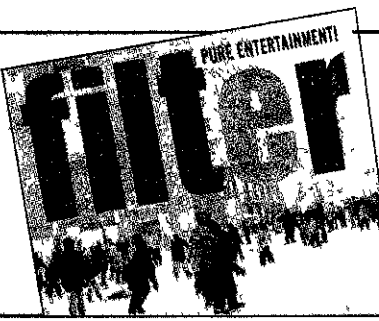




Plan-ahead options to ring in 2006

TASTE, PAGE B7

Ice-scape
Glide beside the city
skyline at Campus
Martius Park
FILTER - INSERTED SECTION



The art of furniture making

AT HOME, PAGE B1

THURSDAY
December 29, 2005

CANTON Observer

Your hometown newspaper
serving Canton for 31 years

75 cents

WINNERS OF OVER 100 STATE AND NATIONAL AWARDS SINCE 2001

www.hometownlife.com

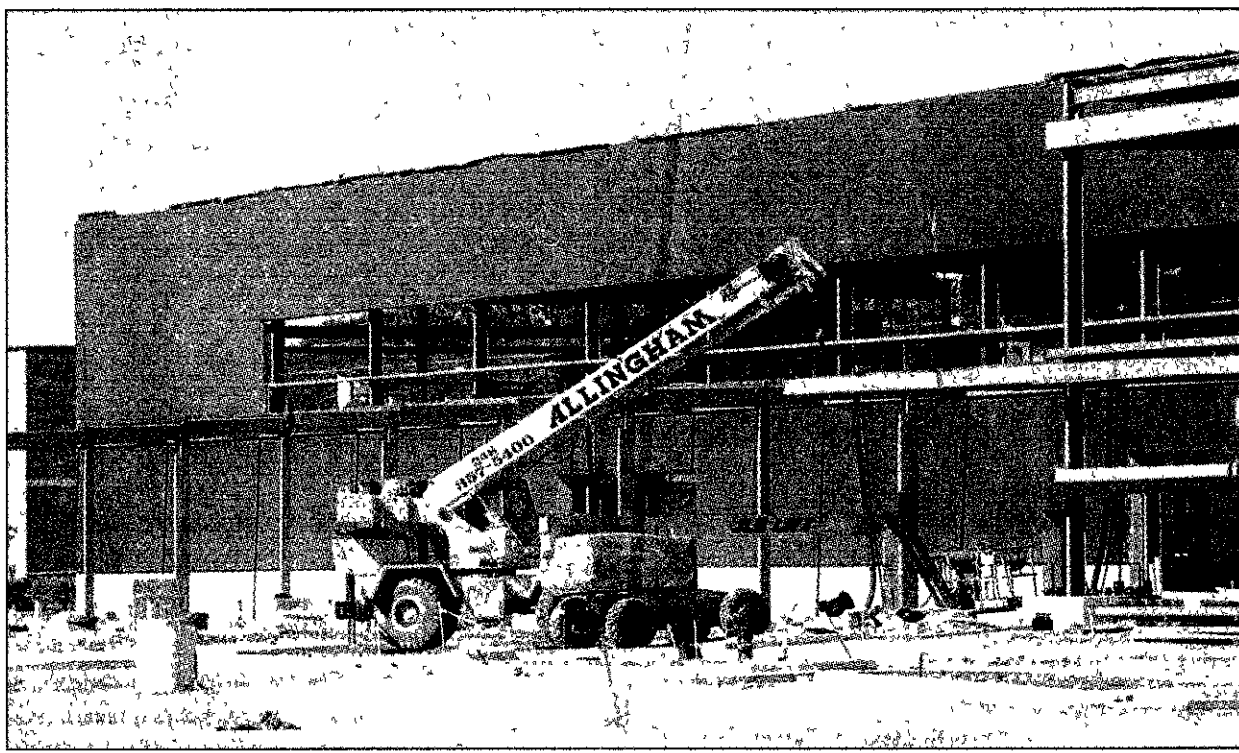
Year in Review

Taking a look back at 2005

With 2005 drawing to a close, the *Canton Observer* staff took a look back and came up with a list of the top 10 news stories of the year in Canton.

Some of the stories were uplifting, such as the community's humanitarian efforts to aid those in need in the aftermath of the hurricanes that battered America's Gulf Coast or the tsunami that destroyed so many lives a half world away.

While it was ultimately heartbreaking, the Canton High football team's run for a state championship was also an inspirational



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Construction crews have been busy putting the finishing touches on the new IKEA store on Ford Road. The store, which is scheduled to open sometime this summer, dominated the news in 2005.

IKEA tops all news stories in 2005

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

If there was ever a blue

had a failed agreement with LBS Partners LLC, which owns the ABC Warehouse property to

have started to see the IKEA dream come to reality. The old Kmart was demolished in May,

workers once it opens, and pay local property taxes. But it will also have tremendous spin-off eco-

"Toyotaville" saga, made the list because of all the controversy they stirred up. Still, no story dominated the year like the coming of IKEA, the hip Swedish furniture retailer that will soon throw open the doors to a massive blue and yellow store on Ford Road. Many people believe Canton will never be the same when IKEA opens in 2006.

We hope you will enjoy taking a look back at the top stories of 2005 as much as we did compiling the list. Have a safe and happy New Year's!

Kurt Kuban
community editor

Toppling all news stories this year was the ongoing story of IKEA, the Swedish furniture retailer, which is opening a store here in 2006. It will be the first IKEA in the state, and is expected to draw millions of customers to Canton in the coming years.

But this was almost a story with an unhappy ending. Months after announcing they were going to tear down the old Super Kmart and replace it with a 311,000-square-foot store at Ford and Haggerty roads, IKEA officials said they were pulling out of the deal to buy the land back in February because of a dispute over parking.

IKEA officials said they

love it was also down to accommodate the number of cars that would come to the store. Representatives from both companies traded accusations in the media, and the situation got hot for a while.

At the time, township officials said they were "stunned" by the developments, but were confident calmer heads would prevail and the deal could be put back together. And sure enough, it only took about a month for the two parties to reach a compromise. IKEA simply bought the LBS property, thus allowing them to go ahead and purchase the 21 acres at the old Kmart site.

It was great news for Canton officials, who

to work on the blue and yellow store. For those commuters who drive Ford Road — and there are many — it has been somewhat of a novelty watching the massive store rise from the rubble of the old store. By October the blue walls were up, and the building is now totally enclosed, as it prepares for an early summer opening.

Some in community voiced displeasure that officials made special exceptions to allow the blue and yellow building, but officials are excited nonetheless. Not only is IKEA going to help give Canton a hipper image, it is also expected to have a huge economic impact on the community. The store is going to employ 400

down Ford Road. Township officials have also begun to finalize how they will plan for the opening of the store. Not only is there going to be a major influx of traffic on an already strained Ford Road, but Canton safety officials are also expecting many additional calls for service associated with IKEA.

The store's grand opening is of particular interest to Canton police. At a recent IKEA grand opening in Texas, people began showing up 10 days in advance and camping out. In Europe, people have been trampled to death at IKEA grand openings.

All of which probably means IKEA is going to be a huge news story in 2006 as well.

Humanitarian efforts top the rest of the list

2: HELPING HAND

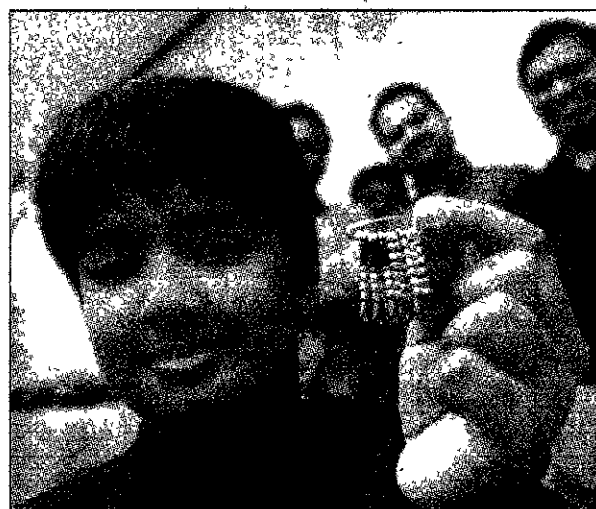
No matter where there is need, Canton folks have opened their hearts — and their wallets — to lend a hand. And the need was great in 2005, when Canton residents, along with people around the world, sprung to action to help survivors of the Dec. 26, 2004, tsunami in Asia. The tsunami killed some 224,000 people, most in Sri Lanka and India, and

it tugged hard on the heartstrings of the Canton community, which immediately started raising money to send for relief efforts.

Then, on Aug. 29, Hurricane Katrina wound her way to the Gulf Coast and devastated communities in Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida. Within just five hours of making landfall that early Monday morning, parts of

New Orleans had been flooded by up to 10 feet of water. Katrina was said to have killed approximately 1,300 people, and hundreds of thousands of survivors have been left homeless and jobless; some of the region is still without electricity, four months after the storm.

And again, Canton residents stepped up to the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bhavin Patel, 10, displays an American flag pin offered for donations to aid tsunami victims during a fund-raiser organized by Canton's Hindu Temple. It was just one of many humanitarian efforts in Canton in 2005.

PLEASE SEE 2005, A3

Program aims to make streets safe for New Year's

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in 21 years, Mothers Against Drunk Driving won't be giving free rides home to those who party too hardy on New Year's Eve.

Instead, the group — which has been instrumental in toughening state and federal laws and raising consciousness against drunken driving — will give \$2 coupons for taxi rides.

While MADD is scaling back its efforts, Plymouth Safe Ride will continue a similar program for a third consecutive year. Sponsored by Central Distributors of Beer in Romulus — which distributes Anheuser-Busch products — as well as a dozen bars and restaurants in Plymouth, Canton and Northville, and ABC Cab, the program is designed to make sure those who have too much to drink New Year's Eve won't get behind the wheel.

"We live in the cities we service, and we're concerned about keeping the streets and children safe," said Bill Ventola of Plymouth, coordinator of consumer awareness and education for Central. "We're not sanctioning over-indulgence, and would never encourage it. We do this in case somebody gets into trouble during the holiday season so they can have a safe way to get home."

The program is simple. If a wait person or bartender notices someone has had too much to drink, or a patron recognizes he or she shouldn't be driving home, a cab will be called and the customer is driven

the initial year, and last year assisted 30 people.

Bailey's Pub and Grille in Canton used the program the day before Thanksgiving, traditionally a big

PLEASE SEE PROGRAM, A2



Connie Zucker and her daughter, Lorien Newsome, both graduated from Wayne State University on Dec. 15.

Mother, daughter walk across stage together

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

College graduation is a proud milestone for any graduate. But for a Canton mother and daughter, it was a day made even more special by walking through the graduation commencement together.

Connie Zucker and her daughter, Lorien Newsome, celebrated graduation from Wayne State University together Dec. 15. Zucker earned her Ph.D. in curricular instruction and teaching second languages, while her daughter earned her bachelor of science in psychology.

"Being able to share the moment was really special," Newsome said. Her mother added, "I know how hard you had worked to get there and that made me proud of you."

Though the two shared a commencement day, their future plans are about as different as can be.

PLEASE SEE GRADUATES, A2

For Home
Delivery call:
(866) 887-2737



6 53174 10009 2

© The Observer
& Eccentric
Newspapers

Volume 31
Number 52



Select
Money Market

3.80%

Annual Percentage Yield



COMMUNITY FINANCIAL

Thinking forward. Banking right.

(734) 453-1200 (877) 937-2328 toll free www.cfu.org

PLYMOUTH CANTON NORTHVILLE NOVI

Minimum deposit to open and earn dividends is \$100,000. The variable rate of 3.80% APY is as of 12/21/05 and subject to change. Rate may vary after account is opened. Fees, if any, may reduce earnings. Additional Money Market options available at great rates. Call for details. NCUA Accounts federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration. ©2005 Community Financial

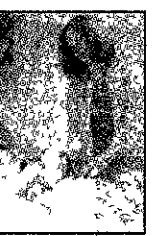
INDEX

APARTMENTS
BELIEFS & VALUES
AUTOMOTIVE
CLASSIFIED INDEX
CROSSWORD
JOBS
MOVIES
OBITUARIES
REAL ESTATE
SERVICE GUIDE
SPORTS
TASTE

F4
C6
G5
G3
F4
F7
D12
C6
F1
G4
C1
B5

Coming Sunday in Observer Life

Schoolcraft
programs
meet growing
health care
demand



GRADUATES

FROM PAGE A1

Zucker, who by day is a Spanish teacher at Riley Middle School in Livonia, began studying for her doctorate in 1999. Driven by expanding professional opportunities (she teaches part time at WSU and would like the option to do more of that), as well as a sense of personal satisfaction, she plugged away at her classes one or two at a time.

"Eventually, I was finished," she said. "You can't really think about the big picture all the time. Sometimes you just have to take it one class at a time."

But her daughter is in a totally different situation. Working part time at unpaid internships, along with a full-time class load and the pressure to outperform her peers in a curriculum that is notoriously competitive, Newsome's goals are to get into graduate school and start working toward her doctorate. She has

sent out 15 applications to schools around the country, and favors the schools in southern California, while at the same time taking an 18-credit certification program in forensics, which she hopes will help get her in the door to a clinical psychology or forensic psychology track.

"I guess what will be really key is being able to get into a program, then finding somewhere to live and getting a job so I don't have to worry about being evicted from an apartment before I even start classes," she said.

The younger of the two is staring down a possible student loan debt load of \$180,000 before she can even start her career. Zucker just hopes she can pay off her student loans by the time she retires or chooses a mid-life second career.

Both needed discipline and drive to get to two different places.

Zucker said she kept moving forward so new opportunities — possibly in publishing — would be available. But

her daughter's decision was driven more by a passion for law enforcement that's so strong the Court TV logo is burned onto her television screen.

Newsome actually completed her classes in August, and wasn't certain she was interested in participating in commencement ceremonies, but Zucker's academic adviser suggested that the two should go through it together.

"My adviser said it would be something we would always remember," Zucker said.

At the time she accepted the idea with a shrug and an "OK," but as mid-December drew nearer, and she and her daughter ordered announcements together and picked up their caps and gowns together, they both found themselves thrilled by being able to share the experience.

"Just being able to share the day and being excited for each other was the best," Zucker said.

cmarrshall@hometownlife.com
(734) 459-2700

Thief orders porn flicks on cable

COP CALLS

1:02 p.m.

Gun stolen

A Canton man called police to his home on Elmwood Circle after he discovered a break-in. He left home at 6:30 a.m. Dec. 21, and returned at about 2:30 p.m., according to police reports.

When he got home, he noticed the garage door leading into his apartment had been forced open. The apartment had been ransacked, and the man said his computer was stolen, along with a 9 mm Glock handgun and a box of ammunition.

Truck damaged

Some post-Christmas shopping got the best of a Canton man Dec. 26. According to police reports, a Dearborn Heights man called police after

the Canton man damaged his truck.

The incident started at about 4:20 p.m., when the Dearborn Heights man parked his truck in front of Battleground Paintball. He opened the door to his truck and accidentally dinged the Ford Mustang parked next to him.

What happened next surprised the truck's owner, and a witness who called police. The owner of the Mustang pulled into a parking spot not far from where he was parked next to the truck. He got out of his car, walked to the truck and ran a key down one side of the truck, causing \$250 worth of damage.

When questioned by police about the incident, the man admitted to scratching the truck because he was upset over the ding.

By Carol Marshall

PROGRAM

FROM PAGE A1

drinking night, and will use it again New Year's Eve. Manager James Schott said it allows everyone — bar owners, patrons and innocent bystanders — to be at ease.

"This way, people are getting home safely and innocent people won't be hurt," Schott said.

"If someone has one too many, there's no need to worry about it. They can get home safely, and get their car the next day."

Like most bars and restaurants, bartenders and wait staff at Bailey's are educated in the Training of Intervention Procedures for Servers (TIPS) program, to recognize when a customer has been drinking

too much.

"In our establishment, after the equivalent of four drinks (two pints of beer, two mixed drinks or two shots) the manager makes an assessment to make sure the customer isn't drinking too fast, or is eating as well as drinking," Schott said. "We take drinking and driving very seriously."

Frank Agastini, owner of E.G. Nicks in Plymouth, said the problems of drinking and driving aren't as prevalent as in the past.

"This is not the days of old, there's much more awareness," Agastini said. "With all the media exposure and police crackdown, more people seem to be using a designated driver if they are drinking."

"My best advice is to have a designated driver, or hire a limousine or party bus, and take the worry off your back," he said. "Have a good time, but be responsible."

If the stigma of being caught drinking and driving isn't a deterrent, one sobering thought might be how it will

affect your pocketbook.

"You're probably talking about \$1,100 (in fees and fines) for the first offense," 35th District Court Chief Judge John MacDonald said. "That doesn't include costs for the probation program, or the impact on your car insurance, plus attorney costs. It's a very expensive proposition."

"The spotlight is definitely on drinking and driving, as it should be," MacDonald added. "I think it's helped raise the awareness level. But, unfortunately, there are still people who will go out and drink and drive."

Establishments participating in the Plymouth Safe Ride program include E.G. Nicks, Plymouth Crossing, Herman's Olde Towne Grill, Doyle's Tavern, Knights of Columbus, Plaza Lanes, Boulders, Bennigan's, Sean O'Callahan's, all in Plymouth; Bailey's in Canton; and Wagon Wheel and Poole's in Northville.

tbruscato@hometownlife.com
(734) 459-2700


Physical Therapy UPDATE

Presented by
Hands On Center For Physical Therapy


AVOIDING AGE-RELATED PAINS

If you think that aches and pains are part and parcel of old age, consider the running and other forms of vigorous exercise may prevent some age-related aches and pains. According to researchers who scrutinized the exercise habits and pain experience of nearly 900 adults age 50 and up, those who exercised regularly were less likely to develop painful joints and muscles over the next 14 years. On the other hand, their more sedentary peers had a higher rate of arthritis. It is also possible that active adults' lower risk of pain reflected their greater musculoskeletal reserve or the effects of endorphins, which are natural painkilling chemicals released by the brain during exercise. As we get older, it is important that we try to remain subtle to avoid injury. The best way to do this is to exercise, and to do so regularly. The health benefits of exercise are well documented and numerous and help protect against aches and pains, as well as conditions such as heart disease or stroke. For information on a properly designed program that you can benefit from, call the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY now at 455-8370. We are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth. New patients are welcome.


P.S. During the 14-year study mentioned above, active adults' pain-rating scores were consistently 25% lower than those of their sedentary peers.



John Conklin, PT



Mark Milbranson, PT



Bob Schaeffer, PT

Happy Hounds

Obedience Classes begin in January.
(check website for class dates)

Get Your Favorite Pup a GIFT CERTIFICATE!

Happy Holidays from Happy Hounds!

Cage-free • Supervised play! (7am - 7pm)
Climate Controlled • Outside Yard
Evening Obedience Classes

While you are at work, we are at work caring for your loyal friend & companion.
734.459.DOGS
673 S. Main St. • Plymouth, MI 48170
www.happyhoundsdaycare.com • plymouthdogmom@msn.com
Look in on them on our doggie web cams!

"A HAPPY DOG DAY... IS A DAY OF DOG PLAY!"

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED USE OF THE 2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS JANUARY 10, 2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM WILL BE HELD BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE TOWNSHIP HALL WHICH IS LOCATED AT 42350 ANN ARBOR ROAD, ON JANUARY 10, 2006.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO AFFORD THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE BEFORE THE BOARD ANY PROPOSED USE OF THE 2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS FROM THE WAYNE COUNTY OFFICE OF BLOCK GRANT, WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ARE THAT THE ESTIMATED 2006 FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$105,000.00

PROPOSED 2006 PROJECTS	\$105,000.00
1. SENIOR SERVICES	38,900.00
2. SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM	24,800.00
3. ADMINISTRATION	10,500.00
4. MULTI-YEAR SENIOR CENTER IMPROVEMENTS	30,800.00
TOTAL	\$105,000.00

**The multi-year project was approved by the Board of Trustees on February 11, 2003

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, UPON COMPLETION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, WILL DETERMINE THE USE OF THE 2006 FUNDS.

ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED USE OF THE 2006 FUNDS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SUSAN VIGNOE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COORDINATOR, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, 42350 ANN ARBOR RD., PLYMOUTH, MI, 48170 RECEIVED BY JANUARY 7, 2006.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC
CLERK, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

Publish: December 29, 2005

CE03040067

Happy New Year

LOYAL CUSTOMER SPECIAL

Large Pizza with Up to 5 Toppings

\$8.88

7684 N. Canton Center Rd.
North Canton & Plymouth
734-455-4000

Cottage Inn
Must present coupon when ordering. Not valid with other offers or discounts. Valid only at North Canton Location. Delivery fee may apply. Offer Expires 1-15-06

Under new corporate ownership

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for the *Remodeling of Salem High School*. Bid documents are available by phoning Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at (248) 427-8400 or are available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; Builders Exchange, Grand Rapids; Construction News Service, Grandville; and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI.

Bid Division descriptions include: 103:Selective Demolition / 105: Interior Concrete Flatwork / 106:Masonry / 107:Steel / 108:Carpentry/General Trades / 109:Roofing/Sheetmetal / 113:Hollow Metal/Wood Doors; Finish Hardware / 114:Aluminum Windows/Storefront; Entrances, Glass & Glazing / 115:Metal Studs, Drywall IFS / 117:Acoustical Treatments / 118:Resilient Flooring & Carpet / 119:Epoxy Terrazzo Flooring / 120:Painting / 121:Visual Display Boards / 128:Pre-Manufactured Casework / 129:Science Casework / 130:Window Treatments / 138A:Elevator Upgrades / 138B:Wheelchair Lifts / 140:Plumbing / 142:HVAC / 143:Electrical / 160:Pre-Pricing of Vertical Unit Ventilators (for reference only).

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2005 at the Salem High School cafeteria located at 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the bid division being bid identified on the outside of the envelope. All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) and are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 12, 2006 where they will be opened and read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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

Publish: December 17 & 29, 2005

CE03030458

Save **10%** on Every Part

Use promo code **CANOB5**

online or bring it to our Parts Counter. Expires Jan 31, 06

Do it yourself... Free Appliance Repair Help

www.RepairClinic.com

1-800-269-2609
48600 Michigan Avenue, Canton (1/4 mile west of Beck Rd.)

CE03031656

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

Publish: December 29, 2005

CE03040075

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2006 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. RZ05-03 Rezoning from R-1, Single Family to MU, Mixed Use
993 N. Holbrook
Zoned: R-1, Single Family
Applicant: Douglas Moore

PUBLIC HEARING:

2. PUD06-01 Amendment to Planned Unit Development
Coast to Coast Power Sports
110 W. Ann Arbor Rd.
Zoned: PUD, Planned Unit Development
Applicant: David Schaff

SITE PLAN:

3. SP06-01 PB Carwash
450 W. Ann Arbor Road
Zoned: ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor
Applicant: David Schaff

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

Publish: December 29, 2005

CE03030619

2005

FROM PAGE A1

plate. They sent money. They went to the affected area in person to help with rescue efforts. They donated water and blankets and comfort supplies, which were sent by truck to Canton, Miss., as part of the township's "Canton to Canton" project.

3: TOYOTA TROUBLES

Oh, what an earful we got at the *Observer* offices after running an Aug. 14 story about how the Japanese car maker's advertising companies had decided to film a television ad in Cherry Hill Village. Intended as a compliment to the "so perfect it's surreal" village, some Canton readers took exception to the idea of promoting foreign cars in the homeland of the "Big 3."

Ultimately, the ad production company walked away from the idea, stating the company would look for a warmer welcome elsewhere.

4: GO TEAM!

The 2005 Canton Chiefs painted the town red – or rather red and white – when they won their way into the Division I state championship game before falling to defending champion Rockford.

It was the first time any of the district's football teams had played in a state championship game, and even though it didn't end ideally with the Chiefs winning the game (the score was 31-21), they won the hearts of the community when they hit Ford Field for the November game.

5: BOND BALLOT

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education crafted a \$118.1 million wish list, which will be put to the voters in May, as residents of the district decide the fate of a bond proposal to construct a technical education center, a new middle school in Canton, improvements to elementary and middle school buildings throughout the district, a new theater, a pool at Plymouth High School, a gymnasium and high school athletic

fields.

Some 71 percent of voters approved in 2004 a \$109 million bond for renovations on most of the district's buildings. The request comes at a tricky time, as Michigan's economy is still struggling, and families who rely on the automotive industry careers are hearing news and rumors of upcoming layoffs at Ford and General Motors.

6: SCHOOL SCANDAL

When a former school principal at Agape Christian Academy was charged in February with three counts of criminal sexual conduct, the trial that followed was a battle of he-said and she-said. Clark Sexton and his accuser, who is now a 21-year-old student at Schoolcraft Community College, both said there had been a sexual relationship. They both said it was consensual. But she said the sexual contact began when she was 15, and had not yet reached the age of consent. He said it was after her 16th birthday in December of 2000.



Sexton

Sexton, 31, was found not guilty by a circuit court jury, but after his trial he was still unemployed, though he was trying to make a go of it in the real estate business.

"There is truly one issue," said Sexton's attorney, Paul Clark, before closing arguments during the three-day trial. "Did sexual contact take place before she was 16? Clearly that is factually impossible."

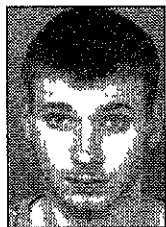
According to the testimony of Agape pastor Mark Moore, Sexton's contract was not renewed at the end of the 2003-04 school year, due to "unrelated domestic issues." It was while Sexton's office was being cleaned out that the e-mails between Sexton and the former student were found, he said. Sexton had passed a polygraph test about six weeks before the trial began, according to Clark.

"My experience that once the allegations are made the damage is done. Even when there's an acquittal, people will say the accused got off on a technicality."

technicality was that he was telling the truth."

7: TRAGEDY STRIKES TWICE

In Canton, with its famously safe streets and low crime rates, people aren't accustomed to hearing about murders being committed within the boundaries of the township. But tragedy struck twice the first week of March when the community heard the news of 6-month-old Tyler Bates' March 2 murder. His father, 20-year-old Ryan Kierzak, was arrested just hours after the investigation began, and in August pleaded guilty to second-degree murder. As part of the plea agreement, he is spending up to 50 years in prison.



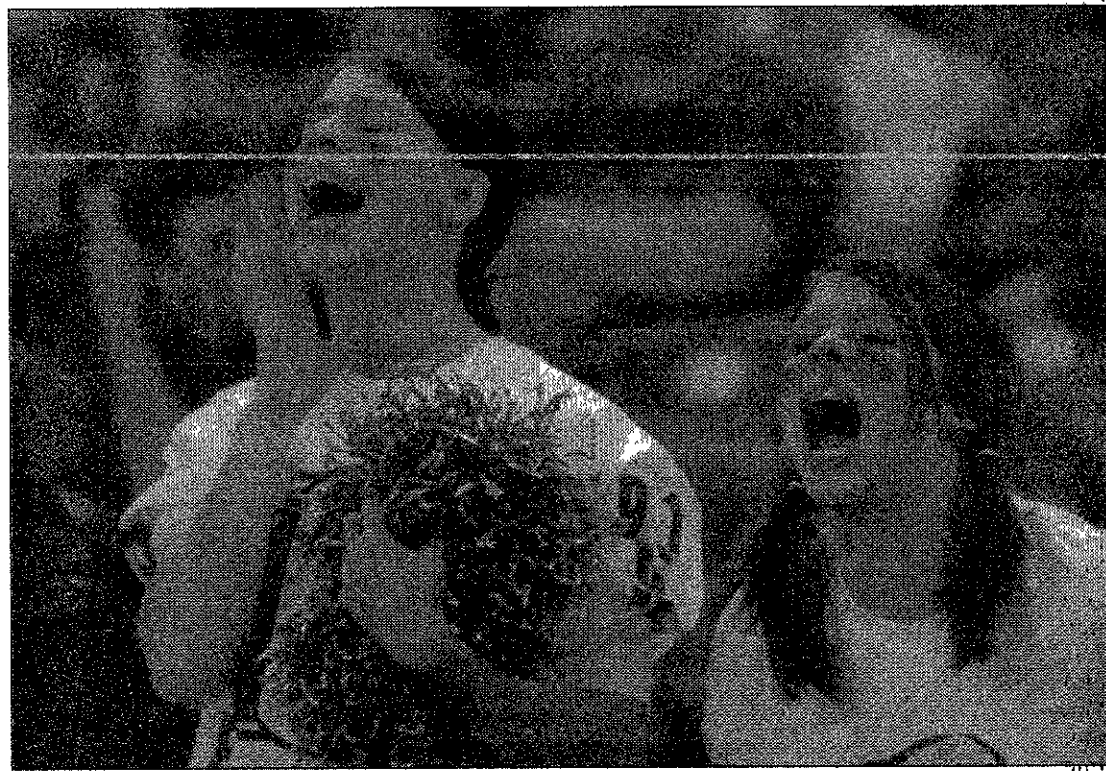
Kierzak

Just a day before police began the investigation into Tyler's murder, they were called to investigate the beating of an 11-month-old baby. Harold Wright, 27, who was the mother's boyfriend at the time, was arrested and is awaiting trial on child abuse charges. Fortunately, the baby lived and is doing fine.

8: THE CACCAMO PACK

Elected in 2004, township trustee Todd Caccamo has made no bones about his intent to stir up the township Board of Trustees. His sometimes-abrasive style and willingness to openly criticize his colleagues (for example, using a "Gravy Train" logo in a presentation about salaries of the full-time elected officials) has grabbed the attention of local government watchers, but has also appealed to a faction of township residents.

This fall, Caccamo formed a weekly coffee club for residents who want to have an impact on local government. And in March, Caccamo launched a Web site, The Canton Voice. Caccamo said he hoped it would be a vehicle for people who want to throw in their two cents about local government issues. Quickly it became a forum for people who are critical of Caccamo's colleagues on the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth High School student Jackie Londberg and Canton's Marie Stuebben cheer for the Canton Chiefs during their state championship loss to Rockford.

adversaries), and even at times with each other.

9: DISTRICT DISSATISFACTION

When a group of southwest Canton homeowners petitioned the state to allow redrawing school boundaries, the judge's decision which shot them down was a hard pill to swallow.

Residents in Huntington Place and Huntington Place II filed the request in February 2004 that they be removed from the Van Buren school district and placed in the Plymouth-Canton district. This year, Administrative Law Judge Lauren Harkness, who heard the case for the Michigan Department of Education, denied the request, saying there was no justification to redraw the boundaries for those two neighborhoods.

The subdivisions include 135 homes. Residents said both the great distance their children have to travel to attend Van Buren schools and poor performance levels of the district were the reason for the request.

10 (TIE): POLICE PUSHED TO LIMIT

Two cases in the early part of 2005 pushed the Canton Police Department to its best and worst moments of the year.

Early in the year, after 42-year-old James Smith-Clark was struck and killed by a car as he rode his bicycle, an exhaustive police search for the hit-and-run driver ensued. Using thorough investigative techniques, the police began the process of solving the crime.


There were no witnesses, but investigators found a piece of a grill from a Toyota Camry. Officers worked from a list of some 6,000 registered Camrys in the area, and finally found the car's owner, Natesan Kannanpilla, a 33-year-old man who lives just west of the accident scene at Denton and Cherry Hill. He was arrested in March, and ultimately pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death. A second charge of evidence tampering was dismissed.

In another case, a 42-year-old Ypsilanti man, Christopher Slay,

was shot and killed Feb. 21 by several police officers, including two from Canton. Officers had tried to pull over Slay in Westland for a traffic stop. Rather than stopping, Slay led them on a chase through Westland and beyond, at times traveling more than 70 mph. He was spotted by state police on M-14, where he was driving more than 100 mph. Police chased him into Washtenaw County, but then Slay doubled back and headed east into Canton. According to Michigan State Police officials, Slay, 42, of Ypsilanti stopped to take a hit off a crack pipe from behind the wheel of his Jeep Grand Cherokee before trying to run down a police officer in a snow-covered yard north of Ford Road and east of Beck.

Five police officers – two from Canton, two state police troopers and one Wayne County sheriff's deputy – fired at Slay as he drove the moving truck. Slay was shot and was pronounced dead at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

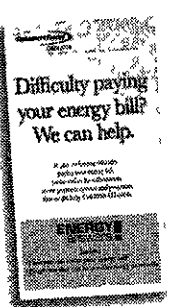
cmarsshall@hometownlife.com | (734) 459-2700



ENERGY answers

Can't pay your heating bill?


► CALL 800-477-5050 NOW



Call to request our free brochure on assistance programs. Or view it online.

The cost of natural gas to heat your home will be higher this year. But low-income families and seniors who need help paying their home heating bills can receive assistance through the **Consumers Energy Winter Protection Plan.**

Don't wait. Learn more about the Winter Protection Plan today. Visit consumersenergy.com/energyanswers, or call 800-477-5050. A customer service representative is ready to help.



consumersenergy.com/energyanswers

Count on Us



Joe's Weekly Specials!

Champagnes like: Krug, Salon, Laurent Perrier, Mumm, Roederer, Dom Perignon, Bollinger and more.	Florida Sweet & Juicy Strawberries \$2.99 per lb.	Sauvignon \$12.99 <small>Rarely do you find wines of this Character at this Price Point!</small>
Hogue Late Harvest White Riesling '04 \$9.99 750ml. <small>Semi Sweet & Rich</small>	Alouette Cheese Spread \$3.99 each	Cordonnau Brut Cava N.V. \$8.99 750ml. <small>Bone Dry with Bright Fruit Flavor</small>
Genuine Fulvi Pecorino Romano \$6.99 lb.	Pate Mousse DeCanard \$4.99 each	Peso Netto Paramigiano Reggiano \$9.99 lb.
Joe's Salsa 2/\$6.00 <small>Medium & Mild 15 oz. Jar</small>	Pickles 2/\$6.00 <small>Bread & Butter, Dill, Dill Spears, Baby Dill & Hot</small>	Joe's Tortilla Chips 2/\$4.00
Cape Cod Tortilla & Potato Chips 2 pkgs./\$5.00	Marzettis Ranch Veggie Dip \$2.99 each	Jones or Stewarts Soda \$3.49 a 4 pack

Byrd's Choice Meats!

Jumbo Cooked Shrimp.....	\$6.89 lb.
Boneless Center cut Pork Loin Roast.....	\$6.39 lb.
Boneless Rib End Roast.....	\$2.09 lb.
Stuffed Pork Roast w/our Homemade Stuffing.....	\$3.98 lb.

Happy New Year From Byrd's!
33066 W. Seven Mile
Livonia 248-478-8680

Come into Joes...
 for a wide selection of fresh fruits and vegetables. Joe's also offers a variety of domestic and imported wines. Come in and see our Cellared Wine Selection. Our Wine Consultant Frank will be happy to assist you.

All of us at Joe's wish you a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous and Safe New Year! Holiday Hours: Thursday 9:00 am-7 pm, Friday 9am-7pm and Saturday 9am-5pm
 Closed New Years Day
 Sale ends December 31, 2005
Joe's Produce
 33152 W. Seven Mile • Livonia, MI 48152
www.joesproduce.com (248) 477-4333

Get a head
start on your
**New Year's
Resolution...**
**ONE
WEEK
ONLY!**

December 26-31

**Buy One Week &
Get One Week at**

50% OFF*

Buy now & start now or
Buy now & start in Jan. 06

*Several programs to choose
from, including the 21-Day
Advanced Fat-Burning
Thermogenics Diet!*
Call today for your

**FREE
CONSULTATION...**

734-414-9200



Katy Krueger, Linda Aubuchon and Barbara Ward



The weight-loss professionals

7365 N. Lilley • Canton • N.W. Corner of N. Lilley & Warren

*Based on regular program prices and a minimum 4-week
purchase. Not to be combined with any other offers.

New law would track pedophiles for life

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

An Oakland County lawmaker has drafted legislation to put tracking devices on every child sexual predator released from prison, echoing Florida's actions in creating "Jessica's Law."

Jessica Lunsford, a 9-year-old Florida girl, was killed in March by a registered sex offender living in her neighborhood. The resulting law imposed tough new sentences as well as created a lifetime satellite tracking provision to keep offenders under perpetual surveillance.

The new law, to be introduced early next year by state Rep. David Law, R-Commerce, would put child sexual predators under continuous surveillance via GPS satellite.

"Children face many risks," he said. "They deserve to live in a world free from the fear of predators and rapists."

The law would affect anyone convicted of first- or second-degree criminal sexual conduct against a child 13 years old or younger. The offender would be fitted with an electronic tether, with a real-time tracking system, for the rest of their lives.

The law provides for the maintenance of the tracking units as well. If the units are removed or damaged, or if

the state is not informed of their damaging, prosecutors could pursue it as a two-year felony crime.

"It will primarily work as a deterrent," Law said. "We will be able to monitor them constantly and even be able to tell when the units are removed."

The units and tracking would, ideally, be paid for by the offenders themselves. The state, he said, would pick up the bill if the offender couldn't. Florida, the first to pass such a law, has set aside \$3.9 million for the program.

The reasons for the law, proponents say, are rooted in the nature of child sexual abuse.

"There is an extremely high rate of recidivism (among child sexual predators)," Law said. "Time is also a factor, because 74 percent of abducted children are dead within the first three hours of going missing."

The statewide sex offender registry has been some help, he said, but it falls short because compliance is more or less voluntary. He said 24 percent of people on the registry are not where they are supposed to be.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said when you consider that the average pedophile has as many as 100 victims throughout

his life, a measure like Law's is vitally important. The issue of the rights of the convicted to serve their time and only their time, has to be viewed through a different lens.

"When can they move on with their lives? When the child can move on with the hurt that's caused by the abuse," Bouchard said. "This law will help the most vulnerable against the most violent."

Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca said the regular conventions of crime and punishment don't apply to pedophiles.

"Pedophiles cannot be truly trusted or truly rehabilitated," he said. "Anytime there's a new law passed to protect children, my office will move to enforce it."

American Civil Liberties Union Legislative Director Shelly Weisberg said a lot of states are looking at similar legislation. The problem, she said, is that real-time satellite tracking has its limits.

"It's a false safety net," she said. "You can know where these people are, but you can't know what they're doing."

She said a saving grace of the law was that it targeted the most egregious offenders rather than taking a page from the sex offender registry, which she called overly broad.

Cost for airlines reduced at Metro Airport

Airlines serving Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) will find \$10.7 million in their holiday stockings, in year-end residual credits and refunds, according to the Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA).

The fiscal year 2005 books are now closed for DTW and for the first time since FY 2000, the airlines contributed less than half (49.3 percent) of the cost of operating and maintaining the airport. Other operating revenue came from parking and car rental proceeds, along with airport shops, restaurants, vending machines, and other concessions and services. The Airport Authority's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

"Airport management has made it a top priority to generate more and more non-airline revenue," said WCAA CEO Lester Robinson. "When we lower the airlines' costs for operating in Detroit, it encourages the struggling legacy carriers maintain service here. It also attracts low-fare carriers which are looking for a good market with lower costs. The result is more choices and better value in air service for our customers."

"Additional good news is that

'Additional good news is that the airport maintains a healthy cash balance of approximately \$87 million ...'

Lester Robinson
CEO WCAA

the airport maintains a healthy cash balance of approximately \$87 million - equal to 184 days of operating cash - to temporarily withstand a possible crisis," added Robinson.

Operating and non-operating expenses for the year totaled \$215,230,000.

Costs to the airlines were reduced by nearly \$14 million compared to FY 2004. The

final cost per enplaned passenger (CPEP) was \$5.76 which was \$1.08 below budget. FY 2004's final cost per enplaned passenger was \$6.87. DTW's CPEP, which compares favorably with other major hub airports, (see attached chart) has declined every year since FY 2002.

WCAA's strong financial performance greatly reduces the Authority's exposure in airline bankruptcy filings as some of the surplus due airlines can be applied against some airline Chapter 11 pre-petition debt.

The 404-room Westin Hotel at the McNamara Terminal also showed financial improvement in FY 2005, as revenue increased 17.6 percent over 2004, while expenses increased only 10.2 percent creating a positive cash flow of \$900,000.

URGENT CONSUMER BULLETIN

Interest Rates Are Going Up !!!

February 1st the new head of the Federal Reserve takes over! First on his agenda is to arrest inflation by restricting consumer credit! That means a dramatic rise in your interest rates!

If you have an interest only mortgage or ANY type of ARM, you need to convert to a fixed rate REFINANCE NOW !!

In 2006 major banks will DOUBLE your minimum payment on credit card debt. If you pay \$150 per month can you afford \$300? Pay them off! REFINANCE NOW!!

Call for a FREE analysis to see if a refinance is a smart move for you! It does not matter who your mortgage company is or how old your loan is,

WE CAN HELP!

AMERICA ONE FINANCE

Call 248-705-8565

OE08399677

8051 Middlebelt
(Between Joy Rd & Ann Arbor Trail)
CALL (734) 421-6990
OPEN MON-THUR-SAT 11 A.M. - 2 A.M.
SUN-NOON 2-5 A.M.
LUNCHEON 11:00 - 4:00
Caryours Available • Banquets Available

FARWELL FRIENDS

Celebrate New Years Eve With Us!
Open House 4:00 - 8:30 PM
Party Package 9:00 PM

apple, almond chicken, and more!
CALL NOW FOR HOLIDAY RESERVATIONS!

MONDAY DINNER SPECIAL
Two (2) 5 ounce
Lobster Tails..... **\$19.95**

OE08398651

Mike's Marketplace Great Savings This Week At Mike's
Your Meat & Deli Supermarket
35000 Ann Arbor Road • Livonia
(734) 464-0330
OPEN: Mon.-Sat. 9-9; Sun. 9-7

OPEN NEW YEARS DAY 11am-5pm!

Tender BONELESS N.Y. STRIP STEAK
6-Steak Value Pack Only **\$4.99** lb.

Count JUMBO COOKED SHRIMP
2 lb. Bag Only **\$6.50** lb.

Delicious 7-9lb DEARBORN HALF CLASSIC HAM
Just Heat & Eat! Only **\$2.49** lb.

LAST DAYS TO ORDER! (734) 464-0330
DELICIOUS HONEY GLAZED DEARBORN SPIRAL SLICED HAM
Visit www.mikes-marketplace.com

Alaskan King CRAB LEGS
Only **\$9.99** lb.

USDA Standing RIB ROAST
Only **\$6.99** lb.

USDA Boneless TOP ROUND ROAST
Only **\$2.99** lb.

USDA Boneless PORK TENDERLOIN
Only **\$2.99** lb.

Fresh GROUND CHUCK
Family Pack Only **\$1.88** lb.

Grade A CHICKEN DRUMSTICKS
Family Pack Only **77¢** lb.

Lean Country Style SPARE RIBS
2-Roast Pkg. Only **\$1.49** lb.

Fresh GROUND SIRLOIN
Family Pack Only **\$2.39** lb.

Lean Sliced ROAST BEEF
Only **\$4.99** lb.

Kowalski Premium HARD SALAMI
Only **\$4.99** lb.

Mild MUENSTER CHEESE
Only **\$3.69** lb.

Kowalski Natural Casing FRANKS
Only **\$3.69** lb.

Mike's Deli Specials!

OE08398623

The Original BURTON'S
Family Owned and Operated for Over 40 Years
34224 MICHIGAN AVE. WAYNE
734-722-4170

Service • Remodeling • Construction

BATHROOM and KITCHEN REMODELING
COMPLETE PLUMBING SERVICE
View Our Showroom

Clip and Save \$25 off SERVICE CALL
Not valid with other offers or coupons. Call Burton Plumbing at 734-722-4170. Good thru 2-28-06

Clip and Save \$35 off WATER HEATER INSTALLATION
Not valid with other offers or coupons. Call Burton Plumbing at 734-722-4170. Good thru 2-28-06

Clip and Save \$100 off HOME REPIPE
Not valid with other offers or coupons. Call Burton Plumbing at 734-722-4170. Good thru 2-28-06

OE08398634

BUSCH'S
Fresh. Food. Ideas.

PRICES EFFECTIVE THROUGH SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2006

SHOP ONLINE AT WWW.BUSCHS.COM

\$5.99 lb. FAMILY PACK USDA CHOICE BONELESS NEW YORK STRIP STEAKS (HALF PRICE!)

\$4.99 SWEET & JUICY NAVEL ORANGES 8 LB. BAG

\$1.99 lb. MIDWEST BEST WHOLE BONELESS CENTER CUT PORK LOIN (HALF PRICE!)

Fresh. Food. Ideas.

OE08398634

OUR VIEWS

Stiffer penalties are just one reason not to drink and drive

The statistics are sobering.

Last year, 430 Michigan residents lost their lives to a person driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Nationally, 16,694 people in 2004 had their lives snuffed out prematurely at the hands of an impaired driver.

What makes these deaths even more tragic is they did not have to happen. Unlike most accidents, they could have been prevented if the person behind the wheel did not drink and drive.

It's that simple.

And yet, more than 55,000 Michigan residents last year failed to heed that message, and found themselves in the back of a police squad car, arrested for driving under the influence.

For the most part, they were the lucky ones. They were stopped and taken off the road before they could ruin their lives, and those of their potential victims.

For years, Mothers Against Drunk Driving has worked to educate the public about the dangers of drinking and driving; provided aid and comfort to families who lost a loved one to a drunken driver; and worked with local law enforcement with its annual Red Ribbon campaign.

MADD's message takes on added importance during the holidays, when people are more likely to drink and drive. But just as the organization steps up its campaign, so does local law enforcement.

Additional and targeted patrols are planned through Jan. 2 by Michigan State Police, county sheriff's departments and local police agencies. And those finding themselves in the back of a patrol car face increased fines and penalties, and the real possibility of jail time.

The state of Michigan has stiffened its penalties for drunken driving in the past few years, and lowered the threshold of legal blood-alcohol levels from 0.10 to 0.08.

The lower limit, combined with mandatory jail time and seizure of the vehicle for a second offense, should give all of us extra incentive not to drink and drive.

Enjoy the holidays, but enjoy them responsibly. If you drink, then don't drive. It is a simple lesson that when not followed can have expensive — and tragic — consequences.

Let 2006 be the year we solve problems

In just a couple of days, we will ring in a new year, and put 2005 in our rearview mirror. There probably aren't many people, especially in our area, who are sorry to see this year go. It has been a tumultuous time, with war and layoffs dominating much of the news.

One of the great things about the dawning of a new year is the fact it always brings a fresh dose of hope and promise. And in America, the promise of a better tomorrow has always been our guiding light.

For sure, if there has ever been a time when we needed hope and promise, it is now. We have many challenges in front of us to tackle.

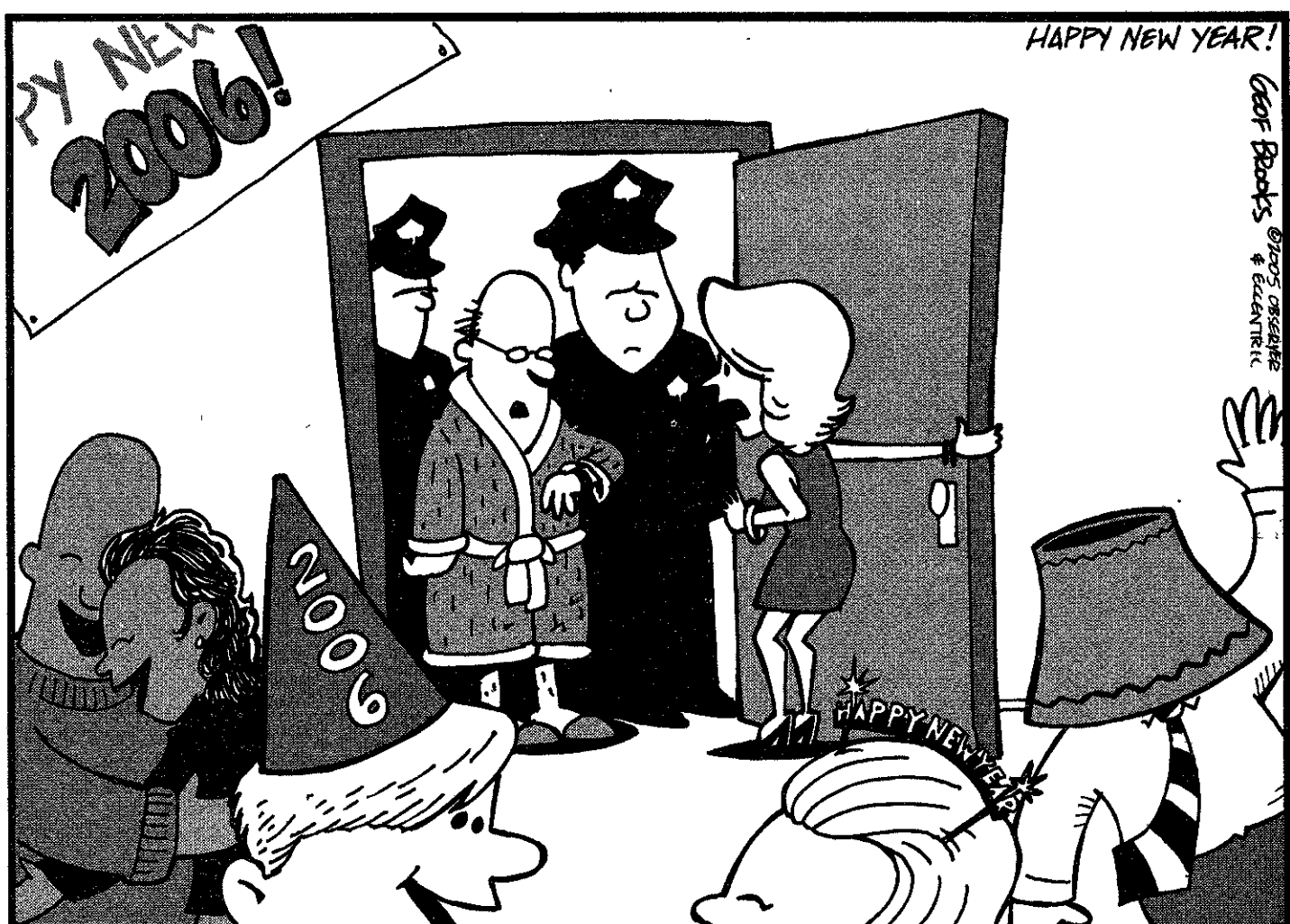
First and foremost, we need to figure out how to solve the war in Iraq. The war has consumed billions of dollars, divided an American public and, most importantly, has claimed more than 2,000 American soldiers and the lives of countless Iraqis.

At a more local level, we need to figure out how to turn around our sluggish economy here in Michigan. Unfortunately, Gov. Jennifer Granholm was recently quoted as saying the state's economy is more likely to get better in 2007 or 2008 than it is in 2006. The problem is even more acute in southeast Michigan, where so many of our residents are tied one way or another to the floundering auto industry, which is undergoing unprecedented changes.

Let's hope 2006 will be the year our government officials realize that solving these problems is more important than the partisan bickering that has dominated both Washington and Lansing in recent years. Hopefully, they will remember that leaders need to show leadership, be innovative and come up with ideas that will move America and Michigan forward.

If there was anything about 2005 that was inspiring and noteworthy, it was the efforts that our communities and nation made to aid the victims of the hurricanes that battered the Gulf Coast and its people. We even came together to help the victims of a tsunami that wreaked havoc on the other side of the planet. Whether we simply donated money or held bake sales as fund-raisers, we showed our best and should be proud.

Perhaps in 2006, we will build off of that cooperation and collective spirit to solve some of our other problems.



"My New Year's resolution is to be more tolerant, but it doesn't start for another forty minutes."

Church is wrong

Recently, *The Detroit News* ran an article about two metro priests who were barred from duty. One of them was C. Richard Kelly, former pastor of St. Thomas a' Becket Parish in Canton. Father Kelly was accused of sexually abusing a minor 33 years ago in his first parish assignment, a charge he absolutely denies and for which there is no apparent supportive evidence.

I am a member of St. Thomas a' Becket Parish. I can unequivocally say that Father Kelly was the most caring, charismatic and effective priest I have ever known during my 62 years of Catholicism. He always made our religion come vibrantly alive and relevant to our everyday lives. He was not only our parish leader, but a highly respected and well-known figure in the Detroit metropolitan area.

I cannot begin to put into words the distress I feel over the church's decision in this matter. It has chosen to accept one man's unsubstantiated accusation against another man who has devoted his entire adult life to serving the church. The archdiocese maintains that it is a credible accusation. However, their definition of the word "credible" is something that possibly could have happened. Well, I could make up all kinds of stories about things that possibly could have happened!

I strongly believe that the church did what it felt was politically expedient. It is afraid to stand up to the general public and state that some of these priests who are being accused are not guilty. I believe what happened to Father Kelly is a travesty of justice — no man should be judged guilty based upon one man's accusation and apparent lack of evidence. The manner in which he has been treated is very un-Christian, and I'm ashamed and angry with my church for its behavior. This whole priestly pedophilia issue from the beginning has had overtones of a Salem witch hunt. I would never want to trivialize any true accusation of molestation. But in this case, the excellent reputation that a great man has built up over the span of a 30-year priestly career has been evaporated by a misty, shaky story of something that quite possibly may not have happened.

Sally L. Hamrick
Westland

America idolizes Israel

Thank you for publishing Mike Odetalla's painfully beautiful "For Palestinians in Bethlehem, season offers little to celebrate." If we do not know the truth, the real truth about the Holy Land, the cradle of Christianity, how can we possibly pray a real prayer, much less worship a real God.

America has been idolizing Israel as "The Jewish State," empowering Zionism and the endless suffering of innocents. Israel has been intentionally endangering and ruining Palestinian children's lives — destroying families and communities — impoverishing humanity.

LETTERS

The most precious Christmas gift this year are the stories of Bethlehem — the real stories of the real people. The people of Palestine. Even Muslims are living links to early Christianity. Bless Odetalla for trying to explain the horror and the pain we all should feel — no matter what our religion.

Anne Selden Annab
Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Thank you

The Canton Youth Advisory Council would like to thank the Canton Community Foundation for choosing us as the beneficiary of the second "Imagine a Scary Night at the Movies" held at Canton's Imagine Theater on Thursday, Oct. 20. The Y.A.C. is a group of Canton Community high school students committed to promoting philanthropy, community service, and planning social events for peers. Council members serve as a voice for youth in the community and provide direct input in matters related to Canton Township by serving on boards, commissions, and committees. The Canton Community Foundation is a co-sponsor of the Youth Advisory Council, along with Canton Leisure Services.

