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Central's future part of bond discussion

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education gets closer to deciding the parameters and costs of a 2006 bond issue, one thing that's becoming more clear is the future of Central Middle School.

Six of the seven trustees made it evident at a workshop meeting Tuesday night that a bond issue should include money for a new middle school in Canton Township, at an estimated cost of \$28.3 million.

"I don't think there's any question," said trustee Carol Saunders, a former district teacher and principal. "Having worked in that building a number of years, there are so many drawbacks to its continued use as a

middle school. When you compare the facilities at Central with Discovery (Middle School), somebody is being shortchanged."

However, board members aren't ready to consign Central - which originally was Plymouth High School - to the wrecking ball.

"Central's original purpose and mission was to be a high school, and my heart goes out to students at Starkweather (Alternative Education Center) who are in a high school without a science lab, without a media center, without a cafeteria, without a gymnasium," said Vice President Judy Mardigian. "Repurposing Central back to its original mission is part of the life of that building."

"When Canton is the largest contributor of students and growth, I have a hard time

fathoming how we can just operate one middle school in Canton," added Mardigian. "That would give us two in Canton, two in Plymouth Township and one in the city, and that matches the population."

Superintendent Jim Ryan proposed a \$103.5 million bond issue that could be presented to voters as early as May. Along with a new middle school constructed on Cherry Hill Road, west of Canton Center, the bond would include \$12.9 million to refurbish Central to replace Starkweather. The Starkweather facility on Holbrook Street in Plymouth would likely be sold.

Trustees want more information before deciding on a middle school equity program

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WHAT BOND WILL BUY

Here's a list of what a potential \$103.5 million school bond could buy:

- Elementary art/music rooms - \$9.9 million
- Elementary gyms - \$14.2 million
- Middle school classrooms - \$17.6 million
- New Canton middle school - \$28.3 million
- Central Middle School renovation - \$12.9 million
- Middle school property - \$2.3 million
- Tanager Center remodeling - \$1.4 million
- CTE and growth - \$15.4 million
- Athletic facilities - \$1.5 million

'Truly one of a kind'

Library has grown by leaps and bounds since opening 25 years ago

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It's been a 25-year love affair between Canton residents and their library. And the affair has paid the same dividends as successful marriages do.

"When you think about quality of life in Canton," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack, "it really starts with and ends with the public library."

Like many newlyweds, the Canton Public Library had a modest "starter home." It opened its doors 25 years ago today in a 12,000-square-foot space on the third floor of Township Hall.

Canton voters approved a millage in 1979 to get the library up and running, then again voted to approve another mill in 1986 so that the current library building could be constructed. The library's \$5.3 million annual budget is paid almost entirely by the 1.53 dedicated millage.

"We had 23,000 books," in 1980, said James Gillig, chairman of Canton Public Library Board of Trustees, adding that the books were all donated and most of them were musty.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Library tech Carol Siemieniak shelves new books for patrons at the Canton Public Library. The library celebrates 25 years of service today.

Gillig has been a member of the library board since before it opened.

HUMBLE START

Back in 1980, there were only seven employees at the library, and one computer which was

More coverage of library's 25th anniversary, pages A4-5.

used for word processing. Now there are more than 275,000 books, roughly 100 full- and part-time employees serving 23,000 users per year, and tech-

nology to power the library's automation system which enables users to renew materials online, research from home and check out materials from other libraries.

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Rotary hopes clock stands test of time

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

With the 100 year anniversary of Rotary International being celebrated this year, the Canton Rotary Club wanted an observance that would stand the test of time. So they chose a monument that would celebrate the past while becoming a part of Canton's future. Next week, the club will dedicate a clock, which has been erected at the entrance of Heritage Park.

"Rotary is timeless and we tried to tie that into the timeless nature of Rotary," said Canton Rotary Past President Lisa Kennedy. "And we thought it would be beautiful in Heritage Park."

The club has funded a good chunk of the clock, which cost \$35,000, by selling bricks at \$100, \$200 and \$500 a pop.

"If I could sell another bench or two, we would be well on our way to paying it off," Kennedy said, adding that the Rotary has included in the plan six black granite benches for \$5,000 each. They've sold one thus far.

As lovely as the benches are, it's the bricks that get the most people involved, and which get the most personalized.

"Most people just have their names inscribed on the bricks, or family or business names," Kennedy said.

But some are more creative.

"I saw one that said something about so-and-so having more fun. I can't remember the names on it but it stuck with me," she said. Another family that had recently moved to Canton from Asia has the inscription: "We have landed here," and included the date they came to the United States and the names of the family members, Kennedy said.

The largest and most expensive bricks sold out right away, according to Bill Brown, who has been a member of the Canton Rotary since it started in 1977.

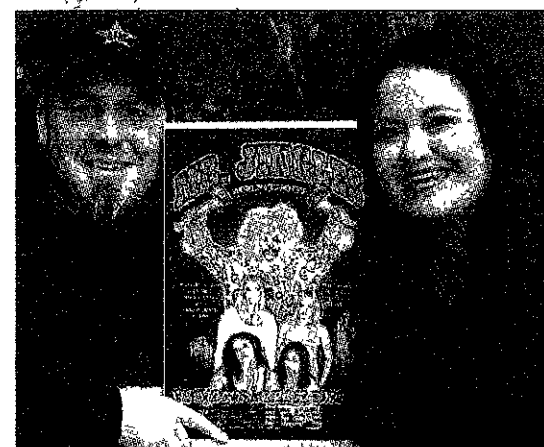
In fact, Brown bought one on behalf of his business, Bill Brown Auto Clinic, but Kennedy wasn't as lucky. She tried to buy one, but when someone else wanted one after they'd sold out, she let hers go and decided to donate a tree instead.

"It takes people a while to figure out what they're going to want inscribed on their bricks," Brown said. He kept his bricks simple, but he had time to think about it.

"Doing this clock had been in our minds for a few years. We've been raising money so that we could do a project of this magnitude," he said.

The dedication ceremony for the clock will be at 6 p.m., Oct. 27 at Heritage Park. There will be a short ceremony, followed by light refreshments. Those interested may RSVP to the Canton Community Foundation by Oct. 25 by calling (734) 495-1200.

There are still a limited number of bricks available for purchase. For more information call the foundation or download an order form at www.cantonfoundation.org.



Todd (left) and Tommy Brunswick, of Canton, show off the poster for their latest film, 'Mr. Jingles.' The filmmaking couple has made five horror films, all on a shoestring budget.

Filmmaking couple delights in giving people the creeps

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The stuff of Todd and Tommy Brunswicks' dreams is the stuff of most nightmares. And the movie making couple are proud to say they've got a pretty tight grip on giving people the creeps.

"There's a formula to it," said Todd Brunswick, while his wife Tommy nodded and took a sip from a paper coffee cup. "You need a really good monster, lots of blood and guts and some 't-and-a.'"

For the last five years, the Brunswicks, of Canton, have been making direct-to-video horror movies. They're small movies, pro-

duced on a shoestring. They've completed five movies so far, and have four more in the works.

The most recent release, *Mr. Jingles*, a tale of a blood-thirsty clown, has just completed the final stages of production before the Brunswicks take it to the American Film Market. *Writers Block*, the story of a writer haunted by a tragic accident, will premiere in December, and the couple is working on their first urban thriller, *Dead Thangz*.

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Annual Women's Expo

On Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Canton Leisure Services dedicates a day to women. The 4th annual Women's Expo is designed to provide women with all of the latest information on women's health and wellness as well as resources that women can use to help with the stresses of everyday life. Women's Day will feature:

- Health screenings
- Women's health profile
- Chair massage
- More than 40 exhibits including food, jewelry, skin care, non-profit organizations that provide health care, money management experts and more

Women's Day is appropriate for women ages 16 and up. The event will be held in the Summit on the Park Grand Ballroom. Tickets can be purchased at Summit on the Park and are \$5 in advance and \$10 at the door.

Senior safety seminar

Canton Senior Citizens are invited to attend the annual Seniors Safe, Sound & Secure Seminar, Wednesday, Nov. 16, from noon-3:30 p.m. The seminar will be held at the Summit Ballroom, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m.

This year's seminar will feature Canton's Community Relations Sergeant Scott Hilden presenting "Cons & Scams for Senior Citizens," and Fire Marshal Frank Barrett talking about home fire safety for the holiday season. Special guest speaker is Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. Lunch will be provided.

Registration is required and

can be done by contacting the Canton Senior Citizen program at (734) 394-5485.

White elephant and bake sale

The Canton Place Seniors are hosting a White Elephant and Bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Room at 44505 Ford Road (corner of Ford and Sheldon). The public is invited to attend. Homemade baked goods and refreshments are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit the Canton Place Resident Association.

Make a difference

This year's Make a Difference Day is Saturday, Oct. 22, and Canton's Volunteer office is coordinating a variety of volunteer opportunities for the day.

The first is a clean-up at Kinyon Cemetery, located at the corner of Ridge and Hyde Roads, from 9-11 a.m. The event is co-sponsored by the Civitans and Canton's Parks Division. Interested volunteers should dress according to the weather and bring rakes and gloves.

Also, those wishing to make a difference can assist with a stream clean-up along hole #21 on Pheasant Run Golf course from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

From 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Summit on the Park's PDC room, the Canton Goodfellows will kick off their "No Child Without a Christmas" food drive project. They will be accepting all non-perishable food items at that time.

The Michigan Military Moms will also be in the Summit's PDC room from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. collecting phone cards that will be sent to our servicemen and women.

To register for the Kinyon



High kickin'

The Plymouth High School Pompon Squad, the Saberettes, will be performing in the High Kick Competition at Eastern University 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 6. The event features competitions in HipHop, Dance, High Kick and Guy-Girl categories.

Cemetery clean-up, the Pheasant Run clean-up or to get more information on the food drive or phone card collection, please contact Pat Van Dusen, volunteer events coordinator, at (734) 394-5193 or e-mail at pvandusen@cantonmi.org.

Rummage sale

Grace Lutheran Church is having its annual Rummage & Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, 29 October, at 46001 Warren Rd. (between Canton Center and Beck) in Canton. All proceeds will be used to benefit the local community in outreach activities.

Clock dedication

The public is invited to attend the Canton Rotary Clock Plaza dedication ceremony at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27 at Heritage Park.

The Rotary Club of Canton celebrates the dedication with a short ceremony, along with light refreshments. RSVP to the Canton Community Foundation by calling (734)

495-1200. Deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Jazz and Jeans

Orchestra Canton presents "Jazz and Jeans" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The program will feature the works of Brubeck, Milhaud, Shostakovich and Ellington. The concert is sponsored by Huntington Bank and is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children (with a \$2 handling fee) and can be paid for by Visa and MasterCard.

Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill at the corner of Ridge in Canton. For more information, check out the orchestra's Web site at www.orchestracanton.org or call (734) 451-2112.

Marine graduate

Jordan A. Hicks of Canton, son of Gary Hicks and Mary Jo David, recently graduated from

basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. Hicks successfully completed 12 weeks of training.

Hicks, a 2004 graduate of Salem High School, began his basic training days every morning at 4 a.m. with physical conditioning. In addition, he spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments to learn

first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat, and weapons training. He participated in numerous close order drills and operated as part of a small infantry unit during field training. He received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage, and commitment, and the application of those values to his personal and professional conduct. He and fellow recruits successfully ended the training phase with the Crucible—a 54-hour team effort and problem-solving challenge.

After graduation on Sept. 23

from Parris Island, Hicks returned to Canton for a 10-day leave and an additional two weeks of recruiter assistance at the Marine Corps recruiting office in Livonia. On Oct. 18, he reported to Camp Geiger in North Carolina for training at the School of Infantry.

Coat drive

Local residents willing to help those less fortunate have a chance with a coat drive being sponsored by the Children's Christian Alliance.

The event is a coat drive to raise 600 coats for kids and families living in public housing in the Detroit area. The coats will be distributed on Nov. 5, 2005.

Donors wishing to help on donate clean, gently used new coats, hats, mittens and boots. Blankets will also be accepted.

To donate or for more information, call Jill Berry, (734) 953-2170.

Movie screening

The award-winning documentary "The Witness" will be shown free of charge at the Canton Public Library at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27.

Complimentary desserts will be available. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center. For information or questions regarding the film, please call Lorel at (734) 495-9063. This program is neither sponsored, nor endorsed by the Canton Public Library.

Pumpkin sale

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club is selling pumpkins for a \$5 donation on Saturday, Oct. 22, beginning at 9 a.m. to whenever they are all sold. All of the proceeds go to Children's Hospital. Every year the club helps supply Halloween costumes and props for their Halloween celebration. The children are usually very seriously ill and often in the hospital for a long stay.

The location is the parking lot of HELP-U-SELL Real Estate, 7120 Haggerty Road, in Canton, just north of Warren.

For more information, contact Charlene Briggs at (734) 812-3153.

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'Dome delight

Marchers narrowly miss regional title

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

It was a real battle of the bands at the Pontiac Silverdome on Saturday as the Bands of America Regional Championships featured 32 of the top high school marching bands from 10 states.

In what turned out to be a hair-splitting difference between the top two spots, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band took second place in finals performance, just three-quarters of a point behind the Centerville Jazz Band from Centerville, Ohio.

"I could not be more proud of these kids," said a grinning Marc Whitlock, director of bands at the Park. "They have really stepped up and have physically, mentally and emotionally worked harder than I've seen in my time here. This has been one of the most outstanding weeks with a band that I've ever had and that's saying a lot since I've been doing this for 15 years."

That past week was one involving a tremendous amount of work for students and staff alike as some 40 sets of drill were added to the P-CMB competition program, "Performing Inside Out," which includes six movements subtitled "Control," "Breath," "Tension," "Chaos," "Release," and "Structure."

The first two complete run-throughs of the show took place just the night before the championship competition, first at practice and then the football game on Friday night. The next two occurred during Regionals preliminary and finals competitions.

"I thought we had really good performances," said Salem senior Andrew Kaump, a marimba player. "My favorite thing about this show is the diversity of it and how it goes through such extremes so quickly. Even if we didn't come in first, I'm happy with how we played, so that's good enough for me."

This year's regional competition featured the 32 bands performing their 10-minute programs during preliminary competition. Plymouth-Canton took the second-place trophy in class AAA (bands from the largest schools) along with caption awards for Outstanding Music Performance and Outstanding Visual Performance. The top 10 highest-scoring bands from



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Saxophonists Ricky Beckett, Katie Brock, Paul Krutty and Bruno Yoshioka keep in step during the Bands of America Regional Championships Saturday.



Drum major Jenna Olexsey signals judges her band is ready to begin preliminary performance at the Bands of America Regional Championships at the Silverdome Saturday.



Vinnie Lizzio (left) and Wayne Titus concentrate on playing the marimba during preliminary competition at BOA Regional Championships.

STRIKE UP THE BAND

- **What:** Great Lakes Invitational Marching Band Competition
- **When:** Gates open 11 a.m.
- **Where:** Varsity stadium near Canton High School
- **Notable:** Plymouth-Canton Marching Band has 15 state championships, including eight straight. National champions in 1999, 1991 and 1990.
- **Tickets:** \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids, \$20 for a family.

all classes moved on to the finals nighttime show.

The Centerville Jazz Band took the top finals trophy with a score of 87.25, followed closely by Plymouth-Canton with an 86.5. Other Michigan bands qualifying for the finals competition were Jenison (10th), South Lyon (ninth) and Reeths-Puffer (sixth).

"The band did really well," said tuba player John Noss, a Plymouth junior. "We came back from prelims very strong

and it felt really good. Our whole show is done now, so we'll have time to clean it. By the time we get to States and Nationals, we're really going to rock it out."

That's Whitlock's thought, as well.

"This performance is the tip of the iceberg of what we can do with four weeks left until the national championships," he said. "This show is extremely challenging in a lot of regards. Right now, as all ath-

letes and performers do, you condition your mind and your body to the ultimate level at the end."

That's something snare drummer Meredith Bailey, a Plymouth junior, is ready to gear up for.

"This is the first time in a long time we have had our whole show done this early and now we have a whole month to clean it," she said. "Everyone gets in the zone and they just go for it. It's exciting."

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In 1988, the library's current building opened, but the community quickly outgrew it, and the library in 2001 underwent a major renovation and expansion, which added 22,000 square feet to the original 31,000-square-foot building.

What hasn't changed, Gillig said, is the library's mission: To create the best library in the state.

"When the library first opened, there was an expression that was used all the time: 'Let's knock their socks off,'" Yack said. The staff and board still try to live up to that early goal, he said. "The service level is unmatched by any other institution. They are truly one of a kind."

The Canton Public Library is the most-circulated single library in the state, with more than 1.5 million transactions per year, according to Library Director Jean Tabor.

In order to ensure the health of the library as Canton's growth tapers off and the community starts to age, the library has established an endowment fund.

"We just broke \$100,000 in the fund," Tabor said. "We would love to see the library fully funded by endowment but that's not likely to happen. We'll just keep adding to it. We won't begin to spend the interest while we're well funded by the millage."

GOING HIGH TECH

Though the community's growth has certainly impacted the library (some 63,000 Canton residents have library cards), it's technology which has impacted the library and the way people use it more than any other factor.

"The biggest change has been technology. So much information is available now in so many different forms. But the library's role is still to authenticate and keep it relevant for our users," said Tabor. "And even with all the technology, the Canton Public Library is still a warm, welcoming environment so people feel comfortable here."



Before a single brick could be placed for the new Canton Public Library, township officials gathered for a groundbreaking after voters approved the construction of the building in 1986.



The library's storied history included a visit by President George H. W. Bush on

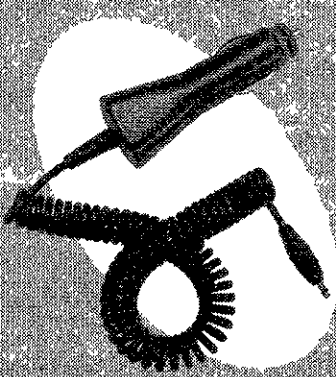
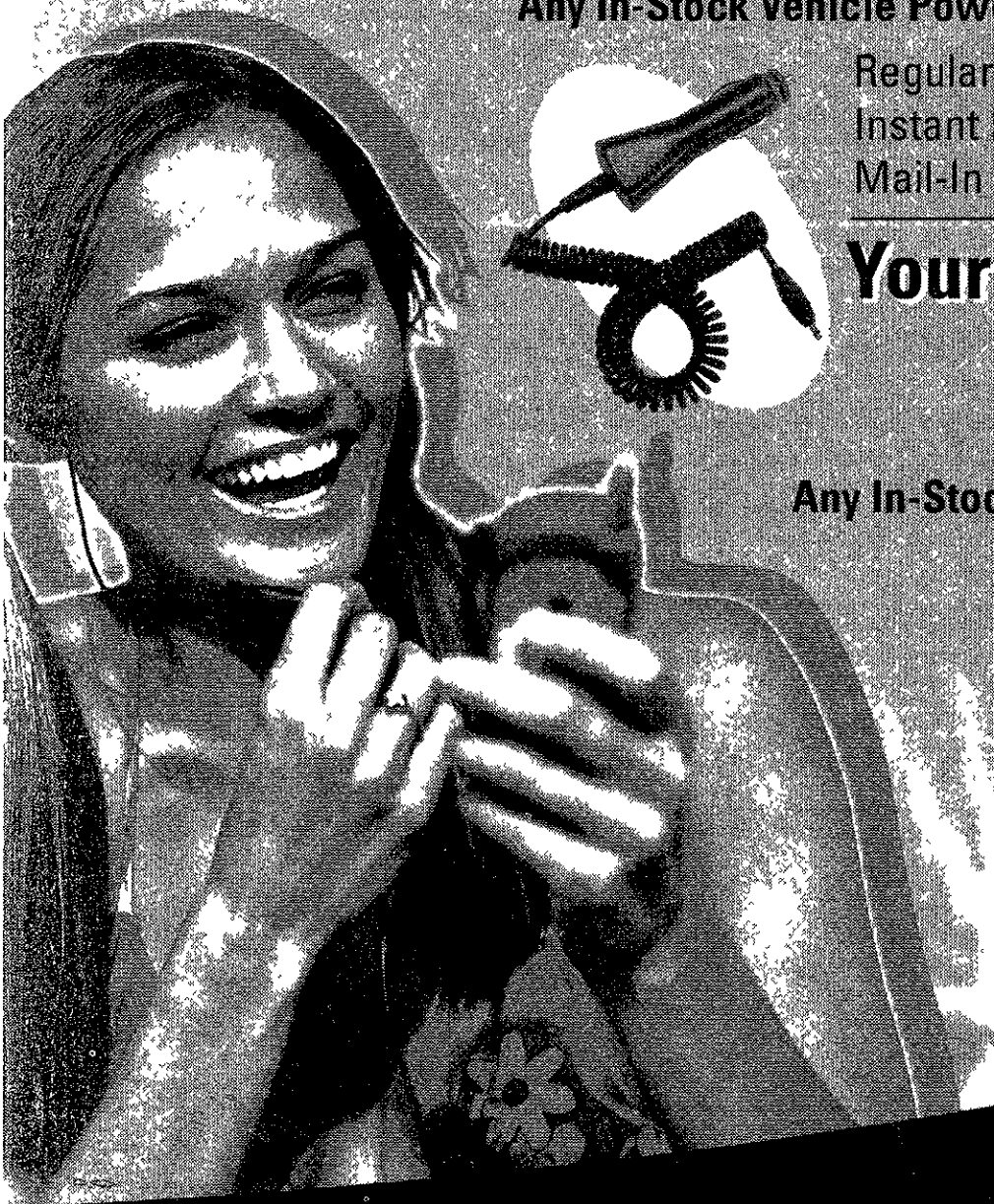
LIFE OF THE LIBRARY

A timeline of the development of the Canton Public Library:

- 1979: Canton residents vote to approve a millage for a public library.
- 1980: Canton's first library opens, in a 12,000 square foot room on the third floor of Township Hall.
- 1986: Canton voters approve a second mill to construct and operate a 31,000 square foot facility, where the library is today.
- 2000: The library's Web page expands service to become an online branch of the public library.
- 2001: The library renovates and expands to 53,000 square feet, including a children's library.
- 2002: Canton Public Library circulation exceeds 1 million per year for first time, and has every year



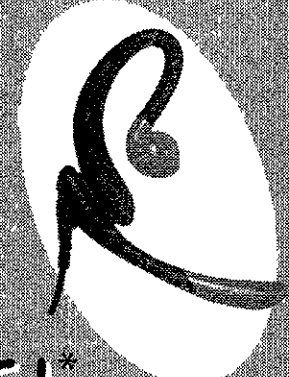
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Today's library users are much more sophisticated and the library's understanding of that has kept the library on the cutting edge of technology, according to Tabor. Currently the library has 110 Internet-accessible computer stations and a community room capable of multimedia presentations. The building has wireless Internet access and plug-in terminals for laptop users. Patrons may use the Internet Branch to check their accounts, place holds and renew materials, use the databases and get reference help. The copy center is outfitted with color and black and white copiers and printers, a scanner, typewriter, fax machine and six computer terminals and recently, a CD and DVD burner.

The library not only has books, newspapers and magazines, but also books on tape, CD and MP3, downloadable e-books and audiobooks, database collections, games and puppets, DVDs and VHS tapes. There are more than 500 international language titles available including books in 17 languages, videos in 43 languages, magazines in six languages and two dozen online language courses.

"We've stayed ahead of the curve when it comes to technology because that's what



Although there were just books in the beginning, the Canton Public Library now features an extensive collection of CDs, DVDs, VHS and MP3s.

TWO CELEBRATIONS PLANNED FOR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The library has two events planned to celebrate its 25th anniversary. The first is the Patron Birthday Celebration today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring birthday cakes donated from local businesses, clowns and a special performance by the library's own Precision Book Cart Drill Team at 3:30 p.m.

A Silver Anniversary Gala will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5. The event includes hors d'oeuvres and other refreshments, wine, a champagne fountain and musical entertainment. There will also be a silent auction and raffle to benefit the library's endowment fund. Tickets are \$50 per person, and available at the library reception desk.

users want. We're fortunate to have the resources to be able to provide materials people need," said Tabor.

Tabor credited the staff for making the library a success.

"We have the greatest staff here. I can't say that enough. They are focused on customer service and that's what makes

the library so great," she said.

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Community support, leadership led to Canton library's success

On October 20, 1980, with scant attention and little fanfare, the Canton Public Library opened for business on the third floor of the Township Administration Building.

Now, 25 years later, how things have changed. Today we have a freestanding library of 53,000 square feet, a collection of over 278,000 items and an annual circulation of over 1.5 million plus untold numbers of technology-driven services via the Internet and our internal databases.

In light of such tremendous growth, it is appropriate to try to identify the reasons for this success. In reviewing the last 25 years, it is clear that there are two primary forces behind these changes.

The first is undoubtedly the population of Canton both quantitatively and qualitatively. The population has doubled in size and has provided a steady growth in the State Equalized Value and a very large increase in the number of potential patrons. Qualitatively, we have been

blessed with a rapidly growing population of educated, literate citizens who value reading and life-long learning for themselves and their children.

The second force is leadership. In 1979, the original Board set two major objectives for the new Canton Public Library. The first objective was to make the library an open, bright, inviting space to serve as a sort of gathering place for the community. The second objective was to develop and maintain both a superior facility and level of patron service. In the last 25 years there have been 23 Trustees and two excellent Library Directors who have provided the leadership to relentlessly pursue these objectives. This effort continues to this day and hopefully, long into the future.

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Reunion continues tradition as graduates mark 30 years

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As the 1975 graduates of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park put the final touches on their 30-year reunion this weekend, looking back it was a different setting at P-CEP as the first students from Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools graduated as the Chiefs and Rocks.

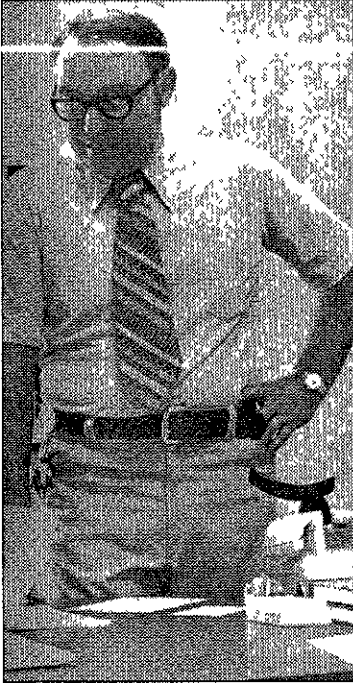
"A lot of dreaming went on that came true (at the park)," said Bill Brown, 74, who was Salem's first principal and served 17 years. "Moving into Salem that first year (1970) was an exciting venture. We really weren't ready to move in, and we moved much of it ourselves in cars and trucks. The facilities weren't finished, the gym wasn't finished, but we got through it."

Before 1975, students who graduated were given diplomas from Plymouth High School, which had previously been located at what is now Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. Brown was principal at the old Plymouth High School before opening the new building.

"There were 57 acres of wooded area, natural trails for the science and biology classes, a very unique experience," said Brown. "There was a school farm that maintained a farm manager. There were a few crops and had animals. We tied it in with the 4-H program."

"There was an attempt to keep the agriculture in front of kids, but we knew we were going to the Centennial Park concept," he said.

A bit later, Kent Buikema, who was working with Plymouth-Canton Schools as a consultant with Westinghouse Learning Corporation, was



Bill Brown was Salem High School's first principal, serving in that capacity for 17 years.

approached by then-superintendent John Hoben to open Plymouth-Canton in 1972, where he was principal for 19 years.

"When we put that name (Canton) on the building, a lot of the died-in-the-wool Plymouth people remembered Canton being farm people, and didn't see the potential for growth," said Buikema, 75. "Initially, we talked about four high schools. People didn't believe it when we talked about putting that many teenagers in one spot, especially teens that could drive."

"Canton had an outstanding vocational opportunities, with auto shop, body shop and print facilities," he said. "Salem's business labs were good, they also had some advanced math classes. And, the first computer lab was at Salem."

The two principals will be on

hand at Friday's Canton-Salem football game, which will begin the two-day reunion by the Class of '75. Both will be at midfield as honorary captains during the coin toss. On Saturday, a dinner and social party will be held at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. About 150 graduates from that first class, as well as 30 teachers, are scheduled to be at the weekend festivities.

"Just like in our schools we learn about the people who established our country and we keep that history alive, the first senior classes of Canton and Salem, along with their teachers and administrators, want to keep our history known," said Jodi (Overholt) Ring, a Plymouth Canton graduate who now teaches fifth grade at Hulsing Elementary, and an organizer of the weekend event. "What better way to do that but to have a reunion and have a study session."

Ring, captain of the cheerleading squad, was also among those at Plymouth Canton who came up with the first traditions. The red-and-white color scheme was picked because the following year was the nation's bi-centennial and the red and white would look patriotic with Plymouth Salem's blue and white.

The fight song, which is to the tune of the Ohio State Buckeyes school song, actually had a purpose.

"The band director, who bled maize and blue (of Michigan) didn't like to play at our games. We had the choice of the USC (University of Southern California) fight song, the Minnesota fight song or Ohio State," said Ring. "It killed him to play Salem's fight song, because it was Michigan State's. So, what better way to get back at him than to make



Kent Buikema, former principal at Canton High School, returns Friday night for the annual Salem-Canton football clash.

him play Ohio State's song."

Robin (Neiman) Maslyk graduated from Plymouth-Salem in 1975, and is part of the reunion committee.

"I think the Class of '75 had some great years and I don't want to forget about them," said Maslyk. "It was the only time that P-CEP graduated classes from both buildings at the same commencement."

Maslyk was in the school choir and was on the girls basketball team, the first to compete in the old Suburban 8

League.

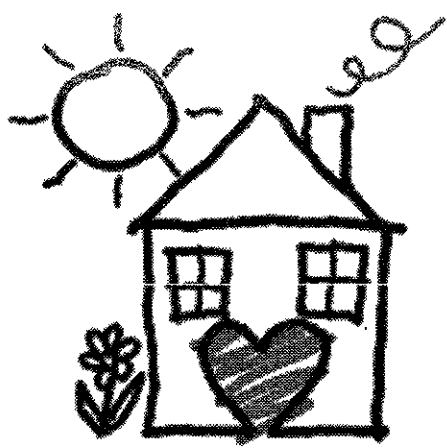
"We had an awesome athletic program that year," she said. "The football team was 9-0, and the boys basketball team went all the way to the semi-finals."

Part of the Plymouth Salem tradition, which continues today, is the painting of the Rock in front of the school. Brown said he got the idea after noticing stationary from a well-known insurance company that advertised the Rock of Gibraltar.

"When I came here, the kids would paint the downtown (Plymouth) streets once a year with whitewash, and it became an issue with the merchants," said Brown. "We found the rock at a gravel pit in Northville, and the National Guard hauled it out there for cheap."

"We stopped the painting downtown by letting the kids paint the rock," he said. "I remember the kids loved painting that rock."

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Pearl C. Janke
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Rowe, 92, of Birmingham, died Oct. 13.

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Sandey, 81, of Farmington Hills, died Oct. 18.
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Sutton, 93, of Montague, formerly of Birmingham, died Aug. 21.
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Tucci, formerly of Birmingham, died Oct. 16.
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Watson, 76, of Beverly Hills, died Oct. 13.



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Gamers recreate great battles on tabletops

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, the British naval forces of Horatio Nelson will confront Napoleon's navy again — 200 years and a day after the famous Battle of Trafalgar.

This time the ships will be about an inch long, the Atlantic will be blue felt and the firepower of the guns and wind directions will be determined by a roll of dice. And this time Nelson's Day of Destiny might be his ruin.

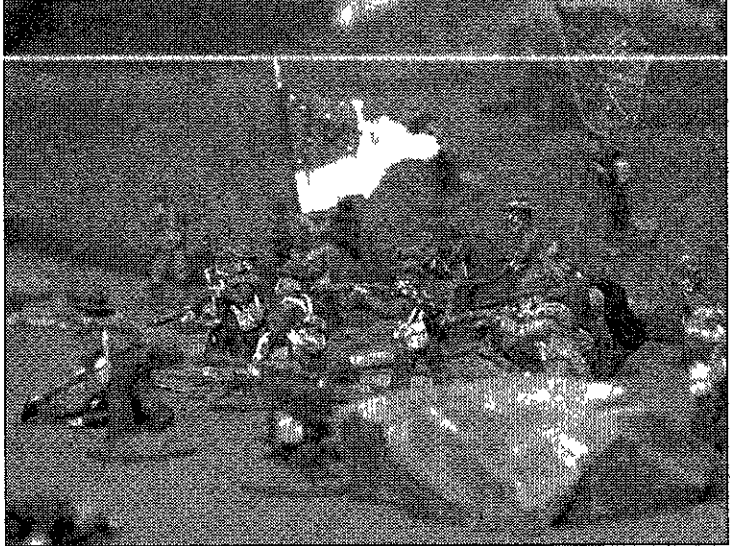
Miniature game enthusiasts will gather from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, for "Pro or Con.2005" at the University of Michigan's Fairlane Center, 19000 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn. Doors open at 8 a.m. Admission is \$10. No one under 16 is admitted without an adult.

For Mark Magdowski of Garden City, the chance to change history is one of the appeals of military gaming.

"I can change the course of history," he said. "A lot of the games play out as they happened, but there are a lot of times where you can see if you can change history."

The Pro or Con miniature games club meets weekly to fight the real battles of history and imaginary battles of fantasy on tables set with elaborate landscaping and meticulously detailed soldiers, armory, buildings and ships.

The 15 members come from throughout western Wayne County and from as far away as



Mark Magdowski created this layout with 28 millimeter figures for a game based on the Devil's Den scrimmage during the battle at Gettysburg in 1863.

northern Oakland County. The invitational meeting Saturday will attract about 200 gamers from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

Mike Erisman of Westland has been the club president for 15 years.

"I've always been a history buff. From high school I always liked the military, but never went in because of health reasons," he said.

Each week, he and other club members host battles in their homes, setting up the battlefields and array of forces as they were in history.

"I like being able to recreate a battle with pieces," Erisman said. "We have a scenario and can lay out road for road and building for building how it played."

Magdowski said he began playing military board games

it the most interesting.

Erisman, facilities manager at Christian Day School, said he believes military games are a good way to learn history.

"We try to get kids involved in this and can teach them history," he said. "If we don't learn history, we are condemned to repeat it."

John Holcomb of Lake Orion, the club treasurer and Web master (proorcon.net), began playing Risk and other board games as cheap entertainment when he was in college and then "graduated" to the more sophisticated miniature games.

"We use maps, historical maps. In Gettysburg, we use photos, artists renderings," he said.

A game is usually set up to last about three hours, but Erisman said some games may be extended for several meetings or members will gather on a Saturday for a longer game.

On Oct. 22, the special "Pro or Con.2005" will be divided into three sessions. The first session, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., will feature games based on battles ranging from the Richard the Lion Hearts Crusade to the Black Hawk Down incident at Mogadishu. The second session, 2-6 p.m., includes battles from ancient Rome, the Civil War and a Viking raid to three World War II battles. The third session an auto racing game, the 100 Years War and a Samurai battle.

In addition to the game action, the event will feature a dealers area, a flea market, a raffle and a concessions stand.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, at 7:00 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Doerken Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for a new facility to be located at 5404 Research Drive, Quadrants Industrial/Research Centre Wayne County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 614, within The Quadrants Centre Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PLANNING COMMISSION
2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

At the Meeting of October 3, 2005, the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton adopted the following meeting schedule for 2006:

January 9, January 23, February 6, February 20, March 6, March 20, April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, June 5, June 19, July 10, July 24, August 7, August 21, September 11, September 25, October 9, October 23, November 6, November 20, December 4, and December 18.

The meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Vic Gustafson
Chairman

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Business consultant enters 11th District race

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Small business consultant Ray Raczkowski of Novi announced Monday that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the 11th Congressional District. Talk show host Tony Trupiano of Dearborn Heights announced his candidacy last week. The winner of the Democratic primary will likely face incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter, who hasn't formally announced whether he will seek a third term. "Our current congressman is doing a lousy job," Raczkowski said Monday. "We'd have to give him an E on education, energy, the economy and the environment. He just hasn't performed." For the last five years, Raczkowski, 51, has been a consultant on improving small



Raczkowski

businesses. He studied engineering at Michigan State University, worked in the construction industry and worked with several auto suppliers including General Electric, Bosch and Eaton Corp. in advanced manufacturing and process improvements. Raczkowski said he has been able to work with union and management and would bring those skills to Congress. He said many of the management methodologies he uses such as Six Sigma could be successfully used in Congress. "The automobile industry has been socked. What we need is to be getting them to work," he said. "I know how to do that, get more business and jobs. Tony doesn't know how to do that and McCotter

doesn't know. I have a game plan to get back our economy." Raczkowski hasn't served in government. He said he decided to run for Congress because the issues he's interested in "can't be addressed at the state level." Raczkowski said he has been meeting with union leaders and party officials. He said he has found supporters but that the Democratic Congressional Candidate Committee has decided not to endorse in the primary. Raczkowski is the father of two sons. The 11th Congressional District extends from Highland and White Lake townships in western Oakland County to Van Buren Township in western Wayne County and includes Livonia, Redford Township, Garden City, Westland, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township.

Norwegians celebrate centennial

Pork loin and salmon will receive "gourmet makeovers" on Oct. 21, at a gala honoring 100 years of Norwegian independence, and the 80th anniversary of the Norwegian Club of Detroit. The gala starts at 6 p.m. at the VisTaTech Center of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, between Six Mile and Seven Mile Roads. The keynote speaker is Erling Rimestad, Counselor for Press and Cultural Affairs at the Norwegian Embassy, Washington D.C. Space is limited. Dinner reservations can be made by mailing a \$45 check or money order, payable to: "Norwegian Club of Michigan" to the following address: Norwegian Club of Michigan, 26017 Concord, Huntington Woods, MI 48070. Huntington Woods resident Dennis Flessland, Honorary Consul of Norway to Michigan and chairman of the event, recently met with Schoolcraft College



Mustard and thyme-smoked pork loin served with roasted garlic mashed potatoes, creamed cabbage, green beans, topped with a lingonberry brown sauce, and beet chips.

VisTaTech Center's chef Aaron Cook to preview the food preparation. According to Flessland, "The smoked pork loin entree will be a very popular entree. I am very impressed with what Chef Aaron has done to this traditional meal." Chef Aaron describes this entrée as "A mustard and thyme smoked pork loin served with roasted garlic mashed potatoes, creamed

cabbage, green beans, topped with a lingonberry brown sauce, and beet chips. I'm using many traditional Norwegian meats and root vegetables. We will also serve a salad using herring, and later, traditional rice pudding for dessert. Some traditionalists will be delightfully surprised to see what we will offer for this special dinner!" Chef Aaron will offer an alternative entrée choice: Salmon rubbed with shrimp paste, crusted with potato, presented with braised kale, cauliflower, and a horseradish butter sauce. This event is part of the 2005 centennial celebration to honor the special relationship that exists between the United States and Norway. The United States was one of the first countries in 1905 to acknowledge Norway's sovereign status, and cultural and economic ties have grown strong between the two democracies during 100 years of interaction. In 1905, Norway achieved full independence from Sweden.

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Library worth celebrating

It has been a quarter century since the Canton Public Library first opened its doors on the third floor of the township's administration building. And ever since, it has opened up whole new worlds and possibilities to the Canton community.

Just like the community itself, much has changed at the library since it first began lending books in 1980. The old library was only 12,000 square feet, while the new state-of-the-art facility located adjacent to the township administrative building on Canton Center Road, which was built in 1989 and then expanded in 2001, covers more than 52,000 square feet.

The original library staff numbered just nine, including several part-time employees. There are more than 100 staff members today, who perform a whole array of duties and services that go far beyond merely shelving books. They are specialists who can help adults find a job or learn how to use the Internet, or teach children the wonders of the literary world.

Although the card catalog is still around, the library now utilizes a number of technologies and data bases that can connect patrons to more information than a person can learn in a lifetime. And if you get hungry soaking up all that knowledge, the new Library Cafe offers a full menu featuring sandwiches, salads and even a pita with hummus.

One thing that hasn't changed with the library is how it has been embraced by the community. Right from the beginning, the community has utilized the library, which is why it has been expanded on several occasions. In 2002, it circulated one million items for the first time, and now attains that figure earlier each year. It currently has more than 270,000 books, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, videos, CDs and CD-ROMs.

Beyond the books and CD-ROMs, however, the library provides some outstanding programming, including diverse cultural and ethnic activities. The library staff has always been concerned about the cultural enrichment of Canton residents. The children's wing of the library is a perfect example of this. The staff understands the earlier you can plant the seeds of literacy, the better. Citizens who value reading are much more apt to have successful careers and be more community-minded.

It could certainly be argued that the library is the heart of the Canton community. Just like it should be.

Happy anniversary. We can't wait to see how you evolve over the next quarter century.

Creative punishment will free up jail space

Hundreds of shoplifters, drug users, traffic offenders and embezzlers who should be locked up in Oakland County Jail are roaming free because there isn't enough space to keep them there.

Since August, two groups of non-violent offenders were ordered released because of overcrowding.

Oakland isn't the only county whose jail is bursting with prisoners. Macomb County released non-violent prisoners in July and August, while Wayne County typically releases hundreds each month.

These offenders are considered non-dangerous because they committed crimes against property and not people. But they haven't finishing paying their debts to society and are back on the streets before judges planned. It's unlikely many of them have been rehabilitated.

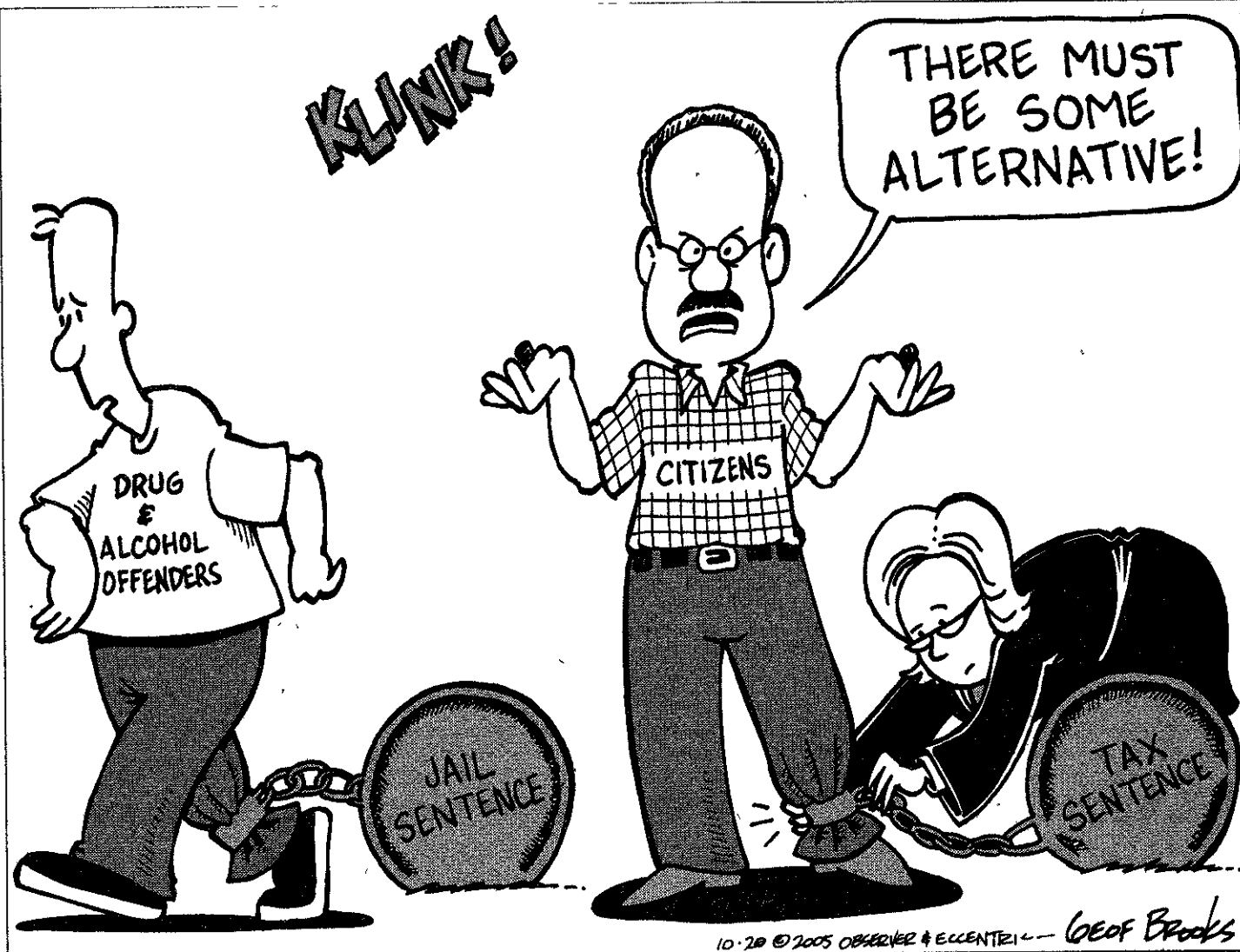
Building new jails isn't a practical solution. Oakland County officials say a new jail would cost about \$90 million. Voters probably wouldn't approve of their taxes being raised to pay for it anyway. Besides, it takes time to build new facilities, and the problem needs fixing now.

What can be done?

District court judges, the ones sentencing most of the inmates to county jails, can use more creative punishments.

Clarkston's two judges, for example, often sentence non-violent offenders during the spring, summer and fall to work in a community garden, where they help raise vegetables to feed the hungry. They also order non-violent offenders to do other types of community service work.

While judges make more use of alternative sentences, voters can do their part by having realistic expectations. Of course, we still expect judges to lock up dangerous felons. But not every law-breaker needs to go to jail. Alternative sentences are often better options for non-violent offenders and may even help them turn their lives around.



LETTERS

Can't support raises

I am responding to the *Canton Observer* editorial, "Raises come at wrong time" (Oct. 6). As a citizen of Canton Township, I strongly agree that these raises come at a wrong time, and question the validity of a 9-percent and 6-percent pay raise for some.

I especially find it difficult to support these raises when there is no concern for certain populations of Canton Township. I am referring to comments Tom Yack made at one of his televised township meetings regarding the residents of Holiday Park. I apologize that I do not have his exact quote, so I will have to paraphrase. He basically said, "Who cares about that subdivision that sits on the west corner of Canton near Westland?" So how can I, in good faith, support raises to those elected officials who are supposed to be working for and have everyone's needs in mind and be working for the "good of all" and not just some?

Many of us have endured job loss, pay cuts, increasing living costs and increased taxes while at the same time still have to put food on the table for our families with less and less income in order to support someone else's six-digit salary. And this is someone who is supposed to be working for the "good of all?" Well, apparently I have a misconception because I thought people in leadership were working for "its" people and that meant "for the good of all." Perhaps, I'm mistaken.

I, myself, am working two part-time jobs; my husband works one full-time job plus some to make ends meet. The raises my husband has seen have not even come close to a 9-percent raise, not to mention one that has kept up with just the rising cost of living. I have not seen a raise in my check for either job in two years. I do consider myself blessed because we do have a house and there are people much worse off, but what a much better world we would live in if we channeled our resources to help those who need it most.

Kimberly G. Nichols
Canton

Opposed to raises

I am very opposed to the raises the Canton Township trustees just voted for themselves. Delphi recently put many of its loyal and dedicated employees out when it filed for bankruptcy, and declared that the only way to recover was through corporate downsizing on the part of people and plants. The relevant portion is identified in that the executives in charge of Delphi's destiny remembered to vote themselves a bonus just before taking the company away from the people. When corporate downsizing puts peoples' finances in dire straits, the last thing they need is to feel their financial void on the part of the township that is supposed to take a ser-

vant role and provide aid for a better standard of living. This is a time when the township should become very fiscally conservative for what is, and what may come to its residents.

You are public servants that work for the residents. If you want corporate CEO salaries and raises, then you need to leave and work for a private corporation! The role of public servitude was developed to aid in providing meaning to the community in which we all live; not to take advantage of the diverse economic demographics in which its township sits.

Martin Rodriguezacosta
Canton

Budget lacks vision

Last week, the Canton Township Board of Trustees approved the 2006 budget by a 5-1 vote (guess who the 1 was?). The budget lacked vision in regards to debt retirement and legacy cost funding, as well as was quite heavy on perks and pet projects. Revenues grew by over 7 percent, but your taxes decreased by only 2 percent. And this 2 percent was at the firefighters' expense. Rather than reduce expenditures on pet projects, they cut public safety. Incredible.

Just as troublesome was their voting in generous raises for themselves — even after a history of well above the norm raises. The township supervisor (T. Yack) will come into an 8.72-percent windfall, while Delphi files for Chapter 11. While Ford lays off thousands. While other suppliers struggle and many business doors will close forever. For those workers who are fortunate enough to keep their jobs, pay and benefits cuts are the order of the day.

This township's prosperity was not the work of any one government team. It was the efforts and investments of hard-working citizens and businesses: UAW workers, immigrants, entrepreneurs and large corporations such as Ford Motor Co.

Leadership means you lead from the front — not staying behind at the trough.

Mr. Yack was very disappointed in Canton residents when we rejected Toyota's characterization of Canton as Toyotaville. Well, I am sorely disappointed (again) in Mr. Yack.

Todd Caccamo
Canton Township trustee

Appalled by raises

The Canton officials voting to give themselves raises during this time of economic uncertainty appalls and shocks my family and me. Most Canton residents are being laid off, having their wages cut or losing their jobs altogether. Many of those residents also did an excellent job at their place of employment, but, due to the state of the overall company health, they were still downsized or had their salaries and wages frozen.

Trustee Todd LaJoy stated that "once

you begin straying from a wage and salary program that's in place, you run the risk of salaries getting out of control." Guess what, Trustee LaJoy? The salary increases approved by you, Yack, Zarbo and McLaughlin are out of reality control when compared to the state of the residents of Canton and Michigan. This is a time when the township should count its blessings and become very fiscally conservative for what is, and what may come to its residents.

Better yet, let's put in a new wage and salary program — 3-percent yearly cap — like most companies. We can even better that one — public officials should not be allowed to vote for their own raises. You are public servants that work for the residents — put it on the ballot.

As a side note, the Congressional representatives also voted themselves raises this year. We need the public to revoke that privilege also. Write your senators and reps.

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak and family
Canton

No compassion

If we, as a country, are disgusted by torturous inhumane treatment given to our POWs (shall I change the name to unlawful combatants, or attempt other semantics that the current administration uses to break the law) held by our enemies. How, in turn, can this administration of "compassionate conservatives" even consider that the world should follow our example of torture, and wouldn't our enemies already be doing so. Why are we attacking governments who hold this administration's same rationale? I have not seen one drop of compassion from these hypocritically belaboring beasts and truly am not expecting any.

Richard Lamborne
Canton

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"It was a project that got added in a state appropriations bill for transportation funding. The state bill listed a number of specific projects and the governor vetoed all those projects. ... It's not on anyone's list of priorities to be completed in the next 30 years."

— Tim Faas, Canton Municipal Services director, discussing the improvement project that was planned for the Ford/Beck intersection in 2006. The project appears dead in the water after Gov. Jennifer Granholm vetoed the appropriations to pay for it.

Dingell harkens back to days when civility ruled

What do you call a guy who has become a legend in his own time, is 6 feet, 3 inches tall, has a reputation as a tough guy, has been around forever and knows everybody?

You'd start out by calling him "sir." At least that's what I call Congressman John Dingell, who on Dec. 13 will celebrate 50 years in the House of Representatives. He already is the third longest serving member in U.S. history. (If he is still in Congress in March 2009, he'll be the longest serving ever.)

There was a big celebration in Dearborn honoring Dingell last weekend, with his fellow Democrats, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, joining a cast of friends and supporters.

And there will be a formal tribute later this month in Washington with Vice President Dick Cheney and former President Bill Clinton joining other luminaries on the guest list.

The first time I met John Dingell was in November 1964. I had just been hired by a newly elected congressman, Paul H. Todd Jr. from Kalamazoo, to run his Washington office. There was a reception for newly elected members from Michigan in some grand room in the Capitol, and even then Dingell stood out as having the greatest presence in the room.

He had barely started his career in Congress — he was elected for the first time in 1955, beating 13 others for the seat his father had held until his untimely death. But even then he carried a certain aura of ferocity, strength and uncommon common sense.

Dingell's reputation at that time was that of a sensible tough guy, happy to be a partisan Democrat, but prepared to work with the Republican opposition when there was a deal to be cut.

I remember he gave my boss, a fellow Democrat, great advice time after time: "Do what's right; play tough, but play fair; get respected for what you know, because it's better to be respected than merely liked."

I saw him again in the late 1980s, when he had become chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Largely through the force of his personality, he was turning the committee into the most powerful on Capitol Hill. Something like 40 percent of all legislation that went to the House floor did so through Dingell's committee.

The *National Journal*, the authoritative publication on Congress, once claimed that Dingell claimed jurisdiction over anything that "moved, burned or was sold." He was called "Mr. Chairman" for good reason, and when he stalked into a crowded room it was as though the Red Sea was parting.

His power was diluted after the Republicans won control of the House in 1994. Not so his

majestic presence.

I had a long conversation with Dingell several days ago. What stands out, I wanted to know, after nearly 50 years in Congress?

"The goodness of the people that I served, their loyalty, kindness, decency, patience. How hard they work, how much they love their country, how hard they try to make their communities better. This applies to the huge swath of people I've known for so many years: black, white, Arabs, Republicans, Democrats, urban, suburban, rural."

What's it like today in the Congress, compared with the way it was when you started out? "Our system works best on collegiality, compromise and cooperation. There's very little of that nowadays. Today everybody wants openness, but we're now so open that we can't function."

"When I was chairman, we'd have a hearing. Then we'd go into a side room, close the doors, take our coats off and fight like hell. But the result was almost invariably a bipartisan bill, one that could pass with an overwhelming vote from the middle."

How come things are so different? "It's partly changes in the society. In the old days, when you went down to Washington you stayed there because you couldn't afford to go back and forth to your district. As a result, members of Congress got to know each other, their families."

"They'd socialize after work. They developed a store of goodwill, great friendships that helped make things happen even through the politics were tough. That's gone now. And the House now is mostly run by the Republican leadership. They're hard right and aren't interested in compromises."

Dingell hasn't merely served for a long, long time, he's been at the core of many of the greatest legislative achievements of our times. He wrote most of the Endangered Species Act, introduced domestic content legislation that required Japanese auto manufacturers to produce parts in the United States and was the main force behind the Clean Air Act.

What advice would he give to young politicians? "The biggest trouble is not in doing right; it's in knowing what's right. If you know right, you'll do right, and you won't have anything to worry about."

At the end of our conversation, I asked how John Dingell would like to be remembered. "As a monument for sanity and effectiveness," he replied with barely a pause.

We have the great good fortune to be represented in Washington by a living legend. The sad thing is that people of the caliber of John Dingell don't get to do what they do best very much these days, when our politics have been hijacked by ideologues of both the right and the left.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnnet.com.



Phil Power

Education system can learn a lot from 'Emperor's New Clothes'

I am quite certain most readers of this newspaper are familiar with the story about *The Emperor's New Clothes*.

Remember the skillful robbers, disguised as weavers? They convinced a whole town, including the emperor, that his new clothes were beautiful. Of course, in reality, the poor emperor was dressed in nothing at all. He looked quite foolish.

America's public schools can learn much from this wonderful story written by Hans Christian Anderson.

Standardized testing is robbing our schools of something that is very precious, something that cannot be replaced. Our schools are being robbed of time. Time to learn. Time to teach. Time to think. Time to create.

The amount of time that is now spent on administering standardized tests throughout our country's public schools is robbing our children of time that can never be recovered.

In the Plymouth-Canton school district, third-grade students will spend approximately six weeks of a 42-week school year taking standardized tests. Why? For what purpose?

Those who purport to know what is best for America's schools will say it is to make sure our children are learning. Business leaders demand that schools be competitive. After all, that's how business does it. Others scream for accountability. More tests, more accountability.

It seems of late almost anything can be done to students and schools, as long as it's done in the name of "raising standards" or "accountability." Adequate yearly progress (AYP) is just one example. AYP is part of Michigan's School Report Card system.

If Tonda Elementary School, where I am principal, comes in with low MEAP scores this school year, we won't receive recognition for AYP. I guess it's irrelevant that the test was given in the fall this year instead of late winter. It doesn't matter that third-graders have to take the MEAP test now for the first time, thanks to No Child Left Behind legislation.

So what if some children who take the test are not even close to being fluent in the English language?

The special education students? Why, with all of the accommodations provided, certainly their score is an accurate measure of their cognitive development. Hey, some special education students even get to take a completely different test. I'm still not sure

what that's all about.

And, if history proves to be a good teacher, next year's MEAP test will be very different from the 2005 model.

Respected educators, neuroscientists and child psychologists from across the globe agree young learners can have as much as a three-year difference in the development of their brains. It is unrealistic to hold each learner to a specific standard or group norm that ignores what we know about neuroscience. Standardized testing does just that.

Please consider this in the context of a fourth-grade classroom here in Plymouth-Canton, where the average chronological age is 9. An educational system powered by standardized testing lumps this classroom into one pile, disregarding individual brain development, spits out scores from highest to lowest and says to a school, "Way to go" or "You have failed."

Rather than spending money on standardized testing (\$48 million was paid to an outside company to manage the MEAP test over the next three years), we could better serve our children by spending money on researching, planning, implementing and coordinating effective educational practices that help all children, in all environments, succeed in school.

We are a very busy society. We are almost frantic in our desire to do what is best, especially for our children. I suggest the public educational system in this country has become frantic. Frantic at the feet of emperors wearing new clothes.

Enough. The emperor is not wearing *any* clothes. We are being duped.

Consider this. "It is not enough to be busy," Henry David Thoreau once remarked. "The question is, what are we busy about?" Let's get busy doing what is right for our children, for our schools and for our future. We must respond to clever robbers and emperors dressed in new clothes.

We must question ideas, legislation, laws and programs that serve no purpose except to compare children and tear down an educational system that already struggles terribly under the weight of apathy, poor funding and misguided leadership.

We must turn away the robbers who are trying desperately to steal our children's love for learning. We must not dress our leaders in the emperor's new clothes. Instead, let's clothe them in the truths about teaching, learning and a place called school.

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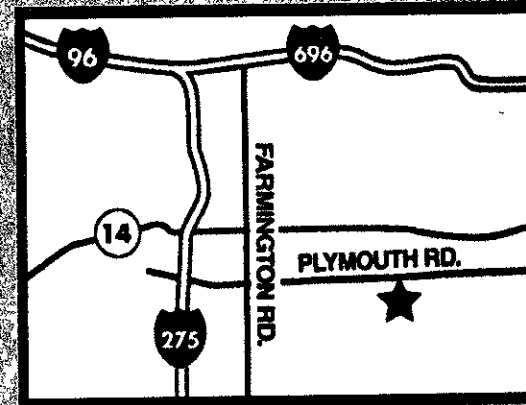
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Great rooms and home theaters

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Living large

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BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Residents have great plans for the great room. A combination of the living room and family room, the great room is frequently large in size and is a place for gathering and lounging.

Today, furnishings for the great room are seeing the room as the entertainment center of the home. This often calls for pieces that are big and/or multifunctional.

"A lot of seating is revolving around seating for the home theater," said David Buzenberg, co-owner of Walker/Buzenberg Fine Furniture in Plymouth.

This includes angle seating, such as two loveseats put together.

"Furniture is catching up with changes in the electronics industry," said Eric Buzenberg, co-owner of Walker/Buzenberg.

An example is a component that houses a plasma TV and features extra storage room. The TV moves up and down electronically.

"A lot of people are going with storage ottomans, and the chair-and-a-half," Eric Buzenberg said.

Storage ottomans also serve as seats or footstools. An ottoman style features four wedges

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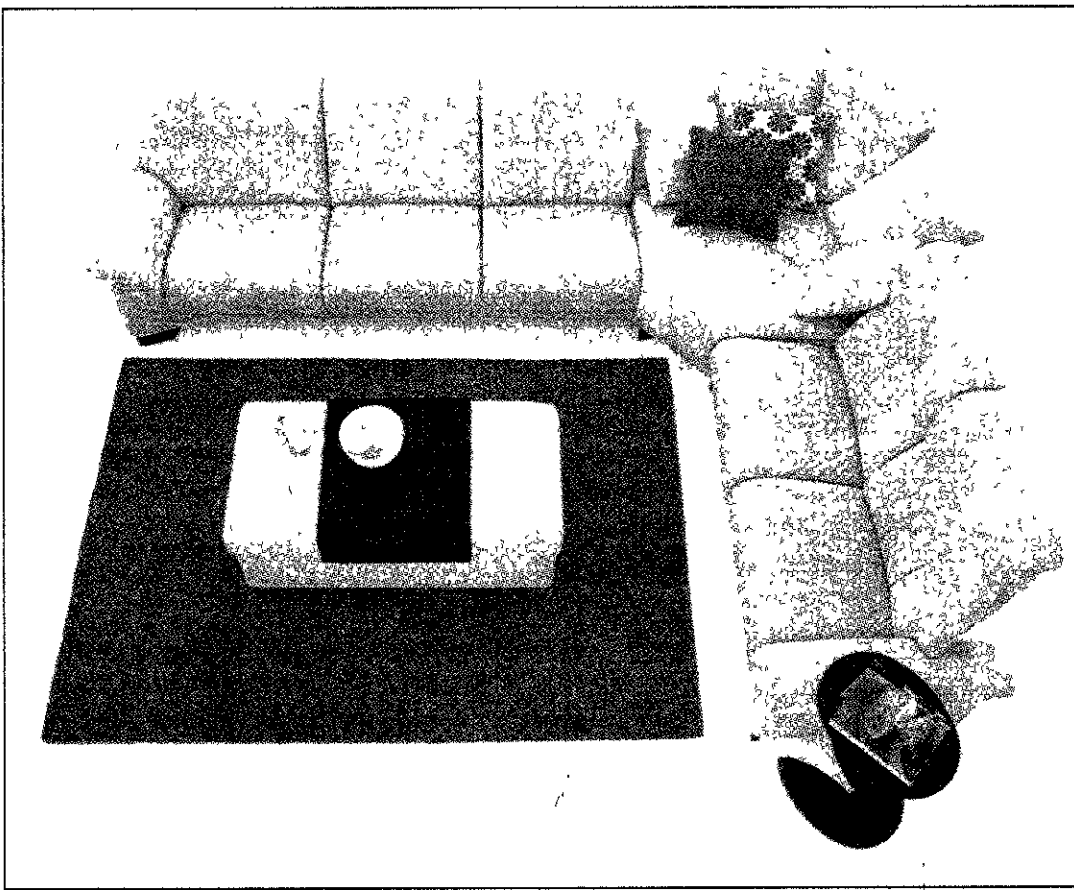


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The Paradise modular grouping from House of Denmark includes a piece called the Big Corner, a chair with a semi-circular shape at the back, which can fit comfortably next to a sofa or loveseat at either end. The end table shown here has a slot in the base that fits around the leg of a sofa or chair, enabling it to be placed close by.

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The Grand theater system boasts nearly 12 feet of all-digital, high definition screen space.

XTREME THEATER

Home theaters looked at by more homeowners

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Homeowners are wiring up projectors and speaker systems to fill big screens, ranging up to nearly 12 feet wide, placing the viewers right at the touch-down, the liftoff or the Western shootout.

"I guess it's just the generation out there today," said Dick Tudhope, president of TheaterXtreme of Auburn Hills. "They want everything bigger, brighter and faster."

Lower levels and basements are the natural choice for these systems, but they are versatile and the technology also allows them to be created in a room

as small as 10 by 12 feet, Tudhope said.

"That's a room that a single guy can go to be by himself to watch a football game, a fight or NASCAR, or the kids can play X-boxes," Tudhope said.

Tudhope says today's systems are more affordable. Systems range in cost from \$2,000 to \$10,000 and up at TheaterXtreme.

Homeowners interested in such a system should check the logistics of where they would like to install one.

Projectors require a "throw" of 10 to 15 feet. The systems should be in a lower level, but an extra bedroom can be used for home theater, too, Tudhope said.

"Light is the only factor that

can hurt (the picture)," he said. "Most rooms can be made to suit home theater, but you will need certain blinds. Lower levels are probably the best."

The systems also allow for Internet access.

"The versatility of it gives you a sense of wanting to have one," Tudhope said. "But these systems are great for the big events where you'll have big party of people — Michigan against Ohio State, the World Series, the Super Bowl."

The LifeStyle screen helps convert a regular room into a home theater, as the screen goes up into the ceiling. A photograph or painting can be placed on the wall behind where the screen comes down from the ceiling.

Speakers are visible, but they also can be stored in the walls or ceiling.

Homeowners can add seating, too, if they would like to check with local furniture stores on theater-style seating.

"We have chairs in a seating system," said Dave Cal, salesperson for Art Van in Westland. "You can buy these by the piece and put them together. Some have 30 seats or you can have 15 seats."

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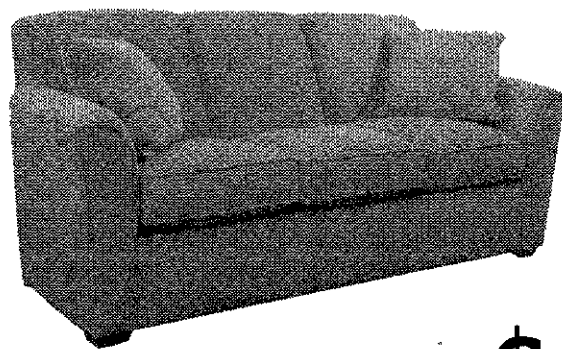
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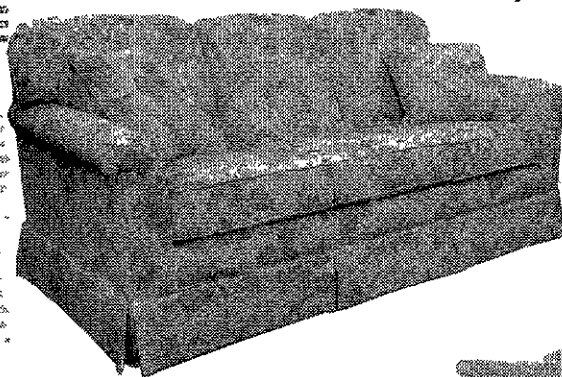


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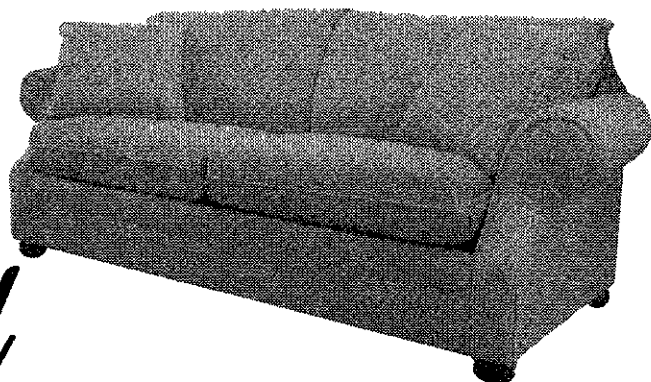


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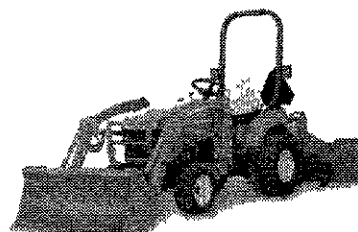


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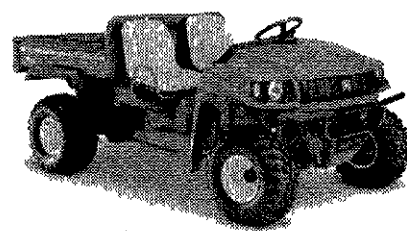
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Entertainment centers, stands evolve with televisions

Plasma, flat-screen TVs add new wrinkle to decorating

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Entertainment centers once consisted of three pieces that highlighted the television set and sound systems.

Today's systems still house that same equipment, but they've added a new wrinkle to incorporate the latest television technology — the plasma TV.

When plasma and flat-screen televisions first arrived in showrooms, consumers bought them and placed them on the wall of the family room or great room, either for viewers to see the new equipment, make a contemporary, modern statement or show off the latest status symbol.

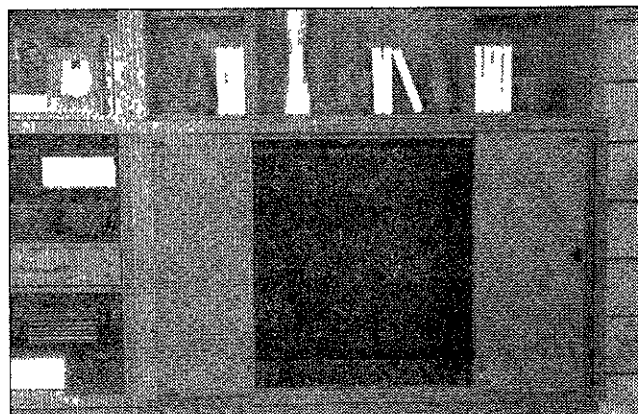
And as long as these units aren't too large, they'll fit.

"Some are showing off the design of the set, but we're seeing more and more of them put them into entertainment centers," said Jeff Roberts, co-owner of the four Gorman's Furniture stores. "With some of these credenzas, the plasma will move up (inside the entertainment center) electronically, but it's kept well-hidden when it's not in use."

Other furniture trends feature cabinets that raise the television 24 inches off the ground, but these don't enclose the television.

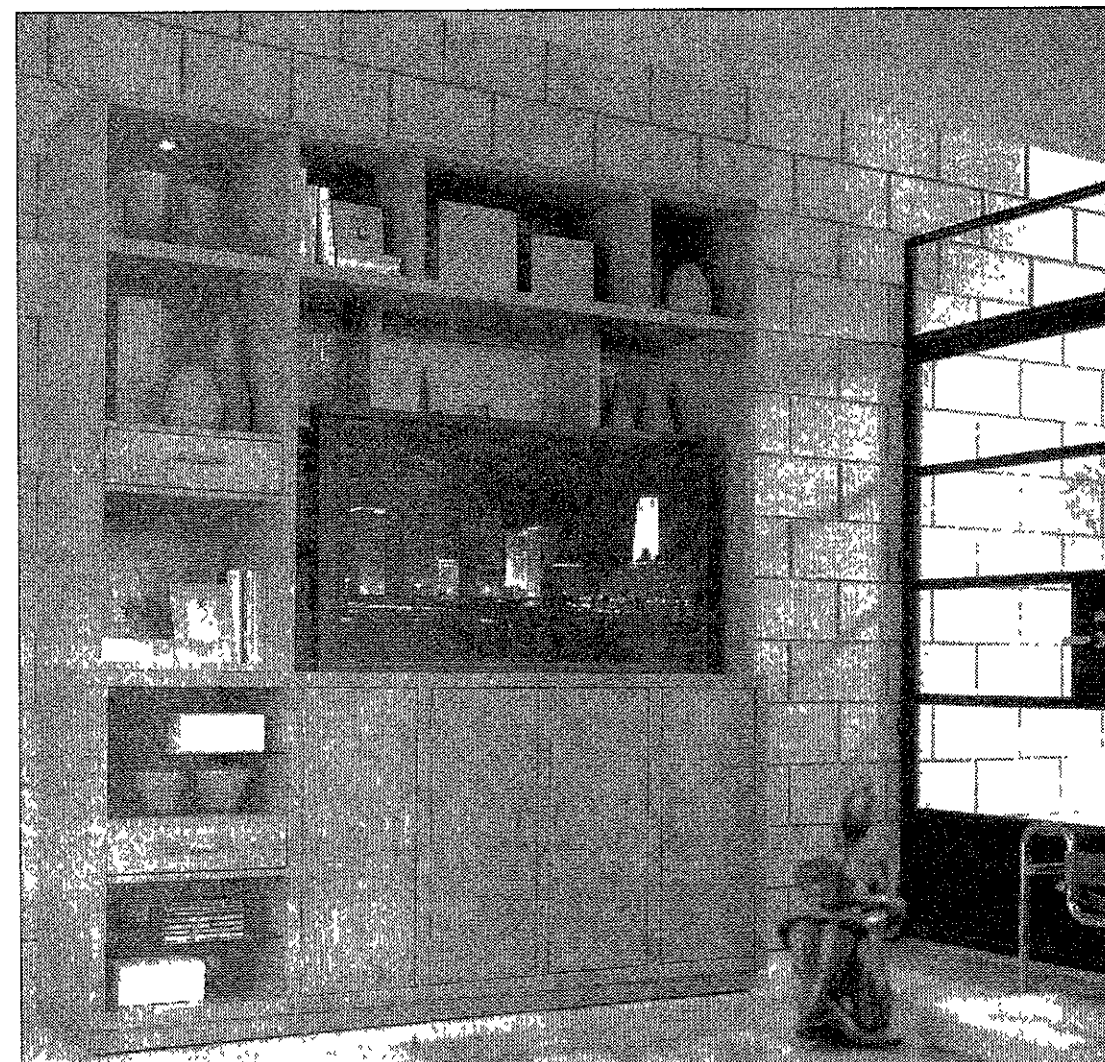
Roberts also sees more and more custom cabinetry.

