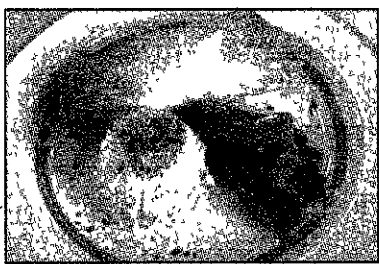


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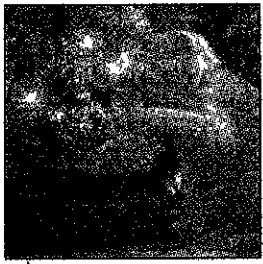
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## LaJoy bill draws heat from local districts

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

As state Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton Township, introduces a bill to increase state per-pupil funding for Plymouth-Canton Schools and five other districts in the state, neighboring school districts want to know why they aren't included in efforts to stave

off the financial inequities of Proposal A.

LaJoy's House Bill 4828 would increase the state foundation grant by \$750 for school districts that are performing well academically and administratively, and surrounded on three sides by school districts that receive state funding that is at least \$1,000 more per pupil

For Plymouth-Canton, that would mean about \$13 million in additional money for the general fund budget because it is surrounded by Livonia, Northville and Ann Arbor schools, all of which have state foundation grants more than \$1,000 above Plymouth-Canton's \$7,200.

However, some school administra-

tors want to know why they are being left out.

"Everybody should get a change," said Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy. "Phil LaJoy should be working on closing the gap between school districts, not introducing legislation that creates more of a divide between school districts."

"We lose 300 kids a year, that's \$2.5

million," added Baracy. "Where's the equity there?"

Livonia Superintendent Randy Liepa, whose district is faced with declining population and the closing of school buildings, believes any new legislation should carry more weight than just comparing academics,

PLEASE SEE BILL, A6

## DDA puts money where the football is for Super Bowl

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Though gambling on sporting events is illegal, the Canton Township Downtown Development Authority is betting big money the township can help make the 2006 Super Bowl a success.

Sports lovers from all over the country - and from the greater Canton area - will have the opportunity to eat White Castle burgers and rub elbows with NFL stars and local celebrities during an NFL-sanctioned charity event at Super Bowl Lanes bowling alley on Ford Road in Canton Township.

"I think this is an excellent opportunity to introduce Canton to the rest of the world," said township trustee Melissa McLaughlin at a Wednesday morning Downtown Development Authority meeting.

The DDA threw its support behind the event when it unanimously voted to donate \$15,000, and the use of the DDA's portable stage, to help the bowling alley host the two-day charity event. The money will be used to procure a heated tent large enough to hold 300-400 people. The bowling center may also need to set up bleachers in its parking lot, though Roger Philipi, director of operations for Community Bowling Centers, has tried to discourage the NFL organizers from that idea.

Of course, there will be themed parties and first-class festivities during the two days of bowling events, but the menu requests from the NFL have so far surprised Philipi.

"They have specific-

ally asked for White Castle hamburgers," he said. "They really want local flavor at these things, so they want White Castle, Vernors and Better Made potato chips."

The event will draw attention from national media, including ESPN, which is one of the sponsors of the Super Bowl XI NFL Charities Bowling Classic. Proceeds will be donated to the NFL Youth Education Town initiative in Detroit. As its legacy to every Super Bowl host city, the NFL builds a YET center in an at-risk neighborhood where young people are offered counseling, career training, learning opportunities, academic mentoring and recreation, according to the NFL.

Celebrities will include current and former NFL players, and members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, said Philipi, though he would not name names just yet.

The thrill of bowling with the stars won't be cheap, though. Individual spectator tickets will run \$100 each. Participants will pay \$750 per person to bowl in the tournament, and team packages are available for \$5,000 and \$12,500.

The NFL's goal is to raise \$150,000-\$200,000 during the weekend charity events in Canton, but Super Bowl Lanes General Manager Mike Reffitt said he hopes to raise in excess of \$200,000.

"We want to show that a bowling charity event is every bit as profitable, maybe even more, than the traditional golf event," he said.

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Sharon Bonemer pours a taste of Moscato D' Asti for June Sansom at Fridays A Toast of Canton event.

## Toast of the township

Wine tasting draws largest crowd in 7-year history

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Though being among friends and wearing the perfect dress in which to mingle were certainly elements of a great evening out at Friday's A Toast to Canton event, it was Charlotte Potes' wine find that had her the most excited.

"This is just great," Potes, of

Canton, raved about the 2004 Altos malbec she found, affordably priced under \$15.

"This is just great," she said of the wine. "The event is very nice this year too, because there's room to mingle."

It was the event's seventh year, and it was also its first sell-out. Proceeds benefit the Canton Rotary, Leadership Canton Alumni Association

Scholarship Fund and the newly created Police and Fire Emergency Fund.

"I'm not sure exactly how much we raised yet, but it's approximately \$10,000," said Debbie Zevalkink, who helps coordinate the event.

A Toast to Canton featured 19 tables, each with about

PLEASE SEE WINE, A9

## Dean takes aim at Michigan Republicans

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Michigan Democrats believe state Republicans are vulnerable in the 2006 elections, and Tuesday night they brought out the party's biggest hammer to drive home the point.

In a speech at a Michigan Democratic Party fund-raiser at Ernesto's in Plymouth, former presidential candi-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean tried to rally the party faithful at a fund-raiser at Ernesto's in Plymouth Tuesday.

PLEASE SEE DEAN, A6



PHOTO BY DIANE HANSON

## National impact

Percussionists Ashley Kadish and Kevin Jaskolski go wild as the "Chaos" movement of P-CMB's program, "Performing Inside Out," begins during finals performance at the BOA Grand National Championships Saturday at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. For more on the performance, please see Page A3.

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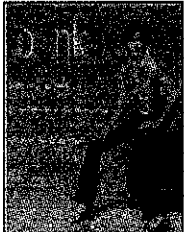
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## Youth orchestra

The Celebration Youth Orchestra (CYO) will be presenting a concert at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Tickets are \$5.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and is conducted by Ariel Toews, the Plymouth Symphony's assistant conductor. The orchestra is comprised of two ensembles – the Celebration Strings and the Celebration Sinfonia. The group debuted in fall 2003 for orchestral musicians ages 9 and up. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

The Celebration Youth Orchestra is presented with support from the Westland Community Foundation, and the Canton Community Foundation. It is part of the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Outreach Education Program, which will impact more than 5,000 students this year. Donations to the Symphony's No Kid without a Concert Education Campaign help fund the CYO as well as many other programs for students throughout southeast Michigan.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased by phone or in person at Summit on the Park, (734) 394-5460, by phone or in person at the Plymouth Symphony Office, (734) 451-2112, or at the Village Theater box office one hour before the performance.

For more information please

contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at [info@plymouthsymphony.org](mailto:info@plymouthsymphony.org).

## Big-screen football

The Committee to Re-elect John Stewart sponsors a screening of the University of Michigan-Ohio State Big Ten football clash, hosted by Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche, Saturday at Papa Romanos in Plymouth Township.

Kickoff is at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person; checks should be made payable to Committee to Re-Elect John C. Stewart. Papa Romanos is located at 555 Ann Arbor Road.

## Toy drive

Mel's Golden Razor sponsors its 26th-annual toy collection for needy families and First Step.

Owner Mel Bobcean will accept toys and cash donations, which he then turns into food and clothing for needy families. The drive runs through Dec. 20.

Mel's Golden Razor is located at 595 Forest in downtown Plymouth. For information, call (734) 455-9057.

## Santa welcome

The Plymouth community gets a chance to welcome Santa back to town when the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts the jolly elf at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25 at the band shell in Kellogg Park.

The crowd will be led in Christmas carols, and Santa's arrival is scheduled for 6 p.m. Following the welcome, Santa will begin accepting visitors in Santa's House, set up on the

perimeter of Kellogg Park on Main Street.

The visits will continue on weekends through Dec. 23. Visiting hours are 5-8 p.m. Fridays and noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. There is also the opportunity to have pictures of pets taken with Santa. Proceeds will then be donated to the Michigan Humane Society.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

## Singing auditions

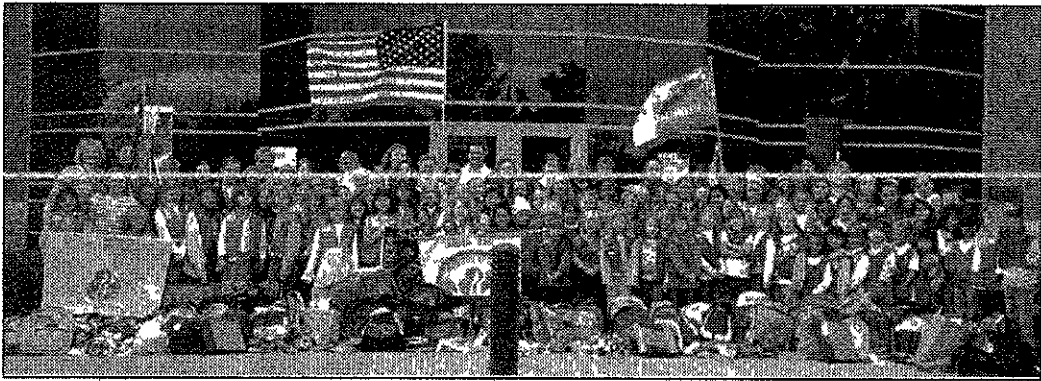
Destination Theatre is looking for 16-24 voices for the choir that will accompany the dramatic performance of "John Brown's Body," the epic poem by Stephen Vincent Benet. The score is traditional, Civil War-era music sung in four part harmony, with several solos. Those auditioning should be prepared to sing from "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," 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 [personsp@yahoo.com](mailto:personsp@yahoo.com) or by calling (734) 416-9883.

## 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."

All monies raised go to the children and families in Canton. For more information, call (734) 397-8975.



## Scouts to the rescue

Girl Scouts from Service Units E, A and B of the Canton/Plymouth Girl Scouts – which includes scouts from Eriksson, Fiegele, Miller, Canton Charter, Field, Hoben, All Saints, Dodson, Tonda, Bentley, Hulsing and Gallimore elementaries, participated in Nickelodeon's "We've Got Your Back" initiative to provide school supplies and other items to victims of Hurricane Katrina. In total, the girls brought in 1,300 backpacks, 243 notebooks, 57 stuffed animals and much more. Last month, the girls shipped a full pallet of supplies to Hugg Middle School in Houston, Texas.

## Family Christmas show

The Canton Concert Band will hold its second annual holiday concert, "Gather Round the Tree: A Family Christmas", Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m.

The stage of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill will be transformed with trees, sleighs and all the sights of the holidays. The band will play traditional and holiday favorite music.

Tickets are \$8, and are available at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, (734) 394-5460.

For more information about the concert or the band, call director Jim Blough at (734) 495-1608, or go to [www.cantonband.com](http://www.cantonband.com).

## Poinsettia sale

The Canton Historical Society is holding its 3rd annual holiday poinsettia sale. Poinsettias are available in red, pink, or white, as well as tri-color (includes one plant of each variety). Orders, which will be available for pick-up on

Dec. 10 at the Cherry Hill School, must be placed by Nov. 16.

Prices range from \$5 to \$20. For more information, contact Kay of the Canton Historical Society at (734) 453-9266.

## 'Survivor' to speak

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

## Holiday fair

Tri-City Christian Center in Canton is holding a Holiday Craft Fair on Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tri-City Christian Center is located at 3855 Sheldon Road (Just north of Michigan Avenue). More than 75 crafters will be selling their wares. There is a \$1 admission. There will also be refreshments available and a bake sale. For more information, contact Cindy at (734) 495-3363.

## TAG screening

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are screening students for admission to the district's Talented and Gifted program for the 2006-07 school year.

To apply for admission to the program, a student must reside within the P-C-C-S district

boundaries and be in grades 2-7. Nomination forms are available in all P-CCS elementary and middle schools. Completed nomination forms need to be back to school principals or counselors by Dec. 23.

Nomination forms also are available online at [www.pccs.k12.mi.us](http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us).

Nominations for non-public school students should be returned to the TAG Office at Miller Elementary School, 43721 Hanford Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Screening for the program involves two phases of standardized testing, including the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and the Cognitive Abilities Test.

## Civil War roundtable

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Roundtable presents Barbara Shafer to talk about the 50th Pennsylvania Regiment and its participation in the civil war at its meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Shafer, a teacher from Dearborn, will have letters and personal artifacts of her great-grandfather, a member of the 50th Regiment. She has written articles for Civil War Times, Michigan History Magazine and other publications.

The museum is located at 155 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. Admission is free, and the public is invited. For more information, call (734) 459-7324.

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# Among the best of the best

## Hometown marchers take 9th in nation



P-CEP marching band director Marc Whitlock gives his 200-member band last-minute instructions after warm-ups and before taking the field.

BY DIANE HANSON  
CORRESPONDENT

It's no easy feat to be among the 12 most outstanding high school marching bands in the country, but it's something the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band pulled off again at the 30th-annual Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis Nov. 10-12.

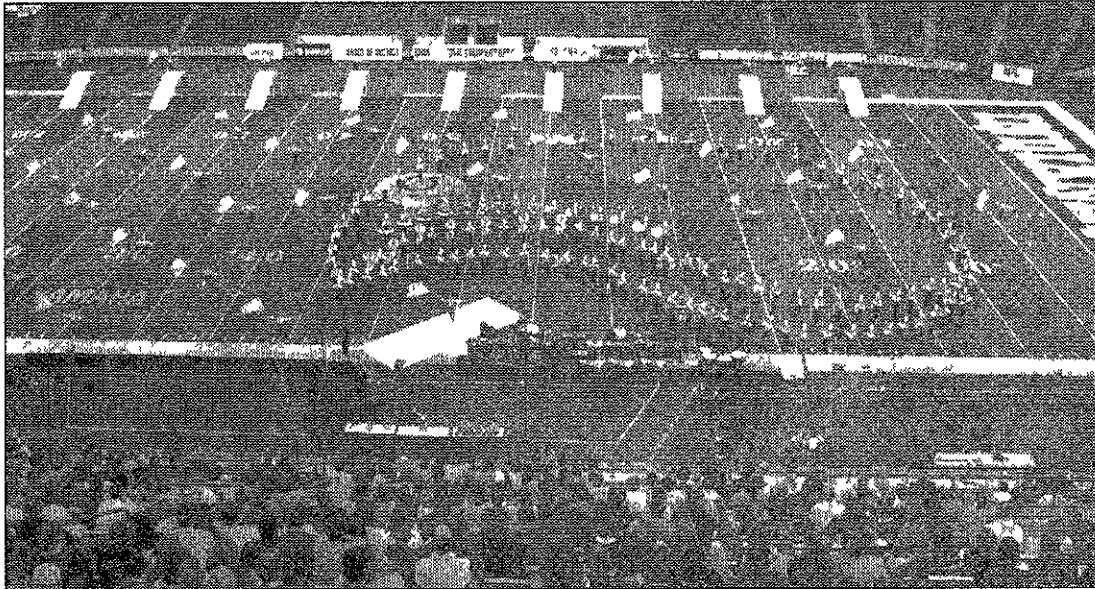
"I could not be happier with our kids," a beaming Marc Whitlock, director of bands at the Park, said after the Saturday night finals awards ceremony. "They performed the best show of their entire season tonight at finals. It was hands down the best performance of the year. I was very thrilled for them and for all of us. It was truly an outstanding achievement on their part."

Salem senior Charlie Nahra, who played a masterful trumpet solo during the show, couldn't agree more.

"It was an incredible performance," he said. "It was very emotional—we put a lot into this all season. All the practice was worth it. The payoff is today. It's not about the placement, it's about the performance."

The Plymouth-Canton marchers wowed the crowd and the judges with their musical, marching and dance acuity as they performed their 10-minute competition piece, "Performing Inside Out," and progressed from a field of 91 bands from 25 states during preliminaries on Thursday to the 34 highest-scoring bands in semi-finals on Saturday to the top 12 performing in the Saturday night finals show.

Of the 10 marching bands from Michigan, only two others advanced to semi-finals: Muskegon Reeths-Puffer and Jenison. Plymouth-Canton was the only Michigan band in finals, taking ninth place. This year's top spot went to Indiana's



The P-CEP marchers create intricate and ever-changing formations during the production of their competition program, "Performing Inside Out," during the Bands of America Grand National Championships in the Indianapolis RCA Dome Nov. 10-12.

Carmel High School Marching Band.

"This is the best of the best and just to be among them is an honor," said Ray Linkous, assistant marching band director. "This is my first BOA event and I'm really pleased I could be a part of this with the Plymouth-Canton Band. I think they did a wonderful job and they should be really proud of what they have accomplished."

That accomplishment adds to a long list for the hometown marchers. This is the 16th of the last 17 the band has had the distinction of being among the top 10 bands in the nation, including the number one spot in 1999 and back-to-back championships in '90 and '91.

The prestigious placement is the pinnacle of a spectacular fall competition season that included every Flight I first-place trophy and all caption awards for Best Music, Best Marching and Best General Effect along with the highest score of all competing bands at all four local competitions as well as the MCBA State Championships.

The P-CMB also captured the state championship in 1992 and 1993, and the BOA Regional Championships in October, missing first by less than a point.

"The competition was huge this year," Canton senior trumpeter Doug McKelvey said of Nationals. "There were a bunch of Texas and Indiana bands. All the best bands in the country came here this year. Making the top 12 was enough for us, so getting ninth was really great."

The quality of the bands is amazing, according to L. Scott McCormick, president and CEO of Bands of America. His father founded the organization in 1975.

"When you look at what high school kids are doing on the field it is just mind-boggling," he said. "When I think back to my high school days, it would have never

been heard of to even think of kids performing at this level."

That excellence in performance was something appreciated by the Plymouth-Canton marchers, who stood and applauded the efforts of the bands they had the opportunity to watch.

"It was really exciting to watch the other bands too," said Salem senior Dawn Bomay, part of the 50-member color guard segment of the band. "You learn a lot from how they do things. It was all pretty amazing."

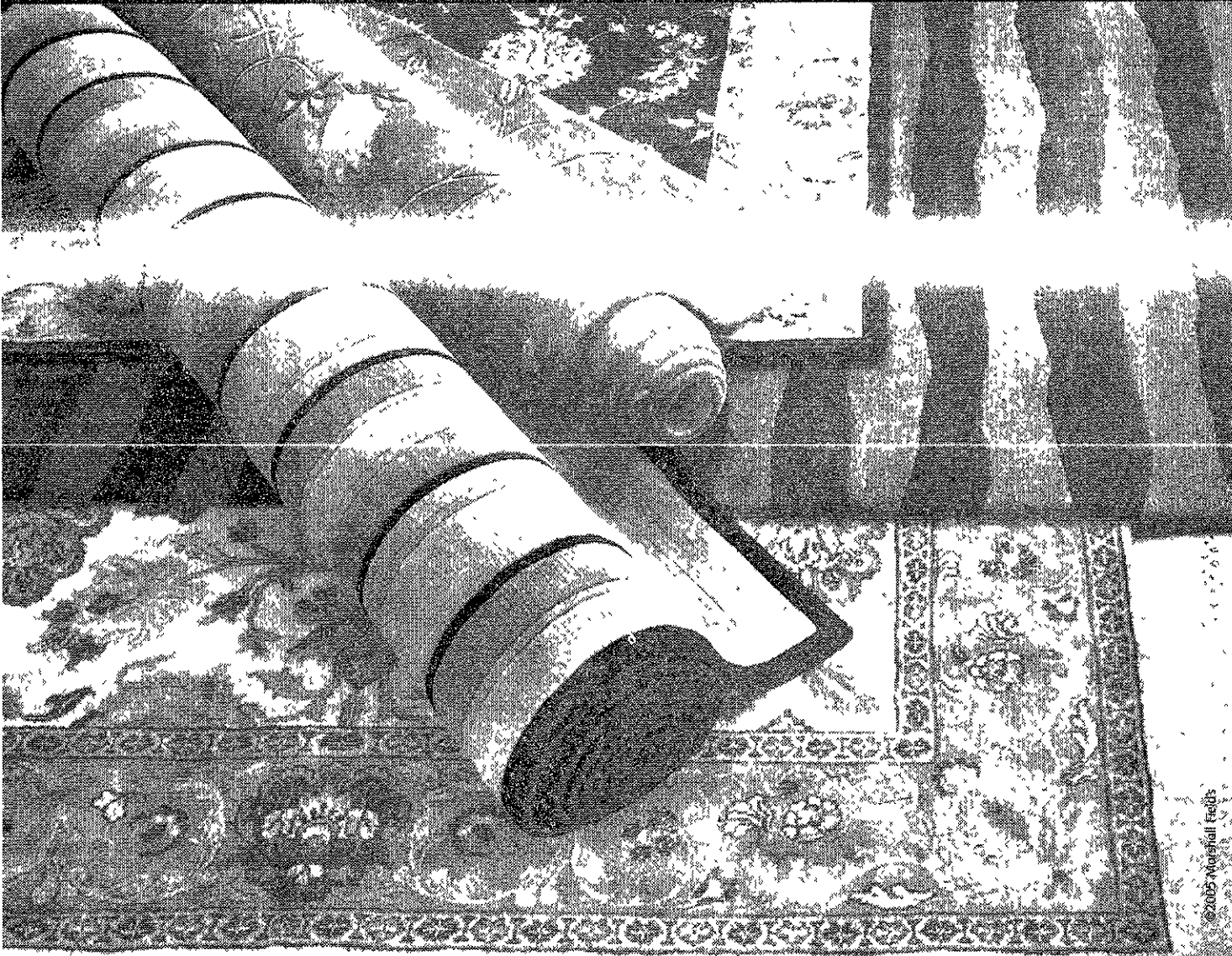


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Trombonist Polly Jackson stretches into her performance during the Plymouth-Canton marchers' preliminary competition at the BOA Grand National Championships in Indianapolis Nov. 10. The 200-member band advanced through semi-finals and finals to be named ninth in the nation from a 91-band field.

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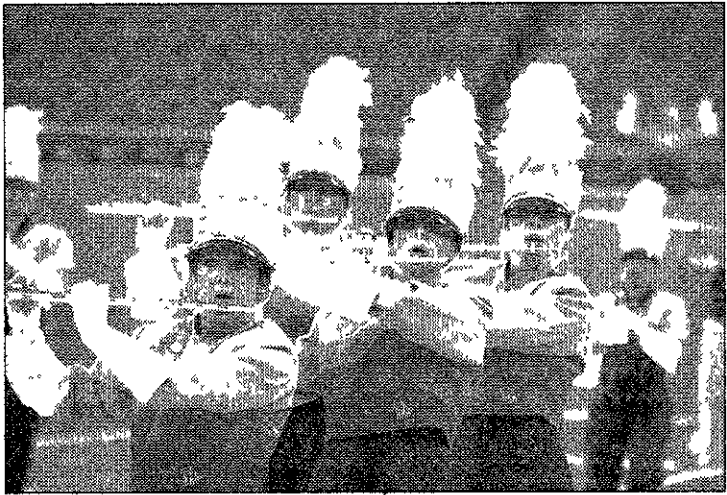
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# Marshall Field's



Flutists Kelcey Cross (left), Matt Bednarski, Anna Prudhomme and Laura Snyder hit the high notes during the P-CMB's preliminary competition of their show, "Performing Inside Out," at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis Nov. 10.



Plymouth-Canton fans cheer and hold up the moon and stars (a traditional marching band encouragement) as the hometown performers take the field for finals competition at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis Saturday. P-CMB took ninth out of 91 bands.



# Grand new flag

## AMVETS comes to aid of school after theft

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

It seemed fitting on Veterans Day that a flag helped unite a Westland AMVETS group with a Canton elementary school.

But, the patriotic pairing during a Friday flag-raising ceremony at Walker-Winter Elementary School actually started with a crime.

Days before Veterans Day, the school's flag was stolen when it was mistakenly left flying on a flagpole overnight.

"I couldn't believe it," Principal Pauline Kouloubierif said.

When she contacted Wayne AMVETS Post 171, on Meffman Road near Avondale in Westland, veterans dug into their own pockets, collected about \$70 and bought a 5-by-9-foot flag for the school.

"I thought it was disgusting that somebody would steal their flag," said Jon Wilson, corporate officer and banquet hall manager for AMVETS Post 171.

A group of veterans joined the 340 students at Walker-Winter last Friday for a flag-raising ceremony for the school's new Old Glory.



Veterans stand outside of Walker-Winter Elementary School, where they replaced a stolen flag. They are (from left) Jon Wilson, Leroy Brennan, Jerry Steller, Adam Hostrawser (holding daughter Emma), Dan Bush and Jim Meloche.

Veterans, students and school employees said the Pledge of Allegiance and sang patriotic songs during the event.

"It was wonderful," Kouloubierif said. "We felt privileged to have these veterans at our school. It was a

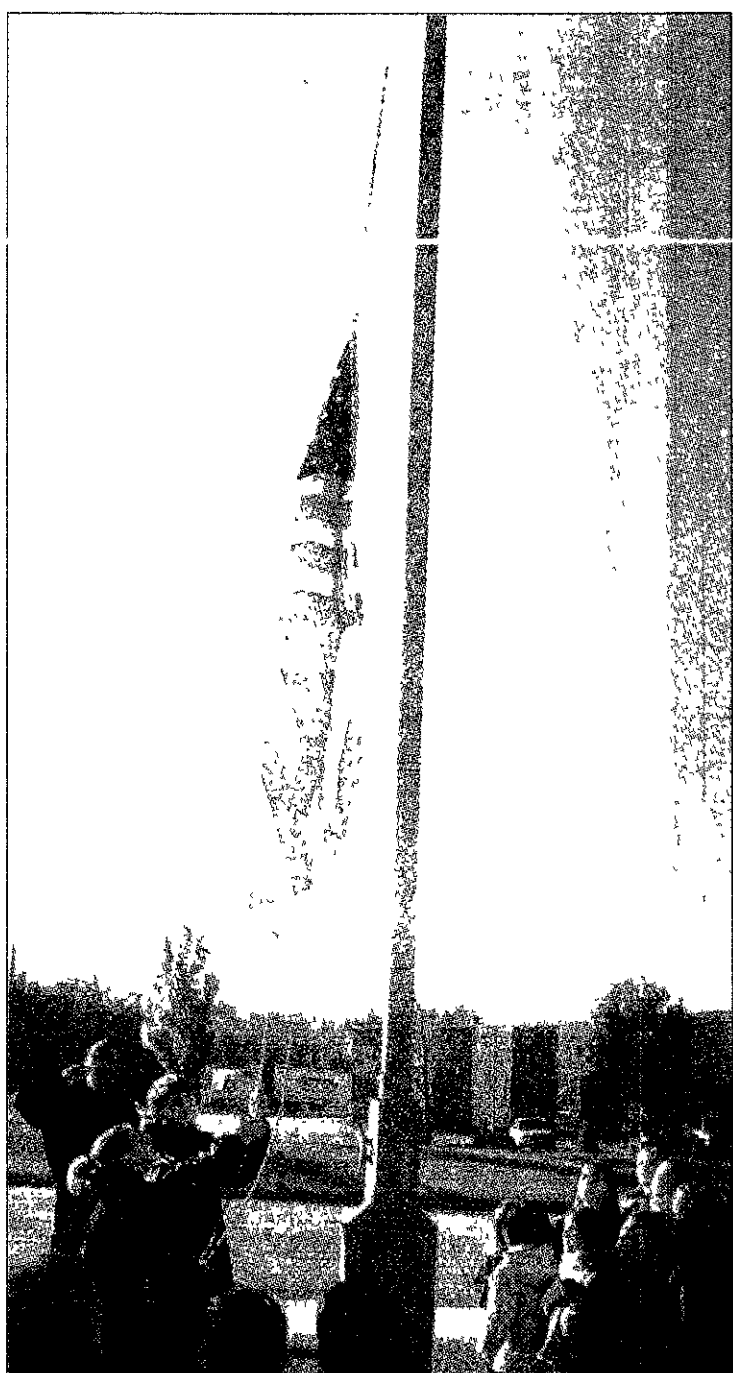
great way to help students recognize what veterans do and they got to experience the patriotism of raising the flag and connecting with real veterans."

Students raised the flag as veterans looked on, knowing they had helped keep the flag

flying in front of Walker-Winter Elementary School.

"It's part of what we're here for," Wilson, a Vietnam veteran, said. "We not only take care of vets, but we do community service, too."

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Students watch as the new flag is raised in front of Walker-Winter Elementary.

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The five include:

— Kent Buikema was appointed principal of Canton High School in July 1971, while the school was still under construction. He held the position for 13 years, before becoming executive director of

■ Paul Cummings — Cummings was hired as Assistant Director of Community Education in 1959. From 1963-1984, Cummings taught physical education. He held the position of director of Athletics, Health and Physical Education

■ **Thomas Yack** — Currently Canton Township supervisor, Yack was first appointed to the Board of Education in 1974, and was elected to three, four-

"The fall weather has been very beneficial to the project, and the site work has moved on schedule," said McCarthy. "The structural frame, which is the steel framing and the bearing walls, is about 95 percent

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## DEAN

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date Howard Dean, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, tried to rally state Democrats, pointing the party's guns directly at Michigan's Republican representatives, national and statewide.

And he called on local party members to reach out in a grassroots campaign he said the party needs to regain control of both the U.S. and state legislatures.

"We need some work out of you," he told some 500 Democrats jammed into Ernesto's. "What we need you to do is reach out to people who didn't vote the way we did. That's how you build coalitions to win elections. We need to reach out and knock on doors."

As he has in recent speeches and television appearances, most recently on NBC's *Meet the Press* Sunday, Dean talked about "truth," seizing on the dwindling poll numbers of President George Bush as evidence Americans "want change" in Washington.

He invoked the CIA leak scandal, in which vice presidential chief of staff I. Lewis Libby was indicted on perjury charges and for which senior presidential adviser Karl Rove is still being investigated; the indictment of former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay on campaign finance violations; and the investigations into Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, using them to accuse the president of fostering a "culture of corruption" in the country.

"We need to end the culture of corruption (Bush) has brought to Washington," Dean said. "We're going to tell the truth to our people, we're going to tell the truth to our troops, and we're going to tell the truth to our allies."

### TAKING AIM

That's when Dean aimed the party's guns at the Michigan congressional delegation, chiefly 11th District U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and 9th District Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township.

Dean said McCotter and Knollenberg each took thousands of dollars from DeLay's political action committee, and have voted with DeLay more

than 90 percent of the time.

"The culture of corruption has reached Michigan," Dean said. "(McCotter and Knollenberg) have refused to give that money back. These people may represent Tom DeLay's values, but they don't represent Michigan's values."

The vulnerability of state Republicans is a viewpoint with which Steven Reifman of Farmington Hills agrees. Reifman, who lost to Knollenberg in 2004 and is considering challenging him again, is a key figure in the formation of the group Michigan Congressional Challengers' Coalition - MC3 - formed to organize a strategy for winning statewide and national offices.

He hoped Dean would show a willingness on the part of the national party to support local candidates, and he liked what he heard.

"(McCotter) is vulnerable; he's independent in a way, but he's also a true Republican," Reifman said. "We're not supporting any particular candidate. We think it's important for the national party to groom national leaders."

### RECENT VICTORIES

Reifman painted Knollenberg as "a mundane guy with no real leadership" skills, points Reifman said make Knollenberg "very vulnerable."

"He's tied at the hip to President Bush; he's an arch-conservative," Reifman said. "We don't have an arch-conservative district, and we need to educate the voters on that."

Dean trumpeted recent Democratic victories, including gubernatorial races in New Jersey and Virginia (despite a last-minute campaign stop by President Bush), and the defeat of four initiatives sponsored by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger - "Maybe we can turn (Schwarzenegger) into the 'One-Terminator,'" Dean joked - as evidence the Democrats are poised to "take back the country."

He also urged Democrats to support minority candidates, including African-Americans, for both state and national races.

"Why do I bring up uncomfortable subjects like race?" Dean asked. "Because the only majority in the party is women. Each of us is a minority, and the only way we win is by sticking together."

Dean also hit the high points for Democrats:

- On jobs - "We're going to have jobs in America, and we're going to have jobs that stay in America."
- On industry - "We need a new industry, and I think it's going to be renewable energy."
- On health care - "We need a health care system that does what 36 other countries do, and that is cover everybody."
- On education - "We need a strong public education system, because a strong public education system is what made everything possible in America."

As might be expected, Dean's message resonated with the throng jammed into the restaurant.

"I was quite impressed," said state Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi, D-Farmington Hills. "I supported him (for party chair) because he has the ability to rally people and he has the issues to talk about. I think we have to be aggressive, and stress the issues people care about."

## BILL

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administrative costs and per-pupil allocations.

"Those districts with declining enrollment are paying a price, and I would hope they would be considered," said Liepa. "When enrollment starts to decline, it takes a while to reduce costs equal to revenue coming in."

"There are some lower funded school districts in metro Detroit - like Redford Union, Garden City and Wayne-Westland - that should also be given some consideration," added Liepa.

LaJoy said HB 4828, by no means, is a cure-all for Proposal A, but is a start in achieving equity for school districts across the state.

"Obviously, we have a problem in terms of the equity in funding," said LaJoy. "I know everybody wants to get more money, and that's something we should do. I personally believe we need to reduce the gap."

"Having said that, we have to start somewhere," he said. "We need to use this as a beginning. If you don't start somewhere, you never get anywhere."

LaJoy said he expects the House Education Committee to consider his bill within the first three months of next year. If moved forward, the bill would need 56 votes to get through the House.

The School Equity Caucus, which represents 250 school districts throughout the state, is seeking adequacy and equity in the funding of schools. Executive Director Richard Wilson said increasing school funding is "worthwhile and desirable," but LaJoy's bill isn't the answer.

"A lot of school districts throughout the state need a lot of help, and for us to go out and find a handful of districts that benefit ... it's an approach that is not the most desirable," said Wilson. "I think its future passage in the House is highly problematical."

The Middle Cities Education Association speaks for urban school dis-

tricts across the state, and executive director Ray Tellman, like most others, wants to see more districts involved in any tweaking of Proposal A.

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# Village event aims to turn up holiday spirit

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

It's not even Thanksgiving, but Jami Jenkins' Christmas tree is already standing in her living room.

Between now and then end of next week, she will have put up seven trees in her house, each of them decorated "just so." She can't help it, she said. She's just crazy about Christmas.

She's hoping that her holiday spirit is contagious, and will lead to a big turnout at Canton's second-annual Christmas in the Village later this month in Cherry Hill Village.

"It's going to be a great family event," Jenkins said.

The celebration kicks off the evening of Friday, Nov. 25, with a tour of eight homes in Cherry Hill Village. Each home will be decked out by local florists and holiday supply and gift stores. Activities continue the next day, with a craft tent for the children, tea with Mrs. Claus, free carriage rides, concessions by local restaurants, and two performances at the Village Theater by the Toronto All-Star Big Band.

The weekend finishes off with a tree lighting Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

The event started during the dog days of summer nearly three years ago, when Jenkins and her family first moved to Canton. As soon as they moved into their new home in Cherry Hill Village, she started thinking how pretty the neighborhood must look during the winter holidays.

"I would take the dog out for a walk and I started getting more and more visions

of Christmas, and the idea came to me to do something like this," she said.

Jenkins asked her neighbors if anyone had already put together a Christmas activity in Cherry Hill Village and when she found no one had, she gathered a few people from the neighborhood to form a committee to organize the annual event.

"It went better than we had expected last year, and it's going to be about three times bigger this year," she said.

The event raised some \$4,000 for the Canton Community Foundation last year, and the goal this year is to raise \$8,000 for the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities of Canton.

Most events and entertainment at Christmas in the Village are free to the public, or available at a nominal charge. Tickets for the home tours are \$12 in advance, or \$15 the day of the tour. They are available for purchase at the Summit on the park, Remerica Hometown One in Cherry Hill Village, Petite Maison in Northville, Feather Your next in Superior Township, and Lynn's Corner Shoppe in downtown Plymouth. The day of the tour, tickets may only be purchased at the Remerica location.

Tickets for the Toronto All-Star Big Band are \$15 for the 4 p.m. performance and \$18 at 7 p.m. Home Tour and Performance combo tickets are available for \$27. All tickets can be purchased at the Summit in Canton.

Tickets for "Tea & Story Time with Mrs. Claus" are \$5 and are available at the Summit. Adults accompanying children must also have a



The Toronto All-Star Big Band hit the stage for two performances during Christmas in the Village at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

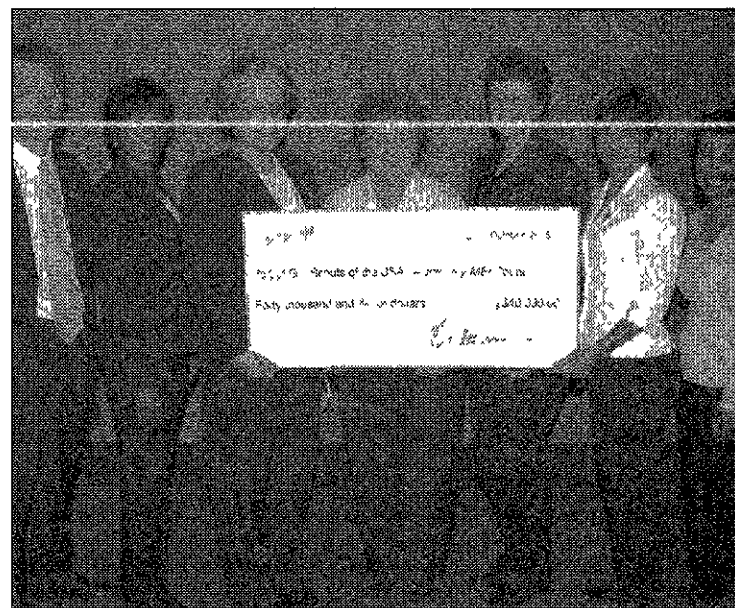
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## NEWS BRIEFS



Accepting the first installment of a three-year grant from The Dove Self-Esteem Fund are (third and fourth from right) Gail Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley; and Diane Hockett, Director of Membership, GSHVC; along with Philippe Harousseau, Marketing Director-Dove Skin Masterbrand; Dominique Dawes, uniquely ME! spokesperson and three-time Olympian; Mary Lee Hoffman, Senior VP Development-National Funding Girl Scouts of the USA; Patti Wakeling, Dove Masterbrand Senior Marketing Manager; and Christy DeSantis, Dove Global Medical Manager.

### Girl Scouts grant

Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council received a grant from the Dove Self-Esteem Fund to implement the uniquely ME! program in the communities they serve. The council will receive an estimated \$95,000 from 2005-2008, designating them as a uniquely ME! council.

Uniquely ME! helps to build self-esteem by empowering girls to recognize the pitfalls of risky behaviors like smoking, drinking, drug use, eating disorders, and unsafe sexual behavior, which are all linked to low self-esteem. The program also aims to make girls feel better about themselves, both physically and emotionally. Armed with this knowledge and confidence, the girls can build a foundation for a healthy self-image.

"Everything we do at Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council is aimed at uplifting and empowering girls and making sure they can make informed decisions throughout their lives," said Gail Scott,

council CEO. "We are very excited to be a part of the uniquely ME! program and we thank Unilever and the Dove Self-Esteem Fund for enabling us to spread these important life lessons to our girls."

In 2002, Girl Scouts of the USA teamed with Unilever, Dove's parent company, to create uniquely ME! The Girl Scout/Unilever Self-Esteem Program designed to reach thousands of girls from diverse backgrounds who deal with issues of esteem and confidence in many facets of their lives.

