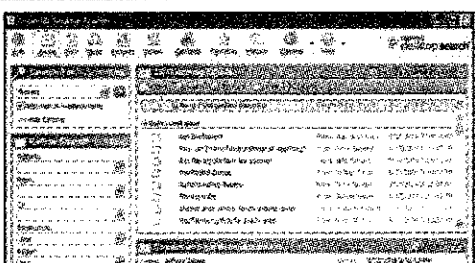


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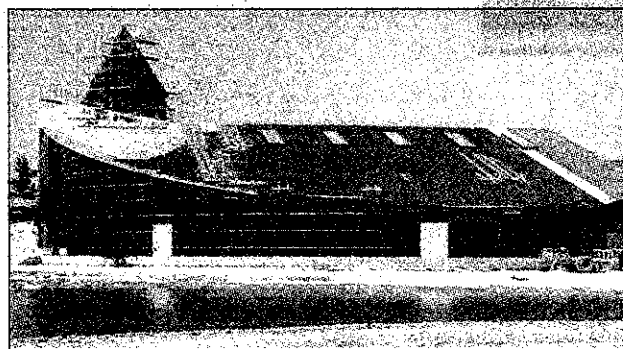
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After 10 years, Summit remains a beacon for the community



Construction crews broke ground on Summit on the Park in May of 1994, and the entire facility was opened to the public in January of 1996.

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Just one decade ago, there was nothing but an open field where today sits a massive 75-foot high green glass tower. The Summit on the Park is celebrating its 10-year anniversary next week, and has become the focal point of Canton's vast recreation programs and, possibly, the township itself.

"It's probably the most photographed building in Canton," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack, who for nearly a decade before the 95,000-square-foot building was constructed worked on what was at the time a cutting-edge idea.

It was nearly 30 years ago that the idea to construct a community recreational facility was conceived.

"It was sort of on the back burner for quite a long time," Yack said. Then, in 1988, leading up to an August primary election and a general election in November, voters were asked to approve a tax increase to pay for a recreation facility. The measure lost miserably, as did a proposal (which Yack now agrees is ironic) to make the township supervisor's position part time

and hire a community manager.

"At that time, most communities didn't have this type of center," Yack said. "You were considered a real trend-setter if your community had a recreation center."

Today, it's more common for a community to have a recreation center, but very uncommon for it to have been paid for before construction even began, as the Summit

ultimately was.

The result of the failed election was that even though people weren't opposed to the township having the center, the voters didn't want to pay for its construction.

So Yack, along with then-Clerk Loren Bennett, set out to find out exactly what the community did want. "Overwhelmingly

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Celebration to honor civil rights leaders

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is all about celebrating the value of diversity, and the Canton community aims to do it up right.

The community will honor the day in sight and song with "Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." on Jan. 16 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The program begins at 7 p.m. but attendees are encouraged to arrive at 6:30 p.m. to allow time to view the extraordinary exhibit, "A Countdown to Eternity." This photo-documentary of King and the civil rights movement from the archives of internationally acclaimed photographer Benedict J. Fernandez provides a rare and intimate view of the famed civil rights leader in the proud, contemplative, triumphant and final moments of his life.

At 7 p.m., the celebration will begin, with a performance by Vision, the Men's Glee Club from the Detroit School of the Arts, under the direction of Sheryl Valentine. Guest speaker Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Wade Harper McCree will address the audience with a talk titled "The King Legacy - Our Unfinished Agenda."

McCree is a graduate of Cass Technical High School, the University of Michigan and Stanford Law. He has served as president of the Association of Black Judges of Michigan and is the son of Wade H. McCree, Jr., the second black U. S. Solicitor-General.

An original video, "A Tribute to Rosa Parks," compiled and edited by Canton Township cable, will also be shown.

Last year's program at the Canton Public Library was so well attended that it has been moved to a larger venue, the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, which seats more than 400. The photo exhibition will be set up in the lobby of the theater and will remain on display through March 5, 2006, for public viewing.

The program, which is being sponsored by Friends of the Canton Public Library, Canton Township, The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, and Comcast is free to the public. No reservations are required but early arrival is recommended. For more information, call the Canton Public Library at (734) 397-0999



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Donna Napolitano, who owns Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton, explains how an active solar collector, like the one attached to the outside of her office, can help reduce heating bills.

Canton company offers cures for the winter heating blues

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

By now, most Michigan consumers have figured out natural gas prices are shooting through the roof. Literally.

According to Donna Napolitano, who owns Mechanical Energy Systems, Inc. of Canton, the reason natural gas prices have nearly tripled is because there is such a great demand for it here in Michigan. The state imports about three quarters of the natural gas used by residents and businesses. She says one of the main reasons we have such a high demand is because we waste a lot of energy.

In the home, for example, heat is wasted through leaky windows, and, yes, insufficiently insulated

walls and roofs.

"Over the holidays people told me they were receiving their utility bills for last month, and the shock set in when they were anywhere from \$300 to \$600," she said.

The fact is, there is much residential consumers can do at home to lesson the blow of higher natural gas prices. And that's where Napolitano comes in. Mechanical Energy Systems, which she owns with her husband, Joe, installs a number of energy saving products, including high efficiency furnaces and water heaters.

The Napolitanos, who live in Canton, also specialize in installing alternative energy sources, including solar products, which can be an important investment for consumers who want to save money in

the long run. For example, solar hot air panels installed on the outside of a home, which harness energy from the sun, can heat a home during the spring and fall, and assist a furnace in the winter.

Another good way to utilize solar power is to install a solar water heating system, which runs about \$7,000 to install. However, Napolitano said the units typically pay for themselves within four years, especially for families with teenage children, and last 30 years.

"When you have an average size family, it costs about \$60-70 per month to heat your water," she said. "It's essentially free with a solar unit. We have all this free energy out there. My advice is use it. I call

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Last summer, Canton's Emily Pardington, 15, left home to attend The Rock School, a prestigious performing arts school outside Philadelphia. She has dreams of becoming a professional ballerina.

Canton teen hopes to twirl her way to the top

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Emily Pardington's delicate smile and the stiff tulle of her tutu can fool you. On the surface, she looks like any sweet 15-year-old girl who wants to be a professional ballerina when she is done with high school. But behind her graceful countenance lurks an athlete so focused, talented and competitive she could quite possibly join the ranks of the very best in her field.

Pardington, of Canton, was a "late bloomer" in the world of ballet, said her former teacher, Angie Chadwick-Hahn, who teaches at Bunny Sanford's School of Dance in Livonia. Most children start ballet classes as toddlers and preschoolers, but Pardington was 9 years old when she hung up her tap shoes for ballet slippers.

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Expo applications due

Applications to participate in Canton's 2006 Home Improvement Expo and Parade of Homes are due Jan. 15. The expo will once again be held at Canton's Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, on Saturday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 5, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Local home improvement businesses interested in hosting a display booth or builders looking to showcase their model homes in the parade of homes can obtain applications off the Canton Web site at www.canton-mi.org or by contacting Canton's Building and Inspection Services at (734) 394-5200. Although priority is given to Canton businesses, the event is open to everyone. The registration fee for participating in the Expo is \$125 and due to space restrictions, display booths will be available on a limited basis.

The 2006 Home Improvement Expo is being sponsored by Canton's Building and Inspections Services Division, together with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Chamber luncheon

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly luncheon and annual business meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 11 at Summit on the Park. The event will be a good way to learn about the Chamber, its members, and what it has to offer local businesses.

Beginning at 11:30 a.m., tables set up around the perimeter of the lunch room will host representatives from various chamber committees and programs that will have information regarding what's

happening at the Canton Chamber in 2006. The informational booths will also be available immediately following the luncheon.

This month's luncheon features guest speaker Bart Patterson, chairman of the chamber board, who will discuss chamber goals for 2006. Additionally, District Court Judge Michael Gerou will conduct the annual installation of the board of directors.

Cost for the lunch is \$20 per person. Reservations are necessary by Friday, Jan. 6. Contact the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Homeowners Advisory Council

The Canton Homeowners Advisory Council will meet at 7 p.m., Jan. 9 in the lower level of Canton Township Hall. Guest speakers include Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, Public Safety Director John Santomauro, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas, and Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin. All residents are welcome to attend.

Hall of Fame nominations

Nomination forms for Hall of Fame and Community Achiever/Supporter awards are now available at the Canton Supervisor's office, Canton Chamber of Commerce and on Canton's Web site, www.canton-mi.org. Forms are due back to the Canton Supervisor's office no later than Friday, March 3.

The annual reception, which will take place on April 2, honors the Hall of Fame inductee, (an individual who has made a long-time, long-lasting contribution to the Canton community), Community Achievers (those who made a specific con-

tribution to the community in the previous year), and Community Supporters (individuals or groups who continue to make an ongoing contribution to the community). For more information, please call (734) 394-5188.

Master plan on Web

Canton's Comprehensive Master Plan is now available on the Planning Services page on the township's Web site at www.canton-mi.org. The Comprehensive Plan is a general, long-range "blue-print" for development, which promotes high-quality orderly growth for Canton Township.

The plan is comprised of a general historical perspective and profile of the community; an analysis of population, housing and employment trends; and an analysis of existing land use patterns, physical development and public facility constraints. The plan also includes goals, objectives, policies and strategies for future land use, the transportation network, public utilities, and recreational facilities.

It is the intent of the plan's goals, objectives and policies will reflect Canton's overall vision for the community's future and provide a valuable decision-making tool for the Planning Commission, Township Board of Trustees and the staff.

For questions regarding the Comprehensive Plan contact Canton's Planning Services at (734) 394-5170.

Students honored

Canton residents Josette Sanow and Courtney Smith are among the 12 Madonna University students recently listed in the 2005 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. To qualify, students must be at senior status in fall 2005 or be a recent graduate and have accomplished scholastic and community achievement. Sanow and Smith are both studying nursing.

Poet offers writing courses

Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin of Canton recently won the Award of Distinction in Literary Arts, for her poem "Woman Reclining". The poem was on display at the Sisson Gallery at Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

Vatcher-Martin, who is also a writing instructor, will be offering two upcoming creative writing courses at Schoolcraft College. Schoolcraft CEPD's number is (734) 462-4444.



It's cookie time

It's that time of year again, when Girl Scouts hit the streets selling their famous cookies. The 20 members of Brownie Troop 640, shown here, which is made up of first-graders from Canton's Eriksson Elementary School, will be out and about from Feb. 11-19. Look for them at stores including Farmer Jack on Morton Taylor, Holiday Market, Family Video, and Kmart, as well as at High Velocity and Arctic Edge. Each troop receives a portion of the cookie sale program money, and the girls of each troop decide what they will do with the money. Troop 640 will be using their portion to help fund activities and a camping trip. For more information on becoming a Girl Scout member or volunteer, call (800) 49-SCOUT.

Registration for her winter classes began in December.

Vatcher-Martin will also be offering mini-classes in creative writing and poetry through Wayne-Westland's Adult Education through May. Registration is ongoing at the Tinkham Center in Westland at (734) 419-2426.

For more information, Vatcher-Martin can be reached at (734) 397-1626.

Youth artist competition

The application deadline for the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Artist Competition is Friday, Jan. 30. The competition itself is scheduled to be held on Sunday, Feb. 12 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty Road in Canton.

Through the generosity of the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, local service organizations and other sponsors, the Plymouth Symphony recognizes young orchestral talent from the greater Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities through this competition and offered music scholarships to area youth since 1978.

The competition is composed of three divisions: Senior Instrumental (grades 10-12), Senior Piano (grades 10-12), and Junior Division (combined instrumental and piano grades 7-9). Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students in the school districts of Livonia,

Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville), Clarenceville, or Wayne-Westland. Celebration Youth Orchestra members and students at Evola Music are also eligible. The first prize winner in each Senior Division shall receive \$500 and the first prize winner in the Junior Division shall receive \$250. If applicable, honorable mentions will also be acknowledged.

Past participants are encouraged to reapply, however, musicians are eligible to win only one first prize award in each division. Winners may have the opportunity to perform with the PSO or Orchestra Canton. Applicants must be available to perform at the competition.

For an application or more information, please contact Ellen Elliott at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at info@plymouthsymphony.org. Applications are also available on the Plymouth Symphony Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

Ash tree talk

Kristine Hahn of the MSU Extension Service will talk about filling the void left by the loss of so many ash trees to the ash borer during a presentation at the Plymouth District Library.

The presentation, hosted by the Plymouth Library Garden Club, takes place 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19. The library is located at 223 S. Main (at

Church) in downtown Plymouth. The Plymouth Library Garden Club meets the third Thursday of every month.

For more information, call (734) 464-4165.

K-grams Gymnastics Night

K-grams, Inc. (Kids Programs) invites your family to the Fourth Annual K-grams Gymnastics Night at the University of Michigan women's gymnastics meet against the Ohio State Buckeyes. Local families are invited to join more than 1,000 elementary students from K-grams, fans, students, and mentors, as we cheer on the teams and engage in fun for the whole family. The meet is scheduled for Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor.

K-grams will also have special raffles and prizes for all children in attendance. Just by attending K-grams Gym Night, you will help raise money for mentoring and literacy programs in K-5 schools. K-grams has partnered with Comcast, which will donate \$1 to kids programs for each person who walks through the door.

Admission is free with a university ID, and \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

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It's an emotional moment as mom Angela Hill watches daughter Andri's reaction to the crowd celebrating her homecoming following heart transplant surgery.

Home with a new heart

Friends, family greet Plymouth girl after transplant

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The blue bracelets sold as a fund-raiser by students and parents at Our Lady of Good Counsel school in Plymouth read "Believe in Miracles."

And, the 200-plus people who waved and cheered outside the Plymouth home of Alexandria "Andri" Hill Friday afternoon truly believe they witnessed one. Friends and classmates — and some who didn't even know the 9-year-old girl — lined several blocks of Arthur Street with signs and balloons, cheering Andri as she rode in the back seat of her family's red Ford Explorer, wearing a protective mask, less than an hour after being released from Children's Hospital.

Only 13 days after becoming the recipient of a new heart, Andri was home — in near-record time — without even a hint of rejection by her new organ.

Before going into the house, Andri stood on her front porch, took off the mask and gave a brief wave to the cheering crowd outside her home.

"Thank you for all your prayers and continue to believe in miracles," Andri said in a soft-spoken voice. "It's really good to be home."

"There's a lot of really good people out there praying for me, and it makes me feel so happy," she said.

Andri's mom, Angela, visibly displayed the emotion for both of them, believing there would be only a few friends and neighbors waiting to welcome them home.

"I'm so overwhelmed by everybody, I can't believe it," Angela Hill said with tears in her eyes. "We're very lucky to have a great supportive school and community. I never imagined this."

It was the OLCG school community that began the bake sales, fund-raisers and developed the "Believe in Miracles" bracelets to financially support the Hill family since it was decided last summer that Andri needed a heart transplant.

Andri found out Dec. 16, while in class at OLCG, that a heart was available, nearly four months after being put on the Gift of Life transplant list. Family friend Kathy Kelly of Plymouth Township picked up Andri from school, and had to answer some tough questions.

"She asked me 'What happens if they put my new heart in and it doesn't start?'" remembered Kelly. Asking forgiveness from God



Schoolmates, their parents and neighbors crowded the street and front yard to cheer Andri's return.

for telling a white lie, Kelly answered, "It's never happened."

Andri arrived at the hospital about 10 a.m., and 16 hours later was in the operating room at Children's Hospital.

"That whole day is a blur," said Angela Hill. "I had all these plans what to do when we got the call, and what to take to the hospital. Nothing went according to the well-thought-out plan."

Doctors kept the Hill family informed of every procedure.

"They told us when her old heart was out, and her new heart was in," said Hill. "When her heart was out and she was on a bypass machine, it made you realize she was being kept alive by a machine."

"At about 5:30 that morning they were done, and they allowed us to watch by the elevator as she went up to recovery," she said. "That was a very emotional moment."

Andri has experienced health issues since birth. At nine months she experienced congestive heart failure. At 2-years-old, doctors discovered restrictive cardiomyopathy, which eventually led to her transplant. Andri has also had several surgeries related to scoliosis, a curvature of the spine.

It was this summer that Angela and her husband, Brian, had to make some tough decisions.

"We had to decide if we wanted to intervene now and give her this heart, which is a much better situation than to be a recipient when your health and other organs are compromised," said Brian Hill, who was away on business the day Andri was released from Children's Hospital. "Part of the dilemma is that it wasn't a cure, but trading one set of problems for another. Once

you have the heart transplant, there are rejection issues, and the fact she will need another heart in 10-20 years.

"And, I focused on the 1 percent of patients who don't make it after surgery," added Brian Hill. "But, if we had waited, she would have needed a heart and lungs, and that would have a higher percentage of rejection. This was the best option for Andri for long-term survival and quality of life."

Ann White, Andri's fourth-grade teacher, said she was concerned when first told she would have a sick child in her class.

"She's a wonderful girl, and well beyond her years," said White. "She deals with anything that comes her way with grace and without complaining. She's an inspiration to all the kids."

Andri has certainly made her mark with friends.

"She's really gutsy and will do anything, even if it's something she's kind of afraid of doing," said Marissa Kolde, 15, of Plymouth. "She's a sweetheart."

"She's really nice and funny," said Erin Sartorius, 9, of Canton, a best friend since first grade. Sartorius' sister, Emily — also nine — said, "We were kind of scared and afraid. But, it's a wonderful feeling she's home."

On Wednesday, five days after her homecoming, Andri began to realize what it's like not to be winded by just walking up the stairs or a couple of blocks to school.

"I can walk around the house a long time without getting tired," she said. "But, I can't eat a lot of McDonald's, anymore. They said that food isn't good for my heart, but I can have it once in a while."

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Shelter helps pair up pets and families

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Is your home lacking that certain someone — a loving dog or cat, for example?

The Michigan Humane Society has the answer. Christina Cannon of Westland knows that and brought her niece to the Berman Center for Animal Care in her hometown recently. They were accompanied by the family's teacup poodle.

"We're checking out a couple puppies," Cannon said while cuddling one of the dogs available for adoption. "Our back yard is so big. Frost's by himself."

The poodle needs a buddy. Marcy Sieggreen, shelter manager for the Westland facility, had recommended the week between Christmas and New Year's as an ideal time to visit.

The Humane Society's shelters — it also operates one in Detroit and one in Rochester Hills — were open Monday-Friday between Christmas and New Year's, with 65 pets adopted that week in Westland. The adoption number had been 84 for the week leading up to Christmas in Westland.

"We're always pleased," said MHS spokeswoman Amy Popp. "Any adoptions are great numbers."

"If you rush into a decision, it's not always the best decision," said Sieggreen, who agreed animals under the Christmas tree, although cute, aren't the best idea.

"We still have a huge variety of animals," said Sieggreen. "We always have rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils." The shelters get birds, too. A walk through the dog and



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A lab/Australian shepherd mix puppy puts his best paw forward while meeting his potential owners. Sakina Phifer, 7, watches the puppy that staffer Krista Donohoo brought for her and her aunt Christina Cannon to meet. All three are Westland residents.

cat areas reveals a number of pets in need of good homes. Sieggreen recommends that those adopting dogs think of the breed which will best suit the family. Looks are appealing, but breed and temperament matter, too. Shelter staff and volunteers can help with that.

"We usually try not to put too many restrictions on animals," Sieggreen said.

The MHS Pet Education Center can help with behavior training, Popp added.

"It's also a really great opportunity for you to bond with your new animal," she said. The staff and volunteers make it as comfortable for the animals as possible all year. There are toys to play with and volunteers to walk the dogs. It's comforting to know the animals aren't on the streets or in other bad situations.

"It'd be nice if they all had homes," Ferndale resident

Sieggreen said. The volume of animals coming in fluctuates, but there are always plenty in need of loving homes.

"We get a lot of surrenders" in January, said Popp, a Warren resident. "They realize how much work goes into caring for an animal." Mid- to late January and beyond can be an ideal time to visit for that reason, she added.

There's no set time for animals to stay at the shelter, Sieggreen explained. They may be transferred to another shelter or group, and the MHS uses petfinder.com and its own Web site, michiganhumane.org, to help place animals.

The Berman Center for Animal Care is on Newburgh just south of Marquette in Westland. It can be reached at (734) 721-7300. The Detroit shelter can be reached at (313) 872-3400 and the Rochester Hills shelter at (248) 852-7420.

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people said they wanted a community recreation center. And when asked if they wanted to pay for it, they overwhelmingly said no," Yack said.

As luck would have it, at about the same time, Wayne County, facing a landfill shortage, incorporated into its solid waste management plan a provision which enabled municipalities to work out mutually beneficial agreements with landfill owners. So the township entered into negotiation with the landfill's then-owner, Wayne Disposal. The agreement provides for Canton to receive 40 cents per yard of waste received at the landfill. It also provided the township free disposal, which over time has

become even more valuable than at the time the agreement was crafted, because Canton has grown so much and produces more trash.

The township board at that time decided to use the tipping fees for capital improvements — and not for township operations — because even though the fees added up quickly to provide a lot of revenue, they were by nature finite. It was also agreed that the money Canton would have been paying for waste disposal should also be set aside for improvement projects.

"Suddenly we found ourselves in a position where not only did the community want a recreation center, but it also had the money to pay for it," Yack said.

Township officials headed to Denver in 1990 to look at approximately 10 different community centers, Yack said.

"Each design was unique to its community, but they all had an aquatic area, a fitness

Did you know?

Summit on the Park is celebrating its 10th anniversary this month. The following are some interesting facts you may not know about the facility, which cost \$13 million to build in two phases.

■ A State of Michigan recreation grant for \$450,000 was secured and \$750,000 in Community Development Block Grant money was earmarked to help fund the project. Tipping fees from the two landfills were also used to fund construction.

■ In May of 1994, the township broke ground and work on Summit Parkway began.

■ The Summit on the Park is 550 feet long and sits on 16 acres of land.

■ The Summit tower is more than 75 feet tall.

■ The lobby lights are from Denmark and the pool "gutter" tile is from Germany.

■ There are approximately 896,000 individual tiles in the aquatic center.

■ The pool ozone system in the Summit kills bacteria 10 times faster than conventional chlorine systems and does so with only a tenth as much chlorine.

area and a gym," he said.

Canton officials also knew that a banquet facility would be an important part of the community center because it enables the township to make money on its investment. They also knew that senior programs needed to be housed in the Summit, as did dance programs.

"As we approached the physical appearance, it was important to Canton to fashion a building that created an image," Yack said. And the unique glass and copper design accomplished that, he added.

The \$16 million facility was paid for with tipping fees, which still add up to big money — \$1.3 million next year, according to budget projections — and it's estimated that waste disposal

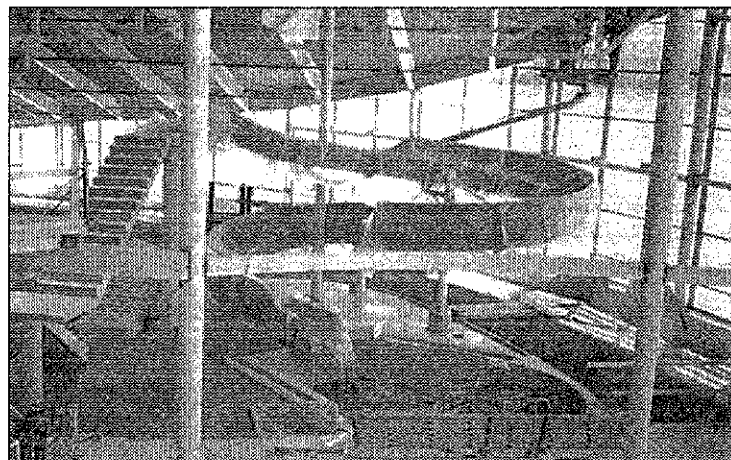
would cost the township an additional \$600,000 per year.

"There was no debt on the original building," Finance Director Tony Minghine said, adding that an expansion of the building soon after it opened required the township to commit to an approximately \$2 million bond.

The result of the unique financing situation has resulted in a low annual commitment to operate the building.

"We're the only community I can think of that does not have a dedicated millage to construct a community center," Yack said.

The Summit and its hundreds of programs receive a \$500,000 annual subsidy from the township's general fund, to support its \$3.2 million annual budget. The total



The pool and aquatic area is one of the most popular features of Summit on the Park, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this month. It is shown here during construction more than a decade ago.

operating budget for Leisure Services, of which the Summit is a part, was \$11.6 million in 2005.

"The taxpayer contribution to operate the Summit works out to about \$6 per resident per year," Minghine said.

But the payoff for that \$6 is huge.

"We have about a half million visitors a year. Between all the different programs and people coming to work out, it's that many," Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin said.

Though the township already owned Fellows Creek golf course by the time the Summit was built, and Pheasant Run was already in the planning phases, the Summit became a turning point of sorts, creating an atmosphere in Canton which emphasizes recreation in all its forms.

"What we learned is that parents in this community are willing to spend money on their children and their activities, whether it's soccer or

dance or swimming or drama," Yack said.

What followed the Summit was the township's purchase of the Canton Softball Center, the development of Independence Park and its 19 soccer fields, the construction of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, and a host of private interests — such as Arctic Edge ice arena, High Velocity soccer and P3 Enterprises which is currently building an indoor basketball facility, which have built recreational facilities in Canton.

The Summit on the Park is home to a fitness center, an aquatic center with five pools, a gymnasium, 4,200 recreation classes and programs a year, 70 fitness classes every week, a ticket sales office for programs at the Village Theater, banquet and conference center and senior adult programs.

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Gunman charged with home invasion

A Canton man was arrested after police were called to investigate a possible armed robbery at the Westpoint mobile home park on Jan. 2. According to police reports, a man called police and said he'd been threatened by a young man with a gun. He'd seen the young man, who also lives in the mobile home park, arguing outside with a woman. Police later learned that the woman was the alleged gunman's former girlfriend, and he had been

COP CALLS
threatening to kill her and her current boyfriend. The witness to the fight was dialing police to report the incident when the angry man ran toward him and knocked the cell phone out of his hand. When the suspect turned his attention back toward the young woman, the witness picked up the phone, which made his alleged attacker angrier. "You want to see this gun?"

he yelled, patting on his jacket. "Give me everything you got, n-----." The witness refused to give the man anything, and ran for help and called police. Later that day, the suspect was arrested for home invasion after the former girlfriend turned over some shoes and a ring he had left on her porch. According to police reports, he told her he had acquired them during a home invasion. Police also found in another nearby mobile home some jewelry

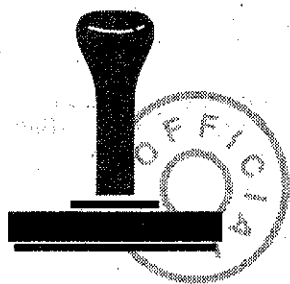
that had been reported stolen. The owner of that mobile home said the suspect had left the jewelry there. **CURB APPEAL**
A Canton man trying to sell his mobile home couldn't very well tout the neighborhood's safety when he arrived to show the trailer only to find it had been burglarized. According to police reports, he had moved most of his belongings out of the mobile

home, but left a few things there because he let a friend stay in it during the holidays. The friend had to go out of town on business during the New Year's Eve weekend, and had not yet returned when the potential buyer and the homeowner showed up on Jan. 2. He discovered someone had taken out a storm window screen and had broken in through the window. The culprit took a VCR, valued at \$150, and a satellite television dish receiver, valued at \$300.

APPLIANCE SPECIAL
Canton police are looking for a thief with a well-appointed kitchen. An employee of Pulte Homes reported that someone stole newly delivered kitchen appliances from two new home sites - one on Great Falls and the other on Landsdowne. The culprit made off with a stainless steel microwave oven, valued at \$374, and a gas stove, valued at \$807.

By Carol Marshall

FOR THE RECORD



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C6.

- A**
Gregory H. Amey
Amey, 51, of Canton, died Dec. 27.
- B**
Nancy Keyes Babcock
Babcock, 76, of Ithaca, N.Y., died Dec. 23.
- Margaret "Peg" Barnes
Barnes, 81, of Livonia, died Dec. 28.
- Carol Ann (nee Schulz) Boyd
Boyd, 65, of Farmington Hills.
- Richard "Rick" Buchanan
Buchanan, 49, of Dallas, Texas, formerly of Garden City, died Dec. 6.
- C**
William "Skip" Coatsworth
Coatsworth, 55, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 27.
- E**
John Elliot
Elliot, 72, of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Plymouth, died Dec. 31.
- John R. (Jack) Etherington Sr.
Etherington, 71, of Westland, died Jan. 2.
- G**
James J. Gilbert
Gilbert, 91, of Plymouth, died Jan. 2.
- H**
Yolanda E. (Lana) Hanrahan
Hanrahan, 82, of Bloomfield Hills, died Dec. 26.
- Charlotte E. Hegwood
Hegwood, 90, of Bellevue, died Jan. 2.
- L**
Flavelle M. (nee Wood) Landry
Landry, 94, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Jan. 2.
- M**
Frank Joseph Malinowski
Malinowski, 92, died Dec. 27.
- Rosemary Therese (Schultz) Martin
Martin, 66, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Dec. 13.
- Paul D. Myers
Myers, 24, of Nashville, Tenn., formerly of Farmington, died Dec. 28.
- O**
Patricia A. Oberman
Oberman, 76, of Bloomfield Hills, died Dec. 26.
- R**
Virginia Russie
Russie, 88, died Dec. 26.
- S**
Annabelle Sumera
Sumera, 87, of Birmingham, died Dec. 26.
- W**
Robert Lee Wesman
Wesman, 70, died Dec. 29.
- John P. "Jack" Williams
Williams, 68, died Dec. 30.
- Flavelle M. Wood
Wood, 94, of Bloomfield Hills, died Jan. 2.
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OUR VIEWS

Cooperation key to better future

As we begin a new year, we renew our commitment to a core set of issues vital to the suburban communities that we serve.

It has been difficult to find the resources to address these issues as Michigan, and southeast Michigan in particular, has been mired in an economic slump. But this state continues to be rich in natural and human resources that hold promise for a better future, if we work together to address these issues without the usual political rhetoric that seems to continually dampen progress in our state.

We have outlined four key areas that we return to on a regular basis in these editorial pages: education, the environment, the economy and city-suburban relations. In the months ahead, we'll be discussing these issues in greater detail and in reference to impending debate and legislation. Today, we'd like to present an overview of our perspective on these important concerns.

■ **Education:** Under the state constitution, education is primarily the responsibility of the state government. The passage of Proposal A, shifting the majority of school funding from local property taxes to the state sales tax, increased the state's role in funding education and the federal No Child Left Behind Act has increased the state's role in setting educational goals.

While we value the important role of local school boards and administrators, we understand the need to set and maintain high educational standards. We have long supported state testing that helps school districts evaluate the effectiveness of their programs against national and state standards. But we also believe that the state and local school districts need to work together in creating a curriculum that is both challenging and varied enough to meet the different needs of students.

While the state does not currently set a mandatory curriculum, it does provide an outline for districts to use. We support the recent proposals of Mike Flanagan, the state superintendent of public instruction, to increase the math and science requirements for graduation.

The state is committed to funding schools first, but work is needed to keep the funding equitable without penalizing districts for providing a quality educational environment. We also need to keep funding consistent, even in difficult economic times when sales tax revenue declines.