"That's for people who want a wall system and they want doors, but they have an unusually-sized TV or an unusual



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The Plasma Lift Bookcase's lift unit can accommodate up to a 50-inch television.



GORMAN'S

This Plasma Lift Bookcase from Stanley Furniture has a remote control motorized lift unit.

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room," Roberts said.

These cabinets fill the wall with shelving for CDs, books and knick-knacks.

When the plasmas first came out, they gave a stark contemporary look to a room.

"Not everyone that has a plasma TV has that kind of taste," Roberts said. "We see a lot more traditional and transitional cabinetry, just like for regular TVs."

"We're seeing a lot of big televisions, 50- to 56-inch TVs, that go from the ground up. I think they look much better in a cabinet."

Sound systems still are shelved inside the unit.

"Most of the shopping (for entertainment centers) is geared toward the TV," Roberts said. "People's speakers have gotten so small, you can put small speakers on a cabinet, and they're pretty innocuous."

STANDS

Dave Cal, salesperson at Art Van in Westland, said big-screen televisions have reintroduced television stands to the public.

"In the old days, you'd have a little TV on a stand, and now with the flat-screens, they have to be put on a stand," Cal said. "We're getting more of that."

Customers still look for the cabinetry in entertainment centers.

"They still want and look for attractive cabinets on either side," Cal said.

More customers prefer cherry woods, he said.

Bill Wolf, president of Newton Furniture with stores in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills, expects the entertainment centers will be scaled down.

"These pieces will be scaled down because the TVs are getting larger and larger," Wolf said. "They have cabinets now where the screens can be lowered into the cabinet. They're using the big cabinets still, but they are more open."

CONSIDERATIONS

Wolf sees usually two different characteristics in shoppers seeking furniture for the television: They either want a small stand, or they want to put it "in a room that they want to live in."

"Most of them either go to a big room or big dens," he said. And they aren't even thinking about the sound systems.

"We don't see that too much," Wolf said. "They look more for something for a good quality picture."

Cherry, walnut and fruit woods are the most popular furniture woods.

"Any of these darker woods are popular," Wolf said. "Oak is on the way out, except for bleached oak."

The entertainment centers house up to 60 inches, Wolf said. The three-piece cabinets can hold smaller televisions of 26 inches. That limits homeowners in terms of choices of entertainment centers, but if they want to house something larger, they look at stands.

"There's either that open space or they just hang them on the wall," Wolf said.

"(Buying furniture) is kind of like buying a picture, and it depends on what you like in a piece of art."

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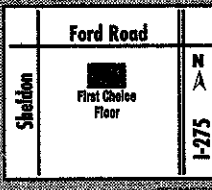
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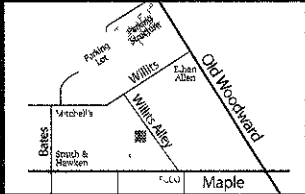
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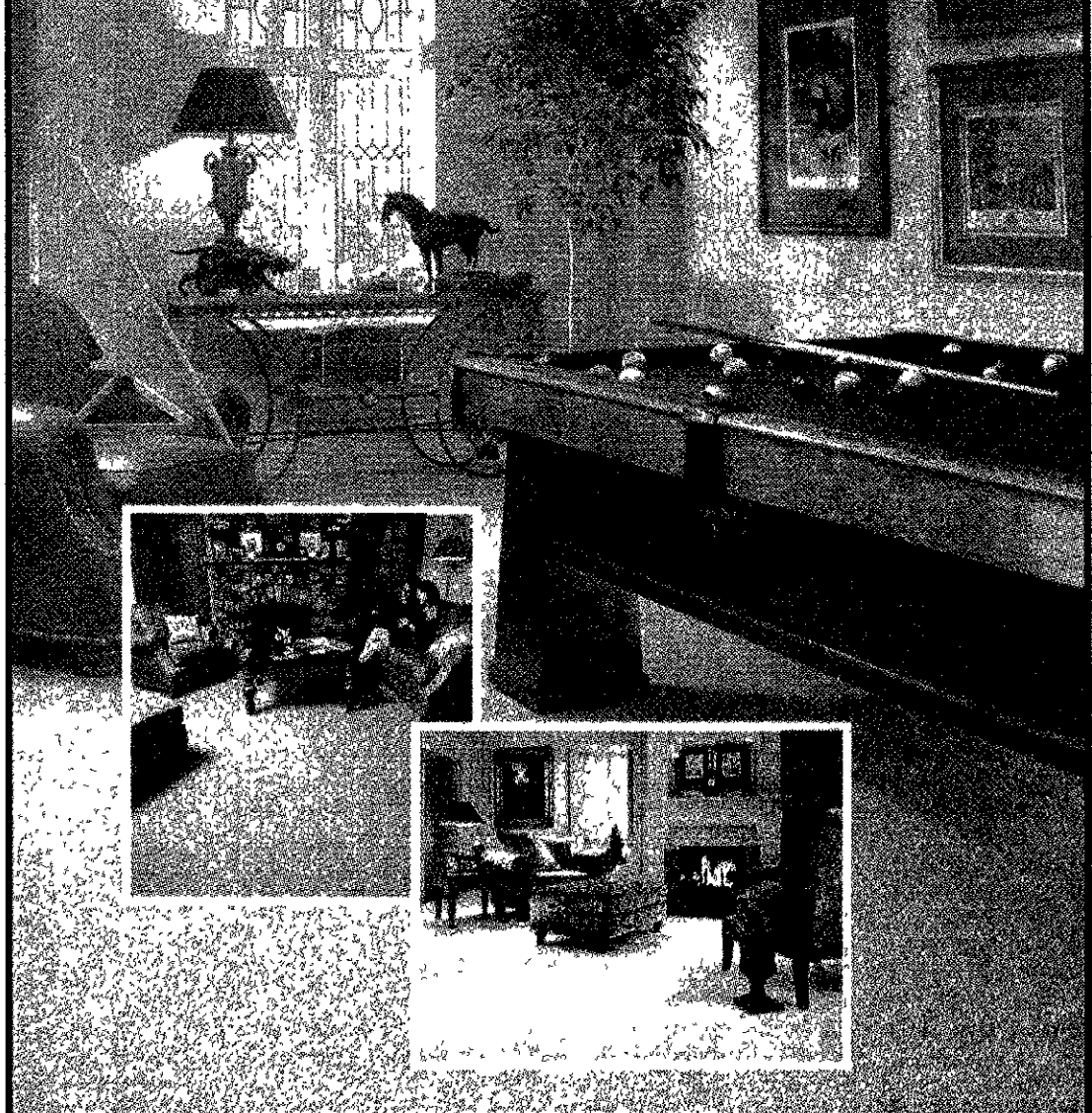


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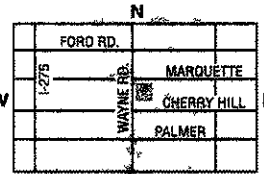


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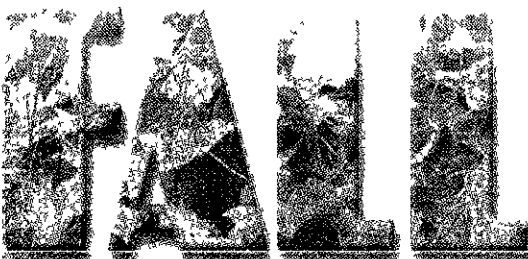
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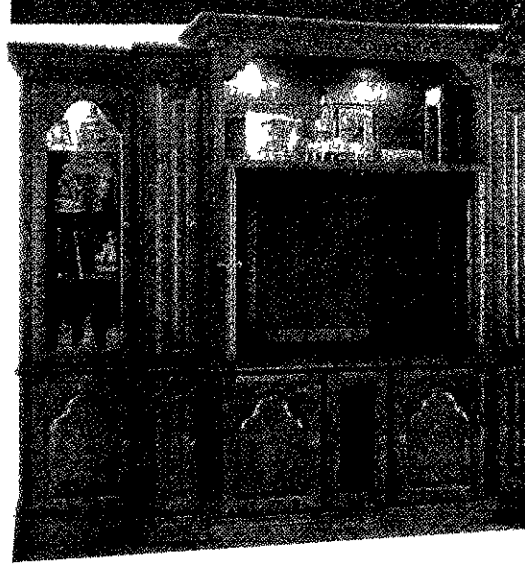
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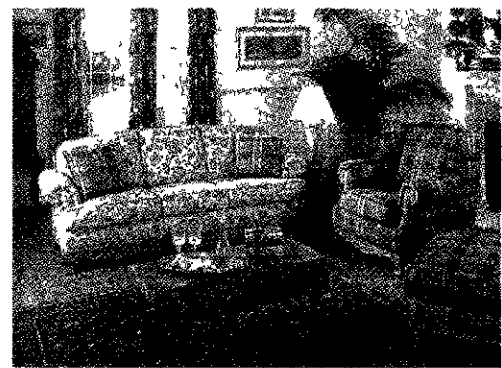
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BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
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It's the time of year again when days grow shorter and nights longer and, for most of the U.S., clocks "fall back" an hour.

This twice-annual time change serves as an excellent reminder to replace smoke detector batteries.

Though valuable, changing the battery in a smoke detector is only one step in ensuring that this life-saving device does its job to protect your family and home from the threat of fire.

If you don't have smoke detectors, install them. A smoke detector should be installed in each bedroom and on every level of your home.

If you do have smoke detectors, make sure that they are in good working order.

When it comes to maintaining your smoke detectors, it doesn't stop with cleaning and battery changing.

Every smoke detector should be tested at least once a month. Every smoke detector is equipped with a "test" button which, when pressed and held down for a few moments, will activate the alarm.

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If your smoke detectors are more than 10 years old, consider replacing them.

The National Fire Protection Agency recommends that residential smoke alarms be replaced after 10 years due to an accumulation of significant levels of dust, dirt and debris.

A smoke alarm works 24 hours a day, seven days a week. That's more than 87,000 hours over a 10-year period. It makes sense to be safe and replace your smoke alarm just as you would any other household appliance that has reached the end of its useful life.

With smoke detectors, cleanliness is important. A dust- or lint-laden smoke detector can't

do its job properly. It should be vacuumed with an upholstery attachment periodically to remove dust buildup.

Keep in mind that a smoke detector is particle-sensitive. Therefore, even if it tests as operational, a dusty smoke detector might not operate correctly.

LINKING

Simply installing and maintaining smoke detectors may not offer your family the level of protection that new technology can provide.

A recently released report by the Consumer Product Safety Commission on the audibility of smoke alarms found that linking, or interconnecting, smoke alarms could provide an earlier warning to fire and smoke.

The study also found that wireless technology could be a solution to better protecting American homes.

The two-year study concluded that the location of a home's smoke alarms, as well as variables like the home's layout and whether children and/or older adults live there, determine how well and when a family will hear a smoke alarm.

Interconnected smoke alarms link together so that when one alarm detects smoke, it will trigger all other alarms to sound. This immediate reaction provides more warning in more places, which can increase a family's available escape time.

A family has on average only three minutes from when the first smoke alarm sounds to escape a house fire. The sooner family members hear a smoke alarm, the sooner they can get out safely.

For several years nonprofit agencies have been researching the indications that children under age 16 sleep too soundly to wake to the sound of a traditional smoke alarm.

In addition, America's population is aging rapidly – nearly 20 percent will be over age 65 by 2030 – bringing about questions regarding age-related

hearing and mobility loss.

Alternative devices, such as lower frequency alarms or a vocal warning, may be more effective at waking children and older adults, and also could be used to supplement a traditional alarm in caregivers' rooms.

The findings also refer to a 2002 CPSC-sponsored study by the Naval Research Laboratory, which reported that wireless technology could offer a lower cost alternative for installing interconnected smoke alarms in existing homes.

Currently, interconnected smoke alarm systems are wired into a home during its construction, and to retrofit a home involves significant rewiring and renovation. Nearly 100 million American homes either don't have interconnected alarms, or remain under-protected.

Brought to market only this summer, these innovative products will enable families to quickly and easily install interconnected smoke alarms, and will include features aimed at providing additional warnings to children and older adults.

ESCAPE

While installing smoke alarms is the first step, families must also know how to escape.

Families should create and frequently practice a fire escape plan. Make sure everyone, including children and/or older adults, knows what the smoke alarm sounds like.

Practice the escape plan during the day and at night when family members are asleep to see if everyone responds.

If an older child or adult doesn't wake up, assign an adult to wake and assist that individual in the event of a fire.

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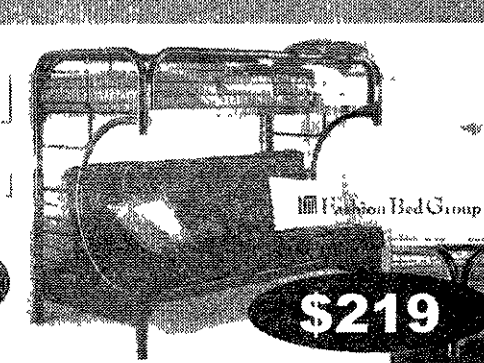
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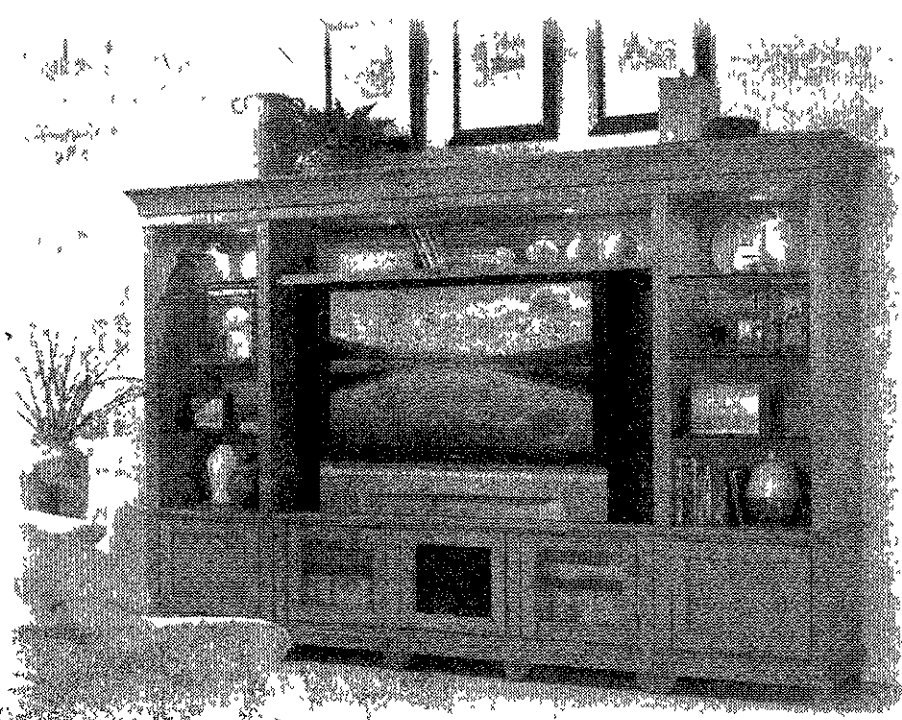
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Providing comfort for sitting or sleeping

Sofa beds

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
CORRESPONDENT

The days of uncomfortable sofa beds are in the past. Today's offerings provide not only a style to fit just about any decor, but mattresses that rival the comfort of their bedroom counterparts.

According to Noreen Desilets of Laurel Furniture in Plymouth, one furniture line — FlexSteel — provides customers with three mattress choices in certain sleeper models.

In addition to a regular inner-spring mattress, customers can get an inner-spring mattress with a pillow top or the "deluxe" — an inner-spring mattress with a pillow top and the "Majestic Air Sleeper System," which inflates the mattress with an accompanying pump in 30 seconds to 10 inches thick.

"Customers cannot believe how comfortable this mattress is,"

Desilets said.

Al Frazer of Thomasville Home Furnishings in Novi and McLaughlin's Home Furnishing Designs in Southgate, agreed that sofa bed mattresses have improved because they are now 6 to 8 inches thick.

"The days of feeling the support bars on a sleeper sofa are gone," he said.

Not only has comfort improved on these dual-purpose pieces that have been on the furniture landscape since the mid- to late 1800s, but the "couple of styles," which were the only options just a few years ago, have been replaced by contemporary to transitional to traditional designs in a wealth of fabric choices, including leather.

"We have more than 1,000 fabric selections from which customers can make their choice," Frazer said. "There is something for every taste."

In addition to fabric and color

choices, customers can select the size of the sleeper that will fit their needs and room size.

Desilets said that sizes range from chair-and-a-half models, which provide a twin-size mattress, to a queen-size mattress in sofas and sectionals.

"Some sectionals not only offer a queen-sized sleeper, but also provide recliner sections at the end or ends of this seating," she said.

POPULARITY

Sleeper sofas (or sofa beds) gained popularity with the rise of the middle class during the 19th century when homeowners wanted the flexibility of an extra bed without the need of an extra bedroom.

This continues to be the reason for the popularity of this furniture.

"In smaller homes, sofa beds save space and provide comfortable sleeping for aging parents or returning adult children," Desilets said.

"They can provide an attractive addition of seating to dens and family rooms, and then be turned into sleeping accommodations for guests or for kids when they have sleepovers."

Frazer has found that sofa beds are a less-popular addition in larger homes.

"Today's larger homes have the space for owners to set up guest rooms," he said. "Instead of buying sofa beds, many of our customers are in the market for more seating in their gathering areas, such as great and family rooms."

He said the reason for this is that at-home entertaining has become more popular with customers since the 9/11 attack.

"People just want to stay at home and be comfortable," he said.

CONSIDERATIONS

No matter if the customer selects a sofa bed or a sectional without a

sleeper, the same rules of decorating apply.

"Selections should be based on room balance, scale and proportion, combined with colors and textures that reflect the customer's taste," Frazer said.

If a sofa bed is the customer's choice, however, there are some considerations that should be addressed, Desilets said.

"In addition to style and fabric, the choice should include the comfort of the bed; ease with which the bed can be opened; space taken up by this piece of furniture; and ease with which the bed can be made," she said. "If the sofa bed meets all of these criteria, customers will be pleased with their selection."

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love seat with two exposed legs is better than a large sofa with hidden legs. Choose a small, round, glass-top coffee table.

■ Accessories — Don't overuse accessories, and keep tabletops neat. The best way to create an open feeling is to have less clutter. Rely on mirrors (even floor-

to-ceiling mirrors) and reflective surfaces to make spaces look bigger.

■ Color — Soft and light colors make rooms look larger. Avoid contrasting molding and door colors with wall paint tones. Too many colors can make a space look smaller. Paint your ceiling white to make it appear high.

■ Flooring — As with paint, use the same flooring throughout the space to create the illusion of spaciousness. If you can, run wood strips or tile on the diagonal. Diagonal lines appear

longer than ones that are parallel or perpendicular to walls.

■ Windows — Window treatments should be simple. For example, billowy curtains will overpower a room and even invade upon the space you have. Instead, go for blinds and simple valances that give a neat, clean look.

■ Storage — You want pieces that go "up" instead of "out." A tall and narrow bookcase is better than one that's short and wide. Opt for a highboy over a triple dresser.

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You don't need
the table to
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BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

The poker craze is at its peak, causing many a card-playing homeowner to wonder: Do I need a game room for my next round of Texas Hold 'em?

Yes, furniture manufacturers are producing and offering more choices in game tables these days, so setting up such a venue in the house is certainly possible.

But it's not a practical idea for most homeowners, said interior designer Kathleen Ornes of the Michigan Design Center's Designer On Call program in Troy.

"Unless you have somebody who wants to dedicate an area in a room or has the space to dedicate an entire room, creating a game room is difficult to do," she said. "And most people just don't want to dedicate all that space."

Tables made exclusively for card playing can be expensive, too. Ornes said many are priced as high as \$4,000.

The solution: Invest your big winnings in a multi-purpose table that will serve you well on poker night and other occasions, from Sunday morning coffee to overflow seating during the holidays.

Most homeowners take this approach, opting to buy a small card table that seats four, like a traditional bridge table, a fold-out or an all-purpose table. Then, they locate the piece in a room with high use; a living, family or great rooms is ideal, Ornes said.

Better yet, the table can be strategically placed within a room to designate a separate area, producing that feeling of a room-within-a-room.

It's great way to create an intimate and cozy area within a larger living space like a great room, Ornes said, adding, "It's another zone of living."

A green felt top can be purchased or made custom to fit your table for poker night. Add a few key accessories — a fancy coaster set, clay chips and authentic-looking chip holders — and you're ready to hold 'em or fold 'em.

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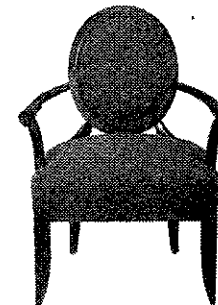
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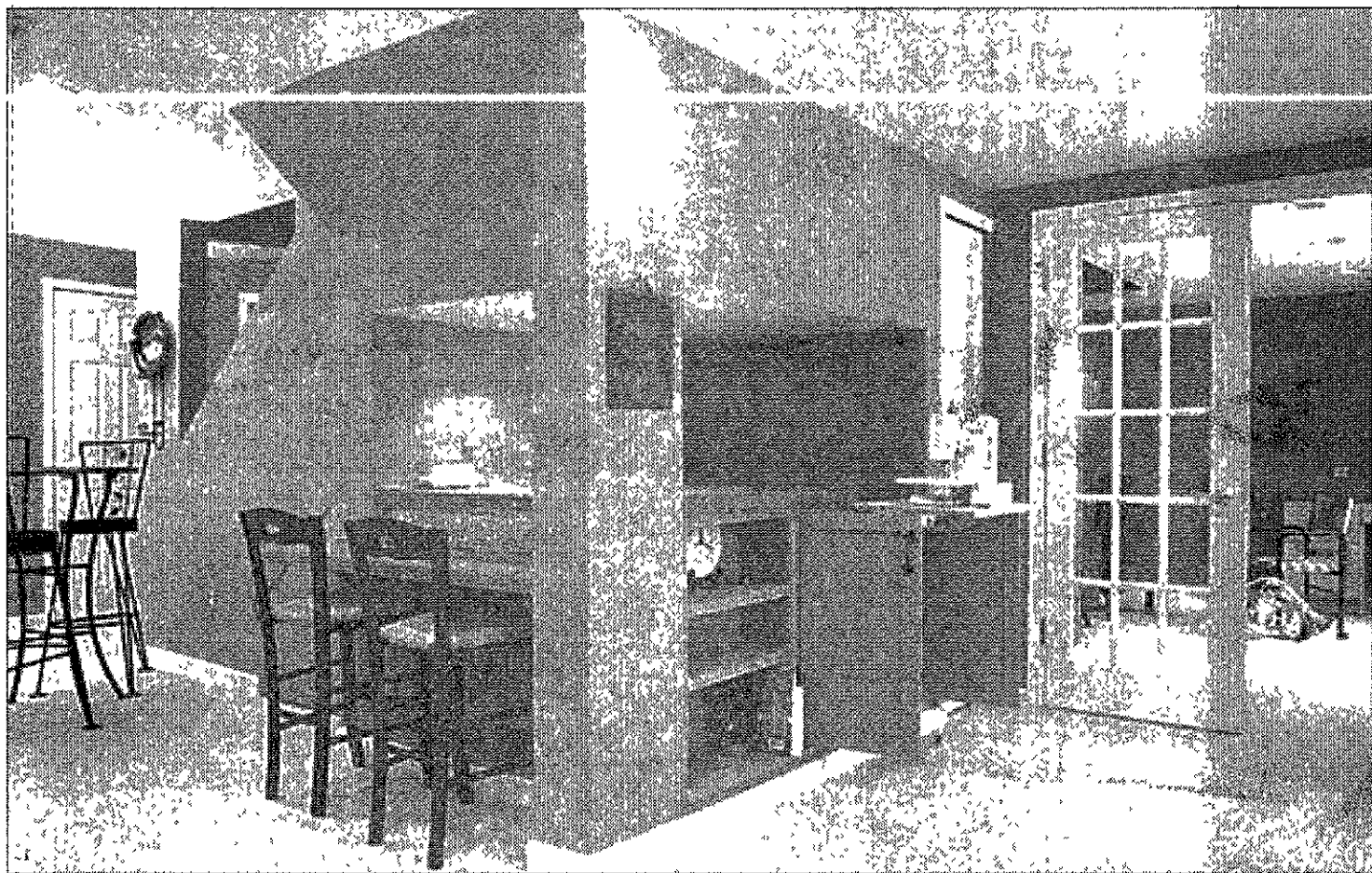
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Most basement wet bar areas, like this one constructed by the TCL Group Inc., are lighter in color.

Today's wet bars aren't just for adults

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

As more lower levels today are used for entertaining, rather than just storage space, designers are focusing on family-friendly areas for every nook and cranny – including the wet bar area.

The days of Dad's men's-only wet bar area aren't quite as prevalent as years past. Wet bars aren't just for serving martinis and beer. They've become kitchens.

"They're a place where kids can microwave the popcorn, and families can make a pizza," said Tom Bloom, owner of The TCL Group Inc. in Novi, a company solely dedicated to

lower level refurbishing.

"When a family decides to finish a basement they often spend most of their free time there. It's the home away from the home."

And because of that, the wet bar area now often has a full refrigerator, if space permits, plus a sink, dishwasher, microwave oven and cooktop – not just the mini-fridge and tiny sink of wet bars of the '70s.

Dan Joandrea of Gold Star Home Remodeling in Sterling Heights said the combination of wet bar/lower level home entertainment is one of the most in-demand requests for contractors.

"Clients want a fully finished basement with surround

sound, big-screen television, maybe a workout area and the wet bar," Joandrea said. "It's a second family room."

Joandrea said contemporary styles with clean lines, neutral colors and stainless steel are the biggest trends.

The more daring homeowner might choose forest greens and rich burgundy shades for granite countertops and bar stools.

"Color choice also depends on the lighting of the lower level," Bloom said. "If we have an open floor plan, proper lighting and windows some may opt for darker or bolder accents."

As the need for everyday living space grows, the popularity

of finished basements as entertainment areas will rise.

"What other room in the house has 1,500 or 2,000 square feet of open space?" Bloom said. "It gives us a fresh, clean palette. That wide open space affords room for greater crowds for entertaining, and for everyday living."

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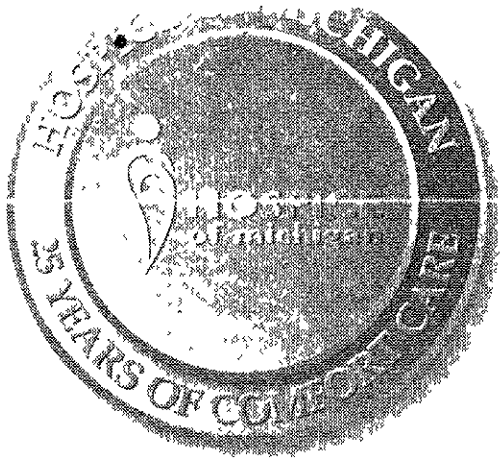


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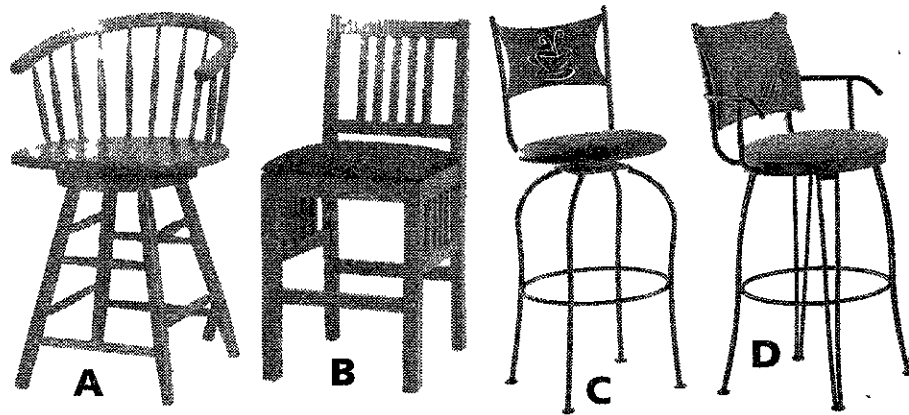
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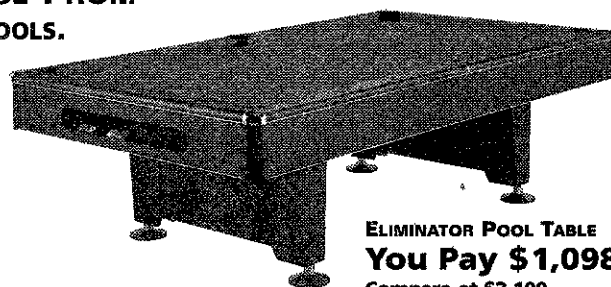


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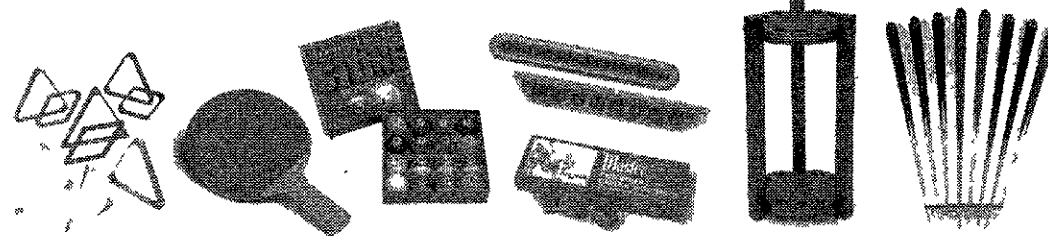
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The new Paradise modular grouping from House of Denmark is good for the great room.



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The new Paradise modular grouping from House of Denmark (above and at left) is good for the great room.



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that work as individual pieces or can be arranged together to form one large circular furnishing.

Cocktail tables that can be transformed into game tables are popular.

A new modular grouping called Paradise, a line of Stressless® sofas from House of Denmark, features a piece called the Big Corner.

The Big Corner has a semi-circular shape at the back and two straight edges, enabling it to fit comfortably next to a sofa or loveseat at either end or both.

Paradise comes in 50 different varieties of leather. It is available with low-back and more traditional high-back designs.

Both styles feature individually reclining seats that have

lumbar support. The Stressless line is endorsed by the American Chiropractic Association.

"I believe customers are excited about the versatility Paradise offers," said Margaret Whitcomb, upholstery and accessory buyer for House of Denmark.

"There are a variety of seating configurations that can be arranged to conform to any room size giving the customer not only the ability, but the freedom to customize their 'look.'"

A style of end table has a wide slot on the base that fits around the leg of a sofa or chair, allowing the table to be placed close to the other furnishing.

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The great room is often fur-

nished all at once.

"We're seeing a full room instead of a piece here and a piece there," said Larry Tracy of McLaughlin's Thomasville Home Furnishings of Novi.

Sectionals are popular for the great room, he said.

Thomasville sectionals include the Santana pieces,

with a right arm loveseat and a left arm chaise.

Among other Thomasville offerings are the lush, plush Moulin Rouge sofa, with wood, nailhead trim and two different fabrics in one piece; the luxurious William leather sofa; and the romantic banquette in the Bogart™ Collection.

Leather is a favorite material. Rich, dark woods, especially cherry, are popular, Eric Buzenberg said.

"There is very little call for oak," he said.

Browns and reds are prevalent colors, according to staff at Thomasville Home Furnishings of Novi.

A popular look for a piece is mixed fabrics, with the base done in one fabric and sections in another, Tracy said.

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Happy Halloween

Don't be afraid to cook these recipes up



Halloween means a hauntingly good time, especially when children or adults gather for a good party.

Looking for a few creative dishes to try? We've compiled a few here that look interesting. You may want to fix these dishes up for your little (or large) vampire, mummy or witch.

Check inside today's Taste section for more recipes.

Side dish

Chocolatier visits

Chocolatier Joseph Schmidt will appear at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, for a special reception debuting his 2005 Holiday collection.

Schmidt will be answering questions and signing his handcrafted chocolates, which will be available for purchase. This collection has the classic chocolate Truffles. Debuting new are edible and hand-painted chocolate bowls.

Joseph Schmidt and his partner Audrey Ryan share training and experience in both European and American chocolate and confections. In 1983, they opened their first small shop in an offbeat neighborhood in San Francisco. They expanded soon after the exclusive Neiman Marcus Christmas catalogue offered their chocolates as a holiday treat.

Today, more than 100 employees turn out more than 50,000 truffles a day and the Joseph Schmidt line is available throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico in select catalogues and specialty retail stores.

Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham is located at 34244 Woodward Avenue. For more information, call (248) 723-9400.

Photos raise funds

The annual Visions of the Sacred photography exhibit and auction featuring limited edition prints from many of the world's leading photojournalists will raise funds to help feed and clothe poor and needy visitors to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen on Detroit's lower east side.

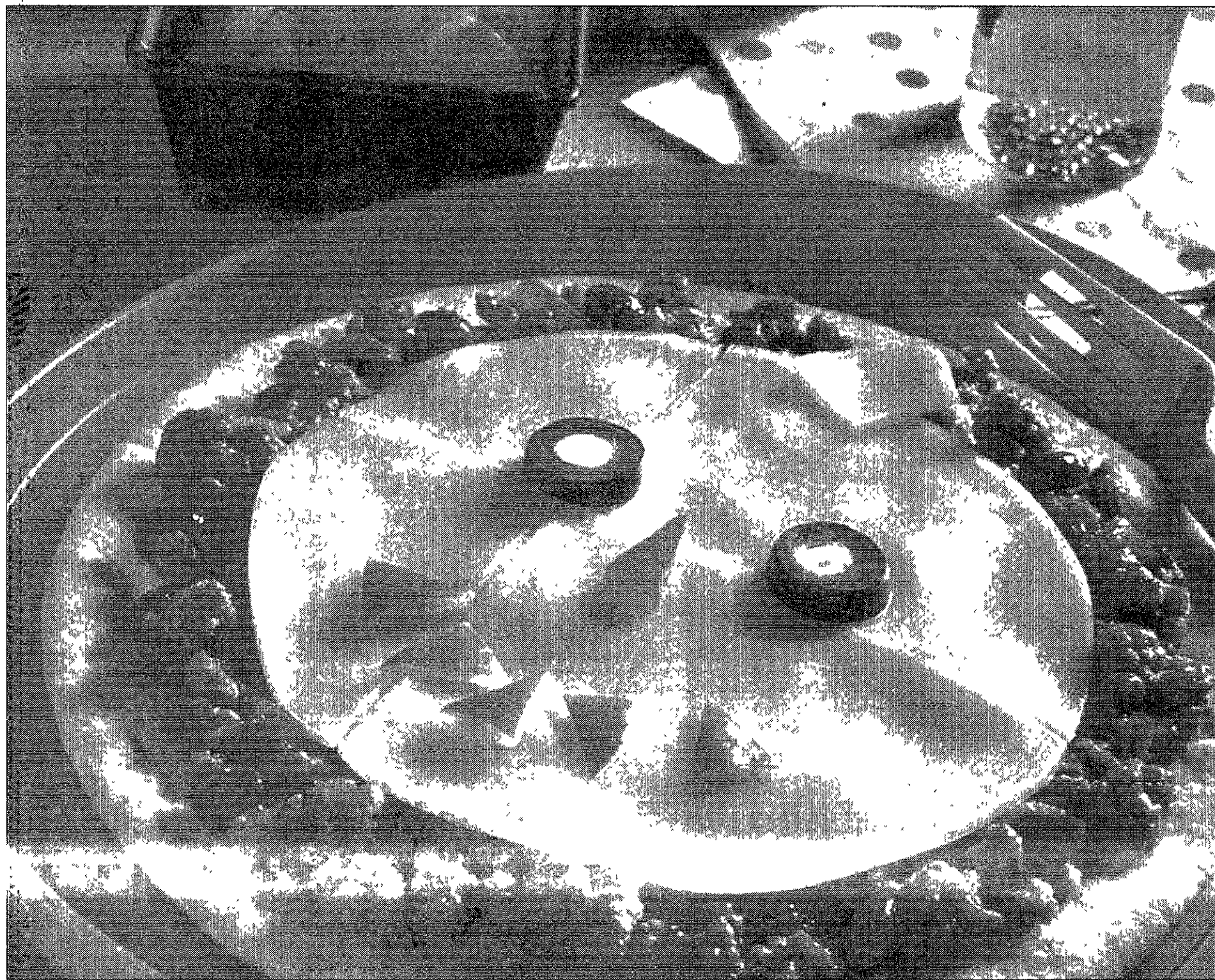
More than 75 photographs, including the works of two Pulitzer Prize winners and 10 Photographers of the Year, will be on display at the Capuchin Solanus Center, 1820 Mt. Elliott in Detroit, Oct. 30 through Nov. 20.

