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A call for 'anti-racism'

King's 'unfulfilled' dream topic of celebration

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

If it weren't for the 25 points of extra credit, Canton High School freshmen Sunny Patel and Rick Peters would probably have stayed home Monday evening.

But there they were, at The Village Theater, with 350 other people who nearly filled the house for the township's "Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." program.

Did the students need the extra credit that badly? "Oh, yeah," Peters said. Patel explained that he's headed into exam week, and the 25 points carry the same weight as the average test in his history class.

Whether they know it or not, the students could be part of the fulfillment of King's legacy, or what guest speaker Circuit Court Judge Wade H. McCree called "Our Unfinished Agenda," which was the theme of the evening.

"It's only been 30 years - just one generation - between Bull Connor and the fire hoses, and black and white students living together in college dormitories," McCree said.

But there is much more to be done, he said, and it won't happen without unity.

"It's obviously not the task of whites alone," McCree said, but because white people enjoy the privilege of being the race of power, they have more of the share of responsibility to create change. "We must move to active anti-racism."



Plymouth High School student Reem Satti works on a homework assignment after viewing the exhibit, Countdown to Eternity by photographer Ben Fernandez, at the Village Theater during a celebration honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

Though the young students weren't yet born when King was killed in 1968, some in the audience remember it well.

"I was young during that period of our history. But I remember the day Dr. King died. I remember the dismay on the people's faces, like they'd lost hope. It made a huge impact on me," said Maria Holmes, spokeswoman for Comcast, which helped sponsor

Monday's event. "We're very glad to be a part of it."

Still others rely on observances and history books to learn about King and the civil rights movement. "Countdown to Eternity," a collection of photos by Ben Fernandez that documents King and the movement, will be on display at the theater until March 3. The exhibit opened at the theater in conjunction with

Monday's program.

Sabrina Dorsey, with her young daughters, Asia and Jada, chasing each other in a circle around her legs, leaned in to look more closely at one of the photographs on the wall.

"They're just beautiful," she said. "In our history books and on television, we see pictures from

PLEASE SEE MLK, A3

Teachers say they won't pay to be fingerprinted

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton administrators met with union leaders and their representatives Friday to discuss a new state law requiring all Michigan school district employees be fingerprinted and undergo a criminal investigation background.

While the law became effective Jan. 1, Ray Bihun, the district's executive director of human resources, said there are still many unanswered questions, not the least of which is who will pay the hundreds of thousands of dollars in costs as a result of the unfunded state mandate.

"We've always had regular teachers, substitute teachers and administrators fingerprinted, and they've paid for it, and continue to pay for it, at this point," said Bihun. "But, there's litigation out there as to who will have to pay for it."

"The MEA (Michigan Education Association) says its members aren't paying, but some legislators say it's a condition of employment," he said. "My understanding is the attorney general is going to give an opinion on it."

CONSIDERABLE COST

That opinion will be an important one because it will determine if Plymouth-Canton Schools will have to shell out almost a quarter-million dollars to fingerprint

PLEASE SEE TEACHERS, A3

'Too Tall' and 'White Shoes' among NFL greats set to bowl

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Most area residents would never think of lining up against Ed "Too Tall" Jones on the gridiron. But for all those who ever dreamed of being an NFL player, an upcoming Canton event will at least give you the opportunity to compete against Jones and other NFL legends - on the bowling alley.

The Super Bowl, a Canton bowling alley that is hosting an NFL-sponsored bowling classic Feb. 4, announced last week some of the NFL legends who will be participating in the event. In addition to "Too Tall," the list already includes 40 former players, including at least nine Hall of Famers. More names are

expected to be added.

Eric Dickerson, Jim Taylor, Charley Taylor, Jan Stenerud, Carl Eller, Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson, Billy "White Shoes" Johnson, O.J. Anderson, Larry Little, Brad Van Pelt, Chuck Foreman, Tom Mack and Garo Yepremian are just some of the former players participating in the charity event that will benefit the NFL's Youth Education Town in Detroit. The YET center, which will be run by Big Brothers, Big Sisters, is a \$1 million educational and recreational center the league is building on the far west side of Detroit in conjunction with Super Bowl XL.

A number of ex-Detroit Lions are also scheduled to bowl in Canton, including

Earl Morrall, Greg Landry and Hall of Famer Bill Dudley, who the club signed in 1947 to the largest contract in the league at the time.

According to organizers, up to 300 people will be able to make a \$750, tax-deductible contribution and play three games with the former players.

"This event just puts Canton right on the map with this Super Bowl," said Mark Voight, owner of Community Bowling Centers, which owns the Super Bowl.

Voight said approximately 200 people have already signed up to play, but there is still ample opportunity to sign up. In addition to bowling, participants will also receive a number of commemorative gifts, including an official Super Bowl XL bowling ball



Each participant in the Super Bowl XL Bowling Classic at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton will receive a bowling ball that looks like this artistic rendering.

and bowling pin, as well as a bag of Reebok Super Bowl XL logoed clothing and all the food one can eat for the five hours of the event.

The Super Bowl NFL Charities Bowling Classic will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at Canton's Super Bowl Lanes on Ford Road. For more information about tickets or the event, contact Janeen at Super Bowl Lanes at (734) 459-6070.

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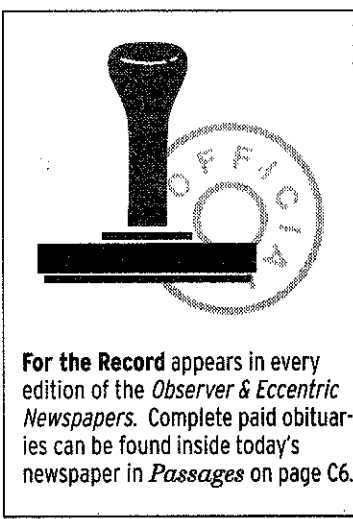
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Host a Super Bowl party with Style Editor Carla Schwartz

FOR THE RECORD

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Cecile Bak
 Bak, 78, died Jan. 10.
David Paul Barnett
 Barnett, 45, of Westland, died Jan. 9.
Dianne Bradley
 Bradley, 55, of Livonia, died Jan. 6.
C
Sharon Ann Cadwallader
 Cadwallader, 58, of Oxford, died Jan. 8.
E
Margaret D. Erickson
 Erickson, 94, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 31.
H
Winifred M. Hall
 Hall, 71, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 5.
Vanda Hasynic
 Hasynic, 82, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 15.
Ruth J. Holland
 Holland, 81, of Westland, died Jan. 13.
K
Elton Raymond (Mike) Kerr
 Kerr, 80, of Orchard Lake and Douglas Lake, died Jan. 13.
L
Michael J. Laursen
 Laursen, 44, of Auburn Hills, died Jan. 8.
Anna Londeau
 Londeau, 83, of Westland, died Jan. 12.
M
Claire Newell Menkel



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.

Menkel, 87, died Jan. 8.
Clyde W. Mitchell
 Mitchell, 70, of Rochester Hills, died Jan. 5.
O
Gerhard B. Ott
 Ott, 89, of Dearborn, died Jan. 11.
Don J. Otto
 Otto, 76, of Roseville, Calif., formerly of Farmington, died Jan. 6.
R
Sandy Richert
 Richert died Jan. 7.
S
James F. Schuneman

Schuneman, 64, of Houghton Lake, formerly of Oakland Township, died Jan. 14.
Frances F. Shettel
 Shettel, 78, of Bloomfield Hills, died Jan. 14.
Erika G. Sizemore
 Sizemore, 64, died Jan. 9.
James "Bernard" Smith
 Smith, 84, of Redford, died Jan. 7.
Lisa Ann Smith
 Smith, 43, of Northville, died Jan. 9.
T
Mufid A. Tuksal
 Tuksal, 86, died Jan. 5.
W
Carol Wayland
 Wayland, 42, of Sylvan Lake, formerly of Clawson, died Jan. 10.
David M. Watt
 Watt, 36, of Hudson, Fla., formerly of Livonia, died Dec. 25.
Barbara J. Weidemann
 Weidemann, 80, of Rochester, died Jan. 11.
Thomas Daniel Whidden Jr.
 Whidden, 37, of Westland, died Jan. 3.
Judith G. White-Ora
 White-Ora, 66, of Brighton, died Jan. 9.
Marion G. Wilkes
 Wilkes, 96, of Florida, died Jan. 2.
Evangelist Frank Harold Worden
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Right to Life gathering

The Plymouth/Canton Right to Life organization will hold its first public gathering at 4 p.m., Jan. 22 at the Canton Township Municipal Center located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road (between Cherry Hill and Palmer). The date is the 33rd anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision.

The Plymouth/Canton Right to Life group is a new affiliate of the Right to Life of Michigan group. For more information about



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Singing praise

Darlene Mungo of Canton, a member of the Annapolis Park Church of Christ PUSH choir in Westland, performs a musical selection at the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration program in Westland on Monday.

the event, contact Juliana Darrah of Michigan Right to Life in Wayne County at (734) 930-7474 or jdarrah@rtl.org. The Plymouth/Canton group's Web site is pcrto@comcast.net.

Crafters wanted

St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church (555 S. Lilley in Canton) is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only for its 2006 Christmas craft show. However, the church is not accepting vendors at this time. All interested crafters should

contact St. Thomas a'Becket at (734) 981-1333.

Nursery openings

The Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-Op, 5825 N. Sheldon in Canton, has immediate openings available for children aged 3-4.

There will be an open house for interested families on Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon. Fall registration for 2006-2007 school year will be on Feb. 4, from 10 -11 a.m. For more information, call (734)455-6250, or visit the Web site, www.plymouthnursery.org.

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Mom Bryn Gerich and son Perrin Renaldi shake Kindermusik rattles during storytime at the Plymouth Coffee Bean.



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Michele Santillan and daughter Juliana learn about the "Wheels on the Bus" during a storytime event at Plymouth's Coffee Bean.

Tell a story, teach a skill

Kids give Kindermusik program enthusiastic greeting

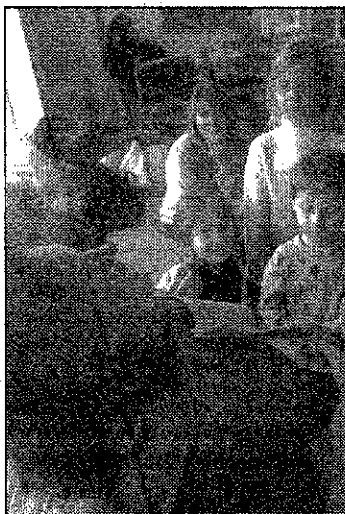
BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

In a back room of a Plymouth coffee house, 6-year-old Mardi Fries stood still for much longer and listened more closely than the other children, who had gathered for a monthly story time program.

Rapt, Mardi leaned in close, to hear the details of the tale about the ponies while a half dozen toddlers ran in circles around her, shaking plastic eggs full of beans to the "swish-swish" of tails. Mardi's 4-year-old brother, Jake, was far less interested in the story, and quietly worked on a cup of decaf.

Tuesday was the first day Kindermusik instructor Michelle Shrewsbury had held a story time session at The Coffee Bean in downtown Plymouth, and she was encouraged by the young students' enthusiasm.

Mardi and Jake are old pros



Teacher Michelle Shrewsbury takes a deep, deep breath, while Nicholas Neil, mom Debra Neil, Gale Shrewsbury, Mardi Fries and David Neil enjoy a good story at a storytime event at Plymouth's Coffee Bean.

when it comes to Kindermusik.

Their mother, Sharon Fries, started taking them last summer to regular classes at

Evola Music in their hometown of Canton.

"Mostly I just wanted a summertime activity for them," Fries said.

"But once we saw how good it is for them developmentally, especially for Jake, we kept going. There's more to it than better movement and coordination. It's about brain development too."

Tuesday's theme - things that go - integrated movement and rhythm and breathing with the story, as Shrewsbury told the children to make a rhythmic clip-clop of horseshoes, and puff out their bellies like the ponies would.

Even the stories themselves, told in rhyme, have a rhythmic and lyrical quality of their own, and Shrewsbury interjects periodically with sweeping physical motions with her

arms and head.

The children quickly joined her, mirroring her movements and laughing.

"Every Kindermusik class incorporates one story to help with social skills and cognitive development," Shrewsbury said.

"This - the story hour - just builds on that idea."

The story times, which will be held monthly at The Coffee Bean downtown in Plymouth, and Caribou Coffee in Plymouth Township, were organized as a free introduction to the Kindermusik program at Evola.

For more information about the story times or about the program at Evola Music, contact Kindermusik instructor Karen Schanerberger at (734) 455-4677.

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TEACHERS

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all employees - regular or contract - who come into contact with children.

"The new state law says we have to fingerprint everybody who receives a paycheck from the district, including all substitute employees, community education people and coaches from the outside, bus drivers, school crossing guards," Bihun said. "It's an unfunded mandate, and at 3,000 employees at \$70 to each to fingerprint, a rough estimate is \$210,000 ... and it could be more than that."

As of the first of the year, Bihun said a handful of employees who were hired paid for the fingerprinting and background check as a condition of employment. However, current employees are wondering why they should have to shell out \$70 as a condition of employment, considering they're already employed.

"I'm already an employee of PCCS, and if they want to fingerprint and do a background check, the district should absorb the cost," said Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, which represents about 1,100 teachers. "That's something that needs to be negotiated."

Portelli, who was fingerprinted in the past, said he's not against the law, but is concerned school employees are being singled out.

"I'm not opposed to the law itself to protect kids from pedophiles, but the fact we've singled out school employees," said Portelli. "What about the UPS driver that comes into the building? What about doctors that come into contact with young children, nurses, lawyers? Anyone who comes into the building should have that same test."

FBI DATA BASE

Bihun said Plymouth-Canton has always performed criminal background checks on

employees with the Michigan State Police, but the new law will allow for the fingerprints to be checked with an FBI database to see if employees have been convicted of crimes in another state.

Bihun said even if employees have a spotless record when hired, there is a way to catch subsequent crimes.

"Twice a year we submit records so the authorities can cross-reference school employees with any recent convictions," said Bihun. "And, the new law states if you are arraigned or charged with a crime, you have to report it within three days to the Michigan Department of Education. If not, you could be terminated and then convicted of failing to file the report."

And, as the fingerprinting process is developed, school districts will be notified of any criminal backgrounds. Then, there will be some tough decisions concerning employment for people who have past records, including longtime employees.

"There may be other felonies. People were convicted of in the past, like maybe while protesting the war 30 years ago and they were charged with a felony," said Bihun. "It's still on their record, but they've been a model teacher for 25 years in the district. The Board of Education and superintendent will have to make a decision if the district should continue to employ that person."

Del Templeton has been driving a Plymouth-Canton school bus for six years, and doesn't have a problem with undergoing a background check.

"You never know who's out there," said Templeton. "You hear all the time about someone who was the nicest person in the world, only to find out he was a criminal."

"There are enough pedophiles out there, and we certainly don't want to hire any or have any already working for us," he said.

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MLK

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the civil rights movement, and I've never seen any of these."

It's not just the historical aspect of King's life that the community gathered to celebrate, according to theater house manager Michael Dudley. It's the future of our country as a whole.

"Today we believe Dr. King's dream is still deeply rooted in the American dream," said Dudley. "Yet it is an unfulfilled dream."

Featured at the event were Vision, the men's glee club from the Detroit School of Arts, and two short films, courtesy of the township's cable studio.

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Auto Show visitors size up the offerings at Cobo

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

The automotive world, from the oldest names in the industry to the first offering from a Chinese automaker, is on display at Cobo Hall this week and open to the public.

Some go to see cars they'll never be able to own — the Mercedes McLaren edition comes in for just under \$500,000 — and some go to see cars that will never be available to anyone — the Nissan Urge concept car is not slated for production.

But others go to the North American International Auto Show to shop without pressure. To walk around, sit in and kick the tires of cars they're seriously considering buying for themselves.

Michael Gruskin of West Bloomfield came to see the automakers' new cars and scope out the concept cars. He was particularly interested to see if the domestics were up to snuff.

"I wanted to see if the American cars were competitive with the foreign brands," Gruskin said. "I think there are a lot of good products coming out of GM and Ford. The hybrids look good."

Nicholas Pierson of Canton was there to see if the redesign of the Camaro stood up to the muscle cars he grew up with. He was also using the Auto Show as an opportunity to look at the companies' new cars without pressure.

"I'm going to be shopping within the next year and I'm looking at what I want without having to deal with a salesman," he said.

A lot of people at the Auto Show were there doing just the same thing. The largest auto showroom in Michigan was filled with people feeling the seats and smelling the new car smell without someone haranguing them about incentives and financing.

This group includes even those who don't have to talk to a single salesman.

"I really like the (Pontiac) Solstice, but that's not a family car, it's just fun," said Lake Orion resident Cindy McDonald. She was there with her husband, Jeff, a GM employee who gets to order his cars rather than shop for them. "I'm looking at the (Pontiac) G6."

Despite never having to deal with the traditional showroom, Jeff McDonald said the show gives him a chance to sit in all of the cars available to him at once and see what they feel like, something you can't do with a catalog in your office.

Jon Maples of Canton and his son, Sam, were at the show looking for SUVs. Gas mileage was going to be a major point in the deliberations. Dad liked the Jeep Liberty diesels, son was leaning toward the Lexus hybrids.

"I'm looking for a small to midsize SUV," Sam said. "I'm going to have to pay for my own gas."

Jon said he was looking for something that was both environmentally sensitive as well as fuel efficient. With the decision to purchase coming late this year, the father and son team had a lot more looking to do.

"It's nice to see all the vehicles at once," Jon Maples said. "The Ford Edge and the (Jeep) Compass is nice."

"I like the Camaro, the Corvette, the Tahoe and the Hummer," said Sunday Dwyre of Waterford. "We might be shopping for a new Tahoe in the future. My husband works for GM and we don't know if he'll have a job in the future."

Gene Roberts works for Pontiac at a facility near his home in Wheeling, West Virginia. He's been coming to NAIAS for years. It's a tradition.

"This is the only auto show I go to," he said. "If they stop



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Michael Jopps works the auto show as a product representative for GM's Saturn. He's from Plymouth.

having it here I won't go to another. This is a good place to come and see the competition."

Wandering from exhibit to exhibit, the sounds of a hundred pitchmen waft about extolling the virtues of this braking system or that cabin configuration. One of those voices belongs to Michael Jopps of Plymouth, he works at the Saturn exhibit promoting the Skye and Aura — both cars will be on the streets this year.

"People have a lot of questions; when will the cars be released, will there be a waiting list, how many will be at the dealership," he said. "For the most part people are nice, though some people get upset if you don't have enough literature set out."

Jopps has worked at the Auto Show before, getting the connection through a local modeling agency.



Plymouth resident Jon Maples and his son, Sam, are shopping for a vehicle to replace one coming off-lease. Dad leans toward a Jeep Liberty diesel and son likes the hybrid Lexus SUV.

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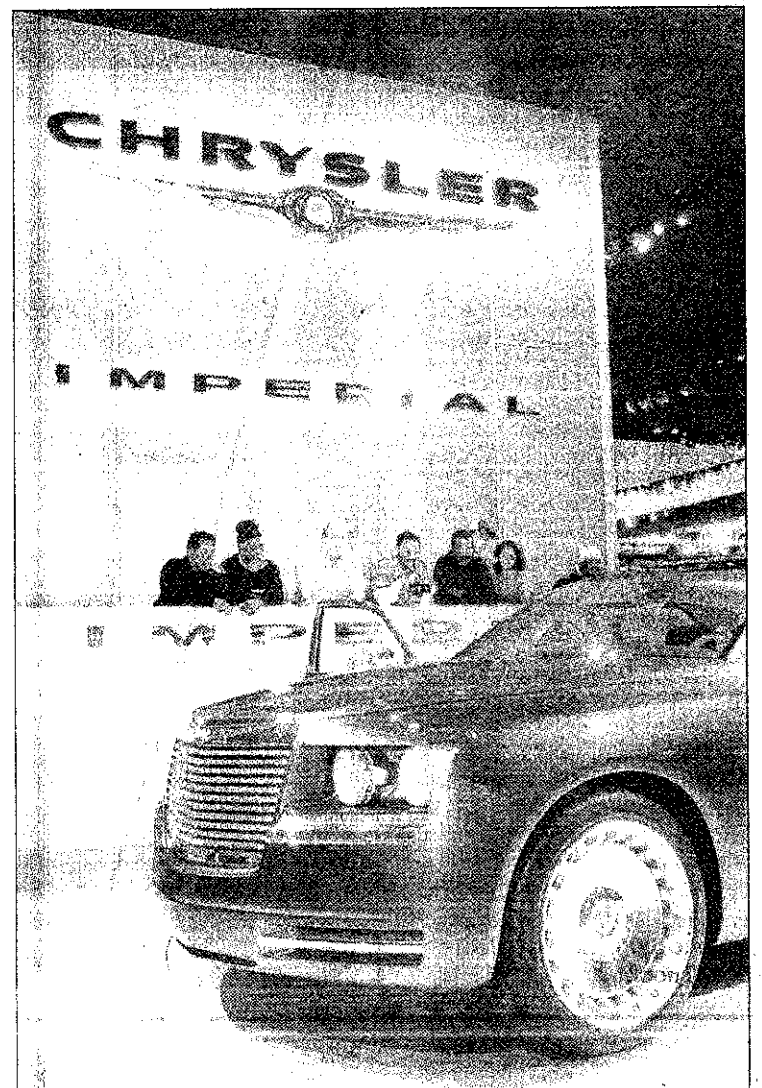
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SCHOOL NEWS

Albion Dean's List

Several local students have been named to the Albion College Dean's List for the fall 2005 semester. They include:

Matthew Baciak, an Albion freshman and member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. He is the son of Jan and Ilona Baciak of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Jessica Atkinson, a senior majoring in political science and English and is a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. She is the daughter of Timothy and Tina Atkinson of Canton and a graduate of Ladywood High School.

