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## Van Buren picks new site for high school

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

The search is over. The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously Monday on a site in Van Buren Township to build a new high school to replace the 80-year-old Belleville High School.

The board chose the 103-acre site, which is at the southeast corner of Hull and Sumpter roads, about a mile south of the current high school, after getting public input at a number of town hall style meetings. The district had proposed six different sites, including rebuilding on the site of the current high school near downtown Belleville.

According to Superintendent Pete Lazaroff, about 150 people provided input about the sites, and 65 people said the Sumpter/Hull site was their first choice. The only other location that came close to getting the same kind of support was the site of the current high school - at 46 votes.

Now district officials must convince voters to approve a \$116 million bond proposal to pay for the school. The election will be Feb. 28. If approved, it will cost district residents 3.05 mills for 30 years. The district will not ask voters for an additional .04 mills to pay for technology upgrades as was first proposed.

Last year, district voters shot down a \$150 million bond proposal that would have been used to build a new high school, a new middle school and upgrades to other buildings and technology. It was defeated by a vote of 4,593 to 3,226.

School board member Martha Toth, who had favored a site on the I-94 service drive, said the process worked the way it was supposed to.

"One of the nice things about public input is that I am comfortable going with another choice," she said.

Board member Ralph Nodwell said he had some safety concerns about the new site, because of the railroad tracks on Sumpter Road, but said the district will work with Wayne County officials to address traffic concerns.

Lazaroff said the district will try to convince the community that building a new high school is a top priority.

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## A story of survival

### Internment camp victims paint picture

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

When Saburo Masada was a little boy growing up in California, he and his family took great pride in learning everything they could about the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and were by all indications a happy Japanese-American family.

On the day the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Masada remembers hearing the news on the radio and thinking, "What a stupid thing to do. Who do (the Japanese) think they are bombing our country?"

Little did he know within months "his" country would have him behind barbed-wire fences, guarded by white men with machine guns, trapped in an Arkansas internment camp, one of some 120,000 Japanese-Americans rounded up by Americans.

"I was so proud to be an American," Masada recalled Tuesday. "Suddenly we were put into camps and we were like, 'What's going on?' This was my country, and that was stripped away from me. This was my country, and they were putting me behind bars."

Masada and his wife, Marion, told that story and others to

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Students Chawla Guruvaree and Bobby Muhammad listen to the group of survivors talk about their experiences in American internment camps during World War II.



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Saburo Masada explains what it felt like to be interred in an internment camp for Americans of Japanese descent during World War II.

## LegalEase: A new name, breed in outsourcing

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Outsource. In southeast Michigan, the phrase itself has become, in some households, as offensive as swearing at the dinner table. But Canton residents Tariq Akbar and Tariq Hafeez are working to change the image of the word, as they themselves open up doors to the next big thing in out-sourcing: The legal profession.

Akbar and Hafeez, partners in the firm they've named LegalEase Solutions, have been for the last year providing off-shore legal support services to attorneys in 11 different states.

"Outsourcing has been in the United States for more than 20 years, and recently it's become like a bad word," Akbar said. "But there's a new breed of out-sourcing and it's tapping the intellectual capital of the world."

He added that most people associate out-sourcing with job loss - an American factory worker loses his job because his employer opens up shop overseas and replaces him with a low-wage worker. But Akbar said in this case, out-sourcing is really about job creation in a global



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Tariq Akbar (right) and Tariq Hafeez, both of Canton, are partners in the firm, LegalEase Solutions, which provides off-shore legal support services to attorneys in 11 states.

economy. The duo has employed five attorneys in the United States, as well as eight attorneys in India.

The services provided by LegalEase attorneys are typical of those that a new lawyer, right out of law school, would provide, according to Akbar. They perform support functions such as legal research and writing, preparation of pleadings, patent services, and document review, and they do it at a reduced cost because attorney fees

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## Board to start paring names for school

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

As the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education begins the final phase in naming the new elementary school being constructed in Canton Township's Cherry Hill Village, East Middle School social studies teacher Jodi Buikema Svoboda has a keen interest in the final selection.

Buikema's grandfather and grandmother, Kent and Lolly Buikema, are among the 37 names nominated for the school. Traditionally, and via school board policy, elementary schools in the district are named after educators or those who have contributed to education in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Kent and Lolly Buikema, like many of the others nominated, fill that bill. Kent Buikema was Canton High School's first principal, a position he held for 17 years before becoming director of secondary education.

Lolly (Lolita) Buikema began her career as a second-grade teacher at Allen Elementary. She also served as principal at

Tanger and Miller elementary schools.

"In the 17 years my grandparents were employees of the school district, both worked very hard at the secondary and elementary level to establish great programs for kids," said Svoboda. "It's great that they would be honored in this way."

### 'TOUGH CHOICE'

"I looked at the list of candidates, and they are just as deserving," she said. "It will be a tough choice."

Svoboda is a product of Plymouth-Canton Schools, eventually attending Plymouth Salem High School a year after her grandfather left Canton. She now teaches seventh- and eighth-grade history.

"I've always been proud to continue the legacy of teaching in this district," said Svoboda, 30, a lifelong Plymouth resident.

The Board of Education will narrow the list, with the first opportunity to vote on a choice - according to school policy - after two full months of meetings and nomina-

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## Storytime registration

The Canton Public Library storytime registration for children 18 months to not yet 4 years old program will begin Nov. 12 at 9 a.m. in the Community Room. This is a correction to the previously published time in the newsletter. Registration is for Canton residents only. You must show picture ID.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 South Canton Center Road. For more information, contact the Children's Department of the Canton Public Library at (734) 397-0999, ext. 129.

## Medicare presentation

Seniors and their families are invited to attend a free presentation on regarding the upcoming changes for Medicare Part D-Prescription Drug Coverage. This presentation will be held on Thursday, today at 7 p.m. at Summit on the Park Ash room. The presentation hosted by Medicare Medicaid Assistance program counselor, Ron Leiberman. Please reserve your spot by calling the Senior Adult Program at (734) 394-5485.

## Business showcase

The Canton Newcomers will host the 2nd annual Home Based Business Showcase and Silent Auction at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2. This will be an opportunity to socialize and shop many different businesses in one room at the Sunflower Clubhouse, which is located at 45800 Hanford (west of Canton Center, between Woodmare and Weatherfield - set back from the road) in Canton.

The businesses scheduled to appear include: Tiffany's Touch Stationery & Invitation, Body

Longaberger, Creative Memories, Close To My Heart, Jewelry by Victoria, Discovery Toys, Lillian Vernon, Pampered Chef, Bilingual Fun, Tastefully Simple, Southern Living, the-grocerygame.com, Usborne Books and Party Light.

Members and non members are encouraged to attend this fund-raiser, with proceeds benefiting the Canton Exchange Club, which serves the community through scholarships, youth activities and child abuse prevention.

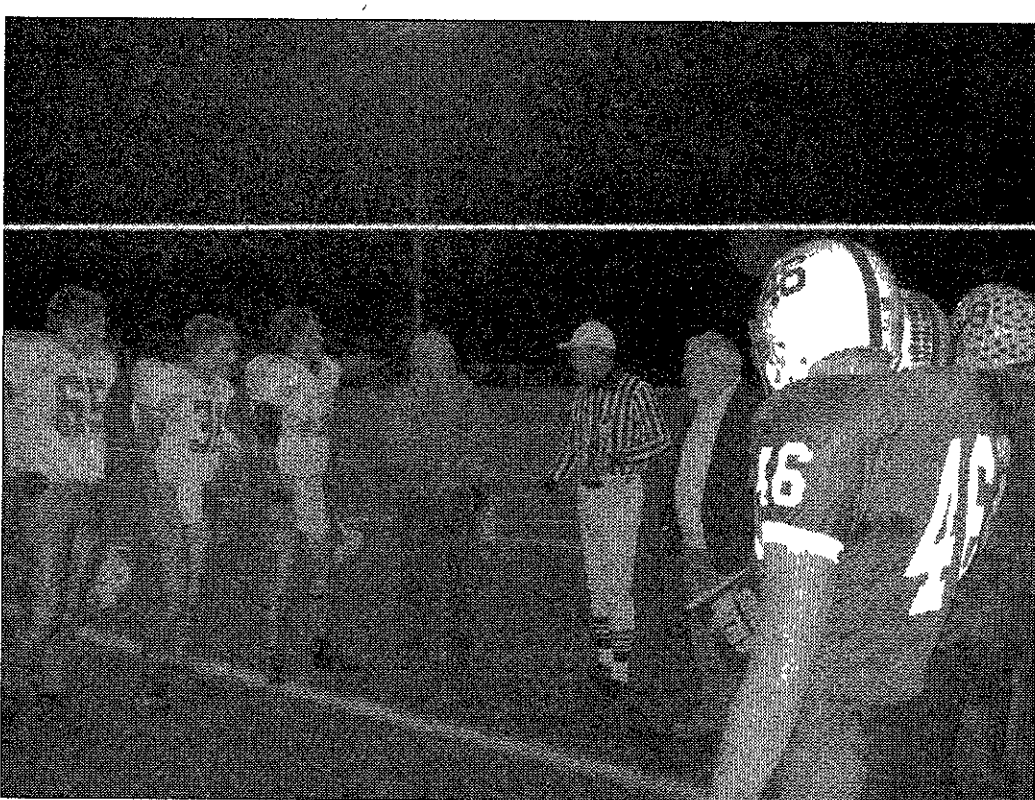
Silent auction winners will be announced at 9 p.m. For questions on this event, please call Karen at (734) 737-0755.

## Food donations

United Home Health Services, a home care agency in Canton, is sponsoring a food drive for Michigan Harvest Gathering, which is a food and fund-raising program of the Food Bank Council of Michigan and sponsored by the Michigan Health & Hospital Association. This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Michigan Harvest Gathering campaign. Joey Harrington, Detroit Lions quarterback, serves as the honorary chairperson this year.

Since 1991, Michigan Harvest Gathering has raised over \$4.3 million and 6.6 million pounds of food for hungry people throughout Michigan. Approximately 1 million people in Michigan will need to use a food bank this year. The need for emergency food is increasing. Some regions of the state are reporting a 25 percent increase in the number of people seeking help with food this year.

United's food drive will be held through Oct. 31. The community is invited to participate in United's effort to help feed



## Flip a coin

The first principals of Canton and Salem High Schools, Kent Buikema (left) and Bill Brown (right), toss the coin to start Friday night's game between Canton and Salem. The Chiefs won the toss and the game by rolling over the Rocks 33-12.

and families in need. Food may be dropped at their office, located at 2200 Canton Center Road, Suite 250, between 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Most requested items include canned tuna, canned stew, and peanut butter. However, all non-perishable, boxed or canned food items are needed and welcome. For more information, please call (734) 981-8820.

## Dinner and auction

The Canton Historical Society's annual Harvest Dinner and Pound Auction will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29 at the Cherry Hill School located at the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads. This will be a food opportunity to raise funds for the Society, enjoy good food and make or renew old friendships.

Each guest is asked to donate at least one useful and/or non-useful gift to be auctioned off. It should be gift wrapped so that bidders won't know what's in store for them.

Each person is asked to bring a dish to pass according to the first letter of their last name: A - H bring dessert, I - P bring salad; Q - Z bring a vegetable. The Society provides the meat, bread, and beverages. You will need to provide your

own table service - plate, cup and silverware.

To RSVP, please call Bonnie Berg at (734) 495-0811. If you need more information, please call the museum at (734) 397-0088.

## Church fair

The First Congregational Church of Wayne will hold its 59th annual church fair, "An Angel Christmas," on Nov. 3-4, from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on both days. The fair will feature aprons, attic treasures, books, boutiques, a candy booth, a country store, gift baskets and much more.

There will also be homemade lunches (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) and dinners (5-7 p.m.) on both days. Meals are \$7.50 for adults, and \$3.50 for children.

The church is located at 2 Towne Square (at Wayne Road and Michigan Avenue) in downtown Wayne. For more information, call the church at (734) 729-7550.

## Social club open house

Canton residents ages 55 and older, who are looking to meet new friends, and expand their social network and well being at the same time are invited to join the Zester Social Club. This club meets every

Thursday, September through June. If you are a resident of Canton 55 or older, visit the Summit on the Park Maple Room on Nov. 10 for some pizza, bingo and fellowship. Please RSVP to the senior desk at (734) 394-5485.

## 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
- Door prizes
- Gift bags
- Refreshments

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 to 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.

## 'Survivor' to speak

Christian speaker Mike Skupin, formerly on the popular television show *Survivor*, will tell of his ordeal after falling into fire at 10 a.m. on Nov. 20 at Christ The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill Rd in Canton. Brunch will be served immediately following the service. For more information please call (734) 981-0286.

## Rummage sale

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

## Party for Peace

The Citizens for Peace will celebrate its second anniversary at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at Unity of Livonia by watching the keynote speech that Patch Adams gave at the Department of Peace Conference in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 11. A video of comedian Swami Beyondananda presenting his humorous ideas on the Top 11 Ways to Create World Peace will also be shown. All are welcome. Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079.

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**BY DARRELL CLEM**  
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"I remember very well when she refused to give up her seat," Everett said. "I thought at that

**BY CAROL MARSHALL**  
STAFF WRITER

"There is no existing use right now," he said, adding that Basketball Planet will be "one of

"This is a bait and switch," Kaye said. "It's almost like you

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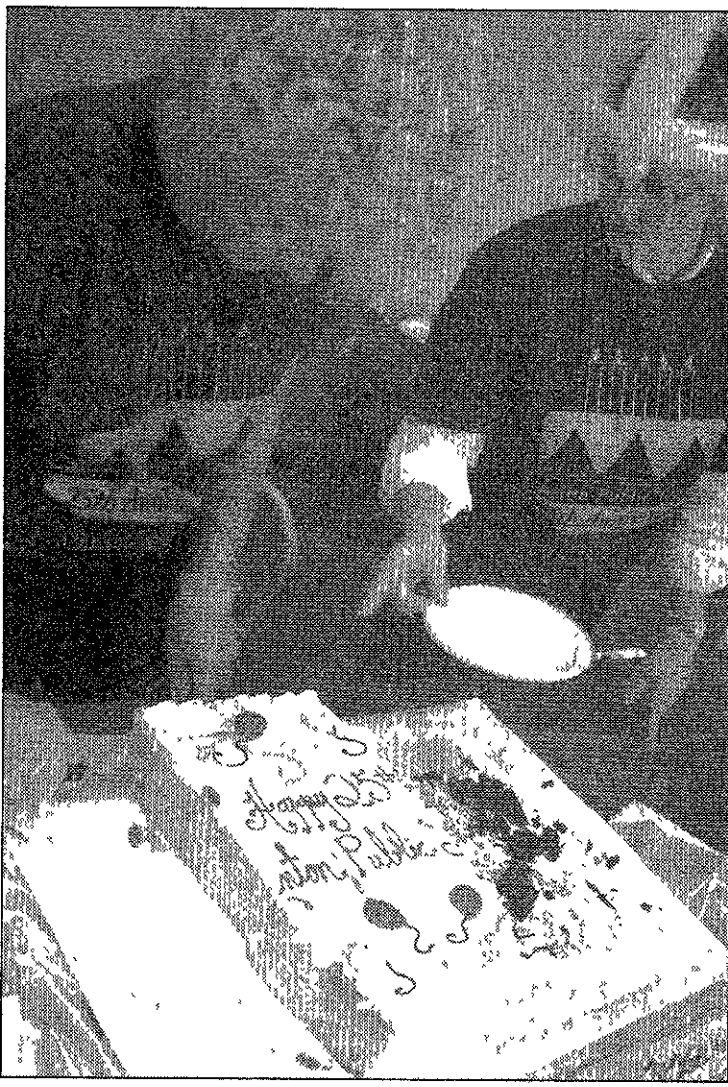
Maddie Justice wears a balloon hat while eating some cake during the Canton Public Library's 25th anniversary party last week.

## 25 years and counting

### Library hosts party to celebrate milestone

The Canton Public Library turned 25 years old last week. And it did so in grand style. The library staff and Canton community threw a party to celebrate one of the township's jewels, which this year will circulate more than 1.5 million items. To mark the occasion, staff wore special black and silver shirts donated by Friends of the Canton Public Library. Clowns made balloon hats and animals of all kinds throughout the day and the Library Precision Book Cart Drill Team performed in the afternoon. Patrons took home commemorative book-marks in honor of the special day. Visitors enjoyed birthday cakes donated by local businesses.

Canton literati will celebrate the library one more time Nov. 5, as the library hosts a Silver Anniversary Gala. The party will kick off at 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and other refreshments will be available, as well as a wine and champagne fountain. There will be musical entertainment as well as a silent auction and raffle will benefit the library's endowment fund. Tickets are \$50 per person and are available at the library reception desk. For more information, call (734) 397-0999.



Canton Public Library staff members cut a cake during the library's 25th anniversary party last week.

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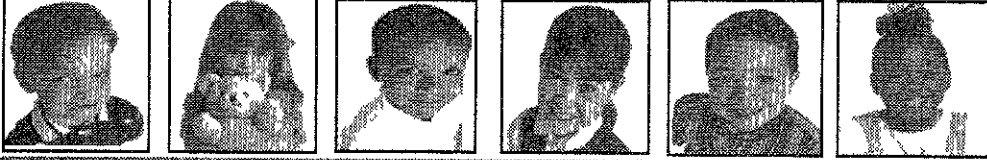
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NAMES

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tions. The first vote to determine the name of the school, which is scheduled to open next fall, could come at the Nov. 8 regular school board meeting.

NAMES IN RUNNING

- Other names nominated include:
- Marjane Baker – second grade teacher at Allen and Tonda elementaries.
- Dudley Barlow – English teacher for 30 years.
- Samuel Barresi – former principal at Bird and Miller elementaries.
- (William) Scott Beaman – history teacher at the old Plymouth High School and Salem High School.
- Craig T. Bell – physical education teacher and high school football and basketball coach.
- (Vernon) Lee Bellant – school bus driver and special education monitor.
- Trevor Blumberg – Salem graduate killed in Iraq in September 2003.
- Sanford and Ruth Burr – Ruth taught at Fiegel Elementary and West Middle School for 25 years. Sanford taught in Southfield, and is president of the Plymouth Historical Society.
- Ron Callison – taught elementary school physical education for 13 of his 25 years in the district.
- Cherry Hill Elementary
- Mary Childs – former Plymouth city commissioner and mayor.
- Edward Samuel Corwin – Plymouth High graduate who received national recognition as a teacher, writer, author and authority on the U.S. Constitution and presidency.
- Paul Cummings – physical education teacher and director of athletics at the high school park during his 36 years.
- Elizabeth Donnelly – taught at Central Grade School and Starkweather Elementary, former Plymouth teacher of the year.
- Allen and Betty DuBois – Al taught social studies at Canton High School; Betty taught life management classes at Canton and Salem.
- Dave Farquharson – former teacher and field elementary principal.
- Earl and Betty Gibson – Earl was principal at Gallimore, Tanger and Farrand elementaries; Betty taught at Allen Elementary.
- Martha Griffiths – Michigan congresswoman for 20 years and former Michigan lieutenant governor.
- Gary Hees – taught math at West Middle School.
- Peggy Heinney – former kindergarten teacher at Bird Elementary.
- Charlie Jones – media specialist for 30 years, currently at Plymouth High School.
- William Lutz – former principal at Smith and Eriksson elementaries.
- Eileen McNamara – cafeteria manager at Isbister and Eriksson elementaries.
- Jerry Ostoin – educator in Plymouth-Canton since 1971, Salem High School principal since 1986.
- Kate Otto – employed for 16.5 years in the district, including as principal of Elementary School No. 11 (Hulsing).
- Frances Overton – taught high school art and middle school algebra and science.
- Edwin Page – former director of Special Education and Student Services.
- Patricia Patton – former Canton High School principal.
- Malcolm (Mac) Pierce – fifth grade teacher at Bird Elementary.
- Jim Ryan – Plymouth-Canton Schools superintendent since July 2002.
- John Sandmann – taught geography and history for 37 years.
- John Seidelman – English teacher and counselor at the high school park.
- John Sule – currently assistant head maintenance employee at Tonda Elementary.
- Donald Tripp – former school board member.
- Thomas Workman – during 40 years served at Allen Elementary for 19 years, East Middle School principal for six years.
- Thomas Yack – 10-year school board member; current Canton Township supervisor.

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in India are much lower than in the United States. "That's what legal outsourcing is all about," Akbar said. "We are viable because we can get some of the grunt work done very affordably." It was Hafeez, an attorney who had been employed for the State Attorney General's office, who first came up with the idea to out-source legal work. However, because he was born and raised in Michigan, he had no con-

tacts in India. But Akbar, who is related to him by marriage, did. Akbar, who was at the time employed as a business consultant by Deloitte and Touche, moved to the United States just six years ago, and his family has strong connections in the legal profession back in India. "I thought of him right away and we began talking about it," Hafeez said. It was a leap of faith leaving their full-time jobs to devote all their time to the new company. Akbar, whose first child is due to be born any day now, and Hafeez, a father of two small children,

said because they are the breadwinners in their families, it was definitely unnerving to leave their former jobs. They found a few investors who believe in the idea. "But I believe this will sustain us, and it will happen very soon," Hafeez said. The business was one of only five in the world just a year ago, according to Akbar, but now is one of 14. And it's growing rapidly. "We grew 100 percent last month," he said. Even though both partners began full-time work for LegalEase just this June, they believe that by

December the company will begin turning a profit. No matter how much Akbar and Hafeez believe in the fledgling company, they still had to look at how they would be perceived, due to the negative connotations of outsourcing. But their concerns were calmed a bit when they hired a salesman to increase their client base, and he put it this way: "Are you serious? We're talking about lawyers here. I don't think anyone is really upset about lawyers losing their jobs." The bottom line is, according to Akbar, there are some 1 million attorneys in the

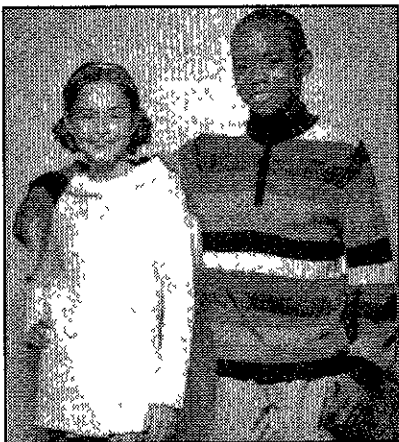
United States, and last year they earned about \$7 billion. "That's just a lot of money," he said. "People have to think really hard before they see a lawyer because it's so expensive. And I know that one of our clients right here in Michigan does pass along his savings to his clients. I do think that companies like ours will provide a benefit to the common man." For more information about LegalEase Solutions, call (734) 238-1584, or visit online at [www.legaleasesolutions.com](http://www.legaleasesolutions.com).   
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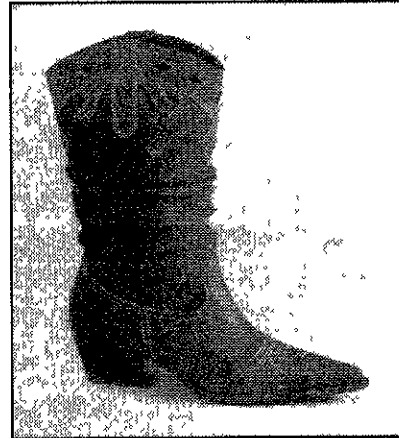
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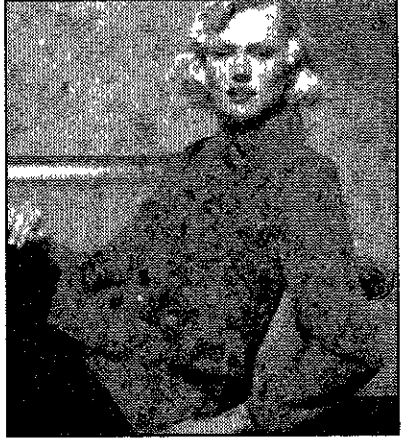
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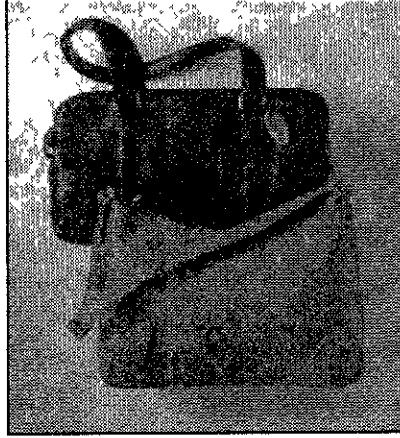
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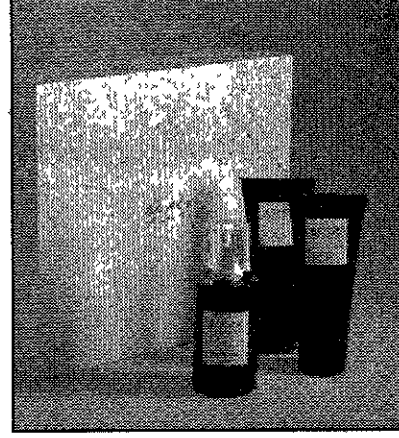
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## Time change is a great opportunity to replace smoke alarm batteries

The daylight savings time change is on Oct. 30 this year. In addition to changing your clocks back, the Canton Fire Department recommends all residents also change the batteries in their smoke detectors. A home fire impacts the life of an American family every 85 seconds. By providing an early warning, smoke alarms cut in half your family's risk of dying in a home fire. Although smoke alarms are present in 85 percent of American homes, 20 percent do not work due to worn or missing batteries. The peak time for home fire fatalities is between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., when most families are sleeping. A working smoke alarm can often provide the critical extra seconds people need to get out safely. When you turn your clocks back on Oct. 30, make a life-saving change in your household — change the batteries in your smoke alarms. If you are physically unable to check or maintain your smoke detectors, contact the Canton Fire Department's non-emergency number, (734) 394-5455, for assistance.

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## Theater to host Halloween party, costume contest

On Sunday, Oct. 30, the Village Theater at Cherry Hill will turn into a ghostly place for a good cause. The Canton Concert Band will hold a "Haunted Horns" concert and Halloween party from 3:30- 5:30 p.m., with all proceeds going to Habitat For Humanity's hurricane relief effort. Audience members can enter a costume contest, and parade across the theater stage. Prizes, donated by several local businesses, will be awarded for the best child, teen, and adult costumes. The band will play a concert of spooky music, including themes from Harry Potter, and some scary surprises. Games and entertainers will fill the theater lobby and classrooms. At the end of the show, children can trick or treat through the theater halls, where volunteer ghouls and ghosts will be handing out candy. "Many local businesses have offered their support for this effort," said organizer, Steve Vassallo. "We're very excited — it should be an outstanding event, and we hope to be able to give Habitat a lot of support." Representatives from Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County will have a booth at the Halloween concert to provide more information about the organization and its hurricane relief project. Admission to the event will be a donation at the door, either cash or a check written to Habitat For Humanity. Suggested minimum donation is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. The first 400 to arrive are guaranteed seats. The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Doors open at 3:30 p.m., and the band will play from 4-5 p.m. The carnival games will be open for the kids to play, even during the concert. "We just want this to be a fun event for everyone," said director Jim Blough. "All the band members are happy to have a chance to contribute something to those in need in the hurricane areas," he said. "The work Habitat for Humanity is doing there will make such a difference to people's lives, and we're glad to be able to help them." For more information about the event call Vassallo at (734) 340-3560, or visit the Web site, [www.cantonband.com](http://www.cantonband.com). For more information about Habitat for Humanity's "Operation Home Delivery" program, visit <http://www.habitat.org/disaster/2005/katrina/>



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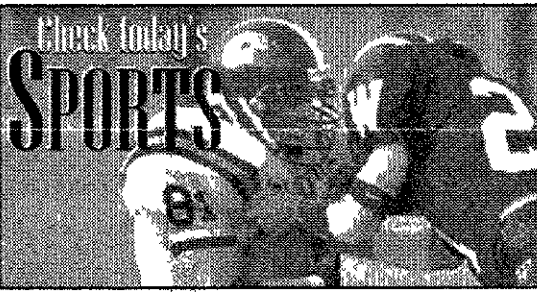
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# Speaker: Guard against ID theft

BY JULIE BROWN  
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When Brian Sommariva worked for the attorney general's office, he went to nursing homes and senior facilities to warn about identity theft. It turns out he should have been going to college campuses.

Some 29 percent of victims are ages 18-29, Sommariva told an attentive audience recently at a Plymouth-Canton branch, American Association of University Women. That's because so many young adults use the Internet and other technology, which seniors are less likely to rely on.

Sommariva is founder and managing director of Design Runway in Plymouth, dealing with fraud and deterrence issues. He spoke to AAUW members and guests at Atlantis Restaurant of Plymouth, warning against identity theft.

"The whole concept with identity theft is not a new topic," he said.

He cited the movie *Catch Me If You Can*, and the real-life

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story of Frank Abagnale, a one-time young criminal who now consults for the FBI. Some 27.3 million Americans were victims in 2003, Sommariva said, in part because of continued use of Social Security numbers for other purposes.

"Identity theft is becoming more of a global problem."

He urged the listeners to become better educated consumers. Credit card companies have heeded the problem, Sommariva said.

"You know why. Because it's

coming out of their pocket. They've taken this issue and done a good job with it."

Police involvement now is minimal, although part of the problem is embarrassment of victims who consequently don't report crimes. "You'll be lucky to find a prosecutor who wants to take the case."

Money from identity theft funds other criminal operations, he added, including terrorism. It's tough to write laws for crimes that are unknown, he said.

Detroit-Warren-Livonia ranked 40th nationwide in frequency of identity theft complaints, Sommariva said. He noted that criminals engage in "Dumpster diving" and mail theft, among others, as ways to obtain personal information.

"Always keep an eye on your accounts. Call your bank, figure out what's going on."

In over half of cases, the victim knows the perpetrator, he said. Correcting the problem takes the average victim 28 hours of full-time work, a considerable amount.

He urged his audience to limit access to personal infor-

mation, doing such things as shredding documents, limiting cards carried (especially those with a Social Security number) and being vigilant in public.

"Don't give your personal information to an entity that should already know it," Sommariva showed an example of a fraudulent e-mail inquiry, carrying a real financial institution's name but a salutation along the lines of "Dear Valued Customer."

If you have an account, the institution should know your name and it's unwise to give personal information if you're suspicious, he said.

His information was well-received, although one listener joked that older people don't fall victim as much because they can't remember their PIN and other data.

"Great job, lots of information," said AAUW's Pam Dean of Canton, who introduced Sommariva. "We appreciate your time."

Additional information can be found online at [www.designrunway.com/identitytheft](http://www.designrunway.com/identitytheft).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Movie screening

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

### Holiday expo

The Holiday Shopping Expo is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5 between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Home-based businesses that will be on hand include Discovery Toys, Tastelessly Simple, Jockey Person to Person, Creative Memories, Arbonne, and Beads of Hope. All proceeds support the fight against muscular dystrophy. The expo will be located inside the Get Organized Showroom, 7910 Lilley Road in Canton. For information, e-mail Lisa Brennan at [brennanlmdp@yahoo.com](mailto:brennanlmdp@yahoo.com).



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## CAMPS

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several groups of students over two days in the Plymouth High School classroom of Ann-Nora Hiram. The Masadas agreed to make the trip to Michigan, on their own time and at their own expense, after meeting Hiram at a conference in Arkansas a year ago.

The conference, "Life Interrupted," was run by the Japanese-American National Museum and the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, and designed to recognize "an American tragedy and a devastated community." The conference, and the Masadas' experience, had special meaning to Hiram.

Her father, Soichiro "Pat" Hiram, was called "Patrick" all his life, a name he was given "by a teacher who didn't bother to learn how to pronounce his Japanese name," explained Hiram's mother, Cynthia. A Japanese-American, Soichiro Hiram also spent time in an American internment camp.

"My own family went through it, so it's personal," Ann-Nora Hiram said. "But

it's also important for these kids to learn it could happen to them."

Hiram and the Masadas have become good friends, and they quickly agreed to help her students during their study of World War II. When one student asked Saburo Masada how they were welcomed at the camp, he pointed out there was no such thing.

"We were unloaded from trains, and given some hay to stuff what would be our mattresses," Masada said. "There was no welcome, unless you want to count the guards with their machine guns."

In the camps, the Masadas pointed out, they were put in barracks. Some were given jobs and paid minimal money. While there was some semblance of play time, it was still done behind barbed wire.

Marion Masada told students about a birthday party she attended in one of her friends' barracks. At the party, the friend's father molested her.

"I was so traumatized, so frightened I couldn't scream," she recalled. "No sound would come out of my mouth. I still see his face. His eyes were the personification of evil."

Life wasn't necessarily much better once they got out of the camps. Saburo Masada said one of the things he missed the most during his three years' confinement was the camaraderie of his buddies. But when he got out and approached them, expecting a welcome back, he was sorely disappointed.

"All I got was 'hi,'" he recalled. "I was hoping they'd hug me, say they missed me, but all they said was 'hi.' Something terrible happened ... they believed all the reports. There was never any incident of a Japanese-American being a spy, but they believed all those reports."

Masada also pointed out some thought the internment of 120,000 Japanese-Americans was done to "protect them" following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Masada counters that argument by pointing out they were law-abiding citizens.

"Someone told me they did that just to protect us, so I said, 'OK, these are bad times right now,'" Masada said. "Maybe we should put all of us law-abiding citizens behind barbed wire to 'protect' us. She said, 'Oh.' That's what it took

for her to get it. You don't protect law-abiding citizens by putting them behind bars."

Freshman Gwendolyne Rios sympathized with the Masadas, pointing out they had to be traumatized for nothing.

"They didn't do anything wrong," Rios said. "So why did they have to be in the camps?"

Hiram wanted students to recognize they aren't necessarily immune to that kind of treatment, pointing out the anti-Muslim feelings of post 9/11 America. She said the fact her students understand that is important.

"It's especially important in this political environment with a significant Arab and Muslim population in our student body, that (students) learn they can speak up for their friends," Hiram said. "Silence is a sign of approval. For that mass imprisonment to happen, it required the silence of millions of people."

"We have much too narrow an interpretation of patriotism," she added. "You can be just as patriotic by defending a friend's rights as you can by wearing a uniform. I'm really excited when young teenagers get that."

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William E. Barrett IV  
Barrett died Oct. 23.

Gerald K. "Jerry" Beck  
Beck, 69, died Oct. 21.

Ernestine "Granny" Colvin  
Colvin, 92, died Oct. 19.

Kim Forster  
Forster, 42, of Plymouth, died Oct. 20.

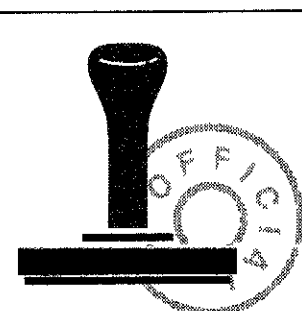
Cora Feely Graham  
Graham, 89, of Bloomfield Hills, died Oct. 21.

Pearl C. Janke  
Janke, 64, died Oct. 18.

Patricia A. Kelly  
Kelly, of Seattle, Wash., died Oct. 13.

Arthur A. Koglin  
Koglin, 89, died Oct. 17.

Frank L. Moncher  
Moncher, 86, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Oct. 2.



For the Record appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in *Passages* on page C10.

Kylie Nicole Olson  
Olson, 16 months, of Birmingham, died Oct. 19.

Clarence M. "Bud" Shelton  
Shelton, 78, of Bloomfield Hills, died Oct. 22.

Agnes J. Winekoff  
Winekoff, of Westland, died Oct. 23.

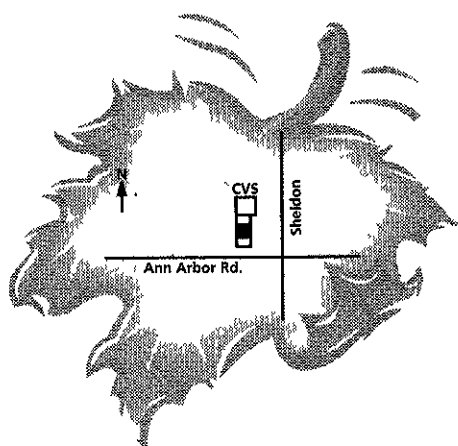


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# Author's optimistic about Holy Land peace

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Dorothy Drummond remembers her third trip to the Holy Land, seeing Arab dwellers and Israeli soldiers in close proximity in Jerusalem. She wondered why peace could only be maintained at gunpoint, and why the entire world is involved in the conflict in the place so holy to Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Drummond, a retired geography professor at Indiana State University, kept a journal which her family and friends urged her to publish. She expanded it with considerable historical detail and *Holy Land, Whose Land* from Fairhurst Press, now in its second revised edition, is the result.

"I am optimistic," she said of peace in the region where the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has cost so many lives. "I think we have a chance for peace now." She cited the successor to Yasser Arafat, Mahmoud Abbas, who was elected by 67 percent of his people.

"That's such a promising thing," said Drummond, a Terre Haute, Ind., resident who recently spoke to the Plymouth A.M. Rotary. "I think that's just a wonderful affirmation."

On Oct. 20, Abbas met with President George W. Bush in Washington, D.C. Drummond has great hope that Abbas can subdue more militant elements of the Palestinians, and come to the table with Israel's Ariel Sharon, with the U.S. playing a vital role as peacemaker.