Online bidding begins Oct. 23; the entire gallery of prints can be viewed by accessing www.visionsacred.org. Highest bidders receive custom-framed prints of their photos following the close of the auction.

"Proceeds from the Visions of the Sacred auction assist thousands of people who visit the Soup Kitchen each month," said Brother Vincent Reyes, assistant development director at the Capuchin Solanus Center. "Images captured by these gifted photojournalists also bring spiritual nourishment to those who view them, and are fortunate enough to own one."

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen has been providing meals and social services to Detroiters in need for 75 years. Capuchin friars and volunteers prepare and serve more than 60,000 meals each month, and distribute 3.5 million pounds of food annually to area families.

For information about the Visions of the Sacred auction and exhibit, contact Brother Vincent Reyes at (313) 579-2100, Ext. 203, or at vinreyes1@aol.com.



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Celebrate Halloween with Chili Pizza, a main dish meal featuring ground beef and chili ingredients.

Celebrate the season with spook-tacular Chili Pizza

Celebrate the excitement and enjoyment of Halloween with Chili Pizza, a main dish meal where the youngsters join in creating the perfect pizza for the season of tricks and treats.

This fun-to-make Halloween pizza begins with 95 percent lean ground beef, a protein-packed and nutritious option. A family-pleasing and flavorful addition to pizza, lean ground beef also provides nine essential nutrients, including B vitamins, zinc and iron.

It takes just 30 minutes to put this spooky pizza "treat" on the table, so make sure the kitchen crew is ready to help decorate.

First brown the ground beef with the chopped onion until the beef is no longer pink, a very important safety step when cooking ground beef. Add tasty chili ingredients like seasoned tomato sauce and black beans, then simmer just 2-3 minutes to heat through.

For an easy pizza crust, use white or whole wheat pita breads or a favorite prebaked thin pizza crust. Top with the quick chili and gather those culinary ghosts and goblins to help finish this spook-tacular pizza. Using cookie cutters or a blunt knife (with adult supervision) cut reduced-fat cheddar or mozzarella into pumpkins, ghosts or other Halloween-inspired shapes to top the chili. Bake to melt the cheese and enjoy.

Sharing a great-tasting and good-for-you Chili Pizza is a creative way for the family to cook together and celebrate the spirit of Halloween.

CHILI PIZZA

$\frac{3}{4}$ pound ground beef (95 percent lean)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped onion
1 can (15 ounces) seasoned diced tomato sauce for chili
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup rinsed, drained black beans
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{8}$ teaspoon black pepper
6 pita breads (white or whole wheat)
6 slices reduced fat cheddar or mozzarella cheese
chopped fresh cilantro, dairy sour cream, bell pepper, ripe olives (optional)

Heat oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit. Brown ground beef with onion in large nonstick skillet over medium heat 8-10 minutes or until beef isn't pink, breaking beef up into $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch crumbles. Don't drain. Stir in tomato sauce and beans; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer 2-3 minutes. Season with salt and black pepper.

Place pita breads on large baking sheet. Spread beef mixture evenly on breads. Cut desired shape(s) out of each cheese slice with cookie cutters or knife. Place cheese cut-out(s) on each pizza.

Bake in 450-degree oven 3-4 minutes or until beef topping is hot and cheese is melted. Garnish with cilantro, sour cream, bell pepper and olives, if desired. Makes six servings.

Cook's Tip: One prebaked thin pizza crust (10 ounces) may be substituted for the six pita breads. Bake pizza in 450-degree oven 8-10 minutes.

Nutrition information per serving: 384 calories; 10 g. fat (5 g. saturated fat; 2 g. monounsaturated fat); 53 mg. cholesterol; 1290 mg. sodium; 49 g. carbohydrate; 7.8 g. fiber; 28 g. protein; 4.9 mg. niacin; 0.4 mg. vitamin B6; 1.1 mcg. vitamin B12; 4.5 mg. iron; 37.2 mcg. selenium; 4 mg. zinc.

Recipe courtesy of the Cattlemen's Beef Board and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Splendid pumpkin, cider make savory stew

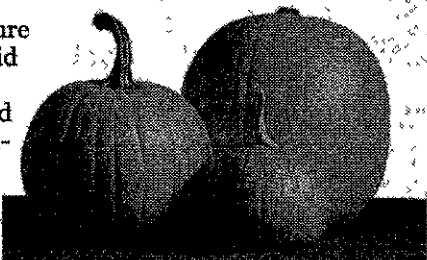
BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Since we're moving into a pumpkin time of year, here's a recipe for a savory pumpkin-cider stew in which edible pumpkins replace the traditional potatoes. Yet, for all its substance and flavor, a serving of this hearty dish has only about 8 grams of fat.

The recipe is from the October issue of *Better Homes and Gardens* maga-

zine, which has a feature extolling "The Splendid Pumpkin."

This takes us beyond pumpkins' roles as colorful decoration and pie ingredient, reminding us that the vegetable fed American Indians and Pilgrims alike in the early history of the United States - and can still be a tasty, versatile element in meals today.



A tip for choosing pumpkins for cooking: Opt for small pumpkins over large ones. Smaller pumpkins

PLEASE SEE PUMPKIN, B11

Tricky dishes to dress up your table

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL
AP FOOD EDITOR

NEW YORK (AP) - Set your sights on giving Halloween food its own dress-up fun, while you set your table with treats that won't trick the hungry, just delight their taste.

Sweets and candy colors tend to grab the most

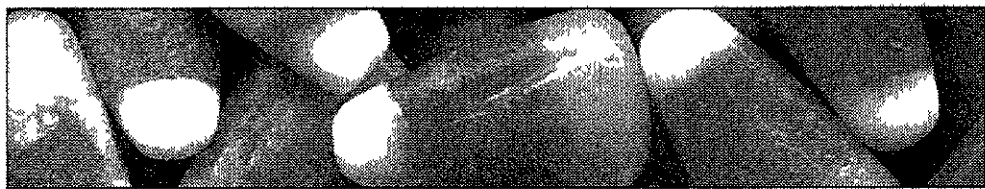
attention, but don't forget there's a lot of energy going on, and sooner or later everyone needs a bite of something hearty and solid.

Perhaps for a brunch item early, or party food later, a "sausage ghoulash" is easy to make and could sensibly feed both monstrous hunger and mere

haunting pangs.

The recipe is from *Halloween Parties* by Lori Hellander (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2004, \$14.95 paperback), a compact, colorful collection of ideas on how to throw "spook-tacular soirees and frighteningly festive entertainments."

PLEASE SEE TRICKY, B12



Spine-tingling recipes are healthy, too

From Scary Berry Shake to Roasted Alive Veggie Kabobs, kids and kids at heart can enjoy spine-tingling meals and snacks this Halloween thanks to new recipes developed by Produce for Better Health Foundation.

The recipes were developed for the "Treat Yourself to Good Health" promotion. All 14 recipes are now posted on the foundation's Web site at www.5aday.org.

Linda Brugler, MBA, RD, PBH's nutrition marketing manager, worked with the foundation's chef to design the delicious treats that meet the foundation's health guidelines and promote the consumption of a colorful variety of fruits and vegetables.

The promotion was the latest in a series of quarterly 5 A Day The Color Way "retailtainment" events being delivered to consumers through an innovative partnership between PBH and Wal-Mart.

WITCHES BREW VEGETABLE STEW

As the pot simmers, the good taste and appeal of colorful vegetables in this soup will conjure up healthy appetites.

Preparation time: 30 minutes

2 cups vegetable broth
1 cup plus 1 tablespoon water

2 cups Red Bliss potatoes, unpeeled, chopped (about 2 medium potatoes)
1 cup sweet potato/yam, peeled, chopped (about 1 medium potato)
1 cup celery, diced
1 1/4-ounce can diced, salt-free tomatoes
2 1/2 tablespoons Mrs. Dash® Garlic & Herb Seasoning
1 cup frozen yellow corn
1 cup frozen green beans
1 tablespoon cornstarch

Combine vegetable broth and 1 cup water in a large sauce pan. Wash and cut potatoes into 1-inch pieces. Add potatoes, celery and tomatoes to sauce pan. Season with Mrs. Dash Garlic & Herb Seasoning. Bring to a boil and simmer for 15 minutes. Add frozen corn and green beans. Simmer for 5 more minutes. Combine cornstarch and 1 tablespoon water, blend until smooth. While stew is at a slow simmer, add the cornstarch mixture to thicken. Slow simmer for 5 minutes and serve.

Serves: 8 (1 cup of vegetables per serving).

Color group(s): green, white, yellow/orange and red.

Nutrition information per serving: calories: 102, total fat: 0.3g., saturated fat: 0.1, percent of calories from fat: 3, percent of calories from saturated fat: 0, protein: 2 g., carbohydrates: 23 g., cholesterol: 0 mg., dietary

fiber: 3 g., sodium: 271 mg.

Green fruits and vegetables help children build strong bones and teeth. White fruits and vegetables help children be active and fit. Yellow/orange fruits and vegetables help children see well. Red fruits and vegetables help keep children's hearts healthy.

Each serving provides: an excellent source of vitamin C, a good source of potassium and fiber.

APPLE-STUFFED SQUASH COFFINS

This ghoulishly good recipe is a true celebration of fall favorites: apples and squash.

Preparation time: 25 minutes

Cook time: 30-35 minutes
1 cup raisins
2 acorn squash
8 seconds butter-flavor cooking oil spray
2 tablespoons light butter
2 medium L&M® Fuji Apples
2 tablespoons Splenda®
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Cover raisins with warm water and soak for 20 minutes, then drain. While soaking, pre-heat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Cut acorn squash into quarters and remove the seeds. Spray the inside of each squash quarter with one second of cooking oil spray. Mix Splenda and cinnamon together. Sprinkle squash quarters with half of cinnamon

mixture. Bake for 10 minutes.

While baking, cut apples into quarters and remove the core. Chop apples into 1/2-inch pieces. Melt butter in a sauce pan over medium heat. Add apples, raisins and remaining cinnamon mixture. Mix well and remove from heat. Take squash from the oven and top with equal amounts of apple mixture, making sure to scrap sauce pan well. Squash needs all the melted butter to stay moist as it bakes. Return squash to the oven and cook for 30-35 minutes or until apples and squash are tender. Serve warm.

Serves: 8 (1/2 cup of fruit and vegetables per serving).

Color group(s): blue/purple, yellow/orange, red.

Nutrition information per serving: calories: 101, total fat: 3.2 g., saturated fat: 1g., percent of calories from fat: 29, percent of calories from saturated fat: 9, protein: 1g., carbohydrates: 20 g., cholesterol: 5 mg., dietary fiber: 3 g., sodium: 4 mg.

Blue/purple fruits and vegetables help children learn. Yellow/orange fruits and vegetables help children see well. Red fruits and vegetables help keep children's hearts healthy.

Each serving provides: an excellent source of vitamin C, a good source of vitamin A, potassium and fiber.

WINE CALENDAR

Wine Exploration

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, presents a Wine Exploration Series on Wednesday nights. The classes take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. You must be 21 years of age to attend. To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.community-house.com. Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna are 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 scribe 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 are:
■ Italian Wines, Oct. 26 (\$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 (\$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 (\$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.

PUMPKIN

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tend to have sweeter, more tender flesh.

Note that the recipe provides for the use of potatoes instead of pumpkins, if that suits the cook better.

Test-kitchen tip: Miniature pumpkins can be hard and the skin tough. To make them easier to eat, remove the stem and carefully peel each pumpkin. You can cut large miniatures into wedges.

PUMPKIN-CIDER STEW

(Preparation time 30 minutes, cooking time 1 1/2 hours)
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons fennel seeds, crushed

2 teaspoons kosher salt or 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
2 pounds beef chuck roast cut into 1-inch cubes
2 medium onions, halved, sliced and broken into thin slivers
2 tablespoons olive oil
14-ounce can beef broth
1 1/2 cups apple cider
1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
6 or 7 miniature white and/or orange pumpkins, or half a 5-pound pie pumpkin, or 2 pounds potatoes
2 medium parsnips or carrots, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces, or 8 ounces baby carrots with tops, scrubbed and trimmed
2 Jonathan or Gala apples, cored and cut into wedges
Fennel seeds, optional
In a self-sealing plastic bag

combine flour, the 2 teaspoons crushed fennel seeds, salt and pepper. Add beef chunks. Close bag; shake to coat. In a Dutch oven, brown half the beef and half the onions at a time in 1 tablespoon of hot oil. Return all meat and onions to Dutch oven. Add broth, cider and vinegar. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, covered, for 1 1/4 hours.

Meanwhile, if using miniature pumpkins, cut a 1/2-inch slice from the bottom of each; discard slice. Scoop out seeds and fibrous strings. If using pie pumpkin, peel, seed, remove strings, and cut into large chunks. If using potatoes, peel and cut into wedges.

Add pumpkin pieces or potatoes, and parsnips or carrots to beef mixture. Return to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, covered, for 25 minutes more. Add apples; cover and simmer 5 to 10

minutes more or until vegetables and fruit are tender. Ladle into bowls or pumpkin bowls (see note) to serve. Sprinkle with additional fennel seeds.

Makes 8 servings.
Note: To make pumpkin bowls: For each pumpkin bowl, cut a 1-inch slice from the stem end of a 1 1/2- to 2-pound pumpkin; set aside stem. Scoop out seeds and fibrous strings. Ladle soup into bowl; replace stem. Or, if desired, place hollowed pumpkin with top in a shallow baking pan. Bake in a 350-degree Fahrenheit oven for 1 to 1 1/4 hours or until tender. Season inside of pumpkin with salt. Serve as above.

Nutrition information per serving: 283 cal., 8 g. fat (2 g. saturated), 68 mg. chol., 749 mg. sodium, 27 g. carbo., 4 g. fiber, 27 g. pro.

CALENDAR

If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net or fax (734) 591-7279.

Cuisine du Jour

Chef Randy Emert, executive chef of Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester, discusses "Sauces - The Finishing Touch" at a hands-on culinary training session 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20 at Trevarrow, 1295 N. Opdyke Road, Auburn Hills. Class fee is \$40. Other sessions include Chris Hessler, chef at Kruse and Muer, on "Holiday Brunches" Thursday, Nov. 17 and Michelle Bommarito, culinary instructor and pastry chef, on Appetizers and Desserts on Thursday, Dec. 8. For information, call (248) 377-2300.

Italian night

Busch's Markets begins another series of cooking classes with Italian Big Night and the return of Butternut Squash Gorgonzola Pizza along with new recipes including Chicken Marsala, Shrimp and Pasta with Pesto and Classic Italian Tossed Salad. Class begins at 6 p.m. at the following locations: Thursday, Oct. 20, 15185 Sheldon at 5 Mile Road in Plymouth (734) 414-5200 and Thursday, Oct. 27 at 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills (248) 427-7457.

Schoolcraft classes

Enjoy the following culinary seminars at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft

College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile roads), in Livonia this fall. For more information, call Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu

Hands-On

Note: Hands-On classes have a prerequisite of the Cooking 101: Skill Development class 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.

Basic Cajun & Creole Cooking, two days, 6-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22; Chowder and Bisque Soup Workshop, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 3; Pasta Recipes, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10; Garde Manger 101: Cold Food Preparation, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 29 and 30; Cookie Decorating with Royal Icing, 6-9 p.m., Dec. 6; Live Lobsterfest, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Dec. 8; Cooking Beef Tenderloin, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Dec. 15; Holiday Appetizers, 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 17.

Vegan cooking class

Rocky Poudel, executive chef at Katmandu Chullo, will give free tips on vegan cooking 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20 at Katmandu Chullo, 411 S. Washington, Royal Oak. Call (248) 546-7286.

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TRICKY

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The tone is playful; the suggestions for food, decor and presentation are aimed at partygoers of all ages.

Hollander is relaxed about her party outlines.

"Each one offers plenty of room for improvisation," she says. "Some parties can be thrown together in a flash, others will require a bit of preparation – and each one can be modified to suit your schedule and budget."

Following her easygoing style, try this "ghoulash" for a brunch if it suits you, or just count on it to fill the bill when needed. Serve it in suitably colored tableware, if possible, something black, red or earthy, for maximum effect.

SAUSAGE GHOULASH

2 orange bell peppers
2 to 3 large Yukon Gold potatoes (1-1/2 pounds)
2 tablespoons butter
1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil
1 clove garlic, peeled and minced
Salt and freshly ground pepper
1-1/2 pounds spicy chicken or Italian pork sausages
12 to 16 pitted black olives
1 tablespoon chopped chives
Juice of 1/2 lemon

Preheat the broiler. Place the peppers on a foil-lined baking tray and broil them, turning them until the skin blackens. When charred, place peppers in a paper bag or in a bowl covered with plastic wrap. Let them cool until you can easily peel away the skin. Rinse the peppers, remove the stems and seeds, and cut each one into 4 or 5 slices.

Peel the potatoes, halve them lengthwise, and cut them into slices. Pat dry. Heat the butter and 1 tablespoon of the olive oil in a large skillet. Add the potatoes and sauté them over medium heat until golden, 15 to 20 minutes. When they are nearly done, add garlic and salt and pepper to taste. Turn off the heat.

Meanwhile, in a separate skillet, sauté the chicken sausages in the remaining tablespoon of olive oil over medium-low heat. (If you are using pork sausages, sauté them with 2 to 3 tablespoons water over medium-low heat.) When the sausages are browned and cooked through, drain them and cut into 1/2-inch slices.

Add the peppers and sausage to the potatoes and heat the mixture through. Stir in the olives and chives. Add lemon juice to taste.

Makes 4 servings.

Whether you're throwing a party for children or having dinner with friends, you can easily give classic frosted vanilla cupcakes a festive touch with black and orange jellybeans, the editors of *Everyday Food* magazine say.

This recipe from the October issue produces especially toothsome little cakes. They're

made with reduced-fat sour cream, which works as well as the regular version in giving them a moist crumb and slightly tangy taste.

BEWITCHING ICE CREAM CONES

8 chocolate sugar ice cream cones
1 tube chocolate decorating gel
8 thin round chocolate wafers (2-1/2-inch diameter)
1 quart ice cream - pistachio, mint or flavor of your choice
Black shoestring licorice
16 semisweet chocolate chips
8 candy corn candies
Red decorating gel

Coat edge of ice cream cones with chocolate decorating gel; press chocolate wafer against gel to make brim of hat. Set aside.

Drop 8 scoops of ice cream onto a waxed-paper-lined baking sheet. Cut licorice into strips for hair; press into ice cream. Add chocolate chips for eyes and candy corn for noses. Pipe red gel for mouths.

Flatten scoops slightly to hold hats in place; position hats over heads. Freeze for at least 2 hours or until hats are set. Wrap each in plastic wrap after solidly frozen.

Makes 8 servings.

Recipe from Edie DeSpain, Logan, Utah

BLACK CAT COOKIES

1 cup butter, softened
2 cups sugar
2 eggs
3 teaspoons vanilla extract
3 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup baking cocoa
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
24 wooden craft or Popsicle sticks
48 candy corn candies
24 red-hot candies

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Combine the flour, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt; gradually add to the creamed mixture. Roll dough into 1 1/2-inch balls. Place 3 inches apart on lightly greased baking sheets.

Insert a wooden stick into each cookie. Flatten with a glass dipped in sugar. Pinch top of cookie to form ears. To make whiskers, press a fork twice into each cookie. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 10 to 12 minutes or until cookies are set. Remove from oven, immediately press on candy corn for eyes and red-hots for noses. Remove to wire racks to cool.

Makes 2 dozen cookies.

(Recipe from Kathy Stock, Levasy, Mo.)

Easy and effective: Monster Munch mix piled into colored cups grasped by Witchy Fingers are among sweetly scary treats featured in the October issue of *Woman's Day* magazine.

MONSTER MUNCH

7-ounce box caramel popcorn-nut mixture

2 tablespoons semisweet chocolate chips
1/2 cup each candy corn and Reese's Pieces candies
1 cup Halloween gummy candies (worms, spiders and such)

Spread popcorn mix on a baking sheet. Melt chocolate, spoon into a small zip-top bag. Snip off 1 corner of bag; drizzle over popcorn. Refrigerate to set.

Mix popcorn mixture with remaining ingredients. Serve in paper cups, with Witchy Fingers (recipe follows) wrapped around.

Makes 4 cups. Total time: 10 minutes.

WITCHY FINGERS

11-ounce tube refrigerated breadstick dough
1/2 stick (1/4 cup) butter, melted
2 tablespoons cinnamon sugar
1 large egg, slightly beaten
48 sliced, natural (with skin) almonds

Heat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.

Crumple 4 large pieces of foil; shape each into a 15-by-2-inch log. Place on a baking sheet.

Unroll dough. Cut each of the rectangles crosswise in half, then lengthwise into 2 strips. Cut 1 end of each into a fingertip shape.

Roll strips in butter and drape over foil logs; sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Brush fingertips with beaten egg; press an almond slice "nail" on each fingertip. Bake 8 minutes until golden. Serve wrapped around cups of Monster Munch.

Makes 48 fingers. Total time: 28 minutes.

Use color scheme for Halloween menu

FROM THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

One place to get in the spirit of Halloween is in the kitchen. Prepare a whole meal or a few dishes with the traditional orange-and-black color scheme, and you're at a Halloween party.

Serve baby carrots with a black olive tapenade dip, pumpkin soup with black beans, or shredded carrots with dark raisins or chopped dates.

As is appropriate for Halloween, the colors orange and black can be traced back to the occult and to commemorative masses that took place in the late fall.

Some historians connect the orange color to the unbleached beeswax candles used in the ceremonies. Others contend orange is the color of the autumn harvest. All seem to agree that black came to Halloween as a symbol of death and darkness.

A black and orange pasta dish would be a perfect centerpiece for a Halloween meal.

There are black pastas available made from squid ink, but they can be difficult to find. Either spinach linguine or a whole-wheat pasta will give much the same effect when paired with the other ingredients.

Black olives and bright orange bell peppers are almost enough to provide the appropriate color scheme.



Whole-wheat pasta is a good source of dietary fiber and has a chewy texture that goes well with robustly flavored vegetable sauces.

Sweet bell peppers come in pale to dark green, yellow, orange, red and purple. They are all mild in flavor.

Green bell peppers are picked when they are immature and are acidic and somewhat bitter. As they ripen, they turn bright colors and become sweeter.

Besides their pretty colors, bell peppers are an excellent source of vitamin C and contain good amounts of vitamin A as well as small amounts of calcium, phosphorus, iron, thiamin, riboflavin and niacin.

Black olives provide the color contrast for this Halloween dish. They add a little fat but it is unsaturated fat, the kind that lends flavor and texture to food without raising blood cholesterol.

Some garlic, hot pepper and fresh herbs will make this a dish welcome to most witches and goblins.

HALLOWEEN LINGUINE

4 large garlic cloves, minced
Pinch dried hot red pepper flakes (optional)
2 tablespoons olive oil
3 orange bell peppers, cut into thin strips
1/2 cup fresh basil leaves, finely chopped
1-1/4 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
1/2 cup pitted black olives, halved
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
1 pound spinach linguine

Bring 4 quarts salted water to a boil in a 5-quart saucepan. Add pasta and cook according to package directions until al dente. Drain.

Meanwhile, in a large skillet or wok, cook garlic and pepper flakes in oil over moderate heat, stirring, until garlic begins to turn color. Be careful not to let garlic burn. Add bell peppers and stir until peppers soften. Stir in basil, broth and olives. Simmer, covered, until peppers are tender, about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Add cooked pasta to the pan and toss mixture over moderate heat until linguine is heated through. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve immediately.

Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: 262 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 46 g. carbohydrate, 9 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 161 mg. sodium.

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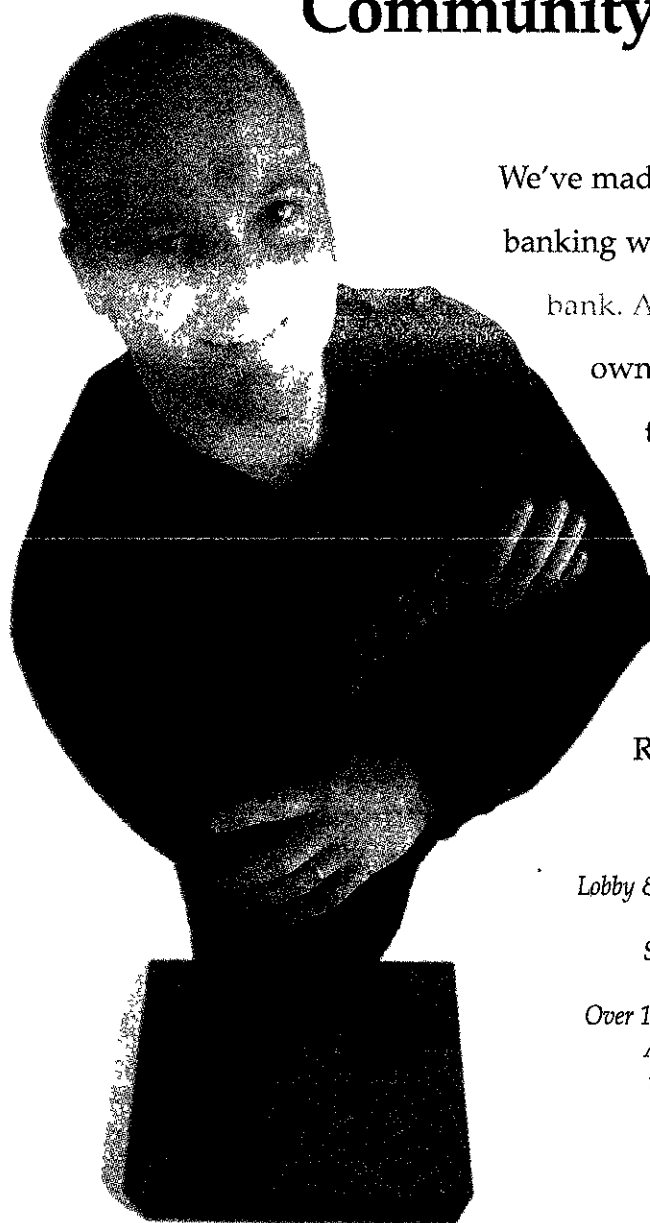
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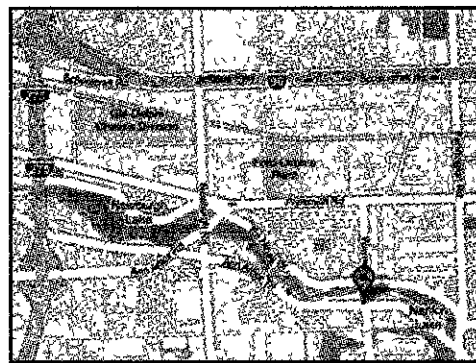
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Piwowar sparks Chiefs' 1-0 soccer victory

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton soccer player Eric Piwowar isn't faster than a speeding bullet — it just seems that way when you're trying to defend him.

Piwowar, arguably the speediest player on the field in Monday night's Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over match between the Chiefs and Salem, scored the only goal in Canton's 1-0 victory when he slid the ball past Salem goalie Brian Field 22 minutes into the contest. The sophomore was assisted by junior Keith Campbell.

The triumph improved the Chiefs' record to 12-5-3 and earned them a 3-0 season sweep against Salem, which dropped to 13-5-4. Both teams return to action Monday in the Division 1 district tournament hosted by Saline (see related story).

"The combination of Eric's work ethic, his attitude and his speed make him a very good player," said Canton coach George Tomasso, referring to Piwowar. "He started the season on our junior varsity, but we knew he'd be up on the varsity eventually. He just needed to work on controlling his offensive runs a little better."

Piwowar's stay on the Chiefs' JV squad was short-lived thanks to non-stop hustle.

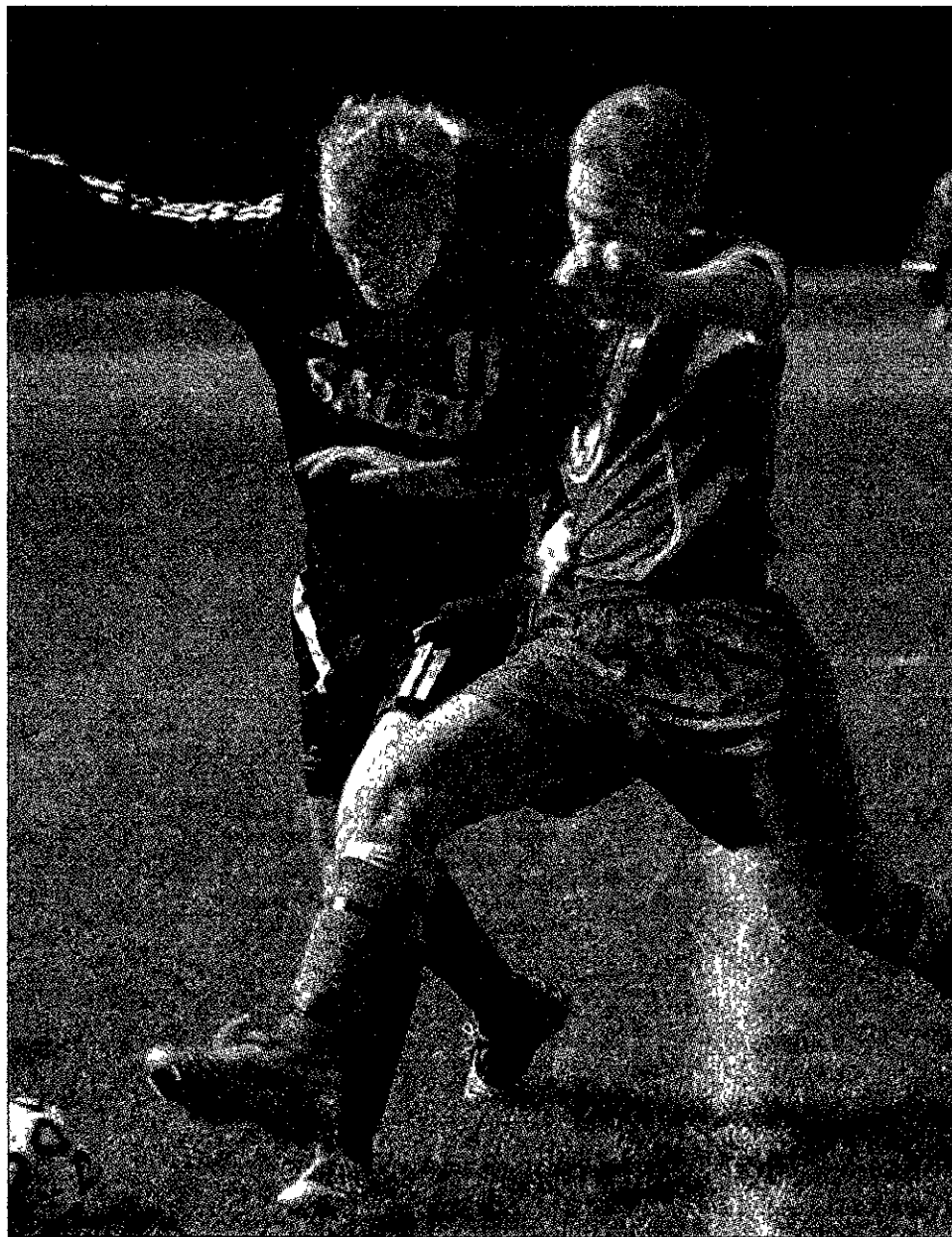
"I was a little upset when I didn't make varsity at the beginning of the season, so I worked my butt off on the JV team," he said. "In one of the first few games, I made a crossing pass from the corner that coach Tomasso liked. After the game, he told me, 'You just bought yourself a ticket onto the varsity.'"

"I was more nervous than I've ever been in a soccer game my first varsity game against Churchill. But ever since

PLEASE SEE SOCCER, C3

SALINE TO HOST SOCCER DISTRICTS

The road to a state title for all three P-CEP boys soccer teams will go through Saline. That is the host site for the District 6 tournament that includes Salem, Canton and Plymouth, as well as Pinckney, Saline, South Lyon, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron. The Rocks will open Monday at 7 p.m. against Ann Arbor Pioneer at Pioneer High School. The winner of that contest will take on the winner of Monday's 7 p.m. clash between Plymouth and Huron at Huron in a semi-final showdown set for Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Saline. In the other half of the bracket, Canton will take on Pinckney Monday at 5 p.m. at Saline High School. If the Chiefs win, they will play the winner of Monday's Saline-South Lyon game Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Saline. The district championship game is set for Saturday at 1 p.m.



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Salem's Steve Gallagher (left) and Canton's Erik McKee battle for possession of the ball during the teams' Oct. 8 game. In Monday night's rematch, the Chiefs prevailed, 1-0, on sophomore Eric Piwowar's first-half goal.

Sidelines

Lions roar

The Canton Lions youth football league's junior varsity squad rolled to its fifth victory in six games with a convincing 26-0 win over the Westland Meteors. Offensive standouts included Jacob Morris, Mohamed Ali Saneh, Austin Payne and Michael Boes. The defense was paced by Zach Smilo, Daniel Zugaj, Bobby Riche and Omar Kandah. Despite a sloppy performance, the Lions freshmen improved to 5-1 on the season with a 32-12 victory over the Meteors. The Lions and Meteors both committed five turnovers during the contest. Brandon Lee led the Lions on offense with a touchdown run and a TD pass. The Lions scored four other times behind the strong blocking of Michael San Millian and Luke Dezner. Defensively, Nicholas Minichiello had an interception while Lucas Bunting turned in a strong performance.

Locals help Albion

A pair of P-CEP graduates played well in the Albion College men's soccer team's 2-1 setback to Hope College on Saturday. Senior midfielder Aaron Schmidt, a Canton grad, scored the Britons' lone goal while Salem alum Tavio Palazzolo stopped three shots in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association contest played in Holland.

Steelers take two

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior football league teams won two-of-three games Sunday against the Redford Rangers. The Steelers freshmen squad turned in its highest-scoring effort of the season in a 33-14 rout of the Rangers. Kendall Scott, Patrick Kretschmer and Andy Gregor all played well for the Steelers' offense while Phillip Avramoski and Phillip Millian shined for the defense.

The Steelers' junior varsity contingent rolled over the Rangers, 28-12, behind outstanding line play from Chris Leach and Chris Merbler. The defense was anchored by Jacob Bolz, Chris Parker and Aaron Williams.

The Steelers' varsity unit dropped a hard-fought 30-20 game to the Rangers. Offensively, quarterback Brandon Pilligan played well along with Derek Bileti and Alex Stewart. On the defensive side of the ball, Enrique Pardo, Josh Taylor and Brett McMaster turned in stellar efforts.

