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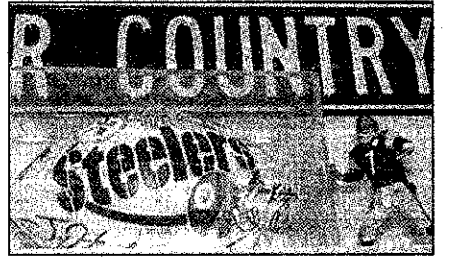
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## Plan calls for 1,400 new homes in southwest Canton

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's last big blast of residential building took a big step forward Monday, as the planning commission unanimously recommended approval of four preliminary planned unit development agreements. The PUDs will include some 1,400 homes to be built on more than 600 acres in the southwest corner of Canton, near Geddes and Denton roads.

The four developments, which include single-family and condominium housing, offer a solution to what some have said is a challenge for Canton's development goals.

"This is a wonderful solution for this area of the township," Commissioner Greg Greene said Monday. "This solves a lot of problems," while allowing the township to finish planning this large undeveloped area.

The developments represent the largest piece of undeveloped residen-

tially zoned property in the township. According to municipal services projections, Canton's population, which is now just a little more than 85,000, will be up to 110,000 when the township is officially built out. When factored with Canton's master plan's density allowances, it is estimated that another 10,000 single- and multi-family homes can be constructed in Canton. So the PUD developments are in line with the town's goals.

One of the challenges had been that

the township planners had hoped that the area wouldn't be developed in a piecemeal fashion.

Developer Richard Lewiston has proposed a plan in which all four developments will have matching entrances and boulevards and landscaping, street lighting and signage. Though the houses will be built in a variety of designs and at a wide range of price points, there will be some continuity in design, and more than five miles of biking and walking paths will connect them.

"All four (developments) will share some common development guidelines," Planning Director Jeff Goulet said. "The projects will read as a whole so we don't feel that we have three or four subdivisions that look like 10 or 12 subdivisions. You'll feel like you're part of a larger community rather than unrelated subdivisions."

One challenge that is more difficult to address is the school district,

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## McClendon remembered as a 'great mind'

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The name on the building at 454 S. Harvey in Plymouth says it all about E.J. McClendon.

Plymouth-Canton Schools gives its highest honor to those who have contributed greatly to the education of children by putting their names on a school building. On May 16, 1993, the district dedicated the administrative offices as the E.J.



Dr. McClendon

McClendon Educational Center.

Edwin J. McClendon, known by everyone as E.J., passed away Saturday at the age of 84 after suffering for an extended period with Alzheimer's disease.

McClendon started out as a high school English teacher before being hired by the American Tuberculosis Association to administer TB immunizations in the 1950s. Soon after moving to Detroit in 1955, McClendon became Wayne County director of school health, along with the way writing a guide for teachers on how to deal with student drug problems.

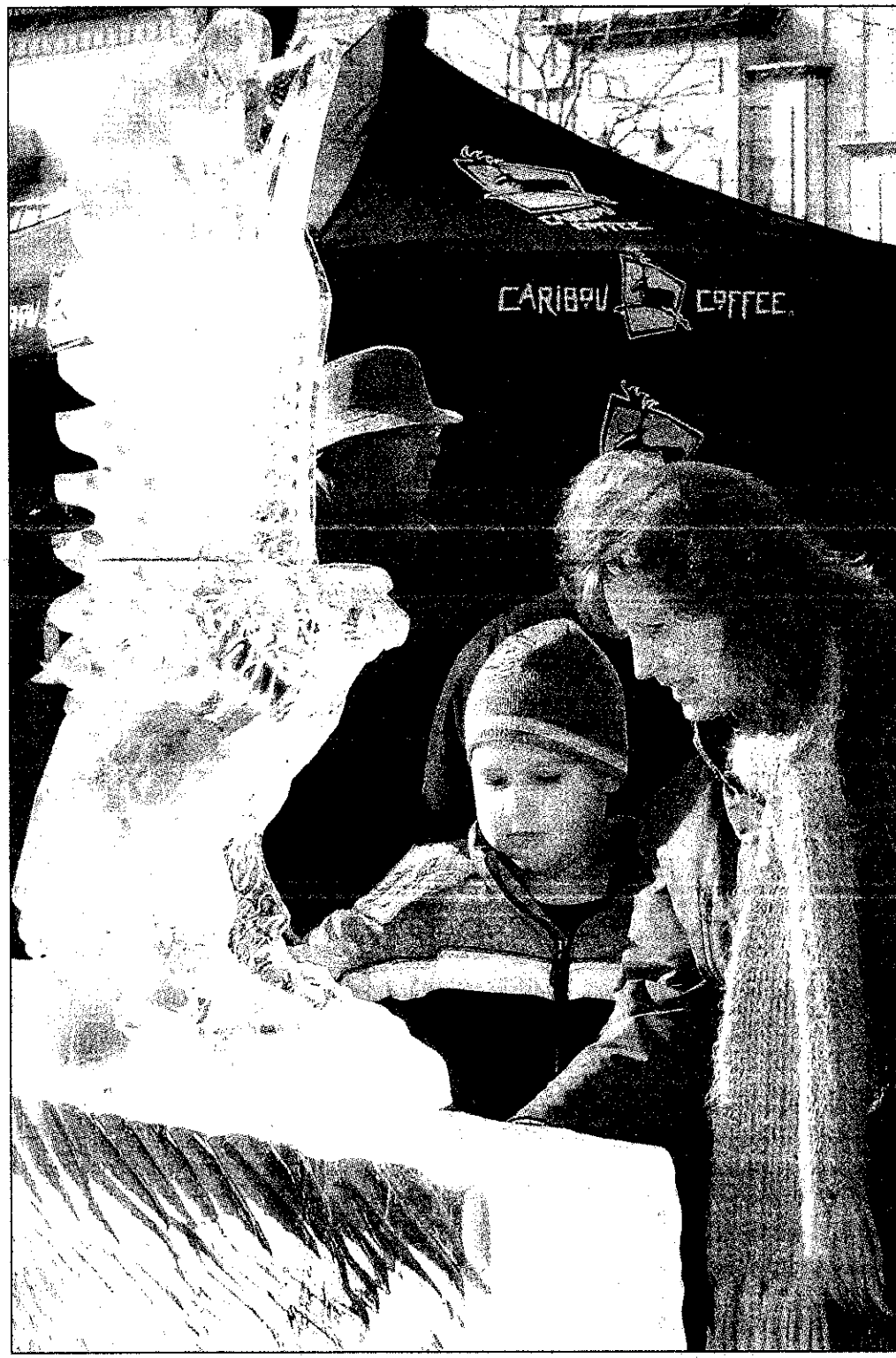
In January 1972, McClendon became a professor in the University of Michigan's School of Public Health and retired as a professor emeritus in 1990.

In the 1960s, McClendon was a driving force in the grass-roots campaign that led to the establishment of Schoolcraft College.

His passion was education. And that's how he touched the Plymouth and Canton communities the most, serving 14 years on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education.

"His community love was the Plymouth-Canton school district, and he contributed immensely toward our efforts to bring better education to

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## Wings of ice

Bonnie Berry of Canton and her 9-year-old son, Tommy, examine an eagle sculpture during last weekend's Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

## Library hopes 'Shadow Divers' gets everyone talking about reading

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Did the Nazis have U-boats off America's East Coast ready to attack during World War II? That will be one of the main topics of discussion during the Canton Public Library's community-wide reading program, called Everyone's Reading.

The Canton Library is one of 19 libraries in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties participating in the program, now in its fifth year. The aim of the program is to get as many people possible reading and talking about the same book.

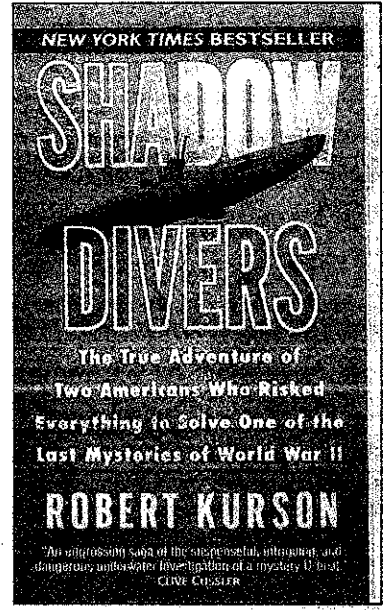
This year's book is *Shadow Divers: The True Adventure of Two Americans Who Risked Everything to Solve One of the Last Mysteries of World War II* by Robert Kurson. The popular book, which has received rave reviews, details the mystery surrounding a sunken German U-boat found off the coast of New Jersey in 1991, even though many experts insisted it couldn't exist.

Everyone Reads kicks off Feb. 1 and concludes in April, when Kurson will make appearances at several participating libraries, including Canton at 7 p.m. April 5. In between, the Canton Public Library will host a number of events, including:

■ At 7 p.m. Feb. 2, local diving instructor Mike Poggione will give a presentation called Learn to Dive.

■ Fulbright Scholar Gregory Sumner will discuss the book, *Fighting Hitler's Wolfpack: U-boats in the Battle of the Atlantic*, at 7 p.m. March 2.

■ *Shadow Divers* will be the topic of a lunch and book discussion at noon March 9.



This is the book chosen for the Canton library's reading program.

