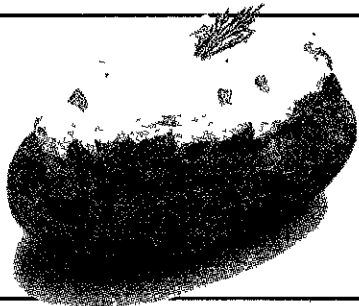


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District eyes \$118 million in school bonds

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Last week, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education told school administrators, architects and construction managers to "sharpen your pencils" in paring down a proposed \$94.4 million bond issue presented to them by the school administration.

However, Tuesday night school board trustees did an about-face

when they approved two ballot proposals that will be presented to voters in May, asking for a total of \$118.3 million in bonds for a number of projects throughout the district.

The first ballot question will ask voters to approve \$102 million for a \$32 million career and technical education center at the high school park; \$28.3 million for a new middle school to be constructed in Canton Township; a total of \$24 million for

growth and equity improvements at elementary and middle school buildings; and \$12.9 million for renovation and repurposing of Central Middle School, among other items.

The second ballot question for a new theater to be constructed at Plymouth High School, \$3 million for an auxiliary gym at Salem High School and \$1.3 million for Canton High School athletic fields.

"We'd love to do it for less, but the thing is we're probably going to have one shot at it and we've got to do it right," said trustee Carol Saunders. "We don't want halfway measures and leave things out. I think the people of this community know that, and will step forward and pass it."

During last week's pencil-sharpening session, trustees looked at ways to cut back on the career and technical facility to save money. However, when

all was said and done, the board added \$5 million to add computer assisted machine/manufacturing, HVAC tech and welding tech courses. They will be housed in a proposed building with two additional new careers - construction technology and public safety - as well as six others that are currently housed at the Park: health occupations, engineering and

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U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY PFC JAMES WILT

U.S. Army Sgt. Robert Guttersohn, an infantryman with the 82nd Airborne Division, digs through a pile of stones in search of hidden arms caches during a raid in Tall Afar, Iraq, on Oct. 18. Guttersohn is a native of Canton.

Web site brings Canton soldier closer to home

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Like most parents, Rick Guttersohn tries to keep up on his son's activities as much as possible. Particularly because his son, U.S. Army Sgt. Robert Guttersohn, is currently serving his third tour in the war in Iraq. Rarely does a minute go by that he doesn't think about how his son is doing.

Last weekend, Guttersohn was surfing the Internet to find out anything he could about his son's unit, when he logged onto DefendAmerica, the official Web site of the U.S. Defense Department. He clicked on a story that detailed the Army's weapons searches in the Iraqi town of Tall Afar, where his son is stationed. A photo ran with the story, and

PLEASE SEE **SOLDIER, A5**

Dog attack at local pet store has parents seeking answers

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The morning of Oct. 29 was pretty average for Canton resident Lisa Zidzik and her two children, Tanner, 3, and Cody, 7. But average turned into terrifying at around 11:30 a.m. when a dog attacked Tanner during a visit to a Canton pet store.

"My son was terrified," said Alan Zidzik of his 3-year-old son. "My wife believes that it was not a playful thing, but that the dog was attacking our son."

According to Zidzik, his wife and two sons were out shopping at Petsmart on Ford Road

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in Canton. The two boys saw a woman waking with a rottweiler in the store, and asked

PLEASE SEE **DOG, A4**



State champs

Tuba players Nicole Meredith (front) and James Smith chime in with the low brass during the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band's first-place performance Saturday at the State Finals at the Pontiac Silverdome. See story on page A3.

DIANE HANSON

Note leads to bank suspect

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth Township woman helped police catch a man they believe to be a serial bank robber responsible for holdups in Canton, Westland and Dearborn.

According to police, Russell A. Rasmussen, a 25-year-old Garden City man, had borrowed the woman's car and didn't bother to return it. She called police to report the car was missing, and when Dearborn Heights police called her to tell her they had found her car, she went to pick it up.

After she got the car back, she found a note, folded up and tucked away inside the car.

"The note looked like the holdup notes used in the bank robberies," Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski said.

There had been three bank robberies in three days last week, in Westland, Dearborn and the final robbery in Canton Nov. 3 at the Charter One bank on Ford Road.

"She called Plymouth Township police and they called me to tell me that they had something I needed to see," Pomorski said. He read the note and passed it along to the Dearborn Police Department, which was already analyzing the notes from the three robberies. The note from the woman's car matched the others, and police had themselves a suspect.

Rasmussen was arrested Monday and charged Tuesday with felony bank robbery at the 35th District Court in Plymouth. If found guilty he could spend up to life in prison. Rasmussen was also charged as a habitual offender. If Rasmussen is found guilty of the bank robbery, this will be his fourth felony conviction.

Rasmussen was reported on Oct. 11, 2005, by Washtenaw County and Ann Arbor police for absconding from parole, according to the Michigan Department of Corrections records. Among his prior convictions are unarmed robbery, for which he was convicted in 1998, and third-degree fleeing and auto theft, for which he was convicted in 2000. He was released from prison in April.

Rasmussen pleaded not guilty to the bank robbery charge. He's being held on \$600,000 cash bond and has been turned over to Dearborn, where similar charges are pending. He will also likely be charged in the Westland bank robbery, according to Pomorski.

Rasmussen is due back in court for his preliminary exam Nov. 18.

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Coming Sunday in Observer Life



Help your favorite charity by sending Christmas cards

Veterans Day

There will be two Veterans Day services at the Veterans Memorial in Canton's Heritage Park on Friday. At 11 a.m., John Spencer, who is the president of the Canton Veterans Memorial Association, will conduct a memorial service to honor all veterans. And at 6 p.m., the Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans Color Guard will participate in an honor volley.

Germ free

The Germ Doctor makes a house call to Jungle Java on Canton Center Road in Canton from 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Nov. 15.

The goal is simple: Help kids find out more about how to stay healthy this winter. Kids will learn and be entertained at the same time. Fun demonstrations are include complete with powdered germs and lots of handouts. This is a perfect way for parents to help their kids learn why it's important to wash their hands, take their baths, and stay healthy during the flu season.

Jungle Java is located in Canton at the corner of Canton Center and Hanford. Price is \$6 for children 2-18, \$3 for children 12-23 months. Adults and children under 1-year-old are admitted free.

For more information, call (734) 927-6680 from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Public servant honored

Canton's Assistant/Deputy Treasurer Bruce Malinczak was recently elected to serve as president of the Michigan Municipal Treasurers

Association (MMTA). Malinczak has served in his current position for three years. Prior to that, he served as deputy treasurer in Van Buren Township for seven years, and assistant treasurer in Saline for one year.

Malinczak has been a member of the MMTA since 1997 and received the accreditation of "Certified Public Finance Administrator" (CPFA) in 2002 from the national organization, the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada.

Malinczak has actively served on the Board of Directors in many capacities, including Chair of the Membership Committee, Treasurer, Vice President and President-Elect. His commitment to the MMTA and its mission make him an asset to the Association.

The Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association is a professional association with membership of over 800 municipal treasurers and finance officers from throughout the State of Michigan. The main purpose of the MMTA is to provide education and legislative information to its members.

Ladies' night out

A Canton coffee shop is hosting tonight a special ladies' night out, which will offer shoppers the chance to pick up items just in time for the holidays, but will also support local small business women.

The 4 Seasons Internet Cafe is holding its third "Ladies Event" tonight from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Home-based business women representing product

lines from Avon, Private Quarters bed and bath linens, Pampered Chef, and PartyLite candles will set up displays and products, as will jewelry makers, a massage therapist and a toy marketer.

"I was a stay-at-home mother myself," said 4 Seasons owner Debbie Azizi. "So I wanted to support other women who are in business for themselves."

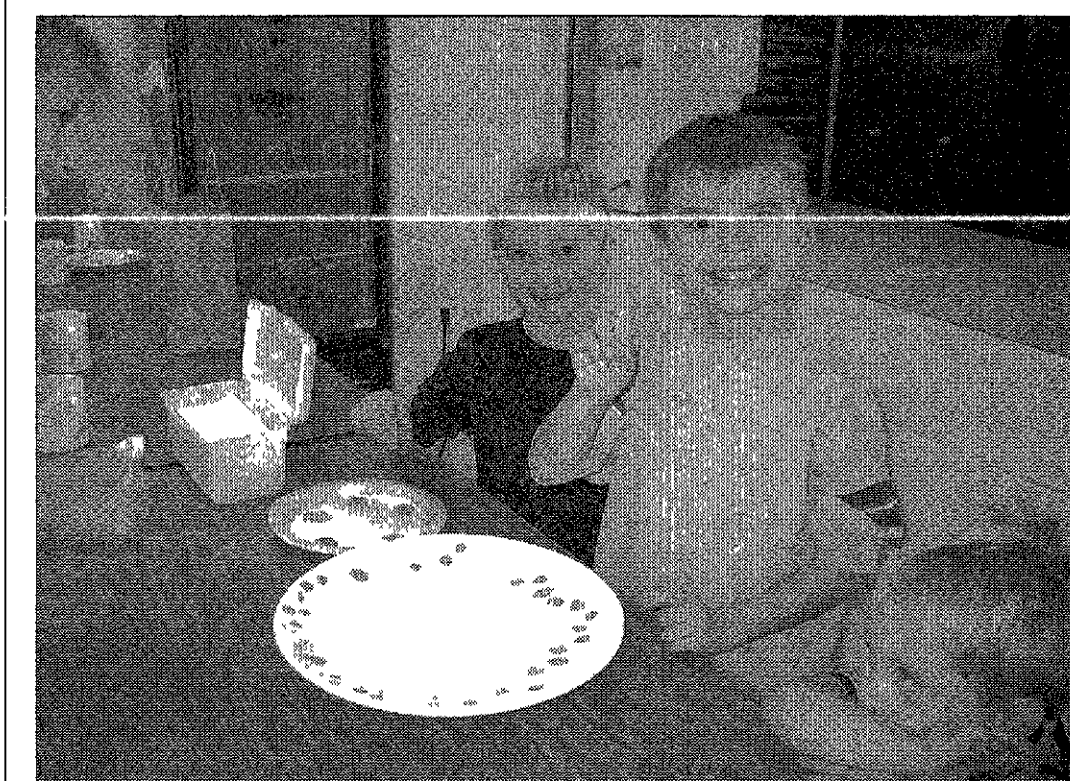
The 4 Seasons Internet Cafe is located at 3500 Lilley Plaza, just south of Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 981-6065.

Broadcasting excellence

Central Michigan University student Brad Eichkorn, who is from Canton, was one of three students recognized at the Oct. 28 National College Media Convention in Kansas City, Mo. Eichkorn works on the university's student radio station, WMHW Modern Rock 91.5 FM, and television station, Moore Hall Television, which boasted three national finalists in the 2005 Collegiate Broadcasters Inc. National Student Production Awards competition.

Singing auditions

Destination Theatre is looking for 16-24 voices for the choir that will accompany the dramatic performance of "John Brown's Body," the epic poem by Stephen Vincent Benet. The score is traditional, Civil War-era music sung in four part harmony, with several solos. Those auditioning should be prepared to sing from "The Battle Hymn of the Republic,"



A personal touch

Plymouth Christian Academy kindergarten and beginning children are gearing up for their annual auction. PCA teamed up with Oasis Pottery in Plymouth to create a set of holiday dishes, which the children decorated. Here, (from left) Jack Crawford, 5, Brendan Doyle, 5, and Andrew Crawford, 3, work on their dishes. The proceeds from the Nov. 18 benefit to be held in the PCA gym at 43065 Joy in Canton, will benefit the children of PCA. Other items that will be auctioned include sporting event and theater tickets, airline tickets, autographed sports memorabilia, time-share condos and vacation packages, and gift certificates. The Live Auction begins at 6 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, call Julie Dart at (734) 459-3505, Ext. 169.

engage in various vocal exercises and sight-read from the score.

The audition will take place in the Biltmore Studio at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. The performance will be Feb. 10 and 11 on the main stage at The Village Theater. Please direct any questions to Patrick Persons at

persons@yaho.com or by calling (734) 416-9883.

SOS to close

All Secretary of State branch offices will be closed in observance of the Veterans Day and Thanksgiving holidays. The offices will be closed Friday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day, and Nov. 24-26 for Thanksgiving. Secretary of State

SUPER!Centers normally offer Saturday hours but will close on Nov. 26. The Secretary of State's Office mails notices to motorists 45 days before their driver's license or license plates expire to give them ample time to renew. Licenses and plates that expire on a day when state offices are closed, such as a holiday or weekend, can be renewed the following day without penalty.

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For more information visit the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Adopt a family

The Canton Goodfellows "Be an Angel" Christmas program is in full swing. "Angels" may call and adopt a child or a family for whom they will purchase Christmas gifts. It's a great way to make sure that the Goodfellows reach their goal of "No Canton Child without a Christmas."

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Office workers were just as much at risk as construction workers. Stress may be a primary causative factor. Whatever the cause, if you work long hours, consult with a physical therapist about injury prevention.

The best thing an overworked person can do is offset the effects by caring for themselves in other ways. This means getting regular exercise, and an adequate sleep and nutrition. When you require the care of a physical therapist, call HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY.

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Band boast

Marchers 'fantastic' in state finals

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band proved to be a community shining jewel once again at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals in the Pontiac Silverdome Saturday, where some 15,000 band fans came to appreciate and applaud the efforts of more than 5,000 high school performers.

"They chose to be fantastic today," said a grinning Marc Whitlock, director of bands at the Park, of his own 200 marchers. "I couldn't be more proud of them."

For the 17th time in the MCBA's 26-year history, the Plymouth-Canton Band brought home the Flight I first-place trophy. Adding to the brass in their trophy case are caption trophies for Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect for their 10-

minute fast-paced, musically challenging production, "Performing Inside Out." The performance also netted them the highest score, 92.75, of all 40 finalist bands (10 in each of



Lauren Blackley awaits the return of her saber during the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band's award-winning production,

Flights I, II, III and IV).

"It was a great performance," said Canton senior Andy Kokoszka, drum major along with Jenna Olexsey and Roz Schloemer. "It seemed like everything hit on all cylinders and all the hard work we put in during the week paid off."

Plymouth senior Jen Mason, a clarinetist, has been involved with the band for six years - first as a prop helper, then a performer.

"I'm really pumped about this show," she said. "This is, without a doubt, the hardest show I've ever been involved with. Every single movement of the show has something difficult to do and it takes a lot of stamina."

Color guard captain Natalie Sutherland, a Canton senior, attested to that fact.

"We run pretty much through the whole show," she said of herself and her 49 fellow guard members. "We added a lot of new things this week and we



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Colorguard members (from left) Lyla Ellens, Jessica Eimers, Sarah Cooper, Liz Jadcak and Lauren Blackley lunge forward, sabers in hand, during the opener of Plymouth-Canton's award-winning 10-minute competition piece, "Performing Inside Out," at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals Saturday in the Pontiac Silverdome.

went out there today and did our best."

Whitlock couldn't agree more.

"I told the band, before they went onto the field, that this was the first show all year long, and one of the few times since I have been (at the Park), that I

knew what the show was going to be like before they stepped onto the field," said Whitlock. "I told them congratulations in advance for a great show. Sure enough, they did not disappoint. They produced today. They were fantastic."

He also had nothing but

kudos for his staff, the parents and the community.

"This is an incredible team effort and that has everything to do with the success of our show," he said. "It takes tons of people to make this vehicle go."

First-place trophies were also awarded to Flight 11, Muskegon Reeths-Puffer, 89.55; Flight III, Ferndale, 80.75; and Flight IV, Durand, 83.15. Flights are determined by school enrollment, not band size, with Flight I the largest schools.

Other area bands in finals included South Lyon, second, 87.85; Milford, fourth, 81.25; and Novi, fifth, 79.6, in Flight I. Lakeland was seventh, 79.35, in Flight II. Flight III included Farmington Harrison, second, 80.05; and Redford Thurston, fourth, 72.2.

"Every year the quality of the bands goes up," said Mack Pittard, executive director of the MCBA since 1990. "The expectations go higher and higher. There is no comparison of what is expected of the kids today and what was expected 30 years ago."

The P-CMB leaves for Indianapolis mid-week to compete in the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome Nov. 10-12.



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Westland residents Elizabeth and Roland Walling, and daughters Samantha (left) and Nichole, visited the Canton Board of Trustees on Tuesday. Elizabeth was honored as a local hero for pulling her husband out of a burning car after an accident in Canton.

Gifted student

earns accolades for writing

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It was when Heidi Kaloustian was just eight years old that it became evident to her mother that she was going places and that words would be the vehicle to take her wherever she wanted to go.

"She had written this Haiku poem. She was only eight years old and that just blew me away," said her mother, Lynn Kaloustian.

Ten years later, the Davidson Institute confirmed her mother's beliefs and awarded Kaloustian the largest scholarship the institute has ever awarded for a prize in literature.

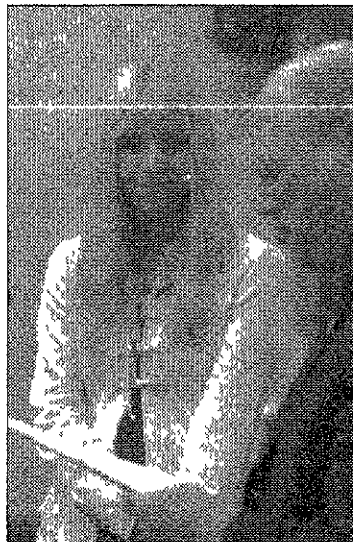
Kaloustian, a 2005 Salem High School graduate and current freshman at the University of Michigan, won a \$50,000 scholarship after submitting a portfolio to the institute, which recognizes and supports profoundly intelligent students, said Township Supervisor Tom Yack at a township board meeting Nov. 8. The institute named Kaloustian its 2005 Davidson Fellow Laureate.

She's only the second Davidson scholarship recipient in Michigan and first to receive \$50,000 in literature, Yack added.

Yack and the board recognized Kaloustian's achievement, as well as those of other local heroes, at the board meeting on Tuesday.

"Gifted students are one of the most under-served populations of students today," Yack said, and added that studies have shown that half of all gifted students are underachieving in school.

Kaloustian heard about the scholarship program while she was still a student in Canton. She'd won several smaller scholarships, but focused heavily on the Davidson scholarship, which turned out to be enough to pay for nearly all four years of her undergraduate work at the University of



Heidi Kaloustian was recognized Tuesday for her collegiate accomplishments by Tom Yack and the board or trustees.

Michigan, she said.

"I was very surprised to win this scholarship," Kaloustian said. "I always loved school and was a good student, but this is just huge."

Her mother is not only thrilled with the scholarship (Kaloustian has an older sister who also attends the University of Michigan, so the help with tuition will come in handy, she said), but also because of the recognition.

"Kids like Heidi are our future," she said. "There are young people out there who are so articulate and so brilliant, we really have to support and celebrate them."

Kaloustian said she'd like to make a career of academics, and hopes to pursue a career in teaching at the university level.

The township board also recognized local heroes Tamara Bader, who helped Canton police arrest a carjacker in June of this year, and Westland resident Elizabeth Walling, who in September pulled her husband from a burning car after a driver ran into his classic 1968 Camaro.

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Boy arrested for bringing antique gun to school

A 15-year-old Belleville High School student was arrested Monday after school officials and Belleville police found that he was in possession of a firearm at school. The gun in question was a vintage circa-1877 handgun, according to Van Buren Public Schools spokesman Paul Henning.

"It was unloaded and it

was a collectors item, but we don't know yet why he brought it," Henning said. A fellow student had tipped off school personnel to the presence of the gun, Henning said. Police and administrators immediately confronted the boy and took possession of the antique gun. He was immediately taken into police custody and was charged Tuesday with

carrying a concealed weapon in a school. A disciplinary hearing will be scheduled. "At that time we expect to find out exactly what was going on at that time," Henning said. "It's safe to say he is no longer in school at this time." The Belleville High School Handbook states that any

weapons found in a student's possession will be immediately removed from the premises. "Then we will go through the appropriate steps toward a hearing. Then the board of education takes necessary action," Henning said. "At this time, it's too early to say what happened."

-By Carol Marshall

DOG

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its owner if they could pet the dog. The dog's owner gave permission, but after the boys were done petting the dog and were walking away, the animal lunged at and bit the youngest boy on his abdomen. The result was five scrape marks where the dog's teeth had broken the boy's skin, and bruising on his abdomen. "The pet owner did stay for a few minutes with Lisa to make sure that everything was OK.

She said she's a veterinarian and that the dog had its shots, but then she left," Zidzik said. Because Zidzik and her children were shaken up after the incident, she didn't stop the dog owner to ask for her name and contact information. But then again, she says neither did employees at Petsmart. The Zidzik family took Tanner to the doctor, who gave him an antibiotic and took chest X-rays. The doctor suggested the family should go and file a police report. "We wanted to get everything on the record because we didn't know the dog's owner and we didn't know the history of the dog," Zidzik said. When they went Canton Police Department, the first thing the officer did was to call Petsmart, Zidzik said.

"But he was told by the store that they don't have any in-store surveillance footage. He asked the store about an incident report, and they said they hadn't written one," Zidzik said. "The store told me and the officer that the store is like a public park, as far as liability goes. Come to find out after I talked to an attorney, that is the case. Unless they knew the dog was vicious before it came in the door, the store is not liable."

According to Petsmart corporate spokesman Bruce Richardson, the store should have completed an incident report for internal purposes. He added, "Certainly the victim in a case like this would have some right to that information."

According to Petsmart corporate communications, there indeed was an internal report written about the Zidzik incident, though spokeswoman Jennifer Pflugfelder said she doesn't know when it was written.

"Our associates' role is really not to take down information and get involved in any way," she said. "Some of the responsibility for that would certainly rest on the victim." She said that while an incident report was written, it's not Petsmart's policy to write a formal report.

But just down the road at Pet Supplies Plus, every incident - from slip and fall accidents to the rare animal bite - is documented.

"We do accident reports for anything," said Danielle Nebelung, store manager. "We do that for insurance purposes and to keep on file, in case there's a lawsuit, so we have all the information on all the parties involved. It just makes sense."

Alan Zidzik would like to see every pet store have a similar policy.

"At a minimum I'd like to see the store have a policy that they take down information in incident reports. I don't mind pets in the store, as long as they have a policy to protect everyone," he said. "Ultimately I would like laws changed so that the store has more liability."

In Canton, there have been 24 animal bite reports this year, and there were 28 in 2004.

When the Canton Police Department receives a vicious animal or animal bite complaint, they call a contractor to come pick up the animal, said Deputy Chief Alex Wilson.

From there, domesticated animals are taken to a center like the Michigan's Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland.

Though every situation is different, Marcy Sieggreen of the Berman Center said that the center will not let animals who have bitten someone be adopted.

"There are so many circumstances it's not cut and dry, depending on who the animal bites and what the circumstances were and if the bite was provoked or unprovoked," she said. "But I can tell you our policy: If an animal had been brought in to us, and the animal had bitten someone, we would not place the animal up for adoption. It would be humanely euthanized."

But in the case of Tanner Zidzik's dog bite, it doesn't particularly matter what the policy of any agency is because the family can't track down the dog that bit him.

"I would have felt better if the store would have taken responsibility to get the dog owner's name and phone number," said Tanner's aunt, Marion Rozum of Canton. "But since that doesn't happen, parents need to be aware that in a store like that dogs are allowed to roam around."

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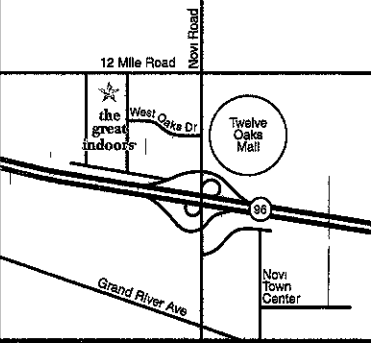
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DNR grant to replace 60 dead ash trees

Canton recently received \$7,500 in grant money from Michigan's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Urban and Community Forestry Program for the planting of 60 trees to replace trees killed by the Emerald Ash Borer. The grant money will be combined with \$12,000 in local match from the community tree replacement funds.

The Emerald Ash Borer was discovered in Canton in summer 2002. Since then, the DNR estimates that 15 million ash trees have died statewide. Replacement trees will be 2 1/2-3" in diameter, and made up of various species such as lilac, magnolia, dogwood, goldenrain tree and Norway maple. The trees will be planted on the following municipal properties: Fire Station 1 and Fleet Maintenance, Fire Station 2, Sheldon School, teen center, Travis House.

The grant was secured by Canton's Community Services division. The plantings and maintenance will be the responsibility of Canton's Parks division.

The Michigan DNR awarded a total of \$521,332 in grants to 39 Michigan communities and non-profit organizations for tree planting projects.

SOLDIER

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Guttersohn clicked on it.

When he did, Guttersohn says he nearly fell out of his chair. It was his son in the photo.

"I was so excited when I opened the photo. I couldn't believe it was him," he said.

Robert Guttersohn signed up with the Army and went into basic training right after graduating from Canton's Agape Christian Academy in 2002. He is currently serving his third tour in Iraq, and his father says he has seen "lots and lots" of combat since the war began, and is now stationed in Tall Afar as part of the U.S. military's Operation Restoring Rights.

"They had to go in and clear out the insurgents when they first got there," Rick Guttersohn said.

The DefendAmerica story (<http://www.defendamerica.mil/articles/oct2005/a101905wm1.htm>) describes how U.S. Army paratroopers from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, and Company B, 307th Engineer Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, uncovered a cache of weapons during a raid on a house in Tall Afar on Oct. 18.

The combined unit unearthed seven assault rifles, one medium machine gun, six hand grenades, three anti-aircraft rounds modified for use as hand grenades, seven ammunition vests, over 2,500 rounds of ammunition, 30 magazines and materials thought to be used to make improvised explosive devices.

According to the story, the raid was part of the 82nd Airborne Division's efforts to make the streets in Tall Afar safer for the Iraqi people.

Guttersohn says he and his wife, Janet, don't get a chance to speak to their son, who just turned 22, frequently enough because he has to travel more than 30 miles to get to a phone. However, they did speak to him on Sunday for about 40 minutes.

"His morale is pretty good. To be honest, they are a little bored right now. They don't have a lot to do where they're at," Rick Guttersohn said. "They've been going around door to door playing claim adjusters, asking people what kind of damages they have suffered during the war."

Rick and Janet last saw their son when he left for his third tour in September. That being the case, Rick said it was great to see his face in the DefendAmerica photo. And while he yearns for the day his son comes home, he understands and appreciates why he is over there.

"I back him 110 percent, and am behind what they're doing over there. They are fighting for our freedoms," Rick Guttersohn said.

BONDS

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CAD, culinary arts, graphic communications, electronics and robotics and information technology.

The career and technical education center will also have 10 new classrooms.

Trustees decided to renovate the current auto body shop at Canton High School, rather than move it to the new facility.

Thirteen months ago, 71 percent of voters approved a \$109 million bond issue for renovations at just about every building in the district. Trustee Tom

Wysocki believes there is support in the community for more improvements.

"I think there's a lot of support for all the things we're talking about," said Wysocki. "I think the package we have will help sell the pieces we've got."

The board packaged the arts and athletics needs into the second ballot question.

"I think that will work because there are a lot of supportive people who feel passionate about sports and the arts," said board member Joanne Lamar. "I think you'll get those passionate people to help out on this issue."

"I think the parents in this community really want a lot

for their children," added Lamar. "If we don't do anything, we're just stagnating and people will leave (the district)."

Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski is in favor of the \$1.4 million in improvements at the Tanger Center, which houses the special education programs, as well as the \$2.3 million to reimburse the general fund budget for the middle school land purchase in Canton.

However, with expected repercussions from a bankrupt Delphi Corp. and possible Ford Motor Co. reductions next year, Ham-Kucharski thinks Plymouth and Canton could be facing a long road ahead.

"I totally agree with all the concepts on the list, but I just feel it's the wrong time with the economy in Michigan," said Ham-Kucharski. "I still see the future of this community as being in jeopardy."

"The board has spoken, and I had my chance to make my dissenting remarks and I voted 'no,'" he said. "But, I'm going to go out and support it as best I can."

Superintendent Jim Ryan acknowledged the economy in Michigan is behind the rest of the nation. However, with nearly 1,000 new students the past two years, plus projected future growth, Ryan believes the time is

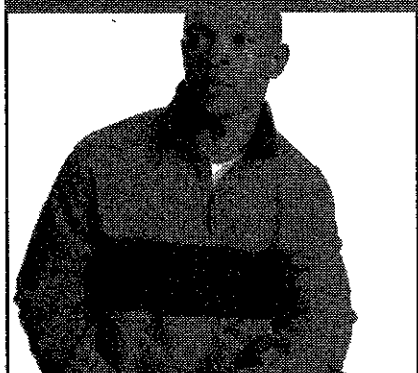
right to move the district forward.

"Any tax dollar increase is too much for anybody," said Ryan. "But, I really think we'll be able to say to people this is a growth package."

"If we're really going to be one of the top school districts in the state of Michigan, there are some things we need to do," he said. "My job is to make sure we're the No. 1 reason why people move here, and to protect home values. I think I've been able to accomplish both in my four years here."

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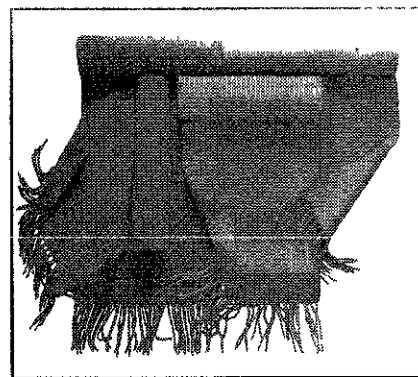
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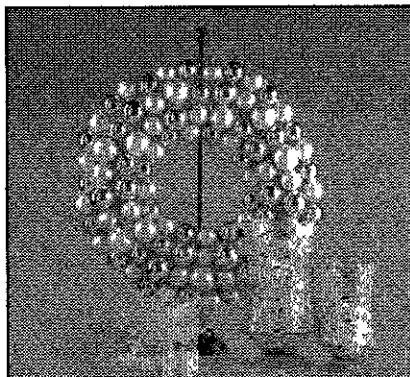
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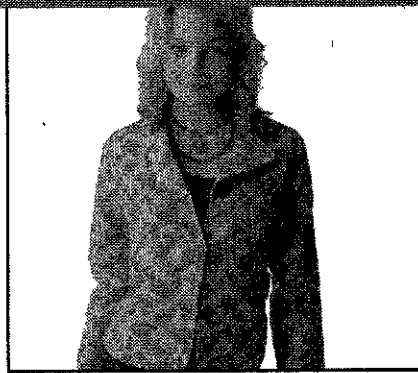
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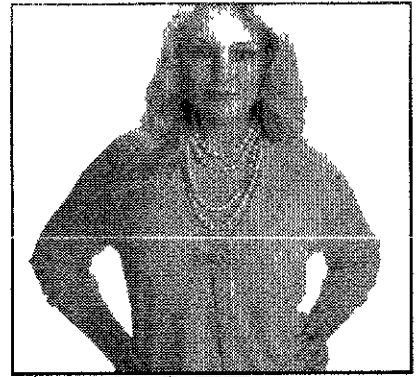
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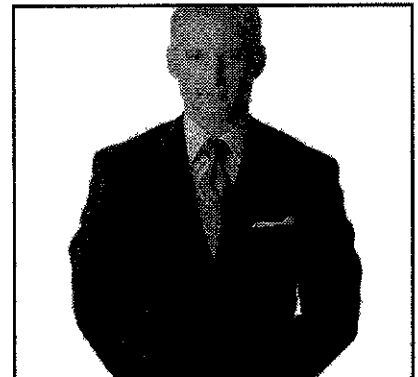
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District to file Miller Woods deed

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The current Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is making good on a promise made by a previous board 14 years ago — it will file the deed restriction for the 10.2 acres of the Miller Woods nature preserve in Plymouth Township the district purchased in 1968.

After getting clear direction — if not quite a mandate — from Plymouth Township trustees who unanimously passed a resolution last month urging the district to file the deed, Superintendent Jim Ryan announced at Tuesday's board meeting he will file the necessary papers restricting use of the property as a nature preserve in perpetuity.

"We were always intending to protect the nature preserve," Ryan said. "Nothing will ever happen to the 10.2 acres we call Miller Woods."

The deed restriction was approved by the Board of Education in 1991, but never filed with Wayne County. Ever since this year's board announced it's considering selling the 40-acre woods, wetland, meadows and wildlife sanctuary, township trustees and the Friends of Miller Woods put the pressure on to file the deed restriction that — for whatever reason — wasn't done by the Board of Education in 1991 to protect it from development.

Ryan held up filing the deed, waiting for a conclusion to negotiations with the township planning commission that, he hoped, would allow for him to increase the land use on the remaining

30-acres of land on Powell Road, between Ridge and North Territorial roads.

"Our zoning request to Plymouth Township was that we be allowed 40 acres of density on the remaining 30 acres of property at Miller Woods," said Ryan. "We've shown very clearly that no new school will be built in northwest Plymouth. The state simply would not approve it because of the population data."

Ryan said he plans on continuing discussions to rezone the remaining acreage.

"I would hope that (Plymouth Township) Supervisor (Richard) Reaume and the township board are people of good will, and since the board has directed us to file this deed they will react favorably to rezoning the remaining 30 acres," said Ryan.

John Huber of Plymouth

Township, a member of the Friends of Miller Woods, was astonished to hear of the news.

"I'm glad to see they're stepping up to what they originally agreed to do," said Huber. "Everybody understands it was an oversight."

School board Vice President Judy Mardigian said Miller Woods was never really in any danger.

"I see this as a step we always intended to take, and a very genuine desire to protect the woods," said Mardigian. "I'd like to see our curriculum staff look at ways to better utilize the asset and treasure for a better learning environment. I know many of our schools have built outdoor learning classrooms, but there's none better than Miller Woods."

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McKenna, 68, formerly of Plymouth, died Nov. 1.