Let us know

Have you or someone you know accomplished an athletic feat recently that is noteworthy? Or do you have an interesting, sports-related hobby or job? If so, contact *Observer* sports editor Ed Wright so that he can let the community know about it in a future feature story. To contact Wright, call him at (734) 953-2108; or e-mail him at ewright@oe.homecomm.net.

Setting the bar high

60-year-old Canton resident is one of world's top-ranked pole vaulters

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

While most retired men his age spend their spare time getting better acquainted with their La-Z-Boy recliners and television remote controls, 60-year-old Canton resident Matti Kilpelainen is busy setting pole-vault records.

Kilpelainen chalked up his latest impressive feat Oct. 2 in Las Vegas when his vault of 12 feet and 7 inches earned him the American outdoor record in the 60-64 age group. Earlier this summer, he finished second in the 55-59 age bracket at the World Masters Track-and-Field Championships in San Sebastian, Spain.

The retired Detroit Public Schools physical education teacher has also earned first-place honors in four other events so far in 2005: the Ohio Indoor Masters Championships in Ada, Ohio, the Michigan Outdoor Masters Championships in Big Rapids; the Ontario Indoor Masters Championships in Toronto; and the Canadian Outdoor Masters Championships in Toronto.

"As long as I feel good and I'm



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Matti Kilpelainen is the top-ranked pole vaulter in the world in the 60-64 age bracket. On Oct. 2, Kilpelainen, 60, set a new American indoor record with a vault of 12 feet, 7 inches at the Nevada Senior Olympics in Las Vegas.

healthy, I'm going to continue to compete," said Kilpelainen, who works out six days a week. "The secret is to train consistently and not to indulge in certain things that could bring me down. It's also important to give myself time to recover from workouts and to eat well."

The international meet in Spain attracted many of the most talented

masters track-and-field athletes from around the globe. In Kilpelainen's age group, there were competitors from Denmark, the Czech Republic, Germany and Finland, just to name a few.

"We all talk and share training techniques — at least the ones who can speak English," Kilpelainen revealed. "It's good competition, but it's fun, too. In fact, I loaned my pole to the guy who ended up winning the meet (Flemming Johansen of Denmark)."

Kilpelainen passes down his expertise on pole vaulting to members of the Canton boys track-and-field team, for which he has been an assistant coach for the past seven years.

"I really enjoy working with the young student-athletes," he emphasized. "I have found that, like everything else, the ones who work the hardest are the most successful."

Kilpelainen said he is dedicating any world records he may attain in the future to his late mother, Kirsti Kilpelainen, who passed away earlier this year at the age of 86.

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Collins leads Whalers over Sting

In an early-season showdown for first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division, the Plymouth Whalers' special teams continued to be deadly as the Whalers scored five power-play goals en route to a 5-3 victory over the Sarnia Sting in an OHL game played Saturday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth has now won five games in a row and stands at 6-2-1-0, good for 13 points, three ahead of Saginaw (5-3-0-0) and Sarnia (5-4-0-0). The Whalers have scored 21 power-play goals in their six wins this season.

Dan Collins continued his fine play, scoring twice and hitting the goal post with another shot.

In all, Collins tallied seven goals in three games last week. Collins — a third-round pick (90th overall) of the Florida Panthers in last summer's National Hockey League Entry Draft — scored three goals and an assist in the Whalers' 7-2 victory over Mississauga on Oct. 12. He added two goal goals in Friday night's 4-2 win over Oshawa. Collins, who was voted the first star in all three games, leads Plymouth with 14 goals.

Jared Boll scored a goal for Plymouth and finished a good week with four goals over three games. Gino Pisellini and Vaclav Meidl added single goals for the winners. Captain John Vigilante, who is now 12th overall on the franchise's career scoring list with 74 goals and 116 assists, added three assists and was named the game's second star.

Ryan Nie notched the victory between the pipes, stopping 31 of 34 Sarnia shots.

Tomas Pospisil, Danny Anger and Mark Versteeg-Lytwyn scored for Sarnia.

Plymouth never trailed in the game, building a 3-0 lead while out-shooting Sarnia 8-1 in the first period on goals by Collins (3:10 and 6:48) and Boll (8:20).

At that point, Sarnia head coach Shawn Camp called a time-out and the sting got a goal back late in the period by Pospisil at 10:57. Anger cut the Plymouth lead to 3-2 with his second goal of the season at 2:11 of the second period, but the Whalers regained a two-goal advantage at 4-2 at 17:36 of the second period on Pisellini's first goal of the season. Plymouth and Sarnia traded goals in the third period when Meidl scored his second of the season at 7:09 and Versteeg-Lytwyn finished the scoring at 19:49.

Sarnia outshot Plymouth, 34-29.

One hoop team, three QB's and memories

A short time after his 2002 Discovery Middle School basketball team had been assembled, coach Dave Van Wagoner knew this about his squad: It was stocked with seven talented, athletic players.

"I knew right away that we were going to be very good that year," Van Wagoner remembered.

What Van Wagoner didn't know about that team — the second in the school's history — is that almost four years

later, three of its members (42.8 percent) would be the starting quarterbacks for their respective P-CEP high school football teams.

Now, 42.8 is a respectable shooting percentage for a middle school hoop team. But when it comes to producing starting high school quarterbacks, it's nothing short of incredible.

STRONG LEADERS

The three current QB's that made up 60 percent of the Eagles' starting lineup in the winter of 2002 are Kevin Bradley (Salem), Shawn Little (Canton) and Brent Jones (Plymouth). Little and Jones have

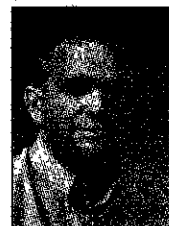
led their teams to the Division 1 state playoffs this season.

The Rocks may not have qualified for the post-season, but Bradley has been one of their offensive bright spots throughout the course of their 3-5 campaign.

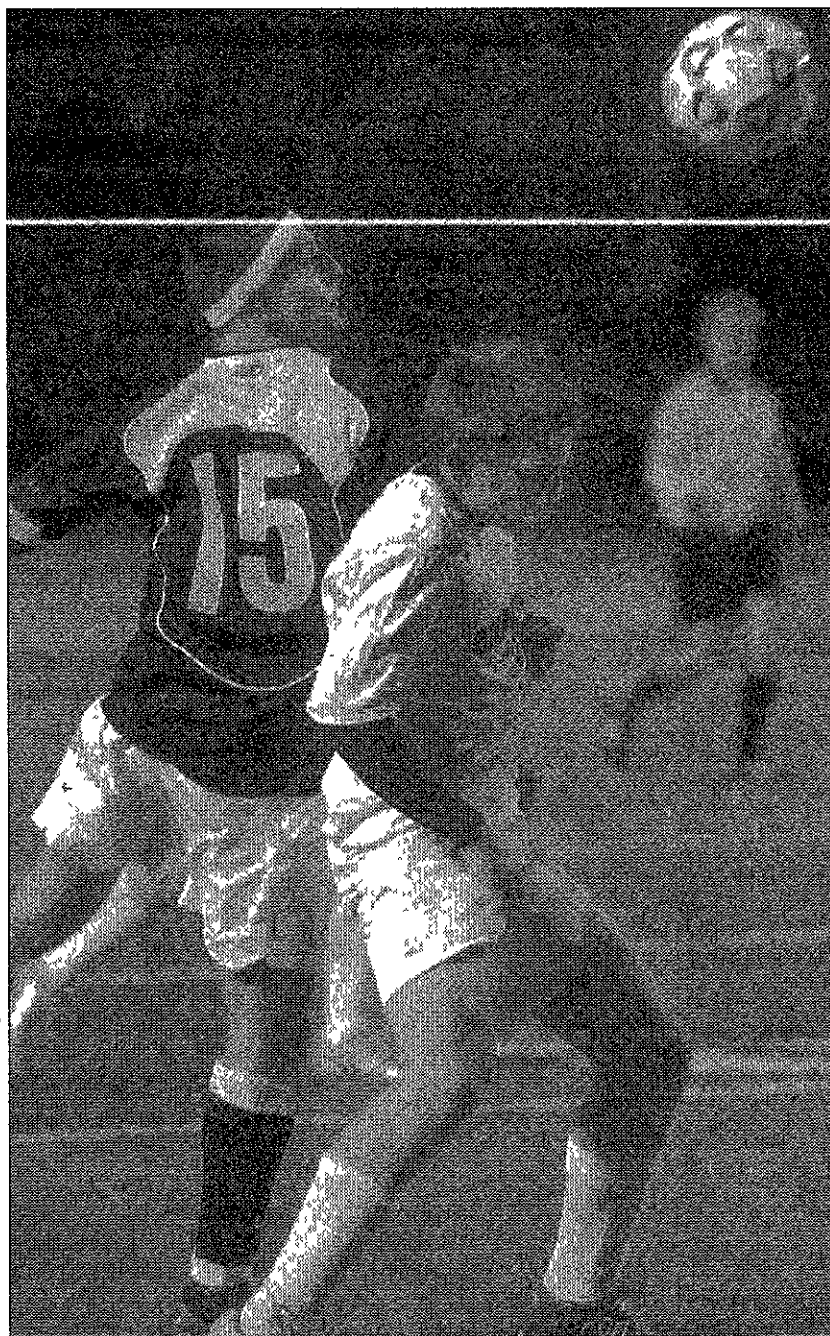
"The things I remember the most about that group of players was that they were a fun group to coach and they listened well to what I had to say," Van Wagoner said.

Knowing what we know now, we can also safely assume that it was one of the best passing teams Van Wagoner has ever coached.

PLEASE SEE MEMORIES, C2



Ed Wright



Plymouth's Ali Youssef (left) and Churchill's Daniel Martin try to win a 50/50 during Monday night's 4-3 Charger victory.

Jason Gillow scored the game-winning goal with only 41 seconds remaining Monday to give host Livonia Churchill (11-5-1) a 4-3 victory over Plymouth (11-6-1) in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game.

Matt Winters assisted on Gillow's goal.

Eric Puroll assisted on Churchill's first three goals by Brad Evans, Dan DeRoo and Winters.

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however, led 3-2 at halftime on goals by Anthony Sasinowski, Ali Youssef and Justin Sheridan.

"We gave up three restart goals and that has been our nemesis all year," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said. "Sixty percent of the goals we've given up have been off restarts, either corner kicks, free kicks or throw-ins."

"We don't necessarily have to win that first ball, but we haven't been winning the second ball. I thought they (Plymouth) outworked us in the first half and we outworked them the second half. We were able to come back and I'm happy for them."

PCA 3, ROEPER 2 (shoot-out): The host Eagles upended the No. 2-rated team in Division 4 when Bryson Machonga, T.J. Miller, Ian Roberts and Ben Welton all tallied shoot-out goals while their own goal-keeper, Matt Saagman, turned away two Roeper shots.

The victory improved PCA to 5-7. "Beating the second-ranked team in the state will give us a lot of momentum heading into next week's district tournament," said PCA coach Terry Bixler. "This was a big win for us."

All four regulation goals were scored during a five-minute span late in the second half. The Eagles' goals came off the feet of senior Nate Bologna and junior DeKruyter.

Roberts played all 80 minutes of regulation between the pipes for the Eagles before giving way to Saagman for the shoot-out.

The nationally ranked Schoolcraft College men's soccer team will be assisting the P-CEP soccer program's "Field of Dreams" project by moving its final regular-season game against Macomb Community College to the P-CEP soccer stadium on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Proceeds from the 7 p.m. game will be donated towards the "Field of Dreams" project, which was formed to improve the P-CEP soccer facilities to "Best-in-Class" conditions. Among the scheduled improvements are the addition of a second soccer field along Joy Rd., and the construction of a concession stand with permanent restrooms, dugouts for both the home and visiting teams, and a press box/announcer's booth.

The game is an MCCA conference match that pits the league-leading

Ocelots against MCC, which captured the MCCA title in 2004. Schoolcraft, which is currently 6-2-1, finished sixth in the nation last year at the NJCAA tournament in Tyler, Texas.

Tickets for the Oct. 25 match will be \$5 per person and will be available at the gate. Because the Educational Excellence Foundation is handling contributions for the "Field of Dreams" fund-raising, contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

Discounts will be available to all Schoolcraft "feeder" schools soccer players who wear their team jersey to the game. The Schoolcraft district includes Livonia Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-Canton and part of Novi.

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then, I haven't felt any pressure at all. I've learned that if I have a calm state of mind, I don't get as tired out there."

Piowar's goal aside, Salem coach Ed McCarthy was pleased with his team's effort.

"I thought we played pretty well," McCarthy said. "We defended well and we created a number of great scoring opportunities offensively, especially early in the game. We've just had a hard time finishing against Canton's defense this year. This is the third time they've shut us out."

Salem nearly evened the score at 1-1 with 50 seconds left in the first half, but a perfect centering pass by Steve Gallagher to Chris Lidster was knocked out of harm's way by Canton defender Erik McKee.

Both teams had chances during a two-minute stretch of the second half. With 14:40 left, Tom Bennett's high, curling laser from 25 yards out was deflected away by Canton goalkeeper Parker Laabs. At the 12:50 mark, Piwowar broke free down the left side, but his shot rolled just wide of the net.

Ten minutes later, Canton's Kyle Gring nearly headed a ball past Field following a corner kick, but it bounced

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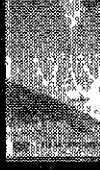
Canton coach George Tomasso


off the cross-bar.



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Both teams will have a week off to prepare for Monday's state tourney. "We'll need to train hard to improve our attack," McCarthy said. "We've been strong in the back this year, but we haven't scored a lot of goals."

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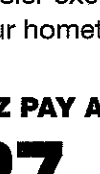
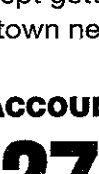
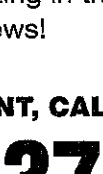
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Two-way Sander rarely leaves field for Salem football team

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

At approximately 9:30 p.m. Friday night, a referee will blow a whistle, the P-CEP football stadium clock will hit 0:00 and Salem senior Joe Sander will walk off a football field for the final time as a varsity player.

While the 5-foot-11, 220-pound Sander did not experience as many wins as he would have liked — the Salem teams he's played on the past four years have gone a combined 8-27 — he wouldn't trade his high school gridiron career for anything.

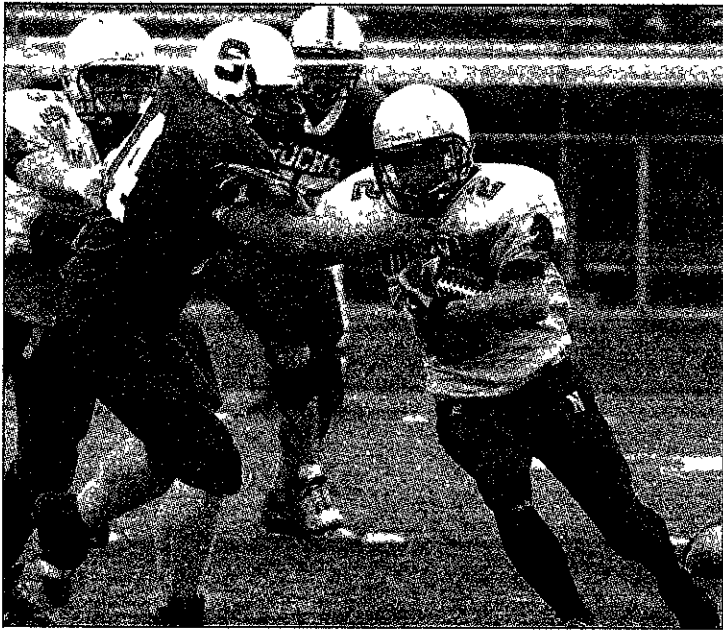
"I know I'm going to be pumped up before the game

against Canton Friday night, and I'm sure I'll be a little sad when it's over because it's my last game and I've been playing since I was 10," Sander said. "But I've gotten a lot out of football. I've learned to stay dedicated and to keep going no matter what happens."

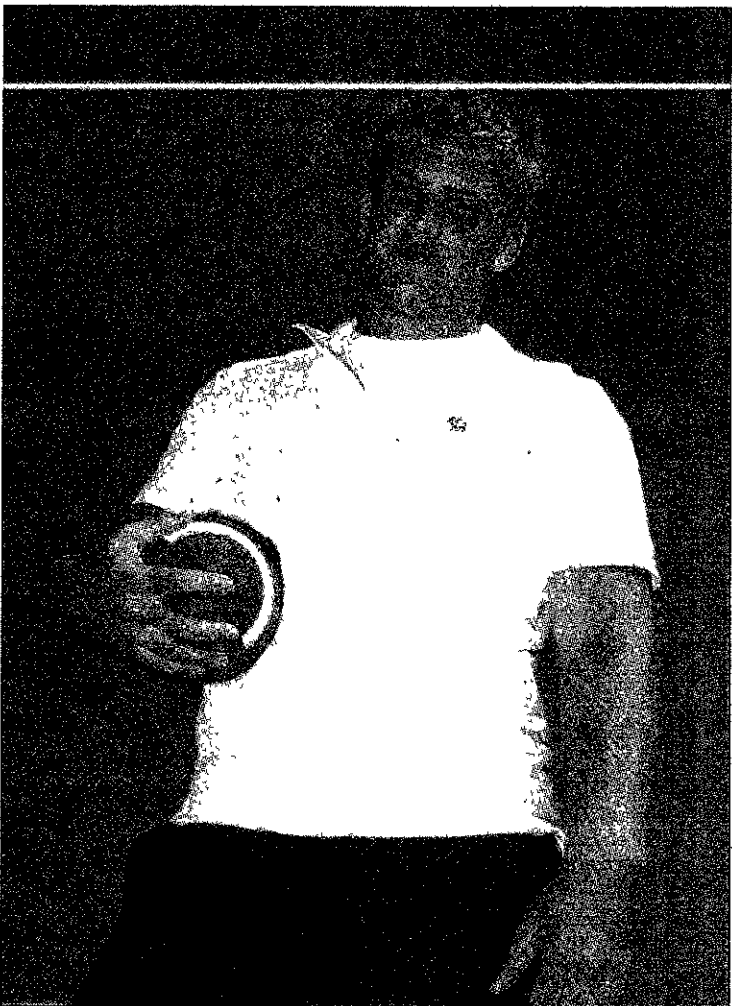
TWO YEARS, TWO WAYS

Sander, a captain, has been a major contributor to the Rocks' program the past two seasons — both with his on-the-field efforts and off-the-field leadership qualities he has brought to the team, said Salem coach Bob Cummings.

"Joe is a two-year, two-way starter and a tremendous line-



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Salem defensive lineman Joe Sander is pictured above bringing down Walled Lake Northern's John Parvin during a game earlier this season.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Friday night's cross-campus prep football game against Canton will be the finale for Salem's Joe Sander, who has started for the Rocks for the past two seasons.

man," Cummings said. "Ever since he moved into the starting line-up last year, he has done a great job. He has good knowledge of the game, good speed and good size."

"Joe's a solid kid all the way around. He's a very hard worker in the weight room and is probably one of our strongest kids."

Sander's introduction to football came in the fifth grade when he signed up to play for the Canton Lions, one of the area's three junior football league teams.

"I started out playing running back," Sander remembered, reflecting on his early football years, "but I missed a hand-off in practice one day and they moved me to the line."

benefited from his unrelenting grit in the trenches.

"I like playing on the line," he admitted. "It takes a lot of toughness, but you can get away with some things the refs can't see," he said, with a laugh. "I prefer defense to offense because it's more fun getting after the ball."

Sander didn't hesitate when asked for the highlight of his senior season.

"Beating John Glenn," he said, referring to the Rocks' 34-7 victory over the Rockets in Week 5. "We came out on our first drive and pounded the ball down the field, then we kept doing it the rest of the night."

Sander had a solid game, too, recording a key quarterback sack from his defensive end position and a couple of "pancake" blocks from his offensive guard spot.

The fact that the spotlight

rarely shines on offensive and defensive linemen doesn't faze Sander.

"It doesn't bother me at all that we don't get a lot of attention," he said. "When we make a good play or deserve recognition, the coaches let us know."

Sander's outstanding work ethic carries over from the football field to the classrooms at Salem, where he has earned a solid 3.3 grade-point average

through his first three years. He plans on attending a college in Michigan next fall where he hopes to achieve a degree in business.

But first he has some business to take care of on the football field Friday night, when he hopes to walk off a winner in his final game.

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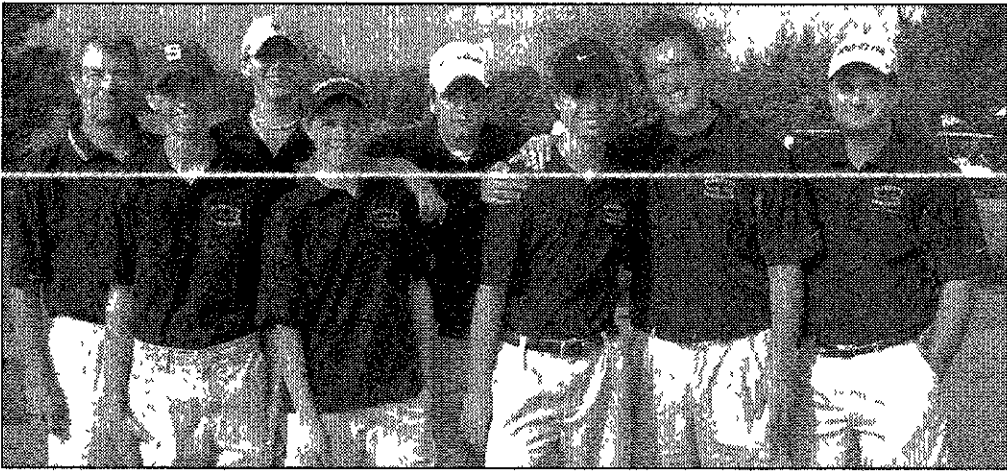
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Birdie-seeking Eagles

The Plymouth Christian Academy boys golf team finished ninth in the 11-team Division 4 regional tournament held Oct. 6 at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Canton. Pictured above (left to right) are assistant coach Tom Predhomme, Aaron Lorincz, Derek Elenbaas, Ross Gerulis, Scott Hampson, Mitchel Geracz, Keith Boruta and head coach Kurt Johnston.

Salem golfers 15th at D1 meet

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Don't judge the Salem boys golf team on their 15th-place showing at last weekend's 15-team Division 1 state golf meet at Forest Akers East Golf Course in East Lansing. The fact that the Rocks even earned a ticket to the finals following a 3-8 regular-season dual-meet record is something they can hang their hats on for years to come. "I'm very proud of the guys, even though we didn't do as well as we would have liked," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "Tyler Jeleniewski and Adam Grady played solid, especially

considering it was their first time playing in the state meet. "Our score after the first day was 319, which is the same score we shot at the regional. On Saturday, the wind really whipped up and everybody's scores were a lot higher, with the exception of a couple of the top kids." Salem's two-day total was 649 (319-330), which was 67 more than titleist Muskegon Mona Shores' 582. The top five spots were filled by Saline (596), Grand Blanc (597), Okemos (601) and Novi Catholic Central (604). Jeleniewski paced the Rocks with a two-day total of 157 (13-over par). Grady (161), Joel

Cheesman (164), Jeremy Henderson (171) and Matt Smith (175) rounded out the Rocks' line-up. "Matt wasn't feeling well all weekend, which is why his scores were so high," Wilson said. The top individual finishers were medalist Bobby Albers of Okemos, who fired a 140 (72-68), Muskegon Mona Shores' Robby McNiff (141) and CC's Adam Hogue (141), who is a Plymouth resident. Among the 15 individual qualifiers was Plymouth High School's Matt Talbot, who carded a solid 158.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-
October 11, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 11, 2005, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo (arrived 7:04 p.m.), LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Kirchgatter. Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas. Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the amended agenda with the addition of C-6 Set the Public Hearing Date for Doerken Corporation Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate Application and move C-5 Consider Road Right-of-Way Dedication for Warren Road to G-9. Motion carried by all members present. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Study Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2005. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Study Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2005. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Regular Meeting Minutes for September 27, 2005. Motion carried by all members present. Citizens' Non Agenda Item Comments: Sue Trussell, new District Representative for Senator Bruce Patterson, introduced herself at the meeting. Payment of Bills Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Recap for October 11, 2005

General Fund	101	\$ 681,916.84
Fire Fund	206	50,814.02
Police Fund	207	145,438.31
Summit Operating	208	91,350.73
Street Lighting	219	18,511.39
Cable TV Fund	230	53,292.87
Twp Improvement	246	1,600.00
E-911 Utility	261	1,592.20
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267	312.50
Federal Grants Fund	274	5,838.37
Auto Theft Grant	289	67.50
Golf Fund	584	30,939.03
Water & Sewer Fund	592	709,697.09
Construction Escrows	702	84,534.45
Post Employ. Benefits	736	1,390.33
Total - All Funds		1,877,295.63

PRESENTATION: PRESENTATION AND APPROVE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DAY ON OCTOBER 20, 2005. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to adopt the resolution in support of Canton Public Library Day on October 20, 2005. Motion carried by all members present.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DAY OCTOBER 20, 2005

WHEREAS, the Canton Public Library opened its doors on October 20, 1980, and in just six short years they became one of the busiest libraries in Southeast Michigan. In 1986 the voters again demonstrated their support for the library by approving a second mill to build a stand alone, state-of-the-art, 31,000 square foot facility. Because of the tremendous growth in Canton, in April of 2001 the vibrant Canton Public Library again expanded and remodeled into a 53,000 square foot facility they occupy today; and WHEREAS, Dr. Jim Gillig has provided consistent leadership on the Library Board for 25 years, and Jean Tabor has been the Canton Library Director since 1985 serving locally and regionally on a number of boards and committees including; the Public Library Association Board, Canton Chamber of Commerce Board, U of M Alumni Association Board and chaired the Awards Committee for the Public Library Association. Under their leadership, the library has developed a solid reputation as an organization that thinks strategically, is innovative in the delivery of services and programs, is customer friendly, responsive and collaborative; and WHEREAS, the Library reached one million in annual circulation in 2002 and is now considered the busiest single library in the State of Michigan, with circulation of over one and a half million last year, serving over 66,000 patrons; and WHEREAS, the American Library Association, in 1997, selected the Canton Public Library as the recipient of the prestigious national Library of the Future Award and has been recognized numerous times for publications and videos by the Michigan Library Association and the Public Library Association; and WHEREAS, Canton residents love "their" library and have benefited from its collaborative spirit. The Canton Public Library and Canton Municipal Government not only share a 140-acre government campus, they share a commitment to work together to advance our community. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Canton Board of Trustees does hereby declare October 20th as Canton Public Library Day and applauds the Library Board and staff for their commitment to excellence that has provided Canton residents with a quality, innovative, and customer-friendly public library for the last 25 years. PUBLIC HEARING: 1. PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR GIL-MAR MANUFACTURING COMPANY. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m. for the request to consider tax abatement for Gil-Mar Manufacturing Company. Motion carried by all members present. There were no public comments in opposition of the tax abatement for Gil-Mar Manufacturing Company. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the Public Hearing at 7:20 for the request to consider tax abatement for Gil-Mar Manufacturing Company. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution approving the application of Gil-Mar Manufacturing Company Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property. Motion carried by all members present.

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF GIL-MAR MANUFACTURING COMPANY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 3, 1983, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and WHEREAS, Gil-Mar Manufacturing Company has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to the expansion of their facility located within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District; and WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on October 11, 2005, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and WHEREAS, installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before August 31, 2005, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and WHEREAS, completion of the new equipment installation is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter

Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that: 1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township. 2. The application of Gil-Mar Manufacturing Company, for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to their facility located on the following parcel of real property situated within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, to wit: Commencing at the east 1/4 corner of Section 2; thence S88 E51' 18" west 711.77 feet along the east and west 1/4 line of Section 2 and in part along the southerly boundary of "Canton Industrial Park No. 2" (Liber 100, pages 96 and 97 W.C.R.) to a point on the westerly right-of-way line of Ronda Drive (60 feet wide) and to the point of beginning; thence along said line S00 E06' 08" east 473.62 feet; thence S 88 E46' 27" west 240.20 feet; thence S01 E18' 33" east 188.69 feet; thence S88 E46' 27" west 163.58 feet; thence N00 E06' 08" west 662.91 feet; thence N 88 E51'18" east 400.07 feet to the point of beginning containing 5.0522 acres of land. Parcel No. 71-008-99-0001-701 be and the same is hereby approved. 3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 5 years, expiring December 30, 2010. On August 31, 2005, the Supervisor's Office received an application from Gil-Mar Manufacturing Company, requesting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for new personal property at their facility located at 7925 Ronda Drive. The company specializes in the manufacture of metal parts primarily for use in automotive and defense industries. The new personal property has been purchased to produce machined parts for use in the automotive industry for which the company has long-term purchase orders. In connection with the new equipment, the company expects to retain 5 existing jobs and create 14 new jobs within the next 2 years. The total investment in new equipment is \$5,315,416. Trustee Caccamo stated he would like Item C. 5 CONSIDER ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION FOR WARREN ROAD. (MSD) removed from the Consent Calendar and placed on the General calendar as Item G-9 for explanation. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT CORRECTION. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to increase the budget for the purchase of fitness equipment for the Summit on the Park community center Increase Revenues

Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$8,363

Increase Appropriations:

Capital Outlay-Equipment-General Gov't	#101-200-977-0000	\$8,363
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This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$766,157 to \$774,520, and the General Fund budget from \$28,190,840 to \$28,199,203. Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR MICHIGAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following General Fund budget amendment enabling Leisure Services to utilize the grant funding provided by Michigan Institute of Public Health: Increase Revenues:

Fitness Program Fees	#101-000-651-3000	\$1,000
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Increase Appropriations:

Program Activity Supplies-Health & Wellness	#101-691-742-5000	\$1,000
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This budget amendment increases the Recreation Division budget from \$2,233,201 to \$2,234,201, and the General Fund budget from \$28,239,203 to \$28,240,203. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH'S COMMUNITY RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs (15 signs at major intersections throughout the community and removed promptly after the event) for Grace Lutheran Church's Rummage & Bake Sale on October 29, 2005, at 46001 Warren Road. Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR ST. DAMIAN SCHOOL'S MOM TO MOM SALE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs one week before the event (10 signs at major intersections and removed promptly after the event) for St. Damian School's, Mom to Mom Sale in Westland on October 22, 2005. Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. CONSIDER ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION FOR WARREN ROAD. (MSD) Removed to General Calendar Item 9. Item 6. S E T PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR DOERKEN CORPORATION INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE APPLICATION. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to set the public hearing for November 8, 2005, to consider the Industrial Facilities Exemption application of Doerken Corporation for their new facility to be located at 5404 Research Drive, Canton, Michigan. Motion carried by all members present. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. ADOPT FY 2006 BUDGETS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for the FY 2006 Budget. Motion carried by all members present. WHEREAS, 1978 P.A. 621, requires that the annual budgets be adopted by resolution and; WHEREAS, The Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton has held public hearings, and has reviewed the budget materials submitted; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the expenditures and transfers for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2006 are hereby appropriated on an activity (Department) total.

General Fund	\$ 27,573,731
WWN Forfeiture Fund	361,000
Special Investigative Fund	100,307
Federal Grants Fund	239,222
State Projects Fund	314,943
Capital Projects-Road Paving	1,527,000
Golf Course	2,359,602
Water and Sewer Fund	29,077,223
Post Employment Benefits Fund	932,986
Fire Fund	9,889,100
Police Fund	13,954,150
Community Center Fund	3,272,147
Street Lighting Fund	242,050
Cable TV Fund	1,128,541
Public Improvement Fund	1,449,226
Community Improvement Fund	3,607,226
911 Service Fund	326,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Revenues and transfers for the 2006 Fiscal Year are estimated as follows:

General Fund	\$ 27,573,731
Special Investigative Fund	100,307
Federal Grants Fund	239,222
State Projects Fund	314,943

Capital Projects-Road Paving	1,527,000
Golf Course	2,359,602
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Supervisor has the authority to make budget adjustments within an activity (department), excluding salary, overtime, fringes and capital outlay, after consultation and recommendation by the effected Department Director and the Finance and Budget Director in accordance with adopted policies. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there shall not be any new, full-time positions created and/or filled without prior Township Board approval, and that existing vacant and budgeted positions may be filled by the Township Supervisor only after review and recommendation by the Administrative and Community Services Director and Finance and Budget Director. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all purchases and expenditures will be made in accordance with adopted procedure. Trustee Caccamo, Robert McCausland, 17258 Hilltop View Dr., Northville, Dan McCausland, 328 Haggerty, Elaine Jeris, 51326 Murray Hill, Jim Waight, 41885 Echo Forest, and Charlie Page, 451415 Brunswick spoke in opposition of the increase in the elected officials compensation. Ray Van Hoeck, 47197 Barlette, Alex Zolkevsky, 43418 W. Arbor Village Way, Anthony Cauchi, 7410 Hillsboro, spoke in favor of the increase in the elected official's compensation. Alfred Brock, 40047 Cambridge, asked the name of the Township's Lobbyist. Clerk Bennett provided Mr. Brock with the requested address. FY 2006 budgets are adopted and available for inspection at the Clerk's Office. Item 2. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR CHERRY HILL COMMONS SHOPPING CENTER. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following General Fund budget amendment enabling Leisure Services to utilize the grant funding provided by Michigan Institute of Public Health: Increase Revenues:

Fitness Program Fees	#101-000-651-3000	\$1,000
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Increase Appropriations:

Program Activity Supplies-Health & Wellness	#101-691-742-5000	\$1,000
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This budget amendment increases the Recreation Division budget from \$2,233,201 to \$2,234,201, and the General Fund budget from \$28,239,203 to \$28,240,203. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT - ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO MMRMA RETENTION FUND. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to appropriate funds for \$40,000 contribution to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management retention fund for Canton Township: Increase Revenues:

Appropriation from Fund Balance	#101-000-699-0000	\$40,000
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Increase Appropriations:

General Insurance	#101-200-911-0000	\$40,000
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This budget amendment increases the General Government Division budget from \$774,520 to \$814,520, and the General Fund budget from \$28,199,203 to \$28,239,203. Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE BY-LAWS FOR THE ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES (ARC). (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the By-Laws for the Alliance of Rouge Communities. Motion carried by all members present. Be it resolved that The Charter Township of Canton formally adopts by-laws for, and accepts membership in the Alliance of Rouge Communities. Further be it resolved that The Charter Township of Canton's continuing membership will be evidenced by payment of it's voluntary assessment on an annual basis to the Alliance of Rouge Communities. Item 5. PURCHASE OF MOTOROLA HT1250 PORTABLE RADIOS FOR FIRST RESPONDER USE, INCLUDING EOC AND DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TEAMS. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of 18 - Motorola HT1250 portable radios for first responder use, including EOC and damage assessment teams from Com Source, Inc., 2130 Austin Dr. Rochester Hills, MI 48309 for an amount of \$13,860.00 funds to come from Homeland Security Grant account # 101-860-977-1600. Motion carried by all members present. Item 6. AWARD HOUSING REHABILITATION PROJECT. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to award the contract for housing rehabilitation on Canton Center Road to F. Lax Construction, for a contract price of \$17,225, plus a ten percent contingency of \$1,722 for a purchase order total of \$18,947. Funds to be taken from the Community Development Block Grant Fund Construction Contingency, Account #274-666-849-2001 (\$344.90), and from Housing Rehabilitation, Account #274-666-890-2004 (\$18,602.10), for a project total of \$18,947, including contingency. Motion carried by all members present. Item 7. APPROVE RESOLUTION ACCEPTING 2005 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Municipality of Canton and the County of Wayne for the 2005 Justice Assistance Grant program in the amount of \$11,167; said Agreement stipulating all terms and conditions for the use of grant funds. Motion carried by all members present. Item 8. APPROVE FUNDING FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE HEALTH FAIR. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve an expenditure of not to exceed \$6,500 (Human Resources Account #101-220-724-0000) to pay for the expenses related to the 2005 Canton Employee Health Fair. Motion carried by all members present. Item 9. (G-5) CONSIDER ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION FOR WARREN ROAD. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the dedication of the 0.78 acres for parcel No. 071-041-00-0007-702 Warren Road and authorize the Township Clerk and Supervisor to execute the right-of-way documents. Motion carried by all members present. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Dan McCausland stated the Township needs a place to dump trash daily. Clerk Bennett stated trash can be picked up at any time with a call to Canton Waste Recycling for a special pickup. Canton Waste Recycle asked for a donation to the charity of choice for the special pickup. OTHER: The Board Study Session for October 18, 2005 has been cancelled. The next Regular Board meeting will be October 25, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188, Administration Building, First Floor Board Room. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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Lions kick yet another underach

We're still a few weeks away from the Lions' Thanksgiving Day battle with the Atlanta Falcons, yet already the feast has begun. This feast has little to do with pumpkin pie or stuffing. This is the feast where the Lions' collective fan base, media, players and even coaching staff have gathered to start the carving and serving of the Lions career of Joey Harrington.