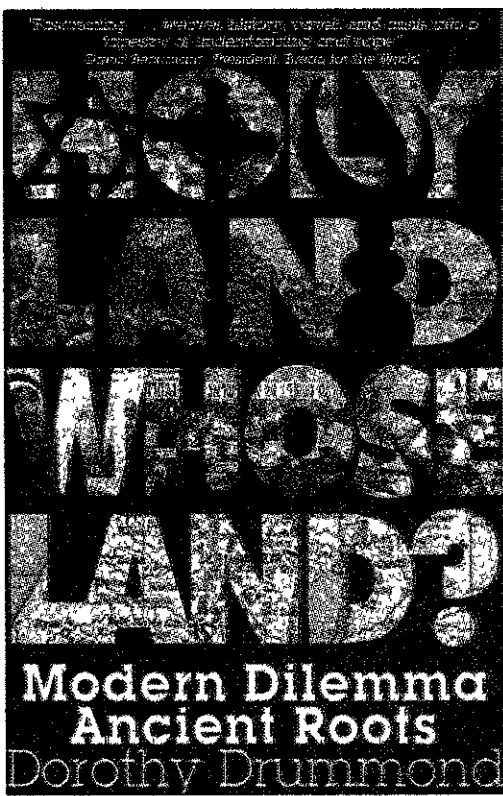
She's visited the Holy Land three times, the first in 1958 when Israel was 10 years old. She and her husband, also an Indiana State faculty member (he had basketball's Larry Bird as a student), were returning from a Fulbright program. "That was a very good experience."

Her more recent visits include 1994 and 2000, seeing Jordan and Israel. Drummond found a lot of material on the Middle East, but noted there's not much offering a complete account for the layperson.

She kept in mind the college freshmen she's taught, people who are bright but have to digest a lot of information. Drummond, of a Christian background, wrote to keep interest.

She has sympathies for both sides in the conflict, and believes the U.S. should serve as peacemaker. Drummond said broadcast sound bites need to be accurate.

"You can condense anything meaningfully. You have to start by being knowledgeable." Her book includes a number of maps.



Dorothy Drummond has been pleased with reaction to her book on the Holy Land, where she has visited three times.

She recently spoke to high school teachers in Birmingham, Ala., who were interested in incorporating her book into their curriculum. She agreed high school students and older Americans should learn about the region, as it's involved in the 9/11 attacks, airport security, and other policy issues of our time.

Drummond, former president of the National Council for Geographic Education, has been pleased with reaction to her book, the current edition of which came out shortly before Arafat's death. The book, subtitled *Modern Dilemma, Ancient Roots*, is available in The Book Cellar & Cafe on Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth and other area bookstores. Information can also be found online at [www.dorothydrummond.com](http://www.dorothydrummond.com).

"It's all involved in this very critical issue," she said, urging people to become more informed about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

She predicted the withdrawal from the Gaza in her book, and has seen other long-term trends she continues to follow.

## Science teachers hold convention

The Metropolitan Detroit Science Teachers Association (MDSTA) will hold its annual convention, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Lawrence Technological University on the corner of 10 mile and the Lodge Expressway in Southfield, Michigan.

This year over 600 teachers and college students are expected to attend. At the conference, participants have a choice of over 110 seminars to attend and view the products and services of over 45 vendors. A few of the talks will include: Grant writing, environmental topics, chemistry inquiry, glow in the dark demonstrations, GPS

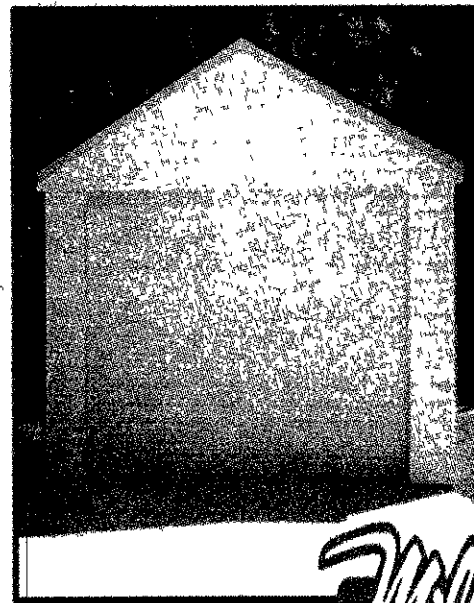
in the classroom, learn about a free trip to Japan and the U.S. Naval Academy to study oceanography, or even various conservation and environmental programs. Keynote speakers include Dr. Nancy Songer from the University of Michigan and Mr. David Bydlowski from RESA and Science Explosion.

Professional registration of \$50 includes a one year membership in MDSTA, while a student registration is only \$25. On site registration is an additional \$10. Register online at [www.mdsta.org](http://www.mdsta.org), or on the day of the convention.

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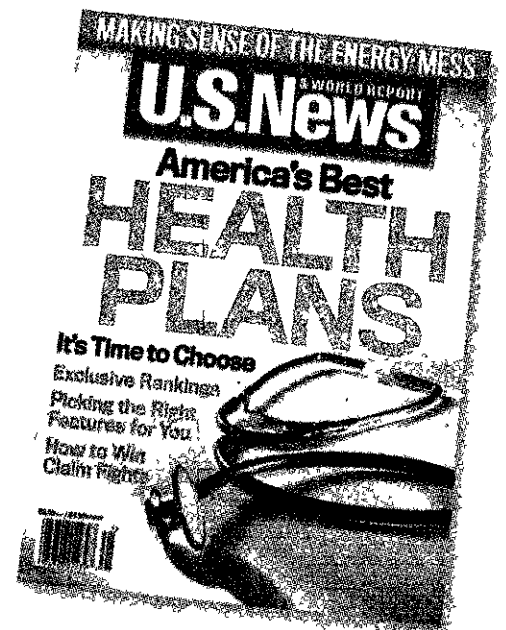
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## OUR VIEWS

# Now comes the difficult part

The way Van Buren Public Schools officials see it, the process worked the way it was supposed to. After seven town hall-style meetings that allowed the public to provide input, the school board Monday decided on a 103-acre parcel at Sumpter and Hull roads to build a new high school.

It was one of six sites the district was looking at to build a new facility to replace the aging, inadequate Belleville High School. Nearly 150 people offered suggestions, either at one of the town hall meetings, or through the phone hotline or e-mail address the district set up to take suggestions.

The Sumpter/Hull site, which is in Van Buren Township, received the most votes from the public. According to district officials, 65 people said the site was their first choice. The only other site that was even close was the location of the current Belleville High School, which received 46 first-choice votes. That site was also the least expensive of the six options being floated to the public, and nearly \$20 million less than building at the Sumpter/Hull site.

But the school board decided three years of construction would be too disruptive to students at the school, and that the site offered little in the way of future expansion. So in the end, the board chose to go with public opinion, even though several members said they favored some of the other sites.

Supt. Pete Lazaroff said he didn't care what site was chosen, as long as a new school gets built. And, of course, deciding on a site is just the first step in a long process. Now comes the hard part, as the district must convince voters to approve the \$116 million bond proposal, which will be decided Feb. 28. Last year, voters overwhelmingly shot down a similar proposal. In fact, it wasn't even close.

Lazaroff said the district will continue to work hard to show the community that, for the sake of the students, a new school desperately needs to be built. "We like to think we've learned a lot from the community about why the last bond was defeated last year," Lazaroff said.

Listening to the public is a good first step.

## Lawmakers should focus on problems, not getting re-elected

Now that the state Legislature has avoided (at least temporarily) the latest budget crisis and is settling in for its new session, it is time to help set some priorities for our elected officials.

With bad economic news a seemingly daily occurrence for our state, the first thing our leaders in Lansing need to do is pledge to actually do their jobs and not spend the time between now and next November trying to get re-elected.

What is needed is a comprehensive, bipartisan effort to solve the many critical issues facing our state. This will be even more difficult to do in an election year, but our state simply cannot afford to wait out another election cycle to take on these challenges.

Despite pledges from Democrats and Republicans alike, structural deficiencies in the state budget have not been resolved. The state is still spending more money than it takes in. We don't expect either side to discuss tax increases during an election year, but somebody needs to have the political intestinal fortitude to at least begin the conversation of what can be done long term to correct this issue.

In addition to fixing the budget problem, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Legislature need to end the silly argument over the direct shipment of wine into Michigan and adopt a sensible plan to bring the state into compliance with the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision.

The easiest and best way to do this is to simply allow residents to purchase wine from any producer they see fit. And while lawmakers are drafting the plan, they can score a double victory by crafting a sensible policy to collect state sales tax on all Internet and mail-order purchases, which will help with the budget crisis.

Another area to focus on is our environment. Clean air and water are critical to the state's tourism industry. The state must do whatever it can to safeguard our Great Lakes and continue to clean up polluted areas. We owe it to ourselves and our children to do so.

Instead of enduring another round of political claptrap and attack ads, it is time for this state's voters to demand better representative government, and make those politicians who refuse to do so pay with their jobs.



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## LETTERS

### Plenty of outrage

I would like to respond to the *Canton Observer* editorial "Where was all the outrage?" (Sept. 29). All my neighbors and myself are outraged. Van Buren Public Schools has completely neglected Canton Township for many years. Repeated calls and requests for communication have been met with distrust and a lack of cooperation. Even Canton Township Supervisor Yack cannot get the district to form a committee of concerned Canton parents, as promised by school Supt. Pete Lazaroff.

Lazaroff sent out fliers to Canton residents during its last bond request, stating that Canton needed a local elementary school and a bond request would quickly follow the high school bond. Not long after the bond failure, the district admitted it was broke, may fall into receivership and be required to close an elementary school. Was this financial data news to the district? Any idea of a new elementary in Canton Township quickly died after this announcement.

Does the *Observer* really believe that Van Buren Public Schools wants my opinion? I would gladly attend one of the VBPS meetings if the VBPS board were truly open to discussion. My opinions are completely contrary to VBPS goal. They want a high school, but I feel this goal does not serve Canton Township for the following reasons: (1) Three of the six potential sites, at 15 miles from my home, are too far; (2) The other three sites, at about 10 miles from my home, are still too far; (3) The current high school site, during rush hour, takes over 30 minutes to get to from Canton; (4) \$100 million is out of line for a high school; (5) Most Canton children are elementary school aged.

Based on my views and that of other Canton residents, does the *Observer* believe VBPS really wants to hear these opinions, or will they quickly dismiss them? Also, does VBPS have the ability to consider Canton problems when they have numerous problems that they need to contend with?

The *Observer* is quick to point a finger at Canton residents, but was in error concerning Canton residents' attendance at these informational meetings. Many Canton residents in fact did attend the first informational meeting — last fall. We had planned to give our opinions, but this meeting was canceled due to the financial status of the district and instead, the school board talked about closing an elementary school. We are outraged and we are tired of poor performance by the VBPS board.

Last, if you knew the demographics of the area, you'd understand exactly why VBPS has had such a low turnout to these informational sessions, not just Canton residents, but from all Van Buren district residents. In the areas served by Van Buren Schools, two out of three homes have no children. Census figures show this trend will continue and, in fact, rise. Homes with children are projected to gain 7.7 percent, while homes without children are projected to gain 74.2 percent. Most of the residents have little need for public education.

I ask the *Observer* to determine where the problem lies in Van Buren Public Schools. Is it really the lack of participation by Canton residents?

Brian Kositz  
Canton

### Kudos to theater

During the past year my family has attended several performances and functions at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Even though we have lived in Plymouth Township for 35 years, the Village Theater has become a regular entertainment venue for us. The facility is fantastic and the staff are warm, helpful and engaging.

Canton is fortunate to have a variety of opportunities to enjoy and participate in the arts. Two of my daughters, both school teachers in Saline, have recently located their families in Canton. Canton's commitment to the arts was certainly a factor in their decision.

Don Soenen  
Plymouth

### 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

### A great community

To the Canton Board of Trustees: I moved to Canton two years ago and am extremely impressed with the activities the township has for the people of Canton, and how they promote the arts.

First, I became involved with the Spotlight Players. The facility at the Village Theater is so spectacular. Working backstage, I've been able to utilize the space for the actors and all the special equipment (such as the large stage, the battens for lights and flyers) to assist us in putting on an exciting show.

Second, I enjoy the different art exhibits both at the theater and the schoolhouse, the Liberty Fest and the Relay for Life, which is breathtaking for me especially since I lost my husband to cancer.

Thanks for being such a great community.

Judy Cannizzaro  
Canton

### Impeach Bush

This president should be impeached immediately. He has caused thousands of deaths of our young soldiers for his own personal war. He and his administration planned this before 9/11 and even in meetings thereafter. He needs to be removed from office.

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak  
Canton

### History questioned

It is unfortunate that Leonard Poger (Oct. 13 letter) is more concerned about spreading revisionism than truth when discussing the tragic Palestinian-Israeli conflict. He implies the tiring argument that Jordan is Palestine by going into a historical rendition of how Jordan was split off from Palestine by the British.

That's true, but the Middle East, in general, was an experiment for many colonial powers in terms of carving up land or setting up boundaries without concern for indigenous peoples. Need we bring up Britain's conquest of Iraq and the subsequent problems raised? Jordan is a sovereign country and Palestinians completely respect this. It would be helpful for Poger to remember that none of today's Palestinian refugees came from areas within Jordan.

But they were forced out of their homes in areas affected by Israel's creation in 1948 and offensive war in 1967. Interestingly, he expects Arab states to pay for the actions of Israel when he discusses Palestinian refugees. Nobody has taught the world more about righting the wrongs of the past than the Jewish people, and they should be applauded for their continued demands for justice. What I find puzzling is why this Palestinian demand for justice is denied by Israel and her supporters? Or is justice a luxury for select groups?

As to the "many opportunities" to create a Palestinian state, I find this amusing. The 1947 UN Partition Plan Poger refers to would have allotted about 55 percent of the land for a Jewish state even though there was less than 10 percent Jewish ownership. And about 45 percent of the land would have gone to the Palestinian Arabs who owned at least 90 percent of the land. Is it any wonder that it was rejected?

Finally, it is important to note that despite these facts, Palestinians have accepted Israel's existence on 78 percent of what was Palestine. They are merely asking for the remaining 22 percent as set forth in UN Resolution 242. I'd say that's pretty generous. But instead we see the expansion of Israeli settlements and a huge wall cutting far into Palestinian West Bank towns. For the sake of Palestine and Israel's children, this greed must stop.

Sherri Muzher  
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"From what we understand, the company had been looking at southeast Michigan for some time, and decided, based on a number of factors, that Canton is where they want to be."

— Sharon Banks, press secretary for Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano, on the decision of the Chinese firm Tempo Group to build a 425,000-square-foot research and development facility in Canton



# Economic apocalypse descends on Michigan

What is shaping up as a likely economic apocalypse is descending on Michigan:

■ Northwest Airlines and Delphi Corp. are already in Chapter 11 bankruptcy. It would be surprising if their example wasn't followed by at least some other supply chain companies — and perhaps even auto manufacturers.

■ The labor contracts between the auto industry and the United Auto Workers are in the process of being drastically renegotiated, whether through collective bargaining or by order of the bankruptcy court. The system that for decades



Phil Power

provided high wages, gold-plated health care coverage and generous pensions is ending.

■ The city of Detroit and the Detroit school system are teetering on the brink of insolvency.

Economic life as we have come to know it is changing, drastically and quickly. For the auto industry, at least, an era is ending. And what's fascinating is not how fast things are moving now, but how long it's taken for an economic system based on an unsustainable business model to come unglued.

That now-obsolete model was based on a work force with high costs and low skills, which the industry was able to afford thanks to high production and closed markets. Those days have ended.

What is happening just now is the consequence of a perfect storm hitting the auto industry much faster and much harder than anybody expected. Some of the elements are:

■ Double-digit increases in the cost of health care.

■ Sharply increased material costs for items such as steel, metals and plastics. Much of this is the result of rapidly rising demand from China and India.

■ A spike in the price of oil, the result of worldwide demand outstripping supply, aggravated by the effects of Hurricane Katrina.

■ The related rapid rise in the cost of gasoline. This has led to plummeting demand for trucks and SUVs, the domestic auto industry's most profitable offerings.

Every storm is heralded by a thunderbolt. In this case, it was Delphi CEO Steve Miller's decision to put his company into bankruptcy — and his admirable candor about why. His assertion that the way the entire domestic auto industry has done business is simply not sustainable focused intense attention on the crisis.

Within the next few days, General Motors obtained billion-dollar health cost rollbacks from the UAW.

So what does it all mean?

First, it means the end of a long, stable era for Michigan. For more than half a century, the auto industry and the UAW collaborated in a business model that consisted of the manufacturers sup-

plying vehicles at a given cost and quality to essentially a closed domestic market. The union built the cars, and got ever-increasing wages and health care and pension benefits in return.

Once foreign manufacturers figured out how vulnerable the U.S. auto market was to competition, they built new manufacturing plants that paid workers at industry-wide scale, but avoided the vast "legacy costs" of health care and pensions.

These competitive pressures are now breaking down this cozy system. Some of the demolition is happening immediately; more will take place when existing labor contracts are renegotiated in 2007.

Second, the new reality almost certainly deals a death blow to the remnants of private "defined benefit" health care and pension plans. In a defined benefit system, the employer undertakes to provide workers and retirees with a certain level of health care and pension payments, regardless of cost.

This will be replaced by "defined contribution" plans, in which employers contribute a defined amount to these plans. Any shortfalls in cost or coverage are thereby shifted to the workers or retirees.

The defined benefit model for generations has been the prevailing system for all kinds of "security blanket" social benefits, both from the private and the public sector. They include pensions, health care, Medicaid and a list that goes on and on.

Over the next few years, I suspect, defined benefit programs will become extinct, not only in Michigan, but nationwide.

The social and political consequences could be enormous. Consider, for example, the feelings of anger and disappointment of thousands of families that considered themselves solidly middle class, but who are now suddenly threatened with sharply reduced pensions and vastly increased health care expenses.

Historically, the most volatile group in any society is that which finds itself "de-classed" — i.e. pushed down from one class to another — by events beyond its control.

The UAW has pointed out, for example, that the \$10 an hour wages demanded by Delphi's Miller amount to \$20,800 a year, less than half the median income in America.

It won't do much to assuage workers' anger, but perhaps the first "defined contribution" fringe benefit the auto and parts companies should give their workers and retirees is a copy of Thomas Friedman's new book *The Earth Is Flat*.

It's the best presentation yet of how the rapidly globalizing world economy is shaking all previous assumptions about economic competition. It's a message that everybody now working anywhere needs to learn — and take to heart.

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.

## District needs support determining what's too hot, cold or just right

We are enjoying the benefits of the great start to the 2005-06 school year. By now, most of our parents have been to open houses, parent/teacher conferences and even may have received the first report card. As usual, there are many positive activities and successes occurring in our schools.

However, all is not blue skies in the school district. The tragedies of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were at times overwhelming. I was proud of the way our students, staff, parents, and community members stood tall to offer support to the victims of these natural disasters. More than \$40,000 was raised in our schools for hurricane relief.



James Ryan

One of the big by-products of the hurricane damage was the effect upon our utility costs. Prices for gas, diesel fuel, natural gas and electricity have risen dramatically. We will be recommending mid-year adjustments in our utility budgets to make sure we have accounted for these costs. Having already raised our utility budget by 8 percent for two years, this is an additional increase that we could not anticipate.

As insignificant as this may seem compared to the suffering of those affected by the hurricanes, it still is frustrating to us as the guardians of your tax dollars. I am proud to report that the audit of the 2004-05 budget saw us reduce the beginning budget deficit of \$7.2 million down to \$1.7 million by the end of the year.

That was the result of a good team effort between our Board of Education, administration and our staff. Everyone is aware of our limited resources and respects how we use them.

I can remember reading the story of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* to my grandchildren. When we got to one of the key parts of the story, I said that one bear said the porridge was too hot and one said it was too cold.

**What's my point? My point is we need your support to help us be conservative users of the energy it takes to run the district. Please have your children dress in layers in the cold weather. With some of our older heating systems, some rooms are too hot, some too cold, and some are just right. As we dial down in the winter to save energy, I hope we can count on your sacrifice and support in this area.**

When I got to the third bear, I started to say what he said, and before I could read it, my beautiful granddaughter said in a slow, drawn out fashion that it was "Ju-u-u-st Ri-i-ght." I laughed then and I chuckle now as I write this.

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My best wishes to each of you as we come up upon many different types of celebrations for the holiday season. May it be a time of celebration, of family and of appreciation and respect for all people and all cultures. You are the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and I am proud to be your superintendent. Thank you for all your support.

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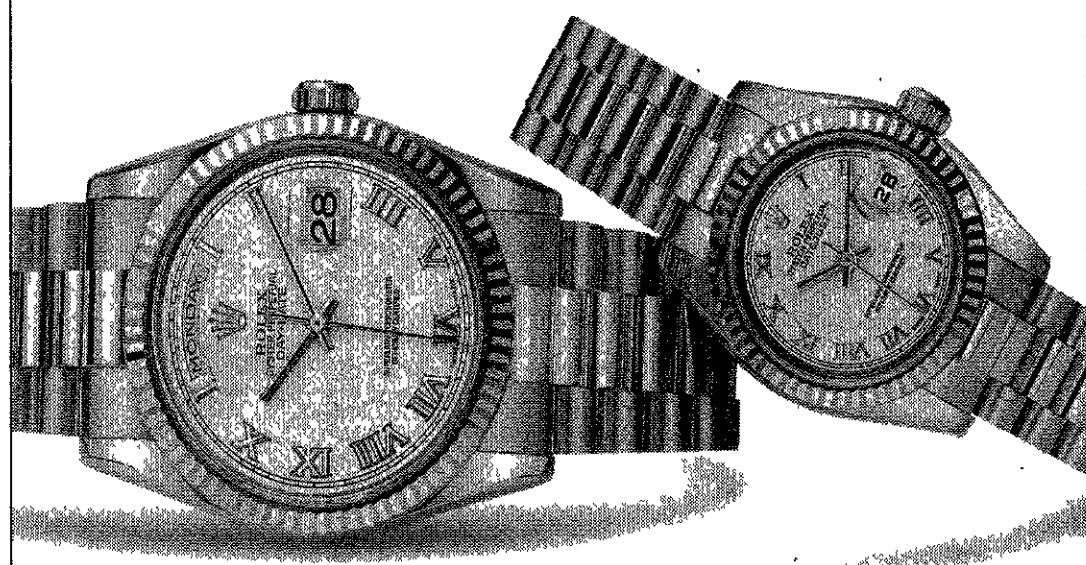
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# Agencies are ready to help with soaring home heating costs

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
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With cold weather on the way and home heating prices guaranteed to be higher than they've been in decades, public assistance organizations are putting the word out that there's help, advice and cash available to get people through the coming Michigan winter.

The Salvation Army, the Michigan Public Service Commission and The Heat And Warmth fund held a press conference last week to let people know there are many avenues of help available to get heating assistance this year.

Salvation Army Maj. Norman Marshall said between the recent hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico and the global market for petroleum products, it's going to be expensive to heat a home this winter.

"The rising cost of utilities

will impact every Michigan household," he said. "The increase is expected to be between \$40 and \$60 (a month), but I think that's conservative."

MPSC Chairman J. Peter Lark said he would be making tours of the state to put the word out about the resources — both in terms of advice and aid — the state has to offer.

He said people are going to need all the help they can get. "The winter energy appraisal predicts that heating costs will increase to \$187 a month, based on a 1,200- to 1,800-square-foot home," Lark said. "That's \$59 over last year, assuming we have an average winter."

Whatever passes for average (last winter was slightly warmer than the one before it) prices have been slowly marching upward since the turn of the century. The average cost to heat that hypothetical home was \$88 in 2002,

\$114 in 2003 and \$128 last year. A potential bright spot: Michigan has the eighth-lowest natural gas prices in the country.

Still, there are a lot of simple things to do to reduce the impact of higher gas prices. "Now is the time to start planning and take easy steps to minimize the costs," Lark said. "Dial down the thermostat and put up weather stripping. A programmable thermostat costs \$40 and can save that much money in the first month."

The programmable thermostat dials itself down at night and during the day when no one is at home. Every degree cooler a house is, he said, represents a 3-percent reduction in heating cost.

He also said utility companies offer payment plans that can prevent people from being cut off in the middle of the cold season. The MPSC has given out \$150 million since

2002 in the form of grants to heating-related aid organizations and he said that only a third of the people who qualify for that aid ever ask for it.

Kathy Walgren of The Heat and Warmth fund (THAW), said her organization was created during the last energy crisis and continues to this day helping low-income people keep the heat on during the cold months.

She said when people can't pay to heat their homes the right way, they turn to more dangerous alternatives like kerosene heaters and candles. The number of people in that situation is expected to rise.

"There's the traditional group of the continually unemployed and there's the working poor," Walgren said. "But the fastest-growing segment of the 'poor' population are people who are 150 to 200 percent over the poverty line. These are people who've never looked for help before."

## Experts discuss Rouge River issues

The Rouge River, which was once a synonym for urban environmental problems, has become one of Michigan's leading examples of progressive urban land use policy over the last 15 years.

That's according to organizers of Rouge 2005, which will feature reports on the status of the river and its watershed by elected officials, environmental professionals and community leaders at a meeting at the University of Michigan-Dearborn at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29.

The meeting will end at noon with the dedication of the Rouge River Gateway Greenway Trail, a path through the campuses of Henry Ford Community College and UM-Dearborn, connecting Hines Drive and the Wayne County parks with the entertainment and shopping districts in west Dearborn.

Rouge 2005 is the 15th consecutive report to Rouge River watershed stakeholders who have worked together to clean up the river and expand the region's capacity to make the Rouge a recreational and environmental asset to the community. The Rouge River watershed spans approximately 438 square miles, and is home to more 1.5 million people in 48 communities and 3 counties.

"Thanks to the bipartisan work in Michigan's congressional delegation, led by

John Dingell, what once was one of the most polluted rivers in the country has become much cleaner over the past 20 years," according to Edward Bagale, vice chancellor for government relations at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and co-chair of the Rouge River Gateway Partnership.

The Rouge River Gateway Partnership is a coalition of businesses, cultural and academic institutions and governmental agencies along the Rouge River.

Much of the progress on the cleanup of the Rouge has been spurred by the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project, a cooperative effort among federal, state and local agencies supported by grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and additional funding from local communities. The EPA grant has been managed by Wayne County since 1992 and county executive Robert Ficano will be one of the speakers at the session.

Other speakers will include Gloria Jeff, director of the Michigan Department of Transportation; Dearborn Mayor Michael Guido, and members of the state's congressional delegation.

The meeting is free and open to the public, but registration is requested. Those planning to attend should call (313) 593-5140, or send an e-mail to ebagale@umich.edu.

## Make house ready, efficient for winter

The cold is coming, but before you go out and buy a space heater for your living room, there are other smaller steps that can make your house more heat-efficient and save money during the winter.

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- Install weather stripping around doors and seal windows with plastic to keep

warm air from leaking out of the house through cracks.

- Lower the thermostat on your water heater. A setting of 120 degrees is comfortable for most uses.
- Add insulation to attics and walls if needed.
- Install a programmable thermostat that automatically dials the temperature down at night and when no one is at home.
- Insulate your hot water

storage tank and pipes, but don't cover the thermostat.

There are also multiple avenues for people who need more than weather stripping and plastic on the windows.

- The Michigan Public Services Commission, in creating the Winter Protection Plan, has made \$41 million in grants available to seniors, people receiving assistance from the Michigan Department of Human

Services and those below 150 percent of the poverty level.

- Michigan Home Heating Credit forms, from the Michigan Department of Treasury, will be available by the end of January wherever tax forms are located. Forms have to be filled out by Sept. 30, 2006.

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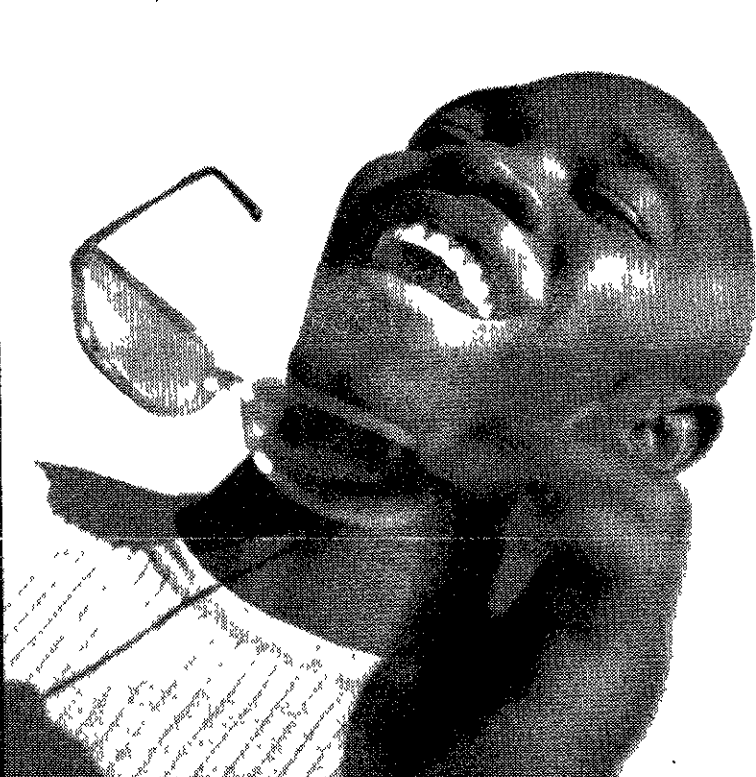
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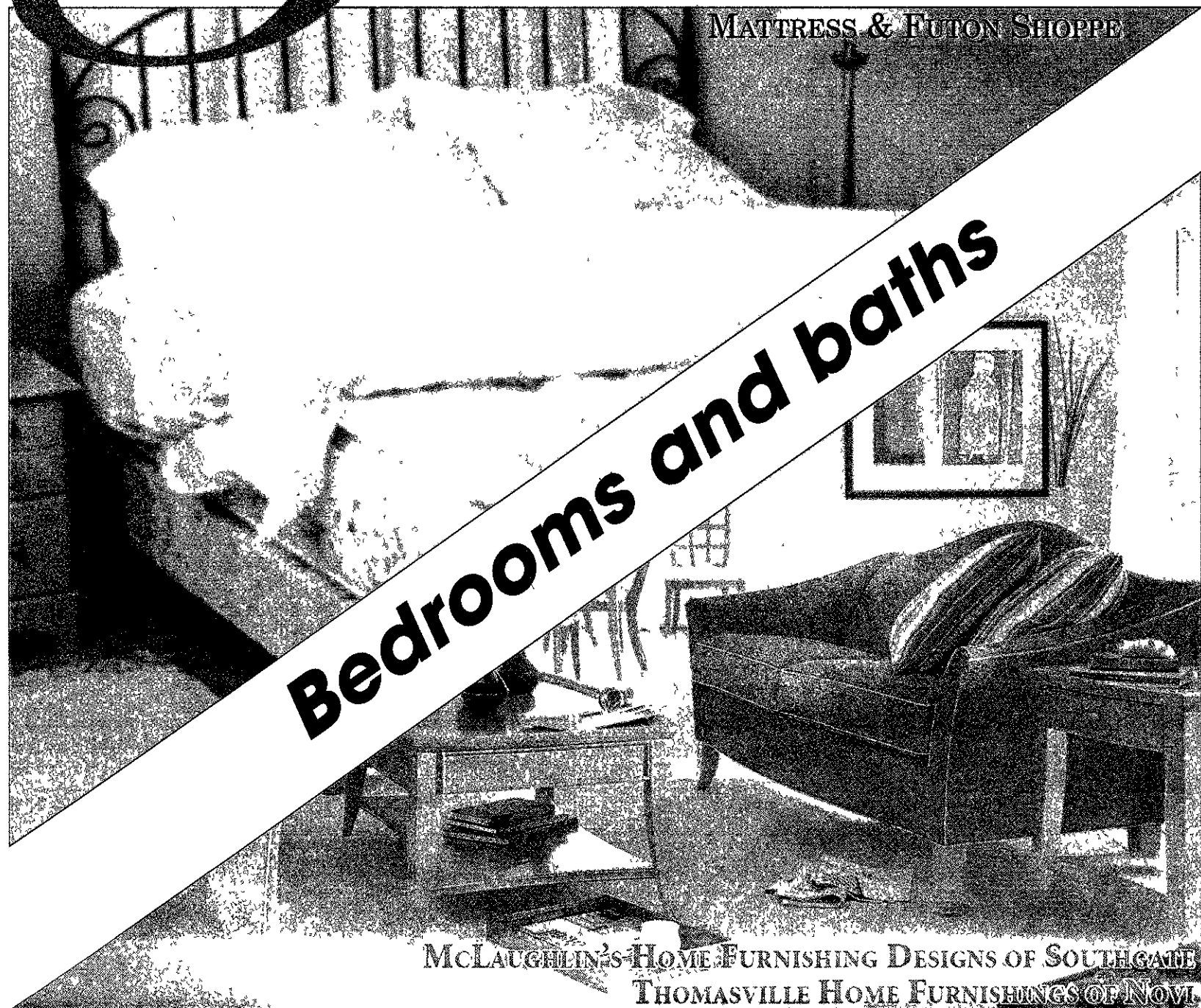
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# Fabulous



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## Eclectic tastes reign in bedroom

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
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**W**hen it comes to furnishing bedrooms, eclectic is the name of the game. Woods, stones and metals are all emerging as statements of style and design in the bedroom, according to Barbi Krass, director of design and owner of Colorworks Studio in West Bloomfield.

"Rarely do I see (clients) buy a whole furniture set," Krass said. "They are packaging them individually. They might have hand-painted night stands, deep standing armoires and metal (brass or wrought-iron) beds."

Chris Newell has watched a variety of customers with a variety of tastes over the years.

The owner of Chris Furniture in Livonia says the tastes of today's consumers are divided between contemporary and traditional.

"But then you get people who are looking at transitional pieces," Newell said. "It's a wonderful way of blending styles and colors."

"It's an interesting time to decorate. I'm seeing people mixing metal beds with wood furniture. It's really a fun time."

In many of the lofts Krass is designing (one in Detroit was featured on HGTV), the classic modern style is popular in places like Birmingham and Royal Oak.

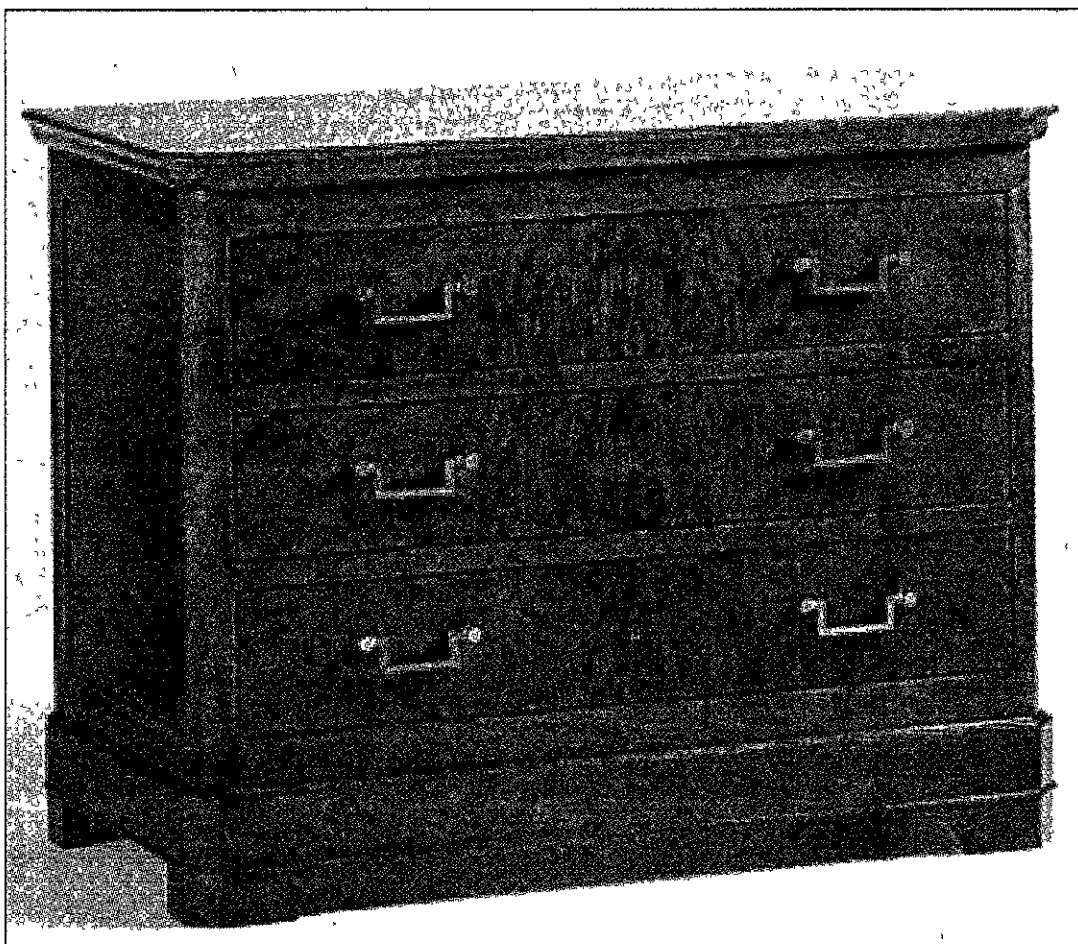
"It's more of a young crowd, and they really like the clean lines," Krass said.