■ Speaker David Trotter will present *Titans Clash! Then Death in the Abyss*, the story of the sinking of the steamer Frank H. Goodyear in 1910, at 7 p.m. March 16.

All the programs are free, but advance registration is required.

According to library spokesperson Laurie Golden, the program promotes reading, but also gives people an opportunity to share ideas. She particularly looks forward to the discussion groups at the library.

"When you have a whole group of people together discussing the same book, it is interesting. Everyone has a different perspective, because they've had different experiences. It really gets the dialogue going," she said.

For more information about Everyone's Reading or the Canton Public Library, visit the Web site [www.everyonesreading.info](http://www.everyonesreading.info) or call (734) 397-0999.

## Woman admits to stealing \$1 million in federal funds

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

A 45-year-old Canton woman pleaded guilty Tuesday to stealing more than \$1 million from the federal government. She will serve less than half the maximum amount of prison time allowed by the law.

According to U.S. Attorney Stephen

J. Murphy, LoToya Cotton had stolen the money during the 10 years she worked as a contractual liaison for the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, and the funds were diverted from accounts that pay for housing for low-income households.

Cotton filled out applications for rental assistance for what Murphy called "straw people," who were either

made-up identities, or who were real people who were clearly not eligible for housing assistance. She then used the money for her own purposes, he said.

Cotton's actions could have meant that low-income people and families who were legitimately eligible for housing assistance may not have received it because there is a finite amount of money available for MSHDA pro-

grams, according to Murphy.

Under the terms of the plea agreement struck between Cotton and the federal government, Cotton will serve between 37 and 46 months in federal prison. Cotton must also forfeit her home and repay more than \$1 million — the amount obtained by the fraud. The maximum penalty for the crime is 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

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### Charity hockey game

A group of Canton firefighters and police officers will be taking on the coaches of the Canton Amateur Hockey Association in a hockey game scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m., at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

The game is free of charge and is being played in celebration of Michigan Hockey Day.

For further information on the game contact the Arctic Edge Ice Arena at (734) 487-7830.

### Canton Toastmasters

Learn how to develop communication and leadership skills that will boost your self-confidence and personal growth through Toastmasters International. Toastmasters was created to help men and women learn the art of speaking, listening, and thinking. These are vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding, and contribute to the betterment of mankind.

Join the Canton Communicators Toastmasters Club. They meet at the Canton Coney Island at Lilley and Joy every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. For more information call (734) 459-2600.

### Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers -- a social, civic and charitable organization -- welcomes the public to its Feb. 1 general meeting, beginning at 7:15 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse, located at 45800 Hanford (west of Canton Center, between Woodmere and Weathersfield).

Dr. Jim Ryan, superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Schools, will be the guest speaker, and will discuss issues surrounding the May bond vote.

For more information, including a complimentary Newcomer newsletter called the "Canton Connection," visit them on the Web at newcomers.angelcities.com, or call (734) 495-0520.

### Quicken promotion

Canton's Nikki VanWasshova has been promoted to executive mortgage banker at Quicken Loans. She graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 2001 with a degree in international marketing and joined the company in 2004.

As an executive mortgage banker, VanWasshova assists clients in all 50 states with their home purchase or refinancing needs.

### Patterson hours

State Sen. Bruce Patterson's district director, Sue Trussell, will hold office hours for all constituents of State Senate District 7, in the Plymouth District Library's Waldorf Room 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31.

Preschool story times for children 3-1/2 to 5 years old are also scheduled at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The library is located at 223 S. Main in Plymouth. All constituents are welcome. For more information, call the library, (734) 453-0750, or Patterson's Lansing office, (517) 373-7350 or (866) 262-7307.

### Symphony salute

Student-run radio station 88.1FM partners with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra on a program called Salute to the Plymouth Symphony.

The third program will air on 88.1FM at noon Friday, Feb. 3; 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8; and at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9. It will preview the symphony's Feb. 11 concert at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth.

Salute to the Plymouth Symphony will feature an interview with Nan Washburn, musical director and conductor; Jeffrey Zook, guest performer; and Marion Gross, Plymouth Symphony violinist for 47 years.

### National recognition

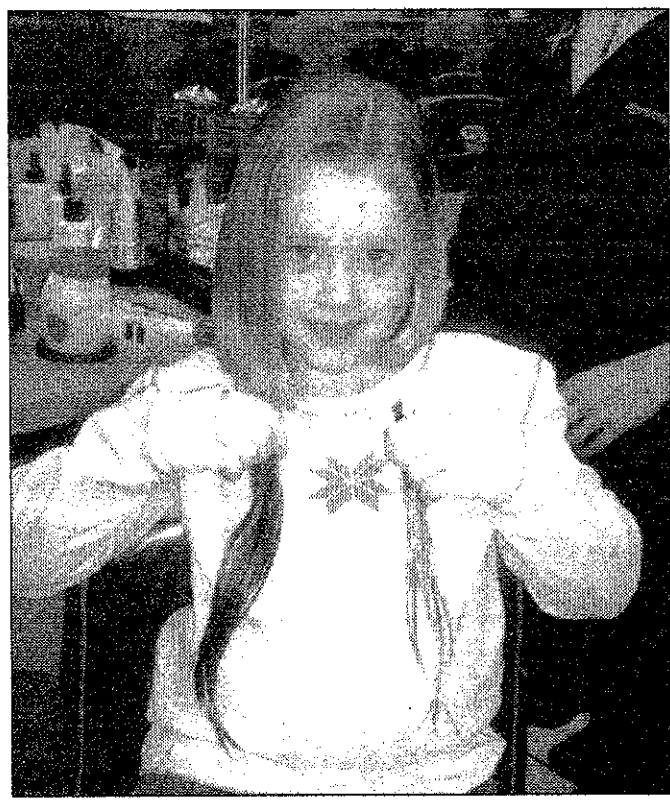
Canton Leisure Services was recently recognized by the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS) for the benefits it provides nearly 300 parent-child groups with its Start Smart Sports Development Programs.

The Start Smart programs were developed by motor skill development specialists in the field of youth sports. Parent-child groups perform motor skill tasks that gradually build confidence in children while they are having fun at the same time. Canton is the only "Five Star" organization in the state, offering five of the six NAYS Start Smart programs: basketball, soccer, golf, baseball and a general development program, which introduces a child to basic skills such as throwing, kicking, catching and batting.

Through the years soccer and basketball have emerged as Canton's most popular Start Smart programs.

According to NAYS, 49 percent of children do not have the basic skills necessary when they enter organized sports, and more than 70 percent of kids will drop out of organized sports by the age of 13.

For more information on Canton's Start Smart programs, visit [csc.canton-mi.org](http://csc.canton-mi.org) and click on "Youth Sports" or call (734) 483-5600.



### The gift of hair

Canton's Holly McManiman, 7, a 2nd grader at Hoben Elementary, holds up 10-inch lengths of her hair that she will be donating to Locks of Love, a national nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children 18 years and younger suffering from long-term medical hair loss. Holly got her hair cut last week at Fantastic Sams in Canton.

### Nursery openings

The Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-Op, 5825 N. Sheldon in Canton, has immediate openings available for children ages 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](http://www.plymouthnursery.org).

### 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.

### Computer seminar

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Canton Computers to offer a series of computer related seminars throughout 2006. The seminars are open to chamber members and the public, and are designed to teach participants a variety of skills for a nominal fee.

"The Chamber is proud to offer educational seminars and programs to our chamber members, businesses owners, employees, and residents of Canton," said Dianne Cojei, president of the chamber. "The

classes we offer are high-quality courses that we feel will help to enrich the Canton business community."

The next class, "Photo Editing & Archiving," is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 6-9 p.m. It will be held at Canton Computers, located at 1765 Canton Center Road in Canton. Participants will learn how to effectively edit photos, archive them for safe-keeping, and create fun and exciting slideshow presentations. The cost for the three-hour hands-on class is \$25 for Chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Advance registration is required and can be made by contacting the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, log onto [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com).

### Bittering scholarships

Lee and Noel Bittering of RE/MAX Classic are once again sponsoring three scholarships of \$1,000 each. These scholarships will be available to any currently enrolled high school senior in the Plymouth-Canton community who is planning on attending a college or university in the fall of 2006.

"The Plymouth/Canton community has supported us for over 20 years," said Noel Bittering. "The Bittering Team Scholarship is just one of the ways that we can say thank you by giving back to our community. We know that education is very important for the values of our properties. This is our way of paving the way for a stronger, happier future for the next generation."

Applications may be obtained at RE/MAX Classic 43435 Joy Rd., Canton. The submission deadline is March 2.

### Open house

St. Michael Lutheran Preschool, 3003 Hannan Road in Wayne, will hold an open house and registration from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Feb. 6, and another on Feb. 23 at the same time. For more information, please call the school at (734) 728-3315.

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muscles in the feet. Allowing them to get out of condition can lead to pain in the legs, hips and back.


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# Ford plans send shock waves through local union halls

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Ford Motor Co.'s decision to close its Wixom Assembly Plant has rippled through the region this week, while workers feared that future job cuts could threaten auto company's plants in Wayne.

"I think it's an attack on the middle class," said Westland resident Ron Graunstadt, health and safety representative for United Auto Workers Local 36 in Wixom. "Jobs are being shipped to Mexico. Very shortly, people aren't going to be able to afford the products that the car companies are making, and that's going to be another tremendous blow."