The event included a variety of special activities, including first-run movie showings as well as scary movie classics, door prizes, and the highlight of the evening — a Best of Canton food tasting. Thirteen restaurants were present, providing their delicious specialties. The restaurants present included: Carvel Ice Cream, Laurel Manor Catering/Fonte D'Amore, Max & Erma's-Canton, Max & Erma's-Westland, Red Robin, Summit Gourmet/Villa de Roma, 4 Seasons Internet Café, Back Home Bakery, Buffalo Wild Wings, Outback Steakhouse, Applebee's, Jimmy John's and Pizza Hut. We hope members of the community will reward each restaurant's generosity with their patronage. Without them, we would not have received such a significant gift, and we truly appreciate all of their efforts. In addition to these fine businesses, we also would like to thank Borders and the Showroom of Elegance for their generous donations.

All of this would not have happened without the endless efforts of two very talented young ladies who worked endlessly to make this event the success it was, Becky Noricks and Katie Robiadek. Thank you for your passion, time and energy. We also want to thank Joan Noricks, for her contributions and for all of her efforts with our Council throughout the year.

The Canton Youth Advisory Council
Some unanswered questions

This is an open letter to Congressman Thaddeus McCotter. I have written your office on three different occasions with the same questions (July 11, July 24 and Sept. 25). The questions have never been responded to, while others I have written have received a response when your

office agreed.

Please respond to these questions as I feel many will be interested in the answers:

What are you doing about Osama Bin Laden — why isn't he mentioned anymore? Isn't he the reason we sent troops overseas in the first place? What are you doing about the irresponsible spending of this administration and its Congressional supporters?

Why has Haliburton received sole source contracts through the government, when there were other eligible bidders? This also is still the case — even in New Orleans. Why has Haliburton been forgiven for a \$65 million "accounting mistake?" This \$65 million alone could be used for many other needed programs. Why has Dick Cheney and his previous cohorts of Haliburton not been prosecuted for Haliburton being registered in the Cayman Islands and not paying taxes in this country?

What are you doing about the ever-increasing profits of George W. Bush's friends — the oil companies? Why is this administration giving tax cuts to the wealthy when we are in record-breaking financial deficit? How can Congress, once again, vote themselves a raise when we are in a huge deficit? How can we repeal the law that allows Congress to vote themselves raises? Especially in this terrible economy!

We cannot live in a vacuum. This world is too small now due to technology and transportation and weaponry. How are we moving toward working "with" the world instead of being isolationists in environmental and war issues?

An additional question — how can this administration and its Republican leadership tell veterans they "support the troops," while they reduce their benefits and pay? Veterans weren't given time to testify before Congress this term as they usually are — is this because Congress did not want to answer to this?

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Canton

SHARE YOUR OPINIONS

We welcome your letters to the editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask that your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

Mail:
Letters to the editor
Canton Observer
794 South Main
Plymouth, MI 48170

Fax:
(734) 459-4224

E-mail:
kkuban@hometownlife.com

QUOTABLE

"What we were providing (for failing students) was not working. Fifteen percent of our students are failing multiple classes from one semester to the next. During any given semester, 27.7 percent are failing in one class."

— Belleville High School Principal Kevin Kelly, discussing the reasons Van Buren Schools chose to restructure the high school curriculum, including making students take more classes before graduating

CANTON
Observer

PUBLISHED THURSDAY AND SUNDAY

GANNETT

Kurt Kuban
Community Editor

Marty Carry
Advertising Director

Hugh Gallagher
Managing Editor

Peter Neill
General Manager

Susan Rosiek
Executive Editor

Richard Aginlan
President/Publisher

Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Higher education can be essence of Michigan recovery

It was my distinct privilege to be a co-keynote speaker with former astronaut and U.S. Sen. John Glenn at the Midwest Higher Education Conference recently held at the Ohio State University. The occasion was just days before the traditional U-M and Ohio State gridiron battle.

Holding the flags denoting our respective state universities and our long-standing football rivalry, Sen. Glenn and I conveyed to the conference attendees our shared belief – higher education is the essence of recovery for our state economies.

Before John Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth in 1962, Americans were knocked out of their collective complacency by the Soviet Union's launch of the Sputnik satellite in 1957 and the first man in space, cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin in 1961. Stepping up to the challenge, President Kennedy vowed that America would marshal all its assets and put a man on the moon within 10 years.

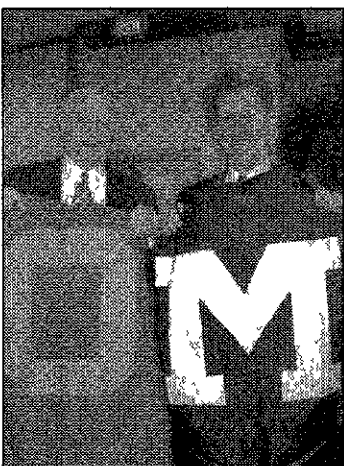
In Michigan, the changing dynamics of the 21st century job market, brought on by the "flattening of the world," requires that Michigan residents can no longer be complacent about the need for advanced learning. We must promote a new culture of lifelong learning in our state if Michigan's children are to thrive in the new economy.

Travel to the other side of the world for a different perspective. Countries like China and India are gaining a foothold in the world marketplace because education and learning are highly valued there.

China plans to open 100 new universities in the near future and is aggressively recruiting professors from our own highly regarded universities to staff them. The Chinese are also hiring teachers off of Michigan campuses to teach English to Chinese children as young as three years old. I know firsthand – my eldest daughter, Laura, accepted a job offer after graduating cum laude from Western Michigan University and is currently teaching English to kindergarten students in Shanghai, China.

Science and engineering degrees represent 60 percent of all bachelor's degrees earned in China but only 31 percent in the U.S.A. We have been doing a poor job of conveying to our children the value of science and technology as a career choice in a "flattened world."

The Michigan State Board of Education and State Superintendent Michael Flanagan are to be commended for increasing the graduation requirements for all high school students



The author (right) with former astronaut and U.S. Sen. John Glenn at the Midwest Higher Education Conference at Ohio State University.

statewide. Michigan's children will be better prepared to succeed if we create a new culture of learning.

The "hybrid engines" of Michigan's 21st century economy are its 15 public universities, 28 state-funded community colleges and 46 private colleges. Our universities are

the incubators of research and new ideas, the proven job generators.

In Michigan, 84 percent of new jobs come from the small business sector. Our businesses need and deserve a well-educated workforce which, in turn, makes Michigan an attractive state for new businesses to locate here. Ohio has recently eliminated their Personal Property Tax on businesses and Michigan needs to significantly cut Personal Property Taxes and remove the cost of health care benefits from the taxable base of job providers.

An economic impact study by the Presidents Council, the state universities of Michigan, and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) shows that for every \$1 invested in higher education there is a \$26 return to Michigan's economy. No other public investment realizes such a high rate of return.

The Michigan Legislature has implemented a new funding formula for higher education which will lead to training more engineers, doctors, nurses and health care workers. We have shifted \$91 million more into the higher education budget and every university will receive more funding from the State of Michigan this year than last year.

A college degree is a public good as well as a private one. ALL of us must work to promote a culture of lifelong learning in Michigan. We must recognize that a college degree or advanced training is essential to ensure the future of all of Michigan's children.

Higher education is the essence of recovery for Michigan.

John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) is the state representative for the 20th District and chairman of the Higher Education Appropriations Committee.

The good, the bad and the ugly of 2005 – and what it means for 2006

As the year comes to a close, I want to share with you some thoughts about 2005 and to look ahead to the new year.

Beginning with the more encouraging news, Congress finally passed two major pieces of legislation that have been held up for years – the highway bill and the energy bill. The long-delayed highway bill will provide \$1.123 billion annually for transportation projects in Michigan and will create 61,500 new jobs across the state. U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow and I also won approval of \$100 million in funding for Michigan's Highway Projects of Regional and National Significance. We also made some modest progress on Michigan's return on the gas taxes we send to Washington.

While far from perfect, the energy bill will encourage investment in infrastructure and alternative energy technologies, improve the reliability of our electricity supply, and improve energy efficiency and conservation. We need to do much more. Early next year, I will introduce legislation that would invest significantly greater federal resources in areas such as hybrid engines, advanced batteries, advanced clean diesel, and fuel cells that could lead to revolutionary breakthroughs in automotive technology.

Michigan won a significant victory this year when the Base Realignment and Closure Commission recommended expanding the functions of the Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) at the Detroit Arsenal in Macomb County. The Defense Department's new Joint Ground Vehicle Center of Excellence at the Arsenal will be a great economic asset to Michigan, our automotive community, and will make a major contribution to the defense of our nation.

The other good news this year was a few things that did not happen. The Bush administration began the year proposing far-reaching and unwise changes to Social Security. But the American people said clearly that they do not want this critical and successful program weakened or privatized. We have also so far resisted the administration's insistence on repealing the estate tax, which would largely benefit only a small minority of the wealthiest Americans at a huge cost to the treasury.

The budget picture overall was dismal. The deficit for this year was \$319 billion. The national debt has climbed above \$8 trillion. And the interest on that debt was 14 percent of the federal government's spending. The administration and the majority in Congress continue to insist on more tax cuts mostly benefiting the richest among us and budget

cuts that fall disproportionately on the most vulnerable Americans.

We also continued this year to lose manufacturing jobs. In the past five years, we have lost 2.9 million domestic manufacturing jobs, including 214,000 jobs in Michigan. I am very disappointed that the Bush administration has not acted to deal with this crisis. Within the Michigan congressional delegation, there is bipartisan agreement on several steps we should take – we need to end currency manipulation by our trading partners, open export markets blocked by trade barriers, make other countries play by the rules, and lower catastrophic health care costs to make businesses more competitive.

We should offer significant tax credits to encourage the development of advanced technologies and support existing programs at the Department of Commerce, including the Manufacturing Extension Partnership and the Advanced Technology Program, instead of cutting or ending them as the administration proposes.

I am hopeful that Congress will put the creation of manufacturing jobs in 2006 at the top of a broader agenda more in line with the priorities of the American people. That agenda should also include reducing the federal deficit; investing in education; improving access to health care and reducing its costs; protecting the environment, including the Great Lakes; improving our response to natural disasters; and strengthening our defenses against terrorist attacks.

As we make these investments here at home, we also need to change course in Iraq to improve the chance of success there. At this writing, the war has cost more than 2,150 American lives and nearly a half trillion dollars. Our troops are performing heroically, and we are all grateful for their service. Our military leaders tell us, however, that there is no purely military solution without a political solution in Iraq. The Dec. 15 election in Iraq was encouraging, but we do not yet know if the elections will ultimately be a step forward. Over the next four months, the period they have set for themselves, the Iraqis must amend their constitution to make it a unifying document that has the support of all major groups in Iraq. For our part, we need to send the clear message to the Iraqis that unless they get their political house in order we will consider an expedited timetable for the reduction of our forces.

The holiday season always engenders hope for a better, more peaceful world for all people of goodwill. Our special hope this year is that all of our men and women in uniform serving around the world will return safely home to their grateful nation when their service is finished.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.



Do you know a gain or loss of 5 to 10 lbs. can affect the fit of your bra?

Come in during this special time to have the fit of your bra checked by one of our professional, friendly fitters. Our new Naturalwear bras incorporate the same beautiful styling as the bras you wore before your breast surgery. Designed with your comfort and security in mind, they feature Cool Max pockets and soft, yet supportive fabrics. Discover the beautiful fit you deserve!

Naturalwear
"TRULIFE"



WRIGHT & FILIPPIS

www.FirstToServe.com

15044 Michigan Avenue
Dearborn, MI 48126
(313) 584-0070

27678 Middlebelt Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 615-0041

28453 Five Mile
Livonia, MI 48154
(734) 421-8400

Schedule your fitting today at any of our 30 locations, or one of these in your area:

"We Have Everything for Your Holiday Decorating."

Come Visit Cornwell Christmas World, Your Holiday Decorating Superstore.

Gerry Visel
Owner

SPECIAL AFTER CHRISTMAS

50% OFF

Sale!

GREAT CHRISTMAS SAVINGS!

Christmas Items Only At The Plymouth Location

CORNWELL
Christmas World

Plymouth
874 Ann Arbor Rd.
(734) 459-7410
Th 12/29 & Fr 12/30: 10-8
Closed 12/31 and 1/1
M, Tu, Th, Fri: 10-6
Sat: 10-1
Closed Wed & Sun

GREAT GIFTS
for any Budget

HURRY! THE BUICK RED TAG EVENT ENDS JANUARY 3.

The price on our tag is the price you pay. Not a penny more.
It's our promise to you. See some red. Save some green.



2006 BUICK RENDEZVOUS® CX FWD

• Ultrasonic rear parking assist • EPA est. **26 mpg** hwy

LOW MILEAGE SMARTLEASE®

for qualified GM employees and eligible family members with a current GMAC lease*:

\$179 per month for **27** months **\$1,039** Due at signing after all offers.**
No security deposit required.

Mileage charge of \$0.25/mile over 22,500 miles.
Residency restrictions apply. Tax, title, license, dealer fees extra

OR

LOW MILEAGE SMARTLEASE PLUS®

for qualified GM employees and eligible family members with a current GMAC lease*:

\$4,877 single payment, **27** months **\$4,877** Due at signing after all offers.**
No security deposit required.

Mileage charge of \$0.25/mile over 22,500 miles.
Residency restrictions apply. Tax, title, license, dealer fees extra

INTRODUCING THE ALL NEW 2006 BUICK LUCERNE.™



2006 BUICK LUCERNE CX

• 3.8L 3800 V6 engine • EPA est. **28 mpg** hwy

LOW MILEAGE LEASE

for qualified GM employees and eligible family members:

\$279 per month for **39** months **\$1,779** Due at signing after all offers.**
No security deposit required.

Mileage charge of \$0.25/mile over 32,500 miles.
Tax, title, license, dealer fees extra

Red Tag Event excludes the all new 2006 Buick Lucerne.

JUST ANNOUNCED! If your GMAC lease expires between now and April 30, 2006,
you can get out of it now and into a new 2006 Buick.†

Search the inventory at a dealer near you.
Visit MetroDetroitBuickDealers.com.



BUICK
BEYOND PRECISION™

*Offer valid on the lease of any new and unused 2005/2006 GM vehicle. Only one Loyalty Offer per eligible transaction. Must show proof of current GMAC lease and take delivery by 1/3/06. Not available with some other offers.

**Payments are for a 2006 Buick Rendezvous CX with an MSRP of \$27,303, 27 monthly payments total \$4,833, one single up-front payment totals \$4,877 and a 2006 Buick Lucerne CX with an MSRP of \$26,990, 39 monthly payments total \$10,881. Option to purchase at lease end for an amount to be determined at lease signing. GMAC must approve lease. Take delivery by 1/3/06. Lessee pays for excess wear. Not available with other offers.

†Must return vehicle and take delivery of an eligible new GM vehicle by 1/3/06. Excess mileage and wear charges apply. See dealer for details.

©2006 GM Corp. All rights reserved.



Ring in
2006.
TASTE B5

How to prolong life of new driveway
B2

People say the darn'dest things
ABOUT ANIMALS B3

Section B

Thursday, December 29, 2005

Ken Abramczyk, editor
(734) 953-2107
Fax (734) 591-7279
kabramczyk@hometownlife.com
www.hometownlife.com



Tech
Savvy

Rick
Broida

High-tech ways to share your photos

In the old days – you know, 2002 – most of us were still managing photos using 20th-century methods: Dropping film at the drugstore, ordering double prints to share, misplacing negatives, and paying for good and bad shots alike.

Good riddance, old days – digital cameras have banished most of film's hassles. Of course, they've created some new ones, two of which can seem downright insurmountable.

The first is organization: Over the course of months and years, your hard drive grows stuffed with digital photos – far more than you ever squirreled away in a shoebox.

Dealing with this untidy nightmare is a subject I'll save for next year. In the meantime, let's work on the second Burden of the Digital Photographer: Sharing your snapshots.

There are countless ways to do this digitally. For



The Ceiva 3 digital photo frame displays a running slideshow of your photos – or photos sent by friends and family.

instance, many people send photos as e-mail attachments, as it seems like the next best thing to putting reprints in an envelope and sending them parcel post.

It's not. For one thing, not everyone knows how to open attachments. For another, digital photos tend to be large files. A single 3-megapixel snapshot can easily run 1.5 megabytes, making for one very large attachment.

Try to send four or five photos at a time and you can really clog up someone's inbox (especially if they have a dial-up connection). It's borderline discourteous.

I'm not saying you should never e-mail photos. But if you do, you should resize them so they're smaller.

Many photo-management programs will do this for you automatically, so take advantage of that feature if it's there.

SERVICE

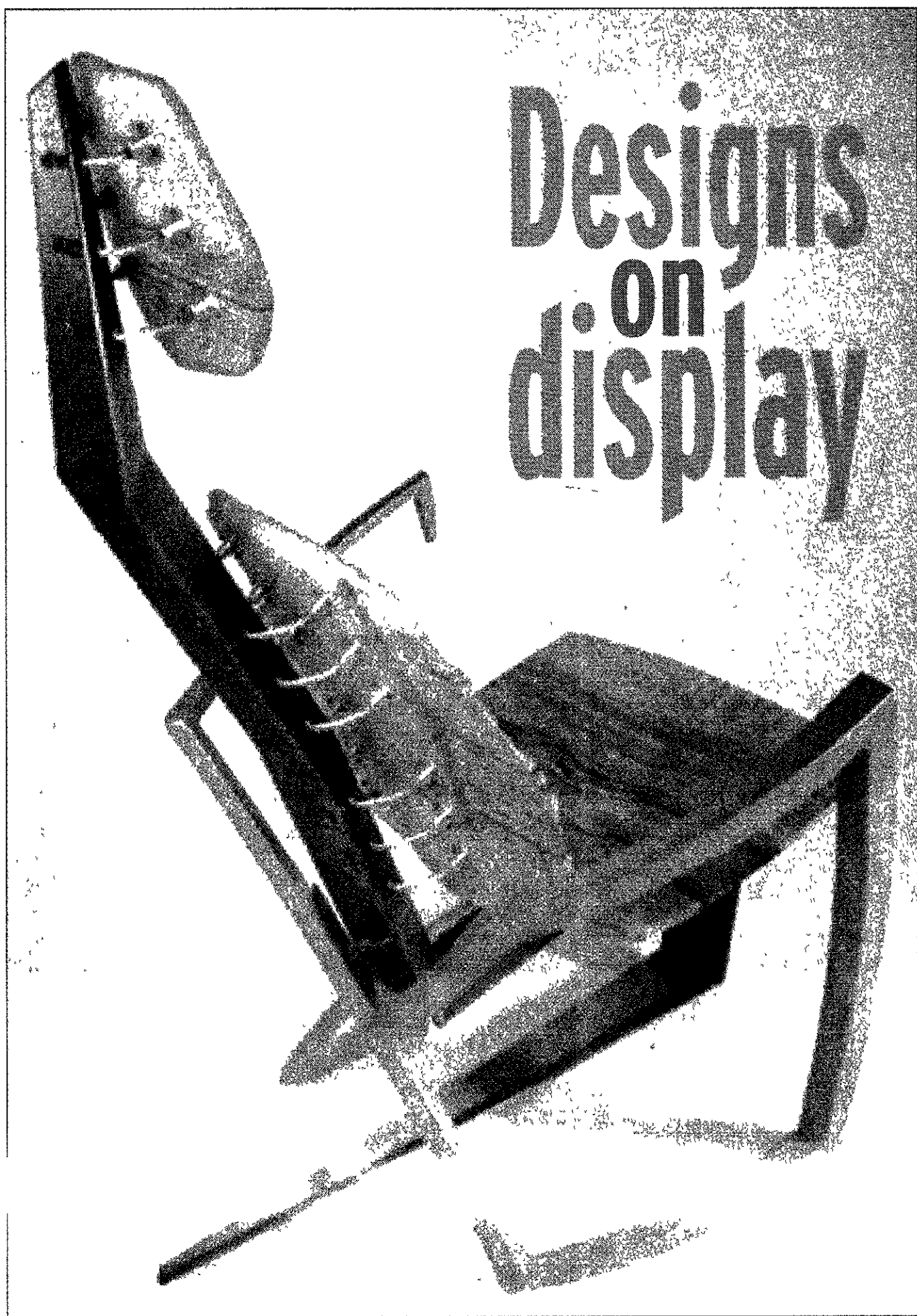
A much better way to share photos is with an online service. Basically, you upload your photos to a personal album, then send friends and family a link to it. They, in turn, can view your photos in their Web browsers.

Some services also let visitors order prints and gifts, or even download copies of the photos to their own PCs.

Many of these services cost nothing to use, though some charge a fee if you store more than a certain number of photos.

Lately I've been using the new AOL Pictures service (pictures.aol.com), which I find excellent for a number of

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, B2



COURTESY OF JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Chairs by Tom Carbone are among the furnishings in the current exhibit at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery in West Bloomfield. The display presents a collection of studio furniture by students, alumni and instructors of the College for Creative Studies.

HMFRNSHNGS: UTILITARIAN SCULPTURE FOR THE HOME

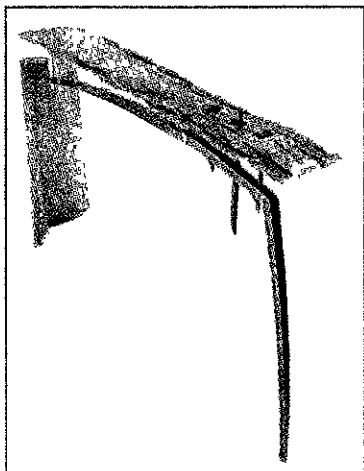
■ What: An exhibit of furniture and other items for the home by students, alumni and instructors of the College for Creative Studies. Furnishings are available for purchase.

■ When: Through Feb. 9. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

■ Where: Janice Charach Epstein Gallery in the D. Dan and Betty Kahn Building at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple at Drake in West Bloomfield.

■ Admission: Free.

■ Information: Call (248) 432-5579, visit jccdet.org.



COURTESY OF JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Tom Carbone's tables and other furnishings, and those by other participants, have innovative designs.

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

These furnishings are contemplation pieces as well as conversation pieces.

They are the innovative furniture designs in *HMFRNSHNGS: Utilitarian Sculpture for the Home*, an exhibit at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit in West Bloomfield (see related item).

The works are by students, alumni and instructors of the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. The furnishings are for sale.

Maxwell Davis is curator of the display. He was the professor of co-curator Tom Carbone when Carbone was graduating from CCS. The two, who have been friends for several years, have put together shows over the past five years, Carbone said. This is their latest.

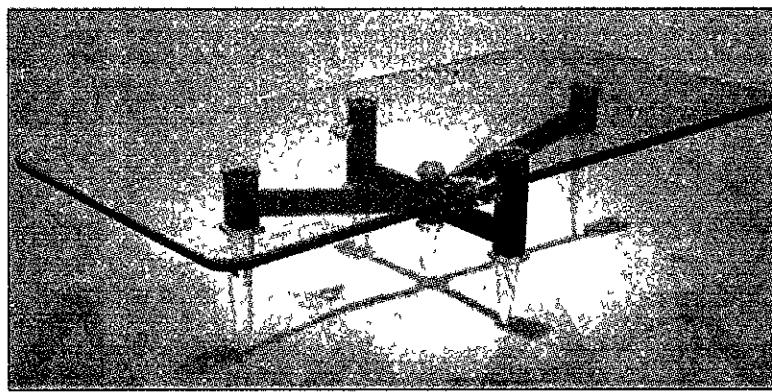
"We like to show furniture at galleries," Carbone said. "There we put them on pedestals. . . . This time there aren't pedestals. You can sit in the chairs, you can turn the lights on and off and see how they work."

"People are really interested," said gallery director Monica Sklar. "It's a very touchy-feely exhibit. A lot of the lamps turn on in unconventional ways."

The exhibit presents a collection

PLEASE SEE FURNITURE, B2

Innovative furniture pieces are sculpture for home



COURTESY OF JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

Maxwell Davis' pieces, above and below, in the *HMFRNSHNGS* exhibit balance cast and plate glass. Davis is curator of the display, which continues to Feb. 9.



COURTESY OF JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY

'People are really interested. It's a very touchy-feely exhibit. A lot of the lamps turn on in unconventional ways.'

Monica Sklar
gallery director

FURNITURE

FROM PAGE B1

of studio furniture. Southeast Michigan is one of the centers of studio furniture in the country. "Studio furniture does what production furniture could never do; remove as much of the inhuman aspects of the industrial age as possible," Carbone says in his show statement.

"You are seeing the hand of the artist touch the last detail, polish the last surface, but then you see the artist stand back and squint at those details only to tear it apart to get it right!"

About half the pieces were made specifically for the display and the other half were previous works, Carbone said.

UNUSUAL FEATURES

Some furnishings feature materials different from the usual upholstery and framing.

The Mack Group – which is a collaboration of Jeff Everts, Jason Huffines and Gonzalo Rodriguez – presents a chair made of automotive glass and recycled rubber wheels.

A lounge titled *1000 Flushes*, by Alexander Porbe, is made of recycled car tires, molded plywood and toilet tank ball valves.

Some pieces have shapes unusual for furniture. *PDT Object No. 2* by Aaron Blendowski resembles a giant brush. Its components include ash-wood dowels and microsuade. The *Pod Ottomans* by Tonya Stewart appear to be bursting open at the top.

Bob Thomas' clocks, with "specimen" in their titles, are like tall plants or pods.

One made of zebrano, mahogany, limba and enameled brass, has small, leaf-shaped hands. One features an oval body suspended by almost invisible threads; the work is made of black walnut, western red cedar, amaranth, aluminum diamond plate and gilded bronze.

There is a table by Kyle Watson of powder-coated steel, plastic and bronze that suggests a robot. Mario Corsetti's lamps of porcelain and blacksmithed steel look like a creature that is part bird and part serpent. *Corrugated Chair* by Coley McLean is made of aluminum.

Mark Pavlovski's *Walnut Lamp* has gentle curves.

VARIETY

The *Wedge Vase* by Adam Stanley has a small opening. *Light Being Light* by Katrina Ruby is a night light with a delicate appearance, featuring cast and blown glass.

Tom Carbone's *Space Chair* "SChair" was inspired in part by the 1960s Maserati race car. The four versions of the chair have frames made of slender tubes, and wood surfaces that seem to flow like cloth or liquid.

The three *Bouquet Tables* by Cristen Velliky feature steel bases and floral shapes carved in the glass tops.

Shelves have life, such as those by Jonathan Meyer, Aku Lahti and Aaron Chan. A shelf by Meyer resembles a giant comma or apostrophe. One by Lahti has a glass top on a steel surface that is like part of an Oriental symbol.

Balance is conveyed in special ways in such pieces as the tables of cast and plate glass by Maxwell Davis, the *Light Whipping Lamp* by Dan Kivikko and *Balancing Table* by Tonya Stewart (which features a rounded steel base and stones arranged along the middle of the wood top).

Artist Janice Charach Epstein, for whom the gallery is named, attended CCS.

On the closing night of the exhibit, a reception featuring a satellite hookup with Carl Reiner will take place at the gallery 7-8 p.m.

mklemic@hometownlife.com | (248) 901-2569

Tips help prolong life of new driveway

Q: We had a new concrete driveway put in this fall and the contractor told us to be careful using deicers on it this winter. What are the best deicers to use to avoid damaging our new driveway?

A: The best way to avoid damaging a new or existing concrete driveway is to avoid using too much deicer (most commonly rock salt or calcium chloride) in an effort to melt all the snow and ice.

However, you shouldn't use any deicing chemical the first winter on new concrete, if at all possible. The only safe material to make new concrete surfaces skid-resistant is plain sand.

Here are some other practical tips for proper winter concrete care from the Michigan Concrete Association, whose members produce the concrete for most of Michigan's sidewalks, driveways and parking lots.

Following these steps will ensure that you get a long and useful life from your new driveway.

1. Always remove snow and ice from concrete surfaces as soon as possible to minimize the effects of freeze/thaw cycles.

2. Use a deicer according to the manufacturer's instruction and never over apply. Melting every bit of ice and snow on walkways and driveways with deicers is just not practical. Use the deicer only to break the bond between ice and pavement.

3. Once the bond between ice and pavement is broken by the deicer, the slush and residual deicer should be removed by shoveling or plowing to prevent refreezing.

4. Under normal conditions, deicers containing sodium chloride (common salt) or calcium chloride may be used after the first winter. Even then it is recommended that a penetrating sealer be applied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

5. Never use deicers containing ammonium sulfate or ammonium nitrate. These chemicals are often packaged and sold as deicers but overuse can disintegrate concrete.

Prepared by the Michigan Concrete Association, a nonprofit organization serving the Michigan ready-mix industry.

NOW OR NEVER

THESE OFFERS END DECEMBER 31

Audiovox 8910
- CAMERA with FLASH
- Speaker Phone w/ Voice Dialing
\$29.99

KYOCERA KX1V
- MP3 Capable
- CAST Capable
- 1.3 Mega Pixel Camera
\$49.99
After Mail-In Rebate: (\$99.99 Retail Price - \$50.00 Mail-In Rebate)

FREE
COLOR FLIP PHONE
WHEN YOU BUY ONE
\$19.99
After Mail-In Rebates: (\$49.99 Retail Price 1st phone - \$30.00 Mail-In Rebate; \$30.00 Retail Price 2nd phone - \$30.00 Mail-In Rebate)

With new 2 year activation per phone; primary line on plans \$39.99 or higher.

IT'S THE NATION'S MOST RELIABLE WIRELESS NETWORK

CALL 1.877.2BUY.VZW

CLICK verizonwireless.com

NOW OPEN in SOUTHLAND CENTER!

VERIZON WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS STORES

ANN ARBOR
2570 Jackson Ave.
(next to Blockbuster)
734-769-1722

BRIARWOOD
14126 Woodward
(Model T Plaza)
313-869-7392

AUBURN HILLS
Great Lakes Crossing Mall
248-253-1799

COURTLAND CENTER
Courtland Center Mall
(near JC Penney)

BRIGHTON
8159 Challis, Suite C
(off Grand River, in front of Target)
810-225-4789

BURTON
1295 S. Center Rd.
810-743-4846

COURTLAND CENTER
Courtland Center Mall

CANTON
42447 Ford Rd.
(corner of Ford & Lilley
Rds., Canton Corners)
734-844-0481

DEARBORN
24417 Ford Rd.
(just West of Telegraph)
313-278-4491

FAIRLAME
Fairlane Mall
(3rd floor next to Sears)
313-441-0168

DETROIT
14126 Woodward
(Model T Plaza)
313-869-7392

FARMINGTON HILLS
31011 Orchard Lake Rd.
(S.W. Corner of Orchard
Lake Rd. & 14 Mile Rd.)
248-538-9900

FENTON
17245 Silver Pkwy
(in the Sear's Plaza)
810-629-2733

FT. GRATIOT
4129 24th Ave.
810-365-1231

LAKE ORION
2531 S. Lapeer Rd.
(Orion Mall 2 miles
N. of the Palace)
248-393-6800

COMING SOON!
NORTHVILLE
Three Generations Plaza
20570 Haggerty Road

NOVI
43025 12 Mile Rd.
(Twelve Oaks Service Dr.,
North of Sear's)
248-305-6600

PONTIAC/WATERFORD
454 Telegraph Rd.
(across from
Summit Place Mall)
248-335-9900

ROYAL OAK
31921 Woodward Ave.
(at Normandy)
248-549-4177

ST. CLAIR SHORES
26401 Harper Ave.
(at 10 1/2 Mile)
588-777-4010

SOUTHFIELD
28117 Telegraph Rd.
(South of 12 Mile Rd.)
248-368-3700

STERLING HEIGHTS
45111 Park Ave.
(M-59 & M-63,
Utica Park Plaza)
586-997-6500

LAKEVIEW
Lakeside Mall
(Lower Ct. play area)

TAYLOR
23495 Eureka Rd.
(across from Southland Mall)
734-287-1770

NOW OPEN!
SOUTHLAND CENTER
23000 Eureka Rd.

TROY
1913 E. Big Beaver Rd.
(Troy Sports Center)
248-526-0040

OAKLAND MALL
(inside Main Entrance,
next to Food Court)

ROCHESTER HILLS
3035 S. Rochester Rd.
(at Auburn Rd.)
248-853-0550

WESTLAND
35105 Warren Rd.
(S.W. Corner of Warren
& Wayne Rds.)
734-722-7330

OR VISIT THE VERIZON WIRELESS STORE AT CIRCUIT CITY

ANN ARBOR
Ann Arbor Wireless
734-527-5500

AUBURN HILLS
Auburn Hills Wireless
734-527-5500

BRIGHTON
Brighton Wireless
810-227-2808

DEARBORN
Dearborn Wireless
810-227-2808

ROSEVILLE
Roseville Wireless
810-227-2808

TAYLOR
Taylor Wireless
810-227-2808

WESTLAND
Westland Wireless
810-227-2808

ANN ARBOR
Ann Arbor Wireless
734-527-5500

AUBURN HILLS
Auburn Hills Wireless
734-527-5500

BRIGHTON
Brighton Wireless
810-227-2808

DEARBORN
Dearborn Wireless
810-227-2808

ROSEVILLE
Roseville Wireless
810-227-2808

TAYLOR
Taylor Wireless
810-227-2808

WESTLAND
Westland Wireless
810-227-2808

ANN ARBOR
Ann Arbor Wireless
734-527-5500

AUBURN HILLS
Auburn Hills Wireless
734-527-5500

BRIGHTON
Brighton Wireless
810-227-2808

DEARBORN
Dearborn Wireless
810-227-2808

ROSEVILLE
Roseville Wireless
810-227-2808

TAYLOR
Taylor Wireless
810-227-2808

WESTLAND
Westland Wireless
810-227-2808

ANN ARBOR
Ann Arbor Wireless
734-527-5500

AUBURN HILLS
Auburn Hills Wireless
734-527-5500

BRIGHTON
Brighton Wireless
810-227-2808

DEARBORN
Dearborn Wireless
810-227-2808

ROSEVILLE
Roseville Wireless
810-227-2808

TAYLOR
Taylor Wireless
810-227-2808

WESTLAND
Westland Wireless
810-227-2808

ANN ARBOR
Ann Arbor Wireless
734-527-5500

AUBURN HILLS
Auburn Hills Wireless
734-527-5500

BRIGHTON
Brighton Wireless
810-227-2808

DEARBORN
Dearborn Wireless
810-227-2808

AUTHORIZED RETAILERS

ANN ARBOR
Ann Arbor Wireless
734-527-5500

AUBURN HILLS
Auburn Hills Wireless
734-527-5500

BRIGHTON
Brighton Wireless
810-227-2808

DEARBORN
Dearborn Wireless
810-227-2808

ROSEVILLE
Roseville Wireless
810-227-2808

TAYLOR
Taylor Wireless
810-227-2808

WESTLAND
Westland Wireless
810-227-2808

ANN ARBOR
Ann Arbor Wireless
734-527-5500

AUBURN HILLS
Auburn Hills Wireless
734-527-5500

BRIGHTON
Brighton Wireless
810-227-2808

DEARBORN
Dearborn Wireless
810-227-2808

ROSEVILLE
Roseville Wireless
810-227-2808

TAYLOR
Taylor Wireless
810-227-2808

WESTLAND
Westland Wireless
810-227-2808

ANN ARBOR
Ann Arbor Wireless
734-527-5500

AUBURN HILLS
Auburn Hills Wireless
734-527-5500

BRIGHTON
Brighton Wireless
810-227-2808

DEARBORN
Dearborn Wireless
810-227-2808

FT. GRATIOT
Wireless Solutions
810-365-3400

GRAND BLANC
Communications USA
810-694-0500

GROSSE POINTE
Authorized Cellular
1-800-VIP-PLUS

HOWELL
Cartonics
517-548-7705

MACOMB
Authorized Cellular
1-800-VIP-PLUS

MONTICELLO
Herkimer Radio
734-242-0806

MT. CLEMENS
Authorized Cellular
1-800-VIP-PLUS

NEW HUDSON
Fusion Communications
248-437-5353

NOVI
Multilinks
248-476-0077

ORIONVILLE
USA Wireless
248-627-4833

PLYMOUTH
Ann Arbor Wireless
734-456-3200

PORT HURON
Port City Communications
810-984-5141

ROCHESTER
Wireless Xpert
248-650-5151

ROCHESTER HILLS
Cellular Technologies
248-299-0008

ST. CLAIR
Authorized Cellular
1-800-VIP-PLUS

STERLING HEIGHTS
Authorized Cellular
1-800-VIP-PLUS

SYLVAN LAKE
Wireless Link
248-681-1700

TAYLOR
Cell Phone Warehouse
734-374-4472

TROY
The Wireless Shop
248-458-1111

WARREN
Wireless Network
586-573-7599

WEST BLOOMFIELD
Global Wireless
248-681-7200

WIXOM
Auto One
248-960-0500

YPSILANTI
Ann Arbor Wireless
734-327-5400

BROIDA

FROM PAGE B1

reasons.

First, it's extremely simple to use. The Web-based interface has far less clutter than other photo-sharing services I've tried.

Second, a browser plug-in lets you drag and drop photos for upload instead of manually selecting them one at a time.

Third, it cleverly offers two upload options: "Standard Upload," which keeps your photos at their original size (better for printing), and "Fast Upload," which automatically downsizes them so they transfer faster (but still look good when shared).

With AOL Pictures you can view a slideshow, create and share unlimited albums, print and download photos, order prints and gifts, and perform basic editing tasks (like red-eye removal). I'm lovin' it.

CEIVA 3

Finally, we come to one of the niftiest photo-sharing tools of all: Ceiva 3.

This digital photo frame, which sports an 8.2-inch color LCD, displays a running slideshow of up to 30 pictures.

Cooler still, other people can "send" photos to your Ceiva from their PCs or even their cell phones.

Imagine Grandma with a Ceiva on her kitchen counter, enjoying a constant influx of new pictures of the kids and

grandkids. With the push of a button she can "lock" any photo (so it doesn't get replaced) or even order a print.

It's really a cool product, though not without its problems.

For starters, the frame must sit in close proximity to a phone jack, as it must dial into the Ceiva service to download new photos.

Alternately, an optional broadband adapter connects the device to a router, but it's a wired connection. (A long-overdue wireless option is scheduled for 2006.)

I also found the Web interface quite confusing. Managing and uploading photos aren't as easy as they should be.

The Ceiva itself is reasonably priced (\$129.95, minus a \$30 rebate if you buy before Jan. 2), but you also have to buy a PicturePlan, which costs \$99.95 per year.

Ceiva needs to abolish – or at least drastically reduce – this fee before I'll give the product my wholehearted recommendation.

Even so, I can't help thinking how much my snowbird parents would love this thing.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld*, 5th Edition, and *101 Killer Apps for Pocket PC*. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

Call Today!

KITCHEN REFACING

- Factory Direct
- Costs Much Less Than Replacing
- Available in Solid Oak, Maple & Cherry
- References in Your Neighborhood
- FREE ESTIMATES

cabinet clinic
The Leader in Cabinet Refacing
West 734-421-8151
North-East 586-751-1848
www.cabinetclinic.com

Laurel FURNITURE, INC. STOREWIDE SALE

EVERYDAY LOW PRICES PLUS ADDITIONAL BONUS

Your Choice... 10% OFF EVERYTHING
In Stock & Special Orders
With Approved Credit. See Store for Details.

PLUS... 0% Financing Available
With Approved Credit. See Store for Details.

Laurel FURNITURE, INC.
584 W. Ann Arbor Trail • Plymouth • (734) 452-4700
Open Daily 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Thurs. & Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

HOME CALENDAR

Toy, hobby expo

A fantastic display of model railroad-ing will come to the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi for the Toy & Hobby Expo Friday to Sunday, Dec. 30 to Jan. 1. The expo will feature three collector shows in one location. Hours are 5-9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$3 for ages 6-12 with an adult. Parking is \$5. The Rock Financial Showplace is at 46100 Grand River. For recorded travel directions, call (248) 348-5600 any time. For more information about the expo, call R.R. Promotions Inc. at (734) 455-2110. At the event, young and old alike will have the opportunity to experience scale model trains in action, and the excitement that builds as the trains race along a 0-gauge rail on a 100-foot long modular model railroad display. For people wishing to build their own railroad empire, the display owners will be on hand to explain building techniques used in the construction of the modular train display. The expo will also feature toy and hobby items from the '50s to today's hottest collectibles. Vendors and collectors will be selling new, used, antique and collectible model railroad and toy trains; collectible toys; die-cast and model kits; sports and racing collectibles; and dolls, including Barbies, bears and Beanie's.

Gift gallery

The Holiday Gift Gallery at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester offers original gifts handcrafted by Michigan artists. The PCCA is at 407 Pine. The gallery is open to Jan. 7. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday; 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 30; closed Saturday, Dec. 31. Call (248) 651-4110, visit www.pccart.org.

Home decor

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com, visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Basic Throw Blanket, Tuesdays, Jan. 3-17 (fee is \$60), and Simple Curtain, Wednesdays, Jan. 11-25 (\$60). In Basic Throw Blanket, make the perfect home accessory for cold winter months in a quick and simple project that uses luxurious fabrics. Keep the cozy throw for yourself, or make it a gift. In Simple Curtain, beginners will learn how to sew as they dress up living room, bedroom, kitchen or bathroom windows. Make a simple rod-pocket window treatment, lined or unlined, to use alone or over blinds or shades. You'll leave class with a custom curtain that fits your decor.

Gallery shop

The Ann Arbor Art Gallery's Gallery Shop features holiday gifts now through Saturday, 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. The Gallery Shop presents 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.

People say the darn'est things - again

I'm only absolutely sure of two things in this world.

One is that every year someone turns gravity up to be a little stronger. I notice this by how much harder it is to get up from sitting on the floor, and by how much higher scales read when I stand on them.

The other thing would be that time is moving faster than it ever has before.

I know that this is the principle of relativity, in that the older we get, the shorter a segment of time will seem, as it is smaller relative to our entire existence than when we are younger. Poppycock. Time is moving faster. Case closed.

Holidays rush up on us faster than ever. I am amazed it's the holiday season again. How did I miss the Fourth of July?

Some positives do come from time moving so quickly. Holiday television specials become a distant memory before you know it. Winter seems shorter than ever. The Lions' season ends faster, holding our embarrassment in check to just a few short months. (Until the Tigers' spring training, at least.)

The biggest positive of time moving faster might be that it seems like less time between the

annual column listing some of the interesting things people said at my clinic.

Every year many people pick out a favorite, and when they see me, quote it back to me. Last year's favorite involved a person who mentioned they had been to see Elvis perform years ago in Ann Arbor, and someone asked them, "Was it before he died?"

As always, these are meant to be fun, not insulting. Saying something that makes the list doesn't mean someone isn't smart, it just means that sometimes words get in the way of what we're trying to say. Enjoy.

"What is the radius of adults to juveniles?"

"I want to go to Hawaii so I can see the women dance in their hula hoops."

"What kind of animal was the Pink Panther?"

"He drools so much . . . he's just salivating everywhere!"

"Don't start a ruptious!"

"If you don't want her to know it's you, send it unanimously."

"I'm going to Jamaica and staying at the Hinduism II resort."

"I think I kind of finally made up my mind, I think."

"You should turn the other head."

"I decided if I did both errands at once it would be like a stoned bird."

"Then, all the fur on his belly vanished."

"My other dog is a borderline collie."

(Answering a trivia quiz question: Opened in 1889, this 986-foot structure stands next to the

Seine in Paris.) "That mountain with the three faces? Mount Rushmore?"

"I'm worried he got into a pesticide."

"I feel like those Las Vegas magicians Sigmund and Freud!"

"He's completely different . . . it's a 360-degree change!"

"I don't feel as close to this dog as my other two because she was adopted."

"I wanted to get his annual Vaxations."

"Do you think we should go from larger to bigger?"

"I don't want him to get any vaccinations. Just give him his shots."

"I'm just not asphyxiated on my weight like some people are."

"Will three weeks from today be Wednesday again?"

OTHER CONVERSATIONS

Now two phone conversations. The other person will be identified as Caller to protect his or her identity, and to protect me from beatings.

Conversation No. 1 - Caller: "There's a huge bird in my yard. I think it's a pterodactyl!"

Me: "Pterodactyls are extinct."

Caller: "Really?"

Conversation No. 2 - Me: "The thing is you have a lot of options. Say you don't want to do the blood test -"

Caller (immediately): "You don't want to do the blood test."

Now some other conversations from around the clinic. Some involve staff members, some clients. I will name the

other person as Client, again to avoid being hurt.

Conversation No. 1 - Me: "I have to call Washington, D.C."

Client: "Washington, D.C.? The British of Columbia?"

(Then continuing, realizing what she just said) "Oh, that was stupid. How can you be both British and Columbian?"

Conversation No. 2 - Me: "What was the name of the first man according to Western religions?"

Client: "Billy the Kid?"

Conversation No. 3 - Me: "Johnny Depp put his hand and foot prints in cement in front of Grauman's Chinese Theater."

Client: "Was he there in person?"

Conversation No. 4 - Me: "Is the problem progressive?"

Client: "No, but it's getting worse!"

And my personal favorite of the year is also a conversation, and although it doesn't deal with animals, I think it's an instant classic:

Me: "Do you know the 10 Commandments?"

Client: "I know the fifth commandment is that you don't have to testify if it will incriminate you."

Have a great 2006! Or is it already 2007?

Dr. Brad Davis is medical director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City 48135. Mail questions and comments there. He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show *Animal Talk*. Visit www.AnimalTalkRadio.com. E-mail questions or comments to questions@animaltalkradio.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Downriver Rose society

The Downriver Rose Society will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, at the Brownstown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph, between Sibley and West roads. Roger Lindley, owner of Great Lakes Roses in Belleville, will speak on Insect and Disease Control for Roses. Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information, call Mike at (877) 860-5364 or Nancy at (734) 461-1230.

Lindley will present a fast-paced slide program about the common problems besetting garden roses and how to control them.

Now is the time for gardeners to review their gardens' performances and plan how to prevent problems for next year. Most rose gardening problems can be solved with simple cultural controls or natural/organic treatments.

Lindley is an American Rose Society consulting rosarian and Michigan certified pesticide applicator.

Garden scrapbooking

Goldner Walsh Nursery will present a workshop, Scrapbooking Your Garden, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7. Cost is \$35, supplies included. Bring leaves, dried flowers, photos, sketches, notes, etc. of your garden. Goldner Walsh is at 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac.

For more information or to reserve a space, call (248) 332-6430.

The workshop, conducted by the Scrap & Stay scrapbook store, is for both beginner and advanced scrapbooking. It is designed to get you started organizing materials, cropping photos, stamping, templating and more.

Garden design

A new class, Designing Your Garden from the Inside Out, will take place on four Tuesdays beginning Jan. 10 at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

Fee is \$125. Materials needed are a sketch pad, drafting pencils, colored pencils, erasers, standard plastic slot guides for drawing circles and triangles, and a drafting slot guide.

To register and for more information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

In the class, you will design a small garden using the view from your favorite window, incorporating hardy perennials, shrubs and bulbs to make the most of all seasons. Bring snapshots of different views of the area from inside and outside the planned garden.

Instructor Michael Saint, owner of Good Earth Landscape & Interior Design LLC in Clarkston, is a member of the Michigan Wildflower Association and the National Wildlife Association. His gardens have been certified as wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Association.

Livonia Garden Club

The next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club, Tuesday, Jan. 3, will feature Sue Urban, a representative from English Gardens who will present a program covering the basics of growing and caring for indoor plants. Her presentation will range from selection of plants to using them to enhance your home's decor.

The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington roads. Visitors are welcome.

McLaughlin's & Thomasville of Novi

BONUS SALE

Holiday



Now through Monday, January 2, 2006.

New Year's Eve Day 10-4 • OPEN NEWS YEAR'S DAY 12-5

WE'VE SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST!

STOREWIDE

Price Reductions in Every Department

Accents | Area Rugs | Bedrooms | Carpet | Dining Rooms | Entertainment Centers | Home Office
Lamps, Pictures & Accessories | Leather | Living Room | Mattresses | Motion Furniture | Youth Furniture

**WE PAY YOUR
6% SALES TAX
ON ALL PURCHASES.**

No minimum purchase required.

+

**NO PAYMENT,
NO INTEREST
UNTIL JANUARY 2007
ON ALL PURCHASES.**

No minimum purchase required. See store for details.

BUY WITH CONFIDENCE

NATIONAL LOW PRICE GUARANTEE.
YOU WILL NOT FIND THOMASVILLE HOME FURNISHINGS FOR LESS.

GUARANTEED!

NORTH CAROLINA PRICING RIGHT HERE AT HOME.

THE SERVICE AND SELECTION
you expect from a family business
serving Metro Detroit for over

50 YEARS!



Metro Detroit's Largest Collection of Thomasville

Thomasville

HOME FURNISHINGS OF NOVI

248.344.2551 - 42200 Grand River
www.thomasvilleofnovi.com

McLaughlin's

of Southgate

HOME FURNISHING DESIGNS

14405 Dix, Southgate • 734.285.5454
www.mclaughlins.com



Some exclusions may apply. Price guarantees excluded. See store for details. All items subject to prior sale.

Thomasville

WINNERS

HABERSHAM

SMITH PROPERTIES

ISENHOUR

THE COTTON SHOPPER

HOOKER

LEXINGTON

BRADINGTON-YOUNG

BARCA-DUNGER

NICHOLS & STONE

HENREDON

SHERILL

SALOOM

Durham

HOWARD MILLER

Stanley

HEKMAN

Sligh

CANADEL



Out with the Old In with the New!



Holiday Bonus Days: **Save an Additional 10%**

As the new year rolls in, we're rolling out the EXTRA Savings on In Stock Home Furnishings that are already **HOLIDAY SALE PRICED!**

Come see the latest Bedrooms, Dining, Youth, Sofas, Recliners, Home Entertainment, Mattresses, Accents and More!

Authorized Dealer of Stanley • Bernhardt • Sealy • Hooker • LaZBoy • Barcolounger • Stearns & Foster • Nichols & Stone • Canal Dover • Saloom • Hammary and others

No Interest Financing Available*

Since 1933



Walker/Buzenberg
fine furniture

240 North Main Street • PLYMOUTH • (734) 459-1300
Mon., Thurs., Fri. 10-9 • Tues., Wed., Sat. 10-6 • Sun. 1-5
10% Offer valid 12/29 through 1/8/06 • Closed New Years Day

*Financing Available with Approved Credit
www.walkerbuzenberg.com



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

South Africa: serious wines and great puns

Perhaps you've heard of or tasted the delicious and value-priced South African wines known as Goats do Roam.

The Back family, owners of the wine brands Fairview and Goats do Roam claim no mal-intent when naming their wines. When a herd of goats, whose milk is used to make cheese, decided to take a trip through the vineyard, the Backs got the idea for a wine named Goats do Roam. It is just a coincidence that the name sounds like Cotes du Rhone, the southern Rhone Valley wine made from some of the same grape varieties that make up Goats do Roam!

According to Robin Back, the French paid no attention to the name until he tried to register it in the United States. The French then objected, believing that Americans would confuse Goats do Roam with Cotes du Rhone. Were they joking?

"Actually, the publicity over the French objections to our label have been great advertisement for us," Back admitted. "The brand has been very successful in the U.S., thanks to the French and their hypersensitivity."

SOUTH AFRICAN BASE

The Back family is based in the Paarl region of South Africa, which is known for its vineyards in the Paarl, Stellenbosch, Darling and Malmesbury. "The advantage to growing in South Africa is the Mediterranean climate, a dramatic diurnal temperature shift and our grapes that are dry-farmed as bush vines (what Californians call "head pruned")," Back explained. "Our winery has state-of-the-art technology where wine is moved only by gravity, that means no pumps to break seeds and release bitter tannins."

Other humorous wine names and labels, such as Goat Roti (rhymes with Cotes Roti) are in the portfolio. After pun fun wears off, what is it that sells over 65,000 cases of Goats do Roam each year in the United States? It's the quality to price ratio.

What are Back family future plans? Two new wines to be released in 2006: 2004 Bored Doe Red and 2005 Goat Door Chardonnay with twist-off closures.

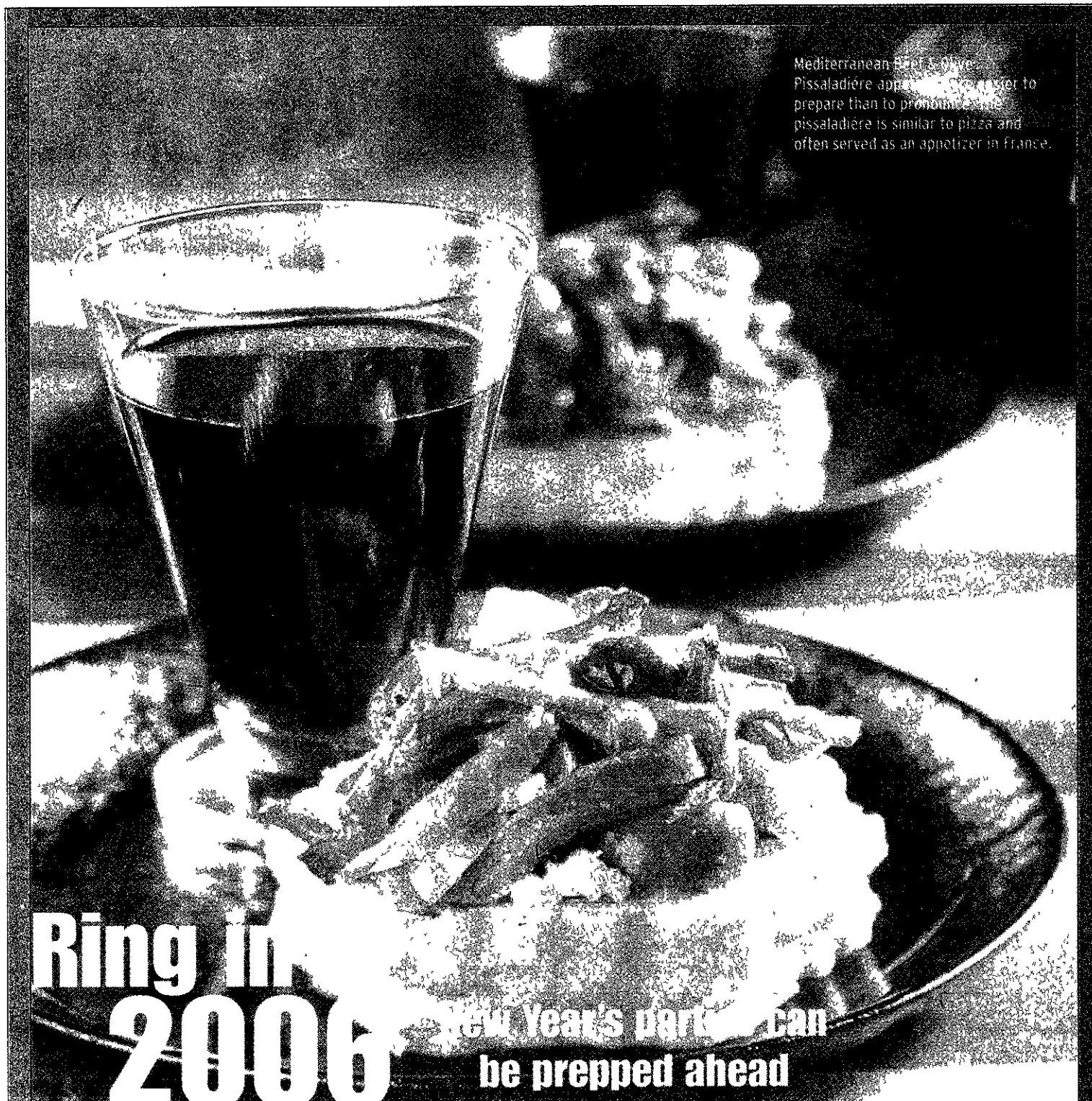
WHAT TO BUY NOW

The 2004 Fairview Sauvignon Blanc (\$14) shows citrus, lemongrass and grapefruit aromas which are mirrored on the palate and into an elegant finish. The 2005 Goats do Roam white wine (\$11) is a blend of grenache blanc, clairette blanc and chenin blanc, fermented in stainless steel to give bright zesty pear, apple, grapefruit aromas and flavors.