■ **The environment:** Michigan is the key Great Lakes State. The state's economic future rests on its unique position, touching four of the five Great Lakes. We have only begun to protect this vital resource from those who look on this fresh water resource as a profit center. The lakes are a resource for water, fishing, transport and recreation. They are in danger from both ecological dangers — from invasive species to toxic runoff — and from politicians eager to drain water to other areas of the country.

Protecting the lakes is the major environmental issue in the years ahead, but we also have an obligation to protect the land. In this area, sprawl continues to be an issue and a problem. We have designed the metro Detroit area to sprawl along several freeways, moving farther from an urban center.

We support efforts to revive the Detroit Area Regional Transit Authority as a first step toward a true regional transit system. We support infill projects, high-density subdivisions similar to the Cherry Hill development in Canton and development of viable "downtown" shopping districts.

While the disposal of waste needs long-term investigation, we join area legislators in supporting strong restrictions on the importation of waste from Canada.

■ **The economy:** Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the state Legislature have been engaged in a philosophical debate over who should receive tax benefits and how much.

Both sides understand that some incentive is necessary to attract businesses to this state rather than to other states or foreign countries. Both understand a need to redirect the state's economic focus without abandoning the auto industry that has been its key business for 100 years.

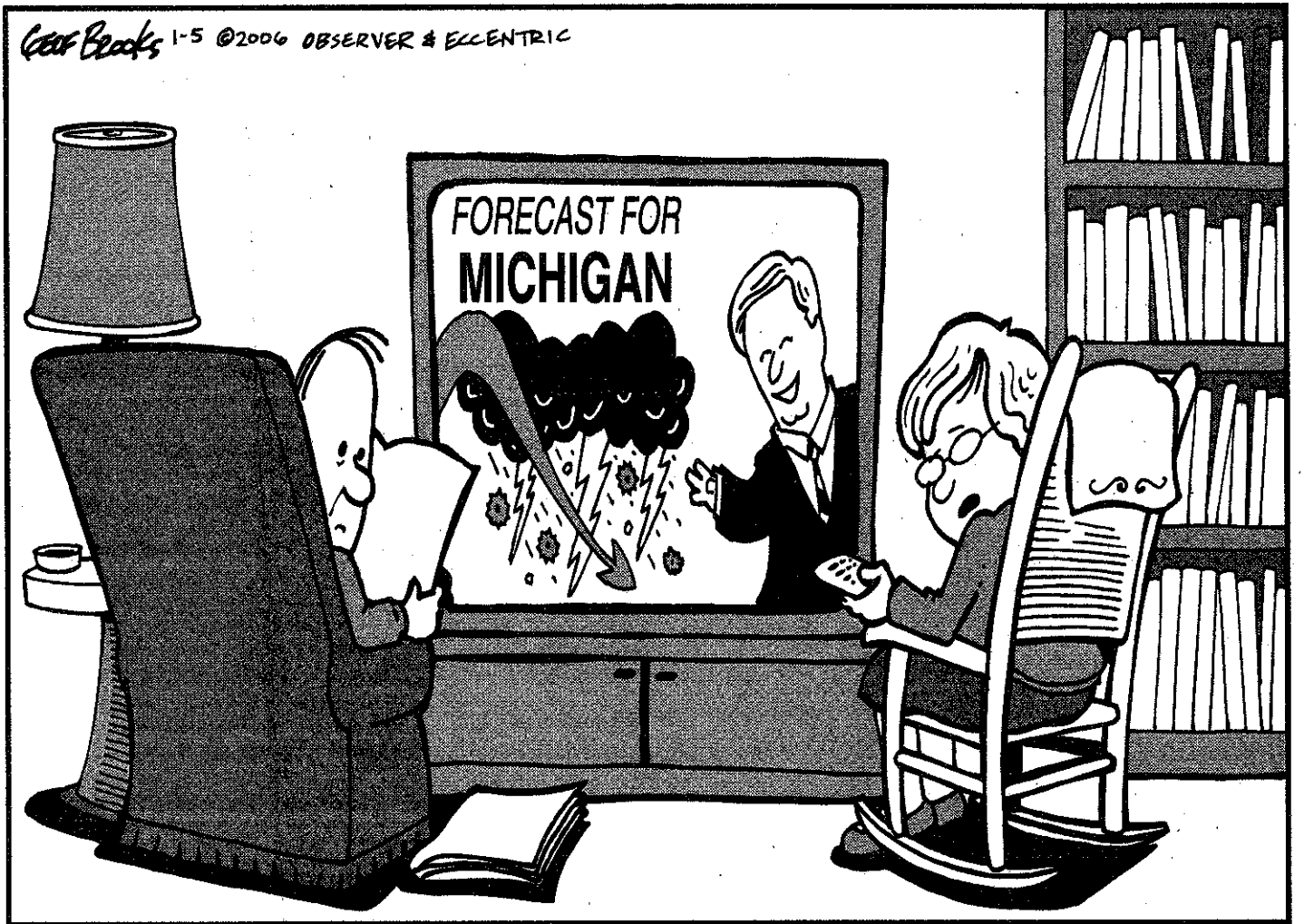
We have the educational, intellectual and natural resource capital; what we seem to lack is the political cooperation and courage to move forward in a way that will benefit the state to everyone's credit.

■ **City-suburban relations:** The divide between Detroit and its suburbs has been called a de facto apartheid. This area has been called the most racially divided urban area in the United States. Detroit was named this year as the poorest major city in the country.

In recent months, we have seen controversies over mass transit and commercial development devolve into arguments over race. Racial incidents have been reported in several suburban communities and Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick acknowledged that race played a part in his re-election.

In a talk before *Observer & Eccentric* editorial staffers, Kilpatrick also said it was important to bridge the gap that separates our communities without relinquishing the city's stake in the region.

This balance will be hard to maintain, but is important to understand as we move toward more regional planning and projects.



"These economists think they know everything."

LETTERS

America needs change

When I read stories about the soldiers who've died in Iraq, I'm overcome with sadness and empathy for the families. The Blumbergs have suffered a terrible loss. I have three young sons and I can't imagine the personal devastation of losing one of them. When I think of the tremendous loss of life in the Iraq war, I think of my boys first. How would I feel if one of them died fighting in Iraq? Would I think losing the life of my son was worth it? Sadly, the answer is no. All of the evidence is in. Iraq posed no threat to the United States, its allies, or even Iraq's neighbors, and the U.N. weapons inspections were proving it. Instead, our leaders rushed us into war in Iraq.

The awful truth is that more American boys and many more Iraqis will die for this pre-emptive war that didn't need to happen. We need to hold leaders accountable for this, including Michigan's 11th District House Rep. Thaddeus McCotter.

November 2006 represents an important opportunity for change. People should remember the debacle of Iraq and the suffering of people like the Blumbergs when they decide whether Thaddeus McCotter deserves another term in Congress.

Matt Haran
Canton

Media is one-sided

I read Kurt Kuban's column regarding his feelings on the media's role and a soldier's parent's negative perception of the media. I had to laugh. His comments only justify the views of the soldier's parents. Let me explain. You go on to give a list of negative things about the current administration. You do so because you feel it is your duty to do so.

Fine. However, you state these things as fact without even a hint that there are other details about these issues or that there could even be a rational opposing view on them. We see this over and over. And therein lies the problem — 90 percent of the time when you feel the need to do your "duty" it's to report negative things. It seems in the eyes of the soldier's parents, and many others including myself, that you don't seem to feel the same "duty" to report details that might shed positive light on things you personally disagree with. Might I suggest the media's supposed unbiased reporting is what has "failed the test of truth." I remember how often the media felt the need to do its "duty" with Ronald Reagan and how wrong he was about the Cold War. The Berlin Wall fell and millions were freed. The majority of the media looked like fools. Some things never change.

Rick Kennedy
Livonia

Nurse jeopardized clinic

This letter is in response to your article appearing in the *Canton Observer* on Dec. 18 ("Nurse fired for turning in thief").

The Oakdale Recovery Center (a division of Hegira Programs, Inc.) has been located in Canton since 1992. During this period of time, we have successfully treated thousands of individuals for problems of addiction. Our goal has always been to provide quality rehabilitation services to our residents, as well as to be a good neighbor within the community.

Oakdale has policies and rules by which staff administer the program's services and security of residents' environment. Nursing staff has the responsibility for implementation of these policies and rules. On Oct. 3, events occurred which seriously jeopardized the quality and safety of the clinical environment at Oakdale. After a thorough internal investigation and evaluation of the event on Oct. 3, it was determined that three staff did not follow proper procedures, thereby compromising the safety and clinical environment of the residents at Oakdale. Therefore, Ms. Horton and two other employees were terminated. These terminations were in no way related to the police activities of Oct. 3.

Edward L. Forry
chief executive officer, Hegira Programs, Inc.
Westland

Hunting has changed

Please put my vote in to ban hunting in Canton. Why? Because I don't have a place to hunt there, and I'm green enough with envy I wouldn't need camouflage.

Greg Stachura
Canton

Good journalists are rare

After having read Kurt Kuban's column regarding his interview with the Blumberg family, I am compelled to write in rebuttal. Our son played soccer for several years with Trevor and we were well-acquainted with Terry. The Blumbergs are a virtuous and humble people. They are of that stock that has supported America through the generations and is slowly ebbing. Trevor has given what Abraham Lincoln called "that last full measure of devotion" to his country. He is a man among men, however young.

Sadly, the people who are flourishing in our nation today are those who believe that their opinions are as worthy as the next man's regardless of how ill-informed those opinions may be. I am fond of referring to modern Americans as Formica Folks, for I believe we are willing to think no more deeply than the surface of any subject. The media is generally populated by such people and suffers a deficit of scholars in the humanities who could bring an informed perspective. That quality of journalist is rare, indeed, who can see the story of man and apprehend it in the context of human nature and the history of man.

The *Observer Newspapers* are softball publications with only a veneer to offer between the advertisements. There is no serious study apparent in its pages. There is not likely to ever be any there.

Your praise of the free press is unappealing. Freedom is a splendid blessing if rightly used and a tragedy if turned to license.

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Actually, I don't really care if he hunts there or not, although I haven't gone deer hunting for a while. OK, it's been over 30 years now. But I intend to get back into it any day now.

One point I would like to make is that muzzleloading guns have changed considerably. Inline ignition, improved powders and sabot bullets have improved their performance. In this month's *American Rifleman*, there's an article about the PowerBelt bullet that makes shots over 200 yards possible. When I started target shooting with muzzle loaders some time back, that was impossible without special and cumbersome loading tools.

Even shotguns have changed. When I bought a slug barrel for my shotgun, it was smoothbore, as they all were. Now rifled slug barrels on shotguns are routine. Improved slug loads are available, too. This makes them both much more powerful and accurate.

Even if David Blendea is careful, if he's taking advantage of the latest technology he could be firing a close equivalent of a centerfire rifle, causing problems for his neighbors that he didn't think possible. He needs to be careful. He isn't using his father's musket.

There's one thing in your article that puzzles me. Patricia Pellerito says at one point a bullet had hit her house. Later she said that maybe it hadn't. I lived in Detroit for 45 years and knew quite a few people who had their homes shot up. No, it wasn't hunters that did it. But there wasn't any doubt in anyone's mind if it happened or not. The evidence was always obvious.

Tom Stenzel
Livonia

Hunting should be allowed

I am not a hunter, but what a man does safely on his property during daylight hours is his business. As long as none of Mr. Blendea's muzzle shot, buck shot, or arrows (bow season) trespass beyond his property, I cannot understand why there is even an argument.

Michael Colifton
Livonia

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— Michael O'Callaghan, Canton resident and vice president of the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau, discussing the need for the region to impress Super Bowl guests

Dusting off the state's crystal ball for 2006

Straws in the wind as we make the turn into the new year ...

■ "Demography is history," the experts say. That's a bit cloudy, but basically means that a state's or a nation's future is profoundly determined by the size and nature of its population. In Michigan's case, the demographic trends that will determine what happens to our state in the long run will start becoming clear in 2006.

First glimpses are not encouraging. The auto industry is scaling back and closing plants. Michigan's total auto employment is still 223,000, but that's down

79,000 from a decade ago. That means that one out of every four 1996 auto jobs has disappeared. Blue-collar workers are especially feeling the pinch, finding jobs outside the industry and often moving out of state.

That's especially true for younger workers, who can't see much of a future in the auto industry — or elsewhere — here.

This also means that Michigan's population growth will likely continue to lag other states. Overall, we have grown by only 1.8 percent since 2000, which puts us 42nd among the states.

Keep this trend up, and we'll lose another seat in the U.S. House of Representatives — and the political clout that goes with it — after the 2010 census. (We've already lost four seats since 1980.)

The big question has to do with the education and skill level of those who stay. It's clear the manufacturing jobs of the future — like those at the DaimlerChrysler engine plant in Monroe or the Toyota tech center near Ann Arbor — will require post-high school credentials.

But the quality of Michigan's work force overall lags behind other states — the consequence of a culture that assumed that any high school dropout could get a good paying job at the auto plants.

■ The domestic auto industry will continue to shrink, of course, bringing the toughest economic times to Michigan in living memory.

David Cole, the head of the Center for Automotive Research and the ranking independent expert on the industry, thinks the chance of a strike at the now-bankrupt Delphi bringing General Motors down is less than 20 percent. I hope he's right.

It's a funny feeling, though, to realize that to a large degree the economic fate of Michigan depends on decisions to be made by only three people: GM's Rick Wagoner, Delphi Corp.'s Steve Miller and the United Auto Workers' Ron Gettelfinger. They may not be able to save our economy, but they could destroy it with a few bad moves.

You have to hope they're all as sane and smart as they appear.

■ Some hopeful signs are on the horizon, though. State Supt. of Instruction Mike Flanagan has recommended a seriously beefed-up curriculum for Michigan schools.

The state Board of Education has endorsed the idea, but it has to get through the Legislature to become effective this year. I'd be surprised if our political masters actually stepped forward this year, but stranger things have happened. With a newly elected school board taking over in Detroit, I doubt anything of any substance will happen in what certainly is the most crisis-ridden district in the state.

And by mid-March, parts of six communities in Oakland County will be hooked up for widespread wireless Internet access in homes, cars, stores, parks and anywhere else. By the end of 2007, all 910 square miles of the county will be online for wireless.

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, the moving force behind this leap forward, says it's "history in the making." What puzzles me is why, if our political masters are so fired up about fixing Michigan's economy, they don't push a program like this statewide.

■ Which brings us to business taxes. Gov. Jennifer Granholm, House Speaker Craig DeRoche, R-Nowi, and Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, have all agreed that Michigan's business tax structure badly needs to be simplified and restructured.

Granholm proposed a fairly substantial program early last year, but it languished amid partisan sniping. And the tax changes passed at the end of last year were marginal, at best.

Personally, I think a radical program is called for: repeal the Single Business Tax and replace it by extending the sales tax to services while reducing the 6 percent rate. But don't hold your breath. Unless I am happily wrong, the political system is sufficiently broken to ensure nothing substantive or far-reaching will happen, even though this state is literally fighting for its economic life.

■ With the failure of the political system over the past few years, you can expect a whole bunch of measures to be placed directly on the November ballot, bypassing a paralyzed Legislature with "citizen-based" (i.e. special interest-financed) initiatives.

A partial list includes: bans on abortion, dove hunting and affirmative action; raising the minimum wage; hiring preferences for veterans; guaranteeing funding increases for schools; strengthening private property rights; and relaxing legislative term limits.

California leads the nation in this, a trend much criticized by political scientists as replacing representative democracy with direct vote by an uninformed and easily manipulated electorate.

"Californiaocracy," however, is the inevitable outcome of a political system that is dysfunctional and out of touch with the big concerns of real people. We need to change this — and my new year's wish for us all is that we figure out how.

Happy New Year!

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

Terrible traffic a sign Canton needs to change with times

Canton needs a traffic makeover.

I returned home last summer after 10 months away from town, terrified to take the Ford Road exit off I-275 during rush hour or brave a left turn out of Max & Erma's on Canton Center Road. A quick trip to Meijer turned into an all-afternoon excursion.

The roads, no matter how wide, always appear to be clogged with cars. Whatever the time of day, wherever I needed to drive, it always seemed to take longer than necessary.

I noticed lanes had been added along Ford Road down to Beck. If so, why bother building more sidewalk along with it? Do you want to take an afternoon stroll down a five-lane race track?

For too long in the township of Canton, the tried-and-true traffic solution has been the same: more people must mean bigger roads, longer traffic lights and larger throughways. Today, Canton's population exceeds 80,000, and it is one of the fastest growing townships in the state of Michigan.

Recent minutes from the meetings of the Canton Township Planning Commission seem to reflect this fact. A quick look at the December agenda lists only items that are either large subdivisions set to expand south of Cherry Hill and west of Beck, or large retail outlets along one of the major roads.

More and more, as Canton grows, it loses any semblance of a downtown feel. There is nothing creative about sprawl, nothing innovative about commercial corridors flanked by residential clusters. The Canton community deserves better.

Many of Canton's citizens can remember a time before the subdivisions and big box stores descended upon their suburban small town.

Talk to them, those who grew up near Canton and attended high school with some of its earliest residents, and they will insist upon a time in history when little more stood beyond Ford Road just 30 years ago than a scattering of farm houses and dirt roads.

Instead of accommodating growth by simply making more room, Canton needs to do what many other communities in the United States have done when their populations have soared: deploy a large, open traffic network, one that permits

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high-density growth and significantly lowers traffic congestion.

Rather than widen roads, build more of them, smaller and with slower speed limits. Many large cities of comparable size (greater than 100,000) survive congestion by creating such traffic networks, with numerous blocks and an infinite number of alternative routes for navigation.

Right now, you are forced to drive along one or two major roads to get just about anywhere in town. With more streets and less subdivisions, there would be more possibilities to change your route if traffic gets backed up, or if there were an accident or construction.

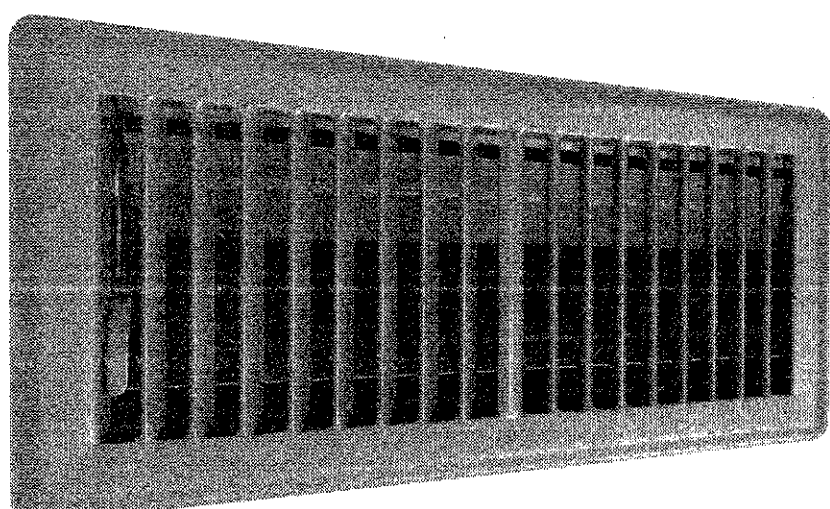
Open traffic networks require smaller city blocks. The large swath of subdivisions that directly abut Ford Road in some places needs to give way to tinier, more manageable sections. The price of building a better-planned community would uproot the poorly planned residential districts of past mistakes.

Connecting Morton Taylor between Warren Road and Ford Road several years ago was a step in the right direction. So was the recent Haggerty connector completed this past year. A more forward-looking strategy would exponentially expand upon this project.

It is a problem when Wayne County's fastest-growing community, one that is home to tens of thousands of people from all different cultures and professions, is denied the many benefits urban centers enjoy with similar populations and demographics. Canton people are knowledgeable and creative, some of the most diverse in metro Detroit. Stop the expansion along Ford Road, and open up the surrounding network of roads and streets. It could unleash Canton's unique potential.

Robert Dean, a Canton resident, is a senior studying political science at the University of Michigan. As part of a recent class, he was asked to examine a policy issue that affected the residents of his hometown. He chose traffic planning and a new strategy for Canton's growth.

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myself a harvester. We have the technology and equipment. Let's harvest it."

Even if you don't want to go the solar or alternative energy route, Napolitano said most people could save big money by upgrading their furnace to a 90 percent efficiency furnace.

"If someone hasn't changed their furnace in 25-30 years, they are probably running at 60 percent efficiency, which means 60-cents of every dollar is used to heat the house. The rest is going out the chimney," she said. "You can save 35 percent on your heating bills by installing a more efficient furnace."

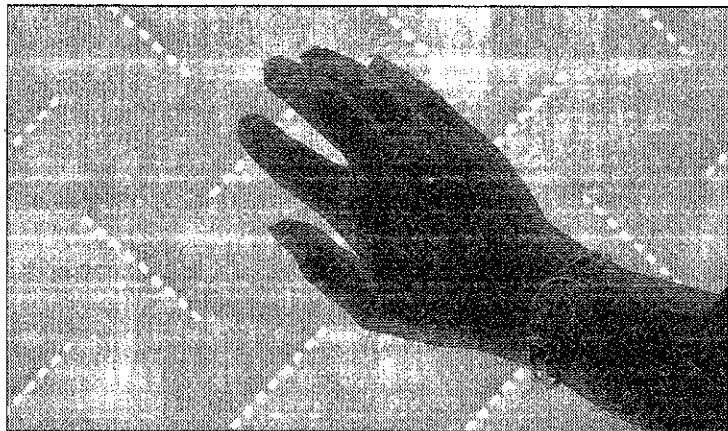
Typically, she said it costs about \$3,000-\$3,500 to upgrade to such a furnace.

For those people who don't have that kind of money to spend on upgrades, the best thing they can do is use conservation measures such as adding insulation in the ceiling or walls, and making sure windows and doors are sealed up properly. She also said fireplaces are very inefficient, because all the heat is being sucked up the flue when it is open.

"The thing that people need to realize is that there are many things people can do. The first is conservation," Napolitano said. "Simple measures can make a difference."

However, she said there are some federal tax incentives out there for people to invest in solar or alternative energy sources. A new Web site (www.energytaxincentives.org) from the Tax Incentives Assistance Project (TIAP), which is a coalition of public interest nonprofit organizations, aims to help individuals and businesses cut their federal tax bills and their energy bills in 2006 and 2007 by becoming more energy efficient. The site provides information on valuable new federal income tax incentives in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct).

Under the new law, consumers and businesses can receive tax incentives for specific energy efficiency upgrades to homes and commercial buildings such as upgrades to home insulation and windows and commercial building lighting improvements. In addition, the law includes tax credits for energy-saving technologies such as hybrid vehicles, appliances, heating and cooling systems, solar energy systems, and high-efficiency new home and commercial building construction.



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One of the products that consumers can install to save on heating costs at home is a window quilt, which reduces the amount of heat lost through windows.

Reduce heating costs with actions at home

The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, which is a nonprofit organization promoting energy efficiency, has put out the Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings, which lists a number of things people can do at home to reduce the use of natural gas.

Here's a simple checklist of ideas for people to save money.

- Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F). You'll not only save energy, you'll avoid scalding your hands.

- Check if your water heater has an insulating blanket. An insulating blanket will pay for itself in one year or less.

- Either upgrade or rope caulk very leaky windows. It may be time to replace them with energy-efficient models or to boost their efficiency with weatherstripping and storm windows.

- Crawl into your attic or crawlspace and inspect for insulation. Is there any? How much? Also, if your walls aren't insulated, have an insulation contractor blow cellulose into the walls.

- Insulate hot water pipes and ducts wherever they run through unheated areas.

- Seal up the largest air leaks in your house — the ones that whistle on windy days, or feel drafty. The worst culprits are usually not win-

dows and doors, but utility cut-throughs for pipes ("plumbing penetrations"), gaps around chimneys and recessed lights in insulated ceilings, and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets. Better yet, hire an energy auditor with a blower door to point out where the worst cracks are. All the little, invisible cracks and holes may add up to as much as an open window or door, without you ever knowing it.

- Install a clock thermostat to set your thermostat back automatically at night.

- Schedule an energy audit (ask your utility company or state energy office) for more expert advice on your home as a whole.

- Replace aging, inefficient appliances. Even if the appliance has a few useful years left, replacing it with a top-efficiency model is generally a good investment.

- Clean or replace furnace filters monthly.

- Close your storm windows or install temporary shrink-wrap storm window kits

The Consumer Guide: Condensed Online Version, which offers additional tips and more detailed information on heating and cooling systems, water heaters, windows, appliances, lighting, and much more, is featured on the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy's Web site at <http://aceee.org/consumerguide/mostineff.htm>.

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DANCER

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students — going to five or six classes a week — until she caught up. After school, she'd head to the University of Michigan for private lessons, then do homework in the car on the way to Livonia for classes. Then came the summer programs at prestigious ballet schools like the National Ballet School of Canada, the Joffrey Ballet, Hope College, and the Chicago Ballet. Last summer it was The Rock School outside Philadelphia, where some 1,500 young dancers try out every year. And when her instructors asked her to stay on as a full-time student, Pardington accepted.

"It was a hard decision, and I wasn't going to stay, but I thought about it and decided this was the best thing for me," she said.

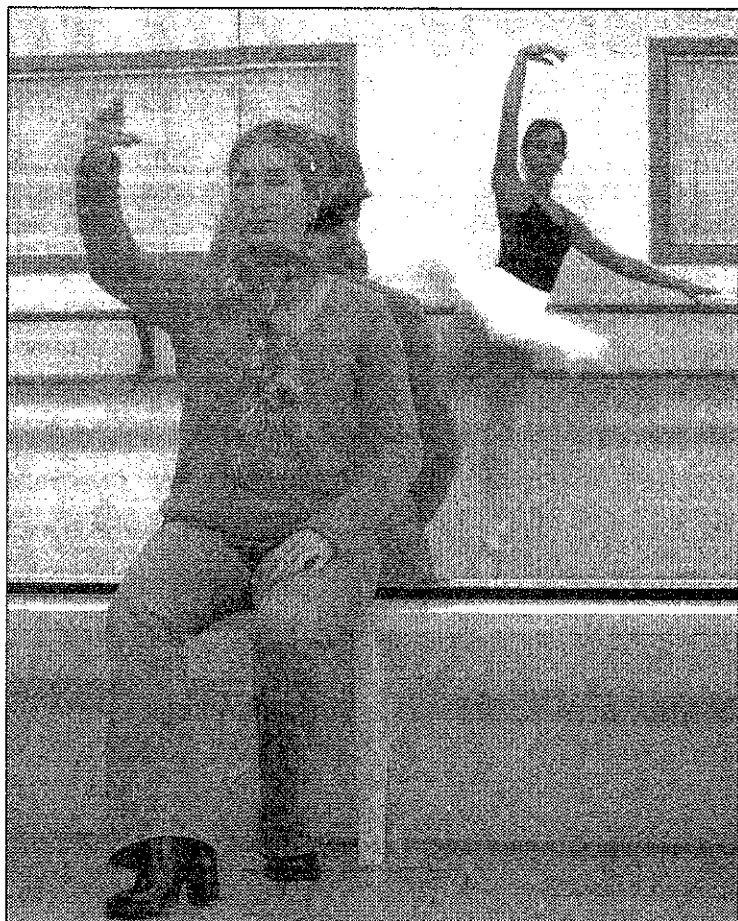
It wasn't easy on parents Lisa and John Pardington either, to let their youngest daughter leave home to attend school far from Canton. The Pardingtons own Holiday Market in Canton.

"It was hard to let her go. In the eighth grade, she decided she wanted to do this for a living. After a lot of research and a lot of prayer, we found something that was right for her," Lisa Pardington said. "It's her dream and I have to let her do it."

Daily phone calls and e-mails help, and knowing that she's an hour's plane ride away does too. But the hardest thing about the experience is being away from home and friends, Emily said.

It's also difficult competing against classmates and friends for parts, she added. "But everyone understands because we all have the same goals. We all want the same thing," she said.

At home, it wasn't so easy. Pardington sacrificed social time and football games and school dances in order to



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Dance teacher Angie Chadwick-Hahn works with Emily Pardington. She helped Emily break into ballet at the age of 9.

chase her dream of becoming a professional dancer.

"Friends didn't understand a 14-year-old who wants to make a career out of dance," Chadwick-Hahn said.

And despite Pardington's poise and love of the stage, she was bashful about sharing too much about her dance ability before she went to The Rock School.

Not wanting to sound privileged or conceited, Pardington rarely discussed dance — or the hard work she put into it — with friends.

"Millions of girls want to do what she's doing. But only a handful can actually do it," said Lisa Pardington.

But Pardington's new classmates understand, and they participate in a schedule that her mother describes as "grueling."

Pardington attends three

hours of academic classes and six hours of dance classes six days a week, with Sundays off.

This summer, Pardington hopes to be admitted into a program with either the School of American Ballet in Chicago or San Francisco.

And in just a little more than two years, she hopes to land work with a dance company. College will wait until retirement at age 35, she said.

Despite the long hours of hard work and the occasional loneliness of being far from home, Pardington said it's worth the sacrifice to prepare for a career in dance.

"What's the best thing about doing this?" she said, and paused.

"Everything."

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That's entertainment



JOHN DUNCAN

This wet bar features cherry wood cabinetry with a rich vermilion stain. The wet bar is actually a part of the kitchen, and is on a wall that connects the kitchen to the family room, and the laundry room. The backsplash features a glossy black square ceramic tile, accented with white grout.

Throw your own party at your own bar

When you entertain a large number of guests to watch your favorite sporting event (whether it is the Super Bowl, Olympics, Red Wings or Pistons playoffs), you might want to consider a wet bar.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Wet bars are considered an added bonus for entertaining in homes. Perhaps they even are considered a luxury item.

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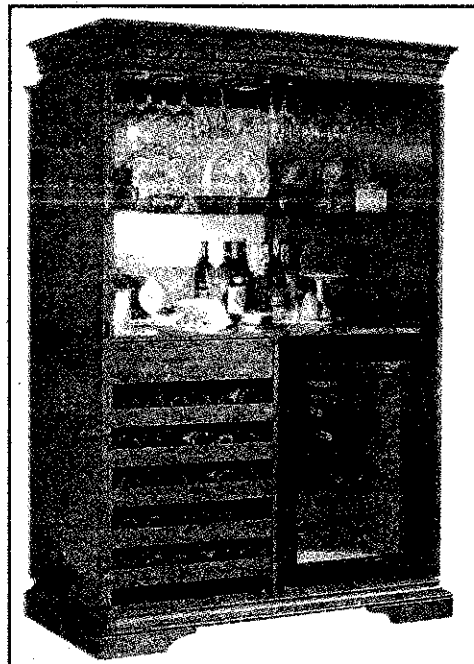
You can customize any space to fit your needs. Cabinet companies are more creative now and taking it upon themselves to offer more customization in terms of cabinets, according to John Duncan, owner of Innerspace Design Group at the Michigan Design Center in Troy.

"It reflects the overall trend that they are moving more into customizing the cabinetry in the house," Duncan said. "They'll customize the kitchen cabinets, vanities or closets in the master bedroom and the wet bars are no different than the rest of the house."

UP TO THE CHALLENGE

Customers also are more creative in

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Looking for other pieces to accompany your wet bar? The South Haven in the Wine & Spirits Collection from Howard Miller features wood shelves, which can be removed to accommodate a wine refrigeration unit. A hanging stemware rack keeps glasses handy.