Graunstadt, 50, indicated Tuesday that he expects a lay-off notice by early next year. Meanwhile, as Ford announced Monday that it will close 14 plants - slashing 30,000 hourly jobs and 4,000 salaries positions - workers seemed nervous inside the UAW Local 900 hall in Wayne, across from the company's Michigan Truck and Wayne Assembly plants.

"A job could be here today and gone tomorrow," hourly worker Jason Hillman, 33, said. "If Americans would buy American cars, we could save our jobs."

Auto industry job losses will trickle down to retail stores, restaurants, grocery stores and other businesses, said Hillman, an Inkster resident.

Although some 6,800 workers in Wayne escaped the company ax Monday, they mourned job losses suffered elsewhere by Ford employees.

"The mood is always bad in a situation like this, regardless of where you lose the jobs," said Jeff Washington, Local 900 president. "There was a certain amount of relief here - if that's what you want to call it. But, the threat is there that we could be one of the plant closings still to be announced."

Washington, a 59-year-old Belleville resident, said Wayne workers are hopeful

## Wixom restaurant owner reeling from plant closing

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Like many people stung by Monday's announcement of plant closings and employee layoffs at Ford Motor Co., Debi Leon of Plymouth Township is worried about what's going to happen to her family.

For Leon, though, it's more of an extended family, since she's not even employed by Ford. That didn't stop Leon from caring - and crying - with Ford workers stung by the long-rumored news the automaker would close its Wixom plant sometime in 2007.

It tore at Leon's heart because she and her husband, Moe, own Leon's Food & Spirits, a family restaurant right across Wixom Road from the 4.7-million-square-foot plant that calls Ford workers its best customers.

And they took Monday's news hard.

"I had one woman who ordered a meal, then she couldn't eat it, and another man who just sat there and cried," said Leon, who, along with her husband, owns nine restaurants. "What can you say in this situation? What's going to help them? They were devastated."

As was Leon, who opened the Wixom restaurant in January 1998. Back then, the

Leons felt the Wixom Road location was a prime choice, what with the Wixom plant thriving, with three shifts funneling customers in for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Ford has whittled operations at the plant down to just one shift, and next year some 1,500 workers will be gone. Leon figures that'll cause maybe a 25-percent hit to her business. Thankfully, she said, the city of Wixom has grown enough that the pool of customers is big enough to sustain it.

"We have our name, because we have the other restaurants," Leon said. "Wixom has become a bigger city since we moved in, there's a new downtown and lots of homes coming in. That'll help us."

But she wonders what will help her customers, the ones who have become like family to her, the ones who banter about golf scores and life's challenges as if they were sitting around the kitchen table in their own homes.

"That's the kind of people we are, the kind of people they are," Leon said. "Ford is a family, but they became our family. The people who come in here ... they're devastated. They wonder how they're going to make their house payment."

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Debi Leon's restaurant, located across the street from the Ford Wixom plant, has seen the workforce shrink from more than 3,000 to about 1,600 employees.

some communities.

Graunstadt expressed particular concern for Ford employees who have fewer years on the job, and he voiced broader concerns that middle-class jobs are being eroded. He and his wife Cheryl, a Westland City Council member, have three grown daughters, and two of them live at home.

"What do my kids have to look forward to?" Graunstadt said. "I see generations of people losing the jobs that their fathers and their grandfathers had."

The Wixom plant makes the Lincoln Town Car and the Lincoln LS, but production on the latter vehicle is expected to halt in mid-April, he said.

The Michigan Truck Plant in Wayne makes the Ford Expedition and Navigator, and the Wayne Assembly Plant produces the Ford Focus.

Sam Beydoun, a 10-year truck plant worker who came to the United States from Lebanon when he was only 3, said he encourages his friends to buy American-made cars.

"I won't even let a foreign car park in my driveway," said Beydoun, a Dearborn Heights resident with a wife and three children.

"People need to wake up and realize what's going on," he said. "A lot of us are still hoping that we won't lose our jobs. But most of the workers are very concerned."

Inside the Local 900 hall, a sign posted on a window seemed to sum up the worrisome times.

It read: UAW Local 900 is not accepting any names for possible employment. Ford has a freeze on hiring. We currently have over 6,000 names on the list.

A list, it seems, for which there are no jobs.

that Ford will bring a new product to their facilities to boost production and heighten job security.

Graunstadt, meanwhile, has worked for Ford Motor Co. for nearly 30 years - 18 of them at the Wixom plant. He could be placed elsewhere, but he also could lose some Social Security benefits if forced out of a job before he is 55.

"It's so early in the game, I don't know what's going to

happen," Graunstadt said Tuesday.

Wixom workers come from many local communities, including Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Canton, Plymouth and Redford, he said. They had heard prior to Monday that they could lose their jobs.

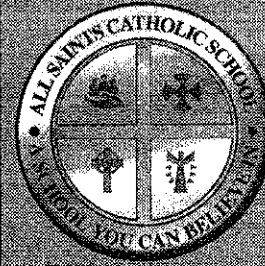
"Even though I think everybody was prepared because of all the media attention, I still think they were pretty much

in shock," Graunstadt said. "They were very stoic, very professional when the news was delivered."

"I feel terrible about it," he said. "It's a tremendous loss to the employees, to the economy and to the entire sur-

rounding area. For every auto worker who gets laid off, there are a number of other people who will lose their jobs."

He cited auto parts suppliers but also said that reduced tax revenues could affect police and fire services in



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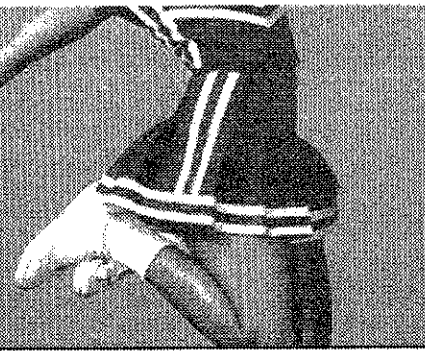
- A**  
Julie M. Atkinson  
Atkinson, 83, of Clarkston, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Jan. 20.
- B**  
Eleanor Ruth Bank (nee Rodman)  
Bank, 70, of Jerusalem, died Jan. 18.
- E**  
John C. Earle  
Earle, 77, died Jan. 17.
- H**  
Karl Hanyi, M.D.  
Hanyi, 81, of Plymouth, died Jan. 21.
- J**  
Charles Jetchick  
Jetchick, 81, died Jan. 19.
- K**  
Clarence A. Kaechle  
Kaechle, of Beverly Hills and Siesta Key, Fla., died Jan. 5.
- L**  
Elerious Ludger King  
King, 77, of Troy, died Jan. 21.
- L**  
Richard (Dick) Lannin  
Lannin, 70, of Garden City, died Jan. 18.
- M**  
William "Bill" Matich  
Matich, 65, of South Lyon, formerly of Plymouth, died Jan. 20.
- M**  
Martina "Tina" G. McQuillan  
McQuillan, 74, of Clarkston, died Jan. 22.
- P**  
Evelyn Pappas



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- Pappas, died Jan. 21.
- R**  
Anthony Pietrzak  
Pietrzak, 76, of Livonia, died Jan. 11.
- R**  
Sister Mary Cecile Ripslinger, RSM  
Sister Ripslinger, 90, of Farmington Hills, died Jan. 18.
- R**  
Michael James Ryder  
Ryder, 5 months, died Jan. 19.
- W**  
Jean Ellen Whitney  
Whitney died Jan. 13.
- W**  
Dorothy C. Woodward  
Woodward, 80, of Livonia, died Jan. 17.

Cheer for the hometeam, read today's **SPORTS** section



Nevermind the cool economy. The rain was warm outside and the music was hot inside last weekend for the Canton Community Foundation's 12th Annual Winter Ball at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"It's fabulous. Even with the economy being down," said foundation president Joan Noricks.

The party drew some 570 people, which is fewer than last year. But the party still cleared the foundation's \$50,000 goal. The ball is the organization's biggest fund-raiser of the year, with proceeds benefiting the foundation's scholarship programs.

In its heyday, the Winter Ball drew its largest crowd ever in 1999, when 1,400 people came to the event at Laurel Manor in Livonia. But that was too big, said Noricks, and many of the guests felt like they weren't really part of the celebration because they couldn't even see the dance floor from where they were sitting.

"The foundation made a decision a few years ago that a party isn't necessarily measured by the number of people who attend, and made the party smaller," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack, who attended the event.

# A 'lovely' event

## After 12 years, Winter Ball still the place to be seen

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER



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Chuck and Rose Portelli boogie the night away during the Canton Community Foundation's Winter Ball.

The foundation began putting more emphasis on sponsorships and less on ticket sales, he said.

"But I have said that if the foundation made two percent of the deals that were cut here, they'd be really well off," Yack joked, acknowledging that the event has become more than just a fund-raising party - it's also an avenue for networking.

Which is why Nicki Wilson of Canton attends the party every year.

As the owner of a Decorating Den franchise in Canton, she said the networking definitely adds value to the \$100 ticket price.

"Of course I come to see everyone and of course to be seen," she said. "But the networking does help. It pays off eventually."