The 2004 Goats do Roam red (\$11) is a generous and juicy blend of 50 percent shiraz plus grenache, carignan, cinsault, mourvedre and pinotage. It boasts a peppery nose with black fruits, good structure and a smooth finish.

Admission. We're not big fans of pinotage but the 2003 Fairview Pinotage (\$15) was well-flavored and balanced. Pinotage is the most popular red variety in South Africa, but they're not all as good as the Fairview. It's smoky with notes of meat and spice, offering good breadth and depth on the

PLEASE SEE WINE, B7



Mediterranean Beef & Olive Pissaladiere appetizer is easier to prepare than to pronounce. Pissaladiere is similar to pizza and often served as an appetizer in France.

Ring in 2006 New Year's parties can be prepped ahead

During the holidays, celebrations with spectacular foods prevail, but bustling schedules often

according to package directions and shred it with two forks. To save even more time, make

Beef & Olive Pissaladiere and Vietnamese Spring Rolls - bring both convenience and good taste to any gathering.

Made with a fully-cooked beef pot roast, Mediterranean Beef & Olive Pissaladiere appetizers are much simpler to prepare than to pronounce. The pissaladiere is similar to pizza and often served as an appetizer in France.

This easy version uses puff pastry for the crust. The topping is a savory, satisfying but simple blend of shredded beef pot roast, red onions, goat cheese, mixed pitted olives and grape tomatoes.

By beginning with the prepared pot roast, prep time is cut considerably. Just warm the pot roast in the microwave

for 10 to 15 minutes, then shred it with two forks.

The Vietnamese Beef and Vegetable Spring Rolls - bring both convenience and good taste to any gathering. Made with a fully-cooked beef pot roast, this spring roll recipe can be made with either rice paper wrappers or spring roll skins, both available in the Asian or ethnic section of the grocery or specialty food store.

Green leaf lettuce and thinly sliced deli roast beef are layered on the rice paper wrapper along with shredded carrots, jicama and a fresh herb mixture. Need more time for your holiday returns? Make the spring rolls in advance, cover with damp paper towels and refrigerate

PLEASE SEE NEW YEAR, B6

MEDITERRANEAN BEEF & OLIVE PISSALADIERE

- 1 package (17 ounces) refrigerated fully-cooked boneless beef pot roast with gravy
- 2 packages (10 ounces each) puff pastry shells

- 1/2 cup mixed pitted olives, cut in half or if large, cut into quarters
- 1/2 cup grape tomatoes, cut into quarters

Heat oven to 400°F. Place frozen puff pastry shells, top sides up, on two ungreased baking sheets. Bake in 400°F oven 15 minutes or until light golden brown and beginning to puff. (Pastry shells will not be fully baked.)

Meanwhile heat beef pot roast with gravy in microwave according to package directions. Remove pot roast from container; reserve 1/4 cup gravy. Carefully shred pot roast in large bowl with two forks; stir in reserved gravy, onions, cheese, olives and tomatoes. Set aside.

While puff pastry is still warm, carefully divide each shell horizontally in half using tip of paring knife. Place split sides up on two baking sheets. Top each shell evenly with beef mixture. Bake in 400°F oven about 15 minutes or until heated through, cheese begins to brown and edges of pastry are deep golden brown. Cool slightly before serving. Makes 24 appetizers.

Cook's tip: Beef mixture can be prepared up to four hours in advance. Refrigerate covered until ready to use.

Nutrition information per serving: 148 calories; 10 g fat (3 g saturated fat; 0 g monounsaturated fat); 13 mg cholesterol; 217 mg sodium; 10 g carbohydrate; 0.2 g fiber; 6 g protein; 0.1 mg niacin; 0.0 mg vitamin B6; 0.0 mcg vitamin B12; 1.1 mg iron; 0.2 mcg selenium; 0.1 mg zinc.

Recipes courtesy of the Cattlemen's Beef Board and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. For more recipes, see inside.

Perk up your party

Delight your guests on New Year's Eve or other festive occasions with a warm, island-inspired appetizer: Creole Baked Goat Cheese in Roasted Red Pepper Cups from Bahama Breeze. Colorful and delicious, this party starter is pleasing to the eye and the palate.

Prepare this delicious appetizer at home with the recipe provided below or visit your local Bahama Breeze to "feed your island spirits" with made-from-scratch Caribbean-inspired dishes, handcrafted drinks, island music and a warm, vibrant atmosphere.

CREOLE BAKED GOAT CHEESE FROM BAHAMA BREEZE

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons garlic,

- fresh, minced
- 1/2 cup sweet onion, 1/2-inch diced
- 4 ounces fresh chevre goat cheese
- 1 vine-ripened Roma tomato, seeded and diced 1/2-inch
- 1 tablespoon fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste
- Roasted red pepper cups (see recipe below)
- Garlic crouton rounds (see recipe below)

Heat olive oil in a medium sauté pan over medium heat then add the garlic and onion and sauté just until the onion becomes translucent. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature.

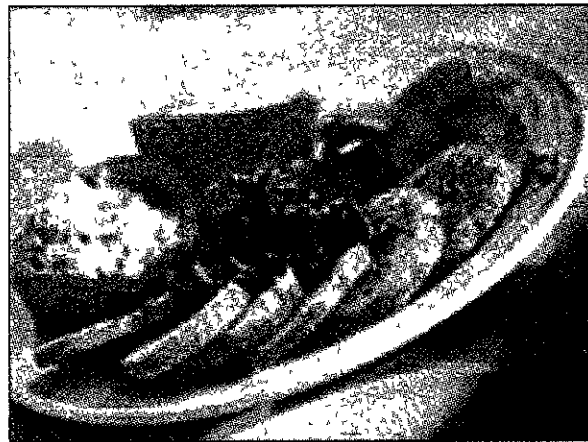
Transfer the onion-garlic mixture to a mixing

bowl and add the remaining ingredients. Mix with a rubber spatula to thoroughly blend. Adjust seasonings with salt and pepper to taste.

Fill roasted red pepper cups with goat cheese mixture and bake in a 350 °F preheated oven for 10 minutes. Now, place the garlic crouton rounds in the oven and bake for an additional 5 minutes.

Remove from the oven and transfer the pepper cups to the center of a serving platter and arrange the baked croutons in a circle around the pepper cups. Serve with a fresh tomato salsa on the side. Serves two to four.

(Note: When eating this dish, we recommend cutting the pepper cups into wedges for the full experience of eating the filling with the red pepper.)



BAHAMA BREEZE

Creole baked goat cheese in roasted red pepper cups is colorful and delicious.

ROASTED RED PEPPER CUPS

- 1 medium red bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Salt and pepper

Cut red pepper in half to form a top and bottom. Remove and discard the seeds and trim the stem to allow the top half pepper cup to stand up.

Rub the inside of the pepper cups with olive oil and season them lightly with salt and pepper. Place them in a

pie plate, cut side up, and bake them for 5 minutes in a 350 °F, preheated oven. During this roasting step you will be just slightly softening the pepper. The final cooking will take place after the pepper cups are stuffed.

Allow the cups to cool upside down to allow the excess juice to drain out prior to filling with the goat cheese mixture.

PLEASE SEE PARTY, B6

Side dish

Enter your recipe

Maintaining a healthy diet is key to managing diabetes, which affects 7.9 percent of Michigan residents, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Studies indicate an additional 227,900 Michigan adults have the disease but remain undiagnosed, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Michigan residents can enter a recipe contest, a way to raise awareness for diabetes in Michigan. The contest is sponsored by the American Diabetes Association, Amylin Pharmaceuticals and Eli Lilly and Company.

Three prizes will be awarded in each of two recipe categories - main course and dessert. The first place winner in each category will receive \$150, the second place winner will receive \$100 and the third place winner will receive \$50.

Recipe submissions must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10. One recipe entry per person is allowed and entrants must be amateur chefs 21 years of age or older.

Recipes can be submitted to the American Diabetes Association via email: npascaru@diabetes.org (please state Recipe Contest in the subject line); fax: Recipe Contest, (248) 433-1095; or, mail: Recipe Contest, American Diabetes Association, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 117, Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4507. Recipes will be judged by a panel of Michigan food experts to be announced in late January.

All eligible entries will be judged equally on creativity and practicality in a first round of judging by a noted Detroit-area chef. Ten recipes in each category will be selected as finalists. Finalists will be notified by phone, mail and/or email and will prepare their recipes for contest judges on Monday, Jan. 23 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Popcorn hits spot

Holiday parties and family feasts often include richly tasty foods that aren't so hot in nutrition values.

Popcorn is a whole grain food, basically a good-quality carbohydrate naturally low in fat and high in fiber. Of course, you can find it served plain or buttered, sweetened or salted or spiced, and different ways of preparation can bring other food values into play.

Simple mixes with toasted pumpkin seeds, raisins and other diced dried fruits can make appealing snacks for children. Popcorn tossed with a little butter, brown sugar and cinnamon will please sweet lovers. And a combination of popcorn, peanuts and pecans, drizzled with a little melted butter seasoned to taste with dry mustard, garlic powder and a pinch of cayenne pepper, makes a smart appetizer for a party.

Information and recipes on the Web are at <http://www.popcorn.org>.

NEW YEAR

FROM PAGE B5

for up to three hours.

These starters are easy to prepare and to eat, which means the merry-making can continue while guests gather around the buffet, grab their favorite appetizer and go on with their conversation.

VIETNAMESE BEEF AND VEGETABLE SPRING ROLLS

16 thin slices deli roast beef (about 12 ounces)
1 cup shredded carrots
1/2 cup chopped jicama
3/4 cup torn fresh cilantro
1/2 cup torn fresh basil
1/4 cup torn fresh mint
8 rice paper wrappers (8-1/2-inch diameter)
8 green leaf lettuce leaves, ribs removed

Dipping Sauce:
1/4 cup seasoned rice vinegar
2 tablespoons red jalapeño pepper jelly
1 teaspoon soy sauce

Whisk dipping sauce ingredients in small microwave-safe bowl until blended. Microwave on high 20-40 seconds or until warm; do not boil. Set aside to cool.

Toss carrots and jicama with 2 tablespoons of the dipping sauce in small bowl. Set aside. Toss cilantro, basil and mint in small bowl to combine. Set aside.

Fill large bowl with warm

water. Dip one rice paper wrapper into water for a few seconds or just until moistened. Rice paper will still be firm but will continue to soften during assembly. Place on work surface.

Place one lettuce leaf at bottom of wrapper, leaving 1-inch border on right and left sides. Top with two slices roast beef, two tablespoons carrot mixture and 1/8 of herb mixture (about 1/4 cup). Fold right and left sides of wrapper over filling. Fold bottom edge up over filling and roll up tightly. Place seam-side down on serving platter. Repeat with remaining wrappers. Cover rolls with damp paper towel during assembly to prevent from drying out. Cut each spring roll diagonally in half. Serve with dipping sauce. Makes 16 appetizers.

Cook's tips: Rice paper wrappers may be found in the Asian or ethnic section of most supermarkets or in specialty foods stores. They may also be referred to as spring roll skins. They should not be confused with egg roll or wonton wrappers. Spring rolls may be made up to three hours ahead. Refrigerate covered with damp paper towels and plastic wrap.

Nutrition information per serving: 77 calories; 1 g fat (0 g saturated fat; 1 g monounsaturated fat); 19 mg cholesterol; 120 mg sodium; 9 g carbohydrate; 0.6 g fiber; 7 g protein; 1.2 mg niacin; 0.1 mg vitamin B6; 0.3 mcg vitamin B12; 0.9 mg iron; 6.7 mcg selenium; 1.1 mg zinc.

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

PARTY

FROM PAGE B5

GARLIC CROUTON ROUNDS

1/2 loaf Cuban bread or French baguette, cut crosswise into 1/4" slices
4 tablespoons butter, softened to room temperature
1 clove fresh garlic, minced
1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped

Cut the bread crosswise into 16 1/4-inch thick slices. Set aside.

In a small mixing bowl, blend the garlic, chopped parsley and softened butter until thoroughly mixed. Spread the top and bottom of each slice of bread with about 1/2 teaspoon of garlic butter on each side. Place the buttered croutons on a cookie sheet. Bake for 5 minutes in a 350 °F, preheated oven at time of service.

Recipes courtesy of Bahama Breeze.

Welcome New Year with baked risotto

BY DANA JACOBI
AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

What gets you through New Year's Eve?

For some, caviar and champagne parties were the answer. Today, however, this is a forbidden treat. Countries harvesting the sturgeon's roe have a sustainable program to preserve the egg-bearing fish from extinction, and importing beluga caviar is banned. For caviar lovers, having a different indulgence is preferable to a farm-raised substitute.

Serving a traditional dish that incorporates fish in some way is customary in many cultures. In Italy, for example, a seafood stew is often served on New Year's Eve. Unfortunately, preparing one might make the house as well as the kitchen smell like a fish store. And prepared fish stocks are usually loaded with sodium, and most home cooks won't consider making one from scratch.

There is another dish in the Italian mode that can make the evening special without a lot of work or fishy odors - a classic risotto made with Arborio rice.

Ordinarily, making a risotto requires patient standing over the pot, stirring the risotto until it becomes perfectly al dente and al onde, which literally means "making the wave," or a risotto that is very moist but not soupy. Happily, there is a perfect solution: baked risotto.

Pam Anderson, author of cookbooks full of common-sense techniques that produce great results, came up with this brilliant method. It eliminates all stirring except at the very beginning when you sauté the rice in fat to seal in its starch. And you can do this first step hours ahead, even refrigerating the coated rice until you are ready to add the liquid - all at once rather than in the usual cupfuls - and pop the risotto into the oven. The result is superb.



A dish in the Italian mode that can make the evening special without a lot of work or fishy odors is a classic risotto made with Arborio rice.

Ordinarily, making a risotto requires patient standing over the pot, stirring the risotto until it becomes perfectly al dente and al onde, or a risotto that is very moist but not soupy. Happily, there is a perfect solution: baked risotto.

A word of warning: The pot handle will be extremely hot when the risotto comes out of the oven, so be careful. I suggest wearing a heat-proof mitt on each hand until the risotto is served.

EASY BUT ELEGANT RISOTTO

2 tablespoons butter or trans-fat-free spread

1 small red onion, finely chopped
1 1/2 cups Arborio rice
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
3 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
8 thin asparagus, cut in 1-inch pieces
1/2 pound medium shrimp, shelled and halved lengthwise
1/2 pound mussels, rinsed and drained, for garnish
Salt and freshly ground white pepper
1/4 cup freshly grated Grana or Parmesan cheese

Preheat the oven to 450°F. In a deep, oven-proof skillet, melt the butter over medium-high heat. Add the onion and rice. Stir until onion is translucent and rice is opaque, about 2 minutes. Add the lemon juice and cook until evaporated, stirring constantly. Pour in the broth and 1 cup water. Remove from heat.

Cover with a large sheet of foil, pressing it down to touch the surface of the liquid. Seal the foil

around the rim of the pan. Cover pan with a tight lid. Bake the risotto 25 minutes.

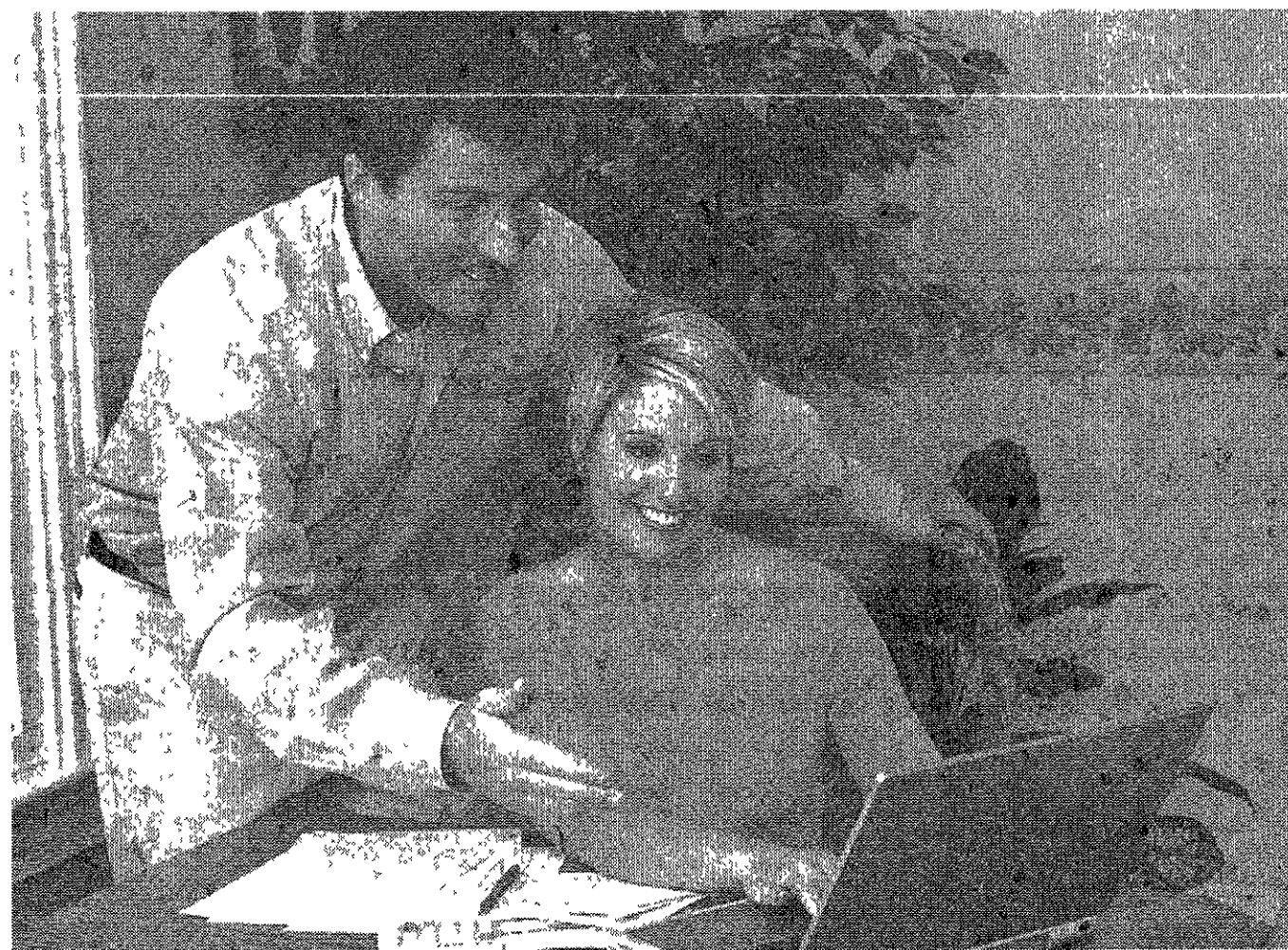
Meanwhile, boil 1 cup water in a medium saucepan. Add the asparagus and cook 2 minutes. Transfer the asparagus to a bowl. Add the shrimp to the pot. When pink and curled, add them to the bowl. Place the mussels in the pot, cover and cook until opened, about 2 minutes. Drain and set aside.

Remove the risotto from the oven and place it on top of the stove. Slowly peel off the foil, starting from the side furthest from you. Mix in the cheese, asparagus and shrimp. (Use oven mitts to prevent steam burns.) Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve in shallow soup bowls or plates, using the mussels as garnish.

Makes 4 main-course servings.

Per serving: 279 calories, 8 g total fat (5 g saturated fat), 32 g carbohydrate, 19 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 570 mg sodium.

"That's it! That's our new home!"



Your next home is just a click away

THE
Observer & Eccentric
NEWSPAPERS
ONLINE AT

FIND YOUR
HOME ON...

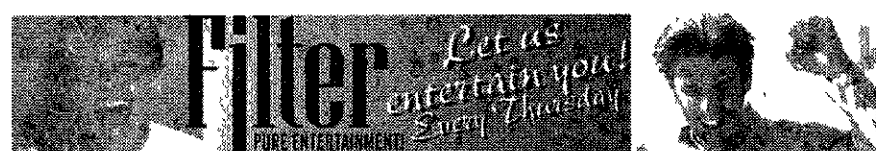
HOMETOWNlife.com

AREA REALTORS • MORE LOCAL HOMES • MORE LISTED FEATURES • MORE PHOTOS • VIRTUAL TOURS • INTERACT WITH YOUR REALTOR

SPORTS

Gridiron, Court, Pool, Arena, Greens, Diamond

We're there!



WINE CLASSES

Learn more about wines at the Wine Exploration Series offered at The Community House in Birmingham.

The series is presented by Nidal Daher and Marc Jonna. Daher is a former fine wine director and buyer for the Merchant of Vino and is a professional member of the French gourmet society Chaine De Rotisseurs. Daher is founder and president of Sommelier Connections, a wine consulting company and currently manages its unique Wine Cellars division for custom designing and building of wine cellars and cooling equipment. Jonna, a national wine buyer for Whole Foods Market, has been in the retail wine business for over seventeen years. He assisted in the production of wine in France and visited wine regions in Europe and North America.

You must be 21 years of age to attend the wine classes.

To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.community-house.com.

An introduction to Wine

Enjoy a casual and uncomplicated introduction into the world of wine suited for both the novice as well as the slightly experienced. Topics include: wine grapes varieties, wine making techniques, types of wines and wine labels, and proper wine storage. Evaluate and rate wines while tasting six wines representing different regions around the world. Learn to identify and read wine labels and order from a restaurant wine list. Class is 7:30-10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 18. Fee is \$30 for one session, or \$172 for seven sessions in series.

California, Pacific Northwest

Discover wines of California, Oregon and Washington State. Learn to find the values as well as highly acclaimed and rare wines from these regions. Learn to discern the differences between varieties and how to optimal-

ly match wines with appropriate meals. A parallel tasting of eight wines representing these areas is included. Class scheduled 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, one session is \$30.

French Wines

Receive an introduction to wines from Bordeaux, Loire, Alsace and lesser-known areas. Learn about the unrivaled variety of French wines and how to read appellations, distinguish between vintages and evaluate wines as experts do. Both red and white wines will be tasted. Class is 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, session is \$28.

More about French Wines

Enjoy this introduction to wines from Burgundy, the Rhone Valley and Provence. Discover these varieties of French wines by tasting both reds and whites while learning to evaluate wines as experts do. Class is 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, session is \$28.

Italian Wines

Take an introductory exploration into the world's largest wine producing country. Through a step-by-step process, the prominent production regions will be analyzed. Italy, the mother of cuisine and producer of unique styles of wine, is an exciting area to explore. Class is scheduled 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, session costs \$28.

New Worlds of Wine

Learn about wines from the lands of Australia and New Zealand as well as the emerging popular wines from the South American countries of Chile and Argentina as well as South Africa. Instructors will provide you with eight wines and a clear explanation of the different classifications and breakdowns of the various growing regions. Class scheduled 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, session is \$28.

Fortified Wine

Explore the world of fortified wines, including Ports, Sherries, Marsalas and Madeiras. Learn about the regions and countries in which they are produced, how and when to serve them, and how to match them with a variety of foods. A tasting of six different styles is included in this class. Class is 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, session is \$28.

You can't beat beets at a holiday dinner

A red and green salad is a colorful, healthful addition to any holiday dinner.

Root vegetables like beets, carrots, parsnips and turnips, which reach their peak at this time of the year, release rich, sweet flavors and aromas as they oven-roast. And, according to the American Institute for Cancer Research, root vegetables also contain substances that fight cancer and help strengthen resistance to other health problems.

Beets have been eaten since prehistory and are native across a wide region from Britain to India. Exceptionally high in natural sugar (up to 8 percent of its weight), the beet's sweetness increases with oven roasting.

In addition to their natural sweetness, root vegetables are high in nutrients, dietary fiber and a range of cancer-fighting substances called phytochemicals. Beets contain calcium and antioxidants, which help fight free radicals, the damaging forms of oxygen that attack the cell's membranes and contents. Beets are also high in dietary fiber.

Carrots are rich in vitamin A and phytochemicals, and a pectin fiber that has been found to have cholesterol-lowering properties. Parsnips are part of the carrot family. They have a nutrient and phytochemical profile similar to other vegetables in this group, and are good at fighting cancer and heart disease.

Turnips, which are part of the mustard family, contain vitamin C and phytochemicals that work together in different ways to combat cancer, heart disease and DNA damage. Choose root vegetables that



AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

The sweetness of these roasted beets is complemented by a zesty vinaigrette.

are smooth and firm, with a bright color. Beets can be refrigerated in a plastic bag for up to two weeks.

The sweetness of the beets in the following dish is complemented by a zesty vinaigrette. Whether served as an appetizer or a salad, this brilliant combination of ruby red and bright emerald green is just right for the holiday.

ROASTED BEETS

- Canola oil spray
- 4 medium beets, scrubbed and trimmed of stems and roots
- 1/2 tablespoon minced shallot or mild onion
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh orange juice
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 head Bibb or butterhead lettuce, leaves separated, washed and dried

Preheat oven to 375° F. Lightly coat with oil spray four squares of foil large enough to wrap beets. Place each beet on a foil square. Pinch together and seal foil edges to form a pocket. Keeping them spaced apart, stand beets on a wire rack set inside a rimmed baking pan.

Bake until tender when pierced with fork, about 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Peel back foil to expose beets and let stand until beets are cool enough to handle but still warm. Remove skins. (To avoid stained hands, use disposable gloves

while slipping off the skin with a paring knife.) Cut beets into thin wedges.

In small bowl, make dressing by whisking together shallot, juices, mustard and olive oil until well combined. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Arrange lettuce leaves on a serving plate. Arrange beets on top in pinwheel fashion. (If desired, beets can first be reheated in microwave oven.) Drizzle dressing over beets and lettuce.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 74 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 10 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 82 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Cook up Moroccan shrimp

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here's an easy dinner for one of those evenings when you want a little calm, a respite from the seasonal bustle. But time saved is not the only virtue of this pleasing dish — its fine flavor would coax any cook into giving it a place on the menu.

The 25-minute shrimp special is from the November issue of *Real Simple* magazine, from the regular feature offering easy dinners, recipes and strategies for ideal weeknight meals. A tip for this recipe: Add flavor and color by stirring about 3 tablespoons of chopped fresh parsley, cilantro or scallions into the couscous just before serving. Then watch the plates empty. . . fast.

MOROCCAN SHRIMP

- 10-ounce box couscous
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- onion
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 red bell pepper, diced

- 3/4 cup golden raisins
- 28-ounce can whole tomatoes, drained and roughly chopped
- 1 pound shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 lemon, halved

Prepare the couscous according to the package directions; set aside. In a large skillet, over medium-low heat, heat the oil. Add the onion, salt, and 1/8 teaspoon of the black pepper. Cover and cook until the onion is softened, 5 to 7 minutes. Add the bell pepper and raisins and cook for 4 minutes more. Add the tomatoes and heat for 3 minutes. Meanwhile, place the shrimp in a medium bowl and sprinkle with the cumin, cinnamon and the remaining black pepper. Squeeze the lemon over the shrimp and toss to combine. Add the shrimp mixture in the skillet. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the shrimp are pink and cooked through, about 3 minutes. Fluff the couscous with a fork, divide it among individual plates, and spoon the shrimp over the top. Makes 4 servings.

WINE PICKS

Outside of pinot noir, **SYRAH** (also known as **SHIRAZ**) was the year's hottest wine. The trend in popularity will continue. Don't miss the following:

PICK OF THE PACK: 2003 Terlato Dry Creek Valley Syrah \$37. Tony Terlato believes that Dry Creek Valley is California's emerging Hermitage (appellation in France's Northern Rhone Valley)

OTHER YUMMY CHOICES:

- 2004 Graffigna Shiraz (Argentina) \$18
- 2001 Encore Red Medley (37 percent syrah with other red varieties) \$18
- 2003 Ballentine Betty's Vineyard Napa Valley Syrah \$22
- 2001 Burgess Cellars Napa Valley Syrah \$22
- 2003 Dutton Goldfield Cherry Ridge Vineyard Syrah, Russian River Valley \$35
- 2003 Joseph Phelps Le Mistral (57 percent syrah) \$40

DIFFERENT: petite sirah is not related to syrah but the 2004 McManis Petite Sirah \$11 is such a value red, we had to include it!

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

WINE

FROM PAGE B5

palate.

The 2001 Fairview Shiraz (\$15) is 100 percent varietal exhibiting dark fruits, cassis and brown spice with a good spine and long finish, after aging 14 months in neutral oak barrels. The 2001 Fairview \$MV (syrah, mourvedre and viognier) at \$18 is all about blackberry, black currant, black raspberry, tobacco and choco-

late with integrated tannins. The 2003 Goat Roti (\$20) is a serious wine with a fun label. It is full and generous, complex and layered, principally shiraz with small percentages of viognier and mourvedre. A real deal at \$20.

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

TASTE CALENDAR

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

Make Your Take Out

Did you ever wish your favorite Chinese restaurant would deliver? Now you can create your very own Asian inspired food and avoid the deep fryer at the same time. Learn to make simple and fresh noodle dishes with ingredients from your pantry. You will also learn to make Kung Pao Chicken, Shrimp and Peanut Noodles, Hot and Sour Soup and Asian 5 Spice Chicken. Class is 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, and taught by Katie Renton, owner of Chef Girl Productions in Birmingham. Sample dishes and take home recipes. Session is \$30. A \$5 material fee is payable to the instructor. To register for class, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

Filter In your paper every Thursday!

PURE ENTERTAINMENT!

ADDICTED and NEED HELP?

If you have a problem with painkillers or street drugs, including heroin, we can help.

Safe, Confidential, Medical Treatment.

Pain Recovery Solutions

734-434-6600

CE09400326

Back Pain?

Westland, MI - According to a recently released back pain relief report, most back pain sufferers have no idea how to eliminate their pain. Some use heat, others ice. From sleeping on the floor, to pillows underneath the legs, back pain relief techniques vary. But thanks to a free report, local back pain sufferers finally know exactly what to do. To get a copy of the free "Back Pain Relief Report", call toll-free, 1-888-744-2225. (Toll-free, 24 hour recorded message)

CE09400308

Under \$12.00! Find it at fine wine retailers near you.

- The #1 Selling South African wine in the US*
- "Sure Bet Value" in Wine Spectator
- "Nice ripe berry fruit with toast and spice notes as well. Tasty, juicy finish." Wine Spectator

Goats do Roam

2004

*10/22/05 Nielsen Rankings
CE09396888

Filter PURE ENTERTAINMENT! Every Thursday!

Sear swordfish, serve with broccoli

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The title of Melissa Clark's new cookbook, *Chef Interrupted*, casts a new benevolent aura on its second word. Far from any impolite abruptness, here is Clark kindly intervening on behalf of home cooks everywhere, bringing the creations of top professionals within the reach of the less adept.

Her book's cover promises "Delicious chefs' recipes that you can actually make at home."

"As a food writer for newspapers and magazines, a collaborator on chefs' cookbooks, a former caterer, and an avid restaurant goer," she says, "I know firsthand how marvelous chefs' recipes can be."

"But also I know that many are an awful pain in the neck."

Translating — essentially interrupting recipes — is something she has often done and now she carries it further by finding some of the best dishes of stellar chefs across the country, then "nipping and tucking at the overly complicated parts, until all that remains is the brilliant essence of a dish, without all the hassle."

Here's a quickly made example, from the book's varied selec-

tion of more than 100 recipes adapted from the dishes of 50 famous chefs.

Based on a dish created by David Pasternack, of New York City's Esca, the recipe focuses on swordfish, with its meaty flavor heightened only by a garlicky broccoli rabe. Chef's tip: Swordfish is flavorful and firm, making it ideal for high-heat cooking methods like grilling and searing. For this recipe you could substitute one-inch-thick tuna or mahi-mahi steaks — just make sure your fish is firm and tight-fleshed, with no fishy odor.

SEARED SWORDFISH WITH STEWED SICILIAN-STYLE BROCCOLI RABE

6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
6 large garlic cloves, peeled and lightly smashed with the back of a knife
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, or to taste
Coarse sea salt or kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 bunches of broccoli rabe (about 2 pounds), leaves removed; thicker stems peeled, cut into 1-inch lengths, and kept separate

1/2 cup dry white wine
1/3 cup pitted black olives, such as Kalamata
Freshly squeezed juice of 1 lemon
4 swordfish steaks (8 ounces each, 1 inch thick)

In a large skillet over medium heat, warm 1 tablespoon of the oil. Add the garlic, red pepper flakes, a large pinch of salt, and a few grinds of black pepper. Cook until fragrant, about 1 1/2 minutes. Add the thicker broccoli rabe stems and wine, cover and cook until half-tender, five to six minutes.

Add the rest of the broccoli rabe and cook, uncovered, for six more minutes, until very tender. Uncover the pan, add the olives, and cook for a few more minutes to evaporate the remaining liquid. Stir in the lemon juice, and season with salt and pepper. Drizzle with another tablespoon of olive oil and set aside to keep warm, or heat gently just before serving.

Heat large skillet over medium-high heat for two minutes. Season the swordfish steaks with salt and pepper. Drizzle each with 1/2 tablespoon of olive oil per side (4 tablespoons total). Place the fish in the hot skillet and cook for four to six minutes on each side. Serve immediately, with the broccoli rabe. Makes four servings.

Enjoy Mexican chicken soup

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some soups make a meal, and this one certainly qualifies. You may substitute shrimp for the chicken in the soup if you want to try something different, but it's still a substantial dish.

The recipe is from *The South Beach Diet Quick and Easy Cookbook* by Arthur Agatston (Rodale, 2005, \$27.95), a new collection of about 200 recipes that come with the promise they can all be made in 30 minutes or less.

Besides the cooking time given with each recipe, for many cooks the more important details will be the nutrition analyses that let people keep control of what they eat, according to individual needs.

This cookbook has some general information on diet and

nutrition, then a selection of recipes ranging from old favorites — chicken pot pie, or rice pudding — to stylish: crispy trout with lemon-caper sauce, or chocolate berry cups.

Cook's tip: Cilantro lovers can chop up some of the fresh herb and use it sprinkled over this soup, if desired.

MEXICAN CHICKEN SOUP

1 tablespoon canola oil
1 small onion, chopped
1 jalapeno pepper, diced
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 teaspoons ground cumin
5 cups lower-sodium chicken broth
1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 2-inch strips
2 cups mild refrigerated fresh salsa

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and jalapeno; cook, stirring often, until vegetables are tender, 5 minutes. Stir in garlic and cumin; cook 30 seconds more.

Add broth, increase heat to high, and bring to a rapid simmer. Add chicken and cook until no longer pink, about 3 minutes. Stir in salsa, bring back to simmer, season with salt and pepper to taste, and serve hot.

Makes 4 (21/4-cup) servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 320 cal., 8 g total fat (1.5 g saturated), 46 g pro., 14 g carbo., 2 g dietary fiber, 680 mg sodium.

Note: If you prefer shrimp, just add 1 1/2 pounds of shrimp when you add the salsa and simmer for 1 minute.

FOUR FRIENDS

BAR/GRILL

No Cover!

The Taste of Canton

Located at 44282 Warren (E. of Sheldon) • Canton

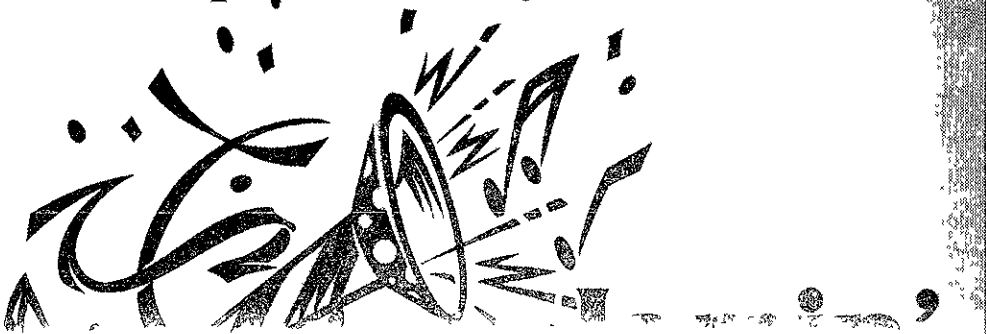
Call For Reservations
734-416-0880

New Years Eve

Celebration!

Featuring...

The Franklin Hayes Project with Special Guest, "Niece"



in the New Year!

...with a Delicious Dinner, Live Entertainment, Party Favors and a Midnight Toast!

Reservations Suggested!

Great Dinner Choices

- Ribs for Two....\$14.95
- Prime Rib.....\$10.95
- Shrimp & Crab Alfredo.....\$9.95
- Tender Duck Breast with Cran-Raspberry Sauce.....\$8.95

GRAND OPENING!

Gebella's Pizza

FREE DELIVERY!

Taste the Love

8491 N. Lilley Road • Canton • 734-414-9900

Daily Lunch Specials

Pizza • Subs • Salads • Oven Toasted Subs • Wings
Famous Chicago Style Pizza!

...also Round or Deep Dish Pizza

Gebella's Pizza

Buy 1 pizza at regular price.
Get the second pizza at

50% off

Cannot be combined with any other offers.
With this coupon only. Expires 1-31-06.

Gebella's Pizza

Buy any large round pizza
with one item for only

\$5.95

Cannot be combined with any other offers.
With this coupon only. Expires 1-31-06.

Invisible Vinyl Window Covers:



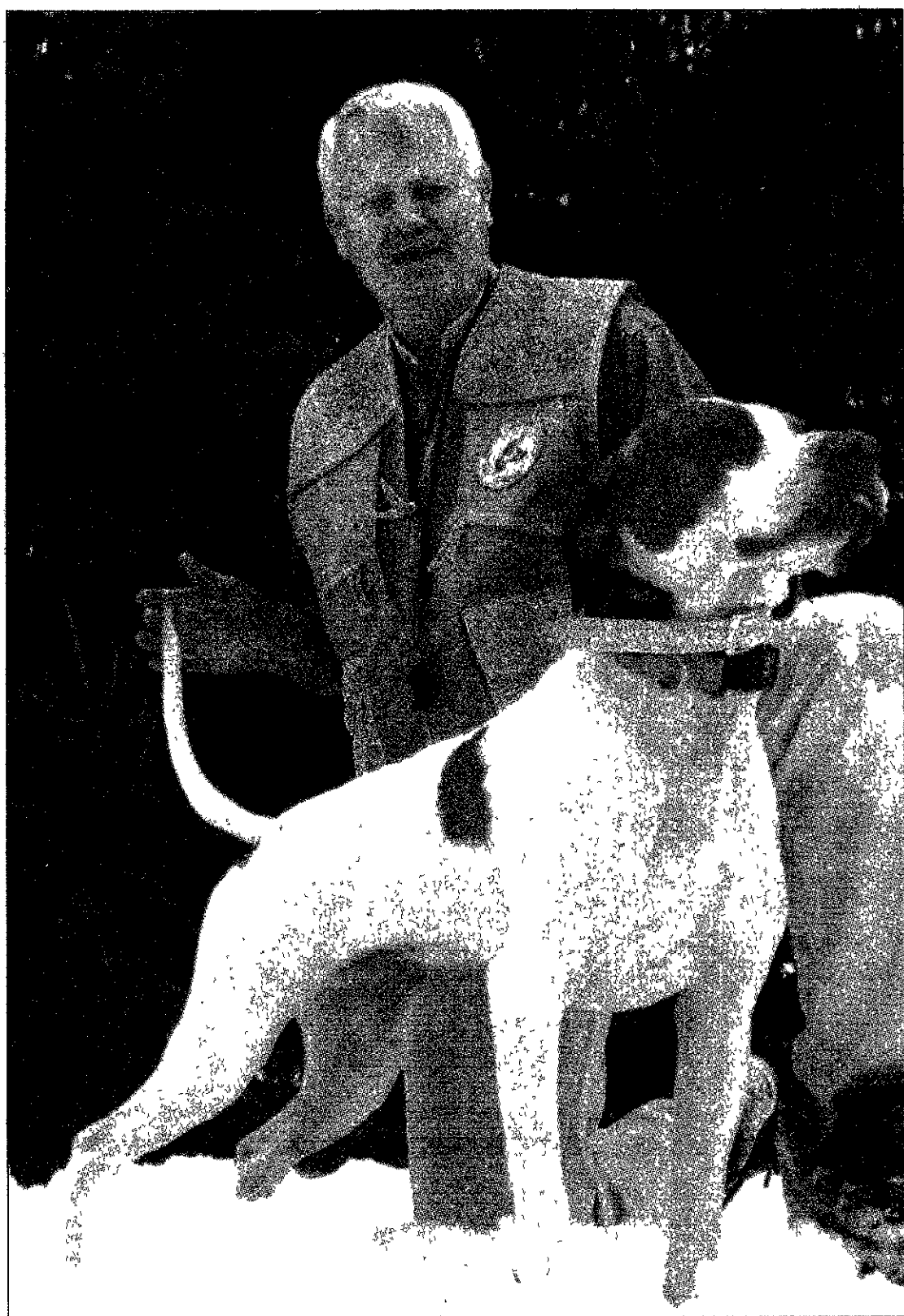
- Reduce Heating Bills
- Eliminate Drafts
- Reduce Fogging
- Reduce Noise Level
- Made to Order
- Removable
- Reusable

FREE DELIVERY

Installation Service Available

Call us with your window sizes and see how affordable our window covers can be!

Shrink Film Pros
1-800-447-3849



Canton resident Tom Sovine is pictured with his dog, Sparty, in the Sovines' backyard. Sovine has enjoyed bird hunting and training his own dogs for close to 30 years

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The thrill of the hunt

Canton resident finds enjoyment in pursuit of pheasants, grouse

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The sun had barely peeked over the flat Kansas horizon during the early-morning moments of Nov. 17, 2004, when Jessie, Canton resident Tom Sovine's 11-year-old short-haired pointer hunting dog, stiffened into her on-point position.

Just a few minutes earlier, Sovine and his son, Eric, had parked in a remote field and were retrieving their rifles from the back of Tom's vehicle, when they realized Jessie was on to something.

What happened next is chronicled in an entry written by Eric in his dad's hunting journal, which he has kept meticulously since 1975.

"Two pheasants jumped up, one flew by Eric and one by Tom," Tom Sovine said, reading Eric's words from his journal. "You don't get many opportunities like this. Both Tom and Eric shot twice on the birds ... and I prefer not to say what the outcome was. I think if dogs could talk, Jessie would have had some choice four-letter words for the two of us ... right after she got done laughing so hard that her tail fell off."

A LOT TO LIKE

The humorous journal entry describing the Sovines' missed opportunity is significant for a couple of reasons: It paints a vivid picture of one of their

memorable bird-hunting expeditions, while also detailing one of the few times the father-and-son hunting buddies shot at something and missed.

"There are four things I love about bird hunting," said the elder Sovine, who was introduced to the sport by his father more than 50 years ago. "I enjoy the beauty of the country, the dogs, the people I've met who have let me hunt on their property, and my hunting partners."

"For me, it's not a competition thing. It's not about who can shoot the most birds. I enjoy working with the dogs. I train my own dogs, so how well the dog works is a reflection of how well I've trained it."

Sovine, who has been nicknamed "The Old Bird Hunter" by his friends, has been amazed repeatedly throughout his hunting experiences by the kindness that virtual strangers have displayed during his travels across the United States in search of ring-necked pheasants, Bobwhite quail, ruffed grouse and woodcocks.

FRIENDLY STRANGERS

During a trip to Iowa in 1975, Sovine and his buddies saw a stretch of farmland they thought would make prime hunting grounds, so they knocked on the farmer's front door to ask for permission.

"This elderly man in bibbed

PLEASE SEE **HUNTING, C3**

Spartan icers power past Wildcats, 6-1

Livonia Stevenson's hockey team closed out 2005 in style Friday night with a convincing 6-1 victory over Plymouth in a game played at Eddie Edgar Arena.

The win improved the Spartans' record to 10-1-0 overall and 4-0-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Plymouth slipped to 3-3-2 and 1-2-1, respectively.

"This was an important game for us because it was a WLAA game and it was against a Plymouth team that has improved since last season," said Stevenson coach Mike Humitz. "We wanted to go into the holiday break with some momentum. I was proud of how our kids approached the game. We are to the point in our season where the

PREP HOCKEY

guys know what is expected of them. Our focus now is improving as individual players as well as becoming a better team every day.

"I am dealing with a very unselfish group of hockey players on this team — that is something every coach wants in a team."

Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois said his team's frequent trips to the penalty box were costly.

"You can't be short-handed like we were against a really good team like Stevenson and expect to win," said Dubois. "They're tough enough when both teams are at even strength. We played a decent game; we just have to cut down on the penalties."

Stevenson, which received goals from six different players, led 2-0 after one period and 4-1 after two. Michael Voran opened the scoring 2:25 into the game after receiving a pass from his brother, Marcus. Jason Kraemer made it 2-0 with just over four minutes left in the opening period. He was assisted by Sean Lerg. Stevenson goalie Michael Zynda turned away 17 shots in his first game in net for the Spartans. Christian Blick recorded 38 saves for the 'Cats.

Scheduling sparks KVC's interest in WLAA

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

White Lake Lakeland director Greg Michaels said scheduling concerns have led the Kensington Valley Conference to look at expansion.

The Observer recently learned that preliminary talks have been held between the KVC and four members of the 12-school Western Lakes Activities Association — Walled Lake Central, Northern and Western, along with Northville.

Michaels' comments come on the heels that the KVC will have 10 full-fledged members by the 2008-09 season with the addition of two new schools, Howell Parker and South Lyon East.

Parker will go with a full varsity schedule for 2007-08, while South Lyon East incorporates its varsity programs in 2008-09.

According to athletic directors, some

of the issues affecting conferences with more than eight schools include balancing round-robin scheduling in a number of different sports and how many non-conference opponents it allows.

"Scheduling a 10-team league is a nightmare," Michaels said. "Right now we're just testing the waters. We're hesitant about approaching those (four WLAA) schools and I have to tiptoe around this and be cautious about making any statements about this."

"We haven't committed to anything and haven't sent a letter of inquiry. We haven't decided who or who not we're bringing in."

Currently the KVC consists of eight schools that border the I-96 corridor — Novi, South Lyon, Pinckney, Milford, Lakeland, Brighton, Hartland and Howell.

Meanwhile, the WLAA consists of two divisions of six including Livonia Churchill, Livonia Stevenson, Salem,

Westland John Glenn, Walled Lake Central and Northern in the Lakes Division; and Livonia Franklin, Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Walled Lake Western and Wayne Memorial in the Western Division.

With Walled Lake Northern only a mile away from Lakeland and with Central and Western just off the I-96 corridor, it seems a natural fit for the KVC.

Also, Northville and the Walled Lake schools already have a scheduling agreement and relationship with the KVC in middle school sports.

Also mentioned as a reason to join the KVC is that the Walled Lake schools and Northville have similar athletic programs such as bowling, lacrosse and figure skating, which are not part of the Western Lakes program.

"With the economy the way it is and

PLEASE SEE **WLAA, C3**

Cazzie Russell's basketball passion now lies in coaching

It was the irony of all ironies Saturday afternoon. Michigan was playing UCLA in a noon start at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor.



Brad Emons

But 20 miles away inside the Madonna University Activities Center in a game also starting at noon, there was Cazzie Russell coaching the Savannah College Art & Design men's basketball team in a consolation game against Marygrove College.

He wasn't in "The House Cazzie Built."

Instead, Russell was trying to cajole his 6-9 Bees to erase a 25-point halftime deficit in front of 25 fans, not the 13,000 that invaded Crisler for a nationally-televised game.

"I thought about it, I thought about the times we played UCLA, it was inter-

esting," said Russell, who last visited Crisler in 1993 when he had his No. 33 Michigan jersey retired.

As a kid, I was probably one of Cazzie's biggest fans. I kept a scrapbook, lined with all the newspaper clippings from that glorious Michigan era (1963-66) when Russell averaged 30.1 points per game led the Wolverines to three Big Ten titles, two NCAA Final Four appearances and a record of 65-17.

I'd crawl into bed with my transistor radio and listen to Tom Hemingway call many of those Michigan games. Occasionally I'd catch Russell and Michigan on Channel 50, but never got to see the Wolverine cagers when they played at Yost.

I read the Detroit News intently when Russell hit the last-second, game-winning shot against Wichita State at Cobo Arena, and remember like it was only yesterday when Michigan took on Bill Bradley and Princeton in the Holiday

PLEASE SEE **COACHING, C2**



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Savannah College of Art & Design head basketball coach Cazzie Russell talks to player Gerard Bowden during a recent game against Madonna University.

Sidelines

Speed camp

The Velocity Sports Performance training center, which is located inside the Arctic Edge in Canton, will be offering a four-day speed camp focusing on the fundamentals of speed and agility in a fast-paced and fun program.

Exercises will take place within Velocity Sports Performance's 10,700-square-foot training center, which includes a 50-yard indoor track with an electronic timing system and a 30-yard artificial turf area.

Each class is one hour in length. The camp will be divided into three age groups (7-11, 12-14 and 15-18) with three daily schedule options: 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Classes will run from Jan. 2-6. The cost is \$60 per athlete and pre-registration is required.

The registration deadline is Dec. 30.

For more information on the speed camp and other Velocity Sports programs, call (734) 485-2561; or visit www.velocitytsp.com/canton.

Wolfpack tryouts

Tryouts for the 2006 Western Wayne Wolfpack AAU girls basketball teams will be held at the following times and locations:

■ 9- and 10-year-olds: Friday, Jan. 13, from 6-7:30 p.m. at East Middle School; and Friday, Jan. 20, from 6-7:30 p.m. at East Middle School.

■ 11-year-olds: Friday, Jan. 13, from 7:30-9 p.m. at East Middle School; and Friday, Jan. 20, from 7:30-9 p.m. at East Middle School.

■ 12-year-olds: Monday, Jan. 9, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; and Monday, Jan. 16, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

■ 13-year-olds: Monday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School; and Monday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School.

HVS break camps

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering its popular school-break camps again this winter. Camps offered include all-sports, crafts, basketball and soccer.

The all-sport camp includes a variety of sports, including soccer, flag football, floor hockey, basketball, kickball, volleyball and an array of backyard games like capture the flag and hide-and-seek. The camp is offered in full-day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) increments for 8- to 12-year-olds or half-day (9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) increments for 5- to 8-year-olds.

The cost is \$45 per day or \$189 per week for the full-day sessions and \$25 per day and \$99 per week for the half-day camps. The dates for the all-sports camps are Jan. 2-6, Jan. 16, Feb. 27-March 3, April 14 and April 17-21.

For more information on the other HVS school-break camps, call (734) HV-SPORT.

Plymouth spikers ousted in semis

Plymouth's volleyball team advanced to the semi-final round of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational Tuesday before getting knocked off by Chelsea, 25-23 and 25-23. The Wildcats went 3-0 in pool play, sweeping Anchor Bay (25-19 and 25-15), Detroit Renaissance (25-3 and 25-9) and Dearborn Heights Annapolis (25-8 and 25-2).

Plymouth captured its quarterfinal match, the Wildcats swept Anchor Bay for the second time, 25-19 and 25-22, before falling to the Bulldogs.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Excelling for the Wildcats were Jeanine Moise (34 kills, 19 digs, seven block solos), Brandi Swyhart (74 assists, 15 digs), Jackie Dorre (16 kills, 11 digs), Janet Hanchett (12 kills, 18 digs) and Lauren Stemberger (15 digs).

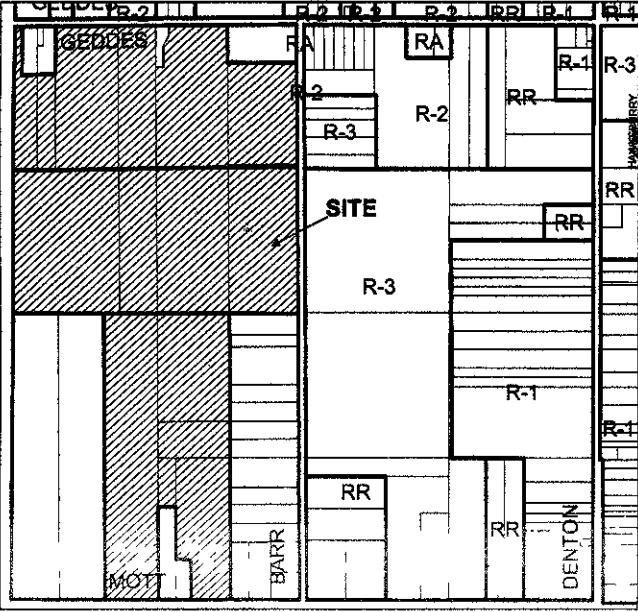
The Wildcats will open their Western Lakes Activities Association schedule Monday, Jan. 9, when they host Walled Lake Central. The opening serve is set for 7 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 23, 2006, in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

RIDGEWOOD MANOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN)- CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 122 99 0002 000, 122 99 0003 000, 122 99 0005 701, 122 99 0006 000, 122 99 0007 000, 122 99 0008 000 (PART OF), 122 99 0011 000, 123 99 0003 000, 123 99 0004 000, 123 99 0005 000, 123 99 0015 000. Property is located south of Geddes between Barr and Ridge Roads. (First Public Hearing.)