Keep these New Year's resolutions to keep your PC safe and sound



Tech
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Rick
Broida

Several years ago, I made a New Year's resolution to stop making New Year's resolutions. And I've kept to it like King Kong kept to Naomi Watts - until now.

In 2006, I resolve to do the following - and hope you will, too:

MAKE REGULAR BACKUPS

Actually, I've been pretty good about this one. Armed with a second hard drive that's the same size as my primary drive, once a week I use Casper XP (fssdev.com) to clone the latter.

In my mind this is the only really effective backup method there is. If my main drive fails,

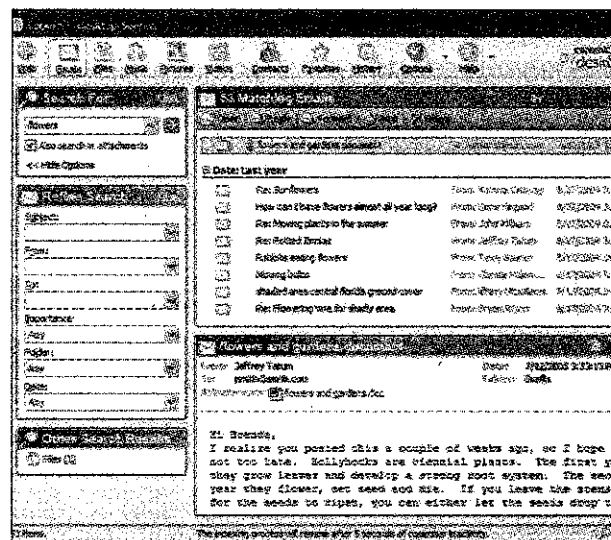
all I have to do is swap in the duplicate. Casper XP couldn't be easier to use, and I can set it and forget it: Its scheduling feature creates regular backups automatically.

All hard drives fail eventually. If you don't have a reliable backup, well, don't say I didn't warn you.

INSTALL A DESKTOP SEARCH ENGINE

My hard drive is so cluttered with e-mail, photos, music, Word files, and other stuff, trying to find a specific item has become a nee-

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This year, install a desktop search engine like Copernic. It's a fast and easy way to find just about anything on your hard drive.

Accents

Solve freezer crime

"You open the freezer and water drips on your foot. You are another victim of needless self-defrosting freezer crime. It causes a mess and smells up your freezer and your kitchen, if you don't move fast to stop it," say James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features.

"First, turn off the freezer dial. Then arm yourself with a turkey baster full of hot water.

"Look for the drain hole on the bottom of the freezer, way in back. It's a half-inch hole probably under water, and might be blocked with ice. Clear it, put the baster in the hole and blast away.

"Mold and mildew has trapped water, which then froze and clogged the drain. Pour some warm water and bleach through, too.

"Then remove and clean the drip pan below. Freezer crime solved!"

Sports scene

Are you a football enthusiast who has a room decorated to reflect your interest in the NFL? Does the decor in your home have a football motif or theme?

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Tree tip

The 2006 National Register of Big Trees calendar, a program of American Forests sponsored the Davey Tree Expert Company, features tips for each month. This month's item:

"In the north, many trees are bare in January, so it is easier to check a tree's structure for damaged, weak or dead branches that should be pruned. Because damaged limbs can serve as an entry point for disease or insects, it's a smart move to prune away those vulnerable branches. Start the new year with a Global ReLeaf tree planting. Call (800) 545-TREE for more information."

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GARDEN CALENDAR

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. To reserve a space or for more information, 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.

Cactus and Succulent Society

The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will present a program, Baja, California: Islands in the Sea of Cortez, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell in Royal Oak. Admission is free. Guests are welcome. For more information, call (248) 524-0227.

Royal Oak Garden Club

Learn how to make handmade hypertufa planters and birdbaths from Pat Mann of Decorative Garden 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the Salter Community Center, 1545 E. Lincoln in Royal Oak. The public may attend.

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.

Garden Club of Dearborn

The Garden Club of Dearborn meets noon to 1 p.m. the second Monday of the month at Mitchell Hall at First Presbyterian Church, 600 N. Brady in Dearborn. Alien Invaders: Battling Invasive Species in Michigan and Beyond will be the topic Jan. 9. Andrea Kline, East Michigan conservation director for the Nature Conservancy, will provide an in-depth look at invasive species that threaten to destabilize the environment. For membership information or a listing of programs and speakers, call Judy Henn at (313) 278-9396.

Lawn care

A Municipal Lawn Care Seminar: Tips for Green, Rouge-friendly Lawns will take place 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen, south of I-696. Admission is free but advance registration is required. To register, call the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority at (248) 288-5150 or the Wayne County Department of the Environment at (734) 326-3936. The seminar is sponsored by SOCWA, the Wayne County Department of the Environment and the Oakland County Drain Commissioner's Office, in cooperation with the Assembly of Rouge Communities and the Michigan Green Industry Association.

DPW, grounds maintenance and parks staff; planners and engineers; water quality specialists; and community volunteers should attend. Topics will include Lawns and the Rouge: Water Quality Update, by Kelly Cave, director of the Wayne County Watershed Management Division; Don't Guess - Soil Test, by Rick Lazzell of Lazzell Horticultural Services; Healthy Lawn Care: Mowing, Fertilization, Irrigation, by turf grass specialist Kevin Frank of Michigan State University Extension; Retailer Program Update: Earth-friendly Fertilizers; Designing a Cost-effective Lawn Maintenance Program, by Gary Eichen of Mike's Tree Surgeons Inc.; and "Grow Zones" and "No Mow Zones": Low-maintenance Improvements with Native Plants, by Rouge River Advisory Council facilitator Bill Craig.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kabramczyk@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

Home appliance warranties have changed

I have been pondering what words to use so that this column doesn't hurt my friends in the appliance retail industry. They aren't the ones who set the standard for appliance



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warranties, the manufacturers are. The new products made this year have very different coverage from what we have had for the past 50 years. General Electric, Whirlpool (which will include Maytag once

the purchase is consummated later this month) and the Electrolux name (which covers most of the other brand names) are all shortening their warranties.

You will notice that they are all doing this at the same time, which makes me wonder if that is legal in this country.

They are changing from a full warranty during the first year of ownership to a limited warranty. I have even heard the rumor that some may be going to a 90-day warranty.

It's not even clear yet if the customer has to pay for the service call when service is needed. It looks like the parts and the labor will be covered during the limited warranty period, whatever that may be.

Many major appliances have parts that have been covered for two to 10 years after the first year of use, such as sealed systems (compressors) on refrigerators, transmissions on washing machines, burner elements on stoves, magnetron tubes on microwaves and much more.

From what I'm reading, all this coverage comes to a complete halt and it happens immediately. What is going on here?!

COSTS

Now folks, I could cry while I'm writing this. I have seen the quality of appliances turn to junk status compared to how products were once made.

I have talked to many consumers who received nothing but the royal shaft when they had problems. I have seen some 10,000 appliance repair companies go out of business in this country because repairs cost too much.

I have seen it all and never in my wildest dreams would I

ever think that manufacturers in this country would do this to homeowners who buy their products.

NEVER! It shocks me! What would you say if the automobile companies said to you tomorrow, "You don't have any warranty after the first year of driving on your transmission, your engine, your tires, etc."? If that were the case, I'd bet there was a foreign car maker who would say, "Way to go, Yanks." They're not stupid.

The same sort of thing is going to happen in this appliance industry. There is a great big appliance company in China that is just starting to ship its products into this country. I'm sure it has a big smile as it sees what has been happening here and I'll bet it doesn't reduce its warranty on products.

These companies understand how important service is to the end result of selling more products.

It appears that the big names care very little about your service experience, and they have been losing money on that end of the business and would never fault themselves and try to improve the quality of their products.

All of this is going to cost the

average consumer a lot of money.

Either you're going to spend on repairs during the short life of the product, you're going to buy one of the many extended service contracts offered at the point of sale, or you're going to throw away the product and buy a new one.

Retailers will now make a lot of money selling extended service agreements, manufacturers will just about dissolve their customer relations departments, and people will include expensive major appliances when they say, "It's a throw-away society."

From this day forward, when you go shopping for an appliance, you must look over the warranty and study it carefully.

Maybe, just maybe, somebody back at the factory forgot to remove something from the warranty instructions that was to your benefit. Stay tuned.

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

By any name, filberts make good growing

BY LEE REICH
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Harry Lauder would be even more popular if he was nuttier. You've surely come across Harry Lauder, or, rather, Harry Lauder's Walking Stick, a head-high shrub with stems and leaves all twisted up like corkscrews.

Harry Lauder's Walking Stick is but one variety - an ornamental variety - of filbert, so there's no reason nuts couldn't dangle from those contorted stems. And there are other ornamental filberts, such as Pendula, with drooping stems,

and Aurea, with yellowish stems.

All filberts need cross-pollination from a different variety in order to bear nuts, which is why Harry Lauder's Walking Stick is usually barren. It is usually the only variety of filbert planted, so never finds a mate either at home or on a neighboring property.

There's no good reason why Harry Lauder's Walking Stick has to be the only filbert in town, though.

All filberts - even those grown for nuts - are graceful, large shrubs or small trees. The leaves, ruffled and rounded

much like those of witch hazel, turn a rusty yellow or reddish orange in fall.

There is a variety called Purple Giant, derived from a related species, whose deep-purple leaves are a perfect backdrop for red roses.

All filberts also have pretty blossoms, in particular the male catkins, which dangle from the branches like short pieces of soft, pale green yarn. They're not flamboyant, but they do open very early in the season, at a time when any sign of life is welcome.

European filberts are the filberts usually grown for their

edible nuts. American filberts, native to the East, are resistant to eastern filbert blight that can attack European filberts.

American filberts, though, are small and not quite as savory as those of the European sorts, so it's fortunate that scientists recently developed disease-resistant European filberts. Lewis and Clark are two good varieties.

Incidentally, everything I've written can be equally applied to hazelnuts. Ripe nuts that peek out of their husks were once called hazelnuts; those with long, bearded husks were called filberts.

HOME CALENDAR

Auction

DuMouchelles, 409 E. Jefferson in Detroit, will conduct an auction at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, and noon Sunday, Jan. 15. Exhibition hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, Saturday, Jan. 7, Tuesday, Jan. 10 and Thursday, Jan. 12; and 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11. Call (313) 963-6255, visit www.dumouchelles.com.

Gift gallery

The Holiday Gift Gallery at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine in Rochester, offers original gifts handcrafted by Michigan artists. The gallery is open to Saturday, Jan. 7. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Call (248) 651-4110, visit www.pccart.org.

Simple curtain

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 Simple Curtain, Wednesdays, Jan. 11-25 (fee is \$60). In the class, 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.

Rummage collection

Start collecting your stuff now for the Rochester Community House's annual Great Everything Sale, the biggest rummage sale in town. Whether you're cleaning out your house or looking to furnish, join in the event Friday-Saturday, Jan. 27-28. Drop-offs

will be accepted the week of Jan. 22.

Call the Rochester Community House at (248) 651-0622 for information.

Interior design

Winter continuing education classes at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit include Elements of Interior Design, 10 Saturdays beginning Jan. 28. Cost is \$295, plus \$10 material fee. Call (313) 664-7691 to register and for more information. An overview of the interior design field, the course will show the methods used to create a room that is physically, visually and intellectually satisfying. Instruction will include the basic principles of space planning, drafting, color theory and materials and finishes. Students will work toward creating a finished residential room.

Sculpture for home

HMFRNSHNGS: Utilitarian Sculpture for the Home, an exhibit of work by students, alumni and instructors of the College for Creative Studies, continues to Feb. 9 at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery, in the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-1000, visit www.jccdet.org. The show pushes the boundaries of functionality for furniture and other items in the home. The furnishings are available for purchase.

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

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BARS

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terms of tastes and designers are stepping forward.

"We're doing tumbled marble, limestone, all kinds of ceramic tiles in exciting patterns," Duncan said. "They are taking the backsplash and making it an integral part of the bar."

John Wohl, interior designer with TVI Design of Royal Oak, likes the sophistication a bar can bring.

"There's a big difference between a wet bar and a soda fountain," Wohl said. "You want to capture the quiet intimacy."

Harvey Hollander, owner of Harvey D. Hollander Designs Inc. of Birmingham, has designed wet bars for clients. "The aesthetics should accommodate the interior, whatever that is," Hollander said. "The bar should be located in an area adjacent to the social area where they want to serve and entertain. If they entertain in the living room or dining room, it should be in an adjacent area."

"They put it where they entertain," said Mark Morganroth, ASID and owner of Sherwood Studio in West Bloomfield. "They might put it near the living room, yet if they do a big recreation room, a lot of people might put it nearby on the lower level."

Before installing, you'll need water and drain pipe access for the wet bar, Duncan said. Homeowners should consider the traffic patterns of the crowd in the house and locking up and securing alcoholic beverages, Duncan said.

Duncan recently completed a wet bar in a home with cherry wood cabinets and rich vermilion stain.

"You want to put it where it's convenient, yet it isn't standing out in the open," Duncan said. "If you're putting it near a family room, you should try and position it so it's out of the way of the traffic flow."

SECURITY FEATURE

It's easy to add locks to the cabinets for security.

The bar should be located on a lower level if the family room, rec room or home theater is nearby and people are expected to gather there, Hollander said.

Wet bars should feature an ice maker, small sink with garbage disposer and instant hot and cold water, a blender, a refrigerator and ice crusher.

Sinks are generally 9 by 9 inches up to 12 by 12 inches. They are available in the undercounter mounted sinks.

"You don't want a large sink, it's called a bar sink, and the faucet for the bar is a goose-neck faucet," Morganroth said.

"You should have the proper storage of barware, any appliances or cocktail mixers should be located in the area so everything is within reach," Hollander said. "If the budget and space allows, you should think about adding a refrigerator, wine cooler and instant hot water tap. Many appliances are integrated into the cabinetry to be hidden."

Morganroth said: "Usually you are designing the bar to fit the decor in the area, contemporary for a contemporary home and if the rooms are traditional, we stick to traditional."

Most of the homes are contemporary, so most of the bar designs follow suit. Sometimes bars follow themes: the '50s look is popular with the turquoise, white and black colors.

Contemporary bars feature stainless steel with clean lines. "It's very popular and very clean looking," Morganroth said.

To add warmth, use wood with the stainless steel, or stone or granite countertops. Cherry wood can add warmth to the cold looks of appliances.

Wet bars now are built so they can remain hidden until they are used. More formal settings dictate that the appliance should be hidden from view, but if the bar's look and style are more casual, blenders and ice makers can be left out, in full view.

"Many appliances are so beautiful that many of my clients are opting for leaving them out if space allows," Hollander said.

Hollander doesn't like to follow trends for the wet bars. "Things are too expensive today to just follow trends," he said. "It should complement

SOURCES:

■ Harvey D. Hollander Designs, Birmingham, (248) 822-8100
 ■ Innerspace Design Group at Michigan Design Center in Troy, (248) 643-9100
 ■ Sherwood Studios, 6644 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 855-1600
 ■ TVI Design, Royal Oak, (248) 541-9500

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the design style. The wood should complement, but maybe it's not even wood, maybe it's laminate or stainless steel. Maybe it's built like furniture, maybe cabinetry. Again it goes back to what's appropriate in the space it is located."

Candles create a festive atmosphere and exude warmth, while a small vase with freshly cut roses add to the decor. Low-voltage lighting and mirror works around the bar can help create intimate environs.

"You can incorporate glass tile or interesting metal work, like taking wood and inserting brass, copper or steel," Wohl said. "You're building up an intimate cocktail lounge, and try to match what you're doing in the home, so it's more for the home and not someplace where you expect someone will come up and wait on you."

"We're getting away from Formica, and doing more stone countertops and even a mixture of concrete that is stained."

WINE CELLAR OR STATION

Owners of homes with lower levels and walkouts often have wine cellars or a wine station in the home.

"I've got clients that might remind you of a Cape Cod setting or more tropical with bamboo," Wohl said.

"The cabinetry itself has to be more specialized than just a regular kitchen cabinet," Wohl said, with reinforcement to support a number of bottles.

The liquor is stored in lockable cabinetry so children can't access it, and often the bar area can be used just as a conversation area. Espresso machines are a nice addition, Wohl said.

"Not everyone drinks alcohol," he said.

Cabinetry generally complements the other existing cabinetry.

With all the variations in paint color, many homeowners are choosing to paint the cabinets. Maple is a sturdy wood that won't crack. A chocolate glaze can cover an ivory to add depth to the cabinetry, Duncan said.

Duncan recently completed a wet bar in a home with cherry wood cabinets and rich vermilion stain. The upper cabinets have clear glass inserts with matching vermilion interior.

The horizontal wine rack holds 12 bottles, with space below for accessories. The end shelf cabinet to the left has a 90-degree radius, which also matches the base shelf unit below.

"Cabinet doors are a square, raised panel design which matches the kitchen cabinetry," Duncan said. "The wet bar is actually a part of the kitchen, and is on a wall that connects the kitchen to the family room, and the laundry room. They actually removed a short wall to open up the space."

Wine is a popular theme in home bars, more so than other liquors.

"People are much more into wines than they were 20 or 30 years ago," Duncan said. "If you see a wall cabinet with wine, you might see 12 to 18 bottles there." Wine refrigeration is popular, too.

Wine glass holders are easy add-ons to cabinets, Duncan said.

BROIDA

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dle-in-haystack nightmare.

Solution: a desktop search engine. These crafty utilities index all the stuff on your drive, making local searches as easy as Google makes Web searches.

I've tried most of the popular ones: AOL Desktop Search, Blinkx, Google Desktop, MSN Desktop Search and Yahoo Desktop Search. The latter was my undisputed favorite — until it stopped working for some reason, and I couldn't get any help from Yahoo.

My new favorite: Copernic Desktop Search (copernic.com). It's blissfully uncluttered, it stays out of the way until I need it, and it's free.

BE SMART ABOUT PASSWORDS

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It's easy to remember (I just swapped the vowels for their lookalike numbers), but no automated password-mining program would ever be able to guess it. Unlike, say, "Fluffy."

It's also a smart idea to change your passwords every

six months or so.

And for heaven's sake, if you can't remember your password, write it down somewhere! I can't believe how many times I've seen people scratching their heads trying to remember one.

BE SMART ABOUT SECURITY

To protect your PC from viruses, spyware and all that other nasty stuff, you need three things: an anti-virus program, an anti-spyware program, and a firewall.

Most people rely on McAfee and Symantec products for virus protection, which is fine as long as you keep them up to date. Cheapskates (like me) can find solid protection in AVG Anti-Virus Free Edition (download.com).

As for spyware, there are countless options available. Webroot Spy Sweeper (webroot.com) is widely regarded as one of the top tools; I use Microsoft's Windows AntiSpyware (microsoft.com), which is free. Whatever you do, get something.

Finally, Windows XP Service Pack 2 comes with a fairly

robust firewall of its own, but you may want the added security of a program like Zone Alarm (zonealarm.com). For my money, nothing beats the firewall protection you get from a router.

STOP USING 'WWW'

You may have noticed that I've stopped prefacing Web links with "www." I think by now it's a given that if you see, say, "amazon.com," you know the triple-w goes with it.

That said, here's a tip to get your 2006 started off right: Your Web browser doesn't need the "www." Just type in amazon.com (or any other address) without the prefix. Your browser will fill it in.

Best wishes for a safe, healthy, and peaceful new year.

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You've heard of Mr. Clean? Meet the Queen of Clean

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

We recently were blessed with a beautiful holiday card from one of our dearest old friends, "The Queen of Clean," Eugenia Chapman, a housekeeper for more than 35 years.

Her card included, as always, her latest cleaning picks and a couple of her famous homespun formulas.

We have tested Eugenia's formulas and found that as a cleaning lady, she really is the queen. Some recommendations she sent:

■ All-purpose cleaner: 2 quarts hot water, 2 to 4 tablespoons Murphy's Oil. Combine. Using terry cloth towels, wash, wipe, dry.

■ Glass cleaner: 2 quarts hot water, 2 tablespoons rubbing alcohol. In cold weather add 4 tablespoons corn starch, 1 teaspoon ammonia.

■ Terry cloths: Old cotton diapers or cotton sheets for drying.

■ For windows: Use spray bottle or small bucket. Wash with terry cloth. Wipe with cotton diapers or sheets or old newspapers. Streaks can be identified side to side inside and up and down outside.

■ For chandeliers: Place towels on the floor or carpet for protection and then spray solution and let drip dry (make sure power to chandelier is turned off).

■ Spot cleaning: 1 cup hot water, 1/2 teaspoon rubbing alcohol, 1 teaspoon ammonia. Mix the ingredients into a spray bottle, spray on and wipe off.

■ Cleaning dirty carpet: 2 clean buckets, ammonia, white powdered automatic dishwasher detergent, white vinegar.

In one of the buckets combine 1/2 gallon very warm water, 1/2 cup of ammonia, 1/2 cup white powdered dishwasher detergent. Scrub this solution in with a cotton terry cloth bath towel.

In the other bucket combine 1 gallon very warm water, 1 cup white vinegar. Scrub this solution in with another cotton terry cloth towel. Rub the moisture out with another dry terry cloth towel. Note: Be sure to scrub, rinse and dry about a 4-by-4-foot area at a time. And change waters as needed.

■ To clean grease/soap residue in drains: 1/2 cup salt, 1/2 cup baking soda, 1/2 cup vinegar, 2 Alka-Seltzer tablets, 2 quarts boiling water.

Pour the dry ingredients into the drain first, then the vinegar. Don't pour the vinegar in first. Wait a few minutes while the vinegar and the dry ingredients foam vigorously. Chase with at least 2 quarts of boiling water.

Do this before bed so that the cleaner can work overnight. Use once a month to keep drains running clean and fresh.

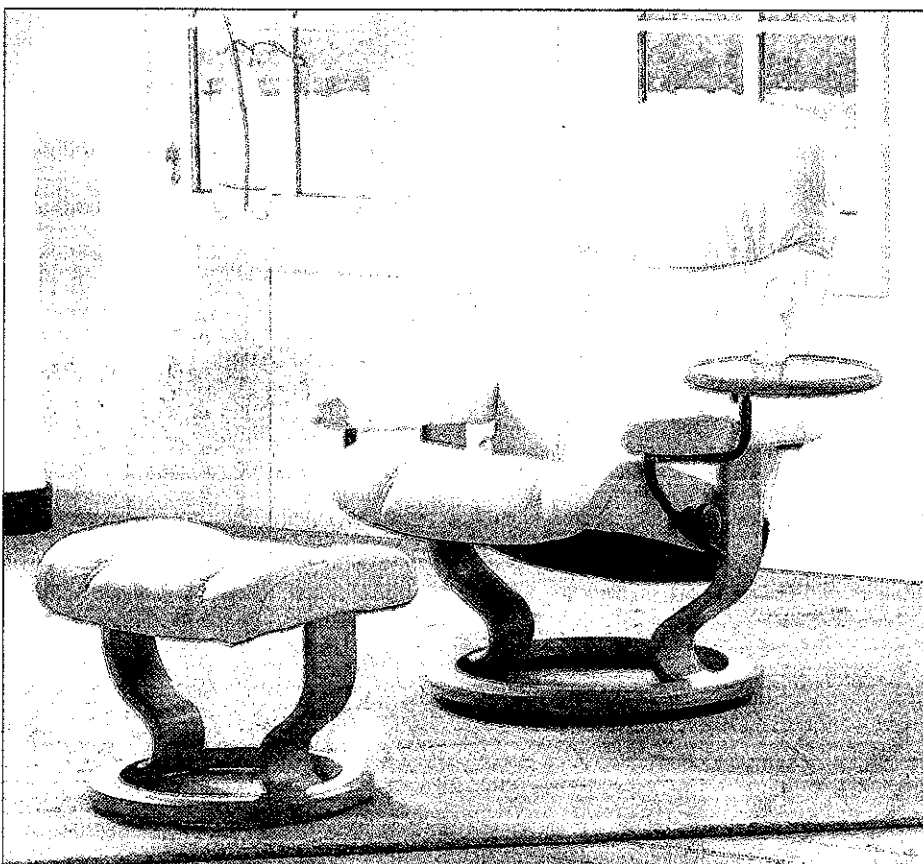
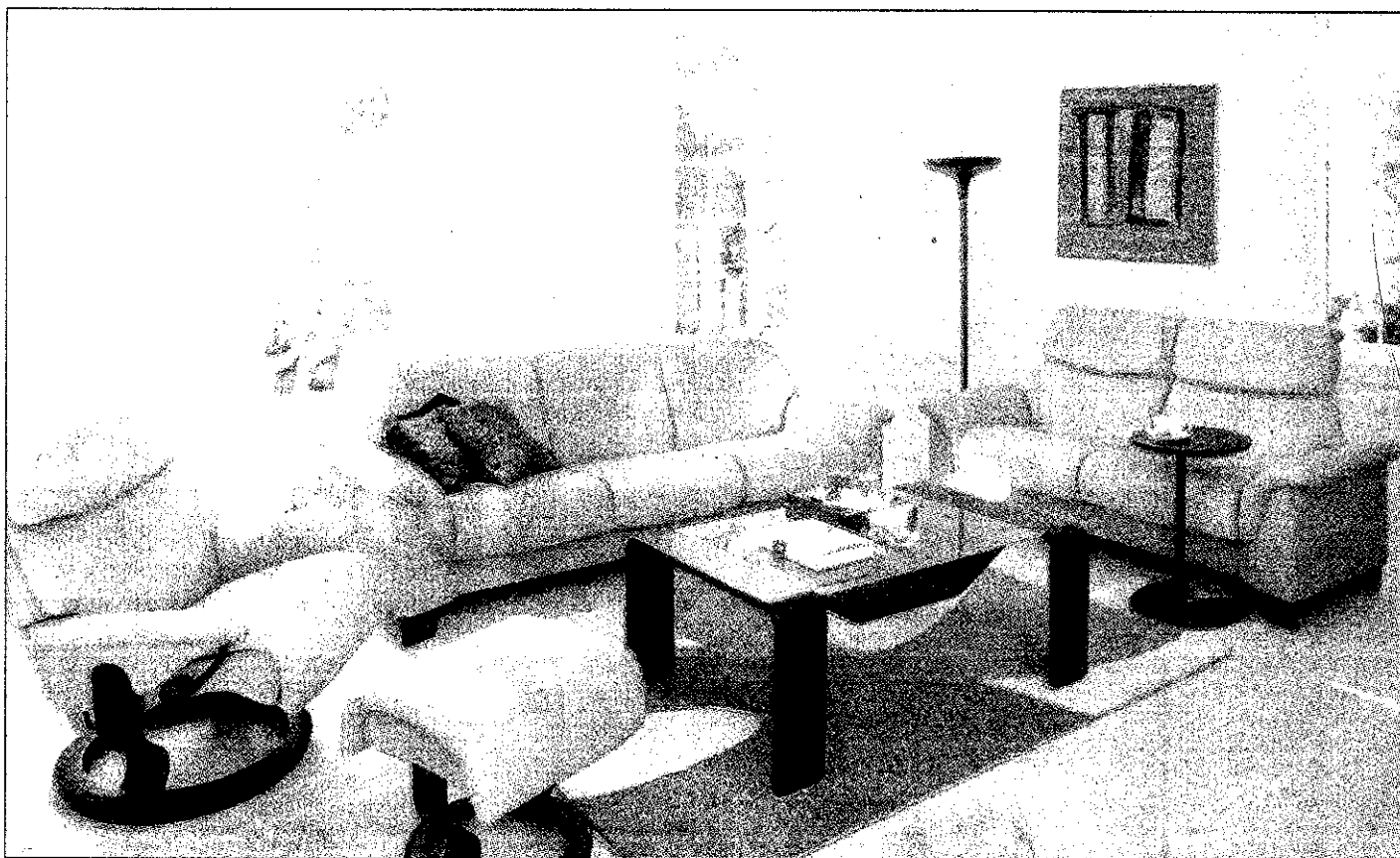
■ Cleaning cobwebs: Pin a damp, clean towel on a broom. Wipe off cobwebs throughout the house in a few minutes.

■ Cleaning toothpaste: Keep paper towels under each sink to wipe out toothpaste after each use.

■ Cleaning venetian blinds: Use your fingers! That's right - with nothing more than a pair of cotton gloves, your hands become top-quality cleaning tools. A paint brush also works well.

■ Cleaning drapes and bedding: Load them into the dryer and run on air/fluff.

■ Cleaning oven racks: Clean oven racks and stove reflector pans and burner rings by placing them in a heavy plastic bag with an ammonia-soaked cleaning towel. Close the bag and let it sit for a couple of hours - preferably outside. If needed, scrape the racks with a metal pot scraper. Rinse and wipe dry. Visit the Careys' Web site at www.onthehouse.com, or call them at (800) 737-2474 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays.



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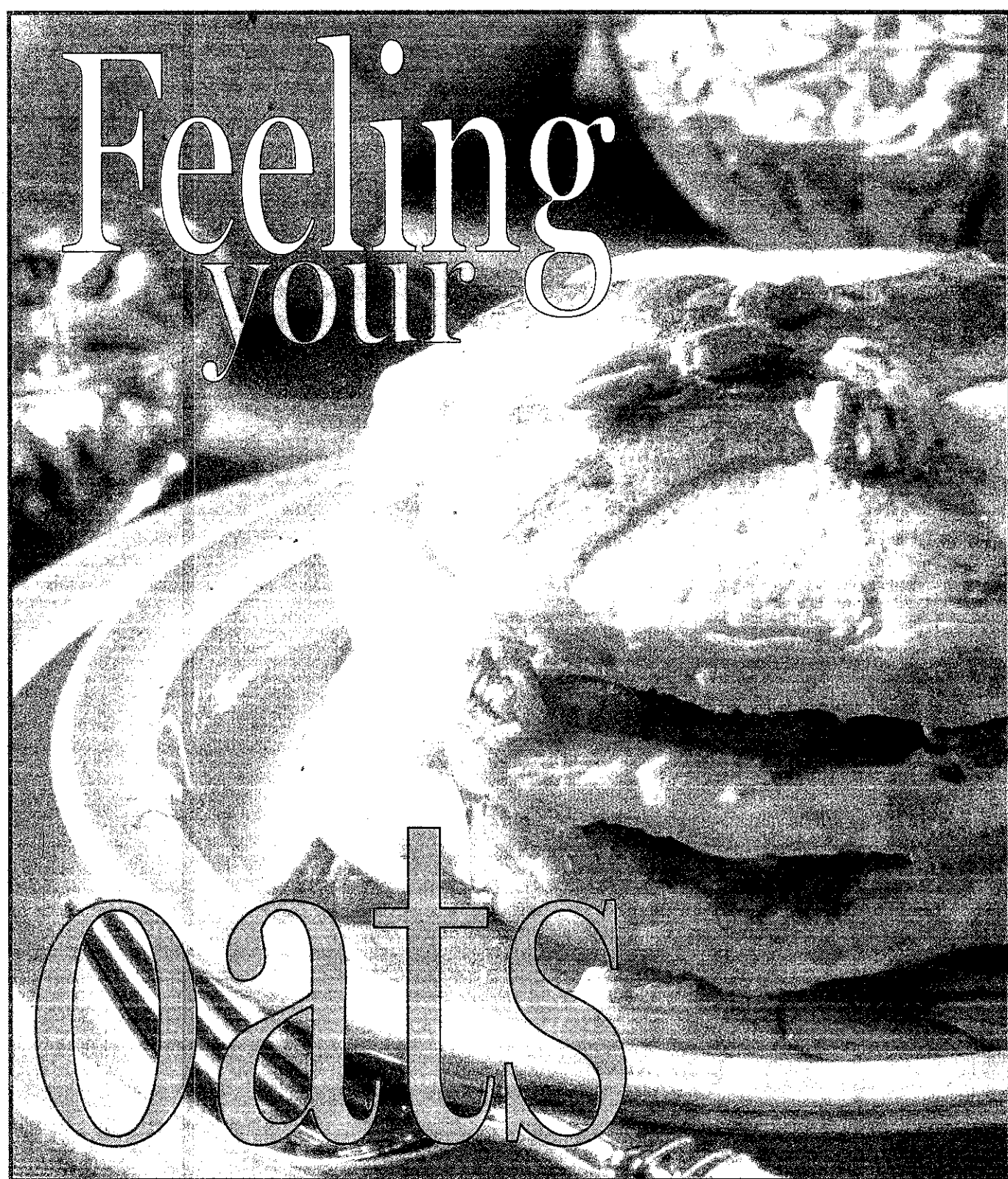
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GENERAL MILLS

Oaty Pear 'n' Pecan Pancakes can't help but take the chill out of a wintery morning, and a pancake mix makes them extra easy.