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Beds are considered more as a piece of furni-

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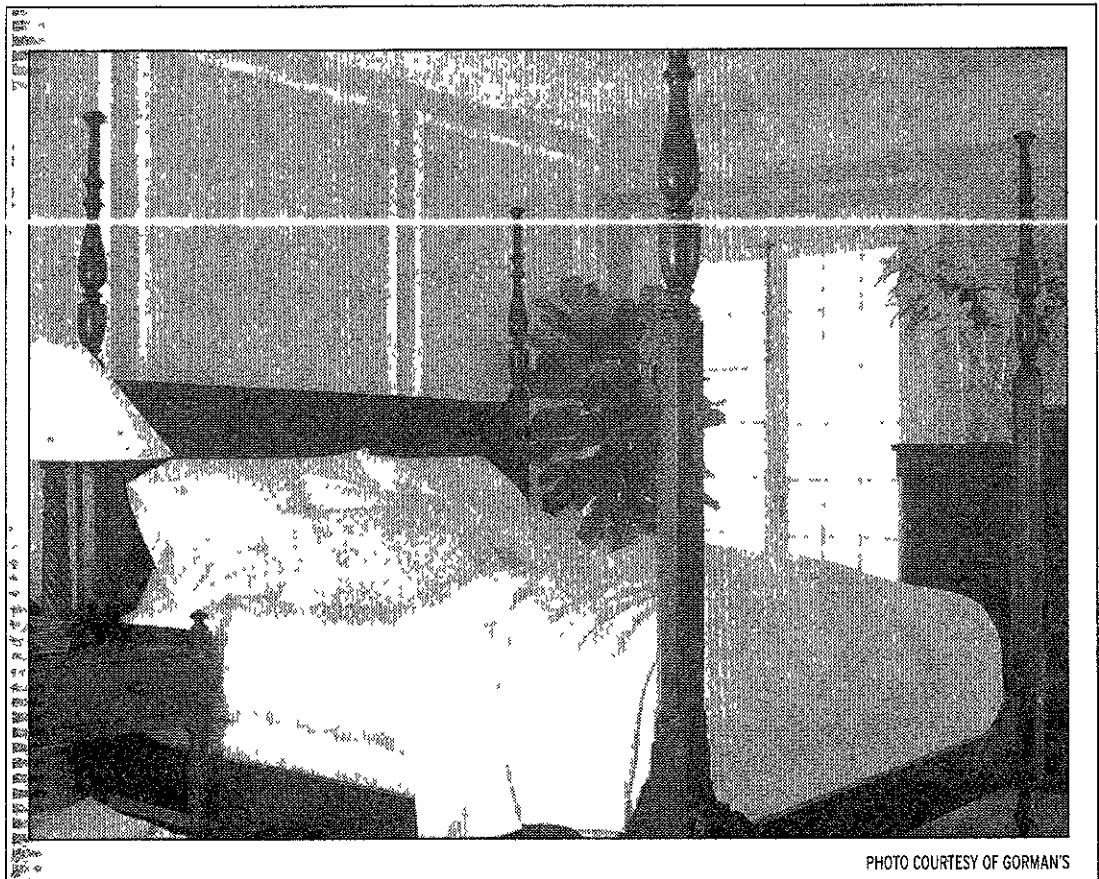


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ture with custom-builds to fit bodies, styles and space.

"With the pillow-top mattresses, the industry hasn't quite caught up with it yet," Krass said.

Beds feature taller headboards. With many bedrooms now featuring 9-foot ceilings that often peak at 12-15 feet, headboards are reaching 6 and 7 feet.

"It's a dramatic look, but it offsets the high ceiling," Krass said.

Popular wood styles include cherry.

"There's a lot of different finishes, and they are very nice," Newell said. "Slowly but surely, we're doing away with oaks. We do a lot of maple and pine is creeping back in like it did 20 years ago, but it isn't the dark finish, rather a light or painted finish."

Krass sees a lot of mahogany and cherry. Furniture sizes are changing, too.

"With the flat-screen televisions we are doing a lot of low furniture, the low dressers or combination dresser," Krass said.

"They also like a wine bar or a snack bar in the bedroom and use a warming drawer in the bathroom to warm towels."

That drawer is the same type of warming drawer used in kitchens, Krass said. Wine and snack bars are installed in sitting areas, vanity or closets,

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she added.

Armoires are an important part of the furniture stock in the bedroom, Newell said.

"It's good for storage," she said. "They can put in a TV and it gives it a clean look in the bedroom."

Dressers also have evolved into "chessers," a combination of chest and dresser, Newell said.

"They are shorter in width, but higher (than a dresser)," she said of chessers.

Furniture remains traditional in style, Newell said.

"The important thing is the high quality," she said. "People love it, that high-quality, solid wood, that they will only buy once in a lifetime."

Sitting areas adjacent to bedrooms are now a popular feature in some higher end homes when more square footage is available, Krass said. Seating, writing desks, additional storage and additional closets are some of the features.

It can be an area of relaxation or just a place for a cup of coffee with a spouse.

Colors like rainwater blue and shell pink, lighter blends of color, are popular in bedrooms.

"People are trying to relax at home, and they are spending a lot more time in the bedroom," Krass said.

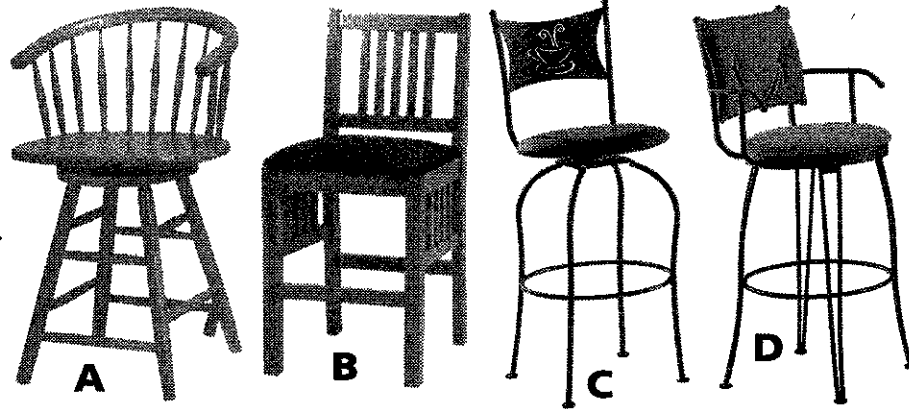
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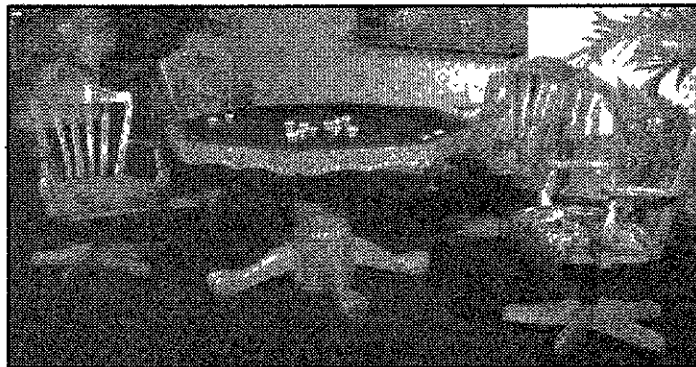
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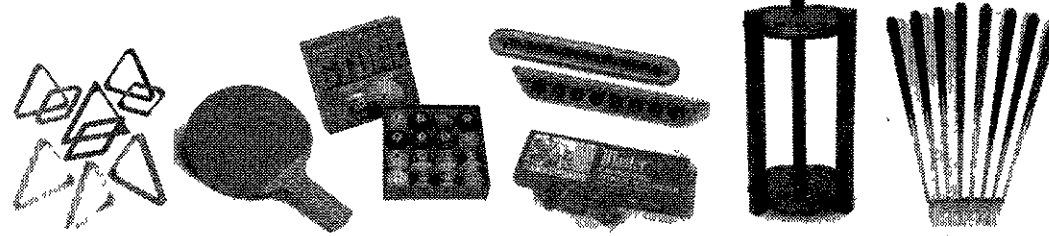


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# A sink to die for

The wash basin has turned work of art

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Bet you never imagined getting excited about a bathroom sink.

But today's sink offerings — from stone to glass to polished ceramic — make it tough to resist such enthusiasm.

"People are designing their bathrooms around them," said Kristina Harlan, manager of Herald Wholesale, an 18,000-square-foot showroom of plumbing, lighting and hardware in Oak Park.

That's because many of today's bathroom sinks, particularly the popular above-the-counter vessel types, are practically works of art.

Indeed, manufacturers are even producing one-of-a-kind and custom sinks. Alchemy, which is carried at Herald Wholesale, is one such company.

"They're as unique as you are. They really are," Harlan said.

But hold on to your hand towel and don't forget the practical purpose of a bathroom sink before you go shopping for a sassy new one, Harlan warned.

Homeowners need to keep in mind how often they'll be using the sink, where it's located in the home and who exactly is going to be using it.

"The main consideration is where it's going to be used and

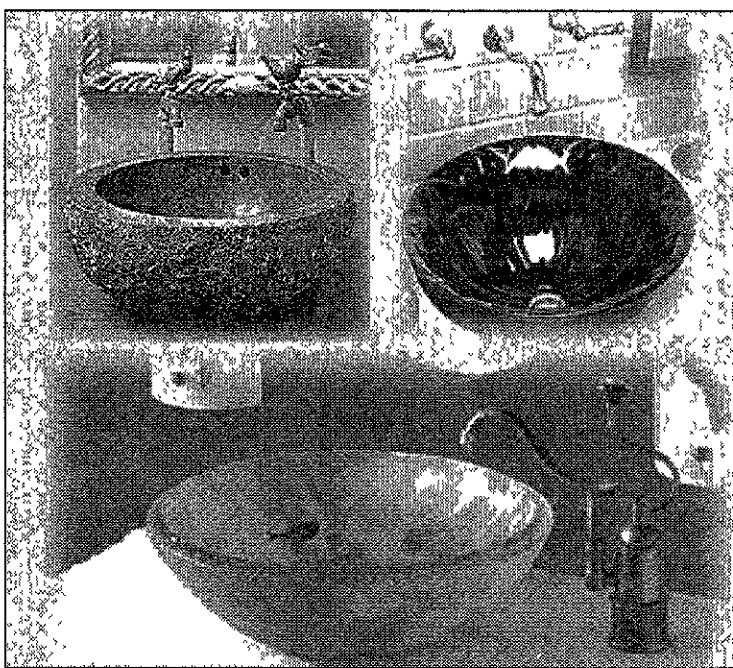


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Vessel sinks for bathrooms are still popular with homeowners.

the function. You have to be leery because not every one of these sinks is practical," Harlan said. "If it's more something for show, you can do anything, but if it's for use, we try to steer our customers toward something that is stone, china or glass similar to Pyrex."

Such materials are more durable and resist cracking from hot water.

Obviously, a sink that's more delicate or difficult to clean isn't necessarily the one you want in the bathroom to use daily.

The point is: You can get far more creative in a foyer or guest bathroom that's used infrequently than you can in the children's bathroom.

Likewise, the depth of the sink is an important practical consideration. For a regularly used sink, the depth should be at least 6 inches and, ideally, 8

inches, Harlan said.

When choosing a depth, don't forget to factor in the size of the faucet you've selected, too. Harlan suggests selecting a sink first and then a faucet to accompany it.

"You can do it the other way, but you're a lot more limited because there are a lot more faucets than there are sinks," he said.

And before you fall in love with a sink that's a work of art, don't forget to do a style check: Is your bathroom contemporary or traditional?

"That's really the very first question homeowners should ask."

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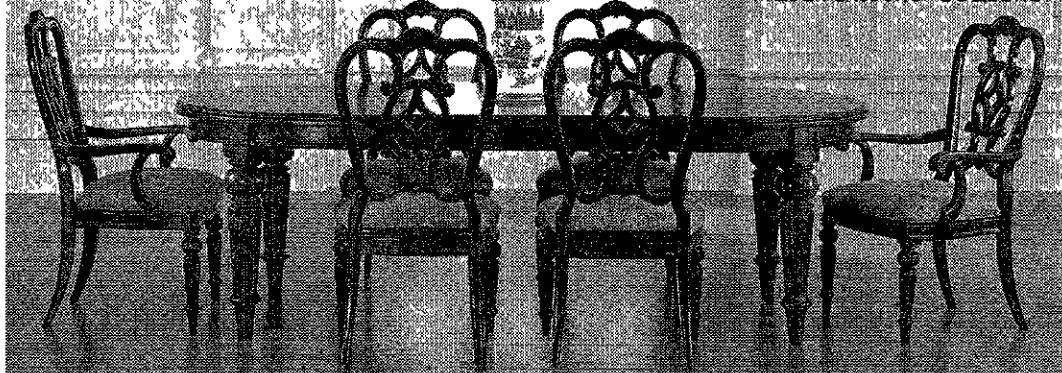
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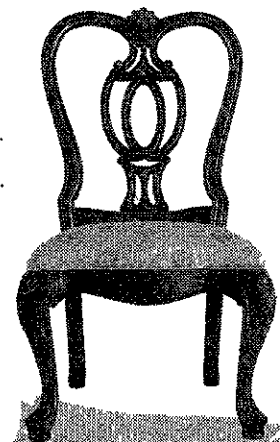
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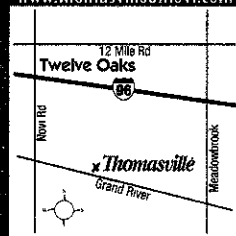
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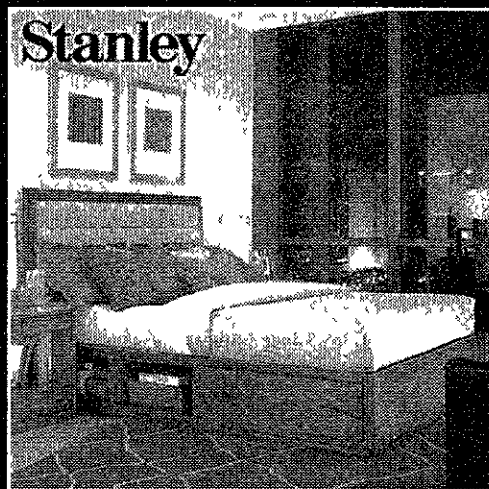
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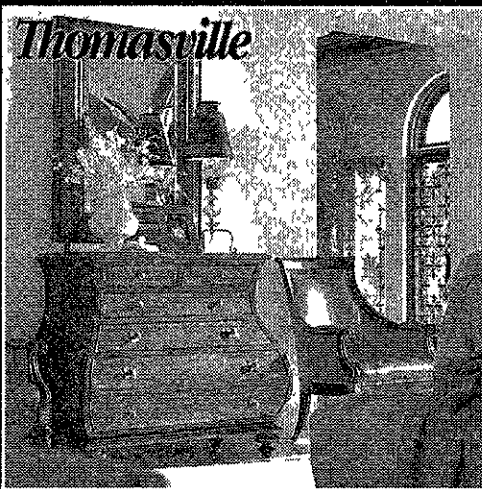
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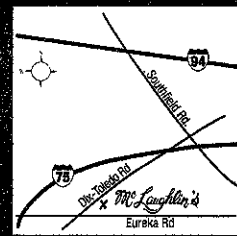


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# Ceiling fans move the air with flair

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

Setting or enhancing style in a room can be a breeze with a ceiling fan.

These days, ceiling fans are more than utilitarian items. They are stylish statements that move the air with flair.

"There are so many more options," said Patrick Goisdzinski, salesperson at Pine Tree Lighting in Lake Orion.

The motor housing and blades of ceiling fans come in an almost endless variety of materials and designs that can blend with other decor or stand out as a focal point in a room.

Want to go with wood over metal? You can choose from 36 different woods, according to Pine Tree Lighting salesperson Mike Heitmann.

"You can match the wood to any wood you have in the house," he said.

"You really have to come in to appreciate (the varieties of ceiling fans)."

Among popular finishes are oil-rubbed bronze, patina and brushed nickel, Goisdzinski said.

Blades can look like giant leaves or woven bamboo.

Housing can take on an Old World look with elegant scrollwork; resemble pottery, quarried stone or saddle leather; be ringed with African masks; or be replicas of a log cabin or Asian temple with interior-lighted windows.

Contemporary styles include three dramatic designs by Fanimation: the Centaurus™, which features blades bent in half; Volare™, with five angular blades that seem to float in the air; and Enigma®, with only one blade.

The Kitty Hawk design, exclusive to Pine Tree Lighting, features blades that resemble the wings of the Wright brothers' plane.

Another design features housing shaped like the nose of a plane and blades shaped like propellers.

Blades in the Maui Bay design are long and slender and look as if they had been taken from an exotic tree.

At Lowe's in Westland, Harbor Breeze's Key West model features a vintage pewter finish and wicker-weave blades.

The Baseball Fan by Hunter has the sport as its theme, including housing shaped like a mitt, blades shaped like bats and a light shaped like a ball (complete with stitching).

Lowe's also carries fragrance strips that attach

to the tops of ceiling fan blades. Among the scents are island breeze, apple cinnamon and mountain pine.

Styles at The Home Depot in Livonia include the Carousel II by Hampton Bay, with two different sets of blades that offer four different looks - white, pastel colors, bleached oak and primary colors.

Hampton Bay's St. Regis features an ancient bronze finish and cherry or dark teak blades.

Ceiling fans with vertical rotation are available, as are remote control features.

Ceiling fans are being made in larger sizes - 60 and 72 inches - to accommodate larger homes. They make a more even distribution of heat in the winter.

## ROTATION

The "forward" setting on a fan blows the air down, and creates a breeze that is felt by a person under the fan; the "reverse" setting blows the air up, and no breeze is felt.

According to the Wonder Quest Web site (www.wonderquest.com), turn the fan to reverse during the winter to circulate warm air without blowing air down and cooling in the process. Hot air rises, and a ceiling fan rotating in reverse mixes the air.

Sometimes the opposite is done in areas with high ceilings, such as a stairwell, the Web site said.

In the winter, a fan running "forward" moves warm air into

the lower levels of a house, where residents spend their time during the day. They don't feel a draft because they are far away from the fan.

Considerations when looking for a ceiling fan include the size of the room and the height of the ceiling, the Pine Tree Lighting staffers said.

Also, keep in mind that a ceiling fan in an area with recessed lighting would create a strobe effect, they said.

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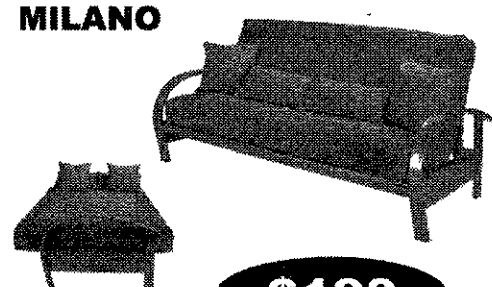
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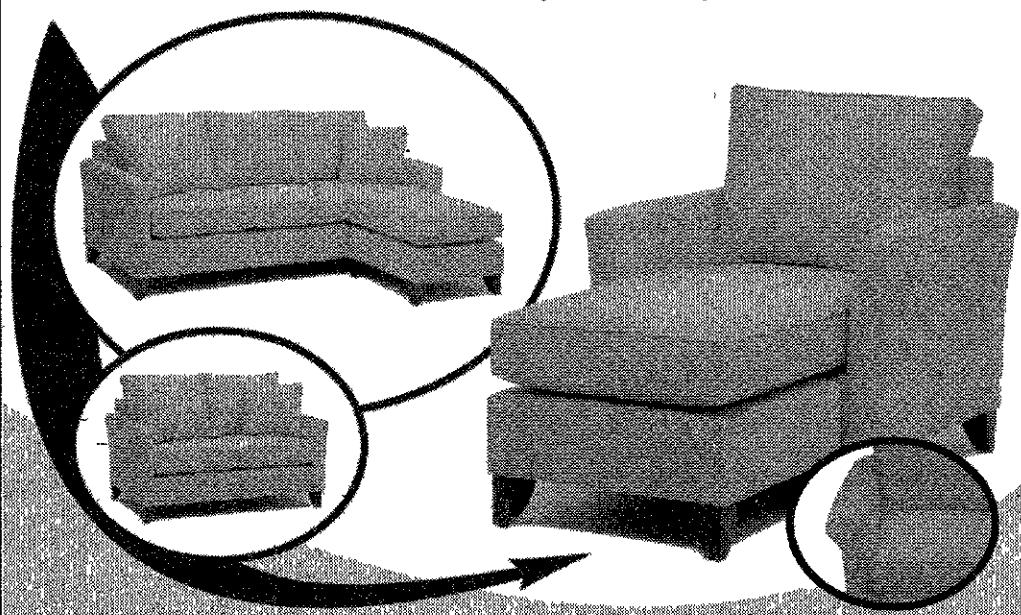
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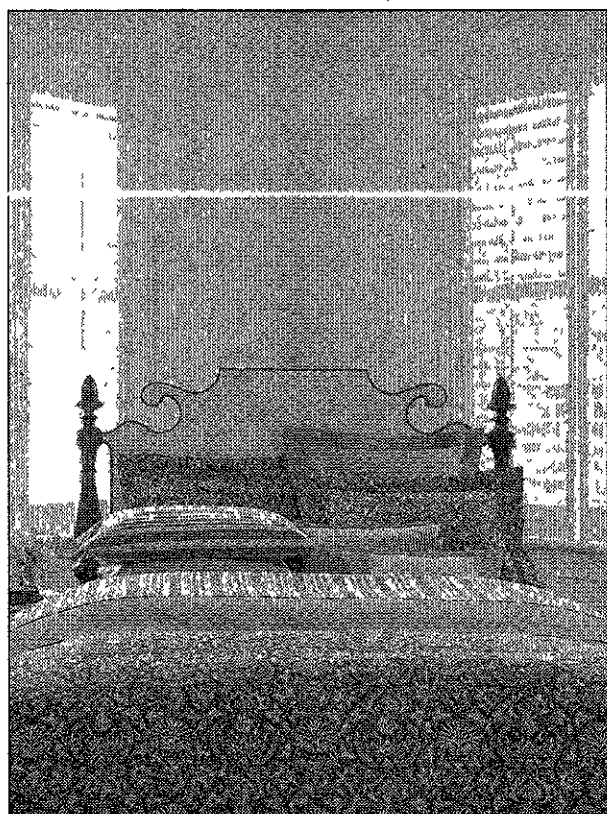
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# Turn your bathroom into spa experience

If you are thinking about remodeling your bathroom, you aren't alone.

There were about 8 million bathroom remodels in the United States in 2004, plus 4.6 million in new bathroom constructions, according to the National Association of Home Builders and National Kitchen and Bath Association.

All that bathroom remodeling cost a whopping \$24 billion, with about half the projects costing under \$1,000.

In the 18th anniversary issue of *REMODELING Magazine's* Cost vs. Value Report, which comes from a private research study in conjunction with the National Associations of Realtors, bathroom remodeling in the mid-range to upscale shows a 90.1-percent and 85.6-percent return on investment after one year (U.S. average).

Bathroom additions have a similar return on investment.

Now, you can understand why turning your average bathroom into a "spa retreat" is

on everyone's mind today.

According to Peter Schor, the bath industry guru, who is known by his peers as "The Doctor of Bathroom Knowledge," "Today's bathrooms have such a wide variety of products and materials that you must deeply explore before you start."

One of the greatest innovations in today's bathrooms is the "new generation of self-contained pre-plumbed bathing experiences" – both in showers and tubs – turning the average bathroom into a spa experience.

One line is called Aqualair ([www.aqualair.com](http://www.aqualair.com)).

These self-contained units have many features and benefits such as: steam; whirlpool and air massage tub features; aromatherapy; luminothrapy; hydrotherapy; chromeatherapy; body sprays, rainhead showers; stereo, TV or TV/DVD player; and much, much more.

Showering has taken on a

whole new experience. Many people have longed to bring the outdoor experience of rivers, lakes and the ocean into the privacy of their homes.

With all of the heavy use of hot water these units require, don't forget to take a good look at hot water on demand tankless heaters ([www.foreverhot-water.com](http://www.foreverhot-water.com)).

The latest innovative bathroom products reflect the ongoing trends toward high-tech electronics.

"Electronics in the bathroom has come of age," Schor said.

Electronic hands-free, hygienic, and water-saving faucets ([www.opella.com](http://www.opella.com)) and automatic flushing toilets ([www.flushmate.com](http://www.flushmate.com)) for today's homes are readily available.

Electronic automatic self-cleaning systems ([www.i-c-p-inc.com](http://www.i-c-p-inc.com)) were introduced recently and are called "the dishwasher or washing machine for the shower."

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electronic anti-microbial toilet seat ([www.hogueinc.com](http://www.hogueinc.com)), and don't forget to get your LCD TV bathroom mirror ([www.seuratvmirror.com](http://www.seuratvmirror.com)) so you can listen and watch the weather and traffic reports while you are shaving, putting on makeup, or just getting ready for the day.

Electric floor warming ([www.orbitmfg.com](http://www.orbitmfg.com)) has become more common for all types of bathroom floors for new construction as well as remodeling.

Lavatories have become products of "art in form" and "self-expression" in multiple materials, shapes and sizes. There are even aquarium ([www.mundobrass.com](http://www.mundobrass.com)) glass sinks and countertops, where you can groom yourself as you watch your tropical fish swim about!

For a more in-depth look on what is new and hot in bathroom/plumbing products for 2005-06, visit the Web site [www.drknowledge.net](http://www.drknowledge.net).

# Creating signature style with luscious lavs

(MS) – Of all fixtures in the bath, the lavatory is the best vehicle for showing off one's sense of style – its design can change the character of the entire space.

Today's cutting edge bath trends clearly fall on the side of contemporary designs, rather than traditional. Lavatories, toilets, tubs and showers have simple, clean lines, with a decidedly modern, highly engineered construction.

Yet, many homeowners are apprehensive about installing contemporary fixtures in their home, believing the design statement is too minimal.

When negotiating the move from traditional to contemporary, a middle ground can be found in a transitional contemporary design: fixtures that blend easily with both classic and modern bathroom decors.

Current interior design trends tend toward softer colors and materials that enable an intermingling of fixtures and flowing

design lines.

There's a strong trend toward blending, which enables the homeowner to create a restrained, harmonious or eclectic expression that is both timeless and personal.

"Transitional designs, an emerging consumer-driven trend, facilitate homeowners wishing to leave behind tradition and 'transition' to contemporary," said Lenora Campos, public relations manager for TOTO USA, a high-end, full-line plumbing manufacturer.

"These designs bridge the gap between contemporary and traditional while, at the same time, serving homeowners' demand for flexibility; they can lean toward traditional or contemporary, depending on the room's overall design statement," she said.

## FASHION STATEMENTS

Contemporary styling laced with transitional charm, the sleek new Soirée lavatory offers

refined hints of modernism.

Well suited to serve as the centerpiece of a master bath suite, or any size bath, the lavatory reveals simple, dignified geometric design lines.

To offer increased comfort during use, the universal-height Soirée Pedestal Lavatory rises a statuesque 34 inches from the floor to the top of the basin. Its deep, luxurious basin measures 29-1/2 inches by 19-1/16 inches.

The lavatory is also available as self-rimming (27-3/8-by-19-5/8-inch basin) and under-counter (27-by-16-1/2-inch basin) models.

Both the pedestal and self-rimming models are available in versions to accommodate single-hole, 8-inch or 4-inch faucet centers.

With its clean lines and warm wood accents, the striking new Lloyd Console Lavatory makes a high-fashion statement as it rises 34 inches from floor to rim, adding to TOTO's growing line

of universal-height products.

"Universal-height is one of our standards, which we plan to keep 'design forward,'" said Campos.

The 27-1/2-inch-by-19-1/2-inch maple wood lavatory console holds a 18-1/8-inch-by-10-7/8-inch basin, with precision right angles and stunning design appointments. The generous surface space of this vitreous china lavatory is perfect for toiletries.

The Lloyd lavatory is also available as a metal console, pedestal or undercounter model.

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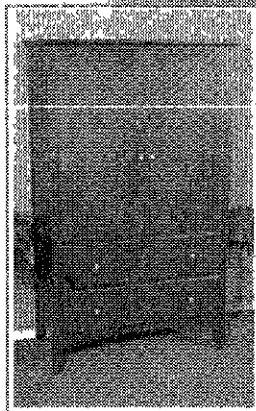
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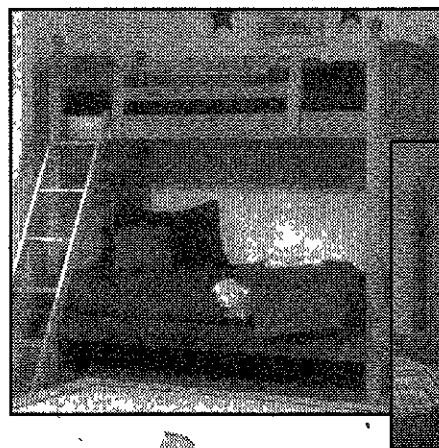
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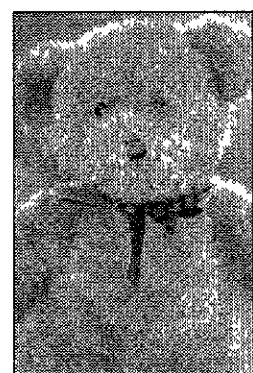


# Child's play

## Top tips for decorating kids' rooms

(MS) – Youngsters outgrow the decor of their bedrooms almost as quickly as they do their clothes and shoes.

In fact, the typical child's room is redecorated three or four times by the time he or she reaches his or her teens.



Wendy A. Jordan, author of *New Kidspac Idea Book* (The Taunton Press), offers the following tips to help you create an imaginative, comfortable and safe environment where your child can thrive, and make the inevitable updates easier to manage.

■ Choose a theme that's youthful, fun and right for your child, but leave room for his or her imagination to soar.

"The room should stimulate creativity, rather than drown it with a theme that's too overpowering," Jordan said.

■ Select durable, high-quality furniture and built-ins that can be rearranged to create new looks and serve new purposes later.

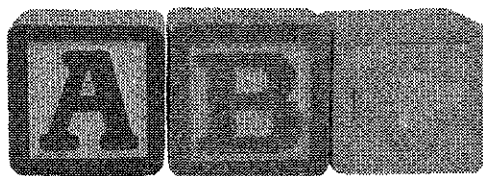
Modular desk sections and stackable cubes make it easy to reinvent a room without buying all new furniture.

■ Plan for change. Incorporate decorative highlights – such as wallpaper, painted trim, window coverings and rugs – that bring personality to the room and will be simple and inexpensive to update later.

■ Involve your child in the process.

"Kids take such pride in helping plan their rooms," Jordan said. "Even young children have opinions, and you'd be surprised at how specific they'll be about their preferences."

■ Make sure the space is size- and age-appropriate. Store your young child's toys close to the floor where they are easily accessible. Leave open space where your toddler can run around and play with larger toys. Create an area where



your "tween" can hang out with friends.

■ Plan for the variety of activities that will take place in the room. Include a quiet space where your child can curl up with a book or simply decompress. Grade-schoolers will appreciate designated areas for games and crafts. A separate work area becomes increasingly important as children grow and schoolwork becomes more demanding.

■ Safety, of course, is key. Attach shelves securely to the wall so they stay in place if your toddler climbs on them. Avoid furniture with sharp corners.

Cover outlets and keep electrical cords where young hands can't grab them. Opt for window coverings with breakaway tassels, and keep the cords out of a child's reach.

Crib slats should be no more than 2-3/8 inches apart so that Baby can't squeeze his or her head through them.

■ Choose products that don't emit volatile organic compounds (VOCs), particularly until your child is old enough to have demonstrated any sensitivities. Look for wallcoverings, flooring, furniture and fabrics made of natural or untreated materials.

■ Children and messes go hand-in-hand, so select easy-care products. Seal wood floors so stains don't sink in. Walls and other surfaces need to stand up to frequent wipe-downs.

Keep these tips in mind as you plan, and your child's room is bound to be the happiest room in your home.

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## Explore bathroom novelties

Your bathroom doesn't have to consist of a sterile sink, tub and toilet. This list of innovative, fun and quirky products can make your bathroom an intriguing and interesting retreat.

■ Underwater adventures – Bring a serene and soothing ambiance to your powder room by transforming the sink into an aquarium for your favorite underwater creatures.

Try the Moody Aquarium Sink, by Italbrass (www.mondobrass.com).

Two covered openings on top of the sink allow access to the aquarium. You can also use the sink as a terrarium.

For more fun, look to a Fish Tank Toilet (www.elsewhereinc.com). Don't worry, the aquarium is separate from the toilet's water reservoir, guaranteeing your finned friends won't get flushed away.

■ Trendy toilets – If you're looking for cutting-edge toilet technology, try any one of these high-tech commodes:

Kohler's Hatbox Toilet is tankless, operating on an electric pump that carries away waste. Its minimalist look is perfect for bathrooms where you want to detract attention from the toilet (www.kohler.com).

For those who need a "manly" flush, try the Champion from American Standard (www.americanstandard-us.com). The company boasts that this toilet can flush 23 golf balls at once – although you don't want to encourage the kids to try that out!

For a space-age bathroom, opt for the NeoRest from TOTO (www.totousa.com). It senses the approach of a visitor and lifts the lid to accommodate.

■ Fashionable faucets – Spruce up your decor with a flat faucet, like those offered by Dornbracht (www.dornbracht.com). They'll lend a modern edge to the overall look of the bathroom.

Or add a touch of whimsy to your rest room with a faucet that resembles a waterfall fountain. Look to the KWC Murano for a cascading effect at the sink or bathtub (www.kwcfaucets.com).

■ Sensational sinks – Save on bathroom space with a wall-hung sink. Models like the Angle from Porcher (www.porcher.com) or the English Turn from Elizabethan Classics (www.elizabethanclassics.com) are corner-mounted – perfect for tight spaces.

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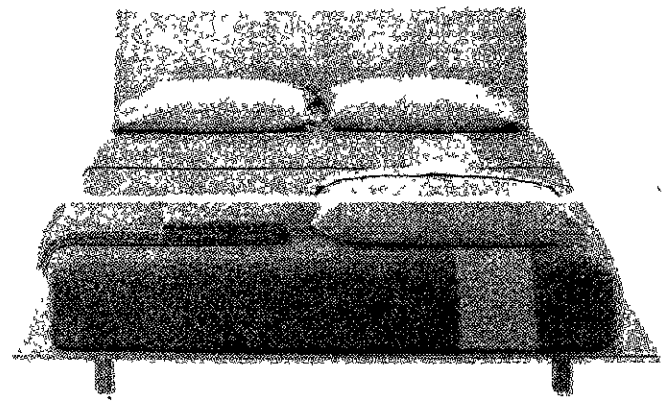
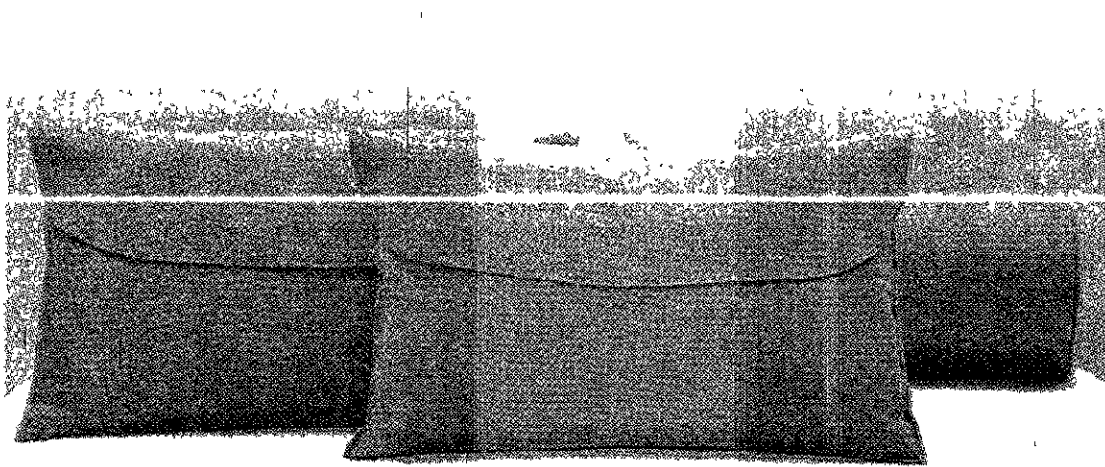
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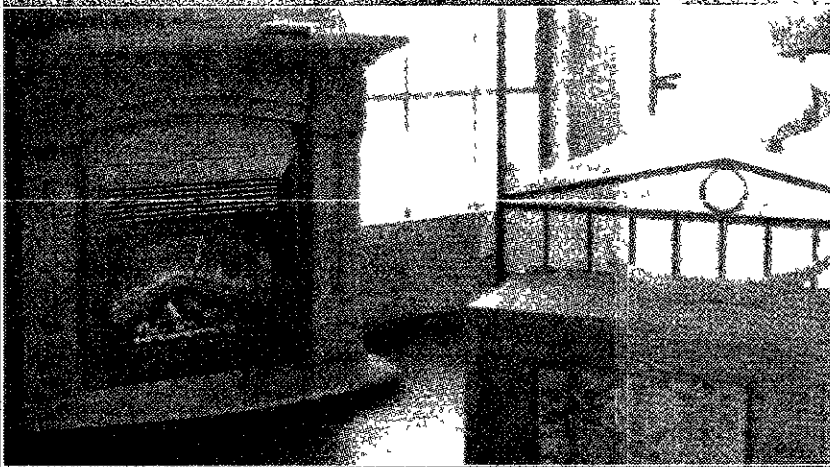
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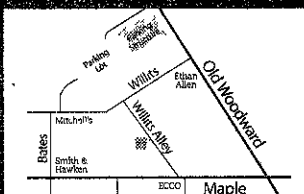
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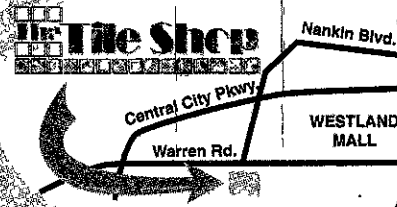
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# Add a little of autumn's sweetness to your table

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Winter squash are in season throughout the fall and can be stored for up to three months. They can be used as a side dish or in a soup.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Winter squash's warm sweetness contrasts the mood of autumn's dark evenings that soon will be creeping its way into the late afternoon hours.