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, January 19, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

Publish: December 29, 2005 & January 12, 2006

CE0838994

COACHING

FROM PAGE C1

Classic at New York's Madison Square Garden.

Those were the days and Russell was instrumental in forming my love for the game of basketball.

I feel good about the fact that I've now met both Russell and Dave Bing, two men intertwined for life by an NBA lottery coin flip.

Russell, who played 13 seasons in the NBA, is an All-Star who has a championship ring. He was a analyst for CBS' NBA Game of the Week, coached in the CBA, played on the celebrity golf circuit before eventually landing at a small school in Georgia where he's starting his 10th season.

A content and deeply religious man, Russell now coaches future architects, graphic designers, film and video pro-

Cazzie Russell, who played 13 seasons in the NBA, is an All-Star who has a championship ring. He was a analyst for CBS' NBA Game of the Week and coached in the CBA.

ducers.

"It's a great school, one of the best in the country with an 85 percent job placement rate," Russell said. "We have 23 different majors and 41 minors. Our average grade-point is 3.5, and a lot of them are double-majors. It's a unique situation for many of the guys because basketball is not first and foremost, which is good."

Russell's team will host Madonna next week when the Crusaders make a return trip to south Georgia.

Despite the cold weather and

two losses in the MU tourney, Russell was grateful for the opportunity to come up north and play.

"Coach (Chuck Henry of MU) is a very fine gentleman and we got wonderful treatment," Russell said. "We enjoyed the hospitality. It was a nice setup."

Russell said he also purposefully schedules a trip to his hometown of Chicago.

"We have some players from that area (Chicago) and it gave me an opportunity to see my family and also my old high school coach, Jack Hawkins (from Carver)," Russell said. "He came out to see us play. He's the man who pulled me out of P.E. class. He's the man I learned the game from."

When he's not coaching at SCAD, Russell also serves as an ordained associate minister at Happy Home Missionary Baptist Church.

"I preach, I baptize and I do weddings," he said. "Those are my instructions and I feel very blessed."

Russell still keeps in touch with his ex-teammates from the Knicks, Golden State, Lakers and Bulls. He attended a Knicks reunion last year when they retired Patrick Ewing's No. 33, which was first worn by Russell.

Russell still follows the NBA from a distance and says "the league has come along way."

"The players are very, very talented," he said. "There's a lot of diversity. There are big guards and 6-10 small forwards. Watching the game is very interesting. People ask if the players in my day could compete today, and I believe many of them could hold their own."

Russell said he hopes to be at a U-M reunion when the late

Bill Buntin's jersey will be retired. He stays in touch with teammates (like George Pomey).

"Every once in awhile we see each other and have a little reunion," Russell said.

He still calls Ann Arbor a special place and reveres the old Yost Arena (now set up for hockey).

"They had a great portable floor, it was the old Big Ten fieldhouse which many of the schools had back then," he said. "I believe there was a divine plan for me to go there and be able to be a part of the upsurge in basketball and be part of the tradition. I feel blessed I had the opportunity to go there."

Russell had eight straight winning seasons and three trips to the NCAA Division III tournament at Savannah Art & Design, but now the Bees are three games under .500.

He had the team back on the practice floor Tuesday morning.

"We had to go over things to correct, get rid of some of the jagged edges," he said. "It's some of the itty-bitty things that we have to correct. One day we play great defense and the next game we don't. Right now we're going back to some training camp things."

Russell was once mentioned as a candidate for Michigan's job, but Tommy Amaker now holds down the position.

Maybe it is ordained by God for Russell to be at small college game on a wintery December afternoon at MU instead of UM.

Maybe it's not so ironic after all.

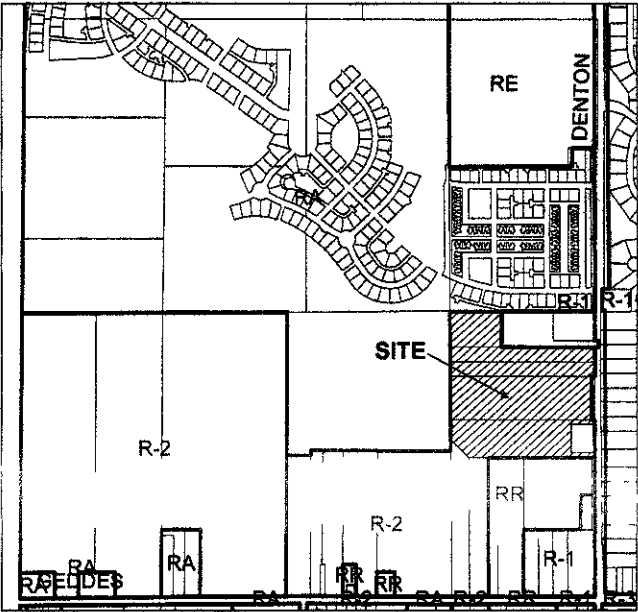
Brad Emons is Sports Editor for Livonia-Westland. His E-mail address is bemons@oe.hometownlife.com

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 23, 2006, in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CLARIDGE PARK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN)- CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 120 99 0010 704, 120 99 001 1 000, 120 99 00 12 000, 120 99 00 13 000 AND 120 99 00 14 000 (PART OF). Property is located north of Geddes and West of Denton Road. (First Public Hearing.)



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, January 19, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Publish: December 29, 2005 & January 12, 2006

CE0838990

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA MARICOPA COUNTY

In the Matter of

Case No: JG500604
NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING
Petition for Guardianship
of A Minor

Madyson N. McKinney

READ this NOTICE Carefully An important court proceeding that affects your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice, contact a lawyer for help.

1. **NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Petitioner has filed with the Court a Petition for Guardianship of A Minor.
2. **HEARING INFORMATION** - A court hearing has been scheduled to consider the petition as follows:
HEARING DATE AND TIME: 01-23-2006 at 9:30 AM
HEARING PLACE: 1810 S Lewis St, Mesa, AZ 85210
BEFORE: Judge Pro Tem Thomas A. Karpio
3. **RESPONSE.** You can file a written response to the Petition. File your original written response with the court, mail a copy of the original response to the petitioner(s), and provide a copy of your response to the Judge/Commissioner named above at least 5 business days before the hearing. Or, you can appear in person at the hearing. You must appear **ONLY** if you wish to object to the petition.

DATED: December 9, 2005

Publish: December 29, 2005, January 5 & 12, 2006

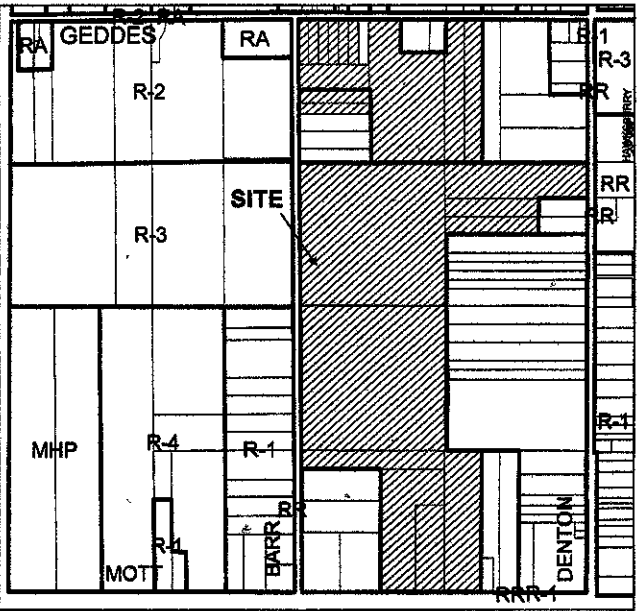
CE0838938

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 23, 2006, in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

GRANDVIEW ESTATES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN)- CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 121 99 0012 000, 121 99 0013 000, 121 99 0014 000, 121 99 0015 001, 121 99 0015 002, 121 99 0024 002, 121 99 0025 000, 121 99 0026 000, 121 99 0027 000, 12 1 99 0028 000, 121 99 0029 000, 121 99 0030 000, 12 1 99 0032 000, 12 1 99 0033 000, 12 1 99 0034 000, 122 99 0038 000, 124 99 000 1 000, 124 99 0002 000, 124 99 0003 005, 124 99 0004 000, 124 99 00 10 000. Property is located south of Geddes between Denton and Ban Roads. (First Public Hearing.)



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, January 19, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

Publish: December 29, 2005 & January 12, 2006

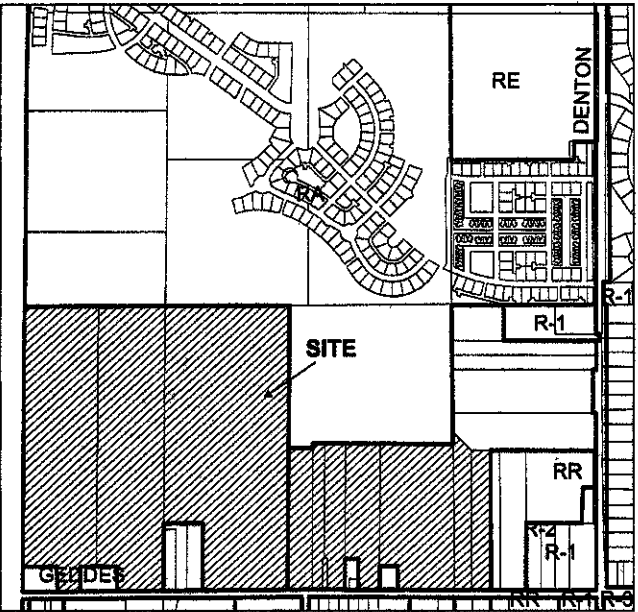
CE0838996

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 23, 2006, in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

SOCIETY PARK PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN)- CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 119 99 0001 000 (PART OF), 1 19 99 0002 001, 1 19 99 0003 001, 1 19 99 0007 000, 120 99 0002 000, 120 99 0003 000, 120 99 0004 000, 120 99 0006 000, 120 99 0009 001, 120 99 001 5 000 AND 120 99 0016 000. Property is located north of Geddes between Denton Road and Napier Roads. (First Public Hearing.)



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, January 19, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

Publish: December 29, 2005 & January 12, 2006

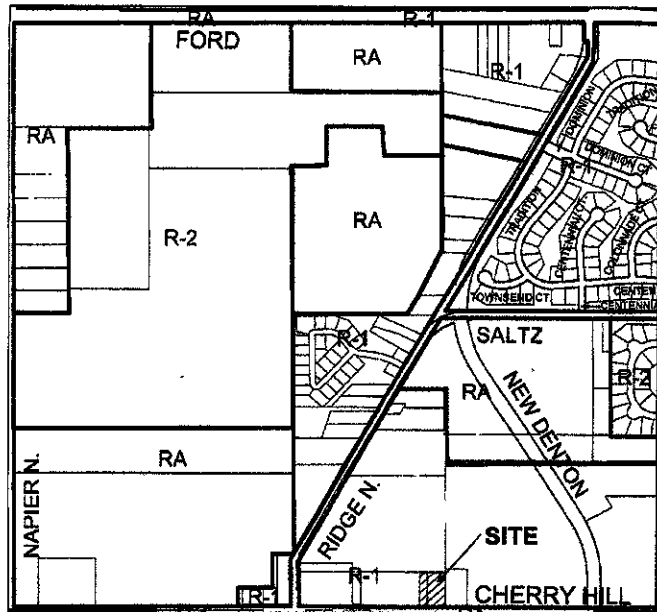
CE0838994

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 9, 2006, in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CHERRY HILL VILLAGE PLAZA PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN)- CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS. 072 99 0020 000 AND 072 99 0021 000. Property is located north of Cherry Hill and east of Ridge Road.



SECTION 18

CREATED BY:
HARRING SERVICE DIVISION
1160 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD
CANTON, MI 48106
(734) 646-6770



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, January 5, 2006, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON,
Chairman

Publish: December 18 and 29, 2005

CE0838980

HUNTING

FROM PAGE C1

overalls answered the door," Sovine recalled. "He spit a plug of tobacco out of his mouth and said, 'Supposin' you boys are bird hunters.' Well, we talked to him for about 10 minutes and he gave us permission to hunt on his property."

"About two hours later, we returned from hunting and the man ran out of his house and said, 'Where have you guys been? My wife had lunch ready 20 minutes ago.' They fed us a meal that was like a Thanksgiving dinner."

During a return trip to Iowa this past November, Sovine revisited the same farmhouse whose owners had been so hospitable 30 years earlier.

"It turns out the man's grandson owns the property now," Sovine said. "The grandson wasn't there, but his wife invited us in. We had exchanged Christmas cards with the family way back then, so I gave her a card the man had sent me 30 years ago. She really appreciated it."

TENSE MOMENTS

While the vast majority of hunting encounters have been pleasant, a few have been unnerving, to say the least, Sovine said.

"When Eric was 15 or 16, I got permission from a man to hunt on his property near Saline," Sovine remembered. "Well, we parked in a lot not far from a house near the



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOM SOVINE

Tom and Eric Sovine show the results from a successful hunt in Wisconsin.

property and sat and ate lunch for about 20 minutes. The next thing you know, I looked in my rear-view mirror and there was a woman standing there with a rifle.

"As she walked up to the car, I told Eric not to move. She came up to the window like a police officer would and asked

who we were. When I told her the man's name who gave us permission, she was very apologetic."

Sovine said southeastern Michigan used to be prized real estate for bird hunters, but the ever-spreading residential and commercial development has changed that over the past

20 years.

LONG TRIPS

Sovine now prefers Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Kansas, Iowa and Indiana for the hunting trips he makes with his 3-year-old dog-in-training, Sparty, Eric, and long-time hunting pals, Gary

'My favorite hunting spot is the U.P. There are a lot of grouse and woodcock up there and it's very remote, away from civilization.'

Tom Sovine
Canton resident

Hull, Doug Toppin and Mike Aldridge.

"My favorite hunting spot is the U.P.," Sovine said. "There are a lot of grouse and woodcock up there and it's very remote, away from civilization."

Every Christmas, Sovine's family gets an opportunity to sample the flavor of his hunting trips when he prepares a meal featuring some of the pheasant and grouse he has bagged.

"I'm the one that makes dinner every Christmas," Sovine said. "This year we had 14 people. Everybody ate the pheasant except for a few of the grandchildren."

"They prefer ham," he said with a chuckle.

END OF AN ERA

Sadly, Jessie's health has deteriorated rapidly the past few weeks, thus her hunting days are over. However, the memories will linger forever — both in Sovine's mind and in his journal.

"Overall, she's the best dog I've ever had," Sovine said. "But Sparty's good, too. He still has some learning to do, but he has a lot of potential."

WLAA

FROM PAGE C1

the travel concerns, this is a long-lasting decision that will have a long-term effect," Michaels added.

If the four WLAA schools defect to join the KVC, it will leave the Western Lakes with eight schools.

And if the KVC grows to 14 members, it would probably be sliced into two divisions of seven.

"Having eight schools in one league takes away scheduling issues, it's a great number to work with," Michaels said. "But having division and conference champions like the Western Lakes has right now would just be spectacular for all our students."

Principals from the KVC and the four WLAA schools being courted are expected to meet sometime in February to discuss the possible expansion.

A decision is expected from the KVC by the end of the 2005-06 school year.

CANTON CINEMA

Ford Rd 1 Mile W of I-275 (734) ALL DIGITAL SOUND 844-FILM

No Passes Free Drink & 25¢ corn refills ALL STADIUM SEATING SHOWTIMES 12/29-1/5

RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13)

FRI-MON 11:15, 1:00, 1:30, 3:30, 4:15, 6:00, 6:45, 8:30, 9:15

FRI/SAT LS 11:00, 11:45

TUE-TH 1:00, 1:30, 3:30, 4:15, 6:00, 6:45, 8:30, 9:15

THE PRODUCERS (PG-13)

FRI-MON 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

TUE-TH 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG)

FRI-MON 11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00

FRI/SAT LS 12:00

TUE-TH 12:30, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 9:30, 10:00

YOURS, MINE AND OURS (PG)

FRI-MON 11:25, 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:25

TUE-TH 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:25

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE (PG)

DAILY 7:05, 9:45

CHICKEN LITTLE (G)

FRI-MON 11:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15

TUE 1:15, 3:15, 5:15



WHIRLPOOL BATHS • FAUCETS • KITCHEN SINKS

MATHISON HARDWARE

Kitchen • Bath & Plumbing

CANTON STORE CLOSING

CHAIN WIDE INVENTORY

CLEARANCE SALE

30-50% OFF (Items Only)

SALE AT ALL 3 LOCATIONS

LIVONIA - 28243 Plymouth Rd.

CANTON - 6130 Canton Center Rd.

GARDEN CITY - 31535 Ford Rd.

Mon. - Fri. 9-7 • Sat. 9-5:00 • Sale Ends 1-7-06

GRANITE TOPS • PEDESTAL SINKS • VESSELS

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

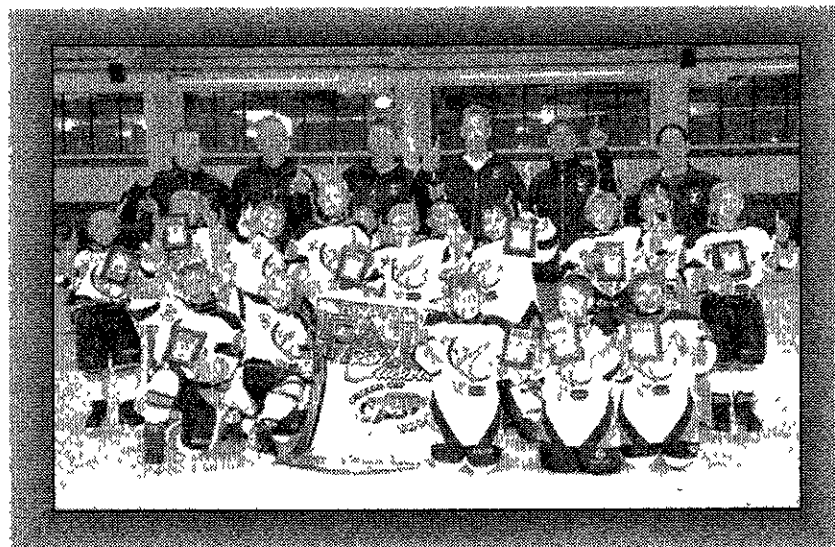
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Clerk's Department up to 3:00 p.m., January 12th, 2006 for the following:

EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION OF
A.V. CONTROL ROOM FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Specifications are available at the Finance & Budget Department located on the third floor of the administration building, or you may call Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or ethnicity.

HEARY G. BENNETT, CLERK

14115th December 29, 2005

CONGRATULATIONS
Suburban Hockey
— and —
Observer & EccentricTEAM of the MONTH
PLYMOUTH STINGRAYS

*Congratulations to the Plymouth Stingrays,
Mite A Champions of the Advanced
Arenas Chicago Fall Classic Tournament!*

THE
Observer & Eccentric
NEWSPAPERS

**MICHIGAN
HOCKEY**

CHRISTMAS CLINICS-Suburban Hockey Schools will hold various two-day Christmas Clinics at the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena, Novi Ice Arena, Suburban Ice-East Lansing, Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills and Suburban Ice-Macomb. For more information, visit suburbanhockey.com or call (248) 478-1600!

COLLEGE HOCKEY AT "THE JOE" '05-'06

EST. 1945

2005

41ST ANNUAL GREAT LAKES INVITATIONAL
DECEMBER 29, 2005

4:30 PM vs. S 8:00 PM vs. M

Michigan Tech Michigan State Colorado College Michigan

DECEMBER 30, 2005
THIRD PLACE GAME • 4:30 PM
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME • 8:00 PM

ALL GAMES PLAYED AT **Joe Louis Arena**

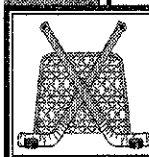
TICKETS ARE \$30, \$24, \$22, \$15, AND \$10. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE JOE LOUIS ARENA BOX OFFICE, ALL ticketmaster TICKET CENTERS, INCLUDING HOCKEYTOWN AUTHENTICS IN TROY, CALL 248-645-6666 OR LOG ON TO COLLEGEHOCKEYATTHEJOE.COM

Family Four Pack- 4 tickets, 4 slices of Little Caesars pizza, 4 cokes for \$43.00. A savings of over 25%! Call 313-396-7575

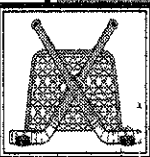
Jeep CRYSLER

ALL FANS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE GLI HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN A 24 MONTH LEASE ON A 2006 BUICK RENDEZVOUS OR A 2006 GMC SIERRA CREW CAB, ALONG WITH OTHER GREAT PRIZES! *NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO WIN. RULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE. VISIT COLLEGEHOCKEYATTHEJOE.COM FOR MORE DETAILS AND COMPLETE RULES.

SPACE PROVIDED BY THE Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS



OR0607841



Bob Neugebauer
travel

Serving Eastern Michigan For 25 Years
Voted One Of Michigan's Best
FULL SERVICE TRAVEL AGENCY
From Weekend Getaways To Exotic Vacations
•Las Vegas Specialists •Cruise Specialists
•Group Travel Experts

Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm • Sat 9am-1pm
(586) 77-VEGAS
(586) 778-3427
16170 Thirteen Mile • Roseville 48066
Visit us online at www.77vegas.com

According to preseason pundits, the Lions' 200

It was not supposed to end like this. This season was not supposed to end with the Lions walking off the field at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh with their heads down after just completing another double-digit loss season. Unless the Lions are somehow transposed as the Dallas Cowboys of the 1990s, the Lions will finish the year with a record of 5-11. How did this happen? Wasn't this the season that many local and national pundits had predicted as the breakthrough year for the Honolulu blue and silver? Unfortunately, what most missed was the porous offensive line, a batch of receivers that acted like kindergarten children, a quarterback that never got better and a coach that was offensive, not an "offensive genius."

It was never predicted that the Lions would be walking off the field Sunday under their second coach of the season. And even realists like myself bought into the bad division factor. That's right, I thought that 7-9 would be good enough to win the NFC North. Where did we



Mike Stone

all go wrong?

■ **Coaching.** Steve Mariucci is a good football coach and a good person. However, he was not a good football coach for this particular football team. His refusal to help Joey Harrington progress was highlighted by his obsession with Jeff Garcia. A 35-year-old with a 40-year-old arm could not get it done in Cleveland and when he was healthy could not get it done here.

■ **Quarterback.** Joey Harrington did not get any better and he has to share responsibility. Good quarterbacks have to be able to make plays when the circumstances are not favorable, and Harrington was unable to do that. Jeff Garcia's use to the Lions ended when he broke his fibula in the last preseason game in Buffalo. He was never 100 percent when he returned, and although he was able to make chicken salad

out of chicken poop at times, he still made the costly mistake at the worst time (overtime interception against Chicago).

■ **Running back.** Kevin Jones was a great player the last half of 2004, but this year he was ordinary at best. He busts his butt, but his vision for the hole must increase. Jones is not great at turning it on when he hits the corner, but he is a powerful runner and can hurt defenders when he runs into them.

■ **Offensive line.** Arguably the worst unit on the team. Jeff Backus, a free agent, showed guts and grit playing on a damaged ankle the last half of the season. Dominic Raiola is an adequate center, but is way too undersized. Damien Woody was much better than he was last season, as he was not a fat piece of lard in 2005. Rick Demulling was one of the worst pickups in the Millen regime. Kelly Butler went through growing pains that were expected by a second-year player.

■ **Wide receiver.** The Weapons of Mass

Family Heating, Cooling & Electrical, Inc.

70 Trucks for Fast Service!

RESIDENTIAL
COMMERCIAL
INDUSTRIAL

FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED FOR OVER 30 YEARS

FULL SERVICE MASTER ELECTRICIAN

As seen on "YOUR LOCAL EXPERT" on WDIV Channel 4 TV

Endorsed by **JOE GAGNON**
"The Appliance Doctor"
1270 & 950 AM Radio
"Ask The Handyman"

FREE Estimates
Licensed and Insured
Michigan State Lic. 71-01599

• Trouble Shooting
• Service Changes
• Breakers Installed
• Outlets Added
• "Edisons" Interruptible Service Installed
• Security Lighting Installed
• Violations Corrected
• Fixtures Installed
• Appliances Wired
• Generator Transfer Panels Installed
• Furnaces, Water Heaters & Air Conditioners Wired

734-422-8080
30210 Ford Road • Garden City
Showroom and Parts

Happy Holidays from North Brothers Ford!

2006 F-150 4x4 Supercab XLT

5.4 L V8, automatic, tow & go pkg, trailer tow, fog lamps, prem. cloth captain's chairs, satellite radio with 6 months service. Stock #GT2006

— WAS... \$34,045 —

24 MO. LEASE \$157⁵⁸*

*24 mo. lease, 10,500 miles per year, 20¢ per mile overage. All rebates to dealer \$2250. In rebates included in down payment. Must qualify for A, Z, D Plan. Payments plus tax. 1st month payment plus security due at inception. Plus acq. fee & transportation. Lessee responsible for excess wear & tear. Expires 12-30-05

2006 FREESTYLE SEL

3.0 24v V6, automatic, air, dual auto A/C, dual front power seats, leather, ABS, AM/FM 6 disc CD stereo. Stock #610055

24 MO. A-PLAN LEASE \$225¹³*

2005 E-150 CARGO VAN

Low, low miles, certified

Stock #P19426

MANAGER'S SPECIAL \$16,570*

THIS WEEK'S USED CAR SPECIAL

NORTH BROS

33300 FORD RD. WESTLAND

www.northbros.com

www.serviceapps.com

Monday & Thursday 9-9
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9-6
Saturday 9-3

NEW VEHICLES 1-734-524-1264
USED VEHICLES 1-800-649-2127

Fly Saab Holiday Event

WHEN YOU USE TO BUILD JETS, YOU DON'T BUILD JUST ANOTHER CAR

LEASE A 2006 SAAB 9-3 SPORT SEDAN

LEASE A 2006 SAAB 9-7X

2006 Saab 9-3

\$165 GMS mo./24 mo. \$2999 due at signing

2006 Saab 9-7X

\$249 GMS mo./24 mo. \$2999 due at signing

SAAB OF TROY

1819 MAPLELAWN • MAPLE ROAD AT CROOKS • IN THE TROY MOTOR MALL
visit us online at www.saaboftroy.com
1-866-233-3486

*Plus tax, title, license & Old loyalty. 24,000 miles total plus excess wear & tear. 20¢ per mile over. Subject to credit approval. All rebates to dealer.

AVIS FORD

Customer Satisfaction Is Our Number 1 Priority!

2006 F-150 STYLESIDE SUPERCAB 4X4

Trailer Tow Package - Auto, air, loaded.

\$112 OR \$72

24 Mo. +Tax 24 Mo. +Tax

A-Plan w/Z Plan

Bonus Cash

AVIS FORD

CALL **248 355-7519**

29200 Telegraph Road • Southfield

24 Hour Automated Credit Approval 1-800-779-2566

Visit Us 24 Hrs. A Day On The Internet At <http://avisford.com>

All rebates to dealer. 10,500 miles per year. Picture does not represent exact vehicle. Customer must qualify for financing through Ford Motor Credit. Plus tax, title, plates. \$2600 total due at signing. +\$1000 voucher program available to all Ford/UVW buyers. All payments require A or Z Plan. Expires Dec. 31, 2005

THIS WEEK'S GAMES!

ADVERTISER PICKS

Saturday, December 31, 2005
Denver NY Giants at San Diego Oakland

Sunday, January 1, 2006

Arizona Carolina at Minnesota
Chicago Cincinnati at Kansas City
Miami at New England
New Orleans Tampa Bay
Tennessee Jacksonville
Seattle Green Bay
Washington Philadelphia

Observer & Eccentric

NEWSPAPERS

PICK THE

WEEKLY PRIZES!

1ST PLACE

Matt prentice

\$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE

(To be applied to food or drink at any Matt Prentice Restaurant Venue. Not valid at Coach insignia.)

PLUS

For more details, go to www.oonline.com.

Advertisers Pick

Brian Campbell Dodge	Brian Campbell Dodge	Joe Gagnon The Appliance Doctor Family Heating and Cooling	Wah Wong Firearm Exchange	Larry Daye Grand Rapids Bedding-Mattress Superstore	Dr. Haddad Laser Eye Institute	Baby Leo Midwest Waterproofing	Brian Godfrey Pat Milliken Ford	Bob Neugebauer Bob Neugebauer Travel	Brian Lehn North Bros. Ford
7-5 111-81	6-6 120-72	6-6 127-65	5-7 111-81	8-4 126-66	9-3 114-78	8-4 116-76	6-6 124-68	7-5 103-88	7-5 128-64
San Diego NY Giants Pittsburgh Indianapolis Atlanta Minnesota Cincinnati New England Tampa Bay Jacksonville Seattle Philadelphia	San Diego NY Giants Pittsburgh Indianapolis Carolina Chicago Cincinnati New England Tampa Bay Jacksonville Seattle Washington	San Diego NY Giants Pittsburgh Indianapolis Carolina Minnesota Chicago Kansas City New England Tampa Bay Jacksonville Seattle Washington	San Diego NY Giants Pittsburgh Indianapolis Carolina Minnesota Chicago Kansas City New England Tampa Bay Jacksonville Seattle Washington	San Diego NY Giants Pittsburgh Indianapolis Carolina Minnesota Chicago Kansas City New England Tampa Bay Jacksonville Seattle Philadelphia	San Diego NY Giants Pittsburgh Indianapolis Carolina Chicago Cincinnati New England Tampa Bay Jacksonville Seattle Philadelphia	San Diego NY Giants Pittsburgh Indianapolis Carolina Chicago Cincinnati New England Tampa Bay Jacksonville Seattle Washington	San Diego NY Giants Pittsburgh Indianapolis Carolina Chicago Cincinnati New England Tampa Bay Jacksonville Seattle Washington	San Diego NY Giants Pittsburgh Indianapolis Carolina Chicago Cincinnati New England Tampa Bay Jacksonville Seattle Washington	San Diego NY Giants Pittsburgh Indianapolis Carolina Chicago Cincinnati New England Tampa Bay Jacksonville Seattle Washington

WEEKLY PRIZES!

1ST PLACE

Matt prentice

\$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE

(To be applied to food or drink at any Matt Prentice Restaurant Venue. Not valid at Coach insignia.)

PLUS

For more details, go to www.oonline.com.

FIREARM EXCHANGE

BUY • SELL • TRADE
NEW and USED

OUR NEW LOCATION IS NOW OPEN!

Please visit us at
1310 S. Wayne Rd.
Just S. of Cherryhill

We are your local source for the best prices on firearms. We stock all your gun and rifle accessory needs.

734-729-GUNS

You'll Always Be Miles Ahead At...

Tennyson

Red TAG EVENT

GM

Now Through January 3, 2006

32570 Plymouth Road • Just East of Farmington Road
Livonia • 734-425-6500
www.tennysonchevy.com

Sales Hours:
Monday & Thursday 8:30 am - 9:00 pm
Tues, Wed, Fri. 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

AN AMERICAN REVOLUTION

5 season was not supposed to end this way

Appointment. Charles Rogers pouted from beginning of the season and then failed his 1 drug test, missing four games. And then there are the "Williams Sisters." At times, Roy Williams showed why many think he will be a in this league. However, it was the drops punctuated this season for Williams. Mike Williams was frustrating as well. One would figure after missing a whole year to get in the NFL would do whatever was needed to be an active player. He didn't. Scottie Vines was an inspiration to those who believe in hard work. If three No. 1s could work like Vines, they may be a great group.

■ **Tight end.** Marcus Pollard showed leadership and class. However, without Peyton Manning he was just another guy.

■ **Defensive line.** Shaun Rogers was great, despite some stupid penalties late in the season. Baby is someone to build around. Dan Wilkinson had a very good season as well. Rose two were a force to be reckoned with.

James Hall, Cory Redding, Jared DeVries and Shaun Cody were all solid players. Definitely this unit was the best of a poor bunch.

■ **Linebackers.** Earl Holmes is one of the most underrated players in the NFL. He defined the word solid. Boss Bailey made strides, but still has a lot to prove. James Davis, Teddy Lehman and Alex Lewis were OK, but this group is nothing to brag about.

■ **Defensive backfield.** Dré Bly is still an excellent player. He makes big plays and can shut down many receivers. The injury to Fernando Bryant forced Andre Goodman into the starting role, which did not exactly have stellar results. R.W. McQuarters was a luxury as a dime back, but when injuries made him a starter, this unit was awful. Terrance Holt did not progress as quickly as many had hoped. Kenoy Kennedy had a solid year and continued to be one of the hardest hitters in the NFL.

■ **Special teams.** Plagued by a hamstring injury, Jason Hanson had the most inconsistent

year of his career. Nick Harris did a nice job most of the season, pinning many teams deep inside their own territory. Eddie Drummond was injured most of the season and was not even close to his Pro Bowl year of 2004, which made his holdout laughable.

■ **Front office.** Matt Millen had another poor year. The Mike Williams draft pick and the Rick Demulling signings were awful. His willingness to allow Marriuci to handpick Jeff Garcia and offensive coordinator Ted Tollner were devastating. The bottom line is Millen's record as GM at press time is 21-58. The record speaks for itself. Millen's next hire will be his defining moment. He needs to find his Marvin Lewis (hmm, he had the chance five years ago), his Jack Del Rio. I am not hopeful he will, but I do know this, he will interview more than one person this time around.

Listen to **Mike Stone** 3-6 p.m. weekdays on the *Stoney & Wajo Show* on WDFN-AM (1130) Sports Radio.



MAN'S BEST FRIEND.

Sports RADIO 1130 WDFN

Detroit's #1 Sports Station

Visit www.WDFN.com to Listen Live

Gala New Years Eve Celebration!

OPEN BAR 8PM - 2PM

includes

- Buffet Dinner (Carved Roast Beef, Chicken Picatta, Irish Potatoes, Salad & Dessert)
- Champagne Toast @ Midnight
- DJ & Dancing

Tickets \$75 pp plus tax & gratuity

34275 FORD ROAD WESTLAND 734-722-2884



Prime TICKET

Specializing In GREAT Seats For ALL Local And National Events!

Mention This Ad And Receive A **\$20 DISCOUNT** On Your First Purchase!

248-891-6969

Ask For Amy

7421 Orchard Lake Road • West Bloomfield www.primeseat.com

SPORTS!

CONCERTS!

THEATRE!

LOCAL & NATIONAL!

GRAND RAPIDS BEDDING CO. MATTRESS SUPERSTORE

ROYAL OAK Showroom Clearance Center 3222 Woodward (Next to Buddy's Pizza, 1/2 S. of 14 Mile) 1-800-339-MATS

MADISON HEIGHTS Warehouse Clearance Center 32301 Stephenson Hwy. (Across from Hampton Inn, 1/4 Mile S. of 14 Mile) 1-800-668-MATS

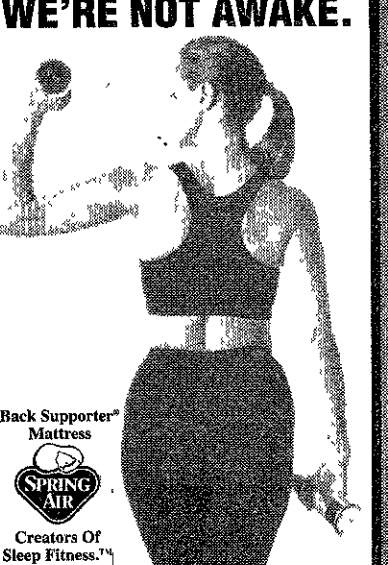
ROCHESTER HILLS Showroom • 2057 S. Rochester (Hampton Plaza, Next to JoAnn's) 1-800-579-MATS

TROY/MADISON HEIGHTS Showroom • 456 E. 14 Mile Rd. (Across from Ramen House, 1/4 Mile E. of John R) 1-866-618-MATS

WATERFORD Showroom Clearance Center 4895 Dixie Hwy. (Next to Dalton direct Drive At Waltons) 1-800-929-MATS

SHELBY TWP. Showroom • 45287 Market St. (in front of Great Indoors) 1-800-518-MATS

THE NEXT REVOLUTION IN HEALTH AND FITNESS IS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE'RE NOT AWAKE.



Back Supporter® Mattress

SPRING AIR

Creators Of Sleep Fitness.™

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PLAY!

To play go to **www.oenonline.com**

On The Pick The Pros Icon To Play!

LAST WEEKS WINNERS!

1st Place • Week 16
Brian Dunn
Livonia, MI

2nd Place • Week 16
Joe Kraft

GRAND PRIZE TRIP FOR 4 TO LAS VEGAS!

See details on www.oenonline.com

YOUR NAME Could Be Listed Here!

Pat Milliken Ford

9600 Telegraph Rd, 1 Mile South of I-96

2006 F-150 STX 4x4

\$149/mo

25 ACH THIS PRICE

Super Cab • 4.6L V8 Engine • Auto Trans • Trailer Tow
Fog Lamps • Power Adjustable Pedals • Premium 6-Disc CD-MP3
3.55 Limited Slip Axle • Sliding Rear Window • Speed Control

Call (800) 737-0278

*Plus tax With approved credit; 24 Month/ 21,000 Mile Lease for A/Z plan customers. First month's payment, \$1000 down payment, tax, title and license fee are due at lease inception. See dealer for details. Offer expires January 3, 2006.



of the Week!

Photo	Name	Team	Phone	City
	Tim Flanagan	North Bros. Ford	7-5 118-74	Denver NY Giants
	Ramona Mugerdichian	Papa Joe's	5-7 104-88	Denver NY Giants
	Gripen Saab of Troy	SAAB	8-8 117-75	San Diego NY Giants
	Keith Lang	Tennysen Chevrolet	8-8 118-74	Denver NY Giants
	Stoney WDFN Radio	WDFN Radio	6-6 128-04	Denver NY Giants
	Greg WDFN Radio	WDFN Radio	8-4 119-73	San Diego NY Giants
	Jamie WDFN Radio	WDFN Radio	8-4 125-67	Denver NY Giants
	Sean WDFN Radio	WDFN Radio	6-6 121-71	San Diego NY Giants

2ND PLACE

\$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE

To be used at one of the participating breweries. (Not interchangeable)

DAMP or WET BASEMENT? WET

MIDWEST WATERPROOFING

\$750.00 OFF

Full Basement Waterproofing. Offer available to the first 50 homeowners.

Lifetime Guarantee • 100% Financing
Special Senior Discounts

1-800-718-9889



IMAGINE

THE MAGIC OF MOVIES & MORE

TWO MOVIE PASSES



SCORE BIG with Custom LASIK!

The most experienced Custom LASIK Center in Michigan

Now the first with Iris Registration Results Routinely 20/20 Or Better*



LASER EYE INSTITUTE

The Ball Is In Your Hands...
Make The Call To Schedule Your FREE Consultation With Daniel S. Haddad, M.D.

Offices in Troy and Dearborn

248.689.2020

GREAT DEALS AT THE BIG STORE!

NEW 2006 DAKOTA QUAD CAB 4X4

2 Year Prepay Lease **\$1,983***

3.7L V6 engine, sliding rear window, air conditioner, CD sound system, rear anti lock brakes, 22 gal. fuel tank, folding rear seat, 16" steel wheels, full size spare & more. Stk. #1625009

Chrysler Employee Special 27 Month **\$86*** \$999 Total Due

Chrysler Emp. Sign-N-Drive Special 27 Month **\$149*** \$0 Due

NEW 2006 GRAND CARAVAN SXT PACKAGE

Power drivers seat, remote keyless entry, power windows, & locks, tilt wheel, speed century, deep tinted glass, dual sliding side doors, CD sound, custom aluminum wheels and much more.

Chrysler Employee Special 27 Month **\$86*** \$999 Total Due

Chrysler Emp. Sign-N-Drive Special 27 Month **\$139*** \$0 Due

BRUCE CAMPBELL DODGE

14875 TELEGRAPH • REDFORD • www.brucecampbelldodge.com **313-538-1500**

*Purchase price plus taxes, title, plates. Must add destination, doc. fee, all rebates to dealer. Lease payments based on 12,000 miles per year. Duration lease payment based on 24 months with \$2,799 total due. Must finance with Chrysler Financial. Payments subject to change due to credit approval. Must qualify for lease loyalty, prior sales excluded. Must be an owner or be leasing a Durango or Dakota to qualify for the Ram, Durango, and Dakota lease payment. Limit one per household. Sale ends 1-3-06.

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

DECEMBER

Friends in fellowship

Evening includes holiday dinner, Single Adult Ministries 2005 in Review show, entertainment by Keith Longbottom, punch reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, in Knox Hall, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$26 per person. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

Benefit gala

Start off the New Year in style while helping a good cause. Join Angela Hospice and Laurel Manor as they team up for a Roaring Twenties New Year's Eve Gala.

Enjoy Life will be the theme of the event beginning at 7 p.m. Guests will celebrate with fine dining, a premium open bar, dancing to the nine-piece ensemble Rare Blend, performances by The Cats and the Fiddler and pianist Dan Dombrowski plus roaring twenties inspired décor with authentic 1920s automobiles, and photo opportunities with flappers and speakeasies. Guests will also enjoy champagne and New Year's festivities at midnight, and an afterglow with Coney dogs and pizza.

Tickets are \$125 per person with a tax-deductible amount of \$55 per ticket. Coordinate a table of 10 and the person who places the reservation will receive a \$100 American Express gift card. Call (734) 953-6018, or visit www.angelahospice.org. Guests must be age 21 or older. All proceeds benefit the many caring programs of Angela Hospice in Livonia.

For those wishing to make reservations for overnight accommodations, complimentary shuttle service to the nearby Courtyard by Marriott will be provided. The hotel is offering a special rate for the night at \$79, which

includes champagne and chocolates in the room, and brunch the next morning.

New Year's Eve service

Are you ready for the harvest? 2006 - the year of harvest. High praise, anointed worship service 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at Hope Evangelical Ministries, 4600 Livernois, Detroit. Breakfast served after service. All are welcome. Call (313) 894-7232 for details.

World peace service

Unity of Livonia invited all people of peace to be at the church 6:30 a.m. New Year's Eve morning Saturday, Dec. 31, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. Continental breakfast after the service. Call (734) 421-1760.

New Year's Eve party

St. Mel Parish's 50th anniversary committee hosts the part that include dinner, asti spumante at midnight in the gym, Saturday, Dec. 31, 7506 Inkster, Dearborn Heights. Tickets \$25. Call (313) 274-0684 or (313) 274-7499.

JANUARY

Service

11 a.m. New Year's Day, Sunday, Jan. 1, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, with Nursery. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit <http://holycrosslivonia.org>.

Service

10 a.m. New Year's Day, there will not be Sunday School, the service will be enjoyed by all ages, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

Service

10 a.m. New Year's Day Jan. 1, at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road at 11 Mile. Call (248) 474-6170.

Service

10 a.m. holy communion New Year's Day, Jan. 1, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Services

Holy Eucharist Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10

a.m. Jan. 1, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361. Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages. Parents with Young Children Bible Study Sundays at 6 p.m. Dinner and childcare provided.

Football open house

Begins noon Monday, Jan. 2 in Parlor C317 where there will be big screen TV's and plenty of snacks hosted by Single Adult Ministries. It ends after the Fiesta Bowl (around 8 p.m.) Bring desserts, appetizers, beverages and snacks if you can. Sub sandwiches and chili will be supplied, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Series on Spiritual Principles

Continues 7 p.m. Wednesday to Jan. 4, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. For more information, call (734) 421-1760.

Prayer conference

Christians from around the world will gather Jan. 4-6 for William Murphy Ministries, 2006 Intercessory Prayer Conference: Reclaiming the Church, the House of Prayer. Conference speakers are Bishop Murphy, Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant (Maryland) and Bishop Neil Ellis (Bahamas). Bishop Murphy Jr., pastor of New Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church of Pontiac, believes the spirit of prayer will fall mightily on the thousands of expected attendees who will learn more effective intercessory prayer at the Ritz Carlton, at the Ritz Carlton, 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn. Registration for adults is \$150, youths 12-years-old to 22-year-old college students \$50 if purchased by Jan. 4. Churches/intercessor teams and groups of up to 10 are admitted for \$500. Call (248) 335-6905 or visit www.williammurphyministries.org.

Laugh out loud

Ventriloquist David Pendleton brings a host of comedic characters for a show 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Ministries, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Presented by Single Adult Ministries. Cost is \$5. Call (248) 374-5920.

Folk festival

With open mic 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Tickets \$5. Call (734) 421-1760.

Pasties fund-raiser

Orders taken Jan. 8, 10-11 and 15, pick up Jan. 19-20, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Cost is \$3, proceeds go the building fund/parking lot improvements. Call (734) 422-0149.

Kabbalah classes

Presented by the Sara Tugman Bais Chabad Torah Center, the classes begin 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 5595 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The classes are open for both beginners and more advanced students. To register, call (248) 855-6170, ext. 1 or send e-mail to BCTC770@aol.com.

Classic senior singles

7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, join Sandy Baumann who speaks on how our attitudes and relationships can keep us happy and hopeful throughout life. you will learn to use all facets of your life and dream fulfillment to improve your mood and outlook. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring refreshments if your name begins with M-R, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Ministries, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Presented by Single Adult Ministries. Call (248) 374-5920.

Cornish pasties

To raise funds Newburg United Methodist Church is making and selling pasties for \$3 each. They can be ordered by calling (734) 422-0149 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 10-11. Do not leave any orders on the answering machine. They will be ignored. Pick up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

Lifeworks

Rev. Dick Bonk speaks on a topic of importance to single adults in today's society 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Ministries, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Presented by Single Adult Ministries. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and share with the group in open discussion. Refreshments follow. Free childcare provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

Ethics workshop

The ethics of end-of-life decisions workshop will not advocate a position but explore the question so an individual can make an informed decision 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, Dr. Wesley Brun, executive director of Samaritan Counseling, facilitates at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 326 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston, MI 48895.

Coffeehouse

An evening of relaxation and fun while listening to live entertainment 7-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Ministries, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Presented by Single Adult Ministries. Cost is \$5 and includes specialty coffees. Refreshments follow. Free childcare provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

Poverty and prayer

Gerald Straub presents the story of his personal conversion and the use of his film talents in service to the poor 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, in the main church at Our Lady of Good Counsel N. Territorial and Beck, Plymouth. Tickets \$10. Call (734) 453-0326, ext. 223 or send e-mail to leachd@olgcparrish.net. Proceeds go to ongoing programs for the church's sister community in El Salvador.

ONGOING

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. Handicap accessible. Call (734) 421-7620.

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.

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.

Bet Chaverim

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.

Detroit World Outreach

A non-denominational church with cutting edge drama productions, energized contemporary music, high-tech video and lighting, programs for kids and teens, a great place for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-2222.

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.

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 11 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

Single Point Ministries

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

Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays, at the Friendship Center, 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.

Qigong

The ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine. A safe and effective way to rid body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions. Learn the art of natural movement and breath to cultivate vital life energy. Classes at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Monday - movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday - Qigong meditation 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday - Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@energetics.org.

Worship services

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

Detroit World Outreach

Nondenominational church with cutting edge drama productions, contemporary-energized music, high-tech video and lighting, relevant life-changing messages, ministries for all ages; services times are 8 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m., junior high serves for grades six-eight

at 10:45 a.m.), Wednesday services 8:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Family Night), and service for ages 18-28 at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. Call (313) 255-2222 or visit www.wayofvictory.com.

Worship services

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

Aerobic class

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

Bible studies

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

Community Bible study

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

Contemporary service

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

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday worship 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the church 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361.

Support group

Provides spiritual, social and educational support for divorced and separated Catholic men and women 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month, at St. Andrew's Parish Center, 1400 Englewood, Rochester. For information, call (248) 652-9173 or (248) 652-3860.

New contemporary service

9 a.m. on the last Sunday of the month, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season a church event, "The Current Flowing Stream" on for more information call (734) 422-0494.

Prayer group

Join us 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer and friendship, at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Come to the back of the church, enter entrance No. 2. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.

Women of the Word

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study, Women of the Word, studies the Book of Luke, entitled Grace Under Pressure 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

New modern-style worship

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, just north of I-96, presents a modern-style worship service. The multimedia service is informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments. Dramas, led by the members, are often a part of this service. The service is held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday, between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, youth and adult Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information, call Linda Hollman, Outreach director, at (734) 522-6830.

Adat Shalom

Synagogue services 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100.

Welcome to the church

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you already baptized Catholic and have been away from the church? Now is the time to inquire about coming into the church or returning to the community of believers. Call Our Lady of Sorrows at (248) 615-5574 for more information.

Self-help groups

Local church provides space for self-help groups. Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program for eating disorders, meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Alcoholics Anonymous, a 12-step program for alcohol related problems, meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step program for co-dependency and destructive relationship problems, meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays, at First Baptist Church, 3000 Willis, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward. Parking adjacent to church's north entrance.

Passages

Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

1-800-333-3333 • fax 734-591-7279
40000 Six Mile, Northville, MI 48150



DR. MAURICE P. L'HEUREUX VETERINARIAN

Age 91, December 27, 2005. Beloved husband of the late Agnes. Dear father of Janet McCafferty (Tim), Linda Wetzel (John Hurley), Paul, and Jere L'Heureux (Susan). Also survived by 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Brother of Gerald L'Heureux, of Windsor, Canada. Funeral Friday 12:00 PM at the A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave. at Vernier Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation Thursday 3-8 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Red Cross, 100 Mack Ave., Box 44110, Detroit, MI 48244-0110 or to the American Cancer Society, 39425 Garfield #24, Clinton Township, MI 48038.

WILLIAM "SKIP" COATSWORTH

Age 53 of Rochester Hills, died December 27, 2005 following short illness. Loving son of William James and Mary (Stewart) Coatsworth. Dear brother of Gregory James Coatsworth, Sandra (Mike) Burke and Mary Sue Coatsworth. Uncle of Britney and Christopher Burke. Skip was a graduate of Brother Rice High School, an athlete and an avid golfer. He played football for Brother Rice, received a football scholarship, played for Central Michigan University and was a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. Skip was a former business owner in Rochester and later a manufacturing rep. He was an active member of the Rochester Lions Club and recently received an award for his distinguished service. Funeral mass Friday, December 30, 2005 11:00AM, instate at 10:30 AM at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1400 Inglewood, Rochester. The family will receive friends Wednesday 5-9 PM and Thursday 3-9 PM at the Potere Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd, Rochester. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Family suggests memorials to the Rochester Lions Club. Online guest book: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

May You
Find
Comfort in
Family &
Friends

SUZANNE MCLAUGHLIN

54 of Greensburg, Indiana, formerly of Detroit, MI, passed away December 26, 2005 at Hospice of South Central Indiana. She was born on April 29, 1951, in Kobe, Japan, and adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Bernice (Giza) Ploski on August 20, 1957. She graduated from Austin Peay University of Clarksville, TN in 1986 with an Associates Degree. Suzanne married Charles McLaughlin on November 22, 1969. They had one son, Christopher McLaughlin, who preceded her in death on April 17, 2001. She currently worked at Gecom in Greensburg. She is Survived by her Parents Richard and Bernice Ploski of Detroit, MI. Husband Charles McLaughlin of Greensburg, IN, 5 brothers: Richard Ploski of Livonia, MI, Dennis Ploski of Farmington Hills, MI, Terrence Ploski of Golden, CO, Stanley Ploski of Plymouth, MI, and Casimer Ploski of Farmington Hills, MI. One sister Mary Ploski of Plymouth, MI. Visitation will be held on Thursday December 29, 2005 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Gilliland-Howe Funeral Home, Greensburg, IN and the Service will be Friday December 30, 2005 at 11:00 AM. Burial will take place at a later date. Memorial Contributions can be made to Hospice of South Central Indiana at 2626 E. 17th Street Columbus, IN 47201

MARIA L. GIORDANO

Age 58, December 25, 2005. Loving mother of Deanna (Scott) Henaughen; grandmother of Cheyenne and Gabriel. Daughter of Frances Giordano, sister of Michael (Diana) and Matthew (Julie), aunt of Jordan, Haley, Joey, and Matthew. Visitation Wednesday, 2-8pm, at Fred Wood Funeral Home, Rice Chapel, 36100 Five Mile Rd. (one mile west of Farmington Rd.), Services at funeral home Thursday, December 29, 11am.



MARY LOU PRESTON

Age 75, of Bloomfield Hills, died December 25, 2005, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Mary Lou was born prematurely in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, weighing 2 lbs. Dubbed a "miracle baby," she lived the first few months of her life in a shoe box and showed a fighting spirit that would remain part of her character throughout her entire life. After her father, Norbert Michael Sullivan, passed away, Mary Lou was lovingly raised by her Aunt Tim. Mary Lou worked at J.L. Hudson and Manufacturers Bank after graduating from Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. WXYZ's Freddy Wolf - broadcasting across the street from Mary Lou's daily bus stop on Jefferson Avenue - would announce her arrival by saying, "here comes my favorite blond." Mary Lou was introduced to her future husband, Eugene Preston, by Roseanne and Bill Cahalan. They were married at St. Charles Catholic Church, Detroit, in 1955. During their first five years of marriage, Mary Lou and Eugene had five children. The next 45 years of Mary Lou's life were spent raising their children, entertaining grandchildren and celebrating momentous occasions with her husband and family. Always ready to laugh and join in a good story, Mary Lou loved life. She had a passion for animals (she couldn't pass an animal without petting it), gardening (each year her gardens were beautiful), traveling (taking the entire family to Ireland to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary and to Maine to celebrate their 50th), tennis, skiing, and their pot luck group of 45 years. But more than anything else, her passion was centered on her husband, children and ten grandchildren. In 2000, Mary Lou was given the gift of life by her son-in-law Tim Boadway, when he donated a kidney. Mrs. Preston is survived by her husband of 50 years, Eugene and children, Michael (Amy), Kathleen (Tim) Boadway, Margaret (Duncan) MacEachern and Mary Joanne (Larry) Smith. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Kelsey, Chase, Timmy, Blake, Austin, Michael, Meagan, Oliver and Preston. Mrs. Preston is preceded in death by her son, Daniel Dunbar Preston and grandson, James. Funeral from Church of St. Owen, 6869 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills, Thursday 11am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10:30am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 S. Crooks Road (Between 14.5 Mile Road) Tuesday 5-9pm and Wednesday 4-9pm. Prayers Wednesday 7pm. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials appreciated to American Diabetes Association, 30600 Telegraph, Suite 2255, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-4532.