In its first three years, and with the assistance of approximately 3,000 volunteers, uniquely ME! reached more than 166,000 teens and teens, ages 8-14, through its activities and events. Due to the success of the program, Dove has committed to the partnership with Girl Scouts through 2008. With the help of the newly funded councils, uniquely ME! will broaden its curriculum to include girls up to age 17.

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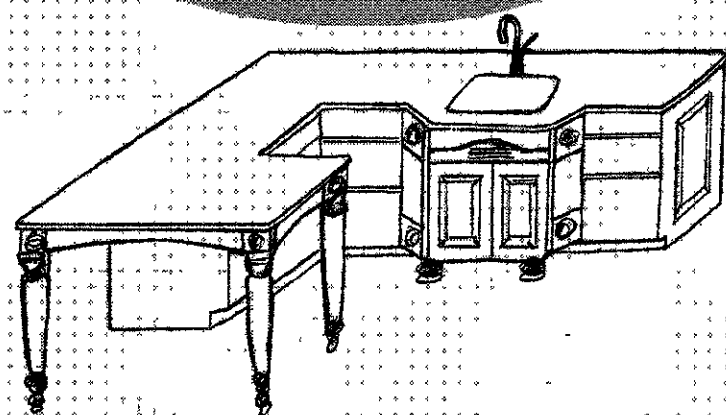
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# Speaker series breeds familiarity with the arts

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Some call it a well-kept secret. And others say it's a way to inject a little bit of culture into your life. It's the Cafe DIA Speaker Series at Cherry Hill Village, and it's new this year to the theater's lineup of community activities.

"It's really a great way to spend an afternoon or an evening," said Jennifer Eubanks, recreation specialist for Canton Township.

The series is brought to the township by the Detroit Institute of Art Speaker's Bureau, a group of expert volunteers who share their knowledge at events like Cafe DIA.

The Speaker's Bureau has 26 topics from which to choose, and Eubanks chose one per month for October through April. Some of the events will be in the evenings and some will be on Saturdays.

"It's kind of a neat opportunity. If you're not familiar with the arts, it's a chance to bring a little culture to your life. And if you do know about the arts, it's just an interesting way to spend a little time. It's great for groups of friends or for a girls' night out. Instead of taking in a movie, you can take in some arts," Eubanks said.

The programs, which usually consist of a slide show and brief lecture, also include a question and answer period, and Eubanks said they're inter-

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esting largely because of the volunteers' high level of knowledge.

"These volunteers are really passionate about what they do," she said.

The schedule for the remainder of the season is:

■ Healing Art, Dec. 3, 11:45 a.m.

■ Children of the World, Jan. 15, 11:45 a.m.

■ Tiny Treasures, Feb. 8, 6:45 p.m.

■ Queens, Goddesses & Divas, Mar. 15, 6:45 p.m.

■ The Portrayal of Women, Apr. 22, 11:45 a.m.

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## Hurricane volunteers share their stories

Hurricane Katrina volunteers from throughout metro Detroit detailed their experiences Tuesday during an invitation-only event hosted by the American Red Cross-Southeastern Michigan Chapter.

Nearly 140 Red Cross volunteers from the Chapter went to assist following the hurricanes.

Those who shared stories about helping hurricane survivors during the past few months included:

■ Reginald Johnson of Southfield, a new volunteer

for whom Hurricane Katrina became his first large disaster relief operation. Johnson served Hattiesburg, Mississippi for family case-work as a service center supervisor.

■ Shoti Ali-Jones of Troy, also a new volunteer since Hurricane Katrina. One of 474 tri-county residents trained by the Southeastern Michigan Chapter since Sept. 1. Ali-Jones served as a staff support manager in Montgomery, Ala.

■ Dr. Susan Silk, a licensed psychologist from Southfield,

a long-time Red Cross volunteer who has served in leadership roles on many disaster relief operations including the Sept. 11 tragedy at the Pentagon. During Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, she was in the Florida panhandle as a leader for the mental health counseling service.

■ John Skorna of Warren was the first volunteer from the Southeastern Michigan Chapter to go to the Gulf Coast and was there for six weeks. He delivered emergency supplies to neighborhoods and Red Cross shelters

and helped in other areas. Skorna has provided aid during more than 30 national disasters, including Hurricane Dennis in July.

■ David West of Canton, a casework supervisor in Detroit for hurricane survivors who traveled to southeast Michigan. He went to Baton Rouge, La. for client services and to New Orleans to assist with damage assessment in September. This was West's fourth major disaster assignment.

The event was held at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

## Habitat gets students up-close with nature

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

It was a sunny, but cool, October Saturday as more than two dozen students, parents and other volunteers converged on Allen Elementary School in Plymouth Township recently to construct a schoolyard wildlife habitat that will give kids a chance to study nature firsthand.

While Visteon provided the initial \$4,000 grant to the Plymouth Community United Way, which then matched it, it was teacher Ann Page who wrote the proposal for Allen — one of the four Plymouth-Canton Schools which shared the grant money — with a special interest in mind.

Page teaches emotionally impaired fourth- and fifth-grade students and believes the habitat project will provide her students — who helped design and construct the habitat — with several benefits.

"I think it gives them a sense of accomplishment, a sense of pride," said Page. "A lot of times

they're thought of as the trouble-makers in the building, but when they took on the task and did a good job, I think it gives the other kids a new outlook.

"They're responsible for the upkeep and maintenance," added Page. "They go out every afternoon and water all the plants. They get really excited about that."

Page said while the grant was written with her students in mind, the wildlife habitat grew into an entire school project, "which made it even more special," she said.

The new habitat, which was constructed in the middle of the u-shaped building for all to share, has specific areas designed for insects, birds and amphibians.

"We put in butterfly bushes to attract insects to where the students will see them fly by through their windows," said Rick Plecha, the project coordinator for the four habitats, including ones at Bentley, Farrand and Hoben elementaries which were constructed last



Students at Allen Elementary School in Plymouth Township will get an up-close look at nature after building a nature habitat at the school.

spring. "We planted berry producers to attract the birds. And there's a frog pond in the middle so everyone can see the water plants and the water animals interact."

"The kids designed a very user friendly habitat," added Plecha. "There's a nice woodchip path around each of the areas so the kids can walk through each of the specific zones."

Page said all students at Allen will benefit from the new wildlife habitat will attract.

"It gives hands-on experience to the science curriculum," said Page. "The students will be able to see and look up-close-and-personal at what they're studying."

"Sometimes, pictures in a book aren't the same as seeing it in real life," she said. "Next year, we hope to put some nesting cans in the bird houses. How neat it would be for kids to see eggs hatch."

Nine of the 15 elementary schools in the Plymouth-Canton district have habitats. Plecha, a

fifth-grade instructor at Field Elementary, started it all with the wildlife sanctuary along the Truesdell Creek behind Field in Canton Township, which is the standard to which other habitats in the district are measured.

However, because of the effort by the emotionally impaired students, Plecha is giving Allen's new habitat high praise.

"This schoolyard habitat, among the others, stands out because of the contributions of Ann's kids," said Plecha. "Their motivation and excitement inspired our volunteers to go the extra mile, and I think we did."

"It's the crown jewel because of the teacher and her students," he said.

Marie Morrow, president of the Plymouth Community United Way, called the habitat project one of the most successful partnerships between the PCUW and Plymouth-Canton Schools.

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Walton Wood provided the setting for Friday's A Toast to Canton wine-tasting event.

## WINE

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eight wines. In addition to the wine tasting was a sampling of hors d'oeuvres.

"Wine tastings are just huge right now. There's a lot of interest in them, which is part of why the event was so popular this year," Zevalkink said. "It's also a truly social evening that is really affordable."

Tickets for the event were \$30.

Far more than half of the people who attend are people who are not affiliated in any way with Canton charities, community groups or the township government.

"They're just people who like wine and picked up tickets," Zevalkink said. "I think it's a really good value. We have a large selection of food and desserts and then to taste so many kinds of wine."

A Toast to Canton started seven years ago when John Pardington first opened Holiday Market in Canton.

"When I first opened the store, I was looking for a way to introduce people to Holiday Market, and had an idea to do a big wine tasting," Pardington said. "I approached the township and said if they could find a venue and a charity to donate the money to, I would put together the party."

The first year, the event raised about \$8,000, and Pardington said that was a big success.

"Now I coordinate all the wines and do all the food, and Debbie (Zevalkink) takes care of administration and coordinating the volunteers," he said. "Every year, we're always trying

to make it better."

Pardington hadn't even made it through the first hour of this year's toast before he started thinking of additions to the event for next year.

Recently he did a fund-raiser at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township, which featured a martini bar and outdoor cigar tent.

"I think that doing those kinds of things at Toast to

Canton would work out really well. Or maybe adding a silent auction," he said.

But across the room, Beth Marshall of Canton and her significant other, Dwight Clotier of Plymouth, were focusing on the moment, and not the future, as they stood at a table enjoying a glass of wine. This was the second year the couple attended, and they're not drawn to it because of the

charity aspect or because the crowd includes a "Who's Who" of Canton.

"I think it's just a great way to sample a lot of wines for not a lot of money," Marshall said. "I actually take notes and write down what kind of wines I like. I don't really know wine as well as I would like to, but I love the opportunity to try them."

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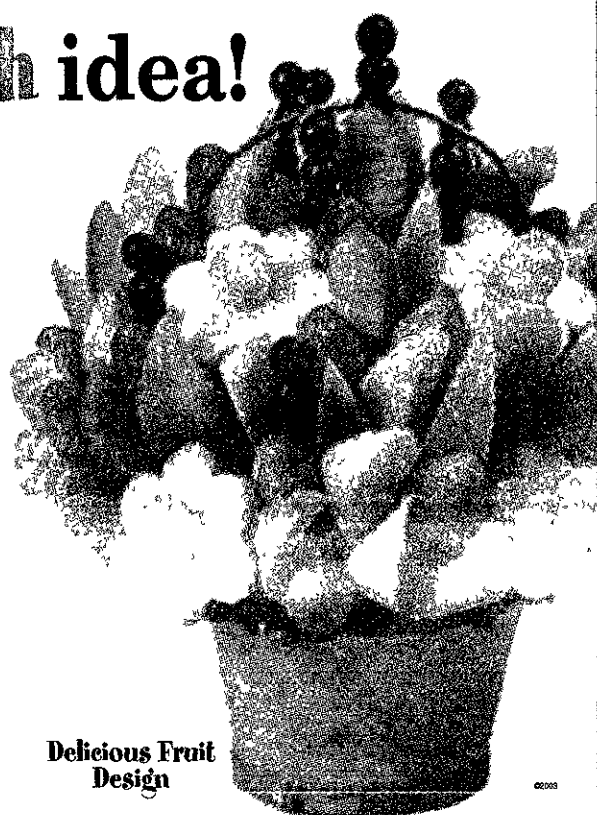
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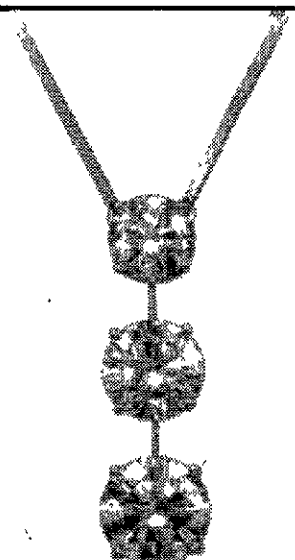
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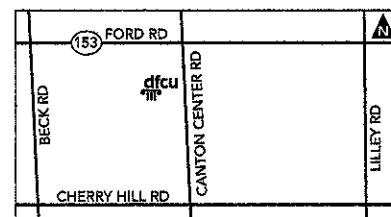
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## OUR VIEWS

# Alliance could save Rouge

Last month, Canton Township became the 12th community to adopt the bylaws of the fledgling Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC), which is being created from the Assembly of Rouge Communities, that formed in 2002 after federal funding to clean up the Rouge River started to dry up.

Since that time, many more have joined, and a total of 21 of the 38 communities in the Rouge watershed have formally become ARC members, according to Wayne County Director of Environment Kurt Heise, who said the alliance needed only 20 members to be formally created. In fact, Heise says all of the watershed communities in Wayne County, except Detroit, will have either approved the ARC bylaws or will vote on the matter before Thanksgiving.

Canton officials should be commended for deciding to join this alliance. The success of the group will be instrumental if we are ever to see the effort to restore the Rouge River completed. Since 1992, the federal government has spent millions on the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project. Without question, major progress was made.

Sewage overflows and industrial dumping have nearly been eliminated, and dissolved oxygen, which living organisms need to survive, has improved dramatically in most areas of the Rouge, which drains one of the most urban areas in the state.

A new state law, which was sponsored in the state Senate by Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, allowed the formation of ARC, which is really a public corporation that can apply for grants, raise money and hire staff. Heise says the new alliance will look at the Rouge River through the eyes of an entire watershed, not as 38 individual communities, as was the case in the past.

ARC members will be able to pool resources, which can reduce local costs and increase the overall effectiveness of the group, because the only real way to restore the Rouge is to look at it as a single entity. What happens to the Rouge in one community, impacts all the communities downstream.

ARC will also be beneficial in informing the general public about Rouge River restoration efforts, and what role we all play in the health of the river. ARC will do everything from creating public relation packets about the river to distributing videos that teach homeowner associations how to maintain retention basins. Reaching the public is important because, ultimately, the health of the Rouge River will come down to the decisions we all make on a daily basis, such as whether or not we dump oil down a storm drain or overfertilize our lawns.

Now that federal money has dried up, the alliance may be the only hope the Rouge River has.

# Bridge gap between city and suburbs

We congratulate Kwame Kilpatrick on his re-election as mayor of Detroit. He overcame a troubled first term, opposition from both daily newspapers and an array of polls that gave the election to his opponent, Freman Hendrix.

It is now Kilpatrick's challenge to make good on his repeated promises to do better in his second term. Detroit faces a daunting list of problems that needs immediate attention, from a deteriorating infrastructure to an escalating migration of residents from the city to continuing problems of unemployment, poverty, crime and addiction.

None of those problems will be solved in a single four-year term, but the mayor is obligated to acknowledge the problems and make a strong effort toward dealing with them.

The mayor understands that he needs to reach out to the communities that surround Detroit. Those communities are important to Detroit's future and Detroit's future is important to those communities.

At his victory speech Kilpatrick said it best, "I'm going to communicate with you because you are going to help me solve those problems. We need each other in this city, in this region and in this state, more than we ever needed each other before."

We can no longer continue our de facto apartheid and we urge our suburban leaders to join the mayor and begin a real dialogue on racial perceptions and real action on the inequities that have made metro Detroit a synonym for urban decay.

We believe that bridging this gap should be a top priority for both city and suburban leaders, because without this cooperation, those other problems will only grow worse.



## LETTERS

### Wonderful event

On behalf of the Canton Exchange Club, I would like to thank the Canton Newcomers for choosing our service club as the beneficiary of the 2nd Annual Home-Based Business Showcase and Silent Auction. The Canton Exchange Club provides scholarships to students in the community, youth activities, and to organizations that support child abuse prevention. The Canton Newcomers is a social, civic and charitable organization, "where neighbors become friends," which serves as their motto.

This event was held on Nov. 2, at the Sunflower Subdivision Clubhouse, located on Hanford Road between Beck and Canton Center. The clubhouse is the regular meeting site for this large and growing group. The event offered 17 business displays, a silent auction, socializing, and some wonderful refreshments.

All of this would not have happened without the endless efforts of the Showcase chairpersons, Nicole Pulick and Karen Kruczka. We also want to thank Noreen Rybar for her contributions, and for making our club feel so welcome. In addition to the generous donations of the Newcomer members, many local businesses (too many for me to name here, unfortunately) were extremely generous in making the auction a huge success. We would also like to recognize Kim Whalen for all of the time and energy spent collecting and coordinating these many gifts - a very difficult task.

For those home-based business owners who donated a portion of sales, and for all those who attended and supported this event, we also thank you. What a tremendous example of defining community. The funds raised by this event will go toward improving the lives of many children with unthinkable needs, and everyone involved should be extremely proud of their efforts.

For more information about the Canton Exchange Club's activities, please contact me at (734) 398-5570, or visit our national Web site at [www.nationalexchangeclub.com](http://www.nationalexchangeclub.com). Also, whether you are new to the Canton area, have lived here your whole life, or somewhere in between, the Canton Newcomers, with their warm and friendly members, may be just what you are looking for. For more information about the Newcomers, check out their Web site at [www.newcomers.angelcities.com](http://www.newcomers.angelcities.com), or call (734) 737-0755.

**Jonathan LaFever**  
president, Exchange Club of Canton

### Store is responsible

I read the article regarding the dog attack at Petsmart, and am not surprised this happened. The very first time I stepped foot in a pet store and saw animals inside I said to my husband, "How can they allow animals in the store? What would this business do and feel if someone was attacked or bit by an animal?" And, sad but true, it happened.

I feel since the business allows people to bring their animals with them into the store, the business should be totally

liable for all incidents that occur inside or around their store.

I own and love my cockatiel bird. However, I certainly would not walk it into a store on my shoulder or in a cage. Animals belong at home and not in stores unless of course it is a dog belonging to a blind person and those dogs are well-trained. When I do have to get food for my bird at the pet store, I do not appreciate walking in the door and seeing animals roaming around in the store. These animals may not be used to children or other people they do not know. I usually run in and out of the store as I am allergic to cats and dogs due to their dander. I try not to breathe through my nose too heavily when I am in the store.

All pet stores should not be allowed to have animals roaming around in their stores or they should pay for consequences like this dog attack.

People, love and keep your animals at home.

**Kathy Mahoney**  
Canton

### Temporary solution

This tentative agreement between GM and the UAW is yet another temporary solution to the real problem. General Motors will only save \$1 billion annually. They lost more than that this quarter.

Now DaimlerChrysler is seeking a cut? Is \$1 billion really going to make a difference? It sure won't fix the problem and the effects will be felt everywhere as others follow GM's lead. The only losers will be the workers and the existing retirees who are the most vulnerable. Who will now have to bear the burden once again.

Let's not forget future retirees. Instead of using this opportunity to rally for national health care, the United Auto Workers' leadership champions concessions. GM will be temporarily relieved by \$1 billion annually? I don't think so.

What will be revealed is the pork barrel of bargaining under the special clauses of plant closures. I wonder if these plants will be known prior to a membership ratification of this new deal. I wonder if they'll tell the workers at the plants that will be shut down before they vote. It will be highly unlikely that a plant would vote yes knowing their jobs would be lost if they did. This new deal isn't as much about health care costs as it is about plant closures.

Now we finally are hearing talk about GMAC. This is basically the only thing profiting for GM. They are planning to sell a majority stake? It's well-known that GMAC was the only thing keeping GM from collapse.

We know from the Delphi bankruptcy that filing for North American operations are a promised success, right? After investing all of North America's profits overseas for the last two decades, Delphi has little to invest in the American infrastructure.

In a matter of time, we will watch GM follow the Delphi experiment. Without GMAC and with careful handling of profits overseas, GM needs Delphi to succeed with its dramatic union busting or, as they call it, "reconstruction" of the company.

If Delphi can get away with this and dump pensions and benefits, then GM will, too. It is a pattern that is being set by Delphi. A grand testing experiment to shrug off the weight of an organized labor force. Millions are going to be affected by this long-term strategy. Some are going to lose everything and some are going to gain everything.

If history shows us anything, it is that we can find our fate from the steel and airline industry. Even the players are the same. Robert "Steve" Miller is now leading Delphi along with all his same bankrupt cronies. Key figures in both the airline and steel industry melt downs. They're bringing down the ship and the main goal of their strategy is to remove the word "united" next to auto workers.

Think as you are voting.

**Terri Maga**  
Plymouth

### Irony in funeral

Rosa Parks was a great woman. She took her seat on the Montgomery bus because it was her right as an American. She did not seek her role in the civil rights movement, but modestly accepted it. She did not seek notoriety for herself, but was glad that others benefited from her behavior. She lived her life privately.

How ironic that her death should promote such political commotion and promotion? Television news had one and only one topic: Parks' death. Out of the back rooms came entertainers who made people laugh; including Jesse Jackson in the front row. The speakers danced and shouted; the audience laughed and danced. Everyone had a good old time.

Lost was the heroic deed of Rosa Parks. Television contributed hours of prime time without commercials to the spectacle of a horse-drawn carriage, the longest limousines, mounted police and a hearse - all accompanied by a somber, descriptive voice.

May Rosa Parks be remembered as the lady who sat on the bus and challenged segregation in the South and this contributed to unfinished business in the North.

**Lawrence Niblett**  
Farmington Hills

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- Plymouth-Canton school board trustee Carol Saunders, on why the district is seeking two new bonds for a total of \$118 million, which voters will be asked to approve in May

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## Time is now for election winners to act on campaign promises

The elections are over and either your candidate or proposal won or lost, but whatever the outcome, "It is what it is" and it's time to move on.

You can perform various analyses as to what happened and why, who voted and who did not, what was the issue that tipped the voters to one candidate or another or why they voted for the proposal vs. against, but at the end of the day the election is over and the voters have spoken. All the analysis does is allow the defeated and the consultants to figure out what they have to do differently next time to win.

Now it's time to govern. It's time for all the election promises to come to roost. Yes, all the campaign rhetoric, promises, plans, etc. must now be fulfilled. If past practice is any indication, the winners will ignore all the promises made. But in today's economic environment, it's important for the citizenry and this newspaper to hold those who made the election promises accountable. It's too important not to.



Richard Aginian

Let's look at two of our communities, Birmingham and Livonia. In Birmingham, there is a newcomer to the City Commission and a former commissioner elected to the Library Board; in Livonia, a proposal to stop funding SMART was passed.

### NEW IN BIRMINGHAM

Stuart Sherman is the newcomer to the Birmingham City Commission and now, as they say, "it's showtime." What and how will he do? Will he align himself with the majority that has moved Birmingham forward, erasing in some people's minds the nastiness of prior commissions and eliminating some of the unnecessary obstacles to allow for reasonable development or will he take us back to the past?

There are significant issues that need to be addressed in a thoughtful and proper fashion. We have been talking and studying them for a significant amount of time. It's now time for action. What is the plan for Shain Park? Many plans have been advanced, but let's get on with it. Solidify around a comprehensive plan, bring in the affected institutions and get it done. The Barnum facility land is in the same situation. Let's bring a plan forward that we can all embrace and move forward. Both of these projects suffer from what I and others call "paralysis by analysis."

There are other issues facing the commission as well. I don't always agree with Clinton Baller, the unsuccessful commission candidate, but he raised issues in the campaign that the commission should and must deal with.

**But in today's economic environment, it's important for the citizenry and this newspaper to hold those who made the election promises accountable. It's too important not to.**

The Library Board is a different story. In a campaign marked by alleged smears and half-truths, former Birmingham City Commissioner Seth Chafetz unseated incumbent Jan Bird. The onus is now on Chafetz to govern and rule with reason. Will he return to his days when he was on the city commission and nastiness and disrespect for the citizens appeared to be the norm?

Chafetz made campaign promises about prudent fiscal management, purchasing and the bidding process for contracts. Can he bring his expertise in a constructive manner to the Library Board or will the campaign rhetoric carry over? I hope it is the former vs. the latter.

### LIVONIA OPTS OUT

Livonians voted to eliminate funding for SMART, the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation. The withdrawal doesn't begin until the latter half of 2006, so Livonia officials have time to establish an alternative system. Campaign promises made to create an alternative system for Livonia now must become reality. Sometimes what you wish for is what you get and then reality sets in; what do I do now? The reality is here and time is running, so Livonia has to have a system in place by late next year.

This does raise the necessity on the larger scale of a regional transportation system. Light rail has been talked about and there is funding in place for a study linking Detroit and Ann Arbor along I-94, but I believe that's not the right place to start.

Kwame Kilpatrick, in his winning acceptance speech after his come-from-behind victory in the Detroit mayoral race, held out an olive branch to the region, especially after he bashed the suburbs with his drug use comments during the campaign. Let's take him at his word and convene Mayor Kilpatrick, executives Brooks Patterson of Oakland County and Bob Ficano of Wayne County and a representative from Macomb County to start working on a regional transportation system. The area needs a fiscally sound and well-functioning regional transportation system. It's never too late to start.

The election is over, so let's move on to govern. Your constituency needs it and demands it.

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## Advertisers place kids squarely in their sights

It's unlikely more than a few readers will recall the movie *The Gods Must Be Crazy*, which was released in 1980.

The plot revolves around a nomadic tribe of people from Africa, of which one member one day finds an empty Coca-Cola bottle and has no idea of its meaning or significance. He takes it back to his people, who surmise it must be a gift from the gods, but mayhem soon ensues.

It's a classic tale of the clash between ancient ways and modern technology — and it would be completely unbelievable today.



Bill Emerick

The trademark Coke symbol is probably the most-recognized advertising image around the world. There's not a continent, a country, a town or even a hamlet where the familiar red-and-white lettering and distinctive can design would not be instantly identified. Show it anywhere, to anyone, in the world and the viewer would immediately make the connection to the ubiquitous soda.

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But a more accurate description of modern society's approach to marketing would be *I'd Like To Teach The World To Spend*.

Our culture places an artificial value on youth, in particular the unreasonable visage of nubile, sexually attractive teens. Why the fixation on all things young and beautiful? Because marketers want to sell you their products, and there is no more pliable audience than impressionable children.

Now, advertising is hardly a recent phenomenon. The first known ads appeared in English print magazines in the 1600s. The advent of radio, followed quickly by television and now the Internet, spawned new methods for companies to hawk their wares virtually non-stop.

But it's only in the past decade or so that children have become the target of more and more advertisements. Turned on the TV on a Saturday morning lately? It's difficult to discern when the "shows" end and the "commercials" begin.

Every animated movie worth its salt comes complete with an accompanying ad cam-

paign for action figures, clothing and kids' meals available at the fast-food emporium of your choice.

Ask any ad exec the reason for this and the answer will come quickly: Children are the one demographic that isn't set in its ways. If firms can snare kids at an early age, chances are brand loyalty will remain for life.

In and of itself, that's not necessarily a bad thing. But what is disturbing is that our young people are being damn near brain-washed into thinking they "need" products and services that are luxuries at best and useless at worst.

An example? Look into the bathroom of any house that has a teen-age girl. Odds are you will find countless bottles of shampoo, conditioner, moisturizer, lotion and fragrance, undoubtedly in several "flavors" or "scents." To what end? The eternal quest for beauty (and, by twisted reasoning, popularity).

Look at it another way. A few years back, when my children were young enough to be immune to such clatter (or so I thought), my daughter told me in the checkout line at the grocery store that I was buying the wrong chewing gum.

"What?"  
"That one there, it has the longest-lasting flavor," she said proudly.

The pressure to turn kids into consumers is increasing by the minute, as companies compete with one another to make themselves the latest darling to a generation, convincing them that fame, fortune and happiness are attainable with the right clothes, the right makeup, the right gadgets.

Unfortunately, any right-minded person can see through the fallacy. But kids don't have the wisdom of age or experience to know any better.

I'll leave you with an interesting quote I found on the Internet the other day:

"Advertising is an essential factor in modern business methods, and to advertise wisely the business man must understand the workings of the minds of his customers, and must know how to influence them effectively — he must know how to apply psychology to advertising."

Those words were from an essay by Walter D. Scott, first published in *The Atlantic Monthly* — in 1904.

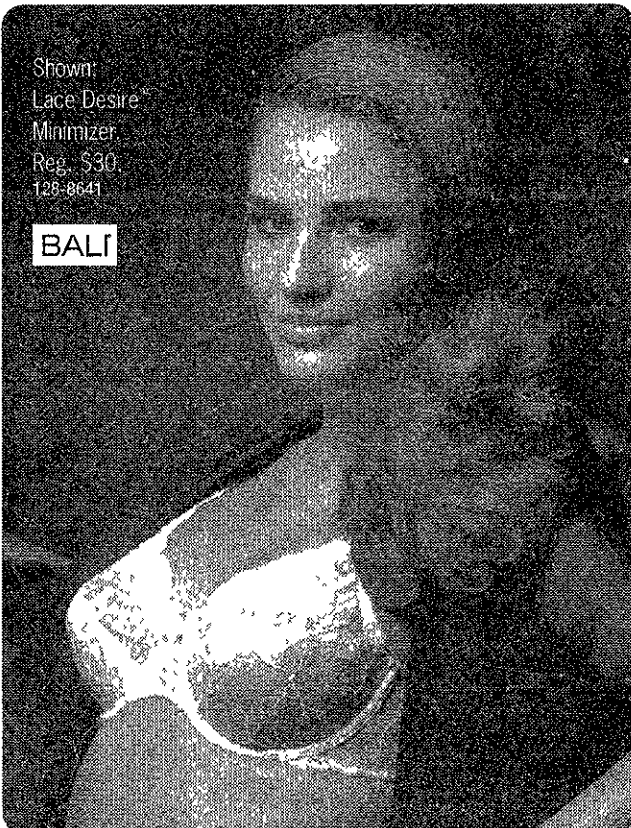
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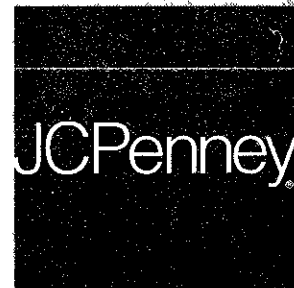
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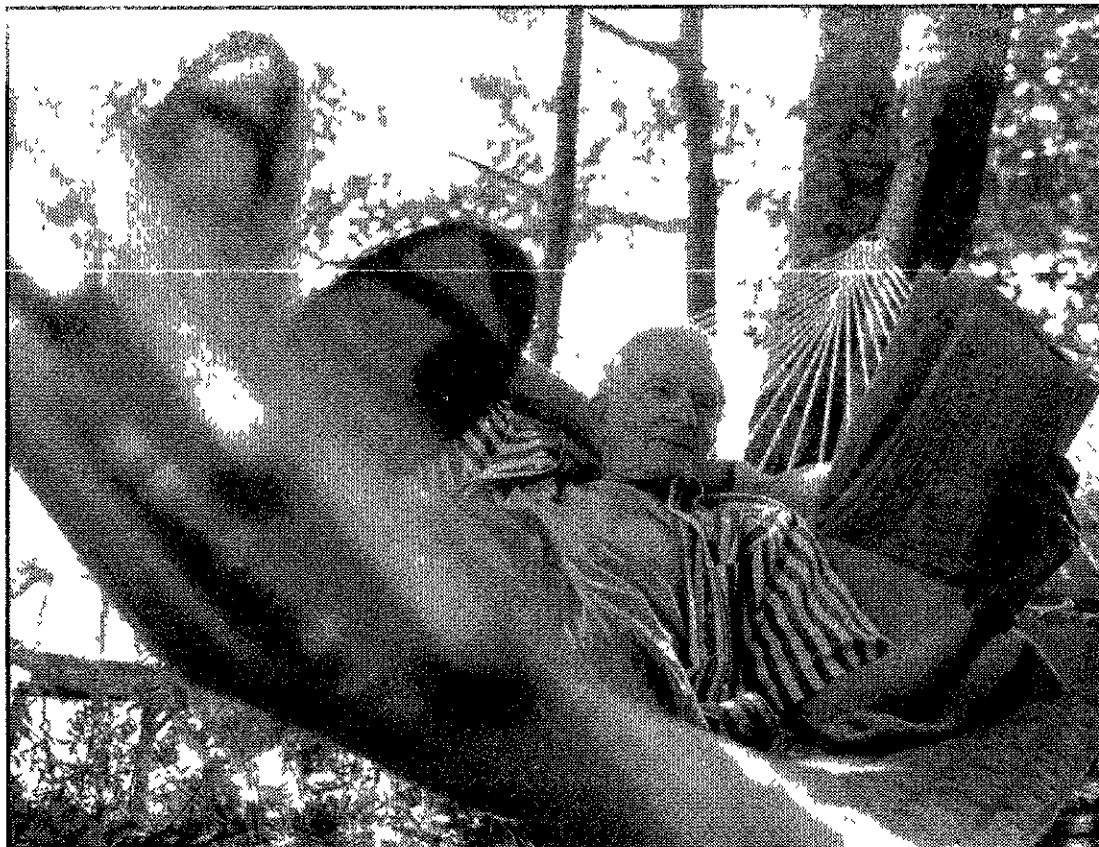
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# Fieger, Cox showdown far from over

BY PAT MURPHY  
STAFF WRITER

The dispute between Geoffrey Fieger and Attorney General Mike Cox may well shift to the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission, the agency that investigates complaints



Cox



Fieger

against lawyers.

But the commission will not comment on complaints of misconduct by Fieger or Cox for months — if then — the deputy administrator said Wednesday.

"I saw the (televised) press conferences," Robert E. Edick, the grievance commission's

second-in-command, said. But the commission has strict rules that preclude public comments or statements about cases that might be under review, he said.

"I can't even acknowledge any grievances have been filed," Edick said. "It makes us (at the commission) look stupid. But that's the way it is."

Fieger and Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca both invoked the attorney grievance commission Tuesday in separate press conferences pertaining to allegations Fieger, through associate Lee O'Brien, was trying to blackmail the attorney general.

The press conferences were the latest developments in a bizarre case in which Fieger is accused of threatening to reveal Cox had an extramarital affair, something that would threaten his political career. In exchange, Fieger allegedly wanted the attorney general to discontinue looking into complaints Fieger had not reported contributions to the campaign to defeat a supreme court judge running for re-election.

Gorcyca, whose office investigated the attorney general's complaint, said he is confident Fieger and O'Brien conspired to blackmail Cox. But investigators had not turned up the evidence needed to file criminal charges, Gorcyca said.

"I am duty-bound to submit the evidence (collected by sheriff's investigators) to the Attorney Grievance Commission," Gorcyca said. "The commission is less constrained by rules of evidence," he said.

At his own press conference hours later, Fieger immediately complimented Gorcyca for not bowing to pressure from the attorney general and filing criminal charges.

But he chastised Cox for making what he said were false accusations. "Not a word of what Mr. Cox told you (the media and the prosecutor) last week was true; Not a word," said Fieger.

Fieger said he had authorized filing a complaint against Cox with the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission as well as the U.S. Attorney detailing "his (Cox's) illegal and unethical conduct."

Fieger, who last month said he would seek the Democratic nomination for attorney general in 2006, called upon Cox to resign.

"I forgive you for making false accusations against me," Fieger said. "But you have repeatedly shown yourself to be unworthy of being invested with public trust," he said, "and for that, you must resign."

The grievance commission's deputy said this is a very high-profile case with more public interest — and potential impact — than most of the 4,000 complaints against attorneys the agency typically gets in a year.

Most of those cases are resolved quietly, Edick said. But about 10 percent result in some kind of admonishment or sanctions. "It all depends on the individual case," he said, "and the facts involved."

If and when the commission actually gets complaints from Gorcyca and/or Fieger, each or both would be investigated,

Edick explained, "with additional action determined by the findings."

Should the commission determine there was merit to the complaints from Gorcyca or Fieger, Edick said, they would be presented to Michigan Attorney Discipline Board.

"At that point, our proceedings become public," Edick said. "But until then, we will

have no comment."

The discipline board could dismiss the complaints, the deputy administrator said, or, if warranted, it could impose penalties ranging from reprimand to suspension of the attorney's license to practice.

Gorcyca's complaint against Fieger could proceed more quickly, Edick said, because the prosecutor has

already done the initial investigation.

The commission wouldn't need to interview people or gather evidence, Edick said. So the process might not take that long, he said.

But thoroughness is more important than speed, Edick said. "There will be no rush to judgment," he said, "but a thoughtful, thorough investigation."

## MADONNA REGISTRATION

Madonna University's registration for winter 2006 term will begin Nov. 14 and continues through Tuesday, Dec. 22 for new and returning students. Office hours will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

The office will close at 5 p.m. Dec. 19 through 22. All offices will be closed for Thanksgiving (Nov. 24 through Nov. 27) and Christmas (Dec. 23 through Jan. 2, 2006). Classes begin

the week of Jan. 9.

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Christmas in the Village is an annual event offering a variety of activities for young and old alike.



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Beth Casari's holiday decor combines new ideas and old standbys. The Casari house is one of eight residences featured on the Christmas in the Village Home Tour in Canton Township next week.

## Decor all year



Beth Casari made "package" decorations out of wooden frames and fabric.

## Home dressed in bright, light decor



Clauses cavort among a section of balusters and railing that hangs on a wall. Beth Casari painted the balusters.

**W**hat's black and white and red all over – and sings with creativity? It's the Casari residence in Canton Township, where Beth Casari has decorated with wonderful whimsy. And the design scheme enhances the holiday decor. (Or is it vice versa? The question could spark a delightful discussion.) Visitors on this year's Christmas in the Village Home Tour will see for themselves.

The Casari house – home to Tom and Beth Casari; their children, Tommy, 5, and Sasha, 4; and cats Easy and Scrappie – is one of eight featured residences. The tour is taking place Friday, Nov. 25 (see related item).

The Casari walls are dressed in such colors as sunny yellow and cheery red, or in black and white striped wallpaper. Trim, balusters and other elements are in sparkling white.

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

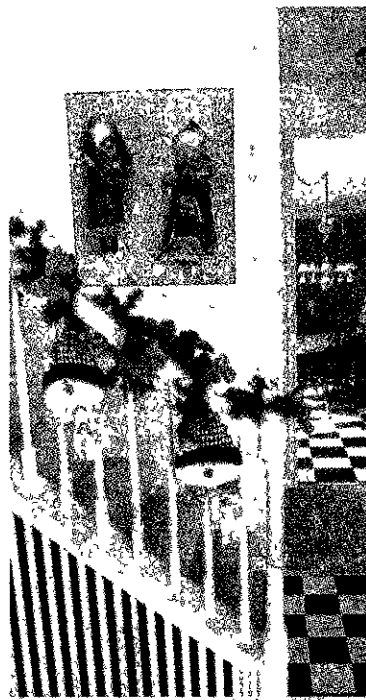
### CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

■ **What:** An annual event offering a variety of activities for young and old alike.

■ **When:** A home tour will take place 4-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25. Festivities will run noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26.

■ **Where:** Cherry Hill Village, at the corner of Ridge Road and Cherry Hill Road in Canton Township.

■ **Home tour:** All of the residences will be beautifully decorated for the holidays. In addition, neighbors will compete in the annual holiday lighting contest.



Red, yellow and black and white are among the lively combinations in the house.

PLEASE SEE **CHEER**, B4

PLEASE SEE **VILLAGE**, B4

## Here are Fabulous Furniture spree winners

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Fabulous Furniture sponsors have chosen the winners of a \$1,000 shopping spree.

The promotion was part of the Fabulous Furniture sections that ran in October in the Observer & Eccentric.

Here are the winners and the sponsoring stores where their names were drawn: Patricia Heavener of Livonia (Affordable Kitchen & Bath); Anne White of Plymouth (First Choice Floor Covering); Mario and Mary Legnini of Livonia (Independent Carpet Covering); Susan Handorf of Beverly Hills (Mattress & Futon Shoppe); Sandra Creager of Monroe (McLaughlin's Home Furnishing Designs) and Anna Crawford of Northville (Walker/Buzenberg Fine Furniture). Congratulations to the winners!