Developer Richard Lewiston has been one of the event's premiere sponsors, and was recognized for his longtime support of the foundation. He was awarded with the Victory Circle Award. He contributes to most of the charitable



Laura and Jim Kosteva (from left), State Sen. Bruce Patterson, District Court Judge Ron Lowe, Phyllis Patterson, and Chuck Portelli have a discussion during last weekend's Winter Ball.

groups in the township, he said, but the Winter Ball is special.

"It's just a very lovely idea for a very lovely community," Lewiston said.

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Bob Zulker receives the Thomas Yack Award for his contributions to the Canton community.



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# Cat's meow: Persian Tabby Fanciers bring show to Westland

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

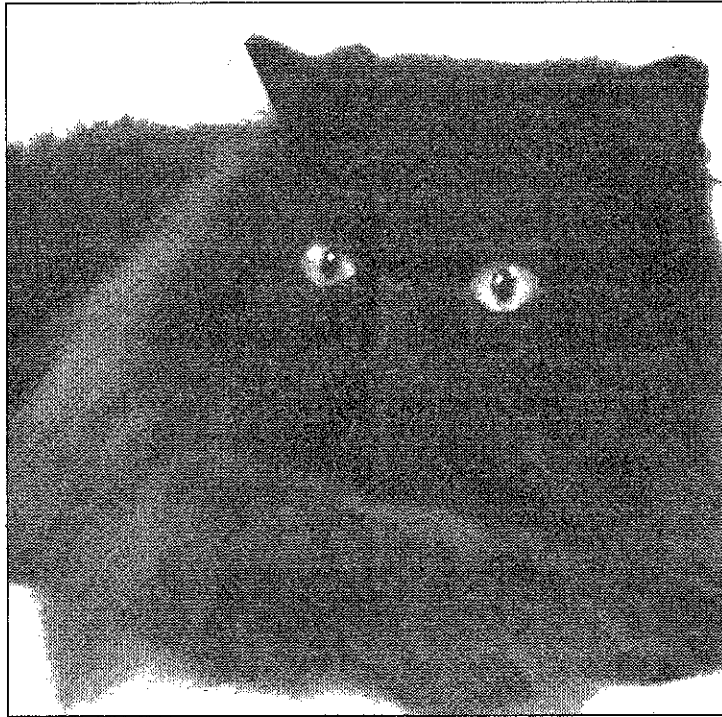
It will literally be the cat's meow at the Wayne Ford Civic League this weekend when the Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers present their all-breed cat show.

Pedigree felines from around the country as well as household pets will be featured in the show Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 28-29, at the hall, 1645 Wayne Road south of Ford in Westland.

"There's 37 breeds recognized by the CFA (Cat Fanciers Association) and there may be that many at the show," said Cathy Hawley, a member of the Midwest group. "We expect 225 cats and kittens. It'll be a medium-sized show."

Like the popular Detroit Kennel Club dog show, when not being judged, cats and kittens will be in cages for the public to see. Their owners will be on hand to answer questions about their felines and the breed. There also will be kittens for sale and vendors.

Pedigree cats will be judged to breed standard, with judges looking at such things as the shape of the eyes and ears, coat, eye color and fur color, Hawley said. At the end of the show, judges will pick the top 10 cats to select the all-breed winner.



The youngster of Cathy Hawley's four Persian Tabby cats is grand premier Dulcimer Merlin, a three-year-old neutered black male.

They will compete for championship points. They begin in open class working their way up to champion and then grand champion. Neutered pedigree cats like Hawley's black Persian Dulcimer Merlin earn points to become premier and eventually grand premier felines.

"The points earned depend on how many cats are in a show and how well they place,"

Hawley said. "People will come from California, Florida and everywhere in between, but they'll check for a show with the most entries. If they place, they get more points."

Household cats are judged on behavior, condition and temperament and receive ribbons and trophies.

The Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers has been around as a club since 1981 and sponsors a

minimum of one all-breed show each year. It's dedicated to preserving and promoting the Persian Tabby cat, educating people about breeding and showing Persians, promoting sportsmanship and working to protect the interest of all cats.

The money the club raises supports the welfare of animals, especially cats. Donations have gone to the Feline Endowment Fund at Michigan State University, the Detroit Zoo's Big Cat exhibit, Michigan Humane Society, Michigan Animal Rescue League and Huron Valley Animal Shelter.

The CFA is the largest registry of pedigree cats in the world and like the Midwest Persian Tabby Fanciers, it is committed to promoting the welfare of all cats, improvement of breeds and registration of pedigree cats and kittens. It also maintains a Disaster Relief Fund to provide financial and logistical assistance at times of natural and human disasters.

Hawley has had cats her entire life, but has been showing cats for only eight years. After the death of her first Persian, she went looking for a new cat and was directed by a friend to a person who had been doing shows for 25 years.

The show is open to the public 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and \$4 for children. For more information about the show, call Hawley at (248) 393-1986.

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# Investors closing in on deal for Penn Theatre

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

A group of investors is preparing to buy the Penn Theatre and lease it to the preservation group intent on renovating the 64-year-old Plymouth landmark and turn it into a community center.

Plymouth Symphony Society President Don Soenen said he has six investors — three who are pledging \$200,000 and three with \$100,000 — for a total of \$900,000 in commitments, and is confident of finding several more partners to purchase the theater for the \$1.2 million negotiated by the Friends of the Penn with co-owner Chris Knight.

"We decided to put together a group of people that will buy the theater and rent it back to the Friends of the Penn for \$1 a year," said Soenen. "I think that will give them a much better opportunity to raise the money for renovations and operating the facility."

"It was going to be challenging to raise \$2.5 million in donations by the end of January," added Soenen. "It's going to help them raise funds for restoration because the building will be secured, and with the terms of the lease will make the whole project more credible."

Soenen declined to name those who are part of the consortium, at least until the deal is completed.

The Friends signed a purchase agreement with Knight in November, giving

them until the end of this month to raise the purchase price. The Friends estimated it will cost almost as much for renovations.

"We wouldn't even be in the position to raise money for renovations if it wasn't for these heroes securing the building for us," said Jennifer Philpot-Munson of the Friends. "We're looking forward to bringing the theater back to life."

The Friends plan to show movies, present various types of entertainment and use the theater as a community center for the arts.

Philpot-Munson said the Friends will hold a 3 p.m. meeting Sunday, at the Penn, where they will show a video of the historic theater and present plans for raising renovation money. The business, financial and fund-raising plan is one developed by University of Michigan School of Business graduate students for the preservation group.

"We will be looking at selling seats, promoting sponsorships, naming rights and membership sales," said Philpot-Munson.

Soenen said motivation of the investors isn't a profit on their return, because there probably won't be any.

"If we don't do this, it will end up becoming retail space and we'll lose an opportunity to preserve the theater and provide a performing arts center for the community," Soenen said. "We would hate to see that opportunity squandered."

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Singing on cue

Orchestra Canton Musical Director Nan Washburn (right) conducts guest vocalists Nadine Balbeisi, David Wilson and Emery Stephens, who performed Bach's Coffee Cantata No. 211, during Orchestra Canton's 'Back to Bach' concert at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill last weekend. The show was a sellout. Orchestra Canton's next concert will be April 2, when it performs 'Tone Tunes: Cartoon Music Favorites,' which will feature familiar themes from Bugs Bunny, the Pink Panther, the Flintstones and Disney. For ticket information, call the Orchestra Canton office at (734) 451-2112, or visit [www.orchestracanton.org](http://www.orchestracanton.org).

MILITARY NEWS

Germany arrival

Army Pvt. Jarrod J. Bailey has arrived for duty in Hohenfels, Germany. Bailey, a chaplain assistant

with one year of military service, is the son of Richard A. and Connie J. Bailey of Canton. The private is a 2004 graduate of Salem High School.

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Riggs is the son of Michael A. and Karen Riggs of Canton. He is a 2000 graduate of Garden City High School.

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**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

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Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools  
THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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**TAKAO NORTH AMERICA SPECIAL LAND USE**  
CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR LIGHT MANUFACTURING AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.08D.7 FOR PARCEL NO. 046 99 0008 730. Property is located on the west side of Commerce Drive and south of Koppernick Road.

SECTION 12

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, February 2, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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

David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Clerk's Office until 3:00 p.m., Thursday February 9th, 2006 for the following:

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Request for Proposal Documents are available for pick up at **3RD Floor Leisure Services**, Canton Township Hall, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

**TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK**

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# Design teams create visions for aerotropolis

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

After being locked away for four days at the Ypsilanti Marriott Hotel, three design teams presented their visions for an "aerotropolis," the development of the area between Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports that some see as the primary engine for redeveloping southeast Michigan.

"There is no bigger development to occur in the state of Michigan," Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano said Monday at a reception to unveil the plans at the Eagle Crest Conference Auditorium at the Ypsilanti Marriott.

The teams were participants in the eighth annual Urban Design Charette sponsored by the University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning and underwritten by Wayne County, Washtenaw County, six communities around the airports and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Doug Kelbaugh, dean of the Taubman College, describes a charette as an "illustrated brainstorm." The term literally means a small cart and derives from architecture students in 19th century Paris who would carry their projects to competitions in carts. Previous charettes have been held in Detroit and the projects were smaller challenges such as redesigning the Eastern Market and the Detroit riverfront.

The aerotropolis charette

began Friday. Nineteen professionals in urban planning, architecture, landscape architecture and engineering from around the country and 60 U-M students were divided into the three teams.