Whether it's butternut, Hubbard or spaghetti squash can load up a plate with nutrition and help fill you up instead of eating those creamy casseroles or heavy roasts at this time of year.

According to *The World's Healthiest Foods*, winter squash emerged from that food ranking system as an excellent source of vitamin A (in the form of beta-carotene), a very good source of vitamin C, potassium, dietary fiber and manganese.

In addition, winter squash is also a good source of folate, omega-3 fatty acids, vitamin B1, copper, vitamin B6, niacin-vitamin B3 and pantothenic acid.

One of the most abundant nutrients in winter squash, beta-carotene, contains powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties. Beta-carotene helps prevent the oxidation of cholesterol in the body. Since oxidized cholesterol is the type that builds up in blood vessel walls and contributes to the risk of heart attack and stroke, getting extra beta-carotene in the diet may help to prevent the progression of atherosclerosis.

### WHAT KIND DO YOU PREFER?

Varieties of winter squash include:

■ Butternut squash: Shaped like a large pear, this squash has cream-colored skin, deep orange-colored flesh and a sweet flavor.

■ Acorn squash: With harvest green skin speckled with orange patches and pale yellow-orange flesh, this squash has a unique flavor that is a combination of sweet, nutty and peppery.

■ Hubbard squash: A larger-sized squash that can be dark green, grey-blue or orange-red in color, the Hubbard's flavor is less sweet than many other varieties.

■ Turban squash: Green in color and either speckled or striped, this winter squash has an orange-yellow flesh whose taste is reminiscent of hazelnuts.

*The Moosewood Restaurant Kitchen Garden Creative Gardening for the Adventurous Cook* by David Hirsch (Ten Speed Press, Berkeley, Calif., 2005), a guide to culinary gardening following the fresh style of that restaurant, reports: "Winter squash pureed with butter and nutmeg or cinnamon makes a simple, comforting side dish."

Add cooked winter squash to soups, waffles, muffins, biscuits and quick and yeasted breads for sweetness and a golden hue, Hirsch writes.

Or you can fill squash with the following after baking seeded halves for 45 minutes to an hour until tender at 400° F: Diced apples, cinnamon and butter; walnuts, dates, lemon juice and grated lemon peel; honey, butter and raisins; cranberries and honey, or sautéed mushrooms and onions.

"Baking or roasting winter squash brings out a sweeter and nuttier flavor than steaming or braising," Hirsch writes. "For a quick preparation, cut the squash into rings or chunks. Lightly oil and bake covered at 425° F for 20 minutes then bake uncovered for five minutes."

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Cut the chill of fall with butternut squash, tomato and watercress soup.

## Try butternut squash, tomato and watercress soup

BY DANA JACOBI  
CORRESPONDENT

When the leaves of autumn turn gold, they often bring to mind favorite fall events - Halloween, homecomings and Thanksgiving, to mention just a few.

And, now that the weather is cooler if not downright nippy, autumn also turns thoughts to favorite dishes, from baked apples and pumpkin pie to succulent roasts and other hot dishes - including baked squash.

If you live in warmer regions, where winter doesn't inspire baked and roasted meals, the squashes of autumn can still offer some interesting dishes that are light and refreshing rather than hearty creations more suitable to snow country.

Squash offers a rich supply of many health-promoting substances. One quarter of a butternut squash provides an entire day's worth of vitamin A, plus a healthy dose of vitamin C, iron, calcium and fiber. The rich orange color of winter squash signals the presence of the protective phytochemicals called carotenoids, which appear to play an anticancer role and enhance immunity.

This butternut squash, tomato and watercress soup is featured in the recently-published *New American Plate Cookbook: Recipes for a Healthy Weight and a Healthy Life*. Like many of the recipes in that extraordinary cookbook, this creamy soup contains a variety of vegetables that

PLEASE SEE SOUP, B12

## Barbera hits new strides in Italy's Piedmont

No longer taking a back seat to barbaresco and barolo in Italy's Piedmont region, barbera boasts a chic new image.

Time was when barbera was the wine to drink while waiting for barbaresco and barolos to attain optimum drinkability. Barbera was an everyday pour, high in acid, low in intensity and overall interest. No longer!

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aiding them to stand proudly on their own. No longer thin and tart, barberas are delicious and versatile with youthful

vibrancy that pairs them easily to food.

"Now receiving proper attention in the vineyard and winery, barbera is one of the most interesting grape varieties in the Piedmont," said Pio Boffa, proprietor of Pio Cesare. "Growers now give barbera the same respect in the vineyard as they do nebbiolo (the grape variety used for barbaresco and barolo)."

Vietti's Luca Currado said: "Barbera was rediscovered when producers dramatically reduced yields. Resulting

wines have dark color, are rich with ripe red plum characters and are soft and round on the palate."

### QUALITY EVOLUTION

When asked to detail what a grower must do to produce a concentrated barbera, Michele Chiarlo, proprietor of his eponymous winery, said, "Our evolution of quality begins with a green harvest

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# Broil salmon, Indonesian style

Fish is even better for us than we thought. Recent scientific research shows that consumption of fish is associated with lower risk of colon cancer.

Results from the ongoing European Prospective Investigation into Cancer study tracked the diets of more than 500,000 people in 10 European countries for an average of five years. They found that subjects who ate the most red meat and processed meats had a 35 percent greater risk of developing colon cancer compared to those who ate the least of these foods.

These findings are in keeping with what the American Institute for Cancer Research has been saying for years: diets high in red and processed meats are associated with higher risk of colon cancer. AICR recommends limiting consumption of red meat to 3 ounces a day.

Among those monitored in the European study, people who ate the most fish had a 31 percent lower risk of developing colon cancer than subjects who ate the least. This recent study is the strongest evidence yet that consumption of fish has a measurable and significant protective effect against colon cancer.

Although the study's authors did not distinguish among types of fish, the existence of a protective effect seems to align with evidence on the anti-cancer activity of omega-3 fatty acids, which are found in salmon, tuna and other deep-water "fatty fish."

AICR and other health experts recommend fish as the best animal protein alternative to red meat. This Indonesian salmon dish is a good way to introduce more fish into your diet.

## INDONESIAN SALMON

- 1/2 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce, divided
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon Chinese mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon Chinese five-spice powder
- 4 pieces salmon (4 ounces each), skin removed
- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
- 2 small carrots, cut into julienne strips
- 1 leek (white part only), trimmed, rinsed and cut into julienne strips
- 1 cup water or fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil



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This Indonesian salmon dish is a good way to introduce more fish into your diet.

In a shallow dish, combine half the soy sauce with the lemon juice, mustard and spice powder. Add the salmon and turn to coat it with the marinade. Cover with plastic and refrigerate 1 hour. (Bring salmon to room temperature before cooking.)

Preheat broiler. Spray medium skillet with cooking spray. Heat skillet over medium heat. Add sesame seeds. Sauté just until seeds begin to "pop" and turn golden, 1 to 2 minutes. (Watch them carefully, as sesame seeds can burn quickly.) Immediately transfer sesame seeds to a plate and set aside to cool.

Spray skillet again. Sauté carrots and leek until crisp but tender, 5 to

10 minutes. Add broth, remaining soy sauce and sesame oil. Simmer until most of liquid evaporates, 10 to 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, place salmon on broiler pan. Broil 4 inches from heat until fish is cooked through, about 5 minutes.

Divide leek mixture among 4 plates. Top with salmon, then with sesame seeds. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 233 calories, 10 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 6 g. carbohydrate, 27 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 585 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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(removing excess bunches so those remaining will ripen fully). This technique gives us perfect ripeness. We also manipulate the canopy so grape bunches get more direct sunlight. Prior to harvest, we do an analysis of skin, pulp and seed tannin maturation. When we have a perfect balance, we harvest the grapes."

The new enthusiasm for barbera is related to drinkability. "When you finish a glass of barbera," Chiarlo said, "you are never tired and you want another glass. When we have several bottles of wine on the table, it's the barbera that's emptied first. If a wine is too rich and concentrated, one tires of it quickly."

## ASTI VS. ALBA

Barbera is grown in the Piedmont regions of Asti and Alba, and there's some controversy over which region is best.

"Asti is the best place to grow it because the soil contains a high percentage of chalk and minerals," Chiarlo said. Prunotto's Gianluca Torrenzo explained that Asti produces a more concentrated and generous barbera, while Alba, with a cooler climate, produces a wine with greater elegance and finesse, but with powerful structural tannins. "The romantic explanation," Torrenzo said, "is that Alba barbera is like an elegant, charming, sophisticated woman, while Asti is more open-hearted and generous, like Sophia Loren."

Boffa's passion for barbera dictated that it he grow it in the Barolo region in Alba, even though growing nebbiolo would be more profitable. In 1990, Boffa purchased 15 acres of vineyard land near his Ornato Estate in the Barolo appellation. He planted it entirely to barbera and, in 1996, created the single vineyard Pio Cesare barbera called Fides, translating as faith or truth.

## THINKING YOUNG

"Young Barbera has elevated acidity with floral aromas," winemaker Roberto Coppo

## WINE PICKS

Highly recommended **BARBERA**s:

- 2003 Pio Cesare Barbera d'Alba, \$27
- 2001 Pio Cesare Barbera d'Alba "Fides," \$54
- 2003 Vietti Barbera d'Alba "Tre Vigne," \$25
- 2002 Vietti Barbera d'Asti "Tre Vigne," \$23
- 2000 Vietti Barbera d'Asti "La Crena," \$49
- 2002 Michele Chiarlo Barbera d'Asti "Le Orme," \$12
- 2001 Michele Chiarlo Barbera d'Asti "La Court," \$29
- 2003 Coppo Barbera d'Asti "L'Avvocata," \$16
- 2001 Coppo Barbera d'Asti "Camp du Rouss," \$19
- 2001 Coppo Barbera d'Asti "Pomorsoso," \$66
- 2003 Maccario Barbera d'Asti "Berro," \$15
- 2003 Maccario Barbera d'Asti "Lavignone," \$18
- 2003 Prunotto Barbera d'Asti "Fiulot," \$16
- 2000 Prunotto Barbera d'Asti "Costamiole," \$60

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

said. "A barbera that's made to age, develops aromas of integrated oak, layers of complexity, greater body and finesse."

Pico Maccario, the largest Piedmont estate planted primarily to barbera, produces several styles. Maccario Barbera d'Asti Berro is fermented in stainless steel for immediate drinking and boasts a well-perfumed floral nose with delicate cherry, raspberry flavors. Call it barbera for those who think young. Maccario's Barbera d'Asti Lavignone is also fermented in stainless steel, but grapes come from a better site, creating a wine with added depth and richness.

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

## Wine Exploration

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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 scriber for the Detroit International Wine Auction. He is a professional member of the French gourmet society Chaine De Rotisseurs, founder and president of the wine consulting company Sommelier Connections Inc. and Unique Wine

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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:

■ 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.

## Taste of the Vines

Taste of the Vines, a wine auction and dinner, will be held at The Community House in Birmingham on 5:30-10 p.m. Nov. 10. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with the honorary chairs' private wine reception with special guest sommelier Luis Torres. Reservations to the private wine reception, dinner and auction are \$500. The private reception will be followed by a patron reception at 6:30 p.m. Reservations to the patron reception, dinner and auction are \$250. A multi-course dinner catered by Community House Executive Chef Peter Engelhardt will be served at 7:30 p.m. At 8:30 p.m., attendees will have the opportunity to bid on rare and highly allocated wines including: 1997 Château d'Yquem; 1986 Chateau Petrus; Imperial (6 Liter) 1990 Chateau Pavie; Magnum 1986 Chateau Margaux; Double

magnum 1999 Chateau Haut Brion; Graves Grand Cru Classe; Double magnum 1999 Chateau Margaux; Margaux Grand Cru Classe; Double magnum 1999 Chateau Mouton Rothschild Pauillac Grand Cru Classe. Restaurant packages will be offered including a golf and lunch outing at Orchard Lake or Oakland Hills Country Club with Gary Cowger and Al Kalline. Several luxurious vacations will be auctioned including trips to Normandy, France and Napa Valley, California. In addition, a specially commissioned commemorative "Taste of the Vines" oil pastel drawing will also be auctioned. Taste of the Vines is sponsored by General Motors. All proceeds from Taste of the Vines will benefit The Community House outreach programs. For reservations to Taste of the Vines, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832.



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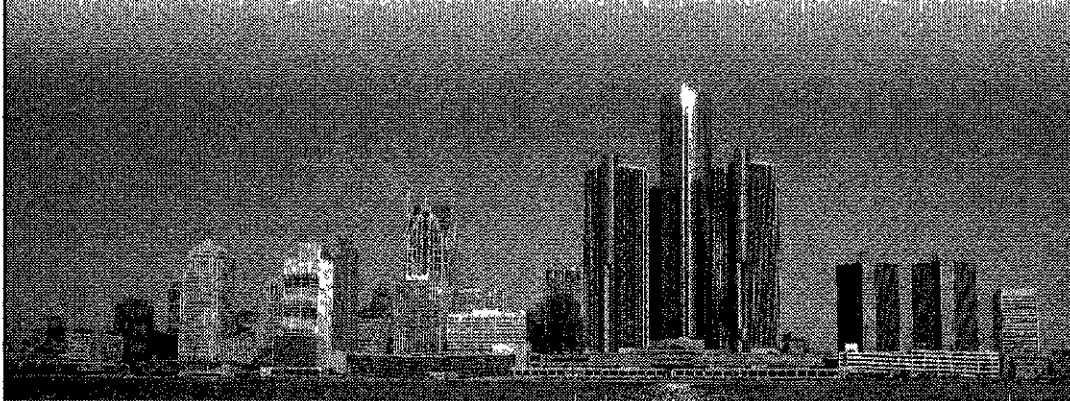
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## SQUASH RECIPES

## BAKED SQUASH

Here's a sweetly "dressed up" holiday dish. If you're serving it as part of a big multi-course meal, one-quarter of a squash for each diner may be sufficient.

- ½ cup whole almonds or pecan or walnut halves
- 2 winter squash (delicata, acorn or carnival squash)
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- ½ cup chopped dried apricots
- ¼ cup undiluted frozen orange juice concentrate

Preheat the oven to 400° F.

Toast the nuts on a baking sheet in the oven for four or five minutes, until lightly browned. Cut the squash in half lengthwise and remove the seeds. Salt the inside of each half and place in a lightly oiled baking dish. Coarsely chop the toasted nuts. Combine the butter, apricots, orange juice concentrate and chopped nuts in a small bowl. Spoon an equal amount of this mixture into the squash cavities. Bake covered for 50 to 60 minutes or until the squash is tender. Serve warm. Serves four to eight.

## PUMPKIN CAKE

## Cake:

- 1¼ cups honey
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup mild vegetable oil
- 2 cups mashed cooked pumpkin (pie pumpkin) (1 16-ounce can of plain pumpkin – not canned pie filling) or winter squash
- 2½ cups unbleached white flour (up to 1 cup can be whole wheat pastry flour)
- 1½ teaspoons baking soda
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

## Frosting:

- 8 ounces softened cream cheese
- ¼ cup pure maple syrup

Preheat the oven to 325° F. Lightly oil three 9-inch cake pans.

Cream together the honey, eggs, oil and pumpkin. In a separate bowl, sift together the dry ingredients and then add to the wet mixture, stirring until smooth. Fold in the nuts. Pour the batter into the prepared cake

pans. Bake for 25-30 minutes, until the edges pull slightly away from the pan and the top springs back when pressed. Cool the layers on wire racks.

Whip the softened cream cheese with the maple syrup until light and fluffy. When the cake has cooled, spread the frosting between the layers and on the top and sides.

Makes one 9-inch triple-layer cake.

## SQUASH-APPLE CHEDDAR GRATIN

- 2 cups sliced onions
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves (½ teaspoon dried)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2½ cups thinly sliced apples
- 1 tablespoon unbleached white flour
- 1½ cups grated Cheddar cheese
- 2 tablespoons bread crumbs
- 3 cups cooked, lightly mashed winter squash (see note)
- salt and freshly ground black pepper

Gently sauté the onions and thyme in the oil for about 20 minutes, or until the onions are soft and golden. Meanwhile, toss the apple slices with the flour. In

a separate bowl, toss the cheese with the bread crumbs.

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Oil a baking dish, approximately 8 by 8 by 3 inches, and layer the ingredients as follows: the squash, with a sprinkling of salt and pepper if desired, the sautéed onions, the apple slices with a bit more salt and pepper, and the Cheddar-bread crumb mixture.

Bake covered for 30 minutes, then uncovered for 15 minutes, or until the apples are tender and the topping bubbly and golden.

Note: Peel, remove the seeds, cut into slices or cubes and steam until tender.

This is a homey casserole that will warm the chilly evenings of fall and winter. Tart apples, such as Granny Smiths, bring out the sweetness of the sautéed onions and squash. Use butternut squash because its unridged skin makes it easier to peel than other squash. One large butternut will make enough for this recipe. Serves four to six.

Recipes courtesy of *The Moosewood Restaurant Kitchen Garden* by David Hirsch.

## SOUP

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We always intend to eat but never find ways to include in a meal. The soup has a sweet undertone and, served with a whole-grain bread dipped in olive oil, has all the soothing effects of a comfort food. Just the thing after a stressful day – in autumn or any season of the year.

## BUTTERNUT SQUASH, TOMATO, AND WATERCRESS SOUP

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 large tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 small garlic clove, sliced
- 2 small carrots, chopped
- 1 cup peeled and chopped butternut squash
- 1 medium potato, peeled and chopped
- 1 bunch watercress, including stems
- 2 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 4 cups water
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2/3 cup frozen corn kernels, thawed, for garnish coarsely chopped

In a large saucepan, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the tomatoes, onion and garlic for about 12 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the onions are translucent.

Add the carrots, squash, potato, watercress and chicken broth. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low, and simmer, uncovered, for 30 minutes. Add the water and return the mixture to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for about 10 minutes, until the vegetables are very soft. Remove the saucepan from the heat and let the soup sit for 15 minutes to cool slightly.

In a blender or food processor, purée the soup in batches and return to the saucepan. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Reheat soup. Ladle the soup into bowls and garnish with the corn kernels. (The boiling hot soup heats the corn, eliminating the need to cook it separately before adding.)

Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 111 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 16 g. carbohydrate, 3 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 167 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

## 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

Chris Hessler, chef at Kruse and Muer, discusses Holiday Brunches 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 at a hands-on culinary training session at Trevarrow, 1295 N. Opdyke Road, Auburn Hills. Class fee is \$40. Michelle Bommarito, culinary instructor and pastry chef, discusses 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. Thursday, Oct. 27 at Busch's, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills (248) 427-7457.

## Schoolcraft classes

Enjoy the following culinary seminars at the VisiTech 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: 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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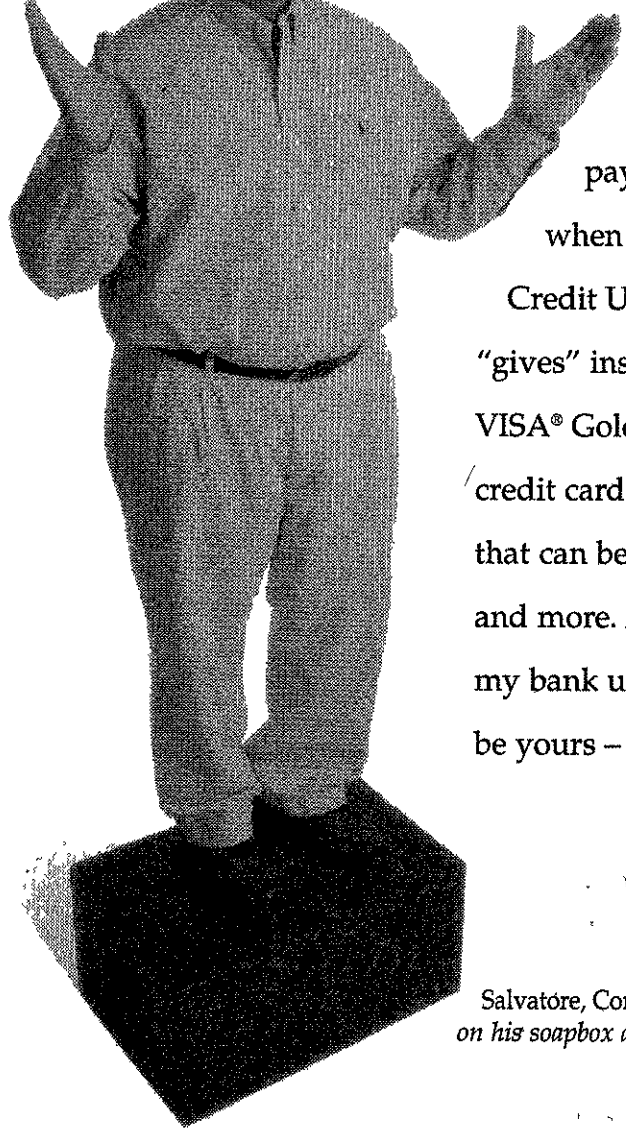
■ After Thanksgiving, don't make turkey sandwiches all week – learn to make turkey dumpling soup, turkey chili and turkey strudel. Peter Engelhardt instructs this class 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8. Fee is \$30.

## Vegetarian holidays

Learn about and taste holiday dishes at the Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza at Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist Church & School, 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth. Advanced tickets required, adult, \$14; child 6-12, \$5; with three separate seatings to choose from – at 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13. Call (734) 495-0472.

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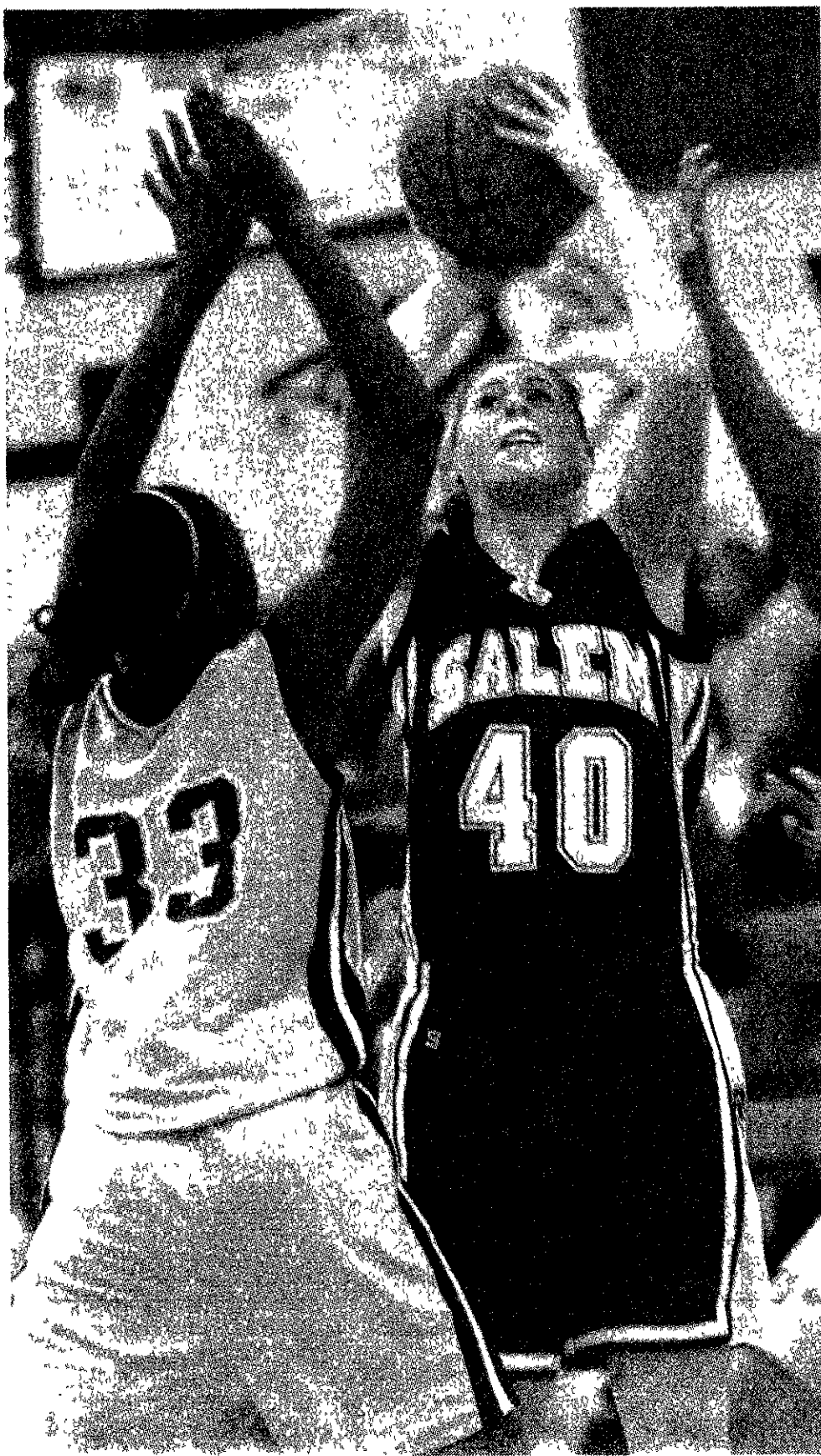
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Salem's Lauren Kurtz fires up a jump-shot over the outstretched hands of Plymouth's Shaakira Haywood during Tuesday night's 44-42 Rock victory.



Teresa Coppiellie goes strong to the basket against Plymouth's Kim Olech during Tuesday night's 44-42 Rock victory.

## Classic Rocks

Salem edges Plymouth, 44-42, in a down-to-the-wire thriller

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Salem senior point guard Brianne Clarin's primary role this season has been that of distributor.

In Tuesday night's pivotal Western Lakes Activities Association game at Plymouth, Clarin played the role of manufacturer — and she played it well.

With a share of the WLAA title on the line, Clarin manufactured a career-high eight points — including three clutch free throws down the stretch — to help the Rocks edge Plymouth, 44-42. Even though she took on a new role, Clarin didn't ignore her normal one as she also contributed five assists and three steals.

The victory propelled Salem (13-2 overall and 9-1 in the WLAA) into a first-place deadlock with the Wildcats (13-3 and 9-1) heading into tonight's

regular-season finale. The Rocks will travel to struggling Wayne Memorial while Plymouth caps its regular-season schedule at Northville.

Salem has now won nine straight. The setback snapped a nine-game winning streak for the Wildcats.

"When 'Mitch' (Salem guard Alaya Mitchell) and Tayler (Langham) got into foul trouble in the second half, I felt I needed to look for my shot a little more than usual to make up for them being out," Clarin said. "Usually, I handle the ball, distribute the ball and shoot when I'm open."

"This is such a great team to play on because everybody plays together and everybody contributes."

"Brianne had an outstanding game tonight," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "She hit a couple of clutch baskets in the first half and some big free throws in the second. When

PLEASE SEE **THRILLER, C3**

## 2005 Prep Football Playoffs

## QB Jones leads 'Cat gridders to success



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Brent Jones has engineered the Plymouth football team's offense from the quarterback position for the past four years. The senior picked up 197 yards rushing last week against Mount Pleasant.



### Prep Profile

For a preview on Plymouth's first-round playoff game with Detroit Cody, please see Page C5.

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The decision to make Brent Jones the first quarterback in the history of the Plymouth High School football program just over three years ago was met immediately by skepticism.

The lone skeptic's name: Brent Jones. "I had never played the position before, so when they put me in there, I thought, 'If I'm the best quarterback we have here, then we're in big trouble,'" Jones said, laughing. "But after a few games, I found out that I really liked the pressure of having the ball in my hands every play. Now I love playing quarterback."

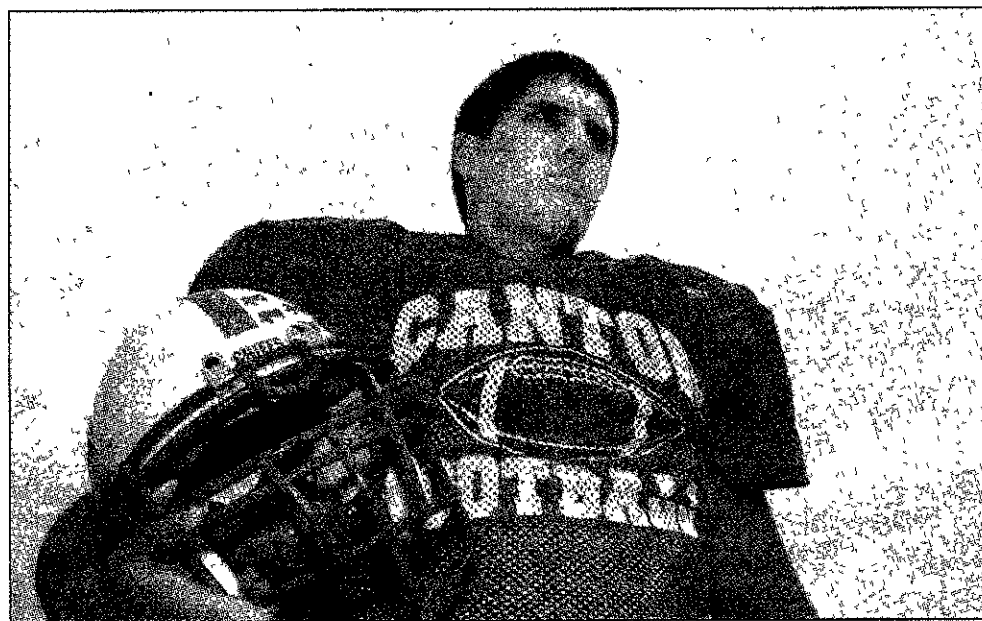
### NATURAL QB

It took Jones — who played everything from offensive guard, to running back to defensive back during his junior football days — about as much time to develop the intricate skills needed to be a successful quarterback as it takes him to secure a snap and weave 30 yards through an opponent's defense.

He's become so adept at the position that he was voted to the Western Lakes Activities Association's All-Division team last week by the conference's coaches.

"Brent is what makes our offense go," said Plymouth coach Jay Blaylock. "We've gotten really spoiled with him as our quarterback the past four years. When he was a freshman, we thought right away that his athletic ability would make him a perfect fit for the quarterback position, and we were right. He took to it right away."

PLEASE SEE **JONES, C2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Ryan Jonik has been a big reason for the Chief football team's success this season. The 6-foot-5, 305-pound senior is a starting offensive lineman. He also sees plenty of action on the defensive side of the ball.

## Jonik brings size and imposing leadership qualities to gridiron

For a preview on Canton's first-round playoff game with Monroe, please see Page C4.

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Finding out you're too big to play the physically demanding sport of football is comparable to being told you're too smart to play chess or too fast to run track.

But that's exactly the news that was delivered to Ryan Jonik prior to his second season of junior football five years ago.

"I weighed about 170 pounds and the weight limit was 165," remembered



### Prep Profile

Jonik, now a 6-foot-5, 305-pound two-way senior standout for Canton's play-off-bound football team. "I was definitely bummed out because I really wanted to play, but I was too young to have to start cutting weight."

The weight restrictions sidelined the rapidly growing Jonik until his freshman year at Canton, where size

restrictions were no longer an issue.

"My first year at Canton I was behind a lot of people because I didn't have the technique down that the other players had learned playing for the Plymouth Steelers and the Canton Lions," said Jonik. "I wasn't that good, so I only started about four of the nine games. But I kept working hard to get better."

### SWEAT EQUITY

Jonik's hard work paid dividends. By his junior season, he had scaled the Chiefs' depth chart to sec-

PLEASE SEE **JONIK, C2**

## Sidelines

### Steelers go 1-2

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior football league teams won one of three games Sunday afternoon against the Farmington Rockets.

The Steelers' freshman squad upended the Rockets, 26-6. Kyle Tropper, Billy Adams and Mitchell Lewiston led the offensive charge while Levi Noble, Lucas McKinney and Brian Schmid paced the defense.

The JV unit became the first team to score against the Rockets, but fell, 18-14. Tyler Goble dominated on both sides of the line of scrimmage for the Steelers and Michael Kennedy anchored the defense. Offensively, Brennen Beyer and John Randle both played well in a nail-biter that went down to the final seconds.

The Steelers' varsity team fell 18-6 to the Rockets despite strong offensive performances from Enrique Pardo, Aaron Ashten and Jackson Burdette. The defense was led by Jordan Brooks, Alex King and Graham Mackie.

### Lions win

The Canton Lions junior football league freshman team white-washed the Lincoln Railsplitters, 32-0, Sunday afternoon. Malcolm Hollingsworth, Travis McCall, Eric Thomas, Jordan Ciciotti and Devin Slominski scored TDs for the winners. Daniel Jipping (interception) and Kenneth Arnold turned in stellar efforts for the Lions' defensive corps.

The Lions' JV unit knocked off the Railsplitters, 62-0, to improve to 6-1. The "silver" offensive line, which consists of Josh Peterson, Omar Kandah, Kyle Dexter, Faris Abraham, Bobby Riche, Zach Salvaggio and Eric Jipping, turned in a strong performance in front of Phil Emminger, who tallied three TDs. The defense was paced by Jacob Morris, Zach Smilo and Brandon Congdon.

The Lions' varsity defeated Lincoln, 39-6, for their first victory of the season.

### Hockey tryouts

Tryouts for the 2005-06 Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team will be held Monday, Oct. 31, and Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 4-5 p.m. at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton. There will be a \$15 charge per session.

For more information, e-mail Chris Patton at kelpatton@aol.com.

### Chiefs' fund-raiser

The Canton wrestling team will be holding a scrap-booking marathon fund-raiser Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Canton High School cafeteria.

The fee is \$35 for those who register before Nov. 1 and \$40 for last-minute registrants.

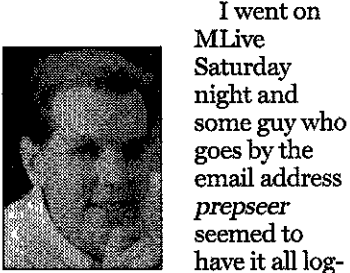
Groups of five or more can take \$5 off their registration fee.

For more information, call (734) 451-9451.



# State football playoff pairings system flawed

One of these days, I'll sit down with Jack Roberts. Nate Hampton and the MHSAA powers and learn more about what is the methodology for putting together the state football pairings.