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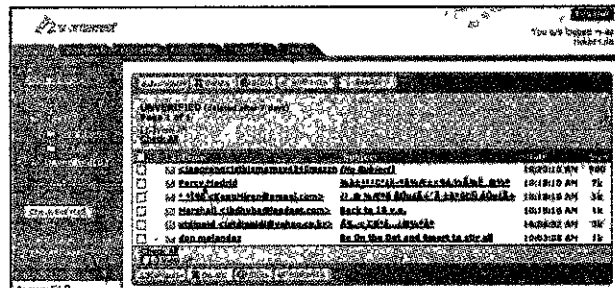
**S**how of hands, please: Who's fed up to here with spam? Let's see, 324,498, 324,499 – yep, that's all of you.

Spam, a.k.a. junk e-mail, plagues most computer users. I usually receive upward of 150 spam messages per day, sometimes more. Needless to say, that kind of volume can really clog up a mailbox.

It can also waste considerable time – time to download, time to sift through, and time to delete. Bleh!

For the last couple of years I've been a faithful user of Mailblocks, which did a superb job of keeping spam off my computer.

Unfortunately, the service was acquired by America Online in 2004, and last month I received notice that the company planned to shut it down. Thus I was forced to seek out an anti-



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spam alternative. Happily, it was a successful search. Before I delve into the details, let me tell you about my e-mail setup. I use Outlook Express to pull mail from my personal dot-com domain and a Gmail account.

PLEASE SEE **SPAM**, B4

## Accents

### Know your screwdriver

"Your screwdriver can be your friend. Out in the field under fire, it's a lifesaver," say James and Morris Carey, writers for AP Weekly Features.

"Today's tools are stronger, safer and more useful than ever before. Now you can forget about bent shanks, broken handles, injured wrists and stripped heads.

"Your basic 101 screwdriver has the following: the head, the handle, the shank and the tip. The two most important things to remember when choosing this tool are the material it's made of and how it fits your hand.

"A good grip gives you maximum drive-power; get one that's tough and made of forged steel. A square shank is your secret weapon because you can use it with a wrench for more turning power."

### Oh! Christmas trees!

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring the annual Kellogg Park Walk of Christmas Trees.

Any family, club, Scout troop, school class or business interested in decorating a tree should contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce now. Call (734) 453-1540.

Cost is \$50 per tree. This includes 200 white lights strung on each tree, and a group or company name on a sign.

Decorating days will be Friday-Sunday, Dec. 2-4. Trees will be assigned at random; signs will be in place Dec. 2.

### Paint preview

Computer tools are making the paint selection process easier and more enjoyable.

New preview paint sample kits that come with four 8-ounce paint samples, rollers, trays and a designer guide are a consumer favorite.

The preview samples put together by Behr color experts offer six themes based on the latest interior design and style trends.

For inspiration and practical painting tips, visit [www.behr.com](http://www.behr.com).

### Flower talk

Everyone knows that when you give a rose to a sweetheart it means love, but did you know that a sprig of basil conveys "good wishes"? Or that ivy means "friendship and continuity"? And that tansy symbolizes "hostile thoughts"? (Of course, the latter isn't a message you'd want to send to a significant other.) In the 2006 Old Farmer's Almanac, on sale now wherever books and magazines are sold, you can find the meanings of more than 50 herbs, flowers and trees, including the above.

Here are a few others:

- aloe – healing, protection, affection
- bay – glory
- carnation – alas, for my poor heart
- chamomile – patience
- fern – sincerity
- holly – hope
- honeysuckle – bonds of love



# Think safety when decorating for holidays

I find it interesting how holiday decorating has changed over the years.

When I was a kid my dad would bring out strings of lights and ladders, and carefully staple the lights around the outside of the house.



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

Today it seems we decorate our homes for just about any holiday.

Easter, the Fourth of July and Halloween, as well as other holidays, have some sort of outside decorations associated with them.

Thanksgiving decorations are out now and Christmas decorating isn't too far behind. This column will look at a few

tips on how to make your outdoor holiday lighting safer.

## EXTENSION CORDS

Extension cords, like all outdoor electrical equipment, should be approved by an independent test organization such as UL (Underwriters Laboratories). The insulation on indoor extension cords isn't designed for the normal abrasion of outside use.

Also, the plastic used to make this insulation is seldom treated to withstand the normal cold temperatures or ultra-violet rays from the sun, which can cause brittleness and cracking of the insulation.

It's also important that the cord be heavy enough to carry the electric current necessary to power the lights.

The wire in the cords is rated by gauge size, the smaller the gauge number, and the thicker the wire. Thicker wire carries more electrical current.

A 14-gauge wire can safely handle about 1,400 watts of power. A 50-lamp string of miniature lights draws about 25 watts and flood lights about 100

watts. Use these figures to help determine the load that will be placed on the cord.

The same rules hold true for a branch circuit. A branch circuit is all the outlets and lighting on one fuse or circuit breaker. A 15-amp branch circuit is rated to safely deliver 1,440 watts of power. Add together the power requirements for the decorating power you'll be drawing from that circuit as well as anything else in the house on that same circuit. Keep it under that 1,440 watts figure.

## SETTING OUT DECORATIONS

Damp plug connections can trip GFCIs, blow fuses or worse, cause a shock. Dampness from snow, slush, rain or ground moisture can migrate into connections.

A simple but efficient way to deal with this is to place the cord connection in a small plastic pan made from the bottom of a 1/2-gallon milk jug. Then place the inverted top of a one-gallon milk jug over that and hold it in place with a weight.

Use caution routing cords and

light strings. Winter winds can cause enough movement to chafe the insulation from the wire. Bare wires can cause shorts, fire or electric shock.

Never use interior floodlights outside. The thin glass of interior floods is far more likely to break from impact or rain or snow hitting a hot bulb than the heavier glass of outdoor floodlights. Using metal poles to string lights in trees or other high places, unless they're unplugged, has the potential of extreme danger to you. A broken bulb or frayed wire will send the current to you.

Also, be certain to properly set up and use ladders (see the instruction sticker on the side of the ladder), and be especially careful on them if the ground is wet or snow-covered.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

## HOME CALENDAR

### Gallery shop

The Ann Arbor Art Gallery's Gallery Shop will feature holiday gifts from Nov. 17 through Dec. 31. The art center is at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor. For more information and the shop's extended holiday hours, call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 118.

A special Holiday Preview will take place 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17. The event is open to the public and will feature cocktails, live music and complimentary gift wrapping. Each art center member will receive a 20-percent discount. Non-members may sign up this evening to receive the discount as well.

The Gallery Shop will present an expanded selection of original art work from more than 150 Michigan and regional artists, including musical instruments, handmade wood furniture, jewelry, ceramics, glass and fiber. All purchases at the shop support the art center's mission and offset costs for its visual arts programs.

### Cranbrook Holiday Tables

The event features 21 multiple-themed dining room tables decorated by talented area residents and professionals.

The tables are displayed at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. Park at the Christ Church Cranbrook lot across from Cranbrook House on Lone Pine Road and take the shuttle to the house.

General admission will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 18-19, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20.

Tickets are \$20 in advance (call (248) 645-3149 to buy), \$25 at the door. Patron Teas will take place 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. Thursday, spon-

sored by DuMouchelle Art Gallery. The teas will offer a preview of the tables and delectable tea sandwiches and desserts. Tickets are \$60 per person.

For ticket reservations and more information, call (248) 645-3149 or visit [www.cranbrook.edu](http://www.cranbrook.edu).

This year, master potters and glass blowers from Greenfield Village at The Henry Ford complex in Dearborn will handcraft wares for a table display and feature an Arts and Crafts-inspired setting in the Cranbrook House library.

All proceeds benefit the preservation and restoration of Cranbrook House, the home of Cranbrook Educational Community founders George and Ellen Booth.

### Holiday Tables

The sixth annual display of beautifully decorated tables for Thanksgiving, New Year, Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa will be presented by the Farmington Garden Club and sponsored by Steinkopf Nursery.

The event will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, in Spicer House (Visitors Center) in Heritage Park, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Admission is \$5 at the door. For more information, call (248) 615-3616.

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.

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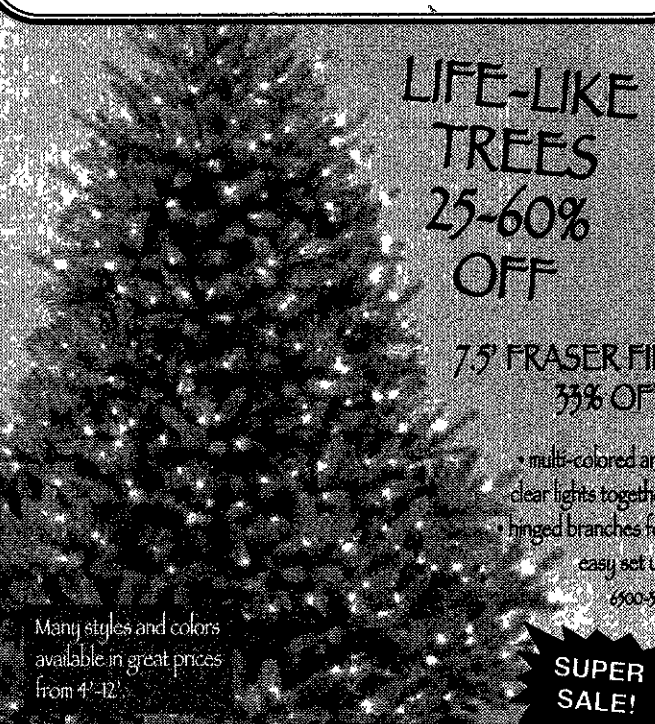
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## Festival of Trees event to open Nov. 25

The Festival of Trees, one of the largest fund-raising events benefiting Children's Hospital of Michigan, will have more holiday fun for the entire family this year.

Taking place at the Rock Financial Showplace, the new Novi Expo Center at 46100 Grand River in Novi, the 2005 Festival of Trees will have more than 50,000 additional square feet for trees, displays, exhibits and children's activities.

The 21st Festival of Trees will open Friday, Nov. 25, and run through Sunday, Dec. 4.

The event, all run by volunteers, is a public display of more than 100 professionally designed holiday trees.

It includes an elaborate gingerbread village, handmade wall hangings, wreaths and

centerpieces, entertainment for all ages, a festive gift shop, children's activities, photos with Santa, a Secret Santa Shop just for youngsters, and more.

This year, rides for children will be featured.

Proceeds from Festival of Trees will benefit the Maxine and Stuart Frankel Foundation Computer-Assisted Robot-Enhanced surgery program at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

For tickets and more information, visit [www.fot.org](http://www.fot.org) or call (313) 966-TREE.

The Festival of Trees Gala will take place Saturday, Nov. 26.

Dining and early holiday shopping are on the menu at this event, which will feature

live entertainment, dancing and live and silent auctions.

Gala tickets are \$250 benefactor (admission 6:30-11 p.m.), \$150 reception (admission 7:30-11 p.m.).

Reservations are required.

Lunch with Santa is scheduled 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on two Sundays, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4. The program will include entertainment, food and plenty of holiday-inspired activities for children.

Tickets for Lunch with Santa are \$25 per adult, \$20 per child. Reservations are required.

The Festival of Trees Holiday Dance Party will take place 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. A live DJ will be featured, as well as delicious hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$25.

## English Gardens wins 12 awards

English Gardens Landscape Department has won 12 Environmental Improvement Awards from the Michigan Green Industry Association (MGIA), said Rick Vespa, vice-president, merchandising and landscape design/build, English Gardens.

The awards are three gold, four silver and five bronze, and will be presented at the association's Annual Banquet and Holiday Celebration on Friday, Dec. 2.

"This is the most awards our company has ever received in a single year from one organization," said Vespa. "It's a true testament to the talent and commitment to excellence within our department."

English Gardens landscape designers and installation teams receiving awards include:

■ Jamey Stefanie – a bronze award for residential landscape reconstruction of \$25,000 to \$50,000.

She has a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Michigan State University, and resides in Novi.

award for residential landscape reconstruction of \$25,000 to \$50,000; and a bronze for commercial landscape construction under \$10,000 for the Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden in Dearborn Heights.

A resident of Dearborn Heights, she has a diploma in landscape design from Fanshawe College in London, Ontario.

■ Valerie Franklin – a gold award for creative horticulture for the Think Spring display at The Village of Rochester Hills; and a bronze award for residential landscape reconstruction of \$50,000 to \$100,000.

A resident of Royal Oak, Mich., Franklin received a bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture from MSU.

■ Scott Goldman – a bronze award for residential landscape reconstruction of \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Goldman resides in Highland, and received a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Utah State University.

■ Jim Morris – a silver award for residential landscape reconstruction under

\$10,000. He received a bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture from MSU, and resides in Grosse Pointe Park.

■ Michael Southgate – a gold award for residential landscape construction of \$10,000 to \$25,000.

He resides in Howell and received a bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture from MSU.

■ Christine Brown (nee Szczembara) – a silver award for residential landscape construction of \$50,000 to \$100,000. She lives in Wixom and received a bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture from MSU.

■ Stephanie VanHaverbeck – a bronze award for residential landscape reconstruction of \$25,000 to \$50,000. She resides in Ray Township, and received a bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture from MSU.

■ The Landscape Department received two awards: a gold award for residential landscape reconstruction of \$50,000 to \$100,000; and a silver award for commercial landscape reconstruction under \$10,000 for the English Gardens Ann Arbor store.

### GARDEN CALENDAR

#### Holiday arrangements

Floral classes offered through Schoolcraft College include Floral Arrangements for the Holidays, four Wednesdays beginning Nov. 23 at Schoolcraft's Radcliff Center in Garden City. Fee is \$106 (\$84.80 for seniors). Fresh flowers and materials will be provided. Bring a knife, wire cutters, scissors and a cutting board. Bruce Boland of Boland Florist will be the instructor. Call Continuing Education and Professional Development at (734) 462-4448 for information. Students will design one Thanksgiving centerpiece and three different Christmas arrangements (one contemporary, one traditional and one door decoration).

#### Festive welcome

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) 332-7900) and Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100). For more information, call the stores or visit [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com). Festive Front Doors and Entryways will be the topic Nov. 30. Welcome visitors to your home with unusual ideas to decorate your front door and entryway. This seminar will show you how to use

wreaths, garlands, greens and ornaments to reflect your own personal style.

#### School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes for different levels at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt, and at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit [www.michigangardening.com](http://www.michigangardening.com). The schedule includes: Presenting Your Design, two Saturdays beginning Nov. 19 in Livonia (fee is \$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).

#### Holiday wreath

Join in the fun of making a holiday wreath with fresh greens and seasonal decorations, to keep or for a gift, in a class 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Henry Ford Estate-Fair Lane on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus. Cost is \$35, which includes materials. The class will be taught by a professional florist and is for adults and for age 12 and older accompanied by an adult.

Reservations and pre-pay are required. Limited seating. Call (313) 593-5580 or (313) 593-0514.

Proceeds will benefit the Henry Ford Estate Gardens.

#### Holly Berry Brunch

The Garden Club of Dearborn will host its ninth annual Holly Berry Brunch fundraiser Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Dearborn Inn.

Tickets are \$30 per person. Advance ticket sales continue through Nov. 25, with reserved seating available for groups of 10. To order tickets, call Mary Bugela at (313) 562-7524.

Consisting of a raffle and silent auction beginning at 10 a.m., followed by a brunch, the event is a holiday season kickoff for many local residents and garden club members from throughout Michigan.

Raffle items donated by members and area businesses range from overnighters and entertainment packages to garden benches and garden art. Silent auction items include many antique and handmade pieces.

The event benefits scholarships for students of environmental science and natural science at the University of Michigan and Henry Ford Community College, landscape development projects at Henry Ford Centennial Library and Fair Lane Mansion, the club's Horticulture Therapy program.

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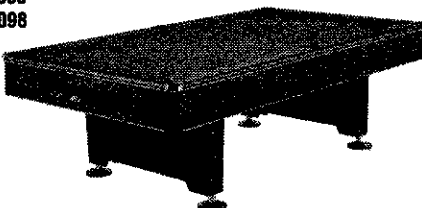
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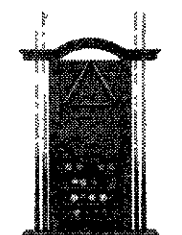
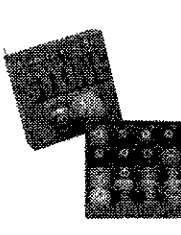
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## CHEER

FROM PAGE B1

A pattern of black and white squares is on the kitchen floor and area rugs. Two other area rugs are covered with a pattern of red strawberries on a black background.

The lively tone is similar to that of the work of Mary Engelbreit, with her deep colors and nostalgic innocence. Engelbreit is Beth Casari's favorite artist.

"I love to decorate for Christmas," Beth Casari said. "I love Santas."

She collects Santas, and estimates there are 40 throughout the house for the holiday. These include a variety of figurines and pillows, arranged on walls, shelves, furniture and counter-tops.

"I get more and more every year."

## SANTA SIGHTINGS

One room features an almost life-size Santa standing near a window, and three smaller Santas posed among the section of balusters and railing that hangs on a wall. Beth Casari painted the balusters red, yellow and a pattern of white dots on black.

Near the front door, a small Santa from Russia stands in a tiny alcove that has silhouettes of onion-domed, Russian style buildings painted on the back.

Two Santas are fixed in a red rectangle painted on a yellow wall in the entryway.

A parachutist Santa hangs from the pot rack in the kitchen, where other Clauses include a Santa chef and a bell-ringing music box Santa made by Beth's mother.

Also in the kitchen - where a sign, Grand Central Station, hangs over a doorway - are black, wooden chairs around a table. Beth painted teapots and other designs on the seats.

On a living room wall, Casari made "packages" by placing wooden frames around prints that were hanging there and covering them with red or with black and white checked fabric. Red ribbons and ornaments - suggesting gift tags - complete the look.

A white, feathery tree stands in one corner of the living room, bearing black and white ornaments. A green tree dressed in Victorian style ornaments stands in another room, where the Casaris added French doors.

The family has lived in the house for two years.

"We love it here," Beth said. Rooms are placed in such an angle that she can watch her children in the living room and see someone at the front door while she is in the kitchen, she said.

When selecting houses to be featured on the tour, organizers are "looking for something other

than builder's white walls," said Jami Jenkins, Christmas in the Village coordinator. "Something that showed creativity."

The homes have variations in layout and decorating style, she said.

"There are some that are very modern, one that has antiques and more Victorian flair. Two homes have the same floor plan but you would never know it."

People from 44 different communities came to the tour last year, Jenkins said.

## OTHER ELEMENTS

The second day of Christmas in the Village offers a variety of activities. The events are provided at minimal cost, Jenkins said.

"We really try to make that our family day," she said.

Among the features will be 10 different crafts for children to make and display in their homes, free entertainment and free carriage rides.

In a tent decorated inside and outside as the Claus home, Mrs. Claus will read and youngsters will enjoy munchies and singing carols.

"It's an opportunity to come together and kick off the holidays," Jenkins said.

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.

## VILLAGE

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Home tour tickets are \$12 in advance, \$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).

■ **Live entertainment:** Free entertainment on a main stage and with strolling performers will be featured Nov. 26. 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, also at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads. Tickets are \$15 for the first show and \$18 for the second, and available at Summit on the Park. Home tour/performance packages are \$27 at Summit on the Park.

■ **Other features Nov. 26:** Children's crafts and games, cookie decorating, a petting zoo with accompanying wagon rides, carriage rides, pictures with Santa and storytelling with Mrs. Claus.

■ **Information:** Visit [www.christmasinthevillage.com](http://www.christmasinthevillage.com).

## SPAM

FROM PAGE B1

I also have e-mail accounts on Yahoo and a few other services, but I access those directly (on their respective Web sites) and leverage their built-in spam filters (which are pretty mediocre).

When trying to combat spam in Outlook Express (or, for that matter, Outlook), there are two basic ways to go.

First, you can filter it once it reaches your PC, meaning you still have to download all the junk.

Second, you can stop it before it reaches your PC, which I consider a much more efficient method.

Mailblocks was one such "server-side" solution. Whenever someone who wasn't in my address book tried to e-mail me, they'd automatically receive a reply asking them to confirm their identity.

How does this stop spam? The automated systems that spew it out are incapable of answering this simple challenge, so Mailblocks never let their messages through.

Admittedly, this is a bit of a hassle for the sender, but confirmation is required only once, and it's a quick and painless process.

Occasionally, the sender's

own spam filter will block the challenge message, creating a kind of unending loop, but there are easy ways around that.

Anyway, I wanted to replace Mailblocks with something similar, and eventually I found it: SpamArrest ([www.spamarrest.com](http://www.spamarrest.com)).

This service uses an almost identical challenge/response system, allowing only approved messages to reach my PC.

It's a snap to set up, it lets you filter up to five separate accounts, and it supports Web-based mail systems like Hotmail and Yahoo.

What's more, you can easily review (and, if desired, authorize) blocked messages. My only complaint with the service is its price: \$34.95 per year.

Of course, if you loathe spam as much as I do, that's a small price to pay to be rid of it for good.

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## RELIGION CALENDAR

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## NOVEMBER

## Helping the hungry

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth will enlist the help of 150 students to help package meals for starving children worldwide 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Nov. 17, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. For more information about the event or how to get involved, call Lee Harrison at (734) 416-6055.

## 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, 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](http://www.stjohn-lutheran.com).

## Christmas 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.

## Birthday Mass

The 135th birthday of Father Solanus Casey will be commemorated with a Mass at noon Sunday, Nov. 20, at St. Bonaventure, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit.

## Fund-raiser 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.

## Dave Brubeck Mass

Highlights the Wayne State University Department of Music concert which honors the city of Detroit and celebrates the beginning of the holiday season noon Tuesday, Nov. 22, in Greentown's Old St. Mary's Church, 646 Monroe, Detroit. Featured performers are the Matt Michaels Jazz Quartet and the WSU Symphonic Chorus and Orchestra. No charge and open to the public. For more information, call (313) 577-1795 or visit [www.music.wayne.edu](http://www.music.wayne.edu).

## Single parents

7 p.m. Wednesday program, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church,

40000 Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920

## Fun event

Movies, crafts, clown, and more for children 2-12 years old (limit of 25 children) 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, at New Beginnings Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Serving soup and salad lunch to children and parents when being picked up. No charge but donations welcome. Call (313) 255-6330 and ask for Rhevelle.

## 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.

## Bible study

Parents with young children Bible study 6:30 p.m. Sundays, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361. Dinner and childcare provided.

## 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.

## UPCOMING

## Marian Advent retreat

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, in Madonna University Center and Chapel, 14221 Levan, Livonia. This year's theme is Mary's Christmas and Rev. Daniel Jones, professor, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will lead events. Activities include reflection and prayer, 3 conferences, lunch, individual reconciliation, Exposition and Benediction of the Bless Sacrament, the mysteries of the rosary with meditation prepared and led by students, and Sunday Mass in the University Chapel at 4 p.m. The cost is \$18 and includes lunch and refreshments. Reservations required, call (734) 432-5524.

## Craft show

More than 80 crafters show their wares 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley at Cherry Hill, Canton. Bake sale and lunch available. Admission \$2, children under age 12 free. Call (734) 981-1333.

## Holiday marketplace

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School Gym 9600 Levere, Redford. Come do your Christmas shopping with us. Vendors include Arbonne, Arvon, Creative Memories, Discovery Toys, Reliv, Nikken, Stamping, Tupperware, and more. Call (313) 937-2424.

## Cookie walk

After 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services Sunday, Dec. 4, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361. Stock up on yummy treats for the holiday.

## Open house

For the Manresa Jesuit Retreat House 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at 1390 Quarton and Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Meet the Jesuits and discover the programs and ministries offered to the community. For information, call (877) MANRESA or visit [www.manresa-sj.org](http://www.manresa-sj.org). The mission of Manresa is to help men and women grow spiritually through prayer, reflection and teaching according to the tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola.

## Concert

Birmingham Concert Band present Holiday Ornaments 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple at Chesterfield, Birmingham. The band will be joined by the Lutheran High Northwest Concert Choir. The band is looking for instrumentalists to fill several sections. Call Grant Hoemke, musical director, at (248) 474-4997.

## Nativity story

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors The Story of the Nativity As Told in Icons, a presentation by the Most Rev. Nathaniel, Archbishop of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at St. George Romanian Orthodox Church, 18405 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield. The program includes a concert of Orthodox Nativity Carols and Liturgical Hymns of the Nativity by the COCC Inter-Orthodox Choir, a sing-a-long of familiar western Christmas carols, and a visit by St. Nicholas for children. The event is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken. For further information, contact Janet Damian at (313) 706-0666 or send e-mail to [dami-anj@juno.com](mailto:dami-anj@juno.com).

## Cookie walk

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 12th Annual Cookie Walk is Saturday, Dec. 10, doors open at 8 a.m., sale starts at 9 a.m. and lasts until sold out. Pierogi, stuffed cabbage, bread, nut and poppyseed rolls, and more than 50 different assortments of ethnic (kiefle, kolachy, rugela, koulourakia, biscotti, linzer) and traditional cookies and candy will be for sale at the church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, east of Newburgh, Livonia.

## Cookie walk

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 26355 W. Chicago, between Beech Daly and Inkster, Redford. Cookies are sold by the pound. Come early for best selection.

## Holiday craft fair

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Tri-City Christian Center, 3855 Sheldon, north of Michigan Avenue, Canton. Admission \$1. Bake sale and refreshments available. Call (734) 495-3363.

## Advent concert

The fifth annual Advent Concert, featuring the Langford Men's Chorus, will be held 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia. Rosedale's own Campanelle Chapel at 4 p.m. The cost is \$18 and includes lunch and refreshments. Reservations required, call (734) 432-5524.

## Christmas concert

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia, presents their annual Christmas Concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the sanctuary at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. For more information call (734) 522-6830. Featured will be the Christ Our Savior Festival Choir the Jubilation Handbell Choir; the Rings of Joy Youth Handbell Choir, the Laudate Choir (grades 1-6), the Confirmation Choir (grades 7 & 8), a Brass Choir, and various instrumentalists providing uplifting holiday music. The concert is free and open to the public with a freewill offering being taken.

## 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.

Wagner, University organist and professor of music at Madonna University.

General admission for either concert is \$5 and the public is welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Dr. David Wagner at (734) 432-5708 or by e-mail at [dwagner@madonna.edu](mailto:dwagner@madonna.edu).

## Chorale celebrates holiday season

The Madonna University Chorale and Chamber Orchestra present Charpentier's Magnificat, Ryba's Missa Pastorales and other seasonal Christmas favorites 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Historic St. Joseph's Church (Jay and Orleans Streets, Detroit). The con-

cert will be repeated 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at at St. Mary's Shrine Chapel, at the Orchard Lake Center (3535 Indian Trail) in Orchard Lake.

The chorale, which is comprised of students, faculty and friends of the University, is conducted by Dr. David

## Madonna University to hold Marian Advent retreat

Madonna University in Livonia will hold a Marian Advent Retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 from The retreat will be held in the University Center and Chapel (14221 Levan Road).

This year's theme is "Mary's Christmas" and Rev. Daniel Jones, professor, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will lead the day's events.

Activities include: quiet reflection and prayer; three conferences; lunch; individual reconciliation; Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; the mysteries of the rosary with

meditation prepared and led by students; and Sunday Mass celebrated in the University Chapel at 4 p.m.

The cost of the retreat, which is open to the public, is \$18 and includes lunch and refreshments. For reservations or additional information, contact the Campus Ministry office at (734) 432-5524. Advance reservations are required.

Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

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

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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. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit [www.betchaverim.com](http://www.betchaverim.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 Rocks

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](http://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 7-8:30 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.

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## Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays, at the Friendship Center, 1119 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) 421-7620.

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**BETTIE M. CHAMBERLAIN**  
Of Bloomfield Hills, died November 13, 2005. Beloved wife of Benjamin "Bud". Loving mother of Chady (David) Hall & Charles C. (Anita). Dear grandmother of Barbara Jones & Dave Hall. Predeceased by parents Lillis & Joseph Duncovich and sister Bessie Jennings. Bettie was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, Royal Oak Women's Club & Red Run Golf Club. Services were held Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church. Memorials to Alzheimer's Association or Beaumont Hospice appreciated. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak.

**LISA M. KEISTER**  
Age 40, of Carleton, passed away on November 8, 2005. She donated her body to the University of Michigan. She is survived by husband, Steven T. Keister of Carleton; parents, James & Georgette Craig of Canton; sister, Kelly (John) Irvin of Canton; sister, Michele (Matthew) Kramp of Canton; nieces, Zoe, Charley, and Madeline. Memorial Service will be held Saturday, November 19, 2005 at 11:00 AM, Rupp Funeral Home, Inc. Monroe, MI.

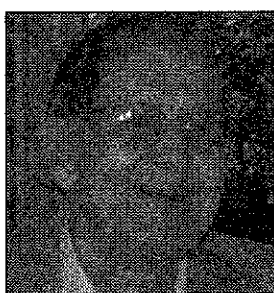
**GRANT RUSSELL VALPEY**  
Died on Oct. 28, 2005. Grant was born in New York, NY March 1, 1918, the son of Ethel and F. Russell Valpey. He is survived by daughters, Julie Sherr of Florida and Amy Kennedy of Albuquerque, NM; grandson, Jordan Kennedy; granddaughter, Andrea Montanez, and great-granddaughter, Cree Kennedy, all of Albuquerque, granddaughter Jennifer Lincoln, and great-grandson, Richie Lincoln, both of Florida; and brother, Robert G. Valpey of Riverside, CA. Grant was preceded in death by his dear wife, Margaret in May, 1997. A 1936 graduate of Cranbrook School, Grant received a B.A. degree in economics from the University of Michigan in 1940. He entered the U.S. Army on April 9, 1941 and served with the 125th Infantry Regiment, 32nd Infantry Division stationed at Camp Livingston, Alexandria, LA. He married Margaret E. Burton in Petersburg, VA, August 8, 1942. Upon graduation from OCS on August 14, 1942, he was assigned to the 13th armored division at Camp Beale, CA. He later was transferred to the 196th Truck Battalion at Fort Ord, CA. He served 18 months overseas in England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. His last assignment was Chief Rail and Road Officer, Brussels District Office, Chancor Base Section. After the end of hostilities in Europe, he commanded a Reserve Battalion until he was discharged in the grade of Major on February 15, 1954. Before moving to Albuquerque in 1988, Grant resided in Birmingham, MI and was self employed as a manufacturer's agent engaged in selling principally to the major auto manufacturer's in Detroit. Interment was at Santa Fe National Cemetery on Friday, November 4, 2005.

## KAREN ZOLTOWSKI

Age 58, November 14, 2005. Loving mother of Jeffery and Kimberly (Ronald) Caramagno. Grandmother of Olivia. Dearest daughter of Betty and the late John Bowser. Dear sister of Michele (John) Erickson, Kevin (Chris) Bowser, and Mark (Darlene) Bowser. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Thursday, 2-9pm at Harris & Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd. Livonia. Funeral Service Friday, 11:30am, at the funeral home. Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Project Jason, P.O. Box 3035, Omaha, Nebraska 68107

## LOUIS C. VENEGONI

Age 82, of Rochester Hills, passed away at home, November 14, 2005. Beloved husband of Helene (nee: Renaud). Dear step dad of Paul (Christine) Santoro and Cynthia Santoro (Harold Hirtzel). Loving step grandfather of David, Marc, Angela Santoro, and Tony, Jamie Hirtzel. Dear brother of Carlo (Theresa) Venegoni, and the late Rost Pagani. Loving uncle of Ermanno (Marie) Pagani. Mr. Venegoni retired from Detroit Edison after 38 years of dedicated service. Private services have been held. Memorial contributions to Hospice of Michigan appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to The Pixley Funeral Home, 322 W. University Drive, Rochester, MI (248) 651-9641



## JACK W. QUALMAN

Age 90, passed away on November 8, 2005. He was born July 2, 1915 in Saginaw, MI. Jack secured sponsorship to General Motors Institute in 1933, enabling him to fund his college education during the depth of the Depression. He graduated in 1937 with high honors as a mechanical engineer and began a 44-year career with General Motors. He was soon involved with the design of the Hydramatic, the world's first automatic transmission. Jack designed automatic transmissions for military vehicles during WWII and went on to specialize in transmission design receiving several patents for his innovations. He retired as chief engineer of Hydramatic Division, in 1977. Jack and Amy, his wife of 64 years, found a lifetime of enjoyment in family, friends, travel and golf. He greatly enjoyed fishing in northern Canada with his sons and grandsons. Jack will be dearly missed by his wife, Amy, sons, Jack Jr. "Jay" (Brook) and Alfred (Connie), and his grandchildren, Jack III (Helene), Erik, Matthew (Mary Alison), Holly (John Preville) and Heather. A Memorial Service is planned for 11 AM on Friday, November 25th in Saginaw, MI at the Oakwood Mausoleum. Memorials to the Macular Degeneration Foundation, Inc. 888-633-3937. For further information please call at 248-684-6645 or [www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com)

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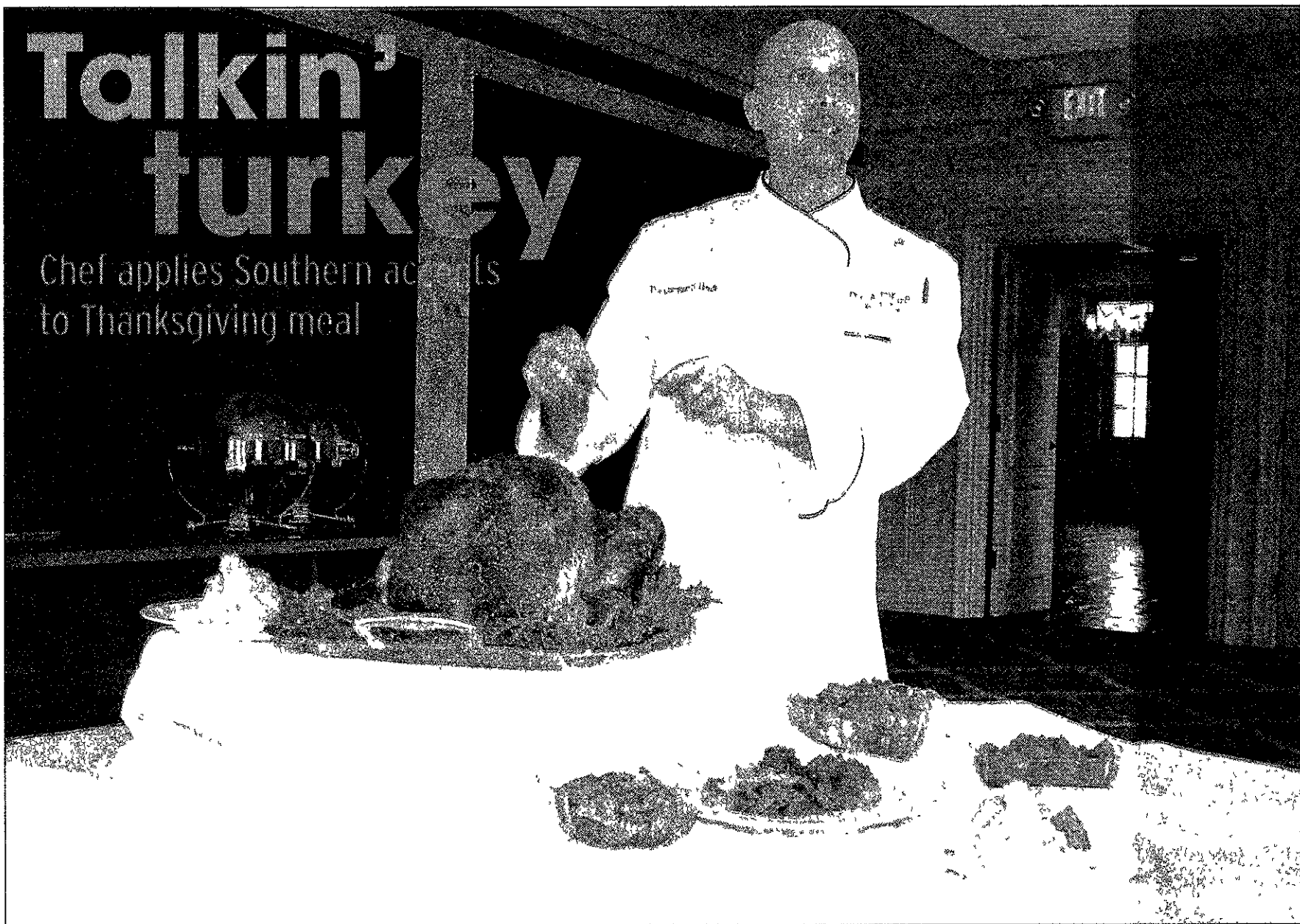
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Peter Engelhardt, executive chef of The Community House in Birmingham, discusses techniques on how to roast a turkey with honey Dijon mustard, garlic and fresh rosemary.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

We all have our favorite ways to prepare Thanksgiving dinner.

You might like a simple cornbread stuffing or one with pork sausage, or you may prefer chicken livers in it or love an oyster stuffing.

Then there's the sweet potatoes or creamy mashed potatoes that grace the table. And what about that green bean casserole?

Peter Engelhardt, executive chef of The Community House in Birmingham, loves a great turkey, and brings much of his Southern cooking expertise to people that day at their home in Oakland Township.

How's this for a menu? Engelhardt enjoys fresh garlic rosemary turkey, cranberry orange sauce, sweet potato soufflé and Southern style green beans. For dessert, there's cinnamon apple purse.

"This is a menu that I really enjoy," Engelhardt said.

A Rochester native, Engelhardt was exposed to Southern cooking during the 10 years he worked in Atlanta, at Turner Arena Operations (Turner Field and Phillips Arena), the Atlanta Athletic Club and Doubletree Hotel.

The garlic and rosemary are a natural on turkey. "You should use fresh rosemary," Engelhardt said. Dried rosemary can be harder to chew.

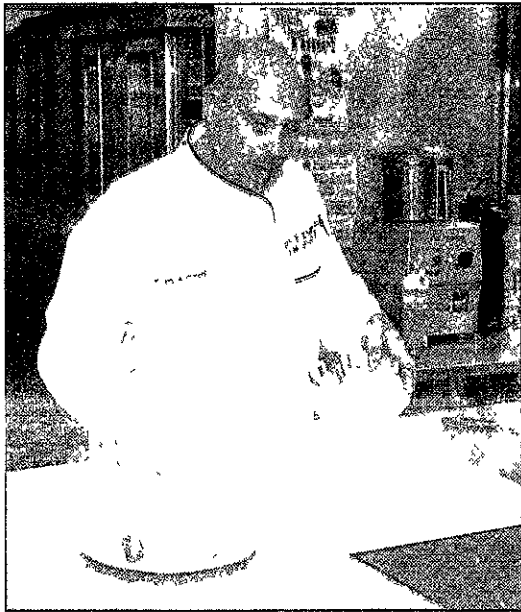
First roast the turkey for about 15 minutes at 400° F, then lower it to 250° F for a slow roast. Allow for 10-15 minutes per pound. (His accompanying recipe calls for a consistent 275° temperature, so you can use either option.)

"The high temperature (400° F) sears the outside and seals in all the juices," Engelhardt said. "Halfway through you can put aluminum foil so the outside isn't too dark."

"The turkey should be basted every 20 to 30 minutes," Engelhardt said.

The cranberry and orange pack a sweet-sour combination with the turkey. "You have the sweetness with the sugar and the orange, and the sour of the cranberries and orange rind," Engelhardt said.