ANNABELLE SUMERA

Your Invitation To Worship

BAPTIST

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

33640 Michigan Ave. • Wayne, MI
(Between Wayne Rd. & Merriman Rd.)
(734) 728-2180
Virgil Humes, Pastor



Saturday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship 7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. • Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Praise Service 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday Children, Youth and Adult Bible Study 7:00-8:00 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST

Clarenceville United Methodist
20300 Middlebelt Rd. • Livonia
474-3444
Pastor James E. Britt
Worship Services 8:45 & 11:15 AM
Sunday Eve. Bible Study 6:00 PM
Nursery Provided
Sunday School 10 AM

**ST. MATTHEW'S
UNITED METHODIST**
30900 Six Mile Rd. (Bet. Merriman & Middlebelt)
Rev. Mary Margaret Eckhardt, Pastor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
www.gbqm-umc.org/stmatthews-livonia
Nursery Provided • 734-422-6038

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

14175 Farmington road, Livonia Just north of I-96
734-522-6830

Sunday Worship
8:15 & 11:00 am - Traditional
9:45 - Modern
Staffed Nursery Available



Sunday School
9:45 & 11 am
Early Childhood Center
Phone 734-513-8413

Making disciples who share the love of Jesus Christ
Rev. Luther A. Werth, Senior Pastor & Rev. Robert Bayer, Assistant Pastor

Canton Christian Fellowship

Pastor David Washington
and The CCF Family would
like to invite you to....



**"Where the Word is Relevant,
People are Loved and Christ is the Key"**

Join us for Worship Service at 10:30am
Sunday School and/or New Members Orientation: 9:00am
Located at 6500 N. Wayne Rd. • Westland, MI
Between Ford Road and Warren Road
Inside Good Shepherd Church
734-721-9322

It's not about Religion, it's about Relationships.
Come to a place where lives are changed, families are made whole and ministry is real!

"More than Sunday Services"

**9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service**
• Dynamic Youth and Children's Programs
• Excellent Music Ministries
• Small Groups For Every Age
• Outreach Opportunities

Pastor
Dr. Dean Klump
Associate Pastor, Rev. Jeremy Africa
**First United Methodist Church
of Plymouth**
45201 North Territorial Road
(West of Sheldon Road)
(734) 453-5280
www.pfumc.org

**NEWBURG UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
"Open Hearts, Minds & Doors"
36500 Ann Arbor Trail
between Wayne & Newburgh Rds.
734-422-0149

**January 1
Worship Service**
10:00 a.m.
(No Sunday School)
Rev. Barbara E. Welbaum

visit our website: www.newburgumc.org

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

25830 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DAILY
313-532-2255 REDFORD TWP.
Worship Service
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.
Nursery Provided
The Rev. Timothy P. Halboth, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth, Assistant Pastor

HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

9600 Laverne • So. Redford • 313-937-2424
Rev. Jonathan Mancor, Sr. Pastor
Dr. Steve Eggers, Assoc. Pastor
Sunday Morning Worship
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Education Hour 9:45 a.m.
Christian School
Pre-Kindergarten-8th Grade
For more information call
313-937-2233

First Baptist Church of Detroit

invites you to join us
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am

Rev. Bill Walker
21200 Southfield Rd.
Last Service Drive N. of 8 Mile Road
Southfield • 248-569-2972

CHURCH OF CHRIST

CHURCH of CHRIST WEST
291 East Spring Street • Plymouth 48170
Sunday Worship • 11am & 6pm
Bible Class
Sunday 10am & Wednesday 7pm
734-451-1877
Minister
John Natw
Michigan Bible School
Tuesday & Thursday 7pm
www.churchofchrist-west.org

Aldersgate United Methodist

10000 Beech Daly
2 blocks south of
Plymouth Road
9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Sun. School all ages
11:00 a.m. Cont. Family Worship
www.aldersgatemc.org

PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)

Worship in Downtown Plymouth
First Presbyterian Church
Main & Church Streets • (734) 453-6464
Christmas & New Years Day 11:00 am
www.fpcp.net

Risen Christ Lutheran

David Martin, Pastor
46250 Ann Arbor Road • Plymouth
(1 Mile West of Sheldon)
(734) 453-5252
Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School (Children & Adults) 9:30 a.m.
All are Welcome Come as you are!
www.risenchrist.info

St. Matthew Lutheran Church & School

5865 N. Vandy Rd. • Westland • (734) 425-0280
Pastor Kirk E. Lambert • Pastor Paul A. Pollatz
Traditional Worship: Sunday 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study & Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Contemporary Worship: 1st Sunday of
every month 11:00 a.m.
Monday Night Service at 7:00 p.m.
Nationally Accredited Christian School
Pre-3's • 8th Grade • Call (734) 425-0281

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

EVANGELICAL COVENANT

Tridentine Latin Mass

Approved by the
Archdiocese of Detroit
Every Sunday at 9:30 AM

**Sunday, October 31
Music Program:**
Byrd Mass for Four Voices
Benediction Following Mass

Discover the solemnity and majesty
of the Traditional Rite of the Roman
Catholic Church in one of Detroit's
architectural masterpieces

St. Josaphat Church
691 E. Canfield Ave.
On the West I-75 Service Drive
Between Warren and Mack
(313) 831-6659
www.stjosaphatchurch.org

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

NATIVITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
9435 Henry Ruff at West Chicago
Livonia 48150 • 421-5406
Rev. Larry Hoxey, Pastor
10:30 a.m. Worship
Service
and Youth Classes
Nursery Care Available
-WELCOME-

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth
1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI
734-453-0970
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Reading Room 350 South Main
Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
734-453-1676

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church

40000 Six Mile Road
"just west of I-275"
Northville, MI
248-374-7400

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor
Traditional Worship
9:00 & 10:20 A.M.
Contemporary Worship
11:40 A.M.

Nursery & Sunday School During
All Morning Worship Services
Evening Service • 7:00 P.M.
Services Broadcast 11:00 A.M. Sunday
WMUZ 560 AM
For additional information visit
www.wardchurch.org

NON DENOMINATIONAL

BELL CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Casual, Contemporary,
Excellent Children's
Program
Meets at Franklin H S. in
Livonia on Joy Road
(Between Merriman and Middlebelt Roads)
at 10:00 a.m.
734-425-1174
Join us for coffee, bagels and
donuts after the service!

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH WHERE...

- There's a commitment to truth?
- There's authentic, contemporary worship?
- People are loved regardless of race, age or background?
- There's an incredible kids ministry?

HARVEST

Meets at Michigan Theological Seminary
Plymouth, MI
On Ann Arbor Trail Between Haggerty and Litley Rds.
Sunday Service Time
10:30 am
734.459.7795
www.myharvestbible.org

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (USA)

9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia MI
(between Merriman & Farmington Rds.)
(734) 422-0494
www.rosedalegardens.org
Contemporary Service
9:00 am
Traditional Service
10:30 am
Nursery Care Provided
We Welcome You To A
Full Program Church
Rev. Richard Peters, Pastor
Rev. Kellis Bohman, Associate Pastor

St. James Presbyterian Church, USA

25350 West Six Mile Rd.
Redford (813) 534-7730
Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School - 11:15 A.M.
Thursday Dinners - 6:00 PM
Nursery Care Provided • Handicapped Accessible
Rev. Paul S. Bousquette

JEWISH

CONGREGATION BEIT KODESH

1-248-477-8974
31840 W. Seven Mile Rd., Livonia
Rekindle your Jewish roots with us.
Friday Night Services 8:00 pm
Saturday Services 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:30 am Sept.-May
www.beitkodesh.org

Timothy Lutheran Church A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

8820 Wayne Rd.
(Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road)
Livonia • 427-2290
Jill Hegdal, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Family Worship
(Nursery Available)

HOLY CROSS Evangelical Lutheran Church

Steve Hummel, Pastor
Nursery at Both Services
Handicapped Accessible
Sunday Variable
9:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
(734) 427-1414 • 30650 S. Mile Rd., Livonia
(1/2 Mile West of Middlebelt)
VISITORS WELCOME

LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD

St. Paul's Ev. LUTHERAN Church & School

17810 FARMINGTON ROAD
LIVONIA • (734) 261-1360
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
PASTOR JAMES HOFF
PASTOR ERIC STEINBRENNER

FAITH COVENANT CHURCH

14 Mile Road and Drake, Farmington Hills
(248) 661-9191
Sunday Worship
and Children's Church
9:15 a.m. Contemporary
11:00 a.m. Traditional
Child Care provided for all services
Youth Groups • Adult Small Groups

CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE

PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

45801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1625
Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.
Sunday Worship - 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.
Family Night - Wed., 7:00 P.M.
NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN:
455-3195

EPISCOPAL

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

16360 Hubbard Road
Livonia, Michigan 48154
734-421-8451
Wednesday 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Wed. (Sept.-May) 6:00 PM Dinner & Classes
Saturday 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist
Sunday 7:45 & 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Sun. (Sept.-May) 10:00 A.M. Sunday School
Sunday Morning - Nursery Care Available
www.standrewschurch.net
The Rev. C. Allen Kannappell Rector

Come Worship With Us

St. John's Episcopal Church
555 S. Wayne Road • Westland
734-721-5023
Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 am • Sun. School 10:15 am
Wed. Service 10:00 am

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

48755 Warren Rd., Canton, Michigan 48187
451-0444
REV. RICHARD A. PERFETTO
Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

ST. GENEVIEVE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

29015 Jamison Ave. • Livonia
East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile & Schoolcraft Rds.
MASS: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 9:00 a.m.
Tues. 7:00 p.m. • Sat. 5:00 p.m.
Sun. 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Confessions: Sat. 3:00-4:00 p.m.
734-427-5220

For Church Directory changes and information regarding advertising in this directory, please call
Donna Hart (734) 953-2153 the Friday before publication.

To mail copy: The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or Fax to (734) 953-2121

Area bowling groups bracing for mega merger with USBC

There will be an historic organizational meeting for the Metro Detroit U.S. Bowling Congress at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15 at the Shriners Auditorium, 24350 Southfield Road, just south of Ten Mile, in Southfield.

All members of the Detroit Women's Bowling, the Greater Detroit Bowling, Greater Detroit USBC Youth and the Pontiac Women's Bowling association are invited to attend.

This meeting will approve the bylaws and the new budget of the new local organization as part of a merger into the local organization of the USBC, which begins operations on May 1.

Individuals will also be elected for the following positions: president, vice-president, youth committee members, board members and state delegates to the Michigan Bowling, Michigan Women's Bowling and Youth Association meetings.

It is very important that all members are aware of this meeting and all members are urged to attend and participate.

This organization is of the bowlers, by the bowlers and for the bowlers.

It will be a major part of the future of bowling in the greater



Ten-Pin Alley

Al Harrison

Detroit area and begins a new era for this wonderful pastime.

'Biggs'-time bowler

Roy Biggs, 62, of Canton, has become a human striking machine, as he rolled 34 out of a possible 36 strikes on Dec. 14 in the Wednesday Senior Men's Classic League at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

His series of 845 included a perfect game and only one open frame along the way as well as the GDBA logo. The 300 game was Roy's third in the league within six weeks, plus he rolled another 300 during this hot streak at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth.

Roy's first game of 266 included 11 strikes and a big 4-6 split, while Game No. 2 was a 279 also with 11 strikes.

Biggs followed with 12 in a row with his trusty Ebonite One ball that he has been using with a combination of skill and magic.

Prior to this season, Roy rolled six 300 games and a

pair of 800 series.

I watched him during his 845 and I can say that he is really "locked in."

Biggs also holds the position of first vice-president of the GDBA, soon to be a major part of the new organization to be known as the USBC of Greater Detroit.

Since he and Mickey were wed last August, it is quite evident that married life agrees with him.

Pray for Betty

Jack Dahlstrom's wife, Betty, of Redford, is in the hospital with double pneumonia, and Jack has been away from the lanes while attending to her.

Everyone is pulling for you, Betty, so get well soon.

Even while not bowling, his absentee score of 192 won the progressive mystery game last week.

Mike Chapman of Westland was named Rookie of the Year in the Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association.

The MMBA is an organization for monthly tournaments among the top competitors in this area.

For information about its scratch bowling competition, call Ken Charrette at (586) 775-2414.

Join Pistons' Club

Local bowlers now have an opportunity to join the hottest team in town, the Detroit Pistons Championship Bowling Club.

Each bowler receives two tickets to a Pistons regular season home game, \$20 in concession vouchers, free parking for the game, Pistons cap, 12-pack cooler and framed photo.

You can also have a chance to take an on-court shot after a Pistons game, along with free lawn seat vouchers to select events at the DTE Energy Music Theatre and Meadow Brook Music Festival.

Club members are also eligible to win the following prizes: one framed autographed Ben Wallace jersey, one basketball autographed by the entire team, game night-out in a luxury suite, two tickets, suite parking and pre-ordered food and beverages (eight total packages available).

A pair of grand prize pack-

ages include a trip for two via commercial airlines to a Pistons away game with airfare, hotel, ground transportation, tickets and Pistons apparel. Participants must be 18.

Bowling centers participating with sessions starting in early January include: Cloverlanes, Merri-Bowl, Woodland Lanes and Wonderland Lanes, all of Livonia; Westland Bowl; Super Bowl, Canton; Mayflower Lanes, Redford; Drakeshire

Lanes, Farmington Hills; Plum Hollow Lanes, Southfield; Bowl One Lanes, Thunderbird Lanes and Troy Lanes, Troy; Classic Lanes, Rochester Hills.

For more information, phone any of the above centers or visit www.nba.com/pistons/community/championship_bowling_club.html.

Al Harrison is a Livonia resident and a director with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

Cheer for the hometeam, read today's

SPORTS

Family Heating, Cooling & Electrical, Inc.

SALES • SERVICE • INSTALLATION • PARTS

FURNACES ALL MAKES and MODELS

Furnace Cleaning and Inspection

Reg. \$79.95 NOW \$59.95 SAVE \$20.00

30210 Ford Road • Garden City

JANUARY 11TH & 14TH

FOR TICKETS CALL 734-453-8400

Plymouth Whalers vs Saginaw Spirit

Kitchener Rangers vs Plymouth Whalers

FAMILY VALUE PACK

4 EXECUTIVE RESERVED SEATS

4 HOT DOGS

4 PEPSI BEVERAGES

4 GAME NIGHT LINEUPS

JUST \$44.00!

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11TH 7:30PM

SATURDAY JANUARY 14TH 7:30PM

COMPUWARE SPORTS ARENA

14900 BECK ROAD PLYMOUTH TWP, MI 48170

50% off

ALL Black & Decker and Strait-Line Laser Levels

Offer good through 1/2/06. Discount taken at register.

20% off

ALL Kobalt In-Stock Tool Storage

Offer good through 1/2/06. Discount taken at register.

LOWE'S

Improving Home Improvement

HITACHI

now \$139

14-Volt 4-piece Combo Kit #35986

DEWALT

now \$89

Reciprocating Saw and 3/8" VSR Drill #191953

SKIL

now \$99

51-Piece Set #123101

25% off

YOUR CHOICE now \$748

was \$997

A. 32-Gallon Holiday Storage Container #140888

B. 78-Quart Clear Visual Tote #226226

C. Vertical Wrap Organizer #180803

6 days only!

12/28/05 through 1/2/06

ALL In-Stock Small Appliances

10% off

ALL Whirlpool In-Stock Washers, Dryers, and Dishwashers

Small appliances includes: coffee makers, blenders, mixers, toaster ovens, food processors, and more. Offer good through 1/2/06. Discount taken at register.

75% off

ALL In-Stock Holiday Decorations

Excludes holiday storage. Includes artificial trees, wreaths, lights, ornaments, outdoor decor, rugs, holiday plants, books, and more. Discount taken at register.

ASK FOR ZERO PAYMENTS & INTEREST FOR 12 MONTHS

IF PAID IN FULL WITHIN 12 MONTHS*

On any Major Appliance or Tool purchases of \$299 or more made on your Lowe's Consumer Credit Card 12/28/05 through 1/2/06.

Prices may vary after January 2, 2006. All prices are market variations. *MSRP prices in this advertisement were in effect on December 21, 2005, and may vary based on Lowe's Every Day Low Price policy. See store for details regarding product warranties. We reserve the right to limit quantities. *Applies to single receipt, in-store Map! Appliance or Tool purchases of \$299 or more made 12/28/2005 through 1/2/2006 on a Lowe's consumer credit card account. No monthly payments will be required and no finance charges will be assessed on this promo purchase if you pay the following in full within 12 months: (1) the promo purchase amount, and (2) any related optional credit, insurance/debit cancellation charges. If you do not, finance charges will be assessed on the promo purchase amount from the date of the purchase and monthly payments will be required. Standard account terms apply to non-promo purchases. APR is 21% (18.9% for purchases of \$2,000 or more). Min. finance charge is \$1.00 (\$5.00 in IA). Offer is subject to credit approval. Excl. Business Accounts. ©2005 by Lowe's. All rights reserved. Lowe's and the eagle design are registered trademarks of LF, LLC. 6303 \$ While supplies last.



Home building students get job training early in life

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Students who want to learn to build homes can often get that experience while still in high school. Local districts such as Livonia and Wayne-Westland offer classes in home construction which include the actual building of homes which are then sold.

"It's one of those areas where there's a high job demand," said Wayne-Westland school Superintendent Greg Baracy. His district's program goes back more than 20 years, with students, mostly seniors, building a home each year. Proceeds from the sale go back into the program to help with costs including property acquisition.

"This year, there's even some adults in the program," he said of Construction Technology, where all graduates are able to find work. The two-year program starts with students at the William D. Ford Career Technical Center practicing in major construction areas, such as plumbing, electrical and drywall. The next year, they move to the home site.

"They're built with all the latest technology," said Baracy, noting commercial builders must worry a bit more about profit margins. "They're constructed very well."

Livonia also has a two-year program, said Principal Janet Haas of the Livonia Career/Technical Center. The first-year Building Trades students develop basic skills, including work at such community sites as Greenmead and Rotary Park. The Residential Construction students, generally seniors, work on the home site.

The Livonia program dates back to the late 1970s and generally yields one home a year. Livonia revenue from sales goes back to the district's general fund. In both Livonia and Wayne-Westland, homes must pass city inspections.

There are 25 students in the class, Haas said, who want to learn construction trades. "We have had some young women," although young men dominate enrollment.

Graduates are able to get apprentice positions, she said, and some go into family construction businesses. "We've had some very successful students with our program." The students like the outdoors and working with their hands, she said.

This year, two Realtors will work with Livonia students to show what goes into a home sale. "I think it will be great for them," Haas said.

In Livonia, the current home for sale is on Newburgh, with two more nearby on the Livonia side of Joy Road. The first Joy home is nearly done, the second has a lot of work to do yet.

"We really have a wonderful program, great instructors," Haas said, a view shared by Baracy of his district's program.



This attractive home on Newburgh was built by Residential Construction students from the Livonia school district.

"We're very proud of that program and the students that complete it."

In agreement is Ginny Kowalski, Ford center principal. She said students have interest in such areas as electrical work, plumbing, masonry and carpentry, and the program covers all that. The adult students pay tuition.

"It's a real-life exposure," Kowalski said. Ground is broken for the home in Wayne-Westland each August and it's sold in June. "It's as real life as you can imagine."

There's a foreman and different crews, she said, just like with a commercial builder. Equipment breaks down, they learn how to fix it. Students work outdoors in all kinds of weather, including winter, Kowalski said.

Wayne-Westland instructor Mark Valchine builds in incentives to encourage students to learn teamwork and the importance of meeting deadlines. Student Mike Holtzman of Westland, a John Glenn High senior, has benefited greatly from the work.

"It's a really good program," Holtzman said. "We do all the different aspects that go into building a house." Those include roofing, plumbing and electrical, Holtzman's area of greatest interest.

"We cover everything in the house," he said. "A lot of onsite experience. I've definitely learned a lot." Holtzman, who plans to become an electrician after graduation, noted the success of past students and the large number of jobs available to them.



Choose home inspector with caution

Q. Do you think the courts will enforce the home inspector's limitation of liability to the amount the client paid for in the inspection?

A. There is some case authority at the appellate level in Michigan holding that a limitation such as that described is enforceable unless there is intentional misconduct, gross negligence or that the provision violates public policy. Given the state of affairs of the law in Michigan, one should try to find an inspector who does not limit his liability to the amount that you pay for because if he misses an item in terms of his inspection, it would be more than likely grossly in excess of the amount that you paid him to do the inspection.

Q. We recently purchased a condominium that is still under construction. Presently, the unit owners have two representatives on the board along with the developer's representatives. When owners asked if they may attend the board meetings,



Real Estate
Inquires

Robert
Meisner

we were told that we are not allowed to attend. Additionally, the unit owners request for copies of the minutes at any of the board meetings are refused. This does not seem right. Additionally, the two owner representatives seem to be looking out for the interest of the developer far more than those of the owners. This all leaves me very troubled. What do you think?

A. Board meetings of community and/or condo associations are not necessarily open to the members of the association just as in any other private corporation. However, you may have a right to look at the non-privileged minutes of the association and should ask to obtain a copy of same indicating that you have a right under the

Condominium Statute and/or Non-Profit Corporation Act to look at these minutes to the extent they are not privileged. To the extent that the directors elected by the membership look like they are working for the interest of the developer, they should be so advised. These directors should have been elected by the members of the association and not appointed by the developer. You are best advised to have a steering committee appointed by the co-owners to retain the services of an attorney to protect your interest.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Seller in Bankruptcy Seminar

Learn What You Need to Know When Your Seller is in Bankruptcy - presented by David Ruskin, sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland. This will be held 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main St., Clawson. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747 6742 (www.REIAofOakland.org). For additional information, call Don Eichstaedt, (248) 552-8030.

Ludwig & Seeley, Inc.

Richard G. Ludwig of Ludwig & Seeley Inc. of Southfield represented both buyer and seller of a free-standing Rite Aid Store located on Gratiot and Frazho Roads, Roseville, to Agree Realty Inc. Ludwig & Seeley has announced that Liberty Tax Service is opening a new location in January 2006, at Lincoln Plaza Shopping Center, Oak Park.

Vacant Land

Milestone Realty Services, Inc. worked on behalf of Orland Park

Properties, LLC to acquire a 3.8 acre parcel of vacant land in Troy. The site is being re-engineered for future development. The property is located within the Maplelawn Industrial District adjacent to what is known as the Troy Motor Mall.

Education Seminars

The Building Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following:

■ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, "Builder's License Preparation Course" at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$200 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$100 for non-members. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, "Shorten Your Sales Cycle" at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees, including continental breakfast are \$20 for BIA or Association of Michigan members and \$40 for non-members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 12, lien law seminar, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees including continental breakfast are \$75 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$100 for guests. (248) 862-1017.

■ 8 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 27, "Safety and Security" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees \$145 for Remodelers Council members, BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

Oakland Builders Institute

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following:

■ 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 17 and 19, Basement Remodeling, Avery Elementary School, 14700 Lincoln, Oak Park. Pre-registration is required by Friday, Jan. 13. Berkeley Community Ed. (248) 837-8900.

Hometowne BUILDING CO.
Quality Homes. Real Relationships.

Three for FREE

Buy today and choose THREE free upgrades towards your new home!

- Granite in the kitchen
- Chief kitchen package
- Vista gift card or cash towards closing
- Stainless Steel appliances package including refrigerator
- Premium laundry package
- Master bedroom upgrade
- Expense paid vacation

ASK ABOUT OUR QUICK OCCUPANCY SPECIALS!

SINGLE FAMILY COMMUNITIES

IRISH	HONOLULU	BELLEVILLE	CARRIAGE	WOODLAND RIDGE
HARTLAND From \$234,900 619.825.2244	PONTIAC From \$179,900 248.254.7900	AUGUSTA TWP. From \$249,900 734.461.9699	SOUTH LYON From \$279,900 248.448.1450	COMMERCIAL TWP. From \$259,900 248.554.1338

CONDOMINIUM COMMUNITIES

PARKLANE WOODHAVEN	NORTHPOINTE DEARBORN AREA
From \$129,900 - 734.675.7650	From \$119,900 - 313.381.7800

Information Centers Open Daily 11am - 6pm Closed Thursdays

www.hometownebuilding.com

Offer ends Jan. 7 2006. Restrictions may apply. See sales associate for details.



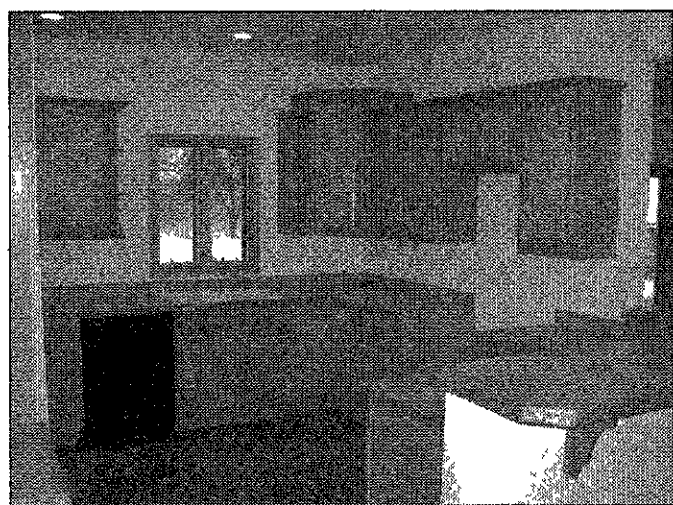
Wayne-Westland students work together to get the job done on time. There's a similar program offered through the Livonia Public Schools.

Students build success

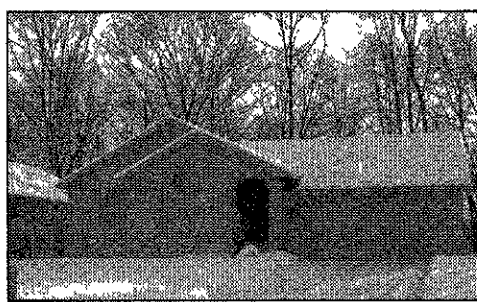
They may be young, but they know their stuff.

Students in both the Livonia and Wayne-Westland school districts build homes each school year and have done so for a long time. These photos show some of the work done by students. Homes are sold at market prices, with money going back to the districts.

Students gain valuable experience and are able to find jobs upon graduation. All aspects of home construction are covered.



Homes built in Livonia, like this one, and Wayne-Westland are sold at market prices.



Wayne-Westland students built this brick home.

HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of Aug. 1-5, 2005, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office.

Address	City	Price	Address	City	Price
2401 Amber	\$300,000	30916 John Hawk	\$177,000	2554 Gilman	\$156,000
48428 Antique	\$290,000	31932 John Hawk	\$140,000	15589 Nola	\$230,000
46119 Bartlett	\$260,000	28938 Krauter	\$149,000	29670 Orangelawn	\$151,000
47281 Bayview	\$310,000	28212 Maplewood	\$157,000	15521 Parklane	\$230,000
1649 Bennington	\$153,000	30945 Pardo	\$161,000	20034 Parkville	\$130,000
4136 Bridgeview	\$58,000	32537 Parklane	\$400,000	8817 Perrin	\$176,000
3982 Bruton	\$265,000	30732 Pierce	\$170,000	19614 Purlingbrook	\$179,000
48616 Castleside	\$453,000	30122 Rosslyn	\$240,000	19909 Rensellor	\$127,000
7695 Charrington	\$260,000	31967 Rosslyn	\$191,000	9927 Tecumseh	\$133,000
43866 Cherry Grove	\$235,000	28615 Rush	\$132,000	26415 W Seven Mile	\$53,000
2090 Cobra	\$244,000	33226 Sheridan	\$153,000	26922 W Chicago	\$136,000
1661 Copeland	\$228,000	6419 Sunset	\$133,000	19789 Wakendun	\$126,000
7446 Corbett	\$246,000	6443 Sunset	\$140,000	8924 Winston	\$141,000
3963 Cornerstone	\$46,000	27426 Windsor	\$133,000	18712 Woodworth	\$130,000
4011 Cornerstone	\$46,000				
39910 Coronation	\$200,000	33655 Elight Mile	\$93,000	29925 Ann Arbor	\$175,000
1681 Crestview	\$300,000	35099 Ann Arbor	\$185,000	31564 Ann Arbor	\$140,000
4196 Dartmouth	\$285,000	35982 Ann Arbor	\$105,000	8731 August	\$158,000
39426 Dorchester	\$338,000	12062 Arcola	\$137,000	29031 Badelt	\$157,000
1742 Emerald Pines	\$85,000	12159 Arcola	\$130,000	39931 Barchester	\$165,000
45445 Fieldstone	\$213,000	14998 Ardor	\$160,000	34248 Barton	\$175,000
48633 Fifth	\$343,000	9904 Berwick	\$190,000	34239 Beechnut	\$137,000
44229 Franciscan	\$232,000	9927 Berwick	\$260,000	33434 Bendon	\$76,000
41621 Greenwood	\$200,000	37974 Birch Run	\$113,000	30513 Birchwood	\$142,000
4779 Grove	\$160,000	10004 Blackburn	\$208,000	31274 Birchwood	\$124,000
2044 Hendrie	\$367,000	14337 Blackburn	\$230,000	34257 Birchwood	\$163,000
47011 Hidden River	\$365,000	14671 Blue Skies	\$189,000	33719 Blackfoot	\$144,000
2480 Hogan	\$225,000	19087 Boulder	\$150,000	32059 Cheboygan	\$82,000
4065 Kimberly	\$235,000	19088 Boulder	\$150,000	39293 Cheshire	\$174,000
2269 Knollwood	\$169,000	19675 Brentwood	\$240,000	1666 Daisey	\$223,000
41322 Londonderry	\$235,000	32934 Brookside	\$283,000	1088 Daniel	\$164,000
44660 Lowell	\$202,000	32937 Brookside	\$280,000	409 Daniel	\$164,000
2033 Mapton	\$271,000	32938 Brookside	\$283,000	2320 Deerfield	\$104,000
41160 Maplewood	\$234,000	32966 Brookside	\$393,000	2252 Delton	\$104,000
577 Meadowlake	\$217,000	28712 Buckingham	\$215,000	8214 Donna	\$168,000
1943 Morrison	\$214,000	14870 Cavelly	\$171,000	38567 Emerald	\$225,000
8086 Newbury	\$211,000	36661 Clarita	\$219,000	8131 Emerald	\$238,000
7168 Oakleaf	\$287,000	36982 Clarita	\$350,000	35810 Hazelwood	\$125,000
1195 Paddington	\$235,000	29959 Curtis	\$305,000	32635 Hivoley	\$150,000
7497 Pointe	\$183,000	20008 Deering	\$146,000	34002 Kennedy	\$158,000
44251 Postmill	\$194,000	38207 Donald	\$168,000	7750 Liberty	\$105,000
280 Roosevelt	\$244,000	17438 Doris	\$202,000	8200 Liberty	\$134,000
487 Roseland	\$212,000	16811 Fairfield	\$360,000	38521 Loruss	\$152,000
42309 Saratoga	\$206,000	14616 Fairway	\$190,000	34449 Marina	\$330,000
45229 Seabrook	\$360,000	16356 Fairway	\$237,000	7802 Moonwood	\$240,000
44033 Southampton	\$235,000	18291 Floral	\$142,000	38257 N Rickham	\$177,000
45934 Spinning Wheel	\$248,000	15399 Garden	\$215,000	38387 Oakwest	\$280,000
665 Suttan	\$225,000	37821 Grantland	\$207,000	34277 Parkgrove	\$271,000
43757 Sweet Cherry	\$251,000	29166 Grove	\$155,000	33240 Parkwood	\$141,000
43773 Sweet Cherry	\$228,000	28840 Hathaway	\$163,000	6505 Pembrook	\$178,000
43787 Sweet Cherry	\$237,000	33490 Hathaway	\$237,000	7770 Princeton	\$160,000
43793 Sweet Cherry	\$248,000	15736 Hunter Grove	\$262,000	7700 Rivergate	\$151,000
1464 Walnut Ridge	\$228,000	11033 Ingram	\$225,000	1251 S Sutton	\$170,000
40340 Winfield	\$198,000	12275 Inkster	\$140,000	38304 Saint Joe	\$150,000
47144 Woodlign	\$372,000	35812 Joy	\$165,000	33858 Sandwood	\$123,000
40389 Worthington	\$225,000	8935 Lathers	\$155,000	34731 Sansburn	\$105,000
		29438 Linda	\$177,000	1476 Selma	\$160,000
		27942 Lyndon	\$180,000	33466 Somerset	\$115,000
		37773 Margaretta	\$284,000	392 Summerfield	\$285,000
		16360 Marsha	\$318,000	34832 University	\$150,000
		9051 Lucerne	\$131,000	35244 University	\$120,000
		16698 Lola	\$158,000	7630 Yoodville	\$67,000
		8961 Lucerne	\$140,000	33812 Yuma	\$183,000

COLDWELL BANKER

SOLD

Coldwell Banker
All Real Estate
Changes are
made by the owner

DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE

PROFESSIONALISM. SATISFACTION. RESULTS.

View

Thousands of available homes in your area

On our website @ www.cbpreferred.com

PREFERRED, REALTORS

UNMISTAKABLE APPEAL The character & charm of this cape cod is evident the moment you enter the foyer. Open floor plan w/GR showcasing a gas fp. Spacious kit w/island, hwd, all appl. & breakfast room w/view of the lush landscaping. 1st floor master suite w/private bath & soaking tub plus 2 bds & loft. \$404,900 (P-148OV)

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE Brand new Pulte Braymore floor plan offering 1800 sq ft with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, FF laundry, family room w/irpic & recessed lighting, master suite w/cath ceiling & wic. Awaiting the chef is the kit w/oak cabs, designer clops, hwd floors & all appliances. Exceptional lot w/view of the pond & wooded commons in the back. \$239,900 (P-163AV)

CAPE COD ON 2.7 ACRES Lined with mature trees & wildlife. Hardwood floors, Anderson windows, daylight basement, great room w/fireplace, recessed lights, formal dining, a bonus room, luxury master and A rated Dexter schools. \$369,900 (P-529PR)

DECORATED TO PERFECTION Gorgeous North Livonia ranch with a super sized eat in kitchen w/all appliances, spacious living room, vinyl windows, 2.5 car garage, fenced yard w/patio, partly finished basement w/washer & dryer. Move in condition. \$169,900 (P-629MI)

SIMPLY SPLENDID This sparkling clean & neutral Canton colonial is sure to compliment any décor. Impressive 2-story foyer, well-appointed kitchen w/breakfast nook & oak cabinetry. Family room w/gas fireplace, a perfect spot to put your feet up & relax after a long day. Flex room can be used as either a formal living room or dining room. \$284,900 (P-243FA)

FAMILY FRIENDLY COLONIAL Located in New Hudson featuring approx. half an acre lot with beautiful gardens in a gorgeous country setting. Spacious floor plan, large deck and a pool for summer enjoyment. You'll love this one! \$269,900 (P-526BA)

SIMPLY EXQUISITE Magnificent lot backing to commons w/terrace deck, paver patio & phenomenal landscaping! Massive gourmet kitchen, sitting area w/2-way fireplace & glassed in nook. Formal dining w/bay, study, 3 car garage and much, much more. \$439,900 (C-180RO)

WONDERFUL COURT SETTING Beautiful colonial tastefully decorated throughout. Formal dining, hardwoods, family room fireplace, cathedral ceilings, 1st floor laundry and French doors to the tiered deck overlooking a pretty garden. A true beauty. \$425,000 (C-448ME)

EXCELLENT VALUE!! Pulte's Carlisle floor plan with 9' ceilings, 4 beds, 2.5 baths, a vaulted master w/private bath, full basement prepped for bath, fireplace, walking trails, toddler lot & wooded preserves in an up and coming area. Call now! \$225,000 (C-748RAV)

GENTLEMEN'S FARM Beautiful 5 bdrm Tudor w/10 acres. 2 masters, in-law quarters, study, generous use of hardwoods, stone & marble. Finished walkout, 3.5 car heated garage. Caretaker cottage/Horse barn. \$999,900 (C-408BA)

CORNER LOT RANCH Brand new doors, updated electrical & plumbing, extra insulation, new roof, updated bath, fenced yard, large eat in kitchen, large covered deck, hardwood floors, and a great location. \$159,900 (C-885CH)

AFFORDABLE QUALITY Cape cod built in '03 w/many extras. 1st fl. master w/luxury bath, custom kitchen w/maple & stone, dramatic entry, formal dining w/way ceiling, great room w/fireplace & 2-story windows, a bonus room & daylight basement. \$350,000 (C-888BU)

DREAM HOME Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a great room concept, full basement, attached garage, upgraded kitchen, deck, sprinklers and 1st floor laundry. Great area with Livonia Schools. \$219,900 (C-441LO)

SPACIOUS AND AFFORDABLE Nice 3 bedroom home with 1.5 baths, a large living room, bow window, large upper master, finished basement with lot of storage and a 2 car garage. Covered front porch to sit and enjoy. \$133,990 (C-876KJ)

OLD WORLD CHARM 5 bedroom bungalow with tons of potential in the heart of Dearborn. Features include 1.5 baths, newer water heater, windows and hardwood floors. Needs a little TLC. Great price. \$137,000 (C-511MA)

COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE Hard to find detached ranch condo in sought after sub. Walkout basement, premium lot, extensive use of crown moldings and classy touches throughout. Built in 2000. Nice. \$369,000 (C-077NO)

YOU CAN AFFORD To start building equity in this nice 3 bedroom bungalow with a 2 car garage. Hardwood floors under all the carpeting, newer cement work, roof and hot water heater. Call for more info. \$68,000 (P-249AS)

SPACIOUS UPDATED RANCH 3 bedrooms, 1 full bath recently remodeled. All new carpeting, updated paint, updated kitchen w/oak cabinets, newer vinyl windows, & large 1 car garage. Maintenance free exterior w/stone & vinyl & large yard. Can expand home if more space is needed, great starter home. \$175,900 (P-945GO)

COUNTRY SETTING Doll house on a hill with a wooded double lot. Great starter or retiree home. Lots of updates including the kitchen and bath. Neutrally decorated. Appliances remain. Call for more information. \$89,900 (P-478PI)

NEARLY NEW!! Built in 1995 with a natural fireplace, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, formal areas, skylights, family room w/studio ceiling, full finished basement, garage, 1st floor laundry, doorwall to tiered deck and an awesome kitchen. \$365,000 (P-885RO)

GREAT STARTER HOME Priced for quick sale! Bring your elbow grease to this great investment property or starter home. Price reflects work needed to be done. Seller can help with closing costs. \$64,900 (C-499RO)

GREAT STARTER HOME 3 bedroom bungalow w/large master bedroom, hardwood floors, 2 car garage, & a partially finished basement. Mature trees, 1 year home warranty offered. \$61,300 (P-020ST)

A LITTLE BIT OF "UP NORTH" Spectacular wooded site w/large mature trees on a dead end street. Beautifully remodeled Kitchen, newer furnace, HWH, windows, electrical, steel doors. 20x12 Deck for relaxing. Move in condition! \$174,900 (P-704WE)

BRICK BEAUTY Ready and waiting for its new owners! Brand new carpet, formal living room, nice kitchen w/ceramic floor & all appls including washer & dryer. Full finished bsmt w/rec room, gas fpic & second full bath adds to the square footage of this home. Newer windows, C/A, fresh paint & 1-1/2 car garage w/attached carport. Fantastic buy! \$114,900 (397WO)

NORTHVILLE/NOVI
(248) 305-6090

CANTON
(734) 392-6000

FARMINGTON
(248) 478-6022

WESTLAND/GARDEN CITY
(734) 392-6000

PLYMOUTH
(734) 459-6000

LIVONIA
(734) 425-6060

0000000211

Observer & Eccentric

Classified

HOMETOWNlife.com

0001-2450
Home & Service
Guide

6000-6980
Announcements

3000-3890
Real Estate
For Sale

7000-7780
Merchandise

3890-3980
Commercial
Industrial

7110-7130
Garage and
Moving Sale

4000-4980
Real Estate
Rent/Lease

7800-7980
Animals
Pets/Livestock

5000-5980
Employment
Instruction Services

8000-8780
Automotive
Recreational Vehicles

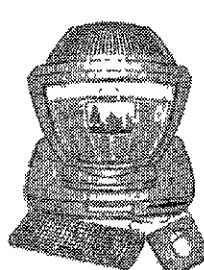
Place your ad toll free at
1-800-579-SELL



Walk-In Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Fax your ad: 734-953-2232

Publication Day
SUNDAY PAPER.....5:00PM Friday
THURSDAY PAPER.....5:30PM Tuesday

Deadline



Private Party Customers
Place your ad **ONLINE 24/7**
at **www.hometownlife.com**

The power of print and the internet

On-line at **www.hometownlife.com** • E-Mail Us: **oads@oe.hometownlife.com**

OBSERVER SALES OFFICE 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 • ECCENTRIC SALES OFFICE 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009

3000's
Real Estate

3000 ... Homes
3005 ... Open Houses
3010 ... Ann Arbor
3015 ... Auburn Hills
3020 ... Belle Isle & Van Buren
3025 ... Birmingham-Bloomfield
3030 ... Bloomfield
3035 ... Brighton
3040 ... Dearborn
3045 ... Dearborn Hgts
3050 ... Detroit
3055 ... Chelsea
3060 ... Dearborn
3065 ... Farmington
3070 ... Farmington
3075 ... Farmington
3080 ... Farmington
3085 ... Farmington
3090 ... Farmington
3095 ... Farmington
3100 ... Farmington
3105 ... Farmington
3110 ... Farmington
3115 ... Farmington
3120 ... Farmington
3125 ... Farmington
3130 ... Farmington
3135 ... Farmington
3140 ... Farmington
3145 ... Farmington
3150 ... Farmington
3155 ... Farmington
3160 ... Farmington
3165 ... Farmington
3170 ... Farmington
3175 ... Farmington
3180 ... Farmington
3185 ... Farmington
3190 ... Farmington
3195 ... Farmington
3200 ... Farmington
3205 ... Farmington
3210 ... Farmington
3215 ... Farmington
3220 ... Farmington
3225 ... Farmington
3230 ... Farmington
3235 ... Farmington
3240 ... Farmington
3245 ... Farmington
3250 ... Farmington
3255 ... Farmington
3260 ... Farmington
3265 ... Farmington
3270 ... Farmington
3275 ... Farmington
3280 ... Farmington
3285 ... Farmington
3290 ... Farmington
3295 ... Farmington
3300 ... Farmington
3305 ... Farmington
3310 ... Farmington
3315 ... Farmington
3320 ... Farmington
3325 ... Farmington
3330 ... Farmington
3335 ... Farmington
3340 ... Farmington
3345 ... Farmington
3350 ... Farmington
3355 ... Farmington
3360 ... Farmington
3365 ... Farmington
3370 ... Farmington
3375 ... Farmington
3380 ... Farmington
3385 ... Farmington
3390 ... Farmington
3395 ... Farmington
3400 ... Farmington

3405 ... Stockbridge-Undulla-Gregory
3410 ... Troy
3415 ... Union Lake
3420 ... Walled Lake
3425 ... Waterford
3430 ... Wayne
3435 ... Webberville
3440 ... West Bloomfield
3445 ... Westland
3450 ... White Lake
3455 ... Whitmore Lake
3460 ... Wixom
3465 ... Wixom
3470 ... Wixom
3475 ... Wixom
3480 ... Wixom
3485 ... Wixom
3490 ... Wixom
3495 ... Wixom
3500 ... Wixom
3505 ... Wixom
3510 ... Wixom
3515 ... Wixom
3520 ... Wixom
3525 ... Wixom
3530 ... Wixom
3535 ... Wixom
3540 ... Wixom
3545 ... Wixom
3550 ... Wixom
3555 ... Wixom
3560 ... Wixom
3565 ... Wixom
3570 ... Wixom
3575 ... Wixom
3580 ... Wixom
3585 ... Wixom
3590 ... Wixom
3595 ... Wixom
3600 ... Wixom
3605 ... Wixom
3610 ... Wixom
3615 ... Wixom
3620 ... Wixom
3625 ... Wixom
3630 ... Wixom
3635 ... Wixom
3640 ... Wixom
3645 ... Wixom
3650 ... Wixom
3655 ... Wixom
3660 ... Wixom
3665 ... Wixom
3670 ... Wixom
3675 ... Wixom
3680 ... Wixom
3685 ... Wixom
3690 ... Wixom
3695 ... Wixom
3700 ... Wixom
3705 ... Wixom
3710 ... Wixom
3715 ... Wixom
3720 ... Wixom
3725 ... Wixom
3730 ... Wixom
3735 ... Wixom
3740 ... Wixom
3745 ... Wixom
3750 ... Wixom
3755 ... Wixom
3760 ... Wixom
3765 ... Wixom
3770 ... Wixom
3775 ... Wixom
3780 ... Wixom
3785 ... Wixom
3790 ... Wixom
3795 ... Wixom
3800 ... Wixom
3805 ... Wixom
3810 ... Wixom
3815 ... Wixom
3820 ... Wixom
3825 ... Wixom
3830 ... Wixom
3835 ... Wixom
3840 ... Wixom
3845 ... Wixom
3850 ... Wixom
3855 ... Wixom
3860 ... Wixom
3865 ... Wixom
3870 ... Wixom
3875 ... Wixom
3880 ... Wixom
3885 ... Wixom
3890 ... Wixom
3895 ... Wixom
3900 ... Wixom

3900-3980
Commercial/Industrial

3900 ... Business Opportunities
3905 ... Business/Professional
3910 ... Building
3915 ... Commercial/Retail
3920 ... For Lease
3925 ... Income Property For Sale
3930 ... Industrial & Warehouse
3935 ... For Lease
3940 ... Land

3940 ... Industrial & Warehouse
3945 ... For Sale
3950 ... Office Business For Lease
3955 ... Office Space For Sale
3960 ... Commercial & Industrial
3965 ... For Lease
3970 ... Investment Property
3975 ... Land
3980 ... Land

1-800-579-SELL

3000-3890
Real Estate
For Sale

Homes **3000**

POLICY

All advertising published in the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers is subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card. Copies are available from the advertising department. (Observer and Eccentric Newspapers reserve the right not to accept an advertiser's order, Observer and Eccentric Newspapers sales representatives have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order. When more than one insertion of the same advertisement is ordered, no credit will be given unless notice of typographical or other errors is given in time for correction before the second insertion. Not responsible for omissions. Publisher's Notice: All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which states that it is illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination". This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal housing opportunity basis. (FR Doc. 724983 3-31-72) Classified ads may be placed according to the deadlines. Advertisers are responsible for reading their ad(s) the first time it appears and reporting any errors immediately. The Observer and Eccentric Newspapers will not issue credit for errors in ads after THE FIRST INCORRECT INSERTION. Equal Housing Opportunity Statement: We are pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the nation. We encourage and support an affirmative advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion or national origin. Equal Housing Opportunity slogan: "Equal Housing Opportunity". Table III - Illustration of Publisher's Notice.

Berkley **3047**

COMPLETELY UPDATED 1905'S BUNGALOW

Along Tree Line Blvd. 3 bdrms, 1 bath, new kitchen, 3.5 car detached garage w/ electricity, newly landscaped, hardwood floors, all appliances incl., unfinished bsmt MOVE RIGHT IN! \$229,000. (248) 544-2359

Bloomfield **3055**

SALE/RENT

Foxcroft first floor condo. 2 bdrm, 2 bath. Large storage. \$185,000. (248) 321-2720

"It's All About Results" Observer & Eccentric Classifieds

Canton **3080**

CANTON - GREAT PRICE

3 bdrms, 2 1/2 baths, one in master bdrm, oak kitchen, Pergo flooring, nicely done bsmt, huge deck, 2 car attached garage & more. Immediate occupancy \$218,000. CALL LORRAINE HAYES KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY (734) 459-4700

RENT 2 OWN. Land Contract.

Bad credit okay 3-4 bdrm, bsmt, garage, Canton Schools. Call: 888-856-7034

Farmington **3140**

There's Nothing Shabby About This Chic!

Vintage charm fuses with modern plan in this eclectic 3-story floor plan in emerging Farmington neighborhood. Near new Farmers Market downtown. 4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, 1800 sq. ft., 2 car garage, bsmt. Asking only \$229,900.

Buzz Madelyn Dillane @ REMERICA INTEGRITY, 16172 Middlebelt, Livonia 313-999-3999 for a look-see or email mdillane@twm.com for a virtual tour.

Farmington Hills **3145**

FOR SALE BY OWNER.

24319 El Marco. Fully renovated from 2001 to 2003. 4 bdrm, 2 bath, 2005 sq. ft., 2 car garage, fenced yard. \$295,500. By appt. 248-219-4742

CLASSIFIEDS

THAT WORK FOR YOU!

1-800-579-SELL

Farmington Hills **3145**

HAPPY NEW YEAR! JUST LISTED!

Gorgeous 4 bdrm., 2 1/2 bath 2,149 sq. ft. colonial on spectacular lot backing to woods. Features hardwood & ceramic floors, part finished bsmt, natural fireplace, 1st floor laundry & more! \$279,900

PRICE REDUCED!

3 bdrm., 2.5 bath Cape Cod is ready for you to move right in! Part finished bsmt, 1st floor laundry, newer roof, carpet, hot water heater, updated kitchen & more! Own for \$269,900/Lease for \$1,700/mo

CUL DE SAC LOT!

Beautiful 2.5 acre lot with 1.5 bdrms, 1.5 bath, 1191 sq. ft. plan, natural fireplace, part finished bsmt, master bdrm w/bath & more! \$283,900

CALL ROXANNE 248-470-3584

KELLER WILLIAMS FARMINGTON HILLS 248-553-0400

Garden City **3170**

ADORABLE

3 Bedroom ranch, remodeled kitchen, finished basement, garage, updates galore. \$139,900.

NICE 3 BEDROOM

Brick ranch, large kitchen, finished basement, gas Franklin stove, garage, deck, newer windows & doors, \$149,900.

BRIGHT & AIRY

3 Bedroom brick ranch, family room, remodeled kitchen & bath, finished basement, Main newer updates. \$169,900.

Century 21

CASTELLI

734-525-7900

Serving the area for 30 yrs

Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL (7355)

Oak Park **3385**

BAD CREDIT?

No Money Down Oak Park Bungalow Great family neighborhood 3 bedrooms, new kitchen, newer siding and roof 2 car garage Close to downtown Ferndale Immediate occupancy Call Randy 248-709-2244

Redford **3350**

CHARMING BUNGALOW

In nice Redford neighborhood 3 bdrm, 2 baths, garage, partially finished bsmt, lots of storage, 1140 sq. ft., lease or seller financing. \$129,900. 313-676-0446, ref # 20571122 at www.forsalebyowner.com

South Lyon **3400**

By Owner

4 BEDROOM COLONIAL

2 1/2 baths Large lot, Immed. occupancy. \$319,900 For an appt. (248) 446-0148

West Bloomfield **3440**

(NORTHWEST) 3-4 br, 3 bath

Flexible layout, 1900 sq. ft. Big 2 car garage. With deck which views private wooded preserve Below Market \$299,900. Agents Protected. Call 248-761-3467 no listings.

results.

Every Sunday and Thursday we bring buyers and sellers, employers and employees, landlords and tenants together. You can rely on us to deliver results. "It's All About Results" 1-800-579-SELL

Livingston County **3520**

GREEN OAK TWP.

Waiting Just for You! This adorable three bedroom home is just what you'll find it! Super large living room and great kitchen with dining area, first floor laundry room, newer carpeting in most rooms, new roof on home and two-car detached garage 1 yr home warranty provided. Please contact Made in Illinois or 2 Michigan 313-999-3999 or email mdillane@twm.com for a virtual tour

hometownlife.com

SEARCH THOUSANDS of homes online @

www.livingstonhomes.com 810-599-6471

Lakeland/Waterfront Homes **3580**

ROSCOMMON

358 ft. on AuSable River, beautiful 3 bdrm year-round with spectacular views! On paved, maintained road, privacy abounds. \$299,900. Gerry Beckman 800-944-3559 Re/Max of Higgins Lake

Condos **3720**

BIRMINGHAM First floor, end unit, 1 bdrm, 1 bath, 790 sq. ft. Newly remodeled. \$92,900. 248-705-8818

Bloomfield Hills - City of

Gorgeous condo 2 bdrm, 2 bath, den, dining room, living room, kitchen w/a nook 2 car attached garage, model condition. Overlooking park-like setting. 1835 sq. ft. \$349,000 or lease. Michael @586-929-6055, Killarney Realty. 1280 US 12.

Condos **3720**

PLYMOUTH Senior condo, for sale or rent 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath, finished bsmt, 2 carports, All appliances, Bradbury Court (Joy Haggerty) No agents please. 734-422-8126

WESTLAND - Warren Road & Central City location. Pool-side 2 bdrm, 915 sq. ft. upper, large walk-in in master bdrm, new Pergo floor in kitchen, updated bath, incl kitchen appliances, new full size washer/dryer, new hot water heater, carpet, great cond. Immediate occupancy. Must see! \$89,900. Call for appt. 734-525-2629

Duplexes & Townhouses **3730**

ROCHESTER HILLS

Avalon Hills Cooperative 2 bdrm bsmt, 1 1/2 car, investment for people on fixed income \$30,000, 248-421-2561

Pictures Can Make A Difference!

1-800-579-SELL (7355)

Observer & Eccentric Classifieds

IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THIS. Observer & Eccentric Classifieds!

CLOSE OUT SALE! ON THE POND CONDOMINIUMS.

33835 W. 8 Mile Road, Livonia Just west of Farmington Road 1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Homes

Only few 1, 2 & 3 BR left. Updated kitchen & baths. Brand new carpet and appliances. In unit laundry, private entrance, clubhouse, tennis court and swimming pool. Open weekdays 11-6, weekends 1-4.

For appointments call

RE/MAX 100

Muhammad Saleem

248-348-3000

Manufactured Homes **3740**

GREAT DEALS!

BRAND NEW!