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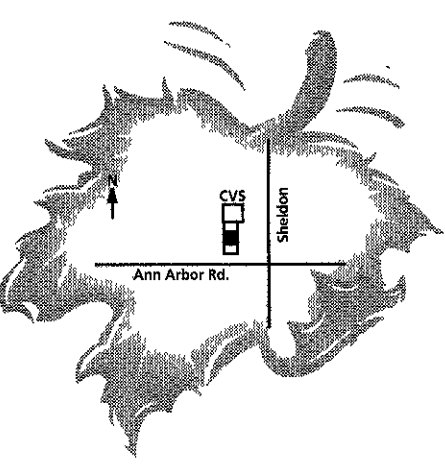
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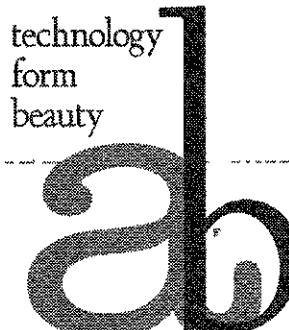
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Benefit raises \$15,000 for the Suess family

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

A Westland mother's efforts to raise money to help her cancer-stricken son have brought in more than \$20,000, she said.

"I just wish I could put a Band-Aid on him and make it better, but this is all I can do," said Jeannie Mazur, mother of 29-year-old Duane Suess.

A benefit Sunday at a Canton Township bar, Club Canton, raised \$15,000, pushing the total over the \$20,000 mark, Mazur said.

She estimated the crowd at more than 300 people and said, "The bar was totally full. Everybody was so giving."

The Suess family has received help from Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Redford, Farmington Hills, Wayne, Dearborn and other communities.

"I appreciate it so much," Mazur said, adding that the money will be used for medical bills.

Suess is battling head and neck cancer – rare for someone just 29 years old. He became so

sick he had to quit his job as a self-employed carpet installer in August.

His medical expenses have increased as he struggles to provide for his 25-year-old wife, Stacy, and their two children, Kyler, 3, and Kayla, 8.

In October, Suess told the *Observer* he was receiving \$2,000 a month in disability insurance but hardly making ends meet with a \$1,200 monthly mortgage and medical expenses. His wife said she had to quit her part-time job to care for him.

Suess, who has undergone surgery, radiation and chemotherapy, attended Sunday's fund-raiser even though his condition has worsened.

"I am praying for a miracle for him," said Susan Schaefer, who stopped by the fund-raiser and who recently visited the Suess family at their home.

Schaefer knew Duane Suess in passing because Suess had worked with her son, a construction manager, and had installed carpet for her not only at her local home, but also at her condominium near Cedar Point in Ohio.

"He went above and beyond the call of duty," Schaefer said. "He was a great worker."

She had heard he was battling cancer but didn't know how much his health had deteriorated. She learned of his situation from an *Observer* story, in which Suess said doctors had told him that he had a 50/50 chance of surviving.

"I have asked just about everybody I know to pray for a miracle that he will be allowed to stay here on this earth for a little longer, without cancer, to raise his children and be the husband that I know he wants to be," Schaefer said.

Help has come in many ways.

Employees at Edison Elementary School, which Kayla attends, raised money and bought gift certificates that the family could use for groceries, Mazur said.

An anonymous donor paid for the preschool education that 3-year-old Kyler is receiving at the Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center.

"Everybody has been so giving," Mazur said.

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The Canton Public Library will be closed for Veterans Day on Nov. 11, 2005. The library has numerous resources for veterans. Book titles include *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents, 2005*, and *What Every Veteran Should Know*. The magazine, *VFW*, is available and you can visit the library's Special Collection honoring America's veterans at www.cantonpl.org/special/vets-day.html.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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Student station focuses on locals

Listeners to WSDP 88.1-FM The Escape, the student-run radio station at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, are hearing a greater mix of local artists on the Escape's airwaves due to an intensified effort on the part of the station to showcase such artists.

The station is airing the latest CDs from a number of Detroit and Plymouth-Canton area bands, including The Rising Tide, Which Way is Home, Javelins, Common Misconception, The Transfer, The Word Play and many others.

"I really think The Word Play are awesome and I would love to see them get big," said Emily Hulscher, 88.1-FM's music director.

The commitment to local music also extends to WSDP's specialty music shows. Local hip hop artists like Black Bottom Collective get airplay on the Hip Hop Spot (6-8 p.m. Wednesday). Local electronic and industrial sounds are heard on The Electronic Pulse (6-8 p.m. Monday) and The Beat Goes Off (8-10 p.m. Monday).

Betty Smith regularly spotlights the local jazz scene on Lemonade, which is heard at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Local folk and Americana artists like Jim Roll and Great Lakes Myth Society are heard each week on Dirt Roads (11 a.m. to noon Friday).

As radio stations' play lists have gotten tighter, Hulscher pointed out, artists are finding few places for their music to be heard.

"Aside from the venues that let local bands play live, we play a big part in helping these bands get extra exposure," Hulscher said. "Very few radio stations give their music the time of day. We hold the local music to the same standards as the rest of the music we give airplay to. We're not going to play something just because the artist is local. It also has to be good."

WSDP is partnering with the Canton Youth Advisory Council to spotlight local music and help raise money for Toys for Tots. The Toys for Tots fourth-annual holiday fund-raiser is set for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Plymouth-Canton artists Over the Counter and The Rising Tide will perform and others are being added. A complete list will be available at www.881TheEscape.com.

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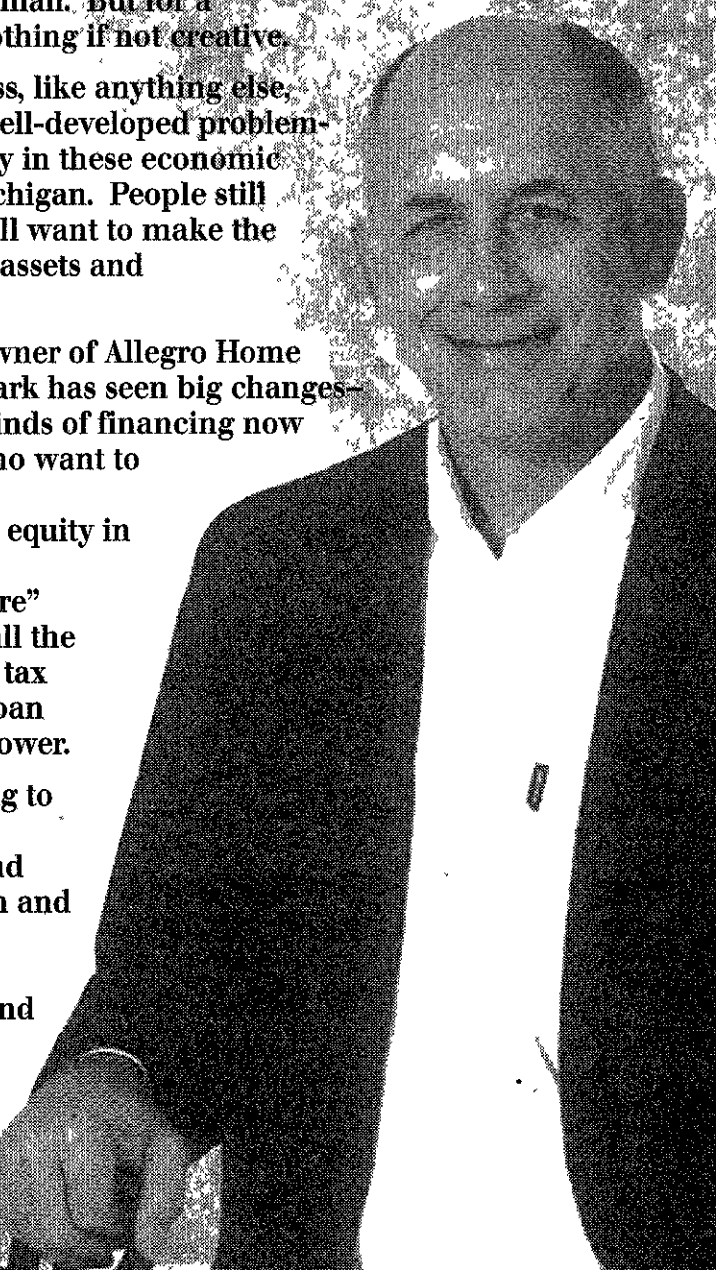
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Piano Man: Marathon helps pop chorus

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Kandy Blouse figures it will be his back, not his fingers, that will get sore during his marathon piano-playing benefit next weekend.

Blouse will tinkle the ivories from 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at Christus Victor Lutheran Church in Dearborn Heights in what is being billed as the "Marathon Man's Piano Extravaganza."

"It's a long time to be sitting, I may have to stand and play like Jerry Lee Lewis," said Blouse who will play in 50-minute segments with 10 minute breaks around the clock.

The musical marathon is a benefit for the American Liberty Pops Singers, a chorus Blouse founded about a year ago. The chorus, 28 singers strong, pulls members from Westland, Garden City, Livonia and throughout the tri-county area.



The American Liberty Pops Singers dress to suit their name, wearing patriotic ties during a performance at Christus Victor Church.

It's carving a niche for itself by performing American music - classical, jazz, pop and rock 'n' roll, but no rap - that is composed and arranged by Americans.

It's also finding its niche in partnering with groups doing fund raising. The group will present a concert free of charge with money raised through freewill donations

going to projects like disaster relief or citizens serving in the armed forces overseas.

Blouse's marathon is intended to raise money to cover the chorus' expenses like purchasing sheet music and sound equipment, said member Rick Shaw.

"We're here to work with the community," said Shaw. "If it's a benefit, we perform for free."

There will be no admission charge for the marathon performance. The chorus is looking for donations and pledges of a specific amount or per hour amount.

The chorus also is looking to partner with other community groups who will get 50 percent commission on solicited donations their organization actually collects. Their job would be to distribute pledge forms to members, students and employees and return it to a chorus representative.

According to Shaw, the effect of 9/11 on the nation gave Blouse the idea to form a chorus that primarily does patriotic songs "to make people feel good."

And that's what the chorus accomplished when, with just two weeks of rehearsals, it performed at the JARC in Farmington Hills. The agency cares for handicapped adults and Blouse said the audience was "probably the most appreciative I've ever had."

The chorus also has done a concert at Prince of Peace Lutheran that benefited the families of National Guardsmen who were on active duty and at the American Legion in Livonia as part of a 9/11 commemorative ceremony.

Blouse is an accomplished musician who has been playing the piano since age 4. A graduate of the University of Michigan where he majored in music and trumpet perform-

ance, his experience stretches from southeast Michigan to Europe.

He has worked for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools since 1973, and his theatrical experience includes the Croswell Theater in Adrian the Wayne-Westland Players Guild and the Players Guild in Dearborn. He also was the musical director and pianist for the musical Side By Side, performed at the Jewish Cultural Center in West Bloomfield.

As the director of the Ford Motor Co. Chorus, he toured throughout Europe, including Germany, France, Austria and Italy, and in 1997 performed at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

He left the Ford chorus after 10 years to pursue other interests, but came back to music.

"I wanted to have more creative control and a say in who the singers would be," he said of his decision to form the American Liberty Pops Chorus. "I look for people who can blend in. I want to create a full, total sound of chorus music."

Currently, Blouse is music director at Good Hope Lutheran Church in Garden City, the organist at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills and the leader of the contemporary service at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Westland.

If that isn't enough, he hopes to have a youth chorus and teen chorus up and running in

January and is preparing for a Dec. 16 performance of a Christmas cantata, "Jesus Is Born! Hallelujah!" His own composition, it also will be presented at Christus Victor Church.

"I wasn't happy with the works that were out there and thought I could do better," he said. "I wrote it for the people and like Bach I wrote it for the musicians I had and the singers I had."

"We're not even a year old and I think we're doing great," he added. "Usually wherever we sing we find someone interested in joining. We see the concert as advertising for the chorus."

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THE PIANO MAN

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Fun evening to raise money for Livonia Symphony

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

After 20 years of playing violin with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, Linda Brucksieker still looks forward to its annual fund-raiser. On Friday, Nov. 18, the Farmington Hills resident join hundreds of guests at a dinner auction at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The only difference is Brucksieker will pause in the midst of all the fun to perform *Music of the Seas*. This year the orchestra has chosen to highlight selections from *Titanic* and *Showboat* along with standards such as *Moon River* and classical music by Handel. The festivities begin when doors open at 5:30 p.m.

"I like it because you can invite your friends and neighbors and have a party with our music as a background, and you're doing something for the orchestra and doing a little bit of Christmas shopping at the same time," said Linda Brucksieker, orchestra librarian.

June Kendall likes to compare the fund-raiser to a wedding reception with the addition of a silent auction offering Detroit Tigers' tickets for next season, gift baskets, jewelry, and sports memorabilia including printed material from the 1984 World Series won by the Tigers.

"There's a lot of mixing. It's not just a concert where you sit. It's the visiting that makes it a unique evening, people competing for prize auction items," said June Kendall, a Westland resident and retired Livonia Public Schools teacher. Kendall became involved with the orchestra seven years ago when several of the American Association of University Women volunteered to usher at concerts. For the last year, Kendall's served on the Livonia Symphony Society board of directors.

Kendall and dozens of others, who volunteered for the



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Conductor Volodymyr Shesiuk takes great joy in leading the Livonia Symphony Orchestra. On Nov. 18, they'll perform *Music of the Seas* at a fund-raising dinner and auction at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Livonia Town Hall series, made it possible to fund the opening concert this season. Even though series president Dee Dee Ditmar was able to present LSO president Tom Bjorklund with a check for \$15,000, the money is not enough to keep the orchestra afloat. The LSO still needs to raise much of the \$100,000 needed for annual operating expenses.

Last year's fund-raiser brought in \$9,000, buoying the spirits of board members. 100 more people bought tickets to the fund-raiser than the previous year in response to the Save Our Symphony (SOS) campaign.

"We hope to raise as much money as possible," said Tom Bjorklund. "Tickets sales don't come close to covering the cost of any symphony in the country. We receive large contributions from Livonia Town Hall, civic organizations, the community foundation, arts commission, and money from fund-raisers such as the golf outing along with a lot of individual contributions from people who send us \$20, \$100, or \$1,000. This year we didn't apply for grants because we're

lacking volunteer services of a good grant writer. We would love to have somebody who has that expertise help us out."

Conductor Volodymyr Shesiuk is counting on the support of the community. He's hoping to draw a larger audience base after moving the 2005-2006 concert series to Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

"I only hope we will have some money to keep the orchestra on track," said Volodymyr Shesiuk, a Garden City resident. "We want to see people who support the orchestra and thank these people (at the fund-raiser). It's so important for us. We're looking forward to this night. We hope to have more people from Farmington Hills attend the concerts because it's a shorter distance to drive."

Music of the Seas begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, with a dinner and a silent auction followed by the concert at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Livonia.

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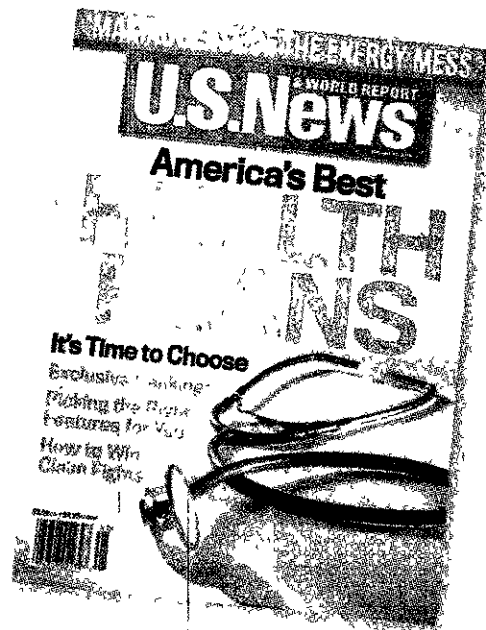
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Our veterans deserve thanks

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That's a lot of people ... a lot of people who are living in the land of the free and the home of the brave because of the men and women who have served this country as members of the military.

Tomorrow is Veterans Day, a time when we, as Americans, pause to honor those who have served so valiantly, those who lived and those who have died in service to this country and the world.

Veterans Day started out as a remembrance of the signing of the Armistice which ended World War I. At 5 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918, the Germans signed the order that called for all shooting to cease. The day started with a laying down of arms and ended with impromptu celebrations worldwide.

Modern day observances are more sedate, but the reason is still there — to remember the valor and sacrifice of our military forces. And there's a lot of that going on right now in Afghanistan and Iraq and other parts of the world where our troops are championing the cause of freedom.

Last week we celebrated the life of Rosa Parks, whose one simple act of defiance changed a country. Tomorrow, we must come together as a nation and celebrate the legacy of our veterans. It was because of their commitment to keeping this country free that Mrs. Parks was able to take her stand.

The men and women who serve in our armed forces today serve by choice. By enlisting, they are showing the faith in and love of this country, the same faith and love displayed by our veterans over the years.

On this Veterans Day, we encourage residents, young and old alike, to take the time to thank a veteran. A hug, a handshake, a few kind words, whatever the gesture, let them know we do appreciate what they have done for us and for those who will come after us.

There will be an opportunity to do this at a Veterans Day service at 6 p.m. tomorrow at Canton's Heritage Park Veterans Memorial. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Volunteers (8,000 strong from throughout the state and Canada and nearly 500 from Southfield and Canton alone) are getting ready, too, with training sessions this week in Troy and later this month in Canton.

Hotel rooms in metro Detroit and beyond — more than 25,000 — are booked, representing revenue of more than \$20 million, according to organizers and local chambers of commerce.

Livonia hotels in the Six/Seven Mile/I-275 corridor alone will house some 2,500 credentialed media.

The Hyatt in Dearborn and the Centerpoint Marriott in Pontiac will house the teams, but you can be sure that team owners, celebrities and VIPs are booked at the Townsend and the Royal Park.

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So get ready for some football and everything else Super Bowl XL has to offer.



LETTERS

Time to stand up

A few days ago, the U.S. Senate passed a bill that will sell 368,000 American jobs to foreign workers. It was part of the Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 2005. Sen. Byrd had introduced an amendment to delete increasing the importation of foreign workers. It was defeated 83-17.

Business leaders tout it as a panacea for "the best and the brightest" to be brought to this country. To American workers, it means a pink slip and watching their government give (via big business) their livelihoods to foreign workers. Business' craving for foreign labor stems from their willingness to work for less pay, not their "supernatural" abilities.

With Canton being a magnet for foreign workers to settle, let us look at the affect this will have on us. Sen. Byrd said "they will pay more taxes" and "they will buy houses here." These things are true. The artificial growth brought by foreign workers causes other things as well. Road rage, overcrowded schools, chain migration, a drain on Social Security and Medicare (for elderly parents) and a new batch of employees that are given preferential hiring over American citizens.

It increases demand on our infrastructure (police, fire departments, library, water rates, gas and home heating fuel consumption). It packs our roads with more and more vehicles. It burdens our school system, having to build new schools because of the overcrowded conditions as well as our tax dollars that provide free ESL classes to their children. (Shouldn't foreigners pay for their own English lessons?)

And being that most of these workers, who are supposed to return home after six years, use the "anchor baby" law to remain in this country, they, and their families, permanently replace American workers.

Statistics show that we do not have a shortage of good workers. High-tech workers and engineers have been consistently replaced by foreign workers.

Our children have professors in college that have such poor English skills, many of them cannot even be understood. My son was told that it was his job to understand the foreign professor, not the professor's job to speak English clearly.

Many people know of workers who were replaced when their company bought H-1B visas and brought foreign workers in to replace them. Scores of our college students cannot find work in their field upon graduation because their job has been taken by a foreign worker. The H-1B program is full of fraud. Our children and our citizens go jobless.

This is not about globalization or about racism. It is about our government not legislating for the good of the American people. It is about government legislating for the bottom line of business. It is about patriotism.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow of Michigan was one of the 17 senators that voted to stop this travesty against American

workers. She should be commended. Sen. Carl Levin voted against American workers.

For our children's future, I hope that more Americans will begin to pay attention to the legislative bills that favor foreign workers over American citizens. Big business has the money to influence government. Citizens have only our voices. It is our country. It is time "we the people" are heard.

Peggy Robichaud

Michigan Citizens for Immigration Reform
Canton

Not funny

Greg Greene, a member of the Downtown Development Authority, recently wrote a letter to the editor complaining about "hecklers" at the public meetings of the Charter Township Board of Trustees and whining about people that write letters to the editor.

I thought the part about expressing his derision for people that write letters to the editor by writing a letter to the editor was kind of funny. I did not find his characterization of the few people that show up at the public meetings funny at all.

Is he advocating censorship? In fact, I felt it to be a reflection of Mr. Greene's own personal style and the style of the Downtown Development Authority in general. By Melissa McLaughlin's own admittance, there never really has been a downtown in Canton. By extension then, the fact that Mr. Greene works on a committee to restore it is a ridiculous circumstance.

Most of the money that IKEA will be paying in taxes will be turned over to the Downtown Development Authority. The DDA has its hand in such projects as the inadequate lighting along Ford Road, "art" benches, sidewalks that go nowhere, designer curbs and, if I am not mistaken, they were responsible for the corn husks that were recently tied to telephone poles and sign posts along Ford.

I don't know about you, but the corn stalks didn't hide the telephone poles from me, but they did impede my sight at several of the multitude of commercial driveways along Ford Road.

Alfred Brock

Canton

Hypocritical letter writer

As one of Canton's newest residents, I sincerely hope the majority of my new neighbors are not as hypocritical as Greg Greene.

In a letter titled "Tired of the hecklers," this man complains about a businessman; accuses another man of not being smart enough to know the difference between a sports bar and a township building; pokes fun at another man's research ability; and accuses a township trustee of "posturing and badgering" another elected official. He then attempts to show his abilities as a clairvoyant by telling readers how "transparent" the trustee's ambitions are.

What I find laughable is the fact that, after attempting to belittle four individuals and show off his skills as a psychic, Mr. Greene writes, "if you don't have anything nice to say, sit down and shut up."

Perhaps Mr. Greene should have taken his own advice before putting pen to paper and simply shut up.

Steve Kush

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Thank you, vets

To all the men and women in the armed forces, I want to take the time to thank you for all that you do for me and our country, the sacrifices you make so we all may live freely and have the choice to make decisions by being able to vote. Because of you we are able to live in a free country, the greatest in the world, because of the brilliant men and women like you! You veterans risk your lives everyday so I can grow up feeling safe, without terrorism. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I hope you will come home safe to your family very soon!

Tara Dubois

eighth-grader, Hilbert Middle School
Redford

Column right on

George Belvitch, we've known each other for some time. Our kids played soccer and ran track together, we've discussed politics, we've talked about teachers and education, and we've even worked together building and erecting the Isbister sign.

After reading your opinion "Education system can learn a lot from 'Emperor's New Clothes'" (*Observer*, Oct. 20) these educators of 30-plus years say THANK YOU.

Thank you for saying what needs to be said, thank you for standing up, thank you for your insights. Your writing is eloquent and your thoughts are right on. I truly hope the right people read this and listen to it.

We will be sharing your column with our respective staffs.

Harry and Karen Jachym

Plymouth Township

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"Right now, we have very critical spots like grocery stores the week before Thanksgiving, and retail stores the weekend after Thanksgiving, standing empty. The bell ringing money stays in our communities, and goes toward assisting families with food, utilities and thrift store vouchers. It's a great opportunity to give during the holidays."

— Kelly Boelter, the Red Kettle coordinator for the Salvation Army in Canton, Plymouth, Northville and Belleville; she is looking for volunteer bell ringers for 23 locations beginning Nov. 19

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Tinkering at the edges won't solve state's budget crisis

History, the famous remark reminds us, repeats itself, "first as tragedy, then as farce." And anybody watching the comings and goings in Lansing last week would have to agree. The tragedy, of course, has to do with the seriously grim economic times now descending on Michigan. The farce had to do with the dithering, inept, contentious and sometimes actually laughable attempts by our political masters to do something.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, a Democrat, and House Speaker Craig DeRoche and Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, both Republicans, have been negotiating for nine months (!) to bring forth an economic stimulus package to help our economy through tough times.

Nobody in this three-cornered game of tit-for-tat likes each other very much, although Granholm and Sikkema seem at least to be able to talk to each other in a grownup way.

So late last week, with considerable fanfare, the trio announced they had finally agreed on \$1 billion in business tax relief and another \$700 million in stimulus for venture capital and new business startups.

The governor praised the deal, saying that it would help the economy "for years to come," while Sikkema said the culture of Michigan's economy has to change by investing in high-tech jobs. DeRoche, less enthused, said the deal was a way to get farther reaching proposals off the ground.

The agreement lowers the Single Business Tax rate from 1.9 percent to 1.85 percent, effective in 2009. It also cuts the personal property tax bill by 15 percent, which adds up to something like a \$120 million tax cut for the hard-pressed manufacturing sector.

And for the next two years, manufacturing firms that invest in plant and equipment in Michigan would get a 100-percent credit on their personal property taxes. The package also creates a 21st Century Jobs for Michigan investment fund with \$400 million borrowed from proceeds from tobacco settlement money and puts another \$300 million into a state venture capital fund.

That's a lot to digest — and as you might expect, reaction was mixed. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce temporized. "We're not going to lie down in front of a rushing train," one Chamber topsider told Gongwer News Service.

Chuck Hadden of the Michigan Manufacturers Association said he would urge legislators to vote for it. Most observers expect the package will receive legislative approval — with some squalling — relatively quickly.

The *Detroit News* condemned the deal as "too

little, too late," while calling for yet greater business tax cuts. That's overdoing it. I'd call the package well-intentioned — especially in supporting venture capital and high-tech job creation — but probably relatively ineffective in the end.

Why "probably ineffective?" Because it's becoming increasingly clear that tinkering at the edges of Michigan's tax structure isn't going to do much to affect the fundamentals of the fast train of economic tragedy bearing down on us.

Most business experts say the painful restructuring now sweeping through the automobile industry is essentially "ballistic," in the way that an intercontinental missile, once launched, proceeds on its merry way, unaffected by much of anything. The decades-long formula that allowed the auto companies and the United Auto Workers to pass on costs to what was once a closed market for cars and trucks simply has proven unsustainable in a rapidly globalizing world economy.

Today, a tax break here and a tax break there are essentially trivial in the face of this profound change in basic economics.

Personally, I think that something far more radical will be required to get us on the right track to getting through what will certainly be a wrenching transition. What about repealing outright the Single Business Tax? This is an archaic and difficult to administer tax on payroll. It brings in around \$2 billion each year, but it's a unique tax that stands out like a sore thumb when companies compare the tax climate in Michigan to that in other states.

How to plug the \$2 billion hole in the state budget? Simple. Extend the state sales tax to services and cut the rate from 6 percent to, say, 5 percent.

And as for proof of history repeating itself as farce, I suggest a quick look at one of DeRoche's truly laughable ideas during the run-up to the deal.

He actually proposed borrowing future tobacco settlement payments to pay for tax breaks for business. He announced that he'd take \$700 million in tobacco money over the next four years for tax cuts, and pay the money back over the next 20 years. Once you factor in interest costs, this little goody would only cost the state treasury \$1 billion for just for four years of minor tax relief.

I've seen some silly press releases. And I've seen some expensive ones. But DeRoche's idea is a truly unique combination of both. Sadly, for Michigan it comes at a time when we can least afford it.

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



Phil Power

Rosa Parks gave encouragement and inspiration to take a stand

The legendary Rosa Parks was buried this week in a ceremony that celebrated her life. Almost every dignitary spoke of the gentle soul who defied injustice and changed society as a whole.

I first became aware of Rosa Parks when I was a young person living in Palestine. Both Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King were revered by the Palestinian people who viewed them as giants, standing up to their oppressors armed only with their dignity and rightful demand for human rights.

A writing assignment in high school gave me the opportunity to further explore the desegregation of the South and the courage of this woman and the organizations that backed her in her fight to be viewed as an equal human being. My admiration for Rosa Parks was further heightened upon completion of my research.

I had the privilege of meeting Rosa Parks in 1985 while visiting a friend who worked with Congressman John Conyers. You can imagine my reaction when the congressman's door opened and there stood Rosa Parks, welcoming me into his office. The moment will be etched in my mind for the rest of my life. This larger than life figure was standing in front of me with a smile on her face ushering me into the office.

As I became a frequent visitor to the congressman's office, I got to know this beautiful and gentle lady, who always had a kind word for my friend and me. We chatted about everything and anything especially the Palestinian issue and the Arab/African-American relationship.

More important, she was interested in my friend and me as young women growing up in a complex society. At the time of my meeting with her, The American Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) was under constant attack from individuals who hated Arabs. This fact was demonstrated when one of my colleagues was killed in Los Angeles as a result of his work for the eradication of discrimination against the Arab-American community. I shall always remember her kind words of encouragement and support.

I was able to observe on my various visits to Congressman Conyers' office that Rosa Parks was in her office working diligently to help the constituents with their needs. It impressed me that with all her fame and accolades she did not abandon her duties, she worked like as hard as any other person in that office.

While I was dying to ask her thoughts on that day when she defied authority, I refrained. I believe I know why she did it. As a spiritual person, she believed that her country could only prosper if all people are treated with respect and equality.

As I continue my work with the ADC, I always draw from her inspiration and conviction that we can accomplish our goals of attaining our dignity and equality without violence. Her words of wisdom always echo in my head when I receive threatening calls and letters at my office from individuals who believe that Arab is synonymous with evil. Over the years I now believe one of the most important messages that I got from Rosa Parks is that a person can shed away fear and stand alone against injustice and persevere.

Once my friend changed jobs and Rosa Parks left Congressman Conyers' office, I lost my personal connection with Rosa Parks, but I always stayed attuned to her plans.

A few years later I was asked to speak at the opening of the institute she established to empower young women.

As I listened to her speak about her mission for making life better for young women in the community I was again struck by her ambition. Unlike other women her age who looked for a relaxing retirement, Rosa Parks chose to continue her pursuit of young women achieving their dreams.

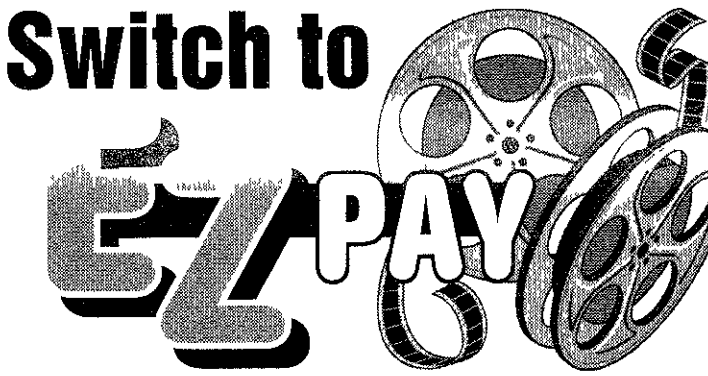
Throughout the years Rosa Parks served as mentor in my life. I learned that I have a responsibility to my birth country and my adopted country to work on behalf of the voiceless and condemned. Through my association with Rosa Parks, I realized that being humble is one of the noblest attributes a person can possess. I discovered and attained the belief that non-violence is more powerful than the mightiest military. I learned that you don't replace an injustice with injustice. Most of all, I learned that everyone has courage within themselves and can become a source of change when they act for the right thing at an unpopular time.

I hope that her passing will motivate each one of us to have the courage to work on eradicating injustice from the world. Her life gave as aspiration and I hope that her death will serve as a catalyst to motivate us in extending her legacy by working toward a more peaceful and free world. Imagine the power of goodness if we all took it upon ourselves to respect others and do something good for humanity.

Terry Ahwal lives in Canton.



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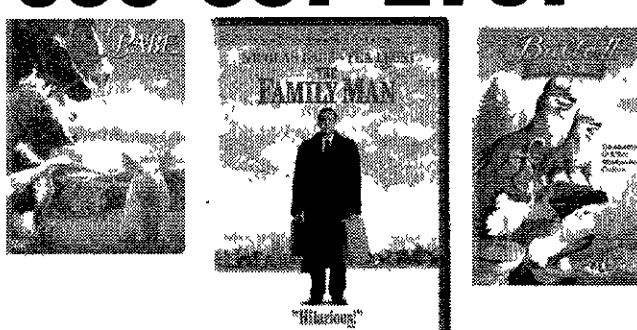
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Another hurdle cleared in wine shipment battle

BY JOE BAUMAN
STAFF WRITER

Six years of legal wrangling and an estimated \$1 million in attorney fees later, Troy residents Ray and Eleanor Heald are a big step closer to being able to purchase wine directly from out-of-state producers.

The Healds, nationally renown wine writers and columnists for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, called a federal judge's ruling last week allowing out-of-state wineries to ship directly to Michigan residents a victory for consumers and the U.S. Constitution.

"We take great satisfaction in a six-year effort to overturn anti-consumer wine laws in Michigan that have prevented wine consumers from obtaining wines, other than those that state wholesalers are willing to carry," Eleanor Heald said. "And additionally, opening up the state's borders so that small Michigan wineries can experience the business growth across the U.S. that they desire and deserve."

In his ruling, chief U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman blocked a proposal by Michigan Attorney General Michael Cox to temporarily ban all direct shipments of wine to Michigan consumers, a move the Healds argued would cripple the state's growing wine industry.

Friedman's ruling enforces a May decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, which declared Michigan's alcohol laws unconstitutional since they treated in-state and out-of-state wineries differently in violation of the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

"It is our hope that this order will ratchet down the rhetoric of both the Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers and state legislators who introduced and backed HB 4959 and SB 600, which would effectively kill the Michigan wine industry, now 42 wineries strong with more interested in opening if Michigan's new wine laws promote a healthy business environment," Eleanor Heald said. "Such expansion in the wine industry will also serve to promote Michigan tourism and bring more travel dollars into the state."

State legislators still must approve policy regulating the shipments, but Ray Heald said he hopes the new law will reflect both the U.S. Supreme Court and Friedman's rulings and not special interest groups.

"Rational legislation is

forthcoming from the Michigan Senate, introduced by Sen. Michelle McManus, that will follow a model direct shipping bill adopted and implemented successfully by many states," he said.

Since the Healds prevailed in the case, it is expected the state will have to pay the plaintiffs' legal fees, earlier estimated at \$1 million, although the final tally will be set by Friedman.

TELLABRATION EVENT

If you enjoy listening to a good story, don't miss Tellabration 2005 to be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road in Livonia. Tellabration is a world wide celebration of storytelling for adults. The event is presented by the library and the Detroit Story League.