**Grid Picks**  
I went on MLive Saturday night and some guy who goes by the email address prepseer seemed to have it all logically figured out. He had Livonia Franklin, Allen Park, Adrian and Southgate all in one district in Division II, but when the Selection Sunday show came out, the Patriots

were surprised to find themselves with Detroit Henry Ford, Redford Union and Birmingham Brother Rice. Prepseer also had Livonia Stevenson, Novi, Detroit Mumford and Detroit Cody in another Division I district, but low and behold, the Spartans get tangled up with Novi-Detroit Catholic Central for the fifth time in the first round along with Milford and Novi. One out of four ain't bad, Prepseer. The Mega League concept certainly helps teams in the lower divisions make the playoffs, but it doesn't do those same teams any favors once the playoffs commence. The coaches have a proposal on the table placing eight teams in a Region with the top point-getter going against the bottom point-getter, No. 2 vs. No. 7, No. 3 vs. No. 6 and No. 4 vs. No. 5. That makes some sense, but it

doesn't solve the MHSAA's method of putting teams in regions together by geographics. Maybe someday Mr. Roberts and Mr. Hampton can let a reporter on the inside and watch how the process takes place. I just hope for everybody's sake that purposely putting Brother Rice and Orchard St. Mary's in separate districts to avoid a third meeting in three weeks was never a consideration. Because by my geographics - going north and south - North Farmington is a lot closer to Franklin than Brother Rice is. One of colleagues, Dan O'Meara, the Farmington Sports Editor, claims he has it figured out. "They start from the west side of the state and work their way east," he said. Sounds logical, but then again, I wonder if that really

happens. Despite the confusion of Selection Sunday, thank goodness the state playoffs have arrived. Making up ground on Plymouth-Canton sports editor Ed Wright will be a stretch as he went 7-4 last week on his grid picks to improve to 80-23 overall. I had another horrible week at 6-5, slipping five games off the pace at 75-28. Redford-Garden City sports editor Tim Smith brings up the rear at 66-26 after finishing 5-6 last week. Here is a sneak peak at this weekend's action:

**FRIDAY'S GAMES (all at 7 p.m.)**  
**Novi-Detroit CC (6-3) at Liv. Stevenson (7-2):** The teams have met four previous times in the state playoffs - all in the first round - but in this one the Spartans get to host. CC leads the series, 4-0. Can the Spartans' high-

powered offense move the ball against a usually strong CC defense? The Shamrocks always rely on field position and controlling the clock. **PICKS:** Emons (CC); Wright (CC); Smith (Stevenson).  
**Det. Henry Ford (6-3) at Liv. Franklin (9-0):** The Patriots are in the big dance for the first time since 1975 (when they won the inaugural state Class A title). Henry Ford coach Mike Marshall has a history with Franklin. He was the quarterback when No. 1 Detroit Southwestern was upset by Franklin in the 1975 state semifinals, 12-9. Ironically, two current Patriot assistants, George Lovich and Armand Vigna, were on the sidelines for that game. **PICKS:** Emons (Franklin); Wright (Franklin); Smith (Henry Ford).  
**Monroe (5-4) at Canton (7-2):** The Chiefs enter the post-season with a surge of momentum and a five-game winning streak. Canton's offense has averaged over 40 points per game since three-year starting quarterback Shawn Little returned to the line-up in Week 5 after missing the three previous games with an injury. Although Monroe barely squeaked in with five wins, the Trojans are a dangerous team thanks to multi-talented quar-

terback Cole and bruising fullback Joel McElvany. **PICKS:** Emons (Canton); Wright (Canton); Smith (Canton).  
**Det. Cody (6-3) at Plymouth (7-2):** This game offers an intriguing match-up between a strong Detroit Public School league program and an emerging suburban power. Cody features at least two skill-position players who may be playing Division 1 college football next fall. The Wildcats counter with potential D1 tight end/safety Josh Le Duc along with several other fast, athletic players across the board. It should be interesting. **PICKS:** Emons (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth); Smith (Cody).  
**SATURDAY'S GAME**  
**Redford Union (8-1) vs. Birm. Brother Rice (7-2), 1 p.m. at Southfield-Lathrup:** The first meeting in history between these teams could come down to whichever defense can stop their opponent's running game. The Warriors bring a powerful ground attack and can be physically tough on the line of scrimmage while the Panthers bank on the quickness and skill of senior tailbacks Chris Brown, Steve Brown and junior tailback Desmond Latham. **PICKS:** Emons (Rice); Wright (Rice); Smith (RU).

## JONES

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"Brent doesn't have tremendous speed, but he has good football speed. Every team that plays us has to gear its defense to stop him first. He played on the offensive line in little league, so that must be where he developed his toughness. And Brent is super humble, too. He's not one of those players who needs to score all the touchdowns and get all the attention. If the team wins, Brent's happy."

### WINS & GRINS

If that's the case, then Jones has been extremely happy during his senior season as the Wildcats have constructed a 7-2 record and a berth in the Division I playoffs. He's had several games this season when he's eclipsed 100 yards rushing, including last week's 197-yard effort in Plymouth's 24-21 come-from-behind win over Mount Pleasant. While he was satisfied with his big offensive night, it was a

play he made on the other side of the ball that he's most proud of. "When I was playing defensive back in the fourth quarter, I deflected a pass that (Plymouth safety) Josh Le Duc intercepted," Jones said. "That was one of the best highlights of my season. It was nice because it was 'Senior Night' and a lot of my family was there watching."

### ACHES AND GAINS

Running the ball as much as Jones does combined with the grueling nature of football take a toll on his 5-foot-10, 150-pound body. "The day after games I'm pretty sore," said Jones, who could be a pitch-man for Advil on Saturdays. "I'll see bruises on me and think, 'How did those get there?' They weren't there yesterday." The most sore I've been were the days after the Livonia Franklin and Canton games. "I always lose weight during football season, too. I was around 170 at the beginning of the year and now I'm down to about 150."

Despite the time-consuming responsibilities that go along with football, Jones has maintained a solid 3.3 grade-point average in the classroom. Ideally, he'd like to attend a Division II school where he can play football and work toward a degree in business. "It would be great to go to a school like Grand Valley and play football," he said. "My dad (Steve Jones) went there and played running back, so it would be neat to do the same."

### UNDETERRED BY LOSSES

The most challenging period of Jones' successful gridiron maturation process - and the entire team's, for that matter - came in 2004 when Plymouth endured a 2-7 season. "Even though we only won two games, we were still confident because we didn't have any seniors and we know how important seniors are," Jones said. "A lot of people didn't think we'd be very good this year, but we never doubted ourselves."

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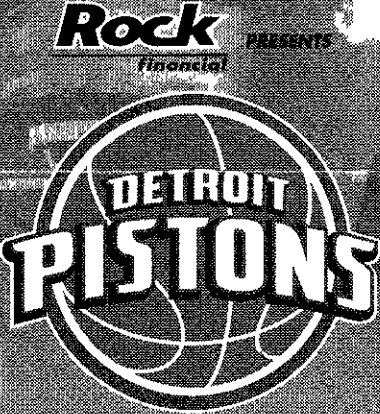
## JONIK

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ond-string status at both offensive and defensive tackle. This year, he has started every game at offensive tackle and has seen considerable time on the defensive line as well. Last week, Jonik's stellar work ethic was rewarded when the Western Lakes Activities Association coaches voted him onto the All-WLAA first team. "Ryan has come a long way since he's been here," said Canton football coach Tim Baechler. "He's worked extremely hard during the off-season, both running and lifting weights. Our offense usually doesn't have a lot of really big offensive linemen because we ask them to get down-field and block linebackers, but Ryan is very athletic for a big guy. Ryan is strong and he has good speed for somebody his size. He's done everything we've asked him to do this season." Jonik's willingness to spend countless hours in the Canton weight-room has had a positive effect on more than just his playing time. "My freshman year, my main

mum bench-press was 115 pounds," he recalled, chuckling. "All I could lift was like the bar with a couple 10- or five-pound weights on each end. Now, my max is 325, so I've come a long way."  
**TEAM PLAYER**  
Last spring, Jonik competed as a thrower for Canton's track-and-field team. He enjoyed the experience, but prefers the teamwork aspect that football offers. "I like the camaraderie that builds between the members of the football team," Jonik said. "Everyone has to work together for the team to be successful. If one person doesn't do their job, the play won't work." Jonik said he didn't mind paying his dues last year and serving as a reserve player behind the Chiefs' talented, senior-laden offensive line. "Last year was a learning process for me," said Jonik, who is being recruited by a few Mid-American Conferences collegiate football programs. "I played on the scout team a lot in practice, so I got to see different fronts and I learned what I needed to do against them. I got better playing against guys like Kevin Pruett, Eric Kiljanzyk

and Jake Powers every day in practice."  
**FOLLOW ME**  
Jonik competes hard on every snap, but he admitted his adrenaline cranks up a notch when the Chiefs' powerful Wing-T offense is steered in his direction. "I love it when the play comes to my side," he said. "My favorite play is when myself and our tight end, Billy Turner, get to double-team the defensive end. Billy and I click on that play. "I think our offense is successful because we execute it well and we practice hard. Coach Baechler has done a great job turning this program into a winner." Last December, just five years after not being allowed to play the sport he loved, Jonik was selected as one of the Chiefs' 2005 captains. It was an honor that exceeded any on-the-field feat he'll ever accomplish. "That meant a lot to me because it's voted on by members of the team," he said. "It's such a great honor to be a captain here because there have been a lot of great players who played here before me who were captains. You have to be a leader"

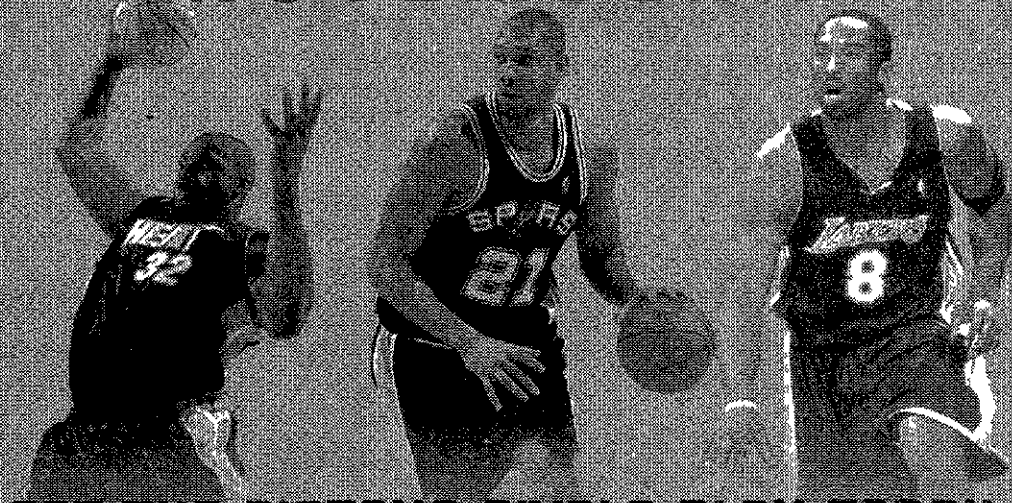


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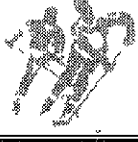
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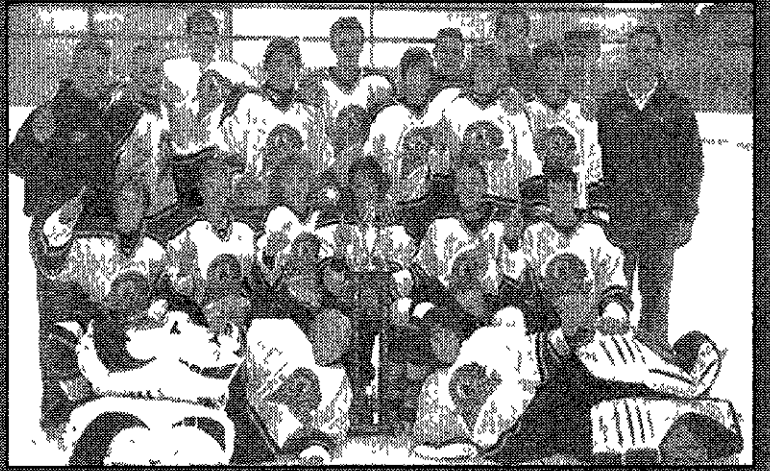
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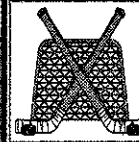



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## THRILLER

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teams sag off her outside like Plymouth did, she can knock them down."

Clarin's two biggest points came with 19.3 seconds left when she calmly drained a pair of free throws to extend the Rocks' lead to 43-40. Plymouth senior guard Colleen Flaherty answered at the other end when she hit a driving bank-shot to make it 43-42 with 11.6 seconds remaining.

On the ensuing in-bounds pass, the Rocks used 4.9 seconds of the allotted five seconds, but junior forward Teresa Coppiellie successfully entered the pass to Clarin. Salem advanced the ball down the court before it caromed out of bounds off a Wildcat defender.

Clarin secured the next in-bounds pass and was immediately fouled. She missed both shots and the Wildcats grabbed the rebound, but they called a time-out they didn't have with 0:0.2 showing on the clock, which led to two technical fouls shots and possession of the ball for Salem. Coppiellie drained one of the two technical shots.

Coppiellie had her typical productive night for the Rocks, finishing with 19 points, seven rebounds and three blocks. Mitchell, who was plagued by foul trouble most of the night, finished with six points and four rebounds while junior forward Lauren Kurtz netted six and six.

After getting shut-out in the first half, Plymouth senior forward Kim Olech came on strong in the second when she scored all of her team-high 11 points. Senior guard Colleen Flaherty chipped in with eight points while freshman center Shaakira Haywood had seven points and six boards.

The game evolved into a whistle-fest as 34 fouls were called — 19 on Salem and 15 on the Wildcats. Mitchell fouled out in the fourth quarter while Langham's playing time was limited by four fouls. Jeanine Moise, Olech and Val Klemmer all finished with three. The glut of fouls led to 48 free throw attempts. Salem hit 14-of-25 (56 percent) while Plymouth nailed 16-of-23 (69.5).

"Our offense wasn't in synch in the first half," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "We had a hard time getting the ball inside. We didn't play as relaxed and focused as we needed to."

"I didn't think either team could get into a flow with all the foul calls. It would have been nice to see both teams go at it with their best players on the floor."

The game was tight from the opening tip to the final whistle. The largest lead came with 2:05 left in the game when Coppiellie's put-back gave the Rocks a 40-35 advantage.

Plymouth led 10-8 after one quarter, but Salem bounced back to grab a 20-19 half-time edge. Coppiellie and Kurtz held Moise and Olech to a combined four points over the first 16 minutes with tenacious man-to-man defense.

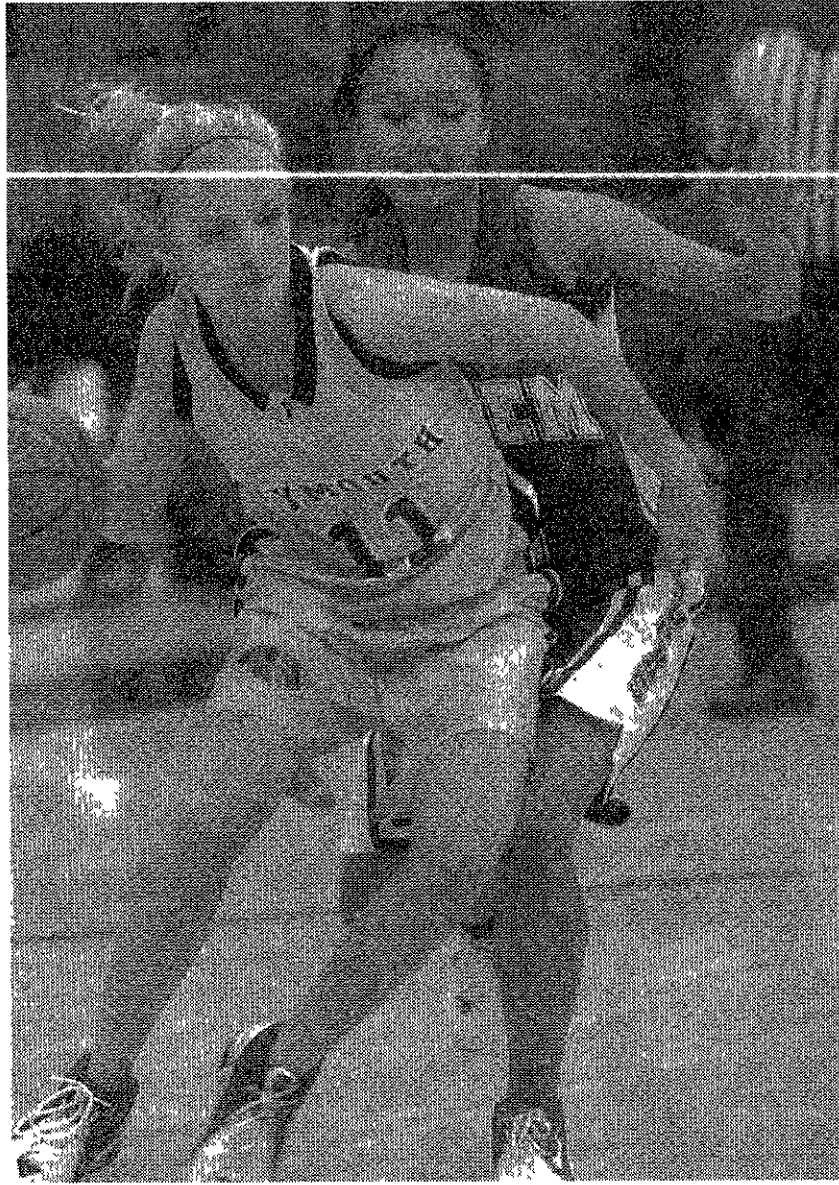
Salem led 29-26 heading into the fourth. With the Rocks leading 41-38, Klemmer connected on two free throws to bring the Wildcats to within one.

Plymouth's last lead came with 6:55 to go in the third quarter when Olech hit a short, turn-around jumper to put the Wildcats ahead, 22-20.

The Rocks shot 33 percent from the floor (15-of-45). Plymouth connected on 34.2 percent of its shots (13-of-38).

Both teams took care of the ball. Salem registered just 10 turnovers while the Wildcats had 12 miscues.

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Plymouth's Val Klemmer drives against Salem's Brianne Clarin during the second quarter of Tuesday night's 44-42 Rock win.

## DOWN THE STRETCH THEY COME

Four teams — Salem, Plymouth, Canton and Northville — still have a mathematical chance of winning at least a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season title. Following are where each of the teams stand heading into tonight's final games:

■ **Salem (9-1):** With a victory tonight over Wayne Memorial, the Rocks clinch at least a share of the WLAA regular-season title and earn the No. 1 seed in next week's WLAA tournament. A win, coupled with a Northville win over Plymouth, will give Salem the crown outright.

■ **Plymouth (9-1):** A win tonight over Northville gives the Wildcats at least a share of the WLAA title. A victory coupled with a Salem loss at Wayne earns the Wildcats the outright title.

■ **Northville (8-2):** The Mustangs need a win over the Wildcats and a Salem loss to grab a piece of the WLAA title.

■ **Canton (8-2):** To share the title, the Chiefs need a combination of a victory over Walled Lake Northern, a Salem loss and a Northville win.

## Canton cagers humble Spartans

In a WLAA game Tuesday, the host Chiefs (12-4, 8-2) pulled away in the second half to beat Livonia Stevenson (11-5, 6-4), 50-24.

Senior forward Lisa Ealy and junior guard Ja'nee Morton each scored 10 points to pace a balanced Canton scoring attack. Senior forward Leslie Olech chipped in with nine, while Lauren Delapaz came off the bench to add eight. Reserve Amanda Sitko helped out with four points and five rebounds.

"All 10 kids were in uniform tonight, they warmed up together and it was a good feeling to get everyone back to form," Canton coach Brian Samulski. "All nine played well and Lisa (Ealy) looked the best she's looked. She's made improvement with her ankle (injury)."

Junior forward Rachel Desentz led Stevenson with six points.

"They (Canton) were just better and we looked like we weren't ready to play," Stevenson coach Tim Newman said. "They (Canton) played much better than we did."

**WARREN ZOE 49, PCA 41:** Gaby Saulsby poured in 23 points to lead Zoe over the Eagles Tuesday night at PCA. Lauren Beckett led PCA with 14 points. Meghan Polera and Kelsie Tietjen both chipped in with 11. Tietjen added six steals and Polera dished out four assists.

The Eagle led 6-4 after one quarter and 12-9 at the half. Zoe stormed out of the locker-room after halftime and seized a 26-23 lead with eight minutes to play. The visitors then outscored their hosts 23-18 over the final quarter to put the game on ice.

"We beat them earlier in the year at their place, so this was a frustrating loss," said PCA coach Carol Gerulis. "We just didn't play well, and missed a lot of free throws and lay-ups."

PCA (7-9 overall and 1-7 in the M. Logan Independent

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Athletic Conference) connected on just 12-of-25 free throws. Zoe improved to 5-10 and 1-6, respectively.

## SALEM 51, A.A. HURON

44: The Rocks' balance proved to be too much for the River Rats, who depend a lot on senior All-State candidate Shavell Little. Salem held Little to 17 points on 8-of-18 shooting Saturday afternoon while getting 14 points a piece from junior Teresa Coppiellie and Tayler Langham.

"We knew Little was the focal point of their offense, so we made it a point to help on her whenever she got the ball," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "Overall, I thought we did a good job defending Little. Six of her points came off lay-ups when she anticipated our passes and stole the ball."

Langham defended Little through the first three-and-a-half quarters and Keiyana Arnold checked her the final four minutes.

Also contributing to the Rocks' offensive output were sophomore guard Alaya Mitchell (eight points), senior forward Carly Sommers (seven points) and Arnold, who had four. Coppiellie grabbed 10 rebounds while Langham had nine.

Jordan Stubleski added eight points for the River Rats.

Salem led 10-8 after one quarter and 31-17 at the half. Huron dented the lead to 38-28 with eight minutes to go before narrowing its deficit to seven.

The victory improved Salem's record to 12-2 while Huron dipped to 11-4.

"It was an excellent win against a quality opponent," Thomann said. "They came at us with some hard pressure and we did a decent job of handling it for the most part. All in all, it was a good team win."

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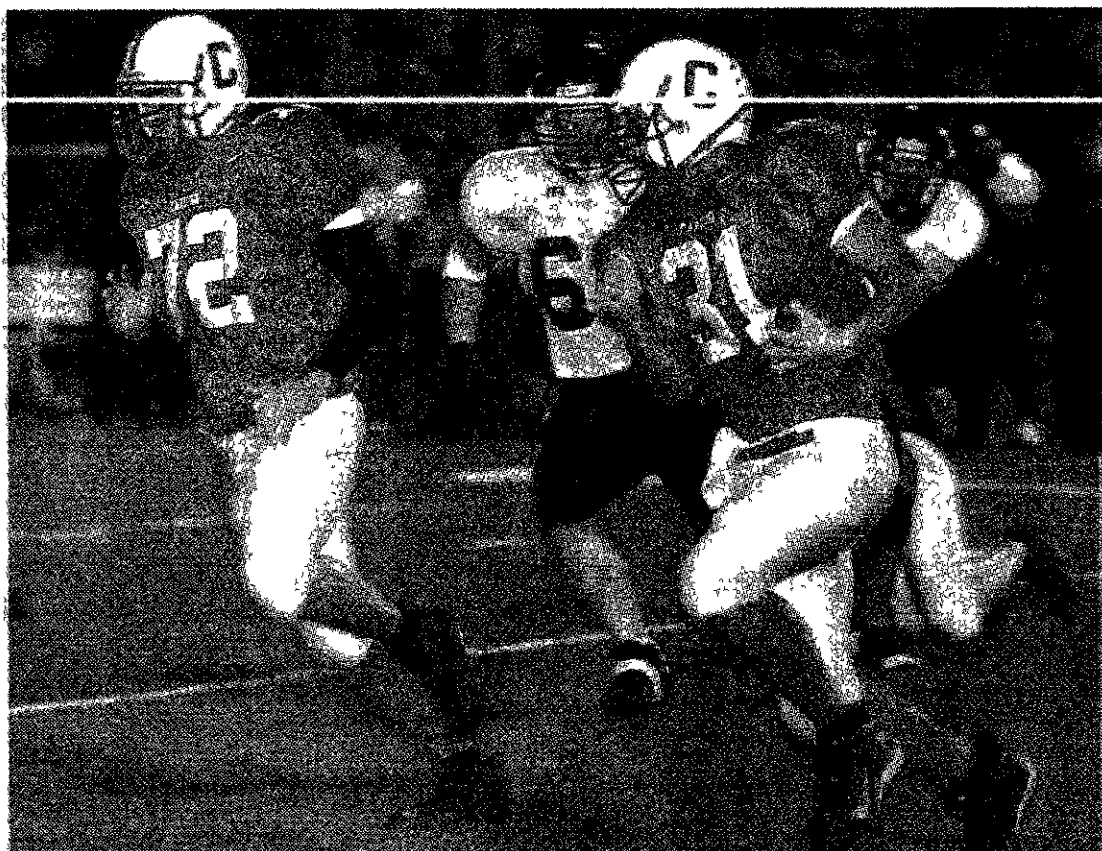
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# Monroe to throw balanced attack at Canton

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Don't let Monroe's 5-4 record fool you. It may be vanilla, but the explosive, physically imposing Trojans are capable of hanging with just about any team they line up against. While their barely-over-500 mark may not make opponents shudder, the Trojans cannot be overlooked, warned Canton coach Tim Baechler, whose 7-2 Chiefs will match up with Monroe Friday night at 7 p.m. in the first round of the Division 1 playoffs. The game will be played at the P-CEP varsity football stadium. "They've gotten better as the season has gone on," Baechler said. "They beat a very tough, physical Fordson team 42-20 and Adrian, which is 8-1, needed a 44-yard field goal late in the game to beat them. Monroe has a big, physical team." The Trojans' offense is balanced and unpredictable, Baechler said. "They can run the ball and throw it," he said. "Their quarterback is a big, strong kid with an accurate arm and they have a tough fullback, too. It's hard to tell by looking at the film if they have a lot of team speed, but I'm sure it's decent."



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Canton running back Andy Rossow (31) follows the block of Joe Zugaj (72) in a game earlier this season. The Chiefs will open the Division 1 playoffs Friday night when they host Monroe. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m.

The Trojans' games this season were anything but ho-hum. Monroe averaged 31.2 points per contest while yielding 31 a game. They scored at least 34

points in five of their games, but they've yielded more than 40 three times. "Canton's offense is a bear to defend, especially when you've

never played against it," said Monroe coach Greg Hudkins. "The teams in their league see it every year and can try to figure out different ways to slow it

## MONROE AT CANTON

**When:** Friday at 7 p.m.  
**Where:** P-CEP varsity football stadium.  
**All about Monroe:** The Trojans finished 5-4 overall and 4-2 in the Mega Red Division. They averaged 31.2 points per game and yielded 31.0. Their top players are QB Audie Cole, OL Jeff Maddux, WR Joel McElvany and FB Kevin Price. Monroe's biggest win of the year was a 42-20 victory over Dearborn Fordson in Week 8.  
**All about Canton:** The Chiefs finished 7-2 overall and 3-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. They averaged 32.5 points per game and yielded 13.7. Their top players are QB Shawn Little, RB/DB Deshon McClendon, RB/DL Andy Rossow, OL/DL Ryan Jonik and RB/DB Matt Sweda. Canton overcame a 27-7 first-half deficit to defeat Walled Lake Central, 41-33, in Week 8.

down, but it's tough to stop. That's a very well-coached team. "We started the season with a very inexperienced defense and only had two seniors back. Plus, we have a new defensive coordinator, so it took some time for everybody to figure things out."

The Trojans' offense is guided by junior quarterback Audie Cole (6-foot-4, 208 pounds), who is a threat to both run and throw. One of his protectors is 6-4, 300-pound offensive tackle Jeff Maddux, who garnered pre-season All-American consideration. Cole's primary target is wide receiver Joel McElvany, who racked up over 600 yards receiving this season. The Trojans' top ground-gainer is senior Kevin Price, who churned out 900 yards rushing. "We finished 5-4 last year and barely missed making the playoffs, so it was nice getting in this year," Hudkins said. "A couple friends of mine who are good at math told me before the selection show on Sunday that we

were in, but it's one of those things you don't believe until you see your team's name on the screen."

Baechler said he has no complaints with the hand his team was dealt by the playoff selection committee.

"I'm happy with it," he said. "There were a couple of years when we were 8-1 or 9-0 and we played some teams early on that I didn't expect to see until the later rounds. One of the nice things about this year's draw is that we're playing some different teams than the ones we've played in the past."

Canton's offense has been nearly unstoppable the past several weeks. It is steered by quarterback Shawn Little, who, when he doesn't keep the ball himself, hands it to junior Deshon McClendon, seniors Matt Sweda and Andy Rossow, and sophomore Dalton Walser. The Chiefs' offensive line is anchored by seniors Fred Keena and Ryan Jonik.

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# Athletic Cody on deck for Plymouth

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth football coach Jay Blaylock didn't have to watch one second of Detroit Cody game film to know what type of team his Wildcats would be matched up against Friday night in a Division 1 playoff showdown.

"Whenever you play a Detroit Public Schools League team, you know they're going to be athletic and fast," said Blaylock. "And Cody is both. They have three (college) Division 1-type players, including their quarterback, who is a Michael Vick-type player. They have great team speed and they run a spread offense with one running back, a lot like Northville. They run out of the shotgun and they'll use three or four wide receivers."

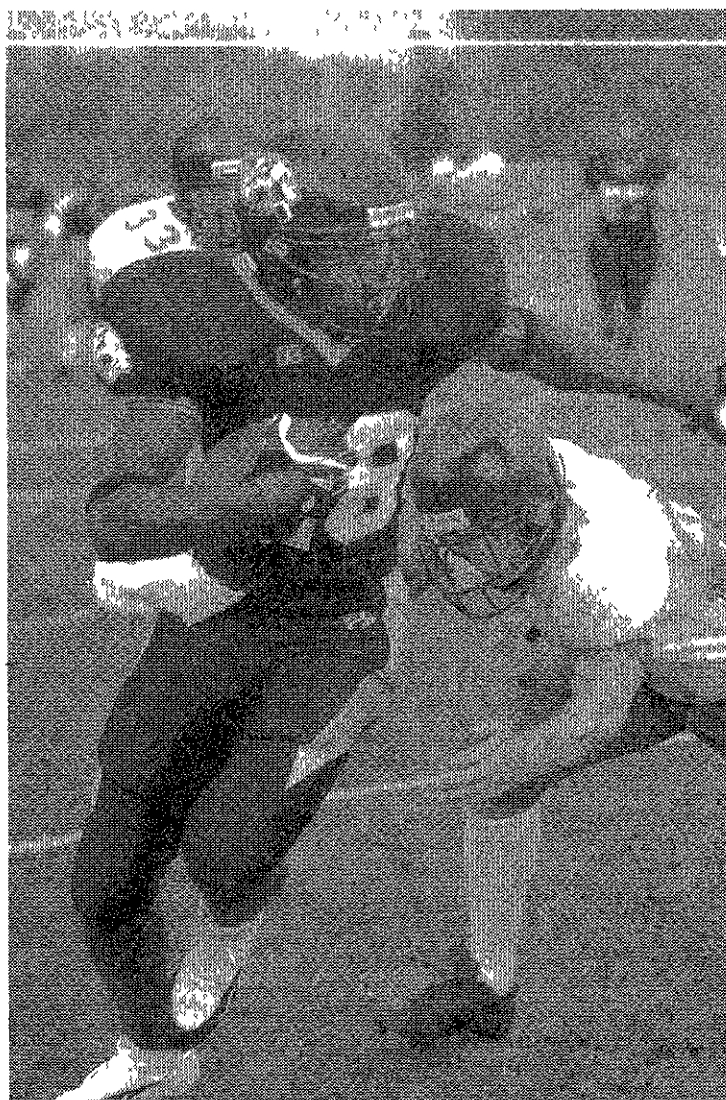
Cody started the season 4-0 with victories over Mumford, Murray-Wright, Mackenzie and Central. The Comets then dropped three straight hard-fought decisions to Crockett, Henry Ford and Redford, before rebounding to win their final two contests over Western and Pershing.

Coach Vernon Brown's team averaged 23 points per game while yielding just 17.2.

"We'll add a couple of new wrinkles to our offense, but for the most part we'll just keep doing what we've been doing," Blaylock revealed. "They line up and play aggressively, so they try to wreak havoc with their defense. We're just going to try to go right at them."

The Wildcats have outscored opponents 268-164 this season. Offensively, they're led by a dangerous set of skilled players, led by senior quarterback Brent Jones, who is one of the best running quarterbacks in the area. When he doesn't run the ball himself, Jones distributes it to a stable of talented running backs, including seniors Jeff Harrison and Anthony Green; and junior Nate Gholston.

When the Wildcats put the ball in the air, Jones favorite target is 6-foot-4, 215-pound



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Plymouth's Joshua Le Duc eludes Livonia Churchill's David Jeremy during a game earlier this season. Le Duc will be one of the Wildcats' top weapons Friday night when they host Detroit Cody at 7 p.m. at the P-CEP junior varsity football stadium.

tight end Josh Le Duc.

Defensively, Plymouth has been bolstered by the play of linebackers Mike McIntosh, Nick Rosochacki, Jared Panyan and Gerald Lou.

Blaylock said injury issues may force the Wildcats to at least partially table the two-platoon system they've employed throughout this season.

"We have a couple of kids who might be playing both ways this week, but it's because of injuries, not because we don't trust the kids we have in there," he confirmed. "Josh Le

Duc may play some safety and Brent Jones might even play some cornerback."

Neither Le Duc nor Jones are strangers to the defensive side of the ball as both players were two-way starters as juniors.

For the second straight week, the Wildcats will be playing a night game on the P-CEP junior varsity field, which is located just south of Plymouth High School.

The winner of Friday night's game will take on the victor of Friday's Monroe-Canton battle.

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## DETROIT CODY AT PLYMOUTH

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**All about Cody:** The Comets finished 6-3 overall and 2-3 in the Detroit Public School League's Division II. They averaged 23.0 points per game and yielded 17.2. Their top players are QB/DB Allen Adams, WR/DB Andre Pettway, OT/DE Vernon Davis and TB/LB Raymond Snow. Cody qualified for the playoffs by edging Detroit Pershing, 35-26, in Week 9.

**All about Plymouth:** The Wildcats finished 7-2 overall and 3-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. They averaged 29.7 points per game and yielded 18.2. Their top players are QB/DB Brent Jones, TE/S Josh Le Duc, RB Jeff Harrison, DE Taylor Fox, OL Shaun Bailey, LB Mike McIntosh and LB Jared Panyan. Plymouth's biggest win was a 38-35 overtime victory over Walled Lake Western in Week 6.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<p><b>PREP FOOTBALL</b> Friday, Oct. 28 <b>DIVISION I PLAYOFFS</b> Monroe at Canton, 7 p.m. at P-CEP football stadium Detroit Cody at Plymouth, 7 p.m. at P-CEP junior varsity football stadium</p> <p><b>GIRLS BASKETBALL</b> Thursday, Oct. 27 Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m. W.L. Northern at Canton, 7 p.m. Salem at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Friday, Oct. 28</b> Bethesda at Canton Agape at United Christian, 7 p.m. Southfield Christian at PCA, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>BOYS SOCCER</b> Saturday, Oct. 29 Division I District final at Saline H.S., 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>BOYS CROSS COUNTRY</b> Saturday, Oct. 29 Plymouth, Canton and Salem at Division 1 Regional meet at Schoolcraft College, 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday, Oct. 29</b> Plymouth, Canton and Salem at Division 1 Regional meet at Schoolcraft College, 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>GIRLS SWIMMING</b> Thursday, Oct. 27 Plymouth at Canton, 7 p.m. Salem at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER</b> Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 29-30 Schoolcraft at Region 12 Tourney at Cincinnati State (Ohio), TBA.</p> <p><b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER</b> WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Oct. 27 Madonna at Warner Southern (Fla.), 7 p.m. Delta CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Saturday, Oct. 29</b> Schoolcraft in MCCA Tourney at Grand Haven, TBA.</p> <p><b>ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE</b> Friday, Oct. 28 Whalers at London Knights, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Saturday, Oct. 29</b> Whalers vs. Guelph (Compuware), 7:30 p.m. TBA - time to be announced.</p>
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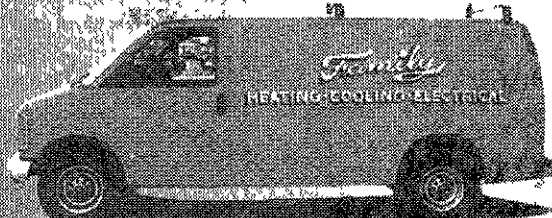
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## Lions players, coaches can't blame Joey Harrington

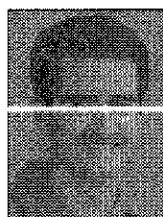
Last Sunday, the Lions quarterback didn't throw a touchdown. He went three-and-out on his first possession. The clock management was brutal at the end of the first half. And he barely threw for 200 yards against a lousy defense.

And Lions nation said a collective "Hallelujah!"

Luckily for Jeff Garcia, it isn't too hard to look good when all Lions fans have for comparison is Joey Harrington. It's kind of like being graded on a curve with the Delta House from Faber College (zero-point-zero). So let's not start reserving a spot in Canton for Garcia just yet. He was an improvement. The Lions won the game. But there is still a ton of work to do on this football team.

### A FRESH START

It is, though, a fresh start. It's not just because Garcia can free-lance and make something out of nothing. It's because finally



Jamie Samuelsen

the microscope can focus in on something other than Harrington. For weeks now, you would have thought that this team was a decent quarterback away from becoming the rightful heir to the Patriots dynasty. Everything bad that happened was Joey's fault.

The anemic offense? Joey's fault.

The lack of a big play? Joey again. Bad clock management? That's on Joey. Steve Mariucci's Lincoln Navigator breaking down at Ford Field? Joey.

Maybe not that last one, but you got the sense that the Lions would have pinned that on Harrington if they tried. The Joey Era is over. So it's time for the Jeff Garcia Era (subtitled: Not Joey's Fault). Now the team can start sifting through the other troubling

issues and realize that it really wasn't all Joey's fault at all.

Let's be clear on one thing: If Harrington starts last week's game, the Lions lose. Garcia made two plays (the touchdown run and the backhand flip to Shawn Bryson) that either scored points or led directly to a score. Harrington couldn't have made either play and, without them, the Browns win. There is also no doubt that the offensive line and the receivers helped bail out Garcia on more than one occasion. One wonders why these same "pros" weren't doing the same thing for a struggling Harrington, but one gets a headache when one wonders too much.

### SYSTEM IS PROBLEM

At the end of the first half, following another huge play by the ever-improving Lions defense, the offense had a chance for points. But a combination of bad clock management and inexperienced personnel led to the clock

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# Harrington anymore – it's someone else's fault now

running out after an offensive penalty. If Harrington does that, fans are up in arms at his lack of leadership and heart. But when it happens with Garcia it screams out that the problem is not the triggerman. When the play clock winds down and the wrong play is called or when timeouts are burned because the play isn't called in time, that's not the quarterback. It doesn't matter if it's Joey Harrington or Joey Montana, the problem is the system.