1178 sq. ft. 3 bed, 2 bath. Deluxe GE appliances. **ONLY \$29,900**

• Pre-Owned, Immed. Occ. 1178 sq. ft. 3 bed, 2 bath, appl & C/A **ONLY \$27,900**

• 929 sq. ft. w 8x24 tag 2 bed, 2 bath, appl., C/A & deck **REDUCED TO \$13,500**

• Multi-sectional 3 bed, 2 bath, appl, fireplace, C/A, master bath w/jacuzzi & shed. **ONLY \$59,000**

Now Schools QUALITY HOMES

HIGHLAND HILLS ESTATES

on Saway Rd. w of Grand River (248) 474-0320

3900-3980
Commercial/Industrial

3900 ... Business Opportunities
3905 ... Business/Professional
3910 ... Building
3915 ... Commercial/Retail
3920 ... For Lease
3925 ... Income Property For Sale
3930 ... Industrial & Warehouse
3935 ... For Lease
3940 ... Land

3940 ... Industrial & Warehouse
3945 ... For Sale
3950 ... Office Business For Lease
3955 ... Office Space For Sale
3960 ... Commercial & Industrial
3965 ... For Lease
3970 ... Investment Property
3975 ... Land
3980 ... Land

1-800-579-SELL

So...they want you to find a carpenter to repair the front of the building (where the cement truck drove through, trying to pour the new driveway), and the boss's favorite little pooch needs to be boarded for the weekend, you need some temp help...and you need it all now! Easy... just look in the Observer & Eccentric Classifieds for everything you need.

IT'S ALL ABOUT RESULTS!

Observer & Eccentric

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Berkley **3047**

COMPLETELY UPDATED 1905'S BUNGALOW

Along Tree Line Blvd. 3 bdrms, 1 bath, new kitchen, 3.5 car detached garage w/ electricity, newly landscaped, hardwood floors, all appliances incl., unfinished bsmt MOVE RIGHT IN! \$229,000. (248) 544-2359

Bloomfield **3055**

SALE/RENT

Foxcroft first floor condo. 2 bdrm, 2 bath. Large storage. \$185,000. (248) 321-2720

"It's All About Results" Observer & Eccentric Classifieds

THAT WORK FOR YOU!
1-800-579-SELL

Call to place your ad at
1-800-579-SELL (7355)


"It's All About
Results!"
1-800-579-SELL

like setting. 1835 sq. ft.
\$349,000 or lease.
Michael @586-929-6055.
Killarney Realty. 1280 US 12.

RE/MAX 100
Muhammad Salem
248-348-3000

THE OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC MORTGAGE MONITOR

		30 Yr.	Pts.	15 Yr.	Pts.	Other			30 Yr.	Pts.	15 Yr.	Pts.	Other
1st Choice Mortgage Lending	(734) 459-8722	5.875	0	5.375	0	J/A	GMAC Mortgage Corp.	(800) 868-4822	5.625	3	5.375	1	J/A/V/F
1st National Bank in Howell	(517) 545-2207	6	2	5.5	2	J/A	Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 991-9922	5.5	1.75	5	1.875	J/A/V/F
A Best Financial Corp.	(800) 838-8916	5.375	2.125	4.875	2	J/A	Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 784-1074	5.875	0.25	5.5	0.125	J/A/V/F
AAXA Discount Mortgage	(877) 728-3569	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A	Group One Mortgage	(734) 953-4000	6	0	5.625	0	J/A/V/F
AFI Financial	(877) 234-3500	5.375	0.375	5.375	0.125	J/A	Home Finance of America	(800) 358-5626	5.75	0	5.375	0	J/A
America's Premiere Mortgage	(800) 585-8730	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A/V/F	Horizon Financial Group	(866) 538-7887	5.625	2	5.125	2	J/A
Ameritrust Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-3323	5.875	0.25	5.5	0.25	J/A	JMC Mortgage Corp.	(248) 489-4020	5.825	3	5	2	J/A
Bay Pointe Mortgage Corp.	(248) 652-3598	NR	NR	NR	NR	J/A/V	Keystone Mortgage	(866) 539-3733	5.5	2	5.25	1.5	J/A
Brighton Commerce Bank	(510) 220-5640	5.875	0	5.375	1	J/A	LaSalle Bank Midwest	(800) 486-3600	5.675	2	5.5	2	J/A/V/F
Brinks Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 785-4755	5.375	1.875	5	1.625	J/A/V/F	Lira Financial	(588) 228-0900	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A/V/F
Capital Mortgage Funding	(248) 589-7253	6	1.5	5.375	2.25	J/A/V	Macomb Schools & Gov. Ctr.	(586) 253-8800	5	0	5.625	0	J/A
Captiva Group Mortgage Co.	(248) 682-8643	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A	Mainstreet Mortgage	(800) 900-1313	5.875	0	5.625	0	J/A/V/F
Centerbrook Mortgage	(248) 851-4456	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A	Manufacturers	(586) 777-1000	5.75	1	6.375	1	J/A
Charter One Bank	(800) 342-5336	6.375	0	6	0	J/A/V/F	Mortgages by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	5.75	0.375	5.25	0.75	J/A/V/F
Client Services by Golden Rule	(800) 589-5805	5.625	1	5.125	5	J/A/V/F	National City Bank	(526) 820-0825	5.75	0	5.25	2	J/A
Co-op Services Credit Union	(734) 466-6113	5.875	2	5.625	2	J	Northlawn Financial	(248) 988-8488	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A/V/F
Community Bank of Dearborn	(734) 981-0022	5.125	0	5.75	0	J/A	Pathway Financial LLC	(800) 726-2274	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A/V
Credit Union One	(800) 544-5567	6.25	0	5.875	0	J/A	Peoples Mortgage	(800) 730-5087	5.75	0.375	5.5	0.125	J/A
Dearborn Fed. Savings Bank	(313) 565-2100	6.125	0	5.75	0	J	Premiere Mortgage Funding	(248) 356-2800	6	0	5.75	0	J/A
DFCU Financial	(800) 739-2770	5.875	2	5.375	2	J/A	Prime Financial Group	(248) 203-7010	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A/V/F
EFREI.com	www.EFREI.com	5.875	1	5.5	1	R	Secure Mortgage	(800) 679-8663	5.375	3	4.375	3	J/A/V/F
Fifth Third Bank	(800) 792-8830	6.125	0.375	5.75	0.125	J/V/F	Sterling Bank & Trust	(800) 926-5626	6.125	0	5.75	0	J/F
First Alliance Mortgage Co.	(800) 282-1251	6.125	0	5.75	0	J/A/V/F	United Mortgage Group	(506) 206-8800	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A
First International Mortgage	(248) 258-1584	5.875	0	5.375	0	J/A	York Financial Inc.	(888) 839-9675	6	0	5.625	0	J/A

Above Information available as of 11/27/05 and subject to change at anytime. Rates are based on \$150,000 loan with 20% down. Jumbo rates, ARM rates, specific payment calculations and most current rates available Fridays after 2:00 P.M. at www.rmcreport.com. All participating lenders are Equal Housing Lenders.  Key to "Other" Column - J = Jumbo, A = Arms, V = VA, F = FHA, R = Reverse Mtg. and NR = Not Reported. © Copyright 2005 Residential Mortgage Consultants, Inc., All Rights Reserved

Observer & Eccentric



Real Estate

HOMETOWN/life.com

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

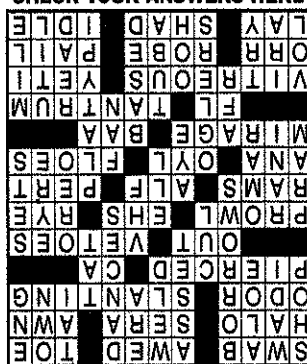
ACROSS

- 1 Clean the deck
- 5 Deeply impressed
- 9 One of 10
- 12 Bright ring
- 13 Inoculants
- 14 Grass beard
- 15 Bloodhound's clue
- 16 Inclined
- 18 Like many ears
- 20 West Coast st.
- 21 Loophole
- 22 Nullifies (2 wds.)
- 26 Lurk
- 29 Codgers' queries
- 30 Blended whiskey
- 31 Prow projections
- 32 Sitcom alien
- 33 Fresh
- 34 Wheel buy (2 wds.)
- 35 Popeye's sweetie

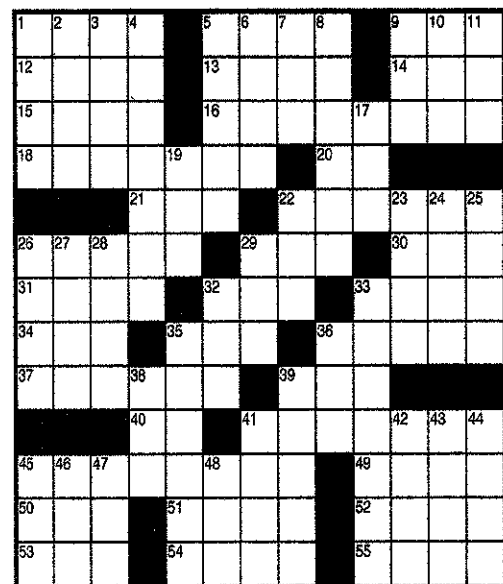
DOWN

- 36 Polar bear perches
- 37 Unreal image
- 39 Cote sound
- 40 Gulf st.
- 41 Kid's snit
- 45 Glasslike
- 49 Himalayan legend
- 50 Bobby — of the NHL
- 51 After-bath wear
- 52 Water holder
- 53 Install tile
- 54 Upstream spawner
- 55 On strike

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE



12-29 © 2005 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.



Compliments of the MCAR

Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors

Manufactured Homes 3740

HANDYMAN SPECIAL!

24 x 56, 3 bed,
2 bath, appliances
Only \$15,900

16 x 68, 2 bed, 2 bath
Only \$7,900
In Canton

QUALITY HOMES
at Sherwood Village
Village - Westland Schools
on the southeast corner of Michigan Ave. & Haggerty Rd.
(734) 397-7774

Northern Property 3790

JUST LISTED!

SHANTY CREEK CONDO
Furnished quartershare,
(13 weeks/year), 2 bdrm.,
3 bath Condo on 18th green
of Legends Golf Course.
Fireplace, 3 decks, all appli-
ances. Beach Club
\$27,500 (SH583EB)
ED BARTER
(248) 763-0120
www.EdBarter.com
CENTURY 21 TODAY
28544 Orchard Lake Rd.,
Farmington Hills

Florida Homes/Properties 3805

**ST. ARMANDS KEYS, SARA-
SOTA** 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car
attach, 1 blk. off St Armand
Circle, short walk to beaches
\$890,000. 248-535-7121 or
248-391-1765.
Email: bentlage@sbcglobal.net

**LIVE OR INVEST
IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**

Joanne LaFleur (239) 634-0982
David Sprieder (239) 691-0157
FortMyersAreaProperty.com
davidsprieder.com

SELLSTATE ADVANTAGE REALTY NETWORK, INC.

Lots & Acreage/Vacant 3820

WESTLAND HALF LOT for
sale S of 8383 Ravine Dr 50
ft wide x 185 ft. deep. \$2000.
734-699-9062

Real Estate Wanted 3870

I BUY HOUSES
Any area, condition or price.
Close quickly.
24/7 call 248-232-6336

Cemetery Lots 3880

**OAK HILL MEMORIAL GAR-
DENS** 2 plots, Lot #107B, in
Serrano on the Mount area.
\$1000 ea. Call 231-258-9303

It's all here!

Look in your

**Observer & Eccentric
CLASSIFIEDS**

**...It's all
about
results!**

**To Place An
Ad Call:**

800-579-SELL

Fax:
734-953-2232

www.hometownlife.com

4000's Real Estate For Lease

4000... Apartments/Unfurnished
4010... Apartments/Furnished
4020... Condos/Townhouses
4030... Duplexes
4040... Flats
4050... Homes For Rent
4060... Lakefront/Waterfront
Homes Rental
4080... Mobile Homes Rentals
4090... Southern Rentals
4100... Time Share Rentals
4110... Vacation Resort/Rentals
4120... Living Quarters To Share
4140... Rooms For Rent

4200... Halls/Buildings
4210... Residence To Exchange
4230... Commercial/Industrial
4300... Garage/Mini Storage
4400... Wanted To Rent
4410... Wanted To Rent
Resort Property
4500... Furniture Rental
4520... Rental Agency
4530... Property Management
4550... Lease/Option To Buy
4580... House Sitting Service
4620... Home Health Care
4640... Misc. To Rent

1-800-579-SELL

4000-4980 Real Estate For Lease

4000... Apartments/Unfurnished
4010... Apartments/Furnished
4020... Condos/Townhouses
4030... Duplexes
4040... Flats
4050... Homes For Rent
4060... Lakefront/Waterfront
Homes Rental
4080... Mobile Homes Rentals
4090... Southern Rentals
4100... Time Share Rentals
4110... Vacation Resort/Rentals
4120... Living Quarters To Share
4140... Rooms For Rent

BIRMINGHAM 1 MONTH FREE

To Qualified Applicants
Studios and 1 & 2 bedrooms
available in town Birmingham
at the 555 Building.
Call Jessica (248) 645-1191

BIRMINGHAM

Easy access to Woodward
and Downtown
2 Bedroom, large closets,
spacious living/dining
room Remodeled
kitchen & baths.
Must see to appreciate.
From \$850/mo;
\$500 Security Deposit
(248) 645-2999
For Appointment

BIRMINGHAM

Short term leases available on
1 & 2 bdrm. apts. Call for info.
248-642-9000

Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL (7355)

Apartments/Unfurnished 4000

CANTON BRAND NEW

Unique Terrace, Carriage
House, Townhome, and
Theatre Flat floor plans.
Garages and fireplaces
available. Includes full size
washer and dryer and 9ft.
ceilings. 1, 2, & 3 bdrms
in the superb Cherry Hill
Village location.
Call 688-656-7767 or
visit online:
uptownapts.com

Dearborn Heights

CAMBRIDGE APARTMENTS

**1 MONTH
FREE PLUS
\$50 OFF 6
MONTHS
RENT.**
Selected Units Only
**Free Heat
(313) 274-4765**
www.yorkcommunities.com
Equal Housing Opportunity

FARMINGTON HILLS

1 bdrm. 1/2 Month Free!

Spacious 1 & 2 bdrm. Laundry
in unit. Water & carport incl.
\$575-\$690. (586) 254-9511

FARMINGTON HILLS

30310 Timberidge Circle

N. of 8 Mile on Tuck,
between Middlebelt
and Orchard Lake
**1 Bedroom - \$575
2 Bedroom - \$665**
Immediate Occupancy

CALL (248) 478-1487

Reduced Rental Rates (For a limited time only)

Fully Equipped Kitchen
Large 4x6' Storage Room
Carports Available
On-Site Laundry Facilities
Swimming Pool
Basketball Court

When seeking out the best deal check out the Observer & Eccentric Classifieds! 1-800-579-7355

Find it here!

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC CLASSIFIED

1-800-579-SELL

www.hometownlife.com

THE APARTMENT SPECIALISTS

Isn't It About Time You Got Your Own Place?

Westland
Parkcrest Apts. Designed with ROOMMATES in MIND! Across from Meijers
Livonia Schools
(734) 522-3013

Plymouth
Carriage House Move-In Special! FREE HEAT - Ph 1 CENTRAL AIR - Ph 2 Corner of Haggerty & Joy
(734) 425-0930

Wilderness SPACIOUS!! 2 Bdrms, 1000 sq. ft. CARPORTS/ POOL WASHER & DRYER inside unit
Livonia Schools
(734) 425-5731

Garden City Move-In Special! Central Air Near Westland mall
Luna Apts.
(734) 425-0930

Take advantage of one of these great specials today!

Village Apts. FREE HEAT! HUGE Bathrooms Bordering Westland
(734) 425-0930

734-451-5210
www.esleasing.com

"A Fresh Approach to Mortgage Lending"

WORLD CLASS FINANCIAL

BUYING A HOME SHOULD BE A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

Let me help you with your financing. I have over 15 years experience in the mortgage business. If you're thinking of buying a home, call me today for a free, no obligation, Pre-Approval. I offer a variety of Mortgage Products, including "ZERO DOWN"

DENISE MOUL
734-744-1010 OFFICE
313-530-3430 CELL

Use your mouse to find your house. Real Estate at **www.hometownlife.com**

Fair Housing Your Right, Our Business

As members of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, the METROPOLITAN CONSOLIDATED ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, and the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, we are committed to support of the Fair Housing Act and other Fair Housing Compliance programs.

Our REALTORS® have led the housing industry in promoting fair housing and are committed to opening the door of your choice.

FAIR HOUSING OPENS DOORS
REALTORS ARE THE KEY

ATTENTION Classified Advertisers!

EARLY DEADLINES

Check Out These Early Holiday Deadlines!
Your Advertising Is Important To Us -
We Don't Want To Leave Anyone's Ad Out Of The Paper.

Sunday, December 25 Publication	Thursday, December 29 Publication (Delivered Wednesday)	Sunday, January 1 Publication
Real Estate Display.....Wed. Dec., 21- 5 pm	Real Estate Display.....Fri., Dec. 23- 3 pm	Real Estate Display.....Wed., Dec. 28- 5 pm
Auto Display.....Thurs., Dec. 22- 6 pm	Auto Display.....Tues., Dec. 27- Noon	Auto Display.....Thurs., Dec. 29- 6 pm
Recruitment Display...Thurs., Dec. 22- 6 pm	Recruitment Display...Tues., Dec. 27- 3 pm	Recruitment Display...Thurs., Dec. 29- 6 pm
Liner Ad.....Fri., Dec. 23- Noon	Liner Ad.....Tues., Dec. 27- 6 pm	Liner Ad.....Fri., Dec. 30- Noon

Observer & Eccentric
Place your ad toll free at **1-800-579-SELL**
Fax your ad: 734-953-2232

Private Party Customers
Place your ad ONLINE 24/7 at **HOMETOWN/life.com**
The power of print and internet

On-line at www.hometownlife.com • E-Mail Us: oeads@oe.homecomm.net

Observer Sales Office 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150
Eccentric Sales Office 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009

APARTMENTS AVAILABLE

• Your Weekly Guide to Apartment Living •

BIRMINGHAM

Live in a lovely downtown apartment!

Birmingham Gardens

- Furnished and Unfurnished
- 1 Bedroom Apartments
- Close to restaurants, theater & shopping
- Cozy & Absolutely Clean!

(313) 806-2727

CANTON

GREYBERRY APARTMENTS
Wayne - Westland - Canton

2 Bedroom
920 Square Foot Apts.
Washer & Dryer and
Window Treatments
In Every Unit

**Now offering
Rent Specials and
\$100 Security Deposit!**

Located N. of Michigan Ave and East off Hannan Road

734-326-1530

CANTON

**Absolutely
The Best Deal
In Town!**

Heat & Water Included!

JUST REDUCED RATES ON A 12 MONTH LEASE
1 Bedroom starts at \$475 - \$495
2 Bedrooms start at \$575 - \$595
Limited time only. Restrictions may apply.

Call for Specials (734) 981-3891
villagesquire123@yahoo.com
Village Squire Apartments
Monday - Friday 9-5:30pm • Saturday 10-5pm • Sunday 12-5pm
5955 Edinburg • Canton, MI 48187 • EHO

CANTON

**'\$299' MOVE IN
SPECIAL**

**WINDSOR WOODS
APARTMENTS**

- Large 1 & 2 bedroom
- Open Floor Plan
- Tons of Storage
- Carports
- Pool
- Excellent Location!

734-459-1310
*With approved credit

CANTON

**CINNAMON
POINTE**
APARTMENTS & TOWNHOMES

Brand New 2 BR/2 Bath Apartment
from \$1097-\$999
Brand New 3 BR/2 Bath Apartment
from \$1299
Limited Edition 2 BR/2 1/2 bath Townhome
from \$1429-\$1279

**Receive
\$1200 in
CinnaMONEY
towards rent**

734-844-1100 or visit www.cinnamonpointe.com
Located at the NW corner of Cherry Hill at Lotz
NOW LEASING PHASE 2!
* Good for new leases minimum 12 month terms

CLAWSON

**Looking for
the
Purrfect
Place?**

Luxury Townhouse
447 N. ROCHESTER ROAD
2 bedroom,
1 1/2 bath, fireplace, air,
full basement with hookups.
We absolutely adore pets!

\$820
(248) 354-9119 Ext 206

CLAWSON

**Partial to pets?
So are we!**

526-C 14 MILE ROAD
Luxurious 2 bedroom townhouse with fireplace,
central air, hook-ups for washer & dryer.
\$780
Please bring your pets -

248-354-9119 x.206

FARMINGTON HILLS

Super location
STONERIDGE MANOR APARTMENTS
Enter off Freedom Road, West of Orchard Lake, South of Grand River

Deluxe 1 Bedroom Sub-Level from \$500/Mo.

Includes:
Carpeting, vertical blinds, deluxe appliances

Rental Office: 248/478-1437

FERNDALE

Royal Oak Towers

SPECIAL!
1 Month FREE WITH AD
AD good until
January 1, 2006

55+ Senior Community
Includes Free Heat, Water, Electricity!

Call or visit us today!
(248) 542-0882 • 20800 Wyoming

KEEGO HARBOR

**Bloomfield Lakes
Apartment**

Large Studio, 1 & 2 bedroom Apartments
in small quiet complex, next to park.
West Bloomfield Schools.

Rents from \$550
includes water.

Furnished apartments also available.

248-681-8309

NOVI

NOVI RIDGE

- We C.A.T.E.R. our residents!
- 24 hour fitness center
- Conveniently located to shopping,
dining & freeway access

1 Bedroom from \$635
2 Bedroom from \$699
2 Bedroom Townhouse from \$795
3 Bedroom Townhouse from \$895

25640 Chipmunk Trail • Novi, MI 48575
248-549-8200 • www.noviridge.com
*Certain restrictions apply. - Select apartments

NOVI & WESTLAND

**Fountain Park
APARTMENTS**

**UP TO \$2000 IN
FREE RENT!**

2 Locations • Washer/Dryer • Private Entry

NOVI
On Grand River, next to Main St.
866-365-9239

WESTLAND
Newburgh S. of Joy
866-365-9238

fountainparkapartments.com
When you lease...expect it!

OXFORD

WELCOME HOME

Free Heat
Free Air-conditioning
Extra Storage Area
Emergency Call System

Barrier Free Apartments
Carports Available
Elegant Community Room
On-Site Laundry Facilities

Social Events
Close to Shopping
On-Site Management
On-Site Beauty Salon

For more information, call (248) 628-7676 or stop by for a tour!
Hope Senior Apartments • Age 62 or Better!
210 West Drahn Road • Oxford, MI 48371
TDD 1-800-649-3777 • lockwoodcompanies.com

PONTIAC

**Stop, Look
& Lease**

1 & 2 Bedrooms
Ranging from
\$599 to \$649
\$99 Security Deposit
January Rent
\$99*

**WOODLAKE HILLS
APARTMENTS**
248-253-1777
1301 WOODLAKE LANE
PONTIAC, MI 48340
(OFF BALDWIN 1/4 MILE S. OF
GREAT LAKES CROSSING)
OE08400521

*Private Entrance
*Central Air
*Washer & Dryer Hook-Ups
*INCOME RESTRICTIONS

REDFORD

Cozy Complex

1 Bedroom • \$585
2 bedroom, One Bath • \$655
1/2 Off 1st Month's Rent!

Fill out application at time of 1st visit
and we will waive the application fee!

Includes water, C/A, secured entrances, park-like setting.
Near Joy/Inkster.

(313) 937-3319

ROYAL OAK

BRING YOUR PETS!

115 AMELIA
2 huge bedrooms, lots of closets, approximately 1550
sq. ft. + full basement, 1 1/2 baths, formal dining room,
fireplace, central air, hookups for washer & dryer.
Extra deep backyard. Pets ARE welcome! \$1200/mo.
248-354-9119 Ext 206

ROYAL OAK

ROOM FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
3535 Kent Court
2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath
luxury townhouse
with fireplace,
air, basement
with hookups.
\$820
We Love Pets!
248-354-9119
extension 206

ROYAL OAK

Luxury Townhomes
2700 Rochester Road
3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath
townhouse with fireplace,
air, full basement
with hookups and
We Adore pets!
\$1050
(248) 354-9119, ext 206

Observer & Eccentric



Apartments

HOMETOWNlife.com

FARMINGTON HILLS
Free HEAT this winter!
AND FREE RENT
Spacious 1 & 2 bdrms
Starting at \$745.
248-553-0240

Farmington Hills
HAPPINESS IS...
Moving into a cozy,
1 bedroom apt, with
REDUCED RENT &
SECURITY DEPOSIT
Carport & water included
Starting at \$545
CEDARBROOK APTS.
248-478-0322

Farmington Hills
HO! HO! HO!
All the way
to the bank!
\$469 - 1 bdrm., paid water
& major portion of heat.
Small pet okay
Call (248) 615-8920

FARMINGTON HILLS
Mobile homes, 1 & 2 bed-
room, appliances. No pets
From: \$400/month - 8 Mile
/Merriman. 248-477-2080

FARMINGTON HILLS: Angie
Apts. Heat Included! 1 bed-
room \$485. Appliances, car-
peting. 9 Mile/ Middlebelt
248-478-7439

Farmington Hills
WALNUT CREEK
WINTER SPECIAL!
REDECORATED COMPLEX
(On Site Manager)
700 + sq. ft. 1 bdrm only
Low Security Deposit
STARTING AT \$545/Mo.
Call: (248) 981-2753

FARMINGTON PLAZA APTS.
ASK ABOUT OUR SPECIALS!
Deluxe 1 bedroom - \$600.
Includes heat & water
(248) 478-8722

FIVE, Five, Five.
ONE MONTH FREE
To Qualified Applicants.
Studios, 1 & 2 bedrooms
available in town Birmingham.
555 S. Old Woodward.
Call Jessica (248) 645-1191

A word to the wise,
when looking for a
great deal check the
Observer & Eccentric
Classifieds!

KEEGO HARBOR
2 bdrm Cass Lakefront.
Immaculate, heat incl., free
month. \$895. (248) 770-7067

LIVONIA
FAIRFIELD ARMS
14950 FAIRFIELD
\$99 moves you in!
2 bdrm
\$50 off 1st year's lease
734-516-0539
*on approved credit

LYON TWP. 2 br., 1.5 bath,
patio, 1150sq.ft., \$750/\$825+
\$500 security (248) 640-7531

MADISON HGTS.
Clean 1 & 2 bed apts.
\$565 - \$665/mo.
\$0 Security deposit and
1 month free w/approved
13-month lease
Call **248-585-5077**
www.royalmadisonapt.com

OAK PARK NORTH LINCOLNBRIAR APARTMENTS
• 2 bedroom 1.5 bath
to 1160 sq. ft.
• 3 bedroom 1.5 bath 1380
sq. ft. + full basement
FROM \$795
FREE GAS HEAT!
(248) 968-4792
Come See Our Renovated
Kitchens
Ask about our move-in
Specials

Plymouth
ONE MONTH FREE
Rent starting
at \$575
FREE HEAT & WATER
Newly Upgraded
1 & 2 Bedrooms
Plymouth Manor
Plymouth House
Close to downtown
Plymouth!
734-455-3880
www.yorkcommunities.com
Equal Housing Opportunity

Plymouth
Spacious 1 bdrm. Apts.
13 x 18 living room
Heat & water incl.,
all appliances.
Quiet courtyard, view,
assigned parking. 1 year lease.
Non-smoking. \$630/ mo.
ASK ABOUT OUR SPECIALS.
734-453-0885

Plymouth - Upper 2 bdrm,
recently renovated. Storage,
private street, available now.
\$700/mo. 517-548-9792

Plymouth 1 bdrm Duplex
Stove, fridge, carpet & blinds.
\$550/mo. Also 2 bdrm \$650
w/heat. Lease 734-455-0391

Plymouth
1st Month FREE!
• 1 Bedroom \$627/mo.
• private entrance/patio
• washer/dryer hook-ups
• inside storage, central air
• pets welcome
• single story, ranch-style
apartments
• minutes from Hines Park
PRINCETON COURT
734-459-6640. EHO.

Plymouth Move in special!
2 bdrm, 1 bath, washer/dryer,
c/a, carport, patio, \$690/mo.
(734) 516-5086

Plymouth Square Apts.
50% OFF
FIRST 3 MONTHS RENT
1 & 2 bedroom, central air,
pool. From \$580.
734-455-6570

Plymouth Winter Special.
- Now only \$775 2 bdrm, 2
bath. Perfect for roommates.
Laundry in unit. Dishwasher,
C/A. In town near everything.
734-455-4169.

Plymouth - Free heat
through March! Beautiful 2
bdrm, water, c/a, washer/dryer.
\$675/mo. (248) 661-4518

REDFORD 9904 Riverdale, 3
Bdrm, ranch on fenced corner
lot. Finished bsmt., \$119,900.
248-421-1355
Majestic Realty LLC.com4

South Lyon - MEADOWS OF
SOUTH LYON townhouse
style apts. 2 & 3 bdrm, laun-
dry, free cable. Starting at
\$750 per mo. 248-767-4207

Southfield
Affordable! Great Location!
What more could you ask for?
Enjoy the comfort and
convenience you deserve in
our spacious one bedroom
homes. Just one minute from
I-696, I-96, M-10 (The Lodge)
and Southfield Freeway, you
will enjoy all the wonderful
things that Metro Detroit has
to offer. Come visit your new
home today! Features:
• Water included
• Fully equipped kitchens
• On Site laundry
• Close to shopping, dining
• Carport included
• 24 hour emergency
maintenance.
One Bedrooms, \$595
Directions: From I-696, exit
Greenfield North to 11 Mile
Rd. Go west on 11 Mile and
we are one half mile down on
the left. By apt. only.
248-557-1582, 586-754-7816
Professionally managed by
First Holding Corporation

TROY'S NICEST - 1 Bdrm apt.
Incl full size washer/dryer,
carport, C/A, dishwasher,
pergo/carpeting, vertical
blinds, balcony & pool, incl
heat & water \$745 No pets.
Specials 248-398-0960

Walled Lake
\$599* MOVES YOU IN!
• 2 Bdrm, 1 1/2 bath
TOWNHOMES or
• 1 Bdrm
• Walled Lake schools,
large closets, and
ample parking
Open 7 days a week
(248) 624-6806
*some restrictions apply

WEST BLOOMFIELD Clean,
quiet, renovated 1 bdrm. Non-
smoking. Lake access. \$450-
\$600/mo 248-245-5393

Westland
\$99 DEPOSIT
1 MONTH FREE RENT
+ \$50 OFF 6 MONTHS RENT
1st VISIT ONLY
*SELECT UNITS ONLY
VENOY PINES APARTMENTS
NEWLY RENOVATED
KITCHENS & BATHS
- 1 & 2 bedroom apts.
- some with fireplace
- Clubhouse
(734) 261-7394
www.yorkcommunities.com
Equal Housing Opportunity

Westland
ONE MONTH FREE
Plus Rent A
2 Bedroom For
The Price Of A
1 Bedroom
Call for details.
ORCHARDS OF NEWBURGH
• Larger Apartments
• 1 & 2 Bedroom plans
• Playground Area
• Pool & Clubhouse
• Carport included
(734) 729-5090
www.yorkcommunities.com
Equal Housing Opportunity

Westland & WAYNE
Free heat, water, gas. 1 & 2
bdrm apts. 1 bdrm \$535, 2
bdrm \$595/mo. 734-326-2770

WESTLAND CAPRI
WINTER SPECIAL
FIRST MONTH RENT FREE
California Style Apts.
• 1 bedroom from \$565
• Water included
• Cathedral ceilings
• Balconies
• Carport
• Fully carpeted
• Vertical blinds
• Great location to malls
• Livonia school system
(734) 261-5410

FREE, FREE, FREE!
Free rent until Jan.
31, 2006. No applica-
tion fee with this ad.
Immediate occupa-
cy available. (734) 455-7100

Westland
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
1st MONTH FREE
at WESTERN HILLS
FREE HEAT!
FREE RENT!
FREE WATER
\$349
MOVES YOU IN!
1 Bdrm. \$489
2 bdrm. \$559
6 Month Lease Avail.
(734) 729-6520
Mon-Fri 8-5pm,
Sat & Sun 10-2
* CONDITIONS APPLY

Westland
KEEP THAT INCOME TAX REFUND IN YOUR POCKET!
1 & 2 Bedrooms PAY NO
RENT until February 2006
NO APPLICATION FEE
\$99.00 MOVES YOU IN
(734) 729-4020

Westland
1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments
• Private Entry • Full Size Washer & Dryer
• Studio & One Bedroom
• Small Pets Welcome • Water Included
Call today for details & pricing info!
248-348-1830
www.cedarlakeapartments.com
*On Select Units

Westland
\$200 MOVES YOU IN!
1 MONTH FREE*
Rent Same Day - Hurry! Call Today!
Cedar Lake Apartments in Northville
Located on 6 Mile between Haggerty and Northville Roads, 2 miles west of I-275
1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments
2 Bedroom Townhomes!
• Private Entry • Full Size Washer & Dryer
• Studio & One Bedroom
• Small Pets Welcome • Water Included
Call today for details & pricing info!
248-348-1830
www.cedarlakeapartments.com
*On Select Units

HOLIDAY SPECIAL!

FORDHAM GREEN APARTMENTS
1, 2 & 3 Bedroom
Apartments & Townhomes
5600 Fordham Circle
Canton, MI 48187
(734) 981-3700
fordham.green@homeproperties.com

Heat & Gas Included
Pets Welcome
Small Dogs and Cats

1 to 2 Months FREE* on Select Floor plans
\$0 Security Deposit*
*Some restrictions apply

CANTON
SPACIOUS 1 & 2 BEDROOM

- Washer/Dryer hook-up
- Self-cleaning oven
- Vertical Blinds
- Swimming Pool
- New Fitness Center
- Pets Welcome
- Furnished Apts. Available

Cherry Hill
I-275
Lotz
Ask about our Winter Specials!
Autumn Ridge APARTMENTS
Cherry Hill at I-275
734-397-1080
Call Today For An Appointment!

Westland
ONE MONTH FREE
Plus Rent A
2 Bedroom For
The Price Of A
1 Bedroom
Call for details.
ORCHARDS OF NEWBURGH
• Larger Apartments
• 1 & 2 Bedroom plans
• Playground Area
• Pool & Clubhouse
• Carport included
(734) 729-5090
www.yorkcommunities.com
Equal Housing Opportunity

Westland
KEEP THAT INCOME TAX REFUND IN YOUR POCKET!
1 & 2 Bedrooms PAY NO
RENT until February 2006
NO APPLICATION FEE
\$99.00 MOVES YOU IN
(734) 729-4020

Westland
1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments
• Private Entry • Full Size Washer & Dryer
• Studio & One Bedroom
• Small Pets Welcome • Water Included
Call today for details & pricing info!
248-348-1830
www.cedarlakeapartments.com
*On Select Units

Westland
\$200 MOVES YOU IN!
1 MONTH FREE*
Rent Same Day - Hurry! Call Today!
Cedar Lake Apartments in Northville
Located on 6 Mile between Haggerty and Northville Roads, 2 miles west of I-275
1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments
2 Bedroom Townhomes!
• Private Entry • Full Size Washer & Dryer
• Studio & One Bedroom
• Small Pets Welcome • Water Included
Call today for details & pricing info!
248-348-1830
www.cedarlakeapartments.com
*On Select Units

Westland
KEEP THAT INCOME TAX REFUND IN YOUR POCKET!
1 & 2 Bedrooms PAY NO
RENT until February 2006
NO APPLICATION FEE
\$99.00 MOVES YOU IN
(734) 729-4020

Westland
1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments
• Private Entry • Full Size Washer & Dryer
• Studio & One Bedroom
• Small Pets Welcome • Water Included
Call today for details & pricing info!
248-348-1830
www.cedarlakeapartments.com
*On Select Units

APARTMENTS AVAILABLE

• Your Weekly Guide to Apartment Living •

ROYAL OAK

2205 STARR ROAD
2 bedroom, 1 bath luxury
townhouse with fireplace, air,
full basement with hookups.
Nice backyard
\$780
We ♥ PETS!
CALL 248.354.9119 x206

SOUTHFIELD

We're **BIG** on Square Feet
1, 2 & 3 Bedroom
Apartments & Town Homes
From \$815
• Heat, water, carport included • Pet Policy
• Night Gatekeeper • Heated Pool
• Private Balcony • Short Term Leases
• Close to Birmingham, Shopping, and Freeways
Country Corner
30300 Southfield Road
Located on Southfield • Between 12 & 13 Mile Roads
248-647-6100
Accredited Residential Manager

WAYNE

TAE KEUK VILLAGE
KOREAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY HOUSING SERVICES, INC.
3712 WILLIAMS ST. WAYNE, MI 48184
Phone: 734-729-7920, 729-3432
Fax: 734-729-0938
Efficiency Units Available Right Now!!
• Section 8 apartments for the elderly and disabled
• Studio & One Bedroom
• Applicant must be either at least 62 years of age
or disabled
• Emergency Medical Call System
• Rent includes Heat and Water
Professionally managed by Midwest Management, Inc.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

THORNBERRY APARTMENTS
COME HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS
FEATURING...
• West Bloomfield Location
• Luxurious Renovations
• Private entrances
• Private garages
• In-home, full-size washer/dryer
• 24-hour fitness center
• Beautiful Community Room
Call for details
(888) 206-4709
TTY: (800) 988-1523
5600 Bentley Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
info@thorntberryapartments.com
www.thorntberryapartments.com
Professionally Managed By
FOURMIDABLE

WESTLAND

Westland Estates
“WOW”
\$99 total move-in!
No fine print in this ad!
Heat/Water included • \$25.00 Application Fee
New Resident's Only
1 bedroom - 700 sq. ft. from \$565
2 bedroom - 900 sq. ft. from \$655
2 bedroom plus - 1000 sq. ft. from \$680
734-722-4700

WESTLAND

WESTLAND PARK APARTMENTS
\$199 moves you in
(1st Month \$100 • Security Deposit \$99)
2nd Month FREE RENT
2 Bedroom, 1.5 bath, 936 sq. ft. \$650
1 Bedroom, 728 sq. ft. \$575
Heat/Water included
Very clean apartments • Excellent maintenance • Central air
Intercom • Appliances include dishwasher and more • No pets
(734) 729-6636
(New residents only with approved credit. 1 year lease.)

WESTLAND

WE WILL PAY FOR YOUR MOVE!!!!
RIDGEWOOD APARTMENT HOMES
6470 Yale Ave. • Westland, MI 48185
• Private Entrance • Satisfaction Guarantee
• On-Site Laundry Facility • Service Request Guarantee
• Single Story Design • Large Pets Welcome
MOVE IN TODAY AND WE WILL PAY FOR THE MOVERS
WHILE YOU ENJOY A MASSAGE OR A NIGHT OUT ON US!!
CALL TODAY!! 734-728-6969
Office Hours Tues.-Fri. 10-5; Sat. 9-1
equityapartments.com

Do you have Vacant Apartments?
Then you need to advertise your community and fill up those empty apartments!
This page is a great way to let future tenants know where you are and what you offer.
Call today for a great rate...
1-800-579-7355

Observer & Eccentric



Apartment

HOMETOWNlife.com

Condos/Townhouses 4020

BIRMINGHAM RENTAL SPECIALISTS

Edgewood Court North - Grant at Davis. Not a Condo, luxury Townhouse Rentals. Live in style without the commitment of ownership. Spacious, updated 2 bed/1.5 bath with private patio, full basement, hardwood flooring, covered parking. Short distance to downtown & shopping. \$1080 per mo. + heat. Just ask Alice

Edgewood Court - 14 Mile between Pierce and Greenfield. Beautiful kitchens highlight these updated 2 bed, 1 bath townhouses with covered parking. \$995

All have central A/C, 1 cat OK w/fee. EHO

Offered by the Benelick Group
248-642-8886

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 2 bdrm, 2 bath, lakefront, renovated, \$990/mo., heat included. 248-891-1918 or 248-891-4203

COMMERCIAL Brand new 2 bdrm, both master suites, 2.5 bath, 2 car attached, fireplace, private patio & entrance, appliances. \$1,250/mo. Call (248) 212-4555

FARMINGTON 32718 Grand River Unit C-31, River Glen Condo, Sharp 2 bedroom End Unit 1st floor with Park View, all appliances, common basement area, \$775 a month. Heat & Water inc. RE/MAX Classic Dave Reardon 734-432-1010

hometownlife.com

NORTHVILLE Near downtown, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 1200 sq. ft. All appl incl Vaulted ceiling, pool. \$1000. 248-797-3888

Condos/Townhouses 4020

SOUTHFIELD TOWNHOUSE/CONDO 2 bdrm., 2.5 baths, full bsmt, 2 car garage. 1800 sq ft., no pets. 1 1/2 month sec deposit. 248-555-9110

Duplexes 4080

Belleville 2 bdrm Hwd floors, updated Kitchen w/ appliances, new vinyl windows, new blinds, bsmt w/washer & dryer hookup & possible 3rd bedroom. \$615/mo., \$900 sec dep. 2 units avail now, pets negotiable Call Tina 734-416-8736

CANTON 3 bdrm., 1.5 bath, Appliances. No pets. Ford/Sheldon area. \$865/mo. Call 248-514-0585

REDFORD 2 bedroom, 1 bath, basement, new kitchen, new carpet, stove, refrigerator, central air. No pets. \$750/mo, \$1000 dep. Garage available. 248-790-7848

Westland - 2 bedroom. Full basement. Clean & neat. Quiet neighborhood. Immediate occupancy. From \$645/month. Call Jamie: 734-721-8111

WESTLAND-Norwayne 3 Bdrm., 1.5 bath, immo. occupancy. \$630/mo + util., \$1675 to move-in. (734) 326-7184

Flats 4040

DETROIT-7 Mile/Telegraph Clean 2 Bdrm lower, lg. Kitchen/living room. Enclosed porch, furnished. \$550/mo + utilities & sec. (313) 937-1064

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP 2 bdrm lower flat. Available immediately. \$695/mo. 248-735-5464

When seeking out the best deal check out the Observer & Eccentric Classifieds! 1-800-579-7355

Flats 4040

PLYMOUTH- DOWNTOWN 1 bdrm. lower flat. Hwd floors, updated Kitchen with all appliances, central air, full bsmt w/washer & dryer, 1 car garage, plenty of storage space. \$675/mo., \$1000 sec dep. 1 year lease. Pets nego. Call Tina 734-416-8736

WESTLAND/CANTON 1 bdrm, finished bsmt, lg. deck, appliance, utilities, cable TV & more. \$600, 734-722-8590

Homes For Rent 4050

BAD CREDIT? YOU CAN STILL BUY A HOME WITH SO DOWN IN ANY AREA

Short term employment OK. Randy Lessen, METRO FINANCE 248-709-2244 metrofinance.net

BIRMINGHAM - DOWNTOWN Totally remodeled 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath. Finished bsmt. Attached garage, wood floors, all appliances, fenced deck area. \$2200. 248-258-6688

BIRMINGHAM-3 Bdrm., 2 1/2 bath, fireplace, hardwoods, all appliances, 99 renovation. \$51 Oakland. 248-644-3147

BLOOMFIELD 4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath Executive Ranch, LK privilege, Birmingham Schools, \$2450. ShareNet Realty 248-642-1620

SHARONET Well-maintained, 4 bdrm, 2 bath Ranch, fireplace, garage. \$2150/mo. ShareNet Realty 248-642-1620

CANTON - We have new homes for rent. Pets welcome. Call Sandy at Sun Homes for details at: 888-304-8941 Skyline/Clayton Retailer

COMMERCIAL 5 bdrm, 2 car garage. \$1395/mo. Also 3 bdrm avail. \$1295 Both brick homes on lg wooded lots. Option to buy. 248-613-3752

Homes For Rent 4050

DEARBORN HEIGHTS 6198 Maybourn 3 bdrm brick ranch. 1 car garage, fenced. Avail. immediately. \$895. SHOWING: Sunday @4pm Wednesday @6PM. Call: 248-703-5870. 248-647-9726

DEARBORN HTS. Remodeled 3 bdrm, nice backyard, immediate occupancy, option to buy avail \$600. 248-788-1823

FARMINGTON HILLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, partial bsmt, close to N. Farmington, newly renovated, 2 car attached garage, nice yard. \$1700/mo. plus deposit. 248-851-7077

FARMINGTON HILLS 3 Mile & Grand River 2 bdrm ranch. Attached garage, bsmt, new windows, hardwood floors \$825+ deposit. References. 248-348-0066

FREE RENT! New homes for rent 1 month free and \$100 off FIRST 6 months. All appliances and a/c included. Pets Welcome 888-304-0078 College Park Estates 51074 Mott Rd. Canton MI 48188 (Between Geddes & Mich Ave. off Ridge Road). "on select homes Skyline/Clayton Retailer"

GARDEN CITY Gorgeous 3 bedroom home with finished basement, new appliances. \$1050/month. 248-342-2271

GARDEN CITY 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, 2.5 car garage \$1175/mo. plus \$175 security. (734) 564-1010

GARDEN CITY Newly remodeled, 2 bdrm home, 1 car garage, \$850/mo. (313) 350-5227

Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)

Homes For Rent 4050

INKSTER 3 bdrm brick ranch, garage, dining room, \$800; 3 bdrm ranch, bsmt, \$600. Option on both. 248-788-1823

LEASE TO OWN HOMES Brused credit OK. Awesome locations incl Plymouth & W. Dearborn. No bank qualifying. Small down. 313-505-3600

LIVONIA 3 bdrm ranch, 2 car garage, freshly remodeled. Fenced. Option to buy on LC. \$1000/mo 313-805-8309

LIVONIA 3 bdrm, brick ranch, 2 bath, Livonia schools, lg. garage, hardwood \$1085/mo., avail. Jan. 15, 810-923-9057

LIVONIA Home 2 Bdrms, bath, 2 garage, Central air. All appliances included fenced corner lot available mid January. \$1000 mo/dep/posit References. 734-821-8156

LIVONIA Schools, 3 bdrm, 2 car. Fully renovated, all new. No pets. \$1100 mo, 2 yrs \$1050 mo. 248-569-4751

NOVI 3 Bdrm, with option to buy, 1.5 bath, 1800 sq. ft., newly remodeled home with large lot, w/large deck off rear of home. Walked Lk. access. Novi school district. \$1300/mo. (313) 574-3918

NOVI 3 bdrm., lg kitchen, dishwasher, ceiling fan, bsmt., washer & dryer. Huge 2 car garage. 4 min. from 12 Oaks & 696. \$850. 248-701-1677

OAK PARK Cute & remodeled 2 bdrm ranch, immediate occupancy. Option to buy avail. \$550. 248-788-1823

PICKNEY Immediate Occupancy! Clean 1600 sq ft. house on 10 acres. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, laundry room, all appliances, clean/dry basement, Pickney Schools, 5320 Patterson Lake Rd. \$1075 760-598-6000

PLYMOUTH New 2 bdrm, screened porch, fireplace, air washer/dryer. Garage. Quiet No pets. \$800. 248-444-0896

Homes For Rent 4050

REDFORD - 3 bdrm ranch, bsmt, 1 1/2 bath, new floors, fenced yard & more! \$820/mo. 313-531-2402

Redford 19435 Poinciana Sharp 2 Bedroom. Basement. Garage. Large Lot \$700 mo 248-476-6498

REDFORD 3 bdrm, 1 bath. Fenced yard. Appliances. \$850 mo. + security. 248-217-2117

REDFORD 3 bdrm, fresh paint Bsmt, garage, fenced. Clean! Sec. 8 OK. \$930 mo. 1-1/2 mo sec. 734-397-8074

REDFORD 5 & Beech. 3 bdrm. New paint, carpet, windows, bath. No pets. \$800 mo. + security. 734-717-4510

ROMULUS Sharp 3 bedroom, basement, 2 car garage, family room. Option to buy available. \$850. 248-788-1823.

TAYLOR 5 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath colonial, 2 car garage, option to buy available, \$1550/month. Agent. (248) 980-5151.

TAYLOR Sharp 3 bdrm brick ranch, bsmt, attached 2 car garage, formal dining 2 baths. Option. \$850. 248-788-1823.

WATERFORD - Traditional 3 bdrm bungalow, appliances, C/A, bsmt, garage, \$775. ShareNet Realty 248-642-1620

WEST BLOOMFIELD 4467 APPLE VALLEY. Newly remodeled 2700 sq. ft. 4 bdrm., 2.5 bath, family room, fireplace, appliances 2.5 car attached garage, deck. C/A 313-920-5968. 248-593-0064.

WEST BLOOMFIELD 2115 Lawndale, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2200 sq. ft. ranch, fireplace, wood floors. Walnut Lake priv., \$1250, 1.5 mo. sec. Added Value Realty (248) 787-REAL www.AddedValueRealty.com

Homes For Rent 4050

WEST BLOOMFIELD - 5 bdrm, 2 bath, all appliances, hardwood floors, 2 car garage. Birmingham Schools. Lake privileges. \$1545/mo. 248-593-8737

WESTLAND 2 bdrm., carpeted, 2 car garage, gas heat, laundry room, \$775/mo+ security, utilities. 734-453-2032

WESTLAND 3 Bdrm duplex. Nice, clean, carpet, fenced. Avail. now. \$895 monthly. 313-418-9005

WESTLAND 3 bdrm in a nice family area, extra clean, bsmt, garage, air, appliances, washer/dryer, screened in porch. \$1075/mo. (248) 982-4210

WESTLAND 3 bdrm ranch w/ bsmt, garage. 6811 Mohican. \$1150 mo. + security. 734-341-1010

WESTLAND 3 bdrm, finished bsmt, garage, washer & dryer. \$1000/mo., \$1000 security. Avail. Feb. 1, (734) 728-0292

WESTLAND AREA Merriman/Warren. 3 bdrm bungalow. Air, fenced, very clean. \$950 mo. 734-536-8976

WESTLAND-BAD CREDIT OK! Rent to Own. 38249 N. Jean 3 bdrm, bsmt, 2.5 car Appliances \$1200/mo. 734-306-2006

WHY JUST RENT? WHY NOT OWN! No Bank Qualifications "PICK YOUR OWN HOME!" Or stop Foreclosure!!

MARKETPLACE HOMES, LLC (734) 277-1782 karen@marketplacehomes.com

A word to the wise, when looking for a great deal check the Observer & Eccentric Classifieds!

Mobile Home Rentals 4070

CANTON We have new homes for rent. Pets welcome. Call Sandy at Sun Homes for details at: 888-304-8941 Skyline/Clayton Retailer

Southern Rentals 4090

JENSEN BEACH FLA Ocean front condo. Corner unit, 4th floor. 2 bdrm, 2 bath. Avail. for Jan 06, \$2700/mo. (248) 698-4134

Living Quarters To Share 4120

PLYMOUTH - Share kitchen/bath, utilities incl., cable TV/Internet. \$350/mo. (734) 646-1135

PLYMOUTH - Gorgeous home, \$420/mo includes utilities. Storage avail. Lots of amenities. 734-262-5500 anytime.

WESTLAND 3 bdrm., 1.5 bath condo to share, utilities incl. \$400/mo. + \$400 sec. (352) 430-8506 leave mess.

Rooms For Rent 4140

LIVONIA Joy & Merriman. Full house privileges. Garage, private bath, laundry. Utilities incl. \$500/mo. 734-513-9690

NORTHVILLE or PLYMOUTH Downtown. 1st week with full deposit. Furnished sleeping rooms. Newly decorated. \$80 weekly. Security deposit. (248) 305-9944

REDFORD AREA Gentleman preferred. Clean quiet home. \$120/week. \$185 to move in. 313-534-0109

TRIPLE A DELUXE MOTEL A/C, Jacuzzi in rooms, maid service, HBO. Low daily/wkly rates. Tel-96 Inn 313-535-4100 Royal Inn 248-544-1575 Fairlane 248-347-9999 Relax Inn 734-595-9990

Office/Retail Space For Rent/Lease 4220

Buckingham Office Park Middlebelt Rd., N/ of I-96. Campus setting. Great Parking. Private Entrances. 575 - 7,200 sq. ft. CMS (248) 549-0900

Farmington Hills Office space On Orchard Lake Rd, N/13 Mile. \$13 sq. ft. gross. (248) 408-1710

FARMINGTON HILLS Premier sleep clinic suite in medical building on Orchard Lake Road, 3000 sq. ft., ideal layout on ground floor with interior & exterior entrances. Available early 2006 or sooner. (248) 352-9770

Livonia - 5 Mile/Farmington 1 & 2 room windowed offices, utilities included. 734-422-2321

NOVI - OFFICE SUITE 440 sq. ft. 9 Mile & Novi Road area. Utilities incl. \$475/mo. 248-349-0260 ext 202

SHARE OFFICE expense in 500 sq. ft. office suite in Plymouth with design professional. Below rate. (734) 459-9702

Lease/Option To Buy 4580

CANTON 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 car attached. Gorgeous! Won't last long. \$1595/\$7500 negotiable. 248-921-2432

Pictures Can Make A Difference

1-800-579-SELL(7355)
Observer & Eccentric

Observer & Eccentric



Employment

HOMETOWNlife.com

5000's Jobs and Careers

5000 Help Wanted-General
5010 Help Wanted-Computer/Info Systems
5020 Help Wanted-Office Clerical
5030 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
5040 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
5050 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
5060 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
5070 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
5080 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
5090 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
5100 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
5110 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
5120 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
5130 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
5140 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
5150 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
5160 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
5170 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
5180 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
5190 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness
5200 Help Wanted-Health & Fitness

1-800-579-SELL

5000-5980

Help Wanted-General 5000

POLICY

All ads being published in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers are subject to the conditions stated in the applicable rate card (Copies are available from the advertising department, Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 (734) 591-0900.) The Observer and Eccentric Newspapers reserves the right to not accept an advertiser's order, Observer and Eccentric Newspapers sales representatives have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order. When more than one insertion of the same advertisement is ordered, no credit will be given unless notice of typographical error is given in time for correction before the second insertion. Not responsible for omissions. Publisher's Notice: All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which states that it is illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal housing opportunity basis. (FR Doc. 72-4983 3-31-72) Classified ads may be placed according to the deadlines. Advertisers are responsible for reading their ad(s) the first time it appears and reporting any errors immediately. The Observer and Eccentric Newspapers will not issue credit for errors in ads after THE FIRST INCORRECT INSERTION. Equal Housing Opportunity Statement: We are pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the nation. We encourage and support an affirmative advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion or national origin. Equal Housing Opportunity slogan: "Equal Housing Opportunity" Table III - Illustration of Publisher's Notice.

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

Seeking a friendly, accommodating individual with strong customer service, computer & problem solving skills for Commissions Processing. Candidates should be well organized & detail oriented. Minimum 2-year degree, Bachelor's preferred. Accounting experience a plus. Please send qualified resumes to:

Real Estate One
Attn: Accounting Position
25800 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 100
Southfield, MI 48075
Fax (248) 293-5966

No Phone Calls Please

hometownlife.com

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Large property management company located in Farmington Hills needs a high energy individual to handle varied administrative duties in busy office. Email to: jobs@edwardroose.com or mail to Accounting Manager, P.O. Box 9154 Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9154 or fax to 248-539-2135.

ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTER/DESIGNERS

Full/Part-Time, Freelance. (734) 459-9702

Associates Local co. must fill at least 21 openings by Jan. 5th. \$17.25 base/appt. Flexible schedules, sales/service, conditions apply, must be 18+.

Call: (248) 426-4405 (248) 674-1193

AUTO ACCESSORY INSTALLER NEEDED

Must have exp. with alarms & remote starters. Laidos Auto Glass, 734-453-2599.

AUTO ACCESSORY STORE INSTALLERS

• Experienced only • In these departments • REMOTE STARTERS • WINDOW TINT • ACCESSORIES • CUSTOM PAINT • SALES PERSON •

Redford 313-475-9158

Help Wanted-General 5000

AUTOMOTIVE POSITIONS: ASE Certified Car/Truck Techs, Drivability Tech, Benefits Fax Attn. Jay 734-422-8106 Email jay_ustre@hotmail.com

CARPENTER/HANDYMAN

For building co. Must have own tools & truck Must be reliable 248-552-9292 (8-5p)

CC LATHE OPERATOR

Major Automotive Tool Supplier seeking CC Lathe Operator with strong setup and programming skills. Prefer exp. in Mill/Spindle. Competitive wages and full benefits. Mail Resume to: Hr. Dept. 30500 Ryan Rd Warren 48092, or fax 588-573-7472

CHILD CARE TRANSITIONAL PRE-SCHOOL ASSISTANT TEACHER

Learn While You Earn! The Learning Tree offers employees an Education reimbursement program, on-site training along with a 401K Retirement Plan Medical/Dental/Benefits Paid Vacation/Holidays, and Personal Days. Raise Reviews BiYearly Bonus Program Call 734-261-1951 or apply in person.

COLLECTOR Farmington Hills Law Firm seeks professional, full time, experienced collectors who are enthusiastic, enjoy collecting and learning, and working on a team in a competitive environment. Skip tracing & C.L.S. exp. is a plus. Email resume w/salary history to: MIComLaw@aol.com

CUSTOMER SERVICE REP

Wixom, MI - Customer Service exp. preferred. High level of customer communication, data entry, delivery coordination and resolution & retention of customer accounts. Email: diwienks@rockwellmold.com or Fax: 248-960-9119

Delivery Driver - Bakery

Epoch Events artisan bakery in Novi has immediate need for Full-Time Delivery Driver for 8:30am-2:30pm shift. \$9-\$9.50/hr. Valid driver license required. Duties include packaging of breads & local deliveries in company van. Applications available on-line at: www.epochrestaurantgroup.com Fax application or resume to: 248-735-6016 Call 248-735-6010 x301 or email resume to hr@epochrestaurantgroup.com

Direct Care: Positions available working with people in their homes; competitive pay & benefits; all shifts; paid training, great people, meaningful work. 734-728-4201

Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)

AUTO TECHNICIANS

CRESTWOOD DODGE (734) 421-5700

AUTO BODY WORK/PAINTING

Flexible hours. Must provide equipment and facility. Fleet of 12 cars in Farmington. Call 248-478-9007

Call to place your ad at 1-800-579-SELL(7355)

AUTO TECHNICIANS

CRESTWOOD DODGE (734) 421-5700

Automotive Light Service Tech

\$400 to \$500 per week with benefits. Apply Novi Motive, 21530 Novi Rd., between 8 & 9 Mile Rds 248-349-0290

Help Wanted-General 5000

DRIVER - Non-profit needs part time drivers for pickup and delivery of food. Chauffeur license/ excellent driving record req. Fax resume to 248-350-9928 or email to: kgoodel@forgottenharvest.org

DRIVER, ON-CALL PART TIME

Retirees welcome! Send resume to: Century Sun, 50168 Pontiac Trail, Unit 8 Wixom, MI 48393

DRIVERS

Trucking company looking for Semi and Train Drivers w/ dump experience only. Call Mon-Fri, 9am-4:30pm (734) 455-4036

FOR MORE JOB LISTINGS AT

careerbuilder.com

GET PAID TO WAVE!

Temporary day time opportunity. Must be outgoing and energetic. No exp. necessary. Call: (313)-522-4377

GRAPHIC ARTIST

To design restaurant menus \$10/hr. Full time, paid vacation. Exp. in MS Publisher a must. Exp. Corel Draw or other design programs a plus. (248) 352-4510

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Full/part time, Freelance. (734) 459-9702

HANDYMAN - (M/F)

Looking for worker exp. in handyman type services, carpentry, drywall, plumbing, electrical, tile. 248-489-6555, 313-868-1711

Hotel seeks:

Front Desk & Sales Manager Exp. Preferred. Apply in person. Holiday Inn Express 3950 S. Lotz Rd., Canton.

HOUSEKEEPER

Bestzak Properties, the leader in Class A+, multi-family homes has an opening for an in-house housekeeper. This position requires a keen sense of detail and quality in the presentation of the clubhouse, model's and available apartment homes. We offer an excellent hourly rate, bonus program, health & dental insurance, vacation and sick days, 401K program, company sponsored training and a positive working environment, with or without an apartment. Fax your resume to Bill @ 248-661-0994.

HVAC SERVICE TECH & INSTALLERS

For new construction 5 yrs. minimum exp. Top pay & benefits. Call 248-348-4800

INSULATION INSTALLERS & TRAINERS

Full benefits. Established company. Apply at: 28265 Beverly Rd., Romulus.

JANITORIAL - Office Cleaning, Wixom area. Part-time evening hrs. \$8.00/hr. Call (248)960-1718

JANITORS/CLEANERS

\$8.00/Hour. P/T, M-F, 5:00pm-9:00pm. PLYMOUTH (

Century 21

Town & Country

Preview Hundreds of SUNDAY OPEN HOUSES
Throughout the Week at
www.Century21Town-Country.com

Printable Feature Pages ■ Color Photos, Multiple Views ■ Directions and More

Take Your Search for a New Home to the Next Level.



ROMULUS Great Looking House
This 3 bedroom tri-level has many updates, large yard, open kitchen, freshly painted, 2 car garage with newer door. Appliances, deck and home warranty.

(E06HAL) 734-455-5600 \$134,000



DEARBORN Facing Beautiful Woods
1 bedroom, 1 bath condo in high rise with newer carpet in living room and bedroom. Freshly painted throughout. Lots of storage space.

(E00GAR) 734-455-5600 \$83,500



GARDEN CITY Move Right In!
In 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 \$145,500



NORTHVILLE Condo Living At Its Best
Meticulous 3 BR, 3.1 BA condo in desirable CCV. This home boasts a first floor suite, open floor plan, oversized loft. It's one of the only 8 W/O's in community. All finished and ready for your holiday entertaining. FFL.

(E54OAK) 248-349-5600 \$349,900



LIVONIA Newer Brick Colonial
Gorgeous 3 BR, 2.5 BA home on lg lot. Nicely landscaped. Custom kit w/Corian counters, sink, Delta faucet, wood windows new '05 roof, doorwall, turn, painted T/O. Deck, frpic, sprinklers, bsmt & att garage.

(E56NOR) 248-349-5600 \$279,900



DETROIT Remodeled Gem
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath bungalow offers newer eat-in kitchen, bath, furnace, C/A, windows, 2 car garage, roof and updated electric. Appliances stay + 1 year home warranty.

(E34PEM) 734-455-5600 \$74,990



PLYMOUTH Perfection Plus
Premium lot w/perfect floor plan. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/3 car attached garage, fireplace in LR, open dual staircase, basement, huge bedrooms w/plenty of closet space, elegant custom awnings.

(E77FOX) 734-455-5600 \$434,900



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 cabinets + 2 car garage, finished basement, patio & pond in private yard.

(E62HUR) 734-455-5600 \$110,000



REDFORD Exceptional Brick Home
3 BR, 2 BA ranch w/library or 4th BR. 4 car garage. Finished basement w/partial kitchen. Hardwood floors. Eat-in kitchen. Newer wood burner for energy saving. Large fenced yard on cul-de-sac. Newer deck, gorgeous.

(E61BRA) 248-349-5600 \$189,500



BRIGHTON Front Porch Memories
Start here! Picturesque w/approx 1.15 acre lot. This tastefully decorated & spacious home is just what you're looking for! Great fir plan w/3 bedrooms, 2 baths, FR, lg kitchen area. Many updates. All apples & warr.

(E09OLY) 248-349-5600 \$229,900



DEARBORN This Could Be Yours
Extremely clean and ready to go. This charming 3 bedroom colonial offers new in 2005 roof, furnace, A/C, steel doors & block windows. Recently painted, newer carpet and kitchen floor, basement and garage.

(E35WAV) 734-455-5600 \$155,000



DEARBORN HGTS Move In Condition
On this 3 BR ranch w/2.5 car gar, Dearborn HGTS Dist 7 area, across from city park! Updated kitchen w/ceramic countertop, Pergo floor & more remodeled bath, newer furnace, C/A & HWH. Huge LR for entertaining.

(E75WED) 734-455-5600 \$113,900



CANTON Sunflower Village
This attractive home offers 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, numerous updates incl roof, windows, furnace, carpet, deck & the list goes on. Also 2 car attached garage, basement, FR w/frpic, formal DR & large eat-in kitchen.

(E72CLA) 734-455-5600 \$240,000



GARDEN CITY Tree-Lined Streets!
3 BR ranch lg LR w/Andersen bay window. Refaced w/oak cab doors, pull-out, B-I dishwasher & stove incl. Cozy FR w/Andersen d-wall to patio. 90%+ turn, C/A & ceiling. Heated 2.5 car gar w/openr. 1 yr warr.

(E37BRO) 248-349-5600 \$134,900



COMMERCE Builders Model Closeouts
Best quality materials used, Andersen windows, walkout living room and family room. Huge master with 2 walk-ins, island kitchen, crown moldings, library, 3 car garage and much more.

(E19PHI) 248-349-5600 \$431,900



WESTLAND Beautiful Brick Ranch!
Living room has newer carpet, painted decor. Cheerful kit w/ceramic tile, oak cabs & apples incl. Refin hwd flr in BR, fin bsmt for FR, exercise area & new bath in '05. Vinyl windows, paver patio & 2.5 car gar.

(E12MOC) 734-455-5600 \$167,500



NEW BOSTON Move To The Country
In this well maintained Village of Willow Close to 2 metro parks & great access to x-ways. Home sits on 3 lots & offers newer windows, boiler, roof, HWT, kitchen & bath + deck, patio & power tool shed. All apples stay!

(E29ROG) 734-455-5600 \$229,900



NORTHVILLE Absolutely Stunning
This charming 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial has it all. Newer siding, windows, roof, furnace, kitchen cabs & flooring FR with fireplace, 2 car attached garage, large deck with newer lumber top & so much more.

(E00LAD) 734-455-5600 \$319,900



NORTHVILLE Downtown
Queen Anne 4 BR, 3 BA MBR ste w/frpic & MBR w/etted tub. Cherry cabs, cust hutch, 12' center island in kit. Grand FR w/frpic & French doors to nook. Formal LR & DR. FFL, paver front walk & patio, 3 car garage.

(E14CAD) 248-349-5600 \$599,900



COMMERCE Builders Model Closeouts
Quality plus, first floor master, custom 2-story day, basement, sod/sprinklers, 3 car side garage, huge great room w/sloping ceiling & granite counters.

(E40RIC) 248-349-5600 \$441,900



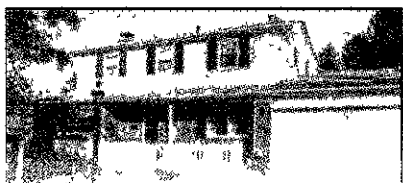
DEARBORN HGTS Beautiful Home
C/A, HWT, updated kitchen, C/A, HWH, drive & roof, 2 car garage. Newer furnace, C/A HWH, drive & roof, 2 car garage. Newer furnace, C/A HWH, drive & roof, 2 car garage. Newer furnace, C/A HWH, drive & roof, 2 car garage.

(E35HAN) 734-455-5600 \$124,900



WAYNE Beautiful Ranch With Updates
3 bed ranch w/2.5 car gar, updated kitchen, C/A, HWH, drive & roof, 2 car garage. Newer furnace, C/A HWH, drive & roof, 2 car garage. Newer furnace, C/A HWH, drive & roof, 2 car garage.

(E22WIN) 734-455-5600 \$139,900



PLYMOUTH Desirable Location!
Lovey 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/updated kitchen, C/A, HWH, drive & roof, 2 car garage. Newer furnace, C/A HWH, drive & roof, 2 car garage. Newer furnace, C/A HWH, drive & roof, 2 car garage.

(E40ROB) 734-455-5600 \$299,500



NORTHVILLE Must See
In Maple Hts. Spacious 4 bed, 3.5 bath colonial w/updated kitchen, C/A, HWH, drive & roof, 2 car garage. Newer furnace, C/A HWH, drive & roof, 2 car garage. Newer furnace, C/A HWH, drive & roof, 2 car garage.

(E16CAM) 248-349-5600 \$340,000



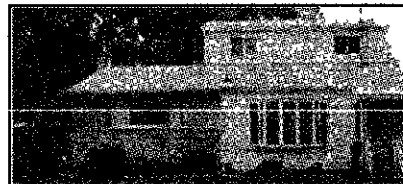
REDFORD Welcome
You'll love this brick ranch w/2 bedrooms & 1.5 bath. Updates include new roof & furnace, newer kit fr. Wonderful sunroom to enjoy private wooded ravine lot. Finished bsmt.

(E50ROS) 248-349-5600 \$150,000



LIVONIA So Much Home!
3 BR, 2 BA ranch on lg treed court. Lot near walk path to Hines. Updated kit & baths. Great bsmt flr w/full bath. Newer windows, turn, C/A, 2.5 car gar w/hwtd workshop. Fresh paint, hwd flrs, move in cond.

(E90ANG) 734-455-5600 \$184,900



INKSTER Nicely Updated
Home offers 4 bedrooms + office or 5th bedroom. Remodeled kitchen, C/A, HWH, drive & roof, 2 car garage. Newer furnace, C/A HWH, drive & roof, 2 car garage. Newer furnace, C/A HWH, drive & roof, 2 car garage.

(E41GEO) 734-455-5600 \$132,000



NORTHVILLE Stonewater!
Custom Curtis estate! Loaded w/upgrades! Dropping with beautiful eye candy! Custom crown moldings, woodwork, marble, lighting, appls. Fully landscaped. Custom deck, private lot, finest workmanship.

(E22OVE) 248-349-5600 \$749,900



NOVI Exceptional Home
Fresh & bright 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial on approx 1 acre w/pond, FFL w/washer/dryer. Custom light fixtures. Fireplace w/Italian mantle. Fin. W/O w/prof workout room. Pressed concrete patio & deck. Nirva Schls.

(E81DEE) 248-349-5600 \$649,600



SOUTH LYON Golf Course Frontage
Beautiful wooded golf course lot on the 1st fairway of Tanglewood. Granite cherry cabinets, dual staircase. Finished lower level features media room, billiard area, exercise area, granite kitchen. A must see!

(E58STA) 248-349-5600 \$849,900



VAN BUREN Newer Cape Cod
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, great open floor plan, maple kitchen w/island, ceramic master bath with separate shower, great room w/fireplace, hardwood floor entry, 2 car attached garage, 1st floor laundry, full basement.

(E22DAN) 734-455-5600 \$248,900



PLYMOUTH Quaint Bungalow
This home features a library off master bedroom, nice bath, vintage woodwork, alcove, hardwood floors, new plaster walls, coved ceilings, niche, archways and so much more!

(E50PAC) 734-455-5600 \$224,500



WATERFORD Beautiful
'91 built ranch, open fr plan w/vaulted ceilings. Fin bsmt w/FR, 2nd full bath & laundry rm. Prof landscaped grounds, private treed lot, oak kit w/white backsplash, drwl to deck, C/A '02, new gutters '05. Lk access.

(E01ORE) 248-349-5600 \$159,900



LIVONIA Great Colonial
4 BR, 1.5 BA formal LR. Basement ceiling in FR & woodburning system in natural fireplace. Replacement doorwall & many of the windows. Huge kitchen/nook area to FR. Updated half BA. 2 car att gar & deck. Warr.

(E22EDG) 248-349-5600 \$219,900



NOVI Sharp Ranch In Great Sub
Hate stairs? With no interior steps, this 3 BR ranch features an open floor plan, FFL, wood laminate floors & neutral decor T/O. Nice-sized BR's including spacious MBR w/walk-in closet. Attached 2 car garage & lg deck.

(E85SUR) 248-349-5600 \$205,000



YPSILANTI It Will Capture Your Heart!
This charming 4 bedroom cape cod offers private backyard, newer HWH, bath, roof, vinyl windows, circuit breakers & new wood porch in '05. Open staircase, hardwood floors & 2 car garage.

(E10LEX) 734-455-5600 \$124,900



WESTLAND Gorgeous Condo
Backs to woods, 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial with 2 car attached garage, newer fireplace, HWT, windows, updated flooring, newer cabs, sinks & ceramic in both baths. Deck off back, C/A, ceiling fans & neutral decor.

(E29PEM) 734-455-5600 \$178,900



NORTHVILLE Executive Home
4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial on private cul-de-sac. Grand entry, volume ceiling, 2 story foyer. Open fr plan, MBR ste w/whitng rm. His & hers closets. Cust kit w/granite, walk-in pantry, island & desk area. W/O basement.

(E48BEC) 248-349-5600 \$549,900



DEARBORN HGTS Desirable Home
Updated 3 BR, 2.5 BA bungalow with newer carpet, paint, windows, roof and more. Many updates including kitchen and bath. Partially finished basement with full bath and garage.

(E48HAZ) 248-349-5600 \$124,900



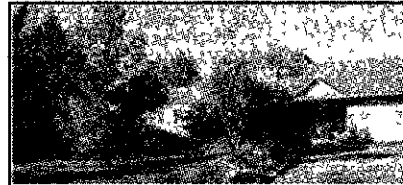
LIVONIA A Beauty In Burton Hollow
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch. Spacious open floor plan. Newer oak kitchen, roof, windows, updated electric, copper plumbing, A/C. Family room w/frpic. Superb indsg, patio, 2 car att gar. Immaculate!

(E36SUR) 248-349-5600 \$265,000



GARDEN CITY Custom Brick Ranch
Sprawling 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home waiting for your personal touch. Open floor plan, GR w/frpic, skylights & doorwall to Florida room. Formal DR, FR, FFL, 2 car attached gar, part fin bsmt, sprinkler & all apples stay.

(E30BRO) 734-455-5600 \$244,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Country Living
Offered in this spacious 5 bedroom, 3 bath ranch. This home has it all, large master suite, in-law quarters, open floor plan, spacious great room, 2 garages sitting on approximately 1.4 acres.

(E55CAN) 734-455-5600 \$319,500



NORTHVILLE Premium Wooded Lot
5 BR, 3.5 BA colonial on private cul-de-sac w/beautiful views from most windows. Hardwood, newer carpet & fresh paint. Kitchen will delight any chef. Huge GR w/doorwall to huge cedar deck. FFL, 3 car garage.

(E63MAP) 248-349-5600 \$464,900



LIVONIA A Home You'll Treasure
Beautiful light & bright - feel like home! 4 BR, 2 BA, 2 car attached garage & basement. Updated T/O w/newer kitchen & both baths. Some newer windows. Shiny hardwood floors. Spacious FR w/frpic. Quality!

(E03LAD) 248-349-5600 \$243,900



DEARBORN Mr. Clean Lives Here!
Wonderful brick bungalow w/1.5 car garage. Walking distance to Oakwood Hospital. Newer kitchen Pergo floors. White cabinets. Stunning bay window. Newer roof, furnace/A/C. Newer carpet, apples w/fridge.

(E12VEN) 248-349-5600 \$144,900



DEARBORN Not Your Ordinary Bungalow
Spacious home w/an artist's flare features updated furn, A/C, roof, windows, bath & kit. Add'l brkfst nook leads to newer deck & private yard. Hardwood flooring, huge porch, lovely landscaping & appliances included.

(E36CAR) 734-455-5600 \$134,900



CANTON Unbelievable Value!
In this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath updated colonial w/partially finished basement, 2 car attached garage, newer kitchen w/oak cabs, floor, sink & countertop. FR w/frpic, formal LR & DR. Eat-in nook w/doorwall to deck.

(E84RAJ) 734-455-5600 \$229,900



WESTLAND Nature's Handiwork
Creates the perfect setting for this 3 BR home. Wooded lot w/pond view. This turn-key colonial has LR w/frpic & 12' ceilings, formal DR, beautiful kitchen w/maple cabs & nook w/bay. Den w/doorwall to deck & fin bsmt.

(E21ALM) 248-349-5600 \$299,900



LATHRUP VILLAGE Spacious Colonial
3 BR, 1.5 BA 2-story at a great price. Newer carpeting in both LR & FR. Huge master with double closets. Two car attached garage. Basement. One year home warranty and quick occupancy.

(E10LIN) 248-349-5600 \$189,900



BRIGHTON Home With A Heart!
Picturesque approximately 82 acre lot. Fantastic 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch with walk-out basement, heated 2.5 car garage, 2 level deck and top quality updates throughout. Rare find & worth bragging about.

(E52WAS) 248-349-5600 \$279,900

Relocation Services
800-448-5817

CENTANT
Mobile Broker Network



Birmingham
248-642-8100

Plymouth
734-455-5600

Chesterfield Twp.
586-949-5590

Rochester
248-652-8000

Clarkston
248-620-7200

Royal Oak
248-280-4777

Clinton Twp.
586-288-6000

Shelby Twp.
586-731-6160

Commerce Twp.
248-363-1200

St. Clair Shores
586-778-8100

Fraser
586-294-3655

Sterling Heights
586-939-2800

Grosse Pointe
313-886-5040

Troy
248-624-1800

Northville
248-349-5600

West Bloomfield
248-628-8800



KEEP IT SIMPLE



NO SALES TAX... 0% up to 60 mo

EXTENDED HOURS TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY OPEN 9-7

<p>'05 RANGER STX SUPERCAB 4X2 Auto., air, step bar, sliding rear window, privacy glass, 6 disc/MP3 player, power windows/locks. Stk. #53380T WAS \$21,440</p>	<p>'05 RANGER EDGE SUPERCAB 4X4 Auto., 4.0L V6, sliding rear window, privacy glass, cruise, tilt. Stk. #53629T WAS \$25,915</p>	<p>'05 FREESTYLE AWD SE Auto., air, CD, 17" alum. wheels, 3rd row bench seat, premium sound system, traction control. WAS \$27,470</p>	<p>'05 FREESTAR LIMITED Safety canopy/side air bags, DVD entertainment system, heated driver/passenger seats, memory pkg., fully loaded. WAS \$37,985</p>	<p>'05 EXPLORER XLT 4X4 Running boards, power moonroof, CD/cass., convenience group, reverse sensing system. Stk. #52912T WAS \$34,615</p>
<p>'05 ESCAPE XLT 4DR. 4X4 Auto., safety canopy/side air bags, power moonroof, step bars, leather, cargo convenience group. Stk. #53601T WAS \$27,175</p>	<p>'05 MUSTANG V6 CONV. PREM PKG. Auto., interior upgrade, exterior sport appearance pkg., boot cover, leather trim buckets. Stk. #53646 WAS \$28,040</p>	<p>'05 MUSTANG V6 COUPE PREMIUM Auto., anti-theft sys., int. upgrade pkg., ext. sport app. pkg., anti-lock brakes, traction control, leather trim bucket seats. Stk. #58860 WAS \$24,280</p>	<p>'05 FORD 500 SLE FWD 17" aluminum wheels, AM/FM/CD/MP3, power moonroof, leather seats, traction control. Stk. #53513 WAS \$26,630</p>	<p>'05 TUSCANY CONVERSION VAN Stk. #52400T WAS \$34,998</p>

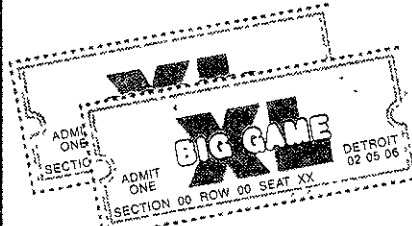
Ford HOLIDAY BONUS CASH! BIG DRIVE SWEEPSTAKES!

#1 Grand Prize!

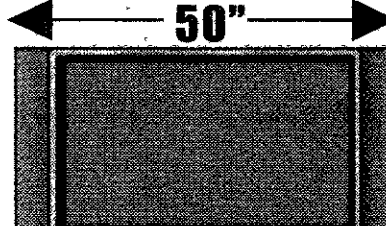
A 2-YEAR LEASE ON THE ALL NEW FORD FUSION!



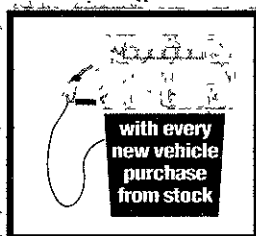
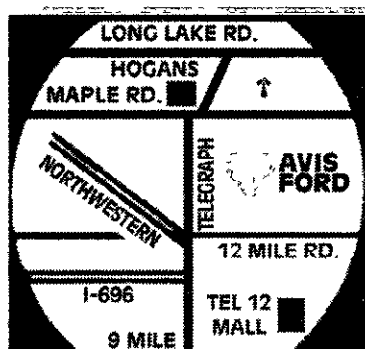
#2 2 TICKETS TO THE BIG GAME AT FORD FIELD!



#3 BIG SCREEN TV



<p>'06 F150 4X4 STYLESIDE SUPERCAB</p> <p>Trailer Tow Package, Keyless Entry</p>	<p>'06 RANGER XLT 4X2 SUPERCAB</p> <p>Sliding Rear Window, Privacy Glass, Speed Control/Tilt, Leather Wrapped Steering Wheel, MP3 CD/Cassette</p>
<p>'06 EXPLORER XLT 4X4 4WD 4 DR</p> <p>Air, Floor Mats</p>	<p>'06 FUSION SE 14</p> <p>Sport Package, AM/FM/MP3 6 CDX player, aluminum wheels</p>
<p>'06 ESCAPE 4DR XLT 4WD</p> <p>Power 6-way, driver seat, speed control, air, privacy glass</p>	<p>'06 FIVE HUNDRED FWD SEL</p> <p>AM/FM/CDX6 MP3, Message Center, Steering Wheel Audio Controls</p>
<p>'06 FOCUS ZX3 SES</p> <p>Rear Spoiler - Heated Seats</p>	<p>'06 FREESTYLE FWD SEL</p> <p>AM/FM/CDX6 MP3, Anti-lock Brakes, Message Center, Steering Wheel Audio Controls</p>



AVIS FORD

VISIT US 24 HRS. A DAY AT <http://avisford.com>

TELEGRAPH RD. just north of 12 Mile Rd.
SOUTHFIELD
OPEN MON. & THURS. TILL 9PM

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR PAST 4 YEARS

All rebates to dealer. 10,500 miles per year. Pictures do not represent exact vehicles. Customer must qualify for financing through Ford Motor Credit. Plus tax, title & plates. \$2000 total due at signing. **\$1000 voucher program available to all Ford/UAW hourly retirees. All payments require A or Z Plan. 0% on select models only now through Jan. 3, 2006. **Some models must be financed through Ford Credit. Expires 1/3/06.

248 355-7500

24 Hour Automated Credit Approval 1-800-4-A-2566

Happy Holidays and Thank You....

- For your readership • For your business
- For your continued support
- For appreciating the value in what we do
- For giving us the opportunity to serve you
- For making our jobs meaningful and worthwhile!

from all of us in The Classified Advertising Department

- Jennifer Bell • Emily Champion • Linda Combs
- Alana Cope • Stacey Courtney • Robert Dodd
- Amy Esper • Kim Holcomb • Jean Etherington
- Margo Horzelski • Bob Kampf • Liz Keiser
- Carole Layne • Linda Magar • Susan Massolia
- Sue Masters • Roy Meadows • Anna McCaslin
- Cindy O'Neill • Donna Orozco • Jack Padley
- Terry Randall • Mary Kay Raymor • Cindy Reed
- Kathleen Reilly • Joan Schott • Charolette Wilson

THE
Observer & Eccentric
NEWSPAPERS

WHERE HOMETOWN STORIES UNFOLD

HOME DELIVERY: 1-866-887-2737 • CLASSIFIEDS: 1-800-579-7355
HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

TOXIC HUMOR - IS THERE A PLACE FOR IT?



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

What is toxic humor? Does it belong in the workplace? Psychologist Maximilian Wachtel of

Denver's Cherry Creek Psychology, defines it as "making fun of others, teasing, making fun of a manager behind his back or a company after work. It's humor with a negative aspect, disguising anger as humor." He considers toxic humor aggressive, delivered by a "humorist" either expressing anger or vying for power and control in the workplace. It lowers morale in the office and creates an atmosphere that feels unsafe. It can hinder productivity as well."

Pat Gray, president of Prevoyance Group in Harrison, N.Y., keeps IT projects in large companies on track, which requires him to speak in front of groups of people he doesn't know. He agrees that this type of humor is negative, attacking someone or something "for something they can't really change, such as being too old or too young, hitting below the belt."

Toxic humor may have a role as it did among the American POWs in Vietnam. They used it to survive unspeakable conditions, according to Linda Henman, president of Henman Performance Group

in Chesterfield, Mo. Her dissertation incorporates a 1976 study of 138 repatriated Vietnam POWs, who, 20 years later, were diagnosed with PTSD -- a percentage only slightly higher (1 percent to 4 percent) than city dwellers (henmanperformancegroup.com). She writes that these POWs "weren't victims because they took (BEGIN ITAL)control(END ITAL) of the few things they could control." Henman maintains that their sense of humor helped them achieve perspective, reminding them that they weren't alone in their universe.

It's important to understand that, for POWs, captivity is both personal and professional. Captivity is one potential condition of military employment. The extremity of the POW situation reflects the restorative value of humor under some of the worst possible circumstances. Some of this humor was clearly toxic, perhaps even gallows humor. The principle applies well, but by no means as dramatically, to the civilian workplace.

"I do think that people can gain some sense of control from that," Wachtel states, "because it helps them think they're bigger in their situation. In a toxic workplace, it can help people vent their frustrations rather than ... boiling up in front of a boss."

Gray, who is 28, finds "toxic humor, when self-directed, an effective ice breaker and builder of trust," in an environment

filled with skepticism toward consultants and youth. He's 28.

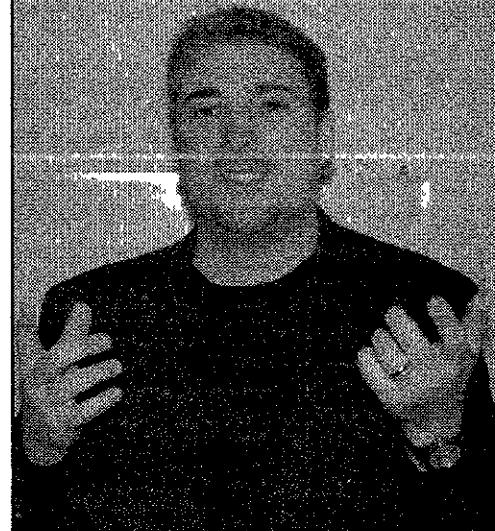
SELF-DENIGRATING HUMOR

"Self-directed humor chops down the consultant image," he continues. "Here's a guy who could make fun of himself, could stand to lose 20 pounds, a normal person. When people like you, they're more likely to listen and accept what you have to say." Wachtel, the psychologist, cautions to know your audience, whose reactions to jokes may vary greatly.

"You need to have some rapport with your audience," Gray agrees. "You can't just come right out. This humor can fall flat or be ill-received. If you get blank stares, smile and move on." He discovered that crass humor used in Europe backfired with an audience here.

Caustic humor can be misinterpreted. Wachtel points out that you must have developed some sympathy with your hearers to avoid steering them in an incorrect direction. Somehow, Gray manages to do this, slinging toxic humor toward himself and no one else. He points out that when self-denigrating humor doesn't have the unexpected quality of truly toxic humor.

Wachtel, who sometimes uses it, reinforces the need for caution. "A lot of times people are trying to show that they're humble or don't have a big ego -- or at least that's what they're telling themselves. Self-



Pat Gray agrees that toxic humor in the workplace is a big negative.

denigrating humor comes across as a person disliking himself and usually indicates that you have some issues with whatever you're talking about. It can be sort of positive and endear you to people, but there's usually something underneath."

"I think it is still possible to use toxic humor to gain control of bad work situations," Wachtel concludes, "but you have to be careful not to go overboard with it."

(Dr. Mildred L. Culp comments upon the workplace in national media. Copyright 2005 Passage Media.)

This Classification continues from Section F

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT
Needed for construction/equipment co. in New Hudson. Must have good phone skills, knowledge through trial balance. Resume with salary requirements: Schuster Construction Services, LLC, PO Box 0 New Hudson, MI 48165

Auto BOOKKEEPER

We are seeking a person possessing strong Accounting and P.C. Office Skills. Account reconciliation's for several franchises, including but not limited to: Payroll - Bank Reconciliation's - Sales Tax Returns - Daily Accounting Practices Monthly and annual account analysis, including reconciliation to general ledger accounts.

As part of the largest dealer group in the area you will have considerable resources to draw from and the opportunity to grow within our organization. We'll supply you with a comprehensive compensation program that includes competitive salary, health, dental and 401-K.

Please fax or send resume to: THE SUBURBAN COLLECTION 25100 HAGGERTY RD. P.O. BOX 8065 NOVI, MI 48376-8065 ATTN: CONTROLLER FAX (248) 427-7977

Auto RECEPTIONIST/CASHIER

We are currently accepting applications for Receptionist and Cashier.

As part of the largest automobile dealer group in the area, you will have considerable resources to draw from and the opportunity to grow within our organization.

We OFFER:
Competitive Pay Plans
Paid Vacations
401-K
Health Benefits
Consistent opportunities for advancement

Please respond by faxing or send your resume: THE SUBURBAN COLLECTION 25100 HAGGERTY RD. P.O. BOX 8065 NOVI, MI 48376-8065 ATTN: CONTROLLER FAX (248) 427-7977

CLERICAL

Accepting Applications for experienced clerical with computer skills. Wayne County area. Call for appointment: 248-373-0021 or Fax resume to: 248-373-0031

FRONT OFFICE

Mon-Fri. Noon-5pm Office exp., Word, Excel, must! Non-smoking office. Canton area. (734) 465-8230

OFFICE MANAGER

Small Southfield firm needs a take-charge person to run our 2 person office. Need excellent computer skills and extreme dependability. Excellent salary. Fax resume to: 248-399-9284

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Small Southfield firm needs a take-charge person to run our 2 person office. Need excellent computer skills and extreme dependability. Excellent salary. Fax resume to: 248-399-9284

Help Wanted-Office Receptionist 5020

RECEPTIONIST
Part-time, 1:30-7pm, Monday-Friday. Alternating Saturdays, 7:30-11:30AM. Position in Plymouth. Please fax resume: 734-416-3903.

RECEPTIONIST/TYPIST

Rapidly growing law firm in Waterford has an excellent opportunity for the right individual. Must be self-motivated, intelligent, and able to handle 20-line phone system. Typing speed min. of 50 wpm. PLEASE FAX SALARY REQUIREMENTS along with resume to 248-886-8652 Attn SUSAN

CLASSIFIEDS

THAT WORK FOR YOU!
1-800-579-SELL

SECRETARY/ASSISTANT

Livonia real estate & building co. seeking motivated Secretary/Assistant. Part time 25-30 hours p/week. Must have exp. with Microsoft Word & Quickbooks, basic typing. Please fax resume and desired pay to: 734-458-1169

SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST

For a trade association located in Farmington MI. Needs to be self motivated, work well with people and be highly organized. Must have average or above skills using MS Word & Excel software. Competitive salary plus benefits. Email resume to: employment@wvccar.com. Send resume to: Employment 24125 Drake Rd Farmington MI 48322; or fax resume to 248-478-3150 EOE.

TAX PREPARERS NEEDED

Free Tax School
Earn \$\$\$\$ after class
Part time / Full time
Classes start 01/02/2006
LIBERTY TAX SERVICE
Grdn City, 248-756-0334
Livonia-248-921-9959
Westland 313-522-4377

Help Wanted-Dental 5040

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Part-Time, experienced for Endo office. Fax resume to: (734) 953-1093

Dental Patient Coordinator

Full-Time position. Excellent compensation. Dental & computer experience required. Resume: (734) 464-4778

DENTAL CHARGE OUT

Exp. only. Dentrix, preferred. Fulltime/benefits. Farmington Hills area. Fax resume to: 248-544-7887

RECEPTIONIST AND FRONT DESK

Private, progressive, state-of-the-art dental practice in Livonia seeks receptionist to work front desk for two doctors Mon-Thurs. 10-6pm, and every other Sat from 9-2pm. Position calls for a candidate who is motivated, friendly, positive in attitude and professional in appearance. The candidate should be motivated to advance and learn in the field of dentistry, experience a plus. For more information call Ann: 248-777-8044

Help Wanted-Dental 5040

WAXER Ramsey Dental Ceramics

Earn maximum wages & benefits. Working with a real team. Be part of an experienced and professional Dental Laboratory. Must have minimum 5 yrs wax experience and capable to wax contour with knowledge of survey and attachment work. Call Phil at 248-442-4348

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

DIRECT CARE AIDES

For group home. Exp w/spinal cord & head injury a plus. Southfield area. 313 268-7050

LOOK FOR MORE

Observer & Eccentric JOB LISTINGS AT careerbuilder.com

FRONT DESK PERSON

For busy specialty practice in Garden City area. Full or part time position for friendly, upbeat person. Fax resume to: 734-762-0383

Medical Receptionist

For busy Westland practice. Seeking mature detail-oriented team player. Must be able to work independently and multi-task. Medical Insurance background, computer and phone skills required. Full-time/benefits. Fax resume and cover letter to: 734-525-3876

Medical Assistant/Receptionist

Full time. Busy Livonia family practice. Must be flexible, reliable & patient friendly. X-ray knowledge a plus. Fax: 734-425-1002

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

Full-time for busy family practice. Must have telephone skills, computer scheduling, and billing exp. Full place to work, great benefits. Fax resume: (248) 478-7680

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

Part-Time, family optometric office in downtown Farmington. Call: (734) 454-9424

A word to the wise, when looking for a great deal check the Observer & Eccentric Classifieds!

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Parttime. Minimum 10 hours p/week. Group home. Spinal cord client. Call 313-268-7050

PODIATRIC MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Part-Time hours. Call: (248) 478-1150

SCHOOL NURSE

Min. 2 yrs. community or public health experience. Qualifications: B.S. in Nursing, State of Michigan License, current certification in CPR. Posting closes January 10, 2006. For information call: 734-419-2022. Wayne-Westland Community Schools 36745 Marquette Westland, MI 48185 E. O. E.

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

STILL SEARCHING?

For Career MarketPlace on the front cover of the Employment section for more careers!

Observer & Eccentric

Help Wanted-Food/Beverage 5080

AMY'S CAFE

New Hiring All Positions! 39297 Grand River at Haggerty in Farmington Hills

DON'T MISS

Career MarketPlace on the front cover of the Employment section for more careers!

Observer & Eccentric

NOW HIRING ALL POSITIONS

Quinzos, 38171 Plymouth Rd., Livonia. Please call 734-560-5537

SERVERS

Needed for evenings. Apply in Person: Herc's Restaurant, 36665 Plymouth Rd., Livonia.

WAITSTAFF

Full/Part time. Flexible schedule at an Irish sports pub. Sheehan's On The Green 5 Mile, E. of Haggerty 734-420-0646

Help Wanted-Sales 5120

A NEW CAREER?

REAL ESTATE IS BOOMING! Excellent Commissions. Great Training.

TIM COURTNEY Oakland/Livington area (248) 437-2800

DOUG COURTNEY W. Wayne (734) 458-6222

REMERICA

HOMETOWN

Help Wanted-Sales 5120

A NEW YEAR, A NEW CAREER!

Century 21 Town & Country Plymouth offers Free training and above average earnings for full time real estate agents. Earn up to \$50,000 in your first year. Immediate openings for self motivated agents! Call Chris Patrick for a confidential interview, (734) 737-2901.

AD SALES

Minimum 2 yrs. exp. Established niche metro wide magazine. Weekly pay + commissions. Start immediately. Fax: (248) 952-5881 Email: bizagenda@aol.com

AUTO SALES NEW & USED

CRESTWOOD DODGE (734) 421-5700

Career in real estate

Join our growing Canton Office and be part of #1 Franchise System!

- Free pre-licensing
- On going training and support
- Much more

Discover the difference! For details Call Lillian Sanderson

COLDWELL BANKER

PREFERRED REALTORS

734-392-6000

Leasing Consultant

For retirement community in Westland. Enthusiastic, pleasant, hardworking, organized, energetic and a real go-getter. Full-time with Saturdays. Fax resume to: (734) 729-9840. Equal Opportunity Employer

LEASING CONSULTANT

Part time in Westland area. Good communication skills a must. Experience preferred. Immediate opening. Fax resume only to 734-455-7107

For the best auto classifications check out the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper.

It's all about RESULTS!

REAL-ESTATE at it's best!

Observer & Eccentric

Help Wanted-Sales 5120

HBA HOME BUILDERS ADVANTAGE

NEW HOME SALES SPECIALIST

Home Builders Advantage Michigan's largest new home sales company is seeking small, friendly, motivated candidates to manage sales for new home communities. We provide the best training in the industry. Benefits, income potential 60K+, ability to work weekends. Learn more at HBAadvantage.com Email resume to: dconteras@hbadvantage.com

Real Estate Agents

A CAREER IN REAL ESTATE!

All Real Estate COMPANIES ARE NOT THE SAME

If you are serious about entering the business and profession of Real Estate Sales, you owe it to yourself to be in a place where we are #1 in the market place and best suited to insure your success.

SALES ASSOCIATE

Premier Communities, one of the fastest growing real estate franchises in the U.S., is seeking additional members for our Sales Team in areas throughout Southeast Michigan. This position requires excellent people, telephone skills and computer proficiency. Must have real estate license, interested candidates should e-mail: krancour@carson-realestate.com or fax to 248-865-7486

Help Wanted-Part-Time 5200

RECEPTIONIST PERMANENT

Farmington, MI. real estate office seeks mature person to work Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Must have excellent phone skills. Light typing. General office duties. Some knowledge of computers. \$9-\$10/hr. FAX RESUMES TO: (248) 737-8021

Help Wanted-Domestic 5240

HOUSEKEEPER / CHILDCARE

Energetic, Responsible Live in. Children ages 8 & 13. English speaking. Own transportation, good driving record. Call 248-842-7933 or 248-515-0670.

REAL-ESTATE at it's best!

Observer & Eccentric

Help Wanted-Sales 5120

REAL ESTATE SALES THINKING OF CHANGING CARS?

LOOKING FOR INDEPENDENCE AND CONTROL OVER YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE?

Real Estate just may be your answer. Comprehensive training and support provided so you can reach your goals. 734-455-6000 Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke 500 S. Main St., Plymouth

SALES ASSISTANT POSITIONS

Exciting fast paced environment, looking for part time and full time sales assistants with strong computer skills. Office hours 11-5 weekdays and weekends available \$10 per hour. Fax resume to 734-464-7232

SALES ASSOCIATE

Premier Communities, one of the fastest growing real estate franchises in the U.S., is seeking additional members for our Sales Team in areas throughout Southeast Michigan. This position requires excellent people, telephone skills and computer proficiency. Must have real estate license, interested candidates should e-mail: krancour@carson-realestate.com or fax to 248-865-7486

Help Wanted-Part-Time 5200

RECEPTIONIST PERMANENT

Farmington, MI. real estate office seeks mature person to work Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Must have excellent phone skills. Light typing. General office duties. Some knowledge of computers. \$9-\$10/hr. FAX RESUMES TO: (248) 737-8021

Help Wanted-Domestic 5240

HOUSEKEEPER / CHILDCARE

Energetic, Responsible Live in. Children ages 8 & 13. English speaking. Own transportation, good driving record. Call 248-842-7933 or 248-515-0670.

Childcare Services-Licensed 5360

Adorable Setting in my licensed S Radford home. Meals, crafts, pre-school program. CPR cert. 17 yrs exp. Very clean home. (313) 255-0466

Childcare/Baby-Sitting Services 5370

LIVONIA MOM

has opening for 2 children, full / part time. Non-smoking. Call Jodie: (734) 513-2262

Childcare Needed 5380

CHILD CARE POSITION

Part Time for experienced & honest caregiver. Afternoon hours. Commerce Area. Call 248-345-6067

LOOKING FOR SITTER

For 2 children ages 10 & 8, for afternoon, evenings & some weekends. Contact Katherine, (734) 578-8962

NANNY

Ann Arbor home, children ages 5, 3 and newborn. 45/hrs week. Car exp. preferred. reg. Visa smok. e-mail: 534-222-875

CLASSIFIEDS WORK!

1-800-579-7355

NANNY NEEDED

In home for 2 boys ages 1 & 3. Must have exp. Flexible hours. Reliable transportation. 313-792-2397

Education/Instruction 5600

LEARN TO BE A MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST

Medical Coding Courses Avail. In as little as 7 weeks. Certificate Program. State License. Student financing available. (248) 223-0150

STOP THE NON-REWARDING PAYCHECK CHASE!

Full time position. Allowing you to contribute to the well being of others. Must like working with children, have good attention to detail and planning skills. Perfect for OTAs. Being personable and energetic is a must! Career oriented benefits. Your personal growth dictates your compensation. E-mail resume to: Kasher@SuburbanEyeCare.com.

Education/Instruction 5600

WANT MORE SATISFACTION FROM YOUR WORK?

Educational background required. Opportunity for the right person to join our team, part time. Must enjoy working with pediatric and geriatric people in a visual rehabilitative setting. Background as an OTA preferred. Please e-mail resume to: kasher@suburbaneyecare.com

Business Opportunities 5740

PASTY SHOP FOR SALE

Livonia area. Must sell! 248-346-0771

Observer & Eccentric



Home and Service Guide

HOMETOWNlife.com

<p>0001-2450 Home & Service Guide</p> <p>Brick, Block & Cement 0290</p> <p>ALL BLOCK, BRICK WORK Concrete & Foundations Res. & Comm. - Lic. & Ins. Call Anytime, 248-478-2602</p> <p>Building Remodeling 0310</p> <p>"ADDITIONS PLUS" • Beautiful Additions • Kitchens • Baths • Lower Levels Guaranteed quality workmanship. Complete plan & design service available. Lic. & Ins. 734-414-0448</p> <p>hometownlife.com</p>	<p>Building Remodeling 0310</p> <p>J A FERGUSON CONST. Baths, kitchens, additions, roofing, siding, windows, basement build-outs, new homes. 248-363-5975</p> <p>Carpentry 0410</p> <p>FINISH CARPENTRY Crown, Trim, Doors Railings: Straight or Bent Lic. 32 yrs. exp. 734-455-3970</p> <p>Carpet Repair/Installation 0440</p> <p>Floor Covering Installations WHY PAY MORE-Deal with the installers direct. We offer carpet, tile, linoleum, hardwood. Fully Ins. Lifetime warranty w/labor. Mike: 248-249-8100</p> <p>Chimney Cleaning/Building & Repair 0480</p> <p>BEST CHIMNEY & Roofing Co. New & repairs. Sr. citizen discount. Lic & Ins. 248-557-5595 313-292-7722</p>	<p>Drywall 0690</p> <p>• DRYWALL FINISHING • • TEXTURES & PATCHWORK • Free Est. - Reasonable Prices. John: 734-740-4072</p> <p>Electrical 0700</p> <p>FAMILY ELECTRICAL - City cert. Violations corrected. Service changes or any small job. Free est. 734-422-8080</p> <p>★GENERATORS Hot tubs, ceiling fans, remodels, all electrical. Builders welcome. Lic/Ins. 30 yrs. exp. 248-343-2799</p> <p>Firewood 0840</p> <p>Admire Your Fire Well seasoned Hard, Birch & Fruit Pickup and delivery. Hacker Services Quality Since 1946 (248) 348-3150 M-F 8-5; Sat. 8-3</p>	<p>Floor Service 0660</p> <p>HARDWOOD FLOORS Staining, Free Shoe Mold, Repair. Old floors a specialty. Economical. 734-692-0040</p> <p>Gutters 1000</p> <p>CLEANING, SCREENING. NEW & REPAIRS HEAT TAPES 248-471-2600</p> <p>Handyman M/F 1020</p> <p>ABSOLUTELY DU-IT-ALL Lic. & Ins.</p> <p>SOLID SURFACE SPECIAL We also do complete bsmts & all other interior work incl. electrical plumbing & painting etc. Call Cell #248-891-7072</p> <p>ABSOLUTELY AL'S • Carpentry • Electric • Plumbing • Painting • Roofing 248-477-4742</p> <p>CLASSIFIEDS WORK! 1-800-579-7355</p>	<p>Handyman M/F 1020</p> <p>HANDYMAN SERVICES Carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting/drywall, ceramic tile, bathrooms & bsmts remodeled. All phases of construction Free est. 313-868-1711, 248-489-5955</p> <p>RETIRED HANDYMAN Appliances, sinks, toilets, misc. \$25 quotes, \$65 min. jobs. Eves OK. 734-658-1077</p> <p>Mr. Handyman Trusted National Brand Small-Medium Size Repairs Lic. • Ins. • Guaranteed 734-451-9886</p> <p>Hauling/Clean Up 1030</p> <p>A-1 HAULING -Move scrap metal, clean basements, garages, stores, etc. Lowest prices in town. Quick service. Free est. Wayne/Oakland. Central location. 547-2784 or 555-8139</p>	<p>Hauling/Clean Up 1030</p> <p>AFFORDABLE Personal Hauling Service We clean out homes, attics, basements, garages, offices, warehouses & anything else. Handyman services available. Complete demolition from start to finish. Free est. 248-489-5955, 248-521-8818</p> <p>Housecleaning 1080</p> <p>EXPERIENCED WOMAN WILL CLEAN YOUR HOUSE References available. 313-871-7871, 313-942-9146</p> <p>JB HOWARD CLEANING CO. We clean for less! Res. & Comm. Family owned & operated. 734-718-6027</p> <p>Janitorial Service 1150</p> <p>BROOKS OFFICE CLEANING SERVICE For hire. Free estimates. Licensed & insured. Call: (248) 914-1364</p>	<p>Painting/Decorating Paperhangers 1420</p> <p>50% OFF - S & J PAINTING Int. Ext. Painting, Wallpaper Removal. 30 yrs. exp. Drywall Repair. Free Est today. Paint tomorrow. Ins. 800-821-3585 248-887-7498, 248-338-7251</p> <p>A-ONE CUSTOM PAINTING ★Int/Ext. ★Book now for exp'd prof. painting. Free Est. Ref /Ins. Vasko 248-738-8294</p> <p>INTERIORS R US Int & Ext painting, wallpaper removal, faux finishes, drywall repairs. 734-306-3624 586-872-9832</p> <p>PETERSON PAINTING Custom colors are our specialty. Wallpaper Removal, Drywall Repair. 30+ yrs exp. 734-748-2017, 734-414-0154</p> <p>QUALITY PAINTING Small Job Specialist Work Myself 248-225-7165</p> <p>• PAINTER & HANDYMAN • 37 yrs exp. Holiday 0% Discount Lic. Ins. Ask for Jim 734-597-4489, 734-578-4489</p>	<p>Painting/Decorating Paperhangers 1420</p> <p>• PAINTING BY MICHAEL • HIGHEST QUALITY 30 Yrs. Experience • Res • Cornl • Interior • Staining • Textured Ceilings • Faux Finishes • Plaster/Drywall Repair • Wallpaper Removal • Free Est • References. 248-349-7499 • 734-464-8147</p> <p>Roofing 1640</p> <p>APEX ROOFING Quality work completed with pride. Family owned. Lic. Ins. For honesty & integrity: 248-476-6984; 248-855-7223</p> <p>BEST CHIMNEY CO. Free est. Lic & Ins. (313) 292-7722</p> <p>GARDEN CITY CONST. ICE & SNOW REMOVAL Lic. Ins. BBB. 734-513-0099</p> <p>LEAK SPECIALIST - Flashings, Gutters, Chimneys, etc. Warr. Member BBB. 30 yrs exp. Lic/Ins. 248-827-3233</p>	<p>Snow Removal 1810</p> <p>RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL 24 hr snow plowing & salting service. We will match or beat any licensed contractor for salting. Handyman services also available. Free est. 248-489-5955, 313-868-1711</p> <p>Tree Service 1980</p> <p>Affordable • CHEAP • Quality Land Clearing • Tree Service Fully Ins. Rump & Servello 248-939-7416, 248-939-7420</p> <p>For the best auto classifications check out the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper. "It's all about RESULTS!"</p> <p>G & F TREE SERVICE Payment Options, helping you get things done! Trimming, removal, stump grinding. Fully Insured 248-438-6168</p>
--	--	---	--	--	---	---	--	---