Featured storytellers are Doris Cooney, Jean Gordon, Kathy Tarnow, and Barbara Schutzgruber. Light refreshments will be served after the storytelling.

Admission is \$5 at the door. Proceeds benefit the Detroit Story League Scholarship Fund.

For more information, call Cathryn Huch at (734) 421-6601.

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The Super Bowl XL Host Committee is issuing a last call for members to join Team XL.

Cost is \$50. Visit the Super Bowl XL Web site at www.sbxl.org for an application and more information.

In addition, to special merchandise and discounts at area businesses and restaurants, membership

gets you a chance to win prizes including two tickets to Super Bowl XL.

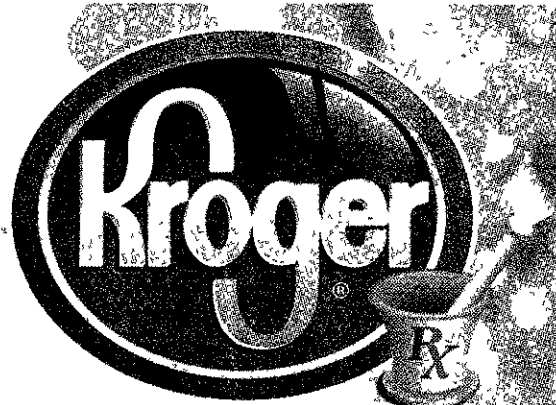
Organizers say about 2,000 people are currently entered into the drawing.

"Those are great odds on a chance to win two tickets worth \$600 each," said one host committee member.

The drawing will be held in January.

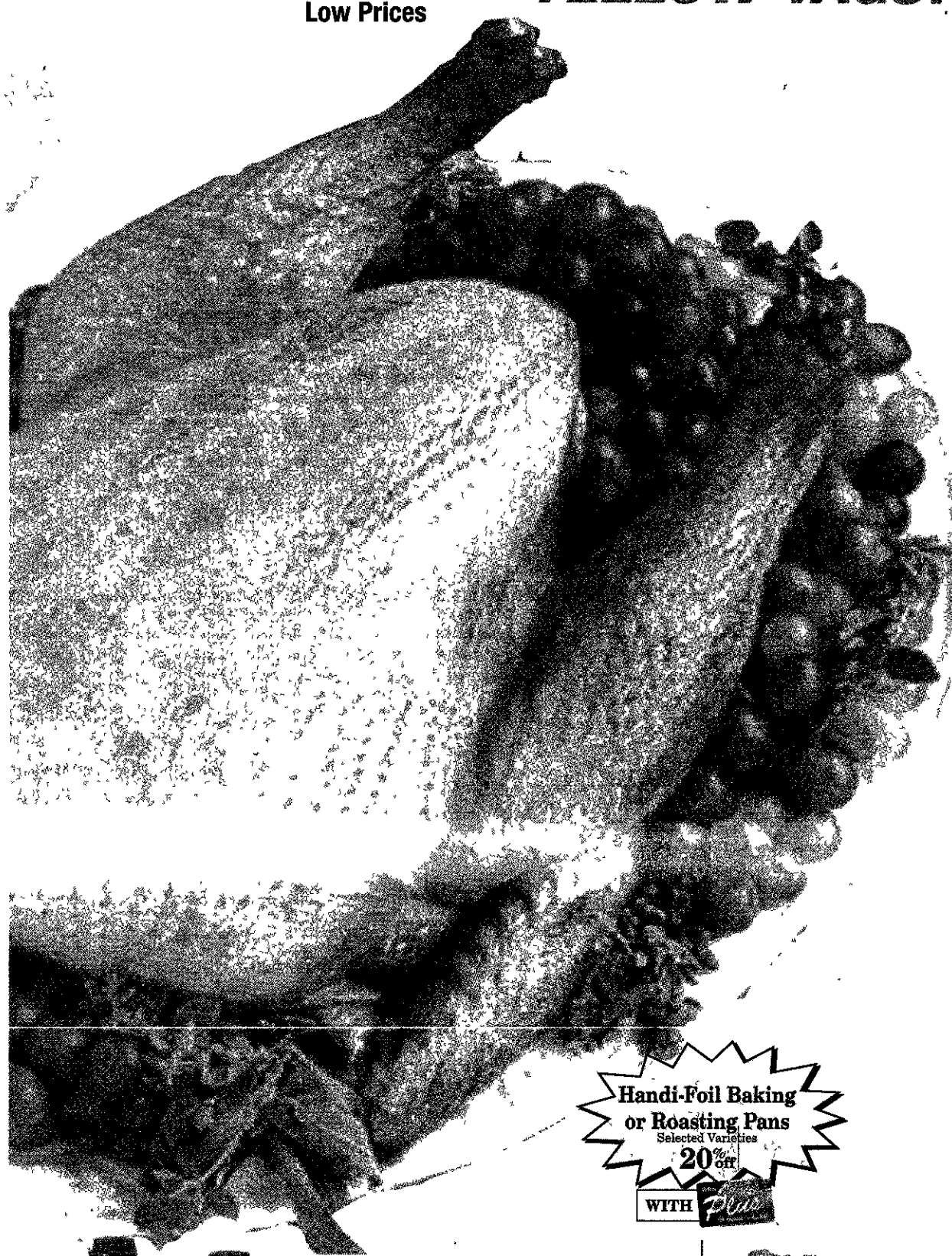
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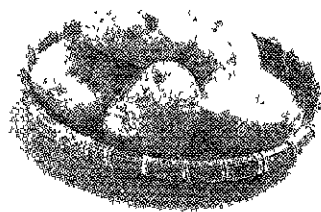
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Richard Ross and Gwenn Rosseau prepared their display for Cranbrook Holiday Tables for an advance photo at Rosseau's Birmingham home. The annual event features displays of creative table settings throughout Cranbrook House. Artisans from Greenfield Village will be among the participants this year.



Get set

with seasonal holiday table settings that soar

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

One way of getting "set" for the holidays is to visit Cranbrook Holiday Tables. The displays of dining tables, decorated by talented area residents and professionals, show a variety of imaginative settings.

The tables are arranged in Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills, the home of Cranbrook Educational Community founders George and Ellen Booth.

Twenty-one tables will be featured this year, each with a different theme. The settings are designed to inspire and educate.

Proceeds from Cranbrook Holiday Tables benefit the preservation and restoration of Cranbrook House.

Gwenn Rosseau and Richard Ross are spanning the globe and the seasons with their table for the event, which they arranged in advance

for this story. They are co-owners of R² Home in Ferndale, a boutique they opened this summer.

"We went with a little bit of international flair," said Rosseau, a Birmingham resident.

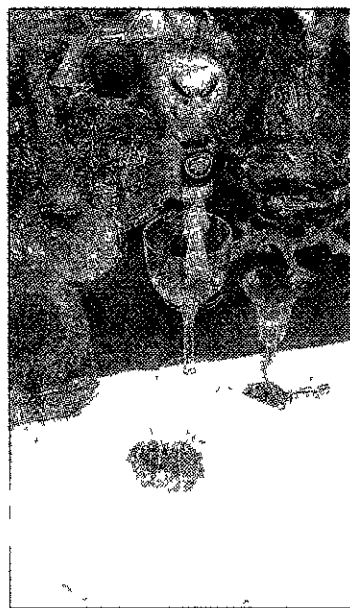
Almost all of the elements for the table come from the store, the grand opening of which is scheduled Friday, Nov. 18. Greens and whites combine in a fresh presentation that is both warm and cool, sophisticated and fun.

The setting includes sterling silver chopsticks and chopstick rests, pastel-tinted sake glasses and a sake bottle that Rosseau's husband brought from Japan. The bottle is in the form of an Oriental figure.

A spectacular arrangement of white lilies is in the center, with two slender white candles in silver, branch-shaped holders.

Around the table are silver bowls with coral

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The table includes sterling silver chopsticks and a sake bottle from Japan.

Holiday Tables set to celebrate

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

A bounty of distinctive table settings and creative ideas awaits visitors to the sixth annual Holiday Tables, presented by the Farmington Garden Club.

Sponsored by Steinkopf Nursery, this year's Holiday Tables will take place Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 19-20, at the historic Spicer House in Heritage Park in Farmington Hills (see related item).

About 17 tables will be featured, with themes on a variety of holidays and special celebrations. Among the designers are staffers from Heslops and Marshall Field's.

"The designers are both professional and amateur," said Dorothy Young, event chair.

"If you want to, you can

spend all day (at the event)."

The Spicer House is transformed into a holiday showhouse, with decorations as well as the table displays.

Refreshments will also be served. Trader Joe's is providing desserts to go with Starbucks coffee that was donated to the event.

Farmington School Board member Pam Christian designed a dining room table for Holiday Tables last year. This year, she will arrange a smaller round table set for Kwanzaa.

The table will include traditional Kwanzaa elements, such as a kinara, a carved wooden candleholder; a basket of fruit; and a mkeka, a handwoven straw mat, said Christian, whose research into the holiday

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SIXTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TABLES IN FARMINGTON

■ **What:** A display of beautifully decorated tables for Thanksgiving, New Year, Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa.

The event is presented by the Farmington Garden Club and sponsored by Steinkopf Nursery. Admission helps support Farmington Public Schools' Schoolyard Natural Habitat projects.

■ **When:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19; noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20.

■ **Where:** Spicer House (Visitors Center) in Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

■ **Admission:** \$5 at the door.

■ **Other features:** The Holiday Cafe will serve complimentary light refreshments and Starbucks coffee. Holiday decorations and goodies will be offered at a boutique. Demonstrations on napkin folding and two different holiday centerpieces will be presented.

■ **Information:** (248) 615-3616.



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Creative table settings are featured at Holiday Tables, presented by the Farmington Garden Club. This was one of the settings last year.

Follow these steps to protect kids from online dangers



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Listen up, parents. The Web is like a dark and dangerous city, home to sexual predators and shocking amounts of explicit images.

And your children are walking down Main Street.

I don't mean to alarm you, but if you're not keeping an eye on your youngsters' online activities, they may encounter some really bad stuff.

For example, a student seeking information about the president might naturally surf to whitehouse.com — only to discover a hard-core pornography site (the correct address is whitehouse.gov).

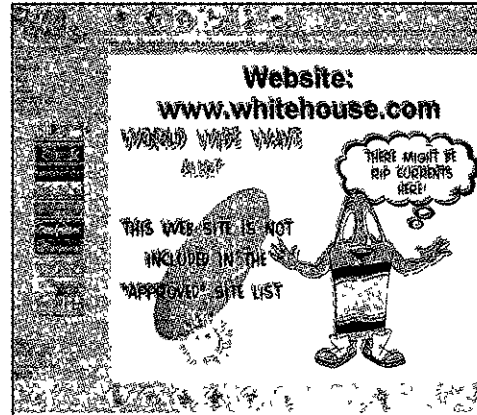
Thankfully, that highly controversial site has been taken down, but it illustrates how easy it is for an unwitting child to wind up at an adults-only destination.

Even typing something as innocent as "toys" into a search engine can produce unwelcome results. So can clicking a seemingly harmless link in an e-mail message or an online ad.

Meanwhile, teens who frequent chat rooms run the risk of encountering strangers seeking private encounters — either online or in person!

It's also worth noting that if your tech-savvy

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A child-friendly Web browser like Crayon Crawler will filter out inappropriate language, images and information.

Accents

Winterizing tips

The soaring costs of heating oil and gasoline will hit homeowners' pockets hard this winter, with heating bills expected to rise more than 50 percent during the cold months.

Early preparation can save consumers time, money and unnecessary frustrations of dealing with leaky windows, a burst pipe or ice dams.

"The winter months can be very damaging to your home if you don't plan ahead," said Mike Sheely, Allstate regional field sales leader.

"By following some simple guidelines and taking some precautions, your home has a better chance of surviving the winter intact without breaking your bank account."

Strong winter winds, combined with heavy snow and ice, can impact a home's energy efficiency, thus driving homeowners to turn up their thermostats to compensate for heat loss.

For Winter Hazards Awareness Week (Nov. 6-12), Allstate

Insurance Company, the U.S. Department of Energy and the Alliance to Save Energy offer tips for winterizing your home and eliminating unnecessary heating costs. The tips include:

■ **Plug leaks around windows and doors with caulking and weatherstripping.** Tape clear plastic sheeting to the inside of your window frames if drafts, water condensation or frost are present.

■ **Install storm windows over single-pane windows or replace them with double-pane windows with low-emissivity (low-e) coating.** Low-e coating on the glass reflects heat back into the room during the winter months, reducing heat loss by 25 to 50 percent.

■ **Prevent ice dams by keeping gutters and downspouts clear of leaves, natural debris, snow and icicles.**

■ **Close fireplace dampers when not in use.** Check chimneys to make sure birds haven't nested or there aren't other problems.

■ **Close off unneeded rooms to reduce heating of unused areas.**

■ **Bleed trapped air from hot-water radiators once or twice a season.** Place heat-resistant radiator reflectors between exterior walls and the radiators.

■ **Turn off kitchen, bath and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after you are done cooking or bathing.**

■ **Detach all gardening hoses and shut off water supply to outside faucets.**

■ **Tag the location of your main water valve and make sure you can easily turn it on and off.**

■ **If you plan to travel or be away from home for an extended period of time, ask a friend or neighbor to check your pipes and the temperature in your home.**

Appliance Doctor talks about air cleaners, squeaky dryer

I have received several e-mails and phone calls from homeowners asking about putting an extra refrigerator in an unheated garage.

I have one standard answer to this situation, which is sure to save some consumers a lot of money.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

A refrigeration product shouldn't operate in temperatures below 55 degrees unless it is specifically made for doing so.

There are new dehumidifiers and refrigerators that have been recently produced and are engineered to operate in cold temperatures. The refrigerator is produced by the Wood Company and carries several different brand names on the front.

AIR CLEANER

James writes: "I have been told the following is impossible, so I wrote you.

"I have a Sears Craftsman electronic air cleaner which I bought and installed in the early '70s.

"I have faithfully cleaned it monthly until about a year ago when I took it apart to repair a solder point. I discovered that most of my ionizing wires were broken. Sears told me I was out of luck, it was out of production.

"I am sure you can tell me where I can attain or make new ionizing wires, or where I can get hold of old electronic air cleaners I could take apart to get the wires. What should I do? Thank you."

Thank you, James, for the confidence you seem to have in me but in this case, I can't help you.

You could call some of the heating and cooling companies and ask them to save you a cleaner that they remove from a customer's home during installation of new equipment.

I personally would sooner see you buy a pleated, new-style air filter that simply slides into the current opening you have now. These new filters are great in catching much of the bad things that are in the air.

The electronic air cleaners do work very well when clean, but as soon as they begin to catch dirt, they lose much of their efficiency.

I also don't agree with consumers who like to clean their air cleaners in their dishwashers. I don't think that is a place you want to put your dirt into. Thanks and good luck.

SQUEAKY DRYER

Kevin writes: "I grew up listening to you on my dad's car radio, and remember always admiring your incredible knowledge. I'm happy as a homeowner now to be able to ask a question of you.

"I received a commercial Speed Queen dryer from my aunt and uncle who were replacing it with a fancy new model. It still does a great job; however, it is beginning to sound like a squeaky wheel. I'm not sure exactly where it's coming from.

"Sounds like something needs to be greased up, but I'm no expert, so I come to you, Joe. I'll greatly appreciate your help on this matter."

Thank you, Kevin, for the kind words. I remember a den-

tist with your last name who listened to me all the time. The guy could fix any appliance as long as I showed him how it was put together. He had his little guy with him all the time - maybe that was you.

When I hear a squeak sound coming from a dryer I go right to the idler wheel. This wheel is what puts tension onto the belt before it loops around the pulley on the drive motor.

Disconnect the belt, remove the idler wheel and spin the plastic wheel. You will be able to tell whether it's defective. If so, replace it.

It isn't an expensive part. You can remove the screws on the lower portion of the front panel, remove the panel and have access to the idler wheel.

I hope you keep the dial super-glued. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

Christmas in the Village festivities set

Kick off the holiday season with Christmas in the Village, at Cherry Hill Village in Canton Township Friday-Saturday, Nov. 25-26.

The annual event is reminiscent of an old-fashioned Christmas and offers a variety of activities for young and old alike.

Cherry Hill Village is at the corner of Ridge Road and Cherry Hill Road.

Highlights will include a Christmas home tour, live entertainment with both a main stage and strolling performers, food and beverage, children's crafts and games, a

petting zoo and pictures with Santa.

The festivities will begin with a series of home tours 4-9 p.m. Nov. 25. All of the residences will be beautifully decorated for the holidays, with the assistance of local florists and decorators.

In addition, neighbors will compete in the annual holiday lighting contest.

The fun will continue noon to 6 p.m. Nov. 26, with free entertainment on the main stage, crafts, cookie decorating, games, a petting zoo with accompanying wagon rides, carriage rides, pictures with

Santa and storytelling with Mrs. Claus.

Local restaurants will provide a variety of food. There will be a small fee for food and photos with Santa.

The day will wrap up with the official tree lighting 5:30 p.m. in front of the Village Theatre, also at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads.

The Toronto All-Star Big Band, a swingtime group, will perform holiday favorites 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Nov. 26 in the Village Theatre.

Home tour tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets may be bought at Summit on the Park in Canton (phone (734) 394-5460), Petite Maison in Northville (phone (248) 348-9710) and

Remerica Hometown One in Cherry Hill Village (phone (734) 495-3400).

Tickets for the Toronto All-Star Big Band are \$15 for the 4 p.m. show and \$18 for the 7 p.m. show, and are available at Summit on the Park.

Home tour/performance packages are available for \$27 at Summit on the Park.

Christmas in the Village is created by the Christmas in the Village Association, in cooperation with the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities in Canton Township, with support provided by Canton Leisure Services.

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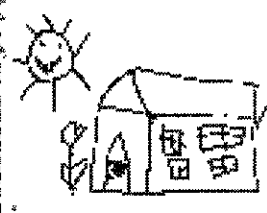
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The new Dancing Eye Gallery in Walled Lake will have an open house 5-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11. The store is at 133 F. Walled Lake Drive. Call (248) 668-0731 for more information. Admission is free. Music will be provided by a deejay and refreshments will be served. Many items in the store are made by local artists. The selection includes decorative tiles, unusual clothing and jewelry, and a wide range of home accessories.

Kingswood Giffforama

The 35th Kingswood Giffforama will take place Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 12-13, at Kingswood School, 39221 Woodward, between Long Lake and Lone Pine roads in Bloomfield Hills. Free parking will be available at Cranbrook's Boys' Middle School, 1060 Vaughan, with free shuttle buses to Kingswood. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7. A cafe and free coat check will be featured. For more information and to order tickets, call (248) 645-3565 or visit www.giffforama.org. The Champagne Opening will take place 6-10 p.m. Friday. Prices are \$825 (including eight tickets to the opening), \$440 (four tickets), \$220 (two tickets), and \$85 (one ticket). All tickets to the opening include admission to Giffforama both days. Giffforama is a major Cranbrook Schools fundraiser organized annually by the Kingswood Alumnae Association. Proceeds help with scholarships, capital needs and faculty compensation and enrichment. During the event, the hallways and classrooms of the Kingswood campus are transformed into a festive winter wonderland of holiday shopping. This year, 50 stores from across the country will set up shop, offering exclusive gift items at reasonable prices. Merchants now feature items for Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and other holidays in addition to Christmas.

Goodwill Antiques Show

The 58th annual Goodwill Antiques Show will take place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion at Oakland University, off Adams between Avon Road and Walton Boulevard in Rochester Hills. The Junior Group of Goodwill sponsors and organizes the show. All proceeds benefit Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit. General admission is \$10. Tickets may be bought at the pavilion door or through Junior Group members. Parking is free. The gala preview will take place 7-10 p.m. Friday. The black tie-optional party will feature music, cocktails and a strolling supper by Forte Belanger Catering. Partygoers will have the first opportunity to select objects before the show opens to the general public. Preview tickets are \$80. To order, call the Junior Group at (248) 909-1492. More than 50 premier antiques exhibitors from across the country will offer a wide variety of pieces, including Americana, Continental and English furniture, fine and folk art, pottery, jewelry, Oriental items, silver, fine glass and china, pewter and toys. The Goodwill Booth will feature collectibles, jewelry and furniture restored by talented volunteers and sold at bargain prices. Bids on special donated items can be made at a silent auction, which will begin during the preview party and conclude Sunday afternoon. Other features of the show will include gift items handmade by volunteers and local artists, a pantry with canned goods and a lunch cafe. For information, call (248) 909-1492 or visit www.goodwilldetroit.com.

Holiday Home Tour

The Northville Community Foundation will host its eighth Holiday Home Tour 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 12-13. Proceeds from the event will help fund the community's endowments. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$22 at the door. Tickets are limited. The event has been a sellout each year. Tickets are available in Northville at Traditions, Changing Seasons, Gardenviews, Community Financial, Main Street Bank, and the Northville Chamber of Commerce; in Livonia at French's Flowers; in Walled Lake at Home Accessory Warehouse; and by calling the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200. Six outstanding homes will be featured, including a Builder's Bonus Home. Each house will have been bedecked and trimmed by a decorator. Decorators are David McKnight of Emerald City Designs of Farmington Hills, Jackie Schwartz of Home Accessory Warehouse of Walled Lake, Janet Genn, Francine Laenen, Karen Slack of Traditions of Northville and Corrine Yoho of Changing Seasons of Northville.

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Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. In Basic Throw Blanket (Saturdays, Nov. 12-13; fee is \$40), make the perfect home accessory for the cold winter months ahead to keep or give as a wonderful holiday gift. This quick and simple project uses luxurious fabrics like velvet, faux fur or cashmere, and anything from satin to striped cotton shirting for lining.

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You can add warmth, drama to 'plain' kitchen in new home

Evelyn in Redford writes: "I've just moved into our new home and the kitchen looks so plain. I made careful selections for the counter tops, cabinet finishes and paint colors; however, there is no pizzazz in the room at all. What can I do in a kitchen to bring in some drama without breaking the bank?"

This is a common issue with homeowners, especially those who have just built a new home. The model home is designed to excite and appeal to the potential buyer. A lot of time and money is spent to achieve this goal. By the time you close on your new home and move in, it is just a plain house with no wow factor at all.

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First, you need to change the way you are viewing the kitchen. Instead of "plain," think of the kitchen as a blank canvas just waiting for your inspiration.

If at all possible, go back into the model home and look objectively at the kitchen. Very often, these model rooms aren't set up as functional rooms. So mentally take out of the kitchen what won't work in your own household.

For instance, beautiful sculpture pieces on the counters or on the island look great, but in your real life, this may not be a possibility. Maybe the floor-length, white draperies are an impractical option for you.

With that said, now look at the items in the model kitchen that you can use in your own home.

What gives this room the warmth and pizzazz you are looking for? Is it the area rug under the table, the richly colored wood blinds, or the tiled backsplash? All of these things affect the total ambiance of the room.

ADDING WARMTH

A kitchen is a difficult room to add warmth to because of all the hard surfaces and lack of places for textiles. This can lead to a sterile and cold-looking room. There are a few things you can do to counter this.

■ **Paint.** Since kitchens typically have very little wall space, this is a wonderful room for bold paint colors.

Paint the walls a rich color, such as burgundy or deep green. Choose a color that works with the established color scheme throughout the house.

■ **Window treatments.** Choose beautiful patterns and colors. Kitchen window treatments have evolved from the old flowers and chickens to the same detailed treatments you would use in your dining room or living room.

If possible, take the treatments right up to the

ceiling to add visual height to the room. ■ **Area rugs.** This isn't your mother's rug that sits in front of the kitchen sink. Choose a large, patterned rug for under the kitchen table. If small children and daily messes make this a bad choice for you, consider a runner along a row of cabinets or in front of the island. ■ **Tiled backsplash.** Take a visit to a tile store. There are several to choose from that have showrooms to look at with assembled tile patterns. In Farmington Hills you can find Virginia Tile, Beaver Tile and many more in the same area.

Remember that this is a permanent change, so be cautious about using trendy colors; however, avoid the boring white or beige all over. Colorful insets or borders are very nice, as well as some of the new metal tiles. The metal tiles prevent tying you to a color scheme, but add a nice flair. Glass tiles are great and work with all types of design styles. Ask a lot of questions about whether you need to seal the grout and tiles, the cleaning and maintenance, and of course, the cost. Tile prices can vary greatly.

There are some beautiful painted and accent tiles you can use sparingly to highlight a particular area of the kitchen. A few well-placed, painted tiles will go far in your kitchen decor.

■ **Wall art.** Most kitchens have limited wall space for hanging art work, so be careful to choose the right piece for the right place.

If space allows, don't be afraid to use a large, framed print. A substantial, single piece will add more drama than many small items hung around the walls. Start with an objective look at a few model homes, and take the ideas into your own home. You will have the kitchen you've dreamed of in no time.

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



Holiday gifts

Jan Bagley of Bloomfield Hills will sell holiday boutique gift items at The Community House's eighth annual Winter Holiday Gift Show, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, south of Maple (15 Mile) and between Southfield Road and Old Woodward in Birmingham. The snowmen sell for \$35 each. Bagley has showcased her collection of boutique pieces since the show's inception. This year, all three floors of The Community House will be decked out with unusual gift items. About 80 vendors will offer such objects as seasonal folk art, antique botanical prints, pottery, jewelry, florals, soft sculpture, painted furniture, bath products, folk art painting, photography, weaving, handbags, vintage linens, kiln-formed glass, wall quilts, framed Santa prints, silhouettes, handmade lampshades, painted plates, house portraits, monogrammed hand towels, and decorative fabric flags. A cafe will feature gourmet sandwiches, salads, soups and desserts. Admission to the show is \$5, with proceeds benefiting adult and youth programs at The Community House. For more information, call (248) 644-5832.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Thanksgiving centerpiece

Learn how to make a Thanksgiving centerpiece in a class Tuesday, Nov. 15, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Fee is \$20, plus a \$20 materials fee payable to the instructor. Bring a small paring/pocket knife, pruning clippers and scissors.

To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. In the class, learn how to bring the beauty of the Thanksgiving season to your dining table through the use of seasonal flowers and foliage. Creative design tips and information will be shared as you learn how to design a fall-themed centerpiece. No experience necessary. The instructor will be Robin Yelverton, co-owner of Blumz by JRDesigns.

Village decoration

English Gardens hosts free seminars for the holiday season 7 p.m. Wednesdays at its stores in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7072) and Farmington Hills (phone (248) 280-9500).

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The schedule includes: Estimating Landscape and Garden Work, three sessions beginning Thursday, Nov. 10, in Pontiac (fee is \$120); Garden Design, five Mondays beginning Nov. 14, or five Tuesdays beginning Nov. 15, in Pontiac (\$168); Care of Tools, Tuesday, Nov. 15, in Livonia (\$42); Presenting Your Design, two Saturdays beginning Nov. 19, in Livonia (\$137); Holiday Decorations From Your Garden, Saturday, Nov. 19, in Pontiac (\$54); and Focus on Design, Mondays, Nov. 21 to Dec. 12, or Tuesdays, Nov. 22 to Dec. 13, in Livonia (\$137).

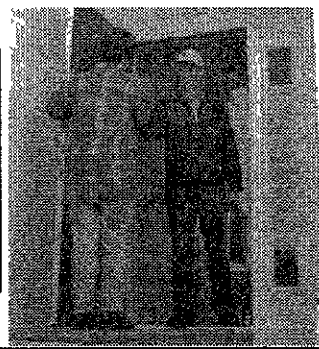
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involved a visit to the Shrine of the Black Madonna.

The kinara holds seven candles that represent the seven days of Kwanzaa – one black candle in the middle, three red candles on one side and three green candles on the other side.

“It seems like a good way to serve our community,” Christian said of Holiday Tables. “Such a good group of women.”

Stephanie Bates, owner of SJ Home Designs in Southfield, will be participating in Holiday Tables for the fourth year.

Bates presents a Christmas theme in different ways for Holiday Tables, she said. In other years, she has worked with red, blue and burgundy. “This year I’ll be a little whimsical,” Bates said.

Bates’ table will be decorated in black, white and red, and feature jester masks, comedy/drama masks, Christmas linens and other holiday items from her store. It will be positioned by the fireplace, which she will decorate as well.

“It’s been fun. I’ve met so many wonderful people,” Bates said.

“It helps you to get creative.” Judy Galperin of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework of Southeastern Michigan will design a Hanukkah table. The organization studies and provides infor-



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The Spicer House is decorated for Holiday Tables as well. This photo was taken last year.

mation on Judaic needle art.

Michele Hinds of The Vines, a flower shop in Farmington, will be taking part in Holiday Tables for the fifth year.

“I’ll be using a mix of antique Fiesta ware with Villeroy and Boch plates . . . in bright primary colors,” she said.

“I love decorating and being part of the garden club and seeing different ideas that come out every year.”

Other exhibitors will include a 15-year-old who is designing a table with her great-grandmother’s china. Among other themes will be Ramadan, a Christmas wedding, New Year’s and a wedding anniversary.

Holiday Tables proceeds benefit the Schoolyard Natural Habitat projects of Farmington

Public Schools.

Last year’s event contributed to the project at the Fairview Early Childhood Center in Farmington Hills. Plants, a ladybug house, birdhouses, finch feeders, garden tools appropriate for children and a garden house were bought with the money.

“In addition to life science, our habitat also helps us learn reading, math and research skills,” said a thank you letter from Fairview to the Farmington Garden Club.

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accents by Michael Aram, clusters of green moss balls in Leonardo glass dishes tinged in green, and green amaryllis bulbs in candle-like shapes. Shell-like napkin rings are arranged on a serving tray.

Crisp white plates are on place mats of white linen with colorful dots around the border. On the plates are clear glass orbs holding red glass pebbles. The silver napkin rings are shaped like leafy twigs.

“It’s fun to do,” said Ross, who has worked at Cranbrook Holiday Tables before.

He and Rosseau met when he designed the Rosseau home. His Richard Ross Designs studio is on site at the store.

“We had so much fun working together,” Rosseau said.

Master potters and glass blowers from Greenfield Village at The Henry Ford in Dearborn will handcraft wares for a table display.

Kris Appleby and Kay Ponicali, both of Bloomfield Hills, are collaborating on a table that will feature greens, fresh items, pottery and other accents from their personal collections, Chapman House in

Rochester and Detroit Garden Works in Sylvan Lake.

Ellen Marcini of Bloomfield Hills is planning an Oriental theme for her table, working with designer Robert Gauthier.

Tentative plans include a six-panel Chinese screen, a sake set, Hoya crystal, a Tibetan chest, sterling silver for the Chinese New Year, and a Japanese floral arrangement by Kay Masuda, Marcini said.

Laura Mercier of Laura Mercier Cosmetics will showcase the art of the dressing table in the vignette she is planning.

“Holiday Tables kicks off the holiday season for so many area residents,” said Fair Radom of Bloomfield Hills, who is co-chairing the event with Ellen Rogers of Birmingham.

“As they begin to think about celebrating the holidays in their own homes, visitors will get a lot of great ideas from viewing these tables.”

“This is the 30th Holiday Tables event and we are honored to bring the art of table-setting into the spotlight in this exquisite setting.”

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The practice table by Kris Appleby and Kay Ponicali features items from their personal collections, the Chapman House in Rochester and Detroit Garden Works in Sylvan Lake.

PROTECT

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they want. That’s why AOL cleverly offers an option to block other browsers.

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For even greater protection, look to a program like CyberPatrol (www.cyberpatrol.com) or NetNanny (www.netnanny.com). These security suites do more than just block undesirable Web sites; they also monitor your children’s online activities, limit time spent online, filter search-engine results and instant-messaging sessions and much more.

Both suites cost \$40, but you can download fully functional

demo versions and try before you buy. Just keep in mind that neither program is foolproof.

You should also supervise your children whenever possible and make them aware of the Web’s potential dangers.

You can find a lot more information about this subject at sites like GetNetWise (kids.getnetwise.org) and ProtectKids.com.

One last bit of advice: Communicate your concerns to the parents of your children’s friends. Bulletproof protection on your own PC is useless if your youngsters get online at a friend’s house.

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

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UPCOMING

Share the bounty

Holy Trinity's Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America group invite you to their 14th Annual Share the Bounty at 39020 Five Mile, east of I-275, Livonia. The raffle of donated art, craft and purchased items and certificates will be held 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11. Tickets are 10 for \$12 and will be available at the door. Hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and entertainment included. The proceeds will provide Christmas gifts and meals for families in need. For more information, call (734) 464-0211.

Lifeworks

Rev. Dick Bont speaks on a topic of importance to single adults in today's society 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920. Craft and bake sale. Homemade baked goods, handmade crafts, hot dog lunch on Friday, Nov. 11, turkey dinner on Saturday, Nov. 12, at Redford Church of God, 26119 Southwestern, Redford. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. All proceeds go to the church. Call (313) 937-8520.

Crafts and more

Christmas gifts, jewelry, attic treasures, bake sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly.

Filmed documentary

The Consciousness of Jesus Christ 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Cost is \$10. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shopping extravaganza

Just in time for holiday shopping members of the music ministry of the Plymouth First United Methodist Church welcome over 30 vendors to participate in its 4th Annual Shopping Extravaganza fundraising event 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at 45201 N. Territorial (between Sheldon and Beck Roads) in Plymouth, the event is open to the public. Babysitting and lunch available. Door prizes awarded throughout the day. Proceeds benefit the music tour outreach efforts of the PFUMC Chancel Choir and Festival Bells. For information, call (734) 459-5212. The PFUMC Chancel Choir and Festival Bell musical ensembles have taken their music to other churches. In June 2006 the group returns to the Chicago area where a number of concerts are planned. There are many opportunities for music lovers of all ages to participate. Singers, hand bell ringers, instrumentalists, concert-goers, and dedicated volunteers are all a valued part of this growing ministry. For information about how to get involved, call the music director at (734) 453-5280.

Veteran remembrance

11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. All family members of veterans and the military are invited to come and honor them on this day. A social hour will follow on this Sunday after Veterans Day to honor those who served. Call (734) 722-1735.

Remembrance service

To remember the crew of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald which sank Nov. 10, 1975, service to take place 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at Mariners' Church, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking in Ford Auditorium Garage. Call (313) 259-2206.