Stuffings can include a favorite breakfast pork sausage, chicken stock and oysters, if desired. "But I really enjoy just having the sweet potato soufflé," Engelhardt said. That soufflé features a topping of pecans and brown sugar for a sweet crunch to balance the soft



Engelhardt fills phyllo dough with an apple mixture to create cinnamon apple purses.

texture of the potatoes.

The turkey should be cooked to 165° F, using an instant-read thermometer on the meatiest part of the thigh to check for doneness, Engelhardt said.

Let the turkey sit for 20 minutes before cutting. "Get it off the bone, too," he said, if you are storing turkey leftovers. "You can use the carcass for soup the next day."

Making gravy for the turkey? Make sure the roux (flour, drippings and butter) and stock are hot before you mix them. "If both are hot, then nine times out of 10 you won't have lumps," Engelhardt said. Mix a wine (whatever you're serving, such as a chardonnay) into the gravy.

Engelhardt mixes 4 ounces of a combination of drippings and butter with 4 ounces of flour to 1 quart of stock.

The beans cooked with a ham hock are among his favorites. "It's really a Southern-style dish," he said. The beans are very soft because they cook for four hours.

For dessert, the apple purse is like an apple pie in phyllo dough. Engelhardt said Granny Smiths, Cortland or McIntosh apples are probably the best for this recipe. "(Cooks) lean toward these because they're pretty tart," Engelhardt said. "Stay away from the reds."

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## Tradition with a twist: Try this glaze

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Traditional, but with a twist. Isn't that the kind of inspiration, the interestingly varied recipes for the Meal of the Day, that cooks hope will come their way as Thanksgiving nears?

Also, you can beat cooking — promoting, please — let it be fairly simple, not too much shopping. And still recognizable. Any "twist" should not shock those who really prefer tradition to predominate.

So, take a look at this variation in the presentation of Thanksgiving's anchor, symbol of the day, major taste and perennial standby: the turkey. Here's the plan: Let's glaze it.

The bird will look picture-perfect — the glaze gives it a great, dark-gold glow. The taste of the meat will reflect the ingredients of its barbecue-style glaze with offbeat accents of cumin, and coffee (showing up these days as an ingredient in unfamiliar contexts). Barbecue, of course, has a history and popularity totally in the spirit of the day.

Butterball recipe developer Sherleen Clausen points out that this turkey — which is not stuffed — could be

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## Try a few new side dishes

BY THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

HYDE PARK, N.Y. (AP) — When it comes to Thanksgiving dinner, traditional recipes are hard to beat. They're familiar and reliable, and everyone expects to see them on the table each year. However, while there may be comfort in the routine, there is also the intrigue of trying something new.

There's no need to swap the turkey for pot roast or say goodbye to the beloved cranberry relish. Instead, add a few new side dishes to this year's feast. Side dishes and accompaniments can include any number of dishes made from vegetables, grains, pasta or potatoes that serve to enhance and

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## Hot lines for holiday food preparation

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toll-free telephone services and Web sites offer a variety of specialist answers to cooking and food-safety questions during holiday preparation times.

Here are some of them:

■ U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat and Poultry Hotline: (888) 674-6854 or (888) MPHOTline. Food safety specialists answer calls about meat and poultry preparation and cooking questions, year-round Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST, except Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day, when hours will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. EST. Recorded information is available 24 hours a day at the same number. Also available in Spanish. On the Net: [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Food\\_Safety\\_Education/USDA\\_meat\\_and\\_poultry\\_hotline](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Food_Safety_Education/USDA_meat_and_poultry_hotline)

Or send e-mail to:

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■ Butterball Turkey Talk-Line: (800) 288-8372 or (800) BUTTERBALL. Home economists and nutritionists answer holiday cooks' questions, in both English and Spanish, for callers in the United States and Canada. Callers can request a free pamphlet with safety and cooking tips and recipes. Now to Nov. 18, weekdays 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 20, Sunday before Thanksgiving, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Nov. 21 to Nov. 23, Mon.-Wed. before Thanksgiving, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Nov. 25 to Dec. 16, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 18 to Dec. 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 24 to Dec. 25, Christmas Eve-Christmas Day, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Automated assistance available outside the above hours and all year long. On the Net: <http://www.butterball.com>

■ Foster Farms Turkey Helpline: (800) 255-7227. Turkey-cooking questions are answered and information given by live operators 24 hours a day now through Nov. 28 (including Thanksgiving Day).

Before and after those dates, the helpline is available 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

On the Net: <http://www.fosterfarms.com>

■ Perdue consumer help line: (800) 473-7383. Consumer-relations representatives answer cooking, storage and other questions about poultry products weekdays year-round (except Nov. 25 and Christmas Day) 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free booklet offer with tips on safe handling of poultry.

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■ Shady Brook Farms: (888) 723-4468.

■ Honeysuckle White: (800) 810-6325. Automated holiday-meal information lines offer 24-hour service every day throughout the holidays, including meal planning, buying and cooking turkeys. On the Net: <http://www.myfamilyholiday.com>

■ Empire Kosher poultry customer hotline: (800) 367-4734, or (717) 436-5921. Help is offered by consumer-affairs representatives year-round Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Program offers recipes, newsletter, tips on defrosting and cooking poultry. Closed Jewish and secular holidays. On the Net: <http://www.empirekosher.com>

■ Ocean Spray consumer help line: (800) 662-3263. Year-round, weekdays open Thanksgiving Day; but not Christmas Day.

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## Don't follow the rules and succeed

Laela Heron, owner of Heron Wines based in San Francisco, was reared by unconventional parents. Her wines aren't unconventional but her route to producing them certainly is.

A world traveler since age 10, Heron has lived in Africa, Asia, Europe and the U.S., absorbing culture and adventure at every stop. At one time, this 41-year-old partnered in a wine-oriented Copenhagen restaurant, taught wine classes and even hosted a food and wine radio program.

Risk-taking is her standard for a good life.

As a wine producer, Heron is a one-woman show. "I've never followed rules," she said. "When it comes to wine, my goal is to give



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consumers something more than they expect for under \$15 per bottle."

### MAKING IT HAPPEN

Through the University of Colorado, Heron spent her junior year in France and became fluent in French. After earning a first degree, she returned to France and enrolled in the Institute of Enology in

Bordeaux to learn winemaking.

There she met two young Frenchmen. One man's family had an old-vine merlot vineyard and that family also had a winery next door that she used to make her first wine. She now has a 20-year lease on a single vineyard property in St. Chinian, a top area of the Languedoc region (Vin de Pays d'Oc) which she calls "the Wild West of France." From that source, she makes her French merlot, which launched in the United States in 1995.

"At first, finding good vineyards was discouraging," Heron said. "I had no capital, no business investors and no business experience. I didn't

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### HOLIDAY WINE PICKS

Top value wines (\$15 and under) for the holiday season:

**Cabernet Sauvignon:** 2004 Valentin Bianchi Elsa (Argentina), \$9; 2003 Concannon Selected Vineyard, \$10; and 2002 Hogue Cabernet-Merlot, \$10.  
**2004 McManis,** \$10; and 2003 Chateau St. Jean, \$15.  
**Carmenere:** 2004 Santa Rita 120, \$7, and 2003 Santa Rita Reserva, \$11.  
**Malbec:** 2004 Valentin Bianchi Elsa (Argentina), \$9.  
**Merlot:** 2004 Bulletin Place, \$9; 2003 Hogue Merlot, \$10; 2002 Gallo of Sonoma, \$11; 2003 Ravenswood Vintners Blend, \$12; and 2004 Porcupine Ridge (S. Africa), \$12.  
**Pinot Noir:** 2004 Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve, \$14.  
**Syrah/Shiraz:** 2003 Concannon, \$10; 2003 Liberty School, \$12; 2003 Clos du Bois, \$14; 2004 Nine Stones Barossa and McLaren Vale and Hilltops

Shiraz, all \$14; and 2004 Lindemans Bin 55, \$8.  
**Sauvignon Blanc** 2005 Santa Rita 120, \$7; 2004 Monterra, \$9; 2004 Dancing Bull, \$10 (racy and zingy); 2004 Concannon, \$10 (Thai basil, lemon-grass, citrus); 2005 Yelcho Reserve (Chile), \$10; 2005 Porcupine Ridge, \$10; 2004 Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve, \$10; 2004 Matua, N.Z., \$12 (more assertive); 2004 Beringer, \$12; 2004 Chateau St. Jean Fume Blanc, \$13; 2004 Rodney Strong Charlotte's Home, \$14; 2004 Kunde Magnolia Lane, \$15; and 2004 Kenwood Reserve, \$15.  
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**Unique red:** 2003 Wild Bunch \$10 (zin, syrah and barbera blend).



# Give your stuffing something extra

BY DANA JACOBI  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

On Thanksgiving Day, turkey is the traditional star. But as frequently happens in show business, the supporting cast of side dishes usually steals the show at Thanksgiving dinner. Among them, stuffing is always most popular at our house.

Or dressing, as we have always called it, probably because in my family it is baked on its own rather than being stuffed inside the turkey. My grandmother and mother both prepared dressing this way. They felt the fat from the bird made the stuffing soggy, heavy and hard to digest. When baked on its own, the dressing remains moist and substantial but still light.

Recently, I learned that most Southerners call this side dish "dressing" whether or not it's stuffed inside the bird. If you live west of the Mississippi, this word choice is like using "green onions" to refer to what Easterners call scallions – a regional habit. South of the Mason-Dixon line, this favorite side dish is called dressing because back in Victorian times, genteel Southerners felt that, used in mixed company, the word stuffing lacked propriety.

## WHOLE-WHEAT FRUIT AND NUT DRESSING

- 8 slices whole-wheat bread, cut in 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 cup finely chopped celery
- 1 large leek, white part only,



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Using whole-grain bread and lots of "add-ins" can make dressing a healthy choice. This dressing combines whole-wheat bread with a lavish amount of fruits, vegetables and nuts.

- chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 cup finely chopped scallions
- 2 medium Granny Smith apples, cored and chopped
- 1 cup seedless green grapes, quartered
- 1 tablespoon poultry seasoning
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1-1/2 cups fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth

Spread the bread cubes in one layer on a baking sheet and leave them out overnight to dry. Or, toast the cubes in a 350° F oven, stirring several times, until dry, 20-30 minutes. Place them in large mixing bowl.

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Coat a 9- by 13-inch square baking pan with cooking spray.

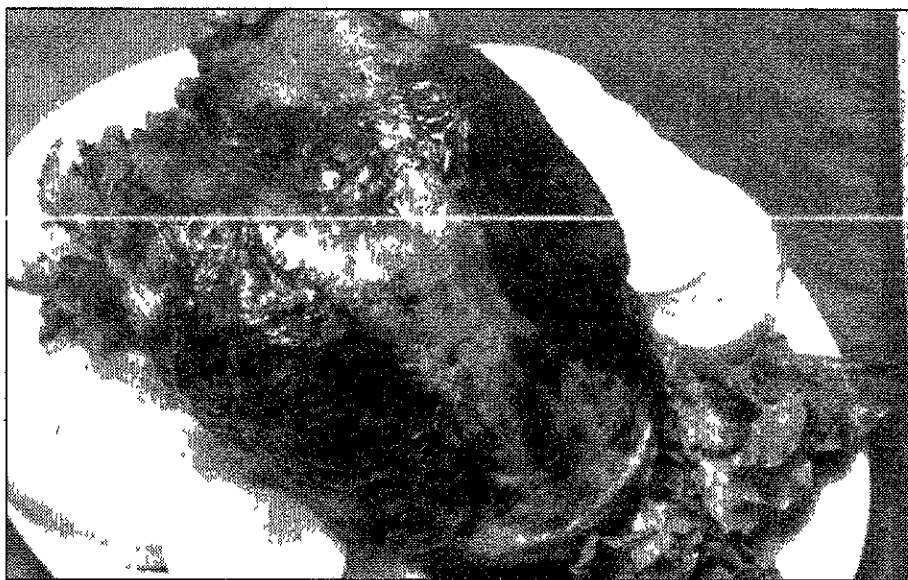
Heat the oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté the celery, leek, onion and scallions

until soft, about 5 minutes. Mix in the apples and grapes to coat them with oil. Add this mixture to the bread cubes. Add the poultry seasoning, eggs, nuts and a light sprinkling of salt and pepper. Toss with a fork to blend. Pour in 1 cup of the broth. Mix until dressing is moist but not soggy, adding more broth as needed. Pack the dressing firmly into the prepared pan and cover with foil.

Bake the dressing 30 to 40 minutes. Uncover and set aside for 15 minutes before serving. Check flavors and add salt and pepper to taste, if desired.

Makes 12 servings. Per serving: 121 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 18 g. carbohydrate, 4 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 187 mg. sodium.

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



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Another favorite to use on turkey is a combination of paper-thin slices of orange and lemon, plus fresh herbs. The citrus bastes the meat moist, while the bird's skin holds all the flavors in place.

# Try a juicy baste for your bird

BY DANA JACOBI  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Perhaps the most challenging aspect of roasting a Thanksgiving Day turkey is producing a moist, succulent breast. Because the turkey breast cooks much faster than the thigh or leg, those interested only in the white meat often buy just the breast. But retaining succulent moistness until the breast is fully cooked can still be a challenge. Some chefs try to avoid this problem by first soaking the meat in a solution of salty water to which sugar, spices and herbs are added for extra flavor.

But the entire process is lengthy and a bit of a nuisance. The turkey can taste as if it had been drowned in salt, and the other flavors do not penetrate beyond the surface. There is, however, another technique that preserves the juiciness of the breast, whether cooked separately or as part of an entire bird.

The trick is to slip flavorful seasonings under the skin of the breast. Among many options are fresh or dried herbs, alone or whirled into a pesto-like paste, a commercial product like Thai chili paste, or goat cheese blended with dried herbs. Deep-pocket cooks use slices of truffles or morels for an opulent touch, while the more economical prefer dried shiitake mushrooms, first lightly soaked, which impart a delicately earthy smoke flavor. Another favorite is a combination of paper-thin slices of orange and lemon, plus fresh herbs.

and lemon, plus fresh herbs. The citrus bastes and keeps the meat moist, while the bird's skin holds all the flavors in place.

## CITRUS AND HERB TURKEY BREAST

- 1 large carrot, cut into thick slices
- 1 large celery rib, roughly diced
- 1 large leek (white and green part), sliced thin, lengthwise
- 1 large onion, cut into small chunks
- 1 small whole turkey breast, with ribs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 8-10 fresh thyme sprigs, or 1/2 teaspoon dried
- 4 thin lemon slices, cut from center of fruit
- 2 thin orange slices, cut from center of fruit
- Canola oil spray
- 1 cup fat-free, reduced sodium chicken broth

Set a rack in the center of the oven. Preheat the oven to 350° F. In a roasting pan just large enough to hold the turkey, arrange the carrots, celery, leek and onion to serve as a base or bed on which to roast the turkey.

Using the fingers of one hand to slide under the turkey breast skin near the neck and gently pry it from the meat, use the other hand to gently lift up the skin as it releases from the meat, taking care not to tear the skin, until all the breast skin is loosened from the meat.

Rub or sprinkle the salt on the exposed breast meat. Add the thyme. On one side of the breast, insert a lemon slice, slipping it to the back, adding a second slice to the front. Then add a second orange slice to the back, and a second orange slice to the front.

slice, keeping the herb under the citrus as much as possible. Repeat on the other side of the breast. Gently pulling the loosened skin, pat it down so it nearly reaches the neck.

Coat the skin generously with cooking spray and set the breast on the bed of vegetables, arranging them to hold it upright. Place the pan on the oven rack. Add the broth. Roast until an instant-read thermometer (inserted into the thickest part of the breast and not touching the bone) registers 165°F (about 20 minutes per pound). If the skin is browning too quickly or too much, loosely tent the breast with foil. Remove the breast to a platter and let it rest 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, pour the pan juices into a gravy strainer or measuring cup. Chill to allow fat to rise to the surface. Transfer vegetables to a blender and purée, then press through a sieve to extract juices into a small bowl. (This step may be omitted.) Discard the vegetables. Skim and discard the congealed fat and stir in the vegetable juices. Gently reheat in a microwave or transfer to a small pan to reheat stove-top. When ready to serve, transfer to a small pitcher.

Remove the skin, citrus and herbs from the turkey and carve into slices to serve with juices.

Makes 6 servings. Per serving: 180 calories, 1 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 6 g. carbohydrate, 36 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 358 mg. sodium.

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

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## GLAZE

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cooked on an outdoor grill, too, adjusting timing as needed according to whether you're grilling with gas or charcoal.

The turkey is unstuffed, she said, because over the years Butterball that has been operating its consumer "hotlines," they've recently noticed that more of the people who call in have mentioned they prefer not to stuff the turkey, although this isn't a scientific survey.

The practice seems to vary according to where people live, Clausen said, speaking by phone from her office in Naperville, Ill. It appears more common to stuff the turkey in the Northeast and Central part of the country than in the South and West. Asked why people may be leaving the stuffing out

nowadays, Clausen suggested it may be because it's faster and easier for both cooking and serving.

## GLAZED TURKEY

(Preparation 20 minutes, total time 4 hours)

1/4 cup sweet barbecue sauce  
2 tablespoons light corn syrup  
1/2 teaspoon instant coffee crystals  
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin  
2 teaspoons butter or margarine  
14-pound turkey, thawed if frozen  
Nonstick cooking spray

Preheat oven to 325° F.

Combine barbecue sauce, corn syrup, coffee and cumin in glass measuring cup. Microwave on High 1 minute, stirring once, or until coffee is dissolved. Add butter or margarine and stir until melted. Set glaze aside to cool.

Remove neck and giblets from body and neck cavities of turkey; refrigerate for another use or discard. Drain juices from turkey; pat dry with paper towels. Turn wings back to hold neck skin against back of turkey. Place turkey, breast up, on flat roasting rack in shallow roasting pan. Spray turkey with cooking spray.

Bake turkey at 325° F for 2 hours. Brush turkey with some of the glaze. Loosely cover breast and tops of drumsticks with aluminum foil to prevent overcooking of breast and glaze from darkening too much.

Continue baking turkey 1 to 1 1/2 hours, or until meat thermometer reaches 180° F when inserted in deepest part of thigh, brushing with additional glaze after 30 minutes. Let turkey stand 15 minutes before carving. Makes 14 servings (6 ounces each).

Recipe developed for AP by Butterball.

## Thanksgiving dinner with Chef Peter Engelhardt

## FRESH GARLIC ROSEMARY TURKEY

18-20-pound turkey  
2 cups honey Dijon  
1 head garlic, peeled and chopped  
3 sprigs fresh rosemary  
1 tablespoon kosher salt  
1 tablespoon coarse black pepper

Season inside of turkey with salt, pepper and garlic.

Place turkey in roasting pan, breast side up.

Brush liberally with the honey Dijon.

Sprinkle with salt, pepper, garlic and rosemary.

Roast at 275° F for 4 hours or internal temperature of 165° F.

## CRANBERRY ORANGE SAUCE

3 cups cranberries  
1 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon ground ginger  
1 navel orange, washed and cut into wedges  
1 cup orange juice

Pulse first 4 ingredients in cuisinart.

Add to saucepan and cook over medium-high heat for 5 minutes.

Add orange juice and simmer for 5 minutes, let cool.

## SWEET POTATO SOUFFLÉ

1 #10 can (or 6 1/2 to 7 pounds, 5 ounces or 13 cups) sweet potato, drained

1-1/2 cups sugar  
1/4 pound butter, melted  
1/2 cup evaporated milk  
1 tablespoon vanilla

Whip all ingredients together well. Pour into greased 9-by-9-by-2-inch pan.

## Topping:

1 cup flour  
1 cup butter, melted  
3 cups brown sugar  
3 cups pecan pieces

Mix all ingredients together.

Sprinkle evenly on top of sweet potato mix.

Bake at 325° F for 2 hours or until firm.

## SOUTHERN STYLE GREEN BEANS

3 pounds flat Italian green beans, peeled, cut in half  
1 large onion, chopped  
1 ham hock  
2 bay leaves  
2 quarts water

Place all ingredients in saucepan, simmer for 4 hours.

Once tender, drain beans and season with salt and pepper.

## CINNAMON APPLE PURSE

8 Granny Smith apples, peeled

and sliced  
2 tablespoons butter  
1-1/2 cups sugar  
1 tablespoon cinnamon  
2 tablespoons flour  
2 tablespoons butter, softened  
16 phyllo sheets  
1 cup butter, melted

In a sauté pan, melt butter and add apples, cook until tender.

In a mixing bowl, combine apples, sugar, cinnamon and flour, mix well, reserve.

On a table lay four sheets of phyllo dough, brush each sheet lightly with butter, and stack.

Repeat second paragraph instructions. Divide apple mixes each in half and spoon onto the 4 half phyllo doughs. Place 1 teaspoon butter on top of each apple stack.

Gather each corner toward center and make a bundle. Bake in 350° F oven for about 10 minutes or until golden.

On a dessert plate place one bundle and garnish with vanilla ice cream.

Recipes courtesy of Peter Engelhardt, executive chef at The Community House in Birmingham.

## SIDES

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1 tablespoon rosemary, chopped  
1 tablespoon sage, chopped

Preheat the oven to 350° F.

Peel the parsnips and carrots. Cut them into chunky pieces roughly 2 inches long and 3/4-

inch thick. All the pieces should be of uniform size and shape. Toss the parsnips and carrots with the oil, salt, pepper, rosemary and sage in a large bowl. Spread in a large, shallow baking pan. Roast the vegetables in the lower third of the oven until tender, about 30 to 35 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per 4-ounce serving: 130 cal., 1 g pro., 16 g carbo., 7 g fat, 460 mg sodium, 0 mg chol., 3 g fiber.

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

HELP

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New Year's Day and other major holidays) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Consumer department staff field questions on cranberries, offer recipes, cooking tips, nutritional information, menu-planning worksheets, product information. On the Net: <http://www.oceanspray.com>

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RULES

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know the rules by which the wine business played so after I made my first wine, the French merlot, I sold it the old-fashioned way - door to door."

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## Chiefs earn spot in district hoop title game

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton girls basketball coach Brian Samulski tagged junior guard Becci Houdek with the nickname "Go-Go Gadget Arms" earlier this season.

Salem found out why in Wednesday's Class A district semifinal showdown at Novi High School.

The long-armed Houdek recorded seven steals and several turnover-inducing deflections to lead the Chiefs to a 37-25 victory over the Rocks. With the win, Canton advanced to Friday night's district final against the winner of Wednesday's late game between Novi and South Lyon. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

Houdek also tallied a game-high 14 points and five rebounds. Junior forward Ja'nee Morton also played well for Canton, notching 10 points and seven boards.

"Becci's arms seem like they go on forever, especially when she's guarding you," Samulski said, explaining the nickname.

"She played well tonight at both ends of the court."

While Houdek's stats were impressive, the most telling numbers could be found in the turnover category. The Rocks committed 17 miscues while the Chiefs gave the ball away just twice.

"You can't expect to beat a team like Canton when you turn the ball over as much as we did tonight," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "But give them credit — they have a good team and they played well tonight."

"We finished 17-4, so we had a good season. There were only a couple of games — tonight's loss and our loss to Livonia Franklin (in the first round of the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament) — when I didn't think we played well."

Houdek's performance Wednesday was inspiring considering she sat out most of the second half of Monday's victory over Northville due to complications from a pair of medical conditions she's battling through: asthma and

Sydenham's Chorea, a neurologic disorder that is characterized by irregular, abrupt and involuntary muscle movements.

"I actually passed out two or three times Monday," said Houdek, who was suffering the effects of both the Sydenham's Chorea and asthma. "I had some tests run Tuesday and they all came back good. I didn't practice yesterday and I felt a lot better today."

"We lost to Salem last year in the districts, so it was nice beating them tonight."

Early-game jitters limited both teams' offensive effectiveness. The first points were scored when Salem's Teresa Coppiellie converted a layup with 3:30 left in the first quarter.

The shooting heated up in the second stanza, which ended with Canton in front, 16-12. Houdek had a sizzling first 16 minutes, netting 11 of her 14 points and five thefts.

Single free throws by Morton and Leslie Olech, and a fast-break layup by

Morton extended Canton's advantage to 20-12 three minutes into the second half. After the Rocks' Alaya Mitchell laid in a soft runner at the 4:50 mark of the third quarter, Canton went on a 9-2 run to secure a 29-16 lead with eight minutes to play.

The Rocks rallied to within 32-25 on a Lauren Kurtz free throw with 4:06 left, but the Chiefs countered by tallying the game's final five points.

Mitchell led Salem with seven points. Junior forward Tayler Langham added six and Coppiellie notched five points and nine boards.

Olech had a strong game for Canton, recording seven points and three rebounds. Lisa Ealy, the Chiefs' leading scorer this season, netted just four points, but she did a stellar job holding Coppiellie to five points.

Canton canned 13-of-21 free throws (61 percent) while Salem connected on 3-of-7 (43 percent).

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## Sidelines

### Playoffs coverage

Due to deadline restrictions, Saturday's Canton-Macomb Dakota Division 1 semi-final prep football game story and photos will appear in the Nov. 24 edition of the Observer.

The story and photos will be available on the Web site [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com) as early as Sunday morning.

### 'Skins edge Lions

The Canton Lions junior league freshmen football team lost its bid for a fourth straight Super Bowl title Sunday, bowing to the Rochester Redskins, 27-6. The Lions defense struggled against the different sets of the Rochester offense.

The Lions made it a game when Malcolm Hollingsworth scored late in the third quarter, cutting Rochester's lead to 14-6. However, the Redskins scored on their next two possessions to put the game out of reach.

Standouts for the Lions were Devin Slominski, Brandon Lee, Shane Raymond, Michael San Millan and Kyle Durham.

### Steelers fall

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior varsity team played Sunday in the WSJFL Super Bowl at Canton High School against the Ypsilanti Braves. The game was scoreless until the final minutes of the fourth quarter when the Braves managed to score the lone touchdown and win 6-0.

Steeler quarterback Ben Merbler led the offense in both rushing and passing yards. The offense was supported by the tough play of Michael Olewnick, Tyler Kelly and Nick Tata. The Steelers' "Ironman" — Tyler Goble — played well on both sides of the line of scrimmage.

Patrick Salo, Tony Rhodes, Brennen Beyer, Sam Scott and Scott Devine excelled for the Steelers' defense.

With four minutes left in the fourth quarter the Braves scored on a quarterback sneak.

### Wrestling club

Practice for Salem's 2006 Team Chippewa begins Thursday, Dec. 1, in the Salem High School wrestling room. Team Chippewa will be participating in the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association (MYWAY) season, which begins in January. Registration for the team is free. Kids 15 and under are eligible to compete.

For more information, call (734) 239-2922.

### Lady Ocelots 2-0

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team is off to a 2-0 start following a two-game sweep last weekend of the Owens Community College Tip-Off Classic.

The Lady Ocelots opened their season Friday with a lopsided 95-53 win over the Ohio State University Club followed by a 100-70 triumph over the host Owens on Saturday in the championship final.

## Stunner

Free throws with 0:00 on clock end Wildcats' season

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If a scale existed that measured heart-breaking losses, Plymouth's 34-33 setback to Novi in Monday night's Class A district tournament opener would be off the charts.

Novi senior forward Rachel Folino calmly swished two-of-three free throws with no time on the clock and no other players on the court to send her team into Wednesday night's semi-final game against South Lyon.

Plymouth, which trailed throughout most of the game, grabbed the lead, 33-32, with 2.8 seconds left when senior Colleen Flaherty converted a short lay-up off a pass from Jeanine Moise.

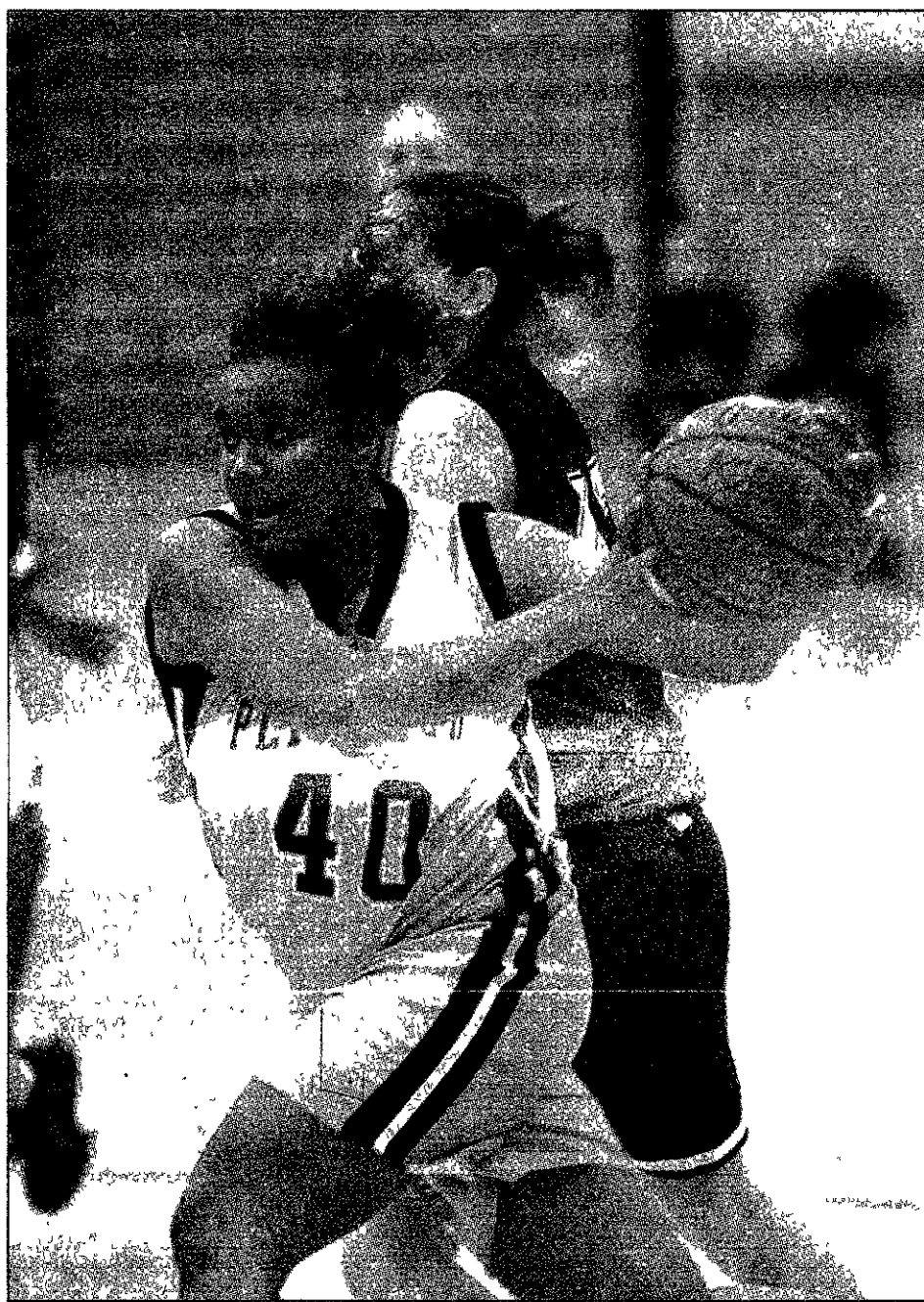
Novi coach Bill Kelp called a time-out with 1.2 seconds remaining to set up the eventual game-winning play.

"We set two back screens for the girls going deep, and we made a great in-bounds pass to Rachel," said Kelp. "Rachel's been struggling lately at the line, but she's a Division 1 player and showed why tonight."

Kelp said the ending was the craziest he's ever seen in a game he's coached.

"By far," he emphasized, still shaking his head. "I was definitely praying at the end."

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Plymouth senior forward Jeanine Moise, pictured in a game earlier this season, scored 12 points in the Wildcats' 34-33 loss to Novi Monday night.

## Terry-led Whalers nip London, 3-2

Plymouth Whaler rookie Chris Terry's encores are as good as his premiers.

For the second straight Saturday night, Terry scored the deciding goal in a shoot-out Nov. 12, giving the Whalers an exciting 3-2 victory over London before 2,974 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The Plymouth victory — coupled with Saginaw's 3-0 loss in Belleville — moved the Whalers into a first-place tie with the Spirit in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division. Plymouth's record is now 12-6-1-1 while Saginaw is 13-5-0-0.

The setback snapped a five-game winning streak for London, which slipped to 13-6-0-0. Mike Letizia and Dan Collins tallied power-play goals for the winners. Rob Schremp scored both Knight goals.

The evening belonged to the goal-tenders. Plymouth's Ryan Nie stopped 44-of-46 shots through 65 minutes and three more in the shoot-out for his eighth win of the season. London's Adam Dennis stopped 43 of 45 shots and two of four in the extra session.

After neither team could find the net in the five-minute overtime, Dave Bolland scored on London's first shot in the shoot-out. But Nie stopped Dylan Hunter and Schremp, and Sergei Kostitsyn lost the handle on the puck and never got a shot off.

## 2005 Prep Grid Playoffs

## Baechler molds Canton football program into state powerhouse

### SEMIFINAL SHOWDOWN

■ **What:** Macomb Dakota (10-2) vs. Canton (10-2)

■ **When:** Saturday, 1 p.m.

■ **Where:** Troy Athens High School, 4333 John R. Troy, MI

■ **What's at stake:** The winner advances to the Nov. 26 Division 1 final against the winner of Saturday's Rockford-Brighton game in Lansing.

■ **About Dakota:** Cougars have advanced to semi-final round three of past four years, but have never made it to the final game.

Quarterback James Stallons has thrown for over 1,900 yards this season.

"Can a new coach rebuild?" asked the big, bold headline at the top of the Plymouth/Canton Observer sports section on June 7, 1998.

The question referred to new Canton football coach Tim Baechler, who had been hired a few weeks earlier to succeed the retiring Bob Khoelne.

Sixty-four wins and six straight playoff appearances later, the answer to the question is a resounding "yes," but Baechler will be the first one to admit the answer didn't come easy.

Baechler, who was 31 at the time he was hired, was taking over a struggling program that had finished 1-8 the previous

year — and he was leaving a thriving Hudson program that he had just spent five years reviving.

While the rebuilding process has been satisfying, it couldn't have been completed without the spilling of a lot of blood, sweat and tears.

"My first year here we had about 30 kids come out for the team," Baechler remembered. "We weren't real strong, we weren't real fast and we weren't very athletic. The first thing the players said to me was, 'We're going to beat Salem this year.' That was what was most important to them — beating Salem. I said, 'What about the eight games before that?' We had to change their focus."

### 'I' BEFORE 'T'?

Baechler, whose offensive expertise was the full-house,

Wing-T formation, was determined to try something different at Canton, a large, 2,000-student Division 1 school.

"When I got here, I was going to run the 'T' formation," Baechler said. "It was a big school, so I figured we'd have no problem filling all the skill

positions.

"Back then, we had two pre-season scrimmages. We did OK with the 'T' in the first scrimmage, but before the second one, we went and watched

PLEASE SEE POWER, C4



Pictured above is the June 7, 1998, issue of the Plymouth/Canton Observer sports section, which announced the signing of new Canton football coach Tim Baechler.



## STUNNER

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We beat a very good team tonight."

The stinging loss ended a glowing season for Plymouth, which finished 16-5 and earned a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association title.

"I'm super proud of the kids' effort tonight," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "They battled and made things happen in the second half to put us in a position to win."

"I thought we did enough to win tonight. It's a hard loss to swallow."

Despite the loss, Reilly said her Wildcats should feel a huge sense of accomplishment.

"Overall, I thought we met and exceeded expectations this season," she said. "We had great senior leadership this year and — although it may be hard for the girls to see it right now — they had a great year and should feel proud."

Reilly said it appeared to her that her players did everything right during the game's final seconds.

"We told the girls to make sure the Novi players caught the ball in front of them, which they did," Reilly said. "We had a foul to give, so we wanted them to foul during the catch. To me, it didn't look like (Folino) was shooting when she was fouled. It looked like she was still on the floor. If they call the foul on the floor, they have less than a second left and they have to take it out of bounds."

Folino finished with 13 to lead all scorers. Senior forward Nicole Stephen added eight for Novi, while senior guard Hope Morris scored five clutch points, all in the games final three minutes.

Playing in her final high school game, Plymouth's Jeanine Moise scored 12 and grabbed 10 rebounds. Flaherty added nine while Jalesa Moise and Kim Olech both contributed four.

Monday's game between the two highly successful teams lived up to its pre-game expectations as the intensity level often matched that felt in a district final game. Neither team led by more than three points after the opening seconds of the second quarter.

Novi, which was playing on

its home court, raced to an early 9-0 advantage before Plymouth rebounded to cut its deficit to 13-8 after one quarter. The visiting Wildcats led briefly, 16-15, when Flaherty scored on a strong move with 45 seconds to go in the first half, but Novi took a 17-16 lead into the intermission thanks to Taylor Graybiel's late basket.

Only 11 total points were scored in the defensive third quarter, which ended with Novi ahead, 23-21.

Plymouth led, 30-27, with 2:55 left thanks to a driving bank-shot by Jalesa Moise. However, Novi answered at the 1:12 mark when Morris sprung off a screen and drained a long triple to tie it at 30-30.

After a Jeanine Moise free throw put Plymouth up, 31-30, with 44.1 seconds to go, Morris struck again when she drove down the heart of the lane and finished with a left-handed lay-up to give Novi a 32-31 advantage with 32.3 seconds to play.

"Hope made a couple of huge senior plays for us at the end," Kelp said. "The three was a set play, but she made the drive happen on her own. She's more of an outside shooter, so that drive was a big move."

With 25 seconds left, Folino stole the ball, but lost it right back to a hustling Jeanine Moise with 18.4 on the clock. Reilly then called a time-out to set up a potential game-winning play.

Following three passes, Jeanine Moise got the ball nine feet from the basket just inside the paint. When Novi's defense collapsed on her, Moise dished the ball to a driving Flaherty who banked in a runner to give Plymouth a 33-32 lead.

After a Kelp time-out, Folino performed her last-second heroics, sparking a mad rush onto the court by her deliriously happy teammates.

Plymouth hit 14-of-38 field goals (36.8) and 3-of-8 free throws (37.5 percent). Novi connected on 13-of-45 shots (28.8 percent) and 7-of-12 free throws (58.3 percent).

Plymouth committed 18 turnovers; Novi had 11 miscues.

Olech yanked down six rebounds in her prep finale. Stephanie Crawford had five boards for Novi.

# Martin's clutch plays lead Canton girls

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Things were deteriorating rapidly for Canton's girls basketball team during the final minutes of Monday night's district opener against Northville.

The Chiefs' once seemingly insurmountable 16-point lead had disappeared, starting point guard Becci Houdek was laying flat on her back on the bench suffering from the effects of a medical condition, and her back-court mate, Kelsy Zemanski, fouled out with 2:19 to play.

Instead of "Panic Time," the final two minutes turned into "Marie Martin Time" for Canton.

Seconds after Martin replaced Zemanski, she grabbed an offensive rebound and deposited the ball into the basket to give Canton a 38-32 lead with 1:48 left. Thirty seconds later, the sophomore center drew a charge on Northville's Simone Toney at the other end.

The two plays were instrumental in Canton's 44-35 victory.

"I was a little nervous when I went in for Kelsy because the

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game was so close," Martin said. "But I was excited to get a chance to play, too. After I made the shot, I just wanted to go down and play good defense. I think that's the first charge I've ever drawn in a game."

