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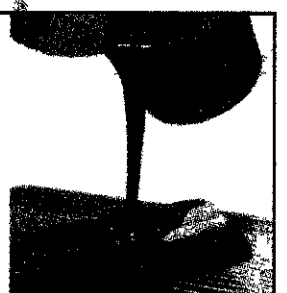
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Angie Regiani, shown here leading a jazz dance class, is one of five instructors at Planetdance in Canton.

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## Planetdance is culmination of a dream for local dancer

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

There was never much doubt in Jeni Toby's mind what she wanted to do when she grew up. Ever since she was 12, Toby had dreamed about owning her own dance studio. About a year ago, she decided it was time to take a chance, to spread her wings and fly, as she puts it. And she opened Planetdance in Canton.

After graduating from John Glenn High School in 1995, Toby, a Westland resident, did come to a crossroads of sorts. Having danced since she was a young child, Toby had some aspirations of becoming a professional dancer. But the dream of a studio was also never far from her mind.

"It was either go out to Los Angeles and try to make it as a professional dancer, or open

my own studio. There's a million people with the same idea of going out to L.A., just like there's a million people who want to open their own studio," said Toby, 28. "I guess for me it was a matter of timing. It was time for me to spread my wings and fly. I figured if I didn't try I would have asked 'what if' the rest of my life. So I did it."

Located on Lilley, just south of Joy, Planetdance has grown over the course of the last year. Toby said about 100 dancers currently use the studio, and she is in the midst of fall registration.

Getting started wasn't easy, however. Toby said she brought a number of dancers with her from another studio in Garden City, and they went door to door, delivering fliers to residents in the area, letting them know

PLEASE SEE PLANETDANCE, A3



Jeni Toby of Westland opened Planetdance in Canton about a year ago.

## Resident backlash stops 'Toyotaville' ad campaign

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Negative public reaction to the filming of Toyota commercials has killed plans to shoot the car company's latest advertisements in Canton's Cherry Hill Village.

"In the 17 years I've been in office, there have been very few times that I have been personally disappointed in a group of residents and this is one of them," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

The Japanese automaker had planned to shoot its "Toyotaville" advertisements in the village. In the ads, a Toyota would be parked in every driveway, while a couple drives into the neighborhood and says, "I think we're going to like this place." Cherry Hill Village was chosen for its quaint and clean appearance, according to location scout Warren Martin, who approached Yack about shooting the commercial in Canton. Martin said he cannot comment further after the Monday decision to seek another location for the shoot.

### MEETING WITH OWNERS

Two weeks ago, shortly after Martin had confirmed with Toyota's production company, Strader Productions in Nashville, Tenn., that the shoot would occur in Cherry Hill Village, he said he was able to meet with about 75 percent of the homeowners Strader hoped would participate in the commercial.

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## Canton, Salem fail to gain AYP

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park special education students failed to meet minimum benchmarks on the standardized MEAP tests, resulting in two of the three high schools failing to reach Adequate Yearly Progress in the latest report card from the state.

"All three high schools are in the same situation, with the special education student population failing to meet standards in math," said Mike Bender, director of secondary education. "In addition, the Canton High School special education subgroup didn't meet the standard for language arts."

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## Property blight lands business owner jail time

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

A Canton business owner will go back to court Aug. 30 to hear the terms of his probation and start serving a 30-day jail sentence after being found guilty of violating township ordinances. His jail sentence was delayed after he collapsed at 35th District Court last week.

Robert McCausland, who owns Mac Auto Service at 1981 N. Lotz Road in Canton with his brother, Daniel McCausland, was supposed to start serving 30 days in jail on Aug. 17, but collapsed at the court and was trans-

ported for medical treatment before he could be taken to jail.

The probation department recommended that McCausland pay fines and serve non-reporting probation for two years because of violations on his property, but McCausland rejected the recommendation and asked for the equivalent jail time, according to District Court Judge Michael Gerou.

"I want to make it very clear that Mr. McCausland chose jail time. He insisted on it," said Gerou.

Following a three-day trial, a six-member

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### Chalk it up

Kaitlynn Murphy, 8, was one of many children and adults who participated in the first Chalk It Up Festival at Heritage Park on Saturday, which was a collaborative effort between Canton Leisure Services and D & M Art Studios of Canton. Participants created chalk art along the walkways surrounding the park's pond. The event also featured a number of strolling entertainers. Murphy called her work 'The Lake.'

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**Essay winners**

The Friends of the Canton Public Library announced the winners of summer writing 2005 essay contest during the Aug. 20 Patron Celebration Day festivities at the library. The winners were (back row from left) Namita Patel, Molly Tessier, Bryant Chen, Tessa Garrison, and (front row from left) Kaitlyn Moore, and Jennifer Liu. Chen and Moore won in the third-fifth grade category on the topic 'Why I Love the Canton Public Library.' Tessier and Liu won the sixth-eighth grade category, writing on 'How the Canton Public Library Has Helped Me in School and in Life.' And Garrison and Patel won the ninth-12th grade category, writing on the theme, 'How the Canton Public Library Has Helped Me Grow as an Individual.' Each winner received a \$100 cash prize and will have a READ poster created and displayed in the library.

**Musician honored**

Amber Kilgore, a percussionist from Canton, has been selected to participate in the 2005 Henry Mancini Summer Education Program. Kilgore holds a bachelor of music degree in percussion performance from Michigan State University (2000) and a master of music degree from Indiana University (2002), where she is also in the progress of earning her doctorate of music degree in percussion performance. She is currently a member of the Louisville Orchestra and Fort Wayne Philharmonic, and assistant principal timpani of the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic.

The Henry Mancini Institute (HMI) has selected its 84 participants for its 2005 Summer Education Program after auditioning hundreds of musicians worldwide. Those selected studied and performed with some of today's finest music masters during the four-week intensive program. Participants received a full scholarship that includes tuition, room and board at the UCLA Campus.

**A call to artists**

The Canton community

announces a call for artists to participate in the 13th annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition. Fine art works of all mediums are being sought after for inclusion in this award-winning exhibition. It has been heralded as one of the highest quality shows in southeastern Michigan. A total of \$1,850 in cash will be awarded.

Entry deadline is Aug. 29, with the show slated to run October 6 - 31. The display will be located at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. For more information about entering the exhibition, please call Jennifer Tobin at (734) 394-5484.

**Extended hours**

Alex's Family Dining restaurant, which specializes in Greek, Italian and American dishes, is now open 24 hours Thursday through Saturday. The restaurant is located at 42400 Ford Road in Canton. For more information call Alex's at (734) 981-6877.

**'Mom 2 Mom' sale**

Tri-City Christian Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) in Canton is having a Mom 2 Mom sale from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10. Moms have rented tables where they sell children's gently used clothes, mater-

nity clothes, toys and miscellaneous items their families have outgrown. Tri-City is located at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, just North of Michigan Avenue. There is a \$1 admission. For more information, call Pam at (734) 397-0819.

**Caccamo to host coffee hour**

Canton Township trustee Todd Caccamo will host a coffee hour at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Brand New Day Espresso Cafe, 42480 Cherry Hill. He will be speaking to residents about a number of township issues, including politics and coming events. For information, call Caccamo at (734) 981-6303.

**Reading tutors**

The Community Literacy Council is looking for volunteer tutors in western Wayne County to teach adults to read.

No educational background is necessary, and the council will provide training and materials, then match tutors with students in their area. The next training session begins 5-9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26 at the Starkweather Center in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 416-4906.

**Plymouth reunion**

The reunion committee is organizing a 30-year reunion for Canton and Salem graduates of the Class of 1975.

The reunion is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Renaissance Ballroom at the Holiday Inn-Livonia-West. Dinner is at 7 p.m. The \$50 per person cost covers dinner and dancing. A cash bar will be available.

For graduates planning to be in town Friday night, the group will attend the Salem-Canton football game, followed by the traditional stop at The Box Bar in downtown Plymouth. Tickets at the gate are \$3.

The committee is also planning a memory CD with updated information on classmates. In order to publish the CD, classmates can help by completing questionnaires provided by the committee.

For anyone needing accommodations, a special package has been arranged at the Holiday Inn-Livonia-West. Reservations must be made by Oct. 1 and mention must be made of the Class of 1975 reunion.

For information on the CD, the reunion and for reservations, e-mail PCEP1975@aol.com

**CORRECTION**

An incorrect name appeared in the "Rocks at a glance" graphic that was published on page B5 in Sunday's *Observer*. Tyler Root's name should have been listed instead of Kyle Root.

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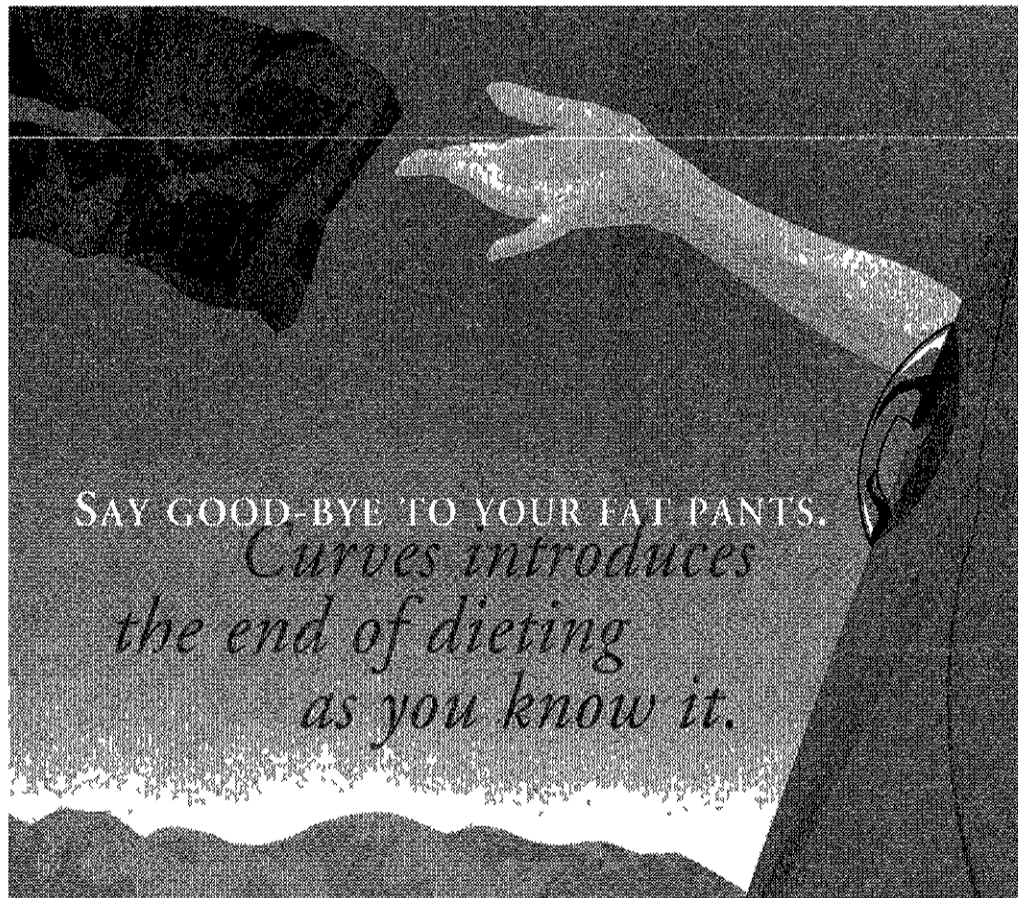
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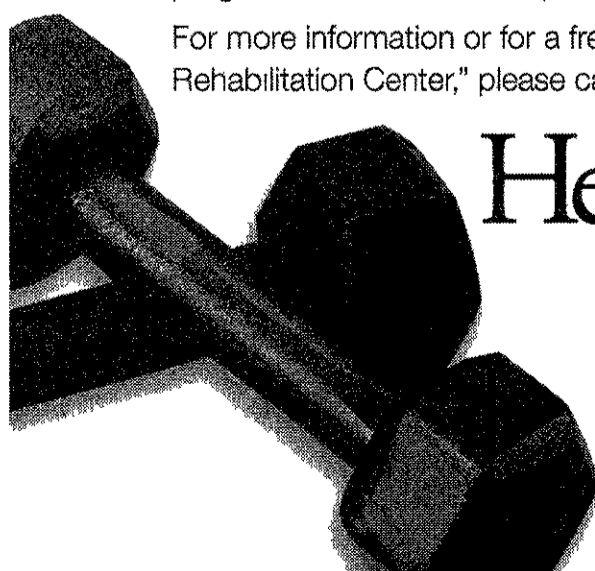
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## PLANETDANCE

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about the new studio.

Toby attributes the studio's success to the fact that she brings in renowned dance instructors from all over the country, and that there is a certain spirit at the studio, something her dancers echo.

Molly Howard, 16, of Canton, is one of the studio's top dancers, and has done well in national competitions. Howard has danced at many studios, but thinks Planetdance is the best because of the atmosphere.

"We have people come in from all over, like L.A. and other places. It's a good learning experience for us," said Howard, who hopes to some day dance professionally.

Sandy Meyerhoff, whose 8-year-old daughter, Katie, dances at the studio, said it was the spirit factor that attracted them to Planetdance. Katie had been at a rival studio and competed against Toby's dancers. Both mother and daughter noticed the exemplary conduct of the Planetdance dancers.

"I just remember them cheering for all the competitors," said Sandy Meyerhoff, a Garden City resident. "Basically all the girls were nice and supportive of all the other dancers. That said a lot to us when we were looking for another studio. It is a much nicer atmosphere here."

For Toby, teaching is a "labor of love." She knows she will never get rich, but the bonding experience with her students more than makes up for it.

"I love dance, and the art of it. When you're on the stage, you are your own person. I see a difference in our kids when they are under the lights. They become themselves."

Planetdance has five levels of age classifications, beginning with mini to 7 years old. Toby says a number of different styles of dance are taught, including jazz, tap, ballet, lyrical, and hip-hop. Planetdance is located at 7281 N. Lilley in Canton. For more information, call the studio at (734) 414-0641, or visit its Web site at www.planetdancestudio.com.

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From left, Mike Padlo, Jenny Padlo, Cody Trottier, and Jessica Trottier enjoyed some of the food at last year's Village Faire. This year's event is scheduled for Sunday at the Bartlett-Travis House in Cherry Hill Village.

## Head back in time to the Village Faire

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Anybody wanting to get a taste of what old Canton was like, they may want to visit the township's annual Village Faire, scheduled noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday in Cherry Hill Village.

Co-sponsored by the Canton Lions Club and Canton Township, the event revolves around the historic Bartlett-Travis House, which is on Ridge Road just north of Cherry Hill. There will be many historically themed activities meant to make one reminisce about an earlier, simpler time in the township's history.

Some of the activities include traditional rope making, oxen driving, woodcarving, hand needlework, antique bikes, and a petting zoo. The Canton Concert Band will play from noon to 2 p.m., and will be followed by a fashion show featuring the styles of the 1800s.

Jennifer Eubanks, recreation specialist for Canton, said the event has drawn a good number of residents in its three years.

"We always get a couple hundred people out. It's a nice event. It stays busy all afternoon," she said. "If you want to get a good parking spot, though, people might want to get there earlier in the day."

Eubanks noted that the best

parking will be on the lawn of the Travis-Bartlett House. People can also park around the Village Theater.

One of the main attractions of the event is the annual corn roast sponsored by the Canton Lions. It is one of the club's two major fund-raisers. Proceeds are used to fund a home for the disabled, a hearing center, and to provide eyeglasses to the needy in the community, according to Lion President Charlie Mott. He said the corn roast will feature hot dogs, ice cream, sno-cones, watermelon, popcorn, soda pop, and of course corn on the cob.

Mott said the event is always a good time.

"There's a lot to do. You can walk around and see a lot of demonstrations, like wood carving and of hand-cracked wheat," he said.

Eubanks said the event is intended to showcase the Travis-Bartlett House, a historical home that houses and number of community historical artifacts, and is rented out for events such as showers. She also said it the Village Faire is a great family event, and way to learn about Canton's history.

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## Canton's third Hindu temple gets special approval

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's third Hindu temple - and its first Sikh temple - received special land use approval from the Canton Planning Commission Monday. If all goes according to plans, the property owner, Gurmukh Singh, will break ground this year.

The temple will be located on Canton Center Road near Geddes, across Canton Center from the location of the township's largest temple, the Swaminarayan Temple. The 8,000-square-foot building will sit on a 4.25 acre parcel.

Singh said he expects to raise about \$3 million to build the temple, and construction can begin as soon as the temple has moved through the site plan process and he successfully raises the funds.

Canton resident Henry Moore objected to the plan, saying it would increase traffic on Canton Center Road, and that two temples so near each other is "overdoing it."

However, Singh's attorney, Bryan Amann, said most of the traffic will be on Sunday mornings, "when you could shoot a cannon down Canton Center."

Moore also argued that property taxes near the temple will decrease, and added that the temple across the street "hasn't had a positive impact on the neighborhood at all."

Amann noted that the temple is very small for the size of the parcel, and that churches and temples are by definition a

compatible use in residential neighborhoods. He added that Canton Center Road is a primary road, and is designed for heavy traffic.

A neighboring property owner, Dominic Ferraiuolo, wrote to the planning commission to explain that the temple will have a negative impact on his property values.

He said he listed his home on Canton Center for sale, and had received two offers at market value - \$450,000. He plans to use the proceeds from the sale of his home during his retirement.

But when they saw the large parking lot at the temple across the road, "needless to say, both parties withdrew their offers," he said in his letter.

Since then, he's disclosed to potential buyers the fact that there is a temple across the street, and he said ever since, "the response has been, thanks but no thanks."

He said he has had a couple of offers for \$350,000, but hasn't been able to get a buyer to make a serious offer, and when he does he'll lose \$100,000.

He said he's worried that yet another temple will further impact his property values.

The temple, however, will be much smaller than the Swaminarayan Temple, according to Singh. He hopes that membership will be between 150 and 200.

Site plans could come before the planning commission in as few as six weeks, Singh said.

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## Whalers team up with libraries

The Plymouth Whalers and the Canton and Plymouth libraries are teaming up during September and October on a promotion to get more people to sign up for a library card, and in the process get a few bucks of the price of admission to a hockey game.

During September and October, show your library card at the Whaler's ticket office and receive \$2 off the ticket price of home games. It's part of a national library initiative to show that your library card is the most valuable card in your wallet.

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month and the libraries are going all out to make sure every member of the community has the opportunity to apply for a library card. Library card sign-up tables will be at the Whaler's pre-season

games; September 3 against Windsor and September 10 vs. Sarnia. Plymouth and Canton residents will have the opportunity to fill out library card applications at the Whalers game and pick up their new cards at their local library.

In addition, all Plymouth-Canton Community School children will be able to sign up for library cards at school in the second year of a collaborative effort between the Canton Public Library, the Plymouth District Library and the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Last year, the program met with overwhelming success. More than 2,500 new cards were issued to students from kindergarten through high school. Call the Canton Public Library at (734) 397-0999 or the Plymouth District Library at (734) 453-0750.

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HEATHER ROUSSEAU

# Finding a new home

## Chili fest lands at Washtenaw fairgrounds

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

When Annette Horn visited her first chili cookoff in 1983, she really enjoyed the atmosphere at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds in Lodi Township, near Saline.

"I'd never been to one before, and it was so exciting," said Horn, who resides in Plymouth. "Everyone seemed to be having so much fun, and I just wanted to be part of it."

Two years later, Horn and her husband, Ken, began competing in chili cookoff competitions at the Washtenaw County grounds, eventually winning an opportunity to compete at the 1987 world competition in Palmdale, Calif., in the middle of the Mohave Desert.

Horn went on to conceive the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff and Motorcycle Bike Show, which — until this year — called Plymouth's Kellogg Park home. On Aug. 2, Horn proclaimed she was canceling this year's event because of spiraling costs for municipal and

police services in Plymouth.

As a result, the future of the event was in doubt — until this week.

Horn announced the event is back on, this time in the same location as her first chili cookoff visit, the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds.

"I can't believe I'm having it there," said an elated Horn. "It's unbelievable."

This year's event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1, in conjunction with a Renegade Chili Cookoff, which doesn't follow International Chili Society rules, meaning anything goes.

The two chili competitions will be held alongside live entertainment, children's activities, and egg drop competition, antique car show and demolition derby.

"The city of Plymouth was fantastic for the nine years we had it there, the people in the community were great," said Horn. "I think we got to a point where there wasn't room to grow. We just needed a bigger location."

While the event in Plymouth

was free to visitors, it will cost \$8 in advance and \$10 the day of the event to get into this year's activities, with \$20 and \$25 family passes.

Canton Township pursued the event, but lost out to Washtenaw County — at least for this year.

"We've had an interest in having a signature event like that for some time," said Kathleen Salla, downtown and community development coordinator. "The Ford Road corridor has major retail and large parking lots. Our softball complex on Michigan Avenue could accommodate a big event, as well."

"The DDA (Downtown Development Authority) board would certainly be interested if it doesn't work out in Washtenaw County," she said.

Information on this year's event at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds can be obtained at [www.salinechili-cookoff.org](http://www.salinechili-cookoff.org)

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# Hazardous waste drop-off day added

Canton residents will have twice the opportunity to participate in the annual hazardous household waste round-up. In addition to the usual Saturday waste drop-off, which this year is on Sept. 10, some 150 residents will be able to schedule a drop-off on Friday, Sept. 9.

About 1,500 Canton residents participate in the round-up every year, and demand has been so great that the township added the extra day to see if residents prefer a two-day event. The first 150 residents who call Public Works at (734) 394-5150 will be able to schedule drop-off of hazardous waste. Residents who call to schedule a Friday drop-off will be notified by mail of the time they are to arrive at the Canton Public Works building at 4847

Sheldon. They must retain the letter in order to drop off at the site. No exceptions will be made.

The regular Saturday drop-off will be 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and residents will be asked to produce photo identification to prove residency.

Examples of acceptable waste being collected on both Sept. 9 and 10 include, but are not limited to; fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based and latex paint, paint thinner, turpentine, bug sprays, floor-care products, expired medicine, computers and scanners, dry cleaning solvents, rat poison, household batteries, propane tanks, mercury waste, antifreeze, brake fluid, diesel fuel, kerosene, motor oil, and acids.

Canton will be unable to accept commercial waste, construction debris, explosives or ammunition, fire extinguishers, firewood, radioactive material, smoke detectors, and tires.

For more information, contact the Public Works Division at (734) 394-5150.

Year-round disposal, available Canton Waste Recycling (CWR), 42020 Van Born Road, will accept limited items on scheduled Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on scheduled Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Items accepted for drop off at CWR include, batteries, oil, antifreeze, and paint (limited to five one-gallon containers).

CWR's next scheduled recycling date is Aug. 26, 2005.

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**PROPERTY**

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 jury unanimously found McCausland guilty of violation of township rules against outdoor storage of materials and tools, of not maintaining his property, of storing unlicensed and inoperable cars on the property, and of improper storage of a dumpster on the 14-acre parcel of property. The five violations were just a portion of the 29 violations on the property, according to Ronald Witthoff, the attorney representing Canton in the case. Township officials will evaluate the remaining violations to determine how to resolve the cases. The probation division at court recommended that McCausland serve probation for two years, and during that time he would have to be in compliance with all township ordinances. According to the terms of the probation, an ordinance inspector would

have to give McCausland 24 hours written notice before coming on the property, and could not inspect more than once every 30 days. McCausland would also have had to pay \$500 for each of the five cases, plus \$250 in court costs to cover the cost of holding a jury trial. Gerou waived the probation oversight fee. However, McCausland said he was not going to pay the fines, and asked for the equivalent jail time, Gerou said. Gerou asked McCausland to consult with his attorney, Dennis Shrewsbury, before making such a request. "He said he had fired his attorney, and he did not want to speak to another," Gerou said.

Gerou could have ordered up to 90 days in jail for each offense, but ordered a total of 30 days instead, with probation to follow.

Although he did not wish to comment on specifics of his case, Robert McCausland, a Novi resident, said he did not ask for jail time, but asked for the equivalent of jail time. In nearly every case, the fines are the alternative to jail, and prior to McCausland's case Gerou had never heard of anyone asking for jail time rather than fines. Gerou added that it's extremely rare for a citizen

to request a trial for an ordinance violation case. Most property owners either bring their property into compliance and the case is dismissed, or they pay the fines.

After Gerou imposed the sentence, Shrewsbury, who had been re-retained in the courtroom, requested a medical alert be placed in McCausland's file, Gerou said.

Just minutes after McCausland was ordered to start his sentence, Gerou was informed that an ambulance was at the court, and that McCausland was being transported to a hospital. It is not known what his medical condition was.

"He's home now, and I hope he's recovering well," Gerou said. He entered an order to allow McCausland to return to court on Aug. 30, receive the terms of his probation and start his jail sentence.

McCausland said he intends to focus on getting on with his life and watching after his health.

"I just want to continue my life as I'm living it now," he said. "I've been in business for 17 years, and I've never had a problem and I've never had problems with my health."

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**TOYOTA**

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 cial. At that time, he said all but one homeowner agreed to participate.

Strader Productions has not returned phone calls to the *Observer*.

Yack was informed Monday afternoon that the production crew would not be coming to Canton this week to prepare for the shoot, which was to begin next week.

"From what I understand, the ad agency had pulled the plug," he said. "I think they are just concerned about the negative press, and decided that they can go some place else to film."

The negative publicity came after some Canton residents contacted Yack's office and wrote letters to the *Canton Observer* editor. Most of the letter writers were Ford Motor Co. employees, and they were opposed to the idea of having a Toyota commercial filmed in their community, Yack said.

"Maybe I'm just old-fashioned. I don't understand the excitement of Toyota in what is traditionally and what will hopefully continue to be Chrysler, Ford and GM country," said Mike Gresock, a Canton resident for 23 years. "Southeast Michigan, rightly or

wrongly, was built on the automotive industry. I feel like there should be some loyalty to dance with the one that brought you."

Gresock's father worked for Ford Motor Co., and now his son also works in the automotive industry, even though Gresock himself worked a career unrelated to the industry. He saw the excitement over the commercial as being a symbolic insult to American car companies.

"I'm sure there are people that have been affected and will be affected by what's happening with the car companies and the economy," Gresock said. "I'm retired, and I mentioned to my wife that we are the last generation to enjoy a pension and not be fearful in our later years. I know that the commercial isn't going to change anything and I'm looking at it from outside and what I grew up with, but I still can't help but look at what put bread on the table at my house."

Andre Barros has worked for Ford Motor Co. for 12 years, and is currently a resident of Cherry Hill Village, though he has sold his house and will soon be moving out of the neighborhood.

"I think my biggest problem was that they wanted to park the cars in the driveways," he

said. "If they wanted to come shoot a commercial here and the cars were just driving through, that's one thing - it's a public area - but parking in front of the houses was too much."

He said that because many Canton residents work for American automakers, Cherry Hill Village was an inappropriate site for the commercials, and he said he's pleased that some autoworkers made their concerns public.

**'COMPETITIVE'**

"The auto business is competitive and there's no problem with a Ford employee standing up for their company," he said, adding that he also has no problem with Toyota manufacturing cars in Michigan, and providing jobs for automotive workers.

But Yack noted that many Canton residents make their living supplying Toyota with parts. Yazaki North America is headquartered in the township, and Lotus International, which supplies Yazaki, is relocating its headquarters in Canton, as well. He added that he had talked to many Canton residents who were excited that the commercial would be filmed in Cherry Hill Village.

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# Wayne-Westland seminar stresses school bus safety

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Thick smoke billowed from a Wayne-Westland school bus Tuesday, prompting an evacuation.

No one was injured. Still, it might seem odd that some of the evacuees smiled as they escaped out the back door of the bus.

And there were no emergency sirens, no fire trucks rushing at break-neck speed to reach the "burning bus" at John Glenn High School.

That's because the incident capped a bus safety seminar that Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Riley and Assistant Chief Dennis Wysocki brought to a training session for Wayne-Westland transportation workers.

"I think it was a great success," Riley said.

Fire officials taught bus drivers how to react during traffic accidents and how to help children get out safely during a fire.

Fire officials brought in a smoke machine that belched non-toxic, vanilla-scented smoke as they simulated an engine fire.

"It's the same type of machine that DJs use to smoke up a dance floor," Riley said. "We put it in the front of the bus and simulated an engine compartment fire. The bus was loaded with drivers so that they had an idea of what would happen."

In such a fire, he said, bus drivers should open the side-passenger-boarding door to let smoke escape, all the while



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School bus driver Jessica Walsh exits a smoke-filled bus with some help from the Westland Fire Department during a safety training seminar at John Glenn High School.

steering students toward the rear emergency exit.

"It can make the difference, quite frankly, between life and death," Riley said.

Dennis Gregory, Wayne-Westland transportation director, said the district has 80 buses that are driven by 130 workers.

"We put about 15,000 miles annually on each bus," he said.

That's 1.2 million miles a year.

"I'm happy to say we have not had a serious bus fire," Gregory said. "Hopefully, we'll never encounter anything like that."

Still, he said Tuesday's seminar can help drivers be better prepared, should they have a bus fire.