Mix with fruit for this nourishing breakfast

It's a fact. Breakfast nourishes the body and feeds the mind by providing energy your body can use for physical performance and your brain can use for concentration and problem solving.

Breakfast eaters also have diets that are higher in grains, fruit, fiber, calcium and overall variety.

What you might not know is that

breakfast also may help with weight maintenance.

Scientific research shows that breakfast consumption is a healthy habit common to those who have been successful at long-term weight control and a greater feeling of satiety.

In one of the studies, oatmeal produced the highest satiety rating among the cereals tested. Satiety can be

described as the feeling of fullness that eating an oatmeal breakfast produces.

And there are oatmeal choices to fit every taste and every lifestyle, from the familiar old-fashioned rolled oats to convenient flavored instant oatmeals and oatmeal-based cold cereals.

Oatmeal, though, doesn't always

PLEASE SEE OATS, B7

Enjoy some rolled oats in cupcakes

For a family baking project, cupcakes take the cake. They're kid-sized and fun to eat, and offer built-in portion control.

The first step to success is choosing a cupcake recipe that doesn't have a lot of ingredients or steps but does contain a flavor that your children really love.

If that recipe happens to have a few "better-for-you" ingredients such as rolled oats, whole wheat flour, fruit or nuts, engage your young bakers in a conversation about healthful eating. If not, brainstorm ways you might make that recipe more healthful. It's amazing how creative youngsters can be.

Whole-grain rolled oats used in place of some of the flour pump up the nutrition in "hidden berry

PLEASE SEE CUPCAKES, B7



Whole-grain rolled oats used in place of some of the flour pump up the nutrition in "hidden berry" cupcakes. These not-too-sweet, vanilla-flavored cupcakes feature a surprise in the center - "berry-licious" fruit spread.

GENERAL MILLS

Whitehaven wines showcase Marlborough region

According to Simon Waghorn, winemaker at Whitehaven, located in the heart of New Zealand's Marlborough wine country, 2005 was a very good vintage for sauvignon blanc and pinot noir.

With Waghorn we discussed the advantages of growing grapes and making wine in Marlborough. "Foremost in the equation is the climate," he began. "The quality of our sunlight is unique because we get



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lots of light without excessive heat. Because they ripen slowly on the vine, grape varieties such as sauvignon blanc, pinot gris and pinot noir thrive in Marlborough. The extreme

diurnal temperature difference between day and night allows the vine to accumulate more flavor. Then, it's my job to get all that flavor into the wine."

BALANCED VINES

Waghorn emphasized the importance of balanced vines. He removes excess shoots to direct the vines' energy to ripening the fruit. He trains the vine to grow upward in a system known as Vertical Shoot Positioning that prevents shad-

ing of the fruit and allows air movement through the vine. Waghorn wants dappled sunlight on the grapes because full sun exposure bakes flavors out, yet he needs air movement through the vines to dry them following rain.

"To ensure consistent wine quality, I'm able to select the best fruit from 20 different vineyards," Waghorn said. He typically ferments 40 separate lots of sauvignon blanc, sells off the poorest 30 percent to other

wineries and blends the best to a consistent taste profile. He ferments all the sauvignon blanc in stainless steel tanks to retain vibrant fresh fruit qualities in the bottled wine.

"Less is more with respect to sauvignon blanc," he said. "It's most important to pick grapes at perfect ripeness and avoid malolactic fermentation and barrel aging. Marlborough sauvignon blanc doesn't like

PLEASE SEE WINE, B8

Side dish

Victims assisted

The launch of the 2006 Food Network calendar, its first chef-recipe calendar, will benefit the New Orleans Hospitality Workers Disaster Relief Fund and restaurant workers in New Orleans, the television network says.

Its partner in this initiative is the South Beach Wine and Food Festival. All profits from sales of the calendar will be donated to the New Orleans Hospitality Workers Disaster Relief Fund, which benefits hospitality workers who have experienced hardships due to Hurricane Katrina.

The 15-month calendar, features recipes and photos of many favorite Food Network personalities, including Emeril Lagasse, Rachael Ray, Alton Brown and Bobby Flay.

It also gives details of great reasons to visit New Orleans, for events such as Jazz Fest and other high-profile happenings scheduled for 2006.

The calendar is on sale for \$12.95 in stores, and online at <http://www.FoodNetwork.com>. Calendars will also be available at South Beach Wine and Food Festival, Feb. 24-26, festival information at <http://www.sobwineandfoodfest.com>.

Free guide

A colorful 120-page paperback, *Wines From Spain: Far From Ordinary Wine Guide 2005-2006*, is available to explain the latest developments in Spanish wines, wine styles and regions.

The book has an introduction and tasting notes by Doug Frost, master sommelier, wine writer and consultant, of Kansas City.

It is illustrated with plenty of color photos, including many scenic shots of Spain and its wine regions, and with maps.

The publication is available online at <http://www.winesfromspainusa.com>

Prices up

While food manufacturers and distributors have been facing huge cost increases, the impact on consumers will be moderate in 2006, according to officials speaking at The Food Institute's first annual outlook seminar Input Costs to Consumer Pricing, What's Ahead in 2006?

Kraft, Hershey, Flower's Foods and others have already announced price increases (most in the range of 3 to 5 percent) for many of the products they sell to retailers, as a result of the substantial double-digit packaging, fuel and energy costs faced by the manufacturers.

The impact of the increases to consumers is expected to be a 2.5 percent to 3.5 percent in the consumer price index (CPI) in 2006, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture economist Ephraim Leibtag.

Steam fish, puree vegetables for your next meal

The holidays are over but the extra pounds are still hanging around. It's time to make good on the New Year's resolution to eat healthier and lose weight.

You don't have to go to a spa. You can make your own low-fat, low-calorie spa-style meals at home by steaming fish and serving with simply prepared vegetables.

The mono-unsaturated fat and omega-3 fatty acids of the salmon and sesame seed oil in the following dish offer rich flavor as well as health-protective substances. The olive oil in the pureed squash served with the salmon provides the desired creaminess with a minimal amount of fat.

Pureeing vegetables like squash – or peas, beans, or carrots – gives a “comfort food”

texture that provides an interesting contrast to that of the fish.

STEAMED ORIENTAL SALMON WITH PUREED SQUASH

4 pounds butternut squash, cut in half lengthwise and seeded
4 tablespoons non-fat cream or extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lime juice, or to taste
Freshly grated nutmeg, to taste
Salt and freshly ground white pepper
2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger
1 tablespoon rice vinegar
2 tablespoons sesame oil
4 3-ounce skinless fillets of fresh salmon
8-12 fresh snow peas (optional)
To prepare pureed squash: Preheat oven to 350°F. Place

squash halves cut-side down in a baking pan. Fill pan with water about 1/2-inch deep. Bake squash 30 minutes. Turn squash over and bake 30 minutes more, or until tender. Remove from oven and transfer squash to plate and allow to cool until easily handled.

Scoop flesh from skin of squash. Transfer to a food processor or blender to puree. While pureeing, add lime juice and just enough olive oil to make a smooth puree. Add nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste.

In a covered container, store pureed squash in refrigerator until ready to use, up to three days. Heat in microwave before serving with salmon.

To prepare salmon: Place ginger, vinegar and sesame oil in a small bowl and whisk until well blended. Transfer to non-stick baking pan large enough to hold

salmon pieces. (Pan should have a depth of at least 1/2 inch.)

Add salmon and turn to coat on all sides. Marinate up to 2 hours in refrigerator. Before steaming, bring to room temperature and season with salt and pepper to taste.

To steam salmon, select a large pot in which the pan of fish will comfortably sit. Inside the pot place a heat-proof stand or rack* on which the pan can sit high enough to prevent 3 to 5 inches of simmering water from splashing onto food – about an inch above water level. Add enough hot water to pot so it comes 3-5 inches up side of pot.

Carefully place pan with fish on stand or rack. Bring water to boil and reduce heat to simmer. Cover and steam fish until almost tender. Add snow peas to top of fish. Cover and continue steaming until fish is completely

tender and snow peas are tender-crisp.

Meanwhile, reheat squash puree and divide among 4 plates in the shape of a wide letter “c.” Carefully remove fish from steamer and place a fillet in the inside curve of pureed squash on each plate. Glaze top of salmon with any juice left in baking pan. Place snow peas (if using) between salmon and squash, as a garnish. Serve immediately.

*A stand can be improvised by removing both ends of an empty food can that contained juice or vegetables, for example.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 328 calories, 16 g. fat (3 g. saturated fat), 29 g. carbohydrate, 19 g. protein, 8 g. dietary fiber, 61 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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.hometownlife.com or fax (734) 591-7279.

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Be adventurous: Take in savory side of chocolate

BY DANA JACOBI
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From a steaming cup of cocoa to brownies and fudge, chocolate is associated so closely with sweets that we rarely think of enjoying its rich flavor in savory dishes. Mole, the dark Mexican sauce famously made with chocolate, is the only non-sweet use of it most people know.

If you're feeling a bit adventurous, try adding a little cocoa powder to savory dishes for a deeper, richer and subtly complex flavor.

Cocoa powder is made from ground roasted cocoa beans from which some of the fat, called cocoa butter, has been removed. As a result, one

tablespoon of cocoa powder contains one-half gram of fat, while a half-ounce of unsweetened chocolate, roughly the equivalent amount for cooking, contains seven grams of fat. Equally important, cocoa imparts more of the floral and earthy notes we love in chocolate, with less of the bitterness found in most unsweetened chocolate, the kind easiest to use in savory dishes. This is particularly true for natural cocoa powder, which is not Dutch-processed.

That process involves treating cocoa with alkali to make it easier to dissolve in liquids. It also makes it taste milder. You probably grew up with the most familiar kind, which works perfectly in savory dishes.

Cocoa powder combines nicely with various spices, as you see in the dry rub for the chicken in this salad. Here, cocoa adds a different kind of warmth than cinnamon, plus unexpected depth. This spice blend also gives tomato sauce a new twist that you might enjoy.

Cocoa can be a good salt-substitute, too. Sift it, store it in a shaker and use a dash to garnish butternut squash, sweet potato, tomato and bean soups, and season sunnyside-up eggs.

SPICED CHICKEN SALAD

1 tablespoon natural cocoa powder*
2 teaspoons ground cumin
2 teaspoons curry powder

1 teaspoon ground paprika
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 skinless and boneless chicken breast (1 pound) cut in 4 pieces
4 cups baby lettuce, or mesclun greens
4 cups baby spinach
1 Fuji apple, cored, cut in thin wedges
1 yellow bell pepper, cut in 1/2-inch strips
12 red seedless grapes, halved
1/2 cup low-fat ranch dressing

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

On a small plate, mix the cocoa, cumin, curry powder, paprika and salt with a fork until well combined. Dredge the chicken pieces in the mixture, coating them well.

Arrange the chicken on a baking sheet.

Bake the chicken until it is white in the center at the thickest part, 25 minutes. Set aside. Combine the lettuce and spinach, and divide the greens among four plates. Arrange the apple slices on top of the greens. Add the pepper strips, then the grapes.

Cut the chicken crosswise into 1/2-inch slices. Arrange one-fourth of the chicken on each salad. Drizzle two tablespoons dressing over each salad, and serve.

* Natural means the cocoa is not processed with alkali.

Makes 4 servings Per serving: 229 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 21 g. carbohydrate, 28 g. protein, 5 g. dietary fiber, 574 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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Mix chicken, cashews in won ton cups

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chicken with cashews in won ton cups, known in Thailand as gai phad med ma-muang, are quickly prepared and make very tasty hors d'oeuvres.

Using ground chicken or turkey makes them an inexpensive treat, recipe developer Pam Simmons points out. Red curry paste and pineapple with lime juice make them irresistible, too, she adds. Her taste-testing team kept coming back for more, so she recommends allowing four to five pieces per serving. For easy last-minute preparation, note that you can bake the won ton cups up to a week ahead, and the filling can be made up to three days ahead and reheated just before serving. You will need mini muffin tins (coated work best).

CHICKEN WITH CASHES IN WON TON CUPS

28 to 30 square won ton wrappers

(see note)

2 tablespoons oil
1/2 cup chopped cashews
1/2 cup pineapple chunks in juice cut in quarters, or pineapple tidbits in juice (reserve 2 tablespoons juice)
10 ounces (1/2 package) ground chicken or turkey
2 teaspoons Thai fish sauce
2 teaspoons Thai red curry paste
1/2 cup minced onion
1/3 cup minced red peppers
1/3 cup minced green peppers
2 tablespoons ketchup
1 tablespoon lime juice
Optional: chopped cilantro

To prepare the cups:

Preheat oven to 375°F. Lay won ton wrappers inside muffin tins. With slightly dampened fingers gently press won tons down inside of cup and against sides, conforming to pan shape. Bake a few more than needed, just in case some collapse or break. Bake 6 to 8 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove won ton cups from tins and cool on wire racks. If not using immediately store

cooled cups in airtight containers. Cups will keep crispy for 1 week.

To prepare the filling:

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large nonstick skillet, over a high heat. Pat pineapple dry with paper towel, and add to pan with cashews. Cook, stirring occasionally, until slightly browned. Drain, and remove to plate, leaving as much oil in pan as possible. Add remaining oil to skillet. Add ground meat, fish sauce and curry paste. Stir-fry 2 to 3 minutes, breaking meat clumps into small pieces. Cook until paste is dissolved and fragrant. Add onion, peppers, ketchup and reserved pineapple juice. Stir-fry until meat is cooked through and sauce is thickened. Stir in lime juice and reserved nuts with pineapple. Cook 1 minute to combine flavors.

Just before serving, fill cups with 1 tablespoon of filling and sprinkle with cilantro.

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■ Oats are a source of soluble and insoluble fiber. Oat-soluble fiber promotes heart health when eaten as part of a daily diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol, while insoluble fiber benefits the digestive system.

■ Oats may help with weight control. People who eat breakfast regularly are more likely to weigh less than those who skip it.

Additionally, oats are a great choice for breakfast or any other meal occasion because they add fiber to the diet.

Research shows that people with higher fiber diets tend to weigh less.

■ Oats are a whole grain. As part of a plant-rich, low-fat diet, whole grains may help protect against chronic diseases, such as heart disease and some cancers. Whole-grain oats can be part of a diet that helps people maintain a healthy weight.

■ All oat forms are equally nutritious. Steel-cut, old-fashioned oats (five-minute), quick oats (one-minute) and instant oats are different forms of the same thing - whole-grain oats.

On an equal weight basis, there is no nutritional difference between steel-cut oats, old-fashioned oats, quick oats and regular unflavored instant oatmeal.

The only difference is the way the oat has been cut and/or rolled. Cutting and rolling affect cooking time and baking use, not nutritional content.

■ Oats are the only major grain proven to help reduce blood cholesterol.

Eating 3 grams of soluble fiber from oats each day, as part of a diet that's low in fat and cholesterol, has been shown to lower blood cholesterol, which may reduce the risk of heart disease.

■ Oats offer many nutritional benefits.

Oats contain a variety of vitamins, minerals and unique antioxidants in addition to a greater proportion of protein than other common cereals.

■ Oats are packed with flavor. Oats impart a nutty flavor to favorite baked goods and to toppings for fruit crisps and crumbles.

■ Oats add texture. Oats add a pleasantly chewy texture to baked products.

■ Oats are quick, convenient and full of variety. From "Instant Oatmeal" to "Quaker Oatmeal Express," and from regular to flavored, there's an oatmeal to fit every taste and schedule. All Quaker oats, including instant, are whole grains.

■ Oats are versatile. Oats go beyond the breakfast bowl. Try them in meatloaf/meatballs, as a coating for chicken and fish, and as a partial flour replacement when baking.

Quick or old-fashioned oats can be substituted for up to one-third of the flour called for in recipes for muffins, biscuits, pancakes, loaf-type quick breads, coffeecakes, yeast breads, cookies and bars.

CUPCAKES

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cupcakes."

These not-too-sweet, vanilla-flavored cupcakes feature a surprise in the center - "berrylicious" fruit spread. A simple dusting of powdered sugar instead of gooey icing makes these a good choice for lunch boxes.

When individually wrapped airtight and frozen, they'll keep for a month or more.

Oats can be substituted for up to one-third of the flour in recipes for cupcakes and "big" cakes, cookies and bars, and other baked goods. Use either the quick (1-minute) or the old-fashioned (5-minute) oats as they are interchangeable in baking.

When you have less time to spend in the kitchen, think in terms of semi-scratch baking.

Luscious snow cakes look and taste like they were made from scratch but use a white cake mix. Low-fat yogurt, egg whites, water and a little oil trim fat, while the oats help keep the cakes moist.

Topped just before serving with a chilly "icing" made from ice cream, these cupcakes will go so fast you won't have to worry about them melting.

For more tips for baking with children and recipes, visit www.quakeroatmeal.com.

HIDDEN BERRY CUPCAKES

1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1-1/4 cups granulated sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup (5-1/2 tablespoons) butter, softened
3 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1 tablespoon vanilla
1 cup Quaker oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
1/2 cup seedless strawberry or raspberry fruit spread
Confectioners' sugar

Heat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Line 16 medium muffin cups with paper or foil baking cups; set aside.

In large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add butter and beat with electric mixer on low speed until crumbly, about one minute. In medium bowl, combine eggs, milk and vanilla; add to flour-butter mixture. Beat on low speed until incorporated, then on medium speed two minutes. Gently fold in oats. Divide batter evenly between muffin cups, filling each about 3/4 full.

Bake 18 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from pan; cool completely on wire rack.

Using a small, sharp knife, cut out a cone-shaped piece from the center of each cupcake, leaving a 1/2-inch border around edge of cupcake. Carefully remove and reserve cake pieces. Fill each depression with a generous teaspoon of fruit spread. Top with reserved cake pieces; sift confectioners' sugar over tops of cupcakes. Makes 16 cupcakes.

Nutrition information: One cupcake: calories 210, calories from fat 50, total fat 5g, saturated fat 3g, cholesterol 50mg, sodium 190mg, total carbohydrates 37g, dietary fiber 1g, protein 4g.

SNOW CAKES

1 box (18.25-ounce) white cake mix without pudding
4 egg whites
1 cup (9 ounces) vanilla low-fat yogurt*
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 cup Quaker oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
1 quart premium vanilla ice cream**

Heat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Line 24 medium muffin cups with paper or foil baking cups; set aside.

In large bowl, beat cake mix, egg whites, yogurt, water and oil with electric mixer according to package directions. Gently fold in oats. Divide batter evenly between muffin cups, filling each about 3/4 full.

Bake 20 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove from pan; cool completely on wire rack.

Remove ice cream from freezer and allow to soften just enough so it can be mixed. Transfer to chilled bowl; stir just until ice cream is spreadable but still holds its shape. Working quickly, "frost" each cupcake with softened ice cream.

Oats can be substituted for up to one-third of the flour in recipes for cupcakes and "big" cakes, cookies and bars, and other baked goods. Use either the quick (one-minute) or the old-fashioned (5-minute) oats as they are interchangeable in baking.

Place frosted cupcakes on tray and return to freezer to firm up slightly, no more than 30 minutes. Makes 24 cupcakes.

*Yogurt containing gelatin isn't recommended.

**Light/reduced fat ice cream isn't recommended.

Nutrition information: One cupcake: calories 190, calories from fat 80, total fat 8g, saturated fat 2.5g, cholesterol 10mg, sodium 170mg, total carbohydrates 26g, dietary fiber less than 1g, protein 3g.

OATS

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need to be eaten from a bowl. Because oats can replace up to one-third of the flour called for in recipes for baked goods, whole-grain oats can be incorporated into delicious breakfast breads like muffins and scones and that weekend favorite, pancakes.

Oaty Pear 'n' Pecan Pancakes can't help but take the chill out of a wintry morning, and a pancake mix makes them extra easy.

Gently folding the oats, pear and toasted pecans into the batter keeps the texture light. Simply drizzle the pancakes with warm syrup or dress them up with additional pecans and pear slices. No pears on hand? Apples are equally tasty.

When the only "to do" on your list is reading the Sunday paper, whip up a batch of Pumpkin Hotcakes with Warm Maple Apples. Oats and wheat germ impart a wholesome graininess to the hotcakes.

Pumpkin pie spice - a fragrant blend of cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and allspice available in the spice aisle of the supermarket - flavorfully ties together the cakes and warm maple-apple topping.

Quick and old-fashioned oats are interchangeable when baking, so use whichever you have on hand. (The old-fashioned oats produce baked goods with a heartier texture,

and cookies may spread a bit more.)

And old-fashioned oats, quick oats, steel-cut oats and instant oatmeal are all whole-grain oat products.

Because all three parts of the grain remain after milling, they all provide the same nutrients in the same amounts. The only difference is how the grain is cut, steamed and rolled - and this only affects cooking time and texture.

Whole-grain oats, in the bowl or out, truly are a simple step to a great morning.

OATY PEAR 'N' PECAN PANCAKES

1 cup original pancake and waffle mix, such as Aunt Jemima
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 cup milk
1 egg
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 medium firm-ripe pear, cored and chopped (about 1 cup)
1/2 cup oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked, such as Quaker Oats)
2 tablespoons chopped, toasted pecans
1/2 to 3/4 cup lite syrup (such as Aunt Jemima), warmed
pear slices, if desired
toasted chopped pecans, if desired

In large bowl, stir together pancake mix and cinnamon. In medium bowl, combine milk, egg and oil until blended. Add to pancake mix, stirring with wire whisk just until combined. Gently stir in pear, oats and pecans. Let stand 1-2 minutes to thicken.

Cook pancakes on hot griddle

according to package directions.

Serve with maple syrup and, if desired, pear slices and additional pecans. Makes 12 pancakes.

Cook's Tip: To toast pecan halves, bake on baking sheet in preheated 350-degree Fahrenheit oven until fragrant, 5-7 minutes.

Or, spread in single layer on microwave-safe plate. Microwave on High (100 percent power) 1 to 1-1/2 minutes. Cool and chop.

Nutrition information: 1/2 of recipe (3 pancakes): calories 360, calories from fat 90, total fat 10g, saturated fat 2g, cholesterol 60mg, sodium 690mg, total carbohydrates 58g, dietary fiber 4g, protein 10g.

Nutrition information: 1/2 of recipe (2 pancakes): calories 240, calories from fat 60, total fat 7g, saturated fat 1.5g, cholesterol 40mg, sodium 460mg, total carbohydrates 39g, dietary fiber 3g, protein 6g.

PUMPKIN HOTCAKES WITH WARM MAPLE APPLES

Topping:
2 tablespoons light butter
1 large tart apple, cored and coarsely chopped
1/2 cup lite syrup, such as Aunt Jemima
1/4 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice or ground cinnamon
Pancakes:
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked, such as Quaker)
1/2 cup wheat germ
3 tablespoons granulated sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder

1-1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice or ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
1-1/4 cups milk
3/4 cup canned pumpkin
1 egg
2 tablespoons vegetable oil

For topping, melt butter in small skillet over medium heat. Add chopped apple; cook and stir until apple is tender, about 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in pumpkin pie spice and syrup; heat through. Keep warm while preparing pancakes.

For pancakes, combine dry ingredients in large bowl; set aside. In medium bowl, combine milk, pumpkin, egg and oil with wire whisk until well blended. Add to dry ingredients; mix just until combined.

Heat griddle over medium-high heat. Lightly grease or spray with nonstick cooking spray. For each pancake, pour scant 1/2 cup batter onto hot griddle.

Turn pancakes when small bubbles form and edges appear dry.

Serve with warm apple topping. Makes 15-16 pancakes.

Nutrition information: 1/2 of recipe (3 pancakes): calories 360, calories from fat 110, total fat 12g, saturated fat 4g, cholesterol 55mg, sodium 560mg, total carbohydrates 55g, dietary fiber 5g, protein 9g.

Nutrition information: 1/2 of recipe (2 pancakes): calories 230, calories from fat 70, total fat 8g, saturated fat 2.5g, cholesterol 35mg, sodium 370mg, total carbohydrates 34g, dietary fiber 3g, protein 6g.

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WINE PICKS

Zesty crispness of SAUVIGNON BLANC (also called fumé blanc) matches seafood perfectly. In addition to 2005 Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc \$20, mentioned in the column, we like the following with their distinctive style:

Pick of the pack: 2004 Mason Sauvignon Blanc, \$16.

Other delicious stuff: 2004 Dry Creek Fumé Blanc, \$14, 2004 Markham Napa Valley Sauvignon Blanc, \$14, 2004 Robert Hall Paso Robles Sauvignon Blanc, \$14, 2002 Murphy-Goodie Reserve Fumé, \$17, 2004 Beckmen Purisima Mountain Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc, \$20, and 2004 Grigich Hills Fumé Blanc, \$24.

Wallet friendly: 2004 Pedroncelli East Side Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc, \$10.

Pinot Noir prices are on the rise after another short crop in 2005. Buy the following before they too have a price hike:

2003 Dutton Goldfield Dutton Ranch Pinot Noir, \$35, and 2003 Dutton Goldfield Devil's Gulch Vineyard Pinot Noir, \$48.

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.

WINES

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either." In summarizing, Waghorn said, "Grow it right, harvest at the optimum time, avoid skin contact to reduce phenols (tannins) and retain minerality.

Let the juice settle and ferment in stainless steel." It sounds easy, doesn't it?

REACHING GOALS

To learn that Waghorn

reached his goal, taste the 2005 Whitehaven Sauvignon Blanc \$20.

The wine emphasizes fresh grapefruit and lime flavors with notes of lemongrass and citrus zest that finish bright, zesty and zingy. Try it with roast chicken, turkey, oysters, mussels, whitefish or lobster.

The 2004 Whitehaven Pinot Noir \$30 boasts rose petal aromas and cherry-berry flavors with an elegant, silky texture, hints of vanilla and an extended finish. This stylish pinot

noir was aged in 40 percent new, tight-grained French oak barrels.

It pairs well with venison and roast duck as well as grilled tuna or salmon.

After leaving the world of corporate finance in 1991, Gregory and Sue White set out on their 48-foot boat for a two-year sail in the South Pacific. As they cruised the sparkling waters off Marlborough Sound, they became enchanted by the rugged mountains and green valleys that host Marlborough

vineyards. Inspired to develop a serious wine business plan, they decided to come ashore and set a new course making great wines in Marlborough. Since 1994, the Whites and Waghorn have teamed to capture the essence of New Zealand's Marlborough region in their distinctive, fresh and elegant wines.

■ It's not too late to sign up for winter classes at the new Grapevine School of Wine taught by master sommelier

Ron Edwards and other area wine professionals. Classes are held in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Auburn Hills and Plymouth. For more information and to sign up online, log on to www.grapevineschoolofwine.com.

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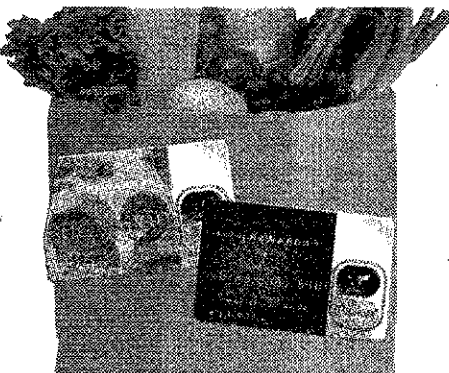
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Wine series set

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 S. Bates St., Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, or online at www.communityhouse.com.

An Introduction to Wine

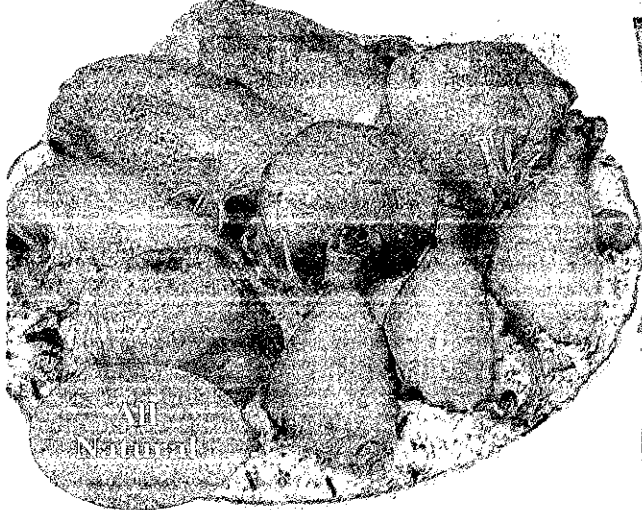
Enjoy a casual and uncomplicated introduction into the world of wine suited for both the novice as well as the slightly experienced. Topics include: wine grapes varieties, wine making techniques, types of wines and wine labels, and proper wine storage. Evaluate and rate wines while tasting six wines representing different regions around the world. Learn to identify and read wine labels and order from a restaurant wine list. Class is 7:30-9:30 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 optimally 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.



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Salem spikers cruise to perfect 12-0 start

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Members of Salem's volleyball team may have varied tastes in music, but the Rocks have been unified this season when it comes to collecting "heavy medal" after tournaments.

On Dec. 30, the Rocks collected first-place medals for the second time in three weeks when they earned the championship title at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational. On Dec. 17, Salem captured top honors at the Madonna Varsity Invitational at Plymouth High School.

Led by first-year coach Amanda Suder, the Rocks will carry a perfect 12-0 record into Wednesday's cross-campus



Kurtz

"The girls are excited because they didn't win one tournament last year and they've won two already this year. We still have a lot to improve on, but they come to play every day."

The Rocks cruised through pool play at the U-M-Dearborn tournament, sweeping Davison (25-11, 25-16), Wayne Memorial (25-6, 25-14) and Southgate

showdown with Canton.

"Our setters and hitters are connecting really well with each other," said Suder, a former Salem volleyball standout. "We're getting strong play in the front and back rows. The girls are really clicking so far."

Anderson (25-14, 25-15). Salem then handled Lincoln Park 25-16, 25-15, in the quarterfinals before winning a thrilling three-setter over L'Anse Creuse in the semis.

Wyandotte Roosevelt proved to be a worthy foe in the finals, but the Rocks persevered, winning 25-17, 21-25, 15-9.