Anniversary celebration

It's a coming home event, Unity of Livonia's 43rd anniversary for members, friends and old-timers 11:30 a.m. (potluck), music and kids fun Sunday, Nov. 13, at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Book presentation

And Signing by Jimi Varner, author of *The Dieter's Deliverance: Breaking the Chains of Bondage - Why diets don't work* 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 (doors open at 2:30 p.m.), at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road off of Grand River, between Drake and Farmington roads, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584. No charge.

Entertainer visits town

Can an entertainer with a high-energy music and comedy show hold an entire audience in the palm of his hand, and still be squeaky clean? Families are about to find out when Jerry Jacoby's "Real Character Is No Accident!" show is held 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, at Dunning Park Bible Chapel. For elementary students and their families. No violence or racy humor. Jacoby's show encourages honesty, respect and the Golden Rule. No charge. For more information, call (517) 529-9110 or (734) 261-4936.

Blood drive

2-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Call (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or just drop in.

Feliciano in concert

Jose Feliciano performs at a gala benefit 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit. Proceeds from the event will help support the educational programs of the Ann Arbor-based Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. For more information or to reserve tickets, call (734) 929-6467.

Single parents

Wednesday evening program at 7 p.m. Nov. 16, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Winter card party

6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Door, table prizes. 50-50. Bring your friends, your games and play cards and games of your choice. Tickets \$7, available at door. Proceeds go to Building Fund. Call (734) 722-1343.

Whirly ball

7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18, meet at Whirly Ball West in West Bloomfield. For more information, call Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5920.

Grief support

One day workshop, From Grief to New Hope, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Individuals will be placed in a group with others who had similar losses after a presentation by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. There is no fee but a \$10 donation which will cover the cost of lunch is requested. To register, call (734) 451-2767.

Crafts and cuisine

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, and 12:30-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, west of Farmington Road between Freedom and Grand River, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584 or visit www.stjohn-lutheran.com.

Christian speaker

Mike Scubin, formerly on the popular television show, *Survivor*, will tell of his ordeal after falling into a fire at the 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 20 service at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton. Brunch follows immediately after. For information, call (734) 981-0286. All are welcome.

Fundraiser for kids

Pastors Cooking for Kid's event at Seldom Blues Jazz Restaurant and Supper Club 5-10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21. Hundreds of guests are expected to attend the benefit where pastors create the menu with their favorite recipes to raise money for Mayor's Time, a nonprofit funded in large part by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Mayor's Time's role is to increase participation in after-school programs by creating sustainable change in policies, funding streams and practices. Tickets are \$50 and must be purchased in advance. For more information, call (313) 963-3660.

Coffeehouse

7-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, for singles, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920. Cost is \$5.

Prayer class

How can positive prayer work for you? Learn at a class with Caroline Trout 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Nov. 23, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 421-1760.

From Broken to Good

An 8-week transformational journey began Oct. 9, at Solid Rock Bible Church, 670 Church, Plymouth. Call (734) 455-7711. We invite you to consider your mind, heart, soul, thoughts, feelings and relationships of your life in need of renovation. Times are 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., child care available both times. All ages welcome.

ONGOING

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

Fall Sunday services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 9:30 a.m. Bible study, and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sunday school, at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia.

Sunday services

Continue with traditional worship and children's Sunday School at 10 a.m., and adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m., at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. The Beatitudes are now the focus of the school curriculum which features music, computers, games and story telling. Nursery care available. The Mustard Seed service at 6 p.m. offers an informal, casual environment. Handicap accessible. Call (734) 421-7620.

Unity of Livonia

Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue located at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish com-

munity of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Net Chavirin

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Bridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 616-3864 for information or visit www.netchavirin.com.

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesday service 6:15 p.m. Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Shalom

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit the Web site at www.adat-shalom.org.

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

Scripture from scratch

If you've always wanted to learn about the Bible from square one, here's square one 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950 to register.

Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh (31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia) is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

Services

St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday School hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4 p.m. Tuesdays at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays, at the Friendship Center, 189 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, story telling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 422-7620.

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Worship services

8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour 9:30-10:40 a.m., at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

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Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sunday at Church of Our Saviour, Presbyterian, 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. For more information, call (248) 626-7606.

Aerobic class

Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 W. Chicago at Inkster, is offering a Women's Low Impact Aerobic Class to the community every Monday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the church basement. To participate in this cost-free, 30-minute class, wear comfortable exercise attire (floor mats optional). For more information, call the church office, (313) 937-1199.

Bible studies

Led by C. Jack Brinkman 8-9 p.m. Thursdays, at the Birmingham YMCA, 400 E. Lincoln. Brinkman wrote the book *The Word of God: Jesus Christ*. Part of the proceeds from book sales go to the YMCA.

Community Bible study

Studying the Book of Proverbs, breakfast 7 a.m. or Bible study 8-9 a.m. at the American Table, Eight Mile, Farmington. Come when you can, leave when you must. For more information, call (248) 924-2779.

Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620.

Trinity Episcopal Church



CAROLA.

(KILLAM) LAURI

Of Bloomfield Hills, died November 5, 2005. Wife of: The late Paul. Mother of: John (Beverly) Lauri, Karl (Tammy) Lauri, Patrice (Steve) Deckard. Grandmother of: Cole, Stephanie and Paige Lauri, Paul and Christopher Deckard. Mrs. Lauri was an active member of St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church and a member of Nomads. She was involved and took great pleasure in fashion shows, rummage sales, Christmas baskets and children's charities. She loved spending time with her family and especially enjoyed attending her grandchildren's activities and events. Funeral mass was held on Wednesday 11:00am at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church (2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills) Mrs. Lauri was in state at 10:30am until the time of service. Visitation was held on Monday 4-9pm, Tuesday 1-9pm with scripture service at 7:00pm at Pilex Funeral Home (322 W. University Dr., Rochester). Share memories at www.mem.com.

HELEN M. FEYS

(nee-McNamara)

November 7, 2005, age 81. Beloved wife of Jack. Very loving mother of Erin, Patrick, Peggy, Kathleen, Maureen, Paul, Dan, and John. Dearest grandmother of 19 and dear great grandmother of 5. Sister of Edward H. McNamara. Preceded in death by sisters Marilyn and Mona. Funeral Friday instate 9:30 until until 10:00 mass at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church. Visitation Wednesday 5-9pm and Thurs. 1-9pm with rosary 7pm at the Neely-Turovski Funeral Home 30200 Five Mile Rd. (between Merriman and Middlebelt). Interment Holy Sepulchre.

LUCILLE SMITH

Age 85, wife of the late Robert A. (Sept. 15, 1993). Beloved mother of Orv (Mary) Smith of Lakeland, FL, Roberta (Donald) Taylor of Redford, Kay (Allen) Davis of Brighton, Kristy Rhodes of Redford and the late Sue Ann Fultz. Loving grandmother of 16 and great-grandmother of 38. Dear Sister of Alban Norton and Dr. James Norton of Pickford. Visiting Thursday 3-8 pm Hovie Funeral Home, Saulte Ste. Marie, MI. Services Friday 11 am at the Free Methodist Church, Interment Lakeview Cemetery, Kinross. Arrangement by Charles Step Funeral Home (313)531-1888

H. MAY SCHMOYER

Born in Indianapolis, IN, March 30, 1912 died at home on November 2, 2005 in Del Mar, CA at the age of 93. May attended Indiana University and later worked for the S.S. Kresge Company for 10 years. In 1939 she married Earl Schmoeyer in Detroit, MI. who was a national Buyer for S. S. Kresge in Detroit. They raised three children David, Thomas and Diana residing in Louisville, Ky. for 6 years. More recently, May lived at The White Sands of La Jolla for 20 years where she was an avid bridge player. She lived with her daughter Diana in Del Mar, CA for the past 2 years. She is survived by her son Tom (Cathy) Schmoeyer, of Bloomfield Hills, daughter Diana Nolan of Del Mar, CA, and four grandchildren, Samantha & Alexandra Schmoeyer of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Kelly Nolan of Tacoma, WA and Gregor Nolan of San Diego, CA. May is preceded in death by her brother William Stuckmeyer, her husband Earl, her son David and son-in-law Peter Nolan MD. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends and loved ones. A memorial service will be held at 11 am, on Friday, November 25 th. at The Church of the Nativity, Rancho Santa Fe, CA. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to the American Red Cross

Sunday worship 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the church 1575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361.

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New contemporary service

9 a.m. on the last Sunday of the month, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.

Prayer group

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Women of the Word

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Adat Shalom

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JOEL "JIMMY" WEINER

Beloved husband of Denise Weiner. Devoted father of Jamison (Geri) Weiner and Carrie (Eric) Doelle. Loving grandfather of Giselle Doelle. Cherished brother of Barbara (Daniel) Allen. Also survived by Jack the dog. Services were held Tuesday at The Ira Kaufman Chapel, 248-569-0020. irakaufman.com

PHYLIS M. HENDERSON

A resident of Beverly Hills for over thirty five years, died on October 30, 2005. She was 86 years old. Mrs. Henderson was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Henderson, in 2003. She is survived by her daughter, Linda (Dan Fields) Henderson of South Lyon, a son, Don (Stephanie) Henderson of Commerce Township; and grandson, Dylan A. Memorial Service will be held at the Northbrook Presbyterian Church, 22055 W. 14 Mile Rd., Beverly Hills, on Saturday, November 12, at 2pm. Memorials may be made to Odyssey Hospice, The Alzheimer's Association, or The American Diabetes Association. For further information, please phone 248-684-6645 or www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

VALERIE E.

(WEST) GINOTTI

Age 46, died November 7, 2005. Beloved wife of Ronald. Loving mother of Douglas, Deborah (Chad) Williamson and Dana (Kevin) Gantz. Dear daughter of Gary and Joyce West. Sister of Victor (Debbie), Vincent and Vernon West and Victoria (Frank) Parrish. Grandmother of Kyle, Mikyle, Dominick, Landyn and Sydney. Funeral service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday at 11am. Visitation Thurs. 12-9pm. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rgharris.com.

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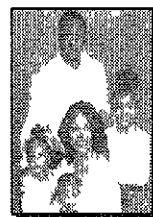


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Variations on potatoes

Blend in flavors this fall

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Getting ready for that annual 2,000-plus calorie meal at Thanksgiving?

When you look at that meal throughout the holidays and all winter long, you might consider some ways to cut those calories and yet have a delicious meal.

"It's a great time to deal with family functions and get a good meal on the table," says Gail Posner, a registered dietitian and owner of Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling in West Bloomfield.

Consider the potato. It might be mashed or scalloped, but there are ways to not pack on the fat.

But do potatoes deserve such a bad rap?

We all know French fries taste great, but they put trans-fats in our bodies. Fries from restaurant chains can top 360 calories in a medium serving.

Lesser evils include mashed potatoes (1 cup equals 237 calories with whole milk and butter) and au gratin (with butter, 323 calories). Scalloped potatoes, again with milk and butter, weigh in at 211 calories in a one-cup serving.

Baked potatoes remain a strong viable option for diners. There are 281 calories in a 3- to 4 1/2-inch potato, and the baked potato is an excellent source of vitamin C, iron and potassium, according to www.nutritiondata.com.

Posner suggests lowfat yogurt or lowfat ranch dressing on the baked potato, instead of sour cream. There are other ways to cut the fat in fried potatoes by just mixing the potatoes in a plastic bag with one teaspoon of oil, then baking the potatoes in the oven, Posner said.

"I like to season them with parsley and garlic," Posner said.

But if you don't want the same old baked potato or fried versions, you can rice them or stuff them, just watch the portion sizes.

Then there's potato soup, perfect for warming up the fall. Take two cups sliced potatoes, 1/4 cup sliced onion or sliced leeks, a few bits of cooked ham and add to 1 1/2 cups boiling water. Cook for 15 minutes, but do not drain and

and you're all set for a relatively quick meal.

According to the book *Culinary Artistry* by Andrew Dornenburg and Karen Page, potatoes combine well in dishes with basil, butter, caviar, celery root, cheese (cheddar, goat, Gruyere and parmesan), chives, cream, garlic, leeks, lovage, parsley and salt.

Of course, there are other flavor options when preparing potatoes, including bacon, cayenne, chervil, dill, fennel, ham, kale, thyme, onions, mushrooms, mustard and smoked salmon.

For a nice touch to a meal, try a puree. Cook potatoes (boiling or baking is fine), and push through a food mill or ricer. Add seasonings and one egg yolk per pound of potatoes, then pipe or shape onto parchment sheets. Keep warm over steam table or hot water bath.

A good potato puree is smooth, light in texture and can hold its shape when dropped from a spoon. Purees can be used in dishes that are sauteed, baked or deep-fried, according to the Professional Chef.

OVEN-FRIED GARLIC POTATOES

2 large baking potatoes
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon dried parsley
1 clove garlic, pressed
1/2 teaspoon salt (or to taste)

Slice potatoes lengthwise, then cut lengthwise pieces into strips about 1/2-inch wide. Place potatoes in a large mixing bowl and add olive oil, parsley, pressed garlic clove and salt. Mix well. Turn onto a cookie sheet that has been lightly sprayed with cooking oil. Bake in 450-degree oven for 30 minutes or until crisp and brown. Makes 2 generous servings.

Note: Gail Posner, a registered dietitian and owner of Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling in West Bloomfield, recommends spraying cooking oil or tossing potatoes in a plastic bag with one teaspoon of oil before baking.

PLEASE SEE POTATO, B9

The best potatoes

Here are some tips on some of the most popular potato preparation techniques.

Remember it is best to eat potatoes with their skins. The skin is packed with nutrients like fiber, vitamins and minerals.

If you need to peel potatoes for dishes like mashed potatoes, boil them in their skins and then peel them afterward.

OVEN-BAKED

Heat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit (220 degrees Celsius). Pierce potato in several places so the steam can escape. Place potato on oven rack or baking sheet.

Bake 40 to 55 minutes or until ten-

der when pierced with a fork.

MICROWAVE-BAKED

Pierce each potato several times so the steam can escape. Place in microwave oven and microwave on high until tender, turning potato over halfway.

For medium-sized potatoes (about 5 ounces or 140 g.), microwave 3-1/2 to 4-1/2 minutes.

For larger potatoes, (about 9 ounces or 255 g.), microwave 5 to 9 minutes.

ROASTED

Heat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit (220 degrees Celsius). Toss cut-up potatoes with enough olive oil to coat lightly. Season with

salt and pepper (or any seasoned salt). Arrange in an even layer on a lightly oiled, shallow baking pan.

Roast 20 to 30 minutes or until tender, moving them around occasionally.

HASH BROWNS

In a large nonstick skillet, heat butter (or olive oil) over medium heat. Add coarsely shredded potatoes; cover, and cook until bottom is golden brown, adjusting heat as necessary. Turn potatoes over carefully to brown opposite side. Season with salt and pepper.

Note: Turn only once for crisper potatoes.

Information from The Potato Council.



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

Rosenblum wines: a Thanksgiving treat

Minnesota native Kent Rosenblum moved west in 1970 to practice veterinary medicine in Alameda, Calif. By 1973, he caught the wine bug and made five gallons of white riesling - a popular German-style wine of the times.

By 1978, he established Rosenblum Cellars and produced 400 cases of zinfandel, cabernet sauvignon, riesling and chardonnay.

Today, Rosenblum produces 120,000 cases, principally vineyard-designated zinfandels, some of the most sumptuous stuff on the planet.

Upon release of his 1978 Sonoma County Zinfandel, from grapes grown in the century-old Cullinane Vineyard, Rosenblum established his reputation as a talented zinfandel producer.

Key to continued success was locating unique vineyards and establishing lasting relationships with growers.

Gaining more experience each vintage, Rosenblum looked for well-managed vineyards with low yields, resulting in the concentration and fruit intensity required to produce his signature full-fruit style.

In common, these vineyards had established old vines planted on hillside locations, using a head-pruned training system.

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Rosenblum widened his old-vine zinfandel search throughout California to vineyards as far north as Mendocino County, south to Paso Robles and Santa Barbara and east to Amador County.

Rosenblum is fond of the flavor and texture variations different regions offer, but he also benefits pragmatically from the strength this gives his business in difficult vintages when some appellations suffer a less-desir-

PLEASE SEE ROSENBLUM, B10

WINE PICKS

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2004 Kathy's Cuvee Viognier, \$16, is an excellent first wine to serve with Thanksgiving appetizers. Rosenblum red wines are fruit forward without being jammy, and rich, without being overtly fleshy.

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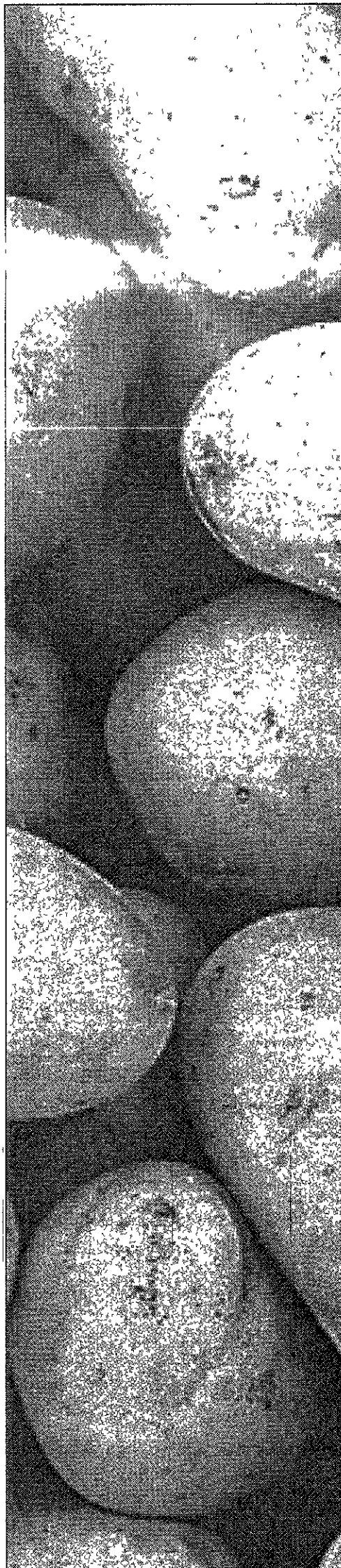
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All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area. If a retailer doesn't stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.



Spicy island roast pork, fruit salad good for all seasons

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This spicy roast pork and fruit salad is a hearty but low-fat combination that makes a useful, all-season dish.

Jerk seasoning gives the roasted pork tenderloin a warmly spirited flavor, nicely balanced by the fruit and lime juice in the salad.

The recipe is from *The New Woman's Day Cookbook* (Filipacchi, 2005, \$35), a collection of about 355 recipes by Elizabeth Alston and the editors of *Woman's Day* magazine.

The book jacket calls the contents "simple recipes for every occasion" and the range covers just about that.

It includes baked macaroni and cheese, as well as roasted red snapper with coconut-ginger sauce; brownies, as well as mocha-hazelnut granita.

There are sections with background information, tips and glossaries, and a selection of color photos.

The notes with this recipe explain the origin and general characteristics of the popular seasoning blend we know as jerk, and suggest that farmers' markets and green markets are good places to go to look for fresh, unusual greens for your salad.

SPICY ISLAND ROAST PORK AND FRUIT SALAD

(Start to finish: 50 minutes)

1 pound pork tenderloin
1 tablespoon Caribbean jerk seasoning
8-ounce can pineapple chunks in juice
1 teaspoon freshly grated lime peel
¼ cup fresh lime juice
1 tablespoon honey
1 teaspoon Caribbean jerk seasoning
½ cantaloupe, cut into 4 wedges
8 cups (9 ounces) mixed salad greens (such as romaine, frise, radicchio)

Heat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit. Place pork in roasting pan; rub with 1 tablespoon jerk seasoning. Roast 30 minutes or until barely pink in the middle and an instant-read meat thermometer inserted in the center registers 155 degrees Fahrenheit. Remove to cutting board, cover loosely with foil and let rest 8 to 10 minutes.

To make the dressing: Drain pineapple juice into a large bowl. Add lime peel and juice, honey and 1 teaspoon jerk seasoning. Whisk to blend.

Cut each wedge of melon off the peel then slice thinly crosswise.

Cut pork in ¼-inch-thick slices. Add to dressing along with salad greens, cantaloupe and pineapple. Toss to mix.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 265 cal., 26 g. pro., 27 g. carbo., 2 g. fiber, 6 g. fat (2 g. saturated), 67 mg. chol., 104 mg. sodium.

Reviving chicken cacciatore

BY DANA JACOBI
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Many years ago, even before America's culinary taste became more sophisticated, chicken cacciatore was a red sauce cliché.

Once considered a gourmet dish because it used wine, the chicken was blanketed in mushrooms and tomato sauce, both often straight from cans. The sauce was flavored with so-called Italian seasoning, a commercial blend of dried herbs and dehydrated garlic.

The original cacciatore was created in central Italy during the Renaissance, not long after tomatoes, which were discovered in the New World, were introduced to Italian cooks.

Cacciatore means "hunter's style," and this rustic dish was originally served during game season. Only the wealthy could enjoy it because to get the meat, often pheasant or rabbit, you had to be rich enough to own land where you could hunt the game.

Like most cucina casalinga,

or Italian home cooking, chicken cacciatore is a dish with some constants – tomatoes, mushrooms and parsley – and many variations, including olives, wild mushrooms like porcini, or grated cheese.

In place of wine, some cooks prefer red wine vinegar, which has an edge they believe better complements the full-bodied sauce.

Cacciatore is sometimes seasoned with oregano, tarragon or rosemary.

When fresh oregano and tarragon aren't available, their dried versions are acceptable, but not so with rosemary. Fresh rosemary, when finely chopped, disappears into the sauce, while dried rosemary, even when crumbled, leaves sharp, needle-like bits in the sauce.

Parsley is another essential herb. Its flavor enhances the sauce as much as its color adds appealing contrast.

As the local tomato season ends, chicken cacciatore, hearty but not heavy, is a perfect way to enjoy tomatoes in the winter because it is best

made using processed tomatoes. Italian cooks favor strained tomatoes, but canned diced tomatoes, so plentiful in American supermarkets, work fine.

CHICKEN CACCIATORE

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 pound whole skinless and boneless chicken breast, cut in 4 pieces
1 medium red onion, chopped
3 garlic cloves, chopped
8 ounces sliced white mushrooms
3 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley, divided
1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary, or 2 teaspoons dried, crumbled
1 can (about 15 ounces) diced tomatoes, with their juices
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Heat the oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Brown the chicken lightly on both sides, about 8 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a plate and set aside.

In the same pan, sauté the onion until translucent, about 4 minutes.

Add the garlic and cook 1 minute longer. Add the mushrooms and cook, stirring often, until they release their liquid and soften, about 6 minutes. Mix in 2 tablespoons of the parsley and the rosemary. Add the tomatoes, tomato paste and vinegar, scraping the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon to incorporate any browned bits into the sauce.

Return the chicken to the pan. When the sauce bubbles, reduce the heat, partially cover and simmer 15 minutes. Turn the chicken and cook until it is no longer pink in the center at the thickest part, about 5 minutes longer. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Divide the cacciatore among 4 plates. Garnish with the remaining parsley and serve.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 211 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 12 g. carbohydrate, 29 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 222 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi is author of *The Joy of Soy*, and recipe creator for the American Institute for Cancer Research's *Stopping Cancer Before It Starts*.

Organic foods a concern in Michigan, nationwide

HERSEY, Mich. (AP) — Dairy farmer Bill Straathof says demand for his organically produced milk has been healthy, in more ways than one.

Straathof bought his farm near Hersey, 75 miles north of Grand Rapids in Osceola County, in 1978. His interest in organic farming began in 1996, when he learned that organic milk was getting a higher price than that produced with conventional methods.

"The higher price is great, but as an end result I like to look at it as a healthier product," Straathof said. "If you have healthy cows, you would rather drink that milk."

Under U.S. Department of

Agriculture standards, organic food is produced without using most conventional pesticides, fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge, bioengineering or ionizing radiation.

Organic meat, poultry, eggs and dairy products come from animals that are given no antibiotics or growth hormones.

Organic farmers must also emphasize the use of renewable resources and the conservation of soil and water, according to the USDA.

Straathof's dairy farm was certified as organic in November.

"It wasn't that difficult, just a lot of work," he told the *Cadillac News*. "You have to

keep track of everything you put into the ground, the rotation and everything you feed the cows.

"You also have to document what you harvest off the land. It's a lot of paperwork, too."

The U.S. organic food industry grew by 20 percent from 2002 to 2003, although it still represented just 1.9 percent of total food sales.

The industry, however, should continue expanding, said Susan Smalley, extension specialist in sustainable food and farming at the Michigan State University Extension office in East Lansing.

"I think that some consumers will never be interested in organic, but at the same time, I think there will

continue to be growing interest among a fairly large segment of consumers to know more about their food – how it was grown, where it was grown, who grew it, where the profits are going," she said.

Researchers, however, aren't as certain about whether organic food is better for people, she said.

"We are in the very beginning of research and so far there are some studies that say there could be health benefits for eating organic," Smalley said. "But it may or may not pan out."

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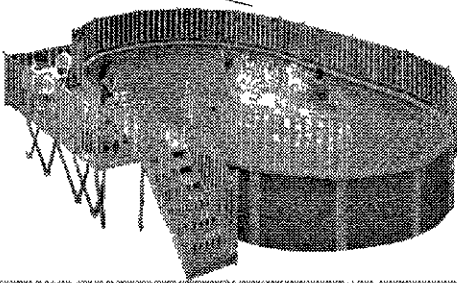
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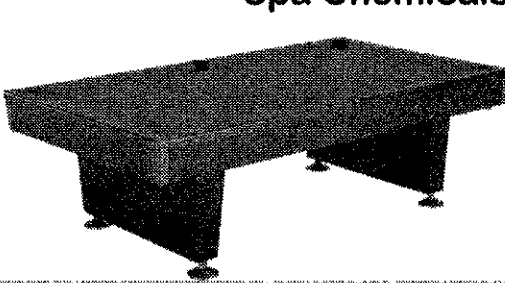
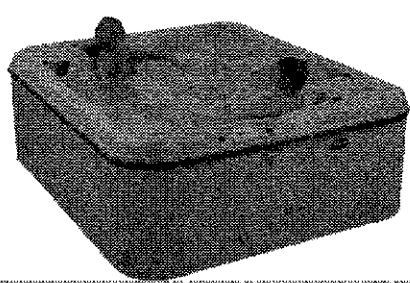
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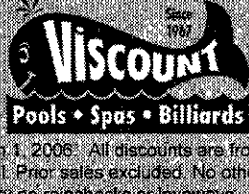
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Tofu stars in these lasagna rolls

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Tofu is "the artful chameleon of protein ingredients," according to *EatingWell* magazine. Recipes from the magazine's test kitchen featured in the October-November issue show how it can play delectable and healthy roles in family menus by borrowing influences from ethnic cuisines. Crumbled tofu replaces the ricotta in this Italian-style vegetarian meal that's one example of how a single package of humble bean curd can be a star on the dinner table. Note: If you wish to make the dish ahead, you can freeze the cooked rolls and sauce for up to one month.

LASAGNA ROLLS

(Start to finish: 45 minutes)
12 whole-wheat lasagna noodles
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
3 cloves garlic, minced
14-ounce package extra-firm water-packed tofu, drained, rinsed and crumbled
3 cups chopped spinach
½ cup shredded Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons finely chopped Kalamata olives
¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper
¼ teaspoon salt
25-ounce jar marinara sauce, preferably lower-sodium
½ cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Cook noodles according to package directions. Drain, rinse, return to the pot and cover with cold water until ready to use.

Meanwhile, heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 20 seconds. Add tofu and spinach and cook, stirring often, until the spinach wilts and the mixture is heated through, 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer to a bowl; stir in Parmesan, olives, crushed red pepper, salt and ¾ cup marinara sauce.

Wipe out the pan and spread 1 cup of the remaining marinara sauce in the bottom. To make lasagna rolls, place a noodle on a work surface and spread ¼ cup of the tofu filling along it. Roll up and place the roll, seam side down, in the pan. Repeat with the remaining noodles and filling. (The tofu rolls will be tightly packed in the pan.) Spoon the remaining marinara sauce over

the rolls. Place the pan over high heat, cover and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to medium; let simmer for 3 minutes. Sprinkle the rolls with mozzarella and cook, covered, until the cheese is melted and the rolls are heated through, 1 to 2 minutes. Serve hot.

Makes 6 servings, 2 rolls each.

Nutrition information per serving: 354 cal., 11 g. fat (3 g. saturated), 11 mg. chol., 46 g. carbo., 21 g. pro., 8 g. fiber, 374 mg. sodium.

POTATO

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ONIONS 'N POTATOES AU GRATIN

4 large potatoes
5 large onions
¾ pound grated cheddar cheese
5 stalks celery, chopped
3 tablespoons butter
1 cup milk or light cream
Paprika
Chopped parsley
Salt and pepper to taste

Boil potatoes and chopped celery together until vegetables are done, but not too soft. Sauté onions in the butter until limp, but not brown. In a medium casserole dish, alternate layers of potatoes, onions and cheese, with cheese on top. Pour milk over mixture. Salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle the top with

paprika and top with chopped parsley. Bake uncovered at 325° F for 30 minutes or until heated through. Serves 8.

Note: To cut the calories, Posner recommends fatfree milk or cream.

ROASTED VEGETABLES

4 cups of mixed vegetables, washed and cut into same-sized pieces (see below for suggestions)
2 teaspoons olive oil
2 teaspoons balsamic or other good red-wine vinegar
½ teaspoon dried herbs (see below for suggestions)
½ teaspoon salt

Heat oven to 350° F. Toss ingredients together on a cookie sheet. Roast until hardest vegetables are tender when pierced by a fork. If you have a combination of hard and soft vegetables,

start roasting the hard ones first. Cooking time varies from 10 minutes for soft vegetables like asparagus to 20 minutes or so for onions and more dense vegetables. Makes 4 servings.

Suggested fresh vegetable combinations:
Yellow or green zucchini
Green, yellow or red peppers
Mushrooms
Asparagus, green beans and eggplant
Onions, cut in quarters

Suggested herb combinations:
Thyme and garlic for Provençal style
Oregano and rosemary for Italian style
Sage with poultry dishes
Sesame oil, garlic and chopped cilantro for Asian dishes
Curry powder, coriander, turmeric and paprika for East Indian dishes

CREAMY POTATO SOUP

4 medium diced Michigan potatoes
2-¾ cup milk (or skim)
2 teaspoons butter
1 medium onion, chopped
4 tablespoons celery, chopped
Salt, black pepper, seasoned salt, parsley, dill

Cover potatoes with water and cook until tender but firm. Then mash half of potatoes with potato water or part of milk and set aside. Continue heating chopped potatoes. Sauté chopped onion and celery in butter. Add remainder of milk, mashed potatoes, sautéed onions and celery; continue heating. Season to taste with salt, pepper, parsley and dill. Serves 4.

Recipes courtesy of the Michigan Potato Industry Commission.



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CALENDAR

Handcrafted pastas

Handcrafted pastas and complimentary sauces will be featured 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market & Catering, 34244 Woodward Avenue in Birmingham. Executive chef William Hall and his culinary team have created five different pastas and twelve different sauces. Guests can observe the Papa Joe's Gourmet Market & Catering culinary team creating pasta dishes with a unique American twist on European favorites. The market's culinary team will discuss how to cook pasta dishes and ideas for pasta preparation. Ravioli, tortelli, classic agnolotti, orecchiette triple spaghetti will be created and available, along with 12 different sauces, including Vodka, Pomodoro, Roasted Garlic Alfredo, Palomino and Arrabbiata. For information, call (248) 723-9400.

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. Qpdyke 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.

Schoolcraft classes

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

■ Hands-On
Note: Hands-On classes have a prerequisite of the Cooking 101: Skill Development class or instructor's approval. Plan to wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands-on classes. Please prepare a tool kit with the following: a set of knives, peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons. Visit Web site www.schoolcraft.edu for more information on these classes and others: 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;

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WINE CALENDAR

Wine Exploration

The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, presents a Wine Exploration Series on Wednesday nights. The classes take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. You must be 21 years of age to attend. To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna are the instructors. Daher, certified sommelier, has been working in the wine industry covering restaurants, hotels, retail and consulting for wholesale distributors for more than 15 years. Daher was wine director, event sommelier and catalog scribe for the Detroit International Wine Auction. He is a professional member of the French gourmet society Chaine De Rotisseurs, founder and president

of the wine consulting company Sommelier Connections Inc. and Unique Wine Cellars for custom designing and building of wine cellars and cooling equipment. Jonna, national wine buyer for Whole Foods Market, has been in the retail wine business for more than 17 years. He assisted in the production of wine in France and visited wine regions in Europe and North America. The final class is:

- 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 Château Petrus; Imperial (6 Liter) 1990 Château Pavie; Magnum 1986 Château Margaux; Double magnum 1999 Château Haut Brion, Graves Grand Cru Classe; Double magnum

1999 Château Margaux, Margaux Grand Cru Classe; Double magnum 1999 Château 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 Kaline. 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.

ROSENBLUM

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able growing season.

Rosenblum and his vice president of winemaking, Jeff Cohn, strive to discover gentler, but not necessarily easier, methods of extracting flavors and textures from grapes.

"We are like 30 little wineries rolled into one," Rosenblum said. "Fruit from individual vineyards is hand sorted. Specific yeasts are carefully selected to ferment each lot in very small batches."

"All of this is labor intensive, but it's gentle and yields a more complex, balanced wine than available automated processes." Each year, Rosenblum and Cohn conduct experiments and may change their winemaking methods based on the results. "We use Burgundian-like techniques," Rosenblum said, "with little or no mechanization. We do not pump our wines, even with the gentlest pumps, because we don't want to bruise grape seeds and release harsh tannins."

"Our experiments have demonstrated that a three-to-four-day cold soak prior to fermentation, and pressing to

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barrel before the wine is dry, promotes subtler tannins."

Rosenblum Cellars uses a combination of new and seasoned oak barrels in an effort to craft wines with understated oak. Cohn uses barrels from 55 different coopers, located in the U.S., France, Hungary, Australia and Russia.