The victory propelled the 17-4 Chiefs into Wednesday night's district title game against Salem. The loss ended the Mustangs' season at 12-9.

"Marie really stepped up and made some big plays when we needed them," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "The offensive rebound she scored on and the charge she drew came at a pivotal point of the game. I thought our free throw shooting down the stretch was a big key, too."

Canton was clearly the better team Monday when both squads were at full strength. The Chiefs turned a 7-5 lead after one quarter into a 21-9 halftime bulge. Lisa Ealy led the first-half onslaught for Canton, scoring eight points.

The Chiefs' biggest lead of the night came 1:15 into the third quarter when Ja'nee

Morton's fast-break lay-up put them ahead, 25-9.

The Mustangs worked their way back into the game when Toney drained three triples during a four-minute stretch of the third quarter to whittle Canton's lead to 27-20. The run also coincided with the departure of Houdek, whose absence was reflected in Canton's 10 third-quarter turnovers. As a result of the miscues, the Chiefs attempted just five shots compared to Northville's 20 during the third stanza, which ended with Canton grasping to a 28-24 advantage.

Northville completed its comeback with 5:39 to play when sophomore Sarah Stern stored on a drive to knot the game at 32-32.

The Chiefs' regained the lead for good, 34-32, 50 seconds later on a pair of free throws from Morton.

After regaining possession of the ball, the Chiefs switched to a semi-stall offense at the four-minute mark. The slow-down worked as Canton outscored the Mustangs 11-3 the rest of the way.

"We run a four-on-four drill like that with no dribbling

every day in practice," Samulski said. "We shoot only when we get a good look."

Canton was 12-for-17 from the free throw line during the pivotal fourth quarter. Junior guard Lauren Delapaz swished all four of her free throws. She also grabbed six rebounds.

Lisa Ealy led the Chiefs with 15 points and five rebounds. Morton netted 14 points and three boards while Houdek contributed five points before leaving.

Simone Toney led Northville with 11 points. Her sister, Danielle, added 10 and Stern chipped in with seven.

"We've had a couple games like this this year where we've fallen behind early then had to fight back," said Northville coach Pete Wright. "It just shows you that these girls never quit, they're never out of it."

The Mustangs out-shot Canton, 28-9, in the second half and 48-24 throughout the game. The Chiefs were on fire, shooting at a 50-percent clip from the field (12-for-24) and 68 percent from the line (19-for-28).

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# New roster, same results are expected from SC lady cagers

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

This year's edition of the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team will look a lot different than last winter's squad, which returns only four players.

But Lady Ocelots head coach Karen Lafata is expecting the same kind of success. So are some national pundits, who selected Schoolcraft ninth in the National Junior College Athletic Association preseason poll.

"I think we can contend for the championship again," said Lafata, whose 2004-05 team

went 24-7, winning the Michigan Community College Athletic Association championship and advancing to the NJCAA Division II District finals. "With Char (Greer) and Mikki (Mikkio Williams), we have our two top scorers back."

Greer, a 5-9 sophomore forward, averaged 18 points and nine rebounds in '04-05 while 5-5 guard Williams contributed 10 points and nearly five steals per outing last year.

Also back for the Lady Ocelots are sophomore guard Tracey Winkler and sophomore forward and center Price

(Wayne Memorial), who Lafata said looked impressive in preseason workouts. Winkler and Price likely will start for Schoolcraft, with sophomore transfer Tomica Hodge (5-9 guard from Tennessee) pushing them for playing time.

Hodge was part of the Walters State (Tenn.) team that went to the Division I national tournament.

"She's coming with a lot of experience," said Lafata, who will play Hodge as a top reserve or starter, depending on how games unfold.

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alum Alisha June (6-0 forward-center) leads a solid group of freshmen, helping fill the void from the losses of Westland John Glenn alum Sara Tyree (nine ppg, six rebounds), Erika Mims (six ppg), Ashley Gibson (10 ppg, six assists) and Amantha Combs to graduation.

"She (June) will be backing up at both positions (forward, center) and she just works really hard," said Lafata, adding that June is completely healed from an ankle injury she suffered as a senior at Golden City.

Other reserves include 5-11 freshman forward Maricka Seay, 6-3 freshman center Lauren Braun, 5-11 freshman forward Amanda Giffin, 5-9 freshman forward Ericka Brewer (Belleville), 5-8 freshman forward LaShanda Thomas and 6-0 freshman forward-center Amanda Crouse.

"I'm really pleased early on with our freshmen and their work ethic," Lafata said.

Even though the team lost a lot of experience, Lafata likes what she sees in terms of potential as well as depth in the low post.

"With our skill and potential," she said, "we should be right there, battling for the conference, regional and state championships."

After playing several road games, beginning Friday at the Tip-Off Classic hosted by Owens Community College, the Lady Ocelots won't play at home until Friday, Dec. 2, as part of the Schoolcraft College Invitational.

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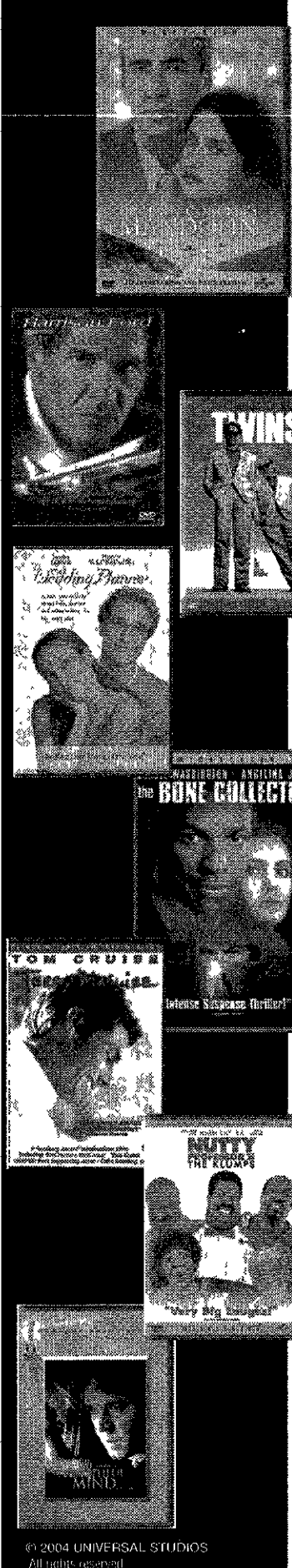
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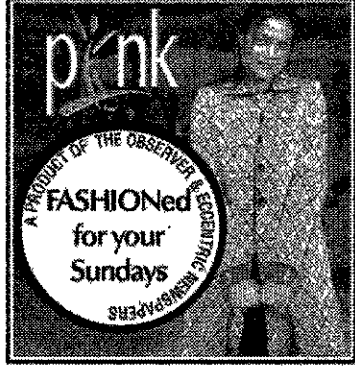


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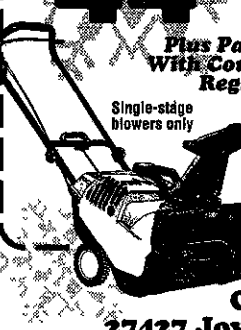
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# Talented underclassmen highlight boys cross country team

### FIRST TEAM

**Dan Kapadia, Sr., Salem:**

Kapadia capped a stellar career for the Rocks by finishing fourth in the Division 1 state meet (15:45).

He also captured the Western Lakes Activities Association meet (15:53) and was runner-up at the D-1 regional race (16:05) and Wayne County competition (16:13). The captain, who will graduate as the second-best male cross country runner in Salem history, was a three-time state qualifier, finishing 41st in 2004 and 104th in 2003.

"Dan has worked hard his entire career," said coach Geoff Baker. "He runs big in big races."

**Timothy Howse, Sr., Liv.**

**Churchill:** Howse enjoyed a memorable senior season, winning three meets (Livonia City, Wayne County and Division 1 regional) and finishing in the top six in five others. A captain, Howse was a four-year letter winner, a three-time scholar athlete and a two-year state qualifier.

"Timothy has had a wonderful cross country career at Churchill," said Churchill coach John McGreevy. "He is a student of running and came into this season well-prepared to compete with the best. He ran a near-perfect race at the regional. He broke away from the field about half-way through the race and never looked back. He ran his best race by about 20 seconds."

"The state final was disappointing for Timothy, but he remained a great sport, offering no excuses. He vowed to run better the next time. I was very proud of his effort to finish. It was inspiring. He is a class act."

**Brandon Grysko, Soph., Liv.**

**Churchill:** Grysko finished 55th at the D-1 state meet (16:28) and third at the regional (16:09). A scholar-athlete, Grysko earned a second-place showing in the Livonia City Meet (17:39) and a seventh-place finish at the Monroe Jefferson Invitational.

"Brandon is a very intense competitor," McGreevy said. "He had a tremendous freshman year in both cross country and track and expectations were high for his second season. He was having a very solid season, but he didn't really explode until the regional at Schoolcraft. His charge toward the finish line was like William

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Dan Kapadia, Sr., Salem  
Timothy Howse, Sr., Liv. Churchill  
Brandon Grysko, So., Liv. Churchill  
Patrick Slavens, Jr., Plymouth  
Anthony Scaparo, Jr., Plymouth  
Jimmy Walsh, Sr., Salem  
Sean Dillon, Sr., Plymouth  
Joe Varilone, So., Liv. Churchill  
Andrew Cassidy, Jr., Plymouth

### SECOND TEAM

Derek Lax, Fr., Plymouth  
Spencer Lyle, Fr., Luth. Westland  
Craig Cowing, So., Salem  
Dan Wilson, Sr., Liv. Stevenson  
Cameron Loftus, Sr., Salem  
Trey Wolfe, Sr., Canton  
Kevin deBear, So., Salem  
Cristian Chagas, Jr., Plymouth  
Steve Schmit, Sr., Luth. Westland  
Derek Hoerman, So., Canton  
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### HONORABLE MENTION

**Salem:** Colin McGorey, Erik Dondzila;  
**Plymouth:** Ty Schroeder, Justin Huey, Justin Magill, Alex Noble, Nate Kostegian, Matt Lewandowski, Lucas Seibie;  
**Churchill:** Mark Pilat, Matt Hecksel;  
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**Redford Union:** Mike Lewis.

Wallace from Braveheart without the paint and kilts.

"More importantly, he matured as a leader, doing the little things that garnered respect from his teammates and his coach. He has a great future in front of him."

**Patrick Slavens, Jr., Plymouth:** The two-time state qualifier placed fourth at the Division 1 regional meet in a personal-best time of 16:13, which is a school record. He followed that up with a solid finish in the state meet, finishing among the top 30 juniors.

"Patrick is a great athlete who comes on strong when the team needs him," said Plymouth coach Lee Shaw. "He has made the state meet twice as an individual and, hopefully, he will lead the team to the state meet next year."

**Anthony Scaparo, Jr., Plymouth:** Scaparo had a banner junior season, winning the City Meet (17:08) and the Early Bird Invitational. He finished second in two other meets and finished third at the Wayne County Championships. He's a two-time state qualifier.

"Anthony is a good kid who I expect to see bigger and better things from next season," Shaw said.

**Jimmy Walsh, Sr., Salem:** A cap-

tain, Walsh was a pace-setter during his senior season, finishing 79th at the D1 state meet, 10th at the regional and 14th at the WLAA meet. He was a three-time state qualifier and four-year letter-winner.

"Jimmy is a hard worker and has been our number-two runner the past two years," said Baker. "He has been a great leader for our young runners."

**Sean Dillon, Sr., Plymouth:** A rare two-sport athlete, Dillon was also a big contributor to the Wildcats' soccer program. He improved his time in practically every race this season, setting a personal-best of 16:38. His top finishes were ninth at the Wayne County Championships, fifth in the WLAA Western Division Jamboree, 10th at the WLAA Conference meet and 19th at the D1 regional competition.

"Sean was a great addition to the team," said Shaw. "He is a great leader, great runner and great person. I wish he had come out for the team before this year — it would have been scary to see what he could have done."

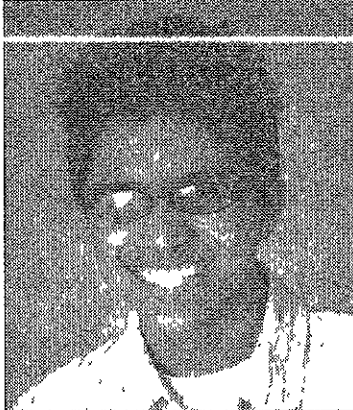
**Joe Varilone, Soph., Liv.** **Churchill:** The second-year performer put up impressive numbers, finishing 20th at the Wayne County Championships (17:15), 16th at the WLAA meet (17:00), 20th at the D1 regional (16:54) and 42nd at the Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Invitational (17:48).

"The first few weeks of the season, Joe was very solid, but not spectacular," said McGreevy. "But as the season progressed, he started beating runners who had bested him earlier. He was Churchill's 'Mr. Steady'."

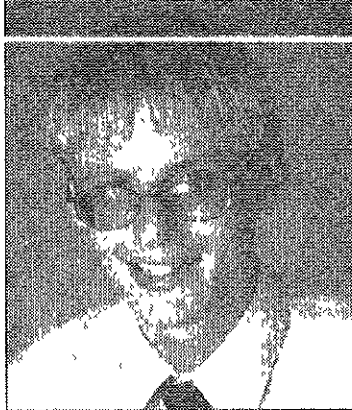
"He is a scholar-athlete with a tremendous upside. He works very hard and because he is so quiet, he sometimes is overlooked, but not anymore. He will be one of our anchors for next year's team. Joe had a very nice rookie season."

**Andrew Cassidy, Jr., Salem:** The second-year runner ran like a veteran, posting a 22nd-place finish in the Wayne County meet, a 15th-place in the D1 state meet and a 16th-place in the state meet. His season was a 16:48.

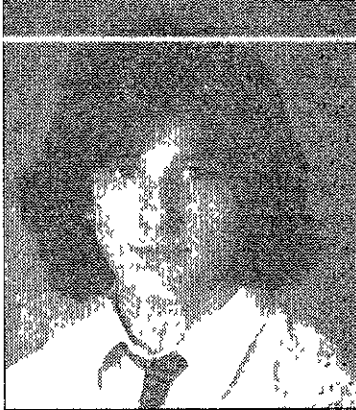
"This is Andrew's second year running cross country," Baker said. "He's getting better every year. I'm looking forward to great things from him next year."



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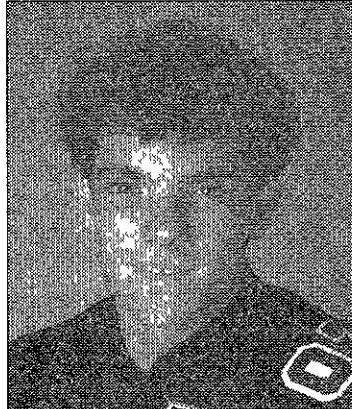
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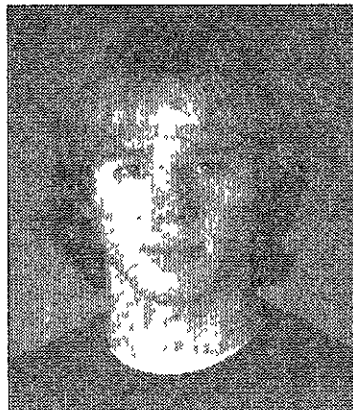
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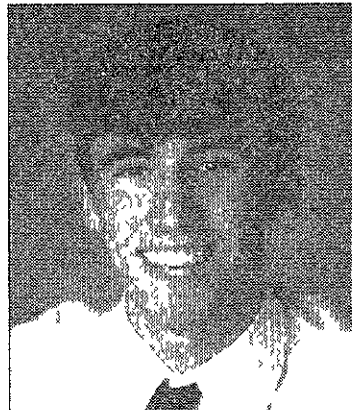
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# Salem coach Baker always finds a way

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Salem boys cross country coach Geoff Baker said he developed the training method he has utilized over the past 20 years through "trial and error."

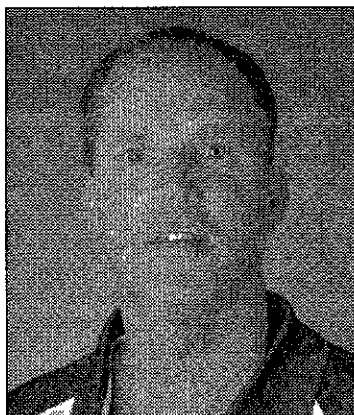
Judging by Baker's impressive tenure as the Rocks' mentor, the errors have been few.

This year was no different than Baker's first 19 as coach — it was stocked with success. The Rocks finished second at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet, third at the Division 1 regional and 22nd at the Division 1 state meet.

For his efforts with the Salem cross country program this fall, Baker has been selected Observerland Coach of the Year by the Observer sports staff.

"This year's group of guys made up one of those teams that is just great to be around," Baker said. "They always came to practice ready to work and they never shied away from anything. Everything they did, they did it the best they could do."

Baker deflected much of the credit for his team's success to his runners' strong work ethic. "I've always told my runners



Geoff Baker, Salem  
Coach of Year

that the motivation to succeed has to come from within themselves," Baker emphasized. "I tell them you can't do it for me, for their parents or their girlfriends — they have to do it for themselves. This is a self-motivated sport because they're the ones that have to run all of those miles in order to get good."

Baker played football during the four autumns he attended Salem in the early- to mid-80s. After graduation, he was approached by Salem Athletic Director Gary Balconi about taking the reins of the Rocks' cross country program.

"I still thank Gary to this day for giving me this job because I don't know where I'd be without it," said Baker, who has coached 12 All-State runners at Salem. "The person I learned the most from during my first few years was Farmington coach Jerry Young. When we took our teams to camps together, I'd ask him a lot of questions because he had built such a successful program."

"One thing I've learned over the years is that you never stop learning."

An intangible achievement proved to be the most memorable part of the season as far as Baker was concerned.

"I think the highlight was seeing everybody on the team get better week, after week, after week," he said. "I told them that if we could get seven runners to run 17 minutes or better, they'd be the best team ever at Salem, or at least since I've been coaching. They've really worked hard to try to exceed that goal."

The Rocks also excelled in the classroom this fall, compiling an All-State caliber 3.73 team grade-point average.

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# Ex-teammates enjoy coaching

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Two of the 32 Michigan high school football teams still alive in the playoffs have more than success in common. Both Canton and Division 3 Haslett are wreaking havoc on opposing defenses with the same difficult-to-figure-out full-house, Wing-T offense. And both teams' coaches — Tim Baechler and Charlie Otlewski — were teammates on the Adrian College football team from 1985-87.

"I had to remind Tim what the snap count was when we walked up to the line of scrimmage before every play," revealed Otlewski, who played running back at Adrian. "Tim was a tight end and he always remembered his pass routes and blocking assignments, but he'd always ask me what the cadence

was."

"It was a superstitious thing I did with Charlie," Baechler remembered, chuckling. "When we were jogging up to the line, I'd say, 'One or two? Sings or dubs?' Even though I knew what the count was, it got to where if I didn't ask him, I didn't feel good about what was going to happen on the next play."

During Baechler and Otlewski's collegiate days, Adrian employed the Delaware Wing-T offense, which explains partly why the two successful coaches run similar, run-oriented offenses.

"It's nice to have someone I can talk to about the offense because there aren't that many teams that run it," Otlewski said, referring to his semi-regular phone conversations with Baechler. "We problem-solve with each other."

"We call each other every

once in a while and talk about different situations we've encountered," Baechler said. "There's always a defense we'll come across that we haven't seen before. It's nice to have somebody who knows what kind of things you're facing."

Otlewski joked that he got grief from Baechler recently when he decided to add another element to the Wing-T attack.

"Tim ostracized me when I told him we were going to add some spread to our offense," Otlewski said. "We probably only run it 25 percent of the time, but I figure if it makes the opponent have to use 25 percent of their preparation time on it, it makes the 75 percent we run out of the 'T' that much more effective."

Otlewski, whose Vikings will square off against Farmington Hills Harrison in a D-3 semifinal game Saturday, said he has no desire to face Canton's almost-mirror-image offense in a regular-season game.

"Maybe in a seven-on-seven game in the summer when it's more relaxed," Otlewski said. "But not during the season. A couple of years ago we played Belding after Irv Sigler left. It was like playing against ourselves."

With victories Saturday in their respective semi-final games, Canton and Haslett will have one more thing in common — they'll be playing Nov. 26 for state titles at Ford Field.

It would be a showcase day for the Wing-T.

And a bigger day for a couple of former Adrian College teammates.

## POWER

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Monroe scrimmage Brighton because we were playing Monroe in the first game. After I watched Monroe, I told the other coaches, 'We can't play with them using the 'T', so we put in the full-house 'T' the next week. It was like — boom! — the kids picked it up right away and we've used it ever since."

## ON THE REBOUND

The Chiefs finished 3-6 in Baechler's first season, a marked improvement over the one-win season the team suffered through in 1997.

The rise to respectability continued in Baechler's second year when Canton surged to a 4-2 start. However, the resurgence hit a bump in the road when the Chiefs fell to Farmington Hills Harrison in Week 7, 35-0.

"Our next game was against John Glenn, which had lost to Salem the week before that," Baechler recalled. "Someone told me that (John Glenn coach) Chuck Gordon had only stopped watching a game film half-way through twice in his entire career, and one of the two times was the Salem game that year. I heard he was so mad, he threw the tape against the wall and it broke in half."

"Well, Glenn came out and hammered us (40-13). We lost to Salem the next week (28-7) and finished 4-5."

Canton scored a total of 154 points in nine games that season. In just three playoff games this season, the Chiefs have scored 153.

"After we finished 4-5 my second season, I was really down and feeling sorry for myself," Baechler said. "I was putting everything I had into turning the program around, but it wasn't happening."

"When my wife (Julie) saw how down I was, she said, 'If you're not tough enough, then quit.' That made me mad and I thought to myself, 'Okay, this is



During his eight-year tenure as the head football coach at Canton, Tim Baechler has turned a struggling program into a consistent winner.

it.' I was going to give it everything I had for one more year, and if I didn't get it done, I was done."

"I had a parents meeting before the next season and I wasn't very pleasant. I laid it all on the line. I told them we were going to do it my way and if they didn't like it, tough."

Again, Canton started 4-2. Again, they suffered a Week 7 meltdown, losing to Northville, 41-21.

"The Saturday morning after the Northville game, I lost it," Baechler said. "I got up in front of the team and said, 'I've had it with you guys. It's over. I'm done.' It was pretty emotional."

"That's when two of my players — Dan Bak and Dan Farkas — came up to me and said, 'You're not quitting because we're not quitting.'"

## TURNING POINT

Canton pounded Farmington and Salem the following two weeks to finish 6-3 and qualify for the playoffs for the first time since 1990. The inspired Chiefs' roll continued in the playoffs as they downed Belleville and Ann Arbor in a before falling to Easton in a regional final.

If there was a do-or-die turning point in the Baechler regime, it was the end of the 2000 season when the dedicated coach's blood, sweat and tears started paying dividends.

"I had a strong group of seniors that year who really bought into what I was trying to do," Baechler said.

Since the 2000 season, Canton has registered a 39-6 record and is set to play in its first Division 1 semi-final playoff game Saturday, which more than answers the question that appeared in the Observer a few weeks after he was hired to turn a struggling football program into a winner.

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# Canton, Macomb Dakota exhibit contrasting offensive styles

**BY ED WRIGHT**  
STAFF WRITER

Saturday's Division I semi-final football game between Canton and Macomb Dakota will pit two teams with contrasting offensive styles.

Canton (10-2) prefers to push the ball up and down the field with its punishing full-house, Wing-T attack while the 10-2 Cougars would rather wing it behind talented junior quarterback James Stallons, who has thrown for over 1,900 yards this season.

"We actually ran a version of the Wing-T offense last year," revealed Dakota coach Mike Giannone. "It wasn't a full-house like Canton runs, but there was a lot of ball-faking. This year, I knew we had a quarterback coming in who could throw the ball, so we decided to adjust the offense around his strengths. The kids have done a nice job with it."

Giannone said the experience of facing the Wing-T in practice last year may help his team to some degree when it faces the Chiefs Saturday afternoon.

"Maybe a little bit," Giannone said. "But, obviously, we're not going to be able to emulate it in

practice anywhere near as well as the way Canton executes it in the games.

"How do you stop it? No one knows because no one's been able to do it yet. They have four running backs who run extremely hard, a very good quarterback and two tight ends who can get up the field.

"The most astounding thing to me about Canton is that they go for it a lot on fourth down, which means you have to stop them four times from getting 10 yards. It will be a challenge."

The Cougars advanced to Saturday's 1 p.m. game at Troy Athens High School by rallying from a 13-6 halftime deficit to

knock off Lake Orion, 27-13, Friday night in a regional final contest. One week earlier, Dakota surprised unbeaten and highly ranked Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Canton defeated Detroit Cody, 63-34, in a district final before eliminating Detroit King, 48-21, last week.

"Dakota has five kids on offense who are very skilled athletes," said Canton coach Tim Baechler, sizing up the Cougars. "Their quarterback is 6-4 and has a good arm. They also have two good receivers, a big tight end who can catch the ball and a running back who also plays receiver. But I think their real

strength is their offensive line. They're big and skilled. They run block well and do a nice job pass blocking.

"Defensively, I don't know what they'll run. I do know they're well-coached and they execute. From what I've seen, their players are usually where they're supposed to be on every play."

Junior Gary Gay is the Cougars' top rushing threat. He's amassed over 1,300 total yards through the first 12 games — approximately 1,000 on the ground. Stallons' favorite receiver is three-year varsity player Marcus Lancaster.

Defensively, Dakota is paced

by defensive end John Stipek, who is being recruited by Toledo, Central Michigan and Bowling Green, according to Giannone.

Stipek will be tested by Canton's talented stable of running backs, including Deshon McClendon, Andy Rossow, Matt Sweda and Dalton Walser. The Chiefs have ground out more than 400 yards rushing three consecutive weeks behind the offensive line of Andy LaFata, Mike Edwards, Ryan Jonik, Joe Zugaj, Fred Keena, Billy Turner and Brandon Fender.

Dakota runs a mostly two-platoon system, meaning players only play offense or defense,

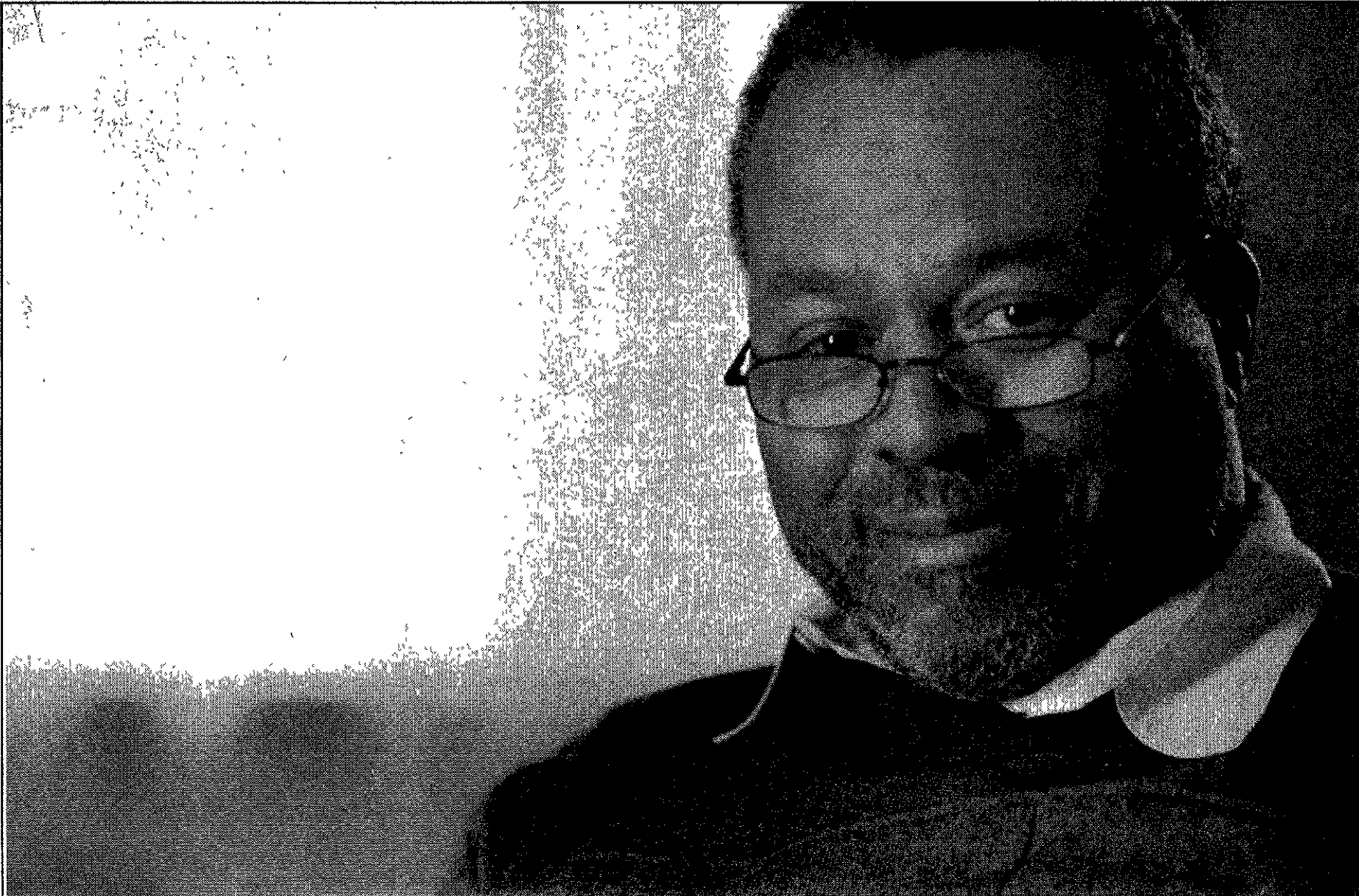
not both.

"Our only two-way guy is Stipek," Giannone offered. "We like to play as many kids as we can. It's good for the team's morale because more kids are involved in the game."

Giannone said at least one person at Saturday's game will have divided loyalties.

"Our former principal, Mike Bender, is now in charge of the secondary-education program for the Plymouth-Canton schools," Giannone said. "I'm sure he'll be pulling for Canton, but, in a way, it will be a no-lose situation for him."

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- **Saturday, Nov. 12, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** – Members of the coaching staff go over film with players before reviewing how well team did on its weekly list of offensive, defensive and special teams goals. Players will then jog and lift.
- **Sunday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.** – The coaching staff meets at Baechler's house to watch Macomb Dakota's game film. One assistant coach from each team usually meet on Saturday to exchange the films.
- **Monday, Nov. 14, 3 p.m.-5:50 p.m.** – Practice at the P-CEP football stadium.
- **Monday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** – Defensive backs meet at coach Dave Smith's house to watch Dakota film. defensive front seven meet at coach Jeff Powers' house to watch Dakota film.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 15, 3 p.m.-5:50 p.m.** – Practice at P-CEP football stadium.
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- **Saturday, Nov. 19, 8:45 a.m.** – The team will meet for breakfast before getting taped and dressed for game.
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# Joey Harrington: Lions quarter

It's a shame that people subscribe to the adage that "nice guys finish last."

It certainly isn't always true in sports, but in this town, we've had a number of guys who

might be fine gents with whom to have a beer, play some pool, and if you do partake in such activities, hunt. However, that doesn't mean you'd want them as the Lions quarterback, Red Wings goaltender, Pistons point guard, or Tigers starting pitcher. Sometimes, those "nice guys" just aren't good enough.

Detroit is a pretty accepting sports town. I know it's hard for someone like Joey Harrington to believe that, but he's an exception to the rule because of how bad his predecessors were at his posi-

tion with his franchise.

There's a long lifespan of Red Wing goalies, Tim Cheveldae will tell you, who know how it feels to have the masses lining up to help you pack for your one-way trip out of Motown.

Perhaps if we'd had a Boomer Esiason, a Jim Kelly, a Warren Moon, or a Dan Fouts show up eight Sundays every fall at the Silverdome and provide us with some modicum of consistent quarterbacking, even if it was stored in the back of our memory banks, we'd be easier on the Harringtons, the Batches, the Mitchells, the Peetes, and the Hipples of the world. But then they wouldn't be our lovable Lions, would they?

Now back to Harrington. There's every chance he plays out his Detroit Lions career over the remaining seven games. Clearly, as Coach Mariucci has stated, if Jeff Garcia gets healthy, he will play.

Garcia's ability to make plays out of nothing was impressive in Cleveland. His ability to give a crucial game away in overtime against the Bears was not. It's enough to make even the most pro-Garcia (and anti-Harrington) Lion fan skeptical that he can take this team the rest of the way on a gimpy ankle and win five of the next seven games.

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Harrington has surprised even his biggest detractors. Some weren't sure he'd be able to focus and give 100 percent if called back to duty. He's told the assembled media that the criticism won't break him. That the benching wouldn't change his team-first philosophy. That he supports Coach Mariucci's decision-making process, even though it's obvious to all that Mariucci hasn't returned the favor but rarely in three seasons now.

Harrington hasn't gone into the tank, and perhaps you can argue he didn't have time to pull away from the table, cash in his chips and leave the casino. But what he showed Sunday with a consistent and winning style of mistake-free football against the Cardinals was more than anyone expected. He'd hit an all-time low

in a football career that in his mind and heart, began from the time he could throw a football. Yes, I know it was against the Cardinals. However, give Harrington credit for providing a pulse of life on Sunday in a dreary season so far.

If the wins get to be few and far between for him over the last seven games, as I suspect it will be for either Harrington or Garcia under center, at least we know Harrington will be giving 100 percent, though he knows he'll be in another uniform next year. Without question, that's more than we expected.

## ROOTING FOR JOEY

I'm still skeptical Harrington can be a very good NFL quarterback. There just isn't enough that he does well. But I will root for him. He's one of the good guys and perhaps the confidence early in his career was mistaken as arrogance, and his team-first belief was shadowed

by being too positive after disappointing defeat after defeat.

I do know this, though. And feel free to play along at home. Ask yourself how many NFL teams if he were released by the Lions today, might see him as an upgrade both for now and the long-term future of their football club. Miami? Arizona? Baltimore? New Orleans? Maybe even the New York Jets, if Chad Pennington can't recover from two season-ending injuries in under 10 months.

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If you have any problems setting up the automatic scoring, the counter person will be glad to show you how.

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Anyone who goes bowling should have a fitted ball of their own rather than use a house ball. It may seem to fit O.K. because the fingers all went in. But unless a ball fits properly, you cannot attain the full performance you would like.

You do not have to spend a fortune on a ball, leave that to

the big shooters. Every pro shop can fit you within a smaller budget, and the manufacturers all put out a line of economy balls that work just fine.

A poorly fitted ball may give you blisters or sores because you have to squeeze it too much (just to hold on).

The pro shop will also make sure that you get the correct weight ball for your physical characteristics.

The lanes are there to be enjoyed by all, whether leagues or open bowlers.

Bowling is America's most popular participation sport by far and is relatively inexpensive when compared to most other physical activities.

Someone I recently met asked me, "Isn't bowling a dying sport?"

I replied to the contrary because it is still growing, with more youth bowlers than ever. There's also better coaching.

Bowling centers have been

upgraded and are more family-oriented.

In addition, there are new organizations such as the US Bowling Congress with over 3 million certified league bowlers as members.

Leagues remain the backbone of bowling, and most of the casual bowlers who give league bowling a try are going to be in it for the duration.

There are more innovations and promotions than ever, along with a clean, wholesome atmosphere wherever you may bowl.

Yes, bowling is alive and well, especially in metro Detroit.

■ The Sunday Youth Classic is one of this area's finer youth travel leagues.

The kids have a great time and learn to play the game the right way thanks to the efforts of Ed Wright of Farmington Hills, Bob Black and others.

Marcus Allen, 16, of Highland Park, has just rolled this season's first 300 game at

Plaza Lanes in Plymouth.

Maybe Marcus inherits his talent from his mother, Carmen Allen, one of this area's elite woman bowlers and a member of the Greater Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame.

If you have a pretty good youth bowler in the family, the SYC is the breeding ground for future stars in the sport of bowling.

For information on the SYC, call Ed Wright at (248) 477-5047.

■ Roy Biggs of Canton rolled his 10th career 300 game Oct. 19 in the Wednesday Men's Senior Classic at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

Biggs is first vice-president GDBA, and rest assured, he will be receiving his award ring on time.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia, a life member of the US Bowling Congress and a director with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

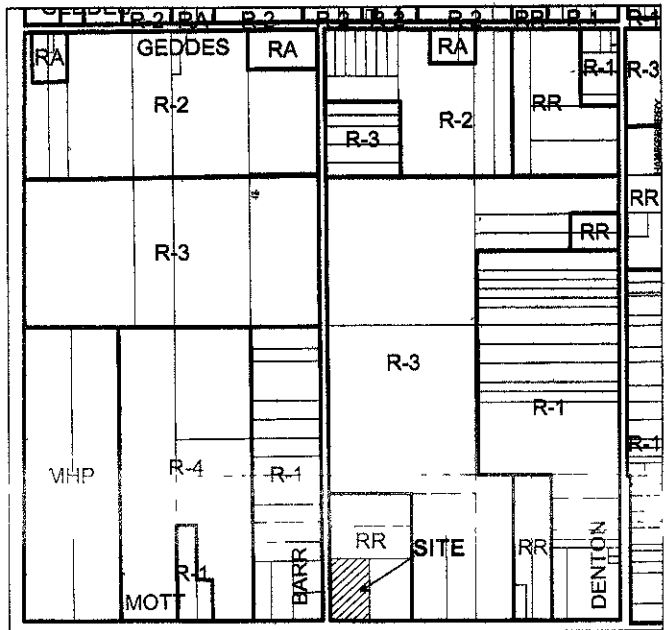
you with open arms and it can even make your casual bowl-

## 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.

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**CHOPRA REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 124 99 0003 003 FROM R-R, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.** Property is located at the northeast corner of Barr and Mott Roads.



SECTION 31

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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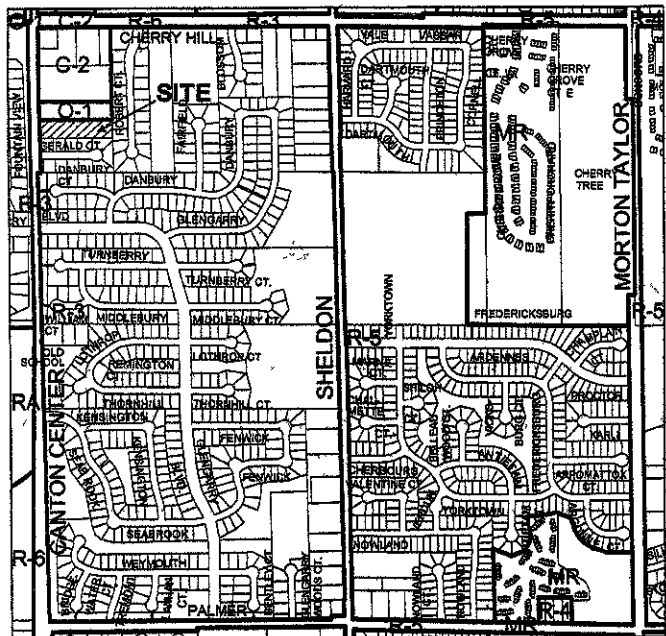
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**FAB INVESTMENT REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 086 99 0002 002 FROM R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO O-1, OFFICE.** Property is located on the east side of Canton Center Road and south of Cherry Hill Road.