The suggestions that Harrington can't get the job done as a Lion aren't whispers anymore, they're bouts of spasmic yelling and screaming. Some journalists think they're breaking new ground by proclaiming "The End of the Harrington Era." And they write Jeff Garcia will assume the starting job when he is healthy. In related stories, the NBA installed this new gimmick called the 3-point line, and the Tigers no longer reside at Briggs Stadium.



Greg Brady

enough to take the Lions anywhere. But, yes, the Lions gave Harrington very little help and minimal opportunity to show he can be even an adequate quarterback in this league.

Think of any other NFL team and you can pretty much name a very good or great quarterback who suited up for them since 1985. With the Lions, you can't do it! Want proof? Every

DEBATE GOES ON

The debates on the *Jamie & Brady Show* in the past several days range from whether Harrington got a fair chance to whether he is the main reason the team has looked so anemic and crippled on offense recently. Truth be told, there are two different correct answers to the same question. No, Harrington isn't skilled

single NFL team except the Houston Texans has sent a QB to the Pro Bowl since 1985. Yes, even the Cardinals. Neil Lomax went in 1987. If that isn't a disturbing stat, you need to re-define "disturbing."

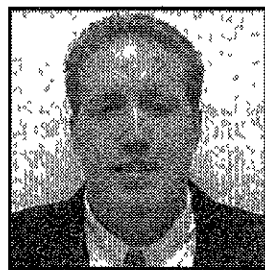
Current backup Jeff Garcia did go three times with San Francisco. Former backup Gus Frerotte went with Washington in 1996. The last Lion? Greg Landry in 1971. I was a month old when the 1971 NFL season started. Time flies when you're throwing incompletions!

All of which brings us back to Harrington. If you think Harrington can be an effective starter in this league at this point in time, you're crazy. If you think Matt Millen provided Harrington with a fair chance to prove the aforementioned statement wrong, you're crazier.

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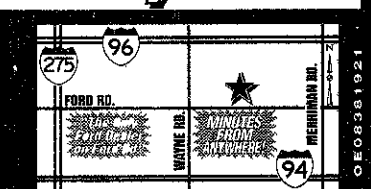
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he obvious lack of talent on the offensive line, deciding instead to draft skilled NCAA wide receivers. As has been pointed out over and over, no one in the history of football has ever drafted three wideouts in the first round three straight seasons. Then again, no one in the history of football has ever had a multi-million dollar contract extended to a total of 10 years while at the wheel of a franchise that won 17 games in the two seasons before he arrived, and has won 16 in the four seasons since he arrived.

Joey Harrington has been thrown to the wolves. It doesn't mean he's good enough, it doesn't mean he's smart enough, and doggone it, it doesn't mean that fans like him. He was forced to start in 2002 as a rookie, while other recently-drafted QBs like Donovan McNabb, Carson Palmer, Daunte Culpepper, Tom Brady, Drew Brees and Chad Pennington got to sit, watch, learn and get better. Harrington's never

been able to catch a breath with the Lions and it won't surprise me if he goes somewhere else and becomes a reasonably reliable backup quarterback.

Harrington has dealt with an inconsistent running game, and a completely absent one in 2003. He has dealt with questionable and far too conservative play-calling and a coach who is so vanilla and weak in his endorsements of him, you almost wish Harrington was a Ford truck, because then Mariucci might actually see dollar signs and get excited about selling him.

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sponsible, unreliable enigma, who has tested positive three times in the past 30 months for illegal drugs.

Harrington will be finished as a starter within a matter of days, or possibly weeks. I feel bad for him. I truly believe he worked as hard as anyone in that locker room to improve, to learn, to stay positive and to fight for his name. He never pointed the finger at others, he never gave up.

It makes me laugh when people say he has no heart and no character. He's got those two qualities in bunches, but the talent and the poise was lacking. Unfortunately, too many of his mates on offense, who have zero talking room based on their individual performances, lack all four qualities.

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Adjustments lead Salem to 42-23 win over Patriots

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

After stalling for much of the first half, Salem's girls basketball team received a minor tune-up during half-time of Tuesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game against Livonia Franklin.

The tweaking must have worked because the Rocks resembled a high-performance machine in the second half when they turned a 15-15 deadlock at the break into a convincing 42-23 triumph. Salem, which is unbeaten at home this season, improved to 10-2 overall and 7-1 in the WLAA. Franklin dropped to 7-7 and 2-6, respectively.

"At halftime, I told the girls we needed to be a little more patient on offense and we needed to help more inside on the defensive end," said Salem coach Fred Thomann, offering a *Cliff Notes* version of his half-time speech. "I thought Teresa Coppiellie, Tayler Langham and Ayala Mitchell all played very well in the second half. We played with a lot more confidence."

Franklin coach Mary Kay Whalen's hopes for a WLAA road win were soaring during the game's opening minutes when the Patriots surged to a 6-0 lead. However, mounting offensive woes doomed the Pats over the final 16 minutes when they connected on just 4-

of-16 shots.

"We had a very good first half, but we had absolutely no offense in the second," Whalen lamented. "You always know what you're going to get when you play Salem — good, fundamental basketball. Salem came out strong in the third quarter, and we didn't."

Coppiellie led all scorers with 16 points. Mitchell contributed 11 and Langham had nine — all in the second half.

Robyn Whalen had a solid all-around game for the Patriots, netting 12 points, nine rebounds and four blocked shots. Trisha Morrill also played well, racking up nine points and eight rebounds.

The game was a steal-fest for the Rocks, who recorded 18 thefts. Keiyana Arnold led the way with five. Mitchell had four swipes while Brianne Clarin, Langham and Lauren Kurtz had three a piece. Franklin was hampered by 25 turnovers.

The game was still close in the closing minutes of the third quarter when Franklin's Andrea McCall's short jumper cut the Patriots' deficit to 25-21. However, the Coppiellie-inspired hosts pulled away with a 13-0 run to close the door on their eighth straight home triumph. Coppiellie tallied six of the Rocks' points in

the victory-sealing streak.

Salem hit 40 percent of their shots from the floor (17-of-42) and was 72 percent from the line (8-of-11). The Patriots made 31 percent of their field goals (10-of-32) while connecting on 3-of-4 free throws.

Franklin out-rebounded Salem, 25-14.

Beginning with tonight's home game against Northville, Salem plays three games in six days. The Rocks host Ann Arbor Huron on Saturday before traveling across the P-CEP campus to take on Plymouth on Tuesday.

PLYMOUTH 51, WAYNE 15: Senior forward Jeanine Moise netted 14 points and nine rebounds to lead the Wildcats to their eighth consecutive victory. The 12-2 Wildcats will put their first-place, 8-0 WLAA record on the line tonight when they host Canton at 7 p.m.

Kim Olech (13 points, eight rebounds) and Colleen Flaherty (eight points) also turned in strong efforts for the winners. LaDwan Jones paced the Zebras with eight.

Plymouth led 9-6 after one quarter, 24-10 at the half and 42-14 with eight minutes left to play.

Wayne fell to 2-11 overall and 0-8 in the WLAA. The Wildcats buried 13-of-29 free throws.

NORTHVILLE 25, CANTON 24: The Chiefs suffered their first WLAA setback of the

season Tuesday night at Northville when the Mustangs' Danielle Toney hit one of two free throws to break a 24-24 tie with five seconds left. Canton was unable to get off a last-second shot.

The loss dropped Canton to 11-3 overall and 7-1 in the WLAA. Northville improved to 10-4 and 7-1, respectively.

"We had 25 turnovers tonight," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "You can't turn the ball over that many times against good teams like Northville. It gave us 25 fewer chances to score and it gave them 25 more opportunities to score. We did defend well, considering they only scored 25 points even though we gave them all those extra opportunities."

Junior forward Ja'nee Morton led the Chiefs with nine points and 11 rebounds. Junior guard Becci Houdek added five points and six boards. Leslie Olech and Kelsy Zemanski had five rebounds a piece.

Toney led the winners with 12 points.

The Mustangs led 6-2 after one quarter before the Chiefs pulled ahead, 10-9, at the break. Canton maintained a 15-13 advantage after three quarters and secured a 24-22 lead with approximately a minute to go when the Mustangs hit a shot to knot the game at 24-24. The Chiefs then committed a turnover

before fouling a driving Toney with five ticks left on the clock.

Eight of Toney's 12 points came in the fourth quarter.

The Chiefs shot themselves in the foot at the charity stripe, draining just 3-of-15 free throws. Northville canned 4-of-11.

"We didn't deal with their half-court trap well at all tonight, and for that, I blame myself," Samulski said. "I didn't have the girls as prepared as I should have."

FRANKLIN ROAD 36, CANTON AGAPE 35: The Warriors jumped to a 9-2 lead after one quarter then hung on for the victory over the host Wolverines. The loss dropped Agape to 5-6 overall and 4-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division. Franklin Road improved to 4-4 and 3-4, respectively.

The final score was somewhat surprising considering Agape defeated the Warriors, 48-28, on Sept. 27.

Eighth-grader Nichole Nicholson paced the Wolverines with 16 points. Brianna Chrenko, a junior center, chipped in with 11. Franklin Road was led by Melissa Hale, who had 12, including two game-winning free throws with four seconds to play.

The Warriors led 19-16 at the half before Agape stormed back to grab a 30-25 lead with eight minutes left.

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BOYS SOCCER
Thursday, Oct. 20
Baptist Park at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
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Calvary Christian at Agape at Independence Park #7, 4:30 p.m.
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Canton resident builds bowling shrine in home

Canton's Jim Reed is a bowler and collector of sports memorabilia. Being a bowling aficionado, Reed has created a shrine dedicated to the sport in the basement of his home.

He has searched far and wide for many of the displayed items. And as a fan of the Professional Bowlers Tour, he has garnered many collectibles and autographed paraphernalia as part of his display.

Reed has original Brunswick telescopes and molded plastic seating from Sunset Lanes in Ohio. He also has custom-made end tables in which the tops are from old wooden lanes, the legs are actual bowling pins.

Reed has 77 various pins on his shelves with autographs from PBA greats Dick Weber, Mark Roth, Johnny Petraglia and others that are not only vintage, but also in pristine condition.

He also has autographed balls, unique shirts and bobblehead dolls, along with a telephone in the shape of a bowling pin.



Jim Reed of Canton has a bowling shrine second to none in his basement.

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Reed bowls in five leagues, including a mixed league with his wife Diane. He carries a 220 average and has trophies on display from his 300 and 299 games, as well as his 800 series.

The bowling shrine is not open to public, but Jim welcomes contact from bowlers. He can be reached at (734) 981-3329; or E-mail him at originalsix@comcast.net.

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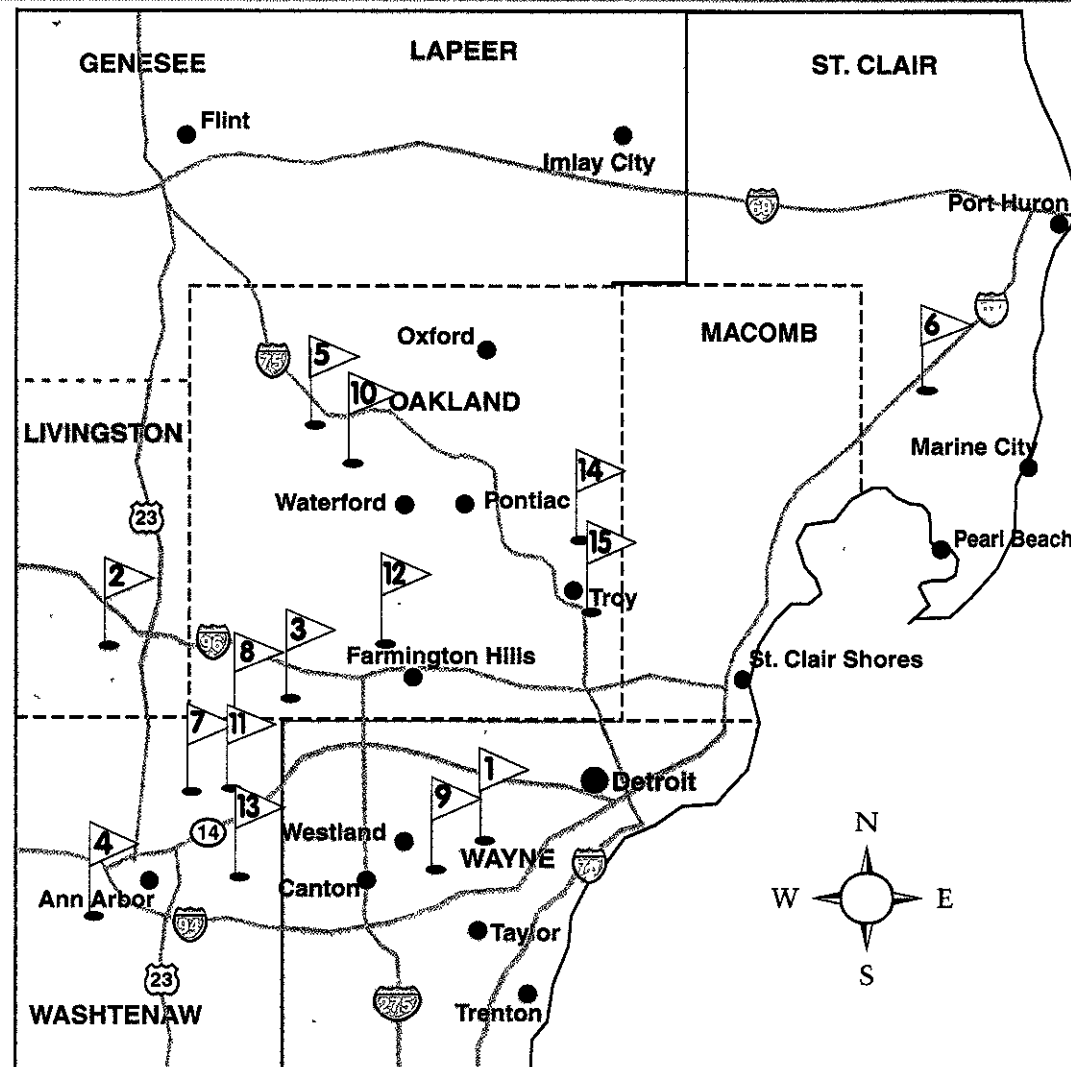
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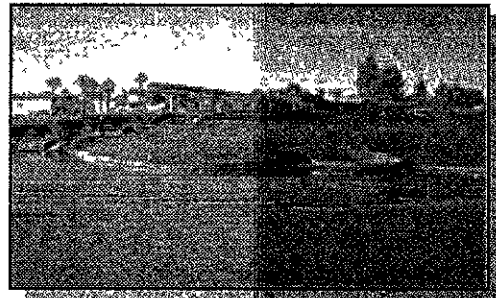
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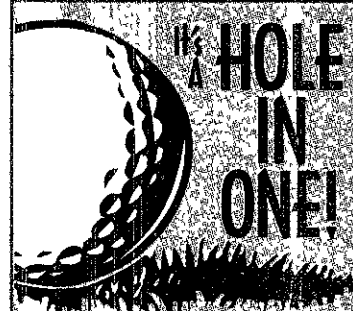
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Ryan Nephew on 9/20/05
Hole #: 4 Par: 3
Club Used: PW

Inkster Valley Golf Club
John Cash on 8/24/05
Hole #: 4 Par: 3
Club Used: 5 Iron

Inkster Valley Golf Club
Joe Hubbard on 8/20/2005
Hole #: 8 Par: 3
Club Used: 4 Iron
Comments: First hole in one after playing 12 years.

Rolling Meadows
Donald Hanner on 9/1/05
Hole #: 8 Par: 3
Club Used: 4 Iron
Witness: Eric Burton

Rolling Meadows
Roy Purcell on 8/31/05
Hole #: 6 Par: 3
Club Used: 3 Wood
Witness: Floyd Moyer
Comments: 6th Hole in One!
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Rolling Meadows
Daniel B. Smith on 8/19/2005
Hole #: 17 Par: 3
Club Used: 3 Wood

Witnesses: Sandy Mily, Jeff Stella & Jim Clouse
Comments: First hole in one ever!

Tanglewood
Max Berlin on 8/30/05
Hole #: West 2 Par: 3
Club Used: 3 Iron

Pheasant Run
David Baurlick on 9/18/05
Hole #: 5 Par: 3
Club Used: 9 Iron
Comments: 1st Ace!

Ross Cecil on 10/2/05
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10 SPRINGFIELD OAKS GOLF COURSE
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Davisburg, MI 48350
248.625.2540
www.golfoakland.us
No. of Holes: 18 Par: 71 Yards: 6033
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13 HICKORY CREEK GOLF COURSE
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Canton, MI 48188
734.454.1850
No. of Holes: 18 Par: 72 Yards: 6292
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2 THE JACKAL GOLF CLUB
4141 Bauer Rd.
Brighton, MI 48116
810.229.9581
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)

5 WINDMILL RIDGE
12751 Big Lake Road
Davisburg, MI 48350
248.634.1616
No. of Holes: 9 Par: 3
Manager: Gerald Cook
Directions: Dixie Highway to Davisburg Road (West) to Ormond Road (South) to Big Lake Road (East).

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

11 CATTAILS GOLF CLUB
57737 9 Mile Rd.
South Lyon, MI 48178
248.486.8777
www.cattailsgolfclub.com
No. of Holes: 18 Par: 72 Yards: 6436
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14 SANCTUARY LAKE GOLF COURSE
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No. of Holes: 18 Par: 72 Yards: 6865
Manager: Gerry Behaylo
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9 INKSTER VALLEY GOLF COURSE
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12 INDEPENDENCE GREEN GOLF COURSE
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Manager: Jim Magurk
Daily Senior Specials
Directions: Grand River & Halstead in Farmington Hills

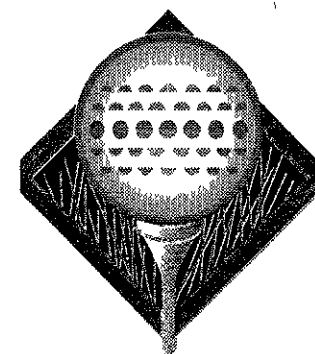
15 SYLVAN GLEN GOLF COURSE
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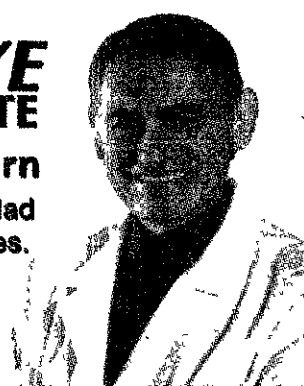
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TIMOTHY L. BALDWIN

Coach Emeritus of the Stanford University Women's Golf Team, passed away on August 27, 2005. Born in Detroit, MI, March 4, 1938, he graduated from Michigan State University where he was on the MSU Varsity Golf Team. In 1979, after a successful business career, he helped start the Women's Golf Program at Stanford. As Head Coach for 20 years, he continued to help that program grow and become one of the top teams in the nation. In 1997, Tim was inducted into the Golf Coaches Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Tobie, of Palo Alto, CA; two daughters, Terri Ann Tierney of Scottsdale, AZ, and Jennifer Birkeland of Tigard, OR (and their husbands and families); one grandson, and seven granddaughters. Also surviving him are two brothers, Patrick Baldwin of Portland, ME; Kirk Baldwin of Royal Oak, MI; two sisters, Denise Baldwin of Birmingham, and Fran Otto of Albany, NY, and their families. Memorial Services will be held Saturday, October 22, 2005, at the Stanford Golf Course. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to The Tim Baldwin Fund, Stanford University Department of Athletics - Women's Golf Program, Stanford, CA 94305-3150.

MARY JEAN BONDY

Age 79, passed away on October 17, 2005. Mary was born on October 22, 1925 in Highland Park and was a resident of Royal Oak and former resident of Livonia. She is survived by husband, Norman J. Bondy, children, Patricia K. (Eugene) Hawthorne of Waterford and Anne Bondy of Berkeley, and sisters, Patricia (Don) Jones of Royal Oak, Agnes (Leonard) Stesney of Pleasant Ridge & sister in law, Lucille Entwistle of Bingham Farms. She was preceded in death by her brother, John Entwistle. Visitation will be held Thursday 4-9PM and services held Friday 11AM at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067. Memorials may be made to American Heart/Stroke Association. On line info: www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

ALFRED MEIGS DAVOCK

Died peacefully on Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at William Beaumont Hospital in his 93rd year. Predeceased by his wife, Jewel, and survived by his sons Mugs (and Susan), Paul (and Jane) and Mike (and Beverly) and grandchildren Dominic and Julie. After attending the University of Michigan, Alf worked for the Jam Handy Organization where he developed optics for wide angle projection systems. He subsequently became a Professional Engineer and managed special projects at the Detroit Testing Laboratory. Alf enjoyed telling stories, working on his classic car, and creative projects. He loved his time in northern Michigan, and was a commodore of the Torch Lake Yacht and Country Club. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday October 22 at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.

RUTH B. VANDEN HEUVEL

Age 74, October 16, 2005. A longtime Farmington resident, Ruth was born in Kearny, New Jersey, and moved to Farmington in 1961 where she was active in the First Methodist Church Choir, Scouts, High School Marching Band, and various fraternal and Masonic organizations with her husband and family. Ruth left Farmington in 1976 and lived in Frankenthuth, Saginaw, and Chesapeake, Virginia, before returning to Farmington in 1995. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Linda (Steven) Kreuter of Novi; her son and daughter-in-law, captain Richard (Debi) Vanden Heuvel, USN, currently living in Belmont, Massachusetts; and her two grandsons, Mark Vanden Heuvel and Scott Vanden Heuvel. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Heenev - Sundquist Funeral Home (248-474-3200). A family memorial will be held at a later date. Donations in memory of Ruth Vanden Heuvel would be greatly appreciated to Odyssey Hospice of Michigan, 26111 Evergreen Rd., Suite #301, Southfield, MI, 48076.

CLINTON ROBERT HOGAN

Age 58 of Howell, died Sunday, October 16, 2005 at his home. He was employed as a quality Control Inspector with Moeller Manufacturing in Wixom. He married Barbara Anne Clickner in Howell in 1991. She survives, also surviving are his children, Connie of Wixom; Clinton Jr. (Christy) of Colorado; Sam of Allegan County and John (Jennifer) of Roscommon; step-children, Maria (Jeff) of Fowlerville; Karen (Jeff) of Howell; Robert of Fowlerville; Erin (Ed) of Grand Rapids; Poppy of Fowlerville; April of Fowlerville; Jessica (Willie) of Grand Rapids; Noelle of Howell and 26 grandchildren. Funeral Service was held Wednesday, October 19 at 11:00 A.M. from Hidden Springs Church, 5860 N. Latson Road, Howell with Reverend Jean Tulip officiating with burial following in Van Keuren Cemetery, Oceola Twp. Visitation was held Tuesday, from 1-4 & 6-8 P.M. at MacDonald's Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell. (517) 546-2800. Memorial contributions are suggested to Hidden Springs Christian School.

PEARL C. JANKE

October 18, 2005 Age 64 Beloved wife of Gus. Dear mother of Dwayne (Jennifer), Verne Janke and Cheryl Schmitke (Alfred). Grandmother of Peter, David, James. Sister of William Hahn (Sharon). Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Friday 2:00-9:00pm. Funeral service Saturday 11am at Highland Park Baptist Church, 28600 Lahser Rd. (south of 12 Mile), Southfield, MI 48034. Visitation begins at church 10:00am. Memorial tributes to Hope Community Baptist Church, (Chapel Music Fund), 42259 Hayes Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48313. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ARTHUR A. KOGLIN

October 17, 2005. Age 89. Beloved husband of the late Edna. Dear father of Ruth Bailey of Farmington Hills. Loving grandfather of four, and great-grandfather of eight. Predeceased by his brothers Albert, Fred, and Paul and his sister Rose. Mr. Koglin was a member of Operating Engineers Local 324. He enjoyed gardening, working in the yard, completing puzzles, playing cards, baseball and repairing vehicles. Funeral 11 AM Saturday, October 22, 2005 at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Road). Visitation Friday 4-9 P.M. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

NICHOLAS T. MARKES

Passed away Saturday, October 15, 2005, after a short illness. He was born and raised in Detroit, graduated from Western High School and Walsh College. Nick was Vice-President of Finance at Sybron Dental Corporation and retired in 1983. He was Executive Director for the National Model A Restorer's Club. Nick also served as Treasurer and President of the National Model A Club. He was a member of the Motor Cities Region Club-Oakleaf Region, the Motor Cities Heritage Group, and the Model A Owners of Canada. Nick volunteered at The Henry Ford museum, transferring Model A parts numbers into the computer. Nick was past Treasurer for many years at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Livonia. Nick met his wife Mary in 1947, at a dance in River Rouge. She was from Southwestern High - rival school to his own, Western. They have been married for 56 years, and have two children: Theodore (married to Patricia) and Karen (married to Gerald Deren). Nick is survived by grandchildren: Christopher, Nicholas, Kelley, Sandra and Wendy, and great grandchildren: Kayla, Hayley, Colin, Savannah and Evelyn. The funeral was held on Wednesday, October 20, 2005 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30620 6 Mile Road. Cremation followed. In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested memorials may be made to St. John's Hospice or the Holy Cross Memorial Fund. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, Livonia. (734) 425-1800

RONALD G. OAKE

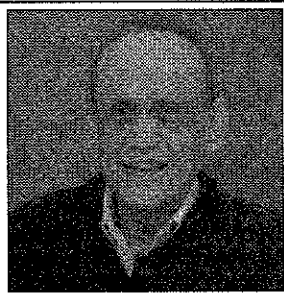
A Memorial Service for Ronald G. Oake, 93, of Farmington, will be held at 3 PM Sunday, October 23, 2005, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard Road, Livonia with the Rev. C. Allen Kannappell officiating. Mr. Oake was born January 15, 1912 in Newfoundland, Canada and died October 8, 2005 in Farmington. He was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Beloved husband of the late Mildred for 55 years. Survivors include daughters, Marjorie Ruth (Al) McLeod of Phoenix, AZ, Lorraine (David) Brown of Farmington and Judy (Steve) Yauch of Milford; brother, Victor (Florence) Oake of Florida and six grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Habitat for Humanity International, 121 Habitat Street, Americus, GA 31709-3498, www.habitat.org. Arrangements by THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington.

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DR. MICHAEL A. TUCCI

Formerly of Birmingham, Michigan, passed away October 16. He was a graduate of Notre Dame University, and received Masters and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Michigan State University. He completed his post-doctoral training under the tutelage of psychologist and humanist philosopher Eric Fromm. His long professional career in the field included positions at Wayne State University, The Mayor's Youth Employment Project in Detroit, which was described in the Time-Life Magazine Publication "The Young Americans" (1966). Under the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, he established psychological treatment programs in the city of Detroit, later modeled by other urban centers in the US, and was one of the early leaders in the field of psychological testing. He was Vice President of Oakland Community College and professor of Psychology. In 1996, he completed a sabbatical in Sweden where he studied Swedish social institutions. He was also a U.S. Army Veteran. Dr. Tucci touched many lives both personally and professionally, especially youngsters and young adults, both in teaching and in his private clinical practice. His mantra of the power of positive reinforcement was legendary. He was the son of Luigi and Rose (La Falce) Tucci (deceased), brother of Angela Messico of Dearborn Heights, loving father of Christopher Tucci (Carolyn Magnani) of Lausanne, Switzerland, Michele Tucci (Michael Berube) of Bloomfield Hills, Paul Tucci of Birmingham and Lisa Tucci of Rome, Italy. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and his longtime companion of 17 years, Martha Jane Adair of Troy. A service of thanksgiving for the life of Michael Tucci will be held at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Rd. (between Maple and Big Beaver) on Friday, October 21 at 10 AM, with the Rev. Richard Beal officiating. Family will receive friends Thursday 3-8 PM. Memorial tributes can be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 E. 33rd St., New York, N.Y. 10016 or National Alopecia Areata Association, P.O. Box 150760, San Rafael, California 94919-0760.

CAROLYN COLLINS YOUNG

Carolyn Young went to be with the Lord on Oct 13, 2005 Mrs Young was an elementary school teacher, tutor, Sunday School Teacher, and pastor's wife. She taught school for over thirty years in Texas and Michigan. She taught in Bloomington, MI for 7 years and in Clarkston, MI for 12 years. She did mission work in Canada and various parts of the US. She was a wonderful Christian lady who always thought of others before herself. Carolyn graduated from Mississippi College (Clinton, MS) with a teaching degree and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Fort Worth, TX) with a degree in religious education. Mrs. Young will be best known for being a loving wife, mother, grandmother and also a loving foster mother for three daughters. Carolyn will be remembered for her generous heart and loving spirit. She will be surely missed by many. She is survived by her husband, Reverend Dwight L. Young, her daughters, Brenda and Tom Ferrell of Knoxville, TN, Peggy and Ron Chase of Phoenix, AZ, Sharon L. Maddox of Dallas, GA, Sandra and David Burnham of Dallas, GA, grandchildren, Brian Ferrell, Michael and Justin Chase, Jess, Brett, and Hunter, and Derrick and Shannon Burnham, great-grandchild, Tanner Chase, sister Barbara and David Young of Jefferson City, TN. She is preceded in death by her father Reverend Hugh G. Collins, mother Lola V. Collins, and brothers Charles and Felix Collins. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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OCTOBER

Pumpkin patch

Opened Saturday, Oct. 15, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Fall decorations and pumpkins available 7-days a week from noon to 8 p.m. Free gifts for kids. All proceeds go to benefit church programs.

Rummage sale

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, and 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 22, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. \$2 bag sale on Saturday. Call (734) 464-0211. 10-percent of proceeds are given to charity.

Harvest dinner

4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at First United Methodist Church of Wayne, 3 Town Square. Call (734) 721-4801. The public is invited to come out for a night of fellowship and sharing of the turkey dinner with all the trimmings including beverage and dessert. Pop available for 50 cents. Cost is \$7.50 adults; \$3 children ages 3-12 years; and \$1 for children under 3. There will be a Craft and Stationary table, Bake Sale Table and a SERRV table (products from other countries).

Lutheran convention

The 53rd annual Michigan Southeast

District Lutheran Laymen's League Convention will be held on Oct. 22 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy Rd., Westland. Guest presenter, Larry Schamerloh, Chief Operating Officer, provides corporate-wide oversight of the finance, creative services, human resources, building services and management information services. The theme is Enlarge The Harvest. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Opening service scheduled for 9:00 a.m. followed by the sessions. For more information, call Art Miller (734) 241-6498.

Matt Watroba

With The Cat and the Fiddlers as the opening act 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Tickets \$10. Call (734) 421-1760. Halloween costumes optional.

Conference

Sunday School and Church Ministries conference presented by International Christian Education Association Friday-Saturday, Oct. 21-22, at First Church of the Nazarene, Northville. Non-denominational event. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

Sisterhood luncheon

For paid-up membership 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. There will be entertainment by Vick and Rick. No charge for lunch with paid-up Sisterhood membership. New members always welcome. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

Holiday services

Shemini Atzeret services 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Congregation Beit Kodesh, 31840 W.

Seven Mile, Livonia. New families and members always welcome. The celebration continues with Simchat Torah, a joyous time, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25. This is a family event. Come dressed in your nicest holiday clothes and enjoy and evening of singing, rejoicing and marching with the Torah. Children receive a special flag, apples and treats. Additional service 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26. Simchat Torah concludes the High Holy Days. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

Hallelujah Festival

6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Canton Christian Fellowship Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road, between Ford & Warren, Westland (inside Good Shepherd Church). Come out for food, fun and fellowship as we celebrate this alternative to Halloween. Call (734) 721-9322, or e-mail info@CantonCF.org or www.CantonCF.org.

Lifelong Learning Forum

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Scientology says its techniques lead to spiritual healing, awareness

BY CAROLE LIPINSKI MCGRAW
CORRESPONDENT

Scientology has been getting a lot of press these days with the Hollywood celebrities being their unofficial, if controversial, spokespersons. And yet, many people don't know much about it. They've heard it's "cutting edge" at best and "other worldly" at the other end of the spectrum. But what exactly is it?

Rob La Montagne, an area representative for the Church of Scientology, shared information about the officially designated religion both in an interview and in a booklet called, *Scientology Something CAN Be Done About It*. The booklet can be obtained free at the Church of Scientology on Inkster Road in Farmington. Here one can also view a video that explains their philosophy and browse a library that contains the texts that form the basis for Scientology.

Following are some major questions that La Montagne and/or the booklet address:

What is Scientology?

According to the booklet, "Scientology is defined as the study and handling of the spirit in its relationship to itself, universes and other life."

Is it a religion?

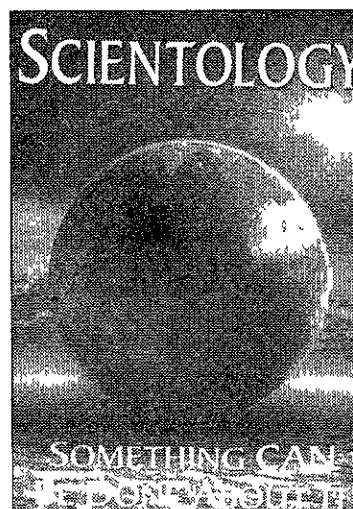
Scientology is a religion in its highest meaning, bringing man to total freedom and truth. The essential tenets are: You are an immortal spiritual being. Your experience extends well beyond a single lifetime. And your capabilities are unlimited, even if not presently realized.

Furthermore, man is basically good. He is seeking to survive. His survival depends upon himself, his fellows and his attainment of brotherhood with the universe. In Scientology, you are called a thetan, from the Greek letter theta, for thought or life or the spirit. The thetan is the spiritual being himself. It is you.

Who founded this religion? When?

Scientology was founded by L. Ron Hubbard, who was born in Tilden, Neb., in 1911. His formative years were spent in the American West and then in Asia, where he studied Eastern religious traditions.

Hubbard studied engineering at George Washington University and later studied the belief systems of South Pacific, Caribbean and North American Indian tribes. To fund his expeditions he wrote highly successful books. Always his focus remained on a search for a "common denominator of existence" that he could use to build workable solutions for the improvement of the human condition.



This booklet helps explain Scientology.

During World War II, Hubbard received treatment for combat wounds at a U.S. naval hospital. Here he used his new technique of Dianetics to remove "mental blocks" from prisoners of war who did not respond to medicine. They swiftly recovered. Later he tested Dianetics on hundreds of people and wrote *Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health*. It was an immediate best seller. The text gave rise to 750 Dianetics groups from coast to coast and inspired the formation of Dianetics Foundations in six American cities. Today there are nearly 200 million copies of Scientology works in circulation all over the world.

How is man defined through Dianetics?

Man consists of three parts. The first is the spirit, the "thetan," which is the individual himself. The second is the mind. The thetan uses his mind as a communication and control system between himself and his environment. The third is the body. The body is not the person. The most important of the three parts of man is the thetan, which is the spirit, or you.

Scientology addresses man as a spiritual being and gives techniques for alleviating spiritual trauma. Dianetics holds that the reactive mind works on a totally stimulus-response basis, and exerts power over one's awareness, purposes, thoughts, body and action. The central practice of Dianetics and Scientology is spiritual counseling called "auditing." Through this, Scientologists reduce and ultimately erase the power of the reactive mind, which is a source of irrationality, fears and nightmares.

Auditing leads to a clear state. A person can then discover his or her true nature, and ultimately achieve full spiritual awareness and freedom.

What happens during auditing?

Auditing uses a precise procedure. It is delivered by an auditor, who is trained and expert in the exact techniques of Dianetics and Scientology. The goal is to restore individual ability.