Great wines at a fair price is Rosenblum's motto. For Thanksgiving this year, serve Rosenblum wines from the Wine Picks suggestions. One, at least, should be zinfandel, an American heritage.

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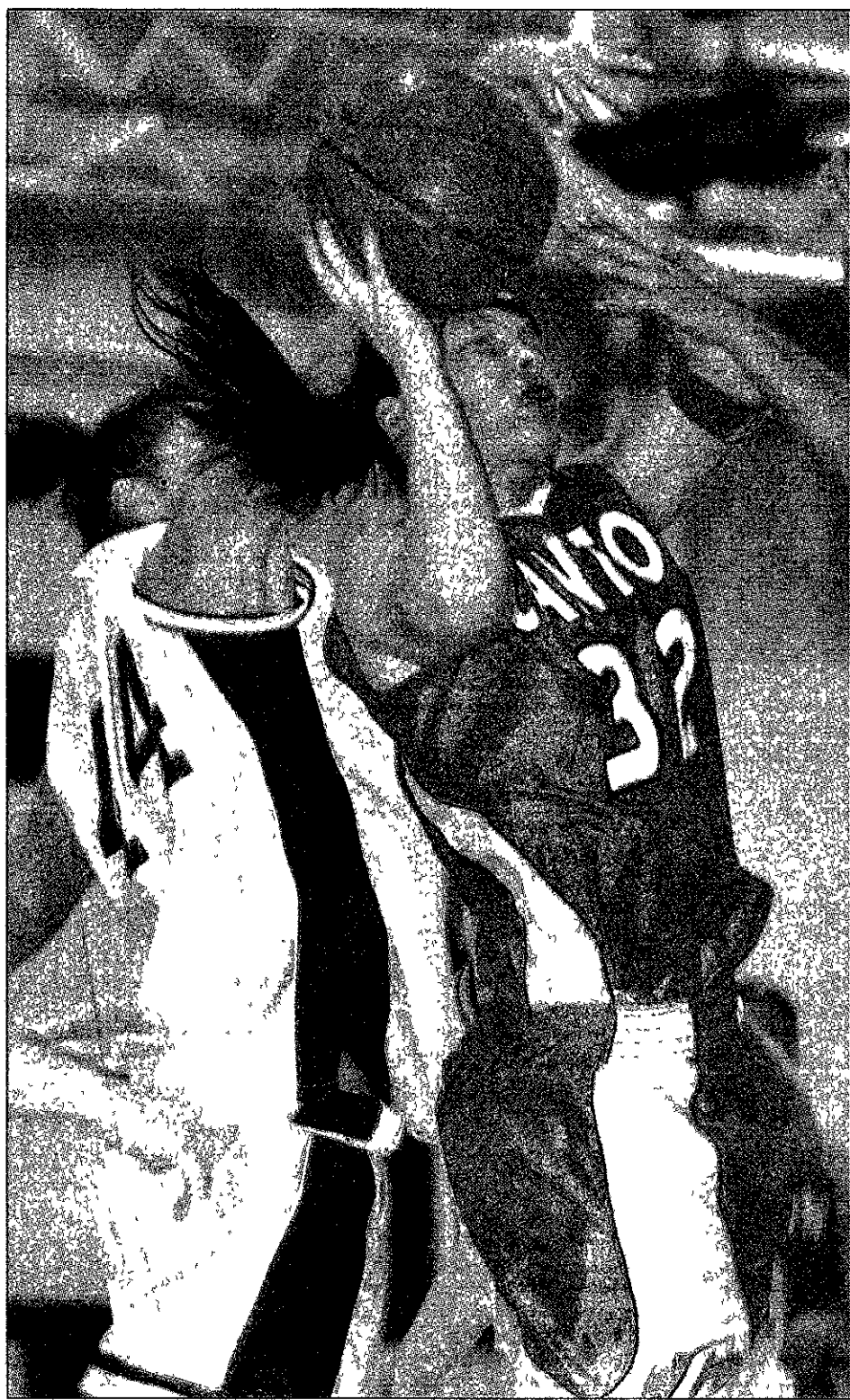
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Canton's Lisa Ealy converts a lay-up while getting fouled by Walled Lake Central's Chelsea McDonald with 4:25 left in Wednesday night's WLAA championship game. Ealy made the ensuing free throw to give the Chiefs their first lead of the night, 25-24. Canton went on to win, 32-29.

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Those are championship smiles creasing the faces of the members of the Canton girls basketball team following their 32-29 victory over Walled Lake Central in Wednesday's WLAA final.

Reversal of fortune

Canton overcomes 19-6 halftime deficit to claim second straight WLAA tourney

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Chalk one up to the power of positive thinking.

After making just 2-of-22 shots and sinking into a 19-6 abyss during the first half of Wednesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association conference championship game against Walled Lake Central, Canton's girls basketball team regained its confidence, its shooting touch and a 32-29 victory thanks to an inspired second half.

It was the second consecutive WLAA tournament title for the Chiefs, who head into Monday's Division 1 district tournament at Novi with a 16-4 record and the kind of momentum that only the feel of a first-place trophy can gen-

erate.

"Everybody was so positive at half-time," said Canton junior point guard Becci Houdek. "We knew we didn't play real well the first half, but Brian (Samulski) told us to keep our heads up and keep playing hard. We played at their speed in the first half. In the second, we played more like we like to play."

From the opening seconds of the third quarter, Canton played with the energy of Popeye following an all-you-can-eat spinach dinner. In fact, the hustling Chiefs connected on more shots (three) in the opening 75 seconds of the second half than they did the entire opening 16 minutes.

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Salem proves its ready for post-season with 48-23 win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Judging by the way it played Tuesday night against Walled Lake Northern, Salem's girls basketball team is more than ready for next week's state tournament.

Following a rocky first quarter, the Rocks used a 26-3 run to roll to an easy 48-23 victory in their final regular-season contest. They will take a 16-4 record into Wednesday's Division 1 district game at Novi High School against the winner of Monday's Canton-Northville

PREP HOOP

game. The game is set to tip-off at 5 p.m.

Salem put together two of its most impressive quarters of the season during the second and third stanzas when it outscored the visiting Knights, 30-8.

The Rocks were led by sophomore guard Alaya Mitchell and junior forward Teresa Coppiellie, both of whom netted 12 points. Mitchell canned six-of-nine shots — mostly mid-range jumpers — while Coppiellie added a game-high 10

rebounds. Tayler Langham contributed seven, Keiyana Arnold had five while Brianne Clarin and Carly Sommers both scored four.

Kurtz pulled down seven boards and Sommers had five.

"Northern tried to pack in their zone and we did a good job of hitting some outside shots," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "I thought Keiyana Arnold gave us a big lift off the bench. The three-pointer she made just before the half was huge. I think it kind of took the wind out of Northern's sails. It was a game-breaker."

"Defensively, I thought we were solid, too. We knew they liked to score off three's and dribble drives and we took those away for the most part. I thought we did a good job on their two top players, Ashley Jolly and Brittany Essian."

Essian was the lone Knight to hit double-figures, swishing 10. Jolly, Northern's leading scorer coming into the game, was limited to just one point by the aggressive Rocks' defense. Jolly went 0-for-9 from the field and 1-for-2 from the free-throw line. Whitney Tower-Woods

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2005 Prep Football Playoffs

Scout teams are key to Chiefs' success

For a detailed preview story on Friday night's Detroit King-Canton regional final football game, please see Page C3.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Earlier this season, Canton senior football player Sam Santilli was a Walled Lake Central running back during the Chiefs' mid-week practices.

The next week, he was Salem quarterback Kevin Bradley.

No, Santilli is not going through an identity crisis — he's one of the key members of Canton's scout teams, the units made up of second-string players who run the opposing team's plays against the Chiefs' first-stringers.

It can be a tough (and sometimes painful) job, but Santilli and his scout-team teammates rise to the challenge.

"It's our job to help get the first-string guys ready for that week's game," Santilli said. "The week before we played Salem was the week I got hit the hardest. Just about every time I ran outside, Deshon (McClendon) would come up out of nowhere and smack me."

"The toughest part about it is



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Pictured are five of Canton's top senior scout-team players. Kneeling (from the left) are Sam Santilli and Phaltiel Whitlock. Standing (from the left) are Tom Bonnell, Jason Wurtzbacher and David Dauzy.

when we gain some yards against the first-team defense, which isn't often. If we do, the coaches rip the defensive players, then they make us run the same play again. Well, the defensive guys are mad and they know where the play is going, so that's when we usually get hammered."

Senior scout-team lineman Jason Wurtzbacher said the first-teamers

do not ease up during the often-intense practice sessions.

"They bring the lumber against us," Wurtzbacher said. "It's a big challenge for us because our first teams have a lot of big, strong and physical players on them. But we know if we work hard, it will make

PLEASE SEE SCOUT TEAM, C5

DETROIT KING AT CANTON

What: Division 1 regional final football game.

When: Friday, 7 p.m.

Where: P-CEP varsity football stadium.

What's at stake: The winner moves on to the Nov. 19 D1 semi-final game against the survivor of Saturday's Macomb Dakota-Lake Orion showdown. A victory would give Canton its first-ever semi-final berth. The state final game is set for Saturday, Nov. 25, at Ford Field in downtown Detroit.

Keep an eye on: The Crusaders' potent offense is engineered by sophomore quarterback Donovan Dickerson, who is the son of former Pitt QB Darnell Dickerson. Judging by last week's four-TD-pass effort against Detroit Mumford, the 10th-grader has a strong arm and isn't fazed by big-game pressure. Canton's most exciting player is junior running back Deshon McClendon, who has already eclipsed several school records in just his second full season on the varsity.

How did they get here: Canton came back from a 20-7 deficit to upend Monroe, 42-34, in the opener; the Chiefs knocked off Detroit Cody, 63-34, last week. King has defeated Detroit Denby and Detroit Mumford to advance to the regional final.

For a preview story on Friday's game, please see page C3.

Sidelines

District hoop

All three P-CEP girls basketball teams will be competing in the District No. 25 tournament at Novi High School Nov. 14-18. The opening game will tip-off Monday, Nov. 14, when Canton squares off against Northville at 5 p.m. Monday's nightcap will pit Plymouth against the host Wildcats at 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, Salem will face the Canton-Northville winner at 5 p.m. South Lyon will then play the Plymouth-Novl winner at 7 p.m.

The district final is set for Friday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m.

Steelers win

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior varsity football team upended the Lake Area Hawks, 6-0, Sunday in a first-round Western Suburban Junior Football League's Division A playoff opener. The game was scoreless with less than a minute to play when quarterback Ben Merbler connected with Tyler Goble on a first-down pass on fourth-and-eight. Goble then scored on a 1-yard run with 15 seconds left.

Jeff Heuer and Tyler Kelly also played well for the Steelers' offense while Tony Rhodes and Scott Devin shined for the defense. The Steelers were the only team that shut-out the Hawks this season.

The Steelers will play in the Super Bowl Sunday at the P-CEP varsity football field.

Lions victorious

The Canton Lions Freshmen football team will be making their fourth straight appearance in the W.S.J.F.L. Super Bowl. The Lions beat the previously unbeaten Lake Area Hawks 25-6 in a hard fought contest. The Lions Malcolm Hollingsworth and Kyle Durham each scored two touchdowns behind the strong blocking of Tim Johnson, Travis McCall, and Alex Smith. The Lions defense was led by Nathan Emminger, Jake Roberts, Brandon Lee, Lucas Bunting, Westen Price, Eric Thomas, and Alex Bonifacio.

GCYBSA news

As it prepares for the 2006 season, the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association has developed a short survey that it would like residents to fill out so that it can get feedback and suggestions for the upcoming year. The survey can be found at the following Web site: csc.canton.ml.org.

Mail-in and walk-in registration for the GCYBSA's 2006 campaign will begin Jan. 16 at the Summit on the Park and the Canton Sports Center. Two general mass registrations will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. and on Sunday March 12 from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Summit.

For more information, call (734) 394-5489.

Plymouth upends Patriots for 3rd place

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's girls basketball team will head into Monday's Division 1 district tournament with momentum thanks to a 36-32 victory over Livonia Franklin Wednesday night. The victory, which lifted the Wildcats to 16-4, came in the third-place game of the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament at Wayne Memorial High School.

Plymouth's post-game score-sheet looked like a slot machine as four players — Val Klemmer, Colleen Flaherty, Jeanine Moise and Kim Olech

— paced the Wildcats with seven points a piece. Jalesa Moise chipped in with five and Janet Hanchett contributed three.

The Patriots were led by junior forward Robyn Whalen's 10 points and six rebounds. Allison Bonsall scored nine and Trisha Morrill five for the Patriots, who slipped to 10-10.

"It will be nice going into the state tournament with a victory," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly, moments before accepting her team's co-first place trophy it earned by tying Salem at the top of the WLAA regular-season standings. "But there are a few

things we did tonight that we'll need to work on in practice.

"I thought Val Klemmer did a nice job for us coming off the bench. She hit a couple of three's against their zone. Colleen Flaherty did a nice job at the free throw line in the final minute."

Plymouth led 13-8 after one quarter and 20-13 at the half. The Wildcats' biggest lead came with 1:20 left in the third quarter when Jalesa Moise's long triple gave them a 31-17 cushion. But the Patriots surged back and actually led, 32-31, with 4:15 to play when Whalen converted a lay-up. However, the Wildcats

closed the game with a 5-0 run all free throws to put the game on ice. Flaherty was three-of-four from the line over the game's final 32.7 seconds.

Plymouth was 11-of-29 from the field (38 percent) while Franklin connected on 14-of-41 field goals (34 percent).

The Wildcats will open the D1 district tournament Monday at 7 p.m. against Novi, which is the host of the tournament.

Franklin will host Farmington Hills Mercy in its district opener Monday at 5:30 p.m. The Marlins are 13-7.

WLAA FINAL

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When Lauren Delapaz swished a 10-foot turn-around jumper with 55 seconds left in the quarter, the Chiefs trailed just 24-22.

"At halftime, we talked about cutting their lead down to seven by the end of the third quarter," Samulski revealed. "Well, we ended up getting it down to two, which put us in a good situation heading into the fourth quarter. The girls seemed a little tentative in the first half. They didn't have the look they normally have. But in the second half, they played with great effort and intensity. They really got after it."

The Chiefs grabbed their

first lead of the night with 4:25 left in the game when Lisa Ealy converted an up-and-under lay-up while getting fouled. When she swished the ensuing free throw, Canton led, 25-24.

Central's Brittany Burkhardt knocked down two free throws with 3:39 left to put Central up, 26-25, but Ja'nee Morton's back-door basket off a slick feed from Ealy gave Canton a lead it would never relinquish.

Morton padded Canton's lead to 29-26 with 1:55 to go on another pretty drive. Burkhardt and Ealy then each made one free throw for their respective teams before Houdek iced the game with a pair of all-net free throws with 12.9 seconds remaining to make it 32-27.

Helton buried two inconsequential free throws with 2.5

seconds to play.

Central's shooters suffered second-half shooting woes that matched the Chiefs' first-half troubles.

The Vikings managed to drain just 2-of-18 shots over the final 16 minutes while Canton regained its stroke, making 10-of-20 second-half attempts.

Following a two-point first half, Ealy came on strong in the second and finished with a game-high 13. The hustling senior forward also grabbed six rebounds and ripped two steals.

Morton also shined, netting six points and nine rebounds. Houdek contributed six points and seven steals, six in the first half.

Burkhardt played well for the Vikings, netting 11 points

and seven rebounds. Jess Helton chipped in with eight points and seven boards.

Central, which finished 12-8, sprinted to a 10-2 first-quarter lead.

After Houdek cut Canton's deficit to 10-4 with a pair of free throws 23 seconds into the second quarter, the Vikings reeled off nine straight points to go up 19-4.

Canton's two first-half field goals came over 10 minutes apart: Morton scored on a put-back with three minutes left in the first quarter and Ealy converted a lay-up with 32 ticks left in the half.

But the Chiefs remained positive and, as a result, the school's trophy case is a little more crowded this morning.

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ALL-WESTERN LAKES GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

2005 All-Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball team

All-Conference: Jeanine Moise, Sr., Plymouth; Teresa Coppellie, Jr., Salem; Brittany Burkhardt, Jr., Walled Lake Central; Becci Houdek, Jr., Canton; Lisa Ealy, Sr., Canton; Danielle Toney, Jr., Northville.

All-Lakes Division: Ashley Jolly, Jr., Walled Lake Northern; Danielle Smith, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; Jess Helton, Sr., Walled Lake Central; Alaya Mitchell, Soph., Salem; Lauren Kurtz, Jr., Salem; Jennifer Swartz, Sr., Westland John Glenn.

All-Western Division: Robyn Whalen, Jr., Livonia Franklin;

Malissa Moore, Jr., Walled Lake Western; Ja'nee Morton, Jr., Canton; Kim Olech, Sr., Plymouth; Janet Hanchett, Sr., Plymouth; Simone Toney, Sr., Northville.

Honorable mention: Canton — Leslie Olech, Kelsy Zemanski; Livonia Churchill — Stephanie Bradshaw, Lindsey Graciak; Livonia Franklin — Trisha Morrill, Allison Milican, Andrea McCall; Westland John Glenn — Brandi Jones, Heather Lindon; Northville — Heather Cox, Sarah Stern; Plymouth — Jalesa Moise; Salem — Taylor

Langham-Brown; Elmira Kowana; Livonia Stevenson — Rachel

Desentz, Amanda Alpert, Andrea Batshon; Walled Lake Central — Jess Howard, Kelly Costello; Walled Lake Northern — Brittany Essian, Angie Niemi, Kylie Kutney, Lori Robinette; Walled Lake Western — Nicole Goodling, Lilliann Dolley; Wayne Memorial — Carrie Lauberts, LaDwan Jones, Alysa Henning.

FINAL OVERALL STANDINGS: 1. (tie) Salem, 10-1 (15-3 overall) and Plymouth, 10-1 (15-4); 3. Canton, 9-2 (15-4); 4. Northville, 8-3 (11-8); 5. (tie) Walled Lake Central (12-7) and Livonia Stevenson (12-7) 7-1 7 Walled Lake Northern 5-6 (10-9)

Livonia Franklin, 4-7 (10-9); 9. (tie) Westland John Glenn (6-12) and Livonia Churchill (5-14), 2-9; 12. Wayne Memorial, 0-11 (2-16).

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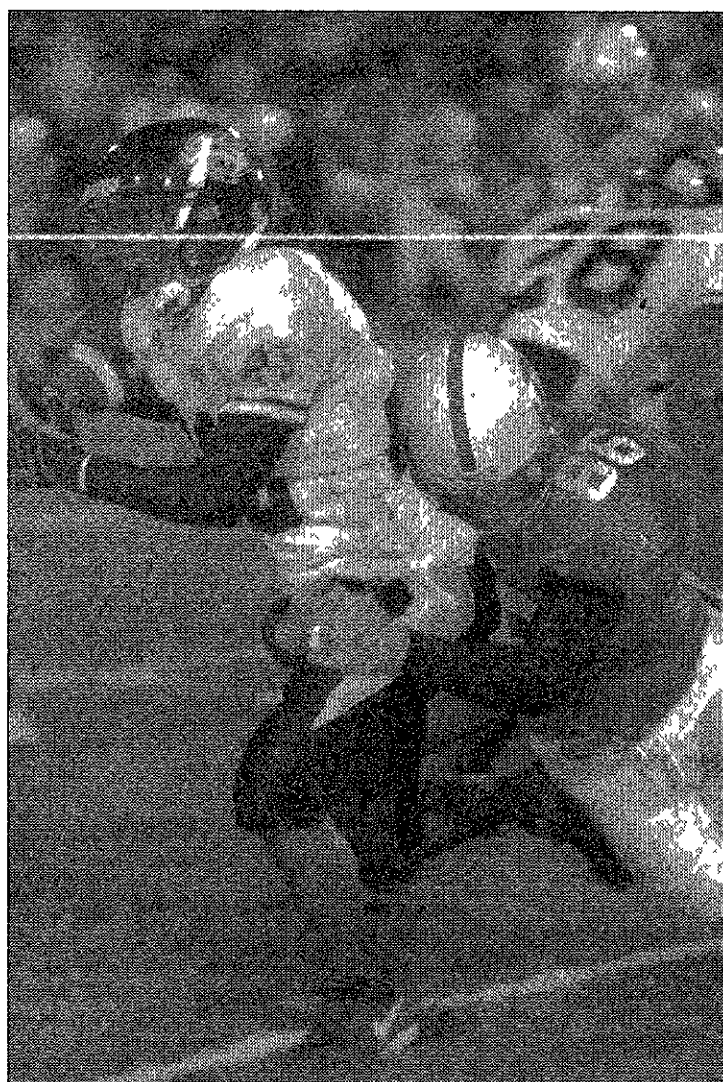
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Canton's Kyle Ording hauls down Plymouth's Labrodric Caldwell during a game earlier this season. Ording and his teammates will battle Detroit Martin Luther King in a Division 1 regional final game set for Friday at 7 p.m. at the P-CEP varsity football stadium. The winner advances to the D1 semi-final round Saturday, Nov. 19, at 1 p.m. at a yet-to-be determined site.

Second PSL opponent on tap for Canton gridders

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

For the second consecutive week, a talent-laden Detroit Public School League team will try to derail Canton's bid for a Division 1 state football title.

Last week, the Chiefs (9-2) were more than up to the PSL challenge, knocking off Detroit Cody, 63-34. On Friday night, the test will come from PSL Division 1 champion Detroit Martin Luther King, which rocked Detroit Mumford, 48-7, in last Saturday's district final. Tomorrow night's kick-off is set for 7 p.m. at the P-CEP football stadium.

The Canton-King winner will advance to the Nov. 19 semi-final game against the winner of Saturday's Macomb Dakota-Lake Orion contest. The site of the semi-final game has yet to be determined.

Canton has never advanced to the D1 football "Final Four." "King compares to Cody as far as their skill-position players are concerned," said Canton coach Tim Baechler, who saw the Crusaders trounce Mumford on Saturday. "They have a lot of speed, they can

The Canton-King winner will advance to the Nov. 19 semi-final game.

throw and they have a couple good running backs. The biggest difference between Cody and King is that King has a lot more size up front. They're also more sophisticated with their offensive blocking schemes.

"They have a couple of kids who are faster than anybody we have. But as far as overall team speed goes, I think we'll be okay."

King's offensive balance was on display last Saturday when it ran for 238 yards and passed for 186. Calling the signals for the Crusaders' offense will be sophomore quarterback Donovan Dickerson, who threw four first-half TD's in last week's district final victory. Dickerson's primary targets are Sean Anderson, Samuel Lilly, Christopher Tannyhill and Christian Chuney.

The Crusaders' top ground threat is Darrin Williams, who had a huge game against Mumford.

"They play a one-back spread offense and they play a lot of formation with a slot," Baechler said. "Defensively, they're very big."

The Crusaders' only setbacks this season have come to Detroit Crockett (28-26) and Detroit Murray-Wright (44-34). In five games, King allowed seven or fewer points. Overall, the Crusaders have outscored their opponents 404-148.

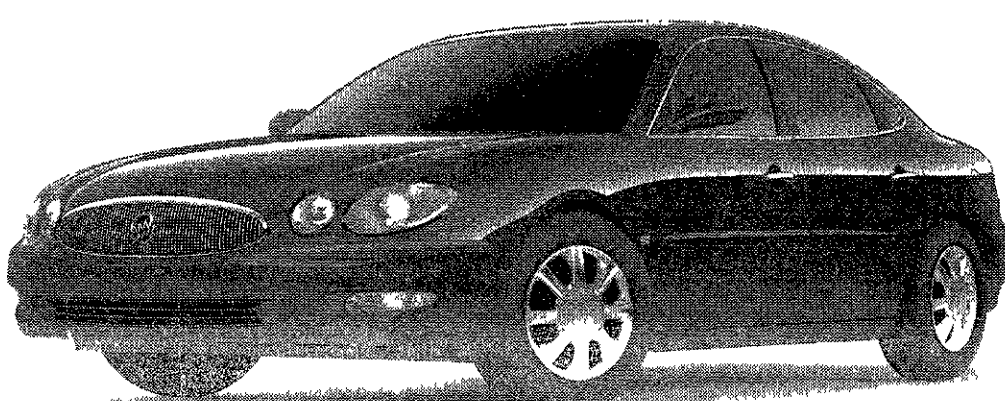
The Chiefs come into the game on a roll, having won seven consecutive games by an average score of 44-18. Last week, Canton rolled up more than 500 yards of total offense — all but 35 of them on the ground.

Canton's offense is anchored by a strong offensive line that includes ends Billy Turner and Kyle Ording; tackles Ryan Jonik and Fred Keena; guards Mike Edwards and Joe Zugaj; and center Andy LaFata. Canton's top offensive backfield threat is junior running back Deshon McClendon, who has rushed for more than 1,500 yards.

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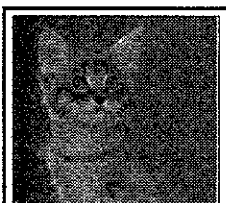
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Salem boys and girls x-country teams excel at D-1 state meet

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's boys and girls cross country teams both turned in solid performances at Saturday's Division 1 state meet, finishing 22nd and 16th, respectively.

The Rock boys finished with 438 points, 292 more than state champion Pinckney. Senior Dan Kapadia had an outstanding meet, finishing fourth overall with a time of 15:45.85, just 11 seconds behind medalist Ryan Grau of Kalamazoo Central.

Kapadia's fourth-place showing was the best finish for a Salem runner since Scott Pengelly's second-place effort in 1994.

"Dan had a great year for us," said Salem coach Geoff Baker. "On Saturday, he was anywhere from 10th to 15th at the mile-and-a-quarter mark, then he maneuvered into the top 10 at the two-mile mark. I knew at that point that he could finish as high as second."

Also scoring for Salem were Jimmy Walsh (79th in 16:57.85), Craig Cowing (103rd in 17:03.50), Andrew Cassidy (122nd in 17:15.95), Colin McGorey (131st in 17:20.35), Cameron Loftus (140th in 17:25.80) and Kevin deBear (145th in 17:30.15).

"Overall, I was disappointed in where we finished," Baker admitted. "I had high expectations going in. Almost everybody ran 15 seconds slower than their fastest time on a day when you hope they run 15 seconds faster."

"We had a good year, though, and we have a good group coming back next season. We lose four of our state qualifiers, but we return a junior, two sophomores and a couple freshmen."

Plymouth's two individual state qualifiers — Pat Slavens and Anthony Scaparo — both finished in the top 70. Slavens



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pictured are Salem cross country runners (left to right) Daniel Kapadia, Andrew Cassidy and Jimmy Walsh. The trio helped the Rocks to a 22nd-place finish in Saturday's Division 1 state meet. Not pictured are Craig Cowing, Colin McGorey, Cameron Loftus and Kevin deBear.

was 56th in 16:29.20 while Scaparo crossed the line in 67th place (16:31.80).

"Pat moved up from 144th last year, so he made a lot of improvement," said Plymouth coach Lee Shaw. "He didn't run great Saturday, but he ran a solid race."

"Anthony felt he started out too fast on Saturday, but he did a nice job of getting back into

it over the last mile."

Joining Pinckney in the boys top five were Ann Arbor Pioneer (176 points), Rockford (223), Walled Lake Central (249) and Lake Orion (268).

Salem's girls finished 16th with 371 points, 248 more than first-place Clarkston. The Rocks were paced by junior Hannah Cavicchio, who placed 31st with a time of 18:52.85. Also scoring for Salem were



The Salem girls cross country team finished 16th at the Division 1 state meet held Saturday at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn. Pictured (clockwise from back left) are Coach David Gerlach, Allison Janda, Sarah Kosteva, Kristen Dondzila, Allie Vraniak, Rachel Gizicki, Marisa Carpinelli, Hannah Cavicchio and Amanda Kassem.

Marisa Carpinelli (50th in 19:17.30), Allie Vraniak (64th in 19:35.05), Allison Janda (99th in 20:06.10), Sarah Kosteva (127th in 20:33.35), Kristen Dondzila (162nd in 21:11.45) and Amanda Kassem (169th in 21:26.15).

Eileen Creutz of Saline was the medalist, crossing the line in 17:41.0.

"I thought we ran well," said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. "It was a good way to end the season. One of our goals was to finish in the top 15 this year, but our main goal was just to make it back to the state meet (the Rocks were 10th in 2004)."

Canton freshman Sarah Thomas, who qualified as an individual, finished 58th with a time of 19:10 in her first Division 1 state meet

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Plymouth cross country runners Anthony Scaparo (seated) and Patrick Slavens both competed in the individual Division 1 state meet Saturday. Slavens, a junior, finished 56th in 16:29.20 while Scaparo crossed the line in 67th in 16:31.80.

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SALEM

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scored five for Northern, all in the game's final three minutes. The Rocks took good care of the ball, committing just seven turnovers against Northern's zone defense. The Knights had 12 miscues. The game was tied at 6-6, after one quarter and 10-10 with 2:40 left in the half. Salem closed the half with a 9-0 run — including a long

three-pointer at the halftime buzzer by Arnold — before scoring the first eight points of the third quarter to grab a 27-10 advantage. Essian nailed a long three to stop the run, but the Rocks scored the next nine to put the game away, 36-13. The game was the home finale for five senior Rocks: Brianne Clarin, Arnold, Sommers, Becky Ward and Christine Miller.

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Quest shines

The Canton Quest 97 premier soccer team won the championship for the Girls U-9 division at the Halloween Classic 2005 in Fishers, Ind., Oct. 22-23. Following an opening round 1-1 tie, the Quest won 12-1, 4-0 and 5-4 in the title game. Pictured are (bottom row from left) Alyssa Bradley (Canton), Lindsay Yankasky (Garden City), Cecilia Kieliszewski (Canton), Carly Kowalski (Canton), Jillian Aguirre (Canton), Alexandra Wilbanks (Ypsilanti), (top row from left) assistant coach Pam Yankasky (Garden City), Paige Slominski (Canton), Ashley Bearden (Canton), Lauren Yurko (Canton), Katie Stevens (Canton), and coach Rodrigo Gonzalez (Westland).

SCOUT TEAM

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the team better." Canton coach Tim Baechler said his experience as a scout-team quarterback at Adrian College gives him first-hand knowledge of what his second-string players go through during practices. "Being on the scout team is a thankless job in a lot of ways," Baechler said. "But it's very important to have good scout teams because we need to give the first teams a good look at what they're going to be seeing in the games." The scout-team players' effort is appreciated by the starters, too. "I think they respect us for what we do every week," said senior David Dauzy, a back-up free safety. "And if we have a question about a coverage or something, they're good about helping us."

HARD-EARNED REWARDS Exceptional scout-team play is rewarded on a weekly basis by the Chiefs' coaching staff. "There is an offensive and defensive scout-team award every week," said Santilli, who won for his performance as a Walled Lake Central running back before the Chiefs' Week 8 game against the Vikings. "Coach (Bob) Williams gives the guys who win an empty pizza box which we can take to Benito's for a free pizza." "There are also times when the coaches tell us that if we can hold the first-team offense to less than five yards on a play, they'll knock a few of our sprints off," Wurtzbacher said. "We did it once or twice, but I still ran all my sprints."

GAME ACTION When the Chiefs' starters build big fourth-quarter leads — which they've done frequently the past several years — the scout-team players get their chance to enter the game and grab the spotlight — if only for a few minutes. "It's exciting when we do get in," said Dauzy, who played much of the second half of the Chiefs' season-opening victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer. "The bigger our leads get, the more the adrenaline starts to flow for us."

Senior running back Phaltiel Whitlock lived a scout-teamer's dream earlier this season when he followed a Wurtzbacher block and found the end zone against Plymouth. "It was a great feeling," Whitlock said. "It was only a yard or two, but when I realized I was in, I just said, 'Wow!'"

FROM SCOUT TO STARTER Probably the best scout-team success story this season featured Canton senior Konrad Konsitzke, who earned the ultimate promotion. "At the beginning of the year, Konrad was a back-up quarterback and he was on our scout-team defense," Baechler said. "But he was really playing well and working hard during practice, so when there was an injury a couple games into the season, we put him in at our quick line-backer. He had never played linebacker before, but he's done such a good job that he's been there ever since."

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I have done the Lions postgame show for five years at WDFN. In that time, I have had the chance to hear every nasty thing you could possibly hear after a football game countless times. This is, after all, quite possibly the darkest era in Detroit Lions history. The Lions have gone a sickening 19-53 since the start of the 2001 season, the start of the Millen era. Often times we just call the show the "post-mortem" because it is usually so bleak. For some strange reason, this past Sunday was different. Really different. In the last five years, I can't remember the callers being so unified in their anger. Every caller, I mean every single one, was mad. Many times after games we get a caller here, or a caller there, that will state we are being too hard on the Lions. Not this past Sunday. We will hear from a guy saying give Joey, Mouch or Millen another chance. Not this past Sunday. We will hear a person say that hope is not lost,



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we still have a chance to get it turned around. Not this past Sunday. Why? Did Lions fans finally reach a breaking point? **FANS HAD HOPE** I think the answer is partly yes. This year was supposed to be different. This was the year, based on the weak North Division, the Lions were going to make it back to the playoffs. It was not based on the Lions being a great team themselves, as they clearly are not, but rather on a bad division. Just be mediocre, and you can win the North. The Lions have had trouble doing just that with half of the schedule complete. The reality is, there still is a chance even now to get it done and find a way to win the North. The chances

are slight with the Bears beating the Lions twice, and having a two-game lead, but it is the Bears we are talking about, after all. The Bears, with a rookie at quarterback and a castoff in Thomas Jones lighting it up. Yep, those Bears. This was supposed to be the year that the Lions' offense "clicked." They had five first-round draft choices from the last four drafts in a position to help each other get to that divisional title. Joey Harrington at quarterback, three play-making wide receivers in Charles Rogers, Roy Williams and Mike Williams and Kevin Jones at running back. Who can stop them? I had many people actually compare the potential Lions offense to the Colts. Honestly. Who can stop them? Well they are doing a pretty good job of stopping themselves, I'd say. Joey has regressed, Mike is not ready, Roy won't get on the field, Charles can't get on the field because of a drug suspension and poor practices and KJ can't get it going.