Salem's Lauren Price and Teresa Coppiellie were both named to the All-Tournament team.

Price registered 65 kills, 11 service aces and 40 digs while Coppiellie racked up 59 kills and 40 digs. Also making major contributions were freshman setter Jansan Falcusan (120 assists, 20 digs), Nicole Mersch (53 digs), Lauren Kurtz (10 blocks) and Courtney Seiler (30 digs, nine aces).

Suder said Falcusan is a member of Salem's freshman class, but her skills have "senior" written all over them.

"Jansan's not a typical freshman because she's been playing competitive volleyball longer than most seniors," Suder said. "She's been playing since she was 8 or 9 years old, so she's been around."

The Rocks didn't lose a game in the season-opening Madonna invite, sweeping Wayne, Belleville, Whitmore Lake, Tecumseh, Birmingham Groves and Milford.

Falcusan compiled 114 assists while Coppiellie, Price and Kurtz combined for 120 kills.

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Sidelines

Thomas a Spartan

Former Canton stand-out football player Devin Thomas has signed a national letter of intent to play for Michigan State University beginning with the 2006 season. Thomas is one of three junior-college transfers signed recently by MSU coach John L. Smith.

The 6-foot-2, 213-pound Thomas spent the past two seasons excelling for Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College. Last season, the speedy Thomas hauled in 33 receptions for 674 yards and five touchdowns. He was ranked among the nation's top 20 JUCO prospects by Rivals.com and Fab50recruiting.com.

MU men swept

Georgia didn't turn out to be a nice road trip for Madonna University's men's basketball team.

The Crusaders lost two games in less than 24 hours at the Ron Love Athletic Center in Savannah, Ga., to fall to 5-9 on the season.

On Dec. 28, MU fell to host Savannah College of Art & Design, 91-85, and followed that up the next afternoon with a 94-69 loss to Southern Polytechnic State.

Against the Cazzie Russell-coached SCAD Bees, the inability to stop players from scoring in the low post proved costly. The Bees (7-9) tallied 62 points in the paint, nearly double MU's 32.

Guard Gerard Bowden and forward Ryan Kaminski paced the Bees with 27 and 19 points, respectively.

Leading Madonna in scoring, with 17 points, was forward Derrick Mudri while Keith Hearn (Livonia Stevenson) and Charlie Henry (Canton Agape Christian) chipped in with 14 and 12 points, respectively.

In the loss to Southern Polytechnic (9-4), the Crusaders trailed 43-35 at halftime and totally ran out of gas in the second 20 minutes.

Mike Rashad (Wayne Memorial) scored 13 for MU, while Doug Creighton (Catholic Central) added 12.

Dominique Holmes of Southern Polytechnic led all scorers with 29.

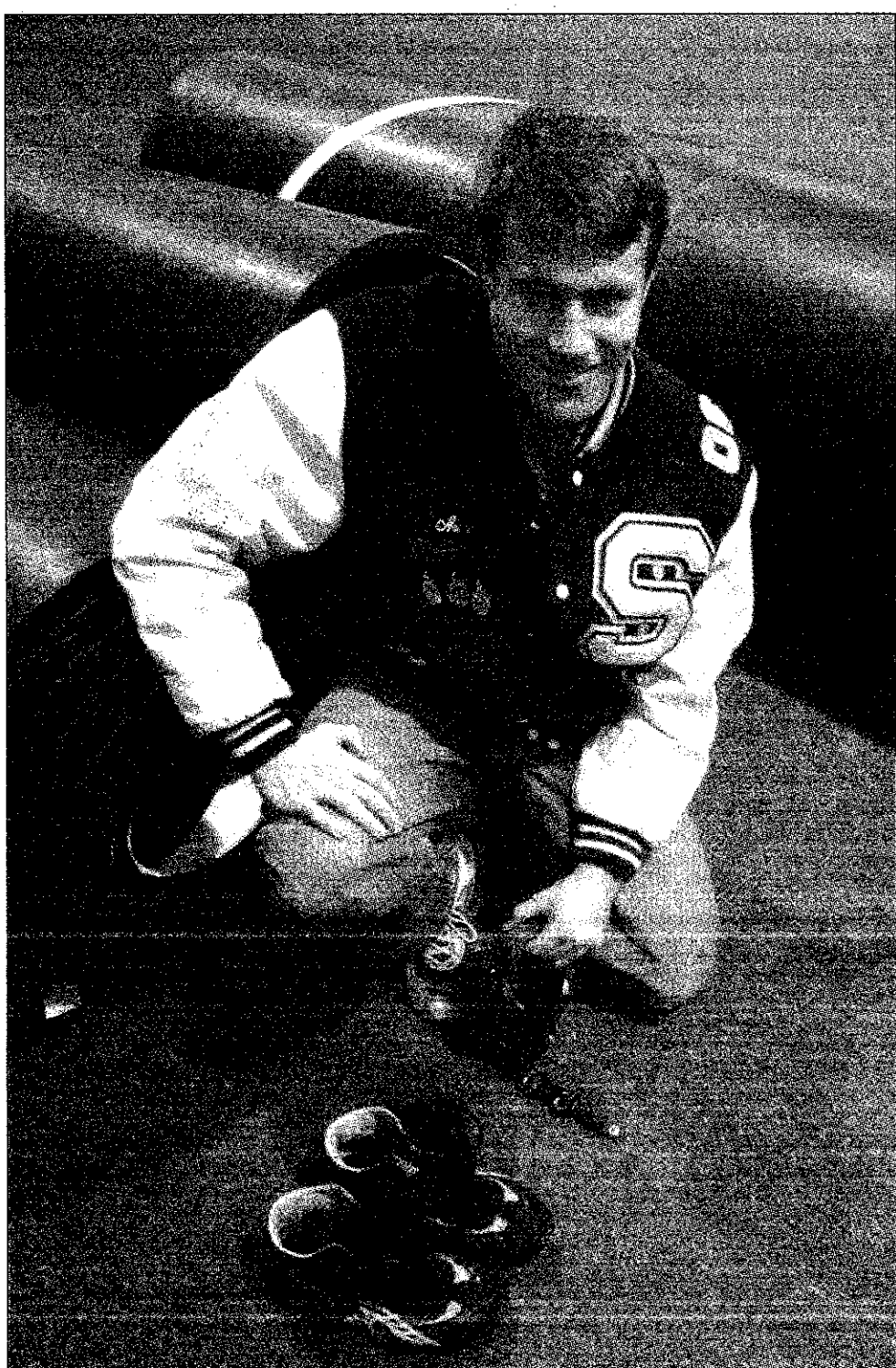
MU women drop 2

A 21-point outing by senior forward Sarah Thomson could not lift Madonna University's women's basketball team to a victory last Thursday at the Saint Xavier (Ill.) University Holiday Tournament.

The Crusaders were defeated 69-50 by Saint Xavier University in the tourney's third-place game played at Shannon Center in Chicago.

Thomson also led MU (6-10) with 10 rebounds. Redford Union alum Martina Franklin tallied 11 points and seven boards. Candis Jackson registered 24 points for the hosts (10-4).

Madonna also lost a tourney game on Wednesday, 48-34 to Doane (Nebr.) College (10-3).



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem senior wrestler Alex Smith has been a stabilizing force in the higher weight classes for the Rocks over the past four years. He's also an accomplished singer and student.

Center stage

Salem wrestler excels on the mat and with a microphone

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Most singers who perform the *National Anthem* prior to a sporting event typically have the luxury of relaxing after the words "...and the home of the brave..." exit their mouth.

Then they get to sit back and enjoy the sporting event.

But Alex Smith is not like most singers — and the feat the Salem senior accomplished on Dec. 29 was far from typical.

After completing a nearly flawless solo version of the *Anthem* prior to the Plymouth Elks Salem Invitational wrestling meet, and with applause echoing through the Salem gymnasium, Smith set down the microphone and gathered up his wrestling gear.

Smith had less than an hour before he would be returning to the spotlight as the Rocks' competitor in the tournament's 215-pound weight class.

"I was pretty nervous before I sang," admitted Smith, who re-defined the term "multi-faceted" with his impressive two-tiered performance that day. "Then when I was done singing, I was relaxed for a minute, then I had to start thinking about wrestling, which got my nerves going again."

"It was kind of tough because I haven't performed a lot of solo stuff, but I'm glad I got the opportunity to try it. My coach said he's going to see if I can sing the *National Anthem* at the state wrestling meet in Battle Creek in

March. That would be neat."

WHAT A KICK

Prior to entering high school in the fall of 2002, Smith's athletic ambitions were monopolized by his passion for Tae Kwon Do, which he started practicing while in the fourth grade.

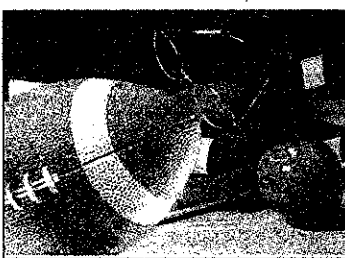
"I moved here from Redford that year and I wanted to get involved in an activity so I could meet people," Smith said. "They offered a class at the Cultural Center. I signed up and I liked it right away."

Smith not only earned a black belt in the Tae Kwon Do, but he developed the discipline that would later help him become a top-notch wrestler at Salem.

"Alex is one of those kids who is always early to practice and one of the last to leave," said Salem wrestling coach Greg Wochuk. "He is the kind of kid that coaches want to coach because of how hard he works. Alex is an excellent leader who sets the tone in the room. He's a great role model for the younger wrestlers because he makes sure things are done the right way."

BETTER AND BETTER

After learning the technicalities of the sport as a freshman, Smith earned his first varsity wrestling letter as a sophomore. His record has steadily improved and he currently holds a



Prep Profile

PLEASE SEE **WRESTLER, C3**

Canton gymnasts open season 3-0

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The outcome of Tuesday night's Canton-Brighton gymnastics meet wasn't decided until the last exhale of the final competitor in the floor exercise.

The Chiefs were the ones breathing easier when the final score was tallied: Canton 143.900, Brighton 143.775.

The narrow victory improved Canton's record to 3-0 (2-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association) while the Bulldogs slipped to 1-2.

"I never keep track of the score during the meet, but I knew it was very close at the end," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "Both teams were evenly matched tonight. They made a lot of the same mistakes we made and both teams did a lot of the same things right, too."

"We haven't been able to practice a lot since before Christmas, so I don't think the girls knew what to expect. I told them not to worry and that they would do fine. To get a 143.9 this early in the season is great."

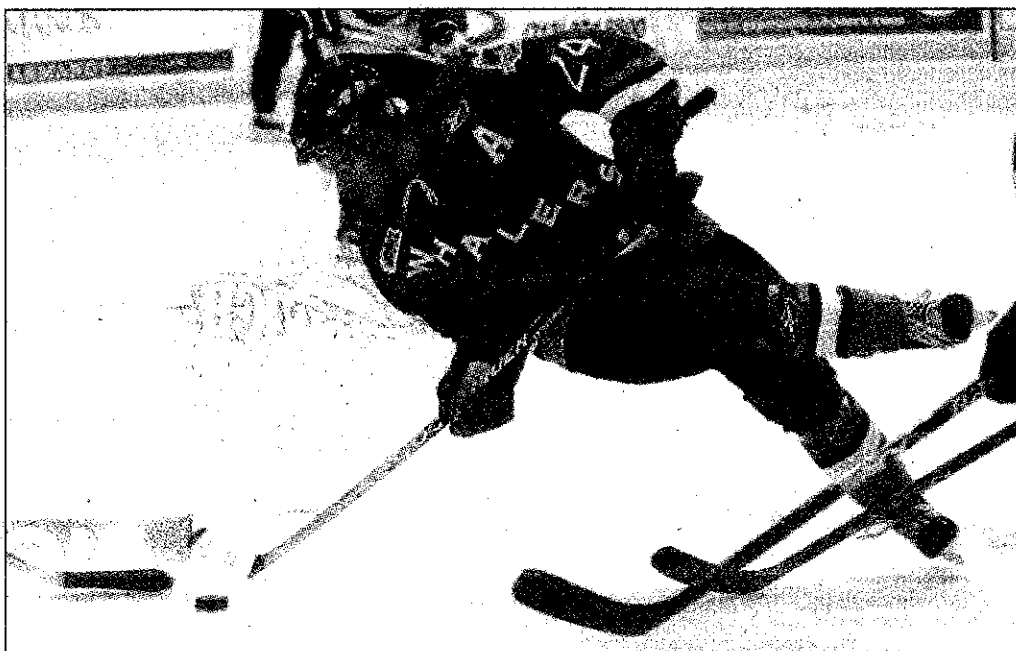
Jessie Murray was the Chiefs' top performer Tuesday, finishing second in the all-around with a score of 36.20. Brighton's Rachel Paige earned top honors in the all-around with a 36.25.

Murray tied for second in the vault (9.0), tied for fifth in the uneven bars (8.75) and won the balance-beam competition (9.4).

Alyssa Kelley and Kate Staley also excelled for Canton, finishing fifth and sixth, respectively, in the all-around. Kelley won the vault with a 9.3 effort, just ahead of Staley's 9.0. Staley also finished third in the bars (9.2) and fifth in the floor exercise (9.1).

Also earning vital points for the winners were Mina Pirzadeh, Kara Ahern and Kaitlyn Burns.

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Plymouth Whaler right-winger Gino Pisellini (pictured above in a game earlier this season) and his teammates fell in a pair of weekend games. In spite of the setbacks, the Whalers still sit atop the Ontario Hockey League's West Division.

First-place Whalers tripped up

It was not a happy New Year's Day in Windsor for the Plymouth Whalers.

The Windsor Spitfires extended a 3-0 lead after one period of play with a single goal in the second period and four unanswered goals in the third to defeat the Whalers, 8-1, in an Ontario Hockey League game played before 2,559 at Windsor Arena.

The one-sided Spitfires' victory came just four days after

Plymouth defeated Windsor handily, 5-1, at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Despite the loss, the Whalers remained in first place in the OHL's West Division with a 19-13-1-3 record (42 points). Saginaw (20-15-0-0) trails the Whalers by two points.

Eight different players scored for Windsor: Mitch Maunu (fifth), Paul McFarland (15th) and Brad Snetsinger (16th)

notched first-period markers; Cal O'Reilly (10th) found the back of the net in the second; and Ryan Garlock (14th), Peter Aston (sixth), Chris Purves (first) and Kevin Hudes (third) lit the lamp in the third. Windsor led 3-0 after one period and 4-1 with 20 minutes.

Windsor won the game of special teams, going 4-for-8 on the

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Colby Jack goes from abandoned to champion dog

After 19 years of wanting a dog, Anna Borovich was finally in a position to get a pet in 2001 when, after graduating from Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School, she found herself living in a pet-friendly apartment.



Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

She knew she wanted a Lab mix, but that was about the only parameter she had. Her puppy search quickly ended when she laid her eyes on Colby Jack, a six-week-old Lab/Doberman mix. Borovich admits it was "love at first sight."

Colby is a 63-pound world champion Dock Dog. Dock Dogs is part of the ESPN Great Outdoors games and features competition for dogs in both horizontal jumps and vertical leaps. The dogs leap from a dock into the water and their distance, or height, depending on the competition, is measured. The dog with the greatest leap is the winner. Colby is the world champion in the Extreme Vertical competition. Contestants must grab a training bumper suspended at various heights. He won the crown and set a world record of 6-feet, 11-inches in the national championships held Oct. 7 at Hamburg, Pa. "He has won some distance events, but he has never lost in the vertical," Borovich said. Colby and his owner hope to keep that streak intact when they participate in an upcoming competition, Thursday

through Sunday, Jan. 12-15, at the Ultimate Fishing Show at the new Rock Financial Showplace on Grand River in Novi. Former Detroit Tiger great Milt Wilcox, who with his son Brian helped popularize the Dock Dogs competitions, will also be on hand at the show "In Extreme Vertical, the dog to beat is Colby, the world champ from Bloomfield Hills," Wilcox said in a release. "He's gone 6-feet, 11-inches." The actual competition occurs 7:30 p.m. Friday; 6:30 p.m. Saturday; and 3 p.m. Sunday. "Sparky," Milt's six-year-old Labrador retriever named for Sparky Anderson, will also compete. "Twenty-five feet in the horizontal jump could win," said Wilcox, who will host demonstrations at 3 p.m. Thursday and 1 p.m. Friday. "For us this is a really big

event," Borovich said. "It starts the new year off and we'll use it as a warm up for the national competition, coming up in March. It's nice because it gives us an opportunity to train, which is kind of tough right now because the lakes are frozen." Their goal at the show? "We're going to try to break the record and set a new one," Borovich said.

Ultimate Fishing

Some of the other highlights of the Ultimate Fishing Show include four stages and 65 free, non-stop seminars covering everything from walleye, bass and salmon fishing to river fishing techniques, handlining and much more. There will also be a daily shore lunch fish fry; an original "Otter" floatplane on display; a 110,000-gallon swimming pool dubbed Lake Ultimate for on-the-water

seminars; Casting Kids competition; a rock climbing wall; a trout pond; an antique lure display and much more. Show hours are: 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12; noon-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15. Tickets are \$9 (adults) and \$4 (ages 6 to 14). Children 5-and-under will be admitted free. For more information, go to www.UltimateFishingShow.com; or call 800-328-6550. There are also a couple ways to get in free on Jan. 12. Anglers who donate a "serviceable" rod and reel will get a coupon for free admission to the show. The Salvation Army will collect the used rods and reels and they will be refurbished and provided to local needy children at no cost. Salvation Army volunteers will be collecting rods and

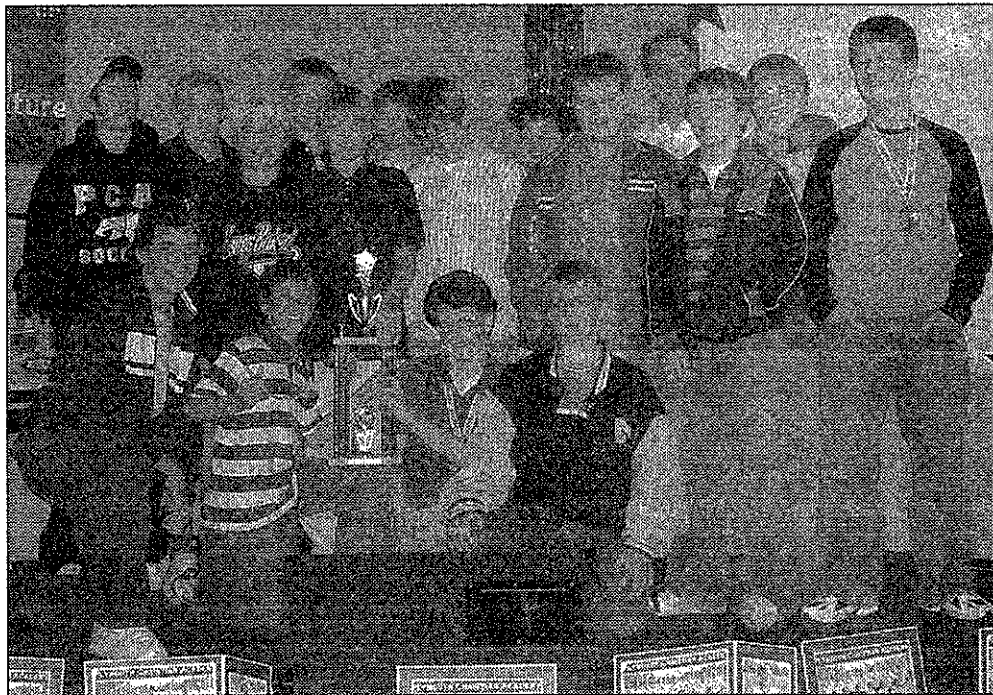
reels throughout the entire show, however, free admission is only available on opening night. Bringing a donation of non-perishable food items (minimum of 4 pounds or 6 cans or boxes) to the show on Jan. 12 for the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger campaign and also get in to the show for free. Here's a question: Eppinger Manufacturing Company of Dearborn, makers of the popular Dardevle lure, celebrates its 100 anniversary in 2006. What was the Dardevle lure originally called? (Hint: www.dardevle.net) (Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009)

Salem wrestlers 3rd at Elks

The Salem wrestling team earned an impressive third-place finish at the 15-team Salem Elks Invitational held Dec. 29 in the Salem gymnasium. Greenville won the title with 199.50 points, 46.5 more than runner-up Richmond. The host Rocks compiled 137 points, 21 more than fourth-place Westland John Glenn. Belleville rounded out the top five with 112.5. Salem senior Jeremy Henderson was the lone Rock to win his respective weight class. The returning state qualifier at 189 pounds pinned Lincoln Park's Marc Shaw at

PREP WRESTLING
3:11 of the title match. Henderson dominated throughout the day, pinning all four of his opponents. "Considering we had a few voids in our line-up, I thought third place was O.K.," said Salem coach Greg Woosuk. Jeremy Henderson, Cory Mervyn and Jake Bennett all had outstanding days. I was impressed with sophomores Alex Kemp and Kevin Bennett, too." Jake Bennett (140) and Andrew Ross (171) nearly

joined Henderson in the winner's circle as they both finished second in the weight classes. Bennett was edged by Kyle Dupuis, 4-3, while Ross was nipped by Richmond's Jon Warren, 6-2. Other strong showings were turned in by Mervyn (third at 125), Kevin Bennett (fourth at 103), Kemp (fifth at 112) and Nick Steiger (fifth at 119). Monroe 112-pounder Zac Stevens was named the tournament's most valuable wrestler at the lighter weights. Saline 152-pounder Tommy Coleman earned the same honor for the heavier weights.



Eagles fly high

The Plymouth Christian Academy boys middle school soccer team recently completed an outstanding season with a first-place showing in its league. Pictured (back row from left) are Andrew Neil, Spencer Collins-Webb, Matthew Zandee, Maxwell Pardington, Jonathon Johnson, David Hammond, John Loewen, Zachary Baloga, Coach Larry Machonga, Joshua Johnson, Nathaniel Howard, Michael Davidson, (front row from left) Brandon Hope, John Machonga, Douglas Malcolm and Edward Dean.



Thrill of a lifetime

The Plymouth Great White Sharks enjoyed a rare opportunity to play a game at Joe Louis Arena Dec. 1 prior to a Detroit Red Wings contest. Four of the players were chosen to compete in a shoot-out during one of the NHL game's intermissions. Pictured (back row from left) Coach Bob Wisher, Lynwood Taylor, Head Coach Tom Bryans, Nick Passucci, Steve Borke (middle row from left) Michael Wisher, Joe Fontana, Shane Bryans, Phillip Collingwood, Michael Gaffka, Jared Lee, Carson Grainer, Jacob Rebecca, (front row from left) Paul Maurer, Colton Borke, Jason Passucci, Emerson Taylor and Nick Corker.

Canton grapplers 2nd at tourney

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's wrestling team crossed paths with Livonia Franklin at the Birmingham Brother Rice Invitational Dec. 30 in what figures to be the first of several crucial meetings between the two Western Lakes Activities Association fore-runners. The undefeated Patriots downed the Chiefs, 49-26, in the meet's championship match, dropping Canton's record to a still shining 16-2. "Franklin has a very solid team again this year, which is why they're the fifth-ranked team in the state," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "If we going to qualify for the team state meet in Battle Creek this year, they're the team we're going to have to eventually beat. We're going to have to work harder and improve as the season goes on." The two teams will meet again Jan. 12 in a duel meet at Franklin; Jan. 28 at the Observerland Invitational; at

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the WLAA conference meet on Feb. 11; and possibly at the Division I regionals Feb. 22 at Plymouth High School. "We knew coming in that it would probably be Canton and us in the finals," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "We also know that we're going to be bumping heads with them a lot this year. This is just round one." "My team knows that we practice hard and look for competition over the break, so I don't lose many kids to vacation." Canton, which went 4-1 on the day, opened with a 39-36 victory over West Bloomfield. The outcome was in doubt until the Chiefs' 160-pound Marwan Faraj pinned West Bloomfield's Shane O'Neill in the final match. Canton also received a clutch victory at 125 from Steve Cox. In their second match, the Chiefs white-washed the host Warriors, 62-15.

Junior Adam Fleischmann earned an eye-opening pin at 119 pounds over Mike Kazanowski. The Chiefs rolled into the championship showdown by ousting Richmond's "B" team, 60-24, before out-pointing Carleton Airport, 49-23. The highlight of the win over Carleton Airport was Corey Phillips' 8-3 victory over Drew Morais at 135, Randolph said. "The match wasn't as close as the score would indicate," Randolph said. "The kid was stalling against Corey. He beat him pretty bad." Altogether, five Chiefs racked up unbeaten records during the invitational: 103-pound Carl Lucke, Phillips, 145-pound Konrad Konsitzke, heavyweight Donnie Laramie and 215-pounder Tom Bonnell. Franklin boasted three wrestlers going 5-0 on the day including Josh Billiau (130 pounds), who raised his record to 18-2; James Jones (140), now 19-2; and Blake Karkoska (171), who is 19-2.

Seven-footer Davis paces Ocelots

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Seven-footer James Davis pumped in a game-high 28 points to lead a balanced scoring attack as the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team rolled to a 109-78 triumph over visiting Milwaukee Area Tech. Wallace Hall added 21 for the Ocelots, who improved to 11-2 overall. Also scoring in double figures for Schoolcraft included Jarred Axon (16), Ryan Williams (15) and Donnell Patterson (10). Derrick Coleman chipped in with nine. Milwaukee Tech (7-11), an NJCAA Division III school, got 21 points from Daniel Butler, while Marcus Allen and Sam Robinson chipped in with 12 and 11, respectively, for the Stormers. "Schoolcraft is quick, they

get up and down," said Milwaukee Tech third-year coach Andrew Rossa, whose team trailed 58-38 at halftime. "They're fast, athletic and the big boy (Davis) is tough to stop. They play well together. They push the ball. They do what you'd expect from a Division I team." **SCHOOLCRAFT 117, LEWIS 57:** On Dec. 28, Schoolcraft College rained buckets on Detroit's Lewis College of Business of Detroit Dec. 28, pouring on the offense for a 117-57 triumph. The host Ocelots got going early and built a 57-26 half-time lead. Lewis never got within sniffing distance after that. But just

to make sure, Schoolcraft (10-2) connected on 15 of 19 free-throw opportunities after the intermission. Five Ocelots reached double figures in scoring, including senior guard-forward Darryl Garrett, back from a month-long suspension. The Eastern Michigan University transfer scored 11 points. Leading Schoolcraft with 25 points each were sophomore guard Jarred Axon and 7-0 sophomore center James Davis. Wallace Hall added 22 points, while sophomore guard Donnell Patterson added 11. Martez Forsen paced Lewis (9-4), coached by former Schoolcraft assistant coach Clayton Woodard, with 15.

Cheer for the hometeam, read today's SPORTS section

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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.

MU SOFTBALL CAMP

Madonna University varsity softball coach Al White is hosting two four-week fundamentals camps. The first begins Jan. 7, with sessions from 9-11:30 a.m. All phases of girls fastpitch softball are covered in the camp. The second four-week session begins Feb. 12, with sessions from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.

The cost is \$150 per camp, with checks payable to Madonna Softball. For more information, please call White at (734) 432-5783.

WSU SOFTBALL CAMP

Wayne State University is hosting softball developmental hitting, pitching and catching camps over the next several weeks.

The hitting camp is Jan. 15 with pitching and catching camps slated from Jan. 22 through Feb. 12. For more information, call (313) 577-7513.

CHIEFS RE-BROADCAST

The Fox Sports Network will be re-airing the Division I football final between Canton and Rockford at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8. The game may also be re-broadcast again in the future, according to the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

BASEBALL SIGN-UP

The Canton Little League will be holding a pair of upcoming registration sessions for the 2006 season. The sessions will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, and Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Four Seasons Internet Cafe, located at 3500 Lilley Plaza in Canton.

Players from Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township are eligible to play in the Canton Little League. Teams will play a 20-game schedule and compete in a Father's Day tournament and a tournament against teams from

Belleville.

For more information, contact Ray Waack at (734) 397-0147.

SPRING SOCCER

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be accepting spring youth soccer registrations the entire month of January during business hours -- Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. -- at the recreation office, which is located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. All first-time registrations require a birth certificate.

The fee for 6-and-under through 8-and-under divisions is \$65 for Plymouth residents and \$90 for non-residents. For 9-and-under and older divisions, the fee is \$70 and \$100, respectively.

Contact the recreation department at (734) 455-6620. Registration forms can be downloaded from the department's Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

YOUTH LACROSSE

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is offering a youth lacrosse program for boys and girls in grades third through eighth beginning in the spring 2006. The program will be instructional at the beginning and will add com-

petitive scrimmages and games as the players' skills develop and they become more familiar with the rules.

The season will run from mid-April through mid-June with all practices and games played on mid-week nights only.

Registration will be held the entire month of January. For more information, visit the City of Plymouth's Web site at: www.ci.plymouth.mi.us; or call (734) 455-6620, Ext. 304.

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. 16, Feb. 27-March 3, April 14 and April 17-21. Call (734) HV-SPORT.

WRESTLER

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stellar 10-4 mark through the early stages of his senior campaign.

"When I was a freshman, I was lost when I went out on the mat for a match," Smith said. "But the more time I put into it and the harder I worked, the more things started to click for me.

"I thought I knew what hard work was before I started wrestling, but now I know I had no idea what it was. It's a grueling and tedious sport and it's a long season, but it's really taught me a lot about perseverance and dedication."

The turning point in Smith's wrestling career came during the summer before his junior year when he attended the 28-day-long J Robinson Wrestling Camp at the University of Minnesota.

"I learned a ton at that camp," Smith said. "We had four practices a day, and they were hard practices. I've talked to some guys who were in the army and they said the camp was tougher than what they went through in boot camp. The instructors there would break us down every day. The last day of the camp, we ran a 15-mile marathon. When I left it, I was in the best shape of my life."

Smith said a lot of his improvement on the mat can be traced to the rugged practice matches he has endured with teammate Jeremy Henderson, who was a state qualifier at 189 pounds as a

junior last year.

"I don't think I'd be half as good as I am now if I didn't get to work with Jeremy in practice every day," Smith said. "We feed off of each other and make each other better wrestlers."

PARENTAL PRAISE

Smith is also quick to give his parents, Doug and Jody, loads of credit for the successes he's achieved both athletically and academically (Smith carries a 3.5 grade-point average).

"They've both been very supportive of everything I've wanted to do, but at the same time they haven't pushed me into anything," Smith said. "They're at all of my meets, which I appreciate."

"When I sang the National Anthem, I think my mom was there three hours early with her camcorder," Smith said, jokingly.

Smith is a member of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's elite Chamber Choir, which consists of male students from all three of the campus's schools.

"We perform at quite a few events throughout the year, especially around the holidays," Smith said. "It's a lot of fun."

Smith has been accepted by three colleges, but said he's leaning toward attending Western Michigan University in the fall.

"You pretty much have to finish in the top five in the state to get a scholarship, so I don't think I'll be wrestling in college," said Smith.

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WHALERS

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power play and 4-for-5 when killing Plymouth power plays.

John Vigilante scored Plymouth's only goal on a power play at 5:12 of the second period.

The goal gives Vigilante 84 in his Plymouth career, which puts him 11th on the all-time list.

Windsor outshot Plymouth, 38-30. Justin Peters started in goal for the Whalers and stopped 26 of 32 shots.