The person being audited holds in his or hands an E-Meter, or electropsychometer. This device with electrodes produces a tiny flow of electrical energy, about 1.5 volts, or less than a flashlight battery. There is no physical sensation, nevertheless, when the person thinks a thought, there are electrical changes. Those are registered on the meter and interpreted to find what the person needs to address.

An auditor uses exact sets of questions. He does not offer solutions, advice or evaluation. One of the fundamental principles of Scientology religion is that an individual can improve his conditions only if allowed to find his own answers to life's problems. They can then improve their ability to face what they are and where they are.

Does Scientology or auditing allow or require hypnosis or psychotropic medication? There is a vast difference between auditing and other forms of counseling. There is no use of hypnosis or drugs during auditing, because it is believed that those limit a person's awareness and self-determination. In addition, it is believed that psychiatry leads to the butchering of human beings and their sanity, and is condemned by the Church. Scientologists are trying to create a world without war, insanity and criminality. According to Scientology, psychiatry is seeking to create a world where man is reduced to a robotized or drugged, vegetable-like state so that he can be controlled. Scientology and psychiatry will always work at cross-purposes.

Also, according to the Church, psychiatrists view man as an animal and not a spiritual being. So Scientologists believe that psychiatry is opposed to all religions.

What about treatment from medical doctors? The Church of Scientology has always had the firm policy of not diagnosing or treating the sick. Medical doctors are trained to deal with the physical aspects of illness and injury.

Once under medical treatment, a Scientologist then addresses illness or injury with auditing to handle any spiritual trauma or other factors connected with the physical condition which may have predisposed him to illness or injury. Many medical doctors are Scientologists themselves.

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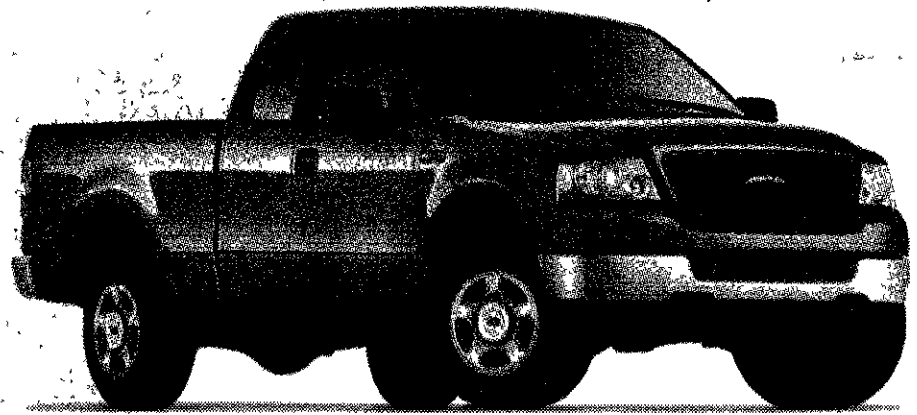
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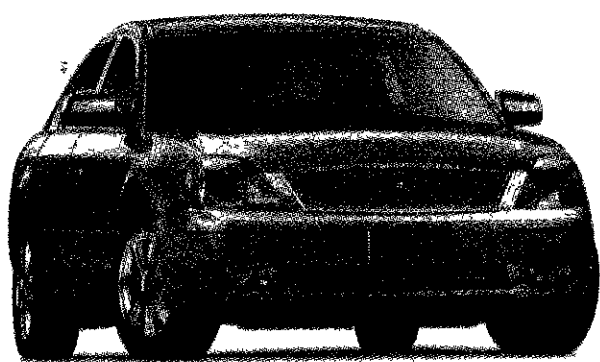
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Some singles opt for a home over a condominium

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Singles don't necessarily pick a condo or apartment when it's time to find a place to live. Even among those who want to own rather than rent, a house is certainly an option.

Dan Nelson, 46, of Beverly Hills owned his home from when he was married and still lives there. Nelson, a video editor for Doner Advertising who has no children, likes home ownership.

"I like doing the yardwork and all that," he said, while acknowledging it's a lot of work to maintain a home indoors and out, especially for a single.

"Then you're doing double duty. I never rest on the weekend," said Nelson, president of his homeowners association of some 640 homes. He likes his neighbors and neighborhood.

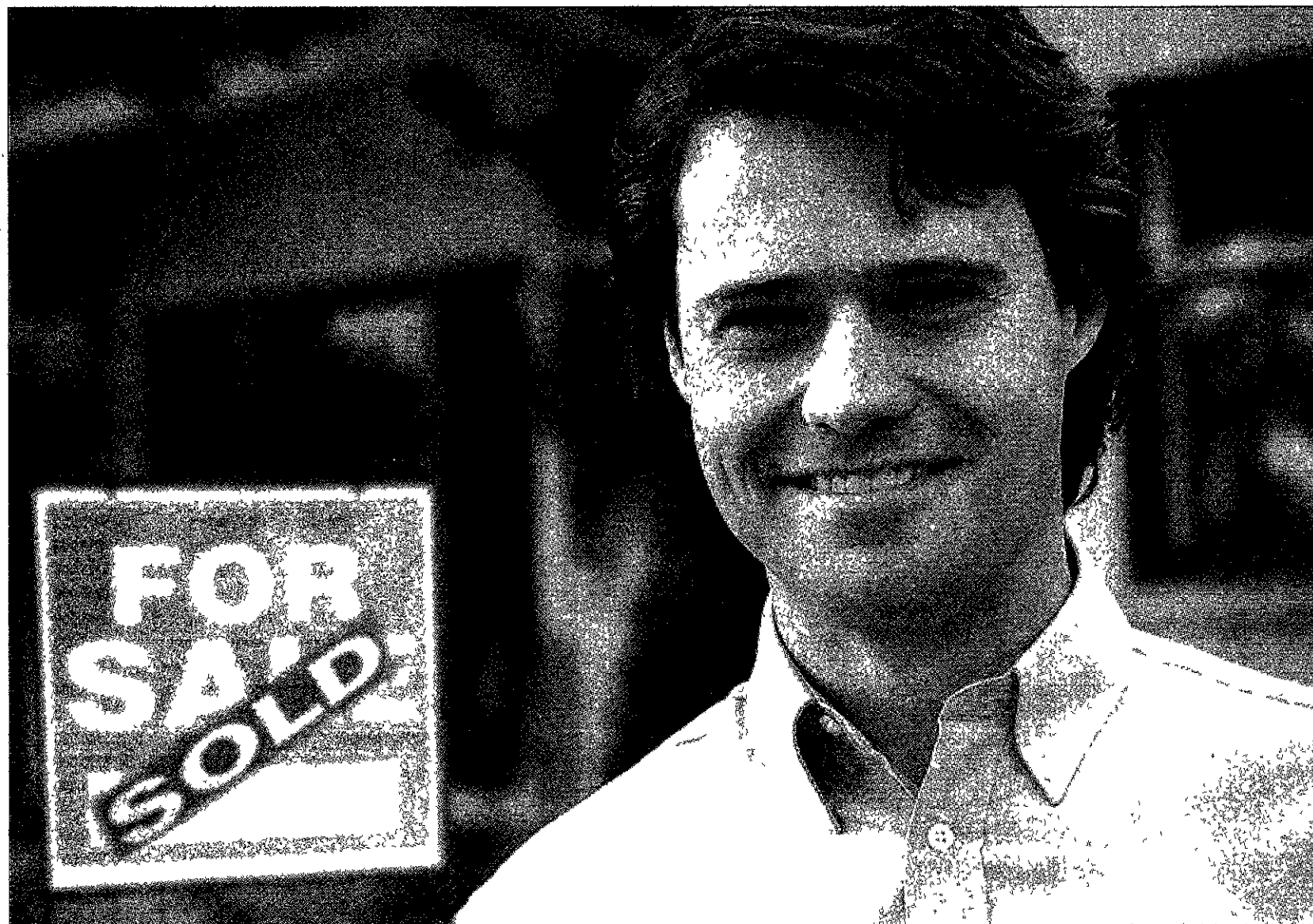
"I'm kind of a farmer at heart. You can't do that in a condo," he said of planting and working outdoors. When he's older, Nelson doesn't think he'll go to a condo.

"I think more about moving to a farm. I've always been that kind of a person. I like being outside."

Winter's easier for him as there's only snowblowing to worry about. There are taxes advantages to owning, he's found, with the Birmingham schools a draw and the lower Beverly Hills taxes also a plus.

Pam Young of Redford owned a home with her late husband since 1979 and stayed there when he died in December 1998. The couple had no children.

"I've been lucky because I've had good workmen," said the 51-year-old Eastern Michigan University administrator. Her home's some 60 years old, and is brick but had some wood



damage that has been repaired.

All of Young's street uses a lawn service, a help with the larger yards. They don't have snowblowing or plowing in the winter.

"That's the one thing we don't have and I wish we did." Neighbor kids are good about helping with shoveling and snowblowing, she said.

"I've got great neighbors," said Young, who's in the South Redford school district. "It's a wonderful house. I love owning a home."

Like Nelson, Young has renovated her home. "It can be hard to maintain," she said. "You've got to stay on top of it." She's been pleased with the plumber, roofer and others she's found.

Young never lived in an apartment, so doesn't have a basis of comparison for taxes. "I just love a home," she said. "I'll probably always own one."

Nelson uses no service for lawn care, as he

likes the work and the savings. He's done renovation, including a two-room addition for which a contractor roughed it in and he finished it.

"I probably got a C in shop," he said. He was also able to redo siding on his garage.

Realtor Nanci J. Rands of Snyder Kinney Bennett & Keating in Birmingham sees her share of single customers from all walks of life. Some are younger and never married, including even those still finishing their education.

Recent low interest rates have made it possible for some of those singles to buy with family help, she said. People often buy a home as a way to build equity, with some investing "sweat equity" into improvements, selling and buying another home.

Some people delay marriage or don't plan to marry, said Rands, 2006 president of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of

Realtors. "I think it's very much across the board," she said.

Singles often find a home offers greater privacy and control over the property, she added. Those newly single through divorce or widowhood are another part of the market.

"Many of those people need different kinds of configurations," Rands said, citing divorced people with shared custody of children.

Some widows and widowers have fairly substantial homes and may be more comfortable in a property reflecting their new lifestyle, compared to "what some people would call redundant spaces."

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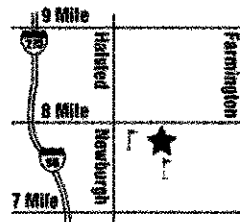
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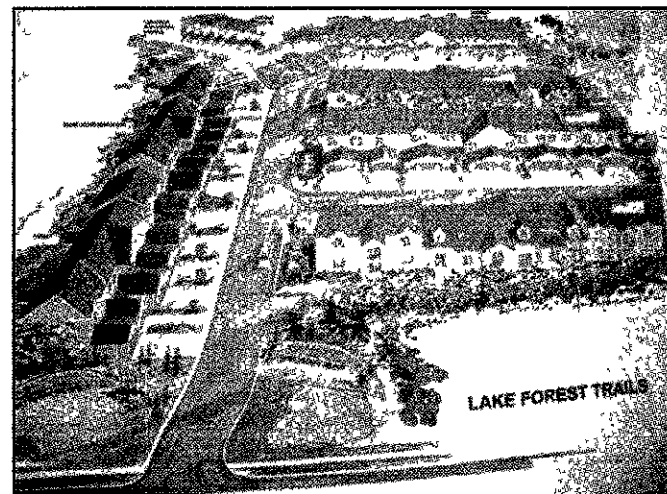


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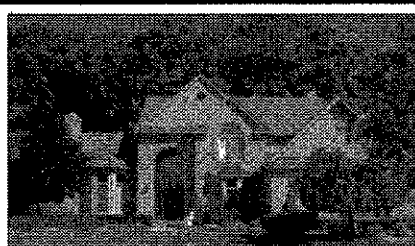
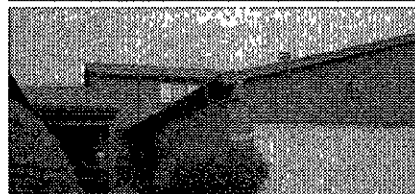
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Excellent location in Chase Farms backs to protected woods. Transom windows & 12" ceiling in living room & dining room. Gourmet kitchen updated with granite. Built in library. Finished basement. 734-455-6000 E: P60WH 25136214444985 GOVERNOR BRADFORD
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PLYMOUTH \$370,000
Move right into this Trailwood colonial w/3 car garage. Numerous replacements include: windows, furnace, roof tear-off, hickory kitchen cabinets & floor, carpet, 1st floor, utility. New rec room. 734-455-6000 E: P85GH 25148619LIVONIA \$184,900
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Easy in-town living. Completely redesigned and remodeled. Elegant living & dining rooms w/doorwall to covered balcony. Open kitchen w/ all new appliances & granite peninsula. Convenient in-unit laundry. 734-455-6000 E: PDE70 25138258CANTON \$279,900
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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of May 30-June 3, 2005, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
43131 Applewood	\$228,000
8096 Chatham	\$338,000
7434 Derby	\$225,000
6747 Edgewood	\$245,000
42410 Hanford	\$189,000
5873 Meadowview	\$383,000
1725 Milbrook	\$322,000
44467 Ridgfield	\$210,000
2885 River Meadow	\$262,000
48643 Stonebriar	\$52,000

2170 Woodmont
Garden City6635 Fairfield \$139,000
30607 Marquette \$143,000

Livonia

43769 Eight Mile \$95,000
14220 Arcola \$170,000
14466 Auburndale \$204,000
14797 Auburndale \$200,000
20544 Chestnut \$525,000
20139 Edgewood \$388,000
30057 Fairfax \$164,000
14833 Fairfield \$180,000
15506 Green Lane \$145,000
19493 Inkster \$103,000
9628 Mayfield \$152,000
9909 Mayfield \$185,000
15232 Melrose \$168,00014341 Merriman
20289 Oporto
38091 Summers
15457 Sunset
15969 Swathmore
33820 Trillium
19846 Weyher\$175,000
\$380,000
\$235,000
\$187,000
\$289,000
\$330,000
\$165,000

Plymouth

770 Deer \$135,000
48045 Hilltop \$462,000
48287 Hilltop \$418,000
12327 Howland Park \$465,000
12452 Woodgate \$185,000

Redford

15801 Centralia \$124,000
20025 Delaware \$103,000
14005 Farley \$165,000
20476 Fox \$137,00019963 Indian
25231 Keeler
15444 Leona
26933 Southwestern
Westland\$112,000
\$114,000
\$110,000
\$112,00031503 Allegan \$19,000
31606 Ann Arbor \$123,000
32086 Avondale \$138,000
34033 Caseville \$101,000
29125 Eton \$129,000
33407 Forest \$187,000
1916 N Walton \$141,000
7327 N Wildwood \$168,000
39375 Palmer \$152,000
5022 S Middlebelt \$114,000
34734 Sansburn \$138,000
2021 Stockmeyer \$180,000
6347 Westland \$168,000

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

Bingham Farms

30905 Timberbrook \$350,000

Birmingham

1225 Bird \$574,000
444 Chester \$255,000
1918 Cole \$250,000
2647 Dorchester \$245,000
1889 E Lincoln \$205,000
1551 Emmons \$520,000
1774 Haynes \$325,000
898 N Adams \$138,000
946 N Adams \$132,000

Bloomfield Hills/Township

254 Alice \$166,000
116 Barrington \$223,000
2840 Courville \$320,000
4525 Niagara \$333,000
1635 S Hill \$165,000

31109 Bycroft

32500 Cadillac \$285,000
22990 Elm Grove \$262,000
30122 Fiddlers \$275,000
21966 Flanders \$179,000
35249 Gary \$225,000
28880 Hidden \$395,000
29679 Mayfair \$148,000
32403 Nottingham \$255,000
30414 Orchard Lake \$107,000
30594 Orchard Lake \$143,000
33753 Rhonswood \$150,000
37821 Thames \$340,000
30015 Valley Side \$270,000
30052 W 12 Mile \$114,000

Franklin

24800 Franklin Farms \$1,350,000
31305 Woodside \$715,000

Farmington

31840 Lee \$190,000
23965 Whittaker \$305,000

Farmington Hills

31073 Applewood \$390,000
29983 Ardmore \$240,000
36837 Ashover \$337,000
37828 Avon \$320,000
27850 Bayberry \$205,000
22280 Buckingham \$385,000

Novi

30768 Ardmore \$40,000
43153 Ashbury \$405,000
24325 Bashian \$125,000
24252 Bramblewood \$345,000
45756 Bristol \$524,000
40784 Kingsley \$525,000
23241 Mystic Forest \$375,000
149 N Haven \$202,000
24236 Simmons \$260,000

25824 Trestle

\$330,000
22654 Woolsey \$147,000

Southfield

30382 Cascade \$50,000
21915 Duns Scotus \$200,000
23900 Edinburgh \$185,000
24105 Evergreen \$137,000
26459 Franklin Pointe \$142,000
28060 Glasgow \$155,000
18559 Jeanette \$185,000
23365 Outwood \$191,000
23929 Plumbrooke \$239,000
26126 Summerdale \$160,000
15685 W 10 Mile \$235,000
23922 W 10 Mile \$93,000
20145 Winchester \$171,000

Troy

1924 Axtell \$120,000
866 Bridge Park \$349,000
5068 Buckingham \$157,000
5074 Cardinal \$470,000
6222 Carriage Trail \$575,000
1055 Chopin \$140,000
3543 Eastbourne \$274,000
1347 Fountain \$395,000
3131 Kilmer \$160,000
1970 Larchwood \$138,000
3016 Oakhill \$242,000

2778 Rhodes

\$190,000
2014 Vermont \$163,000
2800 Winter \$193,000
6761 Woodcrest \$416,000

Walled Lake

3100 Benstein \$143,000
27103 Chantel \$199,000
8211 Chesapeake \$160,000
176 Club House \$244,000
116 E Walled Lake \$320,000
352 Neptune \$126,000
1065 Vollmers \$580,000

West Bloomfield

5817 Belgrave \$537,000
2145 Colony Club \$260,000
6664 Cottonwood Knoll \$306,000
6790 Dandison \$199,000
7462 Holborn \$642,000
2374 Keydon \$310,000
6533 Marten Knoll \$277,000
3099 Moon Lake \$235,000
5857 N Course \$290,000
2820 Oakbrooke \$591,000
2199 Strader \$234,000
7015 Timberview \$355,000
5333 Wright \$203,000

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Avoid financial woes with securing mortgage

Q. I am interested in buying a home but we are cash poor at this time. I have gone to one of the so-called leading mortgage companies who has offered me basically a proposal where I have to provide very little, if any, cash down, and the monthly payments on the mortgage would be less than would normally be the schedule. What do you think?

A. I am concerned about people buying homes and getting financing packages from mortgage companies which do not reflect the true cost of maintaining the home including the mortgage payment which will no doubt increase substantially in the future based upon the nature of the program being offered. It appears that this could be a significant reason for people to get into financial trouble without recognizing same and this philosophy has been buttressed by people such as Alan Greenspan. I would seriously consider holding back until you are in a position to obtain a conventional mortgage at rates and payments which you can reasonably afford.

Q. I am thinking of relocating to Milwaukee and am wondering what the opportunities are in the downtown area for high rise and/or



Real Estate Inquires

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mid-rise condominiums. Do you have any information?

A. Milwaukee, like most larger cities on the lake, offers a number of high rise condominiums and apartments. There are also mid-rise condominiums that are being developed near or at the water. There is a fair amount of development along the waterfront in Milwaukee including an outstanding art museum with an extraordinary winged architecture. The real estate market in Milwaukee is fairly good although the prices are somewhat less than they would be on the Gold Coast in Chicago. You are best advised to consult with a real estate agent and condo lawyer. **Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com.

Check the prepayment penalties on mortgage

You would think I was a foreigner if you overheard me tell another pilot that the D-NOTAMS said to change our squawk upon entering the ADIZ. Such vernacular is fine in a peer-to-peer communication, but can confuse everybody else.

It's no wonder people get intimidated with this whole mortgage business. Not only must they make a huge financial decision amidst piles of cryptic paperwork, disclosures, and forms, they must also navigate through issues like prepaid interest, required escrows, cash reserves, discount points, and title insurance premiums. Though I can only tackle one item – the concept of “prepayment penalties”



Timothy Phillips

– today, I hope it will save you some money and some grief. Virtually everything in the mortgage world happens for the benefit of the lender. The note that you sign – your promise to repay so much money over so many years at such-and-such an interest rate – during your mortgage process is a valuable, tradable commodity for the lender.

Lenders need these notes to yield them certain rates of return. They also like stability and predictability.

Prepayment penalties state that if you pay off your loan before a prescribed period of time has elapsed, you must pay the lender or note holder an extra fee. Thus, prepayment penalties give stability to the note as an investment vehicle.

Bad credit lenders almost all have mandatory prepayment penalties to prevent borrowers from bouncing from loan to loan. However, if you are an “A+” borrower and really desire a premium deal, you should ask your lender if you are eligible for a discounted interest rate by accepting a prepayment penalty on your new mortgage. This can be a windfall, especially for borrowers in jumbo mortgages.

What if you sell your home before the period has expired? Ask your lender if they have a “soft” prepay option that makes a provision for the sale of your home, but not for your refinancing out of their loan.

Today's TIMBIT! Don't let terms you don't understand scare you. Challenge all professionals with whom you come in contact to frame things up in a manner that makes sense to you.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. Visit www.PhillipsHQ.com for free information online or call him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

Tour the lofts Saturday

The Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce presents Royal Oak Living, a condo and loft shuttle tour, from 2-6 p.m. Saturday.

The three-hour tour will make stops at 10 condo and loft developments, including The Fifth, SkyLofts MarketSquare, 400 Parent Avenue, Lofts at 11, Troy Street Lofts, Main North Terraces, Grant Park Townlofts, Eight 55 South Main, 610 South and Metro Station.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the tour. The tour begins and ends at the Farmers Market, on 11 Mile Road just east of Main Street. There will be three shuttles, the last one leaving at 5 p.m. Call (248) 547-4000 for tickets.

The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* will award a free ticket to the first five readers who e-mail jbauman@oe.homecomm.net.

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AFI Financial	(877) 234-0800	5.75	0.125	5.375	0	J/A	Horizon Financial Group	(866) 536-7687	5.625	2	5.125	2 J/A
America's Premiere Mortgage	(800) 585-8730	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A/V/F	JMC Mortgage Corp.	(248) 489-4020	5.5	3	5	3 J/A
Ameriprise Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-2523	5.875	0	5.375	0	J/A	Keystone Mortgage	(888) 539-3734	5.375	2.5	5	2 J/A
Bay Pointe Mortgage Corp.	(248) 652-3598	5.5	2	5.125	2	J/A/V	LaSalle Bank Midwest	(800) 466-3800	5.75	2	5.375	2 J/A/V/F
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Capital Mortgage Funding	(248) 569-7283	5.75	2	5.25	1.75	J/A/F	Mainstreet Mortgage	(800) 800-1313	5.875	0	5.5	0 J/A/V/F
Captiva Group Mortgage Co	(248) 682-8643	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A	Manufacturers	(586) 777-1000	5.75	0.5	5.375	0.5 J/A
Centerbrook Mortgage	(248) 851-4150	5.75	0.125	5.5	0	J/A	Mortgages by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	5.375	1.875	4.875	0.75 J/A/V/F
Charter One Bank	(800) 342-5336	6.25	0	5.875	0	J/A/V/F	National City Bank	(586) 825-0825	5.75	1.875	5.25	1.875 J/A
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eREFI.com	www.eREFI.com	5.875	1	5.375	1	R	Shore Mortgage	(800) 678-6663	5.375	3	4.875	3 J/A/V/F
Fifth Third Bank	(800) 792-8830	6	0.5	5.525	0.375	J/V/F	Staring Bank & Trust	(800) 926-5526	6	0	5.625	0 J/F
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First International Inc.	(248) 258-1584	5.75	0	5.375	0	J/A	York Financial Inc.	(888) 833-9675	5.875	0	5.5	0 J/A
GMAC Mortgage Corp	(800) 888-4622	5.5	3	5.25	1.5	J/A/V/F						

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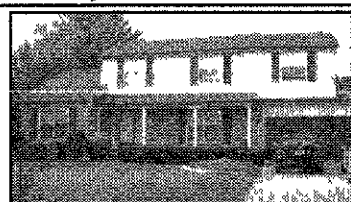
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BACKING TO THE WOODS On an extra deep lot with a sunny family room, formal living room, new roof, vinyl windows, finished basement, updated bath, 2 car garage and a big open kitchen. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Nice. \$204,000 (P-728AL)



STORY BOOK SPECIAL Enchanting colonial in Farmington Hills offering 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths in a spacious floor plan. Attached 2 car garage, formal living and dining rooms plus a family room w/fireplace, a study and a finished basement! \$369,900 (P-128BA)



AWESOME RANCH Nothing to do in this immaculate 3 bedroom ranch - just bring your things! Granite kitchen, new carpet, central air, lush landscaping, 2 car garage, stamped concrete drive and immediate occupancy! \$165,900 (606SA)



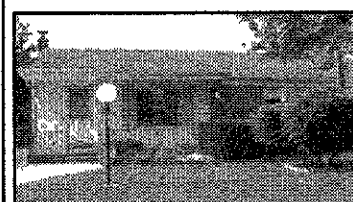
OUTSHINES THE REST By far one of the nicest homes in Canton!!! Wide open design with beautiful windows for lots of light and a spacious feel. All of the features you desire and immaculately clean. Garage, basement, fireplace and glowing wood floors. \$230,000 (P-091CH)



PRESTIGIOUS RIDGEWOOD WEST Highly sought after sub in Plymouth offers this 4 bedroom beauty with all the features you desire. Super clean w/many upgrades. Huge master, custom fireplace, island kitchen and more. \$419,900 (C-111WO)



BEAUTIFUL 11.75 ACRE SITE! Close to M-14 with easy access to expressways. Will need an engineered field. Some wetlands. Irregular property line on the south side. Survey in the listing office. Call for details. \$250,000 (P-160FR)



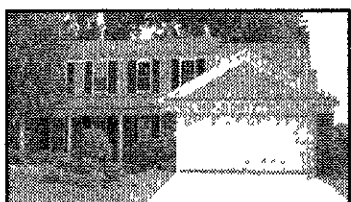
TREE LINED STREET Enjoy all the comforts of home in this Garden City ranch complete with a finished basement, 2 car garage, 1.5 baths, a pretty entry, big picture window in the living room and a great price! \$148,900 (C-417HA)



CALLING ALL INVESTORS! Great Plymouth income properties. Four, one bedroom units. 2 in each building. Updating includes a new roof. Good rents with landlord paying for water. Land contract terms negotiable. \$299,000 (C-236JU)



A SMART START A great place to begin building equity in this totally updated 3 bedroom ranch on an extra deep lot. Nice oak kitchen with appliances, deck overlooking a fenced yard and a 1st floor laundry. Cute, bright and cheerful. \$124,900 (P-143KA)



ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL Who says you can't have it all? Spacious 4BR/2.5BA home in a great neighborhood! New windows, flooring, fresh paint, fireplace, nice landscaping & large floor plan. Call for more info today!! \$227,500 (C-600LA)



UNIQUE FLOOR PLAN Inviting entry w/ large front porch. Updated roof, furnace, air, windows and more. Coved ceilings, lighted ceiling fans in all bedrooms, glass block in finished basement w/full bath. \$137,000 (C-652LO)



FIRST TIME BUYERS! Take a look at this pretty Garden City ranch with 3 bedrooms, a full basement, updated roof, entry doors, sliding and windows. Nice lot across from a school. Gorgeous oak kitchen too! \$129,900 (C-455MA)



FUSSY BUYERS WELCOME Take a good look at this 4 bedroom beauty with 2.5 baths. Nice location in Southfield. Partially finished basement, 2 car garage, sprinkler system, back yard overlooking a pond and really nice decor. \$209,999 (P-411MA)



HOME SWEET HOME Comfortable colonial with a large family room off of the updated kitchen w/lots of cabinets. Hardwood floors, oversized garage, vinyl windows and more! 3 block from the elementary school. \$169,900 (C-835MO)



BEAUTIFUL RANCH 3 bedrooms, an attached 2 car garage and well over 1200 square feet. Bonus room connects the house to the garage with heat for usage all year round. Great location and a great price at only \$139,900 (P-412MO)



MOVE RIGHT IN! Immediate occupancy on this lovely 4 bedroom bungalow. All of the updating already done for you. Large updated kitchen, bath, roof, windows, furnace, air, electrical and plumbing. Big garage & huge lot. \$190,000 (P-940CL)



A MUST SEE FOR UNDER 100K! Attractive 3 bedroom ranch with beautiful Pergo flooring in the kitchen with rich oak cabinetry and vinyl windows compliment this lovely home. \$89,900 (C-229PA)



CUSTOM RANCH ON ACREAGE Spectacular 4 bedroom, 3 bath ranch with a vaulted great room, full finished walkout with 8 foot ceilings, 3 car garage and a huge pole barn with your choice of 2 or 7 acres. Starting price \$335,000 (C-449RA)



BETTER THAN NEW PULTE 4 bedroom beauty with dramatic flair featuring 9 foot ceilings, cozy family room fireplace, luxurious master bath, big kitchen w/GE appliances and prof. landscaping w/ sprinklers. Priced to sell at only \$238,000 (P-756RA)



AFFORDABLE CANTON CONDO Updated 2 bedroom condo with new windows and carpeting in a great area in Canton. Appliances, central air, attached garage, balcony, 1st floor laundry and more. Come see it today! \$99,900 (C-544SA)



CANT BE DONE!!! Hard to beat the price for this cute 2 bedroom ranch with a 2.5 car garage w/220 line! Built in eating space and lots of cabinets in the kitchen, newer windows, large deck and vaulted ceilings. Only \$85,900 (P-267ST)



COMMERCIAL PROPERTY In Plymouth's "Old Village". Property can be used for a variety of owner occupied business ventures. Many improvements. Extra lg. lot with 376 square feet building in the rear. One side rented month to month. \$399,900 (P-446ST)



INVESTOR SPECIAL Priced way below market because this one needs a lot of work. Some nice features are, wood floors under carpet, all brick, built in cabinetry in the dining room, new furnace & hwh. Living room fireplace. \$89,900 (C-850ST)



SUPER CLEAN BUNGALOW Large upper bedroom w/half bath, finished basement with 2 additional rooms, nicely fenced yard with a patio and more. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. \$84,900 (P-600FI)

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Education Seminars

The Building Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following seminars:

■ 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m., Thursdays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 2 — Special guest Norman Hyman with faculty from Honigman Miller Schwartz & Cohn will present "The 90 Minute Law School" seminar

in two parts: Part I will focus on contract law concepts, business entities, mechanics lien law and copyright law for builders and Part II examines constitutional law concepts in land use, endangered species, Clean Water Act, wetlands regulations, the American With Disabilities Act and Fair Housing Act. Both sessions are held at BIA offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Registration for each session is \$20 for BIA members and \$40 for guests. Continental breakfast is included. (248) 862-1033.

■ Wednesday, Nov. 2 — "The Best Marketing for New Home Sales" at LaSalle Bank headquarters, 23600 W. Big Beaver in Troy. Registration is free for builders and new home sales reps. (248) 862-1033.

■ 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 — "Contact/Time

Management" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 4 — Super Leasing Extravaganza seminar at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Registration fees are \$69 for Property Management Council members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, or 6-9 p.m. Nov. 10 and 17 and Dec. 1 and 8 — Builder's License Preparation Course at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$200. (248) 862-1033.

■ noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9 — "Building the Dry Basement" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.

Registration fees are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. Bring your own bag lunch.

■ 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9 — "Land Acquisition and Development in a Changing Market," at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30-4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 9-10 — Seminar on "Essential Closing Strategies" at Charter One Bank, 1250 W. 14 Mile, Troy. Registration fees are \$149 for SMC members, \$169 for BIA members and \$180 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 — General membership meeting and discussion at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$60 for guests.

■ noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 — Roundtable discussion featuring 2005 Remodeler of the Year and industry veteran, Robert Johnson of Johnson Building Company, BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Cost is free to Remodelers Council Members and \$15 for guests. (248) 862-1008.

■ 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 — "Filling the Sales Pipeline" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 — "Insurance Reconstruction" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$140 for Remodelers Council Members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. noon Tuesday, Nov. 22 — "Budget Management and Cost Control" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$145. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29 — "Quality Construction" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

How To Classes

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes.

■ Builder's Pre-License Class — This course will help those who want to subcontract the construction of their own home, real estate investors, developers and building trades people.

Classes will be held 6-10 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Oct. 24; 26, 31 and Nov. 2 at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills, \$190 plus \$20 textbook and sample questions fee, (248) 203-3800; 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Oct. 25, 27 and Nov. 1 and 3, at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road, Room 133, \$199 plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions, (248) 433-0885; 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Nov. 1, 3, 8 & 10, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, \$189 for residents plus \$20 course textbook and sample questions and nonresidents are \$208 plus \$20, (313) 317-1500.

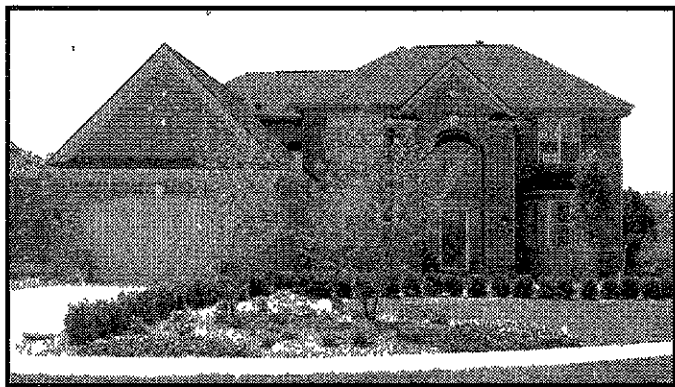
■ Basement Remodeling Class — The seminar is designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling.

Classes are: 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Oct. 24 and 26, at Adams High School, 3200 W. Tienken Road, Rochester, \$99 plus \$10 textbook and materials fee, (248) 726-3165; 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Nov. 1 & 3, Tinkham Center, 450 S. Venoy, Westland, \$95 plus \$10 textbook and materials fee, (734) 419-2426; 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Nov. 1 & 3, Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, \$99 plus \$10 for textbook and materials, (248) 956-5000, 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Nov. 1 & 3, The Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington, \$95 plus \$10 for textbook and materials, (248) 489-3333.

■ Build Your Own Home — Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who want to work with a builder, the course details each stage of construction as well as your rights and responsibilities.

Classes are: 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Nov. 1, 3, 8, 10, at the Tyndall Center, 14501 Talbot St., Oak Park, \$190 plus \$30 for textbooks, (248) 837-8900; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23 and 30, at the Hilton Suites, 2300 Featherstone, Auburn Hills, \$220 all inclusive, (800) 940-2014.