School buses also have push-out windows and roof hatches for escape, Gregory said, and students at every school participate each year in evacuation drills.

"The safety of our students is our No. 1 priority," he said.

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## AYP

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For Canton High School, it's the second year in a row special education students failed to meet standards in language arts. If a school fails to meet AYP for three consecutive years, consequences could range from providing a change in curriculum, additional staff development, to replacing the principal and staff.

"Canton is a high priority for us to make the necessary corrections and continue to work throughout the school year to prepare students for the MEAP tests," said Bender.

The failed AYP in math for Canton and Salem is a first-time situation. Plymouth High School failed to meet minimum standards in special education math scores, however since it didn't have all four grade levels at the time of the MEAP tests, it was not part of the state report card.

Last year, Canton and Salem failed to reach AYP because 95

percent of students failed to take the MEAP tests. That was corrected this year when the Board of Education established a policy making the MEAPs a graduation requirement.

percent of students failed to take the MEAP tests. That was corrected this year when the Board of Education established a policy making the MEAPs a graduation requirement.

"Over time, the number of students meeting standards needs to be increasing," said Bender. "We're very close, it's just a small number of students."

"We're in the process of evaluating each individual student

and developing a plan for our special education students to help them meet the standard," he said. "We're analyzing the numbers and see where we stand."

Since the high schools are not considered Title I schools, if Canton High School were to get a "third strike," the state would most likely tell the district to do what it's already doing - develop a plan of action to correct the problem.

"If a district gets to phase 3 or 4, the state board would probably authorize the school district to develop corrective action and develop a plan in areas where students aren't making progress," said Martin Ackley, spokesman for the Michigan Department of Education. "If the school isn't a Title I, the state can't implement any sanctions or consequences that would cost the district money."

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## OUR VIEWS

# Children's safety is top concern

Sometimes, things seem so obvious we fear insulting your intelligence by saying anything.

The opening of school seems like one of those times. You already know, especially if you're a parent, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools resume operations Monday morning. You already know, because you've bought backpacks and pens and pencils and school clothes.

You've probably already gone over bus routes and bedtime schedules ad nauseum, all in preparation for the 2005-06 school year.

But for the benefit of all involved — even at the risk of insulting someone's intelligence — we make this bold announcement: the 2005-06 school year begins Monday. That means school buses will be back on the road, and children who live too close to their schools to be bused will be walking along our streets and our sidewalks.

For a community that has gone several months without facing those obstacles, it's never too obvious to point out the safety concerns.

It's not going too far to remind you to watch for those crossing guards with their stop signs helping our children cross busy streets.

It's simply a good safety tip to say there aren't crossing guards at every corner, and kids will be kids, and you have to watch out for the possibility of them darting out when you least expect it.

It's not too obvious to gently remind drivers you have to stop for school buses when they're pulled over with their red lights flashing. And while we're on the subject of buses, there's no harm in having a discussion with your children, too, about school bus safety.

The National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration reports that an average of 11 children are killed inside school buses annually and another 15 die while boarding and leaving buses.

Any figure is too high, but in perspective about 10 billion — that's billion — student rides and 20 billion student boardings and deboardings are recorded annually. And the number of deaths recorded boarding and leaving buses has declined considerably over the past 35 years.

Most of these points should be obvious, but so is the need to remain vigilant and promote safety among our kids. Their safety is critically important.

# Let the games begin!

The high school sports season gets under way in earnest this week and thousands of student athletes from public, private and parochial schools throughout the *Observer* coverage area will participate in one of eight fall sports.

The fall season statewide is generally the most popular participation season, according to the Michigan High School Athletic Association, and it's no different in our local schools.

Boys football, golf, soccer and cross country along with girls tennis, basketball, swimming and cross country are expected to attract more than 118,000 young athletes statewide at schools which belong to the MHSAA.

Participation in school sports has grown throughout the last 25 years with the addition of new sports such as lacrosse and girls ice hockey. And more and more student-athletes are involved in more than one sport.

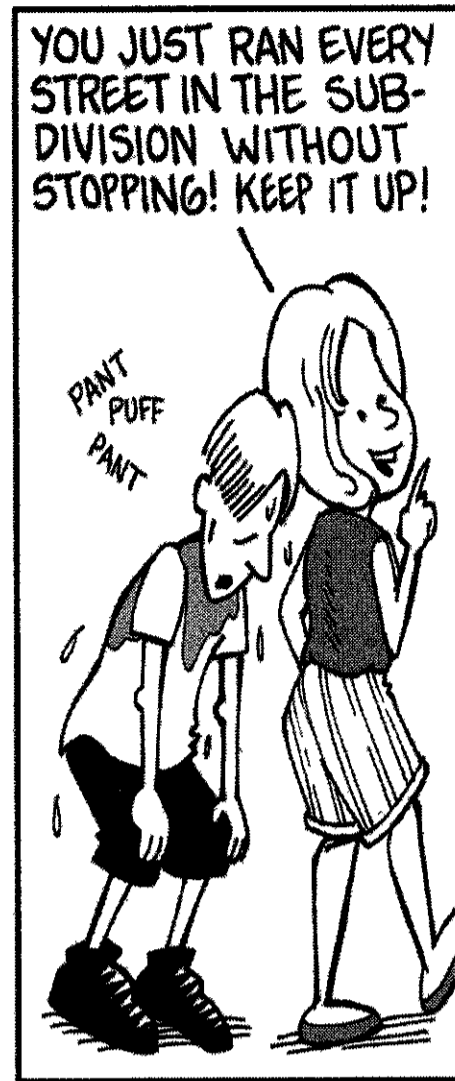
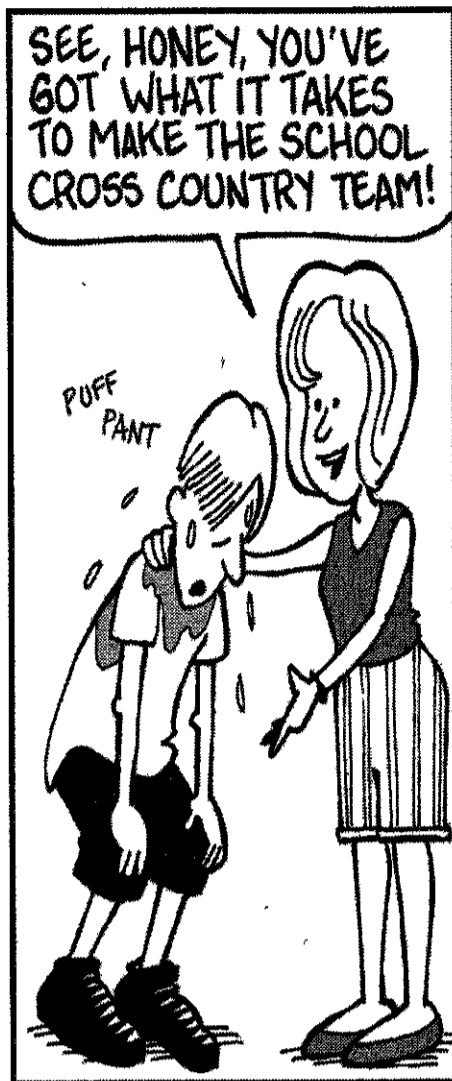
Fall is a special time for all students returning to the classroom, but for student-athletes and their communities, it signals the start of a competitive year in which personal bests will be recorded and championships remain within reach.

One of the finer aspects of student athletic programs is the personal development it brings. Athletic programs provide students the opportunity to test their limits, set personal goals and achieve beyond what they originally believed themselves capable. Each time a team takes the field of play for practice or competition, individuals enter the ring of personal challenge and accomplishment. Each is there with a "personal best" which only they can determine.

Often that personal best goes unnoticed in the larger scheme of the game. But those goals are the ones that last a lifetime. These are the goals that often go without public recognition, sans trophy or medal.

Sport, at its best, teaches discipline and teamwork. High school athletes work hard to train and to develop their potential. They are skillful, focused and determined to achieve both in sport and in the classroom. They are supported by coaches and parents who are equally dedicated and ready to guide and encourage.

Here's to a productive and fun fall season for all of our young athletes. We look forward to the excitement and spirit our student-athletes engender in our schools and communities.



## Save Miller Woods

I am extremely concerned to learn of a recent move by the Plymouth-Canton school district to put Miller Woods up for sale. My mother, Evelyn Edgar, and many others worked tirelessly to develop the Declaration of Restrictions to set Miller Woods aside as a nature preserve. She worked especially hard to include the words "in perpetuity" so it would never be destroyed. While I understand it has been taken off the market to wait for the need to build an elementary school, that is not how the property is to be used either.

No useful purpose can be served by pointing blame as to the failure to file the Declaration of Restrictions with Wayne County. Now that we know that was not done, it should be done immediately. While that failure allows the legal right to sell or build on this land, there can be no misunderstanding on the part of the school board as to the intent. What does it say about the school board's community citizenship that it would disregard the intent of this document for the short-term financial gain? Miller Woods is a legacy to be preserved for all the school children past, present, and future to experience the wonders of nature. THAT is the true intent of the Declaration of Restrictions.

Betsy (Edgar) Briere  
Battle Creek

## Gaza pullout a farce

The evacuation of Jewish colonizers in Gaza was played out like a made for TV drama, complete with "extras" brought in from outside Gaza settler community for added effect. The settlers even went to the trouble of erecting "sets" to help make this drama a success, ensuring them sympathetic media coverage, which ensured them a sympathetic world audience as the "drama" played out in Gaza.

According to an article in *Ha'aretz*, Israel's leading paper, the Synagogue at the Jewish-only settlement of Kfar Darom where the settlers decided to make "their last stand" and prominently featured in the U.S. media outlets was erected only four months ago in preparation for the disengagement charade.

The media was played like a cheap fiddle by the Jewish settlers, whose very presence on stolen Palestinian soil, contravenes internationally recognized laws and conventions, as they trucked in Jewish extremists from outside Gaza for show.

It is a shame that the 4,000 strong crush of media would highlight such bad acting, but continues to ignore the real life pain and misery of the captive Palestinian population of Gaza and the West Bank under Israel's nefarious occupation.

Mike Odotalia  
Canton

## We can't see you

I work a late shift in Ann Arbor and travel home to Canton around 10 p.m. I am surprised to see people riding their bicycles, walking and jogging on the busy roads without any reflective clothing, reflectors or

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lights. While traveling at speeds of 50-55 mph on roads with narrow shoulders, I have been caught by total surprise by large shadows on the side of the road that turn out to be people. I thanked God every time I did not hit them with my car.

This week, there was a man with two children, riding bikes at 10 at night, on Geddes Road, with no helmets, lights, or reflective clothing. When these night riders and night walkers get hit, they should also share the blame. I do appreciate the night biker who rides around Canton with the flashing, red light on the back of the bike. I can see you from a distance. Others, please use common sense. I do not want to read about another bicyclist, walker or jogger getting hit at night.

Linda Whiteaker  
Canton

## Quit ruffling feathers

I wanted to respond to a recent letter to the editor that gave an example of news in the Canton community. I would submit the following is important news:

Canton is ranked 14th safest community of its size in the United States. Our roads are improving thanks to a proactive township strategy for a number of intersections, plus the Michigan Department of Transportation projects recently secured. We are the recipient of multiple awards for the outstanding performance of our schools, marching band, township Web site and library. The Leisure Services Department is the only accredited department of its kind in Michigan and one of 55 in the country. Literally thousands of residents volunteer their time for community events.

Canton is envied and respected for leaders having a vision — Yack, Conklin, Zarbo, Santomauro, Salla, Shufeldt, McLaughlin, Cojei and so many more.

For most of us, this is not news, it's the reason we moved here/have lived here for years/love it in Canton. For those whose goal it is to "ruffle some feathers," may I respectfully suggest most would prefer a playbook that contains facts and examples, with real solutions, and real monies/business and charitable efforts brought to the community.

Jamie Certo  
Canton

## Caccamo brings competition

This is a response to the editorial published in the *Observer* entitled "Caccamo's victory comes with excess baggage," which touched very lightly on the Board of Trustees vote on the subject of the local TV channel.

The results of the vote in a way are encouraging — a possible positive swing in the pendulum of voting, but we need to examine some of the comments from board members. Tom Yack was quoted in a previous article as saying "I don't like his methods" (referring to Todd Caccamo). Questions then are — what methods and why? To get to the root, if not the seed of the comment, Mr. Yack needs to probe deeply into his inner self and examine the true value and benefit of his methods in their entirety.

An imminent change occurred with Caccamo's election — competition and challenge in search of improvement in ways, taxes, water, methods, and means. Why has there been no competition in the past for elected officials? That bears meditation as well.

I looked at the township Web site and found a brief outline of the local channel programming. I found it via a search and clicked on the answer at [www.canton-mi.org/cable/television.asp](http://www.canton-mi.org/cable/television.asp). There are nine program categories to select from. If we watch them all, we can easily become couch potatoes and socially engineered by what appears to be excess editing and rehearsed performances by eloquent orators.

Let's look at three of the categories. First, the board meetings are broadcast late, which suggests pork in the editing process. Why can't it be shown in its natural real time state? Second, the Canton Search program seems to be limited to specially selected people and rehearsed to predominantly show the current administration's "I support Tom Yack's visions." While I have seen only portions of these programs, they appear to me to be partisan biased, circumventing the local press, and a misuse of taxpayer funds.

Third, there is a program oriented to township business experts that seem to compete with HGTV. If this is a sample of free advertising recently discussed at a board meeting, then who's in the background selecting these programs? Bearing in mind we have over 42,000 households in Canton, is there social justice on local TV? Or is it designed to propagate Yack administration ideals? Other programs I've watched feature Tom Yack and others, while Todd Caccamo has to explain his methods on Comcast Channel 18? Hello — anybody there?

The "Majority Board" has proven there is a significant difference between my suggestions (as well as many other people) and their means of using township funds. My suggestion has been to conduct affairs in a more businesslike manner, while the current method is oriented to liberal tax and spend methods.

It isn't just Caccamo with excess baggage — it's a very large group of many unknown people in Canton.

Charlie Page  
Canton

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"We know we are getting pickups from private schools. ... They're coming from the Canton charter school, Ladywood (High School in Livonia), All Saints and Plymouth Christian Academy (in Canton). Most of those schools end at eighth grade. ...

We're a tight squeeze. At Plymouth High School, rooms that were held as labs had to be turned into classrooms."

— Carolyn Anulewicz, PCCS assistant high school principal, on the prospect of the district gaining some 500 new students this year



# Michigan left in the dust of new global economy

I've been reading Thomas Friedman's newest best seller, *The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century* (Patna \$27.50), while on vacation up north.

I know, I know. I have peculiar ideas of fun. But while too long, Friedman's book is terribly relevant, especially for Michigan.

Friedman, a renowned foreign affairs writer who has won three Pulitzer Prizes, demonstrates that a combination of very fast-developing and widely accessible information technology, combined with improvements in the global supply chain, has utterly changed the world's economic landscape.

Whereas we used to think the earth was "round" in the sense that only a few advanced countries were fully part of the economic system, the world today looks much "flatter."

Vast numbers of people in China and India are now ready to plug 'n' play in a globally competitive system. And for a state like Michigan, which has seen its vanilla-flavored manufacturing job base evaporate over the past few years, this book is a real wakeup call.

So, too, is his prescription for succeeding in the earth's now flattened playing field: Emphasis on math and science in our schools, coupled with ferocious support for our research universities, the primary source of innovation and high-tech inventions.

He argues that we also need to recognize that success comes from migrating up the value chain to offer high-end products and services that rapidly developing nations will want to buy.

And we desperately need to realize that the race today goes to the swift and the ambitious, not the entrenched or the monopolistic.

All of which brings me to consider our political masters in Lansing and how they're reacting to the new realities. Trouble is, too often, they aren't. Given their demonstrated track record, the word "react" seems hopelessly optimistic. After all, the budget that the Legislature (rested after its own two-month vacation) will adopt this fall will represent the fifth straight year of reduced funding for K-12 schools, community colleges and universities.

That has caused something called the K-16 Coalition (K-12 schools plus the two-year community colleges plus the universities.) to last week launch a petition drive that would to lock into the state budget guaranteed annual spending increases to at least keep up with inflation. I have little doubt the organizers will come up with the several hundred thousand signatures to put the measure on the November 2006 ballot if the Legislature chooses not to approve it.

Adjusting school spending to make up for inflation (beyond Proposal A) would cost around \$300

million, while immunizing universities would take another \$50 million. Of course, the Legislature isn't about to think about finding that kind of money.

When somebody proposes shutting down a prison or two, local legislators turn purple, and when Gov. Granholm proposed closing a few special-interest tax loopholes, the Republicans went into orbit.

While all this is going on, there are rumblings in the distance about something called Tax Expenditure Limitations (TEL). In Colorado, for example, the libertarian wing of the Republican Party is proposing a hard expenditure cap on all state spending.

Marketed under the beguiling slogan, "we must live within our means," the proposal has split the GOP and the business community. TELs have already been introduced in 17 states, and the rumor here is that the Mackinac Center and House Speaker Craig DeRoche, R-Nowi, are canoodling about playing the same game here in Michigan.

Which is why Michigan legislators who attended the 2005 National Conference of State Legislators in Seattle earlier this month might remind their colleagues about what the keynote speaker, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, had to say.

According to Gongwer News Service, "To applause, Mr. Gates said states should look at their education policies, both K-12 and higher education, as one of their highest priorities. ... The U.S. has no 'inherent' advantage in terms of personal character towards keeping its economy dominant. Where it did have a major advantage was in the quality of its universities and overall education, he said.

"Where top universities are located is where new companies dealing with biosciences and other high-technology projects will locate, he said."

The Gongwer story also pointed out that, "Mr. Gates commanded attention from the audience such as few other speakers at an NCSL meeting have done. Literally every seat in the ballroom where he spoke was taken, and people stood two and three deep along the walls and in the back of the room to hear him.

"The undercurrent of whispered conversations often present at addresses was missing. The only interruptions (were) cell phones, and generally those getting the calls simply turned their phones off rather than miss what Mr. Gates was saying."

Will Bill Gates' message get through to our legislative masters — oops — elected representatives?

Sadly, I doubt it. Our economic future as a state is being hijacked by a bunch of ideologues and know-nothings in both parties. We all deserve better than that, and what is fascinating is that nobody seems willing to step up and call a halt to this nonsense.

Your move, dear voters.

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Phil Power

# Veteran's case shows Internet chat rooms aren't always what they seem

Anyone who thinks of Internet chat rooms as soul-less places frequented by online groupies hanging out to hook up probably ought to talk to Colleen Wagner or Wade George.

George, a Grand Blanc resident, is a Gulf War veteran recently diagnosed with three inoperable brain tumors and given 90 days to live by doctors back in July. Wagner is a Westland resident, and former roommate of George, who helped organize a benefit for him at the Plymouth Elks Club a few weeks ago.

That benefit raised a surprising \$2,200 to help George ward off mounting medical and legal bills. And while George struggles to get any support from the Veterans Administration or the

Department of Defense, much of the success of that benefit can be attributed directly to the folks in that chat room.

"A lot of the people at his benefit were from that chat room," said Wagner, who said she met George online at a time when both were "down on our luck." "People (in the room) just kind of pull together when someone's in trouble."

And if anyone's in trouble, it's Wade George. A Gulf War veteran, George came home with a disease doctors had been unable to diagnose. He now grimly faces the prospect of death after doctors found the inoperable brain tumors.

Last week, George underwent the final radiation therapy in his current course of treatment, and doctors were waiting for some swelling to subside before determining the status of the tumors.

Meanwhile, his medical costs continue to mount as he also struggles to get help from the VA. He was in the VA's "system" back in 2003, when he was last seen for the undiagnosed illness. This time, his friends say, it was like the VA had never heard of him.

"When he called this time, they put him on a nine-month waiting list," Wagner said. "He had a prognosis of 90 days!"

Critics of the government aren't surprised by that. George's story drew the attention of groups like the Gulf War Service Organization, an unchartered support group working on veterans' issues. Kirt Love, the group's director in Virginia, said treatment of that sort isn't uncommon.

That's why Love, who said he himself suffers from congestive heart failure, was happy to see people banding together to help George.

"What got my attention (in George's case) was the brain cancer, because the Institute of Medicine made an announcement Gulf War veterans were twice as likely to develop brain can-

cer," Love said. "Veterans are generally spurned by the public, so to see this benefit, I knew there wouldn't be very many people who could make it."

"Most of the Gulf War groups are incapacitated," Love added. "There's not many of us left, and not many who help each other, and by the time we do, it's usually too late. It's almost impossible to find fellow vets, and most of them are destitute. I jumped in my car and flew up there."

At the moment, George's issue is a little narrower. While changing that mindset is part of a bigger picture, George's immediate concern is his family.

Doctors found the tumors July 8, and George went ahead with plans to marry his wife, Deanna, the next day. Between them, the Georges have five children, the youngest of whom, 30-month-old Allie, is Deanna's from a previous marriage.

Here's the rub: George wants to adopt her, but he can't afford the legal help needed. And he's fighting what could be a 90-day death sentence. In other words, there isn't much time. According to Wagner, he's doing what he can — getting treatments, prescriptions from the VA, even putting himself out there for potential experimental treatment — all in an effort to take care of his family.

"There's more than just living now," Wagner said. "There's a goal, a cause to fight for. We're hoping there's an attorney out there who will step up and help, pro bono. This is a priority for Wade before he dies."

Which is where his friends come in. Wagner and Mary Brown of Wyandotte organized the recent fund-raiser at the Plymouth Elks Club. Now his mother, Patricia O'Leary of Lapeer, is organizing another one, Sept. 24 at the Moose Lodge on Lapeer Road in Lapeer. Dinner is 3-6 p.m., with an auction at 6:30 p.m. and a DJ until people's dancing shoes wear out. For information on the benefit, call (810) 667-8906.

Wade George had trouble getting aid from the VA and the Department of Defense, agencies that are supposed to help veterans. Instead, he's getting love, support and, perhaps most importantly, friendship from the unlikelyst of places — an Internet chat room.

"A lot of this disease is emotional," Wagner said. "Just knowing there are people out there is vital for his emotional well-being. He's not ready to give up, and we're not ready to give up on him. There will come a time ... but not yet."

Maybe that shows the Internet isn't simply a place for hooking up. Maybe it's a great place for hanging on.

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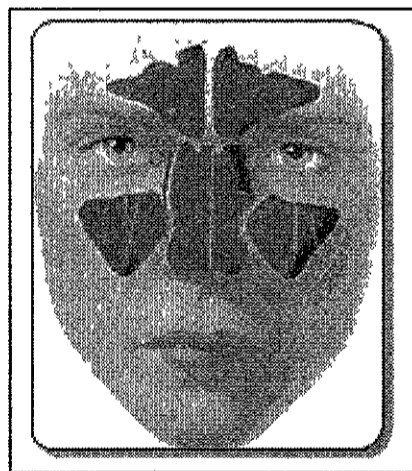


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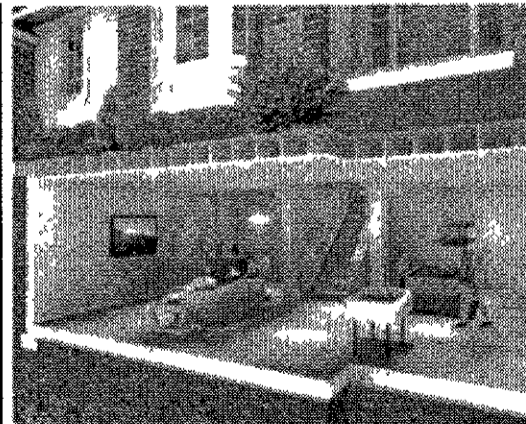
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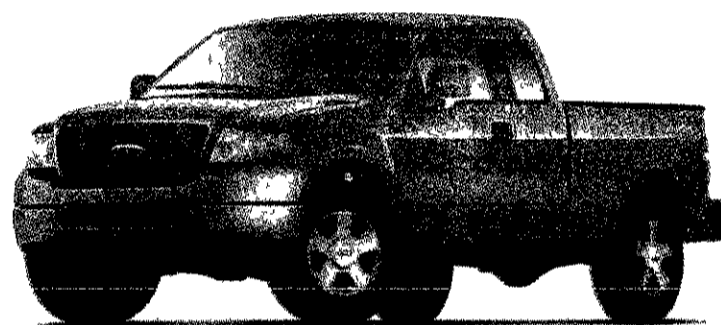


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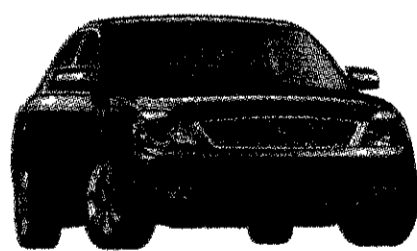


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# Dressing up the dorm

## Feeling right at home in the dorm

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY  
CORRESPONDENT

The scene: Move-in day at a college or university. A long line of vans, SUVs and rental trucks jockey for a spot on the grass that fronts one of the large dorms.

With a parking spot found after a few minutes, mom and dad help a freshman student unload all the necessities needed to make "a home away from home."

This scene will be repeated many times in the coming weeks as area students — recent high school graduates — land on campuses to begin their college education. These freshmen will arrive filled with excitement, a little fear of the unknown and several concerns, foremost of which is setting up and decorating their dorm room. Their goal is to not only create a comfortable space for study and rest, but one that is inviting to a host of new friends.

### WHAT TO TAKE

Sarah Kesler of Beverly Hills heads to the University of Michigan at the end of the month. Kesler isn't worried right now about decorating her dorm room. This freshman's concern is just making sure that she has everything she needs not only for her room, but for school.

"I'm lucky," the Groves High School graduate said. "I have an older brother at Valparaiso University in Indiana, so he's given me lots of advice on what to take and what not to take for my dorm room."

Most colleges and universities, including Oakland University in Rochester, provide incoming students with lists of what they can and can't bring for their rooms. Like many other universities, Oakland University restricts candles and any open-flame items, halogen lamps, pets (except fish in a fish tank), space heaters, sun lamps and such cooking appliances as slow cookers (Crock Pots), electric frying pans, grills (including the popular George Foreman models), toasters and toaster ovens. The only small appliances allowed are coffee makers, popcorn poppers, microwaves and dorm-size refrigerators.

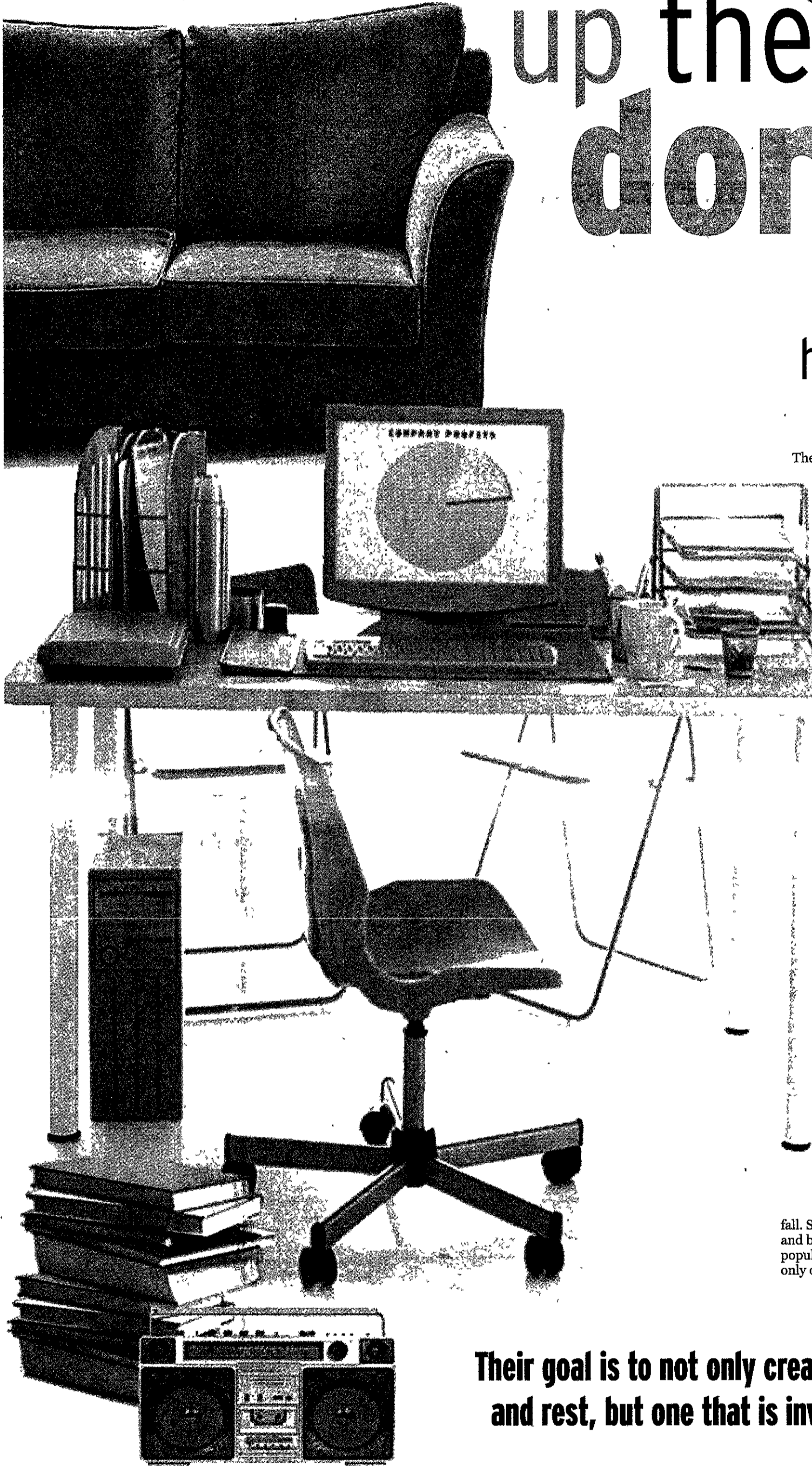
Kesler wanted to avoid having a dorm room filled with two of everything, so she contacted her future roommate to decide who was bringing what in terms of television, stereo and small appliances, Kesler said.