Jeffery Bennett, a senior majoring in economics and management and is a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. He is the son of William and Sandra Bennett of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

Kara Christenson, a senior majoring in English and German. She is the daughter of Keith and Dawn Christenson of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

William Fitzsimmons, a first-year student at Albion College. He is the son of Joseph Fitzsimmons, Jr. and Julie Fitzsimmons of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Sarah Jose, a first-year student at Albion College and member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. She is the daughter of Richard and Deborah Jose of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

Ashleigh Munch is a sophomore majoring in speech communication and minoring in psychology. She is a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Ross O'Hara, a senior majoring in English with creative writing and psychology. He is the son of Michael and Diane O'Hara of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Katherine Smith, a senior majoring in political science and speech communication and is a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. She is the daughter of Tonya Smith of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

Nearly 300 show up to help woman in need of transplant

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Marion Rozum knew her neighbors were generous, or she wouldn't have organized the bone marrow drive in the first place. But when donors showed up numbering seven times the usual number, it was enough to surprise even her.

"We do other bone marrow drives with our blood drives, but usually only get about 40 donors," Rozum said.

But when she organized a Jan. 14 bone marrow drive for friend Jan Fallat, who has leukemia and needs a stem cell transplant, she put the word out in the *Canton Observer*, at their church, St. Thomas a'

Becket, and a neighboring church, St. John Neumann. People showed up in droves to help Fallat, and in the process become part of the national registry.

"We collected 200 pints of blood that will help 600 adults and children," Rozum said. "We had 50 people sign up for the Save a Life Foundation for organ transplants and 287 new donors added to the National Bone Marrow Registry program. Hopefully we will find a match not only for Jan, but many others."

The blood and bone marrow drive drew more people than usual, which is quite a high bar to clear. Because of the teamwork of both churches, and the

many parishioner volunteers who lend a hand, Rozum said that St. Thomas a' Becket has been recognized as southeast Michigan's largest donor site.

"I am thankful to all the *Observer* readers that cared enough to help someone in need in their own community. Hopefully, others will become aware of the desperate need there is for donors. Blood products cannot be manufactured, they need to come from you and me. Next time you read about a blood or bone marrow drive, take the time to become a donor," Rozum said. "Someone needs you to live."

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Marion Rozum, who organized a bone marrow drive for her friend Jan Fallat last weekend at St. Thomas a'Becket, was overwhelmed with the response from the community.

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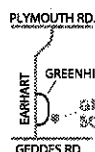
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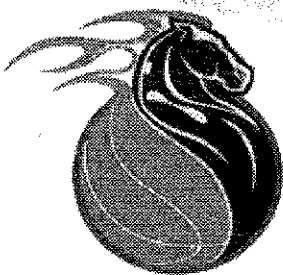


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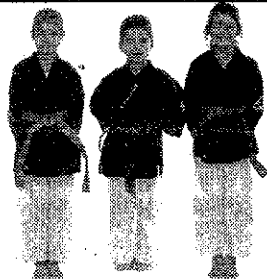
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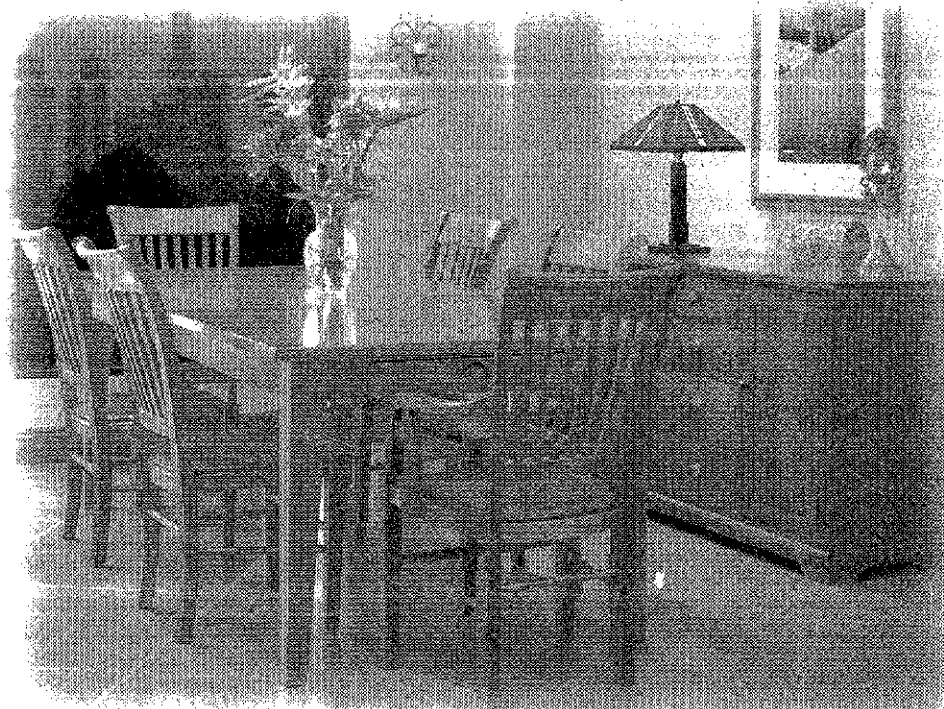
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OUR VIEWS

Livonia lease a good option

The few parents who are sniffing because Plymouth-Canton school officials shifted their course of action to deal with renovations at Miller Elementary School are off-base.

There has been some limited whining the last couple of weeks since school officials have been negotiating with their counterparts in the Livonia school district to rent Washington Elementary, the school at Ann Arbor Road and Hix which Livonia officials will close in a restructuring of their district because of declining enrollment.

Plymouth-Canton needs more space because a \$4.5 million renovation plan at Miller Elementary is forcing the district to close that school for an entire school year. That means P-C officials have to find somewhere for the general students and Talented and Gifted students to go to school next year.

The grouching comes because Plymouth-Canton Supt. Jim Ryan originally announced those students would be moved to the new Workman Elementary School in Canton's Cherry Hill Village, a school scheduled to open in August.

The whining goes something like this (and we're paraphrasing here): "First, the district told us one thing, then they said another. How are our kids supposed to adjust?"

But Ryan's initial announcement came well before the December decision by the Livonia Board of Education to close schools and realign its district. Plymouth-Canton officials can scarcely be faulted for exploring new options, particularly when they provide a better solution than cramming all those students into one building for a year.

Miller students are going to be bused somewhere, either to a school (Workman) that would then be bursting at the seams or to an empty school (Washington) the district will have to pay some \$225,000, about what it would have cost them to run Miller for the year in the first place.

The busing distance to both alternatives is the same, about 4.5 miles, so the students were going to have to adjust either way. This way, most of them will have their own building rather than having to jam into Workman.

Workman won't be big enough for everyone, but the district plans to put the TAG kids at Workman for a year, with the rest going to Washington. That will allow the district to draw attendance boundaries that will allow students living within sight of Workman to attend the school, rather than having them bused right past it.

Children generally prove to be far more resilient than adults, a fact we're confident will allow them to adjust to their new surroundings at Washington. Parents are right to be concerned their children are given every opportunity to succeed with as little stress as possible.

Assuming a lease is worked out with Livonia, that's exactly what Plymouth-Canton school officials are doing here.

Join Detroit's party for Super Bowl XL

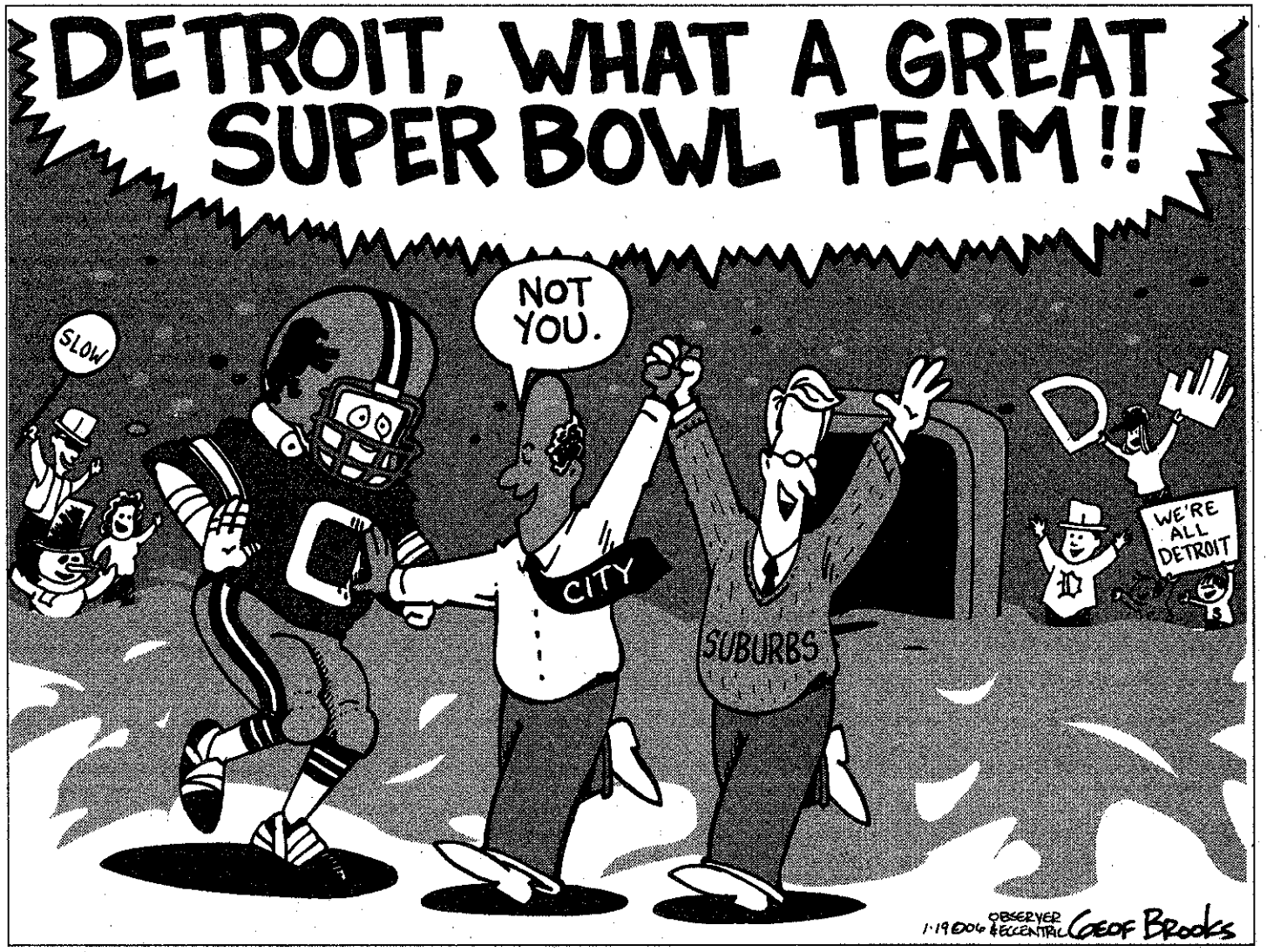
Are you ready for some football? Are you ready to party? The biggest party of the year comes Sunday, Feb. 5, to Ford Field.

The central city has spruced up and cleaned up. Detroit and the suburbs are rolling out the red carpet to welcome Super Bowl XL.

Last year 133.7 million viewers tuned in to Super Bowl XXXIX. Every year the National Football League championship is the most watched event on television. What better opportunity is there to showcase our community, garner some positive press and deflect some of the negative images that have attached themselves like barnacles to the Motor City?

Local groups have been working long hours to make this a Super Bowl to be remembered for all the right reasons. Beginning this week, numerous events are planned to get everyone involved throughout the metro area. Concerts will spotlight Detroit's rich contribution to American music. Local restaurants will be serving up their finest cuisine. And numerous charity events will combine a good time with a good cause, showing off the region's big heart.

Area hotels and motels will be full with media representatives, corporate leaders and sports and show business celebrities, as well as fans lucky enough to have tickets to the big game. They may come to the city with some preconceived negatives notions, but local organizers hope they leave the city with the positive message that Detroit is a great place to party and a great place to live.



LETTERS

'ID' is not science

I appreciated Jack Kramer's take on the evolution and intelligent design debate ("Many scientists are skeptical about the theory of evolution," Jan. 15). The fact of the matter is that 'ID' is creationism all gussied up in a new outfit. Unable to sell their theory, the creationists have taken the clever new tack of putting it forward as scientific theory.

I attended Catholic school growing up and am a regular church goer. I was always taught that evolution and belief in God are not mutually exclusive. God could choose whatever method of creating our amazing universe that suited him.

I do take objection, though, to Mr. Kramer's suggestion that evolution and intelligent design are in the same league as scientific theories. That's like saying Roger Clemens and I, combined, have 340 major league baseball wins. While technically accurate, it doesn't tell the true story.

Matt Haran
Canton

Time to move

On Jan. 12, Mr. Robert Cieslak wrote a letter about the IKEA store about to open in Canton Township. I also live in the Pickwick subdivision and have watched the construction of this store. Being a resident for more than 30 years in Canton and remembering previous supervisors telling the township that Canton won't become like areas that surround it, I can remember summer mornings of fresh air and the quietness of the area. Now it has become a polluted, noisy township with crime abundant throughout.

It seems as though our elected officials have forsaken the people who put them in office to assure this area remained rural but, instead, have chosen to pollute Ford Road with strip malls and big businesses. The fertile soil of this area has been covered by cement and asphalt. If only the new residents of this community could go back 20 years and see what it used to be, I know they would have the same feelings as I do.

This spring, I will be putting my house up for sale and moving to Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., looking for what I have seen lost in Canton. I can hardly wait for the day that I see Canton Township for the last time in my rearview mirror. People in this community should take a hard look at what our elected officials are turning this area into.

Robert Denstedt
Canton

A generous community

On Dec. 26, a number of senior youth and adult advisers from Geneva Presbyterian Church spent the night outside in our church parking lot to raise awareness of the needs of homeless persons in the metro Detroit area and to encourage people to donate clothing and other items that would benefit the homeless. This was the 11th year we have done this and, once again, the Canton community was extraordinarily generous. We delivered approximately 600 bags and boxes of clothing and other items to the

Open Door Ministry in downtown Detroit. These donations will help save lives as they are distributed to the neediest residents in our community.

I also want to thank Dave Szydowski and the folks at Expedite-Rite Shipping Company, who donated a truck and a driver to deliver these donations free of charge.

Our faith community gives thanks to God that He has placed us in the heart of this generous Canton community.

Bryan Smith
pastor, Geneva Presbyterian Church

Wrestlers' generosity

On Jan. 12, the Plymouth High School wrestling team hosted the Northville High School wrestling team to a match. On that evening, the PHS Wrestling Boosters collected and donated \$100 to the Northville Football Parents Association: Todd Schoenheide Scholarship fund.

Bob Thomas, a Northville family member, also donated \$100 to the scholarship fund that evening. Todd Schoenheide was a Northville student and wrestler killed in a tragic accident last year.

I had the pleasure of meeting Todd's father, Dale Schoenheide of Novi, that evening. The reason for this letter? I wanted to personally and publicly tell all of the PHS wrestling parents what an honor and privilege it is to know and work with such caring and giving individuals. The selflessness and generosity of the PHS and NHS parents and families on that evening was so heartwarming that I was brought to tears.

Sports and athletics not only bring kids a sense of family, but it also does the same for their parents. I cannot imagine the loss of a child and my heart goes out to the Schoenheide family. But the love and compassion that our wrestling "family" showed that evening to another wrestling "family" was inspirational.

Thank you, PHS and NHS, for your sense of "family." We truly are one community and the unity was felt that evening. Thank you Elaine Hubbard, PHS Wrestling Boosters president, for being such a great leader, inspiration and hard act to follow. You are a good friend.

Lisa Korpus
Canton

Legion thanks

The Plymouth-Canton elementary schools again showed a tremendous amount of Americanism in December.

The students and staff of all 15 elementary schools donated more than \$4,000 in personal care items to American Legion Post 112, Plymouth Township.

Post 112 then delivered these items to the Volunteer Department at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor. The volunteers in turn distribute the personal care items to the veterans who are patients at the hospital.

Post 112 started this program 10 years ago and since then the students, principals, teachers, office staff and custodians are waiting for the Post to begin collecting the donations each year. All members of Post 112 salute and thank all of the above for their work and donations for

this program.

Above all, the hospitalized veterans appreciate these items and thank the schools for their generosity and for remembering them.

Post 112 members volunteered to count, package, deliver fliers and to pick up all the donations from the 15 elementary schools. They inventoried and delivered the donated items to the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The members who gave their time for this project included Post 112 Commander Gordon Vining, Senior Vice Commander Bob Longmate, Post Adjutant Don Demsky, Chaplain Edna Somers, Carl Stamper, Kevin Demsky and Ann Demsky.

Joe Burman

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Financial irresponsibility

The career and tech center are more important than a swimming pool and theater. I thought the main purpose for having all three high schools on one campus was that facilities could be shared between the schools, thus enabling the district to offer more diversity in curriculum, athletics, arts, etc. This is financial irresponsibility.

The Plymouth-Canton voters have paid for and supported this wonderful school district and will in the future. I believe that some students are going to be inconvenienced from time to time in a large complex like PCEP. But shouldn't the students be required to make a few sacrifices also? The Plymouth-Canton taxpayers are making theirs with their continued support of the school district.

Richard Giles
Canton

Don't wake sleeping giant

America will ignore aggression oceans away, but not when it spills into our homeland. Japan aroused this sleeping giant by bombing Pearl Harbor. Osama bin Laden became a fugitive after destroying the Twin Towers. Our shores have not been violated in the last four years and we are getting drowsy. Has our security been 100 percent effective or did our enemies learn not to wake us?

Hank Borgman
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- Micheal Dudley, house manager of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, commenting during the township's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration Monday evening at the theater

Money doesn't talk, it swears, in both Lansing and Washington

There are three things to say about the Jack Abramoff corruption case that is convulsing Washington:

■ First, despite all the various near-bribery and influence peddling scandals that infest our political system, this one isn't small beer. "People down here are scared stiff and running for the hills," one congressional staffer told me. Other sources say as many as 60 representatives and scores of staffers could ultimately be involved.

Abramoff has now pleaded guilty to fraud, tax evasion and conspiracy, and the word is that he is singing like a canary. If the extent of this is as great as feared, this could become the biggest scandal to engulf the Congress in more than a generation.



Phil Power

That's not surprising, given how powerful and pervasive the system has become. The originator was now-deposed (and privately hugely despised) House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas. He originated the "K Street Project," a system in which lobbying firms (whose offices are largely located on Washington's K Street) were told they had to "pay to play," i.e. contribute to Republican causes and hire ex-Republican staffers in order to get access to lawmakers to make sure legislation was written their way.

Evidently, day-to-day tactics featured a close link between DeLay's work to round up votes in the House with lobbyist Abramoff's access to money and perks. When DeLay found he needed to grease the pitch for a tough vote, he'd call Abramoff and — lo and behold! — the target member would score a Super Bowl ticket or a trip to Vegas.

■ Second, although the Michigan Legislature certainly is second to none in vicious partisanship and demonstrated ineffectuality, today's atmosphere in Lansing is not as corrupt as in Washington ... not quite.

A now-legendary story around Lansing has it that a certain former speaker of the House once shouted across the room at a lobbyist, "Hey! I got your bill passed! Now where's my money?"

He may have been only kidding, but jaws dropped at the embarrassingly explicit — and public — linkage between dough and law. Do not delude yourself that ethical standards prevailing in Lansing are more saintly than in Washington. Lansing's a much smaller town and therefore there's less money at stake.

Moreover, Michigan's governor has a line-item veto over appropriation items; if lobbyists can't sneak expensive "earmarks" — legislatively required appropriation items, i.e. "pork" — into bills, a big motivation for corrupt pay-to-play has disappeared.

But aggressive lobbying and the equally aggressive and reciprocal pursuit of campaign contributions by Michigan legislators keep raising real questions about the integrity of the entire process. "Fund-raising has become a 24/7 exercise," one

Lansing lobbyist told me, "and both the politicians and the lobbyists find it's a real pain."

Part of the problem is the inevitable dynamic of a term-limited Legislature, where newly elected lawmakers start raising money to run for higher (or some other) office just as soon as they're sworn in.

So it's no surprise that as of last October, according to the Michigan Campaign Finance Network in Lansing, the state's top 150 political action committees had already raised a third more money for this year's elections than at the same time before the 2004 vote.

■ Third, Michigan's seemingly tight bribery statute reveals a fuzzy area between bribery (a criminal offense, requiring explicit agreement that money is being paid in exchange for a vote or an action) and mere influence peddling, mostly via campaign contributions. Much of the time, special-interest groups contribute to legislators who are predisposed to agree with them. That's OK.

But sometimes, a "contribution" — plus a wink, a nod and a vote — comes awfully close to something criminal.

That's why a paragraph from *The New York Times* on the Abramoff case raised so many eyebrows in Lansing: "There's a lot of talk coming out of various quarters that the Justice Department is going to pursue a different definition of bribery, meaning that if somebody were to give a gift or a campaign contribution in the same time period as a member took an official action, that in and of itself would constitute bribery. ... That sure scares the bejesus out of people."

Most people out of whom the bejesus is being scared won't have heard of the famous 18th century Scottish philosopher David Hume. Too bad. In a classic piece of analysis about what it really means to say that some thing "causes" another, Hume argued that the key issue was something he called "constant conjunction."