SECTION 22

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VIC GUSTAFSON,  
Chairman

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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS



Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 23, 2005. The bid opening will be at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 23, 2005 for the following:

### Taser X-26E Equipment and Accessories

Specifications and bid documents are available in the City Manager's Office, at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, 48170 during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk  
City of Plymouth

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## Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - November 8, 2005

The Board of Trustees convened at 6:00 p.m. in closed session to discuss employee negotiations. Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo. Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Santomauro. Closed session adjourned at 6:43 p.m. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from closed session to open session at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 8, 2005, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call: Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas. Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Study Minutes of October 25, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Citizens' Non Agenda Item Comments: Mr. Daniel McCausland, 328 Haggerty Rd., Canton, 48187 requested that the record contain his request for the removal of Greg Greene from the Downtown Development Authority and The Planning Commission. Mr. Alfred Brock, 40047 Cambridge #102, Canton, MI 48187 made three points; one request for the resignation of Mr. Greene; two, thanked Mr. Yack for the relief mission to Canton Mississippi; and third, expressed a request from a senior to read the bills line by line at the board meeting. Trustee Caccamo expressed addition concern over Mr. Greene indicating to a citizen to sit down and refrain from commenting. Payment of Bills: Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### Expenditure Recap for November 8, 2005

General Fund	101	\$	884,691.86
Fire Fund	206		88,913.61
Police Fund	207		199,811.93
Summit Operating	208		84,250.13
Street Lighting	219		18,511.39
Cable TV Fund	230		1,845.69
Twp Improvement	246		2,434.90
E-911 Utility	261		1,592.20
Auto Forfeiture (w/wa)	267		10,677.68
Federal Grants Fund	274		2,155.20
Auto Theft Grant	289		13,306.14
Downtown Dev Authority	294		3,527.09
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402		4,551.47
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403		4,673.14
Bldg Auth Construction	469		000.00
Golf Fund	584		16,387.30
Water & Sewer Fund	592		1,868,105.42
Trust & Agency Fund	701		0,000.00
Post Employ. Benefits	736		33,038.81
Total - All Funds			3,238,473.46

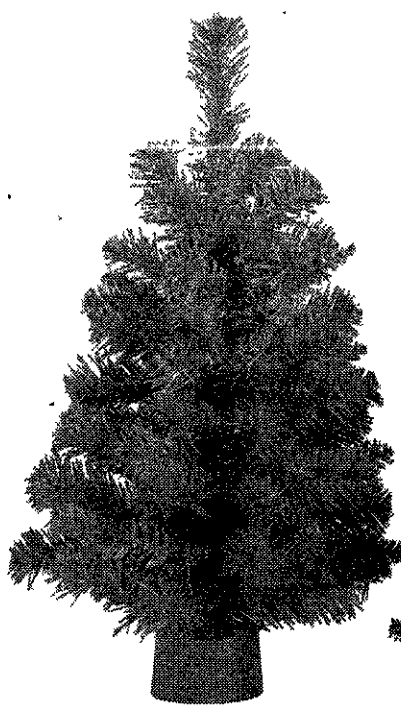
RECOGNITION: Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the resolution recognizing Heidi Kaloustain. Motion carried unanimously. PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR DOERKEN CORPORATION. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to open the Public Hearing at 7:30 PM to consider Tax Abatement for Doerken Corporation. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the Public Hearing at 7:46 PM to consider Tax Abatement for Doerken Corporation. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution approving application of Doerken Corporation Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Real & Personal Property. Motion carried unanimously. PUBLIC HEARING - FOR A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FROM MONGOLIAN OPERATING CO. LLC, 42089 FORD ROAD, CANTON, MICHIGAN, 48188. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to open the Public Hearing at 7:50 PM for Class C Liquor License request from Mongolian Operating Company, LLC, 42089 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the Public Hearing at 7:53 PM for Class C Liquor License request from Mongolian Operating Company, LLC, 42089 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request for a Class "C" Liquor License for Mongolian Operating Company, LLC, 42089 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188, (parcel # 71-053-99-0012) Canton, Wayne County, Michigan 48188, be considered for approval "Above all others" and it is the consensus of this legislative body that application be recommended for issuance. Motion carried unanimously. CONSENT CALENDAR: ESTABLISH 2006 MEETING DATES FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to establish the Canton Township Zoning Board of Appeals' meeting schedule for the year 2006 as follows: Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. to be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center South. Motion carried unanimously. ESTABLISH 2006 MEETING DATES FOR THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to establish the Canton Township's Building Board of Appeals' meeting schedule for the year 2006. Meetings will be scheduled as needed and will be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center South. Motion carried unanimously. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR TRI-CITY CHRISTIAN CENTER'S WOMEN'S MINISTRY'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs (30 signs, at major intersections and removed by Sunday, December 11, 2005) for Tri-City Christian Center's, 3855 Sheldon Road, Women's Ministry's holiday craft fair on Saturday, December 10, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. APPROVE APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to appoint William Rice to the Council for Community Excellence to fill the current vacancy, which expires in January of 2006, and to appoint him for a new

three year term. Motion carried unanimously. ESTABLISH BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATE FOR 2006. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to establish the Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting schedule for the year 2006 as follows: first, second, third, fourth and fifth Tuesday of each month of the 2006 calendar year, with the exception of February 28, 2006, Van Buren School Election, May 2, 2006, School Board Election, August 8, 2006, Primary Election, and November 7, 2006, General Election. In addition, the following meetings held July 4, 2006 and December 26, 2006 will be cancelled upon approval of the relative bargaining unit's contract. The Board of Trustees' Regular Meetings will be held, at 7:00 p.m., at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building, Board of Trustees meeting room, 1150 Canton Center South, First Floor, Canton, Michigan. Motion carried unanimously. GENERAL CALENDAR: CONSIDER WINDING CREEK PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan 'APPROVAL for Winding Creek Preliminary Planned Development District. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Winding Creek Preliminary Planned Development District. WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Douglas Smith, has requested preliminary approval for Winding Creek Planned Development District to be located on Canton Center Road between Palmer and Geddes Roads, identified as tax EDP # 107-99-0006-002, 107-99-0007-000 and 107-99-0008-000; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, at a public hearing, reviewed the proposed Preliminary Planned Development District Agreement and recommended preliminary APPROVAL of the Winding Creek Planned Development District, conditioned upon determination of and commitment to completion of any necessary sewer remediation measures associated with the increase in density proposed with the project, review of the architecture and floor plans for the proposed condominium units to enhance the appearance and comply with minimum masonry requirements, identification of a specific community benefit, and exploring the preservation of the historic house as part of the benefit the community will receive in order to justify use of the Planned Development option, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Douglas Smith, to approve the preliminary planned development plan for the proposed Winding Creek Planned Development District subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to all conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY TO PROVIDE WINTER MAINTENANCE ON 16.01 MILES OF COUNTY ROADS. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the agreement with Wayne County to provide additional winter maintenance for 17.11 miles of local roads and authorize the payment of \$60,000.00 from account no. 101-441-950-0000 (Wayne County Road Maintenance). Motion carried unanimously. APPROVE REORGANIZATION PLAN FOR FACILITIES MAINTENANCE DIVISION. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the proposed Facilities Maintenance Reorganization Plan by eliminating the Facilities Maintenance Supervisor position and one Maintenance Technician I position and creating and filling a Lead Maintenance Technician position and a Maintenance Technician II position. Motion carried unanimously. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR MOBILE HOME PARKS POLICING GRANT. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve and authorize signature by the Township Supervisor to the Office of Drug Control Policy contract for Year Four of the policing of the Wagon Wheel, College Park, and Holiday Estates mobile home parks; I further move to authorize an in-kind match of \$47,254 (Account #207-000-505-1000, Federal Grants-Community Policing Strategies, \$31,500. Police Officer wages and fringe benefits will be charged to the regular Police Fund expenditure accounts), for a project total of \$78,754. Motion carried unanimously. PURCHASE OF REMOTE RADIO CONTROL FOR FIRE STATION #3. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to extend the capital purchase deadline in order to purchase an additional remote radio control to the dorm for Fire Station #3 from State Electronics, PO Box 5084, Asheboro, NC 27204, in the amount of \$1,190.00, account #206-336-975-0000. Motion carried unanimously. PURCHASE OF THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to extend the purchasing deadline for capital in order to purchase an MSA 5200 Thermal Imaging Camera for the Canton Police Department from Apollo Fire Equipment, 12584 Lake Shore Drive, Romulus, MI 48065 for an amount of \$8,315, funding to come from account #101-860-977-1600 Homeland Security Capital Outlay. Motion carried unanimously. PURCHASE OF CELL MATTRESSES. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to extend the capital purchase deadline and reprogram \$607 from Capital Line Item #13 account # 207-301-977-0000 Two Workstations and create a new line item for the purchase of Three (3) 5-year Challenge Mattress for jail cells from Jackson Mattress Factory, 26218 Wildwood Ave., Jackson, MI 49202. Motion carried unanimously. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: There will be a study session on Tuesday, November 15, 2005. The study session topics will include: Township goals and Objectives, Minor Purchasing Policy changes, discussion of changes to the Sewer and Water Rate Study, Mr. Daniel McCausland, Haggerty Rd Canton, revisited the request for removal of Greg Green from the Planning Commission and the Downtown Development Authority. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk. Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site [www.canton.mi.org](http://www.canton.mi.org) after Board Approval.

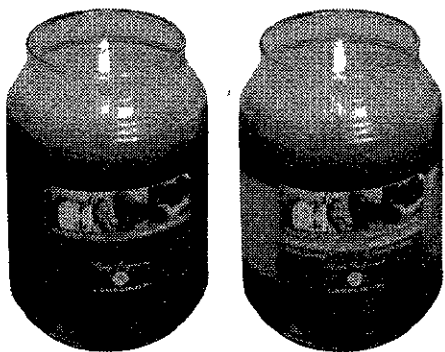
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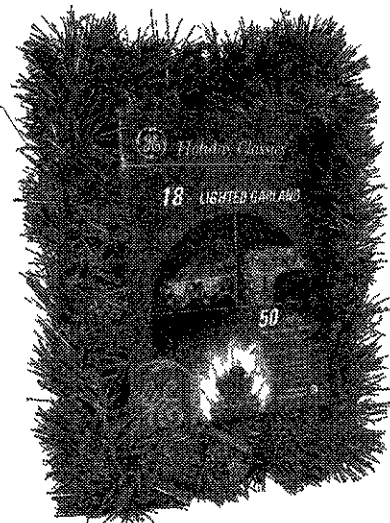
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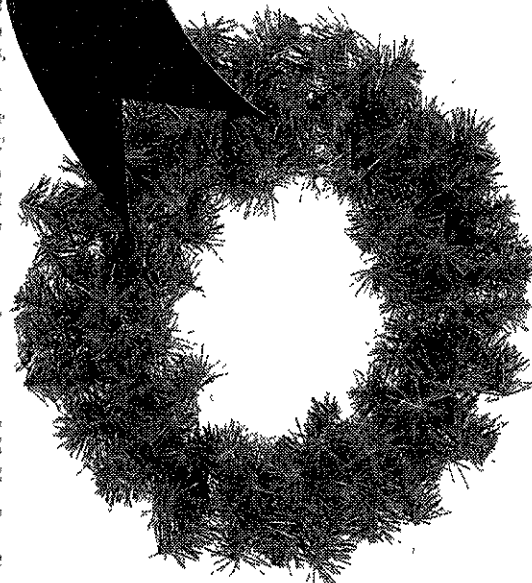
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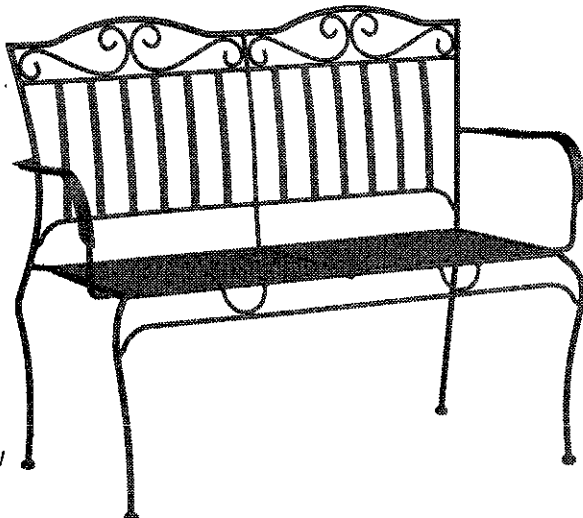
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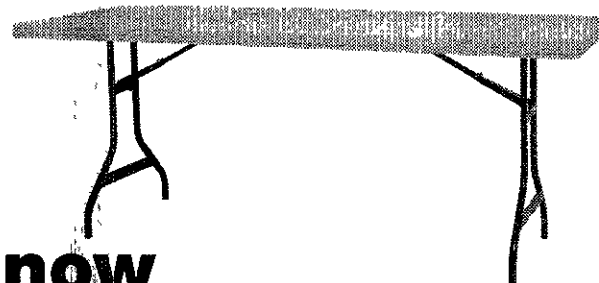
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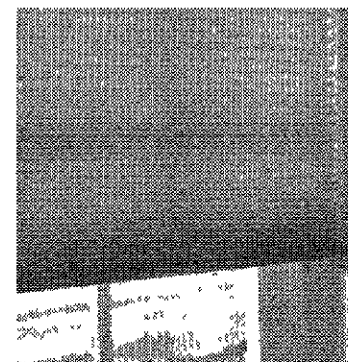
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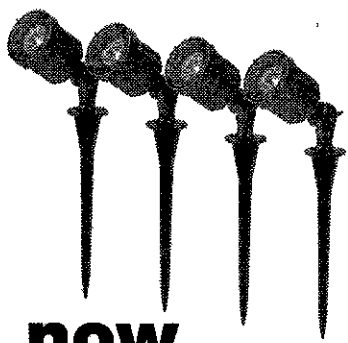
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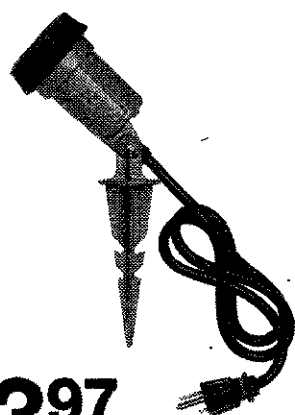
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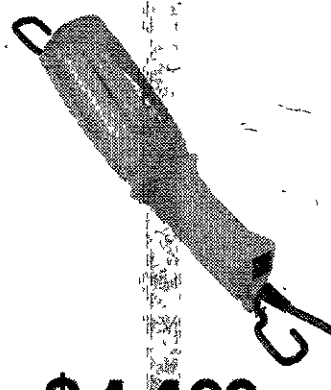
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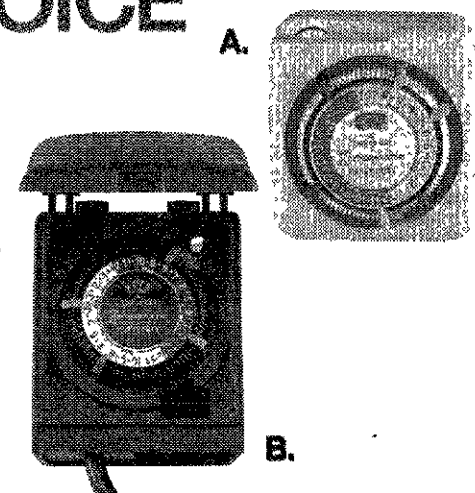
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# Madonna men's basketball team retools without Noel Emenhiser

**BY TIM SMITH**  
STAFF WRITER

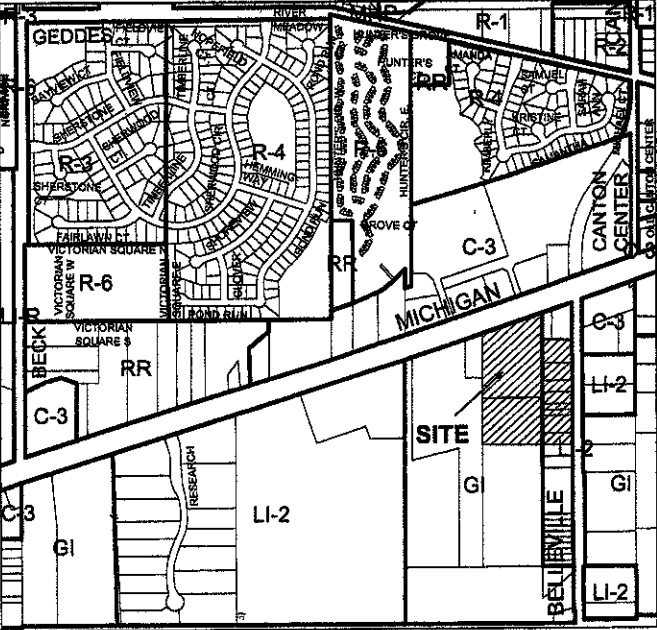
This figures to be a new-look season for Madonna University. First of all, the Crusaders' men's basketball team lost team captain and MU all-time points leader Noel Emenhiser to graduation.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**  
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**CANTON LAND/COSTCO REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 132 99 003 701, 132 99 0003 702 (PART OF), 132 01 0005 000, 132 01 0009 000, 132 01 0012 000, 132 01 0014 000, 132 01 0016 000, 132 01 0017 000 AND 132 01 0021 000 FROM GI, GENERAL INDUSTRIAL AND LI-2, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL** Property is located south of Michigan and west of Belleville Road.



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 12/02/05 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following locations:

Shurgard Storage of Canton *2101 Haggerty Rd *Canton *734-981-0300		
4092	Bien	tools, paper shredder, step-ladder, fish tank, refrigerator
4209	Hayes	bedroom set, hockey equipment, boxes, couch, chairs
5249	Robbins	baby bed mattress, toys, dressers, boxes, dining chairs
5251	Peltier	boxes, hand truck, golf clubs, microwave, lamp
6014	Mountain Jacks	restaurant appliances, large grill, restaurant equipment
6205	Pitts	end tables, boxes, folding chair
6280	Merritt	boxes, TV stand, office equipment, end tables
6288	Ringo	boxes, plastic tub, Christmas items
9023	Bien	dining room furniture, luggage, boxes
9027	Bien	file cabinet, desk, boxes, dresser w/ mirror, vacuum
9055	Bien	king sized bedroom set, leather sofa and matching chairs
Shurgard Storage of Canton *45229 Michigan Ave *Canton *734-398-5416		
Osborne	4025	Hand tools, Power Tools, Sporting goods, 2 Bedsets, Rolling toolbox, Entertainment Center, computer desk, Dressers 25 boxes
Bustamante	4030	Computer box, bike, Dresser Sofabed, Microwave, cabinet, Desk, Kitchen table, Garden tub, 20 boxes, Love seat, tire
Purnell	4110	10 hand tools, refrigerator, stove, snow-blower, mower, sewing console, hat, 8 boxes
Pittman	4210	Dryer, chairs, toolbox, King bedset, heater, metal make up stand, coffee table, fan, CD radio, hand tools, 10 boxes and bags
Clements	4213	Ladder, chest, dresser, trunk, and table wall hangings, card table set, vacuum, lamps and 10 boxes
Nobles	5017	6 boxes
Shurgard Storage of Dearborn *24920 Trowbridge *Dearborn *318-277-2000		
1006	Blay	stroller, car seat, toys, couch, vacuum, dinette set, 60 misc. boxes and bags
1022	Washington	desk, filing cabinets, office furn, office equipment, chairs, and display racks
1074	Ochs	9 boxes, and baskets
1078	Wetstein	couch, serving tray, tools, misc. boxes and storage containers
1414	Hollie	clothing, small girls bike, storage container
2006	Garrard	sectional couch, queen mattress set, twin mattress set, 6 misc. boxes
Shurgard Storage of Livonia *30900 Plymouth Rd *Livonia *734-522-7811		
2009	Kenney	Tub, Stove, Beds, Drum Set, Dinning Set, Bike, Toys
2011	Maddox	Beds, Lamps, BdrmsSet, Dressers, Dinning Chairs, Kitchen Ware, Sofa
2037	Davis	TV, Chest, File Cab, Sofa, Dresser, Office Chair, Bed Spring
4044	Whitmore	Mattress, TV, Folding Chairs, Shelf, Kitchen Items, Bags, Boxes
Shurgard Storage of Taylor *9800 Pelham Rd *Taylor *313-292-2950		
3004	Smith	desk, dresser, 5 boxes, kitchen table and chairs
3031	Schweizer	12 boxes, dining set, stereo, Microwave, telescope, floor cleaning device, monitor
3032	Kopp	bags, oxygen tank, tv, wheelchair, sewing machine, boxes
3057	Burch	boxes, misc household
3066	Mandler	gr mattress set, dresser, end tables, sofa and chair, boxes and bags
3078	Roop	household items
4020	Gilley	Fridge, truck bumper, Antique rocking horse, car parts, tools fishing equipment, bed, boxes, lots of books and magazines
4073	Green	TV, bed, boxes, misc household items
5102	Allen Park Hockey (Marcia)	4 large cabinets, safe
Shurgard Storage of Westland *36001 Warren *Westland *734-328-6000		
1096	HINOJOSA	LUGGAGE, TV STAND, BLANKETS, 2 GROCERY BAGS
5152	ALLISON	DINING TABLE W/4 CHAIRS, HEADBOARD & FOOTBOARD, DRYER, CHEST FREEZER, STOVE, FRIDGE, LAWN CHAIRS, BOX
5090	ROOP	DINING ROOM SET, 2 TV'S, DRESSER, ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, DINING TABLE, 40 TOTES & BOXES, KIDS FURNITURE, PARK BENCH
5170	REECE	LEATHER SOFA & LOVE SEAT, GUN SAFE, END TABLE, GRILL, DINING SET W/10 CHAIRS, WHEEL CHAIR, HEAD BOARD
4102	HUCULAK	ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, MICROWAVE, SOFA, LOVE SEAT, TABLE, MONITOR, BOX
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1070	Gause	4 mattresses, vacuum, lamps, totes/bins, boxes, Bags, 2 bed frames.
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As much as Emenhiser's graduation leaves a huge void, Henry said he likes the depth and talent of the 2005-06 squad enough that more than 10 players will probably see significant playing time.

Of course, it remains to be seen whether this winter's mix of eight returnees and several newcomers will lead to improvement in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. Last season, MU finished a disappointing 9-21.

The Crusaders split their first two games, with 12 players getting a good share of minutes. According to Henry, that is likely how the year will proceed - with guys earning court time in games based on how well and how hard they perform in practices. The starting lineup is subject to change, in other words.

"I've always been that type of coach," he explained. "I like to base the starting lineup on who performs in practice. We're trying to figure out which five function best together and who functions well off the bench."

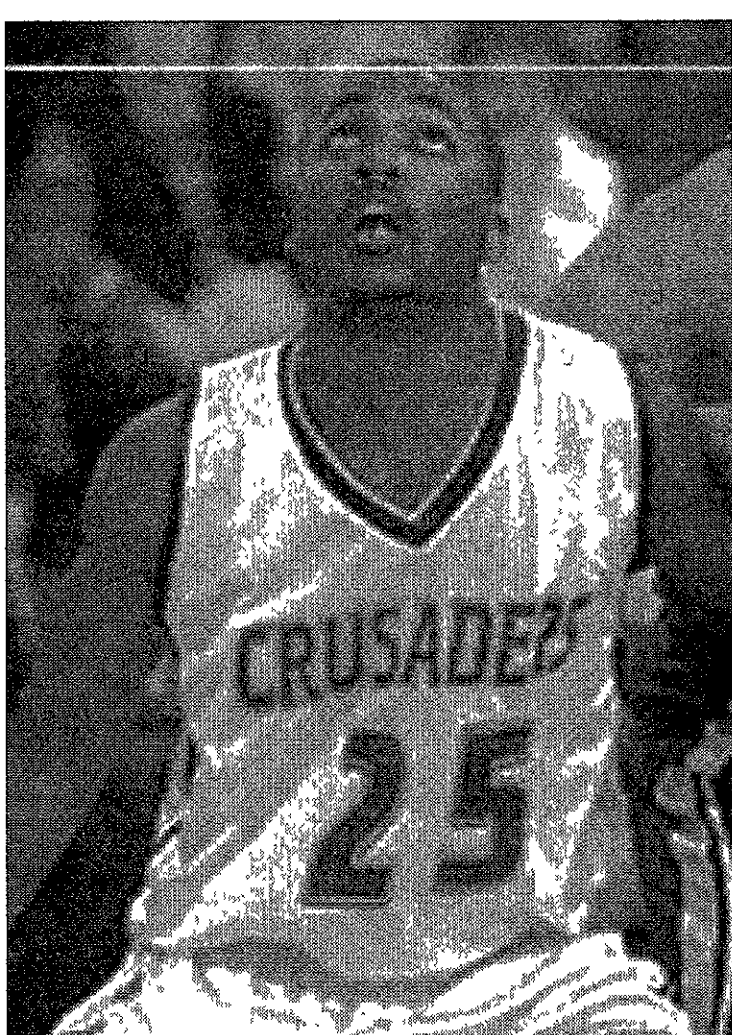
**SEVERAL WEAPONS**

Although the Crusaders do not have a huge front court (the exception being 6-10 senior center Antoine Stewart, a reserve to start the season), the team boasts enough offensive weapons to put pressure on their opponents.

The MU backcourt, in particular, is one that could be dangerous.

The captain, senior guard Joe Calhoun, is expected to lead by example with what Henry called "a good, overall game. He is a good three-point shooter and defender, one of our hardest workers."

Another transferee, junior point guard Adam Kerfoot



MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Madonna University sophomore forward Mike Rashad (Wayne Memorial) is one of several Observerland areas who will have key roles for the Crusaders this season.

who ran cross country this fall and "is very athletic and can run and jump."

Junior guard-forward Nathan Wade, who graduated from Wayne Memorial, is described by the coach as "another strong defender" while Wayne native and Agape Christian grad Jordan Napier (6-3, 215 sophomore forward) brings a physical presence and nifty outside shot.

"Jordan can also step out and hit a three," Henry said.

Other backups include senior guard Danny Peters, junior guard Quincy Bell and 6-5 junior forward Derrick Mudri.

Peters is the team's best penetrating guard, noted Henry while Bell plays excellent defense. As for Mudri, he could be the wild card as to how far the Crusaders go this season.

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**STATE RANKINGS**

Boys Soccer  
(By the coaches association-Final)

Division 1 - 1. Warren DeLaSalle; 2. Birmingham Brother Rice; 3. Livonia Stevens; 4. Rochester Stoney Creek; 5. Brighton; 6. East Kentwood; 7. Traverse City West; 8. Rochester; 9. Novi; 10. Northville.

Honorable Mention - Grand Blanc, Portage Central, Troy, Lake Orion.

Division 2 - 1. East Lansing; 2. Bloomfield Hills Lahser; 3. Hudsonville Unity Christian; 4. Mason; 5. Birmingham Seaholm; 6. Spring Lake; 7. South Haven; 8. Oxford; 9. Dearborn Divine Child; 10. Grand Rapids Christian.

Honorable Mention - None.

Division 3 - 1. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day; 2. Ada-Forest Hills Eastern; 3. Jackson Lumen Christi; 4. Elk Rapids; 5. Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port-Laker; 6. Macomb Lutheran North; 7. Madison Heights Bishop Foley; 8. Grosse Ile; 9. Flint Powers Catholic; 10. Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian.

Honorable Mention - Roscommon, Williamston.

Division 4 - 1. Allen Park Inter-City Baptist; 2. North Muskegon; 3. Suttons Bay; 4. Ann Arbor Greenhills; 5. Royal Oak Shrine; 6. Birmingham Roeper; 7. Hudsonville Unity Christian; 8. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian; 9. Southfield Christian; 10. (tie) Westland Lutheran, Watervliet Grace Christian.

Honorable Mention - Jackson Christian, Adrian Lenswee Christian, Lansing Christian, Big Rapids Crossroads Academy.

Girls Basketball  
(By the Associated Press)

Note: The top 10 teams in the Associated Press high school girls basketball poll with records in parentheses. Totals are based on 15 points for a first-place vote, 14 for second, etc.

Class A - 1. Southfield-Lathrup (19-1) 74; 2. Benton Harbor (20-0) 71; 3. Detroit Pershing (17-1) 62; 4. Grandville (19-1) 60; 5. Lowell (19-1) 54; 6. Saginaw Arthur Hill (17-3) 49; 7. Auburn Hills Avondale (18-2) 45; 8. Midland Dow (17-3) 40; 9. West Bloomfield (17-3) 25; 10. Monroe (17-3) 22.

Honorable Mention - Saginaw Heritage, Flushing, Grand Rapids Christian, Marquette, Rockford, Flint Northern, Pinckney, Flint Central, Brighton, Detroit King, Fraser.

Class B - 1. Birmingham-Detroit Country Day (20-0) 71; 2. Midland Bullock Creek (20-0) 69; 3. St. Clair (18-2) 65; 4. Mount Clemens (20-0) 59; 5. Livonia Ladywood (19-1) 49; 6. Portland (19-1) 45; 7. Lansing Catholic Central (17-3) 43; 8. Dewitt (18-2) 42; 9. Lansing Waverly (18-2) 40; 10. Detroit Renaissance (18-2) 30.

Honorable Mention - Niles, Ludington, Ida, Hudsonville Unity Christian, Muskegon Heights, Frankentmuth, Grand Rapids Catholic Central, Cheboygan.

Class C - 1. Michigan Center (20-0) 72; 2. Flint Hamady (19-1) 69; 3. Morley-Stanwood (19-1) 60; 4. Pewamo-Westphalia (19-1) 59; 5. Kent City (20-0) 58; 6. Olivet (18-2) 50; 7. Memphis (20-0) 47; 8. New Lothrop (18-2) 37; 9. (tie) Kingsley (19-1) 28; Houghton (17-2) 28.

Honorable Mention - Inkster, Bridgman, Charlevoix, Watervliet, Detroit Community, Traverse City St. Francis, Grand Rapids Covenant Christian, Cassopolis, McBain, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Calumet.

Class D - 1. Cilmax-Scotts (20-0) 75; 2. Rapid River (19-1) 65; 3. Portland St. Patrick (19-1) 57; 4. Frankfort (18-2) 56; 5. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (19-1) 51; 6. Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart (18-2) 46; 7. Lansing Christian (18-2) 45; 8. Gaylord St. Mary Cathedral (19-1) 43; 9. St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran (19-1) 38; 10. Crystal Falls Forest Park (18-2) 35.

Honorable Mention - Beal City, Cedarville, Chassell, Engadine, Lansing New Covenant Christian, Eau Claire, Carney-Nadeau, Marion, Pickford.



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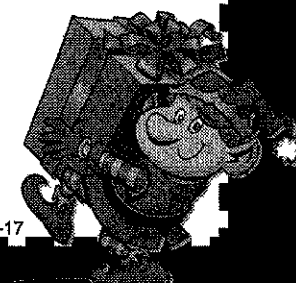


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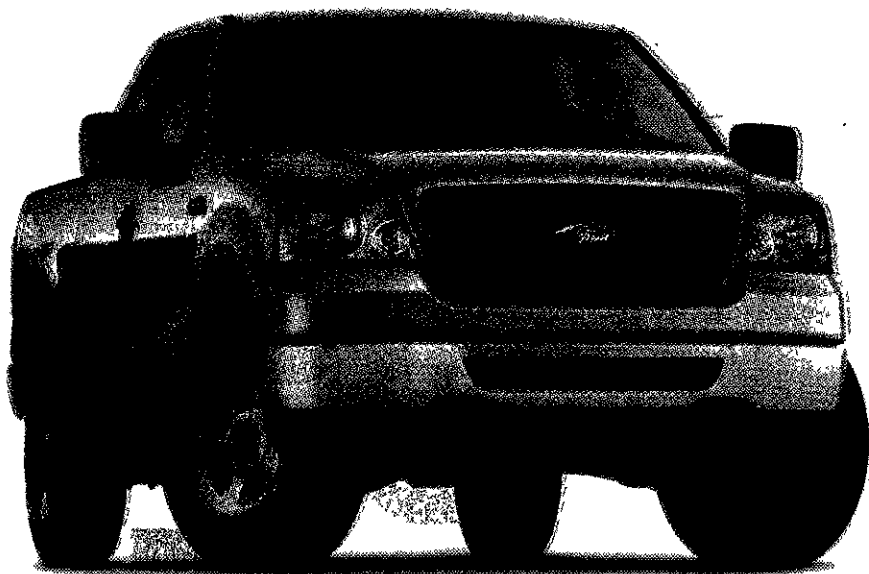


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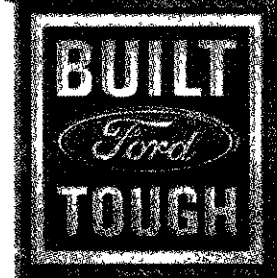
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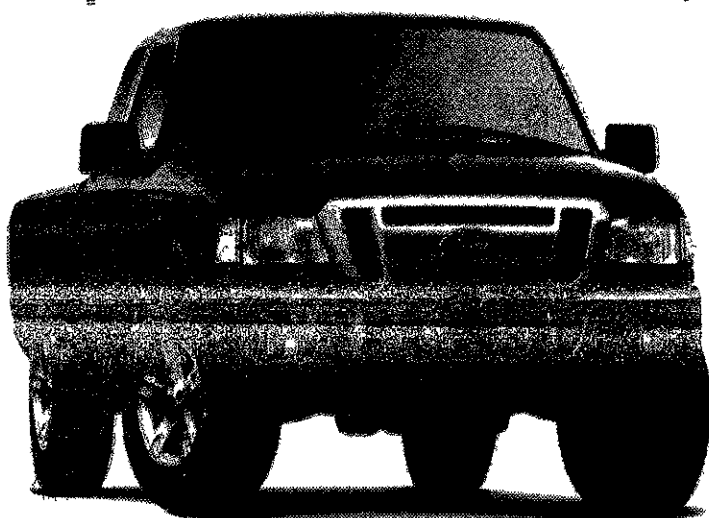
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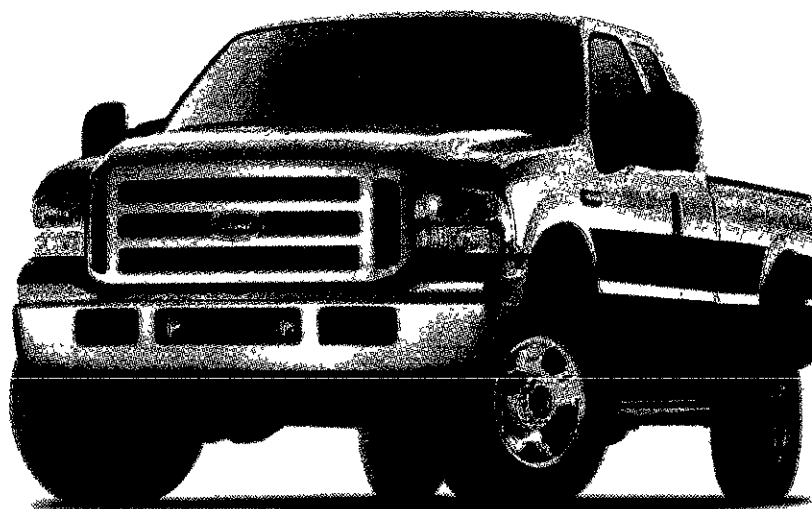
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## Real estate draws professionals from varied walks of life

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Realtors often come into the field with work experience in other professions. Phyllis Pulty, for example, started with the health department in Detroit as a young woman and left years later as supervising housing inspector for the city.

"Most people are from a different field," said Pulty, a Realtor with Century 21 Town & Country of Plymouth. Top sellers in her office include folks from teaching, management/business and other walks of life.

Some people do start out in real estate at 18 or 19 and are successful, added Pulty, who's been in real estate since 1991. She found her earlier experience helpful in her current career.

"I was always dealing with the public," she said. People skills, computer skills and more follow from work in other fields.

Deborah Falzon started working in 1986 in the plumbing field, where she was an office manager. Falzon, now a Realtor with Century 21 Today of West Bloomfield, married a plumber who started his own business, and she worked behind the

scenes there.

"We ended up with two companies," said Falzon, who has a bachelor's degree in marketing. One handles new construction by word of mouth, while the other offers residential service. It includes service technicians and advertising, and Falzon helped by training technicians and customer service staffers.

She recalled the impact of the 9/11 attacks, and around that time a longtime girlfriend suggested she consider getting a real estate license. "Love it, absolutely love it," Falzon said of her new field. "It's the hardest job I've done in my life."

She likes matching people with homes where they can start a new life.

Running a business gave Falzon insight into her real estate work, where she's an independent contractor and gets out of it what she puts in. She'd encourage others to follow her career path if they're hard-working and self-motivated.

"You have to be able to follow up with people and be very organized," said Falzon, adding the field's not good for those who wait for instructions on the job.

For more on Grant of Plymouth Township, who now teaches at

Schoolcraft College, worked some 20 years in real estate and enjoyed it. She went back into teaching for more regular hours so she could spend time with her family.

Grant, who teaches College Reading and Critical Thinking as an adjunct professor at the Livonia campus, had started out as a high school teacher. She's found her background helpful.

"I think everything you've done in life helps you with the next stage," she said. The people skills she learned as a teacher helped her walk people through the process in real estate.

"I loved real estate," she said. The work got busier and she found she had less time for family. "So then I decided to go back to teaching."

In real estate, it could be you'd work with a customer for a couple of months; he or she would be ready to buy or sell perhaps just when you wanted to travel with family, she said.

Grant found some in real estate didn't realize the hours that would be involved, that there would be no regular income at the start, or fringe benefits.

"Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't," said Grant, who enjoyed the variety of people she met in real estate.

