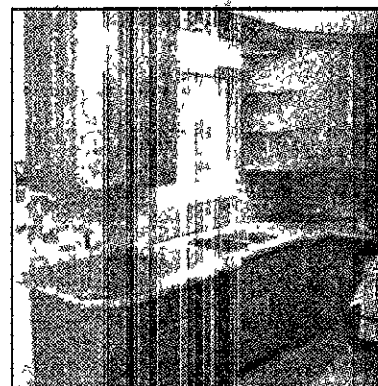
Unravel a couple of strands of material around the entire perimeter of the patch. Bend the unraveled ends at each side of the patch 90 degrees.

Place the patch over the damaged area and carefully thread the bent wires through the sound fabric. Then bend the wires flat again.

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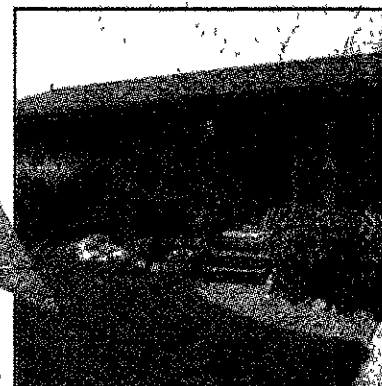
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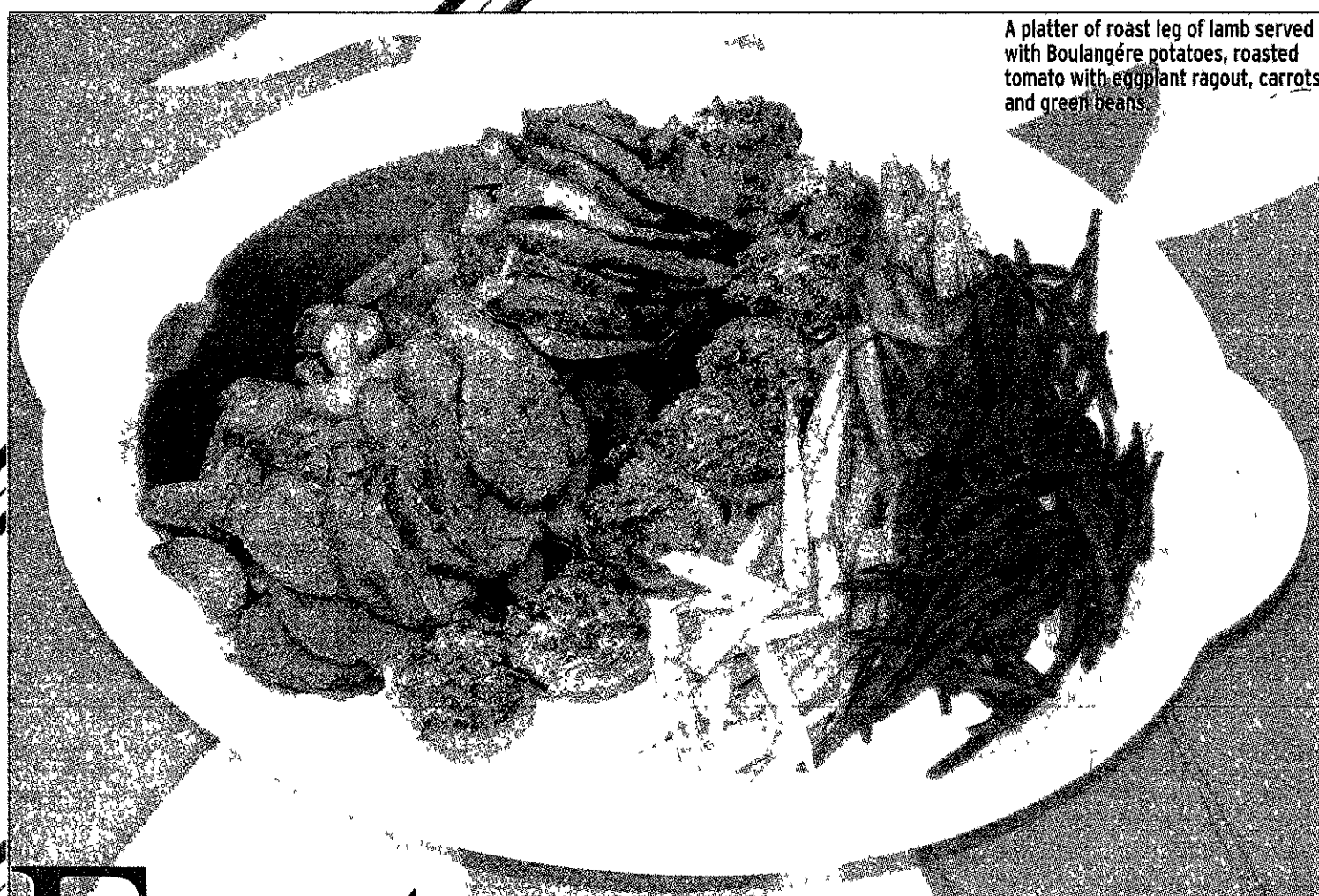
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## Jackson-Triggs is a Canadian winner

How many Canadian wines have you tried? If you eat frequently in Windsor restaurants, you've probably noticed a better selection than in the Detroit metro area. Labels like Pelee Island and the Niagara Peninsula grace Windsor's wine lists.

Ontario wineries frequently make icewines from grapes that are harvested frozen, then pressed and fermented to make a sweet dessert wine.

But have you heard of the Okanagan Valley? You're excused if you haven't because the Okanagan Valley is located in Canada's British Columbia. The southern end of this Canadian wine producing valley is located just six miles north of the U.S. border with Washington state and stretches 124 miles north.

### OKANAGAN VALLEY

Winemaking in this region dates to 1859, but the modern era began in the 1980s and '90s with the planting of premium European (vinifera) wine vari-

# Easter celebration

## OCC instructor highlights favorites

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Kevin Enright grew up on the east side as one of eight kids, celebrating Easter like thousands of other Christians, eating ham.

"We'd have ham on Easter and turkey at Thanksgiving," he said. The hams usually had a traditional raisin sauce. "The mustard glaze is good, too,"

said Enright, certified executive chef and instructor at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute.

"They're cured a lot with cloves or cooked with pineapple, cloves and allspice. It's almost like an apple pie. You can use a spicy mustard horseradish to balance it out. Sweet and sour is a better balance for the dish."

These days, Enright believes lamb is a great change

from the traditional Easter ham. With lamb Enright says he likes to balance out the menu with boulangère potatoes. In fact, two of his in-laws ask "Don't you like us?" when he doesn't make that dish.

"It's one of the first dishes I ever made, and I just kept making it," Enright said. Enright's interpretation is different from what you might find in a traditional boulangère, which calls for chicken stock. "It's pretty rustic. It has good flavors and it isn't contrived," Enright said.

Enright also teams the lamb with roasted tomato with

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# Brown rice mixes with peas, red pepper in this salad

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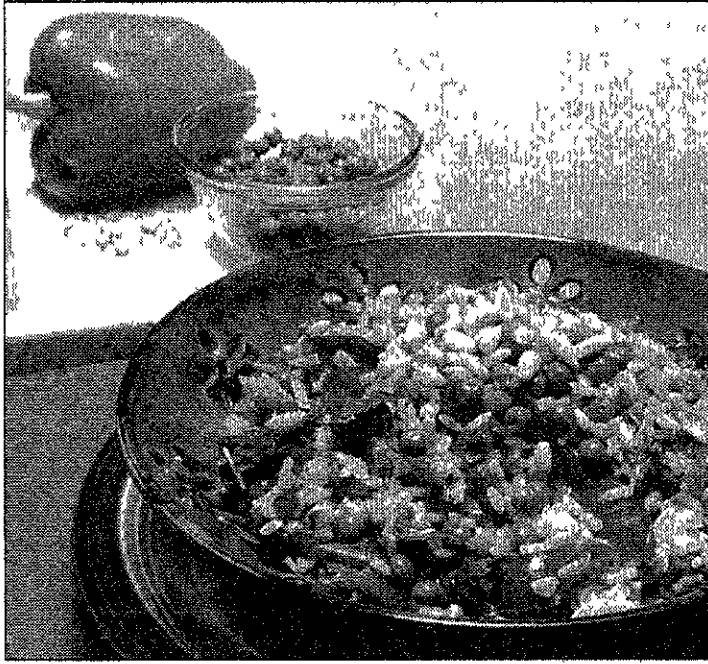
Whole grains are even better than we thought.

New research reported by the American Institute for Cancer Research shows that whole grains like corn, whole wheat, oats and brown rice have powerful antioxidants — cancer-fighting agents — that have gone undocumented for years. Whole grains, the study found, exhibit a level of anticancer activity that is equal to, and sometimes greater than, the level known to occur in vegetables and fruits.

The finding may begin to clear up one of the most controversial and confusing questions in contemporary diet-cancer science: the role of high-fiber diets in lowering colon cancer risk. For years, scientists have wondered why people whose diets are high in fiber-rich whole grains consistently have lower risk for colon cancer. Yet short-term clinical trials involving small groups of subjects yield inconsistent results.

The answer may lie in the fact that clinical trials tended to overlook a role for whole grains and focused instead on the role of fiber alone in lowering colon cancer risk. The new research suggests that future clinical studies would benefit from a broader perspective — one that accounts for the collective, interactive effects of whole grains themselves, the fiber they contain, and the various protective substances now revealed.

The finding underscores the need for Americans to choose whole grains whenever they can. Some simple adjustments



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Fill your salad bowl with brown rice, red peppers and peas.

in shopping and cooking can help. Use whole-wheat pasta, ask for brown rice at an Asian restaurant, make sure any bread you eat is 100 percent whole grain.

Of the whole grains tested, corn had the highest total antioxidant activity, followed by whole wheat, oats and brown rice.

The scientists involved in the new study say that the key to whole grain's enormous cancer-fighting potential lies in its very wholeness. A grain of whole wheat is composed of three parts: endosperm, bran and germ. When wheat — or any grain — is refined, the bran and germ — where most of the protective phytochemicals and fiber are stored — are removed.

These new findings may partially explain why diets high in whole grains can help reduce the incidence of colon cancer, breast cancer, prostate cancer, heart disease and diabetes.

This study reinforces AICR's commitment to meals with variety. Different plant foods have different phytochemicals. To ward off disease, the body needs synergy — or teamwork — among the various foods on

your plate, including whole grains.

### BROWN RICE SALAD WITH PEAS AND RED PEPPER

- 1 cup frozen peas, thawed
- 2 cups long grain brown rice, cooked
- 1 small red pepper, diced
- 1 small bunch watercress, chopped
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1 small clove garlic, finely minced
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons pine nuts

Microwave peas on high for 1 minute. In a medium salad bowl, combine peas, brown rice, red pepper and watercress. In a small bowl, whisk together olive oil, rice vinegar and garlic. Add to rice mixture, tossing well to combine. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Garnish with pine nuts.

Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: 118 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 15 g. carbohydrate, 3 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 19 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

## WINE

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eties that include chardonnay, cabernet sauvignon, merlot, pinot gris and sauvignon blanc.

British Columbia now boasts 95 wineries sourcing grapes from 235 vineyards of which the Okanagan Valley accounts for 95 percent of the production. All told, there are about 38 red varieties and 38 white varieties planted on a total of about 3,300 acres in British Columbia's Okanagan Valley.

The Okanagan Valley may be one of the last wine producing frontiers in the world, but the promise of premium wines is high. The area has attracted vintners from France, Australia, California, New Zealand and South Africa. Okanagan climate is governed by its situation east of the Coast Mountain Range. With peaks of over 8,000 feet, they act as an effective bad weather block.

Although Vancouver, west of the coast range, has a wet climate, the region east of the range has low annual rainfall. The area has a warm, but short growing season during which low humidity reduces the risk of vineyard disease and pests.

Intense sunlight and low precipitation during the growing season allows full fruit maturity,

while wide diurnal temperature variation help retain good acidity. Low annual rainfall also allows the vineyard manager to dial in optimal irrigation and overhead sprinkling systems provide frost protection in fall and spring.

Like many European countries, Canada has established a strict set of standards governing wine production and quality known as the Vintners Quality Alliance (VQA). Wines bearing the British Columbia VQA seal must be produced from 100 percent British Columbia grapes from Designated Viticultural Areas (DVA). Each wine must also pass review by a trained tasting panel.

The Canadian-owned Jackson-Triggs Winery operates vineyards and winemaking facilities in both Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, and the Okanagan Valley, B.C. Founded by Donald L. Triggs, president and CEO of Vincor International, and Dr. Allan Jackson, vice president, research and development, Jackson-Triggs produces a wide range of red, white and rare icewines.

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

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■ **2001 Jackson-Triggs Grand Reserve Merlot (\$25)** is the best red wine currently produced. It highlights good fruit and moderate tannins in a style that complement both meat and pasta with red sauce.

■ **2003 Jackson-Triggs Proprietors' Reserve Vidal Icewine, Niagara Peninsula (\$20/187mL)** delights with bold tropical fruit accents and a balanced sweetness. Serve with fresh fruits or tart, salty cheeses.

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**Best Lifestyle Section**  
Susan Steinmueller - Second Place, Birmingham Eccentric

**Best Entertainment Section**  
Third Place - Filter, Keely Schramm, Nicole Stafford, Lana Mini, Stephanie Tardy, Megan Pennfather, Randy Masters, Dan Dean

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Third Place - Sandy Armbruster, Troy Eccentric

**Best Editorial Page Cartoon**  
Second Place, Geof Brooks "Budget Cartoon."

**Best Opinion Column**  
First Place - Brad Kadrich, Plymouth Community Editor

**Best Sports Writing**  
First Place, Jim Toth, Troy/Rochester Special Editor Sports "Court Ruling."

**Best Sports Writing**  
Second Place - Ed Wright, Plymouth/Canton Special Editor/Sports "Aluminum Bat Usage Spurs Debate."

**Journalist of the Year**  
Third Place - Kurt Kuban, Canton Community Editor

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# OCC hosts dinner theatre, wine event

The Culinary Studies Institute at Oakland Community College have added a new dinner theatre event for the spring at OCC's Orchard Ridge campus on Orchard Lake Road just south of I-696.

The institute will team up with the campus's theatre to bring an evening of food and entertainment at 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 7 in the third floor of the J Building.

Guests will enjoy food stations featuring a hearty array of international cuisines, beer and wine, then they will be escorted to enjoy the spring play *The Nerd*, which centers on a young architect and the man who saved his life, a hopeless nerd, who overstates his welcome.

Tickets are \$50 for dinner with theatre or \$45 for dinner only.

The Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around Tasting returns to OCC 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 in the Orchard Ridge campus's J Building. This event, now in its 10th year, offers samples from 500 wines judged and awarded medals by judges.

Area restaurants will be serving some signature dishes at the event to accompany the wines. A jazz band also will perform. Guests can purchase raffle tickets for everything from Great Lakes shirts to picnic wine packages. Tickets are \$45 per person.

For more information, call (248) 522-3700.

## EASTER

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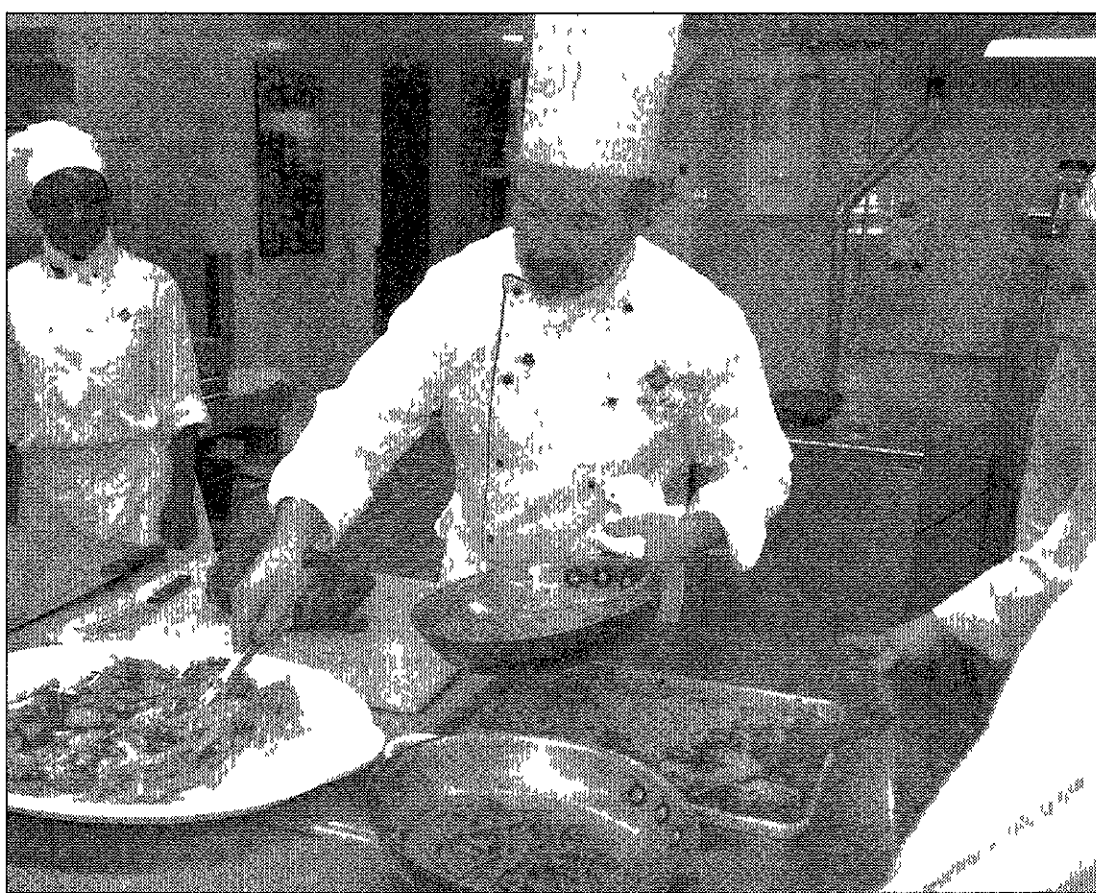
eggplant ragout. (Ragout is a thick, rich and seasoned stew.) "There are a lot of different ways to cook the eggplant and achieve it. You can dice it, season it and roast it, or grill it and it gets nice and brown," Enright said. "You cook it until it gets soft. Eggplant goes well with lamb."

On Easter desserts: "You should go with chocolate," Enright said. "Flourless chocolate cake, chocolate mousse, cream brulee. You should come up with something simple - a fruit tart would be good or grilled pineapple with ice cream."

Spinach salads with sweet and sour dressing would be another great Easter idea. Enright likes Italian lettuce (Treviso) and mint leaves and basil in with greens.

"You have to know what people who are coming like," Enright said. "Plan ahead. Do prep work, have good breads and good salads with it."

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Kevin Enright, certified executive chef and instructor at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute, places carrots on a platter of roast leg of lamb, roasted tomato with eggplant ragout and Boulangère potatoes.

## CALENDAR

March classes include: 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).

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### ROAST LEG OF LAMB

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6-8 pound leg of lamb, bone in (hip bone removed, shank removed, tied or boned and tied)  
1 ounce garlic, slivered  
1 large onion, thinly sliced  
1 carrot, diced  
2 stalks celery, diced  
2 cups beef or lamb stock  
2 teaspoons cornstarch  
2 teaspoons water  
salt, as needed  
black pepper, as needed  
1 teaspoon oregano, dried  
1 teaspoon rosemary leaves  
1 tablespoon tomato paste  
½ cup red wine

Season the lamb with salt, pepper, oregano and rosemary. Stud it with the slivered garlic.

Place the lamb on a rack in a roasting pan. Roast at 400° F for one hour, basting from time to time. Remove the lamb from the roasting pan and pour off half of the grease.

Add the onion, celery, and carrot to the roasting pan. Place the lamb on top of the vegetables.

Continue to roast to the desired doneness; another 30 to 45 minutes or until a thermometer inserted in the center of the meat registers 135° F for rare, 145° F for medium rare, 160° F for medium, or 170° F for well done.

Remove leg from pan. Rest 10 minutes before carving.

For Jus-Lie, add tomato paste to the roasting pan and cook on top of stove for two to three minutes until slightly brown.

Add the red wine and deglaze the pan. Pour all the liquid into a sauce pan. Add the stock.

Mix the cornstarch with the water.

Simmer for 10-15 minutes. Thicken with cornstarch and water mix. Cook for four-five minutes, then strain.

Carve the lamb and serve with on platter with green beans and baby carrots, and side dishes of potatoes Boulangère and eggplant stuffed tomatoes. Serves 10.

### ROASTED TOMATO WITH EGGPLANT RAGOUT

5 roma tomatoes  
salt, to taste

pepper, to taste  
1 large eggplant, peeled, medium dice  
1 medium onion, finely diced  
1 tablespoon garlic, minced  
1 tablespoon tomato paste  
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar  
½ teaspoon parsley, chopped  
8 ounces crimini mushrooms, sliced  
½ cup Pecorino romano cheese

Cut tomatoes in half and season cut side with salt, pepper, and granulated garlic.

Roast in 350° F oven for approximately five minutes. Cut side until skin can be removed. Drain juice and save. Remove seeds from tomatoes. Line up cut side up in a pan. Reserve.

Toss eggplant with seasoned oil. Roast at 450° F on a cookie sheet until brown. Cool slightly, chop on board.

Sauté together onion, garlic, and mushrooms. Cook until dry. Add tomato paste and saved tomato juice.

Add eggplant and sauté until dry. Add vinegar and reduce until almost dry.

Fill the roasted tomato halves with the eggplant ragout and sprinkle with cheese.

Bake in oven at 400° F until glazed. Serve two each with lamb. Serves 10.

### BOULANGÈRE POTATOES

4 pounds Idaho potatoes  
1 pound onions, sliced thin  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 tablespoon garlic  
2 bay leaves  
black pepper to taste  
salt to taste

Peel potatoes. Cut in quarters, season with salt and pepper, and then cut into thick slices.

Heat iron skillet. Add oil and butter. Brown the potatoes on all sides. When three fourths brown, add onions, garlic and bay leaves.

Brown onions slightly.

Bake uncovered in 400° F oven until tender. Remove bay leaves before serving. Serves 10.

Recipes courtesy of Kevin Enright, certified executive chef and instructor at Culinary Studies Institute at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

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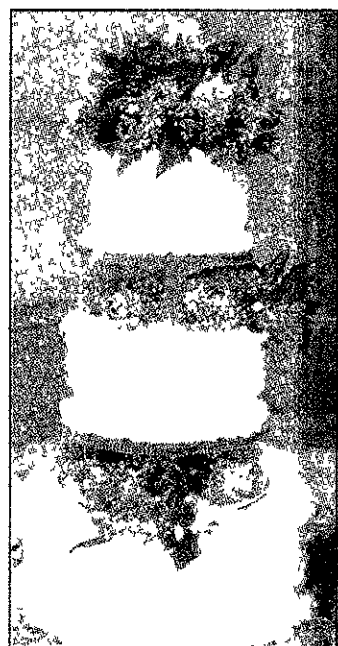
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### Wanted: recipes

Can your recipe take the heat? The Horseradish Information Council is looking for one hot recipe. The council is sponsoring a recipe contest on its Web site, [www.horseradish.org](http://www.horseradish.org), and is offering a \$200 cash prize to the best original horseradish recipe. The recipe can be an appetizer, side dish, cocktail or main dish/entree and must be submitted online. Two runners-up will receive \$25 each. The contest has two judging periods: the first is January to June and the second from June to December. One winner and two runners-up will be named in each judging period. To make an entry, simply access [www.horseradish.org](http://www.horseradish.org) and submit your recipe.