Kesler and her roommate agreed that they didn't need to decorate their room or buy matching bedding. "I bought new sheets since most dorm beds require the extra-long twin size, but that's about it," she said. "I'm not really into dorm décor and a room theme and, fortunately, neither is my roommate."

Decorating dorm rooms, however, is popular with many incoming freshmen and they are purchasing what is "in" this fall. So what's in? A visit to area retail stores revealed that bright and bold colors, such as pinks, lime green, orange and purple, are popular choices. In prints and patterns, these colors are found not only on bedding, but in such accessories as lamps, linens, chairs,

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**Their goal is to not only create a comfortable space for study and rest, but one that is inviting to a host of new friends.**



## Teach your cell phone to do some cool tricks



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

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this was *not* magic. 411-SONG is just one of many nifty services that leverage your cell phone's wireless capabilities.

It's also one of the coolest, at least if you frequently find yourself trying to "name that tune."

Like most of these services, 411-SONG requires no special equipment — just a phone capable of receiving SMS text messages. Most phones can, though you should check with your carrier to see if additional charges apply. All you do is dial the number

and follow the instructions. After 411-SONG identifies the tune, you'll receive a text message containing the relevant info — and a 99-cent charge on your monthly bill.

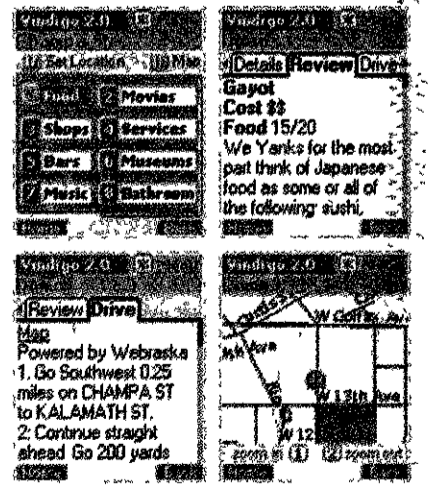
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With Vindigo on your phone, you can quickly find your way to nearly any spot in the country.

# Don't fix that microwave all alone

Paul writes: I received an e-mail stating that if you use dryer fabric softener sheets in your dryer, you should wash the lint filter to keep the chemicals in the dryer sheets from clogging the screen.

How do you do this? Do you use soap and water? Or, is this an "urban legend?"

Thank you for your question. I have used one of these lint filters at seminars when demonstrating to consumers how air movement is restricted because of this film. A filter that is not cleaned regularly with a brush and water can add more than 15 minutes of time to each dryer cycle. A dirty, clogged filter can add large dollar amounts on your yearly energy bill.

It isn't just the fabric softener that causes the problem. Any other washer by-product (and that includes the detergent itself) can contribute to the film.

A gentle brushing of the lint screen with plain water will be enough to remove the film.

To give yourself an idea of how much restriction occurs, before you clean the screen, hold it horizontally with the palm of your hand, and pour in some water. Notice that the water just sits there and doesn't fall through the holes. If the water can't go through the screen, imagine how hard it is for the air to travel through it. With the air restriction, you have a clothes dryer that is taking much too long to dry a load of clothes.

Even more critical than this money-saving tip is the fact that a restricted lint screen will help to accumulate lint inside the frame of a clothes dryer. That lint can cause a dryer fire.

Don't forget that you should take apart your clothes dryer occasionally and clean it of all lint. It's not hard to do yourself, but do get a little direction.

Kevin writes: "We have a General Electric Profile microwave and convection oven (model JVM290). It is about 7 years old and is wall mounted above the range. The problem seems to be with the door switch. Previously, the microwave would not activate. We would



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open and close the door again and it would work. Now it will not activate at all. The timer indicates time left to cook and ticks down, but the microwave does not come on.

Is there a switch that would work off the door latch that would need to be replaced? How do you get to it? Where would you recommend to get a replacement part?

Wherever you go to purchase that particular part for your microwave, I would hope that the company selling you the part would also warn you of the serious nature of this part you need. It is apparent that a door latch switch is causing your problem, but which one is the culprit? You have three of them inside the microwave.

In 1970 the U.S. government set standards for safety still in compliance today. A door on a microwave oven can only open so far, before a latch switch shuts off the magnetron tube. To make absolutely sure that you can't open the door during operation, the manufacturers must install three different latch switches which all do the same thing - shut off the unit.

These switches are very difficult to get to for replacement. Keep in mind that they are set in place with a jig during production. I would say that these door latch switches are "government-controlled parts" and I would not advise any consumer to attempt to repair this sort of problem. Please seek some professional advice.

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. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? Email your question to kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net and your question will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

## GARDEN CALENDAR

### Iris club

The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan will have a general meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center, 3500 Marais. The center is three blocks east of Crooks and three blocks north of 13 Mile (phone (248) 246-3900). Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information, call Ann at (248) 280-0848.

Ann Cline will present the program, *Reblooming Irises*, featuring slides of irises that rebloom in Michigan. What are reblooming irises? Where do I buy them? How do I grow them? Why won't my rebloomers rebloom? Attend the program to find out.

### Bonsai show

The Ann Arbor Bonsai Society will have its Annual Show 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 27-28, at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens greenhouse, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children through teens. More than 100 bonsai trees will be on display. Bonsai experts, and vendors of plant material, bonsai trees and bonsai tools and equipment, will be available. Demonstrations of bonsai design from nursery stock will be offered several times both days.

### Tomato tasting

Goldner Walsh Nursery in Pontiac will present The Great Tomato Tasting with Nancy Szerlag 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27. The event is free and reservations aren't required. For more information, call (248) 332-6430.

Goldner Walsh Nursery is at 559 Orchard Lake Road.

At the tasting, you can enter a tomato you have grown in one of six categories: heirloom, saladette, cherry, beefsteak, largest and ugliest. Register your tomato at the garden center prior to the event. Special guest Nancy Szerlag will lead the judging along with all tomato-tasting guests who will designate their favorites in each category. Winners in each category will receive a Goldner Walsh Nursery gift certificate and a Goldner Walsh Nursery Golden Anniversary Cookbook.

Fresh-baked tomato pie will be served, while supplies last. The recipe is Szerlag's very own and is featured in the cookbook. Everyone is welcome, the only requirement is that you love the taste of tomatoes.

### Fall gardening

A free program, *Earth-friendly Fall Gardening*, will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday Aug. 30 at the Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway between Warren and Ford. To register, call Westland Community Relations at (734) 467-3198 weekdays or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

Garden writers Nancy Szerlag and Jeff Ball will speak on easy-care perennial flowers, mulches and fall fertilizing tips, managing weeds and pests without chemicals, and landscaping with the Rouge River in mind.

The seminar will help home gardeners manage water and wastes in their home landscape, helping to keep storm water out of storm drains. A folder with information will be distributed to all who register in advance. The city of Westland is sponsoring the workshop.

### Home composting

A free, hands-on workshop on home composting will take place 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) offices, 3910 W. Webster, on 12-1/2 Mile between Coolidge and Greenfield in Royal Oak. SOCWA master composter volunteers will present the workshop. In case of rain, the workshop will take place indoors.

To register, call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150 weekdays or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

Getting started, balancing materials, troubleshooting, the composting process, tips for making compost in six months, bin choices, benefits for water quality, and using compost will be featured.

### Downriver Rose Society

The Downriver Rose Society will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Brownstown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph in Brownstown, south of Sibley and north of West Road. Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information, call Mike at (877) 860-5364 or Nancy at (734) 461-1230.

Joe Rarus of Southfield, Michigan's "Container Rose Expert," will speak on *Growing Roses in Containers*. He will share many practical tips for long-term survival of container-grown roses.

Rarus successfully grows hundreds of roses in containers. He moves them into sunny areas, mostly on his driveway, in the spring and returns them to his garage for overwintering in the fall. He has won many awards with his roses and arrangements made with them.

### Butterflies

A free program, *Native Plants and Backyard Butterflies: Making the Connection*, with naturalist Joe Derek, will take place 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Heritage Park Nature Center, 31555 W 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Advance registration is required. Call (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

The program is sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority for Rouge River education.

**New college students will have just what is needed - and many of the things they want - for their dorm room if they do a little homework before leaving for campus.**

Because the student will no longer have access to the home medicine cabinet and all the other places where needed items are stored, basic supplies should be packed for college. A medicine kit with pain killers, bandages, cold and other medicines for common ailments should be assembled for the student. (The college's health care center is available for treatment of more serious conditions.) Some basic tools are dorm room necessities, such as a small hammer, a 6-in-1 screwdriver (has assorted heads), flashlight (and batteries), measuring tape, scissors and reusable adhesive tape to hang posters and photos on the wall. Also needed is a sewing kit with thread in basic colors, especially black and white, needles, pins and a few assorted buttons.

New college students will have just what is needed - and many of the things they want - for their dorm room if they do a little homework before leaving for campus. Below are suggestions that will make the transition from home to campus smoother:

■ Check with the college or university about room sizes, furnishings and recommended items needed by the student. This will alleviate the disappointment of bringing a too-big or too-small rug and items that aren't needed or won't fit into the room.

■ Check with schools to see if there are specific rules, such as what can be used to hang pictures, photos and posters on the walls. Many do not allow the use of nails and screws.

■ Find out the amount of space available for clothes and, if limited, which is usually the case, bring only seasonal clothes. These can be exchanged later in the school year for clothes appropriate for the next season.

■ Ask ahead of time if lofts, which expand dorm-room space, are allowed and if there are requirements on who can build these additions.

"My roommate and I aren't worried about having too much stuff or not having everything we need," Kesler said. "Since both of our families live fairly close to campus, if we find that we need something, we can have them bring it to us after we check into our room, and take back what we don't need."

Sandy Dalka-Prysbj writes freelance articles for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

## DORM

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shelving, storage containers and desk organizing sets.

For the male student, this year's favorite color choices, in addition to reds and greens, are blues, silver and black in stripes, solids and plaids. For a masculine touch, accessories include the currently hot metals of shiny chrome or brushed steel, as well as metal mesh items in silver or black.

Color choices are often combined with a decorating theme to create a haven that reflects the student's interests. If "everything Hawaiian" or a surfing motif or retro or Bohemian and bright floral prints - all top themes for 2005 dorm rooms - are desired, Bed Bath & Beyond, with stores in Westland, Canton, Farmington Hills, Beverly Hills, Troy and Rochester Hills, and Linens N Things, located in Livonia, West Bloomfield, Troy and Rochester Hills, has the bedding and accessories needed to carry off these looks. Additional theme items and other necessities can be found at HomeGoods stores in Farmington Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Troy and Rochester.

## SOFTEN WITH RUGS

After the colors and theme are selected, it's time to fill the room with those items that will add all the comfort of home. Top buys include a big rug that will soften the look and feel of hard institutional flooring; good lighting for desk and reading areas; comfortable seating, such as butterfly chairs and bean bags; and lots of pillows, including large body pillows, which not only are great for sleeping, but can turn beds into sofas for seating for guests. Another must is a mattress topper, in either feathers or fiberfill, to improve the comfort of a dorm bed.

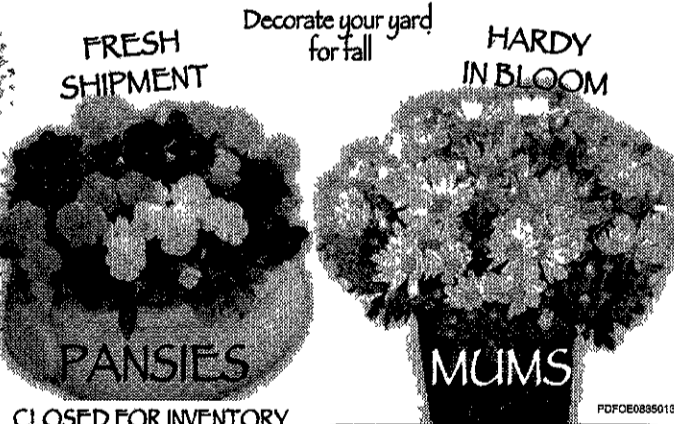
With the basics in place, it's time to add the necessities needed to handle all the "stuff" that goes away to college with the student. Storage items and "organizers" are needed if everything is to fit into postage-sized rooms that usually have a roommate to accommodate. Bed elevators will provide added space for under-the-bed storage. Closet accessories, such as peg racks, over-the-door clothing and shoes racks, belt and tie holders and hanging shelves can help solve storage problems. Crates - there are plastic and metal varieties in the colors that match the room's décor - provide filing space for schoolwork and important papers. A large bulletin board or white board is needed for messages, photos, notes and schedules. Laundry and shower totes with handles are must-haves in the dorm. These are designed to hold and carry needed supplies. Shower totes are especially needed if the student is assigned a dorm room on a floor that has group bathroom facilities.

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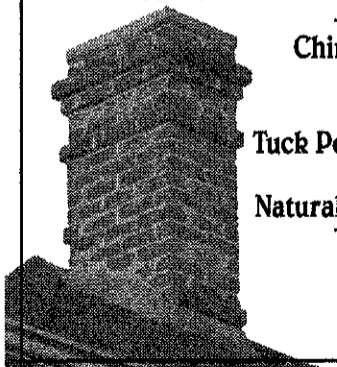
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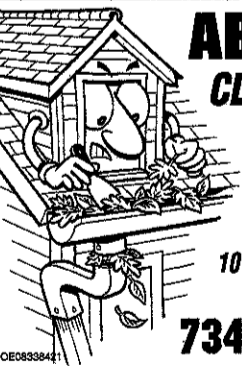
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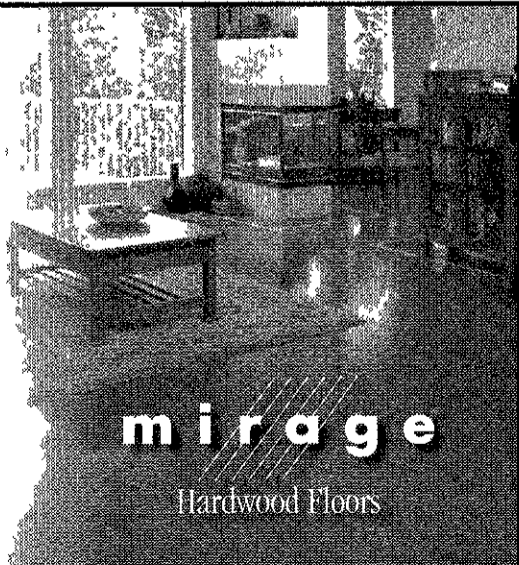
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# Don't feed your pets this stuff

I hate to think about it, but autumn's coming. I really have no problem with autumn itself. It's not so hot, the trees are pretty, and the loud neighbor kids go back to school. All good things.

Fall makes me sad because it signals the end of summer, and because it serves as the harbinger of winter, which means cold and snow again.

Michiganders know how to deal with the cold, dressing like *South Park* characters to protect ourselves, and preparing our cars, because we need them for the 20-minute commute that takes two hours through snow.

One precaution many people take every fall for their car involves changing the antifreeze. Numerous sources remind everyone just how toxic antifreeze can be, and how just a little puddle under the car can kill your pet.

Ethylene glycol, the chemical in antifreeze, is an immensely strong poison, being very potent and very fast acting. Animals want it, because it tastes sweet. (I've always wondered who tasted it in a final act of scientific sacrifice, blurring out "it tastes sweet" before collapsing. But I digress.)

When interviewed on other radio shows about ethylene glycol, I explain the risks, recommending routine precautions to prevent tragedy.

Then I am asked how often I see antifreeze poisoning. Twice. Ever.

This statistic does not reflect the lack of risk. The liquid can kill easily, and treatment is quite difficult if not impossible. The low number shows what knowledge can do to help protect both pets and people.

Every year, a plethora of news stories implore people to take precautions. They make it sound as though every clinic in the Detroit area has dozens of animals on life support from the dreaded chemical.

This consistent informational blast educated everyone about the antifreeze danger, so



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Dr. Brad Davis

few animals get exposed. Knowledge, plus a little fear, helps keep critters safe.

Some toxic items get less coverage, and few people realize they're dangerous before it's too late. If only someone would compile a general listing of a few of the many common dangerous items:

**Chocolate** - Like ethylene glycol, chocolate gets regular play in the media, and most people have heard about the dangers. Is chocolate really dangerous to pets, or is it an urban legend?

High doses of chocolate can be deadly when fed to dogs and cats. It takes a little to make them sick, and a lot can make them dead.

When people hear dogs can have a little chocolate without dying, the immediate question always seems to be, "Well, how much would be OK?"

Take the dog's weight in pounds. Divide by 2.2, which gives you the weight in kilograms. Now add the number of calories in the chocolate you plan to give to the dog. Now multiply by zero.

If you came up with a number besides zero, buy a new calculator.

There's nothing good in chocolates for dogs and cats. While it takes a bunch to be deadly, a little can cause problems, like gastrointestinal upset.

Seriously, when was the last time you heard of a pack of wolves hunting and bringing down a Hershey bar? Won't happen.

**Grapes/raisins** - Yes, grapes and raisins can be toxic to dogs and cats when consumed in large quantities. This doesn't mean that if Fluffy races over and eats the grape that you

dropped on the floor you should immediately race to the vet for emergency care.

A larger quantity of either of these products causes concern about renal disease. Make sure to prevent grapevine snacking in your yard.

If your pet's eating raisins, you might get other problems that you don't want, unless you really enjoy shampooing carpet.

**Onions** - Yes, onions can be toxic, meaning you shouldn't give them to your pet, no matter how much they try to convince you to play Harold and Kumar and drive to White Castle.

If you want to know about how many onions your pet can have, refer to the chocolate equation listed above. It works equally well for onions.

**Aspirin/Tylenol** - These anti-inflammatories can certainly cause problems with critters. Tylenol can cause severe blood problems in cats, and aspirin, when not in an extremely low dose, can kill your kitty.

Some vets use low doses, so ask your vet before you start any regimen of anti-inflammatory medication. Too much aspirin might not kill your dog, but ulceration of the stomach could be a side effect of the treatment. Make the phone call. . . it's better safe than sorry.

It's not made for critters to eat, don't feed it to them. If it's an industrial product or a medicine, try to keep it cleaned up and away from lapping tongues.

It might not be a problem, but finding out something is toxic the hard way could be devastating. With non-pet foods, be really good to your pets. . . don't kill them with kindness.

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## HOME CALENDAR

**Knitting**  
Among the classes at the Rochester Community House is Knitting for All Levels, Wednesdays, Sept. 14 to Oct. 19, or Thursdays, Sept. 15 to Oct. 20. Fee is \$44.

For more information, call (248) 651-0622 or visit [www.rochestercommunityhouse.org](http://www.rochestercommunityhouse.org). The Rochester Community House is at 816 Ludlow. In the class, basics for beginners will include pattern reading, cables, fair isle, instarsia, knitting in the round, lace, beading and construction. "Design your own" will be offered for advanced students.

**Showcase benefit**  
Lighthouse Community Development will present Designer Showcase, an event to raise money to build affordable homes for low- and moderate-income families in Oakland County, Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 8-11. The fund-raiser is an opportunity for the public to tour a 22,000-square-foot English manor house at 730 Vaughan in Bloomfield Hills that has a sale price of \$14 million.

Designer Showcase will kick off with a gala 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8. The gala will feature valet parking, viewing of table settings by leading interior designers, hors d'oeuvres and drinks, a silent auction, entertainment and tour of the home. Gala tickets are \$150. The home will be open for self-guided tours and table viewings 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 9-11. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. For tickets and more information, call (248) 920-6060, Ext. 2123, or fax (248) 335-1099.

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**Home decor**  
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ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit [www.HabermanFabrics.com](http://www.HabermanFabrics.com) for information. The schedule includes Basic Throw Blanket, Tuesdays, Sept. 6-20 (fee is \$60), and Advanced Curtain, Thursdays, Sept. 8-29 (\$80).

In Basic Throw Blanket, make the perfect home accessory for the cold winter months ahead in a quick and simple project using luxurious fabrics. Keep the cozy throw for yourself or give it as a holiday gift.

In Advanced Curtain, learn how to make pleated draperies, a classic, ever-popular window treatment. Create a personalized look by changing the style and spacing of the pleats, or choose the more informal tab-top drape.

The first class will be a discussion of style, fabric choices and supplies. You will make a custom window treatment for your home in the next three sessions.

**Meadow Brook Hall**  
Daily summer tours are offered to Wednesday, Aug. 31, at Meadow Brook Hall, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester.

The summer tour, 75 and Still in Style: A Celebration of Fine Furnishings and Interior Decoration at Meadow Brook Hall, highlights basics of furnishings of the Hall and the fine shops the Wilsons employed to design distinctive pieces of furniture and art displayed throughout their home. The guided tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and includes a tour of Knoke Cottage. Tours are scheduled 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily.

Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, free for ages 12 and under. The Meadow Brook Hall Museum Shop is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The shop sells a variety of unusual items and Meadow Brook Hall mementos, including books on Meadow Brook Hall. For more information, call the Visitor

Services Desk at (248) 364-6200. **Cranbrook House and Gardens**  
Visit Cranbrook House - Detroit's oldest manor home - and its glorious gardens during Thursdays at Cranbrook or Sundays at Cranbrook.

Cranbrook House is the former residence of Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Booth. It is at 380 Lone Pine Road, between Lahser and Cranbrook roads in Bloomfield Hills.

Thursdays at Cranbrook will continue until Oct. 27, offering guided tours of historic Cranbrook House at 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursdays. Fee for the Sunday tour is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. Stay after or come early for a salad buffet lunch at noon in the Oak Room, for an additional \$15.

Now through Oct. 30, take a guided tour at 3 p.m. Sundays with a garden visit. Fee for the Sunday tour is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors.

Reservations for the lunch and tours are required. Call (248) 645-3149. Now to Labor Day, the gardens are open to the public 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. In September, they will be open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily; in October, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., weekends only. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors. Pre-arranged guided tours are available to groups.

Cranbrook House was designed by famed architect Albert Kahn in 1908. The English Arts and Crafts-style home is filled with rare antiques, and surrounded by more than 40 acres of beautiful gardens, fountains and sculpture.

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).

## Fall allergies are nothing to sneeze at

With autumn just around the corner and humidity still on the rise, now is the time to do some clean-up in order to prevent a harsh allergy outbreak in and around your home.

According to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, about 40 million Americans have an allergic reaction brought on by mold spores.

John Cohen of Molly Maid of Plymouth recommends a good late-summer cleaning to reduce the buildup of those allergens

that can wreak havoc on your respiratory system.

"Although most people think of spring cleaning as the essential time to rid your house of dust, dander and other potential allergy-inducing offenders, we also recommend our clients do a solid cleaning in the late summer to rid their home of big trouble spots," Cohen says.

While one big cleaning job every month or so may be a great start, you should keep a regular routine of cleaning including mopping up standing

water around leaky faucets and tubs, keeping counters free of crumbs and dirty dishes, store opened food packages in airtight containers and make sure you clean your microwave.

According to the American Lung Association, these allergens, along with cockroaches, can aggravate cases of asthma.

Besides weekly dusting and vacuuming, Cohen also recommends cleaning window screens to reduce the amount of pollen your household is exposed to.

## PHONE

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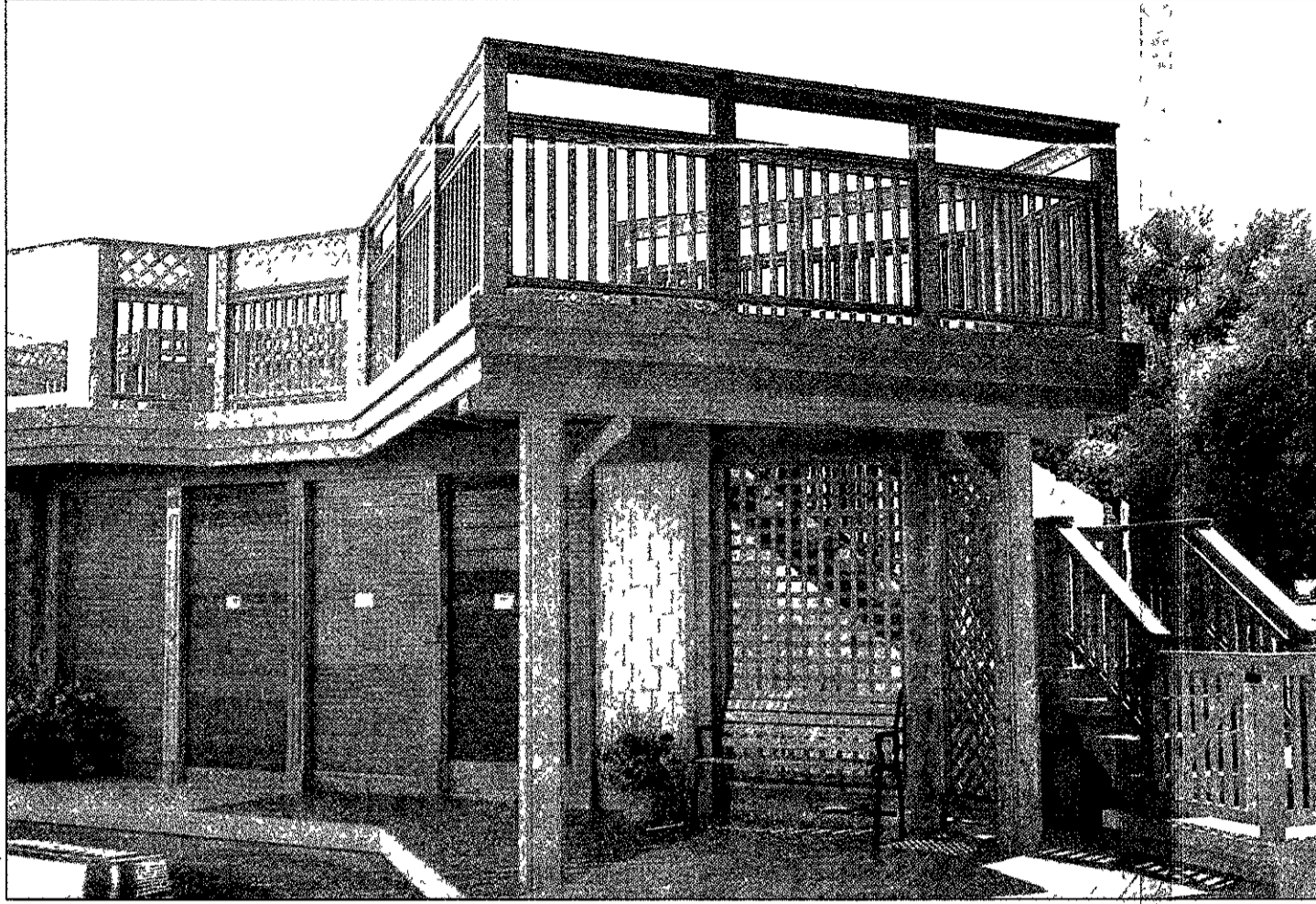
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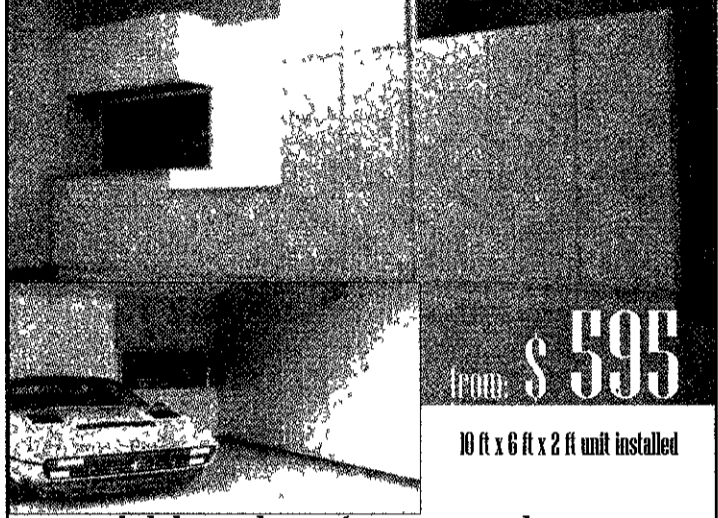


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BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

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Children and adults sang and danced to the beats laid down during a Shabbat Rocks service in July.