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So why all the anger? Just over the offense? Hardly. In my opinion, I think it was a culmination of things, that it was just due. Lions fans have been very patient with both Matt Millen and Steve Mariucci, and I think they realize that today, the Lions are no closer to winning than the day both were hired.

Millen was swept in after a 9-7 season in 2000; 9-7 seems light years away. Mariucci was hired after a 3-13 season and, frankly, the Lions are closer to three wins than they are to a solid double-digit win season.

Perhaps the loss to the reeling Minnesota Vikings, playing for a lame-duck coach in Mike Tice, and without all-pro quarterback Daunte Culpepper, was the fans' way of saying enough. Maybe, just maybe, Lions fans don't believe the bill of goods that Millen and Mariucci have tried to sell. It is not working, period. The whole thing, top to bottom, is not getting it done.

Nobody is without blame, or should be without blame. The entire franchise must be held accountable for the sorry state it finds itself in.

This unified anger was not about the loss Sunday in Minnesota. It was not even about five years of pathetic football under Millen, in my opinion. I think this was 48 years of frustration wrapped up into one Sunday afternoon postgame show. I think that fans here are sick of all the talk, sick of all the excuses, and they just want results.

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So the anger felt and heard Sunday was not about Sunday's game, it was about everything about this franchise.

Who knows, maybe people have actually had it with this franchise. I better stop there, because the reality is: You will be back next Sunday, and so will I.

The sad thing is, the Lions franchise knows we will be back as well. Same as it ever was, same as it ever was.

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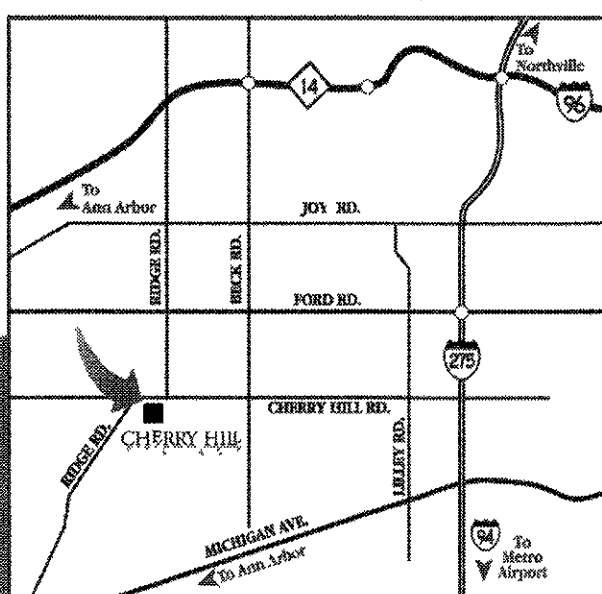
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200-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Tanya Tereszczenko, Sarah Carr, Emily Hopcin, Jessica Weber), 1:50.80; 2. Livonia Stevenson (Marisa Gordon, Brynn Marecki, Anna Polkowski, Laura Timson), 1:51.06; 3. John Glenn (Jordan Burgess, Jill Peterson, Ashley Sells, Jaclyn Burgess), 1:55.99; 4. Salem (Kristin Hartwig, Kim Heaney, Katie Gorman, Allie Stencel), 1:56.75; 5. Canton (Alyssa Johnson, Ali Lindow, Monica Blaesser, Allison Schmitt), 1:57.31; 6. Livonia Churchill (Mary Shereda, Amanda Foulds, Sara Blaharski, Rachel Elery), 1:59.57.

B Final: 7. Plymouth (Elaine Lafayette, Elle Palczynski, Stephanie Goulet, Melissa McKinstry), 2:02.70; 8. W.L. Western (Alexia Fregonara, Sarah Krueger, Adrina Bohr, Whitney Willson), 2:03.29; 9. W.L. Central (Rachel Dalian, Brittany Buchanan, Madison Sewell, Danielle Miceli), 2:03.97; 10. W.L. Northern (Erin Storch, Laurissa Gulich, Katherine Rinkevich, Andrea Wozniak), 2:06.70; 11. Wayne Memorial (Olivia LaFortune, Kelsey Drennan, Sadie Earnest, Kayla O'Mara), 2:10.23; 12. Livonia Franklin (Megan Frusti, Angelica Kalasz, Emma Wojtowicz, Theresa Wood), 2:21.07.

200 freestyle: 1. Grace Fredlake (N), 1:54.35; 2. Mary Shereda (LC), 1:58.30; 3. Sarah Carr (N), 2:00.85; 4. Abigail Pavelko (WLC), 2:02.29; 5. Tanya Tereszczenko (N), 2:02.40; 6. Becky Hurn (LS), 2:03.41.

B Final: 7. Monica Blaesser (C), 2:03.04; 8. Whitney Willson (WLW), 2:03.60; 9. Julie Gotberg (N), 2:06.04; 10. Kate Musson (S), 2:06.60; 11. Whitney Aumiller (S), 2:07.76; 12. Rachel Englert (N), 2:08.78.

C Final: 13. Laura Landis (C), 2:06.00; 14. Elaine Lafayette (P), 2:07.48; 15. Amanda Timson (LC), 2:07.53; 16. Laura Hurn (LS), 2:08.22; 17. Emily Cauzillo (LS), 2:09.04; 18. Elizabeth Jagenow (LC), 2:10.24.

200 IM: 1. Ava Ohlgren (N), 2:00.24; 2. Laura Timson (LS), 2:12.49; 3. Alandra Greenlee (N), 2:16.51; 4. Kelsey Lincoln (S), 2:16.79; 5. Ashley Sells (JG), 2:17.66; 6. Lisa Koch (LS), 2:21.07.

B Final: 7. Stephanie Buckley (LS), 2:20.37; 8. Alyssa Johnson (C), 2:21.31; 9. Sarah Bardsley (N), 2:21.51; 10. Christine Hiltz (LS), 2:21.70; 11. Amanda Foulds (LC), 2:26.31; 12. Molly Dowd (C), 2:35.20.

C Final: 13. Jordan Haymour (LF), 2:28.86; 14. Emily Bair (S), 2:31.22; 15. Meghan Sears (C), 2:32.05; 16. Paige McCain (C), 2:32.38; 17. Kim Heaney (S), 2:32.81.

50 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 24.27; 2. Jessica Weber (N), 24.99; 3. Jill Peterson (JG), 25.43; 4. Anna Polkowski (LS), 26.12; 5. Emily Hopcin (N), 26.14; 6. Brittany Eilers (S), 26.63.

B Final: 7. Chelsea Miller (N), 26.52; 8. Allie Stencel (S), 26.74; 9. Izabela Paszkowska (C), 26.76; 10. Blake Holtz (LS), 26.96; 11. Sarah Anker (N), 27.08; 12. Jordan Burgess (JG), 27.26.

C Final: 13. Lauren Moak (N), 27.17; 14. Danielle Miceli (WLC), 27.20; 15. Stacy Yee (S), 27.23; 16. Lauren Krupsky (LC), 27.42; 17. Jaclyn Burgess (JG), 27.43; 18. Andrea Wozniak (WLN), 27.56.

Diving: 1. Steph Fura (WLC), 401.70; 2. Chelsea Smith (WLN), 296.80; 3. Chelsea Selden (C), 287.70; 4. Hannah Gill (N), 282.75; 5. Amy Reynolds (N), 281.95; 6. Katie Koetting (S), 279.45; 7. Andrea Fleming (P), 256.35; 8. Hannah Saarinen (WLN), 256.30; 9. Stefanie Hathaway (WLN), 243.85; 10. Meghan Powers (LF), 240.10; 11. Brianna Walde (WLN), 234.85; 12. Allie Karagozian (WLN), 229.85; 13. Mandi Keadle (LS), 227.50; 14. Lauren DePolo (WLN), 223.30; 15. Alexandria Bourque (WLN), 210.10; 16. Jessica Krueger (WLW), 209.20; 17. Tammy Roumayah (LF), 200.10; 18. Heather Ennis (JG), 190.35.

100 butterfly: 1. Ava Ohlgren (N), 56.05; 2. Adrina Bohr (WLW), 1:00.48; 3. Ashley Sells (JG), 1:01.23; 4. Emily Hopcin (N), 1:01.65; 5. Anna Polkowski (LS), 1:02.95; 6. Megan Holycross (LS), 1:03.41.

B Final: 7. Meghan Kanya (N), 1:04.40; 8. Katie Gorman (S), 1:05.28; 9. Katie Kress (LS), 1:05.73; 10. Elizabeth Jagenow (LC), 1:07.11; 11. Emily Hiser (LC), 1:07.71; 12. Katherine Rinkevich (WLN), 1:07.95.

C Final: 13. Nieri Avanesian (LC), 1:07.82; 14. Chelsea Randles (WM), 1:09.21; 15. Nadia El-Sabeh (LS), 1:09.26; 16. Keill Warwood (N), 1:10.71; 17. Sadie Earnest (WM), 1:11.45; 18. Emily Bair (S), 1:12.04.

100 freestyle: 1. Brynn Marecki (LS), 54.29; 2. Jessica Weber (N), 54.36; 3. Marisa Gordon (LS), 54.40; 4. Brittany Eilers (LS), 56.83; 5. Allie Stencel (S), 57.87; 6. Sarah Bardsley (N), 58.02.

B Final: 7. Kate Musson (S), 57.97; 8. Laura Landis (C), 58.61; 9. Chelsea Miller (N), 58.86; 10. Stacy Yee (S), 59.11; 11. Jordan Burgess (JG), 59.18; 12. Jaclyn Burgess (JG), 59.19.

C Final: 13. Blake Holtz (LS), 58.27; 14. Allissa Vermeulen (C), 59.17; 15. Izabela Paszkowska (C), 59.36; 16. Katie Stewart (N), 59.69; 17. Dana Halse (WLN), 1:00.00; 18. Alyssa Liakos (P), 1:00.24.

500 freestyle: 1. Allison Schmitt (C), 5:04.04; 2. Sarah Carr (N), 5:23.34; 3. Becky Hurn (LS), 4. Monica Blaesser (C), 5:27.31; 5. Whitney Willson (WLN), 5:29.72; 6. Tanya Tereszczenko (N), 5:36.60.

B Final: 7. Abigail Pavelko (WLC), 5:26.26; 8. Amanda Timson (LC), 5:30.85; 9. Whitney Aumiller (S), 5:35.70; 10. Meghan Kanya (N), 5:36.05; 11. Julie Gotberg (N), 5:39.79; 12. Emily Cauzillo (LS), 5:45.89.

C Final: 13. Katie Gorman (S), 5:36.90; 14. Addie Turlo (LS), 5:36.92; 15. Laura Hurn (LS), 5:39.40; 16. Erin Shea (N), 5:49.85; 17. Rachel Englert (N), 5:52.27; 18. Sam Reid (LC), 6:02.29.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Weber, Miller, Anker, Hopcin), 1:43.04; 2. Canton (Landis, Johnson, Blaesser, Schmitt), 1:44.21; 3. Stevenson (Eilers, Hurn, Buckley, Holtz), 1:44.19; 4. Salem (Stencel, Musson, Benson, Lincoln), 1:46.35; 5. Churchill (Krupsky, Elery, Tomassi, Jagenow), 1:49.33; 6. Plymouth (Knisely, Liakos, Maslyk, Palczynski), 1:49.33.

B Final: 7. Wayne Memorial (Bevil, Drennan, O'Mara, Randles), 1:49.92; 8. W.L. Central (Rinkevich, Wozniak, Cocksels, Halse), 1:50.30; 9. W.L. Central (Dalian, Sewell, Daykin, Miceli), 1:50.67; 10. W.L. Western (Fujasaki, Standriff, McCristal, Barnard), 1:51.05; 11. John Glenn (Schirmer, Sonak, Britt, Ennis), 1:52.19; 12. Franklin (Haymour, Kent, Garbutt, White), 1:54.10.

100 backstroke: 1. Grace Fredlake (N), 59.80; 2. Marisa Gordon (LS), 1:01.22; 3. Kelsey Lincoln (S), 1:01.29; 4. Mary Shereda (LC), 1:01.30; 5. Alandra Greenlee (N), 1:03.01; 6. Alyssa Johnson (C), 1:03.59.

B Final: 7. Megan Holycross (LS), 1:04.23; 8. Kristen Hartwig (S), 1:05.32; 9. Amy Benson (S), 1:06.47; 10. Kieran Dolin (LS), 1:06.79; 11. Christine Hiltz (LS), 1:06.88; 12. Elaine Lafayette (P), 1:06.93.

C Final: 13. Katie Kress (LS), 1:07.67; 14. Molly Dowd (C), 1:08.58; 15. Kelly Perko (LS), 1:09.00; 16. Rachel Dalian (WLC), 1:09.18; 17. Jordan Haymour (LF), 1:09.27; 18. Sara Blaharski (LC), 1:10.14.

100 breaststroke: 1. Brynn Marecki (LS), 1:07.71; 2. Jill Peterson (JG), 1:08.32; 3. Laura Timson (LS), 1:08.71; 4. Kim Heaney (S), 1:12.15; 5. Lisa Koch (LS), 1:12.57; 6. Stephanie Buckley (LS), 1:12.62.

B Final: 7. Amanda Foulds (LC), 1:12.31; 8. Madison Sewell (WLC), 1:14.65; 9. Brittany Buchanan (WLC), 1:15.07; 10. Sarah Palczynski (P), 1:16.54; 11. Elle Palczynski (P), 1:16.95; 12. Rebecca Lee (WLC), 1:17.36.

C Final: 13. Ali Lindow (C), 1:17.15; 14. Ashley McClellan (C), 1:17.78; 15. Katherine Rinkevich (WLN), 1:18.44; 16. Brittney Morgan (WLN), 1:18.44; 17. Yvonne Lunn (N), 1:20.24; 18. Sarah Krueger (WLN), 1:20.33.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Bardsley, Carr, Miller, Tereszczenko), 3:37.37; 2. Stevenson (Gordon, Marecki, Polkowski, Timson), 3:43.75; 3. John Glenn (Burgess, Burgess, Sells, Peterson), 3:51.36; 4. Salem (Gorman, Musson, Aumiller, Lincoln), 3:55.84; 5. Churchill (Jagenow, Tomassi, Paszkowska, Krupsky), 3:58.99; 6. Canton (Pavelko, Vermeulen, Dowd, Landis), 3:59.50.

B Final: 7. W.L. Western (Bohr, Willson, Barnard, Fregonara), 3:59.80; 8. Plymouth (Liakos, Kolesar, Knisely, Lafayette), 4:01.88; 9. W.L. Central (Pavelko, Lee, Daykin, Dalian), 4:02.49; 10. W.L. Northern (Halse, Pryzytulski, Cocksels, Bell), 4:05.18; 11. Franklin (Haymour, Kent, White, Garbutt), 4:08.90; 12. Wayne Memorial (Drennan, Randles, LaFortune, Bevil), 4:09.78.

Salem, Canton finish 3-4 at WLAA swim meet

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

All good things must come to an end, and on Saturday afternoon, Livonia Stevenson's 15-year streak of Western Lakes Activities Association girls swim titles was stopped by Northville in the 12-school meet held at Salem High School.

The Mustangs scored a team-high 613 points, while Stevenson finished second with 570.

Host Salem placed a distant third with 336 followed by Canton (318), Livonia Churchill (225), Westland John Glenn (210), Walled Lake Central (172), Walled Lake Northern (151), Walled Lake Western (143), Plymouth (141), Livonia Franklin (78) and Wayne Memorial (75).

"This was one of the fastest conference meets we've ever

had," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "Obviously, Northville and Stevenson had quite a battle. I was please with our performance. We were third, which put us in the top group. Probably 85 percent of our swimmers improved their times, so it was a great team effort, especially by our senior captains."

The most impressive individual performance from a local swimmer was turned in by Canton sophomore Allison Schmitt, who finished first in both the 50-yard freestyle (24.27 seconds) and 500 freestyle (5:04.04). The Chiefs also earned big points from diver Chelsea Selden, who finished third with 287.70 points, and their 200 freestyle relay team of Laura Landis, Alyssa Johnson, Monica Blaesser and Schmitt.

Salem received strong efforts

from senior Kelsey Lincoln, who finished fourth in the 200 IM (2:16.79), and third in the 100 backstroke (1:01.29).

Plymouth senior diver Andrea Fleming had a solid conference meet, finishing seventh with 256.35 points.

Northville won all three relays and boasted a pair of double individual winners.

Freshman Grace Fredlake captured the 200-yard freestyle (1:54.35) and 100 backstroke (59.8), while senior star Ava Ohlgren took the 200 individual medley (2:00.24) and 100 butterfly (56.05).

"Nobody wants to be the class that loses, but I told our girls not to worry about the score, just worry more about the time," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "They swam fabulous. It's one of the best by a Stevenson team at the league meet as far as bettering our times. I'd love to find 43



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Salem's Katie Gorman performed well at the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association Invitational Saturday at Eastern Michigan University.

more points, but it wasn't to be. I can't fault the way we swam. Give all the kudos to Northville."

Northville gained 20 points on the Spartans by sweeping all three relays including the 200 medley (1:50.8), 200 freestyle (1:43.04) and 400 freestyle (3:37.37). The Mustangs also outscored Stevenson in diving, 37-7.

"I thought we'd win one relay and a chance to win another," Phill said. "But our (200) medley (relay team) swam faster at the league meet (1:51.06) than we did the state meet."

Stevenson's top individual finisher was sophomore Brynn Marecki, who won the 100 freestyle (54.29) and the 100 breaststroke (1:07.01).

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Terry clutch in shoot-out

Plymouth Whaler rookie center Chris Terry is a little man with big ability. Terry -- Plymouth's second-round pick in the 2005 Ontario Hockey League draft -- scored the deciding goal in a shootout and the Whalers defeated the Toronto St. Michael's Majors, 3-2, Saturday night at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth remains in second place in the OHL West with a record of 10-6-1-0 and stays three points behind first-place Saginaw (12-3-0-0) and a point ahead of third-place Sarnia (10-7-0-0).

Toronto is now 8-8-1-1 and in fourth place in the Central Division of the OHL's Eastern Conference.

Steve Ward scored both Plymouth goals in regulation. They were his first two of the

WHALERS

season. Tyler Donati scored both Toronto goals. He now has nine.

Plymouth goalie Ryan Nie was the first star in the game, stopping 40 of 42 Toronto shots for his sixth victory of the season. Toronto goalie Justin Peters stopped 27 shots.

Plymouth held a 2-1 lead after two periods, but Donati tied the game with 3:19 left in regulation.

When neither team scored in overtime, the game turned into a shootout.

Donati scored on Toronto's first shot in the shootout, but Nie stopped Peter Franchin and Cory Vitarelli.

Peters stopped Plymouth captain John Vigilante, but

Dan Collins scored to tie the shootout at 1-1. After Vitarelli was stopped, the stage was set for Terry, who drifted to the left, shifted to his right in front of the Toronto goal and then beat Peters -- a second-round pick of the Carolina Hurricanes -- with a back-hand shot.

"As I came in, he came out pretty far to take the shot away," Terry explained. "So I came in and gave a little fake shot and he fell for it and just froze. I was able to walk around him (and score)."

The Whalers travel to Sarnia on Friday night to take on the Sting.

On Saturday, they host London in a 7:30 p.m. game at the Compuware Sports Arena. Tickets are available by calling (734) 453-8400.



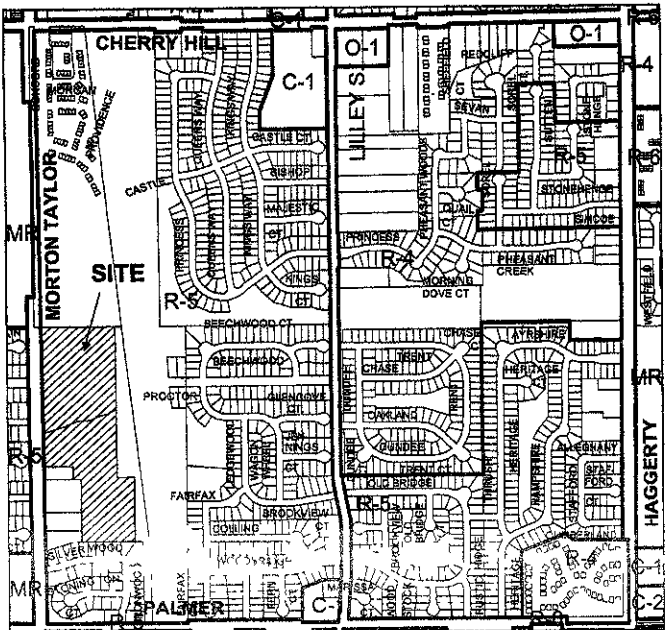
Plymouth Whalers rookie center Chris Terry lifts the puck past Toronto goalie Justin Peters for the game-winning goal in the Whalers' 3-2 victory Saturday night.

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, December 5, 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 PUD AMENDMENT NO. 8 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PUD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 091 99 0001 7 12 and 091 99 0001 7 13. Property is located south of Cherry Hill and east of Morton Taylor Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, December 1, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON,
Chairman

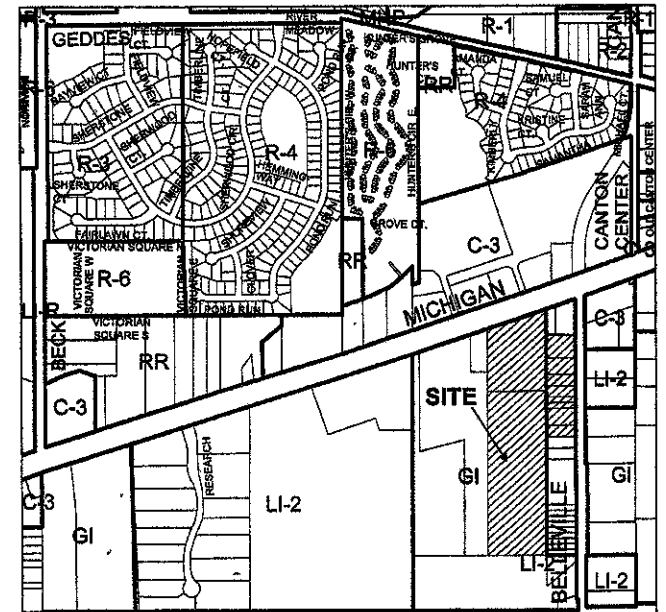
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COSTCO WHOLESALE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 132 99 0003 701, 132 99 0003 702, 132 01 0005 000, 132 01 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.)



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

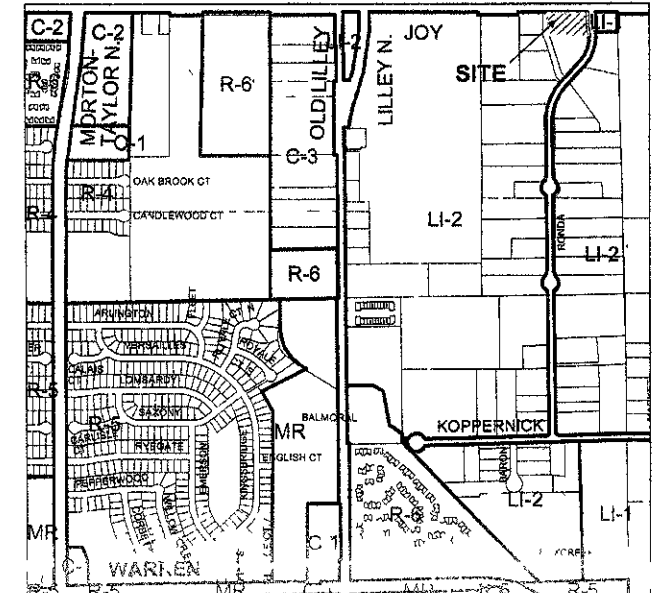
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CANTON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 22.02B.16 FOR PARCEL NO. 005 99 0002 711. Property is located on the southwest corner of Joy and Ronda Drive.

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.



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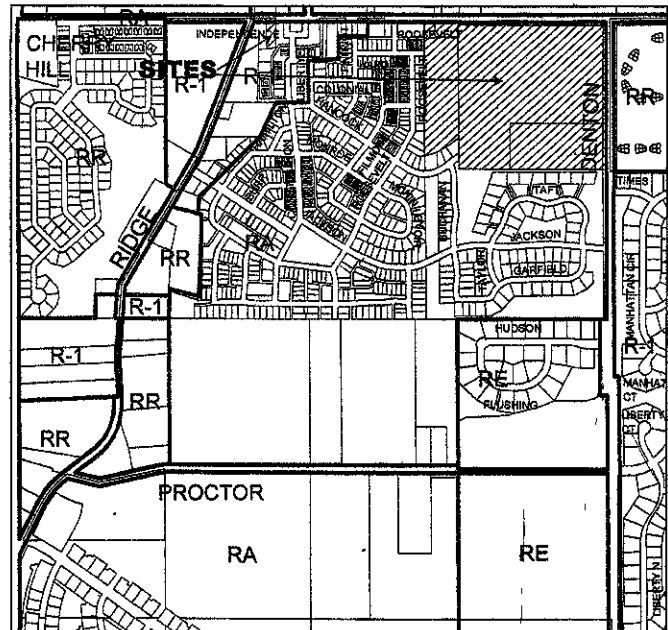
VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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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, 073 04 0001 000 THROUGH 073 04 0437 000 (PART OF) AND 074 99 0002 702. Property is located south of Cherry Hill and west of Denton Road.



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: November 10, 2005



STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (November 28, 2005), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

Larry McCullough	D184 5X10 NON	Misc items
Carol Panik	D186 5X10 NON	Furniture & Misc.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Charter Township of Plymouth, Michigan, Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will accept sealed bids for the following Project:

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR DDA STREETScape

Details are described in the bid Drawings and Specifications.

Bids for the above Project shall be accepted no later than 3:00 PM Local Time, on December 1, 2005 at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, Bldg. #3, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

General Description of Work: Landscape maintenance services including but not limited to lawn mowing; fertilization and weed control; tree and shrub pruning and trimming; and management of irrigation system including system winterization and spring start-up.

General Description of Project Area: In an east-west direction, the Project Area extends along Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township from Eckles Road to a short distance past the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty Road. The Project Area also extends along Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township just north and south of Ann Arbor Road.

Copies of the bidding documents are available for pick-up only (no mail delivery) at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, Bldg. #3, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Michigan 48170

A public meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2005 at 10:00 AM Local Time in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, Bldg. #1, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Michigan 48170. A walking tour of the Project Area will immediately follow the conference. All bidders must attend this meeting prior to submitting a bid.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Charter Township of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, as security for acceptance of the contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The Township reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any and all proposals in whole or in part and to waive any defect or irregularity in any proposal if it is deemed in the Township's sole discretion to be in the best interest of the Township. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

REQUIREMENTS

1. The Contractor shall be duly licensed by the appropriate authorities to perform Work.
2. Insurance shall be in accordance with the Charter Township of Plymouth insurance requirements.
3. The Contractor must provide references for similar jobs.
4. The signed contract is not assignable or transferable to any other company without approval of the DDA.
5. The term of the contract will be for three years, with an option to renew at the end of three years based upon mutual consent of both parties regarding terms and conditions.
6. The Contractor will conform to all applicable Federal, State, and local laws.
7. The contract award by the DDA must be approved by the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

ANY INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS BID ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO:
Mr. Tony Hollis, DPW Manager
Charter Township of Plymouth
46555 Port Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
Ph: (734) 453-8131

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:
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Plymouth Township Hall, Bldg. #3
42350 Ann Arbor Road
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Soccer champs

The Canton Quest 94 premier team completed its 2005 fall season by placing first in the Michigan Youth Soccer League with an 8-0-0 record. The Quest also captured the FC Pride Cup in Indianapolis, outscoring its opponents, 8-1. Pictured (front row from left) are Courtney March, Brianne Miller, Abby Livingston, Victoria Tripp, Katelyn Watson, Claire Huddas, Kristina Klusek, (back row from left) coach Jamie Scott, Robyn Mack, Jessica Scott, Mackenzie Rogers, Dominique Sarnecky, Kaitlyn Murphy, Sarah Falvey, Megan McCormack, Taryne Pagel, Nicole Ineich, and parent coach Steve McCormack.



Quest 92

The U14 girls Canton Quest 92 premier soccer team took the top spot in the U14 Silver Division of the 2005 Soccer Elite Tournament held in Memphis Tennessee during August. The Quest also earned the top spot in the U14 La Liga division of the 2005 Best of the Midwest Tournament held in Chicago during September. Pictured (top row from the left) are Kayla Lewis, Brittany Ripple, Kelly Larimore, Lindsey Newton, Taylor Burgoon, Lauren Booth, Ashley Bica, Alyssa Cottrell, Tracy Rymph, Abigail Gialer, (middle row from left) Megan Staub, Kasey Webb and (bottom row from left) Sara O'Leary, Kelly Dobbs, Liliana Serratos and Carley McQuiston. Not pictured is Kristin Thompson. The Quest is coached and managed by Drew Crawford, John Staub and Kristi Rymph.

Davenport drops MU kickers, 1-0

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Madonna University's offense never got untracked Saturday, and the host Crusaders lost 1-0 to Davenport University in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference tournament championship men's soccer match. The visiting Panthers weren't exactly lighting up the field, either, with just two shots directed at MU goalkeeper Darrell Quinn. But one of the attempts, a header by Ephraim Hernandez with 28:25 left in the second half, found the top half of the target and was enough to hold up for Davenport (12-4-2). Drawing the lone assist on the goal was Anes Suhonjic, who began the play with a corner kick. After that, Davenport (Mich.) blanketed its own end with defenders and made it extremely difficult for

Madonna players to muster serious offensive chances and vie for a game-tying marker. There were a couple of possibilities, however. With about 20 minutes remaining, Madonna senior midfielder and WHAC Player of the Year Tom Stark lofted a long pass up the middle to a streaking Ryan Montague. But the play was ruled offside. Then, in the final moments, a turnaround blast by forward Endri Xhacka hit Davenport goalkeeper Carl Whitehouse (five saves) right in the chest. "I give them (Panthers) a lot of credit," said MU head coach Tino Scicluna afterward. "They defend well, they're real organized and they did exactly what I thought they'd do. "(But) we struggled to get in today, and in order to get in you've got to move a bit off the ball and we didn't do that. We had chances to score, but we didn't put them in." Scicluna, whose team

dropped to 15-4 and lost any chance for home-field advantage in the NAIA Region VIII tournament, said he didn't think the Crusaders played that poorly. "They capitalized on one chance and that was the difference in the game," he said. With that marker, Davenport earned its first-ever WHAC soccer tournament championship. Meanwhile, one MU player who almost tried to will his team back into the match was Stark, who fought harder than ever after Davenport scored. "Stark's the player of the year for a reason," Scicluna said. "That was a well-earned award for him. He plays with all his ability every time he's on the field." Now, instead of enjoying home-field advantage in the regionals, Scicluna and the Crusaders will need to be hungry road warriors for any kind of postseason run. That chance began Wednesday at Marian (Ind.) College in a NAIA Region VIII semifinal match, which took place after this issue of the Observer went to press.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
CANTON LEISURE SERVICES
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Leisure Services Department up to 5:00 p.m., November 28th, 2005 for the following:
ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION MONITORING DESIGN SERVICES FOR PARKS/GOLF MAINTENANCE FACILITY RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT
Specifications are available at the Leisure Services Department office located on the third floor of the administration building, or you may call Brad Sharp at (734) 394-5363. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G BENNETT, Clerk

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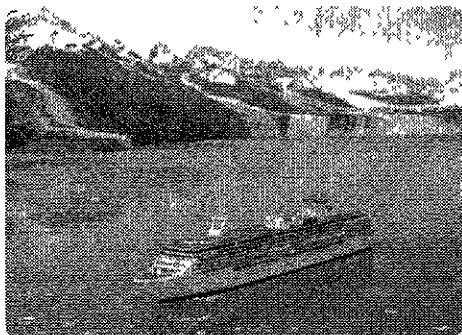
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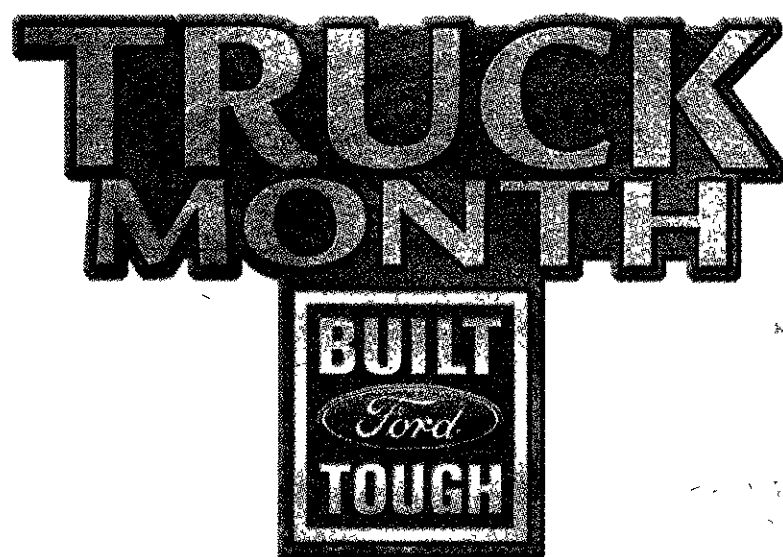
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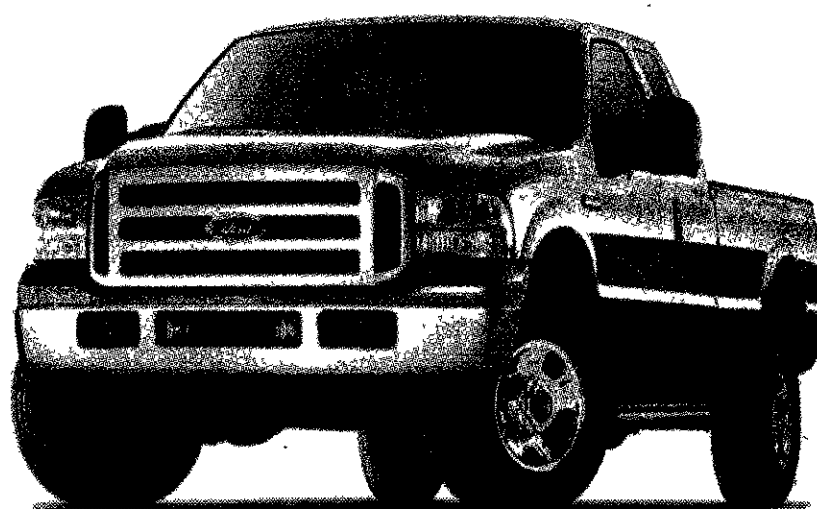
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Seniors have fond memories of first homes



BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

It's understandable if seniors experience a little sticker shock when looking at current real estate ads. They bought their first homes during an era when prices were considerably lower, although incomes were as well.