## Try pork tenderloin this Easter

### CITRUS PORK TENDERLOIN AND SPINACH SALAD

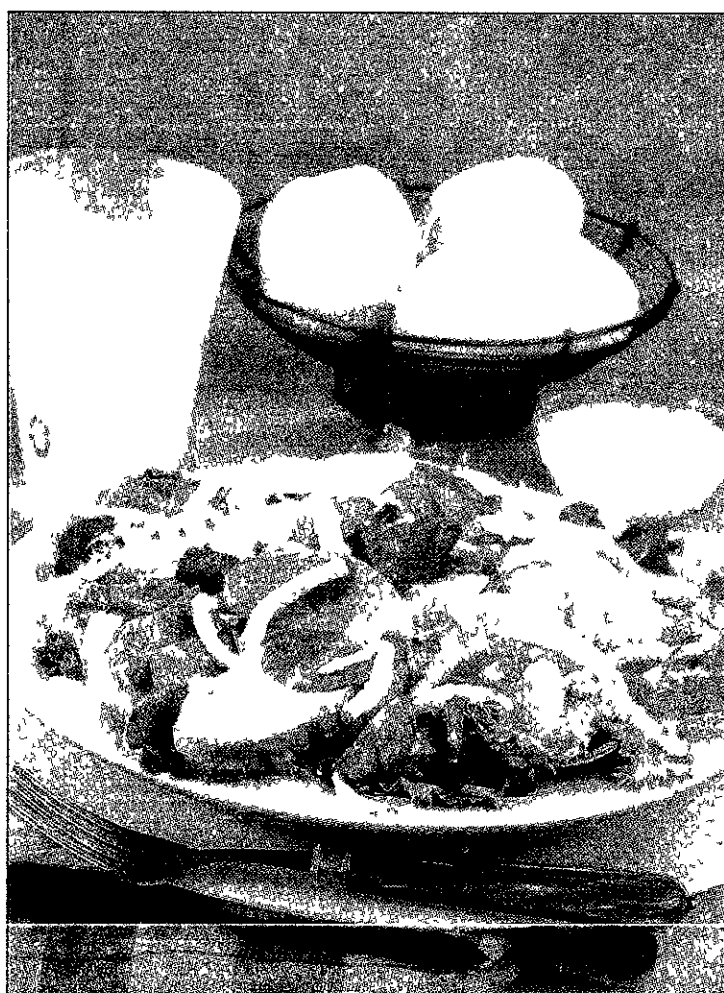
- 1 pound pork tenderloin
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup honey Dijon mustard or French's sweet and tangy honey mustard
- 12 cups baby spinach leaves and/or mixed field greens
- 1-1/2 cups orange segments (about 3 medium oranges)
- 1-1/2 cups French's French fried onions
- 1/2 red bell pepper, cut into strips

Season pork with salt and pepper. Grill pork over medium heat for 30 minutes or until internal temperature of 160° F, turning often. Cool slightly. Cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices.

Combine orange juice and mustard in small bowl; set aside. Arrange salad greens evenly on serving plates. Top with pork, oranges and French fried onions, dividing evenly. Garnish salad with red pepper and serve with dressing. Serve immediately.

Tip: For extra crispiness, heat French fried onions in microwave for one minute. Makes six servings.

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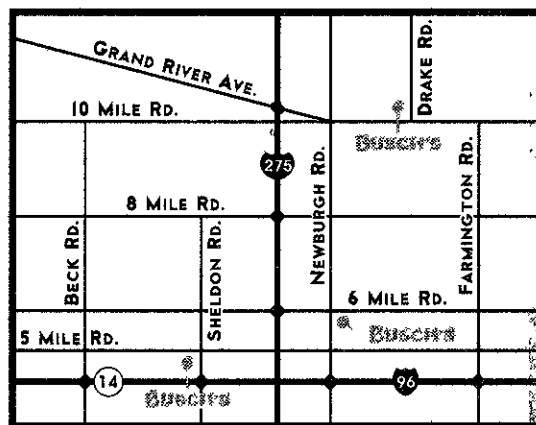
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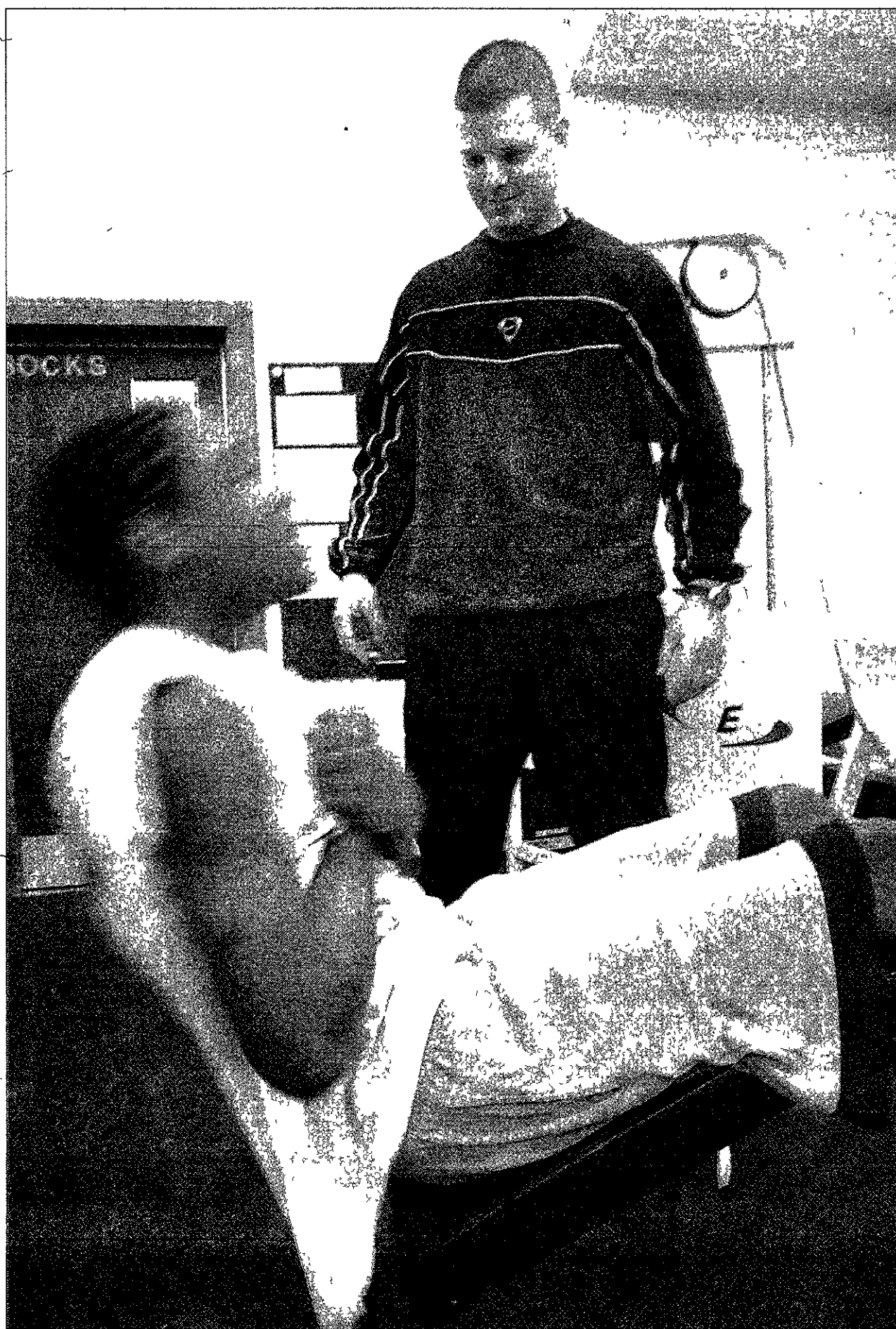
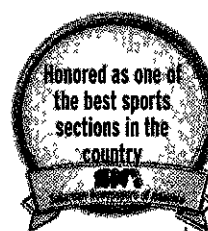
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Plymouth-Canton adaptive physical education teacher Dave Gerlach works with student Thomas Garland during a Monday morning class at Salem High School. Along with two early-morning classes at Salem, Gerlach also travels to the district's five middle schools for classes.

## Challenging job, fulfilling results

Adaptive PE teacher impacts students' lives on daily basis

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

When one of Dave Gerlach's students displayed a knack for running fast a few years ago, the Plymouth-Canton adaptive physical education teacher didn't think twice about signing the young man up for the boys track team at Salem.

The autistic student was severely mentally impaired, but that didn't stop Gerlach from creating a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for an individual who had run into more than his share of daily barriers.

"This particular student was a very good runner, but he struggled with his social skills," said Sharon Stream, an assistant principal in charge of special education and language arts at Salem. "David's goal is always to try to get his students into the mainstream as much as possible, and he saw this as an opportunity to do that."

"It turned out to be a great experience for the young man. The kids on the team took to him immediately and really looked after him. It was a great example of how David has made a difference in his students' lives."

### FULFILLING JOB

Gerlach starts each work day at Salem, where he teaches two high school adaptive physical-education classes before heading out to the school district's five middle schools to instruct more classes.

The range of abilities for students in Gerlach's classes is as broad as the sky. Some of the kids have a hard time tying their own shoes, while others appear to function as well as the non-special ed students in the district.

"It can be a very challenging job, but I love it," said Gerlach, who also coaches girls cross country at Salem. "When I started the job, my goal was to give the kids I work with a chance to do things they might not be able to do if they weren't in my class. Things a lot of people take for granted — like running up and down a basketball court or working out in the weight room — are activities these kids wouldn't otherwise have in their lives. Some of these things seem so simple to us, but for some of these kids, they're major accomplishments."

"We take them ice skating, bowling, out to lunch, shopping. I also have a sports sampler in my class, where the kids participate in sports they see on TV."

### BURNING CALORIES

Students who take Gerlach's classes are guaranteed to get plenty of exercise.

PLEASE SEE GERLACH, C6

## Sidelines

### Cezat commits

Canton basketball player Katie Cezat will take her record-setting skills to Hillsdale College next year. Cezat, the Chiefs' all-time leading scorer, verbally committed to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference school earlier this month.

### Penguins honored

Olivia Pennebaker, a senior forward on the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team, was named to the All-State first team by Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League coaches who voted on the award. Pennebaker helped lead the Penguins to a 15-6-1 record and a trip to the MMGSHL semifinals.

Also earning post-season accolades for PCS were senior defenseman Amanda Rowley and freshman goalie Kristie Kowalski, both of whom made the MMGSHL All-League squad.

### Coaches wanted

Plymouth high school is looking for a head varsity cheerleading coach, a junior-varsity pom coach and a varsity assistant pom coach for 2005-06 season. For more information, contact Plymouth Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

### Trott hot

Salem graduate Chris Trott, a senior right fielder on the Albion College baseball team, is off to a sizzling start for the Britons. Trott went 9-for-11 Sunday during Albion's doubleheader split with Ohio Wesleyan University and John Carroll University. He ripped four doubles, drove in two runs and scored a pair of runs in the Britons' 14-2 win over Ohio Wesleyan. Against John Carroll, the former Rock hammered a run-scoring double and scored a run in his team's 9-7 setback.

### Chiefs boosters

The next Canton Chiefs Football Booster Club meeting will be held April 5, at 7 p.m. at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth. All parents of current and future Canton football players are encouraged to attend as plans for next season will be made. Contact Kathy Powers (734) 416-0664.

### Softball clinic

The Plymouth High School softball team will be hosting a softball clinic on Saturday, April 9, on the high school's softball field. The clinic will be divided into two parts: a beginners' session that will run from 9 a.m. to noon; and an advanced session that will run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The beginners' session will consist of first-time participants who have up to three years of experience and the advanced session will include all athletes who have played more than three years.

The cost of the clinic is \$40, which includes a T-shirt. For more information, contact Tom Bondy at (734) 455-5242 or tibondy@comcast.net.

## Shoemaker, Olson share swim honor

Please see 2004-05 All-Area Boys Swim Team on Page C5.

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

The script almost went according to plan this season for Livonia Stevenson boys swim coach Jeff Shoemaker.

His Spartans opened the season by repeating as Western Lakes Activities Association relay champions followed by an unbeaten dual-meet season in the WLAA, their only loss coming outside the league to Division I state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer.

But after dunking Northville in a dual-meet, Stevenson was upset by the Mustangs in the Western Lakes meet by a mere 35 points. It was Northville's first WLAA title in school history.

Stevenson, ranked sixth in Division I, went on to earn a 10th-place finish at the state meet, one place higher than the previous season.

"We had a good season, but we were one guy short of winning the league and being in the top five in the state," said Shoemaker, who shares Observerland Coach of the Year honors this season with Salem's Chuck Olson. "We need to train in the off-season and hopefully next year that one guy will step up."

## Whalers nip OHL-leading London, 4-3

The Plymouth Whalers prepped for the upcoming Ontario Hockey League playoffs by thumping the top-seeded London Knights 4-3 Saturday night in the final regular-season game for both teams.

The victory, which was earned before a sellout crowd of 3,916 at the Compuware Sports Arena, left the Whalers with a 30-29-6-3 record as they head into the first-round series against Owen Sound. Plymouth finished in second place in the West Division and sixth overall in the Western Conference standings.

John Vigilante's 24th goal of the season at 14:32 of the second period turned out to be the game-winner as Plymouth erased a 2-1 London lead after one period with three unanswered goals in the second frame.

Tim Sestito (14th), Jonas Fiedler (19th) and Vaclav Meidl (12th) also scored for Plymouth. Dan Fritsche (17 and 18) scored twice for the Knights, while Jordan Foreman tallied his 11th goal of the season.

Plymouth rookie goaltender Justin Garay — who played in every game against London this season — stopped 25 of 28 shots to earn the game's second star.

Sestito — the game's first star — brought the Whalers back from a 2-0 first-period deficit after Fritsche scored twice in the span of 17 seconds (6:47 and 7:04, respectively) with a power-play goal at 9:28 of the first period. Sestito's backhand shot from the right hash mark beat London goaltender Adam Dennis top shelf.

## Chappo earns elite gymnastics award

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If Megan Chappo's doctors had their way, the talented senior athlete would have been cheering on the Canton girls gymnastics team from the sidelines this past season instead of leading the Chiefs to a fourth-place finish in the state meet.

Chappo was advised to sharply curtail her gymnastics activities — if not give up the sport altogether — three years ago after she herniated two discs in her back while completing a vault dismount during a club gymnastics meet.

Following doctors' orders, Chappo traded in the more demanding world of club gymnastics for the high school version, but she wasn't about to totally separate herself from the sport.

Chappo's perseverance and ability were rewarded last week when she was presented with the Kim Rennolds Memorial Senior Gymnast of the Year award by the Michigan Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Association. The award, which comes with a \$500 college scholarship, is named after former Canton gymnast Kim Rennolds, who was killed in a plane crash in 1994 while returning from a Florida vacation with her mother.

"The Kim Rennolds award isn't just based on ability," said Canton coach John Cunningham, the president of the statewide association. "It goes to the senior gymnast in Michigan who is the best ambassador for the sport. Megan is a perfect choice for the award. Her work ethic is amazing and she has played



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton gymnast Megan Chappo was the 2005 recipient of the Kim Rennolds Memorial Senior Gymnast of the Year award, which is presented annually by the Michigan Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Association. A senior, Chappo received a \$500 college scholarship in addition to the award.

PLEASE SEE CHAPPO, C2



# Oakland Hills needs hard-working caddies

BY MARTY BUDNER  
STAFF WRITER

Spring officially arrived earlier this week, so it's time to think golf.

Whether at indoor driving ranges or outdoor mats, it's definitely time for golfers to start tweaking their games. But golfers aren't the only ones who must start honing their skills. So do caddies.

And there is no better place to become a caddie than at Oakland Hills Country Club.

The prestigious Bloomfield Hills Country Club that hosted the 2004 Ryder Cup and will host the 2008 PGA Championship is looking for a few good bag carriers.

Caddie registration is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at the Caddie House located on the south side of Maple Road. Space is limited to the first 150 new applicants (try-outs are required).

The \$20 caddy registration fee includes a badge, hat, ball-marker repair tool, training video, caddie towel and five days of caddie instruction.

"It's a great first job for boys and girls," said Robert D. Byerlein, Golf Services Manager at Oakland Hills.

"When they're 14 years old it allows them to earn some income, and not just rely on their parents. It's a nice way for these kids to begin to save

money, learn to become good citizens in the community, meet people and begin to learn the life skills that they may need later for future job interviews and things like that in their careers.

"Being a caddie also teaches them hard work and discipline and it just gives them something to strive for," he said. "Golf is a great game to be around."

Caddie candidates must be at least 14 years old at registration and must show proof of age. Caddies may be required to lift up to 30 pounds and carry a bag for more than four hours.

Oakland Hills caddies can earn up to \$5,000 - last year's top caddy earned more than \$15,000. Last year, the average caddie loop paid \$44 which, according to Oakland Hills officials, was more than any other area club.

Officials said 350 caddies worked at least one loop last year, 200 worked at least 10 rounds, 25 at least 100 and three more than 300 rounds.

Other Oakland Hills caddie benefits include scholarship opportunities, incentive awards, flexible hours, special tournaments and banquets and show-up pay for extended waiting during special events.

For more information, call (248) 433-0674.



## Pride honors

A record six members of the Plymouth-Canton Pride fastpitch softball organization were named to the 2004 USSSA All-State team March 19 at the USSSA Hall of Fame banquet in Sterling Heights. Pictured (l-r) are Melissa Butzow, Claire Ostrowski, Kate Staley, Mary Kate McWhirter, Kim Beaudoin and Kim Klonowski.

## CHAPPO

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hurt for most of the past two seasons.

"Along with her back injury, she suffered a serious ankle injury before this season and she was on crutches for seven to eight weeks. Our intent was to give her an opportunity to participate, but because of the

injury, we didn't expect a lot of results. Well, she not only competed, but she did extremely well."

### TODDLER TUMBLER

Chappo was introduced to gymnastics at the age of 3. By the time she was 10, she was one of the most-accomplished competitors in the state.

"The thing I like the best about gymnastics is that it always challenges me," Chappo said.

While competing in a club meet during her freshman year in high school, Chappo landed wrong on a dismount and herniated two discs in her back.

"As a result of the injury, there is no fluid now between the discs, so it's nerves on nerves," said Chappo, who receives pain-killing injections

once every three months to help alleviate the discomfort. "It's especially painful the mornings after I compete. It's tough to get out of bed sometimes."

"Right after I was hurt, the doctors told me that if I wanted to continue in gymnastics, it would have to be in high school, because there was less practicing and it wouldn't be as hard on my back. That was hard to accept for me because I had been competing at the club level my entire life and I wanted to earn a college scholarship."

### STELLAR STUDENT

Chappo, who will attend Michigan State University in the fall, is an outstanding student and leader, according to Cunningham, who noted her 3.83 grade-point average and the fact that she was

voted by her teammates to serve as one of the team's two captains prior to the season.

"She was nominated to be our team's MHSAA scholar athlete," Cunningham said. "The fact that she was voted captain was a great honor too because it shows that her teammates respect her and look to her for leadership."

There is at least one chapter left in Chappo's competitive gymnastics career.

On May 19 and 20, she, along with seven other elite senior gymnasts from across the state, will represent Michigan at the Senior Nationals in Orlando, Fla. Cunningham is serving as a co-coach of the team.

"I won't be on MSU's team, but I'd like to try and start a club team in college," she said.

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# Salem softball team: young, but talented

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Underestimating Salem's youthful softball team this season could be a costly mistake for the Rocks' opponents.

Salem lost seven starters to graduation from last year's 24-10 team that won the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division for the second consecutive season. But coach Bonnie Southerland is by no means ready to wave a white flag.

"We're young, but very talented," said Southerland, who has been calling the shots for the Rocks' varsity unit for the past 11 years. "We have great depth with our pitching staff and they are all good. I have players who can play just about any position and play them all well."

"There is a lot of talent out there and I see each one of these players making things happen and contributing to the continued success of our program."

The seven graduated seniors — Kelli Szczepanski, Alycia Murawski, Cortney Edwards, Brook Edwards, Natalie Szawara, Sarah Amann and Emily Maletic — all played pivotal roles in Salem's 73 victories over the past three years. All seven earned post-season recognition of some sort. Szczepanski, who is currently a starting pitcher at Adrian, represented the Rocks in the

MHSAA All-Star game in Lansing.

On the bright side, Southerland has six returning players, all of whom contributed in some way or another in 2004. The most talented of the bunch may be senior third baseman Ali Proodian, who earned a spot on the All-WLAA squad last season.

"Ali is an exceptional athlete who knows what it takes to be a leader," Southerland said. "We expect even bigger things from her this season."

The two other senior returners are second baseman Tina Sniegowski, who possesses a lot of speed, and Amy Caves, a dependable outfielder who is a productive hitter.

A pair of juniors will be instrumental in any success the Rocks may experience during the upcoming campaign. Maureen Bohr will move from left field to behind the plate while Courtney Davis will be counted on to provide Salem with pitching depth.

"Maureen is very versatile and is a great team leader with a great attitude," Southerland said. "Courtney has been working hard all winter and she will see a lot of time on the mound. She learned a lot from Kelli last year about what it takes to be a great pitcher."

Kait McKinley, the Rocks' lone returning sophomore, will handle the shortstop responsi-

bilities.

"Kait was our only freshman on the team last year, but she saw a lot of time," Southerland said. "She can do just about anything you ask her to do — she has that much softball talent. Kait will bat near the top of our order."

Newcomers to the varsity squad include senior Chrystal Rohn, who will serve as the team's designated hitter and one of its pitchers; junior Danielle DiPietro, who can play infield and outfield; junior Deonna Szawara, who will battle for the starting first-base spot; junior Laura Kordick, a transfer from Plymouth Christian Academy, who is swinging a hot bat in early-season workouts; and sophomores Kelly Behr, Katie Downey, Melissa Leach, Melissa Plante and Liz Thomas.

"Our group of sophomores reminds me of the group of seven seniors that just graduated," Southerland said. "They have that kind of work ethic and game sense, plus there is a lot of talent, speed and versatility there. I'm very excited to see what will happen when we put it all together."

Salem opens the 2005 campaign April 7 when it travels to Birmingham Seaholm. The Rocks' first WLAA contest is set for April 18 at Walled Lake Central.

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## Silver performance

Ice dancers Ben Agosto and Taneth Belbin, who train at the Arctic Edge in Canton, captured a silver medal in the 2005 World Championships last week in Moscow. They are the first United States couple to win an ice-dancing medal at the World Championships since 1986. Agosto and Belbin will be appearing in the John Hancock Champions on Ice show at Joe Louis Arena on April 9.

# Strong pitching, air-tight 'D' are strengths for Canton

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's softball team will travel as far as its pitching takes it this season.

Based on the quality of the Chiefs' mound staff, that could be deep into the Division 1 post-season tournament.

Canton advanced to the quarterfinal round of the brackets last season before getting knocked off in extra innings by Portage Northern. The Chiefs finished with a sterling 27-9-1 record.

"I thought last year's team did extremely well," said coach Jim Arnold, who is entering his 15th season as the Chiefs' mentor. "We won the district, the regional and we had quite a few girls who received honors. I think we'll be strong this year, too. We're blessed with a lot of good pitching, which is important."

Five starters from last season's successful squad graduated: outfielders Jackie Perino, Annie Rosales and Jeanette Kunze, along first baseman Kelly Baker and catcher Heather Richardson.

Their absence will be easier to

deal with thanks to the return of hard-throwing senior Molly Conlon, who will anchor the Chiefs' pitching corps. As a junior, the right-hander compiled an 18-5 record that included six no-hitters.

Joining Conlon in the rotation will be a trio of trio of underclassmen: sophomore Sarah Anthony and freshmen Katie Osburn and Hillary Payne. Osburn can play both of the corner infield spots when not hurling while Payne will serve as a first baseman.

Arnold said the team's catching duties will be handled by seniors Melissa Cieniuch and Molly Przybylski, who backed up Richardson last season.

The trio of Payne, Osburn and Conlon will battle for time at first base while returning starter Rachel Wade will start at second base. The junior hit .416 in 2004.

"Rachel is a left-handed slapper with some power," Arnold said. "She's a good defensive player, too."

Sophomore Lauren Delapaz will hold down the fort at shortstop for the second consecutive season. Not too many freshman bat clean-up and start at short — but Delapaz did both last

season, and she did them well, hitting .476 to earn All-Division and All-Observerland honors.

"Lauren is an exciting ballplayer," Arnold said. "When she steps on the field, she makes everybody else better."

The infield will be rounded out by junior Brittany Scero, a left-handed lead-off hitter who racked up a .360 batting last year.

The lone returning starter in the outfield is Erika Perkovich. She will be joined in the starting line-up by a combination consisting of either junior Rachel Beaudoin, sophomore Elisha Johnson or junior Stephanie Murray.

Krista Holcomb along with twins Chelsea and Tiffany Quiroz will provide the Chiefs with plenty of depth.

"We should be strong defensively again," Arnold added. "We haven't really set any long-term goals yet. We're just going to take it one game at a time."