Rookie Jeremy Smith finished the game in relief, stopping four of six. Windsor's Anthony Guadagnolo stopped

29 of 30 Plymouth shots and earned the game's first star.

Plymouth begins a three-game road trip through northern Ontario tonight when they play in Barrie.

On Friday night, the Erie Otters scored three unanswered goals in the third period to overcome a 3-1 deficit and defeat the Whalers, 4-3, in a game played before 3,043 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Third-period goals by Adam Bertl (19th), Anthony Peluso (fourth) and Jordan Nolan (second) gave Erie the victory and spoiled the first OHL start by Plymouth's Smith, who played well in stopping 35 of 39 Otter shots.

Smith — the Whalers' fourth-round pick in last

spring's OHL's draft — had played in two games in relief prior to this evening's start.

First star Chris Greene scored Erie's first goal, his sixth of the season, in the second period.

Tom Sestito (seventh), Mike Letizia (eighth) and Jared Boll (13th) scored for Plymouth, while Evan Brophy and John Vigilante added two assists a piece.

After a scoreless first period,

Sestito gave Plymouth its first lead with a power-play goal at 10:57 of the second period.

Greene came right back at 13:06 of the second period to tie the game at 1-1, but Plymouth replied with goals by Letizia at 14:35 and Boll at 17:17 of the second period to lead 3-1 after 40 minutes.

Although the shots on goal were even at 39-all, Erie outshot Plymouth, 21-9, in the decisive third period.

SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
MARICOPA COUNTY

In the Matter of

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

Madysen 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.

- NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Petitioner has filed with the Court a Petition for Guardianship of A Minor
- 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. Kaipio
- 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.

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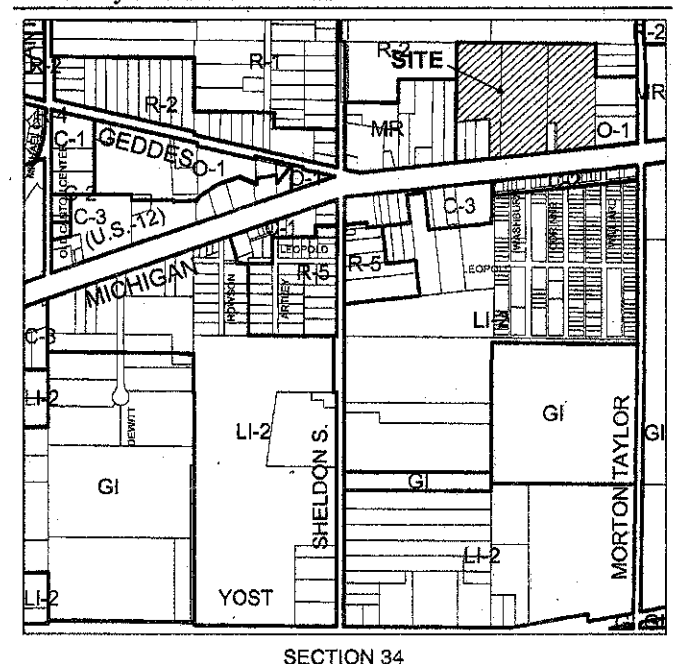
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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, 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:

J.C. DEVELOPMENT REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 133 99 0004 000, 133 99 0006 000 AND 133 99 0007 000 FROM O-1, OFFICE TO C-3 REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located north of Michigan between Morton Taylor and Sheldon Roads.



CREATED BY:
PLANNING SERVICES DIVISION
1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD
CANTON, MI 48188
(734) 455-6620

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 January 5, 2006

CANTON LEISURE SERVICES
COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN

Leisure Services has completed a preliminary draft of its Comprehensive Master Plan. The Public is invited and encouraged to review and comment on the Plan.

The Plan will be available for thirty days beginning January 10, 2006, at the Leisure Services offices, 3rd floor of the Canton Municipal Building located at 1150 Canton Center Rd. S. A copy may also be found on the Canton web site at www.canton-mi.org/leisureservices.

Comments may be submitted in writing to Canton Leisure Services (attention: M. Stewart), 1150 Canton Center Rd. S., Canton, MI 48188, from the Canton website at or via e-mail to www.canton-mi.org/leisureservices/masterplan or via e-mail to mstewart@canton-mi.org.

Publish: January 5, 2006

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF HEARING
Lexington Square I and II Subdivisions
Street Lighting Special Assessment

NOTICE is a hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, to all property owners in the proposed district described below and to all other interested persons:

1. That a petition for the formation of a special assessment district for the installation and maintenance of streetlights has been filed with the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, pursuant to Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended (MCL 41.289b).

2. That hearing on the said petition concerning the necessity of said improvement and the formation of this special assessment district will be held before said Board of Trustees at the Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road S., Canton, Michigan 48188, on the 24th day of January, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

3. That any property owner or other person interested in said proceedings may appear at said hearing, file objections to the entire petition or any part thereof, and be heard on said objections.

4. That the proposed special assessment district is located in the Charter Township of Canton and is described as follows: Lot numbers 1 through 88, Lexington Square I, Liber 102, Pages 93-96 and lot numbers 89-126, Lexington Square II Subdivisions, Liber 103, Pages 31-33, Register of Deeds, Wayne County, Michigan.

5. That said petition and the estimated costs and expenses of said assessment are filed in the office of the undersigned at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, and may be examined at any time during the regular business hours of said office, prior to said hearing.

6. That any property owner or other interested person who fails to appear and object to said petition or to the formation of the proposed special assessment district at the time and place of said hearing may be deemed to have waived his right to object under Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended (MCL 41.289b).

7. That proposed layout of actual streetlight placement can be viewed in the Office of the Township Clerk between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. AFTER INSTALLATION, MINOR VARIATIONS MAY OCCUR IN THE LAYOUT BECAUSE THE ACTUAL PLOTTING OF LIGHTS HAS NOT BEEN FIELD TESTED BY DETROIT EDISON.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Publish: January 5, 2006

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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 Office of the Clerk until 3:00 p.m., Thursday January 19th, 2006 for the following:

ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR
THE DESIGN OF THE CANTON CENTER AND GEDDES
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT

The specifications are available at the Engineering Services counter on the second floor of the administration building or you may contact Charles Larocque at (734) 394-5159. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Publish: January 5, 2006

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
JANUARY 12, 2006

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

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

Acceptance of Agenda

- Dharmen Patel of Yamuna, LLC., 19125 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48240 for vacant property located at 44737 Michigan Avenue, south side of Michigan Avenue between S. Canton Center Road and S. Sheldon Road, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.04, requirements for industrial districts and Article 4.00, Section 4.01, B, 1, off-street parking. Zone LI-2.
Parcels 134-01-0030-001
134-01-0047-000
134-01-0048-001
134-01-0049-001
134-01-0050-001
134-01-0051-001
(Planning)

- Mel Morris of Canton Auto Sales, 39600 Michigan Ave., Canton, MI 48188 for vacant property located at 39558 Michigan Ave, between Hannan and Lotz Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 6.00, Section 6.02, Q, 4, relative to distance of vehicle storage area from a residential district. Zoning designation of property: commercial.
Parcel 141-99-0003-000
(Planning)

- City Sign Co. of Baymont Inn & Suite, 41211 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187 representing Dualite Sign Co. of La Quinta Corporation, 909 Hidden Ridge, Suite 600, Irving, TX 75038 for commercial property located at 41211 Ford Road, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, (4), a, b, d, ground sign variance. Zone C-4
Parcel 050-99-0009-004
(Building)

- Patti Franz of Metro Detroit Signs, 23544 Hoover, Warren, MI 48089 representing Ted Zuchlewski of Dunkin Donuts, Inc., 41511 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187 for commercial property located at 41511 Ford Road, south side of Ford Road between N. Haggerty Road and N. Lilley Road, appealing Sign Ordinance, Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, (1), a, and (4), b, wall sign variance and height requirements. Zone C-3.
Parcel 053-99-0002-005
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- Gregg Elstro of Mongolian Opp. Co., 642 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, MI 48220 for commercial property located at 42089 Ford Road, south side of Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance, Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-35, (1), a, c, wall sign variance. Zone C-3.
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After the many years of planning and waiting, the Super Bowl is finally coming back to Michigan. I was a sixth-grader at Coolidge Elementary School in Livonia in 1982 when the 49ers beat the Bengals 26-21 at the Pontiac Silverdome in Super Bowl XVI.

Hopefully, the 2006 edition of the Super Bowl will be as closely contested, but the balance of power seems to lean toward the AFC. Is it any coincidence the Lions reside in the NFC? On that note, per usual this time of year, our local heroes of the gridiron were not even invited to the dance.

I'll concentrate on the teams that were invited. I'll try to put them into the three categories- Contender, Dark Horse, No Shot - I believe feel they belong.

CONTENDERS

■ **Indianapolis Colts:** The Colts were clearly the class of the NFL this season as they raced out to a 13-0 start. We all knew they had the offense in the past with Manning, Harrison, James, Wayne et al, but this



Sean Baligian

year they added a ferocious defense and seemed to put it altogether. The Colts were the second highest scoring team in the league, their defense gave up the second least amount of points as well.

■ **Seattle Seahawks:** What do the Hawks need to do to get respect? Now that they are finally here, people are expecting a flameout. Clearly the team to beat in the NFC, they could give the Colts a lot of problems should they meet at Ford Field.

■ **Denver Broncos:** Like Seattle, this is another 13-3 team begging for respect. Quarterback Jake Plummer finally played within a system as opposed to winging it himself, and led a potent offense that averaged over 25 points a game.

Denver also has the past haunting them, as the Colts made them look very bad in the playoffs a couple of times, and the Broncos have not won a playoff

game since their Super Bowl. Some guy named John Elway then.

DARKHORSES

■ **New England Patriots:** How to-back Super Bowl champs the last four Super Bowls at that type of season for the Patriots to NFL and college teams line, star running back, star all over the secondary as well to defend their title.

■ **Carolina Panthers:** Every the Panthers as the "team" throughout the season, but cost them a spot in the day.

■ **New York Giants:** Quick and most points in the NFL? If you said the Giants back.

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■ **Pittsburgh Steelers:** The Steelers have "been there and done that" in regard to the AFC playoffs. They have choked at home, they have been to the big game under current coach Bill Cowher, but they have yet to put it all together and win it all under the current regime.

■ **Chicago Bears:** I really debated putting them in the next category, but out of respect for their incredible defense, I chose to put them here.

NO SHOT

■ **Cincinnati Bengals:** I debated putting them into the Darkhorse category, but based on the fact I think the Steelers beat them in Cinci this weekend, I just could

not.

■ **Washington Redskins:** What a strange year for the Skins. They started out 3-0, then lost six of eight games before winning their last five to get into the playoffs.

■ **Jacksonville Jaguars:** This is another team to watch in the future. It seems the Jags have had bad luck this year as they won 12 games, but finish two games behind the Colts. So they get the wildcard bid, and as a reward have to travel to New England for the first round to play a team with two less wins, in the elements of Foxboro. Good luck Jags, you'll need it.

■ **Tampa Bay Buccaneers:** How did the Bucs get into the playoffs, let alone win the NFC South? Jon Gruden is a fantastic coach, and has a Super Bowl ring to show for it.

We'll see how it plays itself out... I for one can't wait for Super Bowl Sunday at Ford Field.

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JANUARY

Prayer conference

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gather through Jan. 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, at the Ritz Carlton, 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn. Registration for adults is \$150. Churches/intercessor teams and

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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.
Bible studies
Begin 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11 (with family

dinner at 6:15 p.m.), at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722.
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, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$10. To register, call (248) 474-4701.

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.

Opera concert

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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 for all 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

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Services

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

Single Point Ministries

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

Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays, at the Friendship Center, 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.

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A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, story telling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

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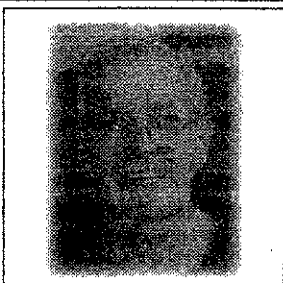


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Of Farmington Hills. Age 65, December 25, 2005. Beloved Wife of Bob for over 42 years. Loving mother of Michael and David (Annette) Boyd. Cherished grandmother of four. Dear Sister of Phillip Schulz. Memorial Service Saturday, January 7, 2006, 2:30 p.m. at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.) Visitation Saturday 1-2:30 p.m.

JOHN ELLIOTT

Age 72, of Phoenix, Arizona (formerly of Plymouth, Michigan). Founder of Jester Card Company in 1974. Passed away December 31, 2005. He was an avid Bridge player and was a former member of the ACBL. He also was a great sports fan. He will be greatly missed by his devoted family and friends. Survived by his beloved wife, Shirlee; brother William (Betty), sister Evelyn (Don) Ritenour; children Pamela (Dan) Finlan, Tracie (Rich) Lamee, and Amy Elliott; grandchildren Amy Finlan and Chelsea Madden; great grandson Joe Finlan. Memorial services were held Wednesday, January 4, 2006, at Hansen Mortuary, Phoenix, 602-944-1561. Contributions may be made to The Heart and Lung Association.



JOHN R. (JACK) ETHERINGTON, Sr.

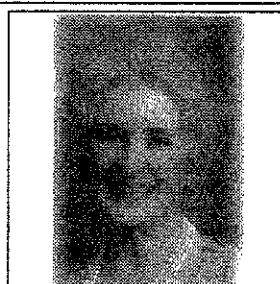
Age 71, of Westland, passed away at home, surrounded by his family, on January 2, 2006, after a courageous battle with colon cancer. Loving husband of 49 years to Nancy; together they have 6 children and 10 grandchildren. Best friend and brother of William (Donna), of Westland, and preceded in death by his beloved Mother and Father, sister Loretta, and brother, Dale. Wonderful Dad to John Jr. (Laura), Terri (Mike) O'Connor, Janet (Jovita), Carolyn Lewis, Jackie (Tony) Martin, and Jennifer Shaddawine. Loved deeply by his grandchildren, Matthew, Mary, Jessica, Natasha, Kathleen, Dustin, Sean, Andrew, Kenny, and Dante. Jack was an avid golfer who loved spending time on the course with his brother Bill, many brothers-in-law, and friends. Our family wishes to express thanks and gratitude to the many friends who helped us through this difficult time.

We love you Dad



JAMES J. GILBERT

Age 91, of Plymouth, died January 2, 2006. He was born September 28, 1914, in Bay City. He was a resident of the Plymouth community for 48 years. He was a 33rd Degree Mason, and a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Detroit Masonic Lodge for over 50 years. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; his children, Beverly (Michael) Gregory and James Robert Gilbert; his grandchildren, Timothy Michael Gregory and Kristyn (Paul) Mullens; and his great-grandchildren, Emerson Gregory Wigand and Arianna Marie Mullens. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 4, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.



FLAVELLE M. LANDRY (nee. Wood)

January 2, 2006, age 94, formerly of Bloomfield Hills. Devoted mother of 7 sons. Wife of the late Arthur B. for 31 years. Dear mother of John (Mary Jo), James, Robert, Richard (Colleen), Tom (Meriellen) and David (Robin). Grandmother of Meg, Cake, Christopher, Kristen, Heather, Sarah, Jackie, Elizabeth, Aubrie, Ryan, Erin, Blake, Michelle, Brian, Morgan, Kellie and Greg. Sister of Robert Wood (Nan). Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday 2:00-8:00pm. Rosary 7:00pm. Funeral Mass Friday 10:00am at St. Thomas More Church, 4580 Adams (btwn Wattles & Long Lake) Troy. Rite of Committal Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial tributes to Lourdes Convalescent Center, 2300 Watkins Lake Rd., Waterford, MI 48328. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

CLIFFORD H. LAWRENCE

Age 83, passed away January 3, 2006. He was born on December 1, 1922, in Detroit to the late Floyd G. and Anna Grace (McNish) Lawrence. He served in the U.S. Navy as a Boatsman Mate 2nd Class, 1942-1945 and Korean War 1950-1952. On September 18, 1948, he married Lucrezia "Lucy" D'Agostino. He was formerly of Livonia for 48 years, prior to moving to South Lyon in 2001. He was a member of the Grace Baptist Church of Livonia, Boy Scouts of America for 75 years, and the Civil Air Patrol. Clifford is survived by his wife Lucy Lawrence of South Lyon, 4 children: Susan (Kris) Krzyzanski of South Lyon, Mary Ann (Orville) Jeske of White Lake, Robert (Dawn) Lawrence of Milford, Guy (Denise) Lawrence of South Lyon, 1 brother James Lawrence, 11 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 2 sisters and 1 brother. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday from 2 - 9 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. with final visitation at 10:15 a.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street (Ten Mile), South Lyon. Memorial contributions may be made to Detroit Area Council, BSA, 1776 West Warren Ave., Detroit, MI 48208.



ROSEMARY THERESA (SCHULTZ) MARTIN

Born 10/03/1939, Detroit. Died 12/13/2005, Amherst, New York. Formerly of Detroit area (1939-1976) and Farmington Hills (2000-2004). Survived by siblings Sister Kathleen Schultz (IHM) and William Schultz; two sons and seven grandchildren. A graduate of Immaculate High School, Detroit 1957 and Marygrove College 1964. A former Detroit public schools and Hillsdale County schools teacher. A member of the Hillsdale Community School Board. Active with many groups serving the troubled and disadvantaged youth of Michigan as a foster/respite care provider and legal guardian and as a parental advocate and mediator with CAUSE. A memorial service will be held on January 21, 2006 at the First United Methodist Church, 45 Manning Street, Hillsdale, MI from 1-4pm. The family can be contacted at 716-684-8475.

ROBERT LEE WESMAN

Age 70. Cherished husband of Mary Lou (Pfueger). Loving father of Mary Curtis, Sue (Dave) Joiner, Patty (Manuel) Salazar, Chris (Walter) Mixon, and Beth (Sam) Kryzer. Dear grandfather of 13 grandchildren: Ray, John, Rachel, D.J., Amanda, Caitlin, Robby, Ricky, Greg, Michael, Steven, Samantha, and Josh. Great-grandfather of 3: Dreygon, Tyler, and Jaden. Also survived by his brother Vern. Passed away at home 12/29/05. Milford Fabricating retiree. Memorial service at a later date.

CHARLOTTE EDNA HEGWOOD,

Age 90, of Bellevue, Michigan died January 2, 2006 at Country Living Adult Foster Care in Olivet. She was born January 13, 1915 to Theodore and Anna Charlotta (Carlson) Carlson in Muskegon Charlotte was preceded in death by her husband, James Nolan Hegwood in 1992; son, James Hegwood in 1990; five sisters and one brother. She is survived by her daughter, Charlotte (Burrell) Wight of Bellevue; son, Bruce (Delia) Hegwood of Prescott Valley, Arizona; 10 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren. She taught Sunday School in her church in Garden City and Charlotte enjoyed sewing and doing handicrafts. Friends may call from 1 to 3:00 p.m. Friday at Shaw Funeral Home, Lehman Chapel, Bellevue where services will take place at 3:00 p.m. Pastor Don Francis, Bellevue First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment, Riverside Cemetery, Bellevue. Memorials may go to Bellevue First Baptist Church or Bellevue Memorial Scholarship Fund. The family is being served by Shaw Funeral Home, Lehman Chapel, Bellevue. www.shawfuneralhome.com

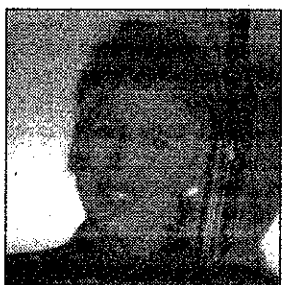
FRANK JOSEPH MALINOWSKI

"Big Frank" as he was known to all his friends, passed away December 27, 2005. He was born to Flora and John Malinowski on June 4, 1913 and lived a full life. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 sisters, 1 brother and one half brother. He is survived by his 3 children, Marlene (Paul) Lyczak of Texas, Kenneth Malinowski of Calif, and Gary (Linda) Malinowski of Texas and their mother, Helen Malinowski, and his son, Charles (Barbara) Malinowski of Ind. from the union of marriage with the late, Mary Malinowski. As well as half brother, John (Jan) Malinowski, 2 great grand-daughters and many wonderful nieces and nephews. His great love was belonging to the Masonic Lodge, working with the Shrine Circus and his buddies at UAW Local 735. He spent over 30 years with GM-Hydro-Matic, prior to his retirement. Funeral Saturday, Jan. 7, 10 AM at the Ziomek Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Road at Joy in Livonia. Visitation Friday, Jan. 6 from 2-9pm. Private interment at Mt. Olivet in Detroit.



MARY T. REDO

January 2, 2006 Age 79 of Bloomfield Hills, formerly of Chicago, IL and Kenosha, WI. Beloved wife of Orland C. for 45 years. Dear mother of Traci A. Day (William). Grandmother of Christopher and Jonathan. Sister of Josephine Scurluck and Joseph Gullo (Patricia). Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday 2:00-8:00pm. Rosary 7:30pm. Funeral Mass Friday 11:00 am at Church of St. Owen, 6869 Franklin Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 10:30am. Additional services and burial in Kenosha, WI. Memorial tributes to The American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



MARILYN S. WOODS

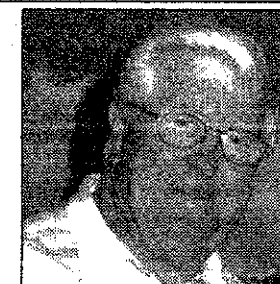
December 30, 2005, beloved wife of Glenn J. Dear mother of Michael J. (Tracy). Grandmother of Elizabeth Woods. Sister of Sandra Bonde (William). Aunt of Bill, Peter and Christopher Bonde. Funeral Mass was held Wednesday at St. Thomas More Church, Troy. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073. For information call A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

GEORGE NELSON TEAHAN, JR.

Passed away Monday, January 2, 2006, at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Mr. Teahan was a longtime resident of both Livonia and Hale, Michigan. He was born May 20, 1920, a son of George and Effie (Hannah) Teahan, Sr. On July 20, 1945, he married Anne E. Starto. A World War II veteran, Mr. Teahan served with the 407th squadron of the 92nd bomb group of the 8th Air Force in Podington, England. After the war, he worked in the tool and die business and, subsequently, the Plymouth/Canton school district, from which he retired in 1982. Mr. Teahan was preceded in death by his parents and by his brother, Dr. Robert R. Teahan of Florida. He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Anne; a son, Lawrence (C.J.) Teahan of Brighton; and two daughters: Sharon (Jerry) Grisius of Livonia, and Patricia Lindstrom (Michael) of White Lake. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Scott Teahan, B.J. Teahan, Bryan Lindstrom, Robert Grisius, Eric Lindstrom, and Kelly Grisius; and by numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral Service Friday, January 6, at 11:00 a.m., at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile in Livonia, with the Rev. Ron Thompson officiating. Burial in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Visitation Wednesday 5-9 and Thursday 1-9 p.m. at the funeral home (734-591-3700).

ROBERT JOHN WILLETTTE

Age 50 of Plymouth, December 27, 2005. Beloved son of M.J. and the late Robert. Loving father of Dirk. Loving brother of Tom (Bonnie) and Robin DeYonker. Former husband of Tanya. Dear uncle of Alicia DeYonker. Graduate of University of Michigan. Former teacher and Plymouth-Salem softball coach. Rob was active in several local basketball and softball leagues. Private services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dirk Willette Education Fund, c/o Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth MI 48170. To leave a message of condolence, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



JOHN P. "JACK" WILLIAMS, Jr.

Age 68, December 30, 2005. Beloved husband of Suzanne "Suzie". Loving father of Deborah (Clark) Justin, Patrick (Nancy), Daniel (Wendi), and Suzanne (Loran) Lankford. Proud grandfather of Erin, Sean, Alexandra, Samantha, Joseph, Bridget, Tyler, and Taylor. Preceded in death by his daughter, Denise, sister Patricia Inch, and parents Nellie and John Sr. Funeral Thursday, instate 10am, Mass 10:30am, from Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church, Arrangements by McCabe Funeral Home, Canton. For more information, please visit www.mccabefuneralhome.com

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Zebras notch first win, 65-58

Wayne Memorial rang in the New Year with its first boys basketball victory of the season, a 65-58 triumph Tuesday at home over Dearborn.

The Zebras, now 1-4, got a game-high 23 points from senior forward Justin Collop, who connected on four of his team's eight 3-pointers.

John Hill, a 6-2 sophomore forward, chipped in with 16 points, including a pair of triples. He also grabbed 11 rebounds.

Wayne, which outscored Dearborn 27-22 in the final period, also got 15 points from junior guard John Lewis, who made 7-of-10 free throws and had a pair of 'threes.'

Wayne hit 10-of-18 free throws in the final quarter. The Zebras were 11-of-19 on the night.

Chris Adkins, a senior guard, paced Dearborn (1-2) with 19 points. Junior guard Danny McKae added 17.

Dearborn led 28-25 at halftime before Wayne outscored the Pioneers 13-8 in the third period to take a 38-36 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

"I think we grew up a little bit tonight," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said. "We played to win the game instead of playing not to lose. You've got to find a way and I thought tonight we took a step in the right direction."

Wayne was coming off a pair of losses last week in the Highland Park Holiday Classic.

On Thursday, Detroit Henry Ford defeated the Zebras, 49-40, behind sophomore guard Lawrence Bridges' game-high 17 points.

Junior guard Darriann Gay finished with 15 as the Trojans made a 29-23 halftime lead stand up.

Collop led Wayne with 12 points, while 6-foot-8 sophomore Jeremy Lovelady added seven.

"We were not able to get stops defensively or key baskets when we needed it," Woodard said.

Henry Ford was 9-of-14 from the foul line, while Wayne hit 13-of-18.

On Wednesday, Detroit Osborn ran its record to 4-1 with an 81-64 win over the Zebras as 5-9 junior guard DeJuan Plummer led the way with a game-high 33 points, including two triples.



Wayne's Justin Collop lays in two of his team-high 23 points in the Zebras' 65-58 victory over Dearborn Tuesday night.

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Wayne Woodard
Wayne coach

Teammate Solomon Farris, a senior forward, added 18.

Collop tallied a team-high 24 for Wayne, which rallied back from an 18-0 deficit at the start to pull within four in the third quarter, 40-36.

Senior guard Duane Lewis and senior center Jerry Thomas chipped in with 14 and 10, respectively.

"They (Osborn) pressed us hard the whole game, run and jump," Woodard said. "Our kids kept at it and at it, which was good."

Osborn finished the game 11-of-18 from the foul line compared to 15-of-28 for Wayne.



Wayne Memorial's John Hill makes a power move inside Tuesday night against a Dearborn defender. The Zebras notched their first win of the season, 65-58.

3 strong quarters enough for Trojans

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

PREP HOOPS

Livonia Clarenceville didn't quite put a full game together, but the Trojans were mighty good for three quarters.

And that was more than enough for an impressive 55-45 boys basketball victory Tuesday at home over Highland Park.

Senior guard Donnie Carson scored 18 of his game-high 22 points in the opening half to lead the Trojans, now 4-1 on the season.

Senior point-guard Ray Gardner chipped in with 12 points, while Tyron Primeau-Williams, making his first appearance of the season, came off the bench to score 11, including three 3-pointers in the third quarter as Clarenceville built a 53-29 lead.

Highland Park (2-5), coming off a one-point loss to Detroit Cooley and a win over Detroit Northwestern, held Clarenceville without a field goal in the final quarter while outscoring the Trojans, 16-4, making the final margin 10 points.

"For the first three quarters we showed how good we are, but then we just ran out of gas and lost focus," Clarenceville coach Kevin Murphy said. "But it was a good win considering who they (Highland Park) played and the scores of their games. They've played some good teams and some close games."

Clarenceville shot 51.7 percent from the field in the opening half (15-of-29), while Highland Park was only 25 percent (8-of-32).

The Trojans jumped out to an 18-10 first-quarter lead and extended it to 19 on a basket by Primeau-Williams, the 6-1 junior, with 1:10 left until halftime for a 33-14 lead.

"I'm proud of the guys, our role players stepped up huge," Murphy said. "Role players like Jon Green gave us huge energy. Jarrod Rice just does the small things and Tyron's 11 points off the bench was big."

"And I thought our kids

played pretty unselfishly. We had seven guys score tonight, whereas some games we've had only four."

To Highland Park's credit, the Polar Bears would not quit.

"We beat ourselves," second-year coach Tony Ball said. "We were missing shots from point-blank range. We couldn't have had better shots, but just couldn't sink them. You can't shoot 8-for-32 (in the first half)."

Highland Park started out in 1-2-2 zone, but couldn't slow down Carson, who had a pair of dunks, including a nice back-door alley-oop to start the second quarter from Gardner.

"We wanted to protect the basket and see if they could hit the three-point shot, which they did," Ball said. "We adjusted at halftime to a man-to-man with a guy on Carson, but the other kid, number three (Primeau-Williams), heated up and killed some of our momentum and kept us from making a comeback."

Carson scored Clarenceville's first four points of the third quarter, all free throws, but had to change jerseys from No. 23 to No. 30 after getting it ripped by a Highland Park defender while trying another back-door, alley-oop dunk.

Clarenceville then cooled off considerably in the final quarter, going without field goal in five tries.

The Trojans also committed nine turnovers after making only 11 during the first 24 minutes.

"Both Donnie and Ray were awesome for two quarters," Murphy said. "But Highland Park is a physical team and they wore us out. We couldn't get into a rhythm."

Junior Marvin Winkler paced Highland Park with 14 points, while Brian Clouney added eight.

For the game, Highland Park made only 21-of-66 field goals (33 percent) and only 3-of-9 free throws. The Polar Bears committed 16 turnovers.

Top 50 Golf Tour coming in '06

The popular Top 50 Jr. Golf Tour, which is organized by the non-profit National Golf Scholarship Association, has added 10 events in southeastern Michigan to its 2006 schedule. The tour will offer 27 events throughout Michigan for its participants.

Players compete in the following divisions: girls 15-and-under; girls 16-and-over; boys 15-and-under; and boys 16-and-over. The tour offers free golf and scholarship opportunities for its member players.

Registration is now open for local boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 years old. Interested students and parents can visit

www.Top50JrTour.com or call (248) 321-9900.

Among the southeastern Michigan events is a stop at Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth on June 22-23.