"Our first house was in Lebanon, Pennsylvania," said Ralph Richardson of Canton. That two-bedroom bungalow was home for Richardson and wife Bevis shortly after their 1954 marriage. "It was brand new and it cost \$10,000," he said. Two of the couple's four children were born while they were in that home. "I had gotten out of the Army and I had a job waiting for me," said Richardson, a retired labor economist whose wife worked as a registered nurse. He first worked in a steel foundry.

They've been in their Canton home more than 30 years now.

It's larger, and suits them when family comes to visit. They've altered use of some rooms as their children grew.

Plymouth Township resident Jack Morrison and late wife Betty bought in 1947 on Pembroke, in Detroit's Seven Mile-Southfield area. The price was \$7,800.

"I had to shovel the coal all the time," he said. "We had coal heat." In 1950, they got gas heat.

Their older son was born while they lived there. The Morrisons — he worked in brick sales and she was a Plymouth-Canton elementary teacher — moved to Redford in 1951 and the current Plymouth Township home in 1964.

"I give Betty all the credit for this house," he said, noting she was impressed with the plan. Their younger son was born while they were in South Redford, where they paid about \$10,000-\$11,000. The Plymouth Township home went for \$23,849 in the mid-1960s when they bought.

"I don't know how these people are going to make it," Morrison said of current home prices for young families. He cited business woes of Delphi Corp. and others, with possible pay cuts.

Richardson would like to see more starter homes built, but notes the market determines that. Heating costs are a concern with larger homes, he added: "They're going to find out this winter."

He and Bevis always looked for a home that suited their lifestyle, not as an investment but as a home. "This house still suits us," he said. "We never wanted to be house poor."

They didn't rely on two incomes for housing costs, he added, with four kids to put through college. They didn't have to worry about debt or such things as overtime coming through.



Mid Hanson of Oakland Township remembers buying her first home with her late husband, Harlan Prather, around 1950. The youngest of their three children was born while they lived in that Oak Park brick ranch, which cost \$10,000.

"It was a fun time where we were living in Oak Park," she said. "We did things in each others' homes for entertainment." That home had one bathroom, three bedrooms, eating space in the kitchen, and they finished the basement while there.

"At that time, it seemed like a lot of money," she said of the purchase price.

Her late husband worked for Ring Screw Works, an auto supplier, up until his 1975 death. The family moved to Rochester from Oak Park.

"We were living in Rochester at that time," said Hanson, who has remarried. "We moved out here in '64."

The Prather family home was in Tienken Manor subdivision, off Tienken Road. "At that time, Tienken Road was a dirt road," she said.

Hanson is amazed at the size of homes that younger families often buy today: "They seem to have a lot more than we did at that time."

She believes in buying both for lifestyle and investment. "I think we all did very well," she said of their circle of friends, citing the importance of good public schools and sending children on to college.

"Each house you get, you learn more about how you want to furnish it," Hanson added.

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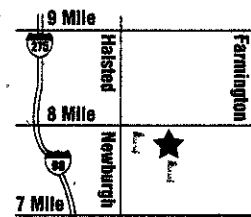
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Lowe's has guidelines for removing stains from hardwood floors

Beautiful hardwood floors can sometimes become stained, requiring a cleanup. Lowe's offers the following on how to clean such a floor.

Test-match stain colors on a piece of bare wood that is the same species as the flooring.

Sanding with a vibrating-type sander (a palm sander, for example) is the best way to remove the stain. Do

not use a belt sander: Its power is so great that you can ruin the floor before you realize it.

1. Start with medium (100-grit) sandpaper, then finish with fine (150-grit) sandpaper.

2. After you sand the stain away, vacuum up the dust. Wipe the area with a cloth dampened with mineral

spirits if you're using oil-based stain. Dampen the cloth with water for latex stain.

3. The next step is to stain the sanded area to match the rest of the floor. Finding just the right stain color probably will require mixing different color stains. Buy two or three cans of stain that are close to the color of the floor and start experi-

menting.

4. Test the colors on a piece of sanded, unstained wood that is the same species as your floor. Check for a match while the stain is still wet — that gives the best idea of what the stain will look like when it has been covered with polyurethane.

5. If the color is not quite right, alter it by mixing in lighter or darker

stain. Mix only oil-based with oil-based and latex (water-based) with latex.

6. When the stain is dry, coat the floor with polyurethane according to manufacturer's instructions.

More home information is available at www.lowes.com online.



Featured HOMES OF THE WEEK

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DEARBORN HTS. — Gorgeous 3 BR, 1.5 BA brick ranch. Family room w/fireplace, attic fan, h/dwd flrs, 6 panel doors, double sinks in bath, oak kitchen cabinets, pantry, Pella windows, bsmt, garage, large closets, bsmt, private fenced yard. Newer electric, HWH and roof shingles. \$235,000 (16TIM)



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LIVONIA — Beautiful 3 BR, 1.5 bath brick ranch on a gorgeous landscaped corner lot. 2 car garage, bsmt, sprinklers, open floor plan from the kitchen to FR overlooking a beautiful California stone wall fireplace. Patio w/retractable awning and privacy fence. Storage shed w/large loft and electrical. \$254,900 (95BAI)



GENOA TWP. — Waterfront! All sports lake with breathtaking views from the GR and MBR. Remodeled kitchen w/oak cabinets, new carpet, new siding, upstairs loft could be 3rd bedroom, garage, home is furnished w/furniture and all appls. Lease is available from Oct 1 2005 through April 30th, 2006. \$1,300 (66CHE)



Livonia — Well maintained 3 BR brick ranch on a quiet cul-de-sac location. Bsmt, sprinklers, garage, bay window, updated kitchen, newer appliances. Kitchen opens to generous FR with gas fplc. Doorwall to deck w/retractable awning. Newer Berber carpeting, windows, furnace, roof, new HWH. \$234,900 (99BAI)



Livonia — 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch. Refinished hardwood floors, newer roof, new windows, door and garage door. Remodeled kitchen, some appliances stay, garage, fenced yard, finished basement with bath. \$169,900 (12PER)



Livonia — Sharp 3 BR, 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. \$184,900 (21HAT)



Southfield — 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch with many updates inside & out! Home warranty, appliances stay, attached garage, finished basement, 1,000+ sq. ft., C/A. Motivated sellers! \$159,000. Ask for Brian Hillari @ 248-388-1737 (BH60SOU)




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LIVONIA \$177,900
\$2500 For closing cost. Livonia Estates-low traffic street. 3 bedroom ranch-move in condition. Family room in professionally finished basement. 3 season room w/heater. Numerous updates. City swim pool. 734-455-6000 EP85SU-25160180



NORTHVILLE \$164,900
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Education Seminars

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

■ 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.

■ 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) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 — "Insurance Reconstruction" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. noon Tuesday, Nov. 22 — "Budget Management and Cost Control" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$145. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29 — "Quality Construction" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 — "Condominium

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Nuts and Bolts: When To Consider Using a Condominium Format" 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 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, "Builder's License Preparation Course" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, construction drawings, codes, procedures, sample test questions and test tips. Registration is \$200. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5, "Convention Strategies" 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.

■ 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, "Extreme Success" seminar at Stagecrafters Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. A discussion on risks that yield better results, new ways to deal with fear and how to break free from the "Struggle Syndrome." Registration fee is \$59 for sales and marketing council members, \$89 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$109 for non-members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 8, "Codes and Quality Control" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group will discuss setting performance expectations, a superintendent's responsibilities regarding codes and will provide tips to enforce code compliance on the job site. Registration fee is \$145. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, "Managing a Business for the Long Term" seminar at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Richard G. William, CPA, of Polk and Associates, PLC will discuss strategic planning for the small to medium size business, exit strategies and business valuation.

Registration is \$20 for BIA or AAM members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, "Managers Roundtable" discussion at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. The program is free for Property AAM, PMC and BIA members and \$15 for guests. Coffee and bagels will be provided. (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. 15, 17, 22, 29, at Avery Elementary School, 14700 Lincoln, Oak Park, \$190 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions, (248) 837-8900; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday/Sunday, Nov. 12-13, at Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive, Rochester Hills, \$205 all inclusive, (248) 651-2771; 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Nov. 22 and Dec. 1, 6, 8, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, \$199 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions, (248) 956-5000.

■ Basement Remodeling Class — The seminar is designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling.

Classes are: 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Nov. 14 and 16, at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills, \$95 plus \$10 for textbook and materials, (248) 203-3800.

■ 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.

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CANTON
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Pending home sales ease a bit

Pending home sales, a leading indicator for the housing sector, eased slightly but is at the second highest level on record, according to the National Association of Realtors.

The Pending Home Sales Index, based on contracts signed in September, slipped 0.3 percent to a reading of 128.8 from a record of 129.2 in August, and is 3.3 percent higher than September 2004.

The index is derived from pending sales of existing homes. A sale is listed as pending when the contract has been signed but the transaction has not closed; pending home sales typically are finalized within one or two months of signing.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said the index shows a lot of momentum. "We're still seeing a post-Katrina boost in home sales activity, where the needs of displaced residents are supplementing a fundamentally strong market," he said. "Aside from this temporary lift, the market is entering a period of transition in which we will see a somewhat slower but more sustainable pace of home sales — a period that is expected to be historically healthy. This will help to create a better balance between homebuyer and sellers, so price appreciation should be cooler as well."

Many post-Katrina sales in the region surrounding the disaster zone were bulk sales by companies that were obtaining housing for employees; some of those sales closed quickly in September with others expected to be recorded in data for October and November.

An index of 100 is equal to the average level of contract activity during 2001, the first

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year to be examined: 2001 was the first of four consecutive record years for existing-home sales, with activity in that year being fairly close to the higher level of home sales projected for the coming decade relative to norms during the mid-1990s. A Pending Home Sales Index of 100 coincides with a historically high level of home sales.

Regionally, the highest PHSI was in the South where the index slipped 1.6 percent in September to 139.1 from a record in August, and was 6.3 percent higher than September 2004. In the Northeast, the index rose 1.8 percent to 110.4 in September and was 0.8 percent above a year ago. The Midwest index rose 0.3 percent to 119.7 in September, and was 0.4 percent below September 2004. The index in the West held even at a level of 136.7, and was 3.6 higher than a year ago.

The National Association of Realtors, "The Voice for Real Estate," is America's largest trade association, representing more than 1.2 million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

FHA announcement a boon to borrowers

Last week, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) made a marvelous announcement regarding its mortgage refinance guidelines. It used to be that most borrowers could only borrow up to 85 percent of their home's value for cash-out refinances. Effective immediately, FHA borrowers may cash-out up to 95 percent of their home's value.

In addition to that helpful increase, the FHA has loosened their already lenient processing and underwriting guidelines for certain transactions. In short, FHA files that might not have been approved last month may well be approved this month. To be eligible to apply for this new



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FHA refinance, borrowers simply must have lived in the subject property for at least a year and must not have been more than 30 days late on any of their mortgage payments.

Impressively, other FHA underwriting changes now permit borrower to refinance out of a combination loan, or a "piggy-back" mortgage. In these cases where one mortgage is stacked on top of another, borrowers may opt to either keep the existing second

mortgage and replace the first with an FHA loan, or just pay them both off with a new FHA mortgage if the numbers work out. In either case, the FHA simply requires that the borrower can manage the ensuing payment or payments.

Current FHA borrowers who now find themselves in one of several different FHA Hybrid ARMs — mortgages with terms of three, five, seven or even 10 years — may take advantage of FHA's unique "streamlined refinance" to convert their loan into a fixed-rate mortgage while interest rates remain attractive. The FHA does impose a limitation on these streamlined refinances in that the borrower's new payment may not be more than 20 per-

cent higher than their existing payment. However, with the market's interest rates as low as they are now, this should not limit many borrowers.

Today's TIMBIT! Conditions are exceptional for borrowers to purchase or refinance between now and the New Year, even if they have bruised credit. It's obvious the FHA wants to loan money and there are plenty of properties just begging for buyers. It can't get much better for homebuyers.

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

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AP Financial	(877) 254-0500	6	0.125	5.625	0	J/A	Home Finance of America	(800) 958-5028	6	0	5.5	0	J/A						
America's Premiere Mortgage	(800) 585-8730	6.125	0	5.625	0	J/A/V/F	Horizon Financial Group	(866) 538-7887	6	1	5.625	1	J/A						
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Brigham Cornerstone Bank	(810) 220-8646	6	1	5.75	1	J/A	Lasalle Bank Midwest	(800) 466-3600	5	2	5.625	2	J/A/V/F						
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Community Bank of Dearborn	(734) 981-5022	6.25	0	5.75	0	J/A	Palmyra Financial LLC	(800) 728-2274	6.125	0	5.625	0	J/A/F						
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Dearborn Fed. Savings Bank	(313) 555-3100	6.25	0	5.375	0	A	Premiere Mortgage Funding	(248) 358-2800	6	0	5.825	0	J/A						
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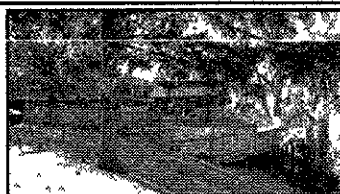
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IMPRESSIVE EXECUTIVE HOME Luxury master w/cathedral ceilings & fireplace, family room w/trey ceilings, island kitchen w/walk in pantry, 4 beds, 2.5 baths, a study, paver patio and 3 car garage. Beautifully done and spacious interior. \$474,900 (P-121HI)



ABSOLUTELY EXQUISITE Backing to the woods and loaded with upgrades lies this 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath beauty. Beautifully finished walkout, 3 car garage, 1st floor master and a huge floor plan. \$679,900 (C-324LO)



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A RARE FIND Glorious 1237 sq. ft. ranch on a huge lot. Updates include the kitchen, baths, roof, windows, furnace, etc. Kitchen opens to family room w/fireplace & doorwall to deck overlooking a 278' deep lot. \$164,900 (C-423SU)



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END UNIT RANCH Neutral, clean and updated with a nice open floor plan, formal sq. feet, 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 3 dining, skylights, large full basement, new fireplaces, in-ground pool, spa & steam rooms, a huge pole barn and more. \$145,900 (P-071VI)



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Canton

48285 Antique	\$475,000
48303 Antique	\$509,000
48394 Antique	\$290,000

48465 Antique	\$193,000
48570 Antique	\$154,000
807 Bristol	\$372,000
1485 Brookdale	\$345,000
8125 Chatham	\$321,000
8360 Chatham	\$315,000
1581 Commodore	\$191,000
244 Constitution	\$267,000
6813 Fox Hills	\$308,000
40457 Glen Eagle	\$185,000
41120 Maplewood	\$252,000

1516 McLaine	\$450,000
42045 Michigan	\$450,000
1250 N Lilley	\$305,000
7849 Oxford	\$125,000
46278 Polo	\$300,000
4761 Pond Run	\$295,000
2094 Preserve	\$242,000
3883 Ravensfield	\$194,000
50821 Redding	\$238,000
3115 River Meadow	\$262,000
3317 Riverside	\$230,000

Garden City

45170 Rudgate	\$225,000
3008 S Canton Center	\$300,000
39675 Scottsdale	\$219,000
44114 Somerset	\$222,000
656 Sorel	\$309,000
41065 Southwind	\$135,000
43000 Versailles	\$220,000
2011 Vine Way	\$30,000
1607 Walnut Ridge	\$236,000
1627 Whittier	\$175,000

33680 Bock	\$162,000
33474 Brown	\$116,000
27559 Chester	\$134,000
5950 Deering	\$130,000
28453 James	\$200,000
32233 Kathryn	\$270,000
32512 Pierce	\$270,000
32222 Sheridan	\$141,000
29617 Winter	\$150,000

Livonia

33639 Eight Mile	\$119,000
33759 Eight Mile	\$94,000
14246 Arcola	\$154,000
15429 Ashurst	\$269,000
34920 Beacon	\$148,000
32944 Brookside	\$281,000
8885 Cardwell	\$120,000
11872 Farmington	\$174,000
11878 Farmington	\$170,000
18994 Filmore	\$156,000
27492 Five Mile	\$60,000
9305 Florida	\$184,000
9961 Inkster	\$134,000
19391 Inkster	\$92,000
15521 Levan	\$225,000
14160 Marie	\$217,000
11280 Middlebelt	\$89,000
17398 Parklane	\$146,000
20215 Parkville	\$118,000
29610 Puritan	\$179,000
31026 Roycroft	\$192,000
36231 Roycroft	\$290,000
37840 Southampton	\$257,000
20204 Wayne	\$355,000
19525 Westmore	\$175,000
19628 Weyher	\$125,000

Redford

10075 Wolfriver	\$185,000
12349 Woodlands	\$460,000
11421 Beech Daly	\$100,000
14100 Braay	\$150,000
9616 Dixie	\$138,000
11403 Farley	\$143,000
9045 Hemingway	\$155,000
18684 Indian	\$117,000
26380 Ivanhoe	\$310,000
9393 Jerome	\$144,000
15943 Kinloch	\$119,000
16046 Knight	\$143,000
20407 Lennane	\$113,000
12883 Lenore	\$85,000
19158 Lexington	\$120,000
19764 Lexington	\$122,000
16684 Lola	\$154,000
11631 Marion	\$130,000
18310 Poinciana	\$120,000
8918 Robindale	\$155,000
9064 Sioux	\$150,000
25982 Southwestern	\$142,000
12890 Tecumseh	\$138,000
25618 W Seven Mile	\$75,000
25618 W Seven Mile	\$100,000
26811 W Davison	\$167,000
18661 Wakenden	\$97,000

Westland

38640 Alma	\$317,000
8281 Beatrice	\$92,000
33652 Beechwood	\$132,000
250 Carson	\$215,000
7400 Central	\$88,000
6921 Deerhurst	\$162,000
36160 Glen	\$107,000
38167 Greenwood	\$98,000
31031 Hiveley	\$134,000
5675 Huff	\$170,000
8208 Huntington	\$63,000
33808 Lacrosse	\$177,000
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8256 Parkside	\$271,000
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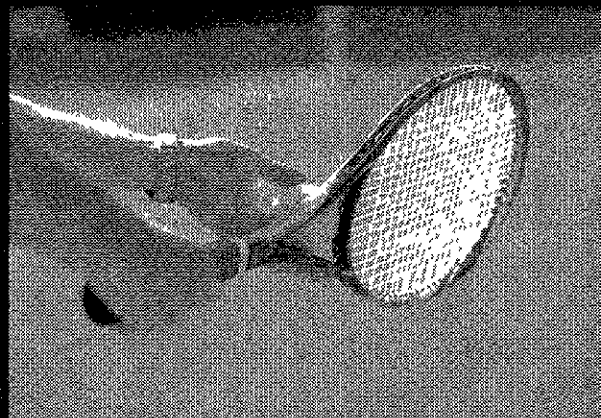
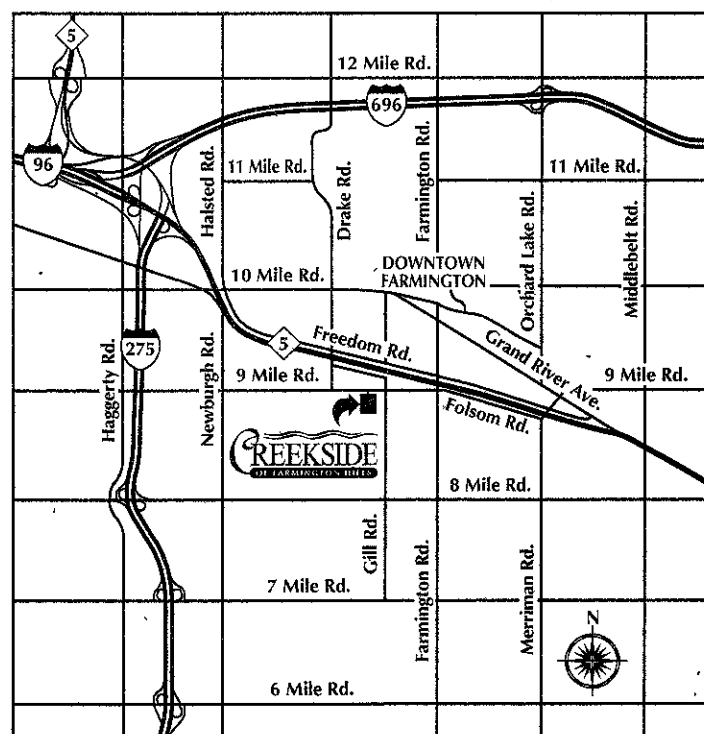
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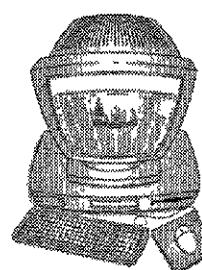
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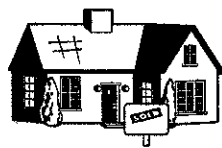
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186 Amys Walk	\$170,000
3047 Carly	\$116,000
2260 Commonwealth	\$175,000
3720 Eaton Gate	\$315,000
3568 Grove	\$214,000
2666 Hutton	\$50,000
2305 Oaknoll	\$58,000
1208 Taylor	\$170,000

Beverly Hills

21520 Corsaut	\$550,000
15948 Dunblaine	\$337,000
18674 W 13 Mile	\$225,000
16161 Wetherby	\$305,000

Birmingham

529 Bloomfield	\$224,000
1592 E Lincoln	\$228,000
1373 E Melton	\$288,000
740 Humphrey	\$647,000
347 N Eton	\$135,000
361 N Eton	\$117,000
1522 Penistone	\$160,000
1324 Ruffner	\$3,000
1264 S Eton	\$255,000
1841 Stanley	\$290,000
575 Vinewood	\$495,000
535 W Merrill	\$500,000
2112 Yorkshire	\$325,000

Bloomfield Hills/Township

3641 Berkshire	\$585,000
5980 Blandford	\$615,000
5132 Forest	\$425,000
5312 Forest	\$450,000
5390 Hollow	\$399,000
1928 Klingensmith	\$145,000
2252 Lancaster	\$180,000
6712 Mark	\$284,000
2561 Middlebury	\$356,000
5568 N Adams	\$290,000
500 Overhill	\$790,000
4000 Overlea	\$835,000
4960 Ranch	\$360,000
5699 Raven	\$473,000
1655 S Hill	\$150,000
1806 S Hill	\$189,000
827 S Pemberton	\$450,000
1201 Trowbridge	\$2,750,000
6743 Vachon	\$455,000

Commerce Township

5274 Bridge	\$394,000
1854 Cheshire	\$95,000
3541 E Commerce	\$215,000
2165 Glen Iris	\$260,000
1949 Glengary	\$437,000
4943 Parkgate	\$637,000
1865 Thorndale	\$187,000
4761 Turtlewood	\$83,000
1821 Union	\$405,000

Farmington

21310 Birchwood	\$215,000
23114 Farmington	\$145,000

Farmington Hills

21634 Albion	\$100,000
29136 Aranel	\$219,000
27319 Arden Park	\$206,000
30044 Astor	\$177,000
22247 Atlantic Pointe	\$123,000
27920 Berrywood	\$99,000
28337 Brandywine	\$275,000
25581 Briarwyke	\$264,000
34335 Colfax	\$161,000
27987 Copper Creek	\$515,000
27459 Cranbrook	\$364,000
36972 Dartmoor	\$175,000
36964 Fox Run	\$428,000
29111 Glenarden	\$248,000
29230 Greening	\$230,000
29615 Greening	\$217,000
26304 Greythorne	\$275,000
29889 Harrow	\$500,000
28790 Kendallwood	\$245,000
39100 Lancaster	\$293,000
28862 Lincolnview	\$250,000
24080 Lori	\$270,000
31702 N Marklawn	\$225,000
29406 Pendleton Club	\$131,000
33625 Rhonswood	\$195,000
24677 Springbrook	\$210,000
22061 Tredwell	\$178,000
23159 Tuck	\$169,000
23150 Tulane	\$190,000
31274 Westwood	\$449,000
27247 Winterset	\$450,000
29750 Woodbrook	\$239,000

Franklin

30715 N Greenbriar	\$375,000
24620 S Cromwell	\$410,000

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2836 Beland	\$93,000
3058 Moss	\$65,000

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41887 Cantebury	\$193,000
23764 E Le Bost	\$156,000
24585 Edgewood	\$268,000
23625 Londonderry	\$195,000
22557 Moorgate	\$384,000
31151 Rolling Grove	\$245,000
25828 Sierra	\$215,000
25050 Sullivan	\$292,000
41668 Tera	\$311,000
40740 Village Oaks	\$246,000

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4210 Derry	\$552,000
4915 Georgetown	\$260,000
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337 Essex	\$328,000
735 Hamilton	\$180,000

2421 Harrison	\$130,000
1510 Hidden Valley	\$164,000
1793 Kilburn	\$355,000
833 Langdon	\$163,000
6225 N Rochester	\$610,000
2695 Oak View	\$320,000
1072 Paint Creek	\$173,000
503 Plymouth	\$199,000
859 Rambling	\$355,000
1339 Royal Crescent	\$285,000
2237 Siboney	\$170,000
1586 Streamwood	\$145,000
2105 Warrington	\$235,000
3642 Warwick	\$518,000
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17121 Anna	\$220,000
28709 Brentwood	\$136,000
19262 Dorset	\$158,000
28515 E Kalong	\$420,000
24746 Edgemont	\$210,000
23470 Edinburgh	\$180,000
29137 Evergreen	\$132,000
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23297 Grayson	\$158,000
21751 Hidden Rivers	\$125,000
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27725 Pierce	\$197,000
30585 Pierce	\$304,000
29335 Pinetree	\$250,000
19688 Raleigh	\$123,000
29303 Rambling	\$162,000
28651 Regent	\$100,000
20330 Rodeo	\$180,000
19439 Silvercrest	\$255,000
15626 Stone Crossing	\$178,000
19930 Villa	\$163,000
19950 Villa	\$170,000
24585 W 10 Mile	\$121,000
19810 W 12 Mile	\$81,000
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2827 Amberly	\$440,000
5798 Andover	\$523,000
3214 Camden	\$259,000
3226 Camden	\$281,000
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1076 Fountain	\$362,000
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4932 Lake Bluff	\$382,000
2951 Long Ridge	\$620,000
6078 Orchard Woods	\$506,000
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5573 Silver Pond	\$608,000

5275 Simpson Lake	\$310,000
2830 Treyburn	\$430,000
2857 Water Oaks	\$365,000
7009 Wildridge	\$261,000
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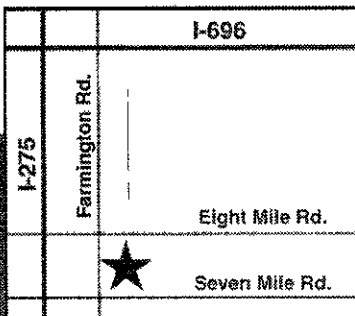
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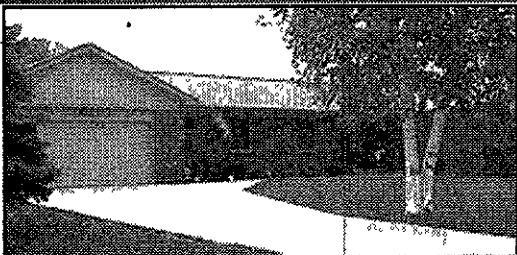
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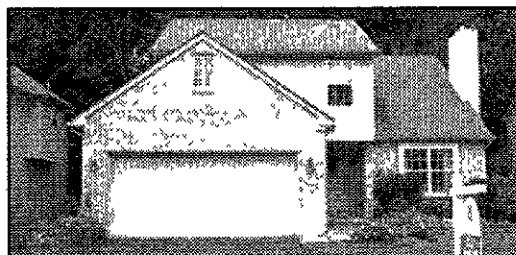
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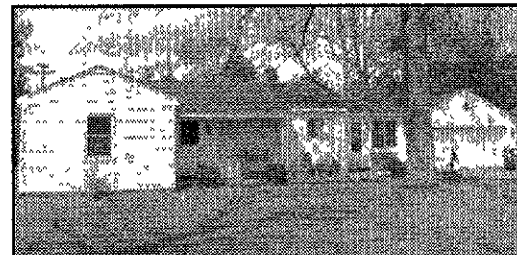
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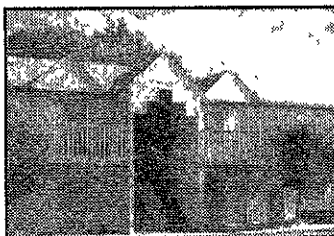
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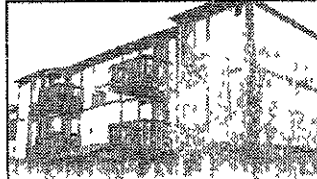


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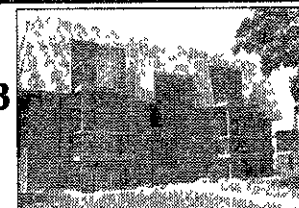
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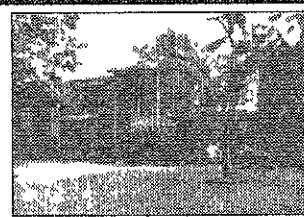
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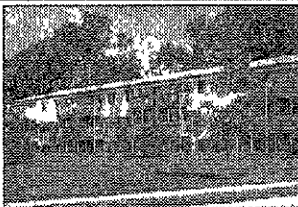
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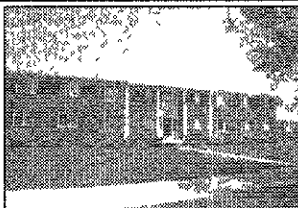
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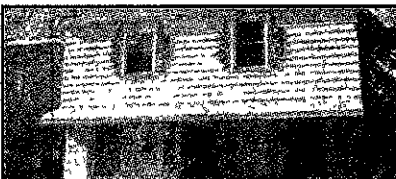
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Great floor plan w/hardwood floors, vinyl windows, terra off roof, vinyl siding offers 3 bedroom ranch sitting on a double lot w/2 car attached garage. Low top taxes but all the amenities of living close to downtown.
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WATERFORD Bring Your Boat
3 bedroom brick cape cod on double corner lot with lake access to Loon Lake. Dining room features hardwood floors and a bay window. 1st floor master. Spacious living room w/stone fireplace.
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ALLEN PARK Fantastic Home
Why rent when you can have this cozy 2 bedroom ranch. Well maintained with spacious modern kitchen, lovely landscaping, deck, partially finished basement and garage.
(E18WAR) 734-455-5600 \$117,900



PLYMOUTH Charming Colonial
Nicely updated w/open floor plan, sunroom off living room w/rp/c, patio-deck off master, large country kit & large DR, hardwood floors & newer windows in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home + 2 car gar & part fin bsmt.
(E98SHE) 734-455-5600 \$289,900



CANTON Stunning Colonial
This 4 bedroom, 2 full & 2 half bath home is built w/many custom features, open floor plan from kitchen to family room w/rp/c, doorwall to spacious deck, finished basement, 2 car attached garage, appls. more.
(E28HAN) 734-455-5600 \$339,900



LATHRUP VILLAGE Spacious Colonial
3 BR, 1.5 BA, 2-story at great price. Newer carpeting in both living room and family room. Huge master with double closets. Two-car attached garage. Basement. One year home warranty and quick occupancy.
(E10LIN) 248-349-5600 \$189,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Welcome Home
Is what this home says to you! Cape Cod 3 BR, 2.5 BA w/vaulted ceilings, GR w/built-ins, deck off DR. 3 season room off kitchen. Some updates. 2 car side entry garage. Large tree lot and much more.
(E64WIL) 248-349-5600 \$425,000



WESTLAND Beautiful Brick Ranch!
LR has newer neutral opt, freshly painted decor. Cheerful kit w/white tile, oak cabs & appls incl. Refin hldvd flr in BR, fin bsmt for FR, exercise area & new BA in '05. Vinyl windows, paver patio & 2.5 car gar.
(E12MOC) 734-455-5600 \$167,500



BELLEVILLE Gorgeous Cape Cod
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home w/full basement, 2 car attached garage, loft study, GR w/rp/c, FF master w/WIC & Jacuzzi, FF laundry, formal dining room, hardwood & ceramic floors, home warranty. Built in '01.
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ROMULUS Great Looking House
This 3 bedroom tri-level has many updates, large yard, open kitchen, freshly painted, 2 car garage w/newer door. Appliances, deck and home warranty.
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LIVONIA Beauty In Burton Hollow
3 BR, 2.5 BA brick ranch. Spacious open floor plan. Newer oak kit, roof, windows, updated electric, copper plumb, A/C. FR w/rp/c. Superb Indscpp, backyard patio. Two car att gar. Excellent Livonia schls. Immed occup.
(E36SUR) 248-349-5600 \$265,000



COMMERCE Priced & Designed To Sell
City chic w/lofters bar. This spacious 4 Br, 3.5 BA home sits on huge tucked away lot near lakes. Costly amenities & upgrades incl: HW floors, newer carpet, 2-tone paint, high ceiling, stone frplc. Finished LL W/O.
(E60STA) 248-349-5600 \$385,000