They were given a tour of the area stretching along I-94 from Romulus to Ypsilanti. John Kasarda, director of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at the University of North Carolina and the leading authority on airport city developments, presented his concept of the "aerotropolis" to participants. They also heard from airport and county representatives.

Then the teams met for three days at the Marriott developing concepts for developing the area, which is seen as crucial because of new demands of e-commerce and just-on-time delivery.

"Location, location, location has been replaced by speed, speed, speed," Kelbaugh said Monday.

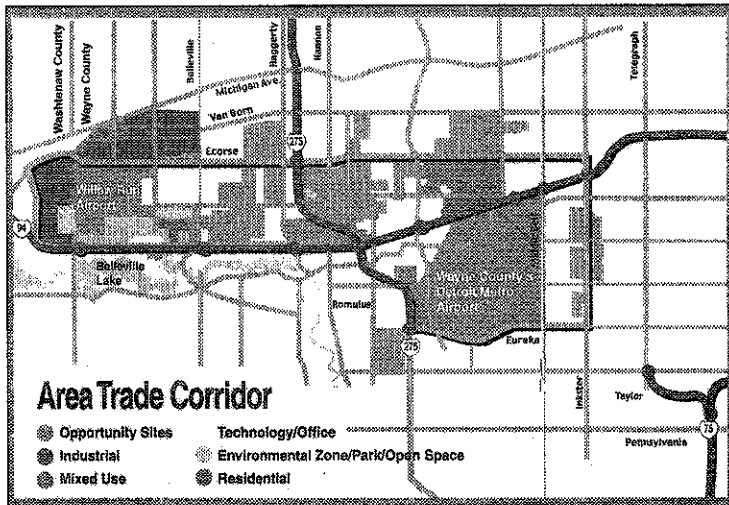
He said the "aerotropolis" will happen and the question is whether it will be carefully planned.

## A PHYSICAL VISION

Robert Guenzel, Washtenaw County administrator, said the project was important to Washtenaw because of the potential for new jobs.

"We need a plan you can show to outside investors," he said.

Mulugetta Birru, director of the Wayne County Economic Development Authority, said that this could be the first



This map from a Wayne County brochure for Willow Run Airport shows the area that designers looked at for development as an aerotropolis.

"planned" airport city.

"When it is done it will be one of the most unique developments in the United States," Birru said.

He said it will require a common set of zoning standards across community lines and adoption of a common master plan in the development area.

"It will have to be a plan that will withstand any political changes," he said.

The plans developed over the weekend will be gathered into a book. Kelbaugh said they will provide inspiration for future planning.

"The basic idea is to turn an economic vision into a physical vision," Kelbaugh said.

The groups each presented Powerpoint demonstrations on their plans.

The brainstorming groups called themselves the

Supersonics, the Stratocruisers and 777S. Each group included some kind of mass transit, water management systems, green space and pedestrian friendly areas.

The Supersonic group opted for an express bus route linking the airport with Detroit on the east and Ann Arbor on the west, because they argued that a light rail or subway system would be impractical because the area is too densely developed. They also envision using the existing heavy rail line. The Stratocruisers suggested working off the existing rail line and eventually building a light rail system that connects with existing trains. They suggest beginning with a bus system.

The 777S group envisions a light rail system running down Ecorse Road, which they have redubbed the Concourse as the centerpiece of their plan. They suggest turning Ecorse Road

into a multi-lane boulevard for light rail and automobiles with a lot of green space. But they also recommend preserving buildings and businesses already in existence. They also suggest development plans for a Metro Center close to Metro airport, a Gateway Center near Willow Run and a Belleville development north of the river and existing town commercial district.

The Supersonics suggest development along Merriman, development of green space and "green" buildings, high-density housing near the airport, hiking and biking trails and the use of roundabouts to handle traffic.

The Stratocruisers envision a Metro City along Middlebelt, lots of greenspace that respects local ecology and special development plans for Wayne, Romulus and Belleville.

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OUR VIEWS

## Thankless job still needs doing

To paraphrase an old adage, running for the local school board is a thankless job, but someone's gotta do it. But so far, that message isn't getting out to potential Board of Education members in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

By Friday, just over two weeks prior to the deadline for filing a nominating petition, a grand total of zero had actually done so in the half-a-dozen clerks' offices that make up the school district.

Only two people had even taken out the petitions, and neither of those is one of the incumbents. Trustee Joanne Lamar is shooting for bigger political things: the 20th District seat in the state House being vacated by a term-limited Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township. And incumbent Carol Saunders hasn't yet committed to seeking re-election, though she appears to be leaning ever-so-slightly in that direction.

The lack of interest isn't surprising; rarely is there a great deal of competition for these seats. Last year, for instance, only one person challenged incumbent Tom Wysocki. The only recent aberration came in 2002, when nine candidates battled it out.

Interest from the voters' end is even lower. Last year, just 7 percent of Canton voters turned out for the election, including one precinct where, incredibly, not a single vote was cast. To be fair, even that was up from turnout in years past, which struggled around the 4- and 5-percent mark.

In Plymouth Township, voter interest (and we use the term loosely) spiked to 15 percent, but those voters also had to decide a millage vote for police and fire services.

This lack of interest has always puzzled us, because of the vital job school boards perform. Aside from parents, these are the people perhaps most responsible — outside the classroom, at least — for the development of our children.

The school board helps decide a variety of issues that directly affect our children's lives — from how much money gets spent in the classroom to what is going to be taught inside it.

Our children are inside school walls for more than a quarter of their waking hours between September through June, and school board members are responsible for what happens those seven hours a day.

Much of the effort of school board members goes unrewarded; indeed, they may take more grief than nearly any other elected officials. The pressure of molding our children's futures is enormous.

It's a task that needs dedicated community members, bold thinkers interested in shaping our future through educating our children. It's a daunting challenge.

And you've got until 4 p.m. Feb. 7 to step up and accept it.

## Cooperative spirit the key to DWSD's future

Earlier this month, U.S. District Court Judge John Feikens sent a clear message to suburban leaders who have tried to wrest away control of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) from the city of Detroit. It's not going to happen, he ruled. Neither through legislation, nor litigation.

Feikens referenced state law when he ruled that only Detroit can own and operate the DWSD, which serves 4.5 million people and is the third largest water department in the country.

In September, Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch filed a motion in federal court to have Kwame Kilpatrick stripped of his duties as special administrator over the DWSD, and replaced by a five-member joint management committee composed of the drain commissioners from Oakland, Macomb and Genesee counties, as well as the director of the Wayne County Department of Environment and the mayor of Detroit.

While Feikens did remove Kilpatrick in his ruling, he shot down any formal suburban role in the governance of the DWSD, something McCulloch has been advocating for several years, because of perceived "repeated, continuing and systematic mismanagement" of the department.

In recent months there have been calls from both suburban leaders and Kilpatrick that the region needs to mend fences and quell the hostility that has existed between the city and its suburbs. The water issue offers an excellent opportunity to put some of that new cooperative spirit into practice. Lawmakers on both sides should lay down the swords and make sure the DWSD continues to provide some of the best water service in the country.



### Pay for fingerprinting

How outrageous to read that representatives of our district and state education system are actively resisting their members paying a measly \$70 each to get fingerprinted in compliance with Michigan's new state law aimed at protecting our children — the same children these groups purport to "love educating." Shame on you!

It seems obvious what they actually love is an uninterrupted paycheck and a secure future come retirement. I mean, have you driven by their splendid show of money, the Michigan Educational Credit Union, on Haggerty Road in Plymouth lately?

If they don't willingly rush to cough it up, I suggest that every taxpayer remember them at voting time and give them the "F" they so richly deserve.

Phyllis Counts  
Canton

### Harsh editorial

I am troubled by the harsh editorial the *Observer* has made Miller parents out to be ("Livonia lease a good option," *Observer*, Jan. 19). I see the paper has made many assumptions about some wonderful, caring and concerned parents who want what is best for their children.

I don't think there is a "perfect" solution to having Miller closed for a year and displacing them elsewhere. I am certain if there was a way for the school to be completed within the summer months and we could be open for fall, that would have been the "ideal" situation.

Workman, Washington — wherever the Miller students are placed — will have to make two adjustments (to a new school and back to the old) regardless, and the children will be breaking ties with their Central Park friendships sooner or later.

No one is sniffing, grousing or whining. As a PCCS parent, we want, if we can have it, some certainty. A month ago, our school was given certainty, today we have uncertainty. As do the teachers at Miller school, they don't know if they are packing for storage, or packing for a completely different group of colleagues.

Change can be hard, sometimes harder on us, as adults. This district realignment will affect more than a couple subdivisions, and it will be an adjustment for everyone. I know that there are many positive aspects to attending Washington (as do all of us) but it is rather premature to put the cart before the horse.

The Livonia community is in the process of fighting back for their school, so yet Washington is a good option, it can't be confirmed until the legalities are out of the way. As do all businesses, the schools, etc., planning for the next year begins now for extracurriculars etc., all those things are on hold, until Mr. Ryan gives us a deadline of when we'll know where our school will "reside."

The Miller parents and their children are loving, awesome and care about their community school. They, too, know firsthand what it is like to live less than a mile from a middle school and get bused past two middle schools, so I would have to confirm that our parents are far from a bunch of "complainers." That would

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certainly be an "off base" assumption. I think the paper needs to be a little more compassionate and educated in the topic regarding Miller parents before it puts out such derogatory remarks about our kind and concerned families.