Observer & Eccentric



Market Place

HOMETOWNlife.com

<p>6000-6980 Announcements</p> <p>LOOK HERE!</p> <p>Personals 6000</p> <p>GREAT GIFT FOR THE NEWBORN! tweetytunes.com</p> <p>Announcements & Notices 6200</p> <p>Looking for highly motivated people to help run a fast growing business! Work from home full or part time. Cash bonuses, Mercedes Benz program. Please contact Yvonne. 734-775-0737</p> <p>Lost & Found - Goods 6300</p> <p>LOST LV KEY CASE Area of Tiverton Trail, Tienken, Brewster and University Dr. Sentimental Gift Reward. 248-766-2100</p> <p>Your Search Ends Here!</p> <p>No matter what you're looking for, a new home, a new job, a new car, or maybe a contractor to work on that new home... your search ends here in Your Classifieds!</p> <p>1-800-579-SELL (7355) "It's All About Results!"</p>	<p>7000's Merchandise</p> <p>7000... Absolutely Free 7020... Antiques/Collectibles 7040... Arts & Crafts 7080... Auction Sales 7080... Rummage Sale/Flea Market 7100... Estate Sales 7110... Garage Sales 7120... Moving Sales 7140... Clothing 7160... Household Goods 7180... Appliances 7190... Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs 7200... Bargain Buys 7210... Bicycles 7215... Exercise/Fitness Equipment 7220... Building Materials 7240... Business & Office Equipment 7260... Office Supplies 7280... Cameras & Supplies 7300... Commercial/Industrial Restaurant Equipment 7310... Commercial/Industrial Machinery For Sale</p> <p>7320... Computers 7340... Electronics/Audio/Video 7360... Video Games, Tapes, Movies 7380... Farm Equipment 7400... Farm Produce-Flowers, Plants 7410... U-Picks 7420... Christmas Trees 7440... Firewood-Merchandise 7460... Hospital/Medical Equipment 7470... Jewelry 7480... Lawn, Garden & Snow Equipment 7490... Lawn, Garden Material 7500... Miscellaneous For Sale 7510... Musical Instruments 7520... Sporting Goods 7525... Tools 7530... Trade Or Sell 7540... Wanted To Buy</p> <p>7800-7930 Animals/Pets</p> <p>7800... Animal Services 7810... Breeder Directory 7820... Birds & Fish 7830... Cats 7840... Dogs 7850... Horses</p> <p>7900's Horse Boarding-Commercial 7900... Household Pets-Others 7910... Pet Grooming & Boarding 7920... Pet Services 7930... Pet Supplies</p> <p>1-800-579-SELL</p> <p>7000-7730 Merchandise</p> <p>Auction Sales 7080</p> <p>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of an Auction of contents held at Safe Keeping Storage LLC, 26400 W. Eight Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48034 at the following storage areas, Sat. Jan 7, 2006, 9:30 AM Items: Household & Misc. Tenants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. James Howell (71, 88, 216) 2. Raymond Bryant (231) 3. Alice Woods (271) 4. Rick Dubay (Boat) 5. Krystal Brand (200) 6. Miles Tucker (63) 7. Mary & Kevin Latta (207) 8. Steve Smith (159) 9. Joseph Alston (262, 267) 10. Ernestine Lockett (23) 11. Latrina Lowery (205) 12. Francetta Jamison (14) 13. Lisa Ann Ally (257) 14. Tanya Blanks (35) 15. Tracy Thomas (86) 16. David Henry (52) 17. Georgia Reid (264) <p>DEL GIUDICE ANTIQUES We make house calls, estate and private sales and internet sales. Insurance and Estate appraisals. We are also looking to purchase: Fine china, crystal, silver, oil paintings, furniture, costume and fine jewelry. Member of ISA 515 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak Mon-Sat. 11-6 248-399-2608 • Visit our website: www.deljudiceantiques.com</p>	<p>7100 Estate Sales 7100</p> <p>ESTATE SALE Furniture, odds & ends Must sell everything! Fri-Sat, Dec 30-31, 9-3pm. 137 Cambridge, Pleasant Ridge. 248-547-3487</p> <p>PONTIAC - DOLLAR DAYS! MOM'S ATTIC 51920 Woodward Avenue 9-5pm, Wed, Thurs., Fri-Sat</p> <p>ROYAL OAK Henredon dining room set, 1960s McCobb dining room set, antique blanket chest, 15 framed natural butterfly collection, lots of misc! 3085 Helen Ct., S of 13 mile off Crooks. Fri, Sat, Sun, 10am-4pm Terms cash.</p> <p>Household Goods 7160</p> <p>A NEW KING PILLOW TOP MATTRESS SET. New in bag, only \$250. Deliverable, 734-891-8481</p> <p>BABY GRAND PIANO Immaculate, make offer! Piano, table, 4 chairs, washer, dryer, make offer 248-396-4105</p> <p>BED - Brand New super pillow-top mattress set, in plastic, with warranty! Must sell! Can deliver 734-231-6622</p> <p>BED - SPLIT KING SIZE BED 9 dresser w/ mirror, 5 drawer bureau chest, 1 end table. Mattress hardly used. Like new! 734-231-6622</p> <p>SEE A QUALITY PILLOW TOP MATTRESS SET New in plastic sell \$150 734-891-8481 Can Deliver</p> <p>DISHES Serving for 9 plus many serving pieces, Nakko Ironstone, \$250. Girl's daybed, \$75. Oak Chest, \$110. Corner shelf, \$25. (2) White 4 shelf bookcases, \$35 each. (2) Teak 6 shelf bookcases, \$45 ea. Steel office desk with L, \$100. Steel floor office storage, \$35 4 door Black filing cabinet, \$45. Futon, \$125. Leather backseater chair, \$450. No Saturday calls (248) 737-4838</p> <p>ENTERTAINMENT CENTER Fits up to 27 inch TV, solid Pecan. Exc. cond \$550/best offer (734) 844-8483</p> <p>ESTATE SALE Marble table & 4 leather chairs, 950; kids bunk bed set, dresser w/ mirror, \$450, white leather sectional, \$500, room group: loveseat, sofa, 2 tables, \$700. 313-969-7043</p> <p>FLAT SCREEN TV, NEW 32-inch, \$600; new twin mattress set, \$100. 734-397-4829</p>	<p>Household Goods 7160</p> <p>FULL SIZE MATTRESS SET. New still wrapped w/ warranty. Sacrifice, \$135 (734) 891-8481</p> <p>A word to the wise, when looking for a great deal check the Observer & Eccentric Classifieds!</p> <p>FURNITURE - 2 sofas, dining table with 4 chairs, computer desk, antique desk, entertainment center, twin bed, microwave & cart, end table & lamp. 248-585-7748</p> <p>SWIVEL ROCKERS (2) New, Sage Green, Wootman \$350. Wood kitchen table, 4 chairs, \$200. Burgundy, dual recliner loveseat, \$300 (734) 340-2998</p> <p>Appliances 7180</p> <p>REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER Kenmore, 22 cu ft. 68 1/8" high by 32 5/8" wide by 31 3/4" deep 5 yrs. old, Biscue Bottom freezer, auto ice maker loveseat, \$300 (313) 533-6470</p> <p>Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs 7190</p> <p>HOT TUB 2005, Brand New Still in wrapper, seats 6 w/ lounger. Retail for \$5950, sacrifice for \$2950 734-732-9338</p> <p>Video Games, Tapes, Movies 7360</p> <p>SUPER CHEX Coin operated, bubble hockey game for sale. Brand new in 2005. Great Christmas gift. Use in bar or restaurant. Asking \$2750/best. Cash or money orders only. Contact Liz at 248-506-5623</p> <p>Miscellaneous For Sale 7500</p> <p>PRINTER/FAX/SCAN/COPY HP Office Jet, All in one. Variety of scrubs, all colors & patterns, size medium, all mint 734-266-1876, 734-377-8913</p> <p>SLOT MACHINES - (2) Valley Blazing 7 & (1) Fire Ball. Exc. cond. Other slot machines avail. (810) 231-0724</p> <p>TREADMILL Like new, \$200. Twin bed frame, brand new, \$25. Abersizer, \$50, like new. (248) 423-0373</p>	<p>Musical Instruments 7510</p> <p>MARIMBA Kori, 4.3 Octave Concert, Rosewood Bars. Transportable. Very nice instrument \$4500. (734) 464-7340</p> <p>PIANO - Exceptional treasure from the 1930's Cable Nelson baby grand Reprodur player piano. Exc cond with over 50 rolls. \$6500. (248) 642-5444</p> <p>Sporting Goods 7520</p> <p>POOL TABLE New in box, 8ft., 1" slate, \$1250 (734) 732-9338</p> <p>Wanted to Buy 7540</p> <p>BUYING MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS Organs, the older the better. Also buying records, LP's & 45's. (313) 580-7347</p> <p>SCRAP BATTERIES We Buy Scrap Batteries \$1.50 Automotive, \$2.50 Lt. Com., \$5.00 Heavy Com. Michigan Battery Equip., 23660 Industrial Park Drive Farmington, Hills. 1-800-356-9151</p> <p>What can CLASSIFIEDS do for you? 1-800-579-SELL</p>	<p>Cats 7830</p> <p>DESPERATELY NEED HOMES (Separate OK) for 3 female cats: gray tiger, 5 years, spayed; black long hair, 1 yr. & gray tiger, 7 yrs, getting fixed. 734-719-5510, 734-397-8187</p> <p>PERSIAN KITTENS - CFA Papers/ Shots Completed/ Warranty/ \$75 Gift Package incl. \$500 & up. 248-701-6943</p> <p>Dogs 7840</p> <p>COCKER SPANIEL - AKC, buff puppies, born 10-20-05, first shots, parents on-site. \$450. Call 313-506-5681</p> <p>POODLES - STANDARD Beautiful cloudy shots, champion sire, AKC, to good homes only (248) 473-2061</p> <p>RAT TERRIERS - 9 mo & 10 weeks old, reasonably, to good home. Good w/ children & other pets. 313-541-0144</p> <p>What can CLASSIFIEDS do for you? 1-800-579-SELL</p>	<p>Horses & Equipment 7860</p> <p>SADDLES - Barnsby black dressage saddle, med tree, 16-17". Includes leathers stirrups, girth, & bag. Excellent condition. Med-dark brown tooled. \$400. 734-429-2570</p> <p>TRAILER 2-HORSE 1998 Trail Magic, step-in, bumper pull, electric brakes, escape door, vents, interior lights, (2) saddle storage under manger, rubber mats, nicely padded interior \$4000/best. 734-429-2570</p> <p>Household Pets 7880</p> <p>ADORABLE PUPPIES!</p> <p>Westland Pets Make Life Better!</p> <p>ANNIVERSARY PUPPY SALE! Many popular breeds including a Affenpinscher, Akita, Boggle, American Bulldog, Bolognese, Boston Terrier, Boxer, Cairn, Chihuahua, Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Cocker Spaniel, Cock-A-Poo, Corgi, Golden Retriever, Golden Labrador, Husky, Italian Greyhound, Jack Russell, Japanese Chin, Lhasa, Maltese, Miniature Pinscher, Papillon, Pomeranian, Poodle, Shih Tzu, Silkie, etc.</p> <p>Himalayan kittens (flame point)</p> <p>All puppies come with: 9 year limited health warranty 3 free vet office visits Complimentary spaying/neutering Micro chipping 90 Days Same as Cash For December w/Approved Credit and with a minimum of \$250 purchase</p> <p>Petland Across from Westland Mall (734) 367-9806 www.petland.com</p> <p>Lost & Found-Pets 7930</p> <p>FOUND - Gray cat, Inkster/ Garden City area. 734-261-3478</p>	<p>Lost & Found-Pets 7930</p> <p>FOUND: CAT Grey & white male. Gill & Arundel area, Farmington, approximately 2 wks ago. 248-471-7287.</p> <p>LOST - Shih-Tzu, dog, female, brown & white, called "Angel". Garden City. Reward. 734-261-4968</p> <p>Earn extra money!</p> <p>Advertise in</p> <p>Observer & Eccentric</p> <p>To place an ad call: 1-800-579-SELL or fax: 734-953-2232</p> <p>It's all about results!</p>
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

DON'T
DRINK
AND
DRIVE

Kelly's Home Away From Home
For All Your Child Care Needs!
OPEN 24 HOURS • 7 DAYS A WEEK
Call: **734-459-9566**
or visit www.kellycare.com

May the peace and joy of the season fill your holidays.
Don't Drink & Drive!



Mary Ann Roney
(248) 207-3663
Century 21
HARTFORD

Have a safe holiday season!
Century 21
HARTFORD



Diane Shirey
248-345-0031
Helping people achieve their dreams!

Be Responsible...
Don't Drink and Drive

Perspectives Of Troy
2690 Crooks Road, Suite 300 • Troy
248-244-8644
ALCOHOL EDUCATION & AWARENESS COURSE
FIRST SATURDAY MONTHLY

Lake Orion Plumbing & Heating

Don't Drink & Drive
248-693-4775
30 Years

Thank You and Please Don't Drink and Drive from

SANDTRAPS on 5
35780 Five Mile Road • Livonia
734-464-5555

Eat, THINK, and Be Wary....

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE



Drive responsibly!
Nancy Petrucelli
Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Bake
734-558-0885 - Plymouth



Have a GREAT and SAFE Holiday...
Please Don't Drink & Drive!
JACKIE STEUER
Coldwell Banker Schweitzer
Farmington Hills • 248-505-3043

Asking you to think before you drink...Don't Drink & Drive!

Interiors R-Us
Interior/Exterior Painting
734-306-3624
586-872-9832

Hope 2005 has been a good year for you! Happy Holidays & Best Wishes for the New Year.
Be Safe...Don't Drink & Drive!

Marion Severs
Associate Broker
248-514-5390
Century 21
HARTFORD

Susan Burkowski
Realtor
(248) 867-4801
Century 21
HARTFORD

Wishing you a wonderful Holiday Season & a New Year Full of Peace & Prosperity.
Please Don't Drink & Drive

DOYLE'S TAVERN
Food • Sports • Spirits

Use A Designated Driver!
DOYLE'S TAVERN
860 Fralick • Plymouth, MI
734-207-9656

Have A Safe and Happy Holiday!

The Dog's Bow Wow
248-474-7974

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE

Be Safe!
ABC Cab
734-591-3888

THE
Observer & Eccentric
NEWSPAPERS

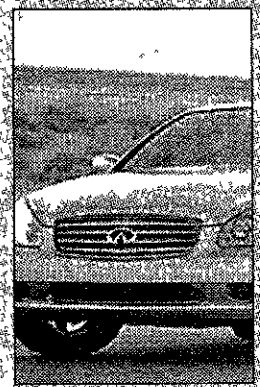
Automotive

Classifieds inside

To place an ad call toll free
1-800-579-SELL (7355)
Fax: (734) 953-2232

CLASSIFIED INDEX

CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER
Employment	5000-5999
Announcements	6000-6999
Merchandise	7000-7549
Autos/RVs	8000-8799
Boats, Motors	8800
Motorcycles, Mini-Bikes	8900
Trucks	9000



Call Toll Free
1-800-579-SELL (7355)

Fax Your Ad: (734) 953-2232

Walk-In Office Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
After Hours: Call (734) 591-0900

Deadlines: To place, cancel or correct ads.

Sunday
5:30 p.m. Friday
Sunday Real Estate
5:30 p.m. Thursday
Thursday
6 p.m. Tuesday
Thursday Real Estate Display
3 p.m. Monday

View the Observer & Eccentric Automotive Classifieds on the web:

www.observerandeccentric.com

The 2006 Chevrolet SSR

Advertising Feature

Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

Go figure. You're Bob Lutz, product-planning viceroy and chief "car guy" for General Motors Corp. And the whole world tells you, in multiple ways, that what you really need to do is produce vehicles that are distinctive, that are different, that are daring - that have some juice. Not to mention that conceiving and executing exciting cars is what you've built your whole career on.

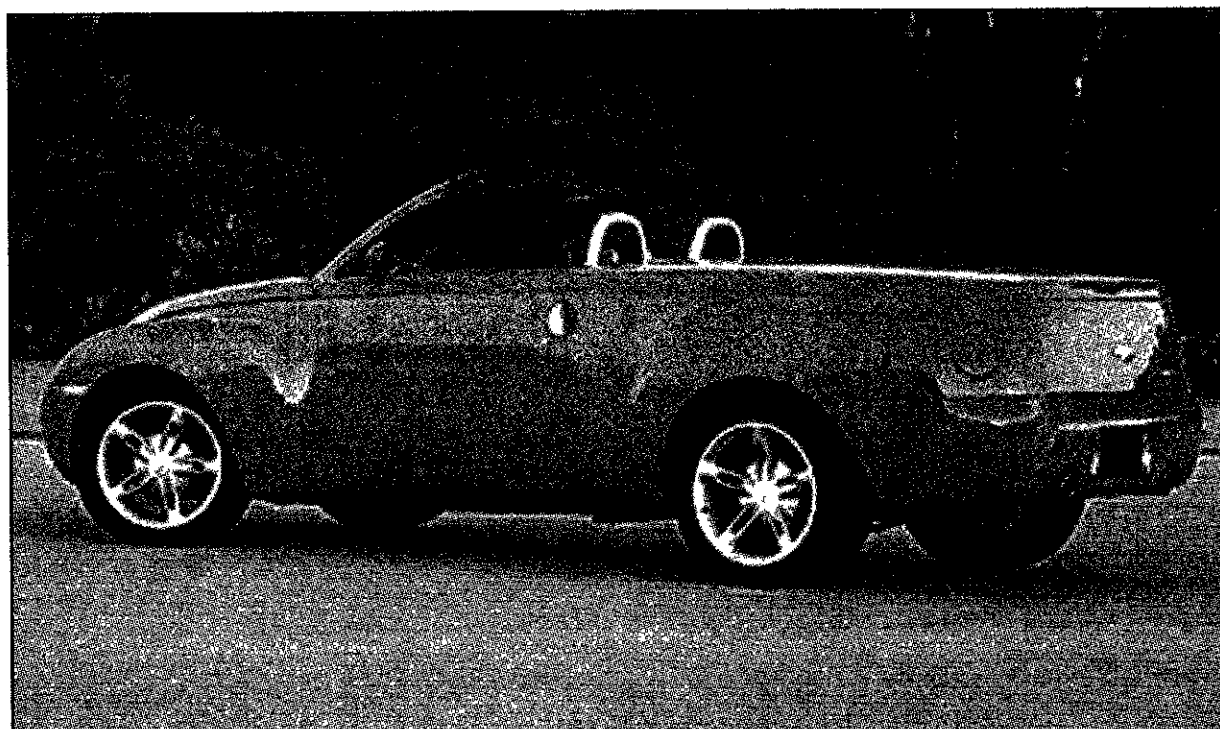
So you see this nifty little, low-volume two-seater, a retro-styled crossover between a car and a truck, with a retractable hard-top, in Chevrolet's future-product plans, and you give it some gas. You authorize unusual production arrangements featuring outside suppliers in prominent new roles to make manufacturing feasible. Yes, Mr. Lutz, you even feature the breathtaking SSR before its debut as a mysterious teaser in national television advertisements for the Chevrolet brand.

The automotive press around the globe is in a tizzy. The SSR begins rolling off a line at GM's Lansing Craft Center in 2003. Many consumers ooh and aah, as well.

Then something very mysterious and frustrating happens as the SSR becomes available at Chevy dealers across the country: A buzz begins to build around the notion that the vehicle is underpowered - that, for all its promise of excitement and its hot-rod styling, SSR doesn't really deliver under the hood, where it counts. And then there's the matter of the sticker price: nearly \$40,000, just to get behind the wheel before options.

You, Mr. Lutz and GM, react as you should, making a bigger engine standard and vowing your continued fealty to the SSR despite the obstacles. You also support the argument that, because SSR is only meant to be a low-sales-volume entry anyway, perhaps its biggest attribute is that it serves as a "halo" vehicle whose raw sex appeal serves to lure consumers into Chevy showrooms, where they go on to buy Silverado trucks or Malibu Maxx cars or something else that's less expensive and maybe not quite so radical.

But none of that is enough. Sales of the SSR never do pick up significantly. GM sells only about 20,000 SSRs, in total, over more than two years, when you and your sales planners had counted on selling 15,000 a year. You announce around Thanksgiving of this year that you're parking SSR, at a time when there is a 250-day



The styling of the Chevrolet SSR has lots of Pizzazz!!

supply of the vehicle available to dealers, much more than the 60-day inventory that you typically desire.

What does all this mean for the rest of us, except perhaps another anecdote to consider as GM tries to climb up a slippery slope toward demise? Mainly that there are plenty 2006-model SSRs available. And if you're being honest about really wanting something different and head-turning in your garage, this may be your best chance to obtain it.

I love this vehicle, and I'm saddened that enough other people didn't. Though the SSR has been available for some time, so few have sold that most people still stop and stare when one goes by. That happened to me countless times as I squirmed the SSR around in public recently, including a city water-meter reader who stopped flat-footed in 10 inches of snow to watch me drive by, and a guy standing out in front of a store in downtown Rochester who stopped puffing on his cigarette for a couple of minutes while he watched me park the thing.

Styling is nearly everything to SSR. It features a bulbous front end with a voracious-looking grill, oversized tires, a pod-like hardtop roof that indeed rolls back into the vehicle, and a truck-bed-like rear end that make the vehicle look like the technological equivalent of

Pegasus or some other mythological hybrid beast.

Quite predictably, in Michigan's December weather I didn't take the opportunity to test the roof. But I did operate the trunk several times. The vehicle's bed-size trunk is another of its distinguishing features. It's nicely appointed inside, with carpet and a handy rack with a bunch of different-sized cloth bins to help you organize your cargo. Yet it's covered with a stylish lid, and it has a truck style drop-gate.

This all worked well for my rather pedestrian cargo-carrying purposes. But I wondered whether this kind of space was a boon or a liability for SSR's sales - whether weekend outdoor enthusiasts and other primary target customers could really figure out how to use the space that SSR was offering.

Under the hood is a six-liter, aluminum, 400-horsepower V8 engine that gave SSR some wonderful kick, and which was calibrated nicely for a bit of throatiness.

The interior is appointed all-retro, with polished chrome throughout. In fact, so sleek was the chrome that the night-time ambient soft lighting above the center console sometimes annoyingly glared off of it.

But that's a small objection to the overall pizzazz that the SSR brought. Sadly, we'll never know how GM planned to correct it.

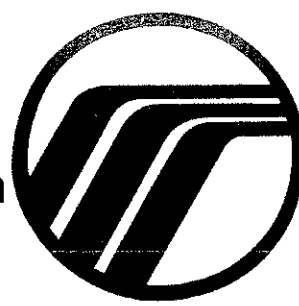
CE08400475



www.

HINES PARK
LINCOLN MERCURY

.com



WRAP UP A GREAT DEAL

The All New Mercury Milan

2006 MERCURY MILAN

24 MO.
LEASE

\$199 PER MO.

\$299 due at signing with or without lease renewal

PURCHASE PRICE \$15,665*

*Hurry! Holiday Bonus
Cash ends soon*



"Family Owned" for 35 Years

Hines Park
LINCOLN MERCURY

* A & Z plan includes \$1000 retiree bonus. \$1299 due at signing without retiree bonus. All rebates to dealer. Subject to approved credit. All payments calculated on information at time of printing. + tax, title & acquisition fees. **Lease based on 10,500 annual mileage. Residency restrictions apply. Must finance through FMCC.

1-275 at Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth • Toll Free 888-613-2393

Check out our web site: www.hinespark.com

Hines Park Lincoln Mercury
"Where you feel more like a
friend than a customer".

Mon. & Thurs. 8:30-9
Tues., Weds. & Fri. 8:30-6
Saturday Service 8-4

	I-96		
	Ann Arbor Road		
Haggerty	X	I-275	Telegraph
	Ford Road		N
	Michigan Ave.		

Observer & Eccentric



Automotive

HOMETOWNlife.com

8000's Autos/RV's

8000... Airplanes
8020... Boats/Motors
8030... Boat Parts/
Equipment/Service
8040... Boat Docks/Marinas
8050... Boat/Vehicle Storage
8060... Insurance, Motor
8070... Motorcycles/Motobikes/
Go-Karts
8080... Motorcycles-Parts & Service
8090... Off Road Vehicles
8100... Recreational Vehicles
8110... Snowmobiles
8120... Campers/Motor Homes/
Trailers
8140... Construction, Heavy
Equipment
8150... Auto Misc.
8160... Auto/Truck-Parts & Service
8170... Auto Rentals/Leasing
8180... Auto Financing
8190... Autos Wanted
8200... Junk Cars Wanted
8220... Trucks For Sale
8240... Mini-Vans
8260... Vans
8280... 4 Wheel Drive
8290... Sports Utility
8300... Sports & Imported

8320... Antique/Classic
Collector Cars
8340... Acura
8360... Buick
8380... Cadillac
8400... Chevrolet
8420... Chrysler-Plymouth
8440... Dodge
8460... Eagle
8480... Ford
8500... Geo
8520... Honda
8540... Hyundai
8560... Kia
8580... Jaguar
8600... Jeep
8620... Lexus
8640... Lincoln
8660... Mazda
8680... Mercury
8700... Mitsubishi
8720... Nissan
8740... Oldsmobile
8760... Pontiac
8780... Saturn
8800... Toyota
8820... Volkswagen
8840... Volvo
8860... Autos Over \$2000
8880... Autos Under \$2000

1-800-579-SELL

8000-8780 Automotive Restored/Used Vehicles

Boats/Motors 8020

CATALINA 27 Sailboat 1983
roller, inboard gas, perfect,
\$7500. (313) 861-8743

Snowmobiles 8110

ARCTIC CAT 440 1994
YAMAHA V-MAX 1995.
Both have electric start & tilt
trailer. \$2200. 734-777-8945

KARAVAN TRAILER Ultra 10
w/cap. \$1200. 2001, Polaris
Sport Touring, 2-up, low
mileage, \$5600. 1998, Arctic
Cat, Panthera 500, 2-up,
\$2800. 1995, Polaris Indy
440, \$700. Total package
\$9700. (248) 240-2409

**Campers/Motor
Homes/Trailers 8120**

TERRY LITE 1999 Travel Trailer
25', extras, hitch assembly,
\$11,400. 734-427-6743

Auto Misc. 8150

RUSTED AFAR
I'll restore your old car. Auto
body rebuilding, panels, fabri-
cation, painting, pin stripping,
old & new. Reasonable rates.
Call Hank. (313) 291-3075

SCRAP BATTERIES
We Buy Scrap Batteries
\$1.50 Automotive
\$2.50 Lt. Com.
\$5.00 Heavy com.
Michigan Battery Equip.
23660 Industrial Park Drive
Farmington, Hills.
1-800-356-9151

Junk Cars Wanted 8200

AARON PAYS CASH
For cars & trucks
(313) 842-1275

ALL AUTOS TOP\$
Junked, Wrecked or Running.
E & M 248-474-4425
Evenings 734-717-0428

**WRECKED &
JUNK CARS
WANTED!**
(734) 282-1700

Trucks for Sale 8220

CHEVY S-10 LS 2004 Crew
Cab, 4 wheel drive, only 7,000
miles, call today.
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

CHEVY TRUCK 2003 Regular
cab, 8 foot bed. \$12,950.

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

FORD F150 2000
Extended. Immaculate. Must
go! First \$7200 takes!
TYME (734) 455-5566

FORD F150 2003 Supercab,
23K, \$15,995. Certified
Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

FORD F150 2005 Super Cab,
low miles, super clean, was
\$26,874, is \$19,175.
Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

FORD RANGER 1999 Extended
cab XLT, 4x4, Flareside, 4.0 V-
6, leather, low miles, \$8,450.
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

Mini-Vans 8240

CHEVY VENTURE 2004,
unbelievable, unbelievable,
\$13,900.

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

DODGE CARAVAN, 1996 All
power. Runs good. Extended
7 seater 248-348-9690 or
248-767-0859

FORD FREESTAR 2004,
Certified pre-owned, \$14,995.
Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

FORD WINDSTAR -1999, Exc.
cond. 2 sliding doors. \$3995
AUTO CONNECTION,
734-968-7979

FORD WINDSTAR 1999-
Clean, low miles, dual air.
\$8895
Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

FORD WINDSTAR SE 2003-
Low miles, like new. Certified.
\$13,995
Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

GMC SAFARI LT 2003, 8 pas-
senger, low miles, \$13,950.
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

MERCURY VILLAGER ESTATE
1999, Jewel green, loaded, 1
owner, low miles, \$7,950
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

OLDS SILHOUETTE GLS
2003, silver, leather, chrome,
loaded, \$14,950
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER
1998 V6, transmission, brakes
etc., like new. 84,003
miles. \$3200. 248-698-4134

Vans 8260

DODGE RAM 2001 Startcraft
Van Conversion, 37K, blue,
chromes oak pkg., \$14,950.
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

4 Wheel Drive 8280

CHEVY S-10 CREW 2003 4x4,
cool, \$12,900

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

CHEVY SILVERADO 1999
Extended Cab, 4x4, pewter,
51K, cleanest in town! \$13,950
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

CHEVY SILVERADO LS Crew
4x4 4 dr, \$22,950. 4.9%

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

CHEVY SILVERADO LS 2005
4x4 Extended cab, 18K,
\$19,950. 4.9%

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

F-350 1999 - 4x4, low miles,
dualy, 9 foot Fisher snow-
plow. \$18,500. 248-347-6089

FORD RANGER 2003
Supercab, yellow, 4x4, loaded,
certified. \$15,995
Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

FORD RANGER 2004 4x4
Supercab Flareside, 13K,
\$17,495.
Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

GMC CANYON 2004 Crew
Cab, 4x4, silver lining \$16,950

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

GMC CANYON 2004 Crew Cab
4x4, sunny yellow, \$17,950.

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

GMC EXTENDED CAB 2002
leather, chrome (black beauty)
SLT, 4x4, \$16,450

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

Sports Utility 8290

CHEVY BLAZER 2002 2 dr.,
4x4, 5 speed, 26K, \$10,950.
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

CHEVY BLAZER 2002 hi-rider
2 dr 4x4 7R, black 1
owner \$9,450
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

CHEVY SUBURBAN LS 1999,
V-8, dual air, full power, trailer
pkg, loaded, \$8,950.
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

CHEVY SUBURBAN LT 2001,
black, loaded, 1 owner,
leather, 4x4, \$12,950.
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

CHEVY SUBURBAN LT 2002
Leather seats, extras, charcoal
& pewter, sunroof, 69,000
miles. \$18,000. 248-408-2377

CHEVY TAHOE LS 2002 4WD,
pewter, loaded, save, \$18,450.

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

CHEVY TAHOE LS 2004 4x4,
17K, loaded, \$22,950.

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

CHEVY TAHOE LS 2005,
leather, loaded, \$25,900. 3.9%

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

CHEVY TAHOE LT 2002 4x4,
dark blue, leather, rear seat,
sharp! \$14,995
Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

CHEVY TRACKER 2003 4x4,
power pak, \$10,450.

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

CHEVY TRAILBLAZER 2002 E
xtended, moon, 4x4, \$14,900.

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

CHEVY TRAILBLAZER 2002,
all power, front & rear air, see
the moon, sale priced,
\$13,950. 3.9%

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

CHEVY TRAILBLAZER 2003
Extended, 3rd row, DVD,
3.9%, \$17,450

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

CHEVY TRAILBLAZER 2003,
Ext. 3rd seat, 26K, \$17,950.
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

CHEVY TRAILBLAZER LT EXT.
2003, low miles, \$17,950
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

CHEVY TRAILBLAZERS 2003,
from \$13,450 4 to choose
from \$4.9%

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

Sports Utility 8290

CHEVY TRAILBLAZERS 2004,
from \$16,450. 3 to choose
from. \$3.9%

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

DODGE DURANGO SLT 1998,
V-8, black, 4x4, loaded, only
\$5,495.
Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

FORD ESCAPE 2001
dark Blue Beauty! Fully
loaded, \$5800
TYME (734) 455-5566

FORD ESCAPE 2004, aspen
green, only 9000 miles,
\$17,995.
Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

FORD ESCAPE 2005- 4x4,
silver, no boundaries, like
new! \$18,005
Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

FORD ESCAPE XLT 2001,
copper, V-6, leather, loaded,
just \$9,950. Super clean
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

FORD EXPEDITION 2003 4x4,
certified, 32K, black, \$21,995.
Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

FORD EXPLORER 2002, V-8,
dark blue, 4 dr., \$9,495.
Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

FORD EXPLORER 2003 4x4,
clean, free gas, \$13,995.
Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

FORD EXPLORER XLT 2002,
V-8, moon, 3rd row seat,
\$16,995. \$200 free gas
Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

GMC 2005 YUKON DENALI
DVD, sunroof, upgraded tires,
GMP extended warranty, exc
cond, \$36,500. 248-561-3500

GMC ENVY 2002, 36,000
miles, 4 x4, loaded, leather,
sunroof, prem. wheels, 6 cd
chg. \$16,500. (248) 656-1285

GMC ENVY XL 2003 4x4,
leather, moon, chrome, like
new, save! \$18,950.
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

GMC ENVY XL 2003, blue,
DVD, 4x4, only \$14,395.
Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

GMC JIMMY 2001, 2 dr.
coupe, 1 owner, dark blue,
\$4,995
Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

TROOPER LS 2000 white
4x4, 1 owner sharp! \$10,950
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

Sports & Imported 8300

FIAT-X1/9 1980, 92,000 miles;
second owner, complete his-
tory, newer battery & spark
plugs. Runs/drives great,
\$2500/best. (734) 455-2304

**Antique/Classic
Collector Cars 8320**

CHEVROLET CAPRICE 1975
White convertible, V8, exc.
cond. \$7400 (248) 545-1991

ELDORADOS 1983 2 south-
ern cars, needs repair!
\$2100/best. (248) 426-8812

FORD GALAXY 1965 390,
black/black, 75K miles,
\$4900. (248) 347-6099

MUSTANG GRANDE 1972
Project Car. Engine in great
cond. \$5500/best. (248) 722-6665

Buick 8380

PARK AVENUE 2003 ice blue
35K, loaded, 1 owner, \$17,950.
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

RENEZVOUS CLX 2004,
leather, silver, only \$14,495.
Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

Cadillac 8360

DEVILLE 2005, chrome, 1.
owner, loaded, leather, 12K,
\$25,900. Luxury for less!
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

Chevrolet 8400

CAMARO 2002, pewter, moon,
loaded, low miles, \$10,850
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

CAVALIER 2004 save gas,
only, \$8,950.

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

CAVALIER 1998
2 Dr., air, Auto, cruise, 69,
anti-lock brakes, 1 owner's
am-fm stereo. Good con-
dition, runs excellent, 79K
\$3,750. 248-399-8246

CAVALIER 2001, \$5,899.
Save green

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

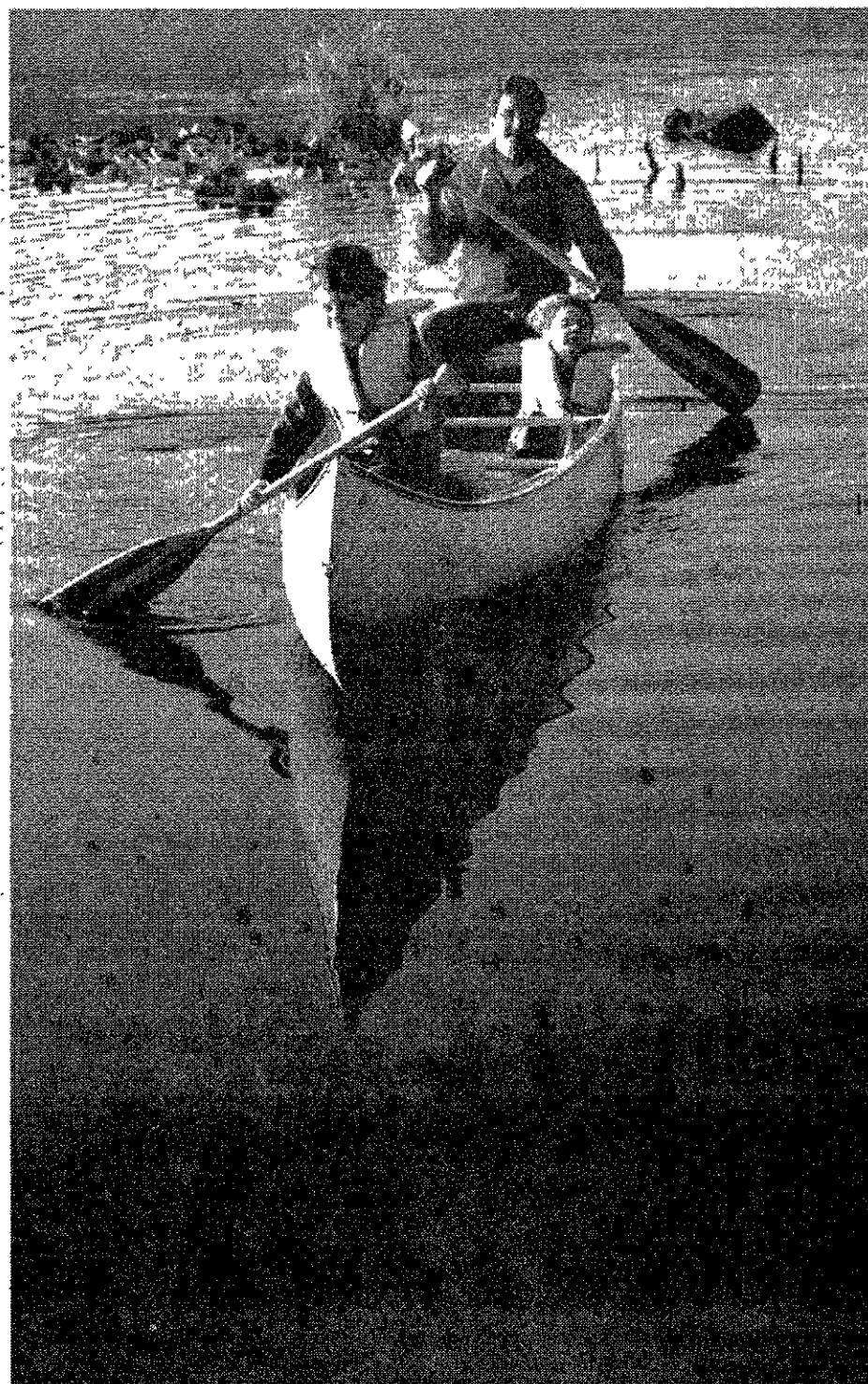
CAVALIER 2003 2 dr., red, 4
cylinder, auto, save, \$7,950.

Only At
Lou LaFiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

CAVALIER 2004, 4 dr, auto,
air, CD, low miles, \$8,950
JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

CAVALIER LS SPORT 2002
Good condition 37,000 miles
Full power Sunroof \$7500/
best offer 734-748-6162

We're a whole lot closer to home.



Families have found some of the best things in our hometown classifieds. Like this really great canoe in the Birmingham Eccentric or that great big, loveable old dog, in the Canton Observer.

Folks take time to look for that special item advertised by a neighbor who sold his cottage or the woman who can't have a dog in her new apartment. They spend time shopping our friendly classified marketplace.

So, if you have something you're not using, or if you're looking for an item and want to buy it close to home, pick up your Observer & Eccentric Classifieds and discover a marvelous multi-community marketplace!

Observer & Eccentric
Classified Ads

We work for YOU!
1-800-579-SELL

www.hometownlife.com

Observer & Eccentric



Automotive

HOMETOWNlife.com

Chevrolet

CHRY CAPRICE CLASSIC 1986 Brougham, V-8 4 door. One owner. 57,175 miles \$5500. 734-844-8417

CORVETTE-1975 360 Automatic, runs & looks great. \$4200/best offer. (248) 730-2900

GMC JIMMY 2000 4x4 door, sun roof, 4X4, fully loaded. \$7500/best offer. (248) 761-8655

IMPALA 2005, sharp clean car. \$13,900.

Only At
Lou LaRiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

MALIBU 2003 \$9,900 3 to choose from.

Only At
Lou LaRiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

MALIBU 2005 Maxx long box. \$13,900

Only At
Lou LaRiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

MALIBU LS 1998 Auto, air, leather. \$2995

Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

MALIBU LS 2001, silver, 4 dr., only \$3,995.

Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

MALIBU LS 2003, V-6, 21K, \$9,950

Only At
Lou LaRiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

MONTE CARLO LS 2005 bright red, loaded, factory warranty, hurry. \$15,950

JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

Chrysler-Plymouth

CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY LTD 1999 Air, alarm, Auto, pl, cruise, CD, anti-lock brakes, pw, Full service history, ps, am-fm stereo, leather, 100K, very clean, newer tires, regular maintenance. \$6,000

248-459-8668

CONCORDE LXI 2002, \$8,995.

Only At
Lou LaRiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

FOR THE LATEST "MOTHER'S WISDOM" tyneauto.com

PT CRUISER 2003 Fully loaded Very low miles \$1800 below Black Book

Only \$99 down!
TYME (734) 455-5566

SEBRING 2002 V-6 leather 101,011 miles \$11,995

JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

SUNFIRE 2001 42K Immaculate! Auto, Air \$3199

TYME (734) 455-5566

Dodge

INTREPID 2004, black, air, alloys, sharp. \$6,995

Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

NEON 2003 Auto, Air. Very low miles. \$5899

tyneauto.com

Ford

CROWN VICTORIA LX 1993 62,000 original miles. Runs great. PS/PB/PW AM/FM/Cassette. Remote start \$1800 Call # 313-938-4490

CROWN VICTORIA LX 1997, 1 owner, garage kept, retiree car new car trade. \$6,950

JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

FOCUS ST 2005, loaded, 700 miles, was \$18,995, is \$15,995

Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

FOCUS ZTS 2003, red & ready, auto, low miles. \$10,995.

Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

FORD TAURUS SHO 1997 Good shape, needs engine, \$1500/best. 734-612-3147

MUSTANG 2000 Convertible, 18K, white, \$11,495.

Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

MUSTANG GT "ROUSH" 2005, yellow. Only 1,000 miles! Call for price

Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

MUSTANG GT 2005 WOW! Hard to get! Auto, leather, \$24,995

Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

TAURUS 2004, loaded, low miles, priced to move! \$11,995

Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

TAURUS 2006 You pick the color. 5 to choose. 1 price pricing. \$14,995

Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

TAURUS GL, 1995 60,000 miles Loaded, exc cond \$2900/best Call 248-486-3998

WRECKED & JUNK CARS WANTED!

(734) 282-1700

Honda

CIVIC 2000 Coupe, silver, \$4,395

Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

ODYSSEY EX 2003 Air, CD Great condition, CPO Warranty, 36K miles \$20,540

313-433-4840

Hyundai

HYUNDAI SONATA 2001 tyneauto.com

Jaguar

X TYPE 2003, 2.5 White, tan leather 29,000 miles Full factory warranty Super clean! Motivated seller \$20,499/best

248-318-2980, 517-819-2562

Jeep

LIBERTY LIMITED 2003, black, 24,000 miles, loaded, must see! Save big. \$16,950

JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

Jeep

WRANGLER 2003 4x4, auto, 6 cylinder convertible, \$14,995.

Only At
Lou LaRiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

Lincoln

CONTINENTAL 1997, silver, loaded, \$3,295.

Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

LS 2001 Immaculate! \$6500

TYME 734-455-5566

LS 2003 4 Dr., air, alarm, Auto, pl, cruise, CD, anti-lock brakes, pw, ps, am-fm stereo, sunroof, leather, 33,700 miles. Loaded, heat/cooled seats, Stabili. Cntrl excellent cond. \$19,500 248-766-8068

LS 2003 25,000 miles, leather, silver \$15,995

Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

MARK VIII 1997 Loaded, all leather, 52,000 miles, non-smoker, exc. cond. \$8000/best Call 248-442-8826

TOWN CAR 1997 EXECUTIVE MODEL Silver, black cloth top, full power everything, new tires/brakes, non-smoking, \$4100 248-637-3146

TOWN CAR-SIGNATURE 1997 Good cond, asking \$5500. Also 1995 Towncar-Signature, \$4500/best. (734) 459-2197

Mercury

MARAUDER 2004, triple black, low miles, \$23,495.

Bill Brown Ford
(734) 522-0030

Pontiac

BONNEVILLE 2001 Leather, power moon, only \$9995

Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

BONNEVILLE GXP 2004, V-8, loaded, silver, only \$20,995

Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

Pontiac

BONNEVILLE SLE 2003, all power, on star, only \$16,995

Only At
Lou LaRiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

GRAND AM GT 2003 Coupe, 2 to choose, chrome, moons, loaded, \$11,900

Only At
Lou LaRiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

GRAND AM GT 2004, black, 4 dr. \$11,950.

Only At
Lou LaRiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

GRAND AM SE 2004, V-6, auto, air, alloys, spoiler, V-6, 4 to choose. From \$11,495.

Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

GRAND PRIX GT 1997 Coupe, black, sunroof, \$3,795.

Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

GRAND PRIX GT 2002, Black, loaded, Good condition, 82,000 miles, \$7900 (248) 588-5764

GRAND PRIX GT 2003, red, power moon, leather, 38K

Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

GRAND PRIX SPECIAL EDITION 2003, dark blue, power moon, leather, 35K

Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

MONTANA 1999 Mint cond., 4 air bags, garaged, loaded, alloy wheels, all power, trac control, \$4995, 248-661-1707

SUNFIRE COUPE 2005, 22K, only \$9,495

Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

SUNFIRE SE 2005, bright red, auto, air, loaded, spoiler, save big, \$11,950 Factory warranty

JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

TRANS AM 1999 V-8 Convertible auto, bright red, leather, chrome, \$11,950

JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

Pontiac

VIBE 2004 - 1 owner, 24K, power moon, black \$14,995

Bob Jeannotte Pontiac
(734) 453-2500

VIBE 2005, 18L, auto, all power, great on gas, \$14,450

Only At
Lou LaRiche Chevrolet
Your Hometown Chevy Dealer
888-372-9836

Saturn

L200 2001 Only 25K, loaded, 1 owner \$8450. Very sharp

JOHN ROGIN BUICK
734-525-0900

Toyota

CAMRY -1995 2 door, auto, exc. cond. \$2500

AUTO CONNECTION.
734-968-7979

Volvo

VOLVO 1993 Model 850 Green Loaded! Excellent condition 93,000 miles \$5900/best 313-333-1809

Autos Under \$2000 (8780)

DODGE 1992 DAKOTA Sport, V8, black, runs great, new transmission, tires, a/c. Loaded. \$2000 firm 734-812-3475

Sell it all with
Observer & Eccentric
1-800-579-SELL

ESCORT LX SPORT 1995 Auto, air, exc cond., \$2000/best offer 248-470-6827

Don't take a chance....

...place your ad in The Observer & Eccentric Classifieds today!

1-800-579-SELL



REDD TAG EVENT ENDS JANUARY 3RD!

OPEN MONDAY - JAN. 2nd til 9 P.M.

LEASE PULL-AHEAD Get out of your lease now and make no more payments if your lease ends before April 30, 2006 when you purchase or lease before January 3, 2006. See Lou LaRiche Chevrolet for complete details.

2006 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER

REDD TAG EVENT 24 mo/20,000 mile lease \$129 ** PER MO Total Due At Signing \$2229 BUY NOW \$24,041

GM EMPLOYEE & FAMILY 24 mo/20,000 mile lease \$101 ** PER MO Total Due At Signing \$2561 BUY NOW \$22,858

2 wheel drive, sunroof, XM radio & much more. Stock #8480. Was \$29,840

2006 IMPALA LT

REDD TAG EVENT 39 mo/32,500 mile lease \$184 ** PER MO Total Due At Signing \$3179

GM EMPLOYEE & FAMILY 39 mo/32,500 mile lease \$159 ** PER MO Total Due At Signing \$3154

Power windows & locks, tilt, cruise.

~ \$1995 DOWN ~

GM EMPLOYEE & FAMILY BUY NOW \$19,519*

REDD TAG EVENT \$211 ** PER MO Total Due At Signing \$2206

GM EMPLOYEE & FAMILY \$186 ** PER MO Total Due At Signing \$2181

REDD TAG SALE PRICE \$20,539*

~ \$995 DOWN ~

REDD TAG EVENT \$239 ** PER MO Total Due At Signing \$1234

GM EMPLOYEE & FAMILY \$214 ** PER MO Total Due At Signing \$1209

Lou LaRiche CHEVROLET

1-866-385-8000

40875 Plymouth Rd. • At Haggerty • Across From Unisys

www.LaRicheCHEVY.COM

SS IMPALA and SS TRAILBLAZER IN STOCK

REVISION 7-04

Must pay license, not all vehicles have GM's with option to purchase at term for predetermined price. Lessee responsible for taxes, title and license. *See dealer for details. **With GM's purchase agreement. Prices subject to change due to print deadlines.

SAVE a LOT with BOB JEANNOTTE

REDD TAG EVENT The Price You See Is The Price You Pay. Not One Penny More. Lease Pull Ahead Is Here - Don't Miss Out! See Bob Jeannotte For Details

PONTIAC "ACTION"

Stock #60285 2006 PONTIAC G6 SALE PRICE \$15,106*

27 Month Lease \$151 ** PER MO. \$1995 Due at Lease Signing

BUICK "Dream Up"

Stock #66166 2006 RENDEZVOUS CX SALE PRICE \$20,841*

24 Month Lease \$135 ** PER MO. \$1995 Due at Lease Signing

GMC "We are Professional Grade"

Stock #65192 2006 GMC ENVOY SALE PRICE \$24,376*

24 Month Lease \$139 ** PER MO. \$1995 Due at Lease Signing

2006 TORRENT

Stock #60378 SALE PRICE \$19,887*

27 Month Lease \$224 ** PER MO. \$1995 Due at Lease Signing

2005 RAINIER CXL

WAS \$34,470 SALE PRICE \$23,841*

24 Month Lease \$197 ** PER MO. \$1995 Due at Lease Signing

2005 SIERRA 4X4 EXTENDED CAB

Stock #65162 SALE PRICE \$19,887*

24 Month Lease \$197 ** PER MO. \$1995 Due at Lease Signing

Hours: Mon. & Thurs. 9-9 Tues. Wed. Fri. 9-6

14949 Sheldon Road • (between M-14 & 5 Mile Road) • Plymouth (734) 453-2500

www.JEANNOTTE.COM

2006 mazda 6i Sports Sedan

S-Plan Special Lease \$169 per mo with \$2100 down

Auto ABS, sub comp, pkg CD, alloy wheels & more. Stock #056m94

"The best news about the 6? It's a screaming bargain."

-Automotive Magazine 2/04

2006 mazda 3i 4DR Sedan

S-Plan priced at only \$14,272*

With AC, CD, P, alloy & more. \$9406m95

BILL BROWN FORD

**HOLIDAY
BONUS
CASH
ENDS
JAN. 3RD!**

- BIG DRIVE CLEARANCE -
OPEN MONDAY • JAN 2ND • 9am-9pm

2000 FOCUS ZX4 SES 4 Door



\$193* Per mo.
24 month lease

Equipped with: Auto, air, power windows, locks, speed control, heated seats, safety package, anti-lock brakes, side impact air bags

BUY FOR \$13,894+ 2 at this price
76 available

2000 RANGER XLT SUPERCAB 4X4



\$177* Per mo.
24 month lease

Equipped with: Auto, air, 4.0 V6, Pioneer MP3 290 w/sound system, sport buckets, privacy glass, speed & tilt

BUY FOR \$18,264+ 3 at this price
22 available

2000 FUSION SE SPORT



\$220* Per mo.
24 month lease

Equipped with: Sport package, auto, air, premium CDX6/MP3, 16" aluminum wheels, power windows, seat, locks, speed control

BUY FOR \$15,801+ 2 at this price
50 available

2000 F150 STX 4X4 SUPERCAB

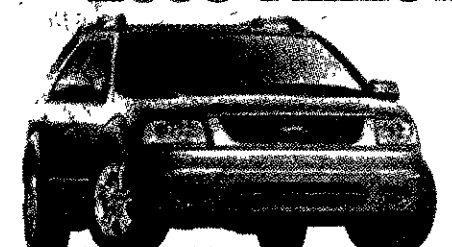


\$147* Per mo.
24 month lease

ASK ABOUT SPECIAL STX KISS PRICING

BUY FOR \$20,558+ 6 at this price
263 available

2000 FREESTYLE LIMITED



\$274* Per mo.
24 month lease

Equipped with: Leather, Audiophile sound system, heated seats, power windows, seats, locks, speed control

2 at this price
96 available

2000 ESCAPE XLT 4 WD

With Sun & Sound

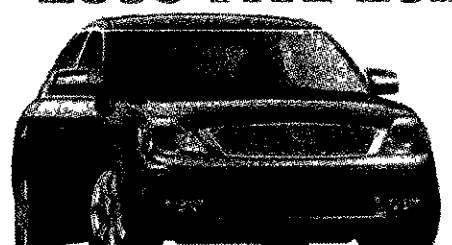


\$233* Per mo.
24 month lease

Equipped with: Air, power windows, locks, speed control, power moonroof, cargo cover, audiophile/6-CD in dash/sat cap

3 at this price
102 available

2000 FIVE HUNDRED LIMITED



\$305* Per mo.
24 month lease

Equipped with: Leather, Audiophile sound system, heated seats, power windows, seats, locks, speed control, traction control

BUY FOR \$22,665+ 6 at this price
120 available

2000 EXPLORER EDDIE BAUER 4X4



\$286* Per mo.
24 month lease

Equipped with: Leather, adjustable pedals, power windows, locks, speed control with tilt wheel, AM/FM/CD

BUY FOR \$25,615+ 5 at this price
281 available

DARE TO COMPARE!

OUR PAYMENTS ARE WITH LESS MONEY OUT OF POCKET AND INCLUDE \$695 ACQUISITION FEE.

FINAL CLEARANCE SALE!

2005 ESCAPE 4X4 LMTD	WAS \$28,420	KISS \$20,995
2005 FIVE HUNDRED AWD LTD	WAS \$28,765	KISS \$21,965
2005 F150 FX4	WAS \$36,260	KISS \$23,892
2005 RANGER 4X4	WAS \$28,575	KISS \$17,280
2005 MUSTANG	WAS \$23,655	KISS \$19,988
KISS PRICE GOOD FOR EVERYONE + tax, title & destination		

BIG DRIVE SWEEPSTAKES!

3 Great Prizes to Win!

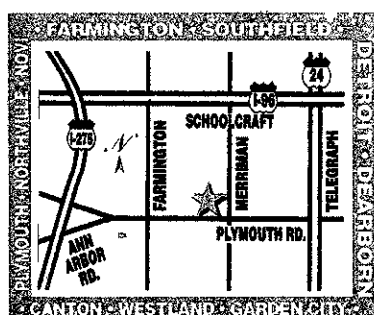
Grand Prize!
A 2-Year Lease on the All New Ford Fusion!

- 2nd PRIZE -
2 Tickets To The Big Game at Ford Field on Feb. 5!

- 3rd PRIZE -
A 50" BIG SCREEN TELEVISION!

It all ends January 3rd!
to purchase necessary, licensed driver, 18 years or older. See dealer for rules and complete details.

Making the Difference Since 1941



BILL BROWN Ford Blue Oval Certified
1-800-611-2990

BILL BROWN
\$500!
ENTER FOR YOUR TRIBUTE!
With the purchase of lease of a new vehicle, 1999 or newer vehicles. Less than 100,000 miles. Valid through January 3, 2006.

32222 PLYMOUTH ROAD • LIVONIA • BROWSE OUR INVENTORY AT BILLBROWNFORD.COM

* Lease payments are plus tax with \$1,000 due at delivery for qualifying A-Planners, zero with ZPlan voucher, \$2,000 at delivery for qualifying non A-Planners (\$3000 on Explorer) for NON-A-PLAN. Includes acquisition fee, excludes tax and license fees. Security deposit waived with renewal. All rebates assigned to dealer. 10,500 miles per year. + For qualifying A-Planners may require financing with Ford Credit, plus tax, title and destination. Add \$1,000 (\$2,000 for Explorer) if not A-Plan. Not all buyers qualify for lowest APR or lease rates. Pictures may not represent actual vehicles. Payments per-program in effect at publication are subject to change. Offer ends January 3, 2006.

OE06399229