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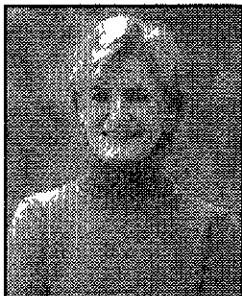
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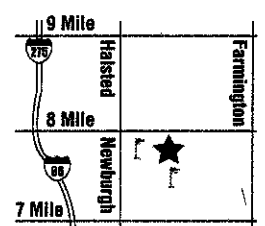
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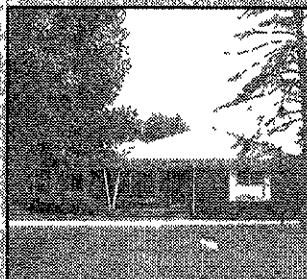
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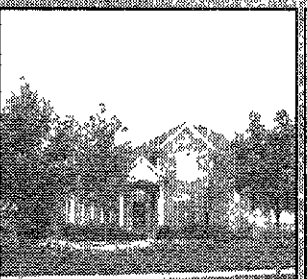
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**CANTON** \$259,900

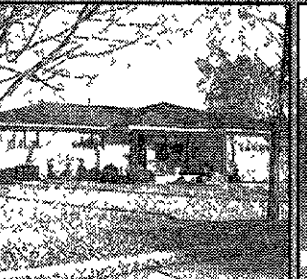
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**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$409,000

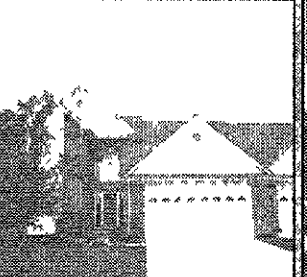
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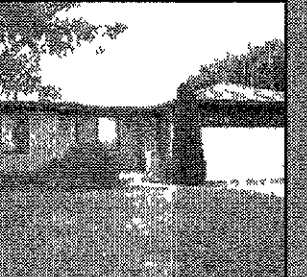
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Sharp Francavilla Colonial Features Numerous Updates. New Windows, Baths W/cherry Cabinets &amp; Granite Tops. Premium Double Dr Entry Way &amp; Insulated Garage. Dr Roof Tear Off &amp; Re-shingle. Furnace &amp; Ac All Appls Stay. MLS# 25149238 248-347-3050

**LIVONIA** \$263,900

Maintained all brick ranch in Laurel Park S sub. Mstr bath w/vaulted ceilings, skylights, jacuzzi. Vaulted ceiling family rm, w/doorwall to deck w/gazebo &amp; built-in BBQ grill. Prof finished bsmnt, roof, water heater. MLS# 25149483 248-347-3050



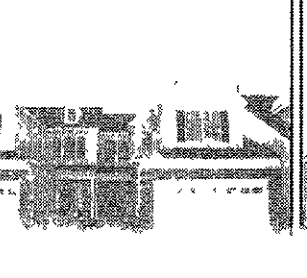
Wow! Hurry over to this 3 BR, 2 BA beautiful custom built ranch on large lot. Large living room w/FP, cath clg &amp; skylights, kitchen w/oak cbnts. Partly finished bsmnt w/9 ft clg &amp; plumbed 3rd bath. Hurry! MLS# 25117745 734-453-6800



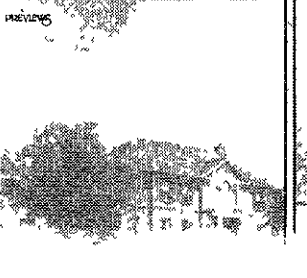
Vaulted Ceilings. Formal Dining Rm, Great Rm W/bridge &amp; Gas Frpl W/ceramic Surround, 1st Flr Bedrm/office w/half Bath, Mstr Ste W/walk-in Closet &amp; Private Bath, Kitchen W/snack Bar, Hardw Flr, Deck, Attached Garage. MLS# 25136688 248-347-3050



Bright Open Flr Plan W/Hrdwd Flrs Eat In Kitchen &amp; Finished Bsmnt Deck. Overlooks Fenced Backyard. Updates include Roof, Windows, Bath, Kitchen, Hot Water Heater &amp; Paint. Lg 2.5 Car Garage. MLS# 25150075 248-347-3050



Beautiful end unit condo located in Island Lakes of Novi. \$10,000 lot premium convenient to everything w/cub house, pool &amp; tennis courts. Full fin basement &amp; att 2 car gar. Almost \$70,000 in extras. Turnkey property. MLS# 25151238 734-453-6800



Exquisitely detailed executive home! 5 BR, 4 full baths + 2 1/2 baths. Custom dream kit. 3 FP's in W/O w/kit. FR w/FP, BR &amp; bath. Gunite pool surrounded by stunning gardens. Backs &amp; sides to commons for privacy! MLS# 25108484 734-453-6800



Rolling Oaks colonial w/quick occupancy! 2-story foyer 9 ft ceilings on 1st flr. hwd flr in foyer kit &amp; hallway. 1st flr laundry, central vac in bsmnt w/rec rm, 1/2 acre lot, garage w/doorwall to deck w/gazebo &amp; built-in BBQ. MLS# 25159222 248-347-3050



Dramatically reduced! Builders own custom home! 2 story foyer w/hickory wood staircase &amp; limestone floor. Gourmet kitchen-nook w/custom hickory cbnts &amp; SS appl's &amp; granite cntrtops. 2 story FR &amp; mstr w/sitting room. MLS# 25163956 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH** \$299,999

4 BR, 2 full bath, 2 powder rm home w/updated maple kit open to FR w/FP. Form LR &amp; DR w/crown mldgs. Fin LL w/rec room, den &amp; 1/2 bath. Newer furn, AC, HWH, roof &amp; some wndws. Mstr ste w/bath &amp; WIC. 2 car att garage. MLS# 25153475 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH** \$295,000

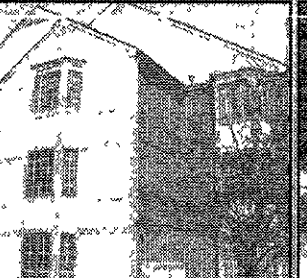
Detached Condo W/ Ceramic Tile In 2 story Foyer &amp; Half Bath. Hwd In Kit W/whitebay Cabinets, 1st Flr Mstr w/jacuzzi &amp; Shw. Gr W/tp &amp; Trapezoid Window W/vaulted Ceiling W/bridge Above, fin Bsmnt w/2-car Att Garage. MLS# 25159573 248-347-3050

**PLYMOUTH** \$269,900

Custom home w/private setting. Professionally remodeled kitchen &amp; baths, newer roof, garage dr &amp; hot water heater. Family rm w/fldstone frpl. Oak hrdw flrs on main &amp; upper levels. Finished bsmnt w/ample storage. MLS# 25153622 248-347-3050

**PLYMOUTH** \$240,000

Elegant Uplands townhouse! Anderson clad windows, maple cabinets, maple flrs t/o 1st flr, granite built-in bookshelves in study/loft, extra deep daylight bsmnt, great rm w/built-in cabs, frpl, cath ceiling in mstr ste. MLS# 25162247 248-347-3050

**PLYMOUTH** \$229,900

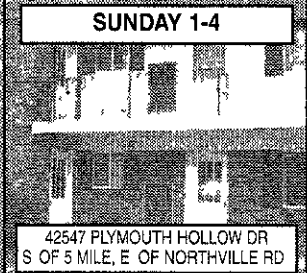
Dreams do come true! Outstanding condo in downtown. Beautiful HDWD flrs, solid hardwood doors t/o. Freshly painted, new blinds &amp; window treatments. New stove, ref, micro, washer, dryer, AC, kitchen faucet &amp; displ. MLS# 25141755 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH** \$219,900

3 BR, 1 1/2 BA colonial backing to mature trees &amp; Hines Park. Completely updated kitchen-nook w/newer oak cabinets &amp; appliances. FR w/oak floors &amp; brick FP. LR has HDWD floors. Attached garage &amp; detached garage. MLS# 25153466 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH** \$179,900

Updated 3 BR, 1 1/2 story home offers nearly 1/3 acre of space w/2 car gar + 28x15 workshop. Lg LR w/ 16x8 area perfect for study w/HDWD flr. Kit is spacious w/newer cbnts, flooring &amp; DW access to deck &amp; paver patio. MLS# 25108673 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH** \$94,900

New Charnwood condo listing! Cozy, clean, 1 BR second flr unit. Great view from balcony overlooking woods. Low association fee inc water. Stove, fridge, dishwasher &amp; newer stackable washer &amp; dryer. Move in ready! MLS# 25159140 734-453-6800

**REDFORD** \$179,000

Absolutely Spotless South Redford Ranch on a private cul-de-sac lot w/a huge park-like backyard for summer enjoyment. Very sharp! Nice hardwood floors &amp; updated baths. Wide open finished basement w/great bar area. MLS# 25157012 248-347-3050

**REDFORD** \$144,900

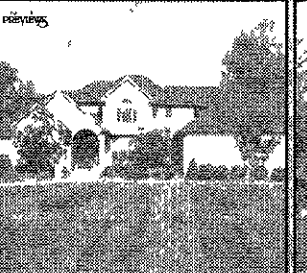
Meticulous Brick Ranch Is Situated In A serene Park Setting Overlooking A Gorgeous Expanse Of Trees, Ravine, &amp; River Light Hrdwd Flrs &amp; Nice Open Flr Plan, Newer Windows, C/A, Finished Bsmnt, Yard Is Nicely Landscaped. MLS# 25161450 248-347-3050

**SALEM** \$1,099,000

Your own estate! 2000 built 4 BR, 3.2 BA colonial on private dr w/3.79 acres. Gourmet kitchen w/sbzzero, 2 doorwalls, granite cntrtops &amp; more. All BR's have access or have baths. Lux master. Must see! MLS# 25162204 734-453-6800

**SOUTHFIELD** \$240,000

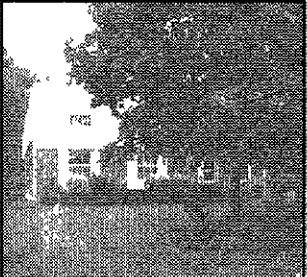
Park-like lot w/over 1/3 acres, kitchen w/cherry wood cabinetry, Corian counters &amp; ceramic flr, living &amp; dining rms w/HDWD flrs, flex rm off kitchen w/hat frpl, family rm w/doorwall to deck, rec rm in bsmnt, newer windows. MLS# 25155184 248-347-3050

**SUPERIOR** \$649,900

Truly spectacular custom home! 4 BR, 4 1/2 BA cape cod on private wooded setting. Gourmet kitchen-nook w/HDWD floors, granite countertops, FP &amp; hearth room. GR w/soaring ceilings. 1st floor study. Finished walkout. MLS# 25157976 734-453-6800

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** \$550,000

Pristine colonial backing to protected woodlands, unfn w/o w/bath rough-ins! granite island, 2-story foyer, deck, 2.5 car garage, great rm w/therdrop ceiling w/gas fp, family rm w/frpl, study &amp; vaulted ceiling in mstr. MLS# 25152507 248-347-3050

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** \$289,999

Priced Considerably Below Appraisal &amp; Sev Fabulous Backyard View Walkout Basement, Great Floor Plan W/very Large Rooms, Very Private Setting Backing To Large Commons Nice Size Lot (111x142), Home Warranty, MLS# 25163220 248-347-3050

**WESTLAND** \$179,900

3 BR, 1.5 BA w/spa-like BA w/jetted tub &amp; gles shwr. Spac updated cherry kit w/plenty of cbnt &amp; cntr space inc appl's, Fin LL FR 2+ car gar w/screencd patio. Priv yd w/in-grd pool &amp; patio. Newer HWH, furn &amp; wndws. MLS# 25115885 734-453-6800

**WESTLAND** \$144,900

Excellent condition condo w/spacious rooms, formal DR, bsmnt, att gar &amp; deck. Neutral carpet &amp; kit fr (2001), Fin LL FR 2+ car gar w/screencd patio. Dishwasher &amp; disposal (2004). Garage is drywalled w/newer opener. Mstr BR has access to bath. All appl's. MLS# 25196629 734-453-6800

**WESTLAND** \$119,900

Ranch Condo W/cath ceiling &amp; Skylight Open Flr Plan. Newer Carpet &amp; Fixtures. Full Bsmnt. Mstr Ste W/private Bath. Spacious Kitchen W/doorwall To Deck, all Appliances Stay, Covered Parking. Immediate Occupancy! MLS# 25107155 248-347-3050

**YPSILANTI** \$354,900

A must see in Partridge Creek! Fabulous 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial. Delightful setting, finished basement, gourmet kitchen, exceptional master suite, tons of updates. The deck. A real winner! MLS# 25158528 734-453-6800

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# Moulding makes your house a home

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Architectural moulding is a premium, polystyrene or polyurethane moulding with large profiles that mimic the look of built-up moulding. Architectural moulding will not warp, rot or split. It is a low maintenance material that saws, mills and works just like wood. It is lighter than hardwood for easier handling and due to its light weight, workability and stability, architectural moulding is usually easier to install than traditional wood moulding. There are matching inside and outside corner blocks available to make installing the crown moulding even easier. The moulding comes ready to finish, so no priming is required. It can be painted or stained to match any color scheme or style. You will also find matching ceiling medallions and even wall niches to add the final touch to your trim. For more, visit [www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com) online.

## New senior director of iCap Realty

Robert W. Leonard has been named senior director of iCap Realty, a growing national mortgage banking firm. Leonard, an experienced member of the financial community, is anticipated to further accelerate iCap's growth and help lead in efforts to double its revenue stream over the next five years.

Leonard has almost 25 years experience in banking and structured finance including senior positions with Michigan National Bank (now LaSalle Bank), Ford Motor Credit and Comerica Bank.

Prior to joining iCap, Leonard was a principal in several structured finance firms. He previously managed the Private Banking and Personal Trust departments at Michigan National Bank, providing loan and investment products and services to high-net-worth individuals throughout Michigan. At Ford Credit, Leonard made equity investments in third-party leveraged lease financings, particularly in the aircraft and rail markets, while at Comerica Bank, Leonard served as a lending officer, calling on commercial, financial and governmental entities through the Asia/Pacific region.

Leonard earned his bachelor of arts in finance at Michigan State University and his master of business administration at the University of Michigan. He lives in Grosse Pointe Farms with his wife, Nancy, and three sons, William, Matthew and David.

## Canadian developer acquires Bob-Lo Island

Bob-Lo Island, has been acquired by Amico Properties Inc. of Old Castle (Windsor), Ontario, Canada. Bob-Lo Island was acquired as a result of a bankruptcy from the previous owner, John Oram.

The island will remain a residential community but will be positioned as a high-end marina resort community and will be developed under the name of Bob-Lo Development Inc. The 272-acre

island is part of Amherstburg, Ontario, and is nestled between the shorelines of Canada and the United States. At the heart of community amenities will be a new marina featuring 500 boat slips, many for larger cruising boats as well as, a yacht and tennis club and a private beach.

## Vice president of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan

Patrick E. Ryan Jr. has been appointed the position of vice president for RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan. Formerly, he was sales manager and associate broker for Century 21 Town & Country in West Bloomfield. Ryan has been in real estate for 22 years and his experience in the field has proven him to be an asset to the RE/MAX organization.

## Education Seminars

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

■ 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 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.

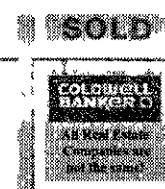
■ Builder's Pre-License Class — This course will help those who want to subcontract the construction of their own home, real estate investors, developers and building trades people.

Classes will be held 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Nov. 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; 6-10 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Nov. 28, 30 and Dec. 5, 7, at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Rd., Room 133, Bloomfield Hills, \$190 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions, (248) 433-0885; 6-10 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Nov. 28, 30 and Dec. 5 and 7 at Holmes School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia, \$201 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions, (734) 744-2602; and 6-10 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7, 12 & 14, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, (313) 317-1500, \$189 for residents and \$208 for non-residents, plus a \$20 textbook and sample question fee; and 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Dec. 6, 8, 13 & 15, at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 203-3800, \$190 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions.

■ 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. 28 and 30, at South Lyon High School, 1000 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, \$95 plus \$10 for textbook and materials, (248) 437-8105; and 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Nov. 29 and Dec. 1, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, (313) 317-1500, \$95 plus \$10 for textbook for residents and \$104 plus \$10 for textbook for non-residents.

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**ENTERTAIN FOR ALL SEASONS** In this open and airy colonial. Huge kitchen w/ pantry, recessed lighting overlooks family room w/fireplace. 1st floor den & laundry. Backyard designed for family fun. Tennis pool/clubhouse too. \$284,900 (C-274GU)



**PLYMOUTH'S OLDE VILLAGE** Don't miss the chance to own this beautiful historic Victorian home with a totally updated interior and old world charm throughout. Spacious interior with 3 bedrooms and a large backyard for the kids to play in. \$219,900 (P-784HO)



**SUPER FAMILY HOME** Large 2000 square foot beauty with 5 bedrooms and 3 full baths. Large living & dining rooms, big kitchen and a large sitting area upstairs. Covered front & back porches and a fenced yard. \$149,900 (C-242MA)



**THE ULTIMATE STARTER** Comfortable Dearborn Heights ranch with 3 roomy bedrooms, large kitchen, a garage, and an extra large family room with a warm and cozy fireplace. Totally updated & clean. Don't miss it. \$129,900 (P-283MA)



**WEST DEARBORN CHARMER** Must see this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick bungalow with a finished basement and 2 car garage. Updates include the roof, furnace and refinished hardwood floors. Lots more to see, call for details. \$168,900 (C-945MA)



**LUXURIOUS COLONIAL** Spacious open floor plan with 2nd story laundry and family room. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, Jacuzzi tub, recessed lighting, island kitchen and too many upgrades to mention. Great location too. \$280,000 (C-106M)



**ITS HARD TO BE HUMBLE** When this is the nicest ranch in the area! Open floor plan w/gleaming wood floors, pretty landscaping, finished basement, everything updated, brand new picture window and a brand new oval pool & patio. \$167,500 (P-215SE)



**INCREDIBLE ATTRACTIVE** Farmington Hills colonial with a huge master offering his & hers walk in closets, large oak kitchen, finished basement, 2 car garage and lovely dramatic details throughout. Call now. \$284,700 (C-886PE)



**A PERFECT 10** Perfectly located between schools and a park. Fully loaded with updates galore, finished basement w/rec room, a den, bath and storage. Bright and spacious floor plan with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Priced to sell at. \$299,900 (P-695NI)



**MYSTIC LAKE SUNSETS** Enjoy spectacular views on your own private hilltop with wooded acreage on a quiet cul-de-sac. Over 3500 square feet of luxury living w/a gourmet kitchen and top of the line details throughout. Don't miss it. \$575,000 (P-488MY)



**SITUATING ON 2 LOTS!** 2 bedroom condo with new carpeting and Extra lot is a great bonus for this charming colonial with hardwood floors, a finished basement, new furnace and central air, fresh paint and a new front porch and sidewalk. Come take a look, you won't be disappointed. \$189,900 (C-947MC)



**PRISTINE CLEAN TRI-LEVEL** 3 bedroom contemporary with a brick/vinyl exterior, huge 1500 square foot floor plan, gorgeous remodeled kitchen, new vinyl windows, hwh, air and carpeting. Totally neutral. Nice sized rooms and a fenced yard. \$139,877 (P-448MA)



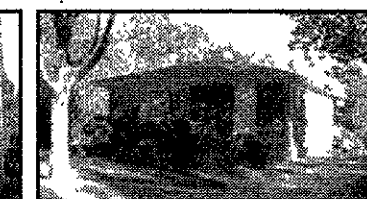
**FARMINGTON HILLS** Classy and roomy floor plan in this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with new paint, beautifully updated kitchen w/appliances, finished basement and a premium lot backing to playground! \$284,900 (C-113PO)



**PRESTIGIOUS NORTHVILLE** Located on a premium lot backing to woodlands & nearby nature trails. Brick/stone exterior, custom archways, rich hardwoods, dual sided fireplace, x-deep daylight basement and a updated furnace, central air and more. Call whole lot more. Call for the details. \$699,900 (P-151BL)



**HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!** To own this great home with hardwood floors throughout. Freshly painted, updated kitchen w/bay window & ceramic tile, fireplace, x-deep daylight basement and a updated furnace, central air and more. Call for the list! \$109,900 (P-431ST)



**GIVE YOURSELF A GIFT...** This beautiful brick ranch ideally located on a quiet court with a finished basement and a huge garage. Updated kitchen with Maytag appliances, newer windows, hot water heater and more. Immediate occupancy too! \$159,900 (P-943SY)



**GREAT LOCATION** For this Westland ranch with Livonia schools. Updated roof and windows, finished basement with a wet bar, new carpet and paint, central air, 2 full baths and 3 bedrooms, appliances stay. \$164,900 (P-204TE)



**NO GIMMICKS** Just a nice solid 3 bedroom ranch with a basement and 2 car garage in the Southeast area of Dearborn Heights. Perfect for retirees or first time buyers. Close to the new shopping center. \$124,900 (C-611WE)



**ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE** 3 bedroom bungalow situated on a huge lot. Great for 1st time buyers. Updates galore inside including the kitchen & bath. Hardwood floors & newer carpet throughout. Must see. \$134,900 (C-815BO)



**STOP RENTING** Maintenance free 2 bedroom Livonia townhouse is move in ready! Neutral decor, updated oak kitchen, hardwood under carpet, custom blinds, big bedrooms, private basement with additional room. Immediate occupancy and so much more. \$94,900 (P-925MI)



**INVESTOR ALERT!** Looking for a home to update and flip? This is the one! New roof and furnace. Just finished the 2nd level, add some personal touches and reap the rewards. Come look today. \$99,900 (P-668BE)



**GREAT STARTER HOME** One bedroom, one bath ranch with almost 600 square feet. All appliances remain including the air conditioner and humidifier. Finished 15x07 ft. upper room is perfect for a den or library (not included in square footage). \$49,900 (P-761PI)

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**LIVONIA**  
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# Buying generally better way to go than renting

To rent or to buy? That is the question. Candidly, it's rarely a good idea to buy real estate if you would be doing so amidst a troubled relationship with a person with whom you would be making the purchase. Also, unless somebody else is paying for your mortgage costs or you can get a reasonable "no cost" mortgage, you should not purchase property as a primary residence if you will be in the property for less than a year. Other reasons to rent a place instead of buying one might include job or career instability, reasonable certainty of declining home values in your proposed purchase area, or sharply increasing personal expense projections without a corresponding increase to your income.



Timothy Phillips

Now, if your excuse for not buying a home does not resemble one of the above reasons, you are likely not taking action due to a lack of knowledge, a fear of the unknown, or both. Here are a few reasons to overcome your fears and to get smart about buying a home. First, if you get a fixed-rate mortgage for your purchase, your payment will not increase with inflation as will your rent. Next, you will not be able to profit from appreciating real estate values if you always rent.


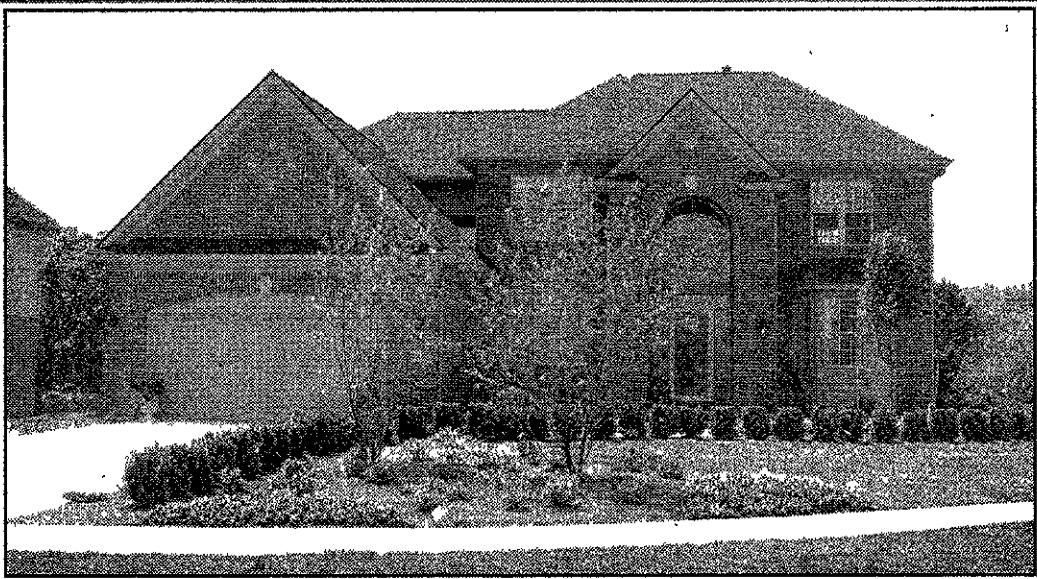
Not enough? Renting a home, regardless of how low the rental fees, yields you nothing for your "investment." Meanwhile, purchasing a home with "nothing down" yields an infinite return if the monthly payment is the same as your existing rent and your property value grows even a little bit. Finally, because of the tax benefits of owning a home, a renter who pays \$1,200 per month in rent can afford a mortgage payment of \$1,600. Assuming the ex-renter is in a typical tax bracket for the purchase of that size home, about \$400 of the monthly \$1,600 will come back as cash at tax return time. Today's TIMBIT! It's true that there are actually times when it's not a good idea to

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purchase real estate. However, unless you have a truly compelling reason not to buy a home, you are likely losing out to rent for a long term.

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## Lawyer's letter good start on maintenance

Q. We live in what is suppose to be a very nice sub but we have many neighbors who do not keep basic yard maintenance. We have our house for sale but do not have any takers but have received a few comments about the condition of the neighbor's property. Is there anything we can do? We have tried the homeowners association and township but nothing seems to work.

A. I would look at your deed restrictions to see what requirements there are on the part of the owners to maintain their premises. Normally, there is some requirement to maintain the yard and the aesthetic quality of the community. If the township and/or the association are not willing to do something, you may have recourse against the neighbor directly under the deed restrictions. You are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable real estate lawyer who can assist you in pursuing the issue against your neighbors, perhaps by simply writing a letter.

Q. A Community Association member is threatening to sue our association for prohibiting him from permanently keeping a motor home on his lot. He claims that the restriction prohibiting motor homes was unreasonable and is an unlawful "taking" of his property rights. Do you have any comments on his threatened litigation?

A. It all depends on your restrictions, but if your restrictions prohibit motor homes, he should not be able to be allowed to do so. In a similar case out of Indiana, the

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court ruled that the association had the authority to prohibit the member from permanently keeping a motor home on his lot. The court said that the rule in question in that case existed when the member joined the association, and that when he joined, he received a deed to his property in which he agreed to comply with the association's rules. The court also said that although the existing rule had been clarified after the member had joined the association, clarifying the rule isn't the same as passing a new rule. Finally, most importantly, the court added that the concept of unlawful "taking" of property does not apply to a voluntary Community Association. I would bring this to the attention of the association's attorney to assist him or her in defense of this claim.

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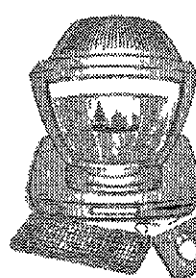
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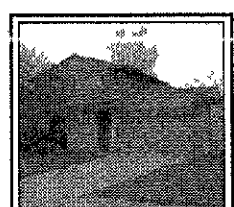
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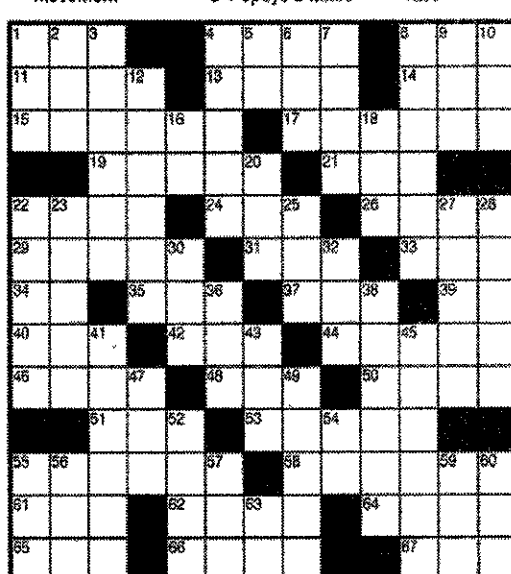
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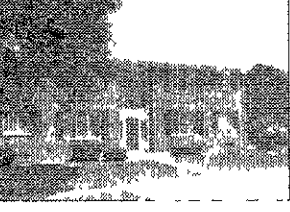
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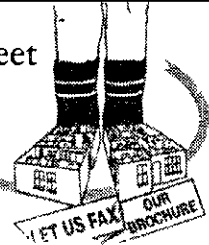
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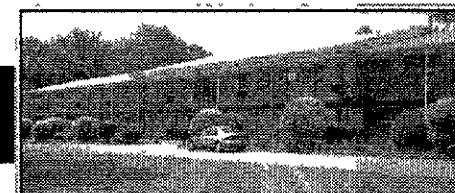
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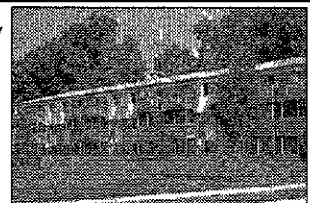
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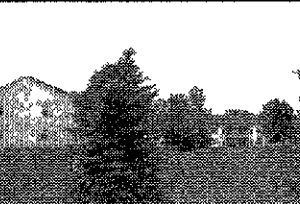
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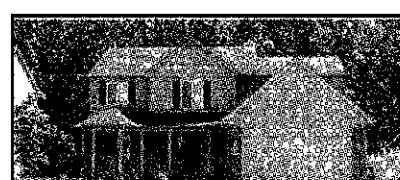
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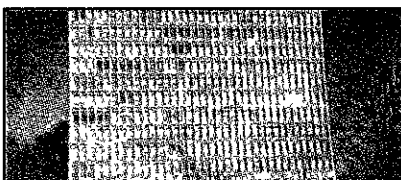
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2 bedroom waterfront condo w/access and docking on both Sylvan & Cass Lakes. First floor unit w/doorwall to patio overlooking the water. updated kitchen, neutral decor, appliances, gas and water included.  
(E55CAS) 248-349-5600 \$112,900



**NORTHVILLE Absolutely Stunning**  
This charming 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial has it all. Newer siding, windows, roof, furnace & kitchen cabinets & flooring. Family room with fireplace, 2 car attached garage, large deck w/newer lumber too & more.  
(E00LAD) 734-455-5600 \$319,900



**VAN BUREN Andover Farms Colonial**  
Newer 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, island kit, formal LR & DR, FR has cathedral ceilings & gas fireplace. FFL, master suite w/WIC, dual sinks & jetted tub. Large bedrooms, C/A, sprinkler, part fin bsmt, neutral move-in condition.  
(E45STR) 734-455-5600 \$279,900



**DEARBORN Facing Beautiful Woods**  
1 bedroom, 1 bath condo in high rise w/newer carpet in living room and bedroom. Freshly painted throughout. Lots of storage space.  
(E00GAR) 734-455-5600 \$83,500



**HOWELL Acreage**  
3 bedroom brick ranch on over 3 beautiful wooded acres. Country setting. This is the opportunity you've been waiting for. All the appliances are included.  
(E10BYR) 248-349-5600 \$194,900



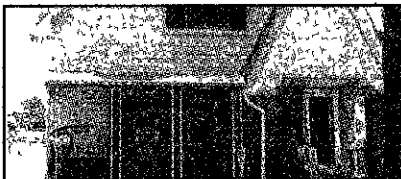
**NOVI Super Condo**  
Exquisite! This one won't last. Impressive upgrades. Ground level 1 bedroom w/wheelchair access. Extra large bath. Neutral decor, freshly painted. View of woods. Shows like a model. Access to Walled Lake.  
(E55SLA) 248-349-5600 \$85,500



**BELLEVILLE Spectacular View**  
Great 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial on the water offers vaulted ceilings, fireplace in great room, walk-out basement, large deck, dining room and eat-in kitchen, 2 car attached garage, appls and walk to downtown.  
(E27ABE) 734-455-5600 \$199,900



**WAYNE Beautiful Ranch w/Updates**  
3 bdrm 1.5 bath brick home w/2 car garage, updated windows, roof, HWI, eat-in gorgeous kitchen, living room/dining room combo, lg bow window, breathtaking lot & landscaping, some appls, part fin bsmt, sunroom.  
(E22WIN) 734-455-5600 \$144,900



**DEARBORN Own & Rent**  
Spacious upper/lower apartment. Exterior has brick/aluminum siding. Great Dearborn location-Total of 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, nicely finished basement, wet of storage, 2 car garage & 2 private balconies.  
(E32HOR) 734-455-5600 \$179,000



**REDFORD Show Stopper!**  
Spotless 3 bedroom, 2 full bath brick ranch. Finished basement w/office area. Remodeled kit & bath. Newer furn & A/C ('04), roof ('98). Updated plumbing, elec. Newer picture window & French drs to patio. 2 car gar.  
(E06LEX) 248-349-5600 \$144,900



**NOVI Like New**  
Accessible w/no steps & 1 car att gar. Double lot w/privacy fence & above-ground pool. Fresh paint & newer crpt. Jetted tub in master bath. 3 BRs, 2 BA's. Super location near x-ways. 12 Oaks & schl Appl.  
(E30PAR) 248-349-5600 \$189,900



**PLYMOUTH Desirable Location!**  
Lovely 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/preferred floor plan offers 2 way fireplace in LR & FR. Doorwall to 3 seasons room, country kitchen, updated with white cabinets. 2 car attached garage & finished basement.  
(E40ROB) 734-455-5600 \$299,500



**INKSTER Nicely Updated**  
Lovely home offers 4 bedrooms + office or 5th bedroom. Remodeled kit. Newer siding & porch. Updated elec, part fin bsmt w/5 bath. 2 car gar, fenced yard. Addition in '02. Newer siding on house & garage.  
(E41GEO) 734-455-5600 \$135,000



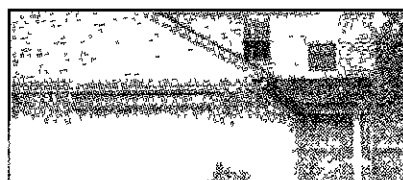
**PLYMOUTH Quaint Bungalow**  
This home features a library off master bedroom, nice bath, vintage woodwork, aloeve, hardwood floors, wet plaster walls, coved ceilings, niche, archways and so much more!  
(E50PAC) 734-455-5600 \$224,500



**SOUTH LYON Premium Private Lot!**  
Best kept secret in Carnegie Trace! Stunning curb appeal & interior decor. Cherry kitchen cabs w/Corian. Some hardwood, MBR ste w/2 WIC. 3" blinds T/O. Daylight basement. All kitchen appliances, x-deep 3 car garage.  
(E26COA) 248-349-5600 \$415,000



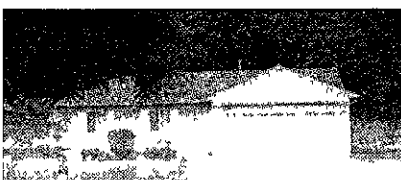
**MILFORD Upper Ranch Condo**  
Gorgeous 2 bedroom, 2 bath carriage unit in Milford place. Open floor plan. Great room, dining room w/doorwall to private deck. Super views. Bright kitchen w/applis, FFL, many updates, 2.5 car attached garage.  
(E64MIL) 248-349-5600 \$159,900



**CANTON Absolutely Gorgeous**  
3 bedroom, 3 bath condo with outstanding view of the beautiful pond. Master suite offers WIC, full bath w/garden tub, fireplace in great room, formal dining room, appls, attached garage & finished basement.  
(E69HUN) 734-455-5600 \$184,500



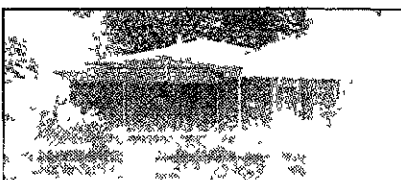
**DETROIT What A Charming**  
This lovely 3 bedroom bungalow has oversized extra deep lot w/patio that is just beautiful. Remodeled kitchen, newer roof, windows, C/A, steel doors & garage door opener. Bsmt has workshop, storage, more.  
(E03MIN) 734-455-5600 \$89,900



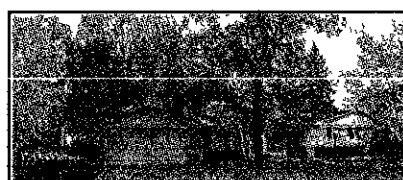
**CANTON Sharp 1988 Built Ranch!**  
Gorgeous wall the updates! New kitchen 2000 w/Corian & Pergo floors. Finished basement w/2 added rooms. Spacious yard backing to woods. Newer roof, furnace, windows & much more! A must see!  
(E45BUC) 734-455-5600 \$214,500



**SOUTH LYON Custom Built Showplace**  
Colonial in Tanglewood Golf Community w/incredible 4 bedroom, 5.1 bath colonial w/Brazilian cherry floors, marble granite, custom lighting, freshly painted T/O. Custom wood library w/built-in shelves. Quality.  
(E78POI) 248-349-5600 \$799,900



**REDFORD Charming Ranch**  
Wonderful 3 BR ranch on shady tree lined street in a great neighborhood. Home has new windows, fenced-in yard, 2 car garage and partially finished basement. Perfect for rec room. Kitchen appliances included.  
(E03NEG) 248-349-5600 \$124,900



**GARDEN CITY Custom Brick Ranch**  
Sporing 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath home waiting for your personal touch. Open fir plan, GR w/frplace, skylights & doorwall to Florida room. Formal DR, Fr, FFL, 2 car attached garage, part fin bsmt, sprinkler & all appls.  
(E30BRO) 734-455-5600 \$244,900



**FERNDAL Walk To Downtown**  
Cute as a button and walking distance to fabulous downtown Ferndale. Great location for this updated bedroom vinyl ranch. Newer kitchen, bath, electric, windows, carpet, paint, deck and landscaping.  
(E43SAR) 734-455-5600 \$119,900



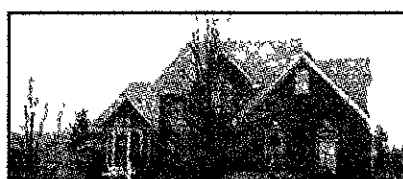
**NORTHVILLE Residence Of Dignity**  
Private home setting on approximately 2 acres overlooking pond. Walk to town. 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 4 fireplaces, 3+ car garage. Master bedroom retreat, finished lower level. Finest quality.  
(E05SPR) 248-349-5600 \$1,189,000



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Greenpoint II Townhouse**  
2 bedroom, 2.5 bath w/open floor plan. LR w/frplc & vaulted ceilings. Two skylights. Master BR w/WI closet & full bath. Kit & dining nook. Two car att garage w/loft. Private setting w/wooded view. Bsmt, pool, tennis cts.  
(E61WIL) 248-349-5600 \$168,900



**TYRONE TWP Charming & Country Setting**  
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath nicely updated home on over an acre. Newer roof, windows, siding and more. Oak kitchen w/skylight. Mechanics dream 2.5 car garage heated w/workshop. Large LR fireplace w/insert.  
(E62MCG) 248-349-5600 \$279,900



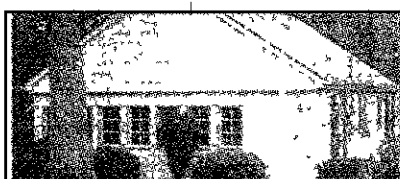
**PLYMOUTH Perfection Plus**  
Premium lot w/perfect floor plan. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/3 car attached garage, fireplace in living room, open dual staircase, basement, huge bedrooms w/plenty of closet space, elegant custom awnings.  
(E77FOX) 734-455-5600 \$434,900



**WESTLAND Gorgeous Condo**  
Backs to woods. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached garage, newer fireplace, HWI, windows, updated flooring, newer cabs, sinks and ceramic in both baths. Dock off back, C/A, ceiling fans & neutral decor.  
(E29PEM) 734-455-5600 \$178,900



**HAMTRAMCK A Charming**  
Super clean & well cared for 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath on tdyer block. Spacious open fir plan. Huge kitchen. Many updates. Pergo flrs. Full bsmt. Newer roof '03, siding. Security Private yd w/patio, gar & A/C, unfinished attic.  
(E85SOB) 248-349-5600 \$92,000



**ORCHARD LAKE Lake Privileges**  
Nothing fancy, but you'll love the fun with "all sports". Upper Straits Lake privileges. Boat & Dock facilities. West Bloomfield schools. Great site for large custom home.  
(E34PAR) 248-349-5600 \$262,500



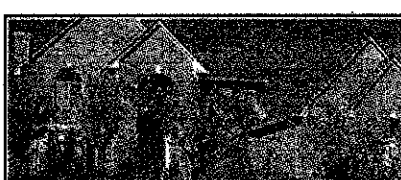
**NOVI Spectacular Custom Home**  
Beautifully detailed - offers 4 spacious bedrooms, 4.5 baths. Master suite features fireplace, 2 WIC & granite bath. Gourmet kitchen w/Viking stove, Sub Zero frig. Walkout LL w/heated floors, sauna & full granite kit.  
(E55VAS) 248-349-5600 \$999,000