Christine Hughes  
Canton

### Religion vs. science

Where do I go to sign up? I, too, want to write a column on a subject for which I have no particular credentials (how about industrial chemistry?).

I refer, of course, to Jack Kramer's recent Sunday Perspectives on evolution ("Many scientists are skeptical about the theory of evolution," *Observer*, Jan. 15). Mr. Kramer graduated with a degree in chemistry, works in the automotive industry and cites, as evidence that the theory of evolution through natural selection does not enjoy widespread support within the scientific community the fact he has "not run into any scientists who believe in evolution."

Well, I haven't had much contact with any astrophysicists recently but that doesn't mean that the theory of universal gravitation is in trouble. There are miles and reams of evidence in support of the theory of evolution by natural selection and more coming by the day.

The problem is that you are going to have to do some deep wading because it is coming from such fields as genomics, molecular genetics and cell biology in which I doubt most laypeople are going to be widely read.

But my real concern is the position of the United States in the international scientific community where we are rapidly becoming laughing stocks for our backward-facing, religiously driven views on many such subjects.

Ironic, isn't it, that the same day's paper featured an article about increasing the graduation requirements in Michigan's high schools so we could become more competitive in the global marketplace? All this while much of middle America remains quagmired in the antiquated discussions of fundamentalist religious beliefs versus science!

My suggestion for Mr. Kramer and others who might actually want to get the facts is to read any recent book by folks like Sean B. Carroll, Spencer Wells, Brian Sykes, Marc Kirschner or almost anything ever written by Richard Dawkins. I got all of them from the Plymouth District Library.

Joan Pence  
Advanced Placement biology  
Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

### Valid theory

Mr. Kramer's article of skepticism of Darwin's theory of Evolution ("Many scientists are skeptical about the theory of evolution," *Observer*, Jan. 15) is interesting, given the incredible, overwhelming paleontological evidence of mutation and evolution of species.

And, there simply is no other scientific theory of any validity. To cite 100 scientists who have similar doubts as "many scientists" is like giving validity to 100 scientists who believe in UFOs or reincarnation. They are a drop in the bucket!

Evolution is not a "weak theory," it is an incredibly large, clear picture with some pixels missing here and there.

Mr. Kramer wants simple evidence of mutation and natural selection, a difficult concept because it happens over millions of years. The present concern with Avian flu and the change in such viruses from one year to the next is a very real example.

It is understandable that many persons, regardless of education and religious persuasion, struggle to balance religious beliefs with scientific knowledge, both historical and research-based. While scientific rigor cannot begin to explain the human desire to seek purpose and morals in one's personal life, I think it is also fair to state that personal belief systems such as intelligent design are best not used to dismiss the validity of years of scientific data collection and research.

I agree that there's nothing wrong with discussing intelligent design in our schools as long as we treat it as a belief system along with Christianity, Taoism, reincarnation and even witchcraft. Science is fact, and our only irrefutable tool for trust in what we are taught.

Dennis Francisco  
Plymouth

### Problem solved

I am writing to express my appreciation to Rep. John Stewart. I was having difficulty renewing my Employment Agency License (which I have held for over 20 years) with the state of Michigan.

When I couldn't resolve the problem myself, I contacted Mr. Stewart's office, explained my situation over the phone and was told to write it all down, and e-mail it to their office. I did as I was instructed, and when they received the note they responded immediately stating they would do what they could.

I had been told by the state's office that the renewal would cost an additional \$460 this year due to some questionable extenuating circumstances. I was never notified of this until I tried to renew this year.

Although I couldn't get any satisfaction myself, one call to Rep. Stewart's office, and the problem was taken care of. I am deeply grateful to Rep. Stewart and his great staff.

Renee C. Weitron  
Plymouth

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"What a terrific human being, and a great mind. He was the type of person who was always challenging people to do better. Whatever he did, he always kept the children in mind."

— Roland Thomas, commenting on former Plymouth-Canton school board member E.J. McClendon, who died Saturday at the age of 84; the two men served together on the board for nearly a dozen years



## Survival of Ford Motor Co. is crucial for our well-being

Last Tuesday, they held a tribute dinner for Steve Hamp, who ended his enormously successful run of nine years as president of The Henry Ford and became a vice president at the Ford Motor Co. and chief of staff for Bill Ford, Ford's chairman and CEO.

The gathering, appropriately enough, was in the main Henry Ford Museum. Three hundred of the good and the great of southeastern Michigan strolled for their supper and then listened as heartfelt praises gushed over Hamp, whose eyes even grew moist as the evening went on.

Bill Ford was funny and charismatic. Steve's father- and mother-in-law, William and Martha Ford, were gracious and proud.

The Ford family is the closest thing we have to nobility in these parts. Their combined civic concern, generosity, dignity and ... well, class have been of incalculable benefit to the entire state for decades. Think of Michigan without the Ford Motor Co.

Now try to imagine it without The Henry Ford (which includes Greenfield Village) or the Detroit Symphony, the Detroit Institute of Arts — or countless other institutions of stature and merit. None would exist, at least not as they do now, without the Ford family.

Now fast forward to Monday. Bill Ford announced that his company's "Way Forward" involved closing 14 assembly and parts plants, including the Wixom plant that employs 1,500, and eliminating around 30,000 jobs throughout North America over the next five years.

The Ford Motor Co. will be shrinking itself overall by nearly a quarter, reducing production capacity by around a million units.

To say the situation is critical is an understatement. "It's the most serious crisis at Ford in modern times," says David Cole, the chairman of the Ann Arbor-based Center for Automotive Research.

Although Ford overall showed a profit for the first nine months of 2005, its operations on this continent lost more than \$1.4 billion before taxes. Combined total market share for Ford, Mercury and Lincoln fell from 18.3 percent to 17.4 percent.

To appreciate how sobering that number is, consider that a decade ago, Ford's share was more than 25 percent. The company's market capitalization has fallen by a flabbergasting \$40 billion since 2001. Currently, its factories are running at a puny rate of just 79 percent capacity, far below the 90 percent-plus mark needed for profitable operations these days.

The question is whether it can survive, given the weight of its chains. This enormous company resembles Gulliver tied down by the Lilliputians, thanks to the web of contract agreements Ford signed with the United Auto Workers.

According to those agreements, even if Ford closed every one of its U.S. factories, it would still have to

pay wages to the 87,000 UAW members who now work in them. Additionally, Ford would be liable for their health care and pension expenses — and for twice that number of retirees and dependents.

For years now, experts like Cole have argued that the business model of the American automobile industry is broken: Too much capacity, too little flexibility to cut costs, too much competition from foreign manufacturers.

Recent shocks have aggravated a desperate situation. Globalized workers in China and India are able to turn out parts and cars at a fraction of the cost in America.

Meanwhile, in recent years the price of steel, aluminum, plastics, gas — everything! — has skyrocketed.

We've lost something like 100,000 auto-related manufacturing and parts jobs in this state since 1999, and many more since the 1970s. They aren't coming back, and this week's plant closings are clear evidence the decline is far from over.

One can only admire the guts that it took Ford to call its restructuring plan "The Way Forward." And one can only wish — with every atom in one's being — that the plan turns out to be successful. What all this means for us in Michigan is reasonably clear.

If our kids ever thought they could support a family with nothing more than a high school diploma, this week's news should come as a bucket of cold water in their faces.

If those who have retired or are about to ever thought their golden years were going to be securely taken care of by pensions and fully paid health care plans, they'd better think again.

And anyone in Michigan who was still assuming all we had to do was just wait for auto sales to improve next year or the year after that needs a speedy attitude adjustment, if not shock therapy.

But there's an upside, too. A smaller domestic auto industry may well turn out to be a healthier one. Loss of brawn-heavy jobs in Michigan may clear the decks for a far more healthy emphasis on high-skilled, brainy workers.

And there may be an added benefit from the shock of seeing a treasured icon, the company whose name was once synonymous with Detroit, reeling from the crush of a kind of competition the original Henry Ford never imagined.

Perhaps this will bring us — politicians, citizens, auto executives — to the realization that it's silly for us to sit around and just wait for the climate to change. That's what the dinosaurs did.

Nor can we bank on government or industry or the automakers themselves figuring out what to do. They must try, but we all have a role to play. To paraphrase Shakespeare, the solutions cannot come just from our stars anymore; they must come from ourselves.

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## Congress must stem the invasion of illegal aliens

In the next few weeks, the United States will face a critical crossroads and most of its citizens are unaware.

The U.S. Senate will debate the problem of illegal immigration across our sovereign borders. The U.S. House of Representatives has passed its own version (HR 4437), which is a weak attempt at solving a national crisis.

The House bill insists on effective enforcement and does not include waving the magic wand and making illegals



Peggy Robichaud

legal (called amnesty or guest worker program). This is a process where the government allows foreigners to invade our country, take American jobs, take tax dollars for welfare, schooling and medical care. Some in the Senate want to have them pay a paltry \$2,000 to buy their freedom from prosecution and deportation. They will never pay back the billions of dollars taken out of American taxpayers' pockets.