Arnold said Northville will be dangerous again in the WLAA. Canton opens its season April 4 at home against Brighton. The Chiefs' first WLAA action will come on April 18 when they host Wayne Memorial.

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## 1,100 runners compete in marathon

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Despite near-freezing temperatures and biting winds blowing in from the east on Saturday morning, an estimated 1,100 runners trudged through Hines Park to compete in the Martian Marathon and half-marathon.

Pittsfield Township's Hamshivraj Dhamrat completed the tough 26.2-mile course in a respectable 2 hours, 49 minutes and 53 seconds. The 27-year-old averaged 6:29 per mile. On the women's side, 46-year-old Peggy Zeeb of Colon placed first in 3:18:44, averaging 7:35 per mile.

Other marathon female age-group winners included: Erin Serkain of Mount Pleasant, 1-19 (3:50:01); Abbie Hawkes of Provo, Utah, 20-24 (3:23:51); Ilse Abusamra of New York, N.Y., 25-29 (3:32:59); Susana Filipek of Royal Oak, 30-34 (3:43:48); Liz Hendershott of Ortonville, 35-39 (3:42:25);

Nancy Schubring of Novi, 40-44 (3:28:51); Ruth Cornish of Cincinnati, Ohio, 45-49 (3:44:06); Cathy Tibbetts of Farmington, 50-54 (3:31:57); and Mary Steinhauer of LaSalle, 60-64 (5:30:55).

Male age-group marathon winners include: Marshall Stephens of Rochest, 1-19 (4:57:36); Michael Oren of Kentwood, 20-24 (3:28:25); Michael Glennon of Westland, 25-29 (3:16:33); Michael Becker of East Lansing, 30-34 (3:27:14); Craig Redfearn of Granger, Ind., 35-39 (2:58:48); Rich Power of Pittsburgh, Pa., 40-44 (3:01:16); Dave Dwornick of Brownstown, 45-49 (3:07:48); John Tarkowski of Northville, 50-54 (3:10:07); Claude Spencer of Clark Lake, 55-59 (3:31:07); Thomas Wascha of Burton, 60-64 (3:48:59); and Richard Wallen of Flushing, 65 and up (3:53:58).

For complete results, visit [martian-marathon.com](http://martian-marathon.com) or [runmichigan.com](http://runmichigan.com).

## Area USHL skaters headed to college

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

The U.S. Hockey League continues to provide fertile ground for NCAA Division I programs.

Livonia natives Brandon Naurato and Jeff Lerg, teammates on the West Division-leading Omaha (Neb.) Lancers, are living testaments.

Naurato, a right winger in his second season in the USHL, will sign an NCAA letter-of-intent next month with the University of Michigan where former USHL products Brandon Kaleniecki and David Moss, also both from Livonia, honed their games prior to joining the Wolverines.

Lerg, the Lancers' starting goaltender, is headed to Michigan State to join his cousin Bryan, a freshman winger with the Spartans.

"The USHL is by far the best junior hockey league in the country," said Naurato, who had 14 goals and eight assists through his team's first 40 games. "There are over 100 (college) scholarship players

from this league right now."

Of course, there's one small sacrifice involved — living away from home.

"It's a great experience to come out here and get out on your own before you get to college because when you come in you're already step ahead of the freshmen," said Lerg, who has a 31-9 record with a 2.19 goals-against average. "I'm happy with my decision. I live with Guyhras family. I'm real comfortable there."

Naurato, who just turned 20, played his first season in the USHL for the Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Roughriders before moving over to Omaha. Prior to joining the USHL, Naurato helped Catholic Central to three consecutive state high school titles.

"Cedar Rapids drafted me, but Omaha is the first place I wanted to go," he said. "I was excited to play there (Omaha)."

"We're first in our division (with a 35-10-6 record) right now and it's just a better group of guys. And we're also playing for one of the most respected coaches (Mike Hastings) in junior hockey, a guy who really

knows the game."

Naurato tries to stay busy, but sometimes boredom sets in.

"There's nothing like home and being with your family," he said. "We play a lot of cards and you hang out with the guys, but there's really no free time."

Long bus rides are also part of the USHL. The Lancers are centrally-located, but find themselves some nights in Green Bay, Wis., Chicago and Indianapolis.

"My family comes out whenever they can," said Lerg, who also considered University of Nebraska-Omaha, Boston University, Providence and Colorado College before settling on MSU. "We average about 3,700 fans (per game), it's really big out here. We've had as many as 6,000 at a game."

Lerg, in his second season with the Lancers, attended Redford Catholic Central High School for three years before graduating as a senior at Millard North H.S. (Neb.). He played eight years in the Honeybaked program where

he was a member of the 2000 Midget Major Team which captured state, national and world titles.

Slated to be a backup when he arrived in Omaha, Lerg cracked the Lancers' lineup, became a full-time starter and never looked back.

"I came in as a younger-age player and was fortunate to play right away," he said. "I with a real good group of guys and a good group of players."

This season he has elevated his game, posting five shutouts and a .913 save percentage.

"I'm only 5-feet-5, so I have to rely on positioning and quickness," he said. "I try and make up for my lack of size by being the fastest goalie I can go from side to side."

The two, however, will change allegiances starting next season when Lerg heads to East Lansing and Naurato to Ann Arbor. "We're good friends, we've known each other a long time, but since we've been here (Omaha) we've become really good friends," said Naurato, who also visited Michigan State before committing to U-M.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE MAY 3, 2005 ELECTION FOR SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE PLYMOUTH/CANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT WAYNE/WESTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that April 4, 2005, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the Election to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Registrations will be accepted at the Township Clerks Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerks Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registration will be accepted postmarked by April 4, 2005.

Terry G. Bennett  
Clerk

Publish: March 24 & 31, 2005

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### PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2005 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

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

#### SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR:

1. SP 05-06 Office  
173 N Main  
Zoned: O-1, Office  
Applicant: DJ Maltese Construction Services

#### SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR:

2. SP 05-07 Addition  
995 W. Ann Arbor Trail  
Zoned: B-2, Central Business  
Applicant: Walter Menard

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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

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

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Department of Leisure Services until 5:00 p.m., Thursday April 7th, 2005 for the following:

#### DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE- DESIGN AND BUILD PROJECT

The specifications are available at the Leisure Services Department located on the third floor of the Canton Township Administration Building or you may contact Brad Sharp at (734) 394-5363. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FY 2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY2005 CDBG ACTION PLAN

On April 6, 2005, at 2 p.m. in Meeting Room B, lower level, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be hearings on the above captioned activities. The purpose of the Consolidated Plan hearing is to identify needs in the community to be identified in the 5-year plan for the community development block grant program. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2005 CDBG program. The funding requests are: First Step, \$36,000; Growth Works, \$8,800; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, \$20,500; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$3,000; Canton Township Leisure Services recreational scholarship, \$1,500; Canton Township Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Canton Township Sheldon School site improvements, \$15,000; Canton Human Services Center construction reimbursement (final year), \$275,000; Canton Township CDBG program administration, \$64,919. The FY 2005 CDBG allocation is \$414, 919. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR THE MAY 3, 2005 ELECTION

NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005, SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH for

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PLEASE NOTE that April 4, 2005, is the last date to register for the Election to be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Registration for electors within the Charter Township of Plymouth will be taken at the office of the Township Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building 3, or at any Secretary of State Office or state designated agency. The phone number of the Township Clerk is 354-3224. The office of the Clerk is open from 8:00 a.m., to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during those hours, a call to the Clerk's Office can set up a convenient time for the resident.

Marilyn Massengill, CMÇ  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

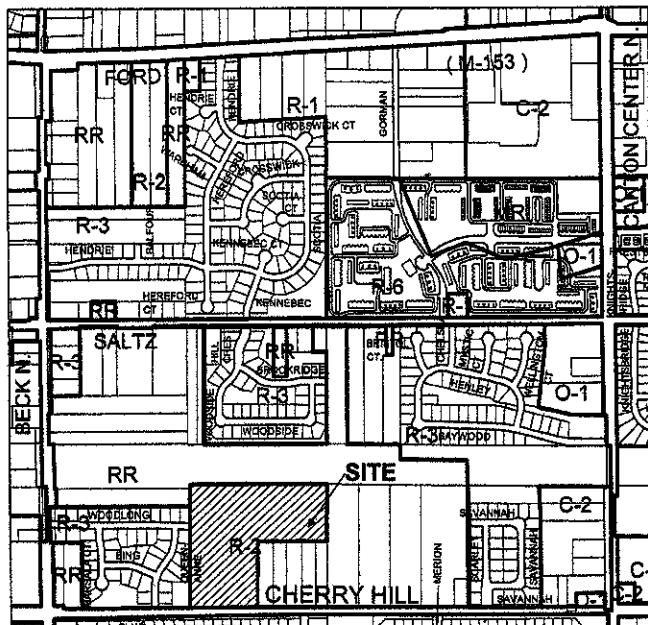
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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 4, 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

**CROSSWINDS COMMUNITY CHURCH SPECIAL AND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 10.02B.4 FOR PARCEL NO. 063 99 0036 000.** Property is located north of Cherry Hill between Beck and Canton Center Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 31, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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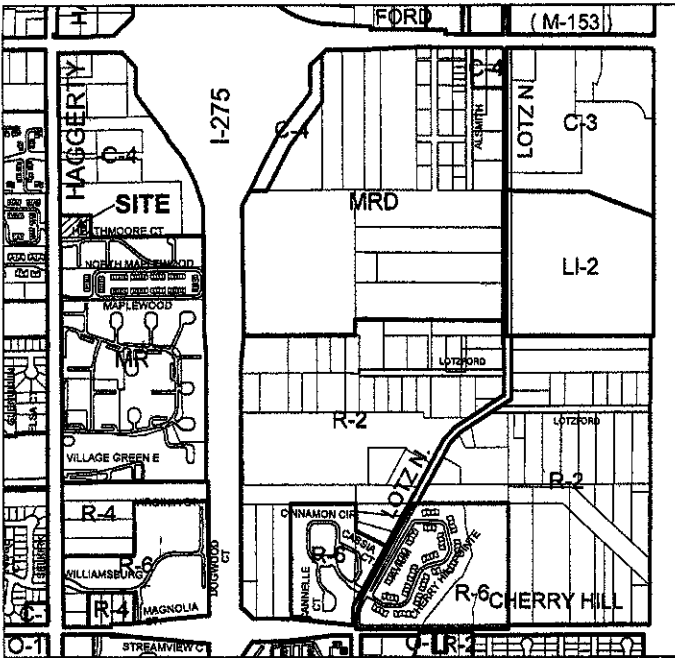
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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 18, 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**ROBINSON REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 050 99 0017 001 FROM MR, MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL.** Property is located east of Haggerty and south of Ford Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, April 14, 2005, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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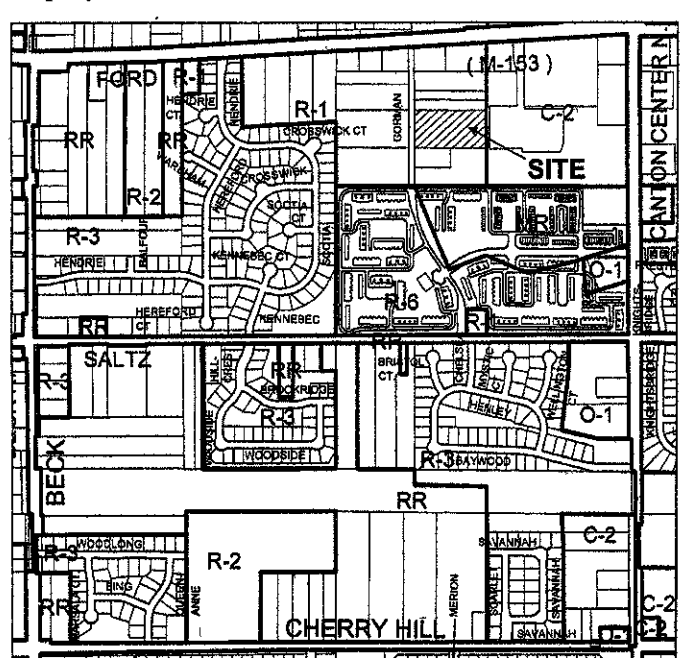
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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 18, 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**ALHASCHERY REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 036 01 0008 000 FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/ACRE), TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (3 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE).** Property is located south of Ford and east of Gorman Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, April 14, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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# All-area boys swimming team makes waves in performances

## FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

**Andrew Schoff, Liv.**  
**Stevenson, 200 freestyle:** The senior was a state qualifier with a season-best time of 1:49.12. He finished fifth in both the 100 freestyle (50.3) and 200 freestyle at the WLAA meet.

He just missed with a state cut in the 100 butterfly (56.09).

"Andrew was a tremendous transfer two years ago and helped us win the league (WLAA)," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "He'll be hard to replace next year. He has a tremendous amount of natural ability."

**Nick Dixon, Salem, 200 IM:** The senior earned All-State honors in the 200 individual medley (fourth) and the 100 backstroke (fifth). He was All-WLAA 16 times throughout his four-year career at Salem and All-State six times.

Dixon, who served as a Rock captain this season, was voted Salem's MVP in 2004 and 2005.

"Nick Dixon has had an amazing high school career in which he has competed with the best and he has earned the respect of coaches and competitors throughout the state," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "He's a great student (3.9 GPA) and he plans on continuing his swimming career at either the Naval Academy or the Air Force Academy."

**Matt Massman, Stevenson, 50 freestyle:** The junior was WLAA champion in the 50 freestyle and placed ninth in Division I with a time of 21.92.

Massman was also a member of Stevenson's three state relay placing teams, including the 200 medley relay. He also took third in the 100 freestyle at the WLAA and had a season-best time of 49.36.

"Matt will return as one of the premier sprinters in the state for next year," Shoemaker said. "He has much potential and will help us out tremendously next year. He's relative new to swimming, but a natural athlete."

**Andrew Murawski, Salem, diving:** The senior was this season's All-WLAA diving champion as he recorded a score of 370.05. He was an MHSAA Division I state qualifier for three years and the recipient of the 2005 Salem Coaches award.

"Andrew has been one of the top divers in the area as well as the state the past three years," Olson said.

**Cody Stafford, Stevenson, diving:** The senior placed fifth in the WLAA meet (336.70 points), 10th at the regional (308.30) and 11th in the Division I state meet (337.05).

"Cody was a little disappointed with how he finished at the league and the regional," Stevenson diving coach Michelle Kain said. "But at the state meet he had the meet of his life and you could tell how proud he was of himself and I was proud of him, too."

"I wish him the best of luck in college. He's a great leader and he will accomplish a lot. He was a big help to both me and the underclassmen."

**Steve Bruestle, Stevenson, 100 butterfly:** The junior placed fifth in Division I with a season-best 51.86, second fastest in Stevenson history.

He was also runner-up in the WLAA in the 100 butterfly and also had fast clockings in the 50 freestyle (22.92) and 100 freestyle (49.85).

Bruestle was a member of Stevenson's three state-placing relay teams.

"Steve has unlimited potential as a swimmer and is expected to be one of the top swimmers in the state next year," Shoemaker said. "He just started to realize how fast he could be."

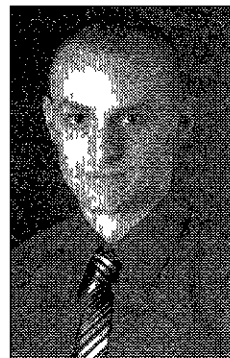
**Matt Jurcak, Salem, 100 freestyle:** A senior, Jurcak qualified for the Division state meet in six events and finished 12th in the 100 freestyle. He earned All-WLAA consideration in the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke in 2005.

Jurcak, a captain, won the 2005 Mike Kilgore/Plymouth Salem Outstanding Student/Athlete Award and the 2005 Coaches award. He won the Most Improved Swimmer award in 2003 and 2004, and earned All-WLAA accolades 11 times.

"Matt has shown improvement all four years of high school, ending as one of the most versatile and competitive



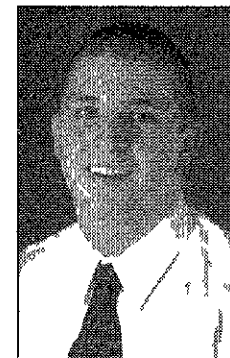
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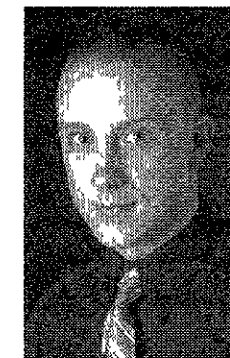
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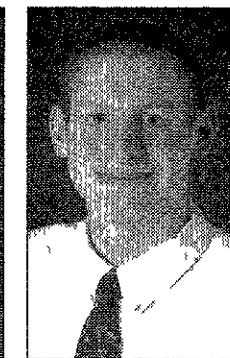
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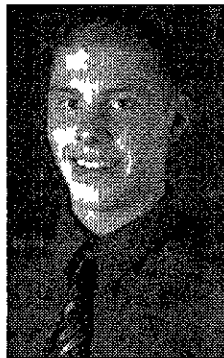
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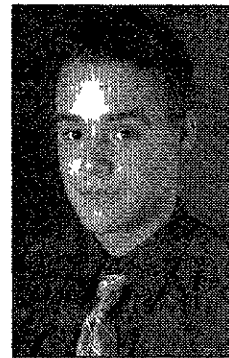
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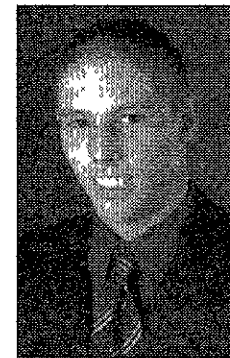
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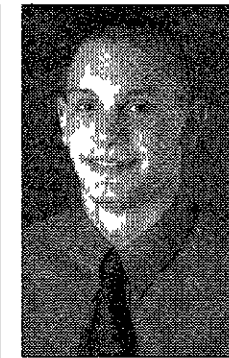
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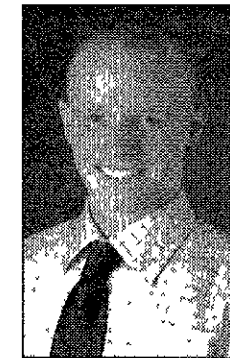
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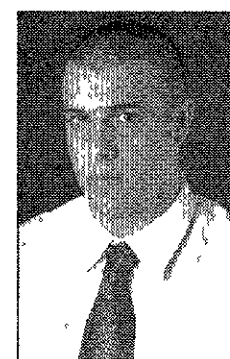
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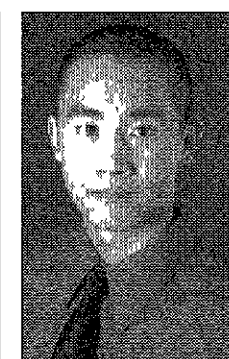
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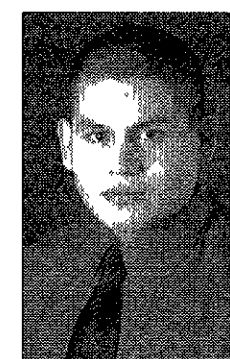
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Jeff Pauza  
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Stan Chen  
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Pat Sautural  
Salem

## 2004-05 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS SWIM TEAMS

**200-yard medley relay:** 1 Livonia Stevenson (Garrett Baringhaus, sr; David Gosdzinski, Jr, Steve Bruestle, Jr, Matt Massman, Jr); 2 Salem (Matt Jurcak Sr, Stan Chen, Fr, Nick Dixon, Sr, Penn Chou, Sr)

**200 freestyle:** 1 Andrew Schoff, Sr, Stevenson; 2 Nick Landis, Jr., Canton

**200 individual medley:** 1 Nick Dixon, Sr, Salem; 2 Matt Carlson, Soph, Canton

**50 freestyle:** 1 Matt Massman, Jr., Stevenson; 2 Mike Higgs, Sr, Salem.

**Diving:** 1 (tie) Andrew Murawski, Sr, Salem, Cody Stafford, Sr, Stevenson; 2 Kevin Cafarelli, Jr, Canton.

**100 butterfly:** 1 Steve Bruestle, Jr, Stevenson; 2 John Faraoni, Sr, Canton

**100 freestyle:** 1 Matt Jurcak, Sr, Salem; 2 Penn Chou, Sr, Salem

**500 freestyle:** 1 Travis Hatt, Soph., Stevenson; 2 Chris Banas, Sr, Redford Catholic Central

**200 freestyle relay:** 1 Stevenson (Travis Hatt, Soph, David Gosdzinski, Jr, Steve Bruestle, Jr, Matt Massman, Jr); 2 Salem (Mike Higgs, Sr; Pat Sautural, Sr, Matt Underhill, Soph; Penn Chou, Sr)

**100 backstroke:** 1 Garrett Baringhaus, Sr, Stevenson; 2 Jeff Pauza, Soph, Stevenson

**100 breaststroke:** 1 David Gosdzinski, Jr, Stevenson; 2 Stan Chen, Fr, Salem

**400 freestyle:** 1 Stevenson (Matt Massman Jr, Garrett Baringhaus, Sr, Steve Bruestle, Jr, Travis Hatt, Soph); 2 Salem (Mike Higgs, Sr, Penn Chou, Sr; Nick Dixon Sr, Matt Jurcak, Sr)

**CO-CHIEFS OF YEAR**  
Jeff Shoemaker, Livonia Stevenson  
Chuck Olson, Salem

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
Catholic Central: Jay Gronbach, Dave Morrow, Ben Chabala; Churchill: Greg Scully, Andrew Randall, Erik Foulds, Mark Gordon, Chuck Elstone, Matt Williams, Spencer Mabey, Pat Brunsch, Pat Hays; Stevenson: Sam Loria, Steve Smith, Robert Luke, Jeff Weber, Adam Whalen, Kyle Herman, Jeff Chludzinski, Aaron Schultz; Redford Thurston: Patrick Brown, Connor Mahinske, Eric Rowley, Greg McKeague, Dan Willis, Jordan Mikols, Courtland Wright, Tim Bellis, Kyle Fagan, Randy Govan; Garden City: Carl Ford, Ken Kastl, Jeremy Bird, Erik Thackaberry, Chris Clendenen, Matt Fitzgibbon; Redford Union: Don Shuffler, Dan Holst; Wayne: Kyle Erdmann, Paul Mosier, Jarrett Machovec, Andrew Hermatz, Justin Schofield; John Glenn: Jon Whitt; Canton: Dave Conzelmann, Nathan Phillips Shogo Uno; Salem: John Kline, Eric Martin, Plymouth: Andy Knisely, David Kong, Sorin Oprican, Justin Magill

swimmers in the state. Matt has a 3.8 GPA and plans to attend either the Air Force Academy, the University of Michigan or Purdue."

**Travis Hatt, Stevenson, 500 freestyle:** The sophomore was one of the area's top all-around performers including a ninth-place finish in the 200 IM (1:57.2 during the prelims).

At the WLAA meet, Hatt was the 200 IM champion and took third in the 500 freestyle.

Among his other top times including 50 freestyle (22.78), 100 freestyle (49.23), 200 freestyle (1:49.83), 500 freestyle (4:46.21), 100 backstroke (58.8) and 100 breaststroke (1:03.91).

Hatt also was a member of Stevenson's 200- and 400 freestyle relay teams which placed at the state meet.

"Travis continues to be one of the biggest assets on the Stevenson team," Shoemaker said. "He has a tremendous amount of dedication to the sport. I have the utmost faith in Travis' ability. He is one of the top swimmers in the state for his age."

**Garrett Baringhaus, Stevenson, 100 backstroke:** The senior was a two-time WLAA champion in the 100 butterfly (53.13) and finished ninth in the state meet in the same event (52.68).

Baringhaus had the area's fourth-best clocking in the 100 backstroke (57.14). He was also member of Stevenson's fourth-place 200 medley relay and 14th-place 400 freestyle relay at the Division I meet.

Among his other top clockings: 100 freestyle (49.79), 200 freestyle (1:49.7), 500 freestyle (5:01.49).

"Garrett will be deeply missed for next year,"

Shoemaker said. "He'll be hard to replace because he'll swim anything. He'll do some great things for whomever he swims for next year in college. He has great leadership qualities and is an excellent young man to know. He'll be successful in anything he does."

**David Gosdzinski, Stevenson, 100 breaststroke:** The junior placed 11th in Division I at the state meet and had a season-best 1:01.14.

Gosdzinski also placed third in the 100 breaststroke at the WLAA meet.