This was the make or break year for Harrington, and he broke. Now we enter the make or break phase for Mariucci. His built-in excuse is now wearing an earphone on the sideline. If the offense doesn't move the ball, it's on the coach. If a timeout is burned, that's on Mooch, too. And if Ted Tollner isn't throwing any wrinkles into the offense, then it's up to the man who hired him to make sure things are spiced up.

This goes for the team, too. It was getting

really old hearing the players quietly gripe about Harrington. I can understand that the defense is frustrated by the offense. But what does it do for a team when Dré Bly gets on Harrington on the sideline and says after a game that the defense may as well just play both ways. The most absurd moment came when Dominic Raiola got into it with Harrington during the Carolina game. Raiola is to NFL centers what Harrington was to NFL quarterbacks, way below average. So take a good look in the mirror before you start pointing fingers.

## NO JOEY TO BLAME

The free ride is over, fellas. Joey is gone. Now when something breaks down, the fans will be coming after you. They will be calling for your jobs and justifiably so. There is an old adage in Detroit that the two most popular men in town are the backup quarterback for the Lions and the

backup goaltender for the Red Wings. Right now, those two men are named Joey Harrington and Chris Osgood. In other words, angry fans will be looking somewhere other than the bench for the solution. They'll be looking at the coach and the players on the field.

The good news is that Garcia seems to have sparked something in these guys. They are still tied for first in the underwhelming NFC North with a winnable game this Sunday against the Bears for the top spot in the division. With a win, Garcia will be 2-0 as a starter and regardless of his stats will officially become the savior in Detroit. Following the Matt Millen precedent, a five-year contract extension is sure to follow. If they lose, Garcia stinks and Dan Orlovsky should start the following week in Minnesota.

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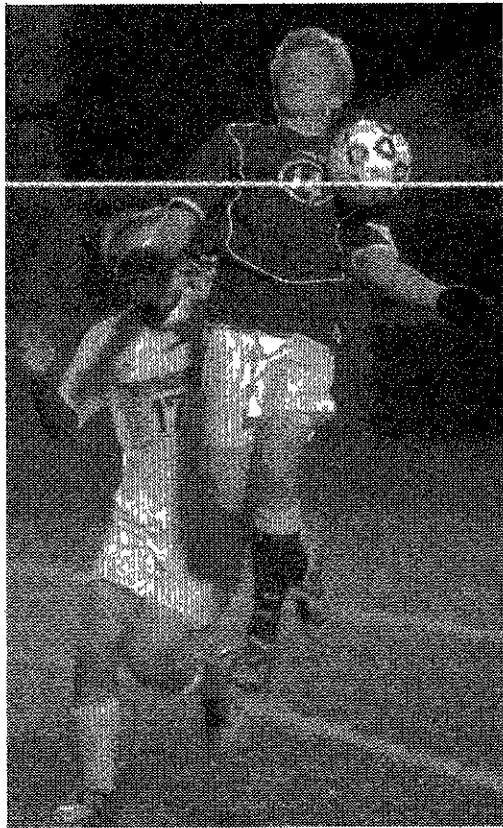
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## 'Cats nipped

Plymouth forward Colin Rolfe (14), pictured in a game played earlier this season, and his Wildcat teammates were eliminated from the Division 1 state playoffs Monday night when they dropped a 2-1 decision to Ann Arbor Huron. Anthony Sasinowski scored the lone Plymouth goal.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of one 2006 Ford F-350 4x4 Chassis Cab with XRT Dump Body (or equivalent) and One 2006 Ford F-250 4x4 Styleside Pickup Truck. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48154, on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 1, 2005. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school.

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

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FROM SUPERIOR CONTROLS, INC., TO EXTEND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION NO. 99-052 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2005

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 08, 2005, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Superior Controls, Inc., to extend Industrial Facilities Exemption No.99-052 for an additional seven years to the maximum of twelve years for their facility located at 14925 Galleon Drive, Parcel 3-B, Metro West-Beck Road Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, November 08, 2005, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

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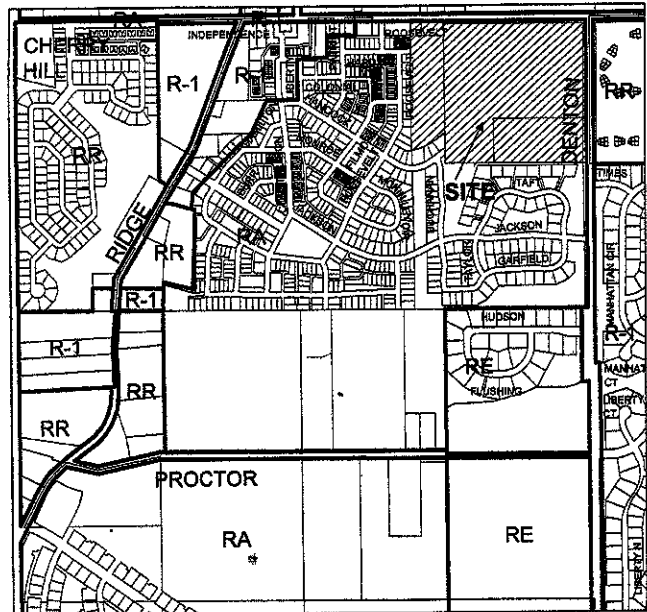
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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 21, 2005, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**CHERRY HILL VILLAGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AMENDMENT NO. 3 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 073 99 0001 702, 073 99 0001 703, 073 99 0005 712, AND 073 04 0001 000 THROUGH 073 04 0437 000 (PART OF). Property is located south of Saltz and west of Denton Road.**



SECTION 19

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, November 17, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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# Chief kickers roll in Gallagher's heroics lift Salem soccer team

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Five different players scored goals to lead the Canton boys soccer team to a decisive 5-0 victory over Pinckney Monday afternoon in a first-round Division 1 district game played at Saline High School.

The victory improved Canton's record to 13-5-3 and moved them into Wednesday's semi-final match-up against 13-5-1 Saline. The results of Wednesday's game will appear in Sunday's Observer.

"We created a lot of opportunities offensively early in the game," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "We hit the post five minutes into the game then we scored our first goal five minutes later. Pinckney had a very good forward who we had to concentrate on isolating."

"We led 2-0 at the half, then in the second half, we stepped our game up one or two levels. It was very important that we won, but it also helps that we won 5-0 because it gives us

confidence for the next round and the fact that we didn't have to go to overtime or a shoot-out saves our legs."

Sophomore forward Eric Piwowar opened the scoring with an unassisted goal less than eight minutes into the game.

Paul Newall doubled the Chiefs' advantage when he scored at the 15:04 mark of the first half off a pass from Piwowar.

The Chiefs put the game on ice with back-to-back goals with a minute of each other six minutes into the second half. Keith Campbell tallied the first one off a pass from Garrett Fishaw and Kyle Gring made it 4-0 on a goal assisted by Newall.

Matt Kulczycki netted the fifth goal. He was assisted by Austin Poirier.

Junior Parker Laabs and sophomore Matt Revers combined for the shutout. Laabs played the entire first half and a portion of the second before being relieved by Revers with 15 minutes left.

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The Salem boys soccer team's shot at a Division 1 district title is alive and well thanks largely to senior Steve Gallagher, who tallied both the Rocks' goals in their 2-1 overtime victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer Monday night.

With Salem trailing, 1-0, and 2:15 left in the second half, Gallagher controlled a pass from Jake Bennett 12 yards in front of the net and zipped the into the upper-left corner of the net to make it 1-1.

"Steve was definitely the hero of the game," said Salem coach Ed McCarthy. "A short time before his game-tying goal, we switched to a three-forward formation to generate more offense. Steve was one of the three up front. After a re-start, Jake rolled a great pass to Steve and he put it in the net."

"That goal seemed to give everybody more energy heading into the overtime."

The Rocks won the coin toss before the extra session and elected to take the wind, which was strong, McCarthy noted.

"About 10 minutes into the overtime, Jake sent a corner kick in front of the net and Steve headed it into the lower-right-hand corner," McCarthy said. "It was a perfect corner kick. I'm not even sure we've had one that good in practice."

"The game was everything you'd expect from two strong teams playing in a district soccer game."

Brian Field earned the win in goal for the Rocks.

Pioneer's lone score came with 10:43 left in the second half when Chris Jennings slid a shot off Field's fingertips and into the net.

The victory advanced Salem into Wednesday's district semi-final contest against Ann Arbor Huron. The results of that game will appear in Sunday's Observer.

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### LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2005

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Plymouth on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., eastern standard time. At that time, candidates for the following offices will be voted upon in the City of Plymouth:

#### CITY COMMISSIONER (four positions)

##### PROPOSAL #1

Shall there be a general revision of the charter of the City of Plymouth?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

#### CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (nine positions)

Absentee ballots may be requested from the Clerk's Office, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, or by calling 734-453-1234. Absentee ballots will be issued to qualified absentee voters **in person** in the Clerk's office from **8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** on Saturday, November 5, 2005. On Monday, November 7, 2005, qualified voters can receive their ballots and **vote them in the Clerk's Office** until 4:30 p.m.

Individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend or participate in this election should contact 734-453-1234, ext. 234.

You are further notified that the City's four (4) precinct locations are as follows:

#### PRECINCTS AND LOCATIONS:

Precinct #01, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street  
Precinct #02, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street  
Precinct #03, Central Middle School, 650 West Church Street  
Precinct #04, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street

DATED: City of Plymouth, Wayne County, State of Michigan on 9/28/05.

Linda Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk  
City of Plymouth

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### WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 18, chapter IV, Act 283 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended, seven or more freeholders have petitioned the County of Wayne to absolutely abandon and discontinue:

All of that portion of Leopold Street (50 feet wide) adjoining Lots 46, 47 & 51, inclusive, and also that portion adjoining the previously vacated 18 foot wide public alley, as dedicated to the use of the public in the **SHELDON PARK SUBDIVISION**, being a subdivision in the N.W. 1/4 of Sec. 34, T.2 S., R.8 E., Canton Twp., Wayne Co., Mich., as recorded in Liber 43 of Plats on Page 96, Wayne County Records.

Therefore, it has been decided a Hearing be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., at the Wayne County Department of Public Services, 415 Clifford Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226, and that a Hearing Examiner of the county shall hold said hearing and obtain all necessary facts and information concerning the advisability of either granting or denying said petition, and shall report all findings of fact to the Board of Wayne County Commissioners.

True copies of this notice are to be served, posted and published in accordance with the provisions of said Act No. 283 of 1909, as amended.

WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC SERVICES  
Real Estate, 3rd Floor  
Attention: Sandra M. Rutkowski  
415 Clifford Street  
Detroit, Michigan 48226  
313.224.7772

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA NOVEMBER 3, 2005

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2005 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johansen.

Acceptance of Agenda

- Joe Van Esley of Van Esley Real Estate, 409 Plymouth Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, for vacant property located at 44675 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187, south side of Joy Road between Sheldon and Canton Center Roads, appealing Buildings and Building Regulations Ordinance Chapter 78, Article 5, Section 78-129, regarding fence location in front yard. Zone O-1.  
Parcel 010-99-0002-000  
(Building)
- William Applegate, 50899 Hanford, Canton, MI 48187, for residential property located at same address, south side of Hanford Road between Napier and Ridge Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02, front setback requirements and Article 2.00, Section 2.03, E, locational requirements for pool. Zone R-1.  
Parcel 027-99-0005-009  
(Planning)
- Rebecca Diho of Enterprise Rent-A-Car, 11375 S. Middlebelt Road, Romulus, MI 48174, for commercial property located at 8583 N. Lilley Road, west side of Lilley Road between Joy and Warren Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 3.00, Section 3.03, E, change of location of a nonconforming use and Section 3.04, B, enlargement of an existing nonconforming use. Zone C-3.  
Parcel 006-99-0004-001  
(Planning)
- Mark Schafer of Schonsheck, Inc., 51331 W. Pontiac Trail, Wixom, MI 48393 representing Frank Dabaja of Canton Development, LLC, 8331 N. Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48185, for multi-family property located at 2105 Sheldon North, west side of Sheldon Road between Ford Road and Cherry Hill Road, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.05, variance for side setbacks in MRD zoning. Zone MRD.  
Parcel 065-99-0001-715  
(Planning)

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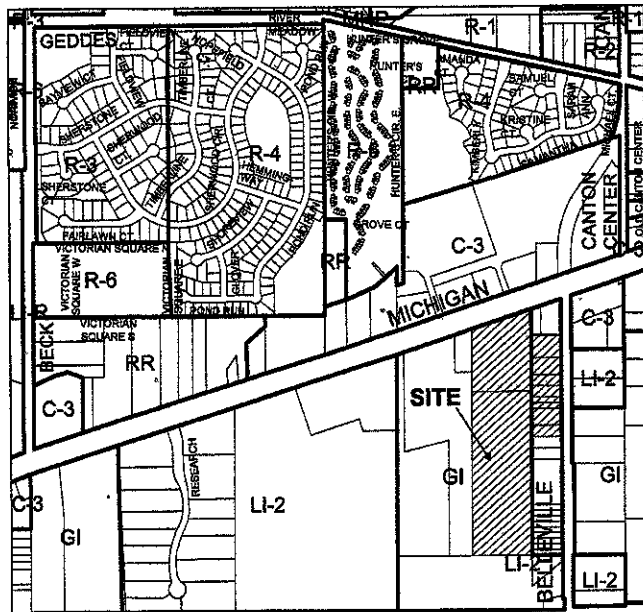
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**COSTCO WHOLESALE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 132 99 0003 701, 132 99 0003 702, 132 01 0005 000, 132 01 0009 000, 132 01 0012 000, 132 01 0014 000, 132 01 0016 000, 132 01 0019 000, 132 01 002 1 000. Property is located south of Michigan and west of Belleville Road. (First Public Hearing.)**



SECTION 33

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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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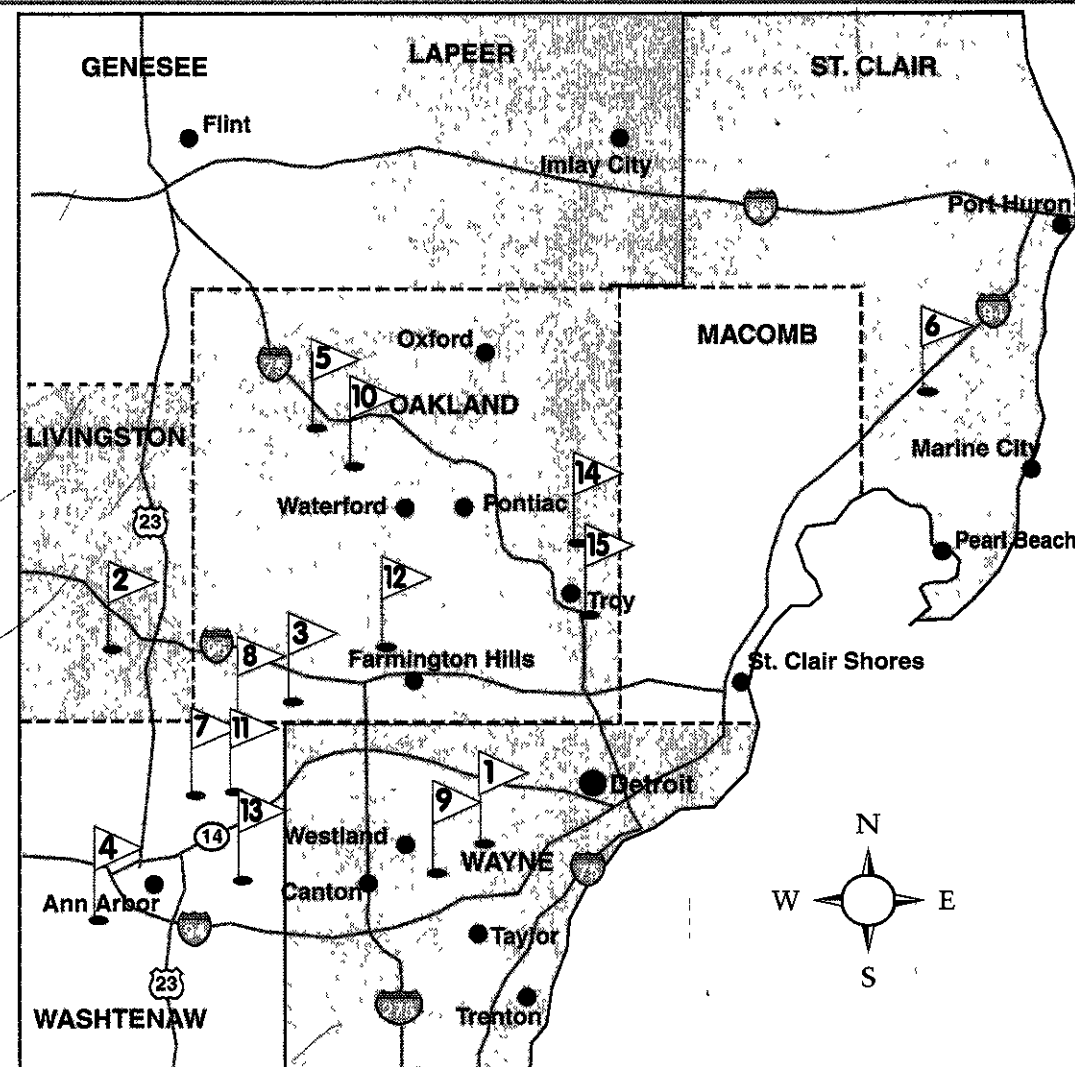


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South Lyon, MI 48178  
248.486.3355

[www.tanglewoodthelion.com](http://www.tanglewoodthelion.com)  
No. of Holes: 27 Par: 36 Yards: 3636  
Manager: Ann Lewis  
Directions: 10 Mile Road between  
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Manager: Gerry Behaylo  
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Art Brown  
on 7/15/2005

Bob Artz  
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Marino Apollinari  
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on 6/8/2005

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on 7/14/2005

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on 5/27/2005

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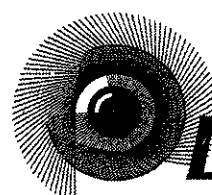
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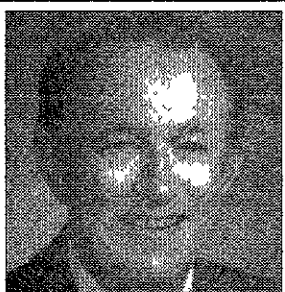
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## AGNES J. WINEKOFF

Of Westland, October 23, 2005. Beloved wife of Gerald. Loving mother of Richard (Tammy), Cheryl (John) Malay, Kenneth (LeAnn), Mary (William) Webber, Rebecca (Robert) McGee, Gerald Jr. (Teresa) and Jamie (Michelle). Loving grandmother of 17 and great grandmother of 4. Private service was held and burial at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Memorial to Hospice of Michigan are appreciated. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home, Westland, 734-326-1300. To leave a message of condolence for the family log on to [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

## ARTHUR H. HANSON

Age 66 of Roscommon formerly of Canton, died Oct. 13, 2005. Art was a Mechanical Engineer in the screw machine industry. Beloved husband of Sue. Dear father of Jeff (Lisa) Hanson of Canton, Donald (Karin) Hanson of Mason and Norman (Patty) Hanson of Wilmette, IL. Loving grandfather of Jacob, Brendan, Nicholas, Shane, Holly and Heather. Brother of Robynlyne (Robert) Blahut of Mequon, WI and Desmond (Debbie) Hanson of Canton. A memorial service was held Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005 at Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon (989-275-3600). Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army or Friends Helping Friends of Roscommon.



## CLARENCE SHELTON

Clarence M. "Bud" October 22, 2005. Age 78, of Bloomfield Hills. Founder and former owner of Shelton Pontiac Buick, Rochester Hills, MI. Husband of the late Carole Ann. Dear father of Russell M. (Kathy), Jill A. Sattler and the late Brenda S. Milnes (Bruce). Stepfather of Holly A. Hamill. Grandfather of Cory, Stacy (Jeff), Brooke, Blake Brittany Jennifer and Jack. Also several nieces and nephews. Former husband of Wanda Shelton-Farmer. Memorial service was held Wednesday 11:00am at Kirk in the Hills 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to the Kirk in the Hills or the American Cancer Society. For information call A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

## CORA FEELY GRAHAM

Age 89, of Bloomfield Hills, died October 21, 2005, at St. Anne's Mead Nursing Home, in Southfield. Mrs. Feely Graham was born October 24, 1915, in Detroit. She graduated from Central Detroit High School in 1933, and then attended business school. Mrs. Feely Graham was a secretary at US Rubber during WWII. After WWII ended, she traveled to Japan to work for the United States Government and was the Executive Secretary to General Nimitz during the War Crime Trials. After returning stateside, she served as the Executive Secretary to General Motors Vice President Tom Keating until his retirement. Mrs. Feely Graham then moved to San Francisco and worked as an executive secretary for Hearst Newspaper Publications. She was married to Emmett Feely from 1967 until he passed away in 1983. In 1986, she married Frank Graham and was married to him until his death in 1997. Mrs. Feely Graham is survived by Keith (Lori) Kennedy, Nancy (Donald) Temple, Nancy (the late Neil) Kennedy, Emmett P. (Jane) Feely, Jr., Thomas (Sally) Feely, Kathleen (the late Bud) Miller, Bill (Lynne) Graham, Anne (Gordon) Fox, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. A Memorial Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Rd., Clawson, on October 25, 2005. Memorials may be made to St. Anne's Mead, 16106 W. 12 Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076

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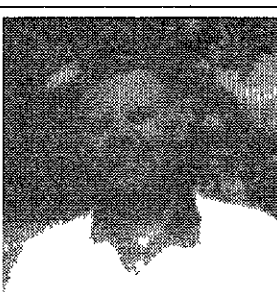
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## FRANK L. MONCHER

Born December 4, 1918, to Rose and Angelo Moncher, died Sunday, October 2, 2005 after a brief illness. He was married 62 years to Frances Rebecca Pourcho until her death in 2004. He is survived by a son, Craig F. Moncher, (wife Holly Beth); and daughter, Pamela A. Brown, (husband Thomas E. Brown Jr., all of Bloomfield Hills, MI; grandsons, Chad F. Moncher, Thomas E. Brown III, Trevor J. Waskin and Ian A. Waskin, a great-granddaughter, Ariana S. Waskin; his brothers, the late Louis Moncher of Redwood City, CA and James Moncher, (wife Betty) of Sylvania, OH; and a sister, Adeline Luginski of Allen Park, MI. His passions were reading and learning. He studied the Bible as well as stocks and investments. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from Wayne State University, Detroit Michigan in 1939 and then a Master of Science Degree in Engineering from Wayne State University, Detroit Michigan in 1947. He later studied at the University of Michigan and The University of Florida. He held memberships in Phi Beta Kappa, Mensa, and the Society of Engineers. Mr. Moncher was active in the Republican Party in South Carolina, the Boy Scouts of America and the Bluffton First Baptist Church. His career included positions with General Motors, Professor of Engineering at Wayne State University, Chief Engineer for Sperry Rand Corporation, and Director of Research for Kelsey Hayes developing the Anti Skid Breaking System, followed by consulting after retirement. Mr. Moncher held over 100 patents. The Monchers resided in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, Orange Park, Florida, then moved to Sun City Hilton Head in Bluffton, South Carolina where they lived the past seven years. Memorial Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, at Highland Park Baptist Church on Twelve Mile Road in Southfield, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that remembrances may be made to Hospice Savannah, Inc., P.O. Box 13190, Savannah, GA 31416.



## GERALD K. "JERRY" BECK

Age 69, died Friday, October 21, 2005. He was the General Manager for The Varsity Shop in Birmingham for 48 years. Dear brother of Nancy Beck and Thomas Beck (Wilda). Memorial tributes may be made to Beaumont Hospice Foundation. For information call A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 248-362-2500. View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

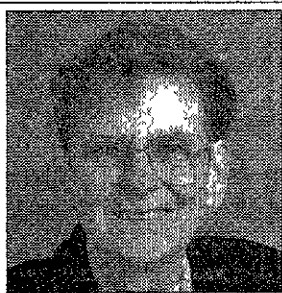
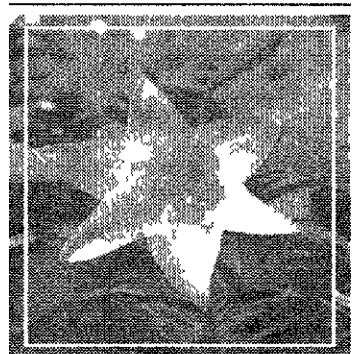


## KYLIE NICOLE OLSON

October 19, 2005. Age 16 months, of Birmingham. Kylie loved dancing, flirting, cookies, purses, shoes, and teasing her brother "She was a lover". Darling daughter of Chris and Jen. Loving twin sister of the late Colin Christopher. Also survived by loving grandparents, aunts, uncles, relatives, and friends. Funeral service was held Saturday at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home. Memorial tributes to Special Olympics of Oakland County, 25415 John R., Madison Heights, MI 48071; or Make-A-Wish Foundation, 3390 Pinetree Rd., Ste #20, Lansing, MI 48911; or Children's Hospital of MI, 3901 Beaubien St., Detroit, MI 48201-9932. View obituary and share memories at [www.desmondfuneralhome.com](http://www.desmondfuneralhome.com)

## PHYLLIS PAYSON

Beloved wife of Tony Payson. Dear mother of Cathy (Andy) Scheman, Judge Kimberly Small, Scott Small, Tony Payson, Marc (Sara) Payson, and David Payson. Loving Nanny of Loren and Nikki Scheman, Erica and Jessica Stern, Sammi and Blake Small, Abigail and Nicholas Payson. Daughter of the late Leonard Siskind and the late Helen Siskind. Sister of Debbie Siskind and the late Sharon Nicholson. Niece of Bernice Wolfe. Services 10am Thursday, October 27, at The Ira Kaufman Chapel, 1-800-325-7105. Interment Beth El Memorial Park.



## Sister Mary Alicia Hemmer, RSM Sister Of Mercy, Teacher, Principal

(Farmington Hills, MI) - Sister Mary Alicia Hemmer, RSM, a Sister of Mercy for 61 years, died on October 24, 2005 at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills. She was 80. She was born to John and Marie (Seymour) Hemmer on October 19, 1925 in Fountain, Michigan and christened Catherine at her baptism. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in Detroit in 1944. There she was given the name, Sister Mary Alicia, and made perpetual vows on August 15, 1950. Sister Mary Alicia earned a bachelor's degree from Mercy College of Detroit, a master's from the University of Detroit, and did post-graduate work in school administration at the University of Michigan. During her 42 years in Catholic education, she taught at every level from grades one through twelve in Midland, Detroit, Hazel Park, Remus, Saginaw, Auburn, Ada, Port Huron, Grand Rapids, Cheboygan, Ludington, Farmington Hills and Portland, Michigan and in Independence, Iowa. She served as principal for eight of those years. Sister Mary Alicia was active in professional organizations at the diocesan, state and national level and recognized by students and colleagues as a master teacher and administrator. She was principal of the Ludington Area Catholic Schools in 1980 when she was chosen as Teacher of the Month in Today's Catholic Teacher. "Sister Alicia is a very capable and effective principal," wrote one contributor. "More importantly, she is understanding, enthusiastic and dedicated. Her leadership stands out as being based not simply on authority, but on caring service for her students, teachers and parish." Sister Mary Alicia's sabbatical in 1982 found her realizing a life-long dream of touring the country in a camper. Upon her return, she spent several additional years in education and in 1989 became a pastoral associate at Sacred Heart Parish in Muskegon Heights, Michigan. Sister Mary Alicia was forced her teaching career when Sister Mary Alicia is remembered as an energetic, talented person who always had time to lend a helping hand. Her interests included gardening, music, sports, travel, reading, conversation and prayer. She is survived by her brother Walter of Portage, Michigan, many nieces and nephews and the members of her Mercy community. A welcoming service will be held at McAuley Center on October 26, 2005 at 3 p.m. with a prayer vigil at 7 p.m. The Mass of Resurrection will be in McAuley Center's Sacred Heart Chapel on October 27, 2005 at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1405.

## WILLIAM E. BARRETT, IV

October 23, 2005 of Wayne. Beloved husband of the late Eva. Dear father of Scott. Grandfather of Jamie. Brother in law of Barb Hutcherson, Uncle of Laura Sherman. Visitation Wednesday 3-9pm. Funeral Service Thursday 10am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

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# Moms join together to pray for children

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

## Mothers, grandmothers

are being urged to join together in prayer for their children.

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I've prayed with Baptist and Catholic moms. We just focus on the prayer.

"It's always uplifting, never negative. If there is a difficult child or teacher, we pray for strength. We know teachers have a difficult job in this day and age. We pray for our kids and other kids, for safety, protection so there isn't any drugs, alcohol or guns in the school and it's a safe haven for education."

Even though Jeffries believes strongly in the power of prayer, she keeps a journal of petitions answered. It's all the proof she needs to keep on praying.

"Prayer is probably one of the hardest ministries because we're a generation that wants instant gratification. The answer to a prayer isn't always instantaneous," said Jeffries.

Pam Malo's prayers for her five children and their schools were not only answered over the years, but provided her with other benefits as well. Malo joined a Moms in Touch group shortly after moving to Livonia in 1989. Today, she's looking for a group of moms with kids in college or pursuing careers.

"My children were ages 2, 6, 8, 10 and 12," said Pam Malo. "Four were in elementary at the same time. I felt prayer was the most powerful tool in the arsenal to give me peace of mind when you put the little 5-year-olds into the hands of other people. I definitely felt that they were making better choices and being protected. I felt more comfortable. There's so much out there that influences them when they're not with us."

When peers led one of Malo's sons down the wrong path in middle school, she prayed for intervention. Whatever is prayed in the group, stays in the group. Mothers need not worry about confidentiality.

"He was not perfect," said Malo. "One of the prayers was

that if need be they would be caught when guilty and they got caught. I told him if you make bad choices, you will be caught. Prayers are not always answered the way we want it answered.

"One of the benefits from praying with moms in the group is that you're with moms who passionately cared about their children, are involved at the school. It's a real comforting feeling that these moms were praying for your children."

According to Niedenthal, once mothers start praying it's not unusual for them to want to continue even after their children are out of high school. Niedenthal has two children - Krista, a 22-year-old student at John Cabot University in Rome, and Heather, 18, a freshman at Michigan State University.

"We've created college groups," said Niedenthal, a Grand Rapids mother who joined the ministry 15-years ago. She belongs to an evangelical covenant church. "We now have Homeschool Moms in Touch groups, Grandmas in Touch, Faculty in Touch, even Prison Moms in Touch groups where women get permission to go into prison and share the vision with moms there. Even though incarcerated they can still pray for their children."

"I joined when my daughter was in third grade. It changed my life. Instead of being a worrying mom, I became a praying mom and saw answers."

Fern Nichols felt the moral values of her two oldest children were being tested when they entered junior high school in British Columbia so she started praying with another mother in 1984.

One year later when her family moved to California, she formed Moms in Touch International. Today, the organization extends into more than 100 countries around the world. It is funded by donations.

"Anybody interested in hearing about the power of prayer is welcome to attend Moms Night Out," said Niedenthal. "You don't have to be a mom to come. It's for anyone who wants to adopt praying for children in schools."

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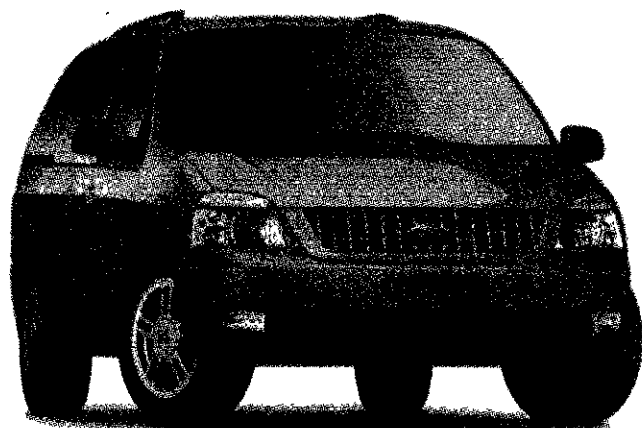
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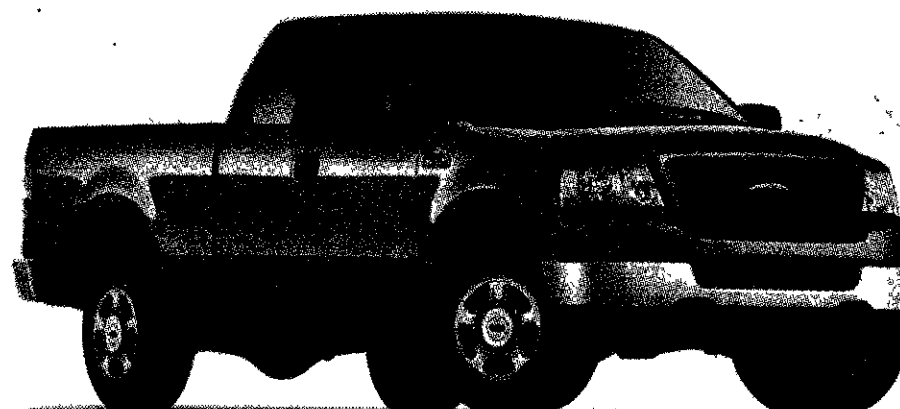
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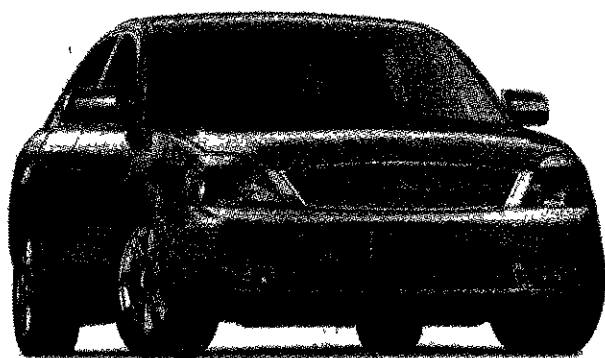
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# Condominiums



## Book covers condos based on extensive experience of lawyer

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Robert Meisner's been practicing condominium law for more than 30 years, so his new book, *Condo Living: A Survival Guide To Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, is well-informed. Meisner, whose practice is based in Bingham Farms, has worked on the book the last two-three years, although he's had the idea germinating longer than that. It's being published by Momentum Books, affiliated with *Hour* magazine.

"This is really the first full-length book I published," said Meisner, who wrote a pamphlet on condos earlier. He teaches law at Detroit College of Law/Michigan State University, in addition to a class at Oakland Community College for condo boards and developers. He's a member of the College of Community Association Lawyers of the Community Associations Institute.

Meisner, a University of Michigan graduate with bachelor's and law degrees, has also

been an *Observer & Eccentric* real estate columnist for more than 25 years. He finds consumers are often uninformed when it comes to the rules, regulations and bylaws associated with owning a condo.

"People are not educated when they buy condominiums," he said. "They don't know what they're getting into."

Some attorneys, even in real estate, don't know condo law, he said, adding it's a subspecialty of real estate law. "There's a lot more to review and understand," he said, noting such things as the master deed and articles of incorporation.

"I think it's really needed," Meisner said of his book. "It's written in layman's terms."

He included some of "Meisner's Maxims," incorporating humor into the book. "It's 30 years of experience in dealing with condos," the author said. "I really think it's a must-read."

The book has been critiqued by developers and those on condo boards. Glean Haeghe, "America's Master Handyman," describes it: "Everything you need to know

about condo living. Meisner tells you what they are - what your rights are or aren't - what you need to look out for. If you live in or are thinking of buying a condominium, you need this book. Read it before you sign on the dotted line."

Another perspective comes from Bernie Gliberman, CEO of Crosswinds Communities: "As a developer for more than 35 years, I can attest that Bob Meisner's expose on condominiums is a must-read for anyone attempting to develop and/or operate a condominium or community association. *Condo Living's* insight into condo development and condo law is unsurpassed and invaluable to anyone who wants to learn about successful condominium development from the ground up."

The 182-page book costs \$24.95 plus shipping and handling. To place an order, call (248) 458-5500, Ext. 22, or visit [www.momentumbooks.com](http://www.momentumbooks.com). Information is available at [www.meisner-associates.com](http://www.meisner-associates.com) or by calling (248) 644-4433 (Meisner's office).