Businesses say they cannot survive without picking up illegals for day labor. Their need to make a bigger profit outweighs their responsibility to run their businesses by employing American citizens and legal immigrants. They shirk their responsibility to pay payroll taxes. It is becoming accepted that breaking the law is acceptable if it increases your bottom line. Companies who employ illegals should lose their licenses to do business.

In comparison to amnesty, all American citizens will be prosecuted for any crime for which they are found guilty. No amnesty for citizens — only for illegals who breach our borders. Any small error on your 1040 and you will face an audit, yet businesses continue to employ illegals without paying a dime in federal income or Social Security taxes. In some cases, when the illegal uses a fake Social Security number, taxes go into the system. Some would say this is "free money" that will help pay for others. Is that how our country is to run? Using the profits from illegal activity to fund Social Security?

There are no jobs that Americans won't do. Who did these jobs before the invasion? Illegals undercut American workers and are driving wages down. They take jobs from our poorest citizens.

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We are firstly a country of people who created laws to protect ourselves. The welfare of American citizens must come first. The bottom line of business should reflect an economy where Americans are able to work for a fair wage.

We have approximately 15 million illegals in this country. Three million were "amnestied" in 1986 when the government promised it would never happen again. If Congress passes any form of amnesty or, as the new term goes, "guest worker program," it will be the green light for millions upon millions more to continue their trek to the United States, and its liberal welfare programs. You and I will continue to pay.

We need to put American citizens back to work and restore our welfare system to benefit only American citizens. We need to stop burdening our welfare system, schools and hospitals with a financial burden that is not (or should not be) ours.

We want our borders defended from invasion.

If you agree, write to, or call, Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin. Tell them that America needs to take care of Americans. Enforce our laws and do not pardon criminals. No amnesty. No guest worker program. Return to putting the welfare of American citizens first. "We the people" want our country back.

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## Professors debate affirmative action

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

In the run up to November's statewide ballot initiative to eliminate the use of preferences based on ethnicity or sex, Oakland University will play host to a debate over whether or not affirmative action is a good thing for the state and nation.

"Affirmative Action: Pro and Con," a traveling debate created by the anti-affirmative action group Toward a Fair Michigan, will run from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center at Oakland University.

The debate is free and open to the public.

William Allen, a political science professor at Michigan State University, is affiliated with TAFM and will speak against the practice of affirmative action.

"Affirmative action distorts the reality of citizenship in this country," he said. "It encourages decisions based on race."

One of the main problems, he said, was that affirmative action creates a climate where people are locked into perpetual roles of subordinate and superior,



Sedler



Allen

where the former is always dependent on the good graces of the other.

"It undermines what we take to be the heart of America," Allen said. "The virtue of our principles."

Unlike some other anti-affirmative action activists, Allen doesn't believe the program ever had a useful place in American society and has been a bad idea since being introduced by President Lyndon Johnson in the mid-60s.

The only true path to sorting through racial inequality, he said, is rigorous enforcement of the law.

Robert Sedler, a constitutional law professor at Wayne State University who will represent the other side of the debate at Oakland University, said history carries inordinate weight in race and gender issues.

"There's a long and tragic history of race and gender discrimination in this country," he said. "(Affirmative action) is the only way to counter white- and male-supremacy in the U.S."

A self-described strong supporter of affirmative action, he said keeping the program is in the public interest just as the active participation of women and minorities in all walks of life.

"Race and gender should continue to be taken into account along with other factors," Sedler said. "If you don't, there's going to be more whites and fewer blacks (in several spheres). We have to bring about equal representation in all walks of life."

TAFM Program Coordinator Carol Allen said the organization has promoted discussions about affirmative action in forums around the state. The style of the conferences is as much a focus as the messages.

"In a lot of cases, rhetoric is the main approach," she said. "We emphasize cooler discussions. We want people to speak on a principled basis and appeal to people's minds, not their emotions."

Allen said feedback from events in Lansing, East Lansing and Traverse City vindicates the approach of civility. TAFM is planning to hold more debates around the state.

## Ford: Plant closings 'painful last resort'

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

Days after rolling out an elaborate display at the North American International Auto Show, the leadership of the Ford Motor Co. has announced sagging North American sales is forcing the company to close factories and cut thousands of American manufacturing jobs, including more than 1,500 in Wixom.

Monday morning, Ford Chairman and Chief Executive Bill Ford called the restructuring plan, The Way Forward, a bold and sweeping strategy that calls for sacrifices at all levels to create sustainable, profitable change.

"These cuts are a painful, last resort," he said. "It will affect many lives, families and communities."

By 2008, the plan will close

plants in Wixom, Atlanta, St. Louis, Batavia and Windsor. Other plants will have their operations scaled back.

While the company has shown good growth in Europe, South America and Asia, sales in North America haven't followed the trend. He chalked the failure up to old thinking — that the American customer will purchase whatever the company wants to build.

"My great-grandfather said if he built what his customers wanted, he'd build a faster horse," Ford said. "Now, we will build what our customers want."

Wixom City Manager J. Michael Dornan said Monday was a day for the workers at the plant, their families and friend. Tomorrow, he said, and every day after are for the city to work to bring things back together.

"We have a half-century rela-

tionship with the plant, a good relationship," Dornan said. "We're going to identify the timetable of their plan and work to understand what they're trying to accomplish."

Now that the plans are known, he said the city can start to try to minimize the effect of the plant's closing on other local businesses. In a way, Ford's announcement is almost good news.

"The plant's employees are off that roller coaster, it's a good thing to know rather than to guess and to speculate," Dornan said. "We're at our best when we know the facts. That's when many of us here are at our best."

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, whose 11th District includes Wixom, released a statement, "It is a body blow to the 1,567 hard-working men and women of the Wixom Assembly Plant. Our prayers and thoughts

must be with the workers and their loved ones. They fought for their jobs and their plant every step of the way. Yet now that their paths are uncertain, I will do everything possible to assist them through this difficult transition to a better future."

McCotter's office said he joined Wixom workers in January 2005 outside Ford World Headquarters to urge the company to keep the plant open.

Though Wayne County facilities were spared for the moment, County Executive Robert Ficano called the Wixom closing a "disturbing and unfortunate setback."

"Sadly, the outcome will be felt by the city, many of our citizens and businesses in the area," Ficano said in a statement. "The plant closing is yet another clear indicator that we must diversify our industries and economy

while supporting the ever changing manufacturing base on which we have become so reliant."

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said the change was an unfortunate blow to the families of workers at the Wixom plant, one that would cause disruptions in everything from mortgage payments to the college plans of their children.

He said the county will do what it can to help.

He said his offices, together with representatives from the United Auto Workers lobbied the governor's office and the Michigan Department of Transportation to renovate the I-96/Wixom Road exchange on behalf of the Ford plant. But, he said, the announcement at Ford is larger than what Oakland County or Michigan can do for the company.

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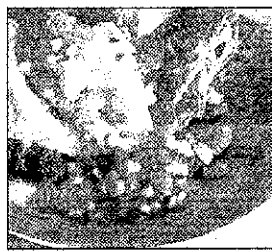
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## Accents

### Klean-guroo

Don Aslett, America's Cleaning Guru, will be back in Novi.

Aslett will appear on stage at the Novi Home Improvement Show® Friday-Sunday, Jan. 27-29. He'll show off the latest cleaning gear from his QVC television show, *Don Aslett's Cleaning Secrets*, and his new cleaning cart for the home, the Klean-guroo.

Aslett is the author of more than 30 books on cleaning, including the just-released "Help! A Mother's Guide to Getting the Family to Pitch in and Clean Up."

"The biggest complaint I've heard over the years is, 'It takes me as long to find my cleaning stuff as it does to clean!'" said Aslett.

"Here's the answer to the jumble under the sink, a cart that organizes everything you need to keep your home sparkling clean."

The lightweight Klean-guroo has sturdy wheels to move easily over carpet or hard flooring. It holds a broom, a dustpan, a duster, floor cleaner, spray bottles, rubber gloves, sponges, microfiber cloths, brushes and a roll of paper towels.

Also, Aslett will demonstrate his shortcuts for cutting your cleaning time in half and share his hilarious seminar on how to declutter your life.

The Novi Home Improvement Show is at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave. Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$9 for adults, \$8 for ages 65 and older; free for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Ample parking is available at the Rock Financial Showplace for a fee.

Discount coupons are available at [www.novi.homeshow.com](http://www.novi.homeshow.com) or participating metro Detroit Dunkin' Donuts locations.

Other show features include a subscription to *This Old House* magazine with every paid admission; live broadcasts from WJR's *Home Improvement* with Murray Gula; and the House of Nails contest.

Attendees can register to win more than \$18,000 in giveaways and contests.

More than 500 exhibitors will offer advice, ideas and innovations for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, spas, remodeling, interior design, home offices, furniture, arts, crafts, heating, cooling and appliances.

### Garden-opoly

Garden-opoly is a new board game that makes a great gift for a gardener.

Buy your garden favorites, collect clay pots and trade them in for greenhouses. Sounds easy, but add aphid infestation, water bills and a dandelion outbreak, and it becomes a little more difficult and a lot more fun. The game is available for \$24.95 at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. Call (248) 332-6430.

# Steeler resolve



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Bryan Proven stands among his family's Pittsburgh Steeler decorations and memorabilia in the living room of their Farmington Hills home. The Provens' tradition of displaying the items during playoffs featuring the team has paid off this year, as the Steelers will be in the Super Bowl in Detroit.