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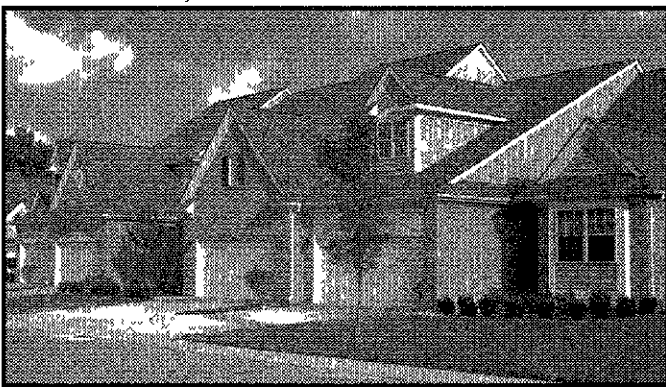


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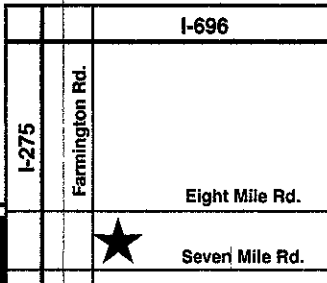


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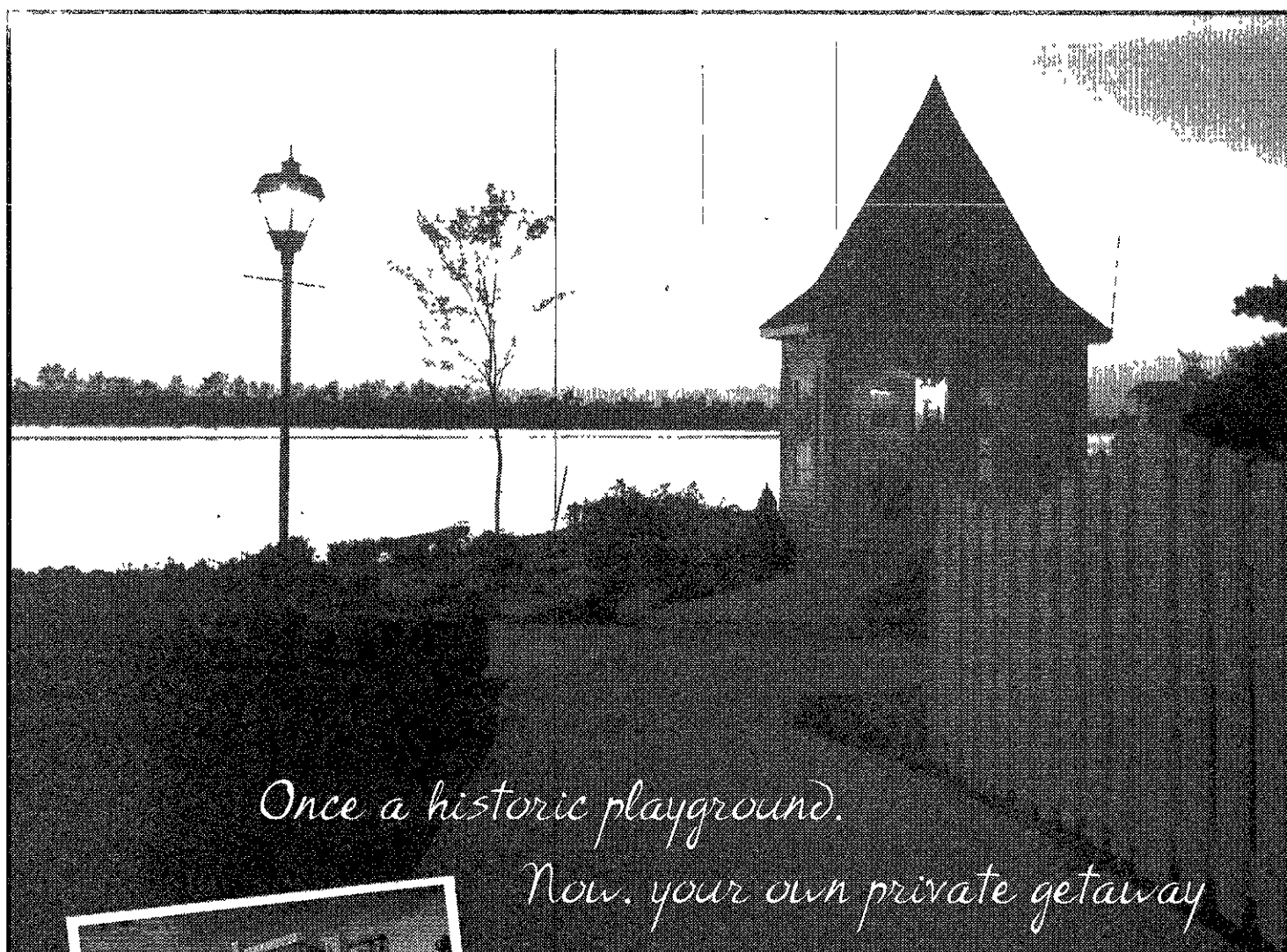
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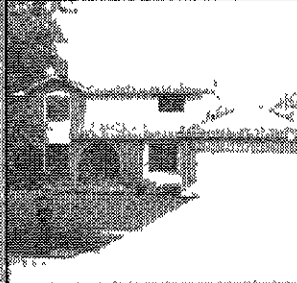
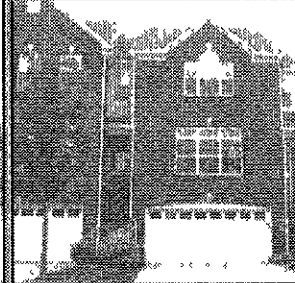
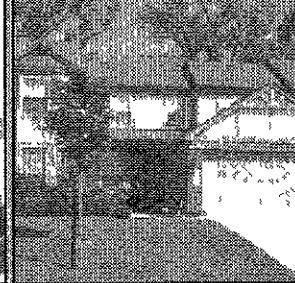
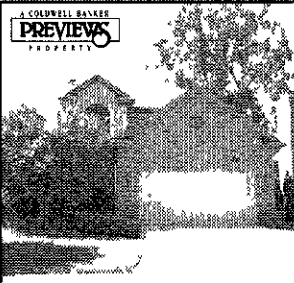
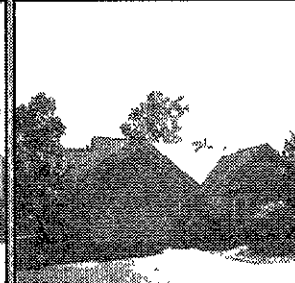
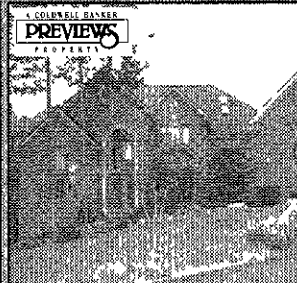
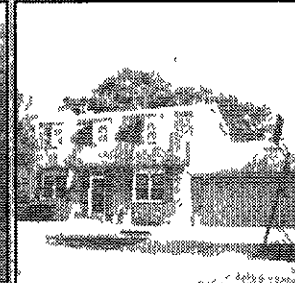
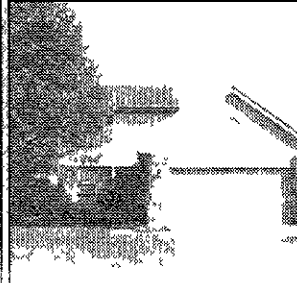
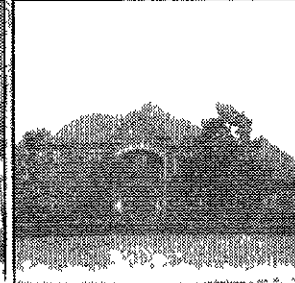
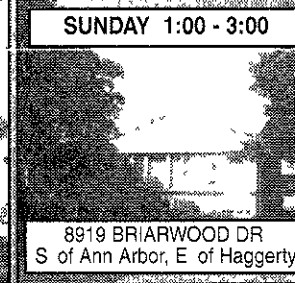
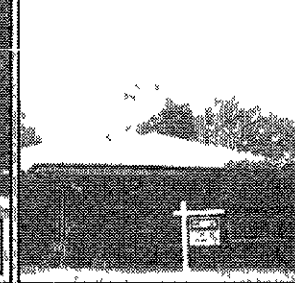
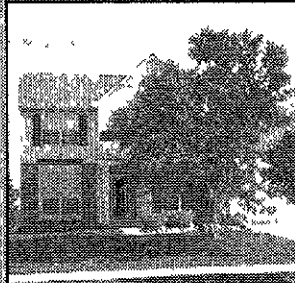
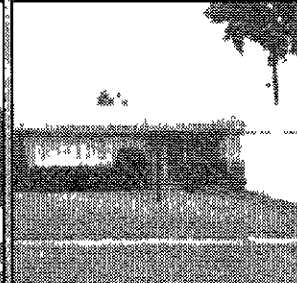
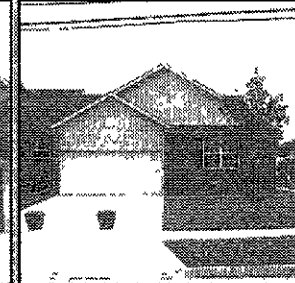
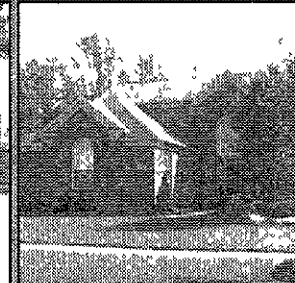
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Updates including new vinyl siding, newer windows, kitchen cabinets, some newer cabinets, landscaping large lots, lots of space between homes, not the usual subdivisions, it's close to everything, city water & sewer. MLS# 25145919 248-347-3050**FERDALE** \$199,900
From the gourmet kitchen to the fabulously funky bathroom this is one you don't want to miss. Updates include kitchen, bathroom, furnace, A/C, patio, deck, door wall. MLS# 25146937 248-347-3050**GARDEN CITY** \$139,900
All brick bungalow on gigantic lot. 2 spacious bedrooms up. Spacious kitchen w/stove, refrigerator, washer & dryer included. Beautiful HDWD floors t/o Living room offers coved ceilings. Interior freshly painted. MLS# 25116837 734-453-6800**GENOA** \$949,900
Contemporary elegance nestled among towering spruce trees. Granite counters marble master Italian tile finished walk-out 7 bedrooms, 6 baths, 3 fireplaces, 2 first floor masters. MLS# 25066162 248-437-4500**HAMBURG** \$460,000
2-story Foyer, hrdwd Flrs On 1st Flr. Whorlzan Cherry Inlays, 9 Ft. Ceilings On 1st Flr. 3.5 Car Garage, extra Deep Unfin W/o w/bath rough-ins, 2 furnaces & C/A, granite island in kitchen W/42" Cabinets W/corner Counters. MLS# 25120587 248-347-3050**LIVONIA** \$259,000
Warmth & charm in lovely 1980 sq ft colonial w/4 BR, 1.5 baths, 2 car garage & basement. New kit w/Corian counters, oak cabinets, breakfast bar & center island. FR w/brick fireplace. Spacious BR's. Large treed yard. MLS# 25093475 734-453-6800**LIVONIA** \$189,900
Completely updated from top to bottom! Charming 3 BR, 3 BA ranch. Granite in kitchen. New Pergo floor in great room. Master w/master bath. Beautifully finished basement w/wet bar, bath & more. MLS# 25118654 734-453-6800**LIVONIA** \$149,900
1-2 story, large lot, & A/C. Neutral colors & HDWD flrs t/o Fin bsmt for plenty of extra living space. Spacious yard w/deck & hot tub. 2.5 car garage w/opener gives lots of room for storage or workshop. Must see! MLS# 25089538 734-453-6800**NORTHVILLE** \$1,450,000
W/tp & Granite Ctrs, Kit W/Walk in Wine Cellar, granite Ctrs, 4 Car Gar study. W/cherry panelling, cherry Flrs. T/o most of 1st Flr, fin Li W/o W/theatre Rm. Full Kit, bdrm, bath & Workout Rm. MLS# 25121914 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$385,000
car att garage & 4 car det heated garage, new roof, new furnace hwd flr in foyer & hallway 1st flr laundry newer opt to unfn bsmt w/daylight windows, vaulted ceiling & fp in gr. MLS# 25141391 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$325,000
eod mstr bath w/new cabinet new ceramic tile & new Euro shower & new carpet t/o Pergo in foyer half bath & kitchen new hwh vaulted ceiling in fam rm, living/dining rm combo w/fp. MLS# 25133591 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$157,000
Correct. Freshly painted 2 BR, 2.5 BA has huge master w/walk in closet & private bath. Large patio & 1 car garage. All appliances. Great floor plan! Community pool. MLS# 25141172 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$849,900
W/ C w 8000 sqft LL w kit BA BR spa rm FP & living area. 1st flr mstr w/FP, jac tub 2 W/Cs priv balcony 2nd flr 'English Library' Lg kit WI & btlr pntry Sun rm w/views. MLS# 25143991 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$539,900
1-1 1/2 story, 4 BR, 3.1 BA colonial on enormous estate size setting. Gourmet kitchen-nook w/rich cherry cabinets. 2 story family room w/fireplace. Lux master. Guest suite 1st floor study. 3 car s/e garage. MLS# 25140206 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$515,000
All neutral with custom molding and two-tone paint. New carpeting t/o 2 story foyer w/curved staircase, see-thru prty between fam rm & kitchen, large kitchen w/hearth side area & garden rm, new dimen roof, new driveway. MLS# 25121081 248-347-3050**PLYMOUTH** \$359,900
Priced well below sellers cost! 3-4 BR, 2.1 BA detached cape cod. Grmt kitchen-nook w/Corian countertops. 1st floor master 4th BR currently a loft. Great room w/FP & soaring ceilings. HDWD floors on 1st floor. MLS# 25142022 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$289,900
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4 Bdrm Brick Ranch! Nice Big Kitchen, Formal Living Rm, Family Rm. W/elec frpl, Yard W/shed & Room For Garage, Newer Furnace, Fresh Paint, Updated Electrical, Pull Down Stairs To Attic. 1st Flr Laundry & More! MLS# 25140110 248-347-3050**SOUTH LYON** \$325,000
2 Story Foyer, living room w/box window, dining room w/outlets pantry, kitchen W/42" Cabinets, eat-in nook, Family room w/fp, mstr Ste w/vaulted Ceiling, W/C, glam Bath w/w/tpool Tub, finished oversized 2.5 Car Garage. MLS# 25141700 248-347-3050**SOUTHFIELD** \$269,500
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New Construction End Unit Mstr Suite W/Walk in Closet & Bath, 1st Floor Laundry, Choice Of Carpet, Vinyl, Counter Tops, Ceramic 36" Gas Log Fireplace W/Wood Mantle & Ceramic Surround, 2 Car garage W/ Drywall & Ceiling. MLS# 25147834 248-347-3050**TAYLOR** \$159,900
Mstr Ste W/wc First Flr Laundry choice Of Cabinets, Counter Tops, Carpet, Vinyl, Ceramic 36" Gas Log Fireplace W/Wood Mantle & Ceramic Surround 2 Car Garage. MLS# 25148007 248-347-3050**VAN BUREN** \$309,900
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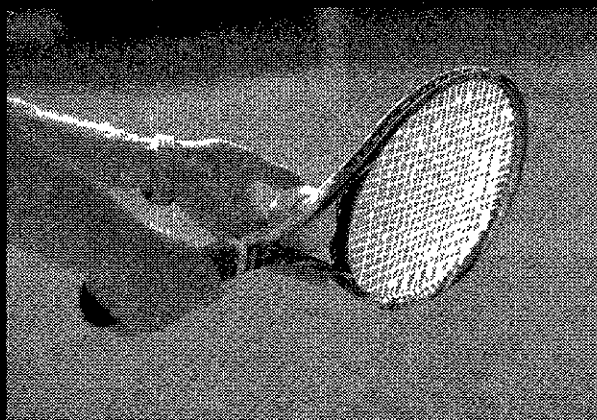
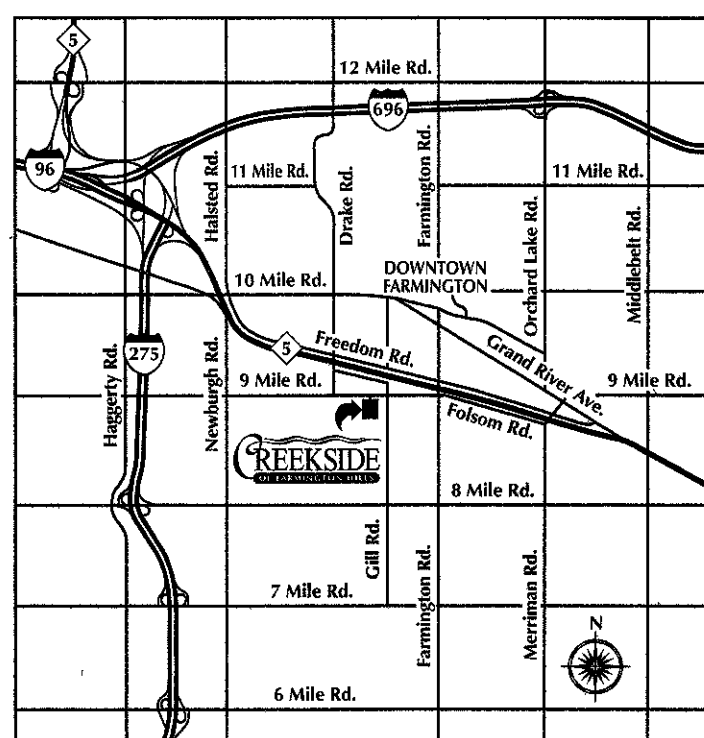
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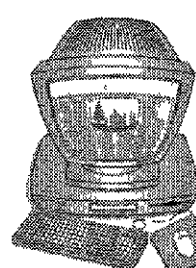
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CANTON Great Pride Shows
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1.5 story 3 bedroom, 2.5 car, large double lot, updated kitchen & bath. Updated siding, roof, furnace, C/A, copper plumbing, breakers, newer carpet T/O. Garage built in 1991. Freshly painted
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VAN BUREN Outstanding Condo
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Never very clean 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch w/master bedroom with bath. Two car garage. Large basement, 1st floor laundry. Has never been decorated - Waiting for your personal touches. Close to I-75 & US-23
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PLYMOUTH Location! Location!
Just a few blocks to downtown & 2 parks. One of the few English style colonials w/character & charm still intact in this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. Fine molding & hwd flrs. Beautiful English gardens & 2 car garage
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SUPERIOR TWP. Desirable Interior Lot!
Outstanding 2002, 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial looks like new inside & out offering many upgrades. Neutral decor & ready for you to move into. Large master ste w/WIC & spacious BA, + 2 car attached gar & full bsmt
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Sitting on approx 14 acres, this 2001 cape cod offers 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, master w/WIC & garden tub. Dining room w/view from deck, also 2.5 car attached garage, huge extra deep walk out lower level & more.
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Wow! Great floor plan - great location. Northville Hills Golf Community. 4 spacious bedrooms, 3.5 baths & granite. Backyard features a private resort in-ground pool - daylight. A must see
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End unit with attached garage, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, large open living/dining room area. Spacious master bedroom with WIC. Enjoy maintenance free living. Pool & clubhouse. Immediate occupancy
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3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial, on prime lot, on 1 large backyard located on cul de sac. Home is tastefully decorated & great floor plan. Family room w/gas fireplace, basement & 2 car attached garage
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WESTLAND Outstanding Ranch
This 2.5 car home offers best of all worlds. Large garage + updated roof, windows, hard wood floors in LR & bedroom under carpet. Large eat-in kitchen w/loads of cabinets & ceramic floor. Brick paver patio w/fenced yard
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PLYMOUTH In The Heart Of Town
A story home built in 1954 presents a unique front porch. GR w/gas fireplace, full w/d floor & ceramic backsplash & island paver patio, master suite w/bath ceiling, prof fin LL & 2nd flr laundry, 3 BR, 2.5 BA & 2 car gar
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4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial. Prides landscape, front & back yard & heated in-ground pool. Merlat pull-out kit, cabinets, island in kit, hwd, car tile & next crrt FF, w/storage. Mstr ste w/full BA, WIC & 2nd closet. Full fin W/O bsmt
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Convenient location. 3 bedroom, 1 bath + updates including roof, kitchen, crown hardwood floors living room & family room. 2 car garage, Livonia schools, one year home warranty
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Spacious 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial offering new roof, AC & 2 brand new kitchens 2005. Professionally finished basement with full kitchen, large 2 car attached garage, fireplace in great room & appliances
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Updated & maintained 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial w/library, FF laundry & fin bsmt. Newer roof, furn, master BR, lav. All newer windows & doors. Custom shed in fenced yard. Furn & air cleaner '02. BR w/frplc & wet bar
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4 BR, 2.5 BA home on deep wooded lot. Neutral decor, cath ceilings & bright ceramic foyer. Lg LR w/bay window. Frplc in FR. French drs into library/den. Island kit w/loads of cab space. Mstr ste w/WIC closet. Warr
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CANTON Charming Home
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COMMERCE Clean Classic Colonial
4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial with Lake Sherwood privileges & private beach area. Updated throughout. Cherry kitchen with granite island. Large Florida room features hot tub. Finished basement w/fin BR, full BA, FR area & 2nd lib
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GARDEN CITY Spectacular Ranch
Spacious 3 BR, 1 BA ranch on double lot. Beautifully landscaped yard. Spacious rooms, LR w/frplc, Florida room, newer kitchen w/appls, newer windows, freshly painted, 1.5 car att gar w/add'l workspace. HPP
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NOVI Spacious Colonial
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TROY Gorgeous Colonial
4 BR, 2.5 BA home on deep wooded lot. Neutral decor, cath ceilings & bright ceramic foyer. Lg LR w/bay window. Frplc in FR. French drs into library/den. Island kit w/loads of cab space. Mstr ste w/WIC closet. Warr
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TYRONE TWP. Charming Country Setting
5 BR, 2.5 BA nicely updated home on over an acre. Newer roof, windows, siding & more. Oak kitchen w/skylight. Mechanics dream 2.5 car garage heated w/workshop. Large LR features frplc w/insert.
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Beautiful, newer 2 BR, 2.5 BA cape cod style home. Has cathedral ceilings, nice masters suite, large maple kitchen, FFL formal dining room, library, 9' ceilings, attached 2 car garage, huge unfinished LL
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STERLING HEIGHTS Spotless Brick Ranch
3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Family room w/frplc. Newer kit, roof, furnace & C/A. Finished bsmt. Tons of storage. Lovely hwd flrs, private yard w/patio. Sprinkler, sec system, awesome curb appeal. All appls included.
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Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo with first floor laundry. Nice deck with wooded views. Large living room w/vaulted ceiling. Nice kitchen w/breakfast nook & pantry. Formal dining room. Full bsmt & 2 car att gar
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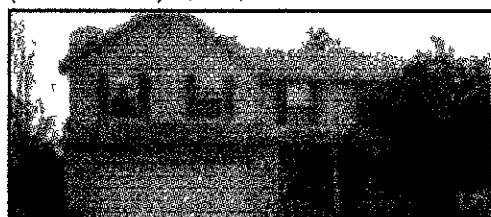
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LIVONIA 734-591-9200
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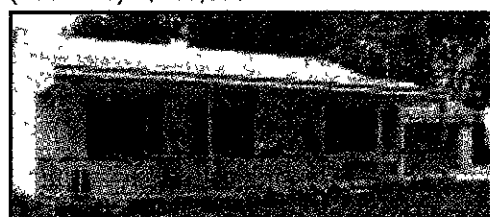
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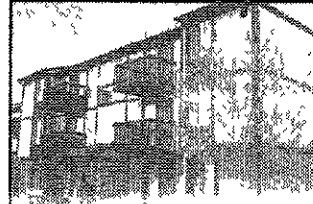
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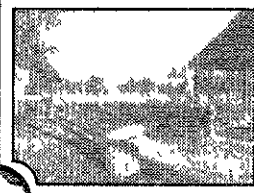
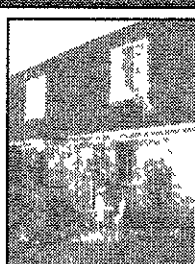
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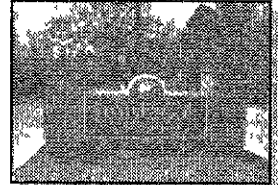
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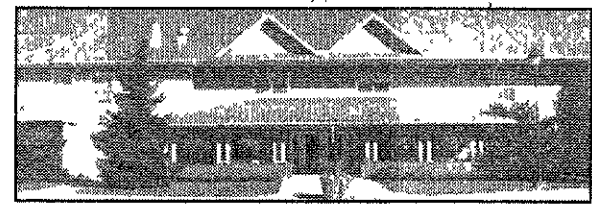
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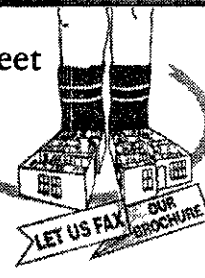
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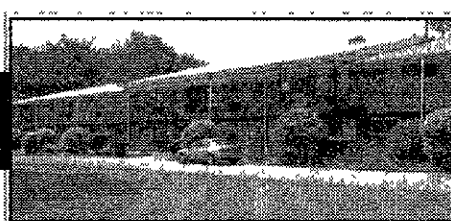
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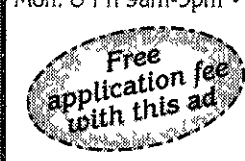
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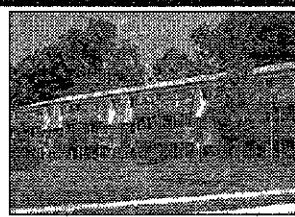
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low-level, entry-level jobs that many people do not want at any age? The answer is clear: by understanding how they fit into the overall scheme of business, no longer thinking of them as deadends.

Where better to begin than the fast food industry, which offers work stigmatized as a niche above custodial service. At 16, Lee Szelog saw few options for herself in Bangor, Maine, not because of her location but because of lack of self-confidence. She signed on as a window person at McDonald's for minimum wage at \$2.70 per hour (1976).

"I was shy and naive," she recalls. "The company trained me well and instilled a sense of pride." Within three months, she received her first formal recognition, as Crew Member of the Month. Six months later, in the same capacity, she was McDonald's State of Maine winner in the All-American Competition. Her confidence was way up and she bought into the company's philosophy that "common customer courtesies and a positive attitude" will take you somewhere. Indeed, it did -- a tour to the Azores, where she represented the company serving Big Macs to military

families. Today Szelog is vice president of Education and Development at Camden National Corporation in Rockport, Maine. Founded in 1875, it's a two-bank holding company with 350 employees, headquartered in her home state.

Consider what can happen in a technical field. After graduating from a technical high school in 1964, Frank Galuppo began as an installer for Western Electric for \$1.95 per hour, just \$.70 above minimum wage. He worked indoors, pulling cable to interconnect the switching equipment in central offices. Galuppo kept moving up and, attending night school over a period of six years, earned a college degree in 1977. Eventually, he became president of Lucent's Optical Networking Group. Today he's president, CEO and director of Amedia Inc., the Eatontown, N.J., telecommunications hardware company, with markets expanding into China and the Americas. He is rebuilding an established company with 32 employees with an entirely different product.

When Galuppo started out, he didn't have a career path. He was focusing upon getting a job. Szelog found that she loved working at McDonald's. She spent a total of seven years in marketing there. Meanwhile, things became unsettling when some of the stores were sold. "I desperately wanted to stay," she says. "I had to move to the regional office in Westwood, Mass. I loved the company so much, but not the big city."

What did these two people learn? Galuppo sees now that in his 13 years in the

Bell system, his co-workers were union members. "I got to know intimately how the telephone network worked, making communication possible," he states. "After college, I left the union and went into management. I could always empathize with people in middle or lower management jobs. I never took them for granted. As a young person, I remember being at the very end of the dog's tail. As I grew in my career, I always made a point of keeping the communication deep down in the organization so the people there wouldn't feel as alienated as I did. I also came to appreciate how better to develop products."

Galuppo mentions that the perspective of a person who's come up from the ground floor may be broader, more amenable to change and more cost-conscious. For him, flying business class isn't essential. "When I came," he remarks, "I recalled how frugal life was as an installer. Returning to that kind of work lifestyle wasn't difficult."

Szelog looks back on her early experience as providing building blocks for solid interpersonal skills. She speaks of common courtesies, politeness and "the value of a smile, an upbeat, enthusiastic, positive attitude," and filling orders efficiently. She attributes much of her success professionally and personally to the culture she embraced at McDonald's.

What can people starting at the ground floor do today? Szelog advocates channeling positive energy into skill development on the job "and supplementing those skills with lifelong learning." Galuppo



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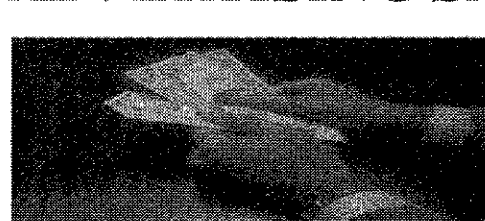
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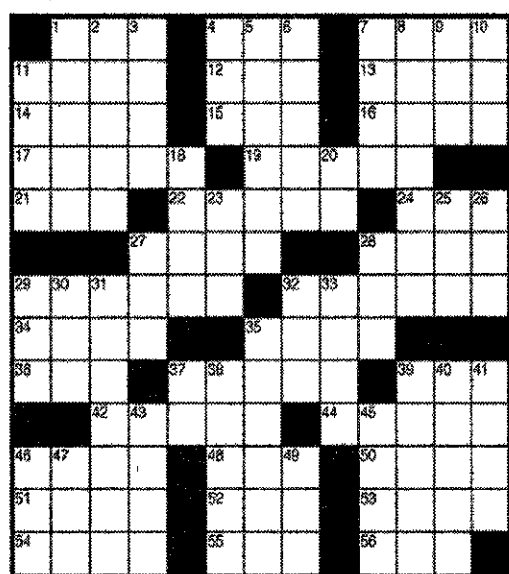
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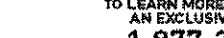
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The 2006 Lexus GX 470

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Lexus's mid-size, truck-type SUV is a luxury version of parent Toyota's 4Runner, but that description is highly inadequate. The 2006 GX 470 puts an exclamation point on the tremendous success that Toyota has had in using Lexus not only to penetrate the luxury-SUV market in the United States but, in many senses, setting the standard for that segment.

Wisely, Lexus slightly upgraded the GX 470 – its middle-of-the-lineup SUV – for the new model year, but without tampering with anything that made the vehicle so fine in the first place. Specifically, last year Lexus refined GX 470 with a new front-passenger airbag system, improved graphics in the optional navigation system, and a new Sport package that combines dynamic body-roll control with a unique appearance inside and out. For 2006, digital Lexus Link communication, based on and staffed by General Motors' OnStar service, becomes available, while minor interior updates enhance both function and appearance. Neither, industry experts say, is Lexus planning to do much more for 2007 or even 2008 than a cosmetic freshening. For a product developer as nimble as Toyota to signal this far ahead of time that it's not planning to tinker much with a vehicle is a strong endorsement of the fact that GX 470 the way it is configured right now must be doing something – actually, a lot of things – right.

What, exactly? Well, overall, GX 470 is a robust mid-size SUV with serious off-road capability, reportedly – though I didn't test it in this review. And it is based on traditional truck engineering, including body-on-frame construction, a rugged four-wheel-drive system, and a live rear axle. Yet GX 470 also oozes luxury. It's roomy and quiet inside, with a luxurious cabin swathed in leather and bird's-eye maple. And it seats seven in great comfort, even in the third row of seats.

I've got to admit that I'm partial to Lexus,



The Lexus GX 470 oozes luxury

and perhaps the biggest reason is what an unmitigated joy they all are to drive. GX 470 is no exception. Its 4.7-liter, overhead-cam V8 engine and smoothly responsive five-speed automatic transmission provide ample power and performance in any highway situation. Now, the price for hauling around all this hardware is mileage that registers at only 15 miles a gallon in the city and just 19 mpg on the highway, but even those numbers are fairly respectable for a vehicle that offers all of this.

The standard, full-time four-wheel drive features electronic traction control and a locking torque-sensing center differential, automatically dispatching torque to the tires with the best grip. A feature called Downhill Assist Control helps GX 470 negotiate slippery inclines, which is great feature that I have employed to significant effect in earlier drives with GX 470 during winter. Another innovation called Vehicle Stability Control helps steady GX 470 on slippery turns.

Outside, GX 470 doesn't offer much. It is decidedly large and rather box-like, all the better to squeeze in the enjoyment that it offers inside. And without the fastback sort of look that its smaller cousin, RX 330, offers, GX 470's styling magnifies the differences between it and the vehicle just below it in Lexus's lineup. Vertically oriented tail

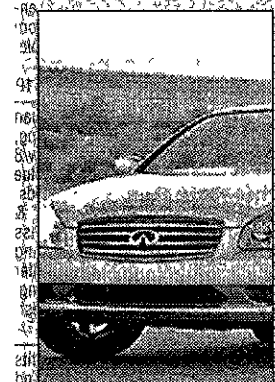
lamp and other design cues contribute to the impression (echoing the reality) that GX 470 is a tall and capacious vehicle.

Yet GX 470 still looks clean and contemporary, including nicely integrated body colored bumpers and massive headlamps. The 17-inch alloy wheels, add to GX 470's overall stance of big capabilities. Options are few in GX 470, reflecting the Toyota philosophy that has helped it and Lexus gain such big and growing shares of the North American marketplace. There's an available third-row seat with rear air conditioning for about \$2,000, a navigation system with Mark Levinson stereo system for about \$3,000, a rear-seat entertainment system with two headphones for more than \$1,500, a tow-hitch receiver for \$50, and a rear spoiler for \$550. Bluetooth also is available, allowing the driver to link wirelessly to his or her cellular telephone for hands-free communication inside the vehicle.

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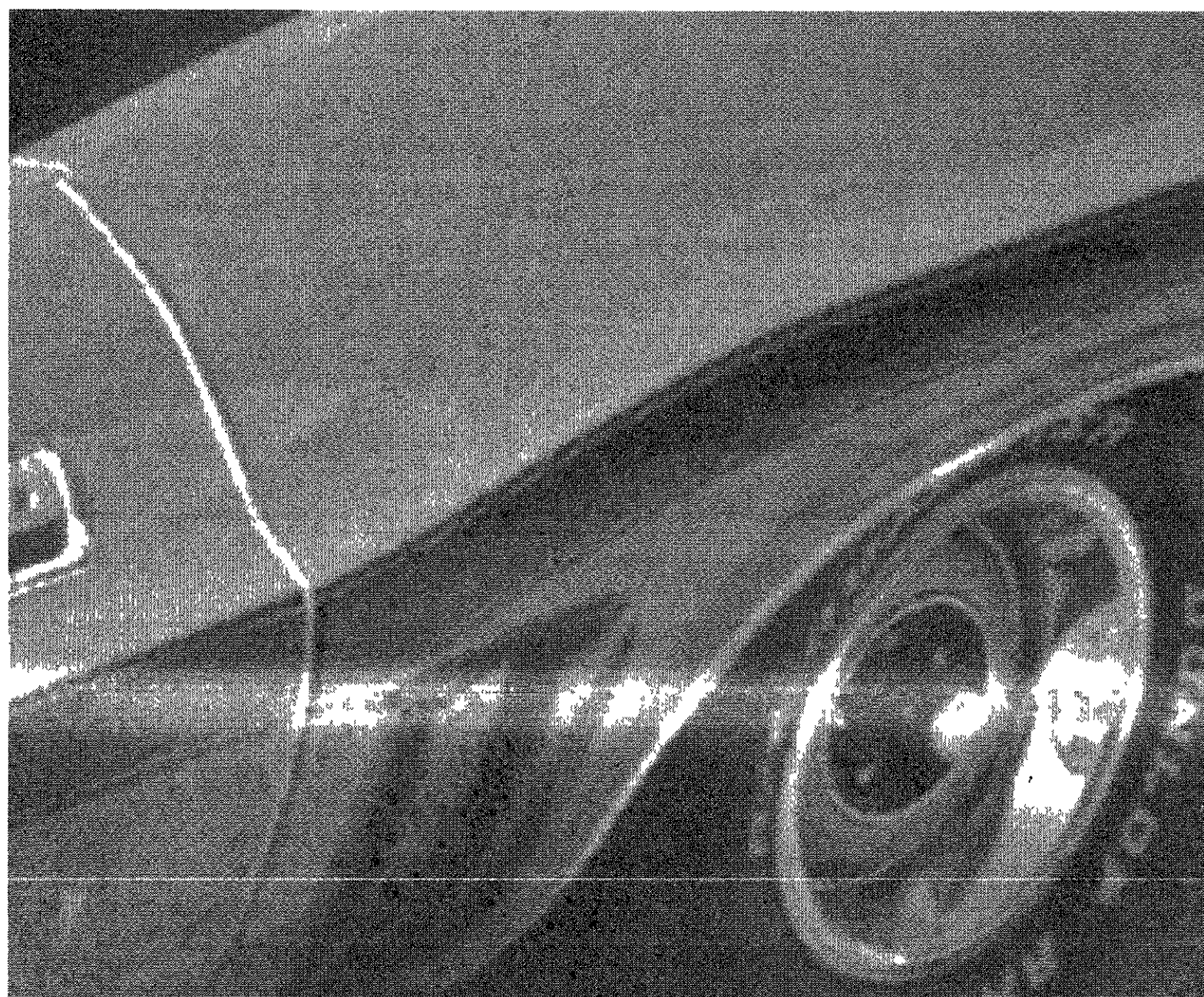
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