With a third-place finish at the WLAA meet, he also qualified for the state meet in the 50 freestyle (22.41).

Gosdzinski was also a member of Stevenson's fourth-place 200 medley relay team at the state meet.

"David has the potential of being one of the best breaststroke swimmers in the state next year," Shoemaker said. "He is a bid kid with excellent ability."

## FIRST-TEAM RELAYS

**200 medley, Stevenson**

(Garrett Baringhaus, David Gosdzinski, Steve Bruestle, Matt Massman): This quartet finished fourth in the Division I state meet with a time of 1:37.09, which is also an automatic All-American cut.

It is the second fastest 200 medley relay team in school history with three of the four returning. Baringhaus is the only senior, while Gosdzinski, Bruestle and Massman are all juniors.

**200 freestyle, Stevenson** (Travis Hatt, David Gosdzinski, Steve Bruestle, Matt Massman): This foursome captured the WLAA title and earned a 12th at the state meet with an area-best clocking of 1:28.59.

All four members return next season.

"These four just started to swim together and we expect big things from them next year," Shoemaker said. "There is also lots of room for improvement."

**400 freestyle, Stevenson** (Matt Massman, Garrett Baringhaus, Steve Bruestle, Travis Hatt): This quartet placed 12th in the state meet with a season-best 3:17.06 in the state prelims.

The same four finished runner-up in the Western Lakes (3:18.53).

"With three of the four returning, we expect a large time drop next year," Shoemaker said. "This relay has to come through for us."

## SECOND-TEAM INDIVIDUALS

**Nick Landis, Canton, 200 freestyle:** A junior, Landis qualified for the Division I state meet in the 500 freestyle. He finished seventh in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:51.06, which was 4.83 seconds faster than his season-opening time.

"Nick made decisions prior to the season about the amount of dedication he would put in, and it paid off for him," Weber said. "Through his hard work he was able to meet his goals this year."

**Matt Carlson, Canton, 200 IM:** Only a sophomore, Carlson dropped eight seconds off his personal-best time in the 200 IM (2:03.51) this season.

"Matt is a dedicated swimmer who will continue to be successful throughout his swimming career," said Canton coach Ed Weber.

**Mike Higgs, Salem, 50 freestyle:** A senior, Higgs, was a Division I state qualifier in five events and earned All-WLAA consideration in the 50 freestyle, 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay. He was a state qualifier seven times over the past four years and was a recipient of the 2005 Salem Coaches award.

"Mike has improved dramatically throughout his career," said Olson. "He stepped up his performance every time the competition increased."

**John Faraoni, Canton, 100 butterfly:** Faraoni had a personal-best 100 butterfly time of 54.5, which earned him a second trip to the Division I state meet where he finished 22nd. He served as a captain during his senior season.

"John has held major roles for us throughout his four years at Canton," said Weber. "It was exciting having him complete his season at the stat meet with a personal-best time."

**Penn Chou, Salem, 100 freestyle:** The senior was a state qualifier in the 200 medley relay, the 200 freestyle and the 400 freestyle relay. He was on the All-WLAA team for the 200 IM, 100 breaststroke, 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay.

A six-time state qualifier, Chou was voted a captain and earned the Salem Coaches award.

"Penn has been an outstanding example of a student/athlete as a competitor," Olson said. "He has a 4.2 GPA and plans to attend the University of Michigan."

**Chris Banas, Redford CC, 500 freestyle:** The senior set and reached a personal goal to qualify for the Division I state meet, where he finished with a time of 4:57.63 seconds.

"He had a phenomenal season," said Shamrocks head coach Jeff Baker. "He knew what he wanted to do. He trained very hard to get to the state meet in the 500 free. That was his goal. His hard work and dedication paid off in the end."

Banas also excelled in the 200 free, with a personal best of 1:51 seconds.

**Jeff Pauza, Stevenson, 100 backstroke:** The sophomore earned a state cut in the 500 freestyle (4:57.78) and also went a season-best 57.35 in the 100 backstroke.

He placed fourth in the WLAA in the backstroke and added a seventh in the 500 freestyle.

Among his other top times including 100 freestyle (52.08) and 200 freestyle (1:52.13).

"Jeff has just realized his potential," Shoemaker said. "If he trains in the off-season, he will score big points next year at the state meet next year."

**Stan Chen, Salem, 100 breaststroke:** The freshman earned All-WLAA consideration in the 200 medley relay and 100 breaststroke, and he was a state qualifier in the 200 medley relay.

"Stan has the ability and talent to be another outstanding Salem student/athlete," said Olson.

## SECOND-TEAM RELAYS

**200 medley, Salem (Matt Jurcak, Stan Chen, Nick Dixon, Penn Chou):** The quartet earned All-WLAA recognition in 2005 and finished 17th at the Division I stat meet.

"These four swimmers consistently competed at the highest state level," Olson said.

**200 freestyle, Salem (Mike Higgs, Pat Sautural, Matt Underhill, Penn Chou):** Among the foursome's credentials are All-WLAA and a 24th-place finish at the 2005 Division I state meet.

"This foursome gave an outstanding performance while representing Salem in 2005," Olson said.

**400 freestyle, Salem (Mike Higgs, Penn Chou, Nick Dixon, Matt Jurcak):** The quartet placed third at the WLAA meet with a clocking of 3:20. They earned a berth in the state meet.

"They had a great swim at the state meet (3:15.95), but were disqualified," Olson said.

## 2004-05 All-Area Boys Swimming

### SWIM LISTING

FINAL OBSERVERLAND  
BOYS SWIM LISTING  
200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY  
Livonia Stevenson 1:37.09  
Salem, 1:41.74  
Churchill, 1:48.88  
Canton, 1:48.9  
Wayne, 1:52.36  
200 FREESTYLE  
Nick Dixon (Salem), 1:47.25  
Matt Jurcak (Salem), 1:47.89  
Andrew Schoff (Stevenson), 1:49.12  
Garrett Baringhaus (Stevenson), 1:49.7  
Travis Hatt (Stevenson), 1:49.83  
Nick Landis (Canton), 1:51.06  
Chris Banas (Redford CC), 1:51.53  
Jeff Pauza (Stevenson), 1:52.13  
Derek Schmitt (Canton), 1:55.15  
Matt Massman (Stevenson), 1:56.46  
200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY  
Nick Dixon (Salem), 1:57.06  
Travis Hatt (Stevenson), 1:57.2  
Matt Carlson (Canton), 2:03.75  
Matt Jurcak (Salem), 2:09.05  
Penn Chou (Salem), 2:09.21  
Garrett Baringhaus (Stevenson), 2:09.6  
Kyle Herman (Stevenson), 2:09.87  
Nathan Phillips (Canton), 2:10.1  
Greg Scully (Churchill), 2:10.48  
Shogo Uno (Canton), 2:11.62  
50 FREESTYLE  
Matt Massman (Stevenson), 21.92  
David Gosdzinski (Stevenson), 22.41  
Mike Higgs (Salem), 22.77  
Travis Hatt (Stevenson), 22.78  
Steve Bruestle (Stevenson), 22.92  
Matt Jurcak (Salem), 22.95  
John Faraoni (Canton), 23.12  
Kyle Erdmann (Wayne), 23.7  
Adam Whalen (Stevenson), 23.73  
Jay Gronbach (Redford CC), 23.77  
DIVING  
(based on 11 dives)  
Andrew Murawski (Salem), 370.05  
Kevin Cafarelli (Canton), 358.55  
Cody Stafford (Stevenson), 337.05  
Jarrett Machovec (Wayne), 290.15  
Andrew Vance (Redford CC), 279.50  
Matt Williams (Churchill), 269.70  
Jon Whitt (John Glenn), 268.75  
Steve Smith (Churchill), 259.30  
Justin Magill (Plymouth), 255.85  
Chuck Elstone (Churchill), 236.60  
100 BUTTERFLY  
Steve Bruestle (Stevenson), 51.86  
Garrett Baringhaus (Stevenson), 52.28  
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Nick Dixon (Salem), 53.56  
John Faraoni (Canton), 54.56  
Shogo Uno (Canton), 54.81  
Andrew Schoff (Stevenson), 56.09  
Pat Sautural (Salem), 56.29  
Robert Luke (Stevenson), 57.51  
Spencer Mabey (Churchill), 58.36  
100 FREESTYLE  
Matt Jurcak (Salem), 47.91  
Travis Hatt (Stevenson), 49.23  
Matt Massman (Stevenson), 49.36  
Garrett Baringhaus (Stevenson), 49.79  
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Mike Higgs (Salem), 49.98  
Andrew Schoff (Stevenson), 50.3  
Nick Dixon (Salem), 51.04  
Penn Chou (Stevenson), 51.28  
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200 FREESTYLE RELAY  
Livonia Stevenson, 1:28.59  
Salem, 1:31.93  
Canton, 1:33.28  
Wayne Memorial, 1:37.59  
Livonia Churchill, 1:38.81  
100 BACKSTROKE  
Nick Dixon (Salem), 53.42  
Matt Jurcak (Salem), 55.65  
Travis Hatt (Stevenson), 55.8  
Garrett Baringhaus (Stevenson), 57.14  
Jeff Pauza (Stevenson), 57.47  
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Robert Blaesser (Canton), 1:00.84  
100 BREASTSTROKE  
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Stan Chen (Salem), 1:04.75  
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Andrew Hermatz (Wayne), 1:08.48  
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400 FREESTYLE RELAY  
Livonia Stevenson, 3:17.06  
Salem, 3:20.84  
Canton, 3:25.74  
Churchill, 3:34.95  
Wayne Memorial, 3:38.86



SPORTS ROUNDUP

JUNIOR GOLF TOUR

Scholarship opportunities are available for local students between the ages of 12 and 18 who participate in the third season of the Top 50 Jr. Tour, which is presented by the Professional Golfers' Association Michigan Section. The program is a regional golf tour offering players tournament experience plus the opportunity to earn college scholarships.

Boys and girls are eligible for tour membership. Players do not have to be members of their school teams to participate.

The tour consists of 10 qualifying rounds and 10 tournament rounds, and is held on local private and public courses.

"The top 40 qualifiers at each qualifying round play in the tournament round for free," said tour director Dan Thomas. "The qualifying field for each tournament is limited to 150

players. Additionally, the top 10 finishers in each week's tournament are exempt into the following week's tournament and will play for free. So a total of 50 players per week are playing free golf."

Scholarship awards are offered based on rules of golf exams, topical essays, sportsmanship and community service. Scholarship awards can be increased as a student's grade-point average increases.

Play begins on June 11 and runs through the season-ending championship tournament on Aug. 8.

The full schedule is posted on the tour's Web site at [www.Top50JrTour.com](http://www.Top50JrTour.com). Interested parents and players should contact the tour at (248) 321-000 or visit the tour Web site for a membership application.

*Items for the Sports Roundup may be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or mailed to The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150.*

GERLACH

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"One thing I've learned over the years is that a lot of my kids go home at 2:30 and they sit and watch TV or they take a nap," he said. "They have very sedentary lifestyles with little exercise outside of school. That's why I treat my class like it's Lifetime Fitness. I think it's important for the students to be able to maintain their weight — or lose weight if they need to — once they leave school."

While his job can be challenging and draining, Gerlach said it is also extremely fulfilling.

"One of the most satisfying things for me is when I hear another teacher tell me that they overheard one of my kids talking about my class," Gerlach said. "It makes me feel good that the kids are excited about what we're doing. That's half the battle."

"Burnout can be a problem in this job, but I've learned that it is very important to separate my job from my family. I have some friends who are police officers who tell me, 'I could never do your job.' And I say the same thing to them. I'm like everybody else — I have good days and bad days."

TEACHING FAMILY

Teaching is imbedded in the Gerlach family's DNA.

"Teaching runs in the family," Gerlach said. "Both of my parents are teachers, so it was always something I had an interest in. My dad teaches at Lutheran Westland and my mom is a first-grade teacher at St. Matthew's in Walled Lake."

"When I started out at Eastern Michigan, I was thinking about pursuing a degree in

pre-med, but after a week, I realized there were too many science classes."

Running and coaching are also Gerlach family traits. Gerlach's father, John, is a longtime high school cross-country and track-and-field coach, not to mention his son's former coach.

"It was neat having my dad as my coach in high school," Dave Gerlach said. "I learned a lot from him. I think one of the coolest things would be if my dad could help me coach some day when he retires from teaching."

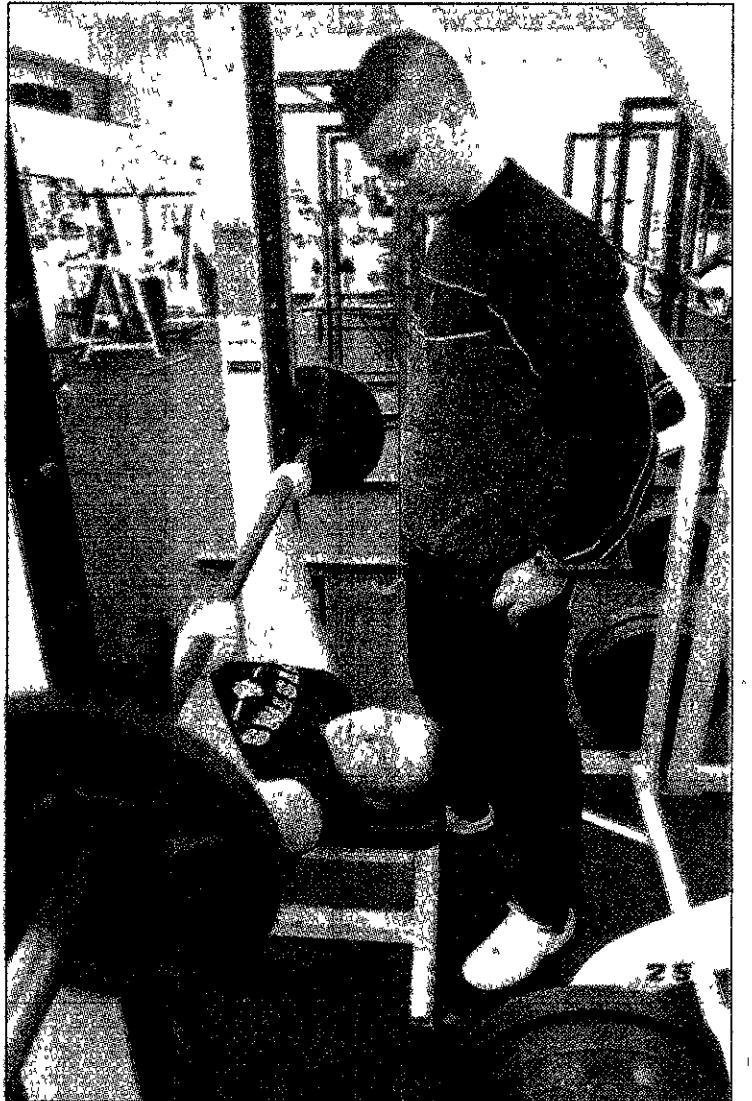
INSPIRING COACH

Gerlach's 10-year tenure as the Salem girls cross-country coach has been a productive one. While the Rocks have always been competitive over the past decade, they were ultra-successful in 2004 when they finished 10th at the Division 1 state meet.

"I've been involved in sports my entire life, and I can honestly say that Mr. Gerlach is one of the best coaches I've ever had," said Salem senior Lauren Kane, a captain on the Rocks' 2004 cross-country team. "I know this is a cliché, but he teaches the members of his teams about life, not just about sports. He really gets involved in each of his athlete's lives. He makes sure they're doing well in school and he gets to know their parents."

"When I started running cross country as a freshman, I was doing it to get in shape for soccer in the spring. Well, after my first year of cross country, I quit playing soccer and started running track in the spring because Mr. Gerlach made running fun."

Gerlach and his wife, Jennifer, are the proud parents of a 2-year-old daughter,



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Dave Gerlach assists student Dennis Yike with bench pressing Monday morning in the Salem High School weight room.

Emilee, who has already shown signs that she may be a future track star.

"She definitely has foot speed," her dad said.

Gerlach said that due to the uniqueness of his position, some people are unsure of his job title.

"I'm asked sometimes if I'm a physical education teacher or

a special education teacher," Gerlach said. "The way I look at it, I'm 60 percent physical education and 40 percent special education."

Ask those who work with Gerlach on a daily basis and they'll tell you he's 100 percent dedicated to improving the lives of his students.

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# Start thinking of summer by designing River Day logo

If cabin fever has put you in a cantankerous mood, fight back with a little creativity.

The Clinton River Watershed Council has announced its annual River Day Logo Design Contest.



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Bill Parker

Open to the public, this contest is a way to encourage the public to actively participate in the designing of the logo for River Day 2005.

Although it's still a few months away, River Day is an annual event held

each summer and created to celebrate the conservation and enjoyment of the Clinton River. The winning logo in the contest will be used in all announcements, printed materials, event T-shirts, web site and event signage.

The contest is open to participants of all ages and artistic abilities. All entries must be black-and-white line drawing. Absolutely no gray tones will be allowed. Entries must be 8.5 inches by 11 inches or smaller. The words "River Day 2005" must be prominent in the design. Electronic submissions (JPEG or TIFF files) are welcomed, but must be 300 dpi resolution or greater. The entry deadline is April 1.

The winning design will be announced April 15. For more details contact Claudette Wizniuk at (248) 601-0606 or claudette@crwc.org. For examples of previous years' logos, go to [www.crwc.org/calendar/riverday/rd2004/riverday2004.html](http://www.crwc.org/calendar/riverday/rd2004/riverday2004.html).

## WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN

Hunting and fishing used to

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be sports enjoyed mainly by males. While that fact remains true today, in recent years participation by females in outdoor activities has been climbing. A big reason for that increase is that public and private organizations are offering classes that introduce women to outdoor activities in a friendly, comfortable environment. One such program is being held in May at William's Gun Sight in Davison. That's about an hour drive from the heart of O&E-land. Sponsored by the Flint River Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Flint Safari Club, the Williams Gun Sight 3rd Annual Women's Outdoor Skills Workshop will be held May 7.

It offers an abundance of hands-on opportunities for women to explore the outdoors. Classes to choose from include crafts, fly tying, bicycling, shotgunning, wild game cooking, fly casting, backpacking, gun maintenance, photography, archery, ATV's, wild medicinal herbs, self-defense, and outdoor survival.

The registration deadline is April 23. Call P.J. Wallace (810-695-5087), Arlene Minto (810-653-5430) or Mandy Reed (810-715-1178) to register and for more information.

## CAMPGROUND HOSTS NEEDED

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks Division is searching for individuals or couples to serve as campground hosts this summer in state parks and state forest campgrounds.

Campground hosts provide information and assistance to other campers. They organize recreational activities at provide tours of the campgrounds. In return for acting as a campground host participants are allowed to camp for free.

"Campground hosts play vital roles in helping other campers have a comfortable, fun camping experience," says Parks and Recreation Chief Ron Olson. "They share their expertise and knowledge and help build camaraderie in the campground."

Retirees, teachers, college students and families all have served as campground hosts in the past.

Hosts must be at least 18 years old and provide service for five days (30 hours each week), including holidays and weekends. A minimum commitment of four consecutive weeks is required. Hosts provide their own camping equipment and personal items.

To learn more about becoming a campground host contact Monica Terrell at (517) 335-3034, or Ada Takacs at (989) 275-5151, ext. 2049.

(Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)

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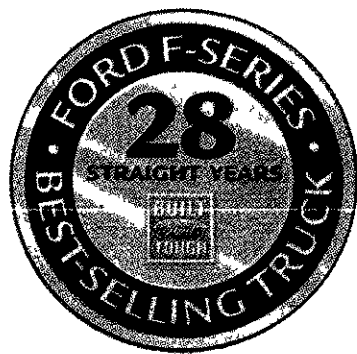
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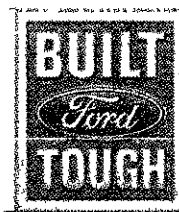
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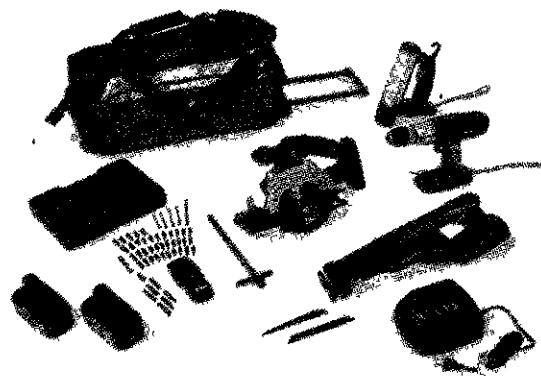
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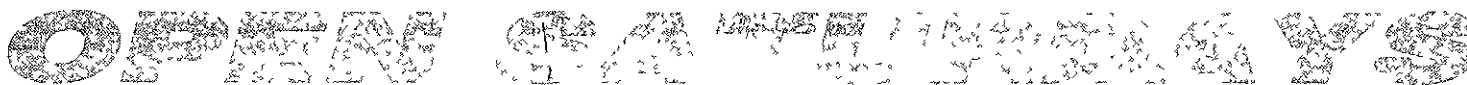
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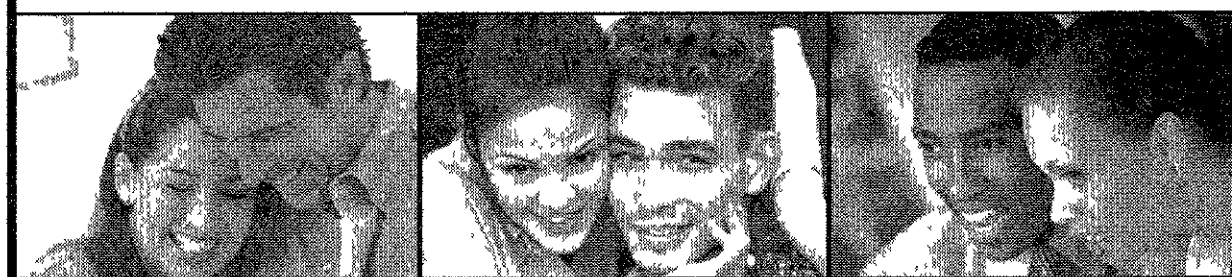
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**SEARCHING FOR YOU**  
Sexy, attractive SBPF, 34, 5'2", 160lbs, Aries, seeks honest, outgoing SBM, 38-52, for friendship, quality time, and possibly more. **515717**

**SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT**  
SBPF, grandmother, N/S, likes dining in/out, movies, plays, bowling, shooting pool, parks, traveling, cooking. Seeking gentleman, 45+, sense of humor, values, knows how to treat a lady. No game playing. **5179737**

**FOUNDATION OF FRIENDSHIP**  
Attractive, good-hearted SWF, 28, N/S, seeks SWM, 30-36, N/S, who really enjoys life and wants to be happy. **5127200**

**LOYAL**  
SWF, 43, Leo, N/S, blonde/blue, professional chef, green thumb, petite, enjoys cooking, boating, seeks compatible SWM, 43-50, N/S, for dating and possible relationship. **5156732**

**NASCAR & HOCKEY FAN**  
SWF, 54, 5'1", N/S, Taurus, loves to bowl and watch funny movies. Seeking WM, 45-55, for friendship, possible romance. **5124286**

**SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE**  
Full-figured African-American woman, attractive, 44, no children, ISO African-American male, 36-46, to spend quiet evenings. I'm carefree, love laughter, good times, concerts, plays, sporting events, traveling, and quality time. **5290167**

**ACTIVE GRANDMA**  
SWF, 56, 5'2", N/S, registered nurse, with 4 grandsons, loves traveling, her religion, Saturday services, and casinos. Seeking WM, 50-68, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. **530795**

**POTENTIAL LOVE**  
SWPF, 44, tall, N/S, attractive, down-to-earth, enjoys boating, the outdoors, dining out. Seeking WPM, 28-58, N/S, similar, for possible LTR. **5483946**

**SEARCHING**  
Sexy, attractive SBPF, 33, 5'1", 145lbs, brown complexion, curly hair, enjoys movies, dining, ISO her soulmate, a compatible SBM, 45-55, possible marriage. **508955**

**VERY CARING**  
AF, 45, 5'3", 110lbs attractive, active, very independent, loving, down-to-earth, health-conscious, vegetarian, enjoys travel, fine dining and traveling. Seeking W/AM, 40-50, H/W proportionate. **508955**