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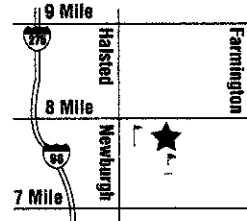


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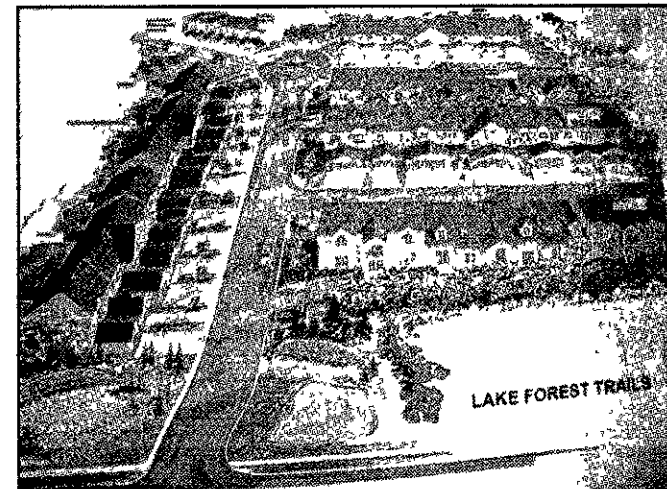
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# Directors, officers take CREW helm

The Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW-Detroit) recently elected its 2006 board of directors and officers, including:

■ President/national delegate: Debra Osuch of Soils and Materials Engineers Inc. in Shelby Township, for a one-year term

■ President-Elect/national delegate: Carol Ann Arvan of FX Architecture, Inc. LLC in Royal Oak, for a one-year term

■ Secretary and Communications Liaison: Catherine Malicki of SSOE in Toledo for a one-year term

■ Treasurer and Sponsorship Liaison: Kim McMahon of Grubb & Ellis Company in Southfield, for a one-year term

■ Director and Real Estate Excellence Award Liaison: Gail von Staden of Gensler in Detroit, for a two-year term

■ Director and Programs Liaison: Joanne Sisson of Palmer Commercial Services in Warren, for a one-year term

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■ Director and Golf Outing Liaison: Sarah Malys of LaSalle Bank in Troy for a two-year term

■ Past President/nominating chair: Joan Cleland of Acquest Realty Advisors Inc. in Bloomfield Hills, for a one-year term

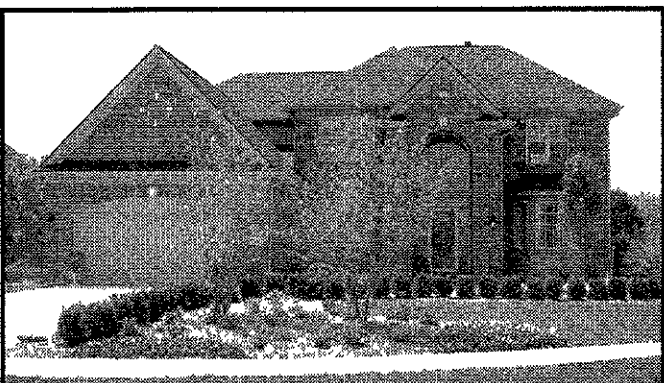
Commercial Real Estate Women - Detroit, founded in 1986 is one of the largest local chapters of the CREW Network, a professional organization of more than 5,700 commercial real estate women in the U.S. and Canada. CREW-Detroit has more than 140 members from all commercial real estate professions, including accounting, architecture, appraisal, acquisitions, development, finance, leasing, property/asset management, law, sales/brokerage and syndication/investment. CREW-Detroit promotes networking and professional opportunities among its members, including a monthly program. For more information, see <http://www.crewdetroit.org>.

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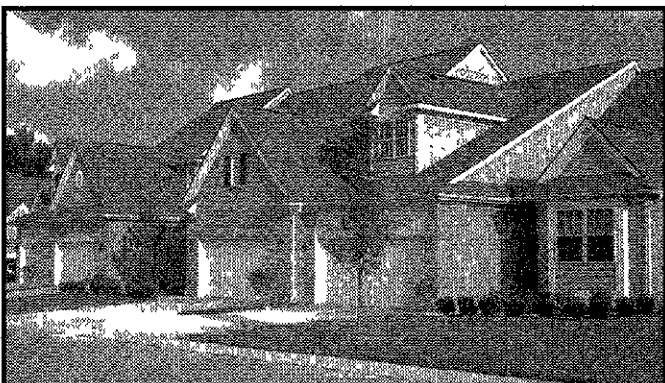


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## Facility to serve needs of seniors

Mike McCormick, executive director at Fox Run in Novi, presided over the ceremonial groundbreaking festivities for Renaissance Gardens, the campus' newest neighborhood. Renaissance Gardens will house the community's assisted living and skilled nursing care facilities, joining the existing independent living campus for men and women 62 years of age plus. Completion of Renaissance Gardens is scheduled for the first quarter of 2007.

The groundbreaking was attended by Fox Run residents and staff, civic leaders and dignitaries including Novi Mayor Pro Tem David Landry and several members of the Novi City Council as well as representatives from the offices of Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Sen. Nancy Cassis. Dr. Bill Russell, regional medical director at Erickson which develops and manages Fox Run, was also on hand. Jean Landreville, administrator of Renaissance Gardens,

shared the "vision" for Renaissance Gardens with those present.

Landry told the crowd of over 300 that the city is not only proud of Fox Run, but is "envious. We all want to live here," said Landry.

McCormick, Landry, Landreville and Russell were joined by Fox Run residents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weinert to dedicate a tree that will be planted in front of the completed Renaissance Gardens in commemoration of the groundbreaking ceremony. The Weinerts, one of the first couples to move to Fox Run, also participated in the original groundbreaking for the community in 2001.

Fox Run's most "seasoned" resident, Mabel Fake, who will turn 100 in 2006 climbed aboard a gigantic front loader in order to be the one to make the first "dig" for the construction to begin. Fake said she was honored to be part of the fun.

Mercy High School student Gracie Denton of Novi awed the

crowd with her amazing rendition of *The Star Spangled Banner*.

"We thought it was fitting that Gracie sing for us today, as she was with us from the start," said McCormick. "We have grown so much since we first started our original construction and she has grown with us into a lovely, extremely talented young lady."

Renaissance Gardens will be operated under the auspices of Erickson HealthSM, the nation's largest and most completely integrated wellness and health care system for people over 62 years of age. The facility will provide private rooms for residents, offering services based in the "person centered care" philosophy and designed to meet the individual needs of each community member.

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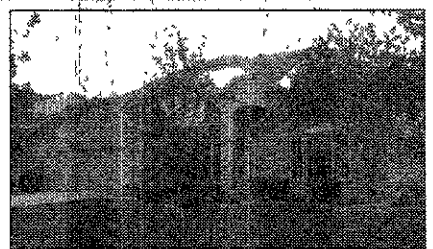
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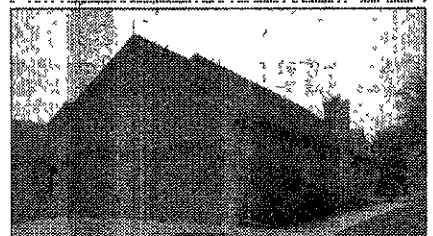
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**NOVI** \$239,000  
Great ranch condo nestled within complex. Good size rooms. Freshly painted throughout. Fireplace in great room. Eat in kitchen. All appliances say including washer & dryer & microwave. Neutral decor.  
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**CANTON** \$189,900  
Three bedroom 2 bath, colonial located in Stonegate. Double doors lead to newer 440 sq. ft. two tier deck. Huge tree in back yard for lots of shade. Freshly painted inside and out. Open kitchen into library.  
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**NORTHVILLE** \$166,900  
Reduced - Great Buy! Spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo with fireplace in living room, dining room w/ver bar, partially finished basement, large master bedroom with bath and walk-in closet. All appliances.  
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**OLD ROSEDALE** Charming colonial on a double lot w/over 1700 square ft. of living space. Formal dining, cozy family room with a fireplace, 3 bedrooms and 1.5 updated baths. Nicely manicured exterior with brick pavers. Really nice. \$254,500 (P-309AR)



**BETTER HURRY!** This sprawling ranch situated on 1.7 acres in Plymouth Township went last long. Massive great room w/ vaulted ceilings, island kitchen, finished basement, side entry garage and lots, lots more. \$489,000 (P-351BE)



**SUPERB SETTING** Elegant details in this colonial situated on a beautifully landscaped private interior court. Southern exposure and open 3100 sq. ft. floor plan make it bright & spacious. Dramatic ceilings, fireplace, security & sprinklers. \$479,000 (C-758CA)



**PRETTY CAPE COD** In West Dearborn "triangle". Updates galore from kitchen to baths and all professionally done. Newer Andersen doors, newer roof, awesome finished basement, newer furnace and central air. Must see! \$225,000 (P-444CO)



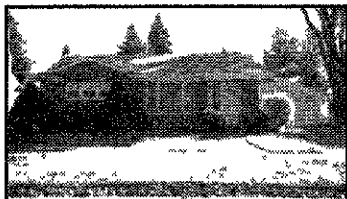
**DEARBORN CHARMER** Vinyl sided bungalow with 3 bedrooms, updated furnace, central air, windows and basement. Deck off of the back of the home. Hardwood floors and pretty landscaping. Fenced yard too! \$99,900 (C-614GA)



**SOUTH LYON VACANT LOT** On a private road with a wooded backdrop. Will require an engineered septic field. This area has golf courses and upscale homes. Survey and geological studies available. Over one acre. Privacy is perfect as is the price. \$89,900 (P-185LA)



**AFFORDABLE AND ADORABLE** Move right into this updated Dearborn Heights cutie with newer siding, windows and roof. One car garage, updated kitchen and bath. Perfect for first time buyers or retirees. \$84,900 (C-628LE)



**WESTERN GOLF COURSE AREA!** Clean brick ranch with a finished basement, new roof, furnace and central air! Updated windows, covered porch, 2 car garage, an extra large lot and a one year home warranty. Perfect for 1st time buyers. \$166,000 (C-715LY)



**LOVELY COLONIAL** Huge sunken family room, formal living & dining, spacious kitchen/breakfast room overlooking the back yard with new pool & extensive decking for leisure. Side entry garage, sprinklers and a large corner lot. \$314,900 (P-995MC)



**COUNTRY SIZED LOT** Picturesque views from each window in this maintenance free Farmington Hills ranch on 1.2 acres. Full walkout basement, side entry garage, fireplace, country kitchen and a home office. Park like yard. \$334,900 (C-424PO)



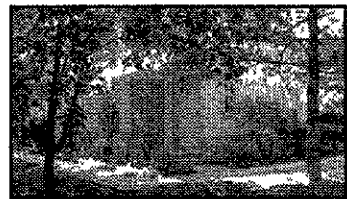
**2003 BUILT PULTE** Gorgeous brick elevation, 4BR/2.5BA, great room with fireplace, huge kitchen w/pantry, den, big master with garden tub & WIC. Rear deck w/privacy wall. Great sub with a pool and walking trails. \$239,900 (P-738RA)



**QUALITY THROUGHOUT** Spacious, immaculate and updated condo in Northville. 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, finished basement, 2 car garage, ample guest parking. Pella windows and a home warranty. Pets allowed. \$190,000 (P-812RE)



**PRIME LOCATION, MINT CONDITION** 2 bedroom condo with new carpeting and Pergo, all upgraded appliances, balcony overlooking the commons. Pool, clubhouse and a carport. More expensive than most, but the best unit in the sub. \$117,500 (C-199SH)



**QUAINT CONDO COMMUNITY** Close to downtown with an open view to park-like setting from the deck. Large great room w/ cathedral ceiling, recessed lights & fireplace, full kit in fin. basement, new roof and new windows to be replaced by assoc 05-06. \$199,000 (P-490MA)



**BEAUTIFULLY GROOMED** One acre parcel with this immaculate 3 bedroom home. Large country front porch, hardwood floors, fireplace, formal living room, doorwall to private yard and nearly one full acre to call your own. Great location. \$210,000 (P-248MA)



**DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH** Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow with updated roof, water heater, furnace, kitchen and more. Hardwood floors, fireplace, finished basement and new deck off of the 3 season room overlooking the pool! \$264,900 (C-644AN)



**HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER** Rolling Oaks Sub. This home has it all! Granite kitchen, 4 beds, 3 baths, finished basement w/workroom, wood floors, 2 story foyer, 3 car side entry garage, deck & gazebo and much more! \$479,000 (C-740HI)



**WHY PAY RENT?** When you could be a homeowner? This brick ranch offers 3 bedrooms, wood trim, 6 panel doors, hardwood floors, and nice sized back yard and a 2 car garage! Come look today. \$199,900 (P-269AL)



**HISTORIC CAPE COD** In downtown Belleville with 9' ceilings, amazing original hardwood floors & trim. Beautifully remodeled kit w/antique cabinetry, electrical completely re-wired & copper plumbing. \$219,900 (C-204CO)



**SERENE 1/3 ACRE LOT** Great family home with 3 bedrooms, appliances, newer vinyl windows, new roof, large wood deck, 2.5 car garage and quick occupancy. Seller willing to help with closing costs! Call today. \$146,900 (C-083TR)



**YOU FOUND IT!** Gorgeous Northville home has everything but the maintenance! Clean and beautifully decorated, this end unit offers a great master, new floors and fixtures, dining and study areas, enclosed seasonal porch, appliances remain. \$134,900 (P-560NO)



**UNMATCHABLE YARD** 375 ft. deep! Charming Livonia bungalow offering a huge lot, 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. Major updating completed: furnace, air, windows, plumbing and water heater. Great finished basement and a 2 car garage. \$185,000 (C-630FI)



**DOUBLE LOT DREAM** Super ranch with over 1300 sq. ft. and a freshly painted interior. Situated on a double lot with a 4 BR/1.5BA, updated oak kit w/appliances, huge 3 car garage - mechanics delight! Finished basement huge garage, fenced yard & walking distance to the elementary school. \$170,000 (P-365AV) (C-208MI)



**PEACE AND QUIET** Can be found in this over 1300 sq. ft. and a freshly painted interior. Situated on a double lot with a 4 BR/1.5BA, updated oak kit w/appliances, huge 3 car garage - mechanics delight! Finished basement huge garage, fenced yard & walking distance to the elementary school. \$170,000 (P-365AV) (C-208MI)

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## BRIEFS

## Manager of Weir Manuel

Pamela McNamee has been promoted to manager at the Plymouth office of Weir Manuel Realtors. McNamee has more than 15 years professional experience in real estate and related fields.

Pamela is married with one child and resides in Dearborn. She is a past president of the Dearborn Heights Kiwanis chapter.

Weir Manuel Realtors is a leading real estate company in southeast Michigan, with more than 150 real estate professionals in four Michigan offices: Birmingham, Plymouth, Rochester and West Bloomfield. Its award-winning Web site is at [www.weirmanuel.com](http://www.weirmanuel.com).

## Douglas joins RE/MAX

Rachel Douglas has joined the real estate office, RE/MAX Acclaim, 31581 Gratiot Ave., Roseville. The Roseville office serves Roseville and the surrounding communities.

## Education Seminars

The Building Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following seminars:

■ 8:30-10 a.m. Thursdays, Oct. 27 and Nov. 2 — Guest Norman Hyman with faculty from Honigan 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 con-

stitutional 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. (248) 862-1033.

■ 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 is \$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 members and \$40 for guests. (248) 362-1033.

■ 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 \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. (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., 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., 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 Lyndall Center, 14501 Talbot St., Oak Park, \$190 plus \$30 for textbooks, (248) 837-8900.



**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP**  
5 BEDROOM COLONIAL! 1st floor laundry! Master suite has 2 walk-in closets. Large lot, backing to school playground. All important systems are updated: roof, furnace, C/A, vinyl windows. (GRE57) \$309,900



**CANTON**  
LOADS OF UPGRADES! Soaring ceilings & wonderful floor plan. Oversized 2.5 car gar. prem lot, custom front porch & landscaping, hardwood floors, crown molding, 9' ceilings, custom windows, gas fireplace w/alc., granite, custom tiles, upgrade elec, all appl. pre-inspected. (RIV69) \$409,999



**WESTLAND**  
CONDO built 2003! 1g loft can be used as den, office, 3rd BR, kit & bth. Feature beautiful oak cabinets, GR features gas FPL w/gran surround & oak trim. Custom blinds, window treatment, kit appls stay. Washer & dryer neg. Fresh paint, home warranty. (CAR18) \$189,500



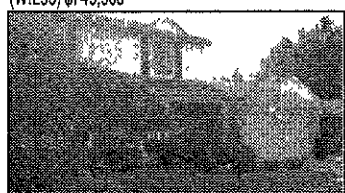
**CANTON**  
RANCH in popular Windsor Pk deep within sub on a quiet st., open kitchen w/Pergo floors, beautiful fireplace in FR, gorgeous remodeled bath, newer windows, roof & carpet. Neutral decor, finished basement & large laundry w/extra storage, yard w/inground heated swimming pool! (DER05) \$229,900

**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP**  
CUSTOM BUILT 4-BR & 3.5 bath, dormer w/skylight, gourmet kitchen w/ceramic tiles, 1st floor master suite w/2nd BR on entry level, radiant heat in bsmt & master bath floor. Bsmt has 9' ceiling, C/A. (DEE94) \$274,900

**LIVONIA**  
SHARP CAPE COD 1991 built 4-BR & 4 WIC. Open floor plan, hardwood floors, granite, 1st floor master suite w/2nd BR on entry level, radiant heat in bsmt & master bath floor. Bsmt has 9' ceiling, C/A. (DEE94) \$274,900



**SALEM**  
3+ ACRES in a private sub. Great room w/ vaulted ceiling, over-sized hand-built fireplace, spacious kitchen w/5x4 island, 1st floor master suite w/luxury bath, two more bedrooms/bath/WIC suites upstairs, 43x10 finished bonus room over the 4-car garage. (WIL96) \$749,900



**CANTON**  
SPECTACULAR, private wooded lot! A chef's dream kitchen w/Lafayette natural maple cabinets. Top of the line appliances, & lg Swanstone sink. Formal LR opens to DR, lg FR, gas FPL. New patio leads to deck that surrounds pool. Great price! (RUD01) \$243,500



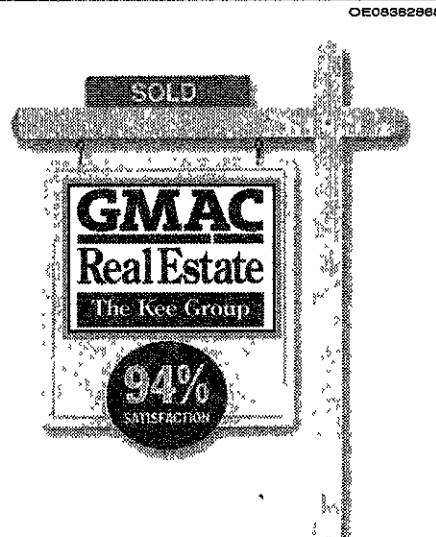
**CANTON**  
CAPE COD and unit w/side entry gar, hwd floors in entry, living room, 1st floor master suite w/gas FPL, master BA & walk-in closet. Upstairs is 2nd suite w/ whirlpool tub, BA, & WIC. Upper loft/office plus extra 12x12 rm could be 3rd BR. All appls. (PRE27) \$242,900



**WESTLAND**  
COMPLETELY REMODELED in the last 6 yrs! New hwd floors in DR, kitchen, hall, new bathroom w/ceramic tile, plaster ceilings w/medallions, siding, windows, roof all done, completely finished basement w/full bath, ceramic floor, egress windows in lower level. (FAR96) \$164,500

**GARDEN CITY**  
BRICK CAPE COD w/2-car brick garage on large 1/4 acre 4 good sized bedrooms & 2 full baths plus many nice updates: new furnace, A/C, Wallede windows, glass block bsmt windows and oak kitchen w/banery. Partially finished bsmt features a rec room. (MAP65) \$174,900

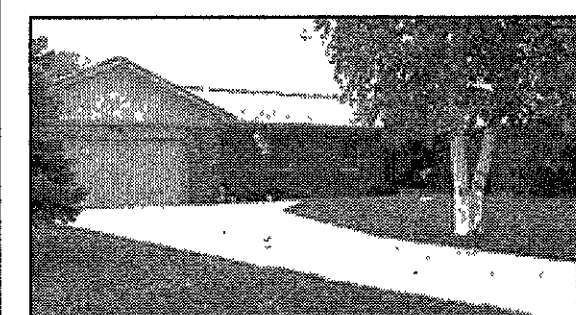
**NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP**  
RANCH in Northville comm. area on a beautiful private lot! 2000+ sq ft home w/ hardwood floors, granite, 1st floor master suite w/2nd BR on entry level, radiant heat in bsmt & master bath floor. Bsmt has 9' ceiling, C/A. (DEE94) \$274,900



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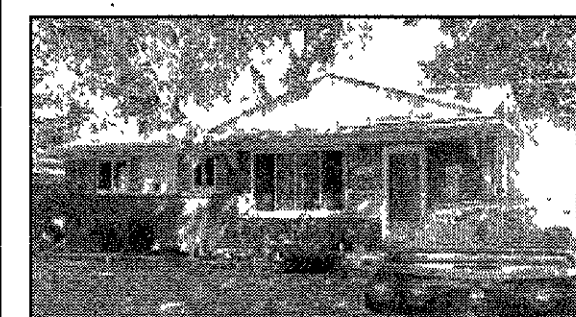
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**LIVONIA.** Beautiful ranch on 1/2 acre private fenced lot. 4 bedrooms & 3 baths w/tiled showers, new premium kitchen w/maple cabinets. New roof, siding & windows. Finished basement w/office & lots of storage. Huge shed & 30x24 garage w/work area. \$400,000 (25148317NOR) 248-851-4400



**CANTON.** Best condo deal in town! 2 bedrooms, 2 full & 1 half bath. Cathedral ceiling in living room. Large kitchen, fireplace, ceramic tile, Berber carpet, full basement, lots of closet space, 2 car garage, 1st floor laundry. Backs to woods for privacy. Patio & deck! \$226,000 (25140869PPE) 248-324-3800



**LIVONIA.** Priced for quick sale! 3 bedroom ranch won't last! Immaculate condition. Large kitchen w/breakfast nook. Hardwood floors. Neutral carpeting. Stone & brick patio overlooking pool. Backyard great for entertaining. \$176,000 (25139397OLS) 248-324-3800



**CANTON.** Inviting colonial w/hardwood floors. 'Heart of the home' kitchen open to family rm w/FP & vaulted ceiling. Formal living rm/dining rm w/French doors. Master suite w/WIC, vaulted ceiling. Part fin LL w/full bath. Many updates include: roof, A/C & carpet. \$229,000 (25150467WOO) 248-324-3800



**LIVONIA.** Meticulously maintained ranch w/newer roof & windows. Sunken family room w/fireplace opens to 3-season sunporch overlooking ample rear yard. Finished basement complete with bar, rec area & 1/2 bath. Add a 2 car garage, in-ground sprinklers & you have perfection! \$179,900 (25147961PAT) 248-324-3800



**CANTON FOR LEASE.** Newer construction ranch condo overlooking Fellows Creek golf course! Great open floor plan, private entry, end unit. Master suite w/huge bath & WIC, 1st floor laundry, attached direct entry 2 car garage. All appliances included! \$1,400/mo. (25145074ARC) 248-647-6400

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**Canton** — Beautiful 2400 sq ft colonial that backs to a creek. Great room w/cathedral ceilings & a natural fireplace, large kitchen w/island & hardwood floors, 6 panel doors, formal dining room, bsmt, large deck, underground sprinklers, C/A. Garage, 1st floor laundry, master suite has walk-in closet & master bath, \$315,000 (38TRE)

**Dearborn Hgts** — Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch. Family room w/fireplace, attic fan, hwd floors, basement, garage. Beautiful sunroom, private fenced yard, newer electric, HWH, roof shingles. Pella windows, large closets, oak kitchen cabinets, double sinks in bath, 6 panel doors. \$235,000 (16TIM)

**Livonia** — Sharp 3-bed, 2 bath brick ranch with hardwood floors. Home warranty, fenced yard, bsmt, sprinklers, garage. Updated windows and doors. Copper plumbing, C/A, newer HWH, 4th bedroom & bath in bsmt, ceramic tile floor in kitchen, porch on front of house. \$164,900 (21HAT)

**Redford** — Darling 3-bed bungalow w/ many recent updates. Garage, fenced yard, fin bsmt, home warranty, beautiful landscaping. Fresh paint, newer furnace, C/A, windows, roof, Pergo floor in kitchen, some newer cement. All appls stay, hwd flrs, newer storm drs. \$136,900 Call Cindy O'Halloran @ 313-570-2353 (C042P01)

**Westland** — Great value on this 2-bed, ground level unit. Assigned carport, all appliances included, newer roof, newer bathroom has walk-in closet. Immediate occupancy, estate sale, C/A, patio, grounds maintenance. \$70,000 (99MAN)

**Westland** — Very clean and freshly painted condo. Updates include: copper plumbing, newer Wallede windows, newer carpet in living room, newer flooring, blinds and ceiling fan. Immediate occupancy, some appliances stay. Common pool, tennis court, clubhouse and grounds maintenance. \$69,900 (20WOO)

**Canton** — Curtis built 2 story with 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths 1st floor laundry, master suite has walk in closet, gas fireplace in living room, neutral decor, bsmt, garage, fenced yard Morgan Creek is a newer subdivision of only 88 units with a 20 acre nature preserve! \$214,900 (63CON)

**Genoa Twp** — Waterfront! All sports lake w/breathtaking views of the lake from the great room & master bedroom. Remodeled kit w/oak cabinets, new carpet, new siding, upstairs loft could be 3rd bedroom, gar, home is furnished w/furn & all appls. Lease is available from Oct 1, 2005-April 30, 2006 \$1,300 (66CHE)

**Livonia** — Freshly painted 2-bed condo. Updates include remodeled kitchen with oak cabinets, newer electrical service with breakers. Newer windows, covered ceilings in LR and DR, C/A, bsmt, appliances stay. Very nice condition! \$91,900 (12MID)

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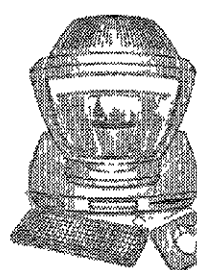
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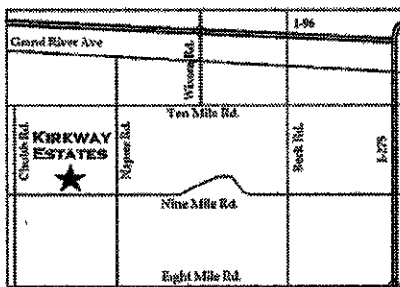
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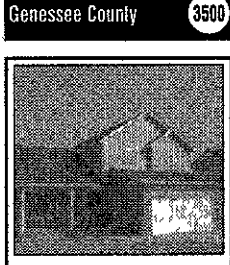
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"The Walkable Community"

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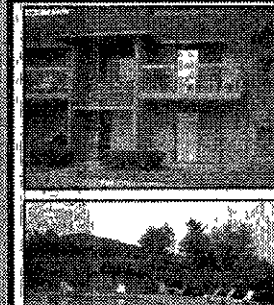
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The first time I advertised with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers (in the Apartment Guide) I received so many phone calls and actual rentals I decided to run my ad for another six weeks. My account rep did a great job helping me with designing the ad.

Bridget  
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## CANTON

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\$780

*Please bring your pets -  
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**Luxury Townhouse**

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**2 bedroom,**

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**full basement with hookups.**

**We absolutely adore pets!**

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*where you can expect outstanding  
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**Heat included**

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With Reduced Rent  
& Security Deposit.*

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## FARMINGTON HILLS

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Call (248) 476-6868

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## MADISON HEIGHTS

**Royal Madison Apartments**



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Apartments  
\$565 - \$665**

*Small Apartment Community*

*Corner of 13 Mile and Campbell. Centrally & conveniently  
located to shopping, I-75 & I-696. Pool and ample parking.*

**\$0 Security Deposit**

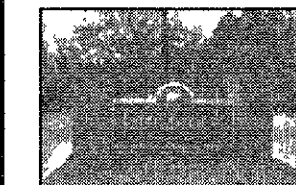
**ONE MONTH FREE** with approved 13 month lease

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[www.royalmadisonapartments.com](http://www.royalmadisonapartments.com)

## NORTHVILLE

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24 hour fitness center  
Conveniently located to shopping,  
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[fountainparkapartments.com](http://fountainparkapartments.com)

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*where you can enjoy a maintenance  
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**2&3 Bedroom Townhomes from \$825  
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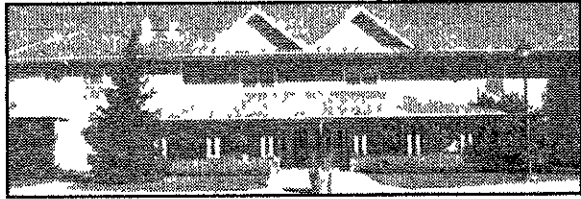


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### WELCOME HOME



- Free Heat
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- Emergency Call System
- Barrier Free Apartments
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Washer/Dryers Available  
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One Bedroom  
\$605  
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## REDFORD

### Cozy Complex



2 Bedroom • 1 1/2 Bath • \$685  
1st Month FREE!

or

2 Bedroom • 1 Bath • \$655  
and 1/2 Off 1st Month!

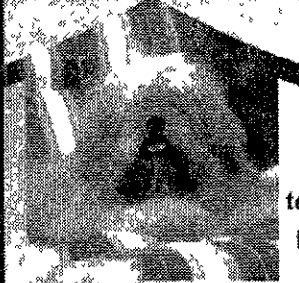
or

1 bedroom • \$585  
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Includes water, C/A,  
secured entrances,  
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Nice backyard  
\$780

A Townhome  
Everyone Will Love!

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## ROYAL OAK

### ROOM FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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luxury townhouse  
with fireplace,  
air, basement  
with hookups.

\$820

We Love Pets!

248-354-9119  
extension 206



## ROYAL OAK

### BRING YOUR PETS!



115 AMFITA

2 bdr, 1 1/2 bath, full basement approximately 1550  
sq ft. full basement, 1 1/2 baths, formal dining room  
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Extra deep backyard. Pets ARE welcome! \$1200/mo.  
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2700 Rochester Road  
3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath  
townhouse with fireplace,  
air, full basement  
with hookups and  
laundry

\$1050

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Apartments & Town Homes  
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2nd Month  
FREE RENT

2 Bedroom, 1.5 bath, 936 sq. ft. \$650

1 Bedroom, 728 sq. ft. \$575

Heat/Water included

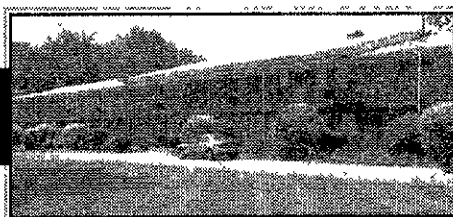
Very clean apartments • Excellent maintenance • Central air  
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(New residents only with approved credit 1 year lease)

## WESTLAND

**GREAT RATE! \$450/MONTH**



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1 bedroom, Michigan Ave./Newburgh area.  
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### Willow Creek Apartments

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## WESTLAND

Come Home to the Beautifully  
Maintained

### HAMPTON COURT APARTMENTS

where you will have all the  
amenities you deserve!

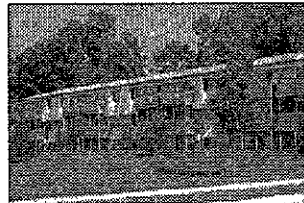
1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments from \$665

Hurry in and get 1 month **FREE RENT!**

(on select apartments)

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## WESTLAND

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2 bedroom plus - 1000 sq. ft. from \$680

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# Century 21

## Town & Country

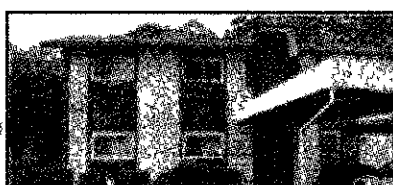
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**DEARBORN HTS. A Wonderful Condo**  
Spacious 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo offers hardwood floors in large living room, formal dining room and bedrooms. Very nice layout and glass block windows in basement.  
(E28GAR) 734-455-5600 \$88,500



**WESTLAND Condo**  
Nice upper unit condo in Westland w/Livonia Schools. Deck, quiet surroundings, tennis courts and pool. Nice sized rooms, low association fees.  
(E50WOO) 734-455-5600 \$87,500



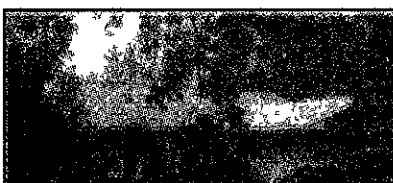
**LIVONIA Beautiful Brick Ranch**  
This 3 bedroom home is gorgeous inside & out. Updated from top to bottom w/wood floor plan. Partially finished basement, 2 car garage & appliances. Awesome front yard & professionally done patio.  
(E82ANT) 734-455-5600 \$189,000



**HIGHLAND LAKE Prime Lot**  
Beautiful 4 BR, 2.5 BA, hardwood floors, newly done kitchen. Cozy family room w/fireplace & deck access. Master suite has jet tub. Large bedrooms. Newer windows (some bays). Newer furnace, home warr.  
(E80SCE) 248-349-5600 \$339,900



**DEARBORN HTS. Lots Of Updates**  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick. Newer windows, entry doors, doorwall & electric. Roof-2001. Large living room w/cathedral ceilings. Kitchen with newer Pargo floor. DR w/doorwall to patio. Full bsmt & 2 car gar.  
(E67TER) 248-349-5600 \$169,900



**BLOOMFIELD TWP. Don't Miss This**  
Wonderful ranch offering 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, wet plaster, huge living room w/fireplace, updated kitchen, lovely 4 season room overlooking deck, inground pool & patio, 2 car attached garage w/attic, all apple & warr.  
(E60HIL) 734-455-5600 \$314,900



**PLYMOUTH A Real Charming**  
Custom built, all brick contemp "big lot in little Plymouth" Very clean and well taken care of. Has built in double ovens, newer roof and HWH. Unique floor plan in this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. Bring all offers.  
(E90ANN) 734-455-5600 \$179,900



**WESTLAND Great Location**  
For this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo w/Livonia schools! Close to shopping & dining. Neutral decor, living room w/natural trpic opens to DR. Doorwall to private deck, kit, apple & washer & dryer incl. 2 WIC, bsmt & att gar.  
(E83PRI) 734-455-5600 \$139,000



**NORTHVILLE A Victorian Gem**  
Walk to downtown. Covered porch, beautifully renovated, brick paver driveway, numerous updates including: roof, plumbing, electric and more. 2 car garage. Built in '93. Northville schools. Must see.  
(E30YER) 248-349-5600 \$324,900



**WALLED LAKE Cozy & Comfy**  
Well maintained 2 BR, 1.5 BA, 2-story condo w/full finished basement. MBR with walk-in closet & extra shelves. Step saver kitchen w/snack bar, DR, newer windows, att gar w/opener. Move-in ready. Warranty.  
(E71HNL) 248-349-5600 \$134,900



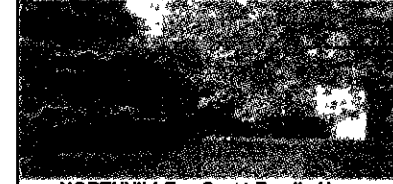
**PLYMOUTH A Pleasure To Show**  
Shows like a model! Clean & many updates! 3 bedroom ranch has Andersen wood windows. Newer roof 2003, open kit w/built-in desk, pantry, stove & frig incl. FR has doorwall to deck & priv indoop yard, fin LL, 2.5 car gar.  
(E83RED) 734-455-5600 \$229,500



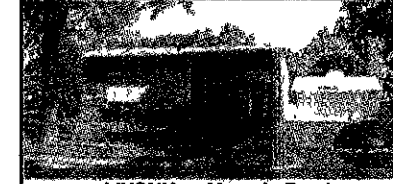
**ROCKWOOD Palatial Beauty**  
Brick 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath w/full basement, master suite w/WIC, bath & cathedral ceiling, dual staircase, attached 2 car garage, 2 story ceramic foyer, sprinkler, glass block windows in basement, FFL & large lot.  
(E79HER) 734-455-5600 \$289,000



**LIVONIA Private Setting**  
For Livonia ranch! Enjoy sitting by the pool! Many updates! Roof (tear off), newer windows w/marble sill, siding, gutters & drive. Spacious kitchen finished LL w/gas trpic, 2 car attached garage & updated baths.  
(E59MAY) 734-455-5600 \$204,000



**NORTHVILLE Great Family Home**  
Walking distance to Winchester Elementary & nearby park w/tennis, basketball & swings. Eating area in kit w/sharp updated oak cabinets w/counters & sink. Newer carpeting T/O, all newer windows, FR w/frp/c, warranty.  
(E10WIN) 248-349-5600 \$249,995



**LIVONIA Move-In Ready**  
This spacious 3 BR, 2 BA home has large LR w/hardwood floors, FR & DR w/newer carpet, updated C/A, HWT, paint & more. Walk-out LL to beautiful fenced yard & 2 car garage. Walk to schs. 1 yr warranty.  
(E14GRE) 248-349-5600 \$209,900



**ALLEN PARK Nice Brick Ranch**  
Home offers 3 bedrooms, fresh paint, newer windows, updated furnace and C/A, finished basement w/wet bar and full bath, 2.5 car garage with opener.  
(E85DAS) 734-455-5600 \$135,000



**GARDEN CITY Bigger Than The Rest**  
This in 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial presents 2 car attached garage, bsmt, great room w/fireplace, cantilevered upper deck off master ste, kit w/quality cabs, lower deck w/hot tub w/privacy enclosure.  
(E70BRO) 734-455-5600 \$239,900



**LIVONIA Enjoy The Tranquility**  
Of sitting around your inground pool, or in the Florida room on hot summer days & lovely family room w/cozy fireplace for cool winter nights. All this in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch w/fin basement & 2 car gar.  
(E30PER) 734-455-5600 \$209,900