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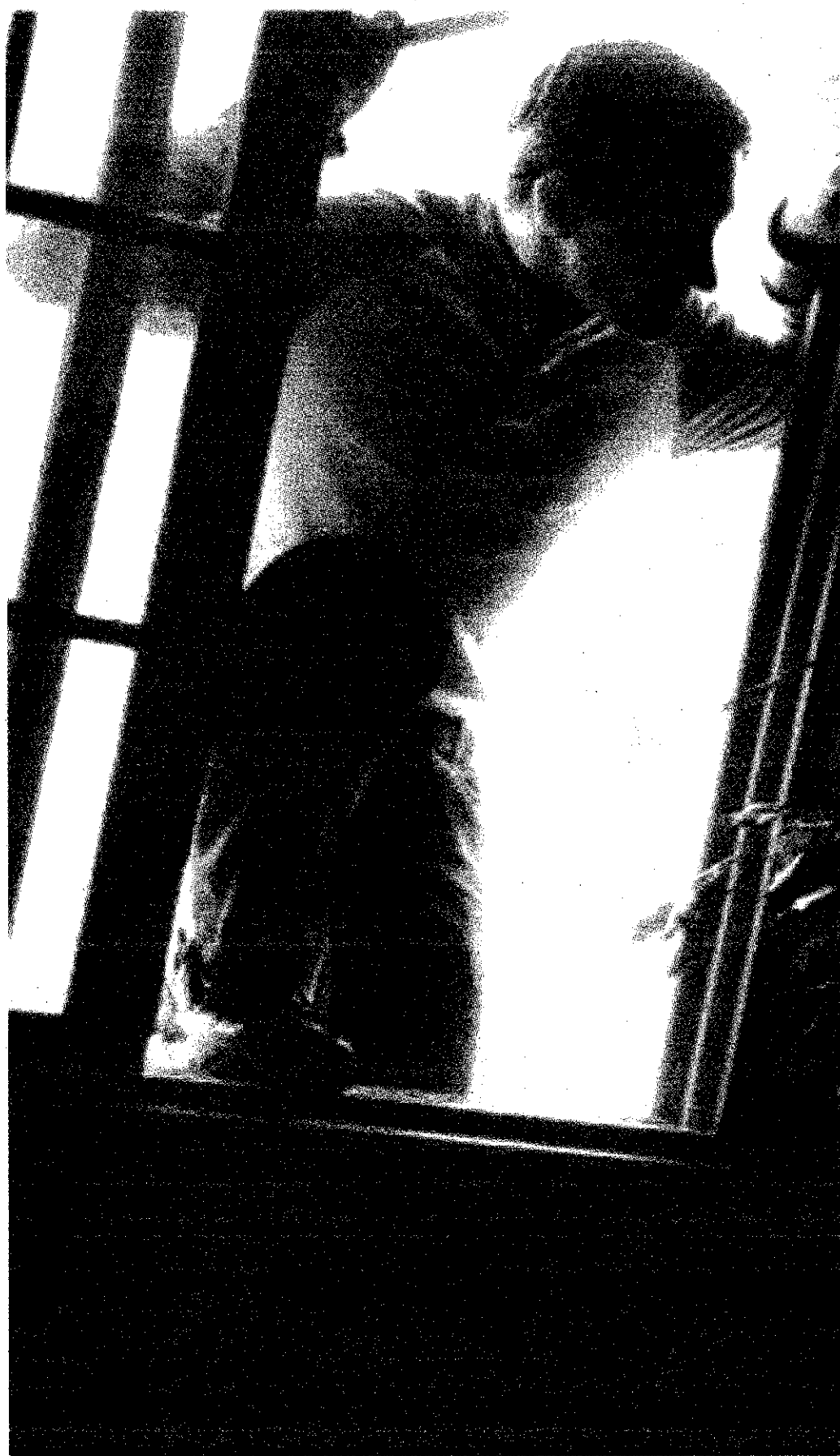
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You can reduce chances of a home break-in

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Making a home look lived in reduces the likelihood of a break-in. Lighting can go a long way toward achieving that goal.

"Oh, absolutely. The motion lights are very good," said Sgt. Jeff Teeter of the Livonia Police Department detective bureau. "If somebody does come around your house, the lights go on. Interior lighting is important, too. You want your house to look nice anyway."

A good alarm system's another investment to consider, Teeter said, noting an audible alarm can be a deterrent. The hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., when people are working, are prime time for break-ins. He recommends a good light for your garage to deter nighttime break-ins.

Teeter and other police officials encourage Neighborhood Watch efforts, keeping an eye on neighbors' homes and reporting anything suspicious to police. Good deadbolt locks on your doors are important, too.

"Make it difficult for him,"

Teeter said. "Make him earn his money."

Dogs that bark are another deterrent to criminals. If you're going away, he said, have a neighbor pick up your mail and papers. Keep the grass cut and have a car parked in the driveway.

Often, local police departments will come out and survey your property to identify any trouble spots. "We do this all the time at no charge," said Chief William Dwyer of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

Dwyer agreed that good lighting's key to reducing likelihood of a break-in. Good locks and an alarm system are good, as is a barking dog.

"Home invasions throughout the tri-county area have increased this year," Dwyer said. He attributes that to drug addiction, gambling problems and unemployment.

"You have to take that extra precaution," he said. Shrubs should be trimmed so windows and doors aren't covered.

Dwyer agreed daytime burglaries are on the rise, with two spouses often away at work. He supports Neighborhood Watch

efforts and urges residents to call 9-1-1 if they see anything suspicious.

Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans agreed good lighting's vital. "That's exactly right," Evans said. "That's one of the major things."

Evans also recommends having your mail and newspaper held or picked up by a neighbor if you're away, and snow removed. Timers on lights are good, too.

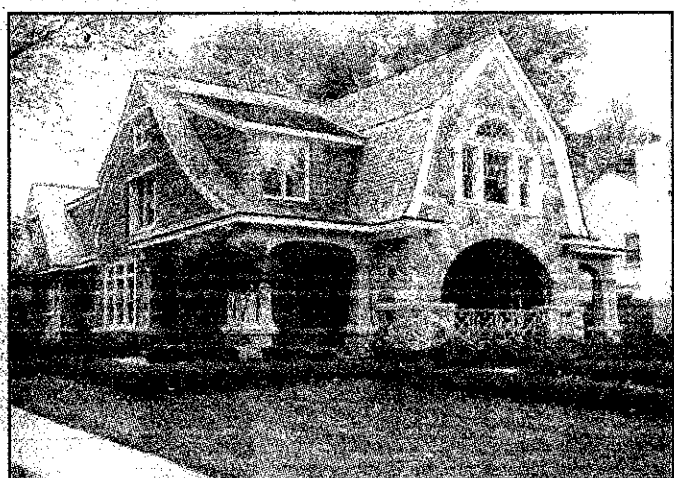
"It gives people the idea the house is occupied," the sheriff said.

He has found some residents are a bit careless with their attached garages and entry to the home. Thieves will sometimes play with garage door opener frequencies and gain entry to a garage and home interior.

An alarm system's good, too, Evans said, or even just signs indicating such a system's in place. "As much of it is the psychological that the crook doesn't know if you do or don't."

Keeping trees and shrubs pruned is essential as well, he added, "so they don't provide places for people to be able to hide around the house."

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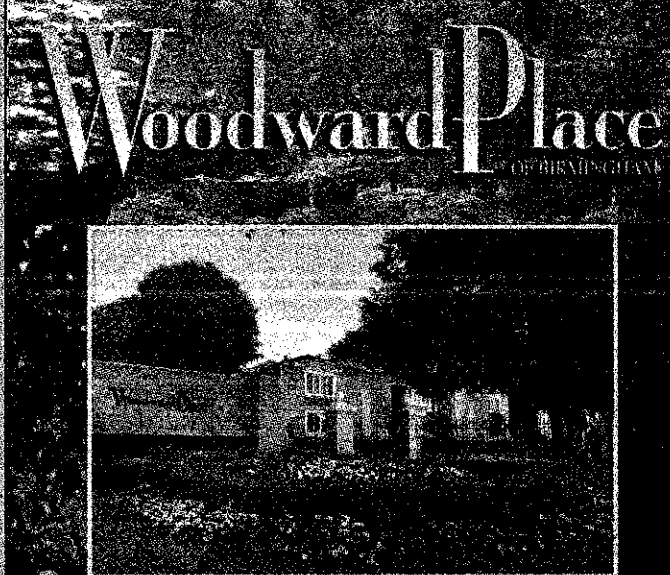
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Education Seminars

The Building Industry 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 guests and 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 are \$145 for Remodelers Council members, BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

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■ 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23, Builder's License Preparation Course, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Fees are \$200 per class for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and nonmembers. (248) 862-1033.

HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of Aug. 8-12, 2005, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton

7928 Alton St	\$175,000
2032 Brookfield St	\$218,000
2065 Brookline St	\$180,000
374 Charterhouse Ct	\$173,000
422 Cherry Orchard Rd	\$230,000
333 Cornell St	\$272,000
45241 Danbury Rd	\$350,000
328 Dartmouth Ct	\$250,000
8105 Endicott Ln	\$206,000
8186 Endicott Ln	\$174,000
6415 Gallery Dr	\$344,000
47497 Gienarry Blvd	\$435,000
48267 Greenwich Ln	\$280,000
41532 Heritage Ct	\$208,000

3864 Hunters Way Ct

\$144,000

45206 Indian Creek Dr

\$245,000

49721 Jackson Ln

\$90,000

50256 Jackson Ln

\$65,000

42746 Keystone Ln

\$215,000

7143 Latham Dr

\$338,000

1180 Legacy Ct

\$485,000

44691 Meadowcreek Ln

\$207,000

6832 Montfort Dr

\$223,000

6380 N Ridge Rd

\$250,000

4687 Pond Run

\$275,000

48001 Red Run Dr

\$365,000

48535 Rockefeller Dr

\$385,000

49361 Saltz Rd

\$230,000

44575 Savery Dr

\$139,000

41760 Walside Dr

\$205,000

5854 Willow Creek Dr

\$245,000

44110 Yorkshire Dr

\$240,000

Garden City

31587 Beechwood St

\$215,000

28550 Block St

\$100,000

32529 Brown St

\$140,000

270 Cardwell St

\$151,000

683 Cardwell St

\$125,000

511 Deering St

\$144,000

6454 Hawthorne St

\$166,000

6777 Helen St

\$141,000

546 Henry Ruff Rd

\$130,000

29700 Winter Dr

\$130,000

Livonia

14967 Alexander St

\$147,000

15523 Alpine Dr

\$278,000

10007 Arcola St

\$175,000

8871 Beatrice St

\$35,000

30037 Bentley St

\$185,000

28667 Buckingham St

\$172,000

9968 Cavell St

\$154,000

12108 Cavell St

\$141,000

12232 Cavell St

\$141,000

13980 Cranston St

\$240,000

37725 Dardanelle St

\$180,000

9131 Deering St

\$153,000

18947 Deering St

\$128,000

18328 Floral St

\$153,000

9268 Gillman St

\$172,000

9403 Gillman St

\$151,000

20329 Gillman St

\$145,000

19375 Ingram St

\$195,000

29515 Linda St

\$185,000

14803 Melvin St

\$190,000

11037 Merriman Rd

\$178,000

17551 Middlebelt Rd

\$223,000

18745 Parklane St

\$285,000

19677 Rensselaer St

\$160,000

35339 Richland St

\$179,000

36698 Richland St

\$161,000

29455 Robert Dr

\$165,000

15517 Surrey St

\$465,000

18202 University Park Dr

\$120,000

9924 Westmore St

\$118,000

Plymouth

50527 Beechwood Ct

\$232,000

50529 Beechwood Ct

\$228,000

14090 Brougham Ct

\$3,500,000

835 Deer Ct

\$209,000

9885 Fellows Hill Dr

\$500,000

12400 Hillside Dr

\$377,000

42430 Lakeland Ct

\$215,000

11704 N Haggerty Rd

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42458 Parkhurst Rd

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849 Pennington Ave

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675 Ross St

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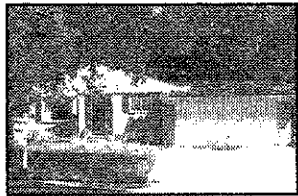
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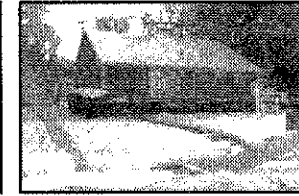
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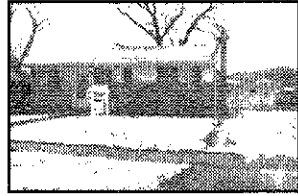
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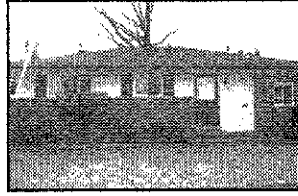
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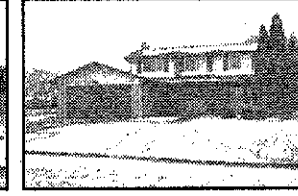
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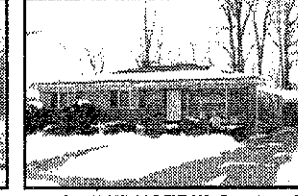
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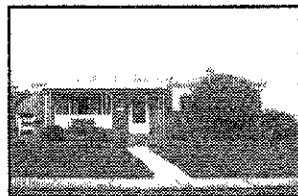
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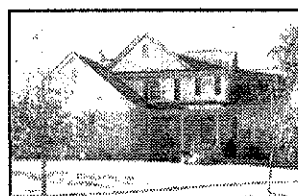
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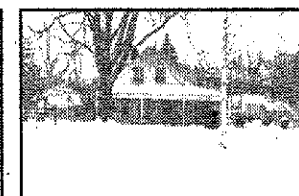
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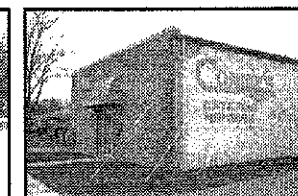
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PRICED BELOW MARKET! Magnificent 4 bedroom, 2 bath colonial in popular Cobblestone Ridge on a premium lot siding to woods. Numerous upgrades including an expanded bedroom, 3 car garage, stone fireplace & more. Quick Occupancy. \$389,900 (P-885WA)



STOP PAYING RENT! The price is right for the growing family. 3-4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, huge eat in kitchen, rec room, even a fireplace in the living room! Huge fenced yard too. Don't miss out, call today! \$109,900 (P-825WO)



BETTER HURRY! Commercial building presently used as a catering business with endless potential. Large open area for workspace and 3 offices in front. Large 22x24 garage. Business and equipment also for sale. \$375,000 (P-558FA)



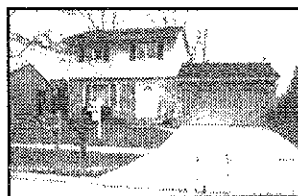
WOODS OF CENTRAL PARK Privacy surrounds this 3400 sq ft colonial. 2 stry entry w/ hwd, Chef's dream kit w/ built-in appls, designer cabs & hwd flrs. 4 lg bds, including luxury mstr ste w/ posh bath & jetted tub, daylight bsmt, 3 car gar & prof. landscp yard. \$464,900 (P-501HU)



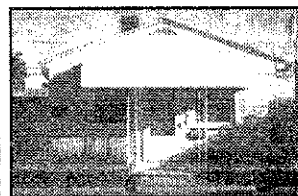
DREAMS DO COME TRUE! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, new roof and windows. Updated kitchen with new flooring, partially finished basement, 2 car garage, brick & vinyl exterior, appliances and 1100 sq. ft. for only. \$139,400 (C-355OL)



MAJOR POTENTIAL 1300 sq. ft. ranch with a flexible floor plan. Full basement, possible in-law quarters w/2nd full kitchen. Coved ceilings and some hardwood floors. Needs a lot of updating and a thorough cleaning. \$189,900 (P-677RU)



HAVE IT ALL! Great lot! Great neighborhood! Great price! Plenty of updates including Anderson windows, siding, roof and carpet. Finished basement w/playroom & office. Huge rear yard w/deck & shed. \$214,999 (C-807YO)



CALLING ALL INVESTORS! Great Plymouth income properties. Four, one bedroom units. 2 in each building. Updating includes a new roof. Good rents with landlord paying for water. Land contract terms negotiable. \$299,000 (P-236JU)



SMART START A great place to begin building equity in this totally updated 3 bedroom ranch on an extra deep lot. Nice oak kitchen with appliances, deck overlooking a fenced yard and a 1st floor laundry. Cute, bright and cheerful. \$123,900 (P-143KA)



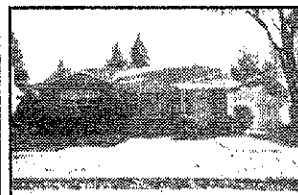
FUSSY BUYERS WELCOME Take a good look at this 4 bedroom beauty with 2.5 baths. Nice location in Southfield. Partially finished basement, 2 car garage, sprinkler system, back yard overlooking a pond and really nice decor. \$209,999 (P-411MA)



BETTER THAN NEW PULTE Built in '03 a Pulte 4 bdrm colonial, 1800 sq ft, 2.5 baths & 9' ceilings. Spac kit w/ GE appls, FR w/ FP. Flex rm can be formal LR or DR, mstr ste w/ cath ceiling, lux bath w/ garden tub & lg WIC. Prof landscp w/sprinkler & patio. \$229,900 (P-756RA)



UNMATCHABLE YARD 375 ft. deep! Charming Livonia bungalow offering a huge lot, 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. Major updating completed: furnace, air, windows, plumbing and water heater. Great finished basement and a 2 car garage. \$170,000 (P-630FI)



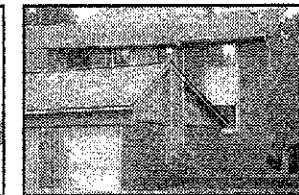
WESTERN GOLF COURSE AREA! Clean brick ranch with a finished basement, new roof, furnace and central air! Updated windows, covered porch, 2 car garage, an extra large lot and a one year home warranty. Perfect for 1st time buyers. \$153,500 (P-715LY)



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



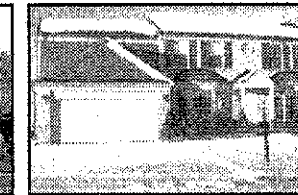
BEYOND YOUR EXPECTATIONS Roomy home with all features you desire, 1st floor laundry, attached garage, finished basement, lg kit w/appls, master w/private bath & WIC, sound and security systems, central air and award winning schools. \$214,900 (P-127FA)



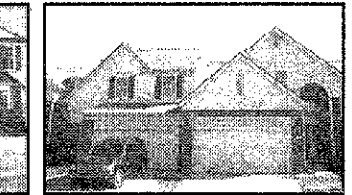
EASY AND AFFORDABLE LIVING Maintenance free Plymouth condo with 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths and an unit laundry. Generous 1185 sq. ft. floor plan, lots of storage space and many updates. Ready to move into. Great price too! \$141,900 (P-773SY)



THE PRICE IS RIGHT! On this convenient two story unit in Canton. 2 beds, 2 baths and an attached garage, finished basement with a full bath, living room w/fireplace, kitchen with all newer appliance and a fabulous location. \$145,000 (P-637BE)



RELAX AND ENJOY This nearly perfect two story home with 4 bedrooms and 3.5 baths. Finished basement, family room w/fireplace and a nice deck. Formal dining room and a private study too. \$279,999 (C-508GR)



SUNNY, CLEAN AND COZY Better hurry for this well priced 3 bedroom condo with Plymouth-Canton schools. Full basement, 2.5 baths, hardwood floors and an attached 2 car garage. Spacious floor plan w/1500 sq. feet! \$205,900 (P-165MO)



SIMPLY THE BEST LOCATION! Nature lovers will love the grounds to the rear of this 2 bedroom, 2 bath end unit. Move in condition with tasteful decor, oak kitchen w/nook, deck, 1st floor master, 2 car garage and a daylight basement! \$182,500 (C-460RA)



A LOW COST LOAN Can get you into this maintenance free 2 bedroom condo in a great Canton community. 2 bedrooms, basement and garage plus very nicely done updating. Call for more information today. \$150,000 (C-504BE)



ENTERTAIN FOR ALL SEASONS In this open and airy colonial. Huge kitchen w/pantry, recessed lighting overlooks family room w/fireplace. 1st floor den & laundry. Backyard designed for family fun. Tennis/pool/clubhouse too. \$284,900 (C-274GU)



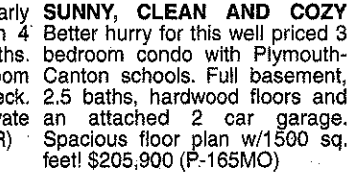
INCREDIBLY ATTRACTIVE Farmington Hills colonial with a huge master offering his & hers walk in closets, large oak kitchen, finished basement, 2 car garage and lovely dramatic details throughout. Call now. \$284,700 (C-886PE)



NO GIMMICKS Just a nice solid 3 bedroom ranch with a basement and 2 car garage in the Southeast area of Dearborn Heights. Perfect for retirees or first time buyers. Close to the new shopping center. \$124,900 (C-611WE)



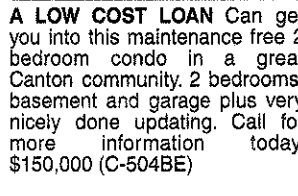
BEAUTIFUL VIEW Upgraded Oxford model in popular Canton sub surrounded by a 16 acre nature preserve. Many upgrades - circular stairway, hardwood & ceramic, side entry garage, fireplace & cherry kitchen. \$319,900 (C-859DO)



LIKE TO ENTERTAIN? This attractive brick ranch offers a formal dining room, fin. basement offering a rec room w/ pool table, a study, and a ton of updates, sprinkler system, fenced yard and appliances. \$184,900 (C-750HA)



FLAWLESS COLONIAL Situated on a peaceful yard backing to the woods. Offering new windows, carpet, fixtures, remodeled kitchen, full finished basement w/rec area. 2.5 baths. Don't miss it! \$299,900 (C-084ST)



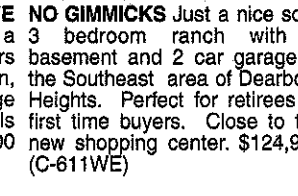
HOME SWEET HOME One of the biggest homes in the neighborhood, with a large upstairs dormer, finished basement w/rec area. Updated roof, carpet, furnace & more. Central air, appliances and a garage. \$120,500 (C-092EL)



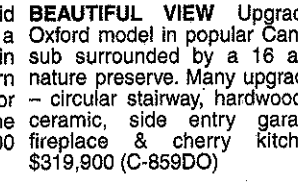
LOVELY HOME 4 bedroom Cape Cod with an updated garage door, landscaping, furnace, hwh, and vinyl siding. Big country kitchen, dining area w/bay window, master w/wic. Don't miss this one! \$69,900 (C-573EV)



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LOCATION! CONDITION! PRICE! All 3 are perfect and you even get a park like setting in a cul-de-sac! Beautifully maintained 2-story with a fabulous kitchen, fin. basement, 1st floor laundry and lots of updates. Must see! \$225,000 (C-245TE)



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ANN ARBOR SCHOOLS 4 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 1916 sq ft. Built in 1998, wood fir entry, open floor plan, lg master suite w/2 wic's & bath with soaking tub. Wonderful landscaping on premium lot. Community pool. \$262,900 (C-137BL)



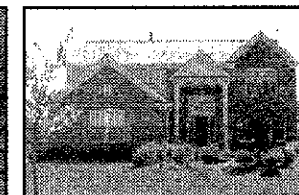
OUTSTANDING FEATURES Central Park South home features 2 story foyer w/ hwd flrng. Kit w/oak cabs, designer flrng & nook. Lg FR w/gas fp, 4 sized bdrms inc a lg private mstr ste w/vaulted ceiling & bath w/ soaking tub, & WIC. Landscpd yd w/brick paver patio on a prem lot. \$329,900 (C-199EM)



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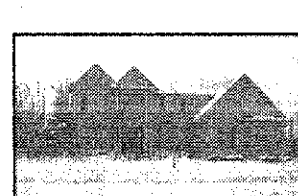
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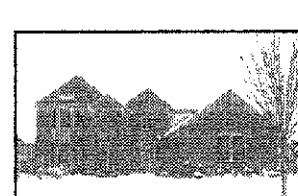
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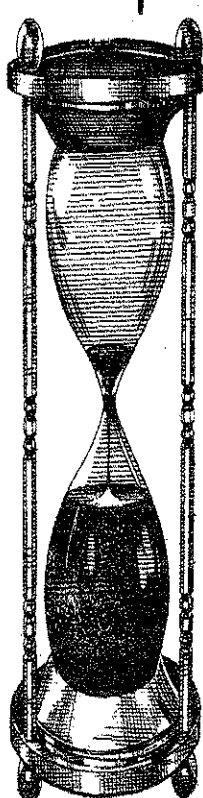
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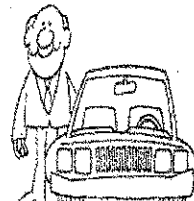
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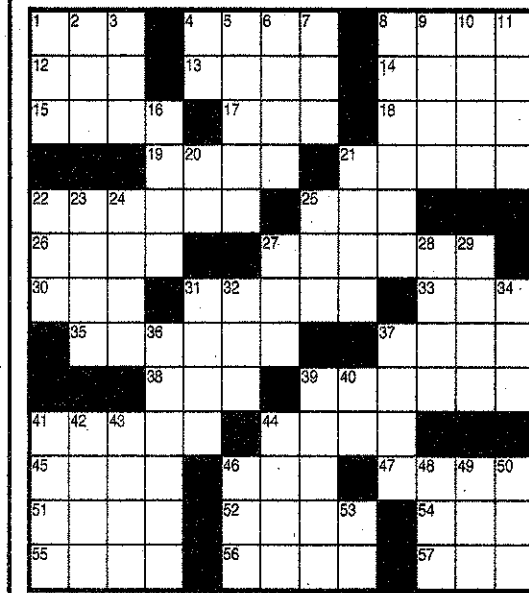
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NORTHVILLE AREA Historical Home. 2-3 bedrooms. Large kitchen, dining, sun porch, private entrance. Includes Utilities. No smoking or pets. 248-348-2915 / 248-626-6522

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NOVI Live on the Pond
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PLYMOUTH Beautiful Country Home
5 bdrm, 4 bath 19th century colonial on approx 2.9 acres. Great mstr bdrm, hrdwd flrs, country kit & formal din rm. Pond, deck & gazebo. A must see!

(E66HOM) 734-455-5600 \$509,900



LIVONIA Beautiful Updated Colonial
In desirable sub offering 3 bdrm, 1.5 baths, 2 c att gar, finished bsmt, oak kit spacious fam rm w/frp & doorwall to deck, formal din rm & 1st flr laundry & so much more to offer.

(E90NOR) 734-455-5600 \$253,700



MILFORD Upper Ranch Condo
Gorgeous 2BR, 2BA carriage unit in Milford place. Open floor plan, great room, DR w/door to private deck. Super views, bright kitchen w/appliances, FFL, many updates, 2.5 car att'd gar. Best location in the complex.

(E64MIL) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



PLYMOUTH Walk To Downtown
Desirable Pinewood Village condo. Newer Berber carpet & freshly painted. Nice oak kitchen cabinets. Why rent? Neutral decor. All appliances stay. Occupancy is negotiable.

(E14PIN) 248-349-5600 \$119,900



DEARBORN Good Location
This 4 bdrm bungalow is close to school & park w/pool & tennis cts. Freshly painted, cove ceiling in LR, hrdwd flrs in LR & Bdrms. Partially fin bsmt w/knotty pine & dark room for photography.

(E43CAL) 734-455-5600 \$110,000



CANTON Custom Built Cape Cod 2005
New const. on approx 1 acre lot w/4 bdrm, 3.5 ba, 4 c att gar. 2 story foyer, formal DR, heart rm off lg kit, breakfast nook, all bdrms w/WIC, full bsmt and you can pick your special wishes.

(E52ROL) 734-455-5600 \$875,000



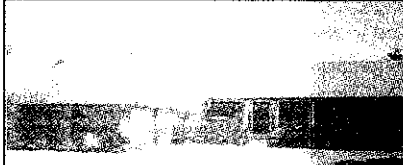
BRIGHTON Absolutely a 10+
This 2 bdrm, 3.5 bath unit condo shows like a model. w/spacious GR w/frp, extra wide stairway to beautiful lower level fam rm w/daylight windows, + all sports lake priv, att gar and so much more. Bilt in 2002.

(E61WOO) 734-455-5600 \$207,515



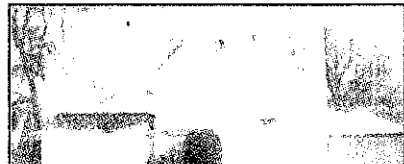
REDFORD Charming Ranch
Wonderful 3BR home on shady tree lined street in a great neighborhood home has new windows, fenced-in yard, 2 car garage and partially finished bsmt. Perfect for rec room. Kitchen appliances included. Must see.

(E03NEG) 248-349-5600 \$124,900



SOUTH LYON 55+ Ranch Condo
Clean and neutral 2 bedroom, 2 bath 1 story. Central air, Florida room, garage, finished lower level, with guest/ten room. Newer doors, windows, carpet & paint. Clubhouse & beach on Crooked Lake.

(E87CAM) 248-349-5600 \$144,000



DETROIT Move Right In!
Very clean 3 bdrm bungalow offering a basement & garage. Stove & refrigerator stay. This house is priced to sell quick.

(E86BUR) 734-455-5600 \$69,900



NORTHVILLE TWP. Elegance at its Best
Enter into a gallery foyer leading to a stately music conservatory, luxurious mstr ste, executive kit w/volume ceilings, crown molding & granite T/O. Hrdwd flrs 5 BR, 4.2 BA, fabulous custom LL w/walkout to pool.

(E04CLA) 734-455-5600 \$1,097,500



ROMULUS This Could Be Yours
Updated vinyl windows, roof, fam rm carpet & paint, CA & newer storm doors. Doorwall off kit + fin bsmt all offered in this 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath tri-level + 1 year home warranty.

(E26FOR) 734-455-5600 \$124,899



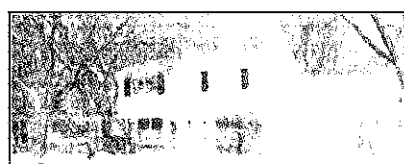
TYRONE TWP. Charming Country Setting
5BR, 2.5BA nicely updated home on over an acre. Newer roof, windows, siding & more. Oak kitchen w/walkout. Mechanics dream 2.5 car garage heated w/workshop. Large LR features frp/wall.

(E62MCG) 248-349-5600 \$279,900



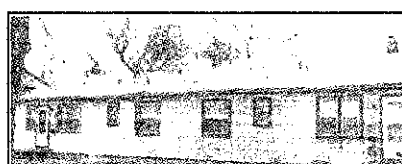
WYANDOTTE Great House-Affordable!
Perfect bungalow setting on quiet street. Newer roof, furnace, HWI. Huge yard ready for BBQ's & volleyball games! So much potential. Bring your offer, hang your hat & call it home.

(E67NIN) 248-349-5600 \$115,000



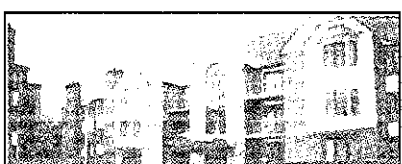
PLYMOUTH Stop Your Looking
This 5 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial located in downtown Plymouth offers a 2 car att gar, bsmt, din rm, fam rm w/frp, hrdwd floors, appis & beautiful yard with mature trees.

(E96HAR) 734-455-5600 \$255,000



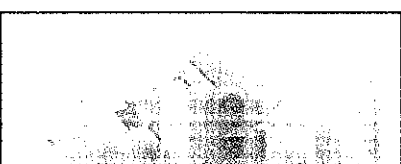
INKSTER Fully Rented Duplex
2 bdrm, 1 bath w/great income. Tenants occupied for 5 & 1 years. Updated incl. roof, furn, HWI, cpt, paint, remodeled kit & steel doors. New const in area. Great investment.

(E27MAN) 734-455-5600 \$119,900



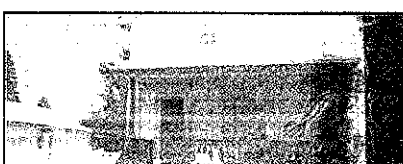
PLYMOUTH Located Downtown
This 2 bdrm, 2 bath ground floor condo has it all, very large rooms, gas frp in lg living rm, heated att gar with elevator to all floors. LG kitchen opens to formal dining rm. and appis.