## Shabbat Rocks services draw members to their feet

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Daniel Nevins is one of the few drumming rabbis in the country and as such has been experimenting with creative formats for the last five years. That's not so unusual when Nevins plays the music outside of Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills where he's senior rabbi, but inside is a different matter.

At 6 p.m. on Sept. 16, Rabbi Nevins and guitarists Dan Shere and Marty Liebman celebrate the Sabbath by performing traditional and contemporary melodies for the Friday night liturgy. Nevins says "the idea is that we welcome Shabbat (the Sabbath) as if she were a queen, with great excitement and joy."

Shabbat Rocks is an inventive way to encourage members to sing and dance. The synagogue does not traditionally use musical instruments on Shabbat so the celebration is conducted before sunset and gradually transitions into the Sabbath service.

"There's a trend on a national level. Religious music has become much more charismatic over the years. It's not completely new. There's been religious music as long as there's been religions," said Rabbi Nevins who moved to Farmington Hills in 1994 to serve as the synagogue's assistant rabbi. He was installed as rabbinic leader of the congregation in 2000.

"People are looking for less formal music, one that is spirited and helps them feel joyous. Often we can communicate better in songs than sermons. As a rabbi I look to being a musician and a formal teacher."

Although Nevins started learning to drum in second grade in his hometown of New Jersey and later played in rock bands, Shabbat Rocks focuses on a subdued style of music. Instead of playing a trap drum set like Nevins does when he



Rabbi Daniel Nevins leads Shabbat Rocks, an inventive service that transitions into the celebration of Shabbat (the sabbath) at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills. Nevins plays a variety of percussion including conga, bongos and an Arabic doumbek.

and Shere "rock it up" for teenage members of the synagogue, Nevins sticks to percussion instruments - conga, bongos, chimes, and the Arabic doumbek - for Shabbat Rocks. Their unique sound comes from years of experience as musicians. Nevins was initially impressed by Shere's talent upon listening to a CD of his music shortly after arriving at Adat Shalom with his wife Rachel, the synagogue's newest rabbi. Liebman has been conducting high holiday choirs for some time so Nevins was well aware of his skills.

Nevins played percussion all through his days at Harvard College where he graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in history, and the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he earned a master's in Jewish studies. He continues to find time for his drums while serving on the board of the Farmington Area Interfaith Association, Detroit

chapter of the National Coalition for Community and Justice, and the faculty of the Jewish Academy of Metropolitan Detroit.

"We've been experimenting with this format for a few years and typically do this once a month," said Nevins. "It's very popular with younger families and the older regulars really like this. It's very joyous and gets people involved in clapping and singing and dancing."

"For this program quieter percussion is better, Latin and hand drums. It's not a rock and roll service. It's very mellow, beautiful music that's supposed to inspire singing."

Adat Shalom Synagogue is at 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information about Shabbat Rocks, call (248) 851-5100 or visit the Web site at [www.adatshalom.org](http://www.adatshalom.org).

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Marty Liebman (left), Dan Shere and Rabbi Daniel Nevins played Shabbat Rocks services outside during the summer months. On Sept. 16, the trio goes inside Adat Shalom Synagogue for a program of traditional and contemporary melodies for the Friday night Sabbath liturgy.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

### AUGUST

#### Open house

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program (14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia) will have an Open House 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25. The church is currently enrolling children for the 2005-2006 school year. Christian care for children ages 15 months to 5-years old is available. Call (734) 513-8413 for more information about child care, pre-school, and pre-K classes.

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#### Lighthouse cafe

Presented by Single Point Ministries 7-10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$5. Free childcare provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

#### Rummage Sale

Large selection of household items, books, children's games, videos, and more (no clothes) 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 West Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh, Livonia.

#### Ice cream party

Come register your children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school during an afternoon of fun, ice cream, games

and crafts 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information or to RSVP, call (248) 477-8974 by Aug. 24.

#### Community festival

Spirit of Community service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, followed by free family fun festival with food, movies, music, moonwalk, games, face painting, at First Baptist Church of Plymouth on North Territorial between Sheldon and Beck. Call (734) 455-2300.

#### Crafters wanted

St. Damian Catholic Church of Westland (30055 Joy Road) is having its annual fall arts and craft show in October. If you interested in participating in the show, call Carol for an application or more information (734) 721-4758 or send e-mail at [nelius@comcast.net](mailto:nelius@comcast.net).

#### Single Point Ministries

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#### Sunday services

Continue with traditional worship and children's Sunday School at 10 a.m. at Garden City Presbyterian church, 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. Baptism and Holy Communion are the focus of the school curriculum at this time. Nursery care available. Refreshments immediately after the service. The Mustard Seed service at 6 p.m. offers an informal, casual environment. Refreshments afterward. Handicap accessible. Call (734) 421-7620.

### UPCOMING

#### Greek festival

Homemade Greek food and desserts, live music and dancing, Greek marketplace, coffee house, kid's activities, tour of church, cultural exhibit, 50/50 raffle 4-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 39851 Five Mile, Plymouth. Call (734) 420-0131.

#### Mom 2 mom sale

Tri-City Christian MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) in Canton is having a sale of children's gently used clothes, maternity clothes, toys and miscellaneous items that their families have outgrown 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at 3855 Sheldon, north of Michigan Avenue. Admission is \$1. For information, call (734) 397-0819.

#### Memorial service

Congregation Beit Kodesh remembers the victims of the terrorist attacks 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, with guest speakers Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson and state Sen. Laura Toy, guest soloist is Cantor Harry Sturm, at 31840 West Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. The public is welcome. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

#### Welcoming Sunday

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#### ROSE KAITSCHUCK

Age 68, August 19, 2005 Beloved wife of Lee Loving mother of Robert (Sharon) Tolentino, Lawrence Kaitshuck and David (Teresa) Kaitshuck. Dear grandmother of 8. Survived by brother, Louis Duplessis and sister, Mona Doucouse. Visitation Monday 5-9pm at Harry J Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne. Chapel service Tuesday 1 pm at Glen Eden Memorial Park

#### STUART VAUGHN

Age 73, died August 21, 2005 in St. Augustine, Florida Former resident of Livonia Retired environmental engineering manager at Ford Motor Company World Headquarters. Beloved husband of Barbara. Loving father of Mary Victoria (Robert) Thom, Janice Vaughn, Susan (Casey) McChesney, and Shona (Elton) Ammons. Also survived by 8 grandchildren. Beloved brother of David Vaughn and brother in law of Katherine and Charles Naber. Funeral service August 26 in St. Augustine, Florida. Memorials to National Kidney Foundation.



#### SALLY F. FOX

Age 80, of Farmington Hills, died July 27, 2005 at the Fountains of Franklin in Southfield. Mrs. Fox was born September 7, 1924, in Brooklyn, New York. Mrs. Fox graduated with a Bachelors Degree from Brooklyn College in New York and a Masters/PhD in Psychology from Wayne State University in Detroit. Mrs. Fox enjoyed collecting antiques, reading, traveling and maintained a large and diverse circle of friends. Mrs. Fox is survived by her children, Amy (Erick) Ryberg of Farmington Hills, Dr. Gordon (Kathy Whitley) Fox of Tampa, Florida and Barbara Fox of New York City. She is also survived by her grandson, Ben Ryberg; two nieces and one nephew. Mrs. Fox is preceded in death by her husband, Henry J. Fox. A memorial service will be held at the Fountains of Franklin, 28301 Franklin Rd., Southfield, Saturday (September 10th) at 2pm.

#### DR. BROWNLEE WILMOTH ELLIOTT

1925-2005. Educator, musician and poet, Dr. Brownlee Wilmoth Elliott died Sunday, August 21, 2005, in Columbia, Missouri, surrounded by family and friends. Services will be (were) held Saturday, August 27 at Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia, Missouri. Born September 16, 1925, in Jefferson City, Missouri, Dr. Elliott graduated from Westminster College with a BA, from University in Missouri with a MA and a PhD from Wayne State University in Detroit. He was a devoted teacher for many years at Milford High School in Michigan. He participated in a number of musical ensembles, including church choirs at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. He was an avid reader and a gifted poet in June, 1953, he married Brenda Constance at Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia. For many years they lived and worked in Michigan until their retirement to Columbia shortly before her death in 2002. Surviving is their son, Andrew Elliott of Milford, Michigan. On December 27, 2003, Dr. Elliott and his friend Betty Hosmer Miller were united at Calvary Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Memorial Garden Fund of Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.



#### BETTY M. CANEVER

Age 87, of Fenton, wife of the late Victor Canever, founder of Vic Canever Chevrolet, died Monday, August 22, 2005 at her residence. Funeral Mass will be held 11AM Friday, August 26, 2005 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St. Fenton. Rev. Fr. David Harvey celebrant. Interment following in St. John Cemetery Visitation will be held Thursday 2-5 and 7-9pm at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd. Fenton, with a scripture service beginning at 7:30PM. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church or Capuchin Missions, 1820 Mt. Elliot St., Detroit, MI 48207-3484 or Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, P.O. Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302. Betty was born February 25, 1918 in Detroit, the daughter of Howard and Catherine (Gunder) Rohrer. She graduated from St. Anthonys in Detroit and Detroit Business College. She married Victor W. Canever in Detroit and he preceded her in death on June 26, 1997. Betty had resided in the Fenton area since 1972. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Bay View Women's Club and Spring Meadows Country Club. Surviving are her 5 children, Constance Meyer and husband A.J. of Westport, CN, Susan Winks of Foster City, CA, Jayne Canever of Birmingham, John Canever of Fenton, Richard Canever and wife Mary of Fenton; 10 grandchildren, Matthew Winks, Jennifer Winks Lubick, Michelle Meyer, Eva Meyer, Brian Winks, Daniel Winks, Sara Canever, Anne Canever, Jeffrey Canever, Laura Canever; 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Victor; brother Howard Rohrer and sister Laura Lashbrook. Those desiring may share online condolences or post a tribute at [www.sharpfuneralhomes.com](http://www.sharpfuneralhomes.com).



#### EDWIN N. BUFORD

Age 85, August 21, 2005, of Garden City, Beloved husband of Virginia A. Dear father of John (Jacqueline) Buford, Amber Mae Garris, Sheryle Jean (Douglas) Powell, and the late sons Edwin D. and Terry J. Buford. Also leaves 10 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were entrusted to Vermeulen Funeral Home, 734-326-1300. Donations to the American Cancer Society. To leave a message of condolence, please log on to: [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

#### OPAL B. GRADY

Age 83, died August 15, 2005, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on September 14, 1921 in Obion County, Tennessee, to James and Lura (Bowden) Caksakkar. On Oct. 28, 1939, she married Samuel Grady and he survives. She is also survived by two daughters, Laverne (Conrad) Henry of Milan, and Sue (Clyde) Truesdell of Pickford; a son Bill (Susan) Grady of Canton; a daughter-in-law, Sharon Grady of Loveland, CO; ten grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. A sister, Jean Calhoun, sister-in-law Vivian Caksakkar, both of Union City, TN, and many loving nieces and nephews survive. Her parents, a son, Ralph, three brothers, and one sister preceded her in death. Services were held Friday, Aug. 19, at the Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home, Milan. Burial, Marble Park Cemetery, Milan. Those desiring may make contributions to Hospices of Michigan, St. Paul Lutheran Church of Milan, or Stalwart Presbyterian Church, Pickford, MI. Opal's guestbook may be signed online at [www.ochalekstark.com](http://www.ochalekstark.com)

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## Chili cookoff needs a new home

Chili cookoffs are a blast. On a Sunday afternoon, every October, chili cooks from the Detroit area, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and sometimes as far away as Texas, would fire up their kettles and pots, grind their dried ancho, serrano and New Mexico chilis and simmer their meaty concoction for the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff at Kellogg Park in Plymouth.

The event drew thousands of visitors to downtown Plymouth. Those throngs included families, residents from the metro area and chili lovers of all ages, along with motorcyclists as the event was held in conjunction with the Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Show.

The regional cookoff, sanctioned by the International Chili Society, sends the winner to the World Championship cookoff in Las Vegas. With all due respect to the salsa competitors (there was a salsa competition at the event, too), the best part of the cookoff is the chili.

Last year cookoff organizer Annette Horn paid \$2,500 for Plymouth's police services for the event, which actually cost the community \$22,000. More officers would be needed this year, so when Horn learned this information and then saw the fewer dollars pledged from sponsors, she canceled the event.

But for those of you who absolutely love this event, you need not lose hope.

While there won't be a competitive cookoff this year, Horn remains determined to help the charities the cookoff assists. Approximately \$100,000 has been donated over the past nine years to charities, including Make-A-Wish, The Rainbow Connection, the Plymouth Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Michigan State Youth Soccer Association and Bridgepoint.

Horn is committed to scheduling a cookoff next year; it's just a question of where.

Belleville, Canton, Howell, Livonia, Milford and Taylor were all mentioned by Horn as possible homes for next year's cookoff.

Many of the chili cooks locally and from other states call the Plymouth event one of the top ICS

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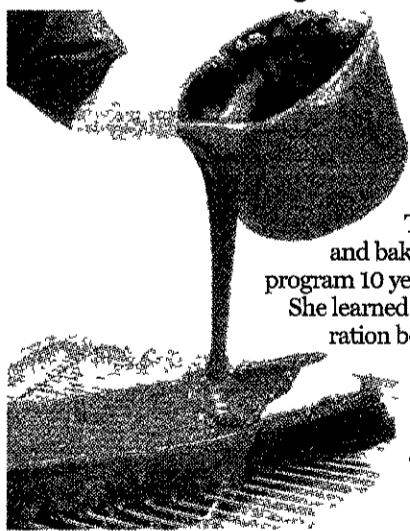


Michelle Butler (left) and Tracey Pawlowski present tea cakes at Back Home Bakery in Canton. Pawlowski, one of the owners of the bakery and a Schoolcraft College culinary arts graduate, will prepare these cakes for the college's Culinary Extravaganza on Sept. 25.

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## Culinary Extravaganza fills plates, appetites

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER



Michelle Butler pours fudge topping on ABC Cake. 'ABC' stands for the three flavored cream fillings; Amaretto, Bailey's Irish Cream, and Chambord.

Tracey Pawlowski always wanted to learn about pastries and baking when she entered Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program 10 years ago.

She learned about pastries, and a whole lot more about food preparation before graduating in 1997.

On Sunday, Sept. 25, she'll return to Schoolcraft with Russian tea cookies, cranberry white chocolate cookies and her ABC cake, a mix of Amaretto, Bailey's Irish Cream and Chambord with fudge, creating a bumpy cake-like dessert, all products of Back Home Bakery in Canton, which Pawlowski owns with four other family members.

Pawlowski will be one of several Schoolcraft

PLEASE SEE EVENT, B10

**What:** Schoolcraft College's Culinary Extravaganza 2005. A Food and Wine Event. Guests can try culinary delicacies from more than 50 restaurants, bakeries, and beverage vendors in the Detroit area. Food lovers can take in a wine-tasting seminar and participate in a live and silent auction.

**Where:** VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads), Livonia

**When:** 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 25

**Tickets:** \$50 per person

**Sponsorship packages:** Range from \$300 (Bronze) to \$5,000 (Platinum)

**For information:** Call (734) 462-4400

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[www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/event.shtml](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/foundation/event.shtml)

## Women and wine - just the facts

Grossly underestimated for a number of years - that's women's buying power and their influence on the global wine industry.

Today's marketing statistics show that women buy more wine, drink more wine and are more willing to experiment with their selections.

According to the nonprofit Wine Market Council, women now account for about 64 percent of all wine consumers.

"As the majority of wine buyers and drinkers in the country, women comprise the largest slice of the enological pie," wrote Leslie Sbrocco in her book *Wine for Women* (William Morrow, \$24.95).



**Focus on Wine**

Ray and Eleanor Heald

### MORE FACTS

A study of more than 1,000 consumers indicated that women are more involved with wine than men and more often choose to drink wine at restaurants, by itself as a cocktail and for celebratory occasions.

Motto, Kryla and Fisher, a wine research company based in California, disclosed that women don't buy only value wine. Women account for 60 percent of high-end wine drinkers in the United States.

MKF defined "high-end" as those wine drinkers who occasionally to frequently purchase wine costing more than \$15. Also "high-end" purchasers often have more than 12 bottles of unopened wine on hand and will buy a wine costing over \$15 for a casual meal at home.

### ADVENTUROUS

Wine retailers indicate that women

often try wines from different global wine regions, with alternative closures such as twist-off caps or alternative packaging such as 187mL bottles.

If the latter sounds interesting, try the 2004 Lindemans Bin 65 Chardonnay Minis (4-pack of 187mL about \$9). In the minis series, there's also Bin 40 Merlot, Bin 50 Shiraz, and Bin 45 Cabernet Sauvignon.

A 187mL bottle is slightly more than five ounces and is perfect for enjoying a glass of wine without opening a full bottle. It's the same popular wine as the 750mL.

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## Side dish

### Calling all wait staff

Waitresses and waiters from Michigan are welcome to participate in the third annual Greater Waiter Waitress Races in Harmer Park in the village of Metamora (on Dryden Road, 1/4 mile east of Lapeer Road, north of Oxford) on Thursday, Aug. 25. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Races begin after registration at approximately 6 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Metamora and Oxford Area Chambers of Commerce.

Teams of two compete through an obstacle course. Those entrants who record the fastest time with the least amount of water spilled are crowned the winners. This event is open to staff from country clubs, restaurants and bars located in the state of Michigan. The cost per team is \$30.

Winners get to keep a silver serving tray with their names engraved in their eating establishment for one year. They can return the next year to defend their title.

For more information, call the Metamora Chamber at (810) 678-6222 or Oxford Chamber at (248) 628-0410.

### Tomato tasting

Nothing evokes summer like a warm tomato just picked from the vine.

If you grow tomatoes, join Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, for The Great Tomato Tasting at 1 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 27. You can enter a tomato you have grown in one of six categories: heirloom, saladette, cherry, beefsteak, largest and ugliest.

Gardening columnist Nancy Szerlag will lead judging along with tomato tasting guests who will designate their favorites in each category. Tomato growers can register their tomato at the garden center prior to the event.

Winners in each category will receive a Goldner Walsh gift certificate and a Goldner Walsh Nursery Golden Anniversary Cookbook. Fresh baked tomato pie will be served to attending guests while supplies last. This recipe is Szerlag's own, featured in the cookbook.

The event is free and no reservation is required. For information, call (248) 332-6430.

### Have a story idea?

Do you have a relative or friend and who is an excellent cook who would make a good personality profile for the Taste section? Do you have a favorite recipe you love you'd like to share with our readers? Is there a topic you'd like to see covered in the Taste section?

Let us know about it. Send your idea with your name and a daytime phone number to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

**FACTS**

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**WINES THAT TASTE GOOD**

In a recent survey by Wine Opinions, a highly regarded research provider to the U.S. wine industry, 43 percent of females found the descriptor "jammy fruit" appealing, while only 20 percent of males did. Male respondents preferred "heavy and full-bodied" wines.

Sbrocco also wrote: "After compiling research done by others and conducting my own interviews and surveys, I discovered that the majority of women are less focused on wine ratings, vintage charts and acquiring bottles.

"Forget the notion that women sip white while men slurp red (women actually drink more red than white these days). It's not about what's in the bottle but how we approach what's in the bottle.

"Women tend to be interested in personal recommendations, food ideas and helpful tips on finding wines that simply taste good."

And after one says that a wine is delicious, what more is there to say?

**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.

**WINE PICKS**

Worldwide, Boutari is known as the best winery in Greece. Since we mentioned trying wines from different global wine regions, here are a few from BOUTARI.

■ 2003 Domaine Roxane Matsa, \$20, 50/50 sauvignon blanc and assyrtiko, yielding a fresh, crisp and refreshing white with mineral notes.

■ 2003 Fantaxometochos (fan-tak-so MET-o ho), \$20, from Crete is 60 percent chardonnay blended with two other grapes of local origin. It's like a barrel-fermented chardonnay at a very good price.

■ 2001 Evinos (EV-ee-nos), \$21, is half xinomavaro and half merlot. Maybe this is just what some merlots need to taste good!

■ 2001 Odé, \$26, is 50-50 cabernet sauvignon and agiorgitiko. It's a light red filled with flavor and perfect for red meats with sauces and aged cheeses.

■ 2002 Filiria (fil-ee-YAH), \$28, is a blend of two Greek grapes that offer a bitter red wine with nice grip but mellow finish. Interesting.

■ 2003 Skalani, \$28, from two native grapes grown in Crete is lighter in body and filled with amazing new flavors to discover.

**AND FROM ELSEWHERE:**

**California:** 2003 Beckmen Cuvee Le Bec, \$15, and 2002 Joseph Phelps Le Mistral, \$30.

**South Africa:** 2003 Fairview Pinotage, \$16, and 2004 Boekenhoutsloof, \$12.

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



AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

This mulligatawny includes beans and an apple.

**Mulligatawny soup originated in India**

BY DANA JACOBI  
CORRESPONDENT

When the weather is hot, spicy dishes provide a form of internal air conditioning. This is one reason Indian dishes, as with those in most tropical parts of the world, use fiery ingredients so liberally. Whether it's a vindaloo heavy with cayenne pepper, curries studded with fresh chile peppers, or a steamy cup of masala chai spiced with cinnamon and black peppercorns, Indian dishes all encourage your body's natural cooling system by making you perspire.

During the Raj, the period when India was ruled by the British, Anglo-Indian cooks, understanding the health benefits of highly spiced food yet aware of the more sensitive Western palate, created dishes

whose intensity was adjusted to please the colonials. They succeeded so well that recipes for favorite dishes of the Raj, especially gentler curries made with prepared curry powder and mulligatawny soup, traveled as far as the United States. For Americans who grew up before the influx of Indian immigrants brought more authentically native cooking to our shores, dishes popular during the Raj were among the first Indian foods Americans tasted.

Summer and winter, mulligatawny soup, a ruddy purée that the British enhanced by adding chicken, is a light but filling one-dish dinner. To enrich the broth, whole, bone-in but skinless breast, can be poached in a commercial chicken stock. It comes out beautifully succulent, while boneless cutlets overcook easily, turning dry and tough.

This mulligatawny includes beans and an apple. Puréed in the soup, the beans assure a creamy texture while keeping it healthfully lean and adding beneficial complex carbs. The apple's sweetness softens the underlying edge of the ginger's flavor and the many spices used in curry powder. Adding a

dollop of yogurt to each bowl of the finished soup provides a cooling contrast to the soup's flavor. You can also garnish it with unsweetened coconut flakes, available now with reduced fat and without sulfites, at many health food stores.

**MULLIGATAWNY SOUP**

- 1 skinless whole chicken breast, 1½ pounds
  - 4 cups fat-free, reduced sodium chicken broth
  - 1 can cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
  - 1 large onion, chopped, 1½ cups
  - ½ Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and diced
  - 1 tablespoon canola oil
  - 1 small green bell pepper, seeded and diced
  - 1-½ tablespoons curry powder
  - Cayenne pepper to taste (optional)
  - 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
  - 3 tablespoons tomato paste
  - 1 medium potato, peeled and diced
  - ½ cup plain (unflavored) non-fat or low-fat yogurt
  - 8 teaspoons reduced-fat dried coconut (optional), for garnish
- Place the chicken in a deep,

large saucepan. Add the broth, beans, 1 cup of the onion, and apple. Over medium-high heat, bring the liquid to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer until the chicken is white in the center, about 25 minutes. Remove the chicken. When it is cool enough to handle, pull apart the meat into bite-size pieces and set aside. Transfer the remaining contents of the pot to a blender and whirl to a puree. Set aside. Wash out the pot.

In the clean pot, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the remaining onion, and green pepper until soft, about 6 minutes. Mix in the curry powder, ginger, and cayenne, if using, until they are fragrant, about 1 minute. Add the puréed soup, potato and tomato paste. Simmer until the potato is tender, about 15 minutes.

To serve, divide the chicken among 4 soup bowls. Add the soup then the yogurt. Sprinkle on the coconut, if using, and serve.

Makes 5 servings.

Per serving: 323 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 34 g. carbohydrate, 38 g. protein, 6 g. dietary fiber, 530 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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## Schoolcraft classes

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## Cooking 101: Skill Development

Learn basic cooking terminology and techniques, and how to properly use basic knives and hand tools. To make sure you stay healthy and happy, discover safe and sanitary methods for food preparation. This two-day course, instructed by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel, is a prerequisite for all Schoolcraft College's Culinary Education hands-on Culinary Arts classes or you'll need chef's approval for those classes. Cooking 101 is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20 and 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21. Fee is \$105 and \$84 for seniors.

## Swiss Chocolates

Acquire chocolate knowledge. Enjoy demonstrations of how to temper chocolate, produce hollow shells, dip chocolate, and caramel dipping techniques. Class is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22 and taught by certified master pastry chef Joe Decker. Fee is \$98 and \$78.40 for seniors.

## Hands-On

Note: Hands-On classes have a prerequisite of the Cooking 101: Skill Development class listed above or instructor's approval. Plan to wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands-on classes. Please prepare a tool kit with the following: a set of knives, peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons. Visit Web site www.schoolcraft.edu for more information on these classes and others. International Breads, 5-9 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6; Cooking with an Asian Flair, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11; Basic Cajun & Creole Cooking, two days, 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22.

## The Community House

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, has scheduled fall cooking classes.

Each class will take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. and has a fee of \$30. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

In Pan Searing and Sautéing Seafood (Wednesday, Sept. 14), learn about the different categories of fish, how to inspect for quality and freshness, and two styles of preparing them. Instructor Freeman E. Gunnell's culinary education has been under the

direction of renowned chefs, including Jimmy Schmidt, Wolfgang Puck and Madeleine Kamman. His well-rounded career includes working as chef de cuisine and as a pastry chef in gourmet restaurants as well as corporate and private settings. Freeman recently received the prestigious International Association of Culinary Professionals Pastry Award to study at Ecole Lenôtre in Paris. Expanding Your Palette with Herbs and Spices (Wednesday, Sept. 21) will also be taught by Gunnell. Enhance your cooking by learning how to match your ingredients with herbs and spices. Equally important, learn when to use them in the cooking process.

Wanna Try Something a Little Different? will take place Tuesday, Sept. 27. Join Peter Engelhardt, Executive Chef at The Community House, in preparation of this three-course meal that will appeal to all your senses: thyme-scented mushrooms on bibb lettuce, sautéed shrimp with feta, marsala with couscous. Top it off with peppermint ice cream pie. Engelhardt moved here from Atlanta, where he was the Executive Chef for Turner Field and Philips Arena. He graduated with degrees in culinary arts and food management from Johnson and Wales University in Providence.

## Wine Exploration

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, has scheduled a Wine Exploration Series on Wednesday nights. The classes will take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. You must be 21 years of age to attend the wine classes. Cost is \$162 for seven sessions. To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna will be the instructors. Daher, certified sommelier, has been working in the wine industry covering restaurants, hotels, retail and consulting for wholesale distributors for

more than 15 years. Daher was wine director, event sommelier and catalog scriber for the Detroit International Wine Auction. He is a professional member of the French gourmet society Chaine De Rotisseurs, founder and president of the wine consulting company Sommelier Connections Inc. and Unique Wine Cellars for custom designing and building of wine cellars and cooling equipment.

Jonna, national wine buyer for Whole Foods Market, has been in the retail wine business for more than 17 years. He assisted in the production of wine in France and visited wine regions in Europe and North America.

Classes in the series are:

■ An Introduction to Wine, 7:30-10 p.m. Sept. 14 (one session, \$29). Enjoy a casual and uncomplicated introduction into the world of wine, suited for both the novice as well as the slightly experienced. This is a great foundation course for taking further wine classes. Topics include wine grapes varieties, wine making techniques, types of wines and wine labels, and proper wine storage. Evaluate and rate wines while tasting six wines representing different regions around the world. Learn to identify and read wine labels and order from a restaurant wine list.

■ California and the Pacific Northwest, Sept. 21 (one session, \$29). Discover wines of California, Oregon and Washington state. Learn to find the values as well as highly acclaimed and rare wines from these regions. Learn to discern the differences between varieties and how to optimally match wines with appropriate meals. A parallel tasting of eight wines representing these areas is included.

■ French Wines, Sept. 28 (one session, \$26). Receive an introduction to wines

from Bordeaux, Loire, Alsace and lesser-known areas. Learn about the variety of French wines and how to read appellations, distinguish between vintages and evaluate wines as experts do. Both red and white wines will be tasted.

■ More about French Wines, Oct. 5 (one session, \$26). Enjoy this introduction to wines from Burgundy, the Rhone Valley and Provence. Discover these varieties of French wines by tasting both reds and whites while learning to evaluate wines as experts do.

■ Italian Wines, Oct. 26 (one session, \$26). Take an introductory exploration into the world's largest wine-producing country. Through a step-by-step process, the prominent production regions will be analyzed.

■ The New Worlds of Wine: Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand, Nov. 9 (one session, \$26). Instructors will provide eight wines and a clear explanation of the different classifications and breakdowns of the various growing regions.

■ Champagne and Sparkling Wines, Nov. 16 (one session, \$26). Learn the history of champagnes and sparkling wines, the regions and the process of producing them. Learn about matching champagne and sparkling wines with food and examples of great matches. A tasting of six different champagnes and sparkling wines is included.