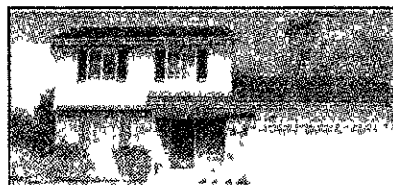
**WESTLAND Excellent Location**  
3 BR, 2 BA ranch on quiet cul-de-sac on low traffic area. Dramatic vaulted ceilings T/O, skylights, ceramic foyer, large eat-in kitchen w/lots of storage, spacious GR w/frp/c & private deck, C/A, partially finished basement.  
(E71DUN) 248-349-5600 \$194,000



**LIVONIA A Home You'll Treasure**  
Beautiful light & bright - feels like home! 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car attached garage and basement. Updated T/O w/newer kitchen and both baths. Some newer windows. Shiny hardwood floors. Spacious FR w/frp/c.  
(E03LAD) 248-349-5600 \$243,900



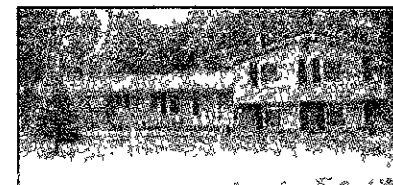
**WESTLAND Beautiful Brick Ranch**  
In a low traffic location offers 1.5 BA home - updated oak kit, ceramic bath, hardwood floors to w/updated windows, new tear off roof '04, 2 car powered, insulated garage, some apple & home warranty.  
(E71CHH) 734-455-5600 \$169,900



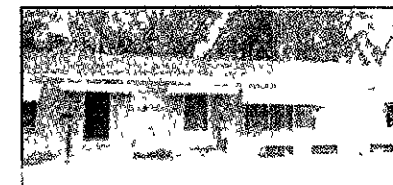
**CANTON Built In 1991**  
Located on dead end street this exceptionally well maintained 3 bedroom 1.5 bath colonial features newer Pergo floors, never neutral carpet and spacious master bedroom w/double closets.  
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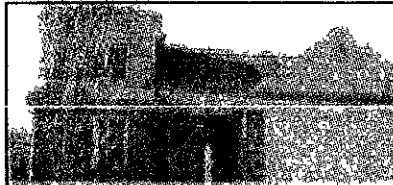
**WESTLAND A Real Dream House**  
This charming home offers 3 bedrooms w/gorgeous bsmt w/summer kitchen nicer than you can imagine. It's only outdone by the main floor that is wonderful. Updated kit, AC, furnace, roof, windows & drive.  
(E39GIL) 734-455-5600 \$168,900



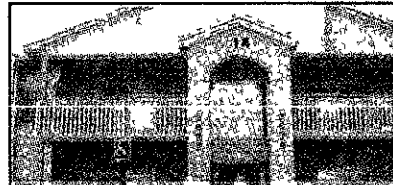
**FARMINGTON HILLS Better Than New**  
Updated since 2002. New roof AC siding HWH driveway sidewalk sprinkler front porch, deck, fence sod, upgraded elec (200 amp) hwd frs, newer Barber carpet, complete newer kitchen & all 3 baths. Warranty.  
(E88CEN) 248-349-5600 \$409,900



**WIXOM Adult Co-O**  
Move in lot out w/vth gorgeous kit stay inc. Neptune washer/dryer. Newer furnace and central air. Newer roof. Screened-in back porch. 55 & older adult community.  
(E90HEL) 248-349-5600 \$69,000



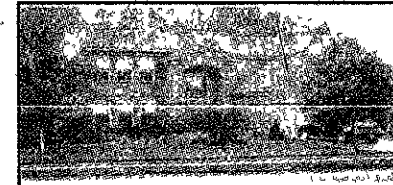
**GARDEN CITY Wow Detached Cape Cod Condo**  
With 2 baths, great price super sharp master suite + 2 vaulted ceilings, FFL, brick & vinyl, 2 car attached garage, basement, fireplace, C/A, builder pays trans tax.  
(E27BIR) 734-455-5600 \$187,400



**VAN BUREN Outstanding Condo**  
2 bedroom, 2 bath upper unit ranch w/WIC in master bedroom, great room w/vaulted ceiling, large oak kitchen w/snack bar, doorwall to deck and appliances.  
(E33WIL) 734-455-5600 \$130,000



**NORTHVILLE Residence Of Dignity**  
Private home setting on approximately 2 acres overlooks pond. Walk to town 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 4 fireplaces, 3+ car garage. Master bedroom retreat, finished lower level. Finest quality.  
(E05SPR) 248-349-5600 \$1,189,000



**SOUTH LYON Meticulously Maintained**  
Don't miss this lovely 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Ceramic entry, kit & baths. Stunning white kit w/solid surface countertops. Two-story foyer, second floor laundry, many upgrades. Extra deep unfinished W/O.  
(E09WES) 248-349-5600 \$349,900



**NOVI Northville Schools**  
An aggressive price for this luxurious 4 bedroom, 3.1 bath executive home. Woodland view and hardwood. Dual staircase leads to step up MBR. Finished LL offers full bath and separate wine room. Warranty included.  
(E58YOR) 248-349-5600 \$525,000



**PLYMOUTH Beautiful Country Home**  
5 bedroom, 4 bath 19th century colonial on approx 2.9 acres. Great master bedroom, hardwood floors, country kitchen and formal dining room. Pond, deck and gazebo. A must see!  
(E68HOM) 734-455-5600 \$519,900



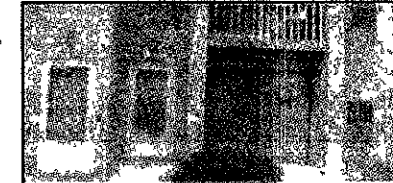
**DETROIT Charming Brick Bungalow**  
3 possible 4 bedroom home w/fin bsmt, 2 car garage, big fenced yard, library in the upper level, new roof in '05, updated furnace and C/A, wet plaster walls, coved ceilings and fresh paint. A lot of charm.  
(E18FIV) 248-349-5600 \$144,900



**SOUTH LYON Golf Course Custom Built**  
The most beautiful views of the sunset down the fairway of this golf course frontage custom built 4 bedroom, 3.2 bath. Ready in April 2006. Come in to make your selection. 3 car side entry. Open floor plan. FF master.  
(E65COU) 248-349-5600 \$795,000



**PLYMOUTH Popular Plymouth Corners**  
Cute 2 BR, 1.5 BA townhouse on private court location. Large BR w/ceiling & skylight in main bath. Neutral decor. All appliances included. Private deck. Convenient to downtown Plymouth, Northville, x-ways.  
(E75MIL) 248-349-5600 \$162,000



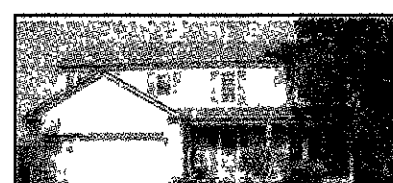
**LIVONIA Great Priced Ranch Condo**  
Neutral decor with 2 walk in closets, all appliances, ceiling fans, patio and carport. Full and half baths with separate entrance and 2 bedrooms.  
(E00CLA) 248-349-5600 \$102,000



**PLYMOUTH Move Right In!**  
Excellent location in Plymouth! This 2 bedroom condo has newer carpet, kitchen cabinets, dining room flooring and windows in living room. Large private basement and more.  
(E99SHE) 734-455-5600 \$85,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS Elegance At Its Best**  
Sharp 3 bedroom, 2 bath upper unit ranch w/WIC in master bedroom, great room w/fireplace, professionally finished basement, new closet organizer in mstr bdrm + warr.  
(E11BRI) 734-455-5600 \$269,900



**NORTHVILLE Lakeland Colonial**  
Lakeland home w/views of beach 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/lots of recent updates. Pottery barn decor, all on approx 3/4 acre wooded lot. Updates include: roof, windows, turn, C/A. Turn-key home. Must see.  
(E79SCE) 248-349-5600 \$349,900



**FARMINGTON Custom Built Colonial**  
Beautiful home features 3 huge bedrooms, 2.5 baths, a master bath, Jack & Jill bath, FFL, formal dining room, partially finished basement, attached 2 car garage and is situated on a private cul-de-sac near downtown.  
(E30WHI) 248-349-5600 \$309,900



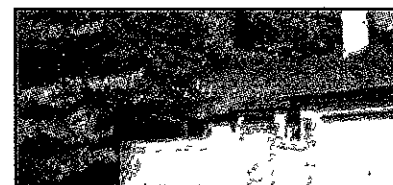
**WEST BLOOMFIELD Bring Your Fullest Buyer**  
Spacious 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial on prem lot, beautiful landscaping w/yard. Inside you will love the spacious GR w/frp/c, private study w/French doors, lg kitchen w/eat-in area to deck. Lg mstr ste w/dressing area.  
(E20MIL) 248-349-5600 \$459,900



**MELVINDALE Fantastic Buy**  
On this sharp 2 unit brick income property both units identical w/2 bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen and bath. Separate utilities. Nice sized fenced yard.  
(E81WOO) 734-455-5600 \$138,000



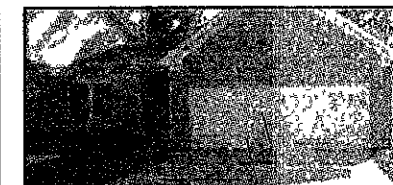
**TAYLOR Make It Your Own**  
The charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home has gorgeous rear yard w/1/2 moon BBQ grill. Newer furnace, C/A & roof. Open floor plan w/fireplace & hardwood floors. Used as residential but zoned comm.  
(E48GOD) 248-349-5600 \$239,000



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Beautiful End Unit Condo**  
2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch w/FFL, large MBR w/full BA & WIC. Updated kitchen with opening to DR, hardwood floors, ceramic backsplash T/O and large skylight, bsmt, gas trpic, built-in buffet w/mirrors, 2 car att gar.  
(E24GRE) 248-349-5600 \$215,000



**WESTLAND Close & Convenient**  
To Westland Mall, x-way & restaurants, yet tucked away in a quiet little sub 3 bedroom full brick ranch w/basement & 2 car garage. Updated kitchen & bath. Very nice! Newer windows, some carpet & fresh paint.  
(E30HAW) 248-349-5600 \$159,900



**BROWNSTOWN Beauty From Door To Deck**  
Brick ranch condo new in 2005. Open island kitchen, great room w/fireplace, FFL, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car att gar, C/A, sprinklers & deck. Beautiful quiet setting. Shopping & restaurants within walking distance.  
(E70WES) 248-349-5600 \$178,500



**WYANDOTTE Spacious Home**  
Large 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1.5 car garage w/opener, updated kitchen, windows, roof, electric, plumbing & siding. Formal dining room eat-in kitchen, basement w/full bath, large lot, all apple & freshly painted.  
(E405TH) 734-455-5600 \$114,900



**WESTLAND Terrific Home!**  
This 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home features attached garage, basement, hardwood floors in living room & bedrooms, family room w/natural fireplace, awesome 2 tiered deck & updated oak kitchen, bath & windows.  
(E40RED) 734-455-5600 \$169,500



**YPSILANTI Stunning, Warm, Model Home**  
3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 car att gar home. Finished W/O, gourmet kit w/oak cabs, lg center island/snack bar, neutral decor & state of the art appliances. Garage has an attached tanning room or workshop. Landscaped lot.  
(E66FIE) 248-349-5600 \$199,900



**WESTLAND Livonia Schools**  
Lovely well kept 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch. Updated kitchen. Hardwood floors. Newer windows. Fenced yard. Finished lower level. In great family neighborhood. Don't miss it!  
(E08BEA) 248-349-5600 \$169,900



**BROWNSTOWN Beauty From Door To Deck**  
Brick ranch condo new in 2005. Open island kitchen, great room w/fireplace, FFL, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car attached garage, C/A, sprinklers & deck. Beautiful quiet setting. Shopping & restaurants within walking distance.  
(E98WES) 248-349-5600 \$178,500

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**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6430  
ONE OF A KIND FIND!!! Award winning gardens surround this "in town" Northville home. Many custom features. 4 bdrm, 2 full/2 half baths. Fantastic fin LL w/full kitchen & wine rm. 349-6200 (25080557) \$848,000



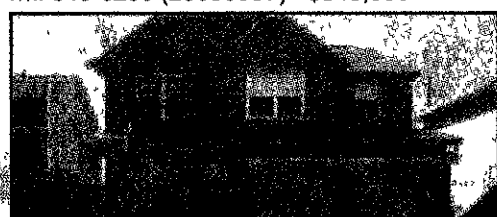
**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Location, quality, value & charm! Attractive 2400 sq ft brk colonial, 4 BR, 2.5 BA, FR w/FP, 1st flr Indry, bsmt & 2 car att gar. New roof & doors. All appls stay. (25076879) \$314,900



**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Well Maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch located in Green Brier Estates Sub. .5 acre lot with mature trees. Home also has a Florida rm and a 2.5 car garage. (25131287) \$309,500



**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
ATTRACTIVE, COMFORTABLE & WELL KEPT HOME Lovely GR w/cathedral c/g, formal DR, prvt den, sunny kit & brkfst area, 4 nice BRs, 2.5 baths, 1st flr Indry, spacious deck & fin'd bsmt. 349-6200 (25114528) \$300,000



**CANTON** 734-591-9200  
Welcome to this exquisite 2003 built 4 BR, 2.5 bath, 2,448 sq ft, 2 car att gar & bsmt detached condo w/maple cabs, Corian counters & a great view. (25057048) \$279,900



**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL Curb appeal galore. 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths. Many recent updates include: roof, wndws, siding, garage door, once, shed, H2O heater, mstr bath & many more. 349-6200 (25135532) \$263,000



**FARMINGTON** 248-348-6430  
GORGEOUS KENDALLWOOD HOME Remodeled kit & bath. Lg GR w/bar. Beautiful treed lot. 1925 SF. Great home for family & entertaining. A must see. 349-6200 (25145709) \$239,900



**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
COMPLETELY REMODELED RANCH Convenient to most everything is this quaint & cute home, updated kit, spacious FR, LR, Parquet flrs on main level, fin bsmt w/rec room, BR, full bath & bar. 349-6200 (25129440) \$263,000



**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
SPACIOUS COLONIAL 3 BR, 1.5 BA. Easy access to I-275 & dwtwn Plymouth. New roof. White bay cabs, Corian sink. Cozy FR w/FP, bookshelves on sides of brick hearth. Dbl doors into mstr. (23E10127) \$223,900



**ROYAL OAK** 734-455-7000  
ROOM TO ROOM! Almost 2000 sq. ft. 5 BRs (4 w/office/den). Very close to x-ways. Tons of updates: roof, furnace, c/a, maple kit cabs. Lg FR, formal DR. 2 car gar. Ready to move in. (23Rowla1911) \$224,900



**WESTLAND** 734-591-9200  
Well maintained 5 BR, 3 full bath home in Westland. Mother in-law apartment upstairs w/2 BR & 1 BA. Lrg home offers newer roof, newer wndws, hdwd flrs, lrg eat-in kit, part fin'd bsmt. (25119773) \$214,900



**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
WALK TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH! 3 BR, 1.5 BA, plus a finished basement; large lot; granite kitchen; stainless appliances; very neutral; newer flooring t/o; 2 car garage. (23C9244) \$209,900



**WESTLAND** 734-591-9200  
Newer Construction Condo w/loads of updates. Fully fin basement w/bar and Egress wndw. Home features gas fireplace, deck, ceramic tile, hdwd flrs, stainless steel appliances and much more (25074971) \$199,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS** 734-455-7000  
CRACKLING FIRE AND PUMPKIN PIE! Honey of a home for the holidays, needs a new king and queen. Newer 1999 3 BR brick ranch, 2 car garage, close to 1/2 an acre. (23B34815) \$194,815



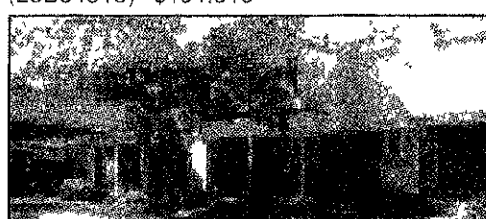
**WESTLAND** 734-591-9200  
Absolutely gorgeous brick ranch, totally re-done w/pottery barn style. 3 BR, 2 full BA, rec rm in awesome finished bsmt. Another rm down that could be office or 4th BR. Call Now! (25025583) \$186,900



**INKSTER** 734-326-2000  
5 ROOMY BEDROOMS & 2 BATHS for the growing family, many updates including kitchen & baths. Wayne-Westland schools. (S297) PC220192 \$159,900



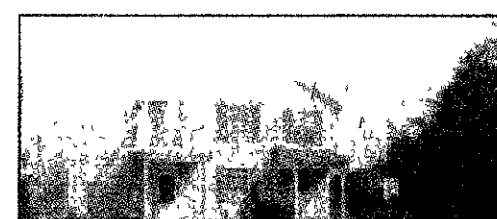
**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Great! Updated 3 bedroom ranch with Livonia schools! 2 car garage. Fireplace, new roof, windows, furnace, kitchen, bath, ect. (C28546) \$154,900



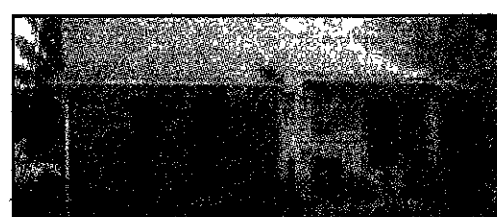
**CANTON** 248-348-6430  
BEAUTIFUL 3 BR CONDO w/1 1/2 baths. Close to shopping & freeways & fin bsmt have new carpet. Eat-in kit w/new maple cab & all appl. Ceramic tile in foyer & bathrooms. 349-6200 (25130248) \$147,500



**SOUTHFIELD** 248-348-6430  
SPACIOUS DETACHED RANCH CONDO - A MUST SEE Wood entry w/pantry closet. White kitchen w/wood flrs, eat-in area. Lg Indry rm w/lots of cabs & desk area. 2 assigned parking spaces. 349-6200 (25125546) \$145,900



**WALLED LAKE** 248-348-6430  
STOP PAYING RENT! Welcome home to this bright cheerful condo. Neut decor t/o. Open flr plan. Dir access att gar & fin bsmt give this condo everything you need. Appl included. 349-6200 (25117389) \$133,000



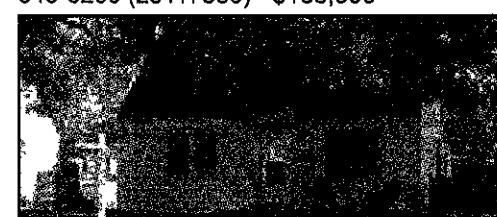
**CANTON** 734-326-2000  
NEED A RANCH? WANT A CONDO? So much charm! Fireplace, private patio, dining area, eat-in kitchen, 2 BR, full basement, c/a, end unit, close parking & clubhouse. Sellers have loved it here. (S410) \$127,000



**INKSTER** 734-326-2000  
BEAUTY BEYOND COMPARE Is this 3 BR brick bungalow with remodeled kitchen & bath, full finished basement, formal dining room & 2.5 car garage on a nicely landscaped lot. (S109) \$119,900



**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
ALL DRESSED UP & WAITING Updates include gorgeous oak kitchen, bath, rf shingles, windows, driveway, stove & doors. Newer flooring, deck off rear, nicely landscaped. (S348) PC 220172 \$114,900



**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
Charming home offers 4 lrg bedrooms w/a first floor master, a 1st floor laundry room, kit w/newer oak cabs, dining rm opens to spacious living rm and much more. (25129311) \$99,900

**BRIGHTON** 734-591-9200  
Waterfront Stylish 3 BR ranch w/fin walkout bsmt on 1/2 acre. Everything updated, tastefully decorated! Hardland schls. Visit [www.doortodreams.com](http://www.doortodreams.com) (25090515) \$239,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
Extra large FR (16x28) w/wall of custom bookshelves; open kit; newer appls; fin bsmt. Newer roof & windows. Hdwd flrs in BRs. (23B43850) 25116096 \$229,900

**CANTON** 248-348-6430  
MOVE-IN PERFECT RANCH Awesome cherry kitchen w/extra cabinets, skylights & appliances, roof, windows, 2 BR, full basement, c/a, end unit, close parking & clubhouse. Sellers have loved it here. (S410) \$127,000

**CANTON** 734-591-9200  
Lrg fenced backyard. This 4 BR, 1.5 BA home has been freshly painted, some wood flrs, newer doorwall, wndws, furn, C/A, kit fir, part fin bsmt w/lots of storage. (25107135) \$179,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
PERFECT CONDO Ranch Condo, 2 BR, 1 BA. End unit w/full bsmt, carport. All appls stay. Assessments all paid. Clubhouse & htd pool. Neutral decor. Smoke & pet-free unit. (23S41258) 25075718 \$129,900

**DEARBORN** 734-326-2000  
Updates include fabulous wht kit, gorgeous fin bsmt, 3 BRs, 2 full bths, newer repl windows, paint & carpet, newer roof shingles, glass bick, 2 1/2 gar. (P333) PC220412 25135169 \$149,700

**DEARBORN HGTS** 734-326-2000  
Brick 3 BR ranch, #7 school district, full bsmt, c/a, 1 1/2 BA, 2 1/2 car gar. Newer furnace, windows and carpeting. (M442) PC220542 25104330 \$144,900

**DEARBORN HGTS** 734-326-2000  
Sharp, Updated 3 BR w/att 2 car gar, corner flpic in LR, completely updated kit, new wndws, carpet & paint. Spacious rms. W255 (25137591) \$147,000

**GARDEN CITY** 734-455-7000  
SUPER HOME! You'll love this beautiful brick ranch. Finished bsmt, 2 full baths. Newer roof, A/C, deck, copper plumbing, kit, carpet, circuit box, HW/H. too many to list. Call today! (23F30600) 25009543 \$159,900

**GARDEN CITY** 734-455-7000  
BEST BUY! 3BR brick ranch w/basement. Some major updates. Do the cosmetics and make some sweet equity! (23R555) 25120720 \$124,500

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Gorgeous home featuring open floor plan, 3 BR, 3 full BA. Fresh paint, cerm BAs, HDWD & Pergo T/O. Fam rm w/sky lgs & drwall to private deck w/built in hot tub & more. (25139045) \$219,900

**LIVONIA** 734-455-7000  
WELCOME HOME! Updates thruout, lg kit w/Corian counters. 2-1/2 car att gar. Part fin bsmt. MBR/BA. Wallside windows, roof on house and garage new in 2001. (23H9068) 25128638 \$217,000

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Quality & charm. 1200 sq ft brk ranch completely updated in 05. Updts incl: all new kit w/cabs, cerm tile flr & cntr tops. New appls. All new BA. Refin hdwd flrs, bsmt & 2 car gar (25131463) \$189,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Contemporary hm w/many updates. 3 BR, 1.5 baths, lrg LR w/cathedral clings & open staircase. Updates incl: Furn, C/A, roof wndws, drs & crpt. 2 car gar & carport. (25117042) \$187,000

**LIVONIA** 734-326-2000  
This Beauty is loaded! 3 BR rch w/ gorgeous fin bsmt & 2 car garage. All new roof, vinyl windows, updt'd electric & more. Open floor plan. Clean & bright.. (R191) 25118407 \$146,500

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Beautiful updated private entry 1st flr, 2 BR, 2 Bath 971 sq ft condo. Scenic views of the private nature pond. All appls stay. Visit [www.samsellshouses.com](http://www.samsellshouses.com). (25120925) \$119,000

**NORTHVILLE** 734-591-9200  
3,200 sq ft Victorian w/5 BR and 3.5 BA w/period design and accents throughout. Too many high end upgrades to actually list. (25048938) \$794,000

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
BEAUTIFUL 3 BR DETACHED - MAPLES OF NOVI Cath ceil, wood floors, surr sound, Lowe wndws. Loft can convert to office or lib. Fresh paint, new gar door, beautiful landscape, deck just refinished. 349-6200 (25127956) \$279,900

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
RANCH CONDO Charming 2 BR, 1 bath home w/priv patio. Neutral decor w/newer carpet and updated bath. Incl all appliances. Main flr laundry. Att garage. Home warranty. 349-6200 (25107731) \$136,000

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
GAR W/PRVT ENTRY Super sharp carriage ranch. Open floor plan. DR w/doorwall & balcony. Att gar w/prvt entry. All appl stay. Pool clubhouse & tennis. Newer carpeting. 349-6200 (25101755) \$123,900

**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP 4 Bed, 3.5 Bath loaded with updates-roof, furnace, A/C, hot water, countertops, carpet, sod, landscaping, etc. Bonus - Huge 3-season sunroom. (23T10332) 25101511 \$349,900

**PLYMOUTH** 734-591-9200  
Beautiful home w/huge bckyrd w/lrg deck. Updts incl: New wndws, roof, newer furn, HW/H, & landscaping. Hdwd flrs & part fin bsmt. (25123021) \$244,900

**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
LOOK NO FURTHER! Historical home has everything you need including a great price. 2 car gar. Great backyard, walking distance to downtown. (23H305) 25142167 \$240,000

**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED/UPDTD Spacious 3 BR hm w/outstanding 12 x 11 sunrm w/Pella wndws and doorwall. (23A11639) 25134481 \$229,900

**PLYMOUTH** 248-348-6430  
CENTRAL PLYMOUTH 1st flr condo w/view of courtyard. Newer wndws, roof & furn. Pool & clubhouse. Assoc dues inc water, gas & heat. Some restrictions. 349-6200 (25135350) \$70,000

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
1400 sq ft brick ranch. Completed updates incl: new kit & BA, Furn w/CA, elect services, roof wndws, cerm flr in kit & foyer. 2 car att gar, sun rm, brick paver patio & fenced yard. (25146630) \$169,900

**SOUTHFIELD** 248-348-6430  
BRIGHT & CHEERY RANCH Neat & tidy brick ranch with a white picket fence. Flpic in fam rm. Finished bsmt w/lots of storage. Many updates. Excellent location! 349-6200 (25048106) \$146,500

**WALLED LAKE** 248-348-6430  
BEAUTIFUL 2 BR, 1.5 BA END UNIT CONDO Freshly painted neutral decor t/o. Full brick wall flpic in LR. All appls. 349-6200 (25124058) \$145,900

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** 248-348-6430  
WONDERFUL, DELIGHTFUL & GORGEOUS Fabulous hm w/brook in back. 3 BR, 3.5 BA. Hdwd flrs and Lg VIC. 349-6200 (25099347) \$350,000

**WESTLAND** 734-591-9200  
3 BR, 1.5 BA, Liv schools. Clean & neat neighborhood. Fin'd bsmt w/wet bar & pool table. Large deck w/hot tub. (25131493) \$164,900

**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
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# AVOIDING A DECEPTIVE PERSON



## WORKWISE

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What causes a person to be deceptive? How can you spot signs of deception to protect yourself from aligning with the wrong people?

Chicago psychiatrist Paul Dobransky of mindOSoft.com has a patent-pending product and service, mindOS, for character analysis. It's taken 10 years to develop so that it works in person and virtually. Dobransky created mindOS not only to identify character problems but recommend solutions to them. "They can deeply impact a person's mood status, work functions and money management," he explains.

"Character is closely tied to psychological maturity level," he says. "A person who is overly-sensitive, exhibits intolerance to stress and is repeatedly suffering has a boundary problem." Note the same phenomenon when a person says, "You're pushing my buttons." He says to be alert to "should" used repeatedly in addressing you or others close to the speaker on personal issues. For example, a co-worker may say, without your asking for advice, "You should treat your boss differently." The word "should" enables you to "detect with just one word of dialogue exactly how committed, stressful, and manipulative another person," he says.

There are two areas of control, Dobransky

indicates. The internal one is represented by our "personal boundary," which we do control. The external, such as people, economy and traffic, we can't control. A person with holes on the boundary -- that's a part of the human condition -- "gives other people easy access to private thoughts, energy and decisions." In other words, we allow them to invade our lives. People who don't achieve emotional maturity tend to lie and deceive as a smokescreen over their vulnerability.

### ALTERNATIVES

Are there other ways to pinpoint deception? Gregory Hartley, an interrogator during the Gulf War, details his method in "How to Spot a Liar" (Career Press, \$14.99), with Maryann Karinch. The process requires preparation. In military intelligence, that means reading a prisoner's file and observing the individual's actions for 20 minutes to 10 hours to spot deviations in pattern. He discusses the importance of building rapport with the person and watching for signs, "ranging from subtle to obvious . . . tell(ing) you whether or not someone is practicing deceit." However, he points out, "those signs differ from person to person."

Hartley, who has interviewed executives by telephone to gauge deceptiveness and personality, maintains that "detecting deception is more complex on the phone or Internet but not impossible . . . (especially) with auditory clues (in the case of the telephone) as well as repeat and control questions." He counsels noting cadence,

including "speech, response and overall behavioral shifts."

This method helps you become suspicious of a person who:

- deflects, answering a question, but not yours;
- conditions a question by stating "define (a word or phrase);"
- obfuscates with a long preamble, then not answering a question; or
- "taking the moral high ground, such as 'God is my witness.'"

Clues may be hidden in e-mail, Hartley says, because they're often "rewritten and sterilized. I do look for pattern changes." A full-sentence e-mail broken by a disjointed phrase is a red flag. Why the change? Watch for odd spacing, where the message may have been reworked.

Of course, there can be compelling behavioral clues for those who aren't skilled interviewers or users of mindOS. Bob Orndorff is associate director of Career Services at Pennsylvania State University in State College. Having consulted in character development with high school students, he maintains that you can assess character in others over time by observing if they "do what's right and be good to all people in good times and bad." In other words, they:

- are conscientious and honest, living life with integrity,
- respect others, including those of diverse backgrounds,
- have an upbeat attitude whenever possible, and



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-- are considerate of others, or team-players. Orndorff recommends getting character references in a virtual relationship. Marian Calabro, president of CorporateHistory.net, in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., keys into empathy and a sense of humor, "life-understanding humor," not jokes.

While the last two methods may appear thin, they nonetheless help detect the source of a potentially damaging relationship.

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5000

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## DENTAL ASSISTANT

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## DENTAL ASSISTANT

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## DENTAL ASSISTANT

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Help Wanted-Medical 5000

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Needed for doctors office in Livonia. Email resume to: walsazekm@yahoo.com

## MEDICAL ASSISTANT

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Help Wanted-Medical 5000

## MEDICAL ASSISTANT & RECEPTIONIST

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Help Wanted-Professional 5110

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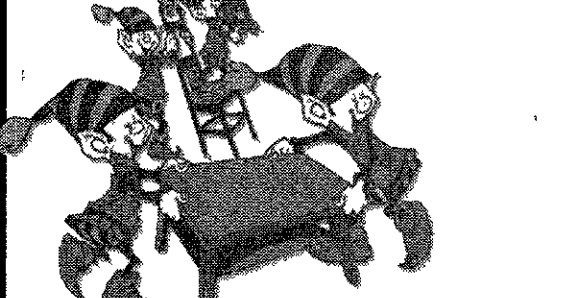
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LOOKING FOR SOME SPECIAL "ELVES" TO HELP WITH YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING RUSH?

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## Garage Sales

**ROCHESTER** Mead Rd at Little Pine Lane. Household, clothing, antiques, tools, toys, furniture, Schwinn Airframe, lots of stuff for free. Fri. & Sat., 9am-5pm

**ROCHESTER HILLS** - Garage/Moving Sale. Furniture, BBQ, patio set, kitchen set, adult & children's clothes, appliances, household. Thurs-Sat. Oct. 27-29, 8am-5pm. 570 Ten Point Dr. N. of Avon, W. of Livernois.

**ROCHESTER HILLS GARAGE SALE** - Oct. 27-28, Thurs & Fri., 9am-5pm. 2 Families - Furniture, games, books, Star Wars, more. 850 Bob Canyon Ct., N. of Avon, off Stanford Circle, btwn Crooks & Adams.

**REDFORD TWP.** Autumn Yard Sale. Cd's, movies, dolls, toys, kitchenware, clothes, too much to list. Mon Oct. 24-Sat. Oct. 29, 11-5pm. 8635 Winston. S of Joy, W of Telegraph.

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** 2 Family Garage Sale - Fri. & Sat., 10-28 & 10-29, 9am-4pm. Furniture, household goods, etc. 7600 Crestmore Ave. Haggerty N. E. on Richardson.

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** moving, must sell: Sofa, bedroom furniture, crib, washer, dryer, crafts, kitchenware, Christmas, clothes, much more! Fri. & Sat., Oct. 28 & 29, 10am-5pm: Sun., Oct. 30, 10am-5pm. 6631 Knollwood Circle East, Maple, 2 blocks W of Inkster, S on Country Club Lane, left on Knollwood Circle East.

**WESTLAND** - Fri., 12-4pm & Sat.-Sun., 11-4pm. 33808 Lacrosse, N. of Warren, E. of Wayne. Furniture, yard tools, small appliances & household.

**WESTLAND** Yard Sale Everything must go! No reasonable offer refused.. 36044 Oregon Ave, Fri. thru Sun. 10-4pm. Wayne & Palmer

**MOVING SALES** (7130) Furniture, dishes, rugs, tools, clothing, sports display cases, workout equipment. Sat. Oct. 29, 9-4pm. 6790 Whysall, Maple & Inkster.

**ESTATE SALE** (Oct. 28th-30th 9am-5pm) 6' pool table, 1990 Bayliner Boat, Paddle boat, sectional couch, 13 artificial trees, queen oak bedroom set, 36" mahogany entrance doors, glass dining room table/chairs, washer, Asian pictures, Christmas decor, tools, and much more! 2880 Tewksbury Drive, Troy, off Adams, between Square Lake and South Blvd.

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**DINING ROOM SET** - China, table, 8 chairs, traditional, Bob Nake. Dark walnut. \$6000/best. 586-567-0480

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# The 2006 Toyota Sequoia

Advertising Feature

## Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

Sometimes I tire of positing that the entire American automotive marketplace spins around Toyota like the Earth on its axis, but it's difficult to deny the truth of that statement anymore. An additional proof of this reality is the 2006 Toyota Sequoia sport-utility vehicle. It is capable of meeting just about any automotive call to duty; it compares well to anything else in its segment; and it's a version that Toyota didn't even upgrade much from the previous year's model!

Say you're General Motors Corp., for example, and you're depending heavily on the soon-to-be-introduced overhauls of your big SUVs, like the GMC Yukon and Chevrolet Tahoe. They're among your most profitable vehicles, but they've taken a huge hit lately, both from gasoline prices and from the fact that GM simply waited too long to replace these high-margin hogs.

Overall, the big-SUV business is shrinking, down in sales about 10% this year, even with employee-pricing deals and other big consumer incentives. Gasoline prices remain close to \$3 a gallon, and some of the best experts say that Americans should get used to paying "European-style" prices for gasoline from here until the last drop of oil is drained from the planet.

Yet GM executives have based much of their optimism for better days on an expectation that the company will be able to increase its 62% share of the large-SUV market by stealing share from competitors such as Ford and Nissan. That's because they shouldn't necessarily expect to be able to steal many sales from the likes of Toyota, even in a vehicle segment that GM helped create and historically has dominated.

If that proves out, the 2006 and beyond Sequoia will be a big reason for GM's frustration. This is a rugged, huge, and yet highly flexible and driveable, vehicle that demonstrates - just like many other vehicles do - why Toyota has become such a tough competitor up and down the segment lineup. Sequoia isn't much to look at, being rather plain and



The Toyota Sequoia offers Three row Seating for up to eight people.

boxy like everything else in the segment. But neither is it ugly. It presents a look of heavy, competent utilitarianism, which is exactly what folks want in this kind of vehicle. Key exterior features include running boards, without which you might have to pole-vault into the vehicle.

Under the hood, Sequoia features a 4.7-liter, dual-overhead-cam 32-valve V-8 engine that gives drivers the feeling that they could run over or through practically anything. The vehicle takes on highway bursts and inclines with equal aplomb, and is much easier to handle than you might assume, given its bulk. It is stable enough in hard cornering, like the big truck that it is, although hairpin turns and tight parking spots are not friendly environments for Sequoia. When it comes to four-wheel-drive, Toyota has learned how to make it right. Sequoia's four-wheel drive can be used on dry pavement and includes a locking center differential and low-range gearing. Fuel economy is one area where Sequoia is vulnerable to better competition from GM and others. It gets an average of only about 15 miles a gallon the city and only about 18 mpg on the highway, which are respectable for late-model-year SUVs. But Sequoia's figures aren't state of the art: GM's new Tahoe, for example, when it's introduced in January, will boost fuel economy to 20 miles a gallon even for a four-wheel-drive version by relying on a new family

of engines that shuts down four of the eight cylinders when cruising at highway speeds.

Inside this American-built vehicle is where Sequoia really excels, offering a level of comfort and amenities that in some ways seems more appropriate for Toyota's upscale Lexus brand. To start with, each Sequoia offers three-row seating for up to eight people, and the last seat is easily removable and replaceable; the Limited version seats seven with optional second-row bucket seats and center console. Rear-seat DVD entertainment also is available. So while it's possible to argue that the middle-of-the-vehicle passengers get the best deal, Sequoia is no slouch up front, either. It offers large instruments and controls plus heated seats, an optional navigation system, sunroof, a huge console and four cupholders.

And one more thing: in the very, very rear, Sequoia offers a nifty cargo net that I just left attached for most of the week I was driving the vehicle. It was a handy catch-all for most of the stuff that I wanted to throw back there, shopping bags and lots of other things - although you wouldn't want to rely on it to hold anything too heavy. It was an ideal solution to having cargo slide all over this vast vehicle. For list prices ranging from about \$33,000 to more than \$45,000, Sequoia remains a formidable competitor.

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