**SERIOUS IN SOUTHLAND**  
SBF, 53, 5'8", 150lbs, slender build, secretary for community services organization, N/S, seeks intellectual BM, 49-60, N/S, committed and faithful, for serious relationship. **5186678**

**COFFEE?**  
Very attractive SBF, 39, Aries, N/S, seeks a very alluring BM, 30-43, for dating and possibly more. **520453**

**OUTGOING**  
SBF, 32, mother, lives on East side, enjoys dancing, music, concerts, walks in the park seeking a SM, to settle down with. **524971**

**REACH OUT FOR ME**  
SBF, 48, tall, no kids at home, N/S, seeking long-term relationship with an honest, caring gentleman, 45-60, who likes travel, movies, theater, affection. No couch potatoes or workaholics please. **5266889**

**ARE YOU OUT THERE?**  
SF, 45, 140lbs, brown/hazel, mother of 3, employed, enjoys family time, hockey (The Red Wings), bowling, dancing, romantic times. Seeking like-minded, commitment-minded man, interested in lasting friendship, fun and happiness. **5471570**

**OUTGOING AND FUN**  
Very attractive SWF, 31, laid-back, w/great personality, short blonde/green-blue, tanned, 4'11", 150lbs, childless, never married, smoker, social drinker, enjoys dining, sports, movies, quiet evenings. Seeking very attractive like-minded male. **5475370**

**LOOKING FOR AN EQUAL YOKE**  
Christian SBPF, 38, 5'8", N/S, ISO drug-free SBM, financially secure, who respects women, to enjoy the simple and finer things in life. Enjoy travel, dance, exercise, play. **506589**

**RESCUE ME!**  
SBF, 41, 5'5", average build, enjoys church, family, shopping, much more. Looking for SBM, 43-47, professionally employed, N/S, who knows how to treat a woman. **5406635**

**YOU NEED ME**  
Very attractive, young, full-figured, mixed BF, 30, 5'6", searching for down-to-earth, tall, responsible, mentally/physically/financially secure male. I need you as much as you need me! **519124**

**SEEKING INTELLIGENT MAN**  
SBF, 36, Cancer, N/S, works full-time in healthcare, single mother, loves to cook. Seeking down-to-earth, spontaneous BM, 34-48, N/S, for dating. **589409**

**MUST BE RESPECTFUL**  
Very attractive BF, financially/emotionally secure, looking for a laid-back, easygoing man, 34-47, who likes travel, dining out, more. **595277**

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SWF, 28, enjoys the outdoors, rollerblading, biking, long walks and romantic dinners. Looking for SWM, 25-30, for LTR. **5465764**

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
SBF, 33, seeks SBM, 30-35, for friendship, possible LTR. I enjoy movies, walks, dining out, sports and more. **588333**

**CAN YOU CANOE?**  
Professional SWF, 30, N/S, seeks SWM, 35+, independent and professional, for casual dates, talks, possible LTR. **5757003**

**FOR YOUR LOVE**  
SBF, 37, N/S, likes to travel, see plays and movies, seeks committed, respectful, honest SBM, 40-47, N/S, who is interested in finding long-term love. **593559**

**HEY, OVER HERE**  
Attractive SBPF, 52, 5'5", 125lbs, with herpes, N/S, feminine, humorous, works out, Seeking SBM, 47-57, N/S, fit, for possible LTR, race unimportant. **511221**

**UNATTACHED**  
but very together SWF, 47, 5'8", average build, Pisces, legal secretary, smoker, loves flea markets, dancing, meditation, and antiques. Seeking WM, 44-55, for LTR. **519246**

**GENUINE-HEARTED**  
SWF, 49, 5'3", slim build, Scorpio, very healthy and energetic, smoker, seeks energetic WM, 35-55, for LTR. **520308**

**I WOULD LIKE TO MEET YOU**  
Shapely SWF, 37, 5'7", N/S, w/military interests, seeks single man, 27-41, who is confident, tall, well-groomed, with lots of interests. **521634**

**ONE OF A KIND**  
SF, 38, blonde/blue, 5'8", mother, enjoys bowling, pool, concerts, long park walks, cycling, music, especially Rod Stewart. Seeking Macomb man, to share happiness. **5404891**

**ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB**  
Financially secure, independent SBPF, 31, 5'7", 160lbs, enjoys concerts, movies, dining, quiet times and more. Seeking SBM, 30-45, with similar interests, for possible LTR. **5217475**

**LOST IN MICHIGAN**  
SBPF, 29, 5'5", 160lbs no children, never married, very attractive, easygoing, laid-back, loves travel. Looking for sincere, open-minded, laid back male who has his stuff together. **5229089**

**GET TO KNOW ME!**  
SF, 38, N/S, mother of two, looking for working man, 28-55, N/S, for friendship first. **5431382**

**MAKE ME LAUGH**  
SBF, 45, smoker, wants to find friendship, possibly more w/gentleman, 40-60, who appreciates music, travel, spending time outdoors. **5480269**

**IT'S ALL GOOD**  
Cool SBF, 31, 5'8", N/S, likes to bowl, fish, skate and travel, seeks SBM, 19-35, N/S, to share honest friendship, romance, quality time together. **5476802**

**BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED**  
Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, enjoys comedy and romance, bowling, walks in the park. Seeking tall, dark, handsome SBM, 33-50. **5491293**

**ATTRACTIVE PRINCESS...**  
seeks snuff SBF, 28, 5'8", desires SBM, 26-35, for possible LTR, must be ambitious, enjoy pets, long walks, sports, be employed and full of possibility. **530839**

**BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE**  
Sports-oriented BF, 39, two teenage daughters, physically challenged, loves jazz, sports, gospel, ponies, amusement parks. Seeking SF, 29-45, **5223080**

**HONESTY REQUIRED**  
Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, is looking for tall, dark, handsome SBPM who is honest and down-to-earth, to spend time with. **5401088**

**ARE YOU THE ONE**  
DBF, 53, H/W proportionate, outgoing, loves the arts, plays, dancing, movies, outdoors, scenic drives. ISO SM D/D-free, w/similar interests, smoker, social drinker ok. No games! **5417236**

**IN IT FOR THE LONG-TERM**  
SBF, 30, 5'6", loves to get away for the week-end, would like to get to know SBM, 23-41, w/passion for travel and life. **5509782**

**WHERE ARE YOU?**  
Attractive, outgoing, honest, sexy SBF, 32, ISO SM, any race, 31-37, for relationship. I enjoy movies, rollerblading, comedy clubs, bowling, etc. Serious replies only. **5455371**

**PRECIOUS ONE**  
SWF, very pretty, a young 39, medium dark/green, works in medical field, seeks attractive SWM, outgoing, honest, caring, sensitive and creative, for best friend, more. **530588**

**CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR**  
Me 26, 4'9", 155lbs brown-complected, employed. You 5'9"-6'4", 190lbs-240lbs, single drama free, handsome. Friendship first, maybe long-term later. **5271252**

**A LOT TO OFFER**  
Outgoing SBF, 24, 5'6", 350lbs, professional employed, loves the fun and excitement of festivals, enjoys new movies and concerts, seeks handsome, honest SBM. **5286633**

**SEE FOR YOURSELF**  
SBF, 42, 5'2", 170lbs, compassionate, hard-working, enjoys 70s/80s rock/dance, scenic drives, movies, fishing, playing pool, reading. ISO active SM, who's up for a little adventure once and a while. Friendship/LTR. **5580795**

**MUST LOVE ANIMALS**  
WF, 53, 5'4", blonde/blue, full-figured, likes travel, fine dining, shows, plays, animals, children, picnics, boating, swimming, cooking, reading, fishing, solo dancing. Seeking good, kind-hearted man, 50-62, with integrity and morals. **5601692**

**CLASSY, SEXY RED HEAD**  
SWF, 54, 5'6", 142lbs, blonde, blue, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SWM, 5'8", N/S, social drinker, for LTR. **5415050**

**OPEN ROAD**  
SWF, 53, 5'5", N/S, passionate about life, very sincere and hard-working, loves Harley's, romantic getaways, seeks SWM, 45-55, N/S, with common interests. **5089904**

**DO YOU**  
Enjoy walking, reading, traveling, having fun? Attractive, caring, fun-loving, DWJPF, 60 ISO honest, caring, fun loving, W/DJPF, 58-70, for companionship and possible LTR. **5621752**

**LIFE IS TOO SHORT**  
Mature and outgoing SBF, 50 years young, 5', 175lbs, thick not fat, great figure, interested in meeting mature black male who loves to live spontaneously. **5276032**

**SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS**  
DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5'10"+, N/S, social drinker for LTR. **548938**

**SOUND LIKE YOU?**  
SWF, 18, 5'6", blonde/hazel, 150lbs, sweet, honest, outgoing, likes concerts, movies, hanging with friends. Seeking honest, attractive, funny, outgoing SM for casual dates, fun and friendship. **5562708**

**CUTE AND CLASSY**  
SBF, mid-50s, seeks attractive gentleman, 50+, with similar interests. I love jogging, walks, concerts, quiet evenings. **574342**

**SLOW DANCING, ROMANCING**  
DWF, 45, N/S, H/W proportionate, parky brown-eyed girl, honest and outgoing, seeks SWM, 40-50, for good friendship, dating and special times. **576279**

**SOULMATE SEARCH**  
Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. **589875**

**58 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR**  
Pretty SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun looking for her knight and shining armor, any caucasian, sincere, successful, spiritual, 55-80, **5592074**

**JOURNEY WITH ME...**  
through life's adventure. DWF, 50ish, slim blonde, enjoys romance, travel, life to its fullest. Seeking financially secure WM, 55-65. Let's unravel life's mysteries together! **505996**

**GREAT COMPANION**  
SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70. **533527**

**EASY TO GET ALONG WITH**  
DWCF, 68, looks younger, 5'2", long dark/brown, N/S, N/D, positive attitude on life, enjoys movies, dining out, drives, watching sports, holding hands. Would enjoy a monogamous LTR with SWM, 58-75, **508666**

**IS HE OUT THERE?**  
SJF, 43, 5'8", honest, gentle, intelligent, sensitive, shapely, likes fine dining, pool, theater, movies. Seeking honest, secure, loving and reliable man to share friendship, good times, talks and maybe more. **5601614**

**FABULOUS AND FULL-FIGURED**  
Cute, sexy SBF, 41, N/S, will try anything once, loves movies, plays, dancing, holding hands, cuddling. Seeking attractive, sexy BM, 31-50, N/S, with similar interests. **5113224**

**ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?**  
But gentle of heart? Good-looking, trim SM, 42-55, N/S? Very cute SBF, 53, emotionally and physically in shape, with eclectic interests, currently accepting applications. **5263884**

**ROMANTIC LADY**  
Beautiful, voluptuous DBF, 42, 5'6", likes traveling, outdoors. Seeking man, 45+, race unimportant, to enjoy life together, for friendship maybe more. **546484**

**SHALL WE DANCE?**  
SAF, 56, 4'11", 105lbs, desires well-groomed, older gentleman, 60-75, who loves to dance and travel. Grosse Pointe area preferred. **5498134**

**EBONY SEKS IVORY**  
DBF, 42, 5'3", 140lbs, full-figured, seeks to date SWM, 40-60, in the Mount Clemens area. **545323**

**LOVING AND CARING**  
Independent, active, loving, caring, down-to-earth SF, 46, N/S, vegetarian, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel. Looking for handsome SW/AM, 45-49, H/W proportionate, N/S, professional job. **5421896**

**LIBRA**  
DBF, 50, looks much younger, enjoys music, long walks, quiet times. Seeking W/AM, 35-50, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. **5235857**

**SEMI-RETIRED**  
SBF, 62, 5'9", slim, fit, likes jazz, concerts, symphonies, theater, travel and outdoors activities. Seeking intelligent, honest, caring, gentleman, 55-70, with similar interests. **5457917**

**TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE**  
SBF, tall, medium build, N/S, who enjoys music, traveling, comedy shows, seeks man, 45-55, N/kids, N/S, outgoing, affectionate, stable, for LTR. **5444748**

**STILL LOOKING**  
Attractive tall SBF, 48, N/S, business woman. Enjoys fishing, boating, movies, long walks. Seeking 35+ w/same interest, N/S. **5525043**

**A PRECIOUS JEWEL**  
Very attractive BPF, Christian, 47, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown, N/S enjoys outdoors, movies, traveling, cooking. Seeking romantic BFM, 40-55, financially secure, similar interests, for LTR. **542793**

**LONESOME**  
Senior WF, retired, 5'4", active, honest, healthy, Need the attention of a WM, 65-75, enjoys every thing, easy to please. So hurry up and call me! **5449585**

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SBF, 46, shy but loves to laugh, enjoys concerts, movies, seeking good, honest SBM, 43-50, N/S, for LTR. **5498245**

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**GIVE ME A CALL**  
SBM, 26, 5'11", dark complexion, slim, laid-back, seeks easygoing, sociable SF, interested in having fun and sharing a little romance, possible LTR. **5624478**

**LOVES OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**  
WM, 45, 6'1", 210lbs, light brown hair, either of two sons, likes playing hockey, being active, having fun, boating, more. Looking for fun, honest WF, 35-45, for friendship and dating. **5616286**

**GRANDFATHER**  
SM, Grandfather of 8, still driving and working, enjoys Judge Judy. Looking for companionship and someone to go to garage sales with. **5618930**

**EASYGOING**  
Laid-back, sociable, happy DM, 48, father, auto mechanic, likes BBQs, ok outdoors, hockey, friends/family. Seeking non-judgmental, easygoing gal for friendship, good times and possible LTR. **5619517**

**INTERESTED?**  
SM, 23, dirty-blond, 200lbs, seeks easygoing, loving, happy SF for sharing beach walks, summer sunshine, quiet moments and romance. **5619592**

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SBM, 36, 6'4", 235lbs, Taurus, N/S, college student, would like to meet a woman, 18-40, N/S. **5629801**

**ARE YOU MY ANGEL?**  
SBM, 52, 5'9", medium build, brown/brown, professionally employed, N/S, seeks woman, 38-47, N/S, who loves boating and traveling. **537165**

**GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL**  
An easygoing, agreeable, cute SWM, 40, eager to please and willing to try new things, seeks a fairly attractive, friendly SWF, for dating or more. **5210772**

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Hard-working, loyal SBM, 33, 6'1", 255lbs, seeks appreciative, kind-hearted SWF, 27-35, for quiet times together, cuddling, picnics, BBQs, more. **5986822**

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SBM, 39, 5'5", 190lbs, N/S, muscular build, athletic, looking for SA/WF, 25-55, who takes care of herself. **553700**

**TODAY'S NEWS**  
SWM, 34, 5'9", dark auburn/brown, Sagittarius, smoker, seeks a WF, 43-52, smoker, for friendship, perhaps more. **5618533**

**THE DESOLATE ONE**  
Honest, caring, sincere SBM, 30, 5'11", 210lbs, up and coming young novelist seeks SW/HF, for friendly fun times involving writing, music, movies, etc. Serious inquiries only! **5624184**

**HELLO LADIES**  
Well-groomed, attractive SBM, 25, 6'1", 200lbs, dark complexion, seeks a sweet, honest, fun, open-hearted lady to share friendship, fun, dates and possible romance. **5624304**

**GIVE ME A JINGLE**  
SPM, 40, African-American, seeking a SF with similar interests who enjoys sports, movies, going out. **5625388**

**SOMEBODY TO LOVE...**  
and move forward with. SBM, 57, Gemini, N/S, seeks a beautiful B/WF, 30-50, with good morals, N/S. **5629820**

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DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks a honest, caring S/DWF, with a sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, dancing, concerts, boating, movies, for friendship, possible LTR. **5507073**

**A LOT TO OFFER**  
DWM, 35, employed, one child, into camping, fishing, golf, and more. Seeking S/DWF, 30-42, who enjoys the outdoors. Smoker ok. **522444**

**HOPE YOU'RE OUT THERE**  
SM, 35, 6'2", dirty-blond, goatee, 220lbs, likes NASCAR, hockey, walks, dining out, quiet times. Seeking curvaceous cutie to share cuddling, caring, romance and happiness. **5620933**

**NICE GENTLEMAN**  
SM, 29, good person, looking for a SB/WF, 19-40, for friendship or more. Call me, let's talk! **56949**

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**TAKE ME OUT TONIGHT**  
Lonely SBM, 51, 195lbs, Capricorn, smoker, enjoys family activities, seeks SWF, 35-47, who loves children and dancing. **547574**

**REGULAR GUY**  
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## FLAG FOOTBALL

The Westland International Association of Fire Fighters, the Westland Police Officers Association and High Velocity Sports will be hosting a flag-football tournament Friday, April 8, in an effort to raise money for the Metro Detroit North District of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The tournament will begin at 7 p.m. at HVS, which is at 46245 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

The Metro Detroit North District of the MDA covers over 70 percent of Oakland County and one-third of Wayne County. Support from the community enables the MDA to offer the most comprehensive patient services to local families.

Services include: a week-long summer camp for children between the ages of 6 and 21 at Camp Cavell in Lexington, Mich.; support groups; an MDA clinic at the Michigan Institute for Neurological Disorders (MIND); clinics at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan; and funding for medical equipment.

If you would like to participate in this fund-raiser, call (248) 354-0950.

## HOCKEY BOOSTERS

The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. All parents of current Canton, Plymouth and Salem varsity players are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in varsity hockey at PCEP is also welcome.

## WRESTLING CLUB

Registration for the third session of the Canton Wrestling Club will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 28 and March 30 in the Canton High School wrestling room.

The club holds practices on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Canton wrestling room. The cost is \$25 per wrestler. Checks should be made payable to the Canton Wrestling Club.

The season runs from March 21 through May 23. The club is chartered with the Michigan

Wrestling Federation and USA Wrestling.

For more information, contact coach Ray Price at (734) 451-5440, coach Mike Pantaleo at (734) 354-6394, or coach Casey Randolph at (734) 697-2083.

## OLGC FOOTBALL

The Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2005 season on Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m., in the OLGC gymnasium, which is located at 1151 William St. in Plymouth.

OLGC offers teams for boys in grade 3rd through 8th. Families that belong to the following parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a'Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James (third- and fourth-graders only) and St. John Neumann.

Parents of interested players should attend the meeting. Program information and registration materials will be distributed. For further information, contact Mike Nelson at mikenelson@ameritech.net or (734) 737-9935.

## T-BALL SIGN-UP

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be holding registration from March 28 through April 15 for its 5- and 6-year-old co-ed T-ball league. Children must be born in either July-December, 1998; January-December, 1999; or January-July, 2000.

Registration will be held at the recreation office, which is located at the Plymouth Cultural Center between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Birth certificates are required.

The season runs seven weeks from June 20 through Aug. 5. Games will be held on Wednesdays or Thursdays. The fee is \$75 for non-residents and \$55 for Plymouth residents. For more information, contact the recreation department at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302.

## BASEBALL CLINIC

The annual Salem High School Baseball Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 26, and Saturday, April 9, in the high school gymnasium. There

will be four sessions and players will be grouped from ages 7 to 10 years old and 11 to 15.

The cost of the clinic is \$25, which includes a souvenir T-shirt.

To sign up, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026 or e-mail them at pcmmyers@hotmail.com.

## 10-STAR HOOP CAMP

Applications are currently being evaluated for the 10-Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp, an invitation-only camp for boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 19 years old.

Past participants of the camp include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison.

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## REC OFFERINGS

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be running men's and women's slow-pitch softball leagues beginning in early May. All games will be played at Don Massey Field in Plymouth.

Registration for returning teams begins March 21 while new teams can start registering April 1, or until the leagues are full.

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, April 5, at 7 p.m. in room 401 of Plymouth High School. All parents of current players are encouraged to attend.

## HVS SPRING EVENTS

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

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

The half-day camps for kids between the ages of 5 and 8 years old are \$20 per day while the full-day camps for 8- to 12-

year-olds cost \$35 per day. Both camps are also available on Friday, March 25.

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

The camp is offered for players between the ages of 5 and 8 (from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) and for kids between the ages of 9 and 12 (noon to 2 p.m.) The camp fee is \$75 per player

and will be run by HVS staff and Canton Soccer Club trainers.

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

For more information on the programs, call (734) 487-7678 or visit www.hvysports.com.

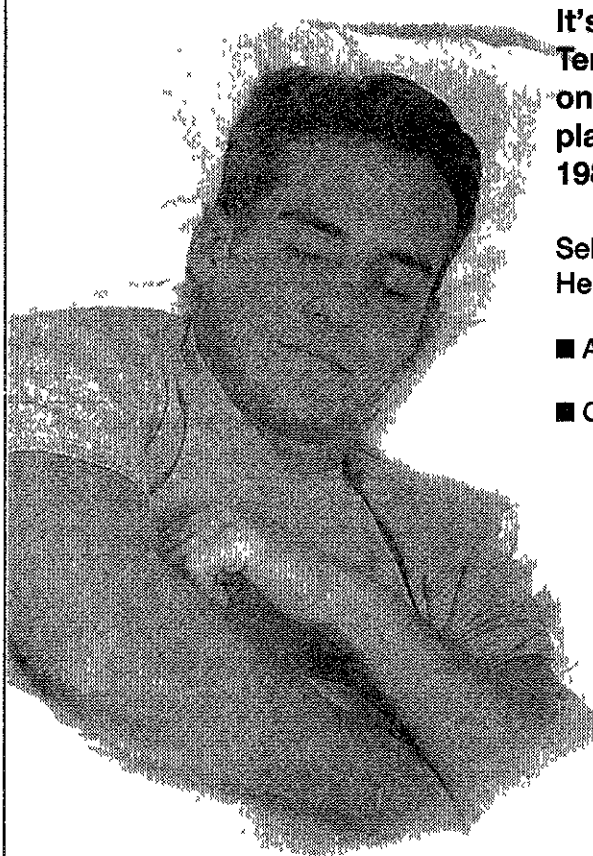
## GCYBSA SIGN-UP

Over 1,400 youngsters have registered to play baseball, softball and tee-ball in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association this summer, but it's not too late to sign up.

To register, visit csc.cantonmi.org for a registration form and mailing address, or pick up a form at the Summit on the Park, which is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

For more information, call (734) 394-5489.

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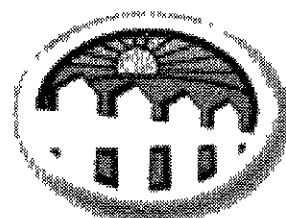
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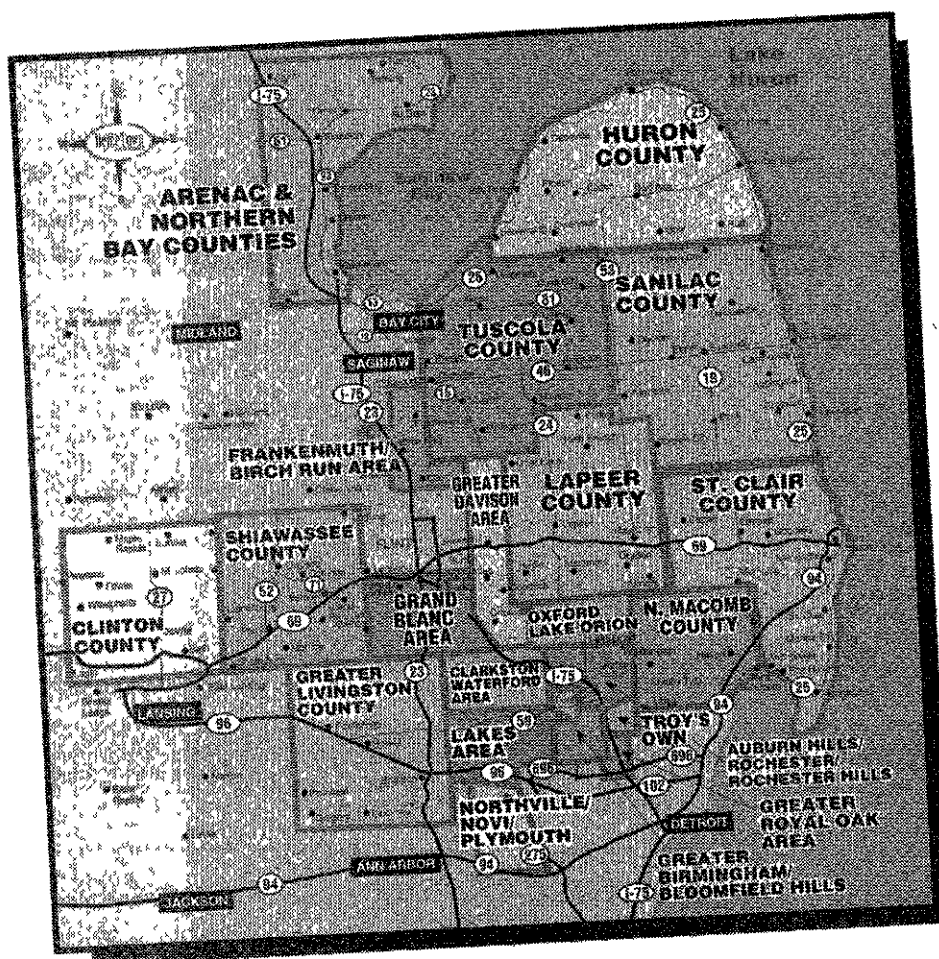
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MARCH

**abyrnth Walk**  
5-7 p.m. Thursday, March 24, designed to help you find peace and clarity through movement and a place for quieting the mind while opening the heart, everyone welcome at First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 3312 Grand River. Visit www.farmingtonfumc.org.