WESTLAND Gorgeous Brick Home
Wonderful 3 bedroom ranch offers updated kitchen cabinets, ceramic floor, SS sink and all appliances. Newer windows, HWH and furnace. Gas fieldstone fireplace and home warranty.
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BROWNSTOWN A Rare Find
In this 3 bedroom condo in newer complex offering eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, living room w/gas fireplace, master ste w/WIC, C/A, 2 car attached garage, basement & close to x-way & shopping. Built in 2002.
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DETROIT Remodeled Gem
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath bungalow offers newer eat-in kitchen, bath, furnace, A/C, windows, 2 car garage, roof and updated electric. Appliances stay + 1 year home warranty.
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REDFORD Exceptional Brick Home
3 BR, 2 BA ranch. Fin bsmt w/rp/c, refn hldvd flrs, kit w/newer fr, tile backsplash & counters. Lg yard & 4 car gar. Fin bsmt w/partial kit. Hldvd flrs. Eat-in kit. Newer woodburner. Fenced yd on cul-de-sac. Deck.
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GARDEN CITY Maintenance Free
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DEARBORN HGTS. Beautiful Home
Charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch ready for you to move into. Finished basement with family room & 2 car garage. Newer furnace, C/A, HWH, driveway & roof + updated kitchen, 1 year home warranty.
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WESTLAND Cute As Can Be!
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SOUTH LYON Golf Course Frontage
Beautifully wooded golf course on the 1st fairway of Langleywood. Granite-cherry cabinets, dual staircase. Finished lower level features media room, billiard area, exercise area, granite kitchenette. A must see.
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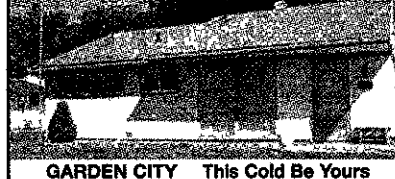
NORTHVILLE Condo Living At Its Best
Metropolitan 3 BR, 3.1 BA condo in desirable Country Club Village. This home boasts a first floor master suite, open floor plan, oversized loft. It's one of the only 8 W/O's in community FFL.
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PLYMOUTH Classic Brick Colonial
In great subdivision, 4 BR, 2.5 BA home with formal living room and dining room & fireplace in family room w/doorwall. Large kitchen with appliances. Den, 1st floor laundry, basement & 2 car attached garage.
(E56CAN) 248-349-5600 \$319,900



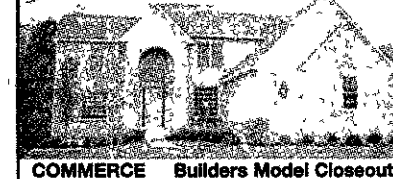
LIVONIA So Much Homel
3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on lg lot. Let near walk path to Hines. Updated kit & bath. Bsmt fin w/full bath. Newer windows, furn, C/A, 2.5 car garage w/heated workshop. Fresh paint, hldvd flrs, move in condition.
(E90ANG) 734-455-5600 \$184,900



GARDEN CITY This Could Be Yours
Charming 3 bedroom ranch offers garage, C/A, stove and fridge close to schools. You have to see this one at this great price.
(E28KAT) 734-455-5600 \$124,900



LIVONIA A Home You'll Treasure
Beautiful light & bright - feels like home! 4 BR, 2 BA, 2 car att gar and basement. Updated T/O w/newer kitchen & both baths. Some newer windows. Shiny hardwood floors. Spacious family room w/rp/c. Quality!
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Best quality materials used. Andersen windows, walkout living room & family room. Huge master w/2 walk-ins, island kitchen, crown moldings, library, 3 car garage and much more.
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FARMINGTON Newly Decorated Quad
Updated 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Hardwood floors, living room with picture window, walk-out room, kitchen with appliances. Breakfast room with doorwall to fenced yard and garage.
(E30KIR) 248-349-5600 \$216,500



VAN BUREN Newer Cape Cod
3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, great open floor plan, maple kitchen with island, ceramic master bath with separate shower, great room with fireplace, hardwood floor entry, 2 car attached garage, 1st floor laundry, full bsmt.
(E22DAN) 734-455-5600 \$248,900



WESTLAND Fantastic Buy!
This charming 3 bedroom brick ranch offers Livonia schools, partially finished basement, huge deck, hardwood floors in living room and under carpet in bedrooms and updated kitchen. Also a nice 2 car garage.
(E26MER) 734-455-5600 \$154,900



LIVONIA Newer Brick Colonial
3 BR, 2.5 BA home on lg lot. Nicely landscaped. Custom kit w/Corian counters, sink, Delta faucet, wood windows new '05, roof, doorwall, furn, freshly painted T/O. Beautiful deck, frplc, sprinklers, bsmt & att garage.
(E56NOR) 248-349-5600 \$279,900



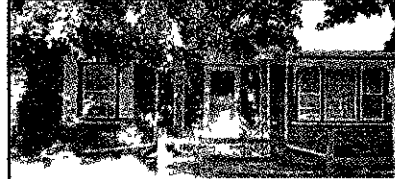
COMMERCE Builders Model Closeouts
Quality plus, first floor master, custom 2-story daylight basement, sod/sprinklers, 3 car side garage, huge great room w/soaring ceiling and granite counters.
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YPSILANTI It Will Capture Your Heart!
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WIXOM Amazing Home & Lot
Fabulous 4 BR, 3 BA home on approx .5 acre wooded lot. Home boasts huge country kit w/earth area, 2-story GR, FF MBR, FL, screened-in porch, profess landscaped, brick paver walkways, sprinkler, 1 yr. warr.
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FERNDAL Newer Ranch Style Home
Clean & neutral throughout, 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Large eat-in kitchen with wood cabinets. First floor laundry. Lots of cabinet space and storage. Nice fenced yard with small gardens.
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LINCOLN PARK Contemporary Bungalow
3 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow w/redone kitchen. Large master bedroom w/hardwood floors, updated fixtures throughout, freshly painted, partially finished basement w/glass block windows. HPP included.
(E43FAR) 734-455-5600 \$119,900



PONTIAC This House Needs A New Owner
Charming 3 bedroom ranch offers newer oak kitchen and bath, updated roof, furnace and C/A. Finished basement with gas fireplace, bar and den, plus a garage.
(E50THI) 734-455-5600 \$128,000



NOVI Sharp Ranch In Great Sub
Hate stairs? With no interior steps, this 3 BR ranch features open flr plan, FFL, wood laminate flrs & neutral decor T/O. Nice-sized BR's including spacious MBR w/walk-in closet. Att 2 car gar & lg deck overlooks yard.
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REDFORD Welcome Home
Maintenance free brick ranch offers 3 spacious bedrooms & 1.5 baths. Updates include: newer windows, roof & furnace, newer kitchen floor. Sunroom to enjoy your private wooded ravine lot. Fin bsmt.
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LIVONIA Spectacular Ranch
Recently redone 3 BR, 2.5 BA home on over 1/2 acre private wooded lot. Newer kit & bath. Lovely sun room w/loads of windows & newer blinds. Newer roof. Newly landscaped. Guest/storage barn w/elec, heat & tele.
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Location, quality, value & charm! Attractive 2400 sqft brk col., 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



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BRIGHTON 248-348-6430
PEACEFUL & QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD. 3 BR ranch, 1.5 BA, FR, frplc, spacious kit, part fin bsmt att 2 car gar. Lg fenced yard. 349-6200 (25113416) \$221,500



NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
UPDATED CONDO READY TO MOVE IN 3 BR, 1.5 BA, neut. decor, newer kit, hrdwd flrs, FP in LR, all BR w/celling fans, part fin bsmt w/rec. room. 349-6200 (25150121) \$174,000



REDFORD 248-348-6430
GREAT LOCATION. 3 BR, brick ranch. 2 new BA, 2 car gar, full bsmt part fin, new cement drive & walk, hrdwd floors. 349-6200 (25141475) \$146,900



SALEM 248-348-6430
COUNTRY LIVING, CLOSE TO PLYMOUTH Spac. home on 2 acres. 5 BR, 2 BA, Updtd kit, Lg gar, newer furn., C/A, Room to park & store all your toys. Newer laminate flooring. 349-6200 (25131242) \$379,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Well Maintained 3 BR, 2 BA, ranch located in Green Brier Estates Sub. .5 acre lot with mature trees. Home also has a Florida Rm and a 2.5 car gar. (25131287) \$309,500



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Year round fun on beautiful Lk Chemung. Updtd 3 BR, maintenance free! New siding, windows & kit. 24x14 deck overlooks lake. 349-6200 (25131181) \$259,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Location, quality, & value. 1200 sqft brk ranch updtd in 05. Incl: new kit w/cabs, cer. tile flr & cntr tops. New appls. All new BA. Refin hrdwd flrs. 2 car gar. (25131463) \$189,900



LIVONIA 734-326-2000
COME SEE WHAT'S NEW 3 BR brick & vinyl ranch w/full fin bsmt w/bar, 2 full BA, C/A, newer windows & 2.5 car gar. w/opener. (H906) PC 220892 \$169,900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
BEGIN HERE & LOOK NO MORE Enjoy this Beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA home. Everything is just Like NEW. This Home is Perfect for the 1st Time Buyer. (G323) \$145,900



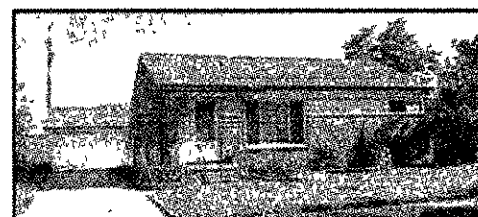
NOVI 248-348-6430
4 BR Colonial in great family sub. Nicely updated. 2.5 BA w/neutral colors. Mstr w/2 closets & bath. Newer windows & kit w/lg pantry. 349-6200 (24043123) \$249,900



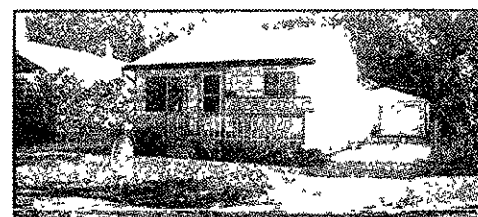
NORTHVILLE 248-349-6200
OPEN FLOOR PLAN RANCH Beaut. maint., updtd thruout, hrdwd flrs in kit, DR, & FR, LL w/daylite wndws. Walk downtown. 348-6430 (25102582) \$299,999



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Location, Location, Location! Livonia Stevenson High School. Burton Hallow sub w/wooded ravine lot. 4 BR, 2 Full BA home has so much to offer. (25008905) \$249,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Air-conditioned 3 BR home has many updates. New kit, BA, Roof. Beautiful FR, fin. bsmt w/glass block wndws. 2 car gar w/pretty yard. (25117780) \$170,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
3 BR, 2 BA brick ranch in excellent location. Fenced yard, large deck, detached garage, and all mechanicals updated. (25156213) \$149,900



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
SERENITY GARDENS GORGEOUS RANCH Kit, MBR w/Lav & WIC, Nwr RF, furn, C/A, w/dws, Ovrszd lot, 2 level pond. Part fin bsmt, 12x12 barn. (H200) \$145,000



WHITMORE LAKE 734-591-9200
3000+/- finished. Amazing Master, fin. bsmt, hot tub, FR w/FP & surround sound. Photos, virtual tour, & dimensions available. (25141648) \$334,900



WESTLAND 734-455-7000
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP! 1952 sq. ft. 3BR/2BA Rch in Westland w/Liv. schools. Built 1992. All appl. stay, 25yr. roof, Andersen Win. Newer A/C, furn., HWH, etc. (25146719) \$282,500



PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
PRIME DOWNTOWN LOCATION! 3 BR Bung. offering premium Plymouth location & schools. Loaded w/updates & avail. for immed. occupancy. (25142144) \$229,900



NORTHVILLE 248-349-6200
CONDO-COVES OF NORTHVILLE Contemp. 2 BR, 2.5 BA w/Views of pond. Huge GR w/FP opens to deck. All appl. inc. Dir. acc. to 2 car gar w/sturg. 349-6200 (25009365) \$179,900



ROMULUS 734-326-2000
3 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial. Located in a beautiful neighborhood on an extra large lot. Nicely landscaped. Large Bedrooms. Priced to Sell! (25109458) \$149,900



REDFORD 734-591-9200
This home has an awesome backyard, beaut. indsepg. & big updates like furn. & w/dws. Lrg eat in kit & lrg wndw over looking bkyrd. (25124829) \$116,900

ALLEN PARK 734-455-7000
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Contract Workers -- Are They An Underclass?



WORKWISE

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not permanent, and a company need not invest as much in them as its other employees. Ask yourself this question: Does duration determine value?

The corporate employee has long dominated the image of the first-class worker, based upon loyalty and length of service. This group's particular challenge has been social, to get along with leaders, co-workers and employees. Within the last 25 years, growing entrepreneurship and changing policies within large corporations around such issues as loyalty and retirement provisions has been calling this assumption into question. Perhaps the good worker isn't defined exclusively on social grounds. There is also the creative, driven personality of the entrepreneur and, most recently, the task-oriented personality contracting on shorter terms to fulfill the stepped-up demands of corporate life.

Enter the concept of the niche resulting from the wider range of business needs required to meet a diversifying market. With it comes a transforming objective, from producing and distributing products and services to the mass market to products and services to the target market.

OUTSOURCING

Jim Lanzalotto is vice president of Yoh, a company headquartered in Philadelphia that

issued 15,000 W-2s last year on \$415 million revenue to workers it places on contract. Yoh's outsourcing contracts, ranging to \$50 million, span recruitment and business processing, and IT support. He maintains that the perception of contractors as second-class is a misperception of value rendered.

Another company, Working Solutions Inc., in Plano, Tex., outsources "virtual service management" in such areas as customer service, technical support and sales through an average of approximately 2,000 project-oriented, home-based independent contractors, according to Kim Houline, COO. She believes that there's no stigma toward contract employees. "Most of our agents come to us because they want to be independent," she states. "They enjoy flexibility."

"TWO-TIERED?"

"The nature of consultants or contractors has become so specialized that some companies misperceive their value," Lanzalotto says, "(thinking of) staff and contractors/consultants as a two-tiered (hierarchy). The population as a whole certainly seems to think so." He cites three reasons:

-- comparatively lax hiring efforts for consultants and specialists, based upon insufficient knowledge about the specialties companies want to obtain;

-- failure to integrate contractors and full-timers into effective, high-performing teams; and

-- frequently, at the end of a project, putting a consultant onto a new project outside of the person's specialty.

Lanzalotto states that the last is "purely an issue of qualifications," misapplied. "A contractor or consultant may have done well in

their Oracle DBA project, but, now there may be a gap in what they can achieve. If you're working outside of your sweet spot," he adds, "you're not providing the value you should be to your customer." Hence, the company and contractor may unwittingly conspire to create stigma.

Lanzalotto also thinks that companies cause unnecessary problems when they don't manage an engagement, failing to provide the feedback the person deserves, thus, contributing to the consultant's feeling as if he's second-class.

This doesn't seem to be a problem at Working Solutions, according to Houline. "I believe our customers think very highly of their contact center agents," she states. "Many times, the contact center agent drives the overall experience one has with a particular company...," contributing to profitability. Houline explains her bias in favor of first-class status for contractors: "I think that those with short- or long-term contracting bring to the employer a greater skill set than someone else who doesn't make decisions, manage to schedule, make work 100 percent complete and provide a high level of customer service. As an independent contractor, you're taking a lot of the onus off your boss and onto yourself. Employers who see that you can maintain on your own and accomplish a task well" don't stigmatize.

RESPECT

What can independent contractors do to assure respect? Be like entrepreneurs. "Screen their potential client," Houline says. "The Independent Contractor is as their title describes -- independent and in a situation which allows them to make many of their own decisions. If they are searching for work, it is important that they ask their prospective client questions to assure that the arrangement is a



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good fit for them."

Once on the job, Yoh recommends that consultants obtain "a working reference" from a manager's feedback, delivered indirectly through the company placing the contractor. Then, repeat the exercise at the end. Meanwhile, chip away at the possibility of second-class status through productivity and effectiveness.

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The Charter Township of Canton is accepting applications for the position of Continuing Part-Time Clerk. This is a permanent, 20 hr. per week position, \$13.59 per hr. Candidates will be subject to verification of background, work history, and medical/drug screening. Applications may be picked up at the Canton Township Human Resources Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd. An application form is also available on the Canton Township website at www.canton-mi.org. Job description will be posted at the Township Administration Building. A Canton Township application form must be completed in its entirety, and on file in the Human Resources Division prior to 4 p.m., November 18, 2005. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer

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Immediate opening for assistant to Real Estate executive. You should be an organizer, a positive person, a good communicator both in and out of the office. You'll work in a fast paced real estate office in Northville. We require an existing experience in a people oriented business. No health benefits. Please indicate salary and full or part time hours desired. Please email your resume to 2exce@comcast.net

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Permanent, part-time Financial Aid Coordinator needed to work in a career school in eastern Washtenaw area, 4 days, 30 hrs/week. Must be organized, detailed oriented with good math skills, and able to work with the public. 3 yrs. exp. in entry-level banking, bookkeeping and general office skills helpful. Fax resume 734-434-8579 or Email to psadier@crosslearning.com

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

Real Estate
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DENTAL / BUSINESS OFFICE
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DENTAL ASSISTANT
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Oak Park, 14001 Eign, 2 bks. W. of Coolidge, S. of 11 Mile, Thurs. & Fri. 10-4pm. Living room set, dining room set, bdrm set, kitchen set, freezer, fridge (older), record player, & misc. kitchen items. 734-753-5083

COMMERCE TWP. Everything.

Furniture, player piano, dishes, toys, books, 9 am Nov 10-12 1885-41 1st 748-7046

POST ESTATE SALE, LIVONIA PURLING BROOK APTS.

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Garage Sales **7110**

BIRMINGHAM Moving out of state. Sat. only. Nov. 12, 9-4pm. 1646 Fairway Drive. Furniture, yard equipment, misc. household items, cash only, no pre sales.

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Star Wars, Barbies, Shirley's, Hot Wheels, GI Joes, Hummels, Beatles, Every Sunday in Nov. & Dec. Mr Bigs Stuff, 29552 Ford Rd. & Middlebelt, facing K-Mart parking lot. 4 ft. tables \$12, 8 ft. \$20. 734-591-3262. **FREE COFFEE & DONUTS**

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Moving Sales **7130**

BERKLEY household items, antiques, furniture 4112 Wakefield, S. off 12 Mile btwn Coolidge & Greenfield, Sat. Nov. 12, 10am-4pm

BIRMINGHAM old lamps, toys, musical 14 Mile W. of Lahser. Fri. & Sat., 10am.

CANTON - Moving Sale Nov 12-13, 11-4pm. Living room, dining room, misc. lawn, much more! 45201 Rudgate, Palmer & Canton Center

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FARMINGTON HILLS HOUSEHOLD SALE

30320 Stratford Court Sun. Nov 13, 10-5pm Moving out-of-state to be near grand kids Treadmill, unused electronic generator, marble cocktail table, newer queen size bed, furniture, & many household items All reasonable offers accepted 248-788-9374 Cell 248-318-2622

LIVONIA

Moving sale, Thurs - Sat., 10-4pm. 18374 University Park Drive, Bldg. 13. N. of 6 mile, W. of Newburgh, enter off Laurel Park N. Condo & contents for sale. Furniture, Baby grand piano, 1863 Windsor Folding chair, china, dolls, collectibles and household misc.

NORTHVILLE - 41400 7 Mile. Household, furniture, leather couches, TV, outdoor hammock, baby & much more Thurs - Fri., 9-6; Sat., 9-3.

WEST BLOOMFIELD 5025 Country House Rd. Nov. 12 & 13, 10-5pm Everything from A-Z. Washer/dryer, TV, ping pong table.

Moving Sales **7130**

ROCHESTER HILLS

X-mas in Nov. 10,000 sq. ft. house, 6 L shaped desks w/ hutch, 10 green file cabinets, Panasonic 8 line phone system, furniture, Hillside white entertainment center, gifts, decor items, Christmas decor & trees, arcade machines, golf cart, bikes. No clothes, no junk! Cash & carry. N. Oaks Sub, S. off Dutton W. of Livernois. Shoes off at back door Nov 9-11, Wed. 5-7pm Thurs.-Fri., 9-2. 1541 Scenic Hollow.

Clothing **7140**

FOX COAT - Natural northern light golden island, straight sleeves, shawl collar, full length 50", sweep 58". Best offer. 248-305-9046

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Household Goods **7160**

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

LIKES TO HAVE FUN

SWF, 40, 5'2", 125lbs, Sagittarius, N/S, very sexy, seeks SWM, 38-40, smoker, with no children and no trouble in his life. ☎836662

SHALL WE DANCE?

I am a SBF, 58, 5'3", 170lbs, attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate seeks SWM, 57-73 who is kind-hearted, articulate, who enjoys dancing walking, traveling movies, dining out. ☎812098

LONESOME

Senior WF, retired, 5'4", active, honest, healthy. Need the attention of a WM, 65-75, enjoys everything, easy to please. So hurry up and call me! ☎449585

SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing, active DWF, retired, ISO fun male, 60+, who likes bridge, tennis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, willing to don a tuxedo now and then. ☎271793

VERY CARING

AF, 45, 5'3", 110lbs, attractive, active, very independent, loving, down-to-earth, health-conscious, vegetarian, enjoys movies, fine dining, and traveling. Seeking W/AM, 40-50, H/W proportionate. ☎609537

RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM

SWF, 43, N/S, would like to meet an outgoing, friendly, non-smoking man, 35-53, who likes outdoors, bicycling, walking, family. ☎115795

RESCUE ME!

SBF, 41, 5'5", average build, enjoys church, family, shopping, much more. Looking for SBM, 43-47, professionally employed, N/S, who knows how to treat a woman. ☎408635

JUST A SIMPLE WOMAN

SBF, 39, 4'9", 120lbs, medium complexion, medium length hair, mother of 3, likes reading, togetherness, movies. Seeking sincere, good-hearted man who loves kids and appreciates the simple things in life. ☎834042

VERY OLD-FASHIONED

Widowed BF, 5'8", 185lbs, would like to meet a very nice man to be my good companion. ☎837276

LIFE'S AN ADVENTURE

Active, sociable SWF, 44, 5'4", size 10, Auburn/green, mother, home/business owner, enjoys horror, foreign films, Middle-Eastern cuisine, the beach, reading, dancing, cycling. Seeking romantic, sociable, happy man open to life/love. ☎746704

FORMER MODEL

SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. ☎600106

SOULMATE SEARCH

Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. ☎589875

ASIAN MAN WANTED

Pretty, blue-eyed blonde, 55, plus-sized, warm and bright, seeks intelligent, handsome man for dating. Troy area. ☎827007

SEEKING MY KNIGHT

Loving, multi-racial SF, 29, 5'6", 160 lbs, red-brown/hazel-green, dimples, shapely, likes sports (watching, playing) reading, music, fishing, camping, jetskiing romantic getaways. Seeking sexy, outgoing, mature man to share special times. ☎832747

CALL ME

SWF, 35, 5'3", 120lbs, looking for a special black male, who knows how to treat his lady right. ☎831095

LIKE HAVING FUN?

SF, 5', 112lbs, blonde/green, looking for a romantic guy, 20-25, who is tall, handsome, nice and knows how to treat a lady. ☎845044

MUST BE SWEET

SBF, 27 likes bowling, movies, long walks, concerts, dancing, dining, more. Hoping to meet a sincere, sweet, honest BM, 26-40, to share happiness with. ☎839851

SPECIAL SOMEONE

SF, just turned 80, wants to meet that special someone to talk to, laugh and dine with. Are you that special someone? Call me, we'll talk! ☎962340

GOOD MAN WANTED

Attractive SBF, marriage-minded, 5'6", average build, 40, Capricorn, N/S, seeks BM, 40-51, N/S, to enjoy life and more. ☎62032

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED

Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, enjoys comedy and romance, bowling, walks in the park. Seeking tall, dark, handsome SBM, 33-50. ☎81293

BROWN SUGAR AND SPICE

SF, 47 years young, 5'5", very outgoing, loves family, fun, life. Would like to spend time with someone, 40-60, who loves jazz, concerts, movies, dinners, weekend get-aways. ☎208051

COULD YOU BE MR. RIGHT?

Are you a big, tall, handsome man? DWF, 47, very attractive, loving, fun, seeks SWM to share life together. ☎443339

LET'S ENJOY LIFE

KWF, 57, N/S, seeks intelligent, kind-hearted, young-at-heart WM, 57-68, N/S, who enjoys traveling, camping, boating (Great Lakes or ocean), music book stores, and laughter. ☎759907

I WON'T GO BREAKING...

your heart. SWF, 19, 5'7", long blonde hair, N/S, loves baseball. Seeking WM, 19-22, N/S, also into sports, to hang out with. ☎757592

LOVING LEO

Widowed WPF, 53, 5'9", brown/brown, N/S, nursing home activities coordinator, enjoys boating, swimming, and Michigan State football games. Seeking WM, 50-62, with similar interests. ☎759316

59 YEARS

OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, caucasian gentlemen, 55-80, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates. ☎592074

WILDFLOWER

SWF, 63, 5'6", average build, Aries, N/S, enjoys dancing, dining out, seeks WM, 58-75, N/S, with a sense of humor, for friendship, possible romance. ☎720594

A KIND HEART

SBF, 56, mother, enjoys dining in/out, swimming, horseback riding, camping, picnics. Seeking sociable, honest, fun, employed man, N/S, to share happiness, friendship and possible LTR. ☎780769

CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF, mid-50s, seeks attractive gentlemen, 50+, with similar interests. I love jogging, walks, concerts, quiet evenings. ☎574342

ARE U OUT THERE

Native American female, 50s, animal lover, enjoys reading, swimming, travel, more. Seeking romantic, active, child-friendly man who appreciates the same. ☎779060

TALL BRUNETTE

SWF, 51, marriage-minded, N/S, has a great smile, likes romantic comedies, music, plays, outdoors, seeks SWM, 49-60, N/S, for LTR. ☎790785

VERY ATTRACTIVE BLONDE

Refined, full of life, easygoing, well-dressed, professionally employed, affectionate, romantic, kind, early very youthful 60s, 5'3", feminine, shapely, fit, enjoys dining, travel, music, theatre, dancing, family and friends. Seeking a handsome, educated, college graduate gentleman, over 50s, N/S, with a youthful passion for life. Serious replies only. ☎652360

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP

Loving, attractive SWCF, 74, trim, fun, N/D, N/S, homebody type, seeks lasting friendship and happiness with a quality gentleman in his 70s. Let's talk! ☎794040

GREAT COMPANION

SF, 65, looks 55, 5'2", unique, bright, w/many talents and interests. I'm well-traveled, very attractive, health-conscious. How about you? Seeking non-smoking counterpart, 62-70. ☎633527

HAPPY & SECURE

DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/brown, N/S, N/D, with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out. Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR. ☎669606

HAS ZEST FOR LIFE

Youthful blonde, 60, 5'2", with family values, shapely, medium build, professional, N/S, light drinker, enjoys travel, theater, dining out and much more. Seeking well-groomed, financially secure gentleman, 55-68, similar characteristics. ☎697194

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS

DWF, 54, 142lbs, 5'6", enjoys blues, animals, gardening, homeowner, no kids. Seeking SM, 5'10", N/S, social drinker for LTR. ☎548938

GOOD LOOKER

Positive, caring, easygoing SBPF, 53 (looks younger), N/S, not into bars, enjoys jazz, old-school music, and fun times. Seeking special, secure man, 48-60, N/S, for laughter, good times and LTR. ☎725001

ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS

Attractive DBF, early 60s, feels much younger, N/S, loves music and dancing, stays physically active, would like to hear from friendly, honest man, 56-68, N/S. ☎672174

CALL ME

Attractive charming ex-business woman 60 loves movies plays, concerts dining, dancing, traveling, financially comfortable, gourmet. ☎743556

KIND HEART

Full-figured SF, 55, enjoys dancing and all types of music, likes working with animals, seeks good-natured single man, 44-60. ☎742466

GOD BLESS US

SBF, 31, employed, brown complexion, brown eyes, 170lbs, mother, looking for independent, stable man, interested in a friends first relationship. Possible LTR/marriage. ☎829474

CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH?

Spontaneous SWF, 61, 5'4", average build, happy, independent, humorous, enjoys boating, cards, music, dining, walks, travel, golf. Seeking good-humored SM, w/similar interests, for companionship. ☎962703

THICK AND HEALTHY

SBF, 30, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, no kids, employed. Seeking nice-looking SM, 20-35, w/no kids, N/S, for friendship, possibly more. ☎534802

HOMEBODY

SBF, 63, 5'8", 155lbs, retired (but does work part-time), very honest and caring, Scorpio, N/S, seeks BM, 58-65, honest and caring. ☎553674

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DVF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly. ☎639272

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

A GENTLEMAN

SWM, 39, N/S, works in the construction business, interested in sports, art, likes to have a lot of laughs, seeks SWF, 27-37. ☎808365

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING

Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF, age open. ☎547524

ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC

Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46, likes movies, concerts, boating. Seeking attractive SWF, 40s-50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor, friendly, positive outlook. ☎642092

LET'S TALK SOMETIME

Affectionate, honest, light-hearted SWM, 40, seeks SF, 18-40, full-figured A+, to share friendship, fun times and possibly more. ☎828517

SEEKS BROWN-EYED GIRL

Good-looking, friendly SWM, 41, 5'11", 180lbs, no children, N/S, easygoing, enjoys movies, music, travel, dining. Seeking very attractive, pretty SH/AWF, 28-39, friendship, possible relationship. ☎760359

ROMANCE AND YOU...

over due? If you are a SWF, 40-55, decent-looking, and somewhat romantic, then we might connect. This gentle, optimistic SWM could make you really happy. ☎799032

LET'S TRY IT OUT

Just call this friendly, social, easy-going SWM, 40s, humorous, optimist, seeks kind, sociable lady for casual dating. Age open. ☎513284

WHAT'S GOING ON

SM, 25, 6', 290lbs, very attractive simple, easygoing, fun, looking for a nice lady to chill with. Interested? ☎834075

SMILE WITH ME

I'm a tall, professional SJM, 51, fit, handsome. Seeking fit, affectionate SJF, under 45, who is smart, monogamous, down-to-earth, for LTR. ☎829549

WHY NOT CALL???

Your sweetheart is waiting! Good-looking, all-purpose SWM, 49, has a plan if he's your man, so why not call??? ☎358502

SOFT-SPOKEN

HM, 35, 5'6", 170lbs, muscular build, very open and honest, has strong family values. Want to meet a smart, energetic female, 18-40, who know what she wants. ☎842238

LET'S TALK

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The 2006 Subaru B9 Tribeca

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BY DALE BUSS

Today's automotive marketplace has every auto maker scrambling its identity a bit to see what kind of extra share they can pick up. So Toyota is now a big competitor in heavy trucks. Pontiac is touting its new Solstice two-seater. And Honda is scoring halo points with a rugged new SUV-type crossover vehicle called Ridgeline.

So it's no surprise that Subaru, owned by Japanese industrial conglomerate Fuji Heavy Industries, should seek to add to its loyal American consumer base of people who like the company's rugged but small wagon-like vehicles such as Outback. And in fielding a new entry based on the Outback platform but called the B9 Tribeca, Subaru has made a great seven-seater argument for consideration by non-traditional Subaru customers.

Let's get the name out of the way first, because the appellation is more of an obstacle than a lure for this vehicle. Selecting a name with two parts suggests that there first was one part of some sort, such as Ford Mustang GT or Honda Civic Hybrid. But no, in the case of this completely new make for Subaru, there's nothing of the sort. Subaru simply lifted "B9" from the moniker it attached to concept cars that it has shown at recent international auto shows; and "Tribeca" is derived from a New York City neighborhood called the TriAngle Below Canal Street.

Get it? OK, then - fortunately, the nameplate is just a small smudge on this vehicle, whose overall styling is very, very striking and something unlike Subaru has ever fielded before. Curved and swooping doesn't even begin to describe the visual impression left by Tribeca, outside and inside.

The exterior design begins with an extremely swept back and fully curved front end that is advanced by a grille promontory consisting of a nose cone and wings made up entirely of vertical slats, plus Subaru's distinctive astral logo.

Apparently the company was trying to achieve the



The Subaru B9 Tribeca has three rows of passenger seating with room.

look of an airplane fuselage and wings with this design, and I'm willing to go with that. The styling statement continues the length of the car, as the vehicle ends with an exciting downsweep.

In a market that increasingly is littered with auto makers' design statements, Subaru has managed to come up with something fresh in Tribeca.

This consistent design vision continues inside the vehicle as well. Tribeca's instrument panel and overall cockpit are the most dramatically curvaceous in the marketplace, akin to the extremely swooping lines inside the Chrysler Pacifica crossover vehicle. It incorporates metallic-look trim, a prominent two-gauge pod and even a seven-inch navigation screen.

Subaru did several other things inside this vehicle that set it apart. I appreciated the large air vent lying rather horizontally beneath the navigation screen, at the top of the center console: It allowed continual circulation of air inside the vehicle, which I enjoy, without my having to manipulate the setting or the position of other air vents in the front.

The large knobs that control temperature and fan speed also presented a bit of innovation that I haven't encountered before: Instead of turning around most of the circumference of the knob, you

change these settings by pushing once, to the left or right, against a mechanical stop that raises or lowers the temperature, or speeds up or slows down the fan. If you want to make another incremental change, you nudge the control again. The effect is to make the controls highly accurate and ergonomic, and I hope this idea catches on in other vehicles.

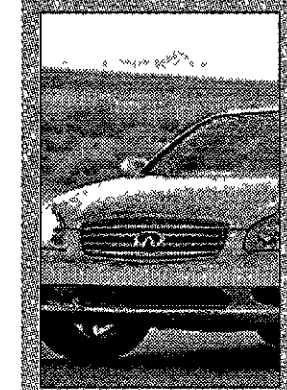
One more touch that I enjoyed: Subaru designed the screen for its DVD rear-entertainment system to deploy to an oblique enough angle that it doesn't fill most of the rear-view mirror for the driver. I wish that could be said for all vehicles.

At 189.8 inches, Tribeca is an inch longer than Outback, and at a width of 73.9 inches, it is more than four inches wider; Tribeca also is five inches taller. All of that becomes crucially important when you consider that Subaru has managed to squeeze three rows of seating into the vehicle.

Inside, Tribeca certainly is the biggest Subaru ever. And passengers in the 40/20/40 split second row can slide their seats nearly eight inches for and aft. But the third seat is a bit of a misnomer, its small proportions, flat cushions and fixed positions really only appropriate for children - and young ones at that. At least all outboard occupants are protected by side-curtain airbags.

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