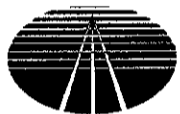
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## COOKOFF

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coookoffs and best attended. The cooks try to create imaginative booths and outfits, along with the best chili. Cooks from Michigan and Ohio exchange banter about their home states.

What a great setting for the event, too.

"It was an exciting event," Horn said. "Plymouth was a wonderful town for the event. You had the park, the town, the shops and restaurants."

But she's moving forward for next year. "I do not want to lose this cookoff," Horn said. She herself is a competitive chili and salsa cook (not at the Plymouth event, but at other competitions).

"I will pick the best spot and the event will still be held," Horn said. "I hope to have something set within the next few weeks."

It's not only a great, fun food event, the cookoff (as does all ICS chili cookoffs) assists local charities. On Saturday, the North Central Regional Chili Cookoff scheduled at Fratello's

Restaurant, 4501 Fort St. (at Van Horn Road) in Trenton, will raise funds for the Penrickton Center for Blind Children. (Horn does not organize that cookoff, so she will participate.) She expects next year's location to continue to serve not just as a competition, but a fund-raiser to help others.

"Every single penny we raise after expenses goes to the charity," Horn said. "I'm a chili cook by trade and I truly love running this event."

Chili lovers can visit the North Central Regional Chili Cookoff on Saturday, Aug. 27, at Fratello's Restaurant, 4501 Fort St. (at Van Horn Road) in Trenton or the Michigan State Chili Championship on Sept. 24 at Biker Bob's Harley Davidson, 14100 Telegraph in Taylor. Both events are open to the public at 11 a.m., with chili available at 3 p.m. Both events will raise money for the Penrickton Center for Blind Children. Visit chilicookoff.com for information

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**EVENT**

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alums at the Culinary Extravaganza 2005. (See related information.)

Since 1991, annual the fund-raiser has collected more than \$1.2 million for the Schoolcraft College Foundation. This fall, the foundation will award nearly \$400,000 in student scholarships and fund 13 instructional projects developed by faculty and staff totaling \$80,660.

The event brings her business to a whole new group of people, but more than that, "it's pretty fun," Pawlowski said. "I really like being there. It's really changed since I've went to school there."

VisTaTech opened three years ago and contains a state-of-the-art cooking facility with demonstration kitchens, closed circuit monitors and individual work stations for students.

John Walsh, Schoolcraft's executive director of development and government relations, said the event is the single biggest fund-raising event for Schoolcraft scholarships. He expects it will raise \$95,000-\$105,000 in income for the fund. That's a "tremendous amount of money," Walsh said, in light of college tuition costs statewide.

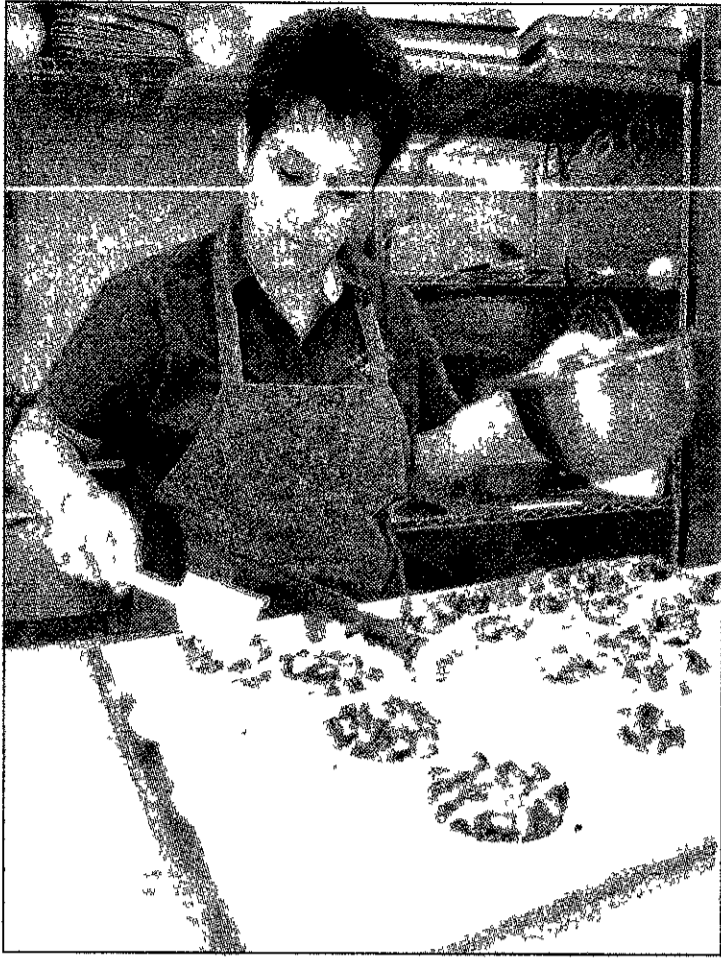
The event also showcases the VisTaTech Center and the culinary arts program, Walsh said.

"On a personal level, it's a great event to try foods from different restaurants, some that I've been in and some I've never been to," Walsh said. "It's a fun and uplifting event."

Bruce Konowalow, culinary arts director, said the event showcases talent from instructors, along with graduates like Pawlowski, who now own their own businesses.

"So many of the restaurants have chefs or owners who have graduated from here, and they come back once a year to participate in this event, which is a nice thing," Konowalow said.

"It's a fun venue, Chef Brian (Polcyn, who teaches at Schoolcraft) always represents Five Lakes Grill and chef (Jeff) Gabriel (another Schoolcraft instructor) brings The Farm here. Our pastry department does a nice spread out there. It's a major event and we showcase ourselves, but we also have numerous restaurants and wineries that come here to support this event." Food vendors will be moved



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Tracey Pawlowski fills Harvest Tarts. The tarts are filled with a mix of cinnamon, apple, cranberry and walnuts, and finished with a rum topping.

down the hallway of the facility to give guests more room to enjoy the food and beverages.

Pawlowski remembers many of the instructors, such as chef Dan Hugelier and pastry chef Joe Decker.

"They're very realistic," Pawlowski said of Schoolcraft's culinary instruction. "The program was nothing like I thought it would be."

"They're very down to earth. They stress consistency. They don't want you to serve food that customers will say, 'That doesn't taste like it did the last time I was here.'"

That emphasis is also stressed on the food booths selected for the Extravaganza.

"We try to be very careful and use restaurants that are quality establishments," Konowalow said. "We are getting top quality places. (The restaurants) don't hold back on their products."

Previous events included beef tenderloin and large shrimp from some of the establishments, Konowalow said. "It gives them a chance to showcase their high-end food," he said.

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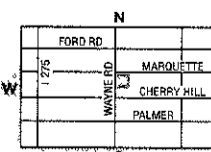
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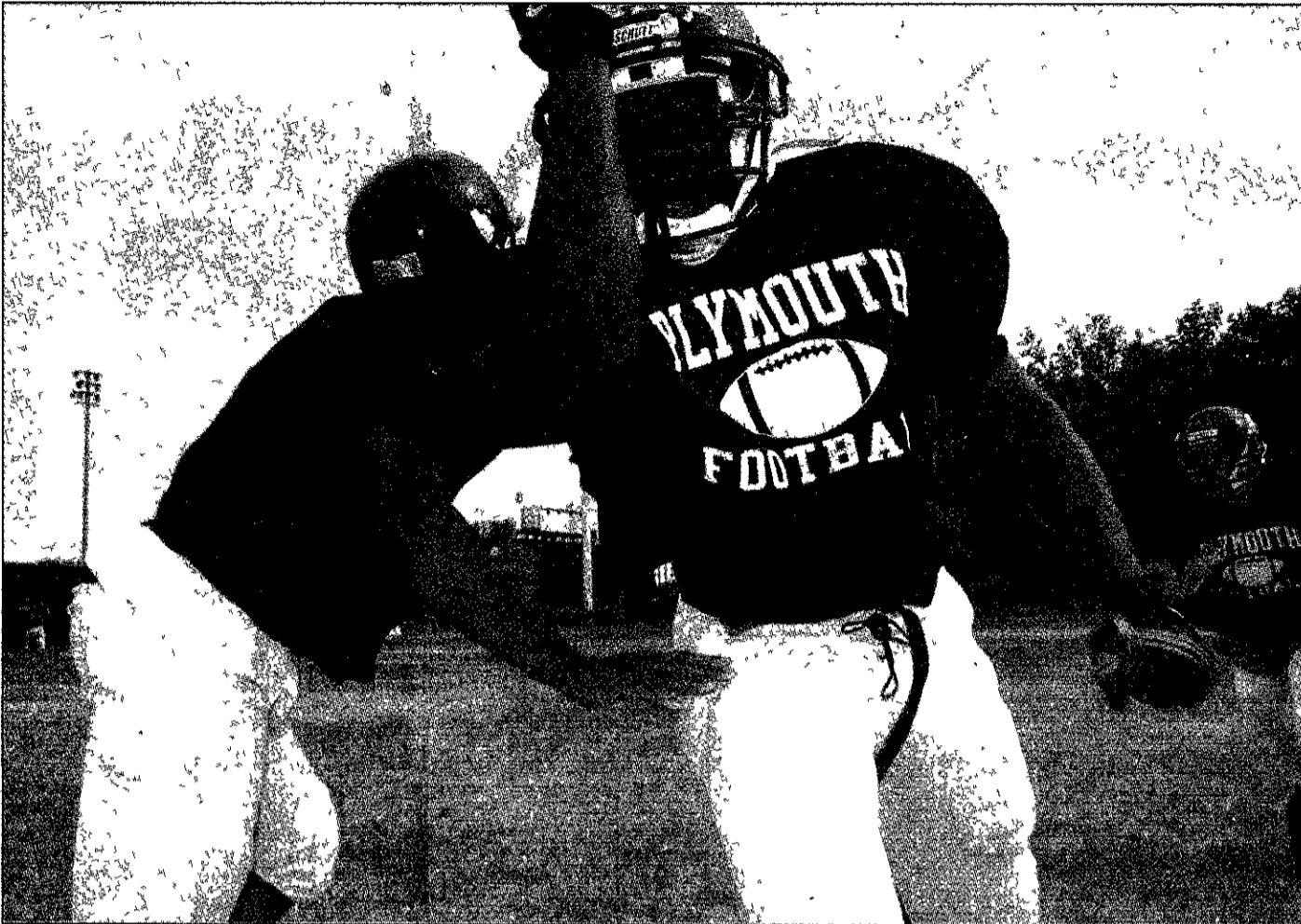
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## 2005 Prep Football Preview



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Plymouth linebackers Mike Macintosh (center), Derek Bradford (left) and Jared Panyan work through a drill during practice last week. The Wildcats are returning all of their offensive and defensive starters from last year's 2-7 squad.

# Fully loaded

## Plymouth grid team looks forward to first season with seniors

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Last year, they were young and senior-less.

One year later, Plymouth's football team is arguably the most experienced team in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

That's what returning 22 starters

with significant game experience can do for a team.

Entering the fourth year of the program, Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock is hopeful the Wildcats' abundance of veteran leadership equates into victories.

"Last year, our goal was to win at least three games, because that's something no Division 1 team without a senior class had ever done before,"

Blaylock said. "We ended up 2-7, which didn't sit well with anybody around here. We have everybody returning from last year's team and a lot of them have game experience, which puts us in a unique situation this season."

Speaking of unique, Plymouth will utilize a two-platoon system this season, so no players will play offense and defense.

"We feel that with the strength-and-conditioning program we have, there are enough good football players on this team that we can try two-platooning," Blaylock said. "It gives us an

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# Set, hit!

## Return of prep football energizes thought processes

Random thoughts as the 2005 football season approaches.

Since George Lovich and Armand Vigna are back together on Livonia Franklin's coaching staff, can Jack Reardon and Jack Gabel be far behind at Livonia Stevenson?

Has there ever been a reunion of the 1969 undefeated Redford Thurston football team?

Somebody say hello for me to former RU lineman Tom Piette.

Nobody ran the option better than former Salem great Rich Hewlett.

Wonder what former Canton QB Karl Wukie is doing these days?

I miss those Friday night games under the lights at old Livonia Bentley.

Northville is the only school in the Western Lakes Activities Association with real grass.

I hate it when parents gather on the team's opposing field to listen to the head coach do his postgame talk. (It should be banned.)

Can somebody shed light on the new 9-yard marking?

Is it true that Chuck Gordon is now a football consultant for Central Lake H.S.? I'd rather be a golf ranger.

Did you know Belleville's Bob LaPointe was Eastern Michigan University's interim head coach for eight games in 1982?

I miss those Monday afternoon chats with former Redford St. Agatha coach John Goodard.

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**Grid Picks**

**Brad Emons**

# Sidelines

## Youth hoop league

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Community Education Department will be hosting a youth basketball league beginning in the fall for boys and girls in grades 3-8. The season will include practices, games and a post-season tournament for fifth grade and up.

Teams will consist of up to 11 players and all players will receive a jersey to keep.

The Community Education Basketball League (CEBL) will have registration on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Pioneer Middle School. The registration period will run from 6-8 p.m.

Registration fees are \$85 for third- and fourth-graders, and \$95 for players in grades 5-8. There is a \$10 fee for non-residents.

Seasons for different age groups will vary. Starting dates will be distributed at the time of registration. For more information, e-mail [cebl@pccs.k12.mi.us](mailto:cebl@pccs.k12.mi.us).

## Aloisi a splash hit

Plymouth-Canton Cruisers swimmer Kelli Aloisi excelled at the Central Zone Championships held recently at the University of Michigan. Aloisi won the 50-yard breaststroke in the girls 10-and-under division. She also was a member of the first-place 200 medley relay team. Aloisi's time in the 50 breaststroke currently ranks eighth in the country among 10-and-under girls.

Other Cruisers who competed in the Zone Championships were: Abby Aumiller, Whitney Aumiller, Sarah Azmi, Emily Bair, Sarah Baumann, Kelley Hodges, Kaitlyn Jefferson, Jocelyn Lamoureux, Brandon Larkins, Kelsey Lincoln, Emily Nelson, Casey Peterson, Jill Peterson, Jennifer Pisani, Adam Seroka and Lauren Seroka.

## Hole-in-one

Canton resident Lisa Hengtgen aced the 17th hole at Hilltop Country Club Sunday afternoon. Hengtgen's first career hole-in-one was struck with a 7-wood on the 135-yard par 3. She finished with a round of 94.

## Fall baseball

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball/Softball Association is currently forming its fall baseball leagues. Teams are available for boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 18 years old for T-ball, coach-pitch and regular-pitch leagues.

Practices will commence at the end of August with games beginning in September.

Registration forms can be completed at the Summit on the Park in Canton or by visiting the Web site [www.csc.canton.mi.org](http://www.csc.canton.mi.org); or call (734) 394-5489.

The deadline for registering is Aug. 26.

# Top soccer teams drawn to Balconi

Please see 2005 prep soccer previews on Page C3.

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

For high school soccer fans, watching the annual Gary Balconi Soccer Tournament is kind of like being served dessert before the main course.

This year's Balconi tourney, which is set for Saturday on the P-CEP soccer fields, will be much like its eight predecessors — stocked with eight talent-rich teams that are looking to gather valuable momentum heading into their regular-season schedules.

"Each team in this year's tournament is very strong," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "There is a lot of talent in it this year, just like in the past. Whoever wins it has to go 3-0 against some tough teams, so the winner can expect to be a front-runner for a Top 5 or Top 10 ranking."

Joining McCarthy's Rocks will be fellow P-CEP rivals Canton and Plymouth, U of D Jesuit, Novi Catholic Central, Midland Dow, Royal Oak Kimball and Ann Arbor Huron.

First-round games will kick off at 10 a.m. The semifinals are slated for 11:45 a.m. with the final contest set for 3 p.m.

All matches will last an abbreviated 60 minutes and each team is guaranteed three games.

PLEASE SEE SOCCER, C3

# Former walk-on earns starting spot at U-M

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The massive Sleeping Bear Dunes off the shores of Lake Michigan are a popular sight-seeing attraction for northern-Michigan vacationers.

This past week, they also provided a perfect training site for the University of Michigan men's soccer team, which was up North for its annual preseason, two-a-day workouts.

Perfect, that is, for coach Steve Burns, whose goal was to get his players conditioned for the fast-approaching season.

"It was a pretty grueling workout," said former Salem soccer standout Kevin Savitskie, who has turned a walk-on opportunity into a starting spot in the Wolverines' line-up the past two years.

"Two-a-days at Michigan are a lot more difficult than they were at Salem, but that's to be expected because you're dealing with a different kind of athlete. These



Savitskie

are the best of the best high school athletes, so they can take a lot more."

With an outstanding prep soccer career on his résumé, Savitskie walked on at U of M in the fall of 2003. He not only made the team, but he broke into the starting line-up as a defender a short time into the season.

Last year, he followed up a stellar freshman campaign by rising to the occasion in the season-opener against the University of Connecticut. Savitskie scored the only goal in the Wolverines' 1-0 victory when he headed a ball into the back of the net with five minutes left.

"It was a nice win because U-Conn usually has a strong team," said Savitskie. "At one point last year, we were ranked as high as No. 3 in the country. We ended up getting in the NCAA tournament as a

bubble team and we won our first game against Akron before getting knocked out.

"This year, our No. 1 goal is to win the Big Ten championship and then do well in the NCAA tournament. Indiana has won the title the past two years, so they'll be the team to beat."

Savitskie didn't hesitate when asked the biggest difference between high school and college soccer.

"The speed of the game," he said.

"Players are a lot faster up here. There's a lot less time to make decisions. I'll never forget the first five minutes of my first college game. Everything was like a blur the game was moving so fast."

Savitskie is excelling in school as well as on the soccer field. He currently carries a 3.2 grade-point average while working toward degrees in psychology and math.

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# Musial champs rely on local pitcher for K's

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Ever since they began playing baseball together in the same Bay City Little League more than 20 years ago, Redford's Anthony Holyszko and Canton's Mark Blomshield have compiled enough noteworthy accomplishments to fill a decent-sized scrapbook.

Following Little League, Holyszko and Blomshield turned in memorable diamond careers together at Bay City John Glenn High School and Western Michigan University.

Earlier this month, the two longtime friends wrote the latest chapter to the book when they helped Flint-based Halo Burger-Foutch Auto Wash capture the 2005 Stan Musial World Series, which

was played at Battle Creek's Bailey Park. It was the team's second national championship in the past five years.

## TOP TALENT

The tournament featured eight of the most talented 18-and-over amateur baseball squads from across the United States. Much like the Halo Burger-Foutch contingent, most of the teams — which trekked from as far away as California, Florida and Texas — had rosters stocked primarily with up-and-coming collegiate players.

"A lot of the younger college players on the other teams look at guys like Mark and I and think, 'What's up with these older guys?'" said the 29-year-old Holyszko, smiling. "Then we go out on



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Mark Blomshield played a key role in Flint-based Halo Burger-Foutch Auto Wash's Stan Musial World Series title Aug. 8 in Battle Creek. The 29-year-old southpaw earned a win in the World Series opening game and pitched five effective innings in the team's clinching win.

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**CHAMPS**

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the field and put a beating on them. It's kind of fun to show the younger guys that we can still play."

Can they ever. Holyszko, the team's starting second baseman, hit in the neighborhood of .320 and provided stellar defense as the team rolled to a 44-11 regular-season record and its 13th straight league title. He also rose to the occasion in the Stan Musial championship game, recording three hits and three RBI in Halo Burger-Foutch's dramatic 11-10 victory over Canton, Ohio.

**IMPRESSIVE NUMBERS**

Blomshield, a 29-year-old left-handed pitcher, went 10-0 with a 1.20 earned-run average during the regular season. He notched an opening-round World Series win over a team from Navato, Calif., and — just three days later — left the title game after five innings with a 10-2 lead. Following Blomshield's departure, the Canton, Ohio, squad rallied for eight runs in the sixth inning to knot the game at 10-10.

"It was hard to watch," Blomshield said, referring to Canton's big inning in which his team committed six costly errors. "But we came back and

scored one in the seventh to pull it out."

**DRIVE TIME**

Holyszko, who is a physical education teacher in the Romulus School District, completed the hour-plus drive up I-75 three to four times a week to play in the tri-city-area Musial league. Blomshield, a physical education teacher at Field Elementary School in Canton and the junior-varsity baseball coach at Canton High School, usually made the trip just once a week when it was his turn to pitch.

"Along with the league, we played in some very competitive tournaments on the weekends," said Blomshield, who keeps hitters off-balance with a circle change-up that complements his 85-miles-per-hour fastball.

Holyszko admitted he's not sure how much longer he is going to play, considering the time it takes him away from his family.

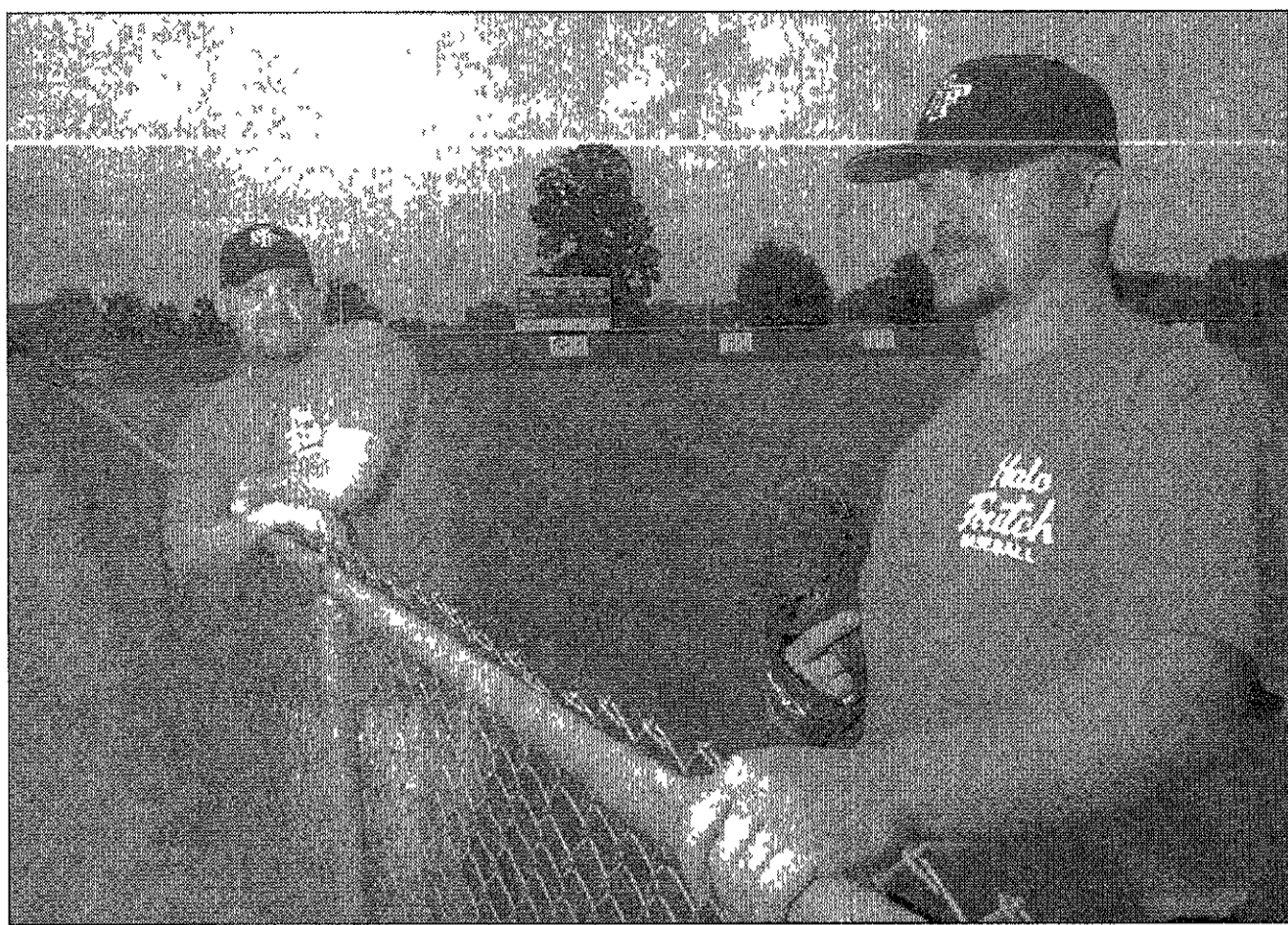
"I said last year was going to be my last, but I came back this year," he said. "I'm going to take it one year at a time."

Blomshield said he's not ready to hang up his spikes quite yet.

"I'm going to pitch as long as my elbow holds out," he said, smiling.

Which means the scrapbook is bound to get bigger.

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Anthony Holyszko (left) and Mark Blomshield, both 29, have played baseball together since their Little League days in Bay City. They both played key roles in helping Flint-based Halo Burger-Foutch Auto Wash captured the Stan Musial World Series Aug. 8 in Battle Creek.

**Scrimmage leaves SC spikers pleased**

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

It was only a preseason scrimmage, but Tom Teeters came away encouraged about his 2005 Schoolcraft College women's volleyball team.

"I think we did quite well over the weekend," said Teeters, who took his squad of 11 freshmen and two sophomores to Owens Tech (Ohio). "I was pleased with the way things went."

Schoolcraft is coming off a 29-10 season, including a 14-2 Eastern Conference mark in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

The Lady Ocelots lost six starters to graduation including All-Region players Kelly Sines, a setter now playing for Wayne State, and Angie Wangler.

Also gone are Kathleen Knutson (Westland John Glenn), Mayssa Bazzi, Meghan McAuliffe, Caitlin O'Hara and libero-defensive specialist Naoko Ninomiya.

"I was not too sure about this year because we lost one of our top players to eligibility, our top blocker and top defensive player," Teeters said.

But Lady Ocelot fans don't fret, because Teeters has two outstanding left-side hitters to fill the void led by 5-foot-11 Amy Golem (Dearborn High) and 5-5 Nicole Brandt (Novi).

"This is the first year we've been dominant hitting on the outside in a long time," said Teeters, who has coached in the Schoolcraft program for 22 years. "We can move a lot of players around and match up, especially with Amy (Golem). We may be short in the middle blocking area, but we're very strong defensively."

The only two returning players from a year ago are 5-6 sophomore Ashley Cecil (Livonia Churchill), a setter, and 5-6 middle blocker and outside hitter Tamika Fellows (Toronto, Ontario), who is "an all-around, strong defensive

player."

Roni Juszczyk, a 5-3 setter from Dearborn High, also impressed Teeters during the scrimmage.

"She did very well," the Schoolcraft coach said. "We're blocking stronger this year over last year even though we're a smaller team."

Also expected to see playing time this season are: Stephanie Manning, a 5-10 right-side and middle hitter (Ortonville Brandon); Liz Primeau, a 5-11 middle blocker (Berkley); Daniell Sergison, a 5-4 defensive specialist (Hartland); Mindy Shannon, a 5-4 defensive specialist (via Dearborn Heights Crestwood and Wayne State); Chelsey Weber, a 5-9 left- and right-side hitter (Allen Park Cabrini); and Marcie Hill, a 5-7 right- and left-side hitter, along with playing libero (Dearborn High).

Possible red-shirts for the 2005 season include 5-9 right-side hitter Brittany Phillips (Taylor Truman) and 5-7 left- and right-side hitter Amand VanGemert (Novi Franklin Road Christian).

"We might not have to go to a libero this year because of the type of talent we have and rules are more liberal as far as substitution," Teeters said.

Last season, Schoolcraft was runner-up to St. Clair CC in the Eastern Conference.

St. Clair CC went on to win the NJCAA Division II championship with a 69-2 record under coach Terry Gamble, who left for Iowa Western CC. Gamble led the Skippers to a pair of national titles (2000 and 2004).

"St. Clair, (Flint) Mott and Macomb should all be strong teams in the conference," Teeters said. "But there are four new coaches in the conference, including Henry Ford's, so you don't really know what to expect."

The Lady Ocelots open their season for real Friday and Saturday, Sept. 2-3 at the Owens Tournament in Toledo.

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**PC PRIDE TRYOUTS**

Tryouts for the Plymouth-Canton Pride girls fast-pitch softball teams will be held Aug. 27-30 on fields 9-12 of the Canton Sports Complex, located at 46555 W. Michigan Ave. The Pride sponsor teams in the 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U age divisions.

Registration for the Aug. 27 and 28 tryouts begins at 1 p.m. with the actual tryouts slated to be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Tuesday, Aug. 30, tryouts will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with registration starting at 5 p.m. Visit the team's Web site: [www.eteamz.com/pcpride](http://www.eteamz.com/pcpride); or call Denny Taylor at (734) 667-4257.

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# Deep Rocks should be factor in WLAA boys soccer race

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Salem's boys soccer team is relying on its impressive depth to take it to great heights this season.

The Rocks' roster may not be jammed packed with flashy, slick-dribbling superstars, but it has more than its share of extremely dangerous players.

"I don't think we're particularly dominant in any area, but we're very good in a lot of areas," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy, who is entering his 10th season as the head coach and his 15th year with the program. "Our strength this year is our balance. We have the ability to be solid in net, at defending and at the mid-field."