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Sensational Condo!**  
Great location for this state of the art updated condo w/marble cabs in kitchen, SS appls & newer counters. Finished basement, attached garage, FR w/frplace all offered in this 2 bedroom, 2 bath beauty.  
(E03FIR) 734-455-5600 \$179,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS Country Living**  
Offered in this spacious 5 bedroom, 3 bath ranch. This home has it all, large master suite, in-law quarters, pan floor plan, spacious great room, 2 garages, sitting on approximately 1.4 acres.  
(E65CAN) 734-455-5600 \$329,900



**NORTHVILLE Golf Course Community**  
Best kept secret in the golf club. Custom builder floor plan. Huge kit & bdrst rm opens to 2-story GR. Granite T/O. Extensive trim T/O. Finished W/O with kit, BA, rec room, 3 frpics, MBR ste w/sitting rm & huge bath.  
(E10MER) 248-349-5600 \$979,000



**NORTHVILLE Eastern Seaboard Cape Cod**  
Country living in the city for this 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath on over 2 acres w/pond near town. Circular drive, 4 car gar, stamped concrete terr, hot tub & ext frpic. W/O bsmt w/gas frpic & screened porch. 1st fir MBR ste w/bal.  
(E00TIM) 248-349-5600 \$1,849,000



**LIVONIA Popular Willow Woods Sub**  
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Great room with fireplace, kitchen with Corian counters, island, wood floors. W/O to beautifully landscaped yard facing golf course. Newer windows, partially finished basement. Warranty.  
(E82BRE) 248-349-5600 \$329,000



**COMMERCE Gorgeous Custom Built Home**  
With state of the art features & upgrades. Stunning ceilings, stone fireplace, custom cabs, granite counters, hwd flrs, ceramic tile, 2 story foyer, open floor plan & 3.5 car att gar, lg bsmt, 3 bdrms, 2.5 bath colonial.  
(E42SER) 734-455-5600 \$519,000



**GARDEN CITY Move Right In!**  
To this recently remodeled brick ranch w/newer furnace, updated electric, replacement windows, finished basement, beautiful kitchen, hardwood floors and freshly painted. Walk to Garden City park.  
(E68LEO) 734-455-5600 \$147,500



**REDFORD Awesome Curb Appeal!**  
Be the envy of the neighborhood as the new owner of this spotless 3 bedroom, 1.2 bath brick ranch in popular Beech Villa. Two car gar, fin bsmt, fireplace, remodeled kit, manicured lawn, S. Red. Schls. Warr. Immed Occup.  
(E92DOV) 248-349-5600 \$183,500



**REDFORD Nicely Updated Bungalow**  
3 bedroom updated home w/finished basement & garage. Hardwood floors & newer blinds & verticals. Large master bedroom w/lighted walk-in. Formal dining room. One year home warranty. Quick occupancy.  
(E98WOR) 248-349-5600 \$109,900



**PLYMOUTH Picture Perfect Ranch**  
Nothing to do but enjoy this well maintained, clean home, with tons of updates. Newer carpet, windows, roof & more. Beautiful yard, sprinklers, patio. Award winning schools. Quiet sub with lots of trees. Warranty.  
(E20REV) 248-349-5600 \$220,000



**DEARBORN HGTS. Move In Condition**  
On this 3 bedroom ranch w/2.5 car garage. District 7, across from city park! Updated kitchen w/ceramic countertop, Pergo floor, remodeled bath, newer furnace, C/A & HWI. Huge LR. Well maintained home.  
(E75WED) 734-455-5600 \$113,900



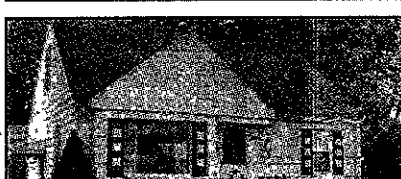
**TAYLOR Enjoy The Park Across The Street**  
Numerous updates in this charming 2 bedroom ranch, included steel entry doors, 6 panel interior doors, remodeled kitchen w/solid red oak cabs + 2 car garage, finished basement, patio & pond in private yard.  
(E62HUR) 734-455-5600 \$110,000



**FARMINGTON HILLS Fantastic House & Lot**  
Country roads lead you back to your "little slice of paradise". 3 bedroom, 1 bath brick ranch on nearly 1 acre of towering pines & hwd flrs. Upgrades. Fin bsmt w/wet bar & 3rd frpic. Cedar deck. Fenced yd.  
(E75BRA) 248-349-5600 \$239,000



**NORTHVILLE Downtown**  
Queen Anne 4 BR, 3 BA. MBR ste w/frplc & MBR w/jetted tub. Cherry cabs, custom hutch, 12' center island in kit. Grand FR w/frplc & French drs to nook. Formal LR & DR, paver front walk & patio. 3 car gar.  
(E14CAD) 248-349-5600 \$599,900



**GARDEN CITY Maintenance Free**  
Motivated seller! 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Living room w/coved ceiling. Step saving kitchen. Master bedroom retreat. Partially finished basement. Two car garage. Large fenced yard. Not a drive by!  
(E37SHE) 248-349-5600 \$155,900

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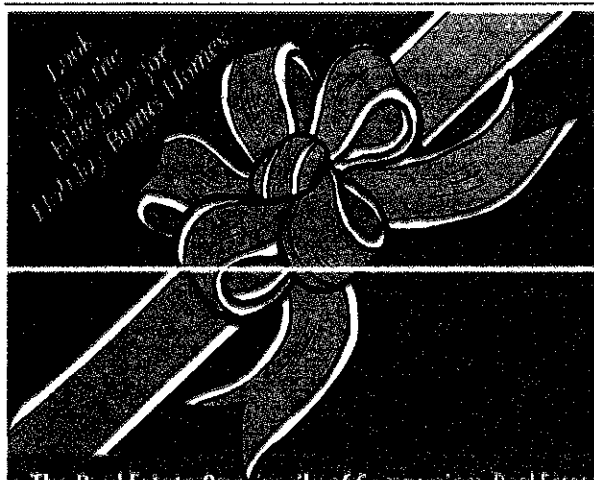
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**PLYMOUTH** 734-591-9200  
Built in 2001, 3 BR, 2.5 BA cape cod, excl. upgd incl. maple kit cabs, HDWD flrs, 1st flr Mstr w/BA w/jetted tub & sep shower, volume cings in GR & FP. (W51013) \$424,900



**PLYMOUTH** 248-348-6430  
CUSTOM HOME ON ALMOST AN ACRE 3 BR, 2 BA 2400 sqft ranch w/2000 sqft LL & 4 frpls on private specimen treed setting. 349-6200 (25120918) \$399,900



**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
RANCH WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE TO DOWNTOWN & SCHOOLS. Rare Find. Flowing open floor plan. 3BRs, 2.5BA, FR, 1st fl. Indry, side entr. gar. (25151733) \$369,900



**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6430  
HISTORIC NORTHVILLE Walk to quaint downtown. Charming cape cod. 2 frpls, DR w/bay window. Updtd kit & baths. Mechanics dream gar. Lovely lot w/many perennials. 349-6200 (25068900) \$329,900



**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
PRETTY AS A PICTURE! 4BR Colonial w/ Ply./Can. schools. Priv. backyard surrounded by trees. Great deck for entertaining. (25149937) \$269,957



**DEARBORN** 248-348-6430  
BEAUTIFUL BRICK 4 BR CAPE COD Kit w/ table space opens to FR w/nat FP. FR leads to brick pvr. patio. C/A 2.5 BA. Partly fin bsmt. 1st flr BR. 349-6200 (25080502) \$229,500



**SOUTH LYON** 248-348-6430  
SPECIAL HOME-PRETTY AS A PICTURE Attractive rmldd col. stone FP in DR. kit, LR, oak flrs, crown molding, 3 BR, 2 BA, covered front porch, side porch, stone patio. 349-6200 (25147731) \$219,900



**SUPERIOR TWP** 248-348-6430  
BETTER THAN NEW Landscape, deck, sprnkls, C/A, wndw treat. Brook model w/add. sq ft upgrde. Open flr. plan, neut., huge yard, commons playgrd. 349-6200 (25126363) \$215,000



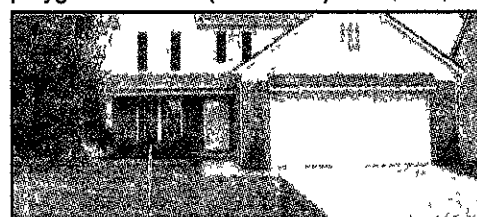
**ROYAL OAK** 734-591-9200  
Remodeled in 2005. New kit w/white cabs & cer. tile, new stainless steel kit. Appls stay. New BA, refin HDWD flrs, fresh paint w/new moldings. Copper plumb, 2 car gar & more (25151112) \$214,900



**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
HOLIDAY WISH 3BR/2.5BA Ranch. Many new amenities including remodeled kitchen and freshly painted thruout. FR w/brick FP. Finished basement. (25155631) \$214,826



**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
KISS YOUR LANDLORD GOOD-BYE! 5BR, 1 loft (14x10), 2.5BA, 1514 sq. ft. cghd. 2-car gar. Full fin. bsmt. 1st fl. Indry. 2-story GR w/gas FP. Ply/Can. schools. (25158639) \$198,000



**WESTLAND** 248-348-6430  
Very Nice, Neutral & Nearly New! 3 BR, 2.5 BA colonial. Prof. fin. bsmt. Built 2001, Bright & in move-in cond. Newer sub w/sidewalks, close to everything. 349-6200 (25156459) \$195,000



**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2200 +/- finished sq. ft. Hardwood, FR w/ fireplace, Master w/ full bath, HUGE Florida room. Treed lot, great value! (25154185) \$174,900



**DEARBORN** 248-348-6430  
SUPER SHARP. 5 BDRM 2.5 BATH. Totally remodeled from the inside out in 2004. New kit, baths, win, doors, roof, siding, plumbing, hrdwd flrs 349-6200 (25136031) \$170,000



**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
TRI-LEVEL 3 BR, FR w/wood stove, 2 car gar., pool & patio. Newer Wndws, Merillat Cab. HWH, Roof 1 Yr Home Warr. 1400 sq ft. Pop Curtis Woods Sub. (J112) \$159,900



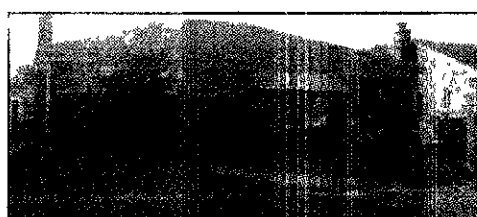
**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
HIX & CHERRY HILL AREA This 3 BR, 1500 sq Ft Charmer features FR w/Fireplace, Kit, is 18x12 w/ Doorwall to Patio. Insulated 2 Car Garage. (M218) \$149,900



**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
All brick bungalow. 1467 sq ft. 2 full BA, newer roof, electrical, HWH & more. 2.5 car gar. w/ 220, heat, built in air lines & a 2nd story for finishing or storage (25149222) \$149,900



**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



**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
3 BR, 1.5 BA ranch, finished basement with bar for entertaining family & friends. Bath and a half on the main floor. All appliances stay. (25158479) \$144,900



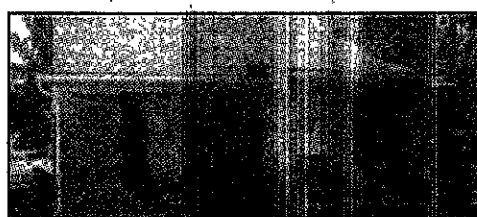
**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
JUST TOO WONDERFUL 3 BR Br. Ranch w/ Rmldd. Country Kit., Full Fin. Bsmt w/ Bar & Storage. 2 Full. II BA, C/A, Florida Rm, 2.5 Car Gar. (P311) PC 220962 \$144,900



**PONTIAC** 248-348-6430  
CHARMING BRICK RANCH ON PEACEFUL STREET Enjoy the warmth of plaster walls & cove ceilings. Hrdwd flrs t/o. Newer ceramic flr in kit. Full bsmt for storage. 349-6200 (25125884) \$134,900



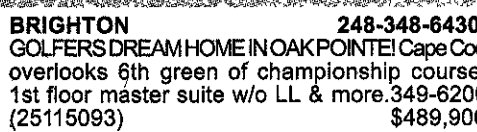
**FARMINGTON HILLS** 734-591-9200  
RENTERS TAKE NOTICE! 2 BR, 2.5 BA, over 1000 sqft. Hardwood on main level. Appl. included - neutral & clean. Pool & exercise room. Call today!!! (25146606) \$124,975



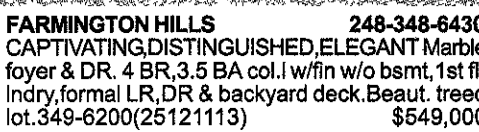
**CANTON** 734-326-2000  
NEED A RANCH? WANT A CONDO? So Much Charm! Fireplace, Priv. Patio, Dining Area, Eat-In Kitchen, 2 BR, Full Bsmt, C/A End Unit, Close Parking & Clubhouse. Sellers have loved it here. (S410) \$124,900



**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
Affordable, updated ranch. All new kit, w/cer flr, updated BA w/marble flr & pedestal sink. Refin. hrdwd flrs, all new paint & lgt fixtures. Clarenceville Schls. Appls tool (25157771) \$104,900



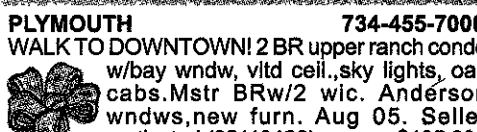
**BRIGHTON** 248-348-6430  
GOLFERS DREAM HOME IN OAK POINTE! Cape Cod overlooks 6th green of championship course. 1st floor master suite w/o LL & more. 349-6200 (25115093) \$489,900



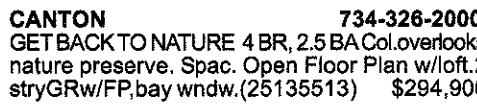
**FARMINGTON HILLS** 248-348-6430  
CAPTIVATING, DISTINGUISHED, ELEGANT Marble foyer & DR. 4 BR, 3.5 BA col. l. w/fin w/o bsmt, 1st flr Indry, formal LR, DR & backyard deck. Beaut. treed lot. 349-6200 (25121113) \$549,000



**LIVONIA** 734-326-2000  
CHARMER 3 BR Ranch w/ fin Bsmt & 2 Car Gar. New Roof, Vinyl Wndws; Updtd Elect. & more. (25118407) \$146,500



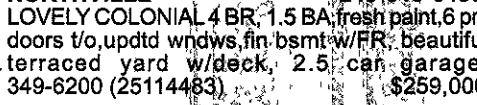
**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
WALK TO DOWNTOWN! 2 BR upper ranch condo w/bay wndw, vltl cell, sky lights, oak cabs. Mstr BR w/2 wic. Anderson wndws, new furn. Aug 05. Seller motivated. (25119428) \$135,000



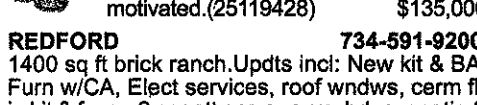
**CANTON** 734-326-2000  
GET BACK TO NATURE 4 BR, 2.5 BA Col. overlooks nature preserve. Spac. Open Floor Plan w/loft. 2 stry GR w/FP, bay wndw. (25135513) \$294,900



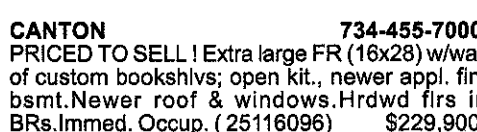
**FARMINGTON HILLS** 248-348-6430  
WOODED CUL-DE-SAC 4 BR, 2.5BA col. Mstr w/ BA, FR w/FP, lib, DR, full bsmt w/wkshp. Nwr furn, wndws, 2.5 car gar. 2600sq. ft. Home prot. plan 349-6200 (25147070) \$340,000



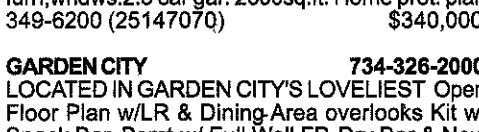
**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6430  
LOVELY COLONIAL 4 BR, 1.5 BA, fresh paint, 6 pnl doors t/o, updtd wndws, fin. bsmt w/FR, beautiful terraced yard w/deck, 2.5 car garage. 349-6200 (25114483) \$259,000



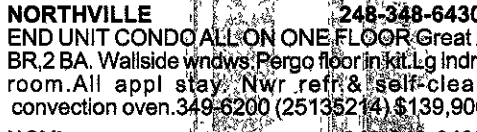
**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
3 BR bung., updt BA, fin bsmt w/bar, DR w/HDWD flrs, newer carpet main floor, custom paint T/O, mstr BR w/strg. newer furn. (25127983) \$119,900



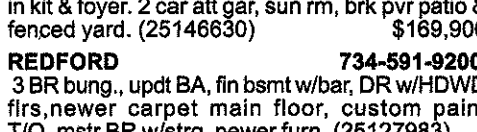
**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
PRICED TO SELL! Extra large FR (16x28) w/wall of custom bookshvs; open kit., newer appl. fin. bsmt. Newer roof & windows. Hrdwd flrs in BRs. Immed. Occup. (25116096) \$229,900



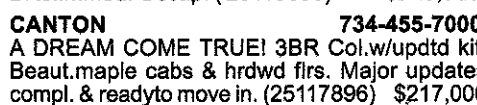
**GARDEN CITY** 734-326-2000  
LOCATED IN GARDEN CITY'S LOVELIEST Open Floor Plan w/LR & Dining Area overlooks Kit w/ Snack Bar. Bsmt w/ Full Wall FP, Dry Bar & New Glass Block. (25151826) \$144,900



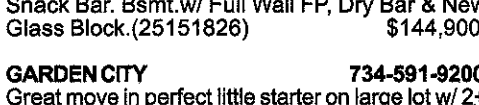
**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
COLONIAL Backs to woods & priv commons. 4 BR, 2.5 BA. New roof, lib w/cstm cabs, FL rm, prof fin bsmt, LR/DR w/crown mldg. Walk to elem. Home warr. 3.5% CSB. 349-6200 (25157101) \$389,000



**WESTLAND** 734-591-9200  
Welcome Home! Clean 1,140 sq ft brick ranch updt kit & BA, fin. bsmt, 2 car gar. w/ carport, Westland w/Liv. Schools. (25108602) \$175,000



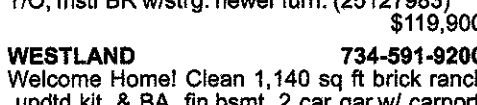
**CANTON** 734-326-2000  
CAPTIVATING COLONIAL 3 BR, 2.5 BA Brick w/FR, FP, DR, C/A, Full Bsmt, & 2 car att. gar. Lg. rooms & mstr suite. PC 220452 (25078654) \$210,000



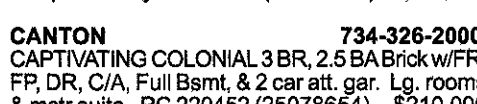
**HOWELL** 248-348-6430  
WOODED WONDERLAND Serene setting. Spac. brick ranch, huge kit, lg mstr, Great Room, full w/o bsmt, private circular drive & rolling acreage. 349-6200 (25113632) \$449,900



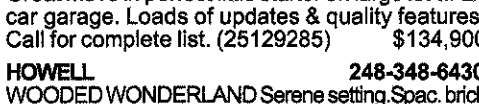
**OCEOLA** 248-348-6430  
GOOD AS NEW & GOOD TO GO Less than 1 yr old. 3 BR, 2.5 BA w/o bsmt. Hrdwd flrs, gas frplc, island kit w/maple cab. Sub w/ pool & sidewalks. (25095225) \$232,000



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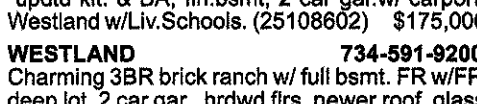
**DEARBORN** 734-591-9200  
All conveniences that Dearborn offers & close to all schools. Many upds: furn, A/C, wndws, roof, kit, etc. 5 BR & 2 full BA, form DR & rec rm in bsmt (25157183) \$139,000



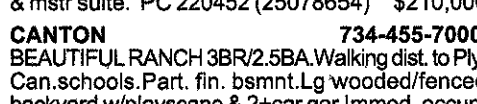
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New Const. Cape Cod 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2,051 sq ft, 2 car att gar & bsmt. Maple cabs, granite cntrs, cer. tile in full bas. Liv Schls. (25070898) \$299,900



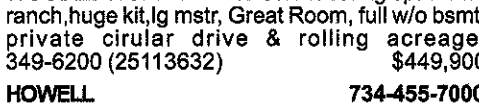
**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
PRESTIGIOUS LIVING! Cape Cod in Country Club. 3BR & 10ft Grmt kit, w/entr. island, maple cabs, custom counters & hrdwd flrs, 2-sided FP, 4-car gar. (25102164) \$639,900



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TOO SHARP FOR WORDS Loft Condo, Great Cond. Fresh Paint, New Berber, BA, new 6 panel doors & trim. All appl. stay incl. washer & dryer. (25127273) \$72,500



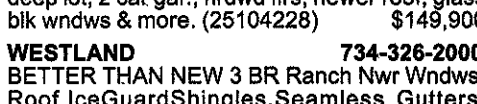
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3 BR brk ranch, backs to Hines Park. Screened in porch, fenced yd, C/A, full bsmt, 2.5 car gar, Nwr roof, wndws, A/C & furn. Well maint., very clean. Immed occup. (25114292) \$177,500



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**WYANDOTTE** 248-348-6430  
BETTER THAN NEW DOUBLE LOT COLONIAL Updts incl.: roof, wndws, siding, gutters, paint, crpt, BA, etc. 2 car gar. 349-6200 (25064760) \$182,900





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# Personalized Retention Initiatives Get Results



## WORKWISE

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Declining demographics, increased employability options and the aging of the workforce are conspiring against

employee retention. Health care may well have something to teach other industries about the success of personalized retention programs.

"There are definite advantages to more personalized retention initiatives," maintains David DeLong, a consultant in Concord, Mass., and researcher at MIT's AgeLab. "People develop loyalty to other people, not to some abstract organizational entity. If you want employees to stick around, they need to build strong, productive personal relationships with colleagues.

"But many managers feel pressured to invest in cost-efficient retention programs," he continues, "which don't provide the real benefits that would make employees want to stay. Retention efforts that try to leverage high-tech instead of high-touch are more likely to be seen as bureaucratic and irrelevant to the real needs of workers."

### RETENTION LEADERS

Diana Halfer administers Clinical and Organizational Development at Children's Memorial Medical Center. This hospital, the largest of its kind in Illinois, is affiliated with Northwestern University and sees 94,000 patients annually. Since 2003, 320 novice (first-year) nurses have entered its 18-month R.N. internship program, designed to make

staying with Children's attractive. First-year turnover fell 50 percent, which translates into \$500,000 annual savings. Child Health Corporation of America, an alliance of hospitals, found Children's vacancy and turnover the lowest among 23 affiliates in 2004.

Clarian Health Partners Inc., in Indianapolis, is a private nonprofit comprehensive health center seeing more than 954,000 patients annually. It is a single hospital combining three hospitals, Methodist, Indiana University and Riley (pediatric). Through its Destination Clarian Program, begun in 2002, 19 of 21 immigrant workers referred by Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana continue on the job. One left because of transportation problems; another, to take a higher-paying job. Six have been promoted.

### PERSONAL ATTENTION

Children's Halfer says that the three areas to focus upon in retaining nurses are providing competitive compensation, as much schedule control as possible and career development. Her program is structured. "The nursing preceptor, who may be from a different unit or department, has the greatest impact on their careers," Halfer states. "This person mentors, working side-by-side with you, helping you become acquainted with the job and the flow of care.

"If I had limited monies and needed to make one major investment," she adds, "it would be investing in that role and supporting those nurses, because teaching someone new and managing their own patient care is a heavy responsibility and can be a stressor. (They receive a differential.) It seems to be the key role to help connect them." Fixed costs of

\$125,000 per year cover the program's coordination and specialized training. One retained nurse translates into \$40,000 in savings. An equally significant outcome is that the program promotes continuity in relationships with patients and family.

Children's also established discussion groups comprised of nine to 10 nurses led by an experienced nurse and a chaplain or hospital social worker. Novice nurses bring up a wide range of issues, many work/life, that affect them personally, such as relocation, shiftwork, and life after school. Finally, these same nurses also observe the workflow in other areas of the hospital to meet other nurses and physicians face-to-face.

Destination Clarian Program assists immigrant workers referred to them by Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, which trains them for up to eight weeks. As full-timers, they may contact Estela Martinez, skills trainer in Education Services, as long as they work there. She facilitates their adjustment by:

- encouraging them to increase their command of the language by using the computerized Ellis Program, with a headset;
- supporting them in working toward their pre-GED or GED;
- explaining orientation, benefits policies and procedures; and
- familiarizing them with community resources.

"This is an opportunity for them to develop themselves personally and professionally," she says.

Workers come from the Americas and two African countries. They contribute to operations from several directions (housekeeping, food service, cashing, patient



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transportation and facilities). Yolanda Vasquez, a two-year food service associate, was an assembly worker in New Jersey after emigrating from Guatemala. "She works on the serving line at Clarian," Martinez explains, "where she's required to speak the language. Thousands of people go by in one meal."

"I'm happy," Vasquez says, "because I'm full-time and they help me. I take classes in English. Now I understand more. They pay me for learning English."

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**NANNY** - seeking loving & dependable part-time, after school care for 2 children in West Bloomfield. Must be non-smoking, own transportation. Nanny experience required, college student with Child Development major preferred, references req. Nov start date. Call Eves 248-926-2490

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Up to 24 hour care in your home, 15 years exp & ref. Call Tiffany 313-574-8808

## Education/Instruction 6500

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**CLARKSTON TOY SHOW**

Sat. Nov 19, 9am-3pm

K of C Hall 5660 Mablee Rd

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## Arts &amp; Crafts 7040

**NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW**

Nov 19, 9-4pm \$2 admission 32900 W 13 Mile Rd

## Auction Sales 7060

**A & J COLLISION**

24680 Telegraph, Southfield, 248-352-4766

1998 Buick Regal Vin#2G4WF5219X1478651

2003 Ford Taurus Vin#1FAPF82243G159719

## CHRISTMAS SILENT &amp; LIVE AUCTION

Friday, Dec 2, 6:30PM-7

Raffle Hors d'oeuvres Cash bar

The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 5 Mile & Haggerty, Plymouth 734-420-0131

## DADDYSTOYS

Toys, Collectibles, Advertisement

Sun, Nov 20, 2005, VFW Hall, 125 Mohatt St., South Lyon, Bn Brighton & Novi. Start Time: 12 Noon

(Running 11am). Over 500 Toys & Collectibles! 1930s-1970s. 810-231-6696. Auctioneer Cody Armbruster

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Sat. - Nov 19 - 7pm

**Cultural Center**

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Antiques/Collectibles Glassware/Furniture Long Gun Porcelain/China

Cash/MC/Visa AmEx/Discover Bank Debit Cards No Checks Doors Open 6pm

**J.C. Auction Services 734-451-7444**

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## Rummage Sale/ Flea Market 7080

**GREATER DETROIT CHAPTER OF HADASSAH'S FABULOUS 14th ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE**

Gently used clothing and household items

Wed., Nov. 16, 9am-5pm Thurs. Nov. 17, 9am-5pm

Fri. Nov. 18, 9am-3pm Sun. BAG DAY Nov 20, 9-2

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Yorktown pattern, 12 place setting plus 33 extra pieces. \$495 248-661-1671

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\$300/best 11 Piece, contemporary Danish Dining, \$800 8 piece, 1930's Oak Dining set \$800. (248) 735-0510

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Fri & Sat. Nov. 18 & 19

Fri 9-4, Sat 10-4 (S.I.#s OK)

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## Moving Sales (7130)

**SOUTHFIELD** - Moving/Demo Sale! Furniture, Dr. Who pin ball machine, entertainment center. More! 848-842-0615

**WESTLAND** - Sat-Sun, Nov 19-20, 1-4pm, 9 piece sectional, end tables, cocktail table, Stiffel lamps, Bedroom dresser/mirror, chest, night stand, full/queen headboard. Also bedroom dresser w/mirror, twin headboard & frame. Desk & lamp, end & console tables, lamps, swivel chair. 31215 Geraldine, btwn Joy & Ann Arbor Trail, off Merriman. Call Sam-norm, 734-261-5887

## Clothing (7140)

**FOX COAT** - Beautiful Natural northern light golden island, straight sleeves, shawl collar, full length 50", sweep 58". Best offer. 800-241-1681

**MINX COAT** Full length Ranch, size 8-10. Excellent condition. \$250. (248) 851-2048

## Household Goods (7160)

## - FURNITURE - LEAVING STATE

Must sell! Will sacrifice beautiful near new furniture. Items include elegant Italian leather sofa & loveseat (cost over \$3,000), also have beautiful 13 piece formal Chippendale cherry dining room suite, 2 king-sized cherry 11 piece bedroom suites, 2 cherry queen-sized bedroom suites, cherry five piece game set, 3-piece coffee table, 2 TVs (27" & 19"), curio cabinet. 2 vintage girls bedroom set. Hand painted by a Birmingham artist in pink, white & blue. Adorable! 248-646-7068

**BAKERS ROCK** Dark green iron, \$50. Two Ethan Allen occasional chairs, sky blue \$75 each. mahogany looking glass beveled mirror \$40. 4 x6 Chinese abstract floral rug \$95 Victorian rose velvet chair with stool \$75. Three drawer chest. \$100. Call, 248-828-7921

**BDRM SET** - full size. Living room set, complete dining room set w/ buffet, end tables, coffee table, 2 TVs (27" & 19"), curio cabinet. 2 vintage girls bedroom set. Hand painted by a Birmingham artist in pink, white & blue. Adorable! 248-646-7068

**BED** - King size, \$300/best offer. 734-427-7184

**BED - SLEIGH BED** Queen size, cherry Brand new in box can deliver. \$300 734-323-2744

**BEDDING SET** - 2 piece queen size pillow top mattress set. New in plastic with warranty \$160. 734-326-2744

**BEDROOM SET** Girls, 8 piece, Thomasville Signature line, Off Yellow, Bamboo Set include 2 headboards, mirror, nightstand, desk w/bookcase, chair & dresser. Also separate free standing bookcase w/drawers. Exc. cond. \$800/best. (734) 513-5448

**BEDROOM SET** Girls, White, w/Canopy bed or Loft bunk bed. Fair condition. Best offer. (734) 667-1306

**BIG SLEEPER TV** 57", \$200. Washer & dryer, \$200. self enclosed wood desk, \$200. Wood shelving unit, \$150. Vibrating black leather chair, \$1500 (was \$4000) new, & more 248-874-1132

**BOOK CASE** 8 X 4 X1, Walnut, 3 leaded glass doors, perfect condition. \$500 SOLD

**BUFFET** - Large, 2 pieces, maple, good condition. \$150. 248-355-0176

**BUNK BEDS** Stanley, Solid oak, Honey, excellent condition. Pull out Captain's drawers. \$600. 248-477-8696

**COUCH & LOVESEAT** Gorgeous, overstuffed, built in pillows 6 mos. old. Paid \$1100; \$650/best. 734-367-0556

**COUCH & LOVESEAT** Large size, 3 yrs. old. Brown chevron w/ tapestry-type loose pillows. \$325. 734-657-0065

**DINING ROOM** Drop leaf table, 4 side chairs, mahogany China cabinet. Game table plus 4 chairs. Recliner sofa, dresser & mirror. Vintage bdrm. set. (Circa 1920's-1930's) and more. All in good condition & priced to sell! Call Joan (248) 846-6571 or 248-647-6400

**DINING ROOM FURNITURE** Ethan Allen (American Masterpiece) Table & 8 chairs, (2 captain), buffet, China & silverware cabinets, \$3200/ best. 734-416-8743

## Household Goods (7160)

**DINING ROOM SET** - Queen Anne, 2 leaves, 6 chairs, 2 w/ arms, excellent condition. \$1200. 248-489-1353

**DINING ROOM SET** 48" round oak table w/ 12" leaf, 4 chairs, w/ 45" china cabinet, exc. cond \$375, SOLD

**DINING ROOM SET** Drexel Traditional. Drop leaf table, 2 leaves, 4 chairs, pads, buffet. \$600. 248-569-4317

**DINING ROOM SET** Teak, fits 6; teak bookcase, 2 end tables, TV stand, telephone stand (all solid oak). 248-353-1996, 248-471-1112

**DINING SET** "Bent Bros." maple oval double pedestal table, 6 chairs, 2 leaf, incl. china cabinet w/ hutch & side buffet. Quality furniture, exc. cond. Make offer 734-454-0679

**Dining Set** - Oval pecan table, buffet & 4 chairs, \$200. Refrigerator, 16 cu. ft. Frigidaire, \$100. (734) 525-4382

**DINING SET** Maple, \$85. GE Refrigerator, \$250. love seat, \$25. Pool Table \$70. 90's kitchen table, \$50. Hospital bed, \$49. Wheel chair, \$30. Handmade Maple dining table, \$350. White Wicker bathroom Etageres & wall cabinet, \$50. 50's stove, \$125. Bookcases, wicker chairs & more. All great condition (313) 937-4450

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**FORMAL DINING ROOM SET** Dark oak, 11 piece, 5 chairs, 2 extra table leaves, large china cabinet w/ fold out server. \$1100. 248-487-9428

**FURNITURE** - Armoire, gray leather chair, black mission twin size bed, two mattress sets, electronic equipment, much more! 313-837-8149

**FURNITURE** - Dark oak king frame, armoire, 2 night stands, dresser w/ 2 mirrors, \$950. Dark oak 6 ft. table, 3 leaves, 4 side & 2 arm chairs, server, china cabinet, \$1000. Nuttazzi burgundy leather couch, 2 oversize chairs & ottomans. \$1200. 248-651-3893

**FURNITURE** - Large sleeper sectional, 6 dining chairs, sofa & chair set, Baker's rack with shelves, large entertainment center. 734-354-0473

**FURNITURE** - Walnut table, 72"x42", 6 chairs, metal with red vinyl, buffet, low console table, stereo incl turn table, washer & gas dryer, Guardian service, misc 321-3118

**FURNITURE** 5 Piece 12 ft Rosewood wall unit includes 3 display pieces. TV unit & desk unit. Bar w/ \$200 call (248) 644-0390

**FURNITURE** Living Room Set (3 pieces), \$300 734-716-7739

**FURNITURE** LT Walnut, Ethan Allen Queen Sleigh Bed, 2 night stands and chest. \$1100. Pecan Hutch, w/beveled glass doors, \$600. Gate Leg table, antique \$200. 4 antique side chairs, \$150 each. 734-420-3239

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**G.E. WASHER & ELECTRIC DRYER**, Queen sleeper sofa w/ matching loveseat, office furniture, home decorating, & kitchen items. Call for description & prices. 734-981-1233

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**SOFA BED** Full size, Mauve, exc. cond. \$200. Computer chair \$25. Rocker, \$25. (734) 981-6875

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# The 2006 Scion xB

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## Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

There's an easy way to tell whether the appeal of a car is design-driven: Without knowing anything else about the vehicle, it's something that you just know you've got to drive.

I felt that way a long time about the Scion xB, one of the first models that came forth a couple of years ago out of Toyota's new "youth" brand. Somewhere else, I once described xB as resembling "a shoebox with a snout," and indeed perhaps there never has been a boxier mass-market vehicle than xB. The old Land Rover SUVs might run a close second, but it would be a lot easier to see a genetic link between xB and your typical panel-covered delivery van. The xB's "differentness" is exaggerated by the fact that Scion's other two models to date, xA and tC, are innovative in design but decidedly closer to the mainstream than their sibling. The xA resembles a shrunken Ford Focus or Honda Insight, while tC is a small, fastbacked coupe. By contrast, the Japanese predecessor of xB was named bB, and appropriately nicknamed "black box."

Thus, xB is so quirky that, I suppose, it just demands to be experienced. And so finally, I have, in the form of a 2006 model in a pleasing, silvery color Scion called Thunder Cloud Metallic. And while xB's irreverently boxy design made it fun just to look at and get into, that very same shape caused some severe problems with drivability. More on that later.

First, back to the design. Not only is xB about as square an automobile as you're ever going to find. Its body also ranges extremely close to the ground meaning, among other things, that it is definitely not meant to go very far off-road - maybe onto the shoulder, but that's about it. This blockishness, expressed from the front end all the way through to the back of the car, gives xB a much more massive appearance than really is warranted by its actual size.

Its relatively tiny wheels further enhance the unmistakable statement made by this elongated



The Scion xB delivers a cool 30 mpg in the city and 34 mpg on the highway.

cube chugging down the highway. Yet, among the many aftermarket accessories carried by Toyota dealers for Scion models are larger alloy wheels to replace xB's standard 15-inch models.

After climbing inside, you recognize immediately that xB's iconoclastic nature continues on the interior. The first thing I noticed is that, while I expected because of the car's depth to dump my bottom into a seat that would have me relatively low to the road, the reality is that Scion sits you up high, giving you a bit of the positioning benefit that you would find in a small SUV. This design decision also enables xB drivers to take full advantage of the huge greenhouse that is afforded by the car's squared-off design and extremely vertical windshield.

For its optimal boxiness, you expect xB to provide plenty of interior room, and it doesn't disappoint. Front and three rear passengers alike have plenty of space, with more than enough head and leg space for two six-footers in the rear. And while the rear bay has only 21.1 cubic feet of space that is accessed by the rear door, flip down the rear seats and xB's cargo space doubles.

Like Saturn's Ion, xB also moved the instrument cluster to a position slightly left of the center of the dashboard, part of an interior configuration that is

meant to be a bit disquieting to Buick drivers. New for '06 is an available CD audio system with a plug-in for most digital music players, as well as a unit that adds dashboard control and program display for Apple iPod players.

XB also delivers a cool 30 mpg in the city and 34 mpg on the highway. Wrap that statistic in with its \$16,500 suggested retail price, and there's certainly a lot to recommend this fun little package.

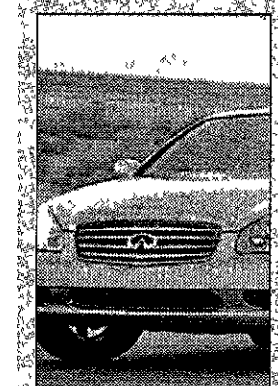
But one big warning here: Don't expect xB to be a pocket rocket of any sort. In typical weather and routine uses, it feels underpowered with its 1.5-liter, four-cylinder, dual-overhead-cam, 16-valve engine; it's just hard to muster much get-up-and-go with this car. That alone may be disappointment enough for younger buyers who want the style but also the substance.

More troubling is how xB performs in the wind. On a recent very blustery November day, it was a truly white-knuckle experience to drive xB on I-75. The car's in-your-face lack of aerodynamics took a heavy toll on xB in those conditions, with the wind clearly resisting the up-and-down windshield, shaking around the boxy chassis, and laboring the insufficient engine even further.

The gales of November aren't to be trifled with, even if you're not the Edmund Fitzgerald.

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