**Lenten and Easter services**  
7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 24; noon Good Friday service, March 25, and 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise service and 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services on Easter Sunday, March 27, at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-6170.

**Lenten and Easter services**  
Garden City Presbyterian Church has scheduled a service at 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday, at the church at 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford, and will participate in a noon to 1 p.m. community Good Friday service at First United Methodist Church on Merriman, north of Ford, and Easter Sunday traditional service at 10 a.m. with youth Sunday School and balloon launch. Following the services a contemporary service known as Mustard Seed is scheduled for 6 p.m. Easter Sunday. For more information, call (734) 421-7620.

**Lenten and Easter services**  
Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m. March 24, and 10 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 27, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 West Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Lenten and Easter services**  
7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 24; 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service Good Friday, March 25, and 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday (breakfast at 8 a.m.) March 27, at Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford. Call (313) 532-8655.

**Lenten services**  
On March 24 Timothy Lutheran hosts a 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service and Church of the Holy Spirit a noon service of Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar, and on Good Friday, March 25, Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, hosts a 7 p.m. Good Friday service on March 25 with Timothy Lutheran and Holy Spirit. At noon Holy Spirit presents a noon Good Friday service. For more information, call (734) 591-0211.

**Holy Week services**  
7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday March 24; 12:30 p.m. Good Friday, March 25, and 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 27, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-1470.

**Holy Week services**  
1 p.m. Good Friday, March 25, and 9 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 27, at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600.

**Blood drive**  
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. March 25, at St. Thomas A Becket-Church, 555 South Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 981-3433 or (734) 397-8495 for an appointment.

**Concert series**  
Program features Schubert Mass in G Major and the Mozart Piano Concerto in A Major 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 25, the mass features an ensemble of 50-voices, an orchestra of 22 musicians and guest soloists, pianist Clinton Smith, a graduate student at the University of Michigan School of Music, who will perform the concerto, at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial. No charge in honor of Holy Week. For directions, visit www.ptumc.org.

**Good Friday concert**  
The world premiere of a major new choral work, The Passion According to St. John by David Briggs 7:30 p.m. March 25, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. For tickets and information, call (248) 626-2515, ext. 109 or click on www.kirk-music.org.

**Easter egg hunt**  
10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 26, at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600.

**Passion of Christ Trilogy**  
A drama featuring flying characters, big screen video, music, high-tech stage lighting, pros, and special effects 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26, and 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 27, Good Friday Drama 12:30 p.m. March 25, at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 West Chicago, Redford. Call (313) 255-2222 or visit www.wayofvictory.com.

**Easter service**  
10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 27, Canton Friendship Church will have a special service including a drama presentation and performance by the Hands of Friendship at Cherry Hill Village Theater. An Easter egg hunt follows for children age 11 and under at the Cherry Hill Village Gazebo Park. For more information, call the church office at (734) 451-2100 or Robin Leclerc at (734) 981-3798, or visit

www.cantonfriendship.org.  
**Lenten Vesper services**  
The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors its annual series of Lenten Vesper services at area Orthodox churches beginning at 6 p.m. March 27, Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas, at St. Clement Ohridski Macedono-Bulgarian Orthodox Church, 19600 Ford Road, Dearborn, (313) 271-3110, April 3, Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross, at St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, 18405 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield, (248) 569-4833; April 10, Sunday of St. John Climacus, at Sts. Peter & Paul Romanian Orthodox Church, 750 N. Beech Daly Road, Dearborn Heights, (313) 274-9651, and April 17, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia, (248) 476-3432. The general public as well as Orthodox Christians are invited to attend. All proceeds will be used for COCC charities and projects. For more information, contact the Very Rev. Timothy Barna, COCC president at (313) 937-2120 or ftim@twmi.rr.com, or the Very Rev. Michael Arbanas, secretary at (313) 271-3110, or father.michael@stclementchurch.net. For information about COCC, call (313) 937-2120.

**Evening prayer**  
7 p.m. weeknights during Lent at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville road, 4 miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361 for details.

**Easter Eggstravaganza**  
10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 26, over 5,000 eggs to hunt, at First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, east of Haggerty.

**Bible seminar**  
Creation versus Evolution conducted by Pastor Mike Doucoumes and Joe Knapp 7:15-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays to April 6, at Cherry Hills Seventh Day Adventists Church, 33144 Cherry Hill, between Wayne and Venoy roads, Garden City. Call (734) 524-0880.

**Rummage and bake sale**  
9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Friday, March 31 to April 1, Saturday Bag Sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 2, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt. Light lunches available.

**Tiny Tots Preschool**  
Taking registrations for fall of 2005 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Tiny Tots Preschool, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211 for more information. There are still openings for the Monday-Wednesday-Friday afternoon 4-year old class and Tuesday-Thursday morning and afternoon 3-year old classes

**Qigong**  
The ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine. A safe and effective way to rid body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions. Learn the art of natural movement and breath to cultivate vital life energy. Classes at Livonia Unity, 28660 5 Mile. Monday - movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday, Qigong meditation 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday Therapeutic Qigong 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@energeticarts.org. Love Donations.

**DivorceCare**  
Series began 7 p.m. Sunday, March 6, class is designed to help you rebuild your life after divorce and recover from the deep hurts it causes, can also give a fresh start to troubled marriages, repair and strengthen them, in the library at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 North Sheldon, Canton. Cost is \$15 for 13-weeks. Advance registration preferred so that materials may be ordered. Childcare provided for children through fifth grade for \$15 for all 13-weeks (must register in advance). Call (734) 459-3333.

APRIL

**The Tico Family**  
Singing Filipino missionaries in concert 7 p.m. Friday, April 1, at Fair Haven Baptist Church, 34850 Marquette, south of Ford Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland. No charge. Call (734) 728-4549.

**Rummage sale**  
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 8, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 9, in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. \$2.00 bag sale on Saturday.

**Rummage sale**  
5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5 admission \$2 per adult. Big sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 6 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7, admission free. Saturday everything is half price, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia.

ONGOING

**Jesus & Java**  
Small group informal Bible study continues 9:30 a.m. Mondays to April 25 (except March 28), at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-1470.

**Grief workshops**  
Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight week grief workshop, From Grief to New Hope began 7-8:45

p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, at the church on Six Mile at Haggerty, Northville. For registration information, call Dorothy at (248) 374-5966 For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support, call (248) 348-0115.

**Divorce Recovery Workshop**  
Bethany Rochester conducts a workshop beginning 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, for 11 weeks, at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, 7710 Old Perch Road, Rochester Hills. The workshop is open to the divorced and separated of all faiths. No charge. For more information, call Mike at (248) 652-3860.

**Worship services**  
All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sunday at Church of Our Saviour, Presbyterian, 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. For more information, call (248) 626-7606.

**40-day spiritual study**  
Based on the book, The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren, those attending will have the opportunity to look at themselves introspectively, four different classes offered 10-11:30 a.m. and 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays began Feb. 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday beginning Feb. 10, and 7-8 p.m. Sunday began Feb. 13, at First United Methodist Church of Farmington. A copy of the book is available at the church for \$12 if you don't own a copy. Call (248) 464-6573.

**Aerobic class**  
Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 W. Chicago at Inkster, is offering a Women's Low Impact Aerobic Class to the community every Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. To participate in this cost-free, 30-minute class, wear comfortable exercise attire (floor mats optional). For more information, call the church office (313) 937-1199.

**Bible studies**  
Led by C. Jack Brinkman 8-9 p.m. Thursdays, at the Birmingham YMCA, 400 east Lincoln. Brinkman wrote the book The Word of God: Jesus Christ. Part of the proceeds from book sales go to the YMCA.

**Bible Study for Parents**  
For Parents with Young Children 6 p.m. Sundays at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Child care available. Call (734) 699-3361.

**Worship services**  
All are welcome to attend worship services 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

**Services**  
Abiding Presence Lutheran Church (1550 Walton, Rochester Hills) will be holding services at the usual time during construction of the addition - 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (contemporary service) on Sunday, Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Enter and exit using the East drive. For more information, call (248) 651-6550.

**Worship services**  
All are welcome to attend worship services at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Sunday. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

**Community Bible study**  
Studying the Book of Proverbs, breakfast 7 a.m. or Bible study 8-9 a.m. at the American Table, Eight Mile, Farmington. Come when you can, leave when you must. For more information, call (248) 924-2779.

**Contemporary service**  
New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620.

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
Sunday worship 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the church 11575 Belleville Road, 4 miles south of Michigan Ave., Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361.

**Orthodoxy 101**  
Explore issues of faith and morals in a course entitled "Orthodoxy 101." it meets weekly 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Road, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The course is open to the public, and there is no cost involved. The Rev. Michael Matsko will be the instructor and will lead the discussion. Please invite your friends and as Philip told Nathaniel, "Come and see" if you have any additional questions, call Beth at (248) 348-8631.

**Support group**  
Provides spiritual, social and educational support for divorced and separated Catholic men and women 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month, at St. Andrew's Parish Center, 1400 Englewood, Rochester. For information, call (248) 652-9173 or (248) 652-3860

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month, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.

**Prayer group**  
Join us 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer, and friendship, at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Come to the back of the church, enter entrance No. 2. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley (734) 464-3656, or Geri (734) 464-8906.

**Women of the Word**  
Tuesday Ladies Bible Study, Women of the Word, studies the Book of Luke, entitled Grace Under Pressure 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare available for children through age 5. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

**Worship schedule**  
Resumed regular Sunday worship schedule beginning Sept. 12, at Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church, 33360 W 13 Mile at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. A contemporary service called Praise Forth is held on the fourth Sunday of each month. For information, call (248) 626-7906.

**New modern-style worship**  
Come be part of something big! Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Just north of I-96) presents a MODERN-style worship service. The multi-media service is informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments. Dramas, led by the members, are often a part of this service. The service is held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday, between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, youth, and adult Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information, call Linda Höllman, Outreach Director, at (734) 522-6830.

**New service times**  
9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. began Sept. 12 for

the fall and winter months, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860.

**New Sunday School**  
At Heart of the Hills Church, 5085 Orion Road, Rochester, for members of the community who want to increase their biblical knowledge using materials from Scripture Press. The non-denominational program is open to all ages. No charge for the classes taking place 9:30-10:15 a.m. every Sunday. Service follows at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (248) 652-7774

**Adat Shalom**  
Synagogue services 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100.

**Welcome to the church**  
Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you already baptized Catholic and have been away from the church? Now is the time to inquire about coming into the church or returning to the community of believers. Call Our Lady of Sorrows at (248) 615-5574 for more information

**Self help groups**  
Local church provides space for self help groups. Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program for eating disorders, meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Alcoholics Anonymous, a 12-step program for alcohol related problems, meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step program for co-dependency and destructive relationship problems, meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays, at First Baptist Church, 300 Wiliits, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward. Parking adjacent to church's north entrance.

**Addiction No More**  
Do you have any addictive behavior problems - drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, etc.? Come to the meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 West Chicago, Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.

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**Wednesday Evening Prayer**  
7 p.m. Wednesday. This is not a structured service but an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860.

**Single Point Lighthouse Cafe**  
Single and feeling alone? Come join us. Single Point Ministries invites you to join more than 550 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. The Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help equip you to maximize your singleness and relationship with God. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. Single Point Ministries has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. For more information or to receive a newsletter, call (248) 374-5920.

**Single Point Walking Club**  
Meets 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. All fitness levels welcome. Single Point Ministries (ages 30 and up) offers 45 ministries for singles including Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, and PACS People Active in Christian Study) Bible study group. Call (248) 374-5920.

**AWANA**  
Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop your children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.



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**DONALD C. BOEGLER**  
Age 87, March 19, 2005 of Livonia. Dear father of Donald ( Mary Ann), Jeffrey (Teresa), Jonathan (Heather), Brent (Eileen) & Donna (Dennis) Grimes. Grandfather of 7. Preceded in death by his wife Doris. A funeral service was held Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Livonia. Arrangements were by R. G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington, Livonia.

**JENNIFER HAY LUBY**  
Of Hoffman Estates, IL. Formerly, Dear Bloomfield, MI. Born June 16, 1960, in Fargo N.D. the third daughter of John "Jerry" and Pat Ruud Hay, she passed away Monday, March 7, 2005, surrounded by her husband, family and friends, at home. Jenni graduated from Michigan State University in 1982, and received her Master of Arts degree from Roosevelt University in July 1990. She was a highly respected member of the Barrington ( Illinois) School District. Jenni started at Barrington High School as a math teacher in 1987, and joined the administrative team in 1995. In this, her 18th year with the district she was appointed Assistant Superintendent for Research and Development. In March of 2003 she was married to Robert Luby. She was a loving and inspirational wife, daughter, sister, aunt and friend. Jenni's smiling face and uplifting spirit will be missed by her family, students and many friends and loved ones. Jenni is survived by her husband, Robert; her parents, Pat and John; sisters, Julie (George) Chapman, Jane (Paul) Tetreault, and Joan ( John Cullen; niece, Nicole Chapman; and nephews, George Chapman, and Brendan and Connor Cullen. The family requests donations be made to the Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, 410 S. Hager Ave. Barrington Illinois, 60010. Arrangements were made by the Ahlgirm & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services, Schaumburg, IL (847) 882-5580. A Celebration of Jenni Hay Luby's Life, was held at 4p.m. March 9, 2005, in the auditorium of Barrington High School, Barrington , Illinois , for her family and friends

**EDWIN J. EUSTICE**  
Died on March 17, 2005. Resided in Potomac, Maryland, but had previously been a long-time resident of Birmingham, Michigan. Husband of Turry Eustice; father of Bob Eustice and his wife, Katherine; grandfather of Scott and Michael Eustice. Mr. Eustice is also survived by his brother, Don Eustice, and his sister, Norma Stevens. Memorial service was held at the Potomac United Methodist Church in Potomac, Maryland. Inurnment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area Chapter, 11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 402, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Please visit and sign the family guestbook at: www.pumphreyfuneralhome.com

**MARY JEAN GUZICK**  
Age 62, passed away Sat., March 19, 2005. She was born July 27, 1942, the beloved daughter of Isabel Kims. Dear mother of Kim, Bob (Deb Christiansen), Dave (Heather) and Jeff (Sarah Gordon). Loving grandmother of Kara, Maddy, Charlie and Ellen. Dear sister of Penny Turner and husband Dave, Norman Kims, Ray Kims and Mary (Brian) Matthews. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial will be held Saturday, March 26th at 11am at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington Hills.

**STEPHEN P. MALONE**  
A former General Motors executive, died March 21, 2005 in Naples, FL at the age of 88. He worked as Chief Engineer of the entire Pontiac Motor Division from 1965 until his retirement in 1980. He served as President of the General Motors Retired Executives Club in Naples. Steve is survived by his wife, Bernice, and his daughter, Jane Gross (Joseph) of Crestview Hills, KY; son Thomas Malone of Phoenix, AZ; granddaughter Toby Fauver of Royal Oak, MI; grandson John Fauver of Cincinnati, OH; step-son Robert Dawson (Carole) of Bloomfield Hills, MI; step-daughter Kathryn Dawson of Clarkston, MI; He was pre-deceased by his first wife, Naomi Malone, the mother of his children, and by his second wife, Doris Malone. He will be interred at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, MI. A memorial service will be held in Michigan at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Naples, Inc., 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105

**GORDON LEE TOWNSEND**  
Age 67, of Punta Gorda passed away March 18, 2005. He was born January 2, 1938 in Nyack, New York and moved to Florida in January of 1995 from Northville, MI. Mr. Townsend was a retired Manufacturing Engineering Manager for Ford Motor Company in Livonia, MI. He was a graduate of Michigan State. Mr. Townsend served in the he U.S. Air Force. Survivors include his wife Carol; daughters Dianne Corcoran, Susan Wright & Linda MacLean, sons, David & Robert, sisters Gail Fournier, Karen Fried & Wendy Spring; also seven grandchildren. Memorial services to be held in Florida. memorial donations may be made to the Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33955

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## Smoker causing a pain

I am living in a condo unit that is next to an extremely heavy smoker and the stench of the smoke is filtering into my residence. I have contacted the Association and they say there is nothing they can do because the city passed the inspection on the insulation between the buildings. I have become sick to my stomach from the smell and want to know what my rights are.

The answer to your question depends in part upon your condominium documents that give co-owners the right to stop another co-owner from causing a nuisance to them. Whether the stench of smoke arises to the level of a nuisance may be a question of fact for a jury to determine. There may also be a question as to whether the insulation in the unit was adequate notwithstanding the fact that it met minimum code requirements. The Association may also have recourse against the co-owner under the remedy provisions of the Bylaws and you may have a separate cause of action against the co-owner for maintaining a nuisance if you can show that the smoke is above normal reasonable levels. You are best advised to consult with an attorney knowledgeable about condominium law.

I hear that Madison, Wis., is one of the best towns in the country and I am going to be moving there, living near the capital building. Are you aware of the housing market in multi family housing?

If you are going to be living near the capital in Madison, you will find that a number of the older buildings around the capital are being converted to condominiums and, in fact, there is some new construction of condominiums particularly on the lake, although that is in the high end price range. Obviously, developers are thinking that homes in that area are extremely valuable for persons who are going to be needing access to the capital facility as well as the downtown shopping area. Also, I am advised that the Madison real estate market has been steadily rising, notwithstanding recessions in real estate in other parts of the country. So, it may well be a good investment for you. Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-associates.com](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-associates.com).

# Curb appeal



## Make your home more attractive to buyers

BY AMANDA KNOLES

Potential buyers form an initial impression of a home within the first 15 seconds. Real estate experts advise sellers to take an objective tour of their home, notebook in hand, and make notes on anything that could be perceived as a negative.

One of the most important steps you can take is to give your home more curb appeal. That means improving the landscaping, painting the exterior, and repairing cracks in driveways and walks. You don't want to lose potential buyers before they even see the inside of your home. Curb appeal is enhanced by making sure the lawn and shrubs are neatly trimmed and by planting a few flowers to give your yard more color. Consider adding additional shrubs, outdoor lighting, a bench, or fountain to make the landscape more interesting.

Make sure the front entrance is clean and inviting. Paint the front door, install a new doorknob, and put out a fresh doormat. A couple of plants, a wreath, or an attractive light fixture can make an entrance much more appealing. You might consider painting the front door a darker color like red or blue, which will attract more attention from the street. Clean all exterior windows and remove debris from gutters, downspouts and trees. Get rid of chipped trim, faded canopies and porch railings that are worn or dated. Stow lawn tools, garden hoses and other equipment in organized racks

in the garage or back yard. Mow the lawn regularly and keep flower beds free of weeds. Dispose of fallen leaves and get rid of any broken or low hanging tree branches near the roof.

Once you've placed the house on the market, begin clearing the garage and closets of clutter. Pack out-of-season clothes in trunks or wardrobe boxes and store in the garage. The idea is to create a roomy feel when potential buyers open closet and cabinet doors.

If you need to repaint interior or exterior walls use neutral colors and window treatments. You don't want buyers to be turned off by bold colors or a decorating scheme that calls attention away from other important features of the home.

Bathrooms should be clean and organized. Place toiletries, hair dryers and miscellaneous items in baskets or plastic containers that can be stored out of sight and retrieved easily when needed. Replace worn shower curtains and bath rugs and make sure faucets work and that toilets are flushing properly.

Clean kitchen counters and stovetop and wipe fingerprints from the refrigerator door, wall outlets, etc. Store small appliances in the pantry or a cupboard. The counters should appear uncluttered but you should leave a few decorative items such as a fruit bowl or colorful jars filled with pasta. Replace worn kitchen towels and potholders with new ones. Attractive placemats, napkin rings and plates on a dining table can give the room a more sophisticated look.

Get your carpets professionally cleaned and wax all wood floors. Replace worn linoleum or tiles in kitchens and bathrooms. Check all doorknobs and cabinet pulls to make sure they are clean and in proper working order. Be vigilant in eliminating dust and any odors from tobacco, mildew, pets or cooking. Organize magazines, toys and sports equipment in baskets, bins and other containers.

Take a tour of model homes in your area to pick up decorating tricks you can use to give your home a look of casual sophistication. Many of the accessories used by decorators are purchased inexpensively at world import stores like Pier One and Cost Plus. For example a woven basket filled with hand towels, washcloths and scented soaps is more attractive in a bathroom than a plain wall shelf.

You may notice in model homes that small bedrooms frequently have a twin bed pushed against a wall in the corner with decorative pillows taking the place of a headboard. The look is modern and imparts a more spacious feel. Consider placing a beautiful fabric under a glass table. You'll instantly achieve a new look and the glass will keep the fabric clean. Dried flowers can be displayed with leaves, fruit, tree branches and other elements of nature to create beautiful table centerpieces. Visit your florist or a local craft supply store for ideas.

Try to look at your home objectively through a buyer's eyes and listen carefully to any suggestions that your real estate agent advises.

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## Tough times call for creativity

Some use our sluggish economic recovery as reason to avoid buying real estate. In the meantime, savvy shoppers are scouring the market for potential bargains. Some find deals while others create them.

There is no shortage of people who would like to own real estate if only the right deal would come along. The operative words, of course, are "the right deal."

The most obvious way to sell a home in any market — especially a slow one — is to make the purchase easy for the broadest range of buyers.

Since most first-time homebuyers, for instance, do not normally have an abundance of cash, offering to cover closing costs is usually a good first step for a motivated seller. To open the buyer floodgates even further, however, sellers can offer to help the buyers with their financing, too.

Seller financing means simply that the buyers borrow at least a part of their purchase money from the sellers. The buyers get the first part of their money — the first mortgage — from a traditional lender and the balance from a different lender — the sellers.

In many cases, this potential "win-win" financing can allow buyers to acquire homes for nearly nothing down. The sellers, in return, can realize a healthy monthly cash flow on the "second mortgage" until the buyers sell, refinance, or pay off the loan.

If you own enough of your \$130,000 home, you could likely sell it for every bit of market value by having the buyers get an 80 percent mortgage and "carrying" the 20 percent balance — say at 12 percent interest for 10 years yourself. In this case, you walk from your sale with \$104,000 and almost \$330 a month positive cash flow. Properly structured and recorded, your investment is secured by the property you just sold.

Today's TIMBIT! Real estate buyers and sellers alike can benefit greatly from the current market conditions, especially if they use a little creative genius. A talented mortgage professional can show you creative ways to convert funding obstacles into opportunities.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy archives at [www.USWealthAcademy.com](http://www.USWealthAcademy.com) or phone him toll-free at (866) 369-4516.

### BRIEFS

#### First-time home buyer seminar

Learn how to work with Realtors, sellers and mortgage companies when shopping for your first home. A free seminar is scheduled for 7:00-8:30pm Tuesday, March 29, sponsored by Victory Home Loans, 950 S. Old Woodward Ave in Birmingham. Space is limited, so call (248) 723-6400 to register. Attend this seminar and your appraisal will be free when you purchase your home.

#### Sachse hires estimator

Christian Laycock has been hired by Sachse Construction of Birmingham as an estimator. Laycock, who has 10 years of commercial construction experience, had been a senior estimator with MICCO, LLC in Pontiac, Mich. A Farmington Hills resident, he holds a bachelor's degree in construction management from Eastern Michigan University.

#### CAM promotion announced

The Construction Association of Michigan (CAM) announced that Wendy Hofert has been promoted to the position of marketing representative. Hofert, a graduate of Wichita State University in Kansas, will be responsible for marketing CAM expositions, membership in the association, Construction Project News and listings in the industry's most well-known

directory, the CAM Buyers Guide.