"We still have a lot of work to do, but this team runs different formations very well. You can tell these players were well-trained at the club level."

Salem enjoyed its typical solid season in 2004, running up a 13-5-6 overall record. Its 9-2-1 mark in the Western Lakes Activities Association was good enough for a share of third. Graduated from last year's squad are captains Thiago Harris (an All-State performer who currently plays for Schoolcraft College), Sean Williams (also at Schoolcraft) and Dave Hall. Combined, the

departed trio ripped 28 goals into the opponents' net.

"We definitely have a lot of offense to replace," McCarthy said.

Helping fill the void will be this year's senior tri-captains: mid-fielder Jake Bennett, defender Joe Halewicz and defender Brett Windecker. Bennett earned All-Conference recognition as a junior and Windecker was voted to the All-Division contingent.

"Jake is very athletic and he covers a lot of ground," McCarthy said. "He always works hard on the field and he defends well."

"Joe will probably be our central defender. He's good in the air and he'll help anchor our defensive unit."

"Brett is probably best at distributing the ball. He's a great passing defender who does a excellent job of getting the ball out of our own end and to the mid-field area."

The Rocks who will be most responsible for following in the high-scoring footsteps of Harris, Williams and Hall will be forwards Steve Gallagher, Chris Lidster, Brooks Belhart, Baze Efmov and Ryan Quinn. Gallagher and Lidster are seniors; the others are juniors.

"Steve has good size and he's good in the air," McCarthy said. The Rocks' mid-field will be

patrolled by senior Alex Lumley and juniors Bobby Towne, Tom Bennett (the younger brother of Jake) and Adam Brown.

"Bobby is our best distributing mid-fielder," McCarthy said. "He has great vision. Tom has excellent speed and he's a good finisher and Alex is a very creative player. Adam gives us good pace on the flank."

Senior Josh Hulet and junior Aaron Florn will serve in reserve roles for the Rocks.

Salem's defense will be bolstered by the presence of senior Ryan Rowe and junior Jon Gibson. Juniors Dan McGlaughlin and Kyle Freeman will provide depth off the bench.

Junior Brian Field returns as the Rocks' starting goal-keeper. "Brian is very very quick, he positions himself well and he has great reaction time," McCarthy said.

Junior Matt Smokevitz will back-up Field. "Northville will probably be the front-runner in the league," said McCarthy. "They'll be followed closely by Livonia Stevenson, Canton, Plymouth and Livonia Churchill. It should be a very competitive year."

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# Goose eggs

## Defense, senior leadership should be strengths of Canton's soccer team

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If Monday's pre-season scrimmage at Saline is any indication, Canton's soccer team is going to be extremely difficult to score against this year.

If not impossible.

The Chiefs didn't yield a single goal in their four scrimmage games, upending Ann Arbor Huron (2-0) and Rochester (1-0) while playing defending state champion Okemos and Brighton to scoreless draws.

"Our defense was phenomenal Monday," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "It was nice too because a lot of underclassmen stepped up and played well. Some of the juniors played as well as the seniors."

Canton recorded a solid 12-5-4 season in 2004. The Chiefs

fielder Keith Campbell.

Tomasso's bench will be filled by players who helped lead the Chiefs' junior-varsity squad to a 12-win season and a freshmen unit that went undefeated.

"Our goals stay pretty much the same every year," Tomasso said. "Number one, we want to win the division. Number two, we want to win the conference. And number three, we want to play well in the state tournament. I think one reason we're a competitive team every year is because we do set our goals high."

Tomasso mentioned Northville first when asked to assess the battle for the WLAA crown. "Livonia Stevenson and Salem will also be very good this year," he added. "And Plymouth has seniors now, so they will have stepped up one more level."

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## SOCCER

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The first-round brackets look like this: Salem vs. U of D; Plymouth vs. CC; Canton vs. Midland Dow; and Kimball vs. Huron. The winners of the first two listed games and the victors in the latter two games will square off in the semifinals.

The tournament was named in honor of longtime Plymouth-Canton schools athletic administrator Gary Balconi, who was instrumental in developing the P-CEP soccer field, which is widely regarded throughout the state as one of the premiere soccer-only facilities in Michigan.

Balconi, who has been retired for the past several years, will be on hand to pass out medals on Saturday afternoon.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>PREP FOOTBALL</b> Friday, Aug. 26 Livonia Churchill at Plymouth, 4:30 p.m. Ann Arbor Pioneer at Canton, 7:30 p.m. Salem at Pinckney, 7 p.m. Belleville at Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m.	<b>BOYS SOCCER</b> Saturday, Aug. 27 Plymouth, Canton and Salem at Balconi Invitational, 10 a.m.	<b>BOYS CROSS COUNTRY</b> Saturday, Aug. 27 Canton at South Lyon Invitational, 9:30 a.m.	<b>GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY</b> Saturday, Aug. 27 Canton at South Lyon Invitational, 10 a.m.	<b>BOYS GOLF</b> Friday, Aug. 26 Canton at Saline, 9:30 a.m.	<b>GIRLS SWIMMING</b> Saturday, Aug. 27 Wildcat Invitational, noon	<b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL</b> Friday Aug. 26 (U-M Dearborn Early Bird Invitational)	Madonna vs. Urbana (Ohio), 3 p.m. Madonna vs. Bethel (Ind.), 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27 (U-M Dearborn Early Bird Invitational) Madonna vs. Tiffin (Ohio), 9 a.m. Madonna vs. Georgetown (Ky.), 1:30 p.m.	<b>MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER</b> Saturday, Aug. 27 Schoolcraft in Macomb Tourney at University of Detroit-Mercy, TBA.	<b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER</b> Thursday, Aug. 25 Madonna vs. Houghton (N.Y.) at Greenmead (Livonia), 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26 (Comm. College Baltimore Co. Tourney) Schoolcraft vs. CC-Baltimore Co. (Md.), noon	Saturday, Aug. 27 Madonna at Lindsey Wilson (Ky.), 8 p.m. (Comm. College Baltimore Co. Tourney) Schoolcraft vs. Navarro (Tex.), noon. TBA - time to be announced.
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### Predators are triumphant

The Predators racked up a 5-0 record to win the U11 female competitive division of the Kick It 3v3 regional soccer tournament in Buffalo, N.Y. The Predators defeated teams from New Hampshire, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania on the way to the championship. The first-place effort earned the team a berth in a national tournament in January at Walt Disney World. Pictured (bottom row, l-r) are Kristina Klusek (Canton), Victoria Pepper (Belleville) and Martha Sorenson (Ann Arbor); pictured (top row l-r) are Kaitlyn Murphy (Canton), Robyn Mack (Canton) and Alex Tennat (South Lyon). The team is coached by Matt Pepper.

### PICKS

FROM PAGE C1

Is Dr. Kirk Lewis in the house?  
I'll never forget that crisp autumn night in 1986 at Garden City West's field when Bishop Borgess stunned Catholic Central, 25-6.

Does Plymouth Christian really want to start a football program?  
Somebody told me the other day that Penn State's Tim Shaw is being moved from middle linebacker to outside line-backer. He's also been doing time on offense at H-back.

I can't believe Chuck Apap left the comfy and friendly confines of Walled Lake Central for the hot desert of Arizona.

It appears pay-to-play is alive and well in Livonia.  
It's definitely hotter on field turf to practice on. Wonder how field turf does with the snow?

I'm still not enamored with the Mega-league concept.  
Pet peeve: football teams that don't have capable kickers, punters or long snappers.

It's always good to see ex-Churchill coach Ken Kaestner in the booth.

Best P.A. man around: Wayne's Bill Brooks.

Remember those old Northwest Suburban League triple-headers at the Silverdome?

It's a lot closer drive for the state finals now that it's at Ford Field (as long as there's not construction).

See you Thanksgiving weekend for the state finals.

And by the way, here is a look at this weekend's action.

#### FRIDAY'S GAMES (all at 7 p.m. unless noted)

**Liv. Churchill (8-4) vs. Plymouth (2-7), 4:30 p.m. at Canton:** The Chargers were the area's Cinderella story last season, reaching the third-round of the Division I state playoffs. But Churchill lost 22 starters to graduation, while Plymouth boasts its first senior class with all 22 returning. **PICKS:** Emons (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Churchill).

**Liv. Franklin (2-7) at Garden City (1-8):** The Patriots were competitive in most games last year and return a slew of veterans. They could be the area's surprise if the defense comes around. Garden City drops down to the Mega Conference's Blue Division. **PICKS:** Emons (Franklin); Wright (Franklin); Smith (Franklin).

**Lincoln Park (4-5) at Liv. Stevenson (7-3):** The Railsplitters, a member of the Mega-White, gave up just 150 points last year. They face a potent Stevenson offense led by senior quarterback Chad Casey. **PICKS:** Emons (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson).

**Belleville (6-4) at Westland Glenn (6-4):** Two first-round playoff casualties from a year ago square off. Glenn needs Brandon Pratt to have a big season, while the Tigers need a big game from running back Carlos Clark and his young and under-sized defense. **PICKS:** Emons (Belleville); Wright (John Glenn); Smith (Belleville).

**U-D Jesuit (4-5) at Wayne (3-6):** The Cubs, a member of the Catholic

League's formidable Central Division, won their first three games last year before sputtering. They're led by highly-touted recruit Ian Conyers, a defensive back and wide receiver. Wayne will rely on running back Blaine Simmons as its big-play threat. **PICKS:** Emons (U-D Jesuit); Wright (U-D Jesuit).

**Salem (3-6) at Pinckney (1-8):** Pinckney's only win in the KVC last year came at the expense of Hartland. Salem opened its season last year with three straight wins, including a 35-7 thumping of the Pirates in a rematch of last year's opener. **PICKS:** Emons (Salem); Wright (Salem); Smith (Salem).

**D.H. Crestwood (4-5) at Redford Union (8-2):** Crestwood was runner-up to Trenton in last year's Mega-Blue. RU, a playoff team a year ago, is moving into the Mega-White after winning the Mega-Gold last year. **PICKS:** Emons (RU); Wright (RU); Smith (RU).

**Red. Thurston (4-5) at Wyandotte (2-7):** The Eagles marched past Wyandotte last year, 21-0. Wyandotte drops down from the Mega-Red to the Mega-White. **PICKS:** Emons (Thurston); Wright (Wyandotte); Smith (Thurston).

**A.A. Pioneer (8-3) at Canton (10-1), 7:30 p.m.:** A rematch of teams who reached the state playoffs last season. Canton beat Pioneer in last year's opener, 26-6. **PICKS:** Emons (Canton); Wright (Canton); Smith (Pioneer).

**Luth. Westland (2-7) at Liv. Clarenceville (7-3), 7:30 p.m.:** Clarenceville, which has gone to the state playoffs seven years in a row, has dominated the series. Ryan Irish takes over for Ryan Hockman as coach. Lutheran Westland, meanwhile, expects improvement over last season. **PICKS:** Emons (Clarenceville); Wright (Clarenceville); Smith (Clarenceville).

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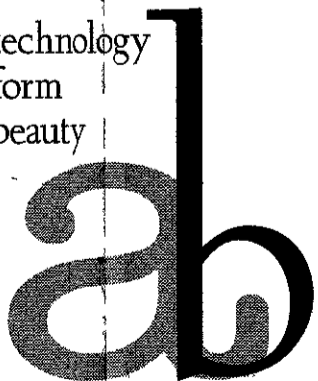
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Individuals are invited to participate in the Plymouth Whalers' eighth annual golf outing, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30, at Northville Hills Golf Course in Northville.

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# Speedy Tigers seek fast start to season

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Can an abundance of speed offset a lack of size?

That is the million-dollar question for the Belleville football team heading into the 2005 season. At least a partial answer will come Friday night when the Tigers travel to Westland John Glenn to take on the high-powered Rockets.

"We have a lot of team speed," said Belleville coach Bob LaPointe, assessing his team's positive attributes. "We have a couple of extremely quick kids. On the other hand, we're inexperienced and small, especially along the defensive line. We need the kids who are coming back to step up and play well."

The Tigers sculpted a successful 6-4 record last season. A 3-2 league mark earned them a third-place showing in the competitive Mega-Red Conference.

PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Among the graduated seniors from last year's contingent are lightning-quick running back Isaac Kindell, who led the team in touchdowns and thrills, nose tackle Greg Rochon, and offensive linemen Alan Butzin and Alton Woods.

LaPointe also suffered a non-graduation-related loss earlier this month that left a few holes in his depth chart.

"We lost the kid who was going to be our quarterback, start at cornerback and kick for us because his dad received a job transfer last week so he had to move," LaPointe said. "That was tough."

Battling to fill the open QB slot will be a pair of seniors: Josh Lemons (6-foot-1, 170 pounds) and Brendan Madaj (6-0, 175).

"They're very close in ability, both running and passing," LaPointe said. There's no doubt about who the fea-

**The Tigers sculpted a successful 6-4 record last season. A 3-2 league mark earned them a third-place showing in the competitive Mega-Red Conference.**

tured running back will be for Belleville. Senior Carlos Clark (6-2, 165) will try to pick up where Kindell left off last season. He'll be joined in the backfield by Dajuan Roberts (5-8, 155) and junior fullback Waseem Elwadi (5-7, 160).

The blocking chores will be handled by tackles Ken Losey (6-2, 250) and Pat Toupin (6-1, 225), and guard Randle

Green (6-0, 215). The two other starting offensive linemen were still unknown as of Monday, LaPointe noted.

Mike Donaldsen (6-1, 165) and John Roberts (6-0, 210) will start at split end and tight end, respectively. On the defensive side of the ball, Clark and Roberts will hold down the cornerback positions while Donaldsen is set to start at free safety. Other players expected to shine on defense include Brandon Tarhanich (5-11, 160), Darius Logan (6-1, 175), Derek Runyon (5-10, 250) and Jeff Phillips (5-8, 150).

Junior George Keating will serve as the team's place-kicker. LaPointe said the top of the Mega Red may not see much change from the past several years.

"Allen Park will have another great team," he said. "They have quite a few good athletes back."

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PLYMOUTH

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advantage in practice because we don't have work on defense one day and offense the next. This way, I can work with my offense every day in practice.

"There will be some situations where we use players on offense and defense. For instance, if the other team has a third-and-long situation, we'll put Josh Le Duc in at free safety for a play or two."

Senior quarterback Brent Jones will engineer the Wildcats' offense this season. A quick, shifty runner with a strong arm, Jones can punish opposing defenses on the ground and through the air.

"Brent has probably the best game speed of any player I've ever coached," Blaylock said. "He has a lot of football savvy. He's one of those players that makes things happen."

Jones will be joined in the offensive backfield by junior Nate Gholston (5-foot-6, 163), and seniors Anthony Green (5-10, 188) and Jeff Harrison (5-9, 172), who will rotate throughout the course of the game. Gholston excelled in the team's four-way scrimmage last week, recording a 72-yard TD among other long

runs.

The Wildcats' offensive line is big and bruising, boasting an average weight of 256 pounds. Senior right guard Shaun Bailey (6-3, 280) will anchor the line. He'll be joined by senior center Nate McManus (5-11, 180) and junior left guard Sabatino Ruggiero (6-2, 327).

"Sabatino is one of the most improved football players on our team this year," Blaylock said. "He really worked hard over the off-season to make himself a better football player."

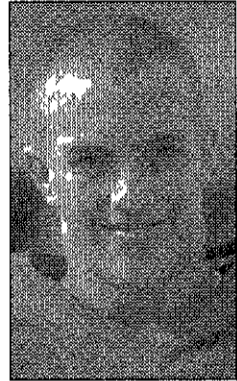
The starting offensive tackle slots will be filled by two of the following three players: James Pomerson (5-11, 271), Corey Van Spronsen (5-9, 185) and Brad Kraft (5-9, 205), all of whom were still battling for a first-team spot as of Monday afternoon.

Le Duc, a 6-4, 214-pound senior tight end, will headline the Wildcats' corps of receivers. Jones' aerials will also be directed at wide receivers Dan Norko (6-0, 155), a transfer from the Flint area, and senior Pat Goulet (6-0, 161).

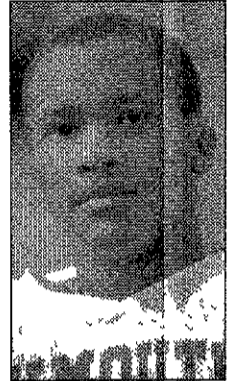
"Josh is just a great athlete," Blaylock said. "He has a couple of colleges looking at him. Both Dan and Pat are both



Anthony Green



Brent Jones



Nathan Gholston

talented, so they'll take the defense's attention away from Josh."

Defensively, the Wildcats will be paced by senior defensive end Taylor Fox (6-2, 212), who was one of the team's top tacklers during the 2004 campaign. He'll be joined on the D-line by fellow end Ali Saleem (6-1, 200) and two tackles who will come from a group including seniors Matt Schultz (5-10, 195) and Theo Braboy (6-1, 216), and juniors Mo Hakkani (5-7, 226) and T.J. Storm (5-10, 260).

The line-backing unit will be solid with Gerald Lou (5-11, 220), Nick Rosochacki (6-0, 158), Jared Panyan (6-0, 206) and Mike McIntosh (5-10, 202) providing excellent speed. Roaming the secondary

will be cornerbacks Kevin Minor (5-9, 176) and Vernon Stewart (5-8, 171), both seniors, sophomore strong safety Spencer Tobin (5-11, 170) and free safety Austin McKinney (6-0, 168). Labrodric Caldwell (5-9, 155) will also see plenty of action in the defensive backfield, Blaylock said.

Minor will handle the place-kicking duties while Le Duc will punt. Last year, Minor blasted a 44-yard field goal into the wind against Ogemaw Heights.

"Canton will be tough again in the (WLAA)," Blaylock said. "Walled Lake Central is returning a lot of their starters, so they should be up there, too, and Walled Lake Western is has a very athletic

WILDCATS AT A GLANCE

**Head coach:** Jay Blaylock  
**2004 record:** 2-7 overall, 1-4 in Western Lakes Activities Association  
**Players on varsity roster:** 63  
**Returning starters:** 11 on offense; 11 on defense  
**Key returners:** QB Brent Jones, RB Anthony Green, OL Shaun Bailey, RB Nathan Gholston, TE Josh Le Duc, DE Taylor Fox  
**Circle this date:** Sept. 2 vs. Salem. Wildcats will be looking to even "Black-and-Blue" series with Rocks following last season's one-point loss.  
**Interesting note:** Plymouth will start season with two play-toons, meaning no players will play both offense and defense..

team." Plymouth opens its season at 4:30 p.m. Friday when it hosts Livonia Churchill at the P-CEP football field.

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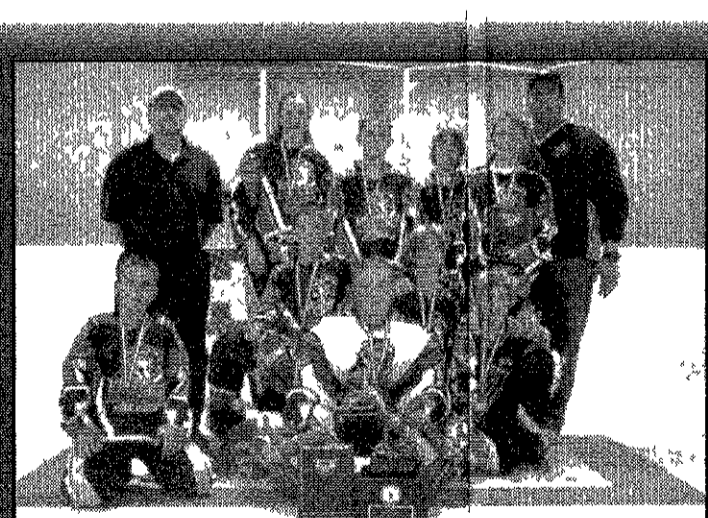
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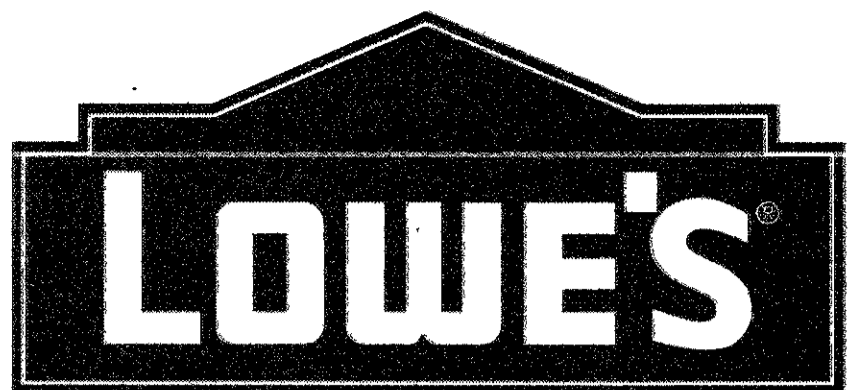
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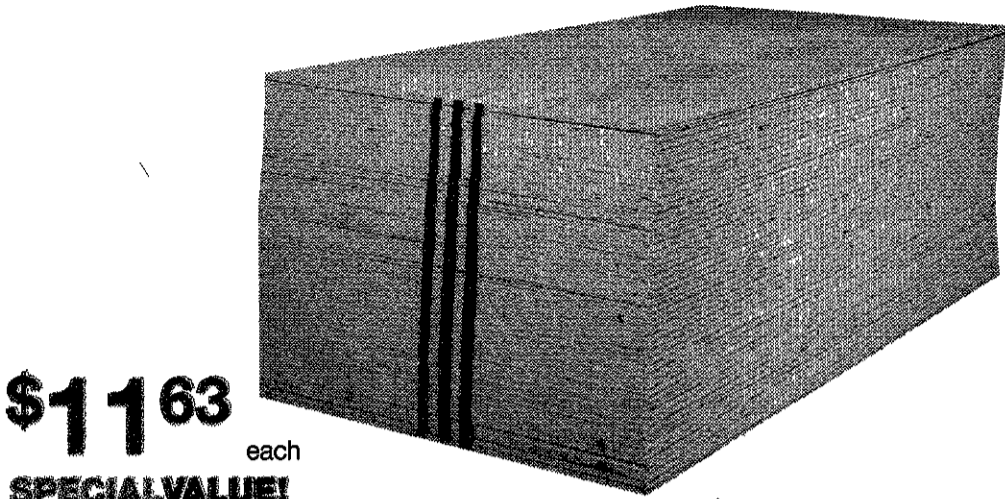
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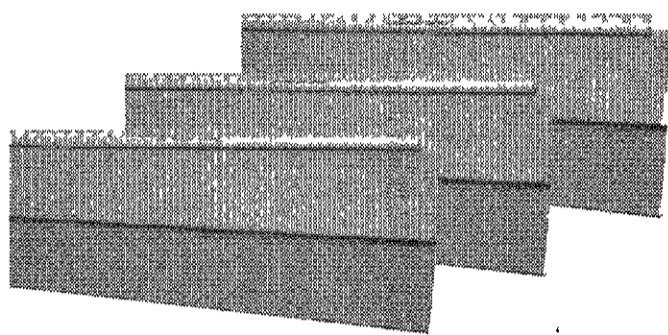
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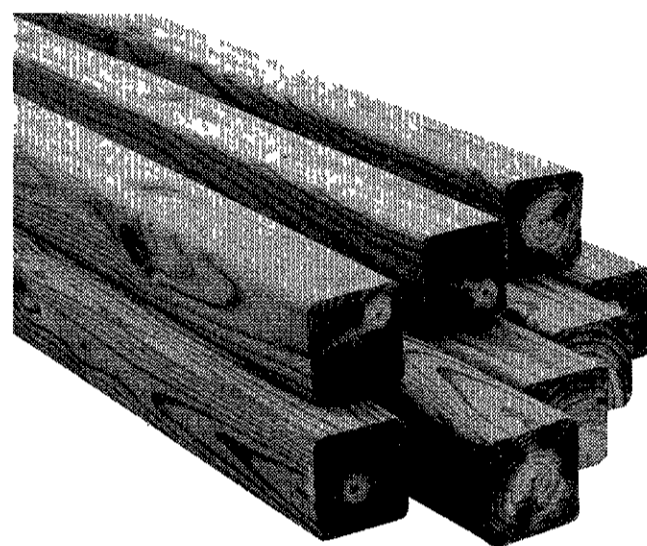
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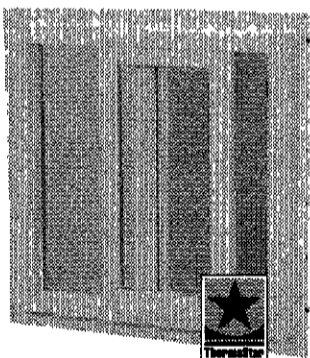
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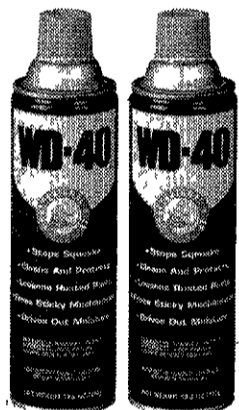
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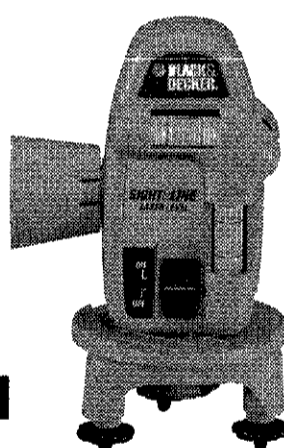
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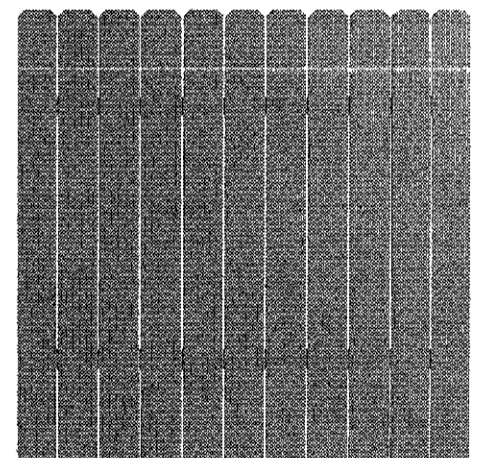
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# MU to host sports conference Whalers' hope to build on '04

Madonna University Sport Management undergraduate program will host its inaugural Career and Professional Development Sport Conference sponsored by the Plymouth Whalers on Friday, Oct. 21.

The conference will be held in Kresge Hall on the campus of Madonna University from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sports agent Kevin Poston, president and CEO of Professional Sports Planners, Inc., will serve as the keynote speaker. Poston's clients include Detroit Lions wide receiver Charles Rogers, Milwaukee Bucks point-guard Michael Redd, Oakland Raiders defensive back Charles Woodson, Washington Redskins line-backer LaVar Arrington, New York Jets defensive back Ty Law and Kellen Winslow Jr., tight end for the Cleveland Browns.

Sponsors for the conference are the Plymouth Whalers Hockey Club, Detroit Tigers

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The conference features two morning and afternoon breakout sessions addressing specific topics related to sports.

The morning session will focus on the business of managing collegiate athletics programs and professional sports organizations.

Oakland University athletics director Jack Mehl and University of Michigan assistant athletics director-marketing, Tom Brooks, will provide insight into the commercialization and economics of collegiate athletics, including the never ending debate-paying student athletes.

Duane McLean, senior vice president of sales, and Stephen Quinn, CFO for the Detroit Tigers, will discuss the challenges of maintaining a professional sport franchise that does not just include player salaries.

Following lunch, the afternoon breakout sessions will feature Dr. Tom George, a sport psychologist and sociologist from the University of Michigan Sport Management program, along with Eric Pate, radio personality for AM 1130 WDFN and sports writer for the Michigan Chronicle.

Tickets for the conference go on sale Aug. 17 and are \$15, which includes lunch. After Oct. 17, tickets are \$25.

Online payments using MasterCard, Discover, American Express and E-Check are accepted. For check payments, mail registration form along with a check payable to: Madonna University Sport Management Club, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48152.

For more information or to register online for the conference visit [www.madonna.edu](http://www.madonna.edu) or call Barb Dailey at (734) 432-5655.

BY PETE KRUPSKY  
CORRESPONDENT

When the Plymouth Whalers start training camp Aug. 31, they'll be looking to build on a 30-29-6-3 season in which a host of skaters in their first or second year in the Ontario Hockey League saw major ice time last season.

Scrimmages run Thursday, Sept. 1, and Friday, Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Rosters will be provided at the scrimmages.

Something Plymouth President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci said at the beginning of last season holds true now.

"Our average age is just under 18, so we're a real young team compared to some around the Ontario Hockey League," said Vellucci at the start of last season. "Just because you're young doesn't mean you're not going to be good. We have a lot of skill with our young guys. The skill is what's going to

make us a better team. "We're counting on young guys to produce. It's going to be a long haul here and we need to just get better and better as time goes on."

Although the Whalers have some quality veterans returning like goaltender Ryan Nie, forward John Vigilante and defenseman Mike Letizia and Mike Looby — all overage candidates — the bulk of the team is starting its third season or are younger.