(E77DEE) 734-455-5600 \$224,900



NOVI Spectacular Custom Home
Beautifully detailed-offers 4 spacious bedrooms, 4.5 baths. Master suite features frp, 2 WIC & granite bath. Gourmet kitchen w/walking stove, Sub Zero frig, WOLL wheeled floors, sauna & full granite kit. Awesome lot.

(E55VAS) 248-349-5600 \$989,000



WYANDOTTE Historic Home
Lovely 3BR colonial on double lot with so much character. Many updates including: Pergo floors, plus some hardwood. New roof in 2002. Landscaping. Close to water, parks & historic downtown. A steal deal.

(E15EC) 248-349-5600 \$138,000



WESTLAND Stunning Ranch Condo
This lovely updated 2 bdrm, 2 bath unit offers valetted entrance gas fireplace in great liv. room, hrdwd flrs, 2nd bdrm has WIC in unit laundry rm, 2 c att gar & part fin basement.

(E80CON) 734-455-5600 \$178,000



INKSTER Value in the Land
Prime property on Michigan Ave. currently rented as a 1 bdrm, 1 bath tri-level w/2 c att gar for \$400.00 monthly. Zoned for office, retail, strip mall, convenience store located in New Invo Center District w/condos & poss hq lic per city.

(E57MIC) 734-455-5600 \$175,000



PLYMOUTH Immaculate Colonial
4 bdrm, 2.5 bath home w/river kit w/all bilt in appis, mstr ste w/whirlpool instl bath, new furn & HWI OS, fam rm w/gas frp, fin bsmt & 2 c att gar. Professionally landscaped.

(E40PAL) 734-455-5600 \$269,900



LIVONIA Popular Willow Woods Sub
3BR, 2.5BA colonial Great room with fireplace kitchen with Corian counters, island wood floor, W/O to beautifully landscaped yard facing golf course. Newer windows, partially finished basement. Home warranty.

(E82BRE) 248-349-5600 \$329,000



COMMERCE Mystic Forest
Fabulous model now for sale. Two-story foyer, Anderson windows, granite hardwood floors, walk-out baths. Terraced rear yard, 3 car Garage. Best of everything. Don't wait, won't last.

(E56DAR) 248-349-5600 \$489,900



DEARBORN HGTS. Appealing Brick Ranch
Original owner has maintained this home beautifully. 2 car brick front garage. Finished bsmt w/wet bar & elec, frp & kit appis stay.

(E42FEN) 734-455-5600 \$153,700



LIVONIA A Sparkling Gem!
Charming 3 bdrm, 3 bath ranch w/2 c att gar, part fin LL, fam rm w/gas frp, alt appis, lg lot w/mature trees and endless updates. Wonderful landscaping w/great curb appeal.

(E92BOB) 734-455-5600 \$240,000



NORTHVILLE Breathtaking Lake View
4BR, 2.5BA colonial located deep in sub near woods. Cozy FR w/brick frp. Open kit & formal DR. Large Master suite & guest suite, finished basement. Clean & neutral T/O. Northville Schools. Home warranty.

(E84SCE) 248-349-5600 \$325,000



PLYMOUTH Picture Perfect Ranch
Nothing to do but enjoy this well-maintained, clean home, w/tons of updates. Newer carpet, windows, roof & more. Beautiful yard, sprinklers, patio, quiet sub with lots of trees. Home warranty included.

(E20REV) 248-349-5600 \$220,000



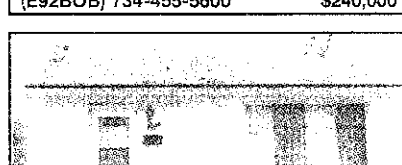
NORTHVILLE Discover a Perfect Oasis
Amazing woodland lot w/rock shelters. Newly crafted home gracefully blends historic w/modernity in soothing comfort & style. Beautiful stone, wood & granite. In the heart of town. Perfect.

(E35HIG) 248-349-5600 \$949,900



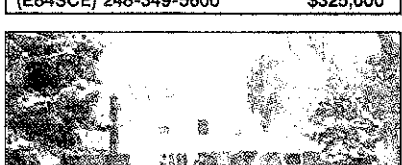
DETROIT Marvelous Colonial
Updated 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath home w/2 c gar, part fin bsmt, updated granite counter tops, W/O oven & counter top range, ceramic tile in foyer, lovely landscaping w/pond, deck & patio.

(E06OHI) 734-455-5600 \$154,900



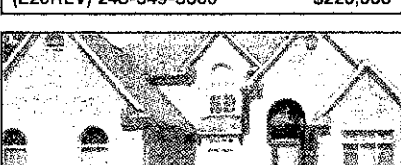
INKSTER Priced to Sell!
Darling 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath ranch w/part fin bsmt w/bar & updated kit, bath, windows, roof, bsmt blk windows & entry doors. A real find.

(E85AVO) 734-455-5600 \$85,000



FARMINGTON HILLS Beautiful Tudor
4BR, 2.5BA home on approx 1/2 acre. Highly desired Farmington Hills neighborhood. Updates T/O home. Finished basement 2+ car side entry garage, 1st floor laundry, Northville mailing.

(E73WES) 248-349-5600 \$319,900



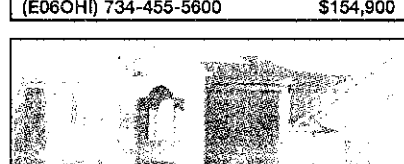
LIVONIA Custom Cape Cod Home
Look no further than this. Builders own home. Beautiful cherry kitchen with hardwood floors, first floor master w/custom tiled bath. Cathedral ceiling in library. 2 story Great room. Stevenson schools.

(E72VAN) 248-394-5600 \$529,900



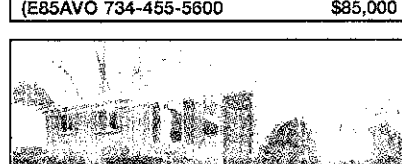
WATERFORD Cozy Home
Hardwood floors in great room w/fireplace fireplace updated kitchen Jacuzzi tub, large lot, room to expand, large open basement. 1 year home warranty included. Immediate occupancy.

(E34HUR) 248-349-5600 \$136,800



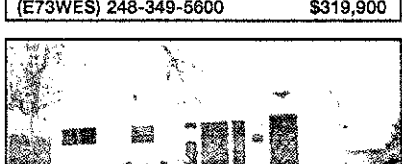
CANTON Exceptional Cool
Fabulous 4 bdrm, 3 full & 2 half baths in this 2000 built home. Grand 2 story foyer, dual staircase, FR w/wall of windows, gourmet kit has cherry cabinets, 2 frps, 3 c att gar, bsmt & lg deck.

(E76MAN) 734-455-5600 \$494,000



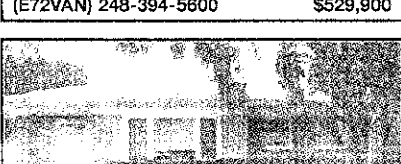
WESTLAND Eye Catching Curb Appeal
Plus the warmth of hrdwd flrs, spacious liv rm, fam rm w/raised hearth & natural frp + doorwall to patio. Kitchen w/cherry cabs & solar heat panels. Part fin bsmt & 2 c gar.

(E39LAW) 734-455-5600 \$174,900



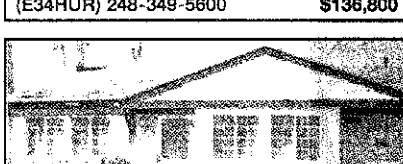
GARDEN CITY Right On Ranch
Ready to go! Super 3BR, 2BA, bsmt & 2 car gar. Huge addition included. Family room & master bedroom suite. New carpet 12-05. Updates in every room. Also turn, C/A, elec, HWI, windows & more. Nice deep lot.

(E16ARC) 248-349-5600 \$159,500



REDFORD Well Maintained
3BR, 2.5BA brick ranch. Stunning hrdwd flrs, fin bsmt w/glass block windows, newer windows, including bay. Cement drive updated. Kit w/ceramic tile counter. Appis stay. Newer HWI & garage door-04. Home warranty.

(E23DIX) 248-349-5600 \$155,000



LIVONIA Sharp Home
Almost everything is newer in this updated 3BR, 2BA home. Walk-out LL, hardwood floors, newer kitchen, windows, roof. New furnace & A/C-03. Open floor plan. Great fenced yard-ready for your 1st summer BBQ.

(E11MAP) 248-349-5600 \$184,900



WOODHAVEN Move Right In!
Lg 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath ranch offering updated oak kit, open fam rm w/gas frp. Pella doorwall to southern exposed covered patio. 2 car garage & part fin bsmt.

(E63LOR) 734-455-5600 \$159,900



CANTON Original Owners
Lg 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/2 c att gar, part fin bsmt w/2nd kit, lg fam rm w/wood burning stove & cathedral ceiling, bay window in liv rm, covered patio & home warranty.

(E54FOR) 734-455-5600 \$235,500



NOVI Super Condo
Exquisite! This one won't last. Impressive upgrades. Ground level 1BR w/wheelchair access. Extra large bath. Neutral decor, freshly painted. View of woods. Shows like a model. Access to Walled Lake.

(E55SLA) 248-349-5600 \$85,500



NORTHVILLE Gas Heating Included
Nice townhouse. Wood floors, large mstr BR plus 2nd BR. Eat-in kit, formal DR, doorwall to private patio covered porch, newer roof, A/C. Updated bath, full bsmt, appis incl. Well kept complex w/pool & clubhouse.

(E14JAM) 248-349-5600 \$85,000



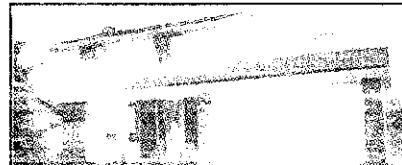
DEARBORN HGTS. Spacious 3 Bedroom
Colonial. Full of charm from the covered front porch to the homey decor. Updates inc. newer roof, oak kit cabs, bathroom floor & more. Hardwood floors 1/0 formal LR & DR. Deep backyard w/pond, C/A & FFL. Under 100K.

(E03NEW) 248-349-5600 \$79,900



CANTON Neat, Clean, Neutral Condo
This sharp 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath 2 story condo offers finished bsmt liv rm w/marble surround, skylights in bath & over stair, lg fenced patio and a whole lot more.

(E71VIN) 734-455-5600 \$136,900



CANTON Impeccable Colonial
This exceptional 4 bdrm, 3 1/2 bath home presents 3 c att gar, part fin bsmt, upgraded hrdwd flrs, gourmet kit, mstr ste w/cathedral ceiling, sitting area & glamour bath: frp in FR + DR. Lib, brisket rm, butler pantry & more.

(E72DEL) 734-455-5600 \$439,900



NOVI Ranch - Like New
Accessible w/no steps & 1 car att gar. Dbl lot w/privacy fence & above-ground pool. Fresh paint & newer carpet. Jetted tub in master bath. 3BR, 2BA. Super location near freeways. 12 oaks & school. Appliances stay.

(E30PAR) 248-349-5600 \$189,900



HOWELL Stunning and ADA Compliant
Ranch condo w/lots of upgrades: rolling showers, low countertops, upgraded carpet, stunning kitchen w/Roll-in lunch counter. Upgraded appliances. Security system & intercom for added piece of mind.

(E60KNE) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



DEARBORN HGTS. Pack Your Bags!
This 3BR brick ranch home is move-in ready. Updated carpet, paint, electrical & much more. Super location! Garage, fenced yard, appliances & one year home warranty included. Quick occupancy. Better hurry.

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NOT A COOKIE CUTTER VERSION OF EVERY OTHER! 2 Fmt drs, stamped concrete patio, lush landscp, hrdwd fls, 2 stry GR w/brdg, 2 sided FP, 4 BR, 3.5 BA, part. fin bsmt, Lush Master w/jetted Tub. (T497) \$489,900



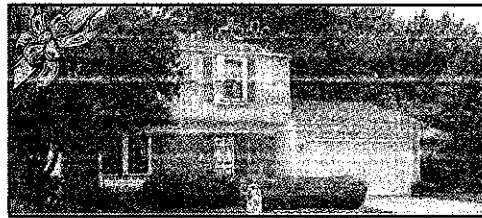
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
UNIQUE! Two homes in one. Approx. 3200 sq ft on 2 acres. 6 BR, 2 half BA, 3 FP. (25165367) \$374,900



PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430
Nature lovers delight 2.2 acres w/Plymouth-Canton schools. Tons of features incl. new oak kit, new roof, vinyl wndws hrdwd flrs. Spacious room sizes w/4 BR & 2 full BA. 349-6200 (25141161) \$299,950



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LIVONIA 248-348-6430
CHARMING 2 BR RANCH Updates incl. kit, vinyl siding, trim & windows, roof, furn, HWH, driveway, parquet flring in LR. Liv. schools. Must see! 349-6200 (25175714) \$124,500



CANTON 734-455-7000
FAIRWAYS WEST BEAUTY! 4BR/2.5BA Colonial. Formal DR, GR, library. Mstr ste w/sitting rm/nursery. 3car gar. Immed. occup. (25159689) \$429,900



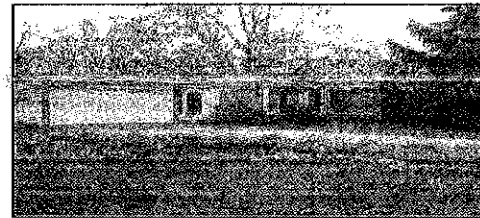
CANTON 734-326-2000
HARD TO FIND! It isn't often that a 4 BR Cape Cod in Glenarry is available. GR w/Gas FP for cold Michigan winters, & 2 tiered Deck for Summer, DR & Library. (T452) \$359,900



CANTON 734-326-2000
GET BACK TO NATURE This 4 BR- 2.5 BA Colonial overlooks a nature preserve. Spacious Open Floor Plan w/loft overlooking a 2 story GR w/FP & bay window. (L436) \$294,900



LIVONIA 248-348-6430
QUALITY BUILT COLONIAL ON A 1/2 ACRE LOT Clean, well maint, coved ceilings, bay window in DR. Updated kit, roof, windows, all appl. 3 BR, 1.5 BA. Bsmt & gar. Don't miss this one! 349-6200 (25168827) \$224,900



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MUST GET INSIDE TO BELIEVE! Remod. 2003. New windows, furn, entr. doors. Hrdwd flrs, neut. colors. Ready to move in. Perf. for 1st time buyer. 349-6200 (25180586) \$111,800



PLYMOUTH 734-591-9200
Built in 2001, 3 BR, 2.5 BA Cape Cod, excl. upgrades incl. maple kit cabs, extensive HDWD flrs, 1st flr Mstr w/BA that offers jetted tub & sep shower, volume clngs in GR & FP. (W51013) \$424,900



NOVI 248-348-6430
RARE OFFERING! All brick ranch. Amazing 1/2 acre setting. Backs to 5 acre park w/ walking path. Immac., open 4 season FL Rm. Crown molding, ceiling fans t/o. 349-6200 (25147666) \$335,000



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Beautiful 2,222 sq ft 4BR, 2.5 BA Colonial in Laurel Park South. 1st flr Indry, FR w/FP, new C/A, newer roof, windows in 00, & more. (25178096) \$288,900



PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
SPACIOUS COLONIAL IN OLD ORCHARDS SUB 3BR, 1.5BA. Easy acc. to I-275 & dwntwn Ply. New roof. White bay cabs, Corian sink. FRw/FP, bookshelves on sides of brick hearth. Dbl doors into Mstr. (25171535) \$219,900



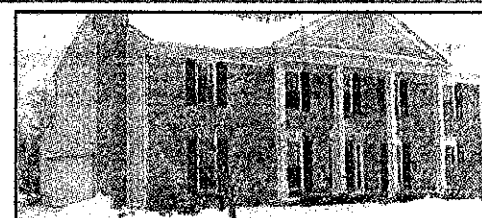
LIVONIA 734-326-2000
AVAILABLE TODAY 3 BR Vinyl Bungalow on a Half Acre lot. Family Room with Fireplace, 1.5 BA, redecorated Kitchen, & 2 Car Garage. (G155) \$189,900



REDFORD 248-348-6430
\$2000 Holiday Bonus Cash! Brick ranch has many updates in past 2 years. Tearoff roof, windows, furn, rebuilt garage, ext doors. On quiet dead-end street. 349-6200 (25174141) \$129,900



REDFORD 734-591-9200
Affordable, updated ranch. All new kit w/cer flr, updt BA w/marble flr & pedestal sink. Refin hwd flrs, new paint & lgt fixtures. Clarenceville Schools. Appl. too! (25157771) \$104,900



FARMINGTON HILLS 734-591-9200
Impressive 4BR, 2- 1/2 bath brick colonial w/ peaked roof, gentle lines & artfully elegant accents. 3 car gar. 1st flr Indry, 2 st foyer. Kit w/ island & hrdwd flrs, gas FP in FR, LR w/bay wndw. (W454) \$379,900



CANTON 734-326-2000
A LITTLE TENDER LOVING CARE will make this home exquisite. New carpet, freshly painted, 3 car gar. 1st flr Indry, 2 st foyer. Kit w/ island & hrdwd flrs, gas FP in FR, LR w/bay wndw. (W454) \$320,000



LIVONIA 248-851-1900
QUALITY RENOVATION AWARD WINNER! Comp. renov. 3BR, 3BA. New kit, BA, pool new roof, HWH, furn, copper plumb. Quality thruout. **\$2000 Bonus to buyer if house sold by 01/31/2006** (25151069) \$279,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
Spotless 3BR brick ranch w/3 car att. garage. Home features FR w/FP, roof '05, vinyl windows, hot water '05, recessed lighting, hrdwd flrs, updated kit, deck, lg lot, & much more. (25151693) \$219,900



WAYNE 734-326-2000
BEAUTIFUL FAMILY FRIENDLY HOME! Lighted Deck, Hardwood Foyer & Hallway, Island Kit, MS w/Bath, FP, Bsmt ready for Drywall, framing comp, plumbed for full bath. Immed. occupancy. (B500) \$189,900



PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
PRICED TO SELL...FAST! \$2,000 Holiday Bonus to buyer at closing. Walking distance to dwntwn Ply. Upper ranch condo, vaulted ceiling, skylites, new furn. Seller motivated!! (25139282) \$124,900



HAZEL PARK 248-348-6430
GEM! 3 bedroom ranch on a double lot. Everything updated. Move in ready and under \$90,000. 349-6200 (25162338) \$89,900

BLOOMFIELD TWP 248-348-6430
RAMBLING RANCH ON 3/4 ACRE CUL-DE-SAC Low maint. 3BR frshly painted int, new wndws, hrdwd flrs und crpt, full fin bsmt, c/a, all appl. 2car sd entry gar.w/stor 349-6200 (25131804) \$389,000

BROWNSTOWN TWP 248-851-1900
PRICED UNDER S.E.V.!!! Attention investors & 1st time buyers. Home priced under SEV! +2000 SF. Huge mstr ste. Lots of potential! (25143458) \$154,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
WOODS AT CHERRY HILL VILLAGE I 4BR/3.1BA Col. Spec nestled in prot. woodlands. 3 home styles avail. to bld. Holiday Bonus. Upgrade of \$10,000 to buyer if PA is signed by 1/31/06. (25158216) \$499,900

CANTON 734-591-9200
Pristine & spectacular. Backs to trees on cul-de-sac. Open flr plan. Lg FR w/wall of wndws, kit w/cherry cab, HW flrs. Mstr ste w/sitting rm, vltid clngs, mstr BA w/jetted tub. (25140940) \$499,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
ONE OF A KIND ENERGY EFFICIENT HOME! New constr. Foyer w/cir stair, hrdwd fl in foyer, kit, & half BA. Grnt tops in kit, isl, & lav. Rear stair. Mstr ste w/fash BA. (25159198) \$499,900

CANTON 734-591-9200
Beaut. Windsor w/hdwd flrs, FR w/2 way gas FP to study, Mstr w/cath clng & lg mstr BA w/jetted tub. Fin bsmt w/full BA. Sealed pvr patio, 2.5 car gar., 1 yr warr. (25171883) \$468,000

CANTON 734-455-7000
HOME SWEET HOME! Mstr Ste w/bonus rm, priv.balc.w/deck, BA, WIC. LR w/Frmch drs. Lg FR w/FP. Lg deck w/hot tub off Kit. A yd filled w/trees, bushes, & flowers. (25139270) \$459,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
JUST THE RANCH YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR! Backs to woods, new deck, small pond. Prof. landscp. Mstr Ste w/BA, WIC. High clngs. Kit w/grnt cnts. SS appl. stay. (25139274) \$414,900

CANTON 248-348-6430
RARE 3 BR CONDO W/BSMT & GARAGE! Updt & freshly painted. Neut. thruout. Lots of room. Great loc, clubhouse, & pool. 349-6200 (25120222) \$149,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
RENT A TRUCK... & start moving. Well-maint. condo is waiting for new owners. Back of sub loc. Spac.mstr w/priv. BA. Appl. stay. (25167170) \$124,999

COMMERCE TWP 248-348-6430
SPACIOUS COLONIAL You'll be impressed w/ size of rooms! 4 BR, 3.5 BA, fin bsmt. Home gen. Vltid clngs, open hrdwd flr. Isl. kit. 349-6200 (25165953) \$289,900

DEARBORN 734-591-9200
What a great place to live! All the conv.close to all schools. Many upds: furn, A/C, wndws, roof, kit. 5 BR & 2 full BA, form. DR & rec rm in bsmt (25157183) \$139,900

DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
Huge new eat in kit. w/tons of strg, new oak cab. Great open flr plan perfect for entert. lg groups of family & friends. Nwr wndws, roof, furn. (25162385) \$144,900

FARMINGTON HILLS 734-591-9200
Huge 4 BR ranch on 1.5 acres. Totally renov. up & down. 4 BR, FR, LR, new white kit, DR, 3 car gar. & more. (25178532) \$389,900

FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6430
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Do some of your own updating & reap rewards. 3 BR brk ranch, pop. Kendalwood w/lgt lots. LR w/FP, FR, full bsmt, 2 car att gar. Gd cond,some upds (25153478) \$219,900

LIVONIA 734-455-7000
WELCOME HOME! Move in! Upds thruout, Lg kit w/cor. cnts. 2.5 car att gar. Part fln. bsmt. Mstr BR/BA. Wallside wndws, roof on house/gar. new in 2001. (25128638) \$217,000

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Lovely, well maint. brick bung. 3 BR 1228 sq ft all major upgrds done-Furn, C/A, glass blk/copper plmb, elec, wndws, vinyl trim, newer crpt (25152775) \$150,000

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
All brick bungw/1467 sq ft. 2 full BA, newer roof, elect, HWH. 2.5 car gar. w/220, heat, built in air lines & a 2nd story for fin. or stor. (25149222) \$144,900

NORTHVILLE 248-349-6200
CLEAN AS A WHISTLE, NEAT AS A PIN Many upds incl. kit, cust. lgtng, cer. tile, crptng, & vinyl replc. wndws, in Highland Lks cmplx. 348-6430 (25114288) \$149,900

NOVI 248-348-6430
EXQUISITE CUSTOM HOME in Barclay Estates, 2 stry entry, grmt kit, elegant DR, LR, priv lib, lux. mstr, LL w/o, 2 tier deck & brick paver walkway. 349-6200 (25093709) \$559,000

NOVI 248-348-6430
WONDERFUL HOME ON PICTURE ESQUE LOT Charm, delight. kit, warm & invit. FR,DR w/hrdwd flr, 4BR, fin. bsmt w/a great entert. center. Proj. TV & smd snd. 349-6200 (25042426) \$300,000

NOVI 248-348-6430
UPDATED HOME ON GREAT LOT Wonderful priv yd backs to stream, oak kit, 3 BR, 2 full BA, lg Indry, new drive, covered patio, new hi E furn, well cared for. 349-6200 (25096192) \$200,000

NOVI 248-437-3800
FOR RENT Spac. & well maint. condo w/priv entry, lg LR, form. DR, kit, C/A, bsmt, 1 car det. gar, pool, tennis ct & clubhouse. 349-6200 (25168005) \$1400

PINCKNEY 248-437-3800
Priv. & wooded! Beaut. Col. w/great setting. Kit. w/maple cab, grmt cntrtops, gas FP, study/office, DR w/many upgrades! (25154003) \$374,900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
PRIME LOCATION! 3 BR Bung. offers prem. dwntwn Ply. loc. & schls. Loaded w/upds & avail. for imm. occup. (25142144) \$229,900

REDFORD 734-591-9200
Home overlooks Lola Valley Park. 3 BR, brick ranch w/bsmt & 2 car gar. Upds incl: New roof on house & gar, new windows, all appl. stay. Landscpd & fenced yd. (25168135) \$149,900

REDFORD 734-591-9200
Not your average Bung. Flr plan has been redesigned, unique & functional. New furn, updt kit, wndws, wiring, plumb & crpt & much more. Mstr has nat FP. (25121601) \$136,900

REDFORD 248-348-6430
VERY CLEAN 1ST FLOOR END UNIT CONDO Payment lower than renting. Incl heat/water, newer wndws/roof. New berber carpet, hrdwd flrs in mstr BR w/WIC. Appl. stay. 349-6200 (25140702) \$50,900

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SOUTH LYON 248-348-6430
ADULT CO-OP WALKOUT W/POND VIEW Bring an offer!! 1 BR, 2 BA, BR in bsmt could be fin. All appl stay. Part fin bsmt. Vaulted ceiling. Priced to sell. 349-6200 (25081762) \$80,000

WESTLAND 248-851-1900
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP 3 BR, 2.5 BA, Liv. schools. 1st flr Indry, hwd, new crpt. Open flr plan, high ceiling, dual staircase. Deep bsmt. Mrs. Clean lives here, totally move-in cond. (25150977) \$289,000

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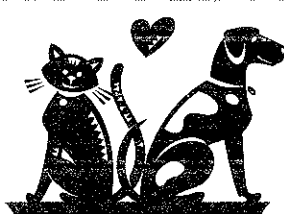
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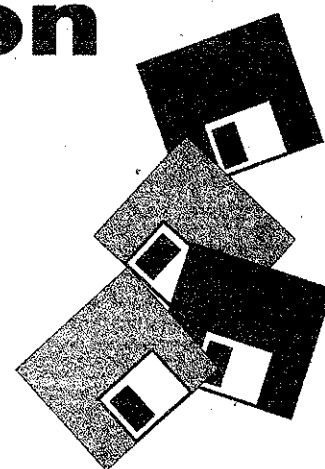
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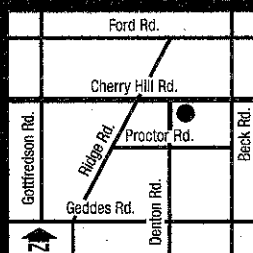


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The 2006 Chevrolet Malibu Maxx

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BY DALE BUSS

Malibu Maxx has been one of my absolute favorite vehicles for a couple of years now. And Chevrolet just keeps improving this versatile little wonder, meaning that I like it all the more.

Maxx embodies everything that GM should be doing with more of its vehicle line-up. It is decidedly a cross-over vehicle, an almost-mid-sized car that is a hybrid of a station wagon with a sedan, with touches of SUV thrown in. And inside, Maxx seems like a product-development test laboratory for General Motors, with lots of nifty little features that add up to an innovative as well as affordable package.

I've heard that GM is a bit disappointed with the styling of the Malibu Maxx, but I'm not sure that's much of a detriment. Definitely in the broad-brush style in which Chevrolet has been designing most of its vehicles for the past few years, Maxx is all angles, with large, bright headlights and a massive chrome crossbar grille with the gold bowtie logo in its center.

Maxx is identical to the Malibu sedan ahead of the middle of the passenger compartment, but it is stretched six inches in the wheelbase while being a half-inch shorter. While not quite a wagon, with a sloped backlight and the leftovers of a rear deck, Maxx's length makes it look unlike any five-door hatchback ever made. It also has unique trim including a flat-faced "air dam" lower front fascia with foglamps, matte silver trim around the upper and lower grilles, monochromatic side moldings, twin exhausts and a rear roof spoiler.

And yet, even the new-for-2006 Malibu Maxx SS version that I drove doesn't resort to racing stripes, hood scoops, extremely low-profile tires, monster rear spoilers or other design tricks to make its point. Chevy targeted the Maxx at youthful buyers, but consumers of any age or demographic are capable of enjoying the multitude of attributes that this vehicle brings.

Maxx also represents perhaps GM's cleverest use of its basic, global vehicle platform known as Epsilon, which originated in Europe and also is used for GM's Opel Vectra sedan on the continent and, in the United States, for the Pontiac G6 and Saab 9-3.



The 2006 Malibu Maxx SS gets 18 mpg in the city and 26 mpg on the highway.

Anyway, the SS that I drove is one of a handful of new "Super Sports" models in Chevrolet's 2006 line-up. The SS moniker apparently goes back to a Corvette race car from 1957 and was first used on a production car for the Impala SS in 1961, which had an optional 409-cubic-inch V8 engine - "She's so fine, my 409!"

Now, none of that history will matter a whit to today's potential Malibu Maxx SS buyer, but at least it gives you some idea of what Chevrolet is trying to accomplish with this version. And it succeeds. The SS has GM's new, 3.9-liter V6 engine, a larger version of the 3.5-liter powerplant in other Maxx versions. Its 240 horsepower and 240 lb.-ft. of torque give Maxx SS plenty of zip. Though it still relies on pushrods, GM has added a new twist to the 3.9-liter: variable valve timing, which helps reduce emissions and optimize performance.

At the same time, Maxx SS achieves acceptable fuel economy for a vehicle of this concept, hitting 18 miles a gallon in the city and 26mpg on the highway.

Maxx SS also has a suspension that has been recalibrated to make the car more of a sports sedan, and

the longer wheelbase also helps stability and ride comfort. The car demonstrates firmness in acceleration, deceleration and cornering.

Inside, SS builds on the regular Maxx interior. It boasts an all-black color scheme, leather-bolstered front sports seats, a leather-rimmed tilt and telescope-adjustable steering wheel, and a unique instrument cluster. It also has the same space and versatility as the other Maxx versions, including a non-opening skylight for rear passengers and both front and rear seats that fold open and closed all over the place for "maxxium" flexibility in hauling both human and inanimate cargo.

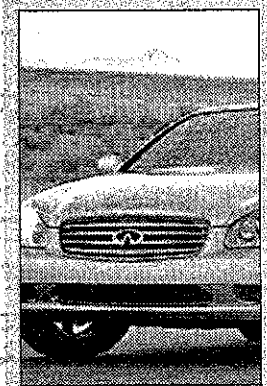
Given the harsh winter conditions around about lately, I also appreciated Maxx's remote-starting feature, something that you wouldn't necessarily expect on a Chevrolet.

The only significant option for the Malibu Maxx SS is XM satellite radio, for \$325. Including XM brought the sticker price of the SS version I drove to a highly appropriate, and affordable, \$25,000. I'm happy to report that, with Malibu Maxx SS, you'll be getting a lot of vehicle for your money.

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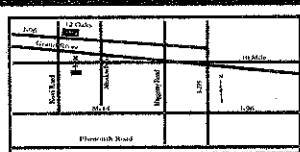
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