#### Chene new top Stager

The Great Lakes chapter of the International Association of Home Staging Professionals has named Deborah Chene as its president. Chene is the president/owner of Staging Impressions of Farmington Hills. The appointment was made by Great Lakes chapter founder Shelley Wagner and organization founder Barb Schwarz.

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# Consider the advantages of purchasing whole-home air cleaner

(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 too much 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. A 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.

Some homeowners prefer a whole-home air cleaner versus a portable air cleaner when

comparing performance, installation and maintenance factors and overall cost. A 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 located in the utility room, where it does not detract from the

home's aesthetic appeal. Typically, a whole-home air cleaner requires maintenance just 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.

In terms of energy costs, people who choose portable units can expect to pay up to \$220 in annual costs.

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**Canton** — Curtis built 2-story w/3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and first floor laundry. Gas fireplace in living room, full basement, 2 car attached garage, stove & frig stay. Master suite has walk-in closet & bath. Morgan Creek is a newer sub of only 88 units w/a 20 acre nature preserve. \$222,000 (83CON)

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**Livonia** — Affordable downtown Livonia condo! You can walk to rec center from this very contemporary home. Truly move in condition! Spacious living room and dining room w/large picture window, newer carpet, basement, carport, pool. \$69,899 (75HUB)

**Southfield** — Beautiful 2 bedroom corner townhome. 2.5 baths, large living room w/a dining area. Spacious kitchen w/new maple cabinets and electric appliances. Large walk-in closets in both bedrooms and a private 2 car garage, study/den on lower level, sprinklers. \$229,900 (03SAI)

**Dearborn** — Very clean 2-family colonial 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, LR, DR, kitchen in lower unit, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, living room in upper unit. Upper unit rents for \$500, lower unit rents for \$600, 1.5 car garage rents for \$40 per month. Newer furnace, windows & driveway, 2 HWH's, large covered porch. \$149,900 (31COL)

**Livonia** — Very clean 3-bedroom ranch with immediate occupancy! Coved ceilings in living room, dining nook off living room, C/A, newer HWH, shingles on Florida room & garage. Vinyl double clad windows, & pull down stairs for extra storage, appliances stay. \$159,900 (66GRO)

**Novi** — 4 bedroom colonial in great area of Novi. 2 baths, 2 lavs, large master suite w/cathedral ceilings and skylights, 2nd floor laundry, finished basement, fireplace, C/A, 2-car attached garage, great corner lot. Newer windows, doorwall, roof shingles, HWH. \$324,900 (95JAM)

**Westland** — Cute and clean 3-bed ranch w/Livonia Schools. Finished basement, open kitchen w/eat-in dining room, C/A, doorwall that leads to 16 x16 deck. Andersen windows, 2 car garage, lots of perennials planted all around the home. \$162,900 (39FRE)

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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of Nov. 8-12, 2004, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton		Garden City		Livonia		Redford		Westland	
1405 Aberdeen	\$204,000	5645 Wedgewood	\$197,000	12480 Pincrest	\$271,000	9220 Beech Daly	\$126,000	35135 Avondale	\$113,000
47979 Cardiff	\$152,000	6940 Deering	\$66,000	303 Pinewood	\$127,000	19939 Beech Daly	\$90,000	6451 Deerpark	\$155,000
49204 Castleside	\$139,000	31727 Elmwood	\$155,000	11907 Riverside	\$254,000	17166 Brady	\$124,000	31489 Hazelwood	\$84,000
7910 Charrington	\$247,000	28910 Florence	\$138,000	1134 S Harvey	\$190,000	14154 Farley	\$164,000	32093 Hazelwood	\$88,000
50268 Colonial	\$55,000	103 Gilman	\$125,000	1472 W Ann Arbor	\$370,000	20329 Gaylord	\$136,000	34943 Lewis	\$155,000
1612 Commodore	\$225,000	29744 Rosslyn	\$153,000	9063 Woodgrove	\$420,000	16034 Knight	\$143,000	31416 Lonnie	\$155,000
6108 Courtland	\$248,000					13221 Leverne	\$152,000	6938 Mohawk	\$180,000
44803 Danbury	\$333,000					26441 Lyndon	\$240,000	5868 N Livville	\$125,000
8760 Eastham	\$430,000					24907 N Sylbert	\$160,000	7269 Sorrell	\$230,000
44748 Gienharry	\$345,000					9159 Nathalie	\$150,000		
42149 Harford	\$247,000					17159 Norborne	\$139,000		
49829 Jackson	\$98,000					24475 Puritan	\$130,000		
1641 Lasalle	\$170,000					14022 Royal Grand	\$182,000		
549 Manhattan	\$480,000					11346 Virgil	\$121,000		
543 McKinley	\$73,000					17202 Wakenden	\$122,000		
2041 N Arbor	\$129,000					25258 Westfield	\$141,000		
6050 N Beck	\$215,000					26094 Westfield	\$158,000		
40971 N Maplewood	\$194,000					20427 Woodworth	\$115,000		
41021 N Maplewood	\$84,000								
41031 N Maplewood	\$185,000								
41041 N Maplewood	\$207,000								
41361 N Maplewood	\$216,000								
45421 N Stonewood	\$190,000								
8355 Orhan	\$190,000								
1034 Paddington	\$254,000								
2137 Pinewood	\$183,000								
531 Roosevelt	\$103,000								
1591 Rustic Ridge	\$191,000								
47569 Scenic	\$235,000								
39782 Wales	\$188,000								

## Plan carefully when installing new patio

(NUI) - Thinking of installing a brick patio?

Here are some tips from Laura Schwind, a registered landscape architect for Pine Hall Brick, the largest supplier of clay pavers in the United States.

■ Consider the size. Most people make their patios too small. The average patio is 150 square feet. To

get an idea of the size and space, place furniture, a grill and your kids' toys in the proposed area and outline the area with a garden hose.

■ Decide on the shape. Rectangular and linear patios are considered more formal. A curved patio allows you to bring planting beds into the space, adding inter-

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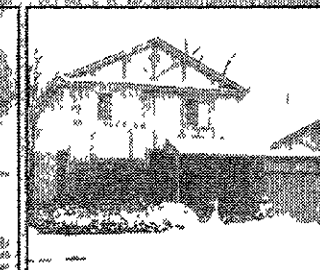
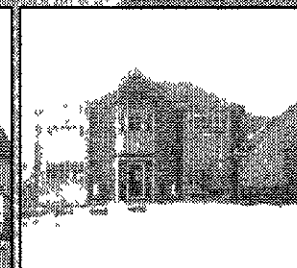
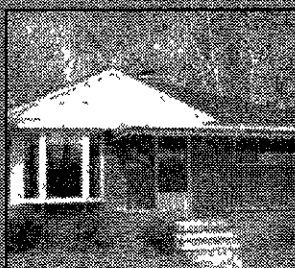
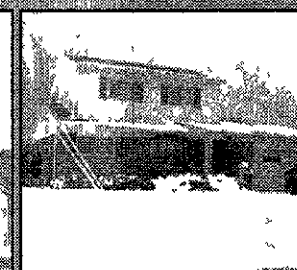




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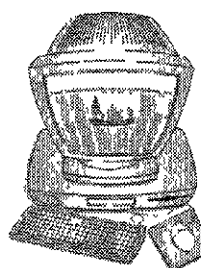
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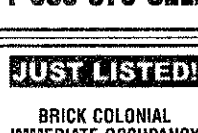


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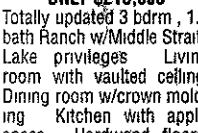


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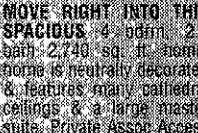


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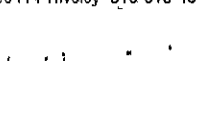


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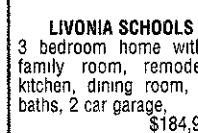
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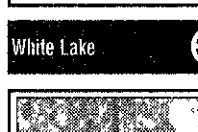


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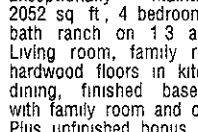


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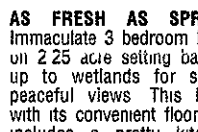


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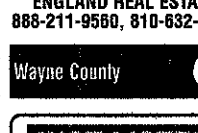


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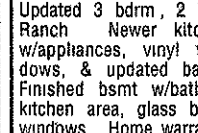


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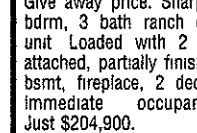


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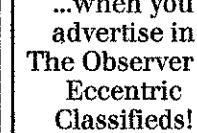


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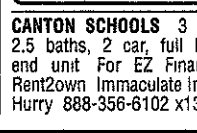


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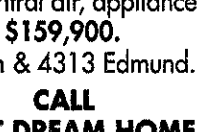


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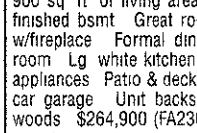
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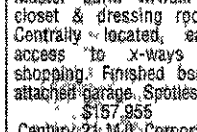


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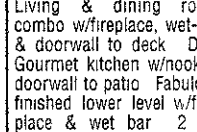


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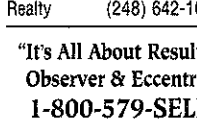


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 1 & 2 Bedrooms from \$615  
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 Livonia Schools  
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**Great location next to shopping, entertainment, etc.**  
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**Southfield High Rise Living**  
 \* Great Location  
 \* Panoramic Views  
 \* RENT SPECIALS ON SELECT UNITS  
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## NORTHWOOD APARTMENTS

**Tucked away at 11 Mile and Woodward**  
 \* Walk to Downtown Royal Oak  
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**Great Location**  
 \* 10 Mile and Hoover  
 \* 1 & 2 Bedroom from \$490  
 \* HEAT PAID  
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**Spacious floor plans up to 1475 sq. ft.**  
 \* Covered Parking  
 \* Great Prices- Apartments starting at \$725  
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**FARMINGTON/LIVONIA**  
**Whispering Woods Apts**  
 Merriman Rd, 1 block South of 8 Mile Rd  
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 1 Bedroom From \$635  
 2 Bedroom From \$735  
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**FIVE, FIVE, FIVE.**  
 ONE MONTH FREE  
 To Qualified Applicants  
 Studios, 1 & 2 bedrooms available in town Birmingham 555 S. Old Woodward  
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**GARDEN CITY**  
 1 bedroom, totally updated, bright & cheery, appliances included 248-473-5733 913-506-6696

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**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
 1 Bdrm pool \$675  
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## Apartment/Unfurnished

**Farmington Hills**  
 \*HAPPINESS IS...  
 Moving into a cozy, 1 bedroom apt. with reduced rent & security deposit  
 Carport & water included  
 Starting at \$545  
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## Apartment/Unfurnished

**KEEG HARBOR/ WEST BLOOMFIELD**  
 Large studio, 1 & 2 bedroom apts in small, quiet complex, next to park West Bloomfield schools. Rents from \$550 includes heat & water. Furnished apts also available 248-617-8309

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## Apartment/Unfurnished

**LIVONIA**  
**FAIRFIELD ARMS**  
 1 bdrm \$635/mo. incl. heat & water  
 \* HARDWOOD FLOORS  
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 Studio-\$325/mo  
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**Livonia's Finest Location**  
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 Immediate Occupancy  
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**1 Bedroom only \$620!\***  
 \* Free Heat & Water  
 \* Reduced Security Deposit & Application Fee  
 \* 2 Bedrooms have 1 1/2 Baths  
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## Cedar Lake Apartments

**Located on 6 Mile between Haggerty and Northville Roads, 2 miles west of I-275**  
**1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments**  
**2 Bedroom Townhomes!**  
 \* Private Entry  
 \* Full Size Washer & Dryer  
 \* Small Pets Welcome  
 \* Water Included  
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 Almost soundproof  
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 1 bedroom from \$595  
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 Clean 1 & 2 bed apt \$565, \$665 or \$765/mo \$0 Security deposit and 1 month free w/ approved 13-month lease  
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**Rent Starting At \$595**  
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 A very nice 1 bedroom upper, \$635/mo includes heat & water. No pets  
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**PLYMOUTH PARK APTS.**  
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 See mgr for details  
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 50% OFF  
**FIRST 3 MONTHS RENT**  
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**COUNTRY CORNER**  
**Huge Apartments & Town Homes**  
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**From \$800**  
**Ask About our Specials**  
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## Westland's Best Value...

**BLUE GARDEN APARTMENTS**  
**MOVE IN SPECIAL!**  
**1 Month Free Rent Plus \$50 Off 6 Months Rent and Reduced Security Deposit\***  
**or \$99 moves you in**  
**Our Value Package Includes:**  
 • 1 and 2 Bedroom Apartments  
 • Heat/Water Included  
 • Cable Ready • Pool  
 • Pets Welcome  
**RENTS \$510\***  
**FROM...**  
 We're proud to offer the most value for your money in Westland  
 Cherry Hill near Merriman.  
 \*Call for details...  
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**SPACIOUS 1 & 2 BEDROOM**  
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 • Vertical Blinds  
 • Swimming Pool  
 • New Fitness Center  
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 Cherry Hill at I-275  
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**Isn't It About Time You Got Your Own Place?**

## Westland

**Parkcrest Apts.**  
 Designed with ROOMMATES in MIND!  
 Across from Meijers  
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 Move-In Special!  
 Central Air  
 Near Westland mall  
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 inside unit  
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**HUGE Bathrooms**  
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3 MONTHS  
FREE RENT!  
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Washer/Dryer

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Newburgh between  
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**Westland Estates**

**"WOW"**

**\$199**

**total**

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No fine print in this ad!  
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- \$25.00 Application Fee

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**WINTER SPECIAL**  
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**California Style Apts**  
• 1 bedroom from \$565  
• Heat & water included  
• Central air conditioning  
• Balconies  
• Carport  
• Fully carpeted  
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• Great location to malls  
• Livonia school system  
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**MOVIE IN FOR \$250\***  
Rent Starting at \$625  
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## Give us a call today

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## HOT LINK SERVICE

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**WESTLAND**  
**Blue Garden Apartments**

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**PLUS \$50 OFF 1st**  
**6 MONTHS RENT,**  
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**DEPOSIT**  
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• HEAT/WATER INCLUDED  
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**Spacious 1 and 2**  
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Cherry Hill near  
Merriman  
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**WESTLAND & WAYNE**  
Free heat, water gas 1 & 2  
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On Wayne nr Ford Rd  
**FREE HEAT!**  
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Studio \$520  
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**Westland Park Apts.**  
**FREE RENT**  
**2 Bedroom, 1.5 bath**  
**(936 sq. ft.)**  
**\$650**

**1 Bedroom**  
**(700 sq. ft.)**  
**\$555 and up**

**1st month \$350.00**  
**2nd month free**

(New residents only  
with approved credit)

Heat & Water Included  
Central air, intercom,  
Appliances included,  
dishwasher  
No pets

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**LEGAL SECRETARY**

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(E87CAL) 248-349-5600 \$649,000



**NOVI Well Maintained Condo**  
2 or possible 3 bedroom 3 bath w/basement, fireplace in GR. Newer water heater & humidifier. Neutral decor & vaulted ceiling in GR. Attached garage, private setting in the back facing woods, on golf course. Pool/clubhouse.

(E81WAV) 734-455-5600 \$197,500




**DETROIT Impeccable Ranch**  
This 3 bedroom brick home features hardwood floors, C/A & water purifier. Partially finished basement, 2 car garage & kitchen appliances. This is a real beautiful home.

(E85PAT) 734-455-5600 \$124,000



**MELVINDALE Fantastic Buy**  
On this sharp 2 unit brick income property. Both units identical w/2 bedrooms living room, dining room, kitchen & bath. Separate basements w/separate furnaces. Nice sized fenced yard.

(E81WOO) 734-455-5600 \$138,000



**GARDEN CITY Mechanics Dream**  
Wonderful 3 BR ranch with finished LL with full bath. Newer carpet, windows roof & furnace. 94 Copper plumbing, updated electrical & glass block windows. Close to schools. All appliances. Steel entry doors.

(E81FLO) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



**WESTLAND Rare Quail Run Condo**  
This one is move-in ready. Neutral colors throughout. 3 bedrooms, light oak hardwood floors in foyer & kitchen. Master bedroom with vaulted ceiling, double closets and master bath.

(E57QUA) 248-349-5600 \$179,500



**WESTLAND Super Home**  
Sharp 3 bedroom ranch w/2 car garage, basement, huge family room w/gas fireplace, hardwood floors in living room & bedroom. Many updates include roof, gutters, C/A & furnace. All appls stay. Home Warranty.

(E88GIL) 586-778-8100 \$162,900



**LINCOLN PARK Move Right In!**  
1.5 story 3 bedroom, 2.5 car garage, large lot, updated kitchen & bath. Updated siding, roof, furnace, C/A, copper plumbing, breakers, newer carpet T/O. Garage built in 1991. Freshly painted.

(E77KEP) 734-455-5600 \$115,000



**VAN BUREN Awesome Cape Cod**  
Elegance from the front door to the back yard, presenting 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car attached garage, basement ready for your custom finishing. DR, FR w/fireplace & library. Built in 2001 & ready for you.

(E32WAL) 734-455-5600 \$299,999



**DEARBORN HGTS Spacious Colonial**  
3 bedrooms, covered front porch, homey decor. Updates include newer roof, oak kitchen cabs, bath floor & more. Hardwood floors T/O, formal living room & dining room. Deep backyard w/shed C/A, FFL.

(E03NEW) 248-349-5600 \$95,000



**NORTHVILLE Ranch Condo**  
Beautiful end unit 2 bedroom ranch ground level condo w/cathedral ceilings. Private location with attached garage. Open floor plan. Central air & easy living. Community pool, tennis cts & huge clubhouse, more.

(E77ONA) 248-349-5600 \$127,500



**NOVI South Pointe Condo**  
Adult comm 50+ offers 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, updated Across Walled Lake w/private beach & gazebo. Ground level, intercom & secured lobby. Community room for entertaining & planned activities. All appliances.

(E27SOU) 734-455-5600 \$134,900



**ROMULUS Move Right In!**  
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath colonial w/many updates and wide lot. Newer furnace, roof, windows, carpet, 2 car attached garage, unfinished basement, fenced yard. All appliances included!

(E99DEL) 734-455-5600 \$169,825




**WESTLAND Fabulous Yet Casual**  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch w/2 car attached garage, finished basement w/walk-out, master bedroom w/WIC, open floor plan, large oak kitchen w/garden window, oak vanity in both baths, cathedral ceilings.

(E80NEL) 734-455-5600 \$179,000



**REDFORD Welcome**  
3 bedroom bungalow on double lot. Newer windows, C/A & furnace. Updated kitchen w/doorwall to newer deck. Newer above-ground pool. Updated lighting. 2 car attached garage. Walk to schools.

(E78IND) 248-349-5600 \$144,900




**NOVI Novi For Under \$125,000**  
Priced to sell. Clean well maintained 2-story townhome 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths with private entrance and private patio in back. Updated kitchen, newer windows T/O, newer carpet, newer front door.

(E84OLD) 248-349-5600 \$119,800




**INKSTER Absolutely Stunning**  
Nicely remodeled w/awesome oak kitchen & 3 bedroom bungalow. Finished basement, garage, cozy front porch. Come see it today. Tomorrow means sold.

(E32WES) 734-455-5600 \$95,000



**SOUTHGATE Charming End Unit**  
This 2 bedroom ranch condo offers vinyl windows, circuit breakers, neutral carpet throughout & Armstrong floor in kitchen w/Merillat cabinets & double S/S sink & all appliances. Newer roof in 2003.

(E50HOL) 734-455-5600 \$99,975



**SHELBY TWP Outstanding Open Floor Plan**  
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial on large premium partially wooded lot presents 2 story GR w/frp/c, lg kit w/island, 2 car attached garage, partially fin bsmt, doorwall to lg deck & stamped concrete.

(E79STR) 734-455-5600 \$299,500



**LIVONIA Super Sharp Ranch**  
Beautifully decorated & immaculately clean home with a huge fenced-in yard. Home boasts hardwood floors, covered ceilings, custom window treatments, newer bath, large updated kitchen, newer windows and roof.

(E91FLO) 248-349-5600 \$139,900



**DEARBORN End Unit Condo**  
Over 55 - 1 bedroom w/screened-in balcony. Kitchen with pantry & living room. Association fee covers taxes & utilities. Main floor has library, game room, workshop & storage. Each floor has big laundry room.

(E00MOR) 248-349-5600 \$78,900




**CANTON Pride Of Ownership**  
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/garage T/O offers GR w/fireplace, master bedroom w/private beach, master bath & WIC. 2 doorwalls to brick paver patio, sprinkler & invisible fence. Full basement plumbed for bath.

(E89NOR) 734-455-5600 \$307,500



**GROSSE ILE In A Choice Neighborhood**  
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath rambling brick ranch w/2 car attached garage, basement, formal DR, library w/bay window, vaulted ceiling in GR w/fireplace, 1st floor laundry, oak kit w/appl's & 4 season sun room.

(E36LAS) 734-455-5600 \$449,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS Newer Quality**  
Built 1.5 story brick home on approx 1 acre wooded "park-like" lot w/pool. Vaulted ceilings & FF MBR ste w/jetted tub & shower. FR w/frp/c & spacious LR/DR, out lower level to fenced yard & garage.

(E00WES) 248-349-5600 \$425,900



**SOUTH LYON Great Home**  
Clean 2 BR, 1.5 BA ranch on double lot. Third is included. Two car detached garage, heated porch & deck overlooking wooded yard. Some updates, newer carpet and kitchen floor. Appliances stay. Take a look.

(E38DON) 248-349-5600 \$164,900




**LIVONIA Designer Perfect Condo**  
Updated 2 BR townhouse recently redecorated T/O. Updates include newer paint, carpet & refinished HW flrs in DR & 1 BR. Newer turn, humidifier & C/A. Kit updates newer fir & counters. All appls incl. Fin bsmt.

(E08MID) 248-349-5600 \$89,900



**Elegance At Its Best**  
Enter into a gallery foyer leading to stately music conservatory, luxurious master suite, executive kitchen w/volume ceilings, crown molding & granite T/O. Hardwood floors, 5 BR, 4.2 BA, custom LL walk-out.

(E04CLA) 734-455-5600 \$1,195,000



**REDFORD Cozy Home On Double Lot**  
3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow w/2 car garage attached by breezeway, finished basement w/2nd kitchen & bath. Newer roof, roof, windows, kitchen & carpet.

(E18BRA) 734-455-5600 \$113,900



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Spacious Colonial**  
4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home on wooded lot w/3 car garage. Finished basement w/full bath, entertaining area, wet bar & fireplace. Hardwood floors, spacious family room. Walled Lake Schools. Great value.

(E98WAT) 248-349-5600 \$539,900



**NORTHVILLE Custom Cape Cod**  
Beautiful home w/master suite on 1st fl. Dual stairs to upstairs. Private baths for all BR's. Finished W/O LL, workout room, bar, 2nd kitchen, laundry, rec room - all opens to incredible yard w/in-ground pool.

(E67CRA) 248-349-5600 \$999,999




**NORTHVILLE Links Of Northville Condo**  
Beautiful neutral decor w/2 BR suites w/bath & WIC. Granite kitchen counters. 2 car garage, full basement with carpet. Clean & neutral. Ready for quick occupancy. Upgrades & extras T/O. Pool & clubhouse.

(E29LOC) 248-349-5600 \$309,000



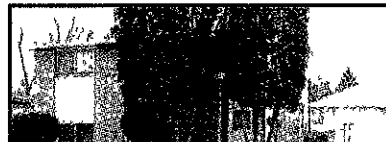
**WESTLAND Delightful Clean Condo**  
Remodeled kitchen & bath highlight this wonderful 2 bedroom home. Located in back of complex. Offers large living room, separate dining room & separate laundry room. Livonia Schools.

(E15MAN) 734-455-5600 \$95,000



**PLYMOUTH Beautiful Country Home**  
5 bedroom, 3 full & 1.5 bath 19th century colonial on approximately 2.9 acres. Great master bedroom, hardwood floors, country kitchen & formal dining room. Pond, deck & gazebo. A must see!

(E06HOM) 734-455-5600 \$519,900




**WESTLAND Super Location**  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick home in popular Tonquish Sub. Quick occupancy. Check out the large & open floor plan w/formal DR, LR, FR & nice sized kitchen. Walk-out lower level to fenced yard & garage.

(E67TON) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



**NOVI Get Ready For Summer Fun**  
4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial w/large open kitchen w/Pergo. Stone fireplace in FR. Two car attached garage. Appliances included. Security system, in-ground pool, finished basement, C/A & Northville schs. 1 yr warr.

(E71COL) 248-349-5600 \$489,000




**SOUTH LYON Upper End Unit**  
Beautiful 2 BR, 2 BA ranch unit w/vaulted ceilings in the LR & DR, in-unit laundry, updated kitchen, enclosed balcony, den, MBR ste w/BA, WIC & more. Motivated seller is offering to pay \$2,000 of buyer's closing costs.

(E44GRE) 248-349-5600 \$122,900



**CANTON Central Park South**  
Offers this stunning colonial w/4 bedrooms & 2.5 baths. Breathtaking 2 story foyer, hardwood floors T/O, upgrade kitchen cabs w/island & pantry, cath ceiling in GR & master suite + basement & 3 car attached garage, lg stamped concrete patio, many upgrades.

(E75GRE) 734-455-5600 \$319,900




**GARDEN CITY Bright, Airy Cape Cod**  
Detached condo, outstanding price. Unbelievable quality w/ie new open floor plan, spacious oak foyer, large GR, formal dining, vaulted ceilings, 1st floor laundry, 2 car att gar, basement & FREE A/C & gas fric.

(E23BIR) 734-455-5600 \$189,900



**LIVONIA Location! Location!**  
Exceptional lot on cul-de-sac. Newer wood floors, 5 bath, lead glass entry door, doorwall, roof tear-off, gutters, kitchen floor & counters. Huge FF laundry, lg MBR ste, WIC & full BA. Bsmt w/glass block. Lg deck.

(E53SHE) 248-349-5600 \$339,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS Well Kept Beauty**  
4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial. Great space T/O w/extra closet space. Newer hot water heater & furn. Roof tear off in 2004. Exterior recently painted. MBR has bonus room & WIC. Original hwd under carpets T/O most of home.

(E31CLU) 248-349-5600 \$339,900




**NOVI The Best In The West**  
Convenient location to w-way & shopping! Awesome 2 BR ranch condo - only att by garage. Everything's been done: maple kit, bath, HW floors, furnace, windows. Lots of storage. Open floor plan w/vaulted ceiling.

(E10GLE) 248-349-5600 \$129,900



**CANTON Gorgeous Colonial**  
Beautiful curb appeal, 1st owner. Very clean open floor plan, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, office, LR/DR, FF laundry, prof finished LL w/full kitchen, loads of storage, 3 car garage, lg stamped concrete patio, many upgrades.

(E18KIM) 734-455-5600 \$329,000




**PLYMOUTH Private Tied Interior Lot**  
In Ridgewood Hills! Full front porch, hwd floors in LR, DR, kit & lib. Kitchen new '03 w/Corian counter & sink, cherry cabs, formal DR w/newer Andersen bay window, FR w/frp/c, 2 tiered deck, basement & 2.5 car att gar.

(E86WOO) 734-455-5600 \$361,500



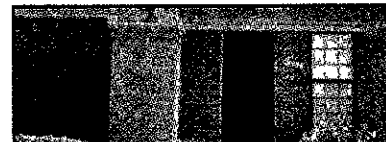
**COMMERCE TWP Model Home Can Be Yours**  
Now for sale in Mystic Forest 2-story foyer, lots of ceramic, hardwoods & 2 fireplaces. Huge daylight basement, oversized 3 car garage, sprinkler, deck, landscaping and much, much more.

(E87PHI) 248-349-5600 \$499,900



**CANTON Ideal Cul-De-Sac Location**  
Picture perfect colonial w/updates including: roof, windows, kitchen w/granite counters, extensive crown moldings. Nested deep in sub w/cul-de-sac location. Gorgeous fenced yard w/deck and garden pond.

(E10CHE) 248-349-5600 \$244,900



**NOVI Pottery Barn Perfect!**  
Spacious updated home. Numerous updates included. Ceramic entry, HW flrs, carpet, fresh paint. Profes fin LL w/FR w/FP & office. Large LR w/frp/c. Newer blinds T/O. High ceilings. Tennis, pool & pond.

(E02CRO) 248-349-5600 \$154,900



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**SOUTH LYON** 248-348-6430  
STUNNING VICTORIAN DREAM HOME ON 5+ ACRES Custom amenities throughout. Fin LL plus unfn 3rd level. 1728 sqft heated pole barn w/concrete floor, patio and pool. 349-6200 (25019651) \$624,900



**PLYMOUTH** 248-348-6430  
REFLECTIONS OF YOUR GOOD TASTE! Impressive 4 BR, 3.5 BA. Fir to ceiling wndws. Gourmet kit w/lg island. Huge mstr ste w/2 WICs & 15x12 bath. Insulated 3 car gar. 349-6200 (25026331) \$550,000



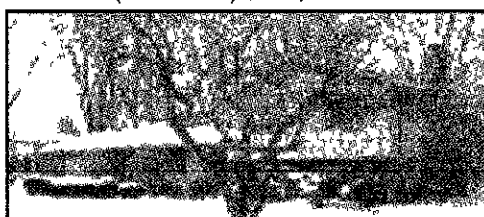
**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
DELIGHTFUL & CHARMING CAPE COD Excellent condition. New siding, cozy kit, formal DR, impressive GR, 1st flr mstr w/cathedral ceiling, prvt bath, nice deck & ready to move in. 349-6200. (25015882) \$410,000



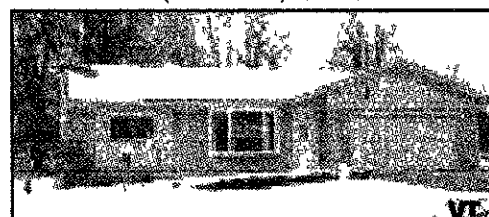
**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Winding brk paver pathways flow thru a wooded 1/2 acre that surrounds this 2000 sq ft ranch w/3 BRs, 2.5 BAs, hwdw flr, rec rm, granite & tile accents. A must see! (25003630) \$400,000



**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
SUPERB VIEWING BRINGS PAINTINGS INSIDE Rolling meadows, willow-ringed pond & abundant greenery wrap this ingenious 3 BR, 3 1/2 BA condo in grace & serenity. (23C48104) \$254,900



**NOVI** 248-349-6200  
A HOME FOR ALL SEASONS NESTLED IN TREES 2000 sqft w/updated kit, roof, siding, wndws & more! Mstr bath, hwdw flrs, frplc, deck & fenced yard. All this on 3/4 acres! 348-6430 (25011359) \$247,500



**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
REMODELED RANCH Pretty as a picture, wonderful lot, overlooks wetlands, new sparkling kit, formal LR w/bow window, lg FR, nice Florida room, bsmt & fenced yard w/patio. 349-6200. (25021352) \$239,900



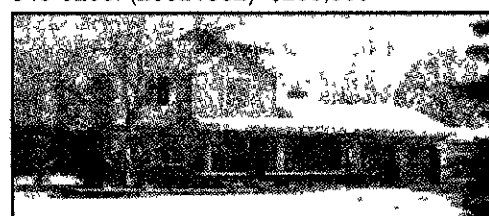
**LIVONIA** 248-348-6430  
GREAT LOCATION IN FAMILY SUB Traditional Colonial w/3 lg BRs, 1.5 baths. Lg FR w/gas frplc. Newer crptng and roof. Formal dining room. Part fin bsmt. Home warranty. 349-6200 (25026543) \$230,000



**GARDEN CITY** 734-326-2000  
IN THE CITY, BUT OUT OF THIS WORLD! Is this 4 BR, 2 bath Colonial w/remold dream kit w/island counter & built-ins, fireplace, 2 full baths, MBR w/shower & jetted tub, att 2 car gar, AG pool. (B314) \$229,900



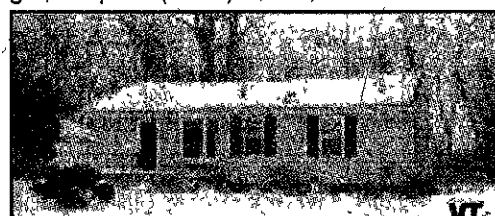
**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
Fabulous Barberry Unit! 2-story ceiling makes this LR inviting. FR w/adj powder rm Can be blt as 3rd BR. Avail upgrades. Ext landscpg, sprnklr sys, lawn main & snow remov. Prime location. (23A1205) \$210,900



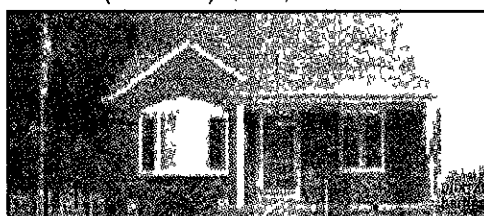
**HIGHLAND** 248-348-6430  
AREAL FIND! Great 2 story w/open floor plan, FR w/frplc, 3 BRs, fin'd bsmt, spacious kit, lg deck for entertaining, nice yard & landscaping. Convenient location. 349-6200 (24143086) \$210,000



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-591-9200  
North Dearborn Heights Ranch 1680 sq ft. This place has the best view in Dearborn Heights. Spectacular ravine setting w/golf course on other side. Lrg rear wndw really bring view inside. (25026226) \$189,900



**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Super cute & updated ranch with 1/2 acre lot in Livonia. Livonia schools. 3 BR/ 2 Full BA, 1240 sq ft. New kit. Updts incl: roof, wndws, elec, BA, great deck! All appl's incl w/rldng mower too. (25023974) \$174,900



**WYANDOTTE** 734-326-2000  
BRICK BUNGALOW Absolutely stupendous! No stone left unturned. This 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath home is fabulous. Brand new custom kitchen & bath, new windows, roof, vinyl, etc. etc. (D153) \$169,900



**ALLEN PARK** 734-591-9200  
You'll be impressed once you walk into this updated t/o hm. Gorgeous gourmet kit! Open flr plan. Newer vinyl wndws, furn, elec, C/A, shingles. MBR w/built in jetted tub & more! (25024131) \$153,899



**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
ONE OF OLDE ORCHARDS BEST LOCATIONS 2 lg BRs, 1.1 BAs. Beautiful fenced patio. Updated kit, lav, flooring & more Includes stove, refrig, dishwasher, washer & dryer. 349-6200 (25009810) \$139,900



**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
GREAT BEGINNINGS START HERE Clean and roomy 2 BR condo w/finished basement, 2 car attached gar w/opener, workshop, storage. Appliances stay. Clubhouse, pool, plus Livonia schools. (C374) \$134,900



**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
A very neat & charming brick bungalow updated kitchen, bath, elect, plmbng, roof, newer carpet, ht wtr tank, entry doo'r. Beautiful hwdw flrs & a home warranty. South Redford schools. (25029494) \$131,500



**DEARBORN** 734-591-9200  
Great starter home in a great neighborhood. 3 BRs, 2 full baths, formal DR. Fin bsmt with bug rec rm, full BA & possible kit. Lots of storage. 1.5 car gar. (25020669) \$129,900



**DEARBORN** 734-455-7000  
GREAT STARTER Over 1000 sqft, 3 BR, refurbished hwdw flrs. Many improvements. Move-in w/o fixing anything. Fla rm at back of large 2 car gar. Make Offer! (23C24629) \$128,900



**INKSTER** 734-591-9200  
Brick bungalow w/4 bedrooms, bright kitchen leading to deck. 2 car oversize garage. Bsmt, newer roof & A/C. A very nice home. Some appliances stay. (25028595) \$128,500



**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Large country lot .45 acre! holds this 2 BR, updated ranch. Kit, bath, windows, roof, furn & air within last 6 years. Great neighborhood. (25023369) \$125,000



**REDFORD** 734-455-7000  
NICE RANCH 4 BR, new roof & kitchen floor. Many updates. Huge fenced yard. Move right in. (2319170) \$104,900



**INKSTER** 734-326-2000  
AMAZING BUY is this brick ranch with full finished basement & garage. Remodeled kitchen with oak cabinets. Hardwood floors, remodeled bath. (B110) \$89,900

**BELLEVILLE** 734-591-9200  
END UNIT Freshly painted, window treatment & all appl's. Kit w/oak cabs, lrg mstr ste w/WIC, covered patio & near Belleville Lk. (24132779) \$119,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
TANTALIZING TOTTENHAM! 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2983 SF. Hampton model. Lndscpg, sprinkler, paver patio. Huge mstr ste & bath. Quick close. (23G2588) 24121044 \$394,999

**DEARBORN** 734-591-9200  
Fabulous Fairlane Woods Townhouse. 3 BR, 3 BA, MBR w/vltd clngs & FP. Updated T/O. Granite cntrs & new cabs in kit & BAs. Fin bsmt w/full BA, 2 car gar. (25018244) \$299,900

**DEARBORN** 734-455-7000  
DUPLEX Offering a 2 car gar for both sides, bsmt, 2 BRs up & lots of character. One side offers C/A. Well cared for brick bldg w/updates. (23F4571) 24150506 \$192,000

**DEARBORN** 734-326-2000  
COMPACT & CUTE 3 Bedroom bungalow w/formal DR, gar, newer windows & roof shingles, hwdw flrs, kit appl's stay. (K642) 24126078 \$109,900

**DEARBORN** 734-591-9200  
Cozy 2 BR, 1 BA mch w/new roof '04'. Remodeled bath '00'. Newer carpet since '03'. Newly insulated & sided in '01'. Kitchen updated in '99'. Fresh Paint & lots more. (25015185) \$107,900

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 248-348-6430  
3 BR/2 BA UPDATED RANCH Newer BAs, \$6,000 in new windows, perfect hwdw flrs. Kitchen & bath in basement, investment potential! All appliances stay. 349-6200. (24133637) \$144,900

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 248-348-6430  
UPDATED RANCH Well cared for 3 BR/1.5 BA home w/nat'l frplc. Newer roof, gutters, bath, oak kit cab. Refin'd hwdw flrs. fin bsmt w/ lav, 2.5 car gar & fenced yard. 349-6200 (24155688) \$124,900

**DETROIT** 734-326-2000  
GORGEOUS BRICK TUDOR! 4 BR, 2 full baths w/lots of updates. Newer high eff furn, wndws, newer roof vinyl windows. 2 frpls, screened sun porch & hot tub. (P171) PC217176 \$179,900

**FARMINGTON HILLS** 248-348-6430  
CLEAN AND COZY 3 BR brick front ranch. Updated w/newer windows, kit cabs, and vinyl siding. 349-6200. (25006667) \$154,900

**GARDEN CITY** 734-326-2000  
OVERSIZED LOT & OVERSIZED GARAGE Highlight this 3 BR vinyl Cape Cod with fireplace & basement. (J295) 24156638 \$158,900

**HAMBURG** 734-455-7000  
Super maintained brick Colonial on superb 1 acre lot. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, deep bsmt, 3 car gar, patio. Terrific mstr ste. (23O7807) \$404,900

**HARRISVILLE** 248-348-6430  
9.68 acres with a view of Lake Huron. Possible walk-out site, electric at road. Close to Springport Golf Course. 349-6200 (24047180) \$31,500

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
New construction-4 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial has 2421 sqft, bsmt & 2 car att gar. Cerm tile in BAs, cherry cabs & birch fir in kit, nook, 1/2 BA, foyer, strcse. Curtis Creek. (24023356) \$359,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Beautifully decorated & loaded w/updates 3 BRs, 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

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Lrg private backyard! Outstanding ranch. Fin bsmt w/ office/possible 4th BR, Fla Rm, tear off roof '03, updated elec & appls. (25022258) \$189,900

**NORTHVILLE** 734-591-9200  
Country Living on 2.74 Wooded Acres. Gorgeous custom blt, 4 BR, 3.5 BA, 3 FP, gourmet kit w/42" cherry cabs, granite cntn tops T/O. Cherry flrs in DR & study. Lrg mstr w/sep shower & Whirlpool. (24149833) \$679,000

**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6430  
WALK TO TOWN FROM THIS NORTHVILLE HOME Charming home w/updates galore. 3 BRs, 2 baths. Hwdw flrs, newer wndws, granite cntrs. Mstr bath w/spa tub and separate shower. Heavily treed, private yard. 349-6200 (25003322) \$310,000

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
Immaculate condo. Beautiful LR, DR, kit, 2 main level BRs & 2 BRs upstairs, 4 baths, fin'd bsmt & close to new Catholic Central HS. 349-6200. (24093346) \$329,900

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
SUPER SHARP, PRIVATE END UNIT CONDO Lovely 3 BR, 2.5 bath condo. Freshly painted, new carpet furnace & A/C. Comfortable, warm & cozy LR w/frplc, charming kit & brkfst area & delightful patio. 349-6200. (25014703) \$182,500

**PLYMOUTH** 734-591-9200  
Totally updated ranch. Spacious eat-in kitchen. Neutral colors. Ceramic tile & jet tub in bath. New berber crpt. Fin bsmt w/an extra room. Large tree lined lot and much more! (25013288) \$209,900

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Split level w/updates galore! Hwdw flrs, lg fenced yard. Plymouth-Canton schools, under \$200,000. (23B105) 25013533 \$199,900

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Contemporary flair. Spacious condo! Vaulted ceilings, sky-lights, 2 car gar, 2 BRs, 2.5 BAs, fireplace. 349-6200 (24043061) \$175,900

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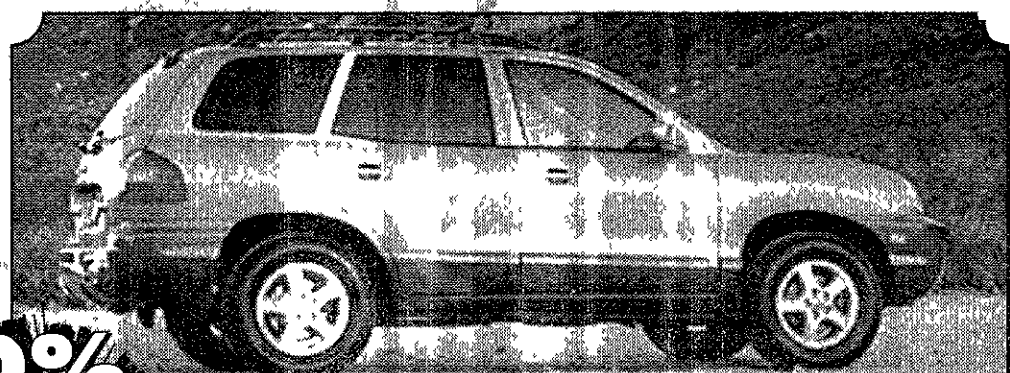
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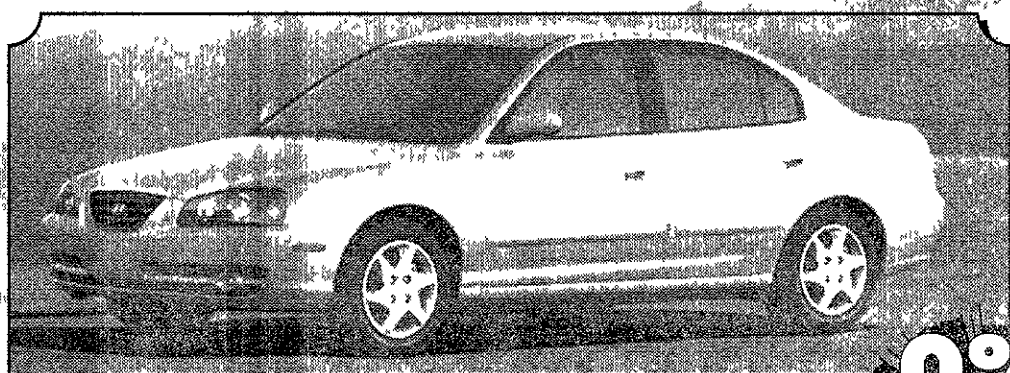


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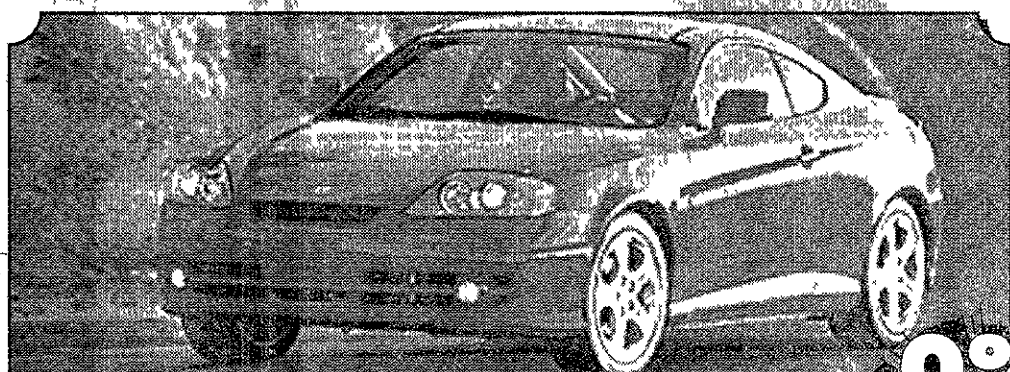


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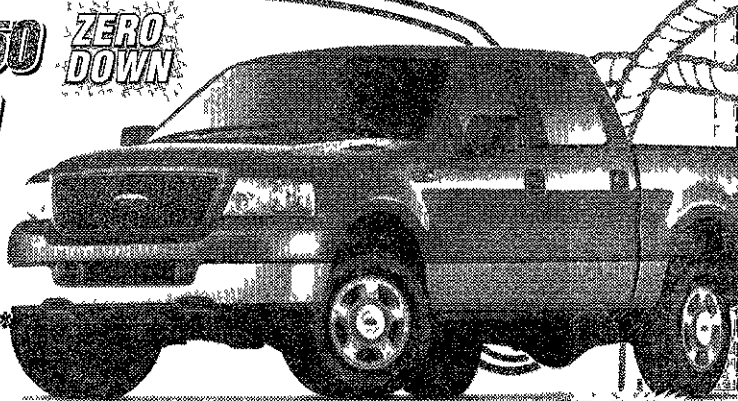
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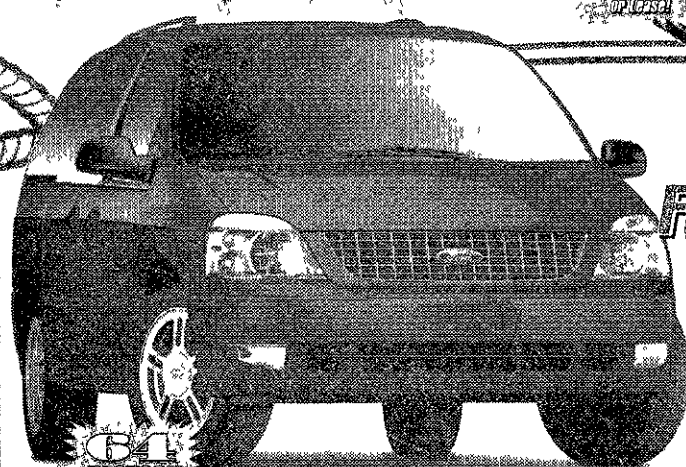
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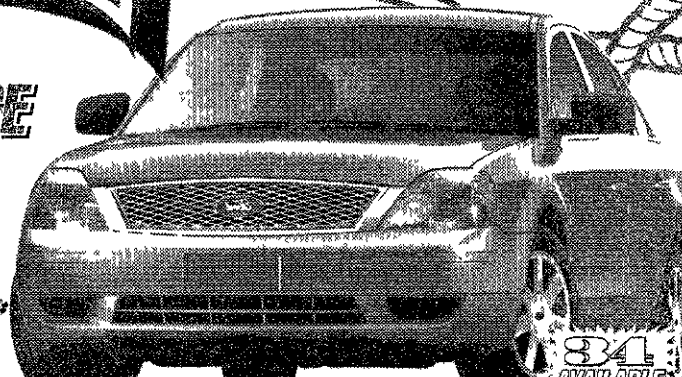
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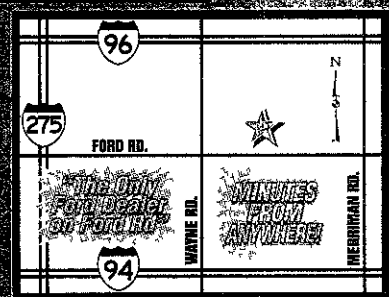
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