And if the adage holds that it often takes OHL players a couple of years to fully develop, then several Whalers could have career seasons, including:

■ 18-year-old right wing Dan Collins, who was taken in the third round of this summer's National Hockey League Entry Draft by the Florida Panthers, went from 22 points as a rookie in 2003-04, to 46 points last season;

■ 18-year-old left wing James Neal, who was selected in the second round of the NHL Entry Draft by the Dallas Stars, went from six points in nine games in a brief appearance with Plymouth in 2003-04, to 44 points last season;

■ 18-year-old center Andrew Fournier scored a goal in three games with Plymouth in 2003-

04 and then scored 15 points in 34 games last year before suffering a season-ending injury;

■ 18-year-old defenseman Ryan McGinnis, who was selected in the sixth round of the 2005 NHL Entry Draft by the Los Angeles Kings, suffered through an injury-plagued rookie season in 2003-04, playing just 32 games before rebounding with a solid season last year; and

■ 19-year-old defenseman Steve Ward, whose career received a new lease on life after being acquired by the Whalers from the Sarnia Sting at the start of last season and responded with 18 points in his first chance at regular ice time.

"All five of these players are important members of this team," said Vellucci. "To their credit, they worked hard last year to become good players in this league. We look for them to continue to improve this year."

The "Getting Better Every Year" theory didn't hold true for every Whaler last season. Two forwards selected in the 2004 NHL Entry Draft — RW Gino Pisellini (Philadelphia) and LW Vaclav Meidl (Nashville) — went from 30 points and 42, respectively, as rookies in 2003-04, to 10 and 28 last season.

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## Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- August 16, 2005

A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday August 16, 2005 at 1150 Canton Center S., Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call:** Board of Trustees: Members present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. **Staff Present:** Anthony Minghine, John Spencer, Tim Faas, Tom Casari.

**Item 1: GCSI Presentation (Governmental Consultant Services Inc.):** Mr. Kirk Profit and Mr. Eric Hingst of updated the Township Board on their representation of Canton Township and its' issues in Lansing.  
**Item 2: Water & Wastewater Cost of Service & Rate Study:** Mr. Mark Beauchamp of Utility Financial Solutions, presented water/wastewater costs and rate study. This study project revenue requirements and costs relative to use of water and discharge of wastewater in Canton Township. This study develops a methodology to move customers from the existing rate structure to an updated cost base rate structure. The Board of Trustees was asked to consider and evaluate for future discussion the model presented as related to development of a new rate structure for billing for use of water and treatment of wastewater.  
**ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

- Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) after Board Approval

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (FY 2004 CDBG "CAPER") PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The above named document for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program is available for inspection at the Community Services Division office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, 734-394-5194, during regular business hours. The document describes the performance of the CDBG program from July 1, 2004—June 30, 2005. Comments on the CAPER will be accepted for 30 days, beginning August 25, 2005. Comments received during the public comment period or during a public hearing to be scheduled at a later date will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the CAPER.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Bid for Casework for the New Elementary School at Cherry Hill**. Bid documents are available by contacting Doug Underwood of the District's Construction Management Team of McCarthy & Smith at (248) 427-8400. A pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, August, 24th, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. This bid will solely cover Bid Division #B128 Architectural Casework and sealed bids are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center on or before 1:30 p.m., Thursday, September 1, 2005 where they will be read publicly. The bidder shall provide a notarized copy of the disclosure of familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan. For additional information please phone Dan Phillips of the PCCS Finance Department at 734-416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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## CANTON POLICE DEPT. 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction Tuesday, August 30, 2005 at 10:00 AM. Auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

1990 FORD	VAN	VAN	1FBJS1H9LHA04045
1998 SUZUKI	ESTEEM	4-DR	JS2GB31S2W5146766
1999 HONDA	CR-V	4-DR	JHLRD1847XC050897
1987 MERCURY	COUGAR	2-DR	1MEBM6033HH648423
1995 FORD	ESCORT	4-DR	3FASP13J7SR127917
1993 OLDS	CUTLASS	4-DR	1G3AG54N2P6374913
1993 FORD	TEMPO	4-DR	2FAPP36X2PB143109
1995 NISSAN	ALTIMA	4-DR	1N4BU31D2SC135245
1999 FORD	ECONOLINE VAN	1FBSS31L6XHC33393	
1990 TOYOTA		4-DR	JT2AE94AOL3834408
1996 CHRYSLER	LHS	4-DR	2C3HC56F8TH126923

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., September 8TH, 2005 for the following:

### CONSTRUCT AND INSTALL NEW WELCOME TO CANTON MONUMENT SIGN

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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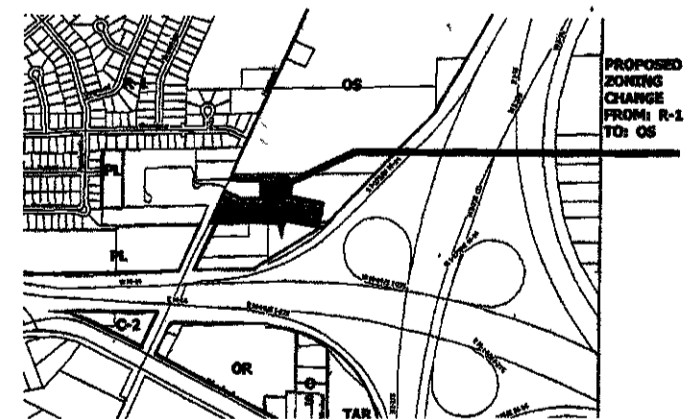
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## NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 99.004

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP.

THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part I. The Zoning Ordinance No. 99 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 0008, attached thereto, and made part of this Ordinance.



### ORDINANCE NO. 99.004 AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 008 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R-78-021-99-0026-000; R-78-021-99-0027-000; R-78-021-99-0028-001

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Part III. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on September 9, 2005.

Part IV. ADOPTION. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 184 of Public Acts of Michigan, 1943, as amended, at a meeting duly called and held on August 9, 2005 and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development Department during regular business hours.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on August 9, 2005  
Effective Date: September 9, 2005

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON OBJECTIONS TO FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to Public Acts 33 and 181 of 1951, as amended, for the purpose of hearing objections to defraying the expenses of the Fire and Police Protection Districts by a Special Assessment levy to be spread on the tax rolls effective December 1, 2005.

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 13, 2005  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Board of Trustees Meeting Room, Canton Administration Building  
1150 S. Canton Center Road,  
Canton, Michigan 48188

On May 18, 1976, a Fire Protection Special Assessment Levy was approved by the voters, and at the June 22, 1976 Public Hearing, the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Canton unanimously approved the creation of a Fire Protection Special Assessment District for the entire Township.

On August 27, 1977, a Police Protection Special Assessment Levy was approved by the voters, and at the September 13, 1977 Public Hearing, the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Canton approved the creation of a Police Protection Special Assessment District for the entire Township.

The Fiscal Year 2006 estimated Fire and Police budgets submitted by the Public Safety Director

and the Administration are as follows:

FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Salaries & O/T	\$4,556,7775
Fringe Benefits	1,648,793
Capital Outlay	1,561,200
Operations	1,617,222
Bond Debt Service	495,110
Total	\$9,899,100

POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Salaries & O/T	\$7,886,551
Fringe Benefits	2,886,551
Capital Outlay	321,595
Operations	2,775,678
Bond Debt Service	71,564
Total	\$13,181,888

The proposed millage rates are as follows:

	2004	P.A.5 Limit	2005	Increase (Decrease) over 2004
Fire Millage	2.3580	N/A	2.3580	0.0000
Police Millage	4.1260	N/A	4.1260	0.0000
Charter Millage	2.3660	2.3098	2.3660	0.0000
	8.8500		8.8500	0.0000

The Charter Millage is more than what the Township could levy under P.A. 5, 1982 (Truth in Taxation). **The property tax Charter Millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed fiscal year 2006 General Fund budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

This notice published by:  
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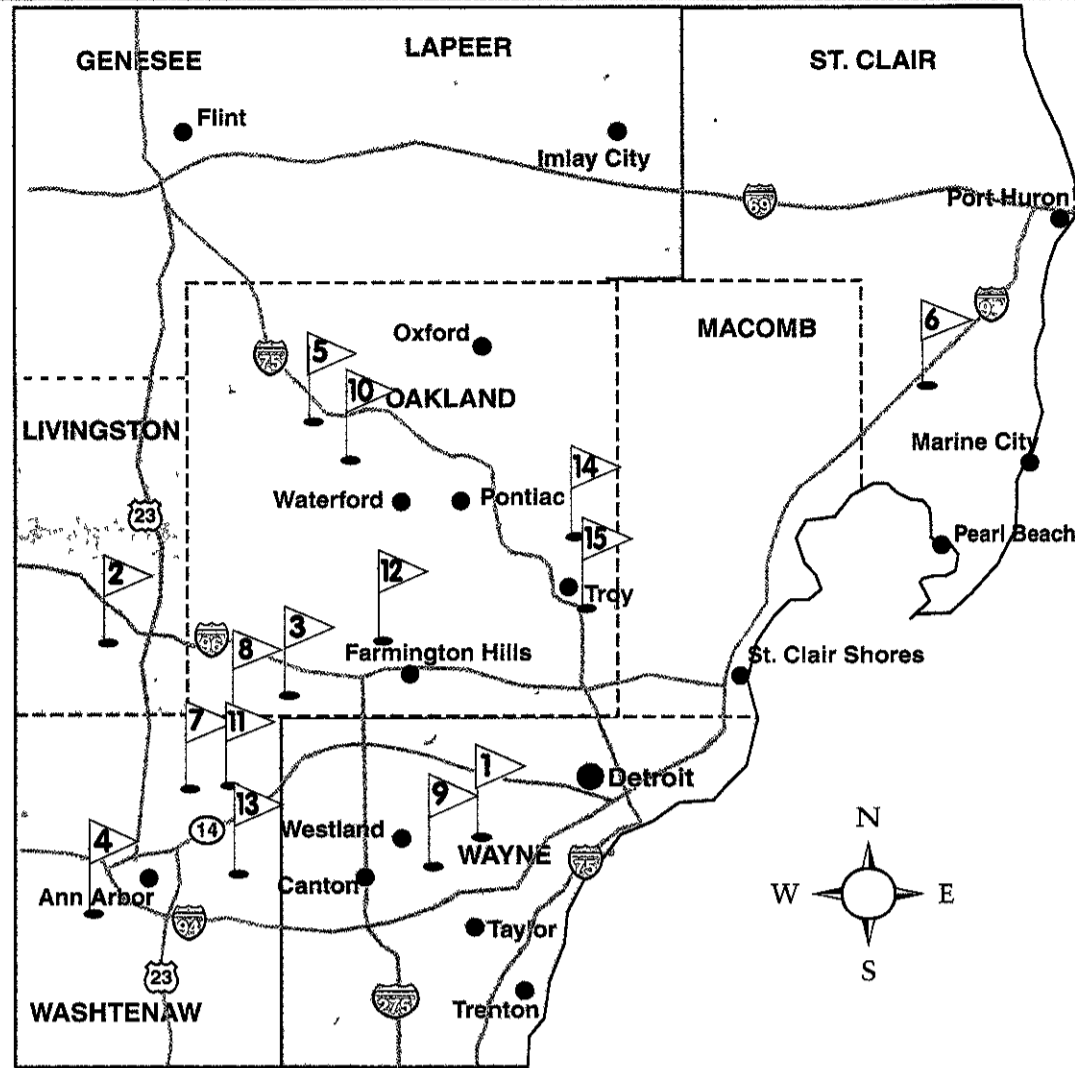
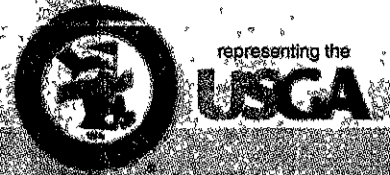
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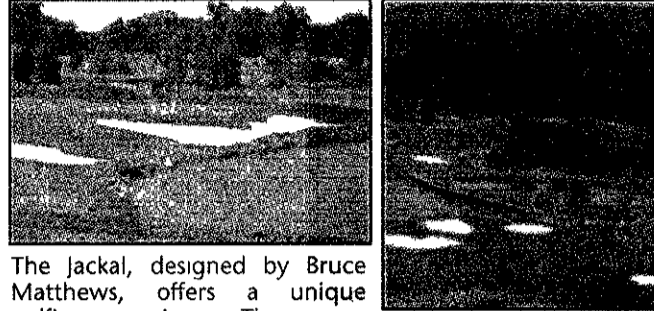
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**Pro Tip #2:** Club selections on Par 3's is very important. Elevation does matter, but make sure to pay attention to wind direction.

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Here is this week's list of who hit a Hole in One... and where!

**Independence Green**  
Bob Artz on 7/23/05  
Hole #: 8 Par: 3  
Club Used: 5 Wood

**Inkster Valley Golf Club**  
Joe Hubbard on 8/20/05  
Hole #: 8 Par: 3  
Club Used: 4 Iron  
Comments: First Hole In One after playing 12 years!

Jim Grant on 7/23/05  
Hole #: 17 Par: 3  
Club Used: 8 Iron

**Pheasant Run**  
Michael Warren on 8/1/05  
Hole #: 7 Par: 3  
Club Used: 5 Iron  
Witness: Craig Spence  
Comments: First Hole In One!

**Rolling Meadows**  
Ann Marie Hardesty on 7/28/05  
Hole #: 8 Par: 3  
Club Used: 7 Iron, Nike Ball  
Witness: Lois Foerster  
Comments: Only 20 years old!

**Tanglewood**  
Richard McNair on 11/7/04  
Hole #: 6 Par: 3  
Club Used: 11 Wood  
Witness: Paul Corwin, Russ Thomas

## Directory

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1300 S. Telegraph Rd.  
Dearborn, MI 48124  
313.563.4653  
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No. of Holes: 18 Par: 60 Yards: 4495  
Directions: North of Michigan Ave entrance on west side of Telegraph

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810.229.9581  
[www.jackalgolfclub.com](http://www.jackalgolfclub.com)  
No. of Holes: 18 Par: 71 Yards: 6700  
Manager: Rob Bruhn  
Directions: I-96 to Exit 145 Go east on Grand River to Challis Rd (right)

**3 LINKS OF NOVI**  
50395 W. 10 Mile Rd  
Novi, MI 48374  
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**5 WINDMILL RIDGE**  
12751 Big Lake Road  
Davison, MI 48350  
248.634.1616  
No. of Holes: 9 Par: 3  
Manager: Gerald Cook  
Directions: Dixie Highway to Davison Road (West) to Ormond Road (South) to Big Lake Road (East)

**6 RATTLE RUN GOLF COURSE**  
7163 Saint Clair Hwy  
East China, MI 48054  
810.329.2070  
[www.rattlerun.com](http://www.rattlerun.com)  
No. of Holes: 18 Par: 72 Yards: 6865  
Manager: Gerry Behaylo  
Directions: I-94 exit 157 south to Palms Rd., left to St. Clair Hwy, left 2 mi

**7 ROLLING MEADOWS**  
6484 Sutton Rd  
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189  
734.662.5144  
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*League Openings*  
No. of Holes: 18 Par: 71 Yards: 6476  
Directions: Sutton near North Territorial Rd., 2 Miles east of US 23, 2 miles west of Pontiac Trail.

**8 TANGLEWOOD GOLF COURSE**  
53503 W 10 Mile  
South Lyon, MI 48178  
248.486.3355  
[www.tanglewoodthelion.com](http://www.tanglewoodthelion.com)  
No. of Holes: 27 Par: 36 Yards: 3636  
Manager: Ann Lewis  
Directions: 10 Mile Road between Wixom and Milford

**9 INKSTER VALLEY GOLF COURSE**  
2150 Middlebelt  
Inkster, MI 48141  
734.722.8020  
No. of Holes: 18 Par: 72 Yards: 6709  
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**10 SPRINGFIELD OAKS GOLF COURSE**  
12450 Andersonville Rd.  
Davison, MI 48350  
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[www.golfoakland.us](http://www.golfoakland.us)  
No. of Holes: 18 Par: 71 Yards: 6033  
Front nine is open & hilly, back nine is tighter with more trees and water  
Dir: Andersonville Rd near Hall Rd

**11 CATTAILS GOLF CLUB**  
57737 9 Mile Rd  
South Lyon, MI 48178  
248.486.8777  
[www.cattailsgolfclub.com](http://www.cattailsgolfclub.com)  
No. of Holes: 18 Par: 72 Yards: 6436  
*Course sculpted through woods, wetlands and rolling hills*  
Directions: 1/2 Mile E of Griswold

**12 INDEPENDENCE GREEN GOLF COURSE**  
24360 Washington Court  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
248.477.7092  
No. of Holes: 18 Par: 56 Yards: 5200  
Manager: Jim Magurk  
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Directions: Grand River & Halstead in Farmington Hills

**13 HICKORY CREEK GOLF COURSE**  
3625 Napier  
Canton, MI 48188  
734.454.1850  
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**14 SANCTUARY LAKE GOLF COURSE**  
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**15 SYLVAN GLEN GOLF COURSE**  
5725 Rochester Road  
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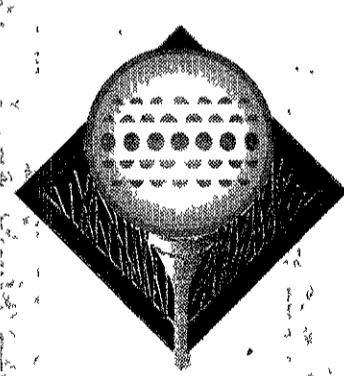
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## Class act: School districts spread word to Realtors on quality of education

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Steve Wasko, assistant superintendent for West Bloomfield schools, finds those relocating to the district are interested in the quality of education.

"Very much so," he said of those moving, "whether it be a move across state or across region or even across the country."

Homebuyers, even those without young children, are concerned about the quality of local public schools. Parents often go online to check such things as test scores and high school completion rates, Wasko said.

"We very much encourage them to pay a visit to the school," he said. Such a visit can help parents get a sense of fit and feel, and how the principal and staff connect with students.

When parents go online to research such things as Michigan Educational Assessment Program scores, some question very small differences between two schools within the district, Wasko said. Both schools will have done well, however, and offer high-caliber education.

His district has done Realtor events and tours, and finds it more effective for district staffers to go to Realtors' offices. West Bloomfield school officials have made dozens of such presentations in the last couple of years.

"Sometimes it's rumor control," Wasko said. "We're able to defuse that quickly."

West Bloomfield also has an annual district open house with prospective district parents as the target audience. That Sunday afternoon event is followed by a Welcome Week in the spring in which parents visit schools in session, and by personalized contact.

Realtor Phyllis Pulty of Century 21 Town & Country in Plymouth used to get more questions on school quality when she started in 1991. "Now people can go on the Internet and pull it up themselves," she said. "They can do it more independently."

She does have some clients who have specific thoughts on

the school district they'll buy in. "I do have people who only want Plymouth-Canton."

Pulty finds Plymouth-Canton, Northville and Novi districts are good sells in her business. She agrees quality of education matters a great deal to homebuyers, particularly those with children.

In the Wayne-Westland district, educators hold an annual luncheon for Realtors, distributing packets with district information and answering questions. "It's been very well-received," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "It really sorts through the various myths about education, about MEAP scores. We address the perception head on. It's a great opportunity to give information to our Realtors."

The Wayne-Westland event, in the spring, answers questions about facilities, with Realtors wanting to know they're updated, safe and orderly. There are questions about technology and athletic facilities, along with what's offered in such extracurriculars as band, orchestra and debate.

"They look at your core curriculum," Baracy said. With No Child Left Behind, questions come in from Realtors about teacher qualifications. Some ask about North Central Association accreditation.

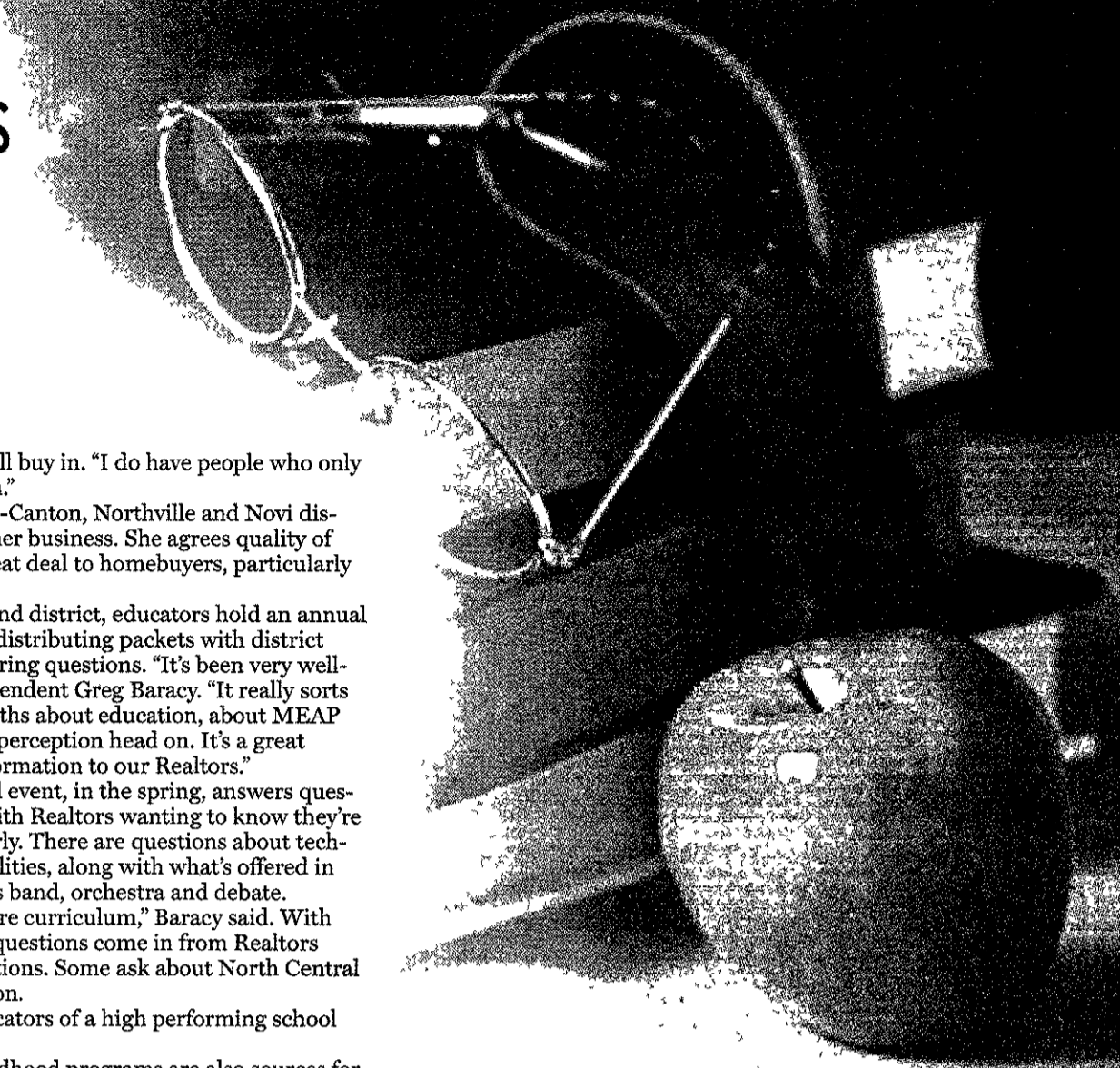
"Those are good indicators of a high performing school district," he said.

Busing and early childhood programs are also sources for questions. Baracy, like Wasko, encourages parents to call the building principal and set up a time to visit before the child enrolls.

Wayne-Westland's not an intracounty schools of choice district, but Baracy noted growing competition from private and charter schools. That means school districts must get the word out to Realtors and parents.

"We have to do a very good job promoting the good things we do," he said. That wasn't true as much in the past, and districts now need a strategic plan for marketing.

"This is becoming a basic necessity of schools now," Baracy said.



## FEATURED HOMES OF THE WEEK

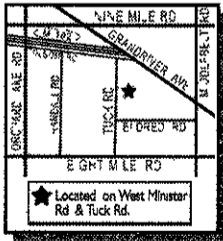


**Kimberly Gardens**

### WELCOME TO KIMBERLY GARDENS

Kimberly Gardens offers a charming collection of Detached Homes Subdivision designed in a style reminiscent of a classic neighborhood. Handsome exterior details include brick and accents. Expansive front windows capture maximum natural light, while brass lighting fixtures, covered front porches and generous landscaping set a gracious tone for residents and visitors. This will be a 14 acre development with 32 detached homes. The location is on Tuck Road, South of Grand river in Farmington Hills.

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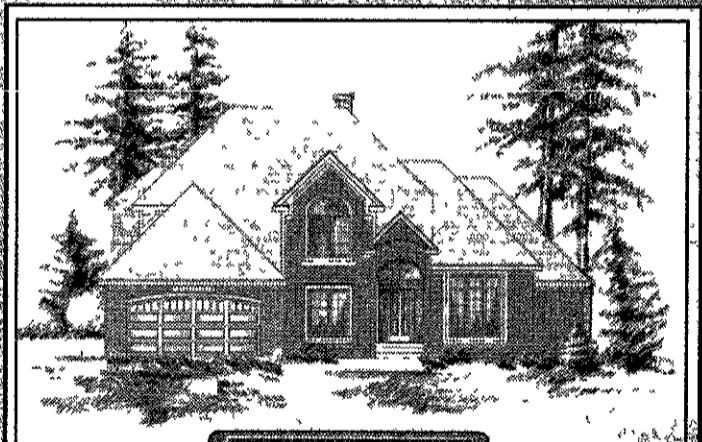
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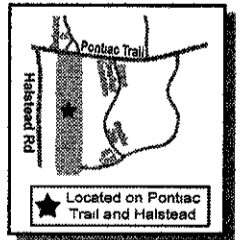


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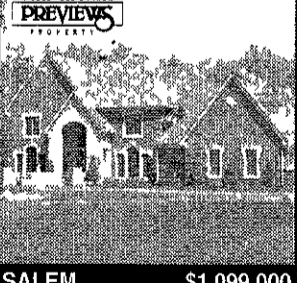
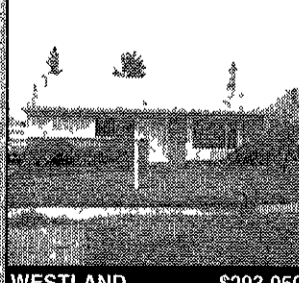

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# STEPS TO TAKE WHEN YOUR BOSS IS FIRED



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Mike Horne, consultant at Leadership Acts in San Francisco, saw no signs that his boss was about to be fired. Rather, he says, he saw the "everywhere, but I was either too loyal or in some sort of denial." Brenda Christensen, director of Expansion at Panda Software in Glendale, Calif., a leading anti-virus software company headquartered in Spain, "was completely blind-sided" when her boss was axed at a publicly-held Canadian company where she was vice president.

Anyone who has watched a boss leave knows that this situation can present a major setback. With 20/20 hindsight, Horne recalls, "I noticed that others were beginning to position themselves for a new regime. Peers were having lunch with others in organization. My boss seemed distracted. Her focus was off-kilter."

**POLITICS**

Based in Chicago, Gene Morrissy, senior consultant at the privately-held RHR Inte national Company of 70 leadership consulting psychologists, says that such myopia may be caused by being "a layer below your boss; so you

don't know what may be emerging. Also, in some companies, when people are struggling, they don't give a clear signal. The people below may not have a really good clue."

Horne did have clues, specifically from his boss. "She told me I should look for another job," he says. "She must have known. She said, 'There's a lot of change going on here. Maybe you should be thinking about exit strategy.' I decided to keep my head stuck in the sand. I talked to the boss's boss and asked how I could position myself for other opportunities in the organization. He was probably polite to me, but it was clear that my fortunes would rise and fall with her. There were signals from co-workers and peers.

"Eventually, in about three to four weeks, they decided to help me," he says with a laugh. "Everyone who was a close ally was going to get the ax, because the new guy was bringing his own team."

Christensen had moved to corporate head-quarters three months prior to her boss's firing. A corporate officer herself, she was involved in setting strategy. She learned at lunch. "The chairman of the board told employees to come across for a special meeting where they introduced the new president," she recalls. "The old president had gone (elsewhere) to lunch." Christensen felt that there had been compelling evidence favoring

continuity. Shares had jumped from \$1 to \$5 in a four-month period and the quarter-to-quarter revenue reflected an upturn. The company had just won the industry's top award.

Morrissy says that politics take precedence over results, especially "when there's a conflict between the chairman and president . . . fit or lack of fit becomes very meaningful."

**WHAT TO DO**

Morrissy further offers this advice:  
- "When you believe your boss or CEO is on the way out, prove your value by preparing a list of your group's accomplishments.

- "Do your homework when you're preparing for a new boss by calling someone in sales (they will tell you anything) at the CEO's old company and ask for the scoop on her or him.

- "When a new boss or CEO arrives, help by taking a lead in the boss's integration into the company so he or she gets up to speed more quickly and appreciates your assistance in gaining credibility."