## Pittsburgh team paraphernalia makes spirited decor

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

The Proven residence in Farmington Hills features country decor - Steeler Country, that is.

For the last few years, Bryan and Janet Proven, son Bryan and daughter Laura have decorated their living room with Pittsburgh Steelers memorabilia and paraphernalia.

The items are gathered from around the house and set up in the room only during playoffs the Steelers make. The pieces are taken down after the playoffs.

"Most people are overwhelmed (when they see the room)," said the younger Bryan, who graduated from Wake Forest University in North Carolina this year.

"We root for the Lions, except when they play the Steelers," his father said.

Even before Sunday's game, in which the Steelers won the

American Football Conference championship, the Provens were excited about Detroit hosting the Super Bowl.

"I think it's great," Mr. Proven said.

### TEAM SPIRIT

The display fills the room in an attractive arrangement. It is one of the family's superstitions about the playoffs. (Another is each member sitting in a particular seat when they watch the games on

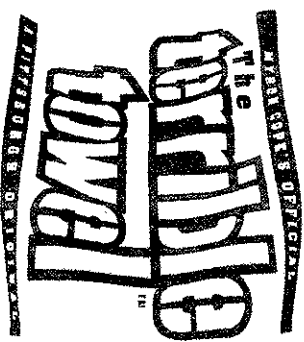


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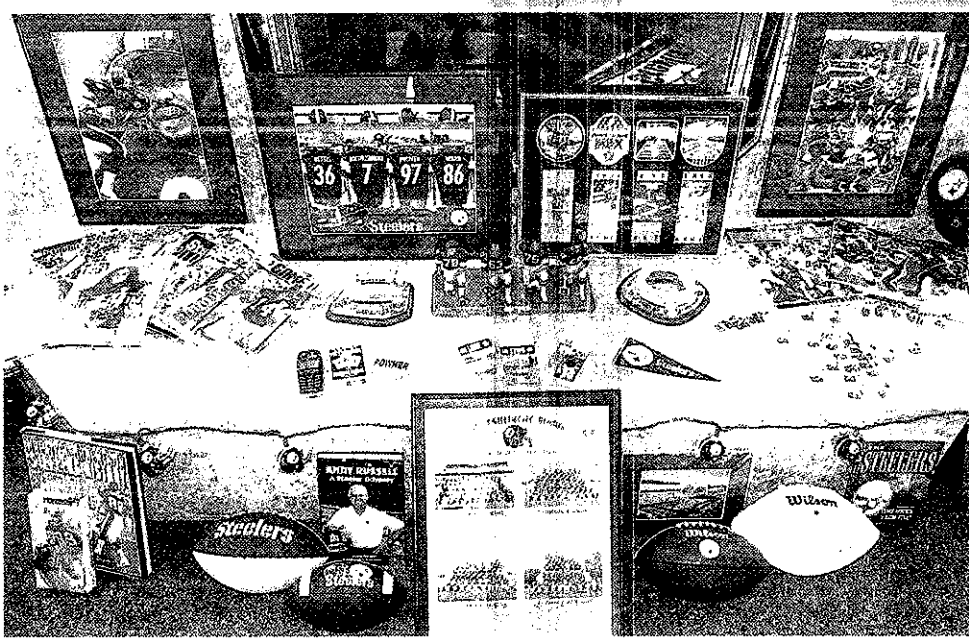
The collection's latest addition, received this month from a friend, is a football signed by this year's team. It's on the mantel, along with lights bearing the team logo, and statues of players.

A flag with black and yellow stripes, and a city skyline and the Pittsburgh Steelers logo in the upper left corner, is on the wall over the fireplace, above a Steeler Country street sign.

PLEASE SEE FOOTBALL, B6



Steeler Terrible Towels adorn the Proven home in Farmington Hills.



Pittsburgh Steeler collectibles from across decades are displayed in the Proven living room.

## 2 programs promise to tame digital-photo collections

Owners of digital cameras quickly learn the unspoken curse of film-less photography: Organization is a nightmare.

After just a few months of shooting, you can wind up with hundreds and hundreds of digital snapshots. After a year or two, the number can easily stretch into the thousands.

It's easy enough to copy all these photos from your camera to your hard drive, but then what? How do you keep this huge library organized?

There are dozens of programs that promise to help. I looked at two: Adobe's Photoshop Elements 4.0 ([adobe.com](http://adobe.com)) and Google's Picasa ([picasa.google.com](http://picasa.google.com)).

The latter is free; Adobe's software costs \$99 (less if you shop online).

Which one should you choose? The answer may surprise you.

### PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS

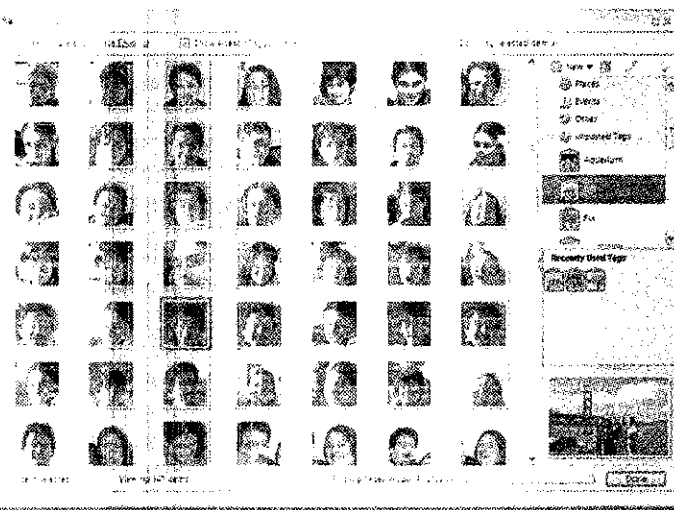
Let's start with Photoshop Elements 4.0. Don't confuse it with Adobe Photoshop, the 800-pound gorilla of image-editing programs. Although Elements incorporates some of Photoshop's features, it's much easier to use, and it does a lot more than just image editing.

For instance, it lets you build custom slideshows, complete with Ken Burns-style pan and zoom effects. You can add music, captions and narration, then output the finished product to a CD or DVD.

Elements also supplies some pretty robust editing tools - lots more than just red-eye removal (which, for the record, it can do automatically when importing photos from your camera).

With a few clicks of the clone tool, for example, you can edit out the telephone pole that appears to be sprouting from a subject's head.

Of course, our main interest here is organization, and Elements excels in that area. I particularly like



Photoshop Elements' cool face-tagging feature makes it easy to tag and organize your photos.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, B4

### Tech Savvy

Rick Broida



# Forget about football, it's a super time for animal activities

The Detroit area has become the focal point for the nation, filling up with people wearing loud clothes, screaming loudly and wearing face paint.

No, it's not a circus convention, it's the Super Bowl, which could make circuses look tame in comparison. Scores of people from around the world will be descending on the Motor City, checking into every available hotel room from here to Iron Mountain, looking for fun and Ford Field.

(The several hundred sportswriters and broadcasters will be looking for things to complain about, but try to remember they make their living by watching a game, writing about it and whining. Don't let them bother you.)

These visitors will arrive rife with the desire to experience all our area has to offer. Some will spend all their time in the casinos. Others will take in the unbelievable history at Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum. For some, the time here will be spent downtown, with NFL activities, or maybe completely in the suburbs,

shopping, and learning about southeast Michigan.

Many people will be reading our local paper for the first time, and may be looking for things to do that would involve animals. They might be thinking, "Hey, football's great, but I'm really in the mood to look at a river otter."

Boy, are you in luck! Detroit and surrounding areas boast an impressive array of animal activities for the whole family, whether you are in town to see a Super Bowl, or if you live here and want to escape the hype for a while.

**ZOOS**  
We have a couple of great options of zoos to visit in our area.

The Detroit Zoo, on Woodward Avenue at I-696, makes for a great day.

Among highlights of the zoo are a beautiful Arctic exhibit (The Arctic Ring of Life), which features seals and underwater viewing of polar bears, including Talini, the polar bear baby who turned 1 year old in November.

There's also an amphibian house (Amphibiville), a butterfly room, a penguinarium, a river otter exhibit, and a group of young sibling tigers who play hard and draw great crowds around their exhibit.

It also might be the closest you'll ever see lions to a Super Bowl.

The zoo's hours shorten to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the winter, and some days it closes altogether, so call ahead to check for open hours at (248) 398-0900.

The Detroit Zoo also offers something almost as precious as the Lombardi Trophy - parking.

The Detroit Department of Transportation will be offering shuttle service from the zoo to the downtown events. Expect charges for parking and for the shuttle service.

The zoo should have information, as will the DDOT at its Web site, [www.ci.detroit.mi.us/ddot](http://www.ci.detroit.mi.us/ddot).

The Toledo Zoo, between Anthony Wayne Trail and Broadway south of downtown Toledo, requires one or two hours heading south on either US-23 or I-75, depending on where you're coming from.

This is a smaller zoo, but what it lacks in size, it makes up for in features.

It saved much of the charm of its older buildings by renovating them, and making them part of the new zoo.

The archaic feline house with cages that would be inhumane by today's standards has been transformed into an eatery, where you can sit at tables in the cages (and I think we've all seen families in restaurants where we thought the children might need to be caged).

While the main African area usually all but shuts

down in the winter, the Toledo Zoo