That is, if A is always and everywhere followed by B, it's conclusive to assert that A caused B. If a campaign contribution always and everywhere is followed by a specific vote ... well, the contribution caused the vote. And that's bribery, in Hume's analysis.

Alas, most insiders I talked with said they thought neither the Justice Department nor the Michigan attorney general's office would move in Hume's direction. And virtually everybody thinks that as long as elections are as expensive as they have become, there is no way scandals like Abramoff's won't keep cropping up from time to time.

A better system is have public financing for elections, the way most industrial democracies in Europe do it. Of course, who in Lansing would want to vote for public funds in the public interest ... if that shuts down their local and parochial money tree?

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Take action: Plight of workers no less of a tragedy

Tragic events like the West Virginia mine, the Eurasian tsunami and Hurricane Katrina have a way of gripping the hearts and conscience of the nation. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims of these natural disasters and all of the miners' families who have been shattered by the loss of lives.

Yet, as I reflect on these tragic events and I hear politicians calling for hearings, tougher regulations, better safety and working conditions, I cannot help but think of the working men and women whose livelihoods are being snuffed out here in Michigan and other industrial states by globalization and the



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transformational shift in the world economy. These workers, through no fault of their own, are being tossed around in a global blast. Countless families will face financial ruin, and if past economic catastrophes are any predictor, there will be loss of life and spirit with increased heart attacks, strokes, suicides and mental breakdowns. We must remember that these economic fallouts are more than just statistics on some PowerPoint presentation — they are someone's father, mother, sister or brother that is being impacted, along with their families and communities. These casualties are not as visible as the human drama that is easily captured when sudden devastating events hit — but the results are no less tragic.

For the workers at Delphi, GM, Ford and the other hundreds of thousands of working men and women who have lost their jobs, livelihood and hope the past few years, their plight has been like a slow boil. The impact these workers are experiencing is not as immediate or sensational as the gripping life and death situation being witnessed on the 24/7 news stations. However, their plight is more like the frog placed in a cold pot of water and slowly brought to a boil — after 15, 20, 30 years of honest labor at the plants, these workers are told they are cooked.

Where is the national outcry for the families impacted by globalization and loss of decent middle class jobs? Where are the state and national relief efforts to help ease the pain and help the impacted families and communities pummeled by the deindustrialization of Michigan and America? Where are the demands for better safety precautions to be put in place to prevent these upheavals? Where is the national strategy to address unfair trade agreements, intellectual piracy and currency manipulation? Where are the investments in job training and retraining

Let's be clear, the slow boil that is cooking far too many working people and evaporating good middle class jobs should be a wake-up call for us all. The world is changing in dramatic ways and yesterday's answers will not help the impacted workers' families and communities build necessary bridges to the future. What is transpiring is a global transformational shift that poses an enormous challenge and will require leadership, creativity and innovation to address.

programs to help today's workers transition to the 21st century knowledge jobs?

There were warning signs provided though numerous safety violations that could have and should have foreshadowed the potential for a tragic events in New Orleans and at the West Virginia mine, if decision-makers were willing to open their eyes and see them. Unless our leaders recognize the signs and understand that good working men and women are at risk and take action now, another tragedy will surely unfold.

Does it really require that carnage be played out on national news on a continuous basis before efforts are begun to address the working man and woman's plight?

Where is the outrage demanding that our leaders actually lead and address these issues?

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Like the West Virginia mine operators, we've been warned a very serious problem lies ahead and working men and women are at risk. Will we heed the warning?

For working people everywhere, I certainly hope so.

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Watershed director welcomes challenge

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
STAFF WRITER

"Let no one say it to your shame, That all was beautiful before you came."

Gary Morgan first read those words as a child. Growing up in Detroit he lived near Rouge Park, where the words appeared on a sign. It was the place his father, an avid outdoorsman, taught him about environmental stewardship.

"I can see that like it was yesterday," Morgan said. Now 54, he has taken his passion for the environment to a new career as executive director of the Rochester-based Clinton River Watershed Council.

Morgan studied urban forestry at the University of Michigan and spent 17 years with the city of Dearborn's parks and forestry division, where his work included restoration of the Rouge River.

"We did a national search. ... It was nice to find somebody in our own back yard," said Tony Rothschild, a Lake Orion resident who is president of the watershed council's board of directors.

"He's got a long background in watershed management, his work at Dearborn working with the Rouge River. He went back to school and got his master's degree while he was working at Dearborn. This is where his passion is, sort of a career change working with nonprofits."

Along with his work on the Rouge, Morgan brings to his new job extensive recreational experience of the Clinton River watershed.



Morgan

Since the 1980s he's sailed on Lake St. Clair and kept a boat on the Clinton River. He also bicycles and enjoys cross country skiing.

The new job "was a very interesting move, the whole idea of the (size) of the watershed," he said.

From its headwaters in Springfield Township to its eventual end in Lake St. Clair, the Clinton River Watershed covers 760 square miles in four counties, from Almont south to the Detroit city limit. Some 1.4 million people live within the watershed.

The Watershed Council's mission is to protect, enhance and celebrate the Clinton River, its watershed and Lake St. Clair. Morgan said he became aware just how tuned in people are to the watershed when he attended a fund-raising event right after he was hired in late October.

At the council, Morgan, who recently moved to Rochester, will work with seven subwatershed groups. Each is tasked with responsibilities, including federal stormwater management, for a section of the watershed.

"It's going to be a learning experience; over the last couple of months it has been already," Morgan said. "I haven't even unpacked yet. It's keeping me busy."

Morgan said he's impressed with the leadership that's in place.

Museum unveils exhibit on civil liberties

The good and bad of America's history will be front and center in a new permanent exhibit which opened to the public at the Henry Ford Museum on Monday, Martin Luther King's birthday.

"With Liberty and Justice For All" takes a close look at the progression of civil liberties from the Revolutionary War to the impact of the Civil Rights Movement.

"The exhibit will be an intense and emotional trip through America's history, a history that included slavery and segregation," said Christian Overland, vice president of venue operations. "We will not gloss over the ugliness and the hate that freedom fighters faced. The artifacts that have been selected to tell these stories will show both the good and the bad as America transformed its definition of liberty."

The exhibit is made possible in part by grants from the DTE Energy Foundation, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Institute for Museum and Library Services/National Park Service/"Save America's Treasures," National City Bank, Ford Motor Company Fund, DaimlerChrysler

Corporation Fund and contributors to the museum's recent capital campaign.

"The DTE Energy Foundation is very proud to fund this important addition to the Henry Ford Museum," said Fred Shell, vice president, corporate and governmental affairs, DTE Energy, and president of the DTE Energy Foundation. "This exhibit will remind us all that ordinary people can do extraordinary things, and when they do, the world can change for the better."

The foundation awarded \$500,000 to the museum for the exhibit.

"With Liberty and Justice For All" takes visitors through four key turning points in America's history: the Independence movement and Revolutionary War, the anti-slavery movement and Civil War, the Woman's Suffrage Movement and the Civil Rights Movement.

The exhibit shows the struggle and fight for freedom, as well as the spirit and courage to maintain it. With the Declaration of Independence as a guide, visitors learn about the initial conflicts and oppression related to each era and the momentum that led to change. The exhibit also



A camp bed used by George Washington is one of the key artifacts in an exhibit on liberty and justice at The Henry Ford.

introduces the leaders and their legacies and educates people on the impact of each transformation on the future Americans.

The focal point of the exhibit are key iconic artifacts from the collection of The Henry Ford, including:

- The bus where Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat which started the Montgomery Bus Boycott and sparked the Civil Rights Movement.

- The chair from Ford's Theater in which President Abraham Lincoln sat when he was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth.

- The camp bed George Washington used while on a victory tour of battlefields after the Revolutionary War.

- The speakers' chair made by Thomas Affleck and used in Independence Hall by the first Congress of the United States.

Nearly 95 percent of the existing artifacts are being used in this exhibit that have never been displayed to the public. They include:

- Military letters signed by George Washington during the Revolutionary War.
- One of only three hand-

written copies of the 13th amendment signed by President Abraham Lincoln, Vice President Hannibal Hamlin and 148 members of the 38th congress.

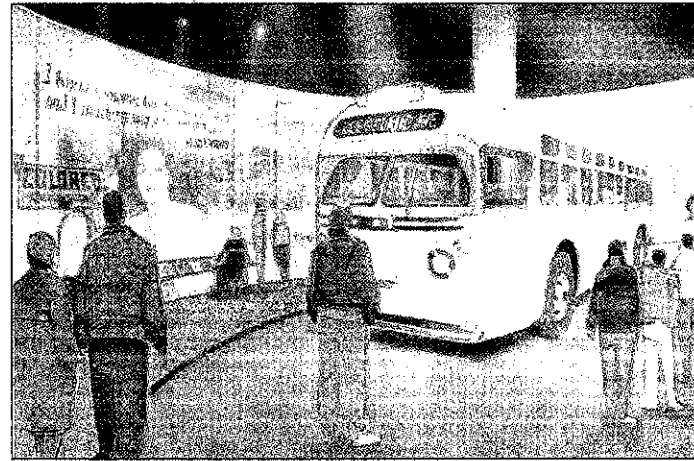
Museum curators also acquired several artifacts specifically for the "With Liberty and Justice For All" exhibit, including:

- An enlistment notice from the Revolutionary War
- Recruiting broadsides (posters) from the Civil War
- "Mr. President What Will You do for Women's Suffrage?" Flag

- Materials from the 1963 march in Washington, D.C., where Martin Luther King Jr. gave his legendary "I Have a Dream" speech.

The Henry Ford has hired Gallagher & Associates to create the exhibit. Gallagher & Associates is known for The International Spy Museum and exhibits at the Smithsonian and Gettysburg.

The Henry Ford, at 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, was founded in 1929 by automotive pioneer Henry Ford. For more information visit its Web site at www.thehenryford.org.



The bus where Rosa Parks took her stand against segregated seating is one of the centerpieces of an exhibit on liberty and justice at The Henry Ford.

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A well-organized closet saves steps and space.

Professional organizers offer tips

Here are some suggestions about organizing from the National Association of Professional Organizers:

CHILDREN'S ROOMS

■ Have bins and boxes on lower shelves so youngsters can put away toys. Have the child label the bins and boxes.

■ Provide low hooks to hang up clothes, book bags and other items.

GARAGE

■ Determine how you wish to use the space. Is it a workshop? A storage center? Both? Stick to the floor plan.

■ Get rid of things that don't work.

■ Sort, purge, then decide the proper storage containers or fixtures for the treasures that you must keep. Clearly label the tops and sides of the containers.

CLOSET

■ Go through your closet today and pull out everything you haven't worn in the last year.

■ Decide what you want at your fingertips and what can be hidden away in containers under the bed, on top shelves or in drawers.

■ The closet should be bright and inviting. You should be able to see what you have in your closet. Consider installing good lighting.

■ Hang like items together—group shirts together, pants

PLEASE SEE TIPS, B6

Organization at home, work helps busy lifestyle

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

"One of these days..." How many times is that heard in talk about getting organized? And that day never seems to come.

"Seize the day" is the ideal phrase. Whether at home or at work, being organized cuts down on stress and frustration, and saves time and money, according to the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO).

January is National GO (Get Organized) Month, sponsored by NAPO.

Getting started at being better organized can make a difference.

"It's seeing a light at the end of the tunnel and you're encouraged to keep on with it," said Shannon Burdick, owner and professional organizer, Shannon's Organizing Service in Rochester Hills.

Routing all of the paper that accumulates is the biggest problem people have with organization, consultants say. Such factors as e-mail, the Internet and the National Do Not Call registry have increased the amount of material to deal with.

"They say (the amount of mail) we receive in one week, our parents received in one month and our grandparents received in one year," said Betty Huotari, professional organizer from Logical Placement.

"People are very overwhelmed with all of it and trying to keep up with it," said Carrie Vance, owner, Organized Business Solutions in Farmington Hills.

"(The Internet and e-mail) are so much fun we want to keep it all and read it all. We think we can do it all. We can't."

KEEPING TRACK

Organize your desk, starting with material you use on a day-to-day basis, Vance said.

PLEASE SEE ORDER, B6



Office areas can get an organization update.



A changing table can be designed with organization in mind, such as this unit by Closet Man Co. in Troy.

Accents

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.

Automatic light

"When you open a refrigerator door, the light comes on. How would you like that feature in a closet? All you need is a spring-loaded jamb switch and some basic carpentry and electrical skills," says James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features.

"The automatic light switch is mortised (in a chiseled notch) into the hinge side of the closet doorjamb. When the door opens, the light turns on, and when the door closes, the light turns off."

"Power has to be run from the light to the switch. Many times, removing the door casing does the trick. Tools needed are a drill, chisel and screwdriver.

"When wiring it, the hot wire (most often black) runs to the switch then back to the light fixture. Electrical supply houses sell jamb switches as do hardware stores and home centers.

"If you're unsure about either the carpentry or the electrical work, consult a pro."

iPod challengers, e-book readers highlight Consumer Electronics Show



On display at this year's Consumer Electronics Show, the Sony Reader has already lined up support from major publishers.

If you've ever been to a Best Buy or Circuit City store on "Black Friday" (the day after Thanksgiving), you've experienced a taste of what the Consumer Electronics Show is like. Imagine a store that's roughly 65 times larger and packed with even more people. That's CES. (I chuckle when people tell

me how crowded the Auto Show was. You ain't seen nothing.) Dedicated (read: insane) journalists like myself slog through these crowds in search of the newest, niftiest gadgets. This year's show didn't disappoint. For starters, everyone has been waiting for an iPod killer. Creative's Zen Vision:M (creative.com) isn't it, but, man, I want one. I played with a sample behind



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

closed doors and came away impressed. The Zen's choice of color schemes, broad feature set (including an FM

tuner/recorder and Outlook synchronization), and compatibility with numerous online music stores and subscription services definitely give it an edge over the latest iPod. On the other hand, it's not nearly as sexy, and Creative has yet to line up any worthwhile video downloads. iTunes, as you know, provides one-click access to shows like *Battlestar*

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, B6

Resolve to make your house safe, secure this year

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

When it comes to New Year resolutions, it's a good idea to include some home improvement resolutions that will save time and money and keep your home in good shape.

As with other resolutions, we suggest that you set realistic goals that are achievable. Moreover, it's essential to prioritize your home improvement projects according to order of importance.

We believe that your New Year home improvement resolutions list should begin with safety and security. Resolve to do things that will protect your home and family from injury and loss.

Here's our list of suggested New Year home improvement resolutions:

■ **Fireplace:** Have your fire-

place, wood stove and chimney inspected by a certified chimney sweep to ensure that it is safe and operating at peak efficiency.

A poorly burning appliance can result in carbon monoxide poisoning and a dirty or cracked chimney can result in an explosive fire that can level your home.

■ **Carbon monoxide:** Dubbed the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas that is a byproduct of poor combustion.

You can protect your family from carbon dioxide poisoning by having all fuel-burning appliances - stoves, furnaces, water heaters, etc. - in good working order, and ensuring that burners are clean and adjusted and the flames are bright blue.

Most local utility companies

will perform this inspection at no charge or for a modest fee.

Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed on all levels of a home, including the basement where many furnaces and water heaters are located and near the bedrooms to alert sleeping adults and children of potential dangers.

The detectors are simple to install. Battery-operated models can be placed on a bookshelf or mounted on a ceiling; AC models are simply plugged into an electrical outlet.

■ **Fire and smoke:** First, install smoke detectors. If you live in an older home, chances are good that you have a smoke detector in a common hall next to the bedrooms. That's not enough protection.

Smoke detectors should be installed on every level of a home - including the basement - and in every bedroom.

If your smoke detectors are more than 10 years old, replace them with a new model.

When shopping for new smoke detectors, consider installing a new wireless interconnected system that will trigger all alarms to sound when one goes off. This can be especially important in saving the lives of children and seniors who otherwise wouldn't be awakened.

They're easy to install and, as the name implies, don't require any wiring. Hard-wired systems are available for new construction.

If you have smoke detectors installed in all the right places and they are less than 10 years old, that's only part of the challenge.

Resolve to check them at least once per month and keep them clean by periodically vacuuming them, using an uphol-

stery brush. Dust prevents the sensor from doing its job.

And checking a detector to ensure that it is working involves more than pushing the "test" button - that only determines that the unit has power and that the alarm is functioning.

Test the sensor wafting smoke from a candle or by using a smoke substitute in an aerosol can available at most home and hardware stores.

■ **Slips and falls:** Slips and falls are among the leading cause of serious home injuries. Not surprising, a majority of interior falls occur in the bathroom - specifically in the bathtub.

You can avoid a nasty fall by installing nonskid decals to the surface of the tub. If you're not into "flower power" decals that went out with olive appliances, clear sheets that appear to be integral to the tub are now available.

The key to a lasting installation is a clean tub. Scrub the tub with a nonabrasive cleanser, rinse, dry and wipe down with denatured alcohol.

Another means of avoiding falls is by installing grab bars to make it easier to get in and out of the tub or shower. Towel bars or toilet tissue holders are poor substitutes. Use only approved grab bars such as those that you might find in a commercial bathroom.

Equally important is the quality of installation. Grab bars must be solidly anchored to framing - studs or blocking - using screws.

Outside, rain, snow and ice are common causes of nasty falls. Keep snow shoveled and use ice melt or sand on paths to prevent falls.

Another source of nasty falls is a slimy moss that builds up on paths, patios, decks and steps.

Use a mild solution of bleach, detergent and hot water (1/3 cup powdered laundry detergent, 1 quart of liquid chlorine bleach and 1 gallon of hot water) to clean up the slimy surfaces.

Mix up the solution and apply it with a pump garden sprayer. Allow it to sit for a few minutes, but don't let it dry out. Work it in with a stiff bristle broom and rinse with fresh water. Using a pressure washer will make the job easier.

In the spring when the weather is warmer, consider using a sealer on concrete to prevent a feeding ground for moss and apply nonskid pads to steps.

■ **Exterior lighting:** Motion sensor lighting can prevent nasty falls and protect you and your home from intruders. Motion sensors recognize body heat in motion and turn on lighting for a brief period.

They are especially useful if you have an armload of groceries or are searching for your house key in the dark.

Motion sensors can be installed as an add-on to most existing fixtures or may be bought as an integral part of a new fixture. In either case, install them at all exterior doors and in dark locations surrounding your home.

Low-voltage path lighting is another excellent means of avoiding a nasty fall - and it can perk up the appearance of your place.

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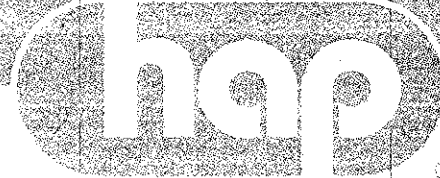
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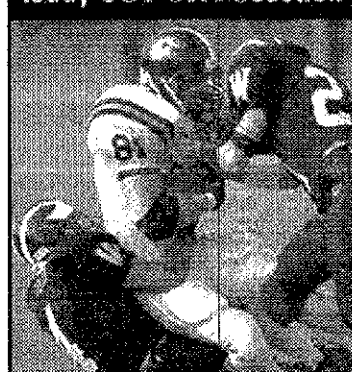
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Consider using composite wood for your outdoor decks

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

A beautiful wood deck is the superstar amenity of a home's exterior. It is the undisputed focal point, serving both visually and as the "heart" of your outdoor lifestyle.

Much like the kitchen phenomenon indoors, decks are a social "magnet" where those who live there relax and will spend a great deal of time, and it is where guests gather and socialize.

Simply put, decks in and of themselves are a great attraction with great attraction.

Say "decks" and you automatically think: Wood. It's only natural. Wood is beautiful, there are numerous choices with various levels of quality and pricing, and when warmed by the summer sun, it simply "feels" good, both physically and aesthetically.

Appearance aside, the wood you choose for your deck is generally a function of budget.

The most pervasive and least expensive natural material is pine, Douglas fir and economy grades of redwood. While considered the most traditional of all decking materials, even with proper care, they have a limited lifespan, generally about 10 years or less depending upon exposure and how well they are maintained.

You can extend the lifespan of "economy" lumber (or POW, "plain old wood") by using that which has been "pressure-treated," whereby chemicals (pesticides) are driven deep into wood fibers to retard deterioration due to moisture and to provide insect resistance.

Pressure-treated wood, with proper care, is said to extend the lifespan of wood from 10 to as much as 20 years.

The obvious pluses and benefits are offset by a modest increase in price and a minor controversy over the long-term exposure to the actual chemicals used to achieve the desired effect.

The original formula, chromated copper arsenate, contained arsenic.

Today's more human-friendly version, ammonia copper quaternary, uses copper-based preservatives to accomplish the benefits of pressure-treated wood. Though less toxic, it still conjures up health concerns among families with little ones who might scour the surface on all fours.

COMPOSITE

Beyond economical and longer-lasting lie a number of woods that increase price-wise exponentially, as do the beauty, durability and exotic aspects.

The pricing stair step begins with cedar and cypress, and goes on up to and through rich mahoganies, durable and beautiful redwoods and exotics like South America ironwood, pau lope and ipe.

Budget aside, a beautiful wood deck can also put a damper on your summer fun or entertaining with ongoing maintenance. However, today's technology is steadily providing exciting new answers to this age-old nemesis.

The cost and drudgery of keeping wood looking good is rapidly giving way to a man-made species called composite wood that is giving Mother Nature a real run for her money.

Say "composite wood," and the uninformed may think: Cheesy plastic? No way, not today.

Along with the steadily increasing numbers of manufacturers offering a wide range of looks has come a product that truly rivals the properties, performance and reason for using natural woods.

Composite wood in general blends real wood fibers with various forms of plastic and molds it into "board form" to achieve the look and properties of conventional decking but with a host of built-in benefits.

First be aware that composite wood is only used for deck sur-

faces, and that all sub-structures still use traditional framing techniques and conventional materials. Here's where pressure-treated lumber really shines.

But it is on the surface where composite wood-look decking is becoming a superstar.

Basically, composite woods last far longer than natural lumber and require very little maintenance by comparison. Periodic

soap and water cleanup is all the maintenance usually required. Composite decking will stain just like natural materials, so be sure to prevent nasty spills and drips from your barbecue.

Beyond being artfully molded into planks that truly capture (and rival) the "look" of traditional decking, it doesn't warp, crack, rot, split or splinter and it resists insects.

It handles like wood for saw-

ing, drilling and fasteners (screws and nails), and it requires no staining, painting or finishing initially or later on.

While not a no-maintenance product, it is certainly low-maintenance, and the elimination of initial staining and/or sealing and re-staining and/or re-sealing over time equates to savings that more than offsets the modest increased upfront cost. Aha, you say, there's the

catch. Not really. Composite woods fall in the same price range as the upscale choices such as cedars and redwoods but without the "down the road" drastic changes in appearance and inevitable care required.

Keep in mind that even composite materials will age, oxidize and turn gray with prolonged exposure to the sun. (But then so will you.)

Once you've decided that

composite wood just may be your decking surface solution, compare before you buy. The Internet is a great place to start, as most manufacturers provide comparative data on their Web sites.

Once you've narrowed the field down to only a few, based on that which appeals to you, head for dealerships where those products are offered in your area.

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Replace piles with files. Vance uses a simple filing system that involves color coding.
"Remember: You can find it again," she said.
Instead of keeping track of appointments and activities in separate places - a family calendar at home, a planner for work - have everything in one planner, Vance said.

Whether you choose a paper or electronic planner, stick with it.
"Put everything down," said Vance, who is available as a speaker.
For example, if you have a meeting at work every Friday, put it on your calendar. This will help remind you to prepare for it the day before.

Sort items, putting like items together into categories, Burdick said.
People don't know how long they should keep certain papers, she said. Usually you should save anything referring to taxes for around seven years, she said.
"January is a good time to go through what you have gathered, pull out what you need for taxes, get rid of what was finished with last year," said Burdick, who distributes information on how to stop junk mail.

She will conduct classes on Preserving Family Treasures Wednesday, Jan. 25, at the Shelby Township Community Center and Tuesday, Feb. 7, at Utica High School; and on Organizing Your Busy Family

Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Kimball High School in Royal Oak and Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Utica High School (contact her for registration information).

MAIL

Try to handle mail only once or as little as possible, said Huotari, who will conduct classes on organization Monday, Feb. 6, through Novi Community Education and Monday, Feb. 13, through Plymouth-Canton Community Education (call the community education offices to register and for more information).

Put catalogs and magazines that you don't read directly in the recycling bin or trash when they arrive instead of bringing them in the house (removing the address label first), she said.

"This will reduce your mail pile by 60 to 70 percent," Huotari said.
Dedicate an area in your home for mail, and put the mail there when you bring it in.

When you sit down to go through it, have at hand everything you need - such as checkbook, stamps, envelopes, wastebasket and shredder.

"If you get up you get distracted. 'Oh, I'll put in a load of laundry on the way,' or 'Oh, I'll start supper,'" Huotari said.

Instead of having a resolution to get the house in order this year, take one room at a time, Huotari said.

Maybe work on a room 9 a.m. to noon one day on a weekend while someone else

takes care of the children.
Working on one room a month gives you time to make decisions about what to keep and throw away. Have various bins at hand - for discarded items, for donations, etc.
Don't buy storage bins or other organization items until you know what you need.

Vance will also advise clients about how to improve the layout of their work area to make it more organized. She tells them not to clean the area up before her visit, so she can see how they work.

ROOMS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Such businesses as Closet Man Co. in Troy, and California Closets in Troy and Walled Lake, can help by designing and building closets and structures for almost anywhere, including bedrooms, laundry rooms, kitchens, garages and home offices.

Home entertainment centers and other units are among their offerings.

"There is so much new, it's amazing," said Mark Davis, owner of Closet Man Co., who has been in the business for 15 years.

"Even a 5-foot reach-in closet (can be improved)," said Mark Lantz, director, marketing/sales, California Closets in Walled Lake.

More people are asking for wallbeds these days, said Davis, whose projects besides closets have included wine racks, organizing a vehicle for a customer who worked out of a car, and trailer compart-

ments for a motorcyclist's vehicles and gear.

He has designed a circular unit with a fan in the back to house sweaters.

Cabinet doors are available with self-closing hinges that slowly shut automatically. Closet units can feature baskets for laundry that can be lifted out and carried to the washer.

Elements that pull out - valet rods, tie and belt racks, seats and mirrors - save steps as well as space.

"The most important is find out what you're buying... Know what you're getting," Davis said. "Know how it's constructed. Is there a guarantee? Will (the company) be there for me?"

"If you come in to look around, bring the dimensions of the room. It doesn't have to be exact," Lantz said.

Also know the locations of such features as vents and sloping ceilings.

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Galactica and Commander in Chief.
I'll tell you more about the Vision:M after I'm able to conduct a full review. In the meantime, check out Creative's just-launched ZenCast (zencast.com), an attractive portal for downloading video blogs and podcasts.

ROBOTS ON PARADE

Next, I stopped by the Wowwee booth to see the company's latest toy robots.

Wowwee, indeed! If you thought the original walking, dancing Robosapien was cool, wait 'til you see the Robosapien RS2 Media, Roboreptile and Segway-inspired P-Bot.

They're not shipping yet, but all three models are due sometime this year.

Find out more at the company's Web site (wowwee.com).
In other robot news, Lego Mindstorms fans will go ape over the upcoming NXT kit (mindstorms.lego.com), which relies on a wireless, pager-like "brick" for programming and operation.

The \$250 kit, due this August, can be used to build all kinds of cool robots. On display at the show: A creepy, crawling Mindstorms scorpion with a working (but harmless) stinger.

WORDS AND MUSIC

At Sony's booth, I stole a glimpse of the PlayStation 3 game console in action.

But, bookworm that I am, I was actually more interested in the Sony Reader, an e-book device the company plans to start selling later this year.

The gadget landscape is littered with similar devices that failed to catch on, but Sony's attempt looks like a winner. It has the Sony name, a thin and elegant design, and a unique "e-ink" screen that approximates the look of paper (sort of).
You'll be able to buy and

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download thousands of popular books from Sony's Connect service, and you'll also be able to stock the Reader with PDF documents and RSS feeds.

The version I saw looked very slick.

It is hoped Sony will decide to sell it for less than the rumored \$299 price.

Not far away from Sony's booth, I discovered Piano Wizard (allegorainbow.com), a combination electronic keyboard and computer program that promises to teach anyone to play piano.

Sounds like a particularly good fit for parents who want to introduce their children to music without spending a small fortune: The company packages range from \$79.95 to \$199.95. Watch for my "notes" on the product (heh, heh) in a few weeks.

Finally, serious videographers will want to check out the Steadicam Merlin (tiffen.com), an elegant, handheld camcorder stabilizer that promises ultra-smooth video recording.

At \$850, it's not cheap, but it should make your amateur productions look significantly more professional.

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TIPS

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together, dresses, etc.

KITCHEN

Things that work together should be stored together - baking pans, electrical appliances, plastic containers with lids, pots and pans, and large platters and bowls.

Feel the flow of activity in your kitchen. Place glasses near the sink or refrigerator. Put snacks in a convenient drawer or cupboard.

OFFICE

Use a planner to track appointments and tasks. It can be a paper-based notebook, a computer software program or an electronic handheld device.

Create at least one hour of uninterrupted time per day to tackle projects and action items.

Allocate twice as much time for a task as you think it will take. This accommodates for interruptions and stopping to get more information.

Break large projects down into small, sequential steps. Schedule these steps into your day with your planner.

Keep only supplies you need on a daily basis on your desktop.

Use your in box only for items that haven't yet been reviewed.

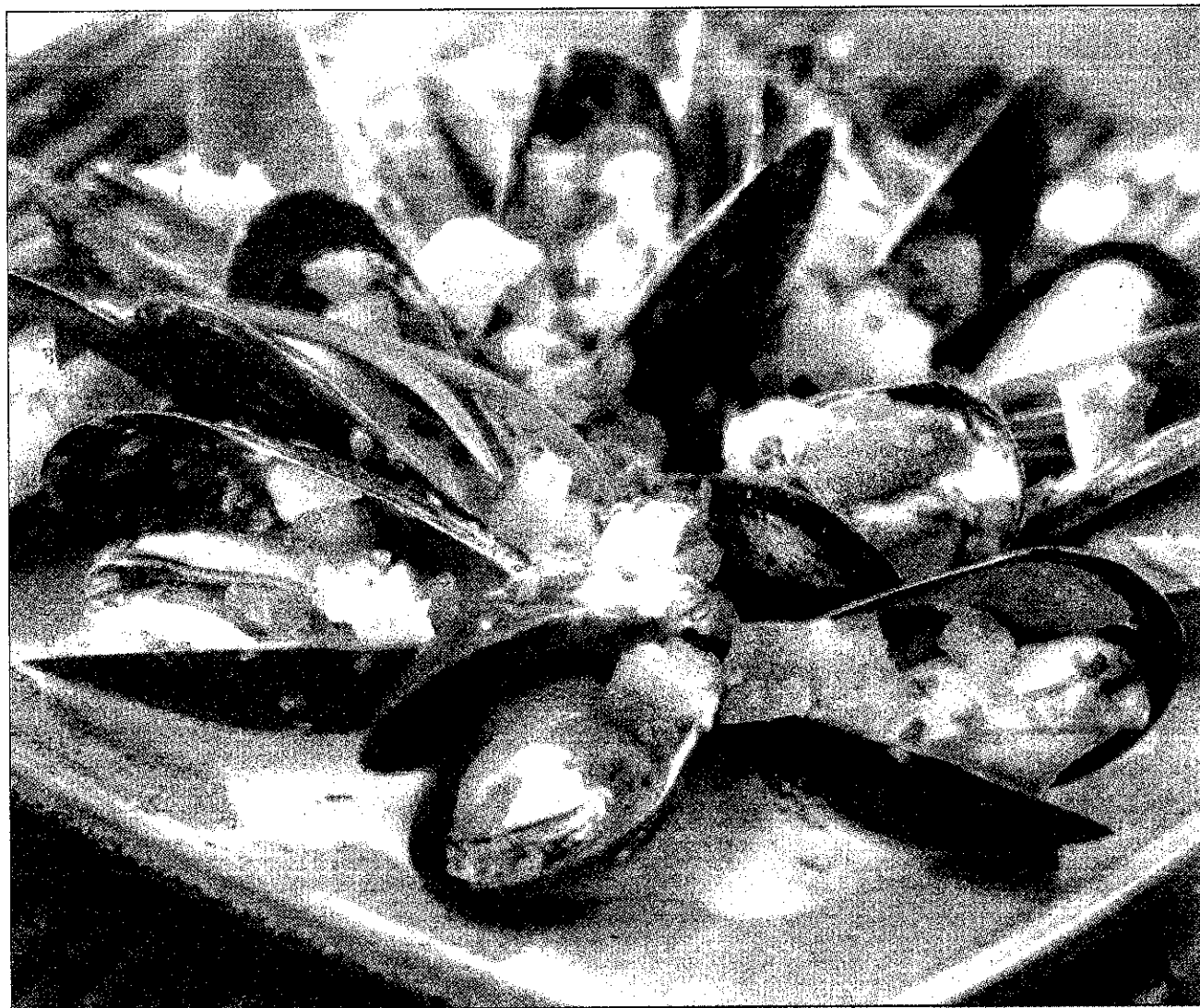
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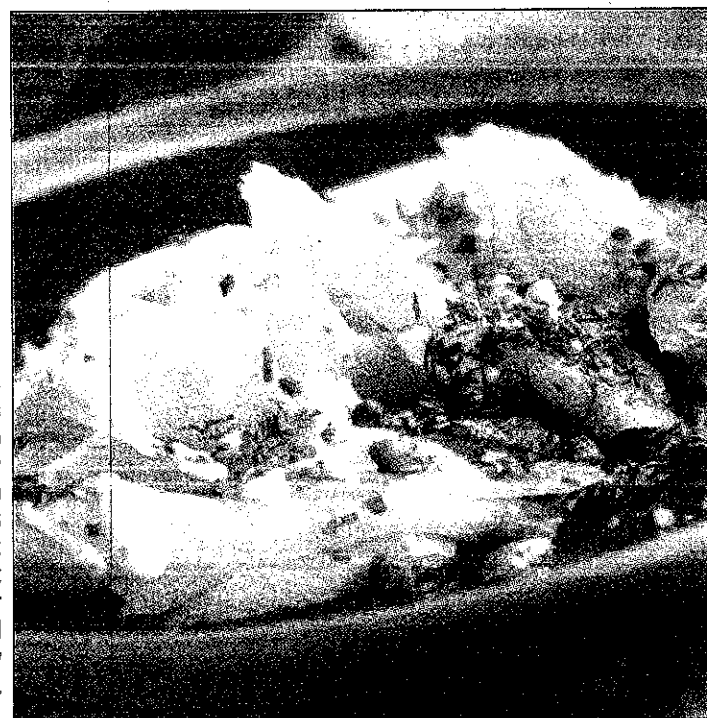
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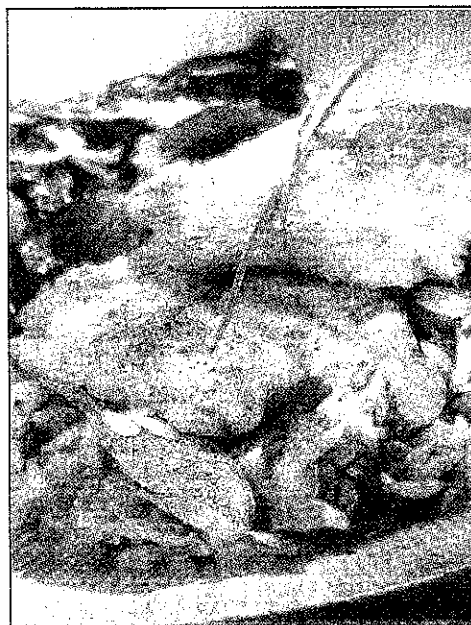
These mussels, steamed with a red curry sauce and topped with a tomato concasse, are featured in Craig Common's 'Return to the Common Grill.'

Common Chef celebrates restaurant Sense with second cookbook

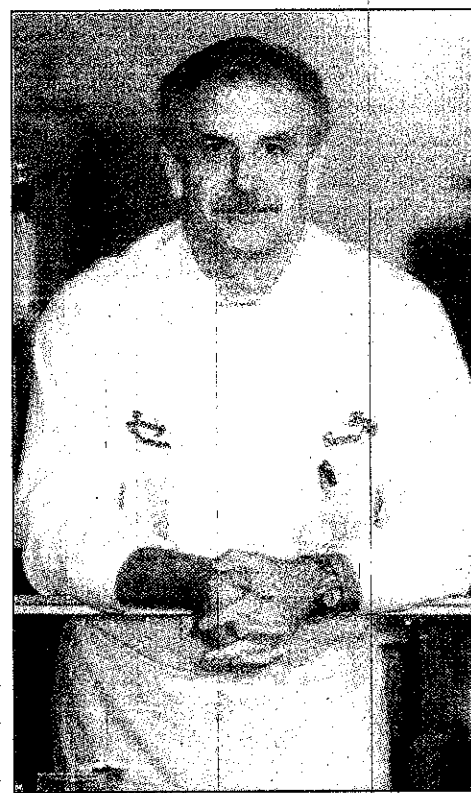
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Cured smoked salmon with potato and corn cakes can get that Super Bowl party started.



This is one of Common's favorites for a party: Parmesan-crusted whitefish with lemon-chive butter.



Chef Craig Common, owner of the Common Grill in Chelsea, recently finished his second cookbook.

Think you've worked a long day?

Try owning a restaurant and working 10 to 12 hours a day. Then try writing a cookbook, an hour each day, rewriting your restaurant's recipes to scale them down for a small family or party.

That's how Craig Common spent 2005.

The owner of the Common Grill in Chelsea wrote his second cookbook, *Return to the Common Grill*, which was released in November by Huron River Press in Ann Arbor.

Common thought it was about time for a second venture into the publishing world. He has operated his restaurant for nearly 15 years, and along the way he's enjoyed cooking at the James Beard House in New York in 1997 and been involved with the Michigan Chef's Dinner at Tapawingo, working with Pete Peterson. In 2002 *Bon Appetit* selected the Common Grill as one of the "Best Neighborhood Restaurants in the Midwest."

And mixed in with all this culinary activity, his first cookbook, *The Common Grill Cookbook*, was successful, selling about 40,000 copies.

GREAT FEEDBACK

Common isn't resting on his laurels, he's just enjoying the ride.

"I had so much fun with the first one, and after about four-and-a-half years, I thought I'd do another one," Common said. "There's new recipes and things developed over the years in the restaurant."

This book features more seafood than the first book. "We had great feedback from the first book, and customers wanted more recipes from the menu, like the gazpacho," Common said.

PLEASE SEE COMMON, B8

PARMESAN-CRUSTED WHITEFISH WITH LEMON-CHIVE BUTTER

- 4 6-ounce pieces whitefish, skinned
- 1 cup milk, for soaking fish
- 2 cups orzo pasta, cooked
- 1 cup lobster meat
- 1/2 cup crimini mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 cup radicchio, sliced
- 1/2 cup Drake's Fry Crisp Batter Mix
- 1/2 cup tempura rice flour
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1/2 cup Wesson Oil, for sautéing
- 1/2 cup Roasted Lemon-Chive Butter, see recipe below
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 2 cups Sautéed Spinach, see recipe inside
- 4 teaspoons fresh chives, chopped
- 4 lemon wedges

Roasted Lemon-Chive Butter:

- 1/2 pound butter, softened
- 1 tablespoon fresh chives, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons Roasted Lemon Juice, see note

For Roasted Lemon-Chive Butter: Place butter in mixer bowl and whip until soft. Add all other ingredients and mix well. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Soak whitefish fillets in milk for one hour.

Mix orzo pasta, lobster meat, mushrooms and radicchio together and refrigerate until ready to use.

Mix Drake's Fry Crisp Batter Mix, tempura rice flour and Parmesan cheese together.

Dust whitefish in Parmesan batter. Place Wesson Oil in sauté pan and heat.

Cook whitefish until golden brown. Remove from pan. Add Roasted Lemon-Chive Butter to pan and melt.

In a separate sauté pan, place olive oil with orzo-lobster mix in oven to get warm.

Place orzo in center of serving plate. Place whitefish on top of orzo.

Place Sautéed Spinach next to orzo and pour Roasted Lemon-Chive Butter over top of whitefish.

Top with chopped chives and garnish with lemon wedge.

(Note: For roasted lemon juice: Toss four whole lemons with 1/4 cup salt and 1 tablespoon sugar, place in baking dish and cover. Place in oven at 350° F for 45 minutes. Let cool, cut lemons in half and juice them well.)

PLEASE SEE RECIPES, B8

ULTIMATE FLU-BUSTING CHICKEN SOUP

- 3 chicken breasts (skin on and bone in, about 2 pounds)
- 2 stalks celery, cut in half
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled
- 1 medium yellow onion, cut in half
- 2 cups baby carrots, cut in half
- 1 sprig fresh oregano
- 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced (about 4 teaspoons)
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano leaves
- 1 1/2 pounds red or purple potatoes, cut into bite-size pieces
- 3 medium plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped (about 2 cups)
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Put chicken, celery, 2 garlic cloves, 1 cup carrots, the oregano sprig, and half the onion into a large pot. Fill pot with cold water, 2 inches above ingredients; put over high heat. When water boils, cover and reduce heat to medium. Simmer 1 hour.

Set aside chicken to cool and discard all veggies and herbs. Strain broth into a large bowl, skim fat from top, and set aside.

Put oil, jalapeno, the chopped oregano leaves, 2 remaining garlic cloves (minced) and the remaining half onion (chopped) into a large pot. Cook at medium heat until vegetables are just soft, about 5 minutes. Turn heat to high; add broth, potatoes and remaining carrots. When broth boils, reduce heat to medium. Cook until potatoes and carrots are tender, about 15 minutes.

Remove skin and bones from chicken. Shred meat into bite-size pieces. Add chicken, tomatoes, salt, and pepper to soup. Cook until warm.

Makes about four 3-cup servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 291 cal., 26 g pro., 36 g carbo., 5 g fat (1 g saturated), 5 g fiber, 74 mg sodium.

Bust the flu with some homemade chicken soup

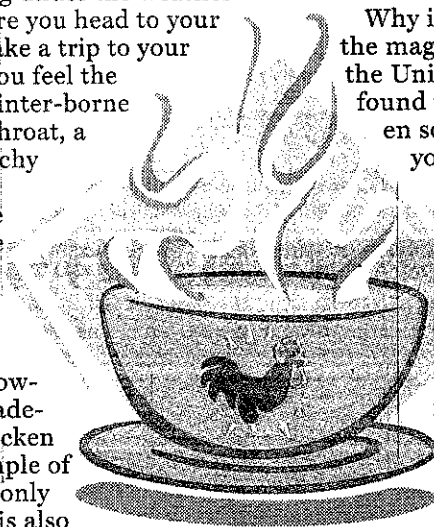
BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you're feeling under the weather this winter, before you head to your doctor's office, take a trip to your kitchen. When you feel the first signs of a winter-borne bug, a scratchy throat, a runny nose, an achy feeling, *Women's Health* magazine suggests it's time for some feel-good foods.

The January-February issue includes the following recipe for made-from-scratch chicken soup, as an example of a dish that's not only comforting, but is also packed with ingredients to boost

your immune system and ward off illness. What it's not packed with is fat and empty calories.

Why it works: According to the magazine, researchers at the University of Nebraska found that homemade chicken soup really does make you feel better when you're sick. It reduces congestion and inflammation by limiting the movement of white blood cells that produce infection-related mucus. The result? Fewer sniffles. This version also harnesses the healthy power of tomatoes, potatoes and garlic.



Side dish

Fire up the chili

The Inaugural FIRE & ICE Chili Cook-Off & Salsa Competition will be heating up the streets of downtown Northville 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28.

The event will feature competitions in red chili and salsa. More than 30 contestants will be stepping up to the plate to showcase their best chili recipes in hopes of taking home the red chili championship or the salsa championship. The top winners from each category will take home a trophy and prizes.

Also, in order to feed the hungry chili spectators, local restaurants will be serving up their own chili and salsa with the "Restaurant Chili & Salsa Challenge." At \$3 a bowl and \$1 for a sample of salsa, all visitors can taste the local flavor of nearby restaurants and vote for favorites. The restaurants' chili and salsa will be ready at 11 a.m. and served all day. The winning restaurant will win a trophy.

After leading off the day with award-winning chili and salsa, patrons can check out another of FIRE & ICE's hot attractions: Ice sculptures in the entire downtown area and "fire-breathing maniacs" walking the streets. WYCD 99.5 Young Country and WDVD 96.3 will be on site with some of their own on-air talent as judges. Their promotional staff will be setting up some fiery competitions. Take a crack at the jalapeño pepper eating contest or the hot buns ice seating contest.

The Kiwanis Club will be conducting a Polar Bear Plunge at Mills Race during the event. Local residents will be plunging into the freezing water to raise money for the local community organizations.

All the net proceeds from the cookoff and competition benefit the local community of Northville.

For more information on how you can enter the chili or salsa competition, contact Janet Bloom from the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

Slow cooking is popular

Today's busy families are discovering how easy it is to recapture the wholesome hearty flavors of childhood through slow cooking.

With a slow cooker, home cooks can set up the meal and let it simmer all day while they tend to something else. During the winter months, the slow cooker can come in handy for those parents who run a tight schedule.

For recipes and tips, call (800) MEAL-TIP (800-632-5847) or visit www.mccormick.com

Eat your fiber

During the cold winter months, it's important as ever to eat plenty of fruit, rich in vitamin C, fiber and other nutrients. Visit www.cffausa.org for recipes and more information on grapes and other fruit grown in Chile.

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

Create Pan-Asian

Learn how to create your own Pan-Asian pantry with items like Shiro Miso and Tamarind Paste. Attendees who complete this class will be able to recreate dishes from favorite Asian restaurants, such as Malaysian Samosas, Roasted Miso Tofu, Chinese Braised Red Pork, Pad Thai and Stir Frys are some of the recipes that will be demonstrated and sampled. Classes are 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at 15185 Sheldon in Plymouth and Thursday, Jan. 26, at 24445 Drake in Farmington. (In case of a heavy snowstorm, contact the store to see if class is still scheduled. Food samples are not available for standing room guests, but they can participate in the raffle at the end of class.)

Vino Mania

The Community House in Birmingham will host Vino Mania, a unique wine event that combines wine tasting, wine games, food and live jazz music, at 7:30-10:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9. Event hosted by certified sommelier Nidal Daher. Registration fee is \$50 and you must be 21 or older to attend. To register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, at (248) 644-5832, or online at www.community-house.com.

Nutrition and Cooking Seminar

This seminar will make you aware of the latest scientific discoveries in nutrition 2:30-6 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at Metro Seventh Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty (just north of 5 Mile Road), Northville. Cancer, heart disease and diabetes are largely preventable through proper nutrition. There will be lectures, cooking demonstrations with recipes and menu plans. Cookbooks will be available for purchase. A vegetarian meal will conclude the day's activities. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. To register call Dr. Arthur Weaver at (248) 349-5683 or Helen and Floyd Morris at (313) 531-2179.

Schoolcraft classes

Culinary Seminars are offered through Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development for winter 2006. The campus is located at 18600 Haggerty in Livonia. Call (734) 462-4448 for information or visit webadvisor.schoolcraft.edu

Here are some of the classes:

Cooking 101

Learn basic cooking terminology and techniques, how to use basic knives and hand tools, and safe and sanitary methods for food preparation. (This class is a prerequisite for all of Schoolcraft's Continuing Education "hands-on" classes or chef's approval.) Class is scheduled 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, and 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, instructor is Jeff Gabriel, certified master chef. Fee is \$105.

Hands-On

These classes require Cooking 101 or chef's approval to register. Wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands-on classes. You'll need a tool kit consisting of a set of knives, peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons. The following classes, instructed by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel are scheduled: European Bread Making, 5-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, March 14; Soup it Up, 5-9 p.m., Thursday, March 23; Saute Like a Pro, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 4; Stewing & Braising, 5-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, and Outdoor Grilling, 5-9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, April 25. Class fees range from \$109-\$139.

French Pastry Series

John Joe Decker, certified master pastry chef, in this one of a kind French pastry series. Learn French pastry preparation, baking, finishing and decorating techniques. Classes are Pate a Choux (a cream puff pastry dough), 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 1, and Mille-feuille (a classic dough for appetizers and desserts), 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8. Both classes cost \$175 if taken together; each is \$99 separately.

Wines of the Southern Hemisphere

Instructor Lee Hershey discusses the wines of Argentina, Australia and South Africa. Explore and taste these multi-varied wines. Students must be 21 years of age. Class runs five weeks, 7-9 p.m. Mondays, starting Feb. 6. Fee is \$152.

Fish Preparation

Learn to choose high quality fish, identify differences in pricing and properly clean your fish. Learn how to prepare it from Brian Polcyn, certified executive chef. Class is scheduled 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb 7, fee is \$139.

Cooking Light

Learn to prepare quick healthy meals. Learn low-fat cooking techniques at this class scheduled 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, fee is \$81.

Polish Cooking

Learn how to make perfect pierogis (Polish dumplings), goiabki (stuffed cabbage) and kielbasa and other traditional Polish entrees. Sample all the wonderful Polish dishes with instructor Jeff Gabriel, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, fee is \$109.

Tuna recipe is quick, easy winner

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When it comes to easy dinners, the trick is to keep the good taste while refining your recipe's ingredients down to a few well-chosen components that work really well together.

This recipe for fresh tuna with black pepper, artichokes and lemon calls for only 30 minutes' cooking, and results in a winner on the table. Tip: Look for artichokes packed in water or oil, not marinade, the editors say. If you can't find them, rinse the artichokes thoroughly with water, then

pat them dry.

TUNA WITH BLACK PEPPER, ARTICHOKE AND LEMON

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- Three 6.5-ounce jars artichoke hearts, drained and halved
- 1 lemon, cut into 8 slices
- 2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme (optional)
- 1 1/2 pounds fresh tuna, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 cups cooked rice

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and cook until softened, about 3 minutes. Add the artichokes, lemon, garlic and thyme (if using).

Cook until heated through, 3 more minutes. Transfer to a plate. Season the tuna with the salt and pepper. Heat the remaining oil in the skillet. Cook the tuna, turning to brown all sides, to the desired doneness, about 2 minutes for medium. Return the artichoke mixture to skillet and toss to combine. Serve over the rice.

Makes 4 servings.

Here is a list of special dinners at area restaurants. Please forward information at least two weeks before event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com

Little Italy

Regional wine dinner at Little Italy Ristorante & Bacchus Bar, 227 Hutton in Northville, 7 p.m. Jan. 24, six wines and six courses, including special unveiling of Gambero Rosso "Tre Bichieri" award winning wine 2001 Massicone, Castelluccio. Dinner includes all food courses, a glass of each wine, tax and tip. Cost is \$85 per

person. Call (248) 348-0575.

The Lark

Mexican Fiesta, featuring beef empanadas with goat cheese cream, lobster with garlic butter and rice, pan roasted true sea bass with tomatoes and olives, Jim Lark's famous pork ribs and other dishes, 7 p.m. Jan. 30 and 31, \$95, before beverages, tax and gratuity, at The Lark, 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 661-4466.

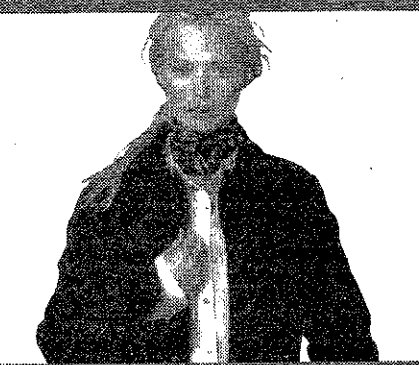
Zenaida Chocolate Lounge

Special Valentine's Day menu with prix fixe menu, \$30 per person for dinner, dessert prix fixe menu is \$12 per person with chocolate fondue, chocolate truffles and hot chocolate with chili pepper, Feb. 10, 11 and 14, 414 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 994-7042

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Herbs, scallions warm up these muffins

BY DANA JACOBI
AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

If you are a reluctant morning baker, you are probably too foggy to deal with the precise measuring and other steps required without eating a solid breakfast first. But a healthful, savory muffin might be just the eye-opener to start your morning.

The herbal flavors in savory muffins complement tea and coffee as well as sweet versions do. For those who want a little more sweetness, savory muffins are delicious spread with pepper jelly or orange marmalade.

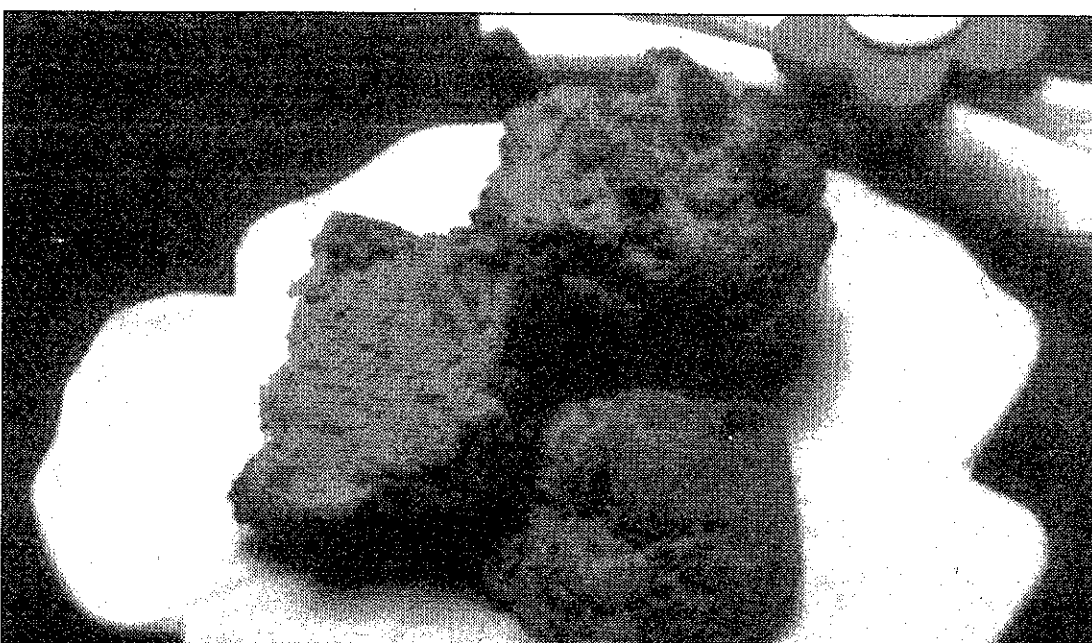
The whole-wheat muffins below have only a modest amount of fat, but they do not taste "heavy" if eaten while still warm from the oven. Two points explain why you cannot simply substitute whole-wheat for refined wheat flour called for in most recipes.

When the fat from butter, milk and egg yolks coats the grains of flour in baked goods, this reduces the amount of liquid the flour sponges up.

So the more fat in a recipe, the more tender the result usually is.

The gluten in flour is equally important. This elastic protein provides the invisible web of support that holds in air, lightening baked goods and keeping them from flattening into pancakes. In whole-wheat flour, though, the bran and germ interfere with the chain-like structure gluten must form to do this.

Those who grew up with or are accustomed to eating only baked goods made with refined flour may find the texture of



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Savory muffins are delicious spread with pepper jelly or orange marmalade.

those made with whole-wheat flour a bit chewier, or have a more distinctive flavor.

If that describes your experience, try making the switch to the much healthier whole-grain baked goods gradually. These muffins are a good first step in that transition, because herbs and mustard balance the flavor nicely.

Try these muffins hot and split open, spread with apple butter, with a slice of Cheddar added so their heat warms the cheese.

SAVORY WHOLE-WHEAT MUFFINS

- Canola oil spray
- 2 cups whole-wheat flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon butter, well-chilled, cut in small pieces
- 1/2 cup diced scallions
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano or

- basil
- 1/4 cup walnuts, chopped
- 1 cup low-fat (1 percent) milk
- 1 tablespoon whole-grain mustard
- 1 extra large egg white

Preheat the oven to 425° F. Coat the cups of a 6-cavity muffin pan with cooking spray. In a bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, and salt. Add the butter, working it in using a fork or your fingertips. Add the scallions, oregano and nuts. Combine them using a fork.

In a measuring cup, combine the milk, mustard and egg white, using a fork or small whisk. Add the wet ingredients to the dry and mix just until they form a dense, fluffy batter. Spoon the batter into the prepared muffin tin, filling the cups to the top. The tops will be craggy, like a scone.

Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until

deep golden on the top and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Let the muffins sit 2 minutes in the tin. Remove and cool the muffins on a baking rack until cool enough to eat but still warm.

Makes 6 muffins. Per serving: 210 calories, 6 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 33 g. carbohydrate, 9 g. protein, 5 g. dietary fiber, 485 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi is author of *The Joy of Soy* and recipe creator for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Sauté duck with gingered grape sauce

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Duck and fruit are a classic combination, Sara Moulton writes in *Sara's Secrets for Weeknight Meals* (Broadway, 2005, \$29.95) — humans long ago figured out that the acid in oranges, apples or pears acts as a great counterbalance to the richness of the duck.

Moulton uses grapes in the following easy but sophisticated recipe from the book, pairing duck breasts with grapes and ginger. Duck breast can be quite lean and not at all gamey, Moulton says, suggesting to cook it with the skin on for better flavor and to prevent its drying out (if you want to avoid the extra fat, just remove the skin before serving). Cooking the duck medium-rare will give you maximum juiciness, Moulton said.

SAUTEED DUCK BREAST WITH GINGERED GRAPE SAUCE


- 4 Pekin duck breast halves
- Kosher salt and freshly milled black pepper
- 1 cup seedless grapes, halved, plus 4 small bunches for garnish
- 3 large shallots or 1/2 small onion, finely chopped (about 1/4 cup)
- 1 tablespoon finely grated fresh ginger


- 1/2 cup rice vinegar
- 1/2 cup canned chicken broth or homemade chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon currant jelly

Score the duck skin in a crosswise pattern and season the duck with salt and pepper. Heat a large skillet over high heat until hot. Add the duck, skin side down, reduce the heat to medium-high, and cook for 10 minutes, or until the skin is very crispy. Periodically remove and reserve any excess fat that the duck gives off. Turn the duck over and let it cook for 3 more minutes for medium-rare. Transfer to a plate, skin side up, and cover loosely with aluminum foil.

Add 2 tablespoons of the reserved duck fat to the skillet. Heat over high heat until hot; reduce the heat to medium and add the halved grapes, shallots and ginger to the skillet. Cook for 3 minutes; add the vinegar and let it simmer until reduced by half. Add the broth, mustard and jelly, and simmer until thickened slightly, about 2 minutes. Add any juices that have accumulated on the duck plate and salt and pepper to taste.

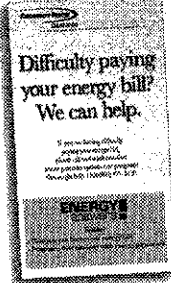
Slice the duck at an angle into 1/4-inch slices and serve each portion topped with some of the sauce. Garnish each with a small bunch of grapes. Makes 4 servings.





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Salem cagers' first win etched in 'Stone'

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When you're 0-7, you tend not to take too many things for 'Grant'ed. That's why Salem's Grant Stone-led 66-58 victory over winless Livonia Churchill Tuesday night was extra-sweet for the Rocks, who outscored the Chargers 18-9 over the final eight minutes to secure their first win of the 2005-06 campaign. Stone, only a sophomore, matched his career high with 21 points, 10 of which came in the decisive fourth quarter. The 6-foot-3 forward pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds. Billy Leddy also played a major role in the Salem victory, netting 16 points. Salem is now 1-1 in the ultra-balanced Western Lakes Activities Association heading into Friday night's home game

against unbeaten Walled Lake Central. Churchill slipped to 0-8 overall and 0-2 in the WLAA. "The guys were excited more than relieved after the game," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We've played fairly well and had some close losses before tonight, so it's nice to finally come out on the 'W' side. Grant really stepped up in the fourth quarter for us when the game was on the line, which is pretty good for a sophomore. "The key against Churchill was our ability to score. Before tonight, we hadn't scored 50 points in a game this season, so to get 66 is a big improvement. We played more up-tempo tonight and we were successful." Salem out-rebounded the Chargers 40-24 and took advantage of 25 Charger turnovers.

Joel Hall, a senior guard, led Churchill with 19 points. Sophomore Ryan Rosenick added 13 points and 10 rebounds. "We didn't come to play with the exception of Rosenick," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "We let them (Salem) do whatever they wanted on offense and they (Salem) dominated the glass." Brodie was pleased with his team's late-game defensive effort against Hall. "We did a good job of shutting him down in the second half," the veteran Salem coach said. "He came out of the blocks fast and scored 10 points in the first quarter, but we held him to just two points in the second half." Brodie credited Jierah Dixon, Joe Halewicz, Mike Marek and Kevin Burleigh for their defensive efforts against Hall.

"All for of them guarded him at some point, and the all did a nice job," he said. "We played a lot of kids tonight and they all did a good job for us." Churchill led 20-17 after one quarter before the Rocks rebounded to grab a 36-31 halftime advantage. The Chargers regained the lead, 49-48, after three quarters before Stone and his fellow Rocks took over down the stretch. Junior guards Mike Marek and Jon Gibson were also instrumental in the victory, scoring eight and seven points, respectively. "Mike hit a couple of really big baskets in the second half and Jon had a nice game, too." Salem was 7-of-14 from the foul line, while Churchill hit 8-of-13.

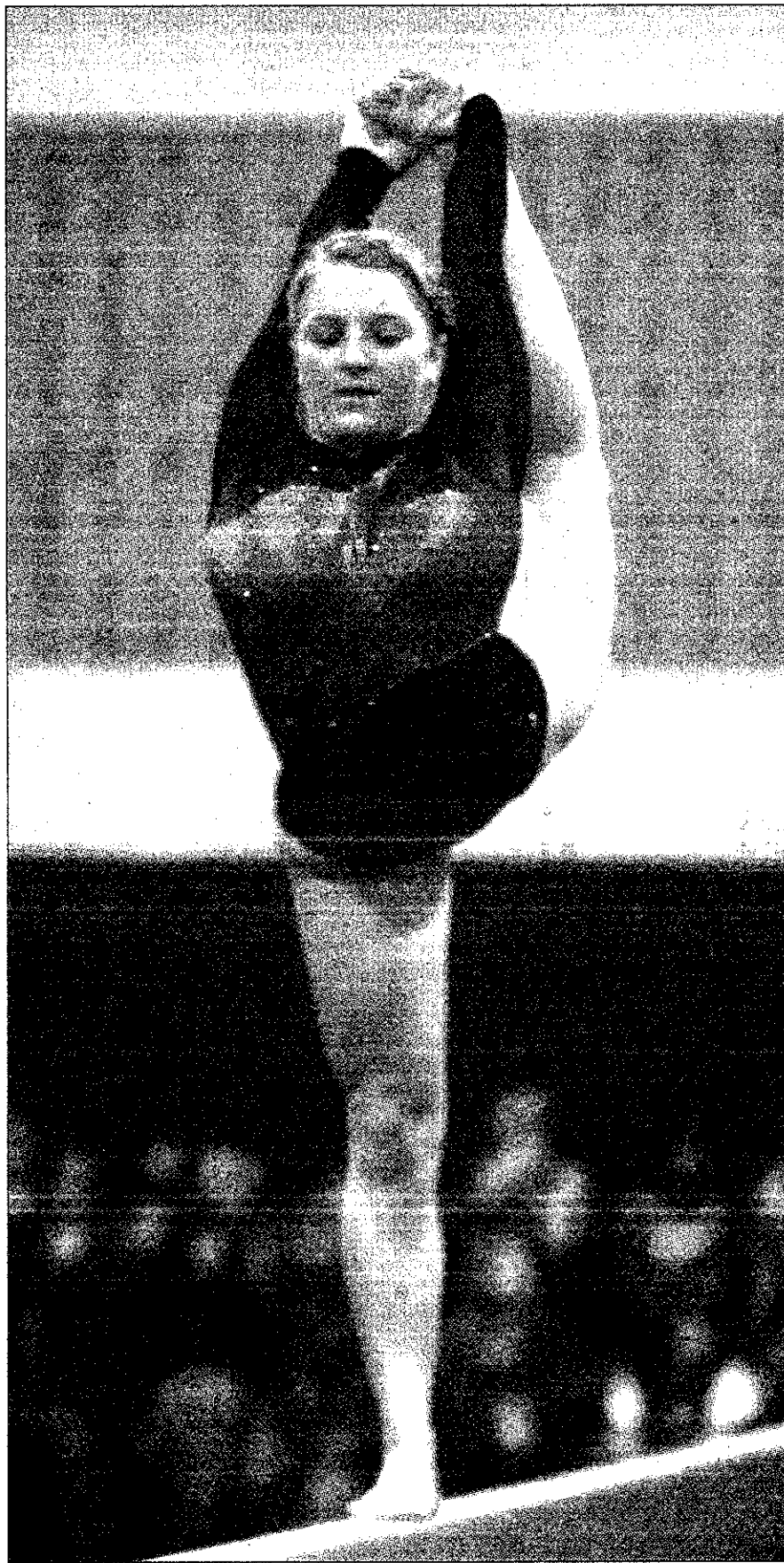
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No room for error Canton gymnasts edge rival Rocks

See page C2 for complete meet results.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's gymnastics team may have been fatigued prior to Monday's meet against Salem, the squad's third competition in six days. But the Chiefs proved they weren't tired of winning as they clipped the Rocks, 142.95-140.05, to run their dual-meet record to 5-0. The meet was the second of the season for Salem, which dropped to 1-1. "The meet came at just the right time for us since it was our seventh meet and Salem's second," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "Except for being a little meet weary from our Wednesday-Saturday-Monday schedule the past week, the girls did a great job. Our performances on floor and on vault proved to be the difference. "Salem had a great beam that we were able to overcome with a great floor." The Rocks performed well considering they had just one competition under their belts prior to Monday's meet. "The nice thing about the meet was that we improved since our first meet," said Salem coach Dana Driscoll. "We definitely still have some work to do, but I was happy with how the girls performed. They did what I expected them to do tonight." Canton went 1-2-3 in the all-around thanks to solid efforts from Alyssa Kelly (36.65), Kate Staley (35.85) and Kara Ahern (35.6). Salem's top all-around performer was Sarah Bugosh, who recorded a 35.5, which was impressive considering she's missed substantial practice time the past couple of weeks. "Sarah was in Hawaii for two weeks during break, so her score was better than I expected," said Driscoll. Salem's Katie Koetting (35.0) and Brittany Young (34.95) filled out the top six all-around slots. Kelly, a junior, placed first in the vault (9.45) and the floor-exercise (9.35) competitions. Young took the gold on the uneven bars with a 9.2 while Kara Ahern earned top honors on the beam with a 9.25.

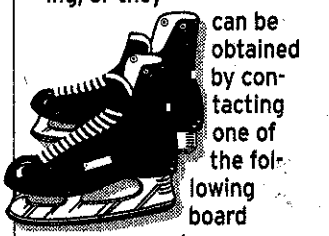
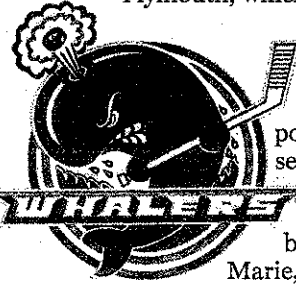


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Canton's Jessie Murray completes her balance beam routine during Monday night's meet against Salem. The Chiefs prevailed to run their dual-meet record to 5-0.

Whalers edge 67s

The Plymouth Whalers' fourth game in five days Sunday — a 3-1 victory over the Ottawa 67s — wasn't pretty, but was effective and enough to give the team a 2-2 split over the four games. Plymouth captain John Vigilante led the offensive attack with a goal and assist, while Mike Letizia and Dan Collins added single goals. Whaler goaltender Justin Peters stopped 32 of 33 shots and was named the game's first star. Peters is now 8-5-0-0 since he was acquired by Plymouth in a trade on Dec. 9. Jamie McGinn scored the lone Ottawa goal in the third period, his 14th of the year, to spoil Peters' shutout bid. Plymouth, which improved to 23-16-1-3 (50 points), needed the win to remain four points ahead of second-place Saginaw (23-18-0-0), which beat Sault Ste. Marie, 5-4, on Sunday. After defeating Saginaw on Jan. 11, Plymouth lost a pair of games to Kitchener on Friday and Saturday. The Whalers had every reason to be sluggish at the start of Sunday's game, but they outshot Ottawa, 24-8, in a decisive first period that saw Plymouth take a 2-0 lead. The line of Vigilante, Chris Terry and Joe McCann set up the first goal at 11:08 of the first period when Terry took a hard shot from the right dot that seemed to handcuff Ottawa goaltender Brady Morrison, who didn't see the loose puck standing alone at the right goal post. Vigilante pounced on it and put it in the net for his 21st goal of the season. Letizia capped severe Whalers' pressure on a power play at 15:24 of the period when Vigilante hit him with a sharp pass from the right dot to the left hash mark. Letizia lased the puck into the net for his ninth goal of the season. Following a scoreless second period, Collins scored his team-leading 26th goal of the season at 6:17 of the third period when he batted home a rebound. McGinn scored the final goal when he re-directed Derek Joslin's point shot by Peters. Plymouth outshot Ottawa, 35-33.



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Deborah at tollfam@yahoo.com; Chris at cjwolfe52@comcast.net; Kathy at klash@umich.edu; or Noreen at desix4@wowway.com. Nominations will be accepted until the March annual meeting. Elections for the PCEP Booster Club Board will be held at the March meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. For more information, contact Neva Nahän Werda at neva1255@aol.com.

Youth wrestling

Several members of the Canton Wrestling Club excelled at the Motor City Wrestling Tournament, which was held Saturday at Chippewa Valley High School. Over 500 youth wrestlers between the ages of 5 and 14 competed in the event. Earning gold medals for Canton were: 12-year-old William Askew (120 pounds); 9-year-old Ben Griffin (63); 9-year-old Alec Pantaleo (67); and 13-year-old Braden Price (106). Nine other Canton wrestlers placed: Carter Demink (second at 47 pounds); Luke Denzer (third at 112); Joseph Dison (third at 180); Caleb Finamore (second at 71 pounds); Nick Frazier (second at 80); Connor Johnson (third at 90 pounds); Daniel Poupore (second at 41); Weston Price (second at 74 pounds); and Zachary Smilo (second at 80 pounds). The team is coached by Ben Griffin.

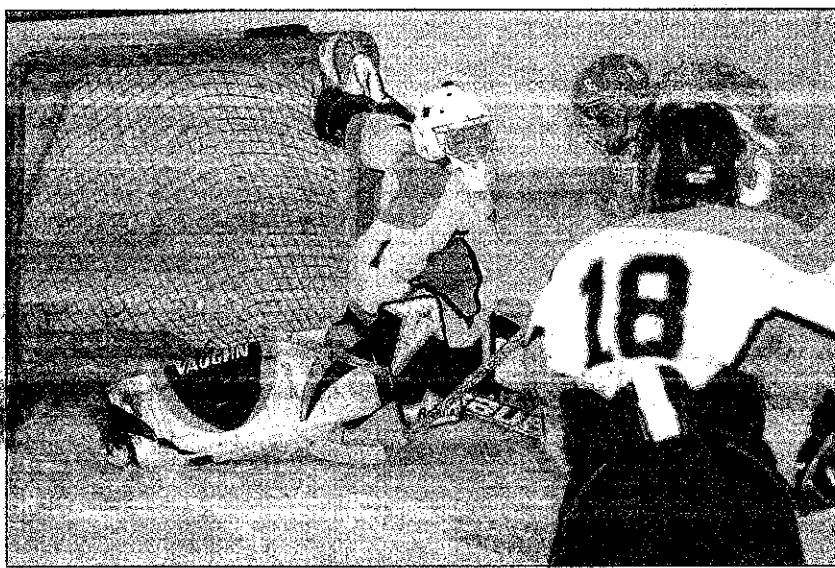
In-line champs

Team Mission Detroit '91 Yellow won the AAU Winter Nationals 14-year-old Elite Division In-line Hockey National Championship held in Apex, N.C. last weekend. The team defeated the North Carolina-based DreamSport Dragons, 5-4, in overtime to win the gold medal. Three of Team Mission's players were named the top players at their respective positions: Canton's Jarred Pheiffer (top forward); Canton's Corey Pheiffer (top defenseman); and Chris Sullivan (top goalie). Other Team Mission players are: Jake Sweeney, Micah Prescott, Justin Pheiffer, Casey Mardis, Aaron Schwartz, John Erace, Jake Carneghi and Mikey Simmons.

Plymouth icers check Chiefs, 4-1

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Jason O'Guinn's "O" combined with Justin Desilets' "D" equaled a "W" for Plymouth's hockey team Saturday night in its cross-campus showdown against Canton. O'Guinn scored a pair of goals and Desilets turned back 34 Chief shots to lead the Wildcats to a 4-1 victory in a game played at the Compuware Sports Arena. The victory lifted the Wildcats' record to 6-4-2 overall and 2-3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. "The key for us was Desilets in goal," said first-year Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois. "Justin was rock solid in there for us. He did a heck of a job." Even though he's a defenseman,



ANDREW RUBENSTEIN

Plymouth goalie Justin Desilets makes a kick save against hard-charging Canton forward Brett Giacomino during the second period of the Wildcats' 4-1 victory Saturday night at Compuware Sports Arena.

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Wildcat wrestlers host and win tournament

Plymouth's wrestling team proved to be the host with the most at the 3rd Annual Wildcat Team Tournament held Saturday in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. The Wildcats went 5-0 on the day to improve their record to 17-4. Milan finished second followed by Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, Saline, Gibraltar Carlson and Armada. "We started slowly, but came on strong at the end," said Plymouth coach Sam Amine. Defending champion Chippewa Valley did not compete in this year's tournament. Although the Wildcats did not have an undefeated wrestler, they did have six grapplers who recorded stellar 4-1 marks: Steve D'Annunzio (112 pounds), Ben Kosmowski (119), Andrew Saunders (135), Steve Korpus (140), Ali Youssef (145) and Danny Jammoul (189). Plymouth's toughest test proved to be against Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, which tied the Wildcats. Plymouth earned a decision based on the second tie-breaking standard.

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Jamie Samuelsen

Bettis.

It figures it will take a Detroiter to save Detroit.

First of all, Bettis will give every football fan someone to root for. Who doesn't love "The Bus?" He has a zest for playing the game that you see in almost no other NFL player. He's not the size of a bus, but he is the size of a Volkswagen Beetle, which makes him the idol of the common man. And you won't ever meet a nicer man in any realm of professional sports. I mean, have you ever met anyone, anywhere, who had something bad to say about Jerome Bettis? He's like ice cream. Who doesn't like ice cream?

Secondly, Bettis will become the face of Super Bowl XL. Every story will be about him playing his final game in his hometown. The media will travel from the house in which he was raised to Mackenzie High School, where he starred on the field. They will close the cir-

cle from the first stop in Bettis' football career to the last. And every last one of them will be good stories.

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downtown whether he's playing in the game or not. His parents still live in Detroit and he has admitted that the chance to play his final game at Ford Field was a huge motivation for his return to the NFL this season.

So when the writers and reporters ask him about Detroit, guess what? He'll have good things to say. Imagine that, someone with good things to say about Detroit during the week when all eyes are preparing to focus on the bad.

Still not convinced that every Detroiter should be wearing Steeler black and gold this Sunday? Well let's just consider the other three teams and the stories they would bring to Super Bowl XL.

Carolina? Weird QB (Jake Delhomme). Really, really good receiver (Steve Smith). Good team? Sure. Compelling stories? Zilch. Seattle? The NFL MVP who nobody knows

(Shaun Alexander). The old Green Bay coach (Mike Holmgren). Super Bowl-caliber? Absolutely. Anything you care to read more about? Nope.

Denver? Um ... Denver? I honestly can't think of a single reason to care about the Denver Broncos. They should have lost Saturday night, but New England apparently really wanted to lose more.

If two of those teams come to Detroit in two weeks, we're doomed. The game might be competitive, but the build-up will be a snooze. And with nothing to write about, all the out-of-town media will say, "Why are we here? It's cold and the game stinks."

Now let me say for the record that I think the Super Bowl will be a success in Detroit. Too much hard work has been put in by too many good people for it not to succeed. But I also know that there are plenty of cynical peo-

ple out there who will spend Super Bowl week looking for the negative. And knowing Detroit, they'll be able to find it.

But if the Steelers get by the Broncos on Sunday and Steeler nation descends on Detroit, it's a win-win for everybody. We'll have a rust-belt population who won't be looking for tropical weather. They'll only be looking for a good time and a good game. And they'll be led by the best guy, our guy, "The Bus."

Bettis has long said that playing in Detroit would be the perfect end to his career. It would also be the perfect end for Detroit — a city which has worked so hard to rebuild its badly decayed image. Both "The Bus" and the city deserve it.

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SC beats stubborn Wayne Co.

Down by as many as nine points in the first half Saturday, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team fought back in the second half to subdue Wayne County Community College, 86-80.

Schoolcraft is now 15-3 overall, while Wayne County is 7-5. The game did not count in the Eastern Conference standings in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association. Wayne County is ineligible for conference play because it does not field enough athletic programs.

Schoolcraft outscored the Wildcats 48-39 over the final 20 minutes after trailing 41-38 at halftime.

Wayne County is athletic and strong, with those Detroit kids you'll know they'll come and compete," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "We needed a close game to see how we'd perform down the stretch especially we played against (Flint) Mott (a 73-62 loss) and after having won so many blowouts.

"I thought we held our composure and ran our sets pretty well."

James Davis, a 7-foot center, led the victorious Ocelots with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Wallace Hall added 17 points and team-high eight assists, while Darryl Garrett came off the bench to score 14 on 9-of-10 shooting free throw shooting.

Point-guard Cedric Sims (Wayne Memorial) chipped in with 13 points and four assists.

Schoolcraft's bench outscored Wayne County 31-15.

Guard Joel Lawmann led Wayne County with 21 points. Forward Benjamin Lawmann added 19 points and 11 rebounds, while Enrique Hope had 17 points. Guard Demetrius Graham dished out 10 assists.

AQUINAS 94, MADONNA 73: Derek Douglas poured in a game-high 30 points and grabbed 11 rebounds Saturday to power host Aquinas College (11-9, 3-1) to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference

Lady Ocelots romp to easy 90-64 victory

A 22-point afternoon by Charlese Greer lifted Schoolcraft College's women's basketball to a 90-64 victory Saturday over visiting Wayne County Community College.

Greer, who also hauled down seven rebounds, was one of four Lady Ocelots to reach double figures in scoring as Schoolcraft improved to 15-1.

LaShanda Thomas scored 19 points, with 16 by Maricka Seay and 14 by Tomika Hodge.

Seay led Schoolcraft, ranked No. 3 in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II, with 10 rebounds.

Garden City alum Alisha June scored four points and grabbed three rebounds in a relief stint.

For Wayne Counted (8-8), Tonaye Smith scored 19 points and pulled down 16 rebounds.

AQUINAS 66, MADONNA 57: Madonna University (7-13, 2-3) fell behind 40-28 at halftime Saturday and could not recover in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference matchup to visiting Aquinas College (13-6, 3-1).

Forwards Sarah Thomson and Martina Franklin (Redford Union) led the Crusaders with 19 and 17 points, respectively.

Franklin also grabbed 11 rebounds for MU.

Aquinas guard Whitney Marsh paced the attack with 28 points, including 5-of-6 from three-point range.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

triumph over Madonna University (6-12, 1-3).

Aquinas built a 54-38 half-time lead en route to the win.

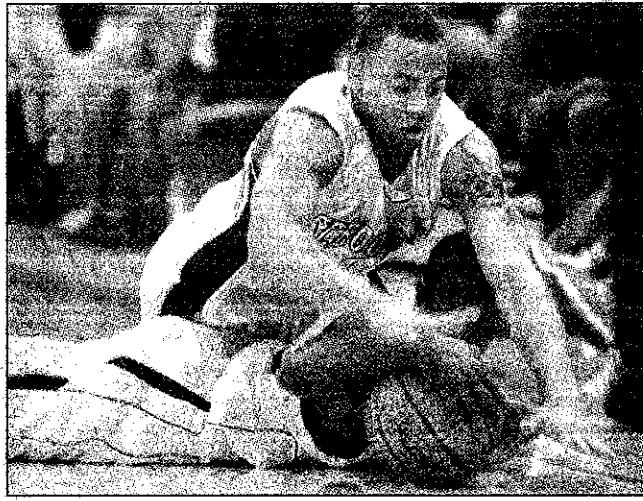
James Telman came off the bench to add 17 points for the Saints, while Damien Mayo and Jeff Jayson added 14 and 13, respectively.

Adam Kerfoot led MU in

scoring with 17 points, while D.J. Bridges (Canton) added 13.

Derrick Mudri and Charlie Henry (Canton Agape Christian) finished with 12 apiece, while Keith Hearn (Livonia Stevenson) had nine.

MU was outrebounded 47-30 and shot only 35 percent from the floor (21-of-60). The Crusaders were 20-of-25 from the foul line.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Schoolcraft College's Cedric Sims, a Wayne Memorial graduate shown here in a recent game against Flint Mott, had 13 points and four assists in the Ocelots' 86-80 win Saturday over Wayne County CC.

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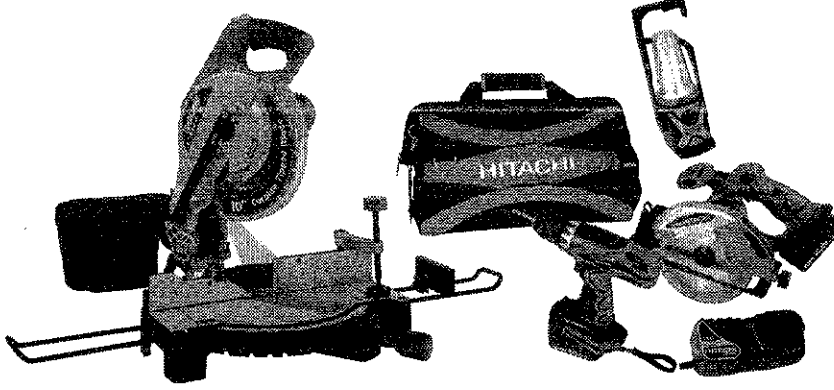
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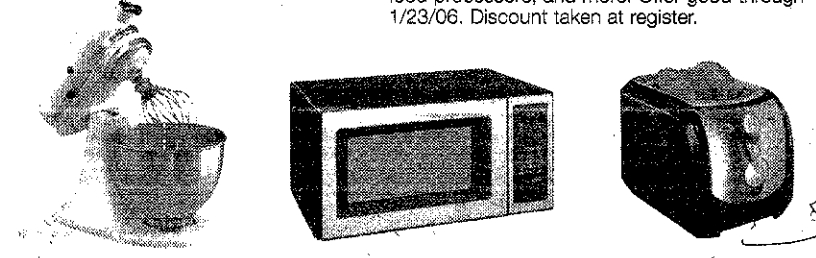
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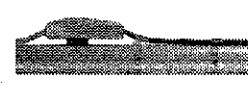
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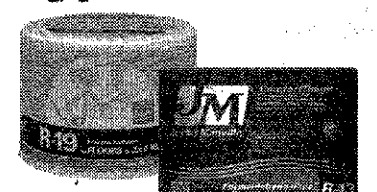
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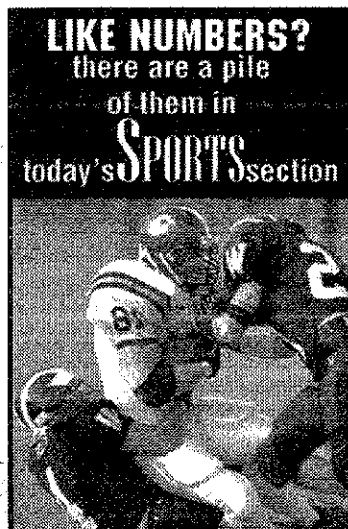
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Downtowns appeal to variety of owners

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Petula Clark sang about "Downtown" back in the 1960s. The lights may well be brighter in such local downtowns as Plymouth, Farmington and Rochester, as many people are eager to call them home.

"I do a lot of business in the downtown area," said Realtor Deborah DePriest of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer-Bake on Main in Plymouth. "I get a lot of positive comments on the Plymouth community. We get a lot of people walking in just asking about homes for sale."

Her recent listings have included homes on Harvey, Ann and Sunset in Plymouth. DePriest sells a variety of properties but especially enjoys Plymouth's older homes.

"It's actually quite a variety," she said of the homes, which appeal to singles, families with children and older people. She sold to a couple from Royal Oak just starting their family. Another couple was downsizing to a smaller Plymouth home from a larger one. "There's always the emotional attachment," she said of people who've lived in a home a long time. Many people like being able to walk to Plymouth festivals.

William Street in Plymouth has been home for almost four years for Steve Alexandrowski and wife Renee, along with 4-year-old daughter Grace. "We wanted to live in a downtown area," said Alexandrowski, who's in investment planning. "We wanted the sense of community that comes with a small town."

They enjoy being able to walk into town, including the Kellogg Park area and environs.

Plymouth Downtown Development

Authority Director Bob Anderson and his wife call Plymouth's Old Village home, and bought there four years ago. He'd buy downtown today, noting the success of Daisy Square and other condo projects. The Andersons are empty nesters and wanted a condo.

"So we got a condo in Old Village," he said. "We can walk downtown, walk to restaurants in Old Village." He too cited the homey appeal of downtown Plymouth, "which I think is its greatest draw."

Realtor Shara Barrett of Century 21 Town & Country in Rochester has found people like to live in that community. "People gravitate to downtown Rochester specifically for the retail shops." Homeowners like the family businesses and specialty shops, she said.

"They have a sense of the noncorporate environment. The friendliness, the charisma, the charm of downtown Rochester is really what's drawing people."

Rochester boasts Rochester Municipal Park a little off the beaten path but walkable from Main Street. People are drawn to the farmer's market, Barrett said, and to the Stoney Creek nature trails.

"People will bike, ride, jog or walk." There are several other parks in the area as well.

"It's very much the friendly hometown environment," Barrett said of her community. "The people that want to live in downtown Rochester, it's convenient." There are grocery stores and more.

"There's quite a lot to choose from," she said, noting people do pay a little more to live downtown. Low crime rates are another drawing card for homeowners.

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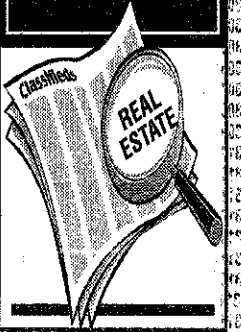
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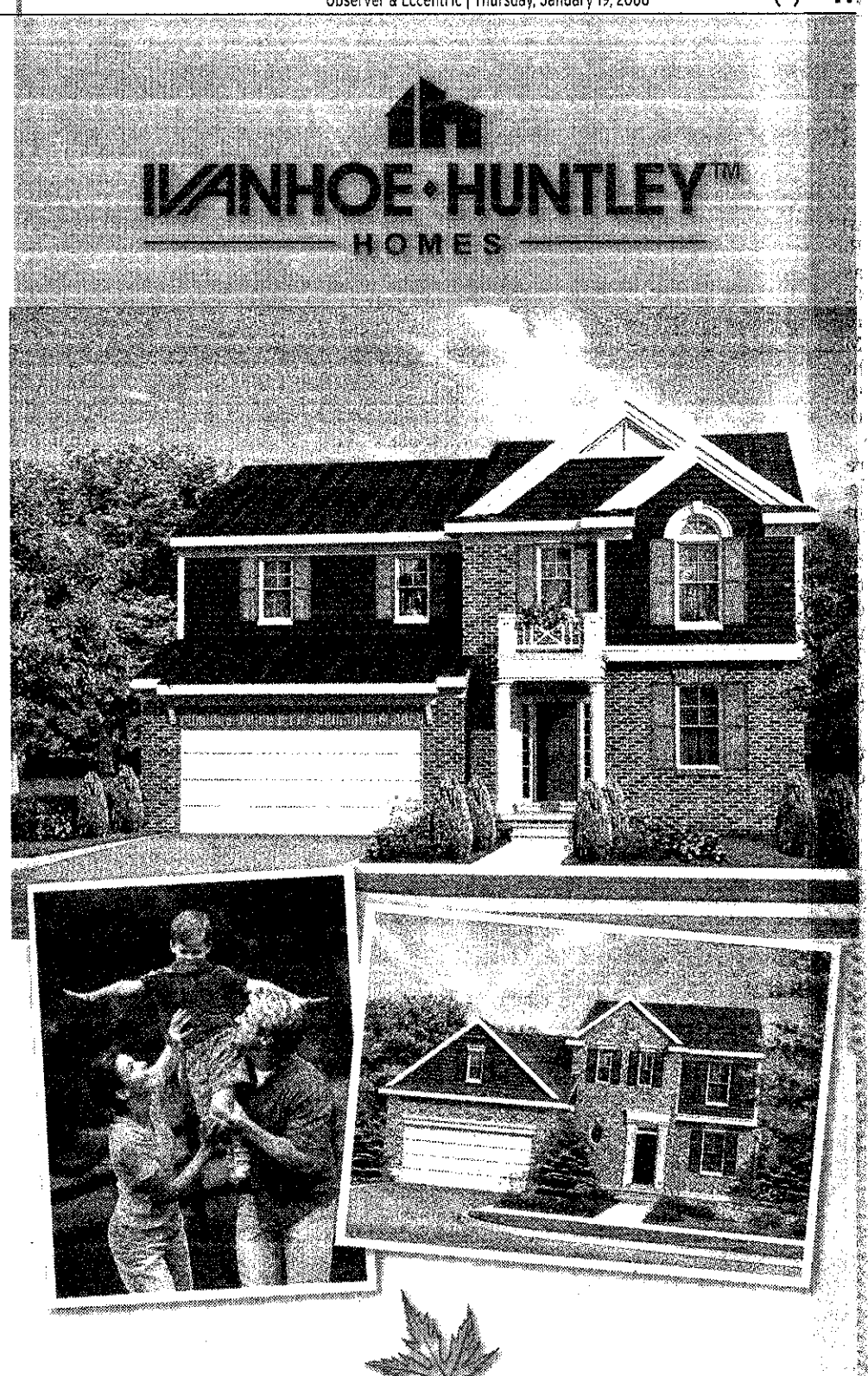
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Education Seminars
The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following:
 ■ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, "Builder's License Preparation Course" at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$200 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan, members guests and nonmembers. (248) 862-1033.
 ■ 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.
 ■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, Certified Graduate Builder seminar, "Construction Contracts & Law," BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Fees, including breakfast, lunch and course materials, are \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.
 ■ 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, Executive Image Seminar on "Hiring Trustworthy, Hard-Working People," BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Fees, including continental breakfast, are \$40 for BIA or

Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$60 for nonmembers and guests. (248) 862-1033.
 ■ 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.
 ■ 8:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, Effective Business Management Seminar on "Integrated Marketing," at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Fees, including continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests. (248) 862-1033.
 ■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, Certified Graduate Remodelor seminar on "Estimating," at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Fees \$140 for Remodelers Council members, \$160 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. (248) 862-1033.
 ■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15, "You've Got Mail: WOW the Dot Com Customer" at the Michigan Design Center in Troy. Registration fees are \$45 for Sales & Marketing Council members, \$65 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. (248) 862-1033.
 ■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, "Making Work Flow: Evaluating Technology to Integrate with Today's Best Practices" at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Registration fees, including continental breakfast are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests. (248) 862-1033.
 ■ noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, "Brick Selection: What Will Work Best for Your Homes?" at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees, including continental breakfast are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests. (248) 862-1033.

Oakland Builders Institute
Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes for

January and February:
 ■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 23, 25, 30 & Feb. 1, How To Build Your Own Home, Mott High School, 1151 Scott Lake Road, Waterford, \$199 plus \$30 for two course textbooks. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Jan. 19, Waterford Community Education. (248) 682-1088.
 ■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 23, 25, 30 & Feb. 1, Builder's Pre-License, Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Jan. 19, Walled Lake Community Education. (248) 956-5000.
 ■ 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 24, 26, 31 & Feb. 2, Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills, \$190 plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration is required by Friday, Jan. 20, Birmingham Community Education. (248) 203-3800.
 ■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 30 & Feb. 1, Basement Remodeling, Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills, \$95 plus \$10 for textbook and materials. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Jan. 26, Bloomfield Hills Community Education. (248) 433-0885.
 ■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Feb. 6, 8, 13, 15, "How To Build Your Own Home," Henry Ford Community College-Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, \$189 for residents plus \$30 for two course textbooks and \$208 nonresident plus \$30 for two course textbooks. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Feb. 2, Henry Ford Community College. (313) 317-1500.
 ■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Feb. 6, 8, 13, 15, "Michigan State Builder's License Examination," The Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington, \$190 plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration is required no later than Thursday, Feb. 2, Farmington Community Education. (248) 489-3333.
 ■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Feb. 7, 9, 14, 16, "Michigan State Builder's License Examination," Holmes School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia, \$201 plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration is required no later than Friday, Feb. 3, Livonia Community Education. (734) 744-2602.



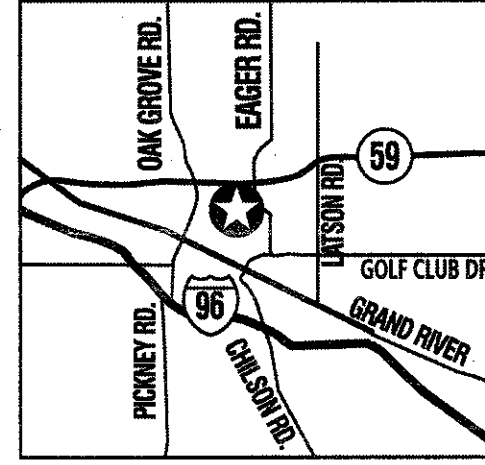
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SPACIOUS COLONIAL! 4BR, 2.5BA, extensive hardwood and recessed lighting. Neutral decor with newer FR carpet. Huge deck overlooking open area. Close to park. (26000578) \$354,500



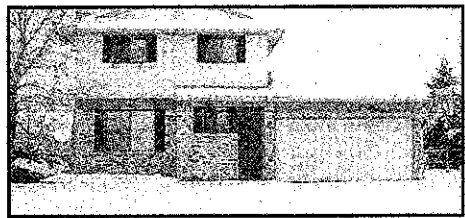
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FAMILY-FRIENDLY EXECUTIVE COLONIAL! Beautiful, 4 large bedrooms including a sumptuous master suite. 2.5 BA, new carpet, freshly painted, newer built. (25104771) \$294,000



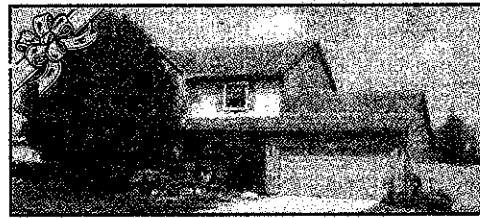
WESTLAND 248-851-1900
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP! 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bath, Livonia schools. 1st floor laundry, hardwood, new carpet. Open floor plan, high ceiling, dual staircase. Deep bsmt. Mrs. Clean lives here, totally move-in condition! (25150977) \$289,000



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Built 1995, 2100+/- finished sq ft. 1/3 acre, stainless steel appliances, wet bar, master bath, fireplace! (25147547) \$253,900



CANTON 248-348-6430
Call it home in Canton on a court location! Many updates, 3 BR Colonial. Huge FR, natural fireplace, ceramic floors, furnace, roof, A/C, H2O heater, and gutters are all updated. Attached 2 car garage. 349-6200 (25178789) \$232,000



GARDEN CITY 734-591-9200
Gorgeous tastefully decorated dream home! Living room with natural fireplace, dining room w/doorwall to large deck. Main floor laundry room. Mstr BR w/WIC & bath, and much more! (25123739) \$231,500



DEARBORN 248-348-6430
BEAUTIFUL BRICK 4 BR CAPE COD HOME Kitchen w/table space opens to FR w/nat fireplace. FR leads to brick paver patio. C/A, 2.5 baths. Partly fin. bsmt. 1st floor bedroom. 349-6200 (25080502) \$227,500



CANTON 734-455-7000
A DREAM COME TRUE! 3BR Colonial with updated kitchen. Beautiful maple cabs & hardwood floors. Major updates complete and ready for you to move in. (25162144) \$211,900



NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
BEAUTIFUL CONDO! Spacious 3 BR, 2.5 BA unit with a finished basement. Updated kitchen, furnace, A/C, H2O, windows. Deck, fireplace, newer carpet. Everything you want is in this one! 349-6200 (25126841) \$189,900



WESTLAND 734-591-9200
A neat 3 BR brick ranch. Newer windows, furnace, air, roof, 2 car garage 3 yrs, neutral decor, fin bsmt. Livonia schools. Enclosed back porch & gas fireplace in basement. Very well kept! (25164844) \$164,900



ROMULUS 734-326-2000
HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS! 3 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial w/2 car attached garage. Fenced yard, large family kitchen, cozy Family Room. Fresh paint, upgraded windows. (25172005) PC 220262 \$147,000



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
DESIRABLE AREA! Sharp three bedroom 1000 sq ft ranch w/ open floor plan, finished basement with fireplace, 2 car garage on lovely tree lined street. Home is waiting! (L319) \$144,900



REDFORD 734-591-9200
3 BR, 1.5 bath ranch, finished basement with bar for entertaining family & friends. Bath and a half on the main floor. All appliances stay. (25158479) \$144,900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
BETTER THAN NEW 3 BR Ranch has newer Everything! Windows, roof, ice Guard Shingles, seamless gutters, downspout, doorwall, hardwood floor in DR. Bsmt plumbed for BA. Hurry Won't Last! (N385) PC 221082 \$142,900



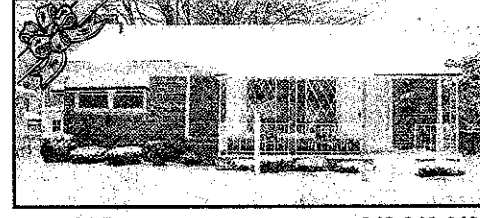
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
A neat, well kept 8 yr old ranch, with a 1/4 acre lot. Updated flooring in kitchen & carpeting, Pergo in hall. New bathtub insert. C/A, deck, full basement & home warranty. (25172761) \$142,500



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TODAY'S BUY - TOMORROW'S HAPPINESS! Is this brick 3 bedroom ranch in Dearborn Hgts #7 School District w/full basement, C/A, 1.5 BA, 2.5 car garage. Newer furnace, windows and carpeting. (M442) PC 220542 \$140,900



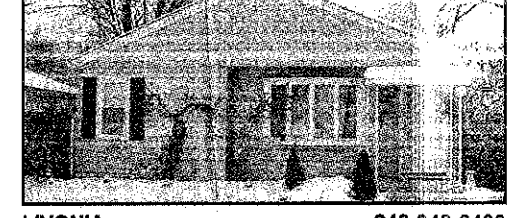
GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
BUY TODAY & MOVE TOMORROW! Into this 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath Bungalow w/ Full Basement, 23x14 FR/DR addition & 1.5 Car Garage. Extras include newer windows, furnace and Central Air. (J28) PC 220882 \$139,900



REDFORD 248-348-6430
PLEASANT 3 BR RANCH CLOSE TO SCHOOLS! Freshly painted, newer carpet, kit floor, windows & A/C make this home move-in ready. Full fin. bsmt, 2 car det. gar. in fenced yard. All this at a bargain price! 349-6200 (25139161) \$139,900



PONTIAC 248-348-6430
CHARMING BRICK RANCH ON PEACEFUL STREET! Enjoy the warmth of plaster walls and cove ceilings in beautiful shades of beige. Hardwood floors too. Newer ceramic floor in kitchen. Full bsmt for storage. 349-6200 (25125884) \$134,900



LIVONIA 248-348-6430
CHARMING 2 BR RANCH! Updates include kitchen, vinyl siding & trim, roof, furnace, HWH, vinyl windows, driveway, parquet flooring in LR. Livonia schools. Must see! 349-6200 (25175714) \$124,500



REDFORD 734-591-9200
NEW! CLEAN & CHARMING BUNGALOW! New paint, carpet, fixtures, doors, H2O heater & windows, updated BA & kitchen w/granite counter tops. 3 car garage. Bsmt has new paint & tile. Plenty of storage space. (25176967) \$123,500



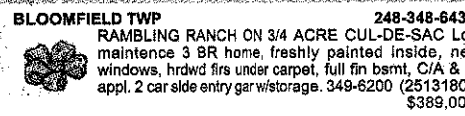
CENTER LINE 734-591-9200
MR. CLEAN LIVES HERE W/PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP! Offers an updated, open eat-in oak kitchen, updated BA, new roof, furnace w/C/A, new doors & windows, 2.5 car garage. Home Warranty & more! (25175947) \$119,900



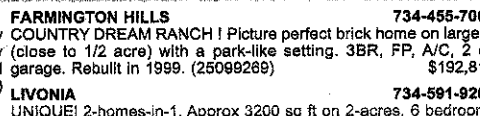
DEARBORN 734-326-2000
PRISTINE! Mint condition. All Brick 2 Bedroom Ranch w/Basement. Newer Windows, Glass Blocks, Roof, Carpet, Paint. Updated Kitchen & Bath. (C530) \$116,500



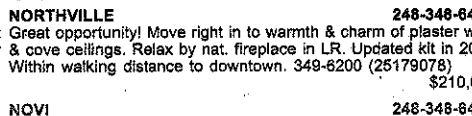
LIVONIA 248-348-6430
GREAT STARTER OR RETIREMENT HOME Upper end unit w/doorwall to balcony overlooking commons & pool. Master w/WIC, lg LR, carport, app. included. Immediate occupancy. 349-6200 (25168129) \$85,900



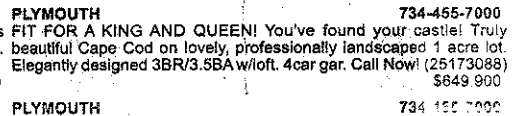
BLOOMFIELD TWP 248-348-6430
RAMBLING RANCH ON 3/4 ACRE CUL-DE-SAC Low maintenance 3 BR home, freshly painted inside, new windows, hrdwd frs under carpet, full fin bsmt, C/A & all appl. 2 car side entry gar w/storage. 349-6200 (25131804) \$389,000



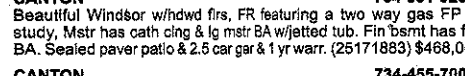
FARMINGTON HILLS 734-455-7000
COUNTRY DREAM RANCH! Picture perfect brick home on large lot (close to 1/2 acre) with a park-like setting. 3BR, FP, A/C, 2 car garage. Rebuilt in 1999. (25099289) \$192,815



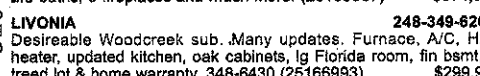
NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
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FIT FOR A KING AND QUEEN! You've found your castle! Truly beautiful Cape Cod on lovely, professionally landscaped 1 acre lot. Elegantly designed 3BR/3.5BA w/lot. 4car gar. Call Now! (25173088) \$649,900



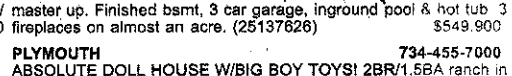
CANTON 734-591-9200
Beautiful Windsor w/hwd frs. FR featuring a two way gas FP to study. Mstr has cath cing & lg mstr BA w/jetted tub. Fin bsmt has full BA. Sealed paver patio & 2.5 car gar & 1 yr warr. (25171863) \$468,000



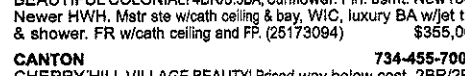
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
UNIQUE! 2-homes-in-1. Approx 3200 sq ft on 2-acres. 6 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 fireplaces and much more. (25165367) \$374,900



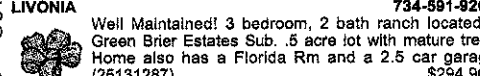
NOVI 248-348-6430
ISLAND LAKE 4 SEASON LAKE VIEW HOME Wooded lot! 4456 SQ FT of spacious living area plus professionally finished w/o LL w/ kit, bath, office & more. Granite kit & luxury master suite. 349-6200 (25172847) \$899,900



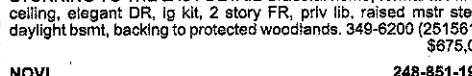
PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
ABSOLUTE DOLL HOUSE W/BIG BOY TOYS! 2BR/1.5BA ranch in Northville Twp. Plymouth schools. Updated. Lg master w/double closets. Lg. eat-in kit. Approx. 1/2 acre. (25134477) \$172,900



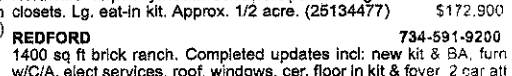
CANTON 734-455-7000
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL! 4BR/3.5BA. Sunflower. Fin. bsmt. New roof. Newer HWH. Mstr ste w/cath ceiling & bay. WIC, luxury BA w/jet tub & shower. FR w/cath ceiling and FP. (25173094) \$355,000



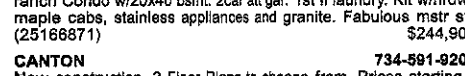
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Well Maintained! 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch located in Green Briar Estates Sub. .5 acre lot with mature trees. Home also has a Florida Rm and a 2.5 car garage. (25131287) \$294,900



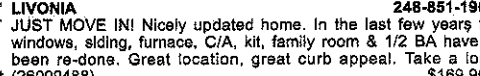
NOVI 248-348-6430
STUNNING TO THE LAST DETAIL! Graceful home, formal LR w/stap ceiling, elegant DR, lg kit, 2 story FR, priv lib, raised mstr ste, fin daylight bsmt, backing to protected woodlands. 349-6200 (25156192) \$675,000



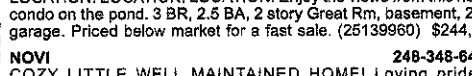
REDFORD 734-591-9200
1400 sq ft brick ranch. Completed updates incl: new kit & BA, furn w/C/A, elect services, roof, windows, car. floor in kit & foyer, 2 car att gar, sun room, brick paver patio & fenced yard. (25146830) \$169,900



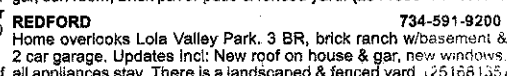
CANTON 734-591-9200
New construction. 2 Floor Plans to choose from. Prices starting at \$219,900. Loc SE Corner of Joy & Sheldon. (COLUMBIA) \$219,900



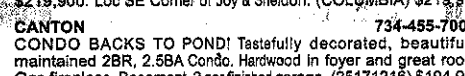
LIVONIA 734-455-7000
Great Updated 3 bedroom ranch with Livonia Schools! 2 car garage. Fireplace, new roof, windows, furnace, kitchen, bath, etc. (25135123) \$154,900



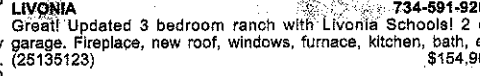
NOVI 248-437-3800
Stunning condo in private community! With resort style amenities this condo shows like a builders model. With new carpet, ceramic flooring and a partially finished basement, this condo stands out! (25148741) \$139,900



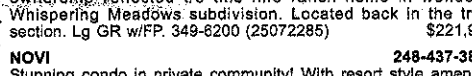
SOUTH LYON 248-437-3800
Spacious Ranch In Carriage Club! Open floor plan w/cathedral ceilings, an awesome family room. Many upgrades including berber carpet, surround sound, jetted tub. Great Location. (25169083) \$279,900



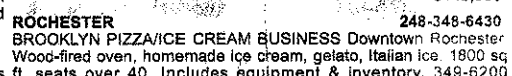
CANTON 734-591-9200
North Canton Condo Great buy on this 2BR, 1.5BA, Canton Condo w/bsmt. Needs work but has great potential. Two-story townhouse style, end unit. (25172688) \$109,900



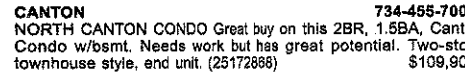
DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
A charming Bungalow in the Westwood District. Updated Kitchen & Bath. Newer hot water tank, entry doors, roof, & storm windows. Over sized garage and cement in 1998. (25070568) \$100,500



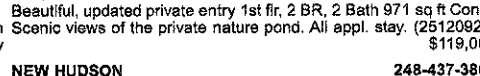
NOVI 248-348-6430
LAKE ACCESS. BIKE TRAILS & MUCH MORE! Enjoy this 2 BR, 2 BA Novi condo overlooking Walpole Lake. Buyer must be 50+, upper unit near elevator in bldg. All appl. Included. Assigned carport. 349-6200 (28002082) \$127,900



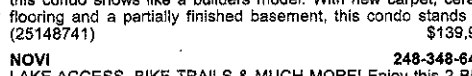
WARREN 248-348-6430
GREAT STARTER, CLOSE TO GM TECH CENTER! LR, carpet, door, & windows in '04, vault cell w/skyline in master BR & DR, lg Flia rm in front, remodeled kitchen w/newer oak cabs, freshly painted 349-6200 (25156403) \$100,000



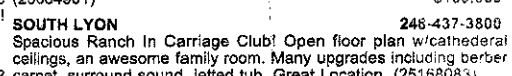
FARMINGTON HILLS 734-591-9200
Huge 4 BR ranch on 1.5 acres. Totally renovated. 4 BR, FR, LR, new white kitchen, DR, 3 car garage & more. (25178532) \$389,900



NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
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TODAY'S BUY - TOMORROW'S HAPPINESS! Is this brick 3 bedroom ranch in Dearborn Hgts #7 School District w/full basement, C/A, 1.5 BA, 2.5 car garage. Newer furnace, windows and carpeting. (M442) PC 220542 \$140,900

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Easygoing, active DWF, retired, ISO fun male, 60+, who likes bridge, tennis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, and willing to don a tuxedo now and then. ☎271793

THICK AND HEALTHY
SBF, 30, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, no kids, employed. Seeking nice-looking SM, 20-35, w/no kids, N/S, for friendship, possibly more. ☎534802

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ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC
Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46, likes movies, concerts, boating. Seeking attractive SWF, 40s-50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor, friendly, positive outlook. ☎642092

YOU WON'T BE SORRY!
SBM, 43, 5'6", well-educated, Christian. Looking for a single Christian female, 25-39, 5'5", college-educated, 130-165lbs, great personality and outlook on life. ☎879213

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SWM, 41, seek SF, to become friends, maybe more. She must be smart, have SOH. Blend into me. All I want is: you to be happy. If you want this, call! ☎595394

FREE SPIRIT
SWM, 42, 180lbs, 6', brown/brown vegetarian, likes skiing, cooking, going out, picnics in the park, long walks, stargazing. ISO SWF, 24-44, N/S, with kids ok. ☎887753

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SM, 46, N/S, employed, well-groomed, seeks sincere, respectful, loving lady to share quality time with. I enjoy movies, dining out, cooking in, quiet nights at home. ☎895333

MARRIAGE MINDED
SWM, 47, 5'10", employed. Seeking SF, 30-40, race open. I enjoy movies, sports and cuddling at night. Seeking someone for LTR, possibly marriage. ☎895403

WELL, HELLO
SM, very young-looking 50, 5'7", 180lbs, medium build, employed, self-reliant, D/D-free, easygoing and easy to get along with, enjoys biking and cooking. Seeking S/DWF, 40-55, 200-350lbs. ☎597126

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HI, LADIES
Male, 27, 6', 200lbs, brown/brown, Libra, N/S, loves traveling to Canada. Seeking marriage-minded woman, 19-35, N/S, to get serious with. ☎893158

LEISURE IS BEST SHARED
SBM, 28, 6'2", Virgo, N/S, loves movies, bowling, and shooting pool. Seeking a cool, down-to-earth BF, 23-35, N/S, to join me. ☎893419

LOOK ME UP
SBM, 55, 5'10", 198lbs, medium complexion, brown eyes, enjoys fishing, movies, music, sports, travel, picnics, more. Interested in meet an outgoing, sweet woman for friendship and possibly more. ☎893600

HOW YOU DOIN'?
Ladies, if you seek a good guy, devoted and real, to share a little romance and happiness with, take a chance on me. SM, 23, looking for the real thing. ☎895867

LET'S TALK
SWM, 52, 6'2", 220lbs, enjoys dining out, movies, the outdoors, quiet evening at home. Seeking honest, petite SF, 50-65, with similar interests for LTR. East Pointe. ☎91273

SEEKING CULTURED WOMAN
SWM, 80, 5'8", 153lbs, healthy, intelligent, college-educated, N/S, seeks slim, educated, attractive WF, 65-75, N/S, who loves classical music, opera, Stratford Festival, and travel. ☎882041

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING
Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF, age open. ☎547524

HAPPY DAD
Single father of three, 37, loves family, outdoors, biking, barbecues, cooking and more. Looking for a lovely WF, 30-45, to share happiness and life with. ☎715711

SENSE OF HUMOR!
Attractive SBM, 6', 220lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, 40-ish, very laid-back and family-oriented, likes dinner, movies, and going to Canada. Seeking SF, 20-45, race open, HW proportionate, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎822912

JUST PLAIN TALK
A strong shoulder to lean on! Nice-looking SWM, 43, kind, considerate, romantic, seeks feminine lady friend. ☎733275

COULD IT BE YOU?
SWM, 40s, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, auto worker, easygoing, honest and secure, enjoys hunting, Harleys and the outdoors. Seeking attractive slim/fit woman, 30-50, N/S, D/D-free, comfortable in high heels-tennis shoes ☎798519

SECURE
WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking, would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there. ☎828139

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER
SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR. ☎869189

OUTDOORSY KINDA GUY
DWM, 64, 5'11", 190lbs, self-employed, N/S, socially drinker, great SOH. I am looking for the right lady to spend time with, get to know and maybe develop a lasting relationship. ☎891796

PAL, CHUM, COMPANION
Looking for someone to hang with. I am bright, masculine, well put-together, sane, curious, 62, 5'8", 150lbs, like exercise, movies, good food, travel. If you're SM, 45-65, masculine, call me. ☎863544

I'LL BE WAITING
SM, 5'9", 185lbs, black/brown. Looking for single females, 18-23, who like to have fun. If you're interested, get in touch. ☎879055

TRUE GENTLEMAN
SBM, 48, N/S, financially stable. Seeking a sincere, open-minded, positive female, 25-55, with a good sense of humor. ☎878374

LET'S SHARE THE HOLIDAYS
SBM, 42, handsome, loving and kind. ISO a single female, 18-60, to share the Holidays, fun times and quiet, romantic moments. ☎879248

TRY ME!
SBM, 27, 6'1", slim, spontaneous. Looking for an exciting, sexy, interesting female, 20-40. Someone to hang out with, get to know and just have fun with. ☎880499

HOPE TO FIND U SOON
SBM, 38, 5'10", 195lbs, homeowner employed, compassionate, fun, likes romantic movies. Looking for honest, sincere, hard-working independent woman. ☎887760

POSITIVE OUTLOOK
SWPM, Aquarius, N/S, seeks affectionate W/PF, 30-50, N/S, who enjoys activities by sunlight, moonlight, or candlelight. ☎888927

PISTONS FAN
SBM, 23, 6', 150lbs, long hair, Pisces, smoker, works hard. Seeking a really fun, cool woman, age open. ☎889908

LET'S CHILL TOGETHER
SBM, 29, 5'7", athletic build, Pisces, smoker, loves working on cars. Seeking down-to-earth woman, 20-46, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. ☎891970

HEART OF ROCK-N-ROLL
SAM, 30, Sagittarius, N/S, loves tv and sports. Seeking WF, 18-49, N/S, to share life with. ☎890083

EBONY QUEEN WANTED
SWM, 31, 6', 200lbs, financially secure, Aries, N/S, loves working out, sports, music, cars. Seeking BF, 21-35, N/S, for possible LTR. ☎891744

A BIT ABOUT ME...
SWM, 37, 5'9", medium build, employed. I enjoys waterskiing, hunting, travel, etc. Looking for SW/HF, who has similar interest, 37-50. ☎894297

NOT LIKE ALL THE REST
SWPM, 5'8", brown/blue, fit, enjoys biking, jogging, being outdoors, music, movies, reading, concerts, good conversation, being with friends and family. Seeking emotionally available SWPF, 28-44, who is passionate about life. ☎611391

GREAT CATCH
SWM, 6', self-employed, 180lbs, handsome. Seeking intelligent, financially secure, attractive woman, who likes pool, camping, bowling, movies, dining out and traveling. ☎878998

ROMANCE AND YOU...
over due? If you are a SWF, 40-55, decent-looking, and somewhat romantic, then we might connect. This gentle, optimistic SWM could make you really happy. ☎799032

MAN WITH PIZZAZZ...
Sincere, affectionate SWM, 40s, clear mind, fit body, enjoys artsy, cultural events, outdoor activities, seeking witty, pretty SWF, 35-55, for friendship and possible relationship. ☎517123

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Easygoing, agreeable, cute SWM, 40s, eager to please, willing to try new things, seeks fairly attractive and friendly SWF for dating and relating. ☎210772

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
Independent, self-sufficient DWM, 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life. ☎855207

LONELY & READY
SWM, 49, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. ☎860305

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. ☎692418

GOT WIT?
DBM, late 40s, homeowner, N/S, loves traveling, taking part in community events, jazz and comedy clubs. Seeking WF, 42-52, smoker, responsible drinker ok, not afraid to take a chance. ☎832666

ON THE GO
Athletic SWM, 46, 5'11", N/S, works in heating and cooling, likes to work-out in the morning, doesn't like to sit around, seeks SBF, 25-50, who likes trying new things. ☎640046

AN EASYGOING GUY
Attractive, fun, financially secure SWM, 47, N/S seeks WF, 35-50, who enjoys being romantic, dining out, movies, and the outdoors, friendship, possible LTR. ☎862812

SOUND LIKE YOU?
DWM, 31, 5'11", father of two. Love to camp, hunt, fish, bowl, shoot pool, watching movies, etc. ISO SW/HF, not afraid to be herself, 21-45, to get to know, W/similar interest. ☎879396

TRY THIS ONE
SM, 21, 5'9", 210lbs, long hair, brown eyes, looking for a nice, simple, respectful SF to hang and have fun with. Friendship first. ☎878954

IS IT YOU?
SBM, 29, 5'8", 170lbs, brown complexion, independent, self-sufficient, well-dressed, looking to meet an attractive female ready for some fun. ☎883708

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SBM, 31, employed, self-sufficient, ISO down-to-earth, easygoing SF, to share good times with. ☎884060

SEEKS BROWN-EYED GIRL
Good-looking, friendly SWM, 41, 5'11", 180lbs, no children, N/S, easy-going, enjoys movies, music, travel, dining. Seeking very attractive, pretty SH/AWF, 28-39, friendship, possible relationship. ☎760359

LET'S TRY IT OUT
Just call this friendly, social, easygoing SWM, 40s, humorous, optimistic, seeks kind, sociable lady for casual dating. Age open. ☎513284

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The 2006 Jeep Commander

Advertising Feature

Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

Jeep Commander is a vehicle that many of us have been waiting a long time to see - and drive. Kudos to Chrysler for finally bringing out this impressive new specimen, which looks like a utility vehicle should look, cossets like a cocoon, and drives like a dream. But that doesn't mean the company should escape without a wrist slap for waiting so long.

Remember 15 years ago, when the Jeep Grand Cherokee practically invented the modern, medium-sized SUV segment that has transformed the automotive business during the time since? Commander, the company's largest SUV, would have been a great encore for Jeep and a way for the Chrysler brand to have maintained its mastery over the genre - just as Chrysler's minivans did for so long - by beating GM, Ford and others to the punch.

But Jeep didn't. And now, Commander is going to have to try to claw some market share out of a large-SUV club that includes well-established players such as Ford's Excursion, Lincoln's Navigator, the GMC Envoy and other GMC brands, and newcomers such as the Honda Pilot, Toyota Highlander and a couple of Lexus models.

Well, at least Jeep has come up with a vehicle that may be up to the task. As the first modern Jeep that can comfortably seat seven people, Commander significantly advances the Jeep line-up. Equipped with a higher level of safety and security features than any previous Jeep, Commander also represents the first salvo in a product offensive that Chrysler is bringing to its Jeep brand now much as it beefed up its Chrysler and Dodge lineups over the last few years.

Commander comes in two models, Commander and Commander Limited, each of which is available in two-wheel drive or four-wheel drive. Either way, Commander starts impressing you with intriguing styling. It is unapologetically boxy, enhancing both its rugged appearance as well as the practical value of the cargo space inside.

If anything, Jeep has overstated the rear end as well, with a stepped-up roof that makes room for rear-passenger seating. It also underscores the fact that this is its biggest Jeep and visually distancing Commander



The 2006 Jeep Commander

from the smaller Grand Cherokee that used to top the Jeep lineup. Commander is two inches longer and nearly four inches taller than Grand Cherokee.

At the same time, Commander makes great use of classic Jeep design cues, including, of course, the instantly recognizable seven-slot grille, trapezoidal wheel wells, and squared-off lines with flat surfaced. Exposed Allen headbolts along the wheel wells and in the headlamp module are intended to create a technical look. And while the long handles that reside on either end of the rear window no doubt are practical because they can assist someone climbing onto the rear bumper or getting to the roof of the car, they also add to the visual impression of the vehicle's utility.

I was equally impressed with the driveability of the Limited, all-wheel-drive version that I used. Commander handled very well, reminding me of the responsiveness and overall balance of the best of this category, such as the Lexus LX models. The 5.7-liter Hemi engine that powered our vehicle, with its 330 horsepower and 375 pound-feet of torque, not surprisingly provided all the power required in a seemingly effortless manner - even though one long trip in the vehicle involved a full cargo of returning-to-camp gear.

This version features the fuel-saving Multi-Displacement System technology that shuts down

engine cylinders as the opportunity arises under light load conditions. Even so, fuel economy for Commander hasn't improved beyond the long-typical range for this category: 15 miles a gallon in the city and 19 on the highway.

I appreciated the interior amenities, including automatic bright-and-dimming headlights and ample pockets and compartments, including a nifty slot right in front of the front passenger that can hold cell phones, keys, sunglasses and the like.

But the most impressive thing about Commander is the sense of spaciousness that it creates. The raised roof permits stadium seating in which each row is higher than the one in front of it. Second- and third-row passengers have enhanced forward visibility. A nifty pair of skylights overhead the second row add an airy feeling for its passengers, and the availability of screens that can be zipped over them allow these skylights to reduce heat and filter light.

Typical even of the largest SUVs, the third-row seats are most suited for children. Yet the second-row seat flips forward, allowing an adult to access the third row relatively easily. The third row also has rear heating and air-conditioning controls available, as well as nearby power outlets.

For \$42,895 for the version I drove, Commander is going to get Jeep squarely in the large-SUV game.

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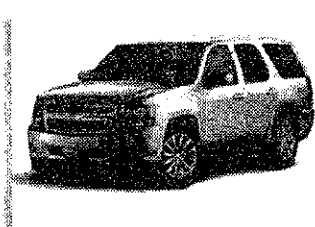
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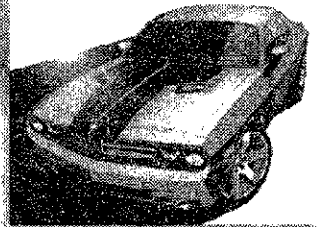


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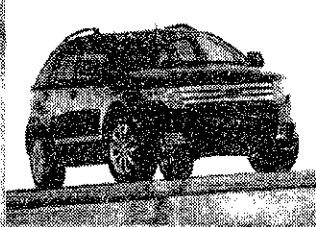
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Chevrolet Tahoe
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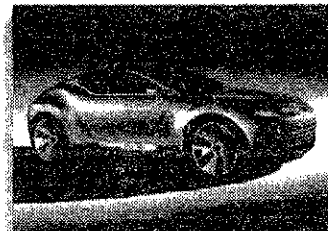
Dodge Challenger Concept
A 6.1-liter Hemi V8, rated at 170 horsepower. Six-speed automatic transmission.



Ford Edge
A crossover with new 3.5-liter V-6 engine, all-wheel drive. Features a fold-down front passenger seat.



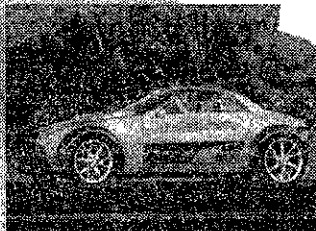
Hyundai Santa Fe
Larger than the current model and with a third-row seat, it will be offered with either a 2.7- or a 3.3-liter V6 engine and a five-speed automatic.



Ford Reflex Concept
Advanced diesel-electric hybrid engine, 65 mpg, solar panels, inflatable safety-belt and airbags.



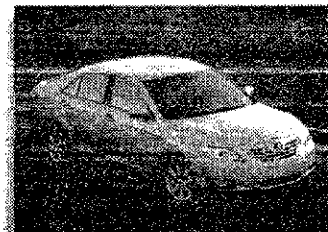
Honda Fit
Japan-made Fit slots beneath the Civic. The Fit, also known as the Jazz, is sold in Japan and is designed for in-city driving.



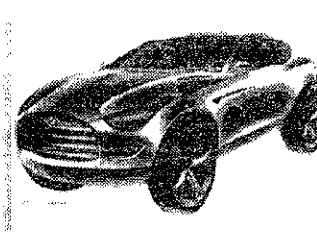
Nissan Urge Concept
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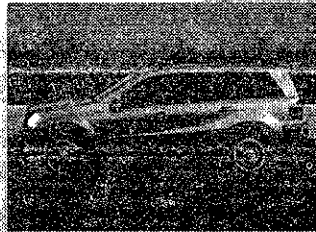
Chrysler Aspen
Chrysler's first SUV. 235 HP V-8 engine. Cool features include remote start, and a Tire Pressure Monitoring system.



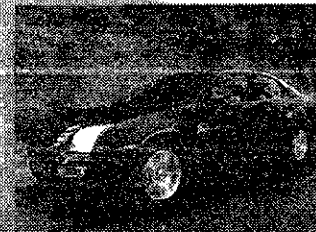
Toyota Camry
New and improved Best Seller. Will be available in hybrid form as well. Completely restyled and re-engineered for the 2006 model year.



Hyundai HCD-9 Talus Concept
The Hyundai HCD-9 Talus future sports car. Styled by Hyundai's California studio.



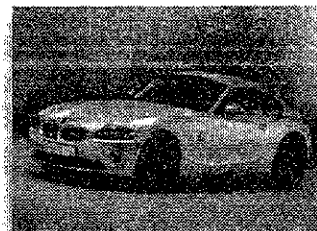
Mercedes-Benz GL-Class
The all-new GL-Class is a 7-seat luxury SUV. A 335-horsepower, 4.6-liter V8 engine, ADS adaptive damping and adjustable ride height.



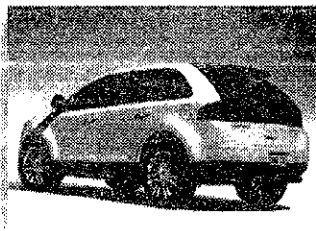
Ford Fusion
An all-new successor to the Talus V6, power includes slots of aluminum.



Dodge Caliber
Caliber replaces the Neon with a five-door crossover. A new four-cylinder engine and CVT transmission for fuel savings.



BMW Z4 Coupe Concept
New 3.0-liter, inline, six-cylinder engine. 255 horsepower. Top speed 155 mph. Electrical Power Steering and high-performance brakes.



Lincoln MKX
Features turning headlamps, a panoramic glass roof, heated and cooled front seats, heated rear seats and a THX II audio system.



Nissan Versa
Nissan's new entry-level model for about \$12,000. (CVT) and a standard 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine. 27 miles per gallon.



Volvo C30 Concept
A 2-door, 4-passenger coupe powered by a turbocharged five-cylinder engine. 260 HP, 6 speed.



Jeep Compass
A compact SUV with 4x4 capability and a long list of safety features and interior flexibility.



Mini Traveller
A station wagon version of the Mini. The seats are suspended. The dashboard appears free-floating. Front seats swivel to side/rear.

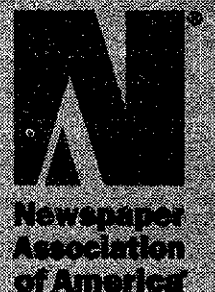


Kia Soul Concept
A crossover utility vehicle geared toward an active lifestyle. Drawer in rear for wet or muddy items.

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