Horne would be less altruistic if he were confronted with the same situation again. His belief "that all humans are inherently good" and that "organizations are paragons of altruism" kept him from seeing the reality of politics and



**Mike Horne, consultant at Leadership Acts in San Francisco, offers insight from first hand experience.**

backstabbing. Today he'd build better alliances so that he'd have better information, particularly if he wanted to remain in an organization. He'd grasp the impact of authority on politics. Finally, he might consider following the boss to a new company.

Horne would also know that "it's every man for him or herself. People today are most likely to lawyer-up. I think that I'd pay attention to the tea leaves."

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 Offers open floor plan 23 BR & 2.5 BA. GR w/fireplace & bay window, spacious DR w/doorwall & kitchen w/oak cabs & loads of counters. Master bedroom w/double closets & bath, + much more  
 (E11SIL) 734-455-5600 \$194,900



**VAN BUREN Outstanding Condo**  
 2 BR, 2 full bath ranch condo w/bay par 2 story entry w/ceramic floor opens to living room, master suite w/wash ceiling, bath and WIC. Large oak kitchen FF laundry, doorwall to newer deck and attached garage  
 (E32WHE) 734-455-5600 \$183,900



**PLYMOUTH Extra Special**  
 Sprawling 2 BR, 2 BA, 2nd floor ranch w/open floor plan GR w/ceiling, skylight and fireplace. LR w/cath ceiling and double doors, kit w/maple cabs, ceramic floor & bar area, basement & attached garage  
 (E96CAS) 734-455-5600 \$229,700



**VAN BUREN Elegant Family Home**  
 Stateside colonial w/4 BR, 2.5 BA. GR w/frpc, prof fin bsmt w/1/2 bath, formal DR, oak kitchen w/island crown molding, luxurious mstr ste w/soaking tub, sep shower, vaulted ceilings, 3 car attached garage  
 (E36ANN) 734-455-5600 \$309,000



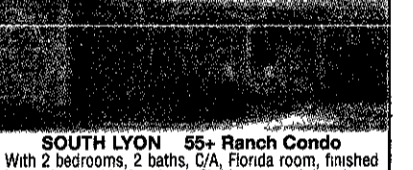
**SOUTHFIELD Charming Colonial**  
 Offering 3 bedrooms & 1.5 baths, finished basement, 2 car attached garage, family room w/fireplace, many updates + 1st floor laundry, his & her closets in master bedroom. Also 1 year home warranty  
 (E30GRA) 734-455-5600 \$205,000



**REDFORD Loads Of Updates**  
 Beautiful brick ranch on a corner lot w/3 bedrooms, 1 bath and partially finished basement. Fenced yard and kitchen redone 1st time on market in over 20 years. Detached extra length 2 car garage. Central air  
 (E08OLY) 248-349-5600 \$154,900



**GARDEN CITY Awesome Starter**  
 2 BR, 2 bath maintenance free home close to downtown. Upgrades include roof, shingles, vinyl siding, windows, furn, CA, wide drive, bath and decor. Enclosed front porch, DR, garage, basement, fenced yard & appliances  
 (E14DON) 248-349-5600 \$119,900



**SOUTH LYON 55+ Ranch Condo**  
 With 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, C/A, Florida room, finished lower level with fireplace. Clubhouse and beach on Crooked Lake. Neutral decor  
 (E94CAM) 734-248-349-5600 \$135,000



**ROYAL OAK Designed To Sell!**  
 Just move into this updated 3 BR home. Numerous updates include newer roof, siding, furn, C/A, insulation, windows. Fresh paint & hrdwd flrs. T/O Updated bath. Full basement & 2 car garage. All appls  
 (E07KAL) 248-349-5600 \$165,000




**COMMERCE Priced & Designed To Sell**  
 City chic w/pottery barn flair. Spacious 4 BR, 3.5 BA home sits on huge tucked away lot near lakes. Costly amenities & updates incl HW flrs, newer carpet, 2-tone paint, high ceiling, stone fireplace. Crown's fin LL. W/O  
 (E60STA) 248-349-5600 \$375,000



**LIVONIA Trees, Trees, Trees!**  
 Backing to gorgeous woods-private location in Blue Grass Farms. Many updates including, siding, kitchen appliances & more. Huge bedrooms. Some newer carpet. Family room w/fireplace. Bright & cheery home  
 (E84KIN) 248-349-5600 \$294,900

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**SOUTH LYON Come Home & Relax**  
 Updated & pride of ownership shows in this meticulous 3 bedroom, 2 bath 2-story home. Updates include Merritt kitchen cabinets, master bath w/large soaker tub, free standing shower, Mohawk carpeting and much more  
 (E86RUT) 248-349-5600 \$305,000



**NOVI Country Living**  
 3 bedroom brick ranch on a park-like approx 1/2 acre lot w/updates. Nice open floor plan with spacious living room. Two car garage, finished basement, new '05 carpet and fresh paint. Large patio  
 (E02STR) 248-349-5600 \$214,900



**GARDEN CITY Beautiful Home**  
 Wonderful 3 BR cape cod sitting on double lot. Mature trees & shrubs accent this incredible home. You will love the spacious floor plan and many recent updates. Large kitchen and dining room w/bay window. Warranty  
 (E46KRA) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



**CANTON One Of Sunflower's Finest**  
 Feels like a nature preserve. Backs to Fellows Creek. Large HWB. Prof designed brick paver entry. Loaded glass window above entry door. Fin bsmt. Premium lot. Oversized kit w/island. Covered screened porch off kit  
 (E99MOR) 248-349-5600 \$359,900



**SOUTH LYON Ranch Condo**  
 55+ ranch condo w/clubhouse and beach on Crooked Lake. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, newer carpet and paint. C/A, Florida room, finished basement and covered porch  
 (E99CAM) 248-349-5600 \$122,000



**LIVONIA Immaculate Condo**  
 2 BR, 1.5 BA w/newer carpet, updated kit, custom molding & spacious open floor plan. Lg utility rm, newer appls. Custom lighting. Carpet & screened-in patio. Custom window trts. Clubhouse w/pool & gym  
 (E83UNI) 248-349-5600 \$139,900



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS Beauty Is Born**  
 Beautifully detailed built-in brick ranch with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Open flowing floor plan w/great attention to detail. Generous room sizes and large country kitchen. Central air, custom front porch  
 (E81HAR) 248-349-5600 \$139,900



**NOVI Spectacular Custom Home**  
 Beautifully detailed-offers 4 spacious bedrooms, 4.5 baths. Master suite features fireplace, 2 WIC & granite bath. Gourmet kitchen w/viking stove, Sub Zero frig. Walkout LL w/heated floors, sauna & full granite kitchen  
 (E55VAS) 248-349-5600 \$899,900



**DEARBORN Updated Brick Colonial**  
 Unique and very well built 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath renovated home. Newer furnace and water. Refinished hardwood floors, fresh paint and newer concrete work. Lots of storage space. A very special home  
 (E16WES) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



**NOVI The Best In The West**  
 Convenient location to x-way & shopping! Awesome 2 BR ranch condo - only attached by garage. Everything's been done. Maple kitchen, bath, HW floors, furnace, windows. Lots of storage. Open floor plan w/vaulted ceiling  
 (E10GLE) 248-349-5600 \$124,900



**LIVONIA Move-In Ready**  
 This spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has a large living room w/hdwd flrs, family room & dining room w/newer carpet, updated C/A, HWT & paint. Walk-out LL to fenced yard & 2 car garage. 1 yr warranty  
 (E14GRE) 248-349-5600 \$209,900



**COMMERCE TWP Model Home Can Be Yours**  
 Now for sale in Mystic Forest 2-story foyer. Lots of ceramic, hardwoods and 2 fireplaces. Huge daylight basement, oversized 3 car garage, sprinkler, deck, landscaping and much, much more  
 (E87PHI) 248-349-5600 \$489,900



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Designer Perfect**  
 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial on premium cul-de-sac lot. Open flowing floor plan w/2-story FR. Custom stone trpic & neutral decor. Custom hrdwd flrs. Cooks kit w/granite counters. Grand mstr ste w/his & her dressing area  
 (E06KHA) 248-349-5600 \$599,900



**PINCKNEY Spacious Home**  
 Newer 4 BR colonial w/FF master ste. Large GR w/fireplace, FF laundry. Nice finished basement w/fireplace, bar & kitchen area. Large 2-level deck. Attached 2 car garage, C/A & sprinklers. Quick occup  
 (E29TOW) 248-349-5600 \$214,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS Fantastic View**  
 What a great place to raise your kids or retire. Location best describes this ranch home, it will give your family room to room. Its backyard faces a common area. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, FF and 2 car garage  
 (E49WIL) 248-349-5600 \$283,000



**PLYMOUTH Corners Condo**  
 Move right into this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhome. Neutral decor. T/O. Interior location overlooking pond. Many upgrades including crown molding, mirrored closet drs, kit cabs. Fin bsmt w/sep laundry. Apple  
 (E73OLD) 248-349-5600 \$169,900



**FENTON Waiting For You**  
 Newer very clean 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch w/master BR w/bath. Two car garage. Large basement, 1st floor laundry. Has never been decorated - waiting for your personal touches. Close to I-75 & US-23  
 (E24MIL) 248-349-5600 \$189,900



**NORTHVILLE Executive Retreat**  
 Wow! Great floor plan - great location. Northville Hills Golf Community. 4 spacious bedrooms, 3.5 baths and granite. Backyard features a private resort-in-ground pool - daylight. A must see  
 (E05MER) 248-349-5600 \$775,000



**WIXOM Prepare-Entertain Your Guests**  
 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial. Profes landscaped w/heated in-ground pool. Merritt pull-out kit cabs, island in kit, hrdwd, ceramic tile & neutral carpet. FF w/storage. Mstr ste w/full BA, WIC & 2nd closet. Full fin W/O bsmt  
 (E33BEN) 248-349-5600 \$370,000

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**NOVI** 248-349-6200  
CSTM BLT ESTATE HOME ON 3+ ACRES  
Lovely home in the country. 3500 sf in the LL w/  
o. Beautiful property, inground pool, and much  
more. Additional 1.87 acres also available.  
349-6200 (25054719) \$799,900



**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
JUST THE RANCH YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING  
FOR! Backs to woods. New deck. Small pond.  
Professionally landscaped. Mstr ste w/fashion  
BA, WIC. High ceil. Kit w/granite counters. SS  
appls stay. (23T3289) \$414,900



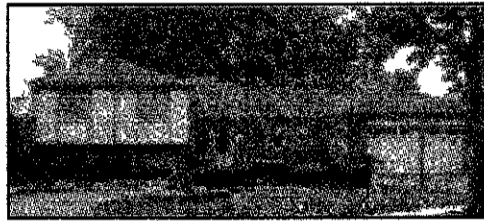
**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Beautiful Bicentennial Estates Colonial. 2765 sq  
ft, 4 BR, 2.5 BA, mstr ste, FR, library, spacious  
kit, DR, 1st flr Indry, XL bsmt, gar, & yard. Many  
custom features. (25103814) \$399,000



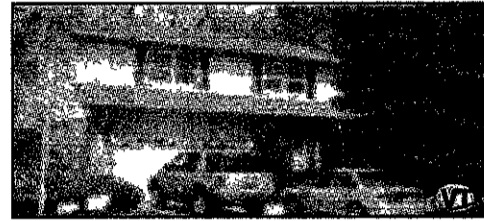
**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
4BR/3 5BA Sunflower Colonial. Fin'd bsmt.  
New roof. Newer HWH. Mstr ste w/cath ceil  
& bay, WIC, luxury BA w/jet tub & shower FR  
w/cath ceil and FP. (23G47179) \$369,900



**NORTHVILLE** 734-455-7000  
CLASSIC CENTER ENTRANCE COLONIAL.  
4 BR. FR gorgeous. Park-like setting. Stroll to  
downtown Northville. (25084140) \$349,900



**LIVONIA** 248-348-6430  
BEAUTIFUL LIVONIA HOME Desirable  
Nottingham West sub. 4 BR, 3 full BA, lovely  
19x21 FR w/stone fpic, lg multi level deck,  
circular drive & Livonia Stephenson school  
area. 349-6200 (25099963) \$319,900



**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Great opportunity here! Excellent neighborhood  
in Northwest Livonia, loc on a cul-de-sac lot.  
House needs some work to make it your own,  
but tons of potential! 2034 sq ft, 4BR, 2.5BA  
Colonial. (25061682) \$274,900



**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
STUNNING LIVONIA SCHLS COLONIAL  
Many cstm features. 2 story foyer, 3 BR, 2.5  
BA, frml DR, fr w/fpic, 2 tiered deck, sprinklers  
& much more. (20822) \$273,000



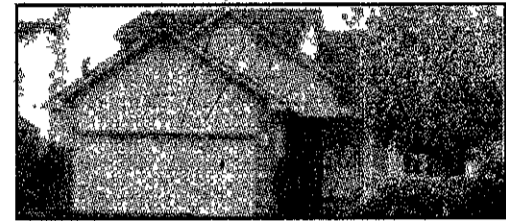
**LIVONIA** 248-348-6430  
GORGEOUS RAVINE LOT. Beautiful ranch  
backs to natural wooded ravine. Many updates  
include roof, c/a, HWH, windows, marble  
sills & fabulous kit & Florida room. 349-6200  
(25066631) \$269,900



**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
NEWER BUILT BRICK RANCH That has all  
the newest conveniences. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, GR w/  
gas fpic, att 2 car gar, c/a, rec room, nice yard  
w/ patio & more (20132) \$249,900



**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
PRIME LOCATION! 3 BR Bungalow offering  
premium downtown location & schools. Loaded  
with updates and available for immediate  
occupancy. (23P342) \$236,900



**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Gorgeous 1994 built Cape Cod. Well maintained  
3 BR, 2.5 BA, 1st flr Mstr ste w/BA & WIC. 1st  
flr Indry, upper BRs w/double closets. Cerm  
tile in BAs, white cabs in kit & BA Lrg deck  
(25085102) \$229,900



**CANTON** 734-591-9200  
This spacious 1700 sq ft, 3 BR, 1.5 BA Colonial  
offers an updated gourmet eat in kit (03) w/  
island, frml DR, newer roof, FR w/drwall to deck,  
neutral decor, and more (25100190) \$209,900



**ROYAL OAK** 248-348-6430  
RANCH WOODWARD & 14 MILE Updated 3  
BR, 2 BA All brick ranch. New kit w/stainless  
appliances, new windows, A/C, 2-car gar, hdwd  
flrs, gas fpic Great curb appeal 349-6200  
(25074269) \$200,000



**WESTLAND** 734-591-9200  
Newer construction condo w/loads of updates.  
Fully fin'd bsmt w/bar Egress wndw Home  
features gas fpic, deck, ceramic tile, hdwd  
flrs, stainless steel appliances and much more  
(25074971) \$199,900



**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
Absolutely fantastic! Great floor plan and  
awesome fin'd bsmt. Skylit Int, Mstr BR Ste,  
Foyer, Newer frnc, In-ground pool w/ newer  
liner Real Sharp Ranch w/lots of updates  
(B204) \$199,500



**WESTLAND** 734-591-9200  
Absolutely gorgeous brick ranch, totally re-done  
w/Pottery Barn style. 3BR, 2 full BA, rec rm  
in awesome fin'd bsmt. Another rm down  
that could be office or 4th BR. Call Now!  
(25025583) \$186,900



**PLYMOUTH** 248-348-6430  
SUPER BUY. LOWEST PRICE IN THE  
COMPLEX! Contemporary flair. Enjoy this  
spacious condo! Vlt'd ceil, skylits, 2 car gar,  
2BR, 2.5BA, fpic. Convenient location. Quick  
Occup. 349-6200 (25050935) \$173,900



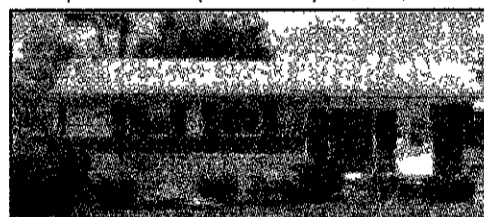
**DEARBORN** 248-348-6430  
SUPER SHARP. 5 BR 2.5 BA HOME Totally  
remodeled from the inside out in 2004. New kit,  
BA, wndws, doors, roof, siding, plumbing, hdwd  
flrs. 349-6200 (25109453) \$170,000



**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Country feel. Huge lot. 3 BR ranch on almost  
1/2 acre. 2 car gar with circle drive. Maint free  
exterior. Home has several updates. Call to  
see (25106047) \$162,500



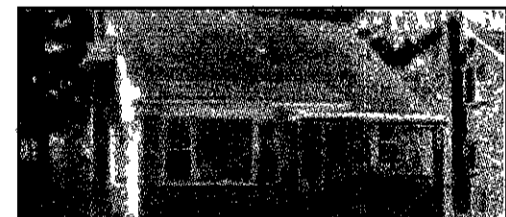
**CANTON** 248-348-6430  
Rare 3 BR condo with bsmt & gar. Updated  
& freshly painted. Neutral t/o. Lots of room.  
Great location clubhouse & pool. 349-6200  
(25072066) \$150,000



**REDFORD** 248-348-6430  
GREAT LOCATION. Here is your chance to own  
this 3 BR, brick ranch. 2 new BA, 2 car gar, full  
bsmt part fin'd, new cement drive & walk, hdwd  
flrs. Don't wait 349-6200 (25082485) \$149,900



**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
Updated, well maintained & super clean best  
describe this wonderful hm in one of Redford's  
finest areas. Updated kit & BA-both w/ceramic.  
Newer roof & wndws, bsmt fin w/drywall &  
recessed lgts. (25089070) \$139,900



**REDFORD** 734-326-2000  
HAPPY FUTURE HERE in this 3 BR Brick  
bungalow w/remod kit and BA, Full bsmt, Newer  
windows, large 286 ft park-like backyard, and  
gar w/covered Fla rm. (E245) \$124,900

**BLOOMFIELD TWP** 248-348-6430  
RAMBLING RANCH ON 3/4 ACRE CUL-DE-SAC  
Low maint 3 BR, freshly painted inside, new wndws,  
hdwd flrs under crpt, full fin'd bsmt, c/a & all appl.  
2 car side entry gar. 349-6200 (25081278) \$394,500

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-591-9200  
A charming bungalow in the Westwood School  
District. Updtd kit & BA, Newer hot water tank, entry  
doors, roof, & storm windows. Over sized gar and  
cement in 1998 (25070568) \$105,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Check out this 2000 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow!  
Open floor plan offers gourmet kit w/skylight.  
Updates include: roof, HWT, furn, kit fir & crpt. Fin'd  
bsmt w/sauna & shower (25045903) \$265,000

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
New construction, 3 BR, 2.5 BA 1400 sq ft Colonial  
Comes w/oak cabs, full bsmt & a (22x26) 2.5 car  
gar. (25039386) \$174,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
POPULAR GLENGARRY SUB 3-car gar. 1st flr  
Indry Lg deck. 2-story foyer. Kit w/oak cabs, isl,  
hdwd flrs. FR w/gas FP, LR w/bay window. Mstr ste  
w/cath ceil, mstr BA (23W5418) \$335,000

**DETROIT** 734-455-7000  
3 BR BRICK COLONIAL! 1 car gar, hdwd flrs,  
stove, fridge, washer, dryer, new wndws, updated  
cabinets, custom blinds, new HWH, glass block  
wndws, part fin'd bsmt (23116135) \$100,000

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Updtd and in move in condition 3BR ranch @ 5 &  
levan. Beautiful landscaped interior lot. 2 car gar, fin'd  
bsmt and recent costly upds (25100660) \$224,900

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
Great golf course area- 3BR brick ranch, brand new  
kit w/loads of cupboards, roof (tear-off), a/c, drs,  
hdwd flrs, crpt, remod BA, glass blk wndws, copp  
plumb, painted-move right in (25104636) \$146,500

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
SELL THE SNOWBLOWER & LAWNMOWER 4 BR,  
2.5 BA Colonial. Det condo Low assoc fee Frml  
LR & DR. 1st flr Indry. FR w/fpic. Mstr ste w/full BA,  
sep shower & jet tub. (25117902) \$284,900

**FARMINGTON** 248-348-6430  
Stop the car at the prettiest little home in town.  
Updated 3 BR home on extra deep lot. Ceramic  
& hdwd flooring, newer wndws, carpet, siding,  
appl 349-6200 (25060594) \$229,900

**LIVONIA** 734-326-2000  
AVAILABLE TODAY is this 3 BR vinyl bungalow  
on a half acre lot in Livonia W/ FR w/fpic, 1.5 BA,  
reddecorated kit, and 2 car gar (25071070) \$189,900

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
Wonderful brick home located in desirable  
neighborhood within walking distance of parks and  
schools, 3BR, full bsmt, side entry gar, lots of nice  
upds, drwall walks out to deck (25101125) \$134,400

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
Lovely 4BR 2.5BA COL backing wooded area.  
Huge 2-tier deck begs entertaining and fin'd bsmt  
is great for rec room plus office/exercise room  
(25088835) \$359,500

**FARMINGTON HILLS** 734-455-7000  
Updtd ranch. Kit, BA, mstr BR, FR w/vltd ceil. Dbl  
lot, updtd BA, new flr, jetted tub. New kit fir and  
newer appls. Farm schls Newer wndws, freshly  
painted. (23R21732) \$139,900

**CAREFREE, CONVENIENT CONDO LIVING**  
Great stand alone ranch w/att gar. Updated wndws,  
kit, Lg mstr BR w/WIC. 1st floor laundry. In complex  
w/pool. 349-6200 (25104792) \$139,900

**REDFORD** 248-348-6430  
CAPE COD W/CHARACTER & CHARM Check it  
out! Full brick home situated on quiet street. Hdwd  
floors, quality woodwork, 2 car gar & bsmt. Newer  
roof. 349-6200 (25093038) \$113,500

**CANTON** 734-591-9200  
4 BR, almost 1800 sq ft. Gorgeous yard w/mature  
trees and backing to woods. FR w/fpic, large deck,  
and updates! (25102227) \$224,900

**GARDEN CITY** 734-326-2000  
SERENITY GARDENS IS THIS RANCH Has a dream  
kit, MBR has lav & walk in closet. Newer RF, furn, C/A  
& wndws. Oversized lot, 2 level pond & perennials,  
part fin bsmt, 12x12 barn. (25062841) \$155,000

**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6430  
RARE RANCH END UNIT in Highland Lakes 2 BR,  
2 BA Neut decor, fin'd LL, newer wndws, doorwall  
to prvt patio, all appls incl, walk to club house and  
pool 349-6200 (25100639) \$139,900

**WAYNE** 734-326-2000  
HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY Lots of improvements  
already done in turn of the century house. Open fir plan  
w/larger than average rooms. (25050094) \$99,900

**CANTON** 734-591-9200  
Outstanding ranch! Conveniently located. 3 BR,  
2.5 BA, FR, eat in kit, & part fin'd bsmt-plumb  
for lav. Plymouth/Canton Schls. Home warranty  
(25070973) \$214,500

**GARDEN CITY** 734-326-2000  
FIX ME UP and you will have a great home on over  
a half an acre with a 2.5 car gar for under \$100,000  
How can you go wrong? (25084967) \$99,900

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
QUAINT, CUTE & PLENTY OF UPGRADES Spacious  
floor plan, newer crpt, lovely kit, huge FR, 2 car  
gar, 2 level deck, treed yard, Novi schls, lake privs  
on Walled Lake 349-6200 (25066099) \$214,500

**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
WELL MAINTAINED RANCH You will love this great  
neighborhood! Fin'd Bsmt w/4th BR & recreation  
area. Newer windows, including bay in LR. Home  
warranty available. (25027648) \$159,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
A beautiful, well-maintained, extra clean 3BR ranch  
with loads of updates. An open floor plan and an  
extra large lot with pool. (23B204) \$198,000

**INKSTER** 734-326-2000  
AMAZING BUY is this brick ranch with full fin'd  
bsmt & gar. Remodeled kit with oak cabinets. Hdwd  
floors, remodeled BA. (25041004) \$89,900

**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6430  
MOTIVATED SELLER, MOVE IN READY 2 BR, 2.5  
BA in Maples of Novi gld comm. Mstr on 1st flr,  
backs to 9th hole, unfin'd bsmt, 1 car att gar, new  
roof & H2O, all appl stay & deck just redone 349-  
6200 (25104375) \$194,900

**WESTLAND** 734-591-9200  
Charming 3BR brick ranch with full bsmt. Home  
features FR with fpic, deep lot, 2 car gar, hdwd  
floors, newer roof, glass blk windows and much  
more (25104228) \$149,900

**COMMERCE TWP** 248-348-6430  
BUILDERS MODEL 3300 sq ft. All granite t/o  
1st flr mstr, GR, custom kit. Fully landscaped &  
cedar deck. Beautiful! Nothing spared. 349-6200  
(25103103) \$649,000

**LIVONIA** 734-455-7000  
CUSTOM HOME! 4 BR, 3.5 BA Oak fir in foyer, kit,  
nook & powder rm. Custom trim pkg. Bsmt is roughed  
for a future full BA 3 car gar. Mstr ste w/fashion  
BA, WIC & studio ceiling (23N37773) \$549,900

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
STARTER HOME ON 1/4 ACRE LOT 3 BR ranch.  
Open floor plan, 2 car att gar. Huge yard with deck  
Move in and enjoy. 349-6200 (25114760) \$165,000

**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
SHARP DUTCH COLONIAL Great curb appeal  
on this 3 BR 1081 Sq ft w/fin'd bsmt Needs minor  
TLC Lots of bang for the buck w/newer furn wndws  
& siding Big front porch! (25078766) \$109,000

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## The 2005 Infiniti FX35

Advertising Feature

### Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

I'm not completely sold on the Infiniti FX35 crossover vehicle. I love its stunning looks, but I've got some performance issues with it. I just finished driving a 2005 FX35 and would like to see what tweaks the Nissan luxury division comes up with in the 2006 model.

Let's back up a little bit. FX35 is perhaps the most extreme design statement in an individual vehicle of the last several years, by a company that has come back in the U.S. market in large part on the strength of its extreme design statements. Nissan was almost in the tank several years ago until it was rescued by Renault CEO Carlos Ghosn, who leveraged a Renault-Nissan alliance into a global renaissance for Nissan.

Ghosn has relied heavily on design statements to get Nissan vehicles back into consideration by increasingly style- and sizzle-conscious American consumers. That's why he came up with the Murano crossover vehicle and the Quest minivan as well as the trend-setting Xterra light SUV.

Nissan extended its radical design philosophy to its Infiniti brand as well, and that attitude is best expressed in FX35 and its slightly more upscale crossover cousin, FX45. Its shape is extremely organic and rounded, like something the Sta-Puf Marshmallow Man might drive. Nissan's intent apparently was to make the FX35 look sporty from the belt line up and more functional from there on down. And its proportions are striking, starting with its wide stance and long hood under a very tucked-in roof. The overhangs are short, exaggerating the distance between its front and rear wheels.

A bulging hood makes the front of the vehicle look high. And a yawning grill, featuring a series of little round bumps on the cross hatches, uniquely presents the car's badge, the Infiniti logo. Large tires - on 18-inch aluminum-alloy wheels on the 2005 version I drove - exaggerate the outsized proportions.



The 2005 Infiniti FX35

All of that is well and good. So, for the most part, are the performance characteristics of the vehicle. The FX35 is available only with a 280-horsepower, 3.5-liter V-6 engine and a five-speed automatic transmission with a manual-shift mode. This power is more than adequate to get the compact FX35 up and running and darting in and out of all routine traffic.

FX35 also is notable because of the fact that it's available with either rear- or all-wheel drive, the latter being one of its most attractive attributes as a true crossover vehicle. All-wheel-drive models use an electronically controlled system that automatically directs power to the wheels with the most traction. Fuel economy, for an SUV, is a respectable 16 miles a gallon in the city and 22 mpg on the highway. Actually, the V6 engine that powers the FX35 is the same powerplant used in the Nissan 350Z sports car.

And truly, FX35 is a driver's car, overall smooth, powerful and very stable. Its big brakes and firm independent suspension means that FX25 can be driven "harder" than most traditional sport utility vehicles, and the vehicle grips the roadway much more firmly. However, I found myself disappointed with at least one aspect of the vehicle's performance: I thought that the road noise on certain types

of highway pavement was excessive.

Inside, FX35 offers plenty of amenities, ranging from eight-way power driver and front-passenger seats, a leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob to dual-zone automatic climate control, keyless entry, an in-dash six-disc CD changer and optional leather seating, a power tilt and telescoping steering wheel, heated seats and mirrors, a sunroof, and a 300-watt Bose audio system.

Clearly, a significant deficiency of FX35 is in its rear-passenger and cargo areas, which can only handle two people comfortably - and there is no optional third-row seating. Headroom is tight in back because of the vehicle's extremely sloping roofline, but the rear seats recline to give passengers there a break. The cargo area is extremely tight, not offering even enough room to count on for a short vacation for four people. But there is a neat soft-plastic mat on the floor of the cargo area, which is an interesting and more easily maintainable alternative to the carpet that the vast majority of SUVs still use.

If you want to drive hard and be noticed, consider FX35 for 2006, which sports a few enhancements, including standard leather-seating surfaces and standard heated outside mirrors. But don't count on hauling around a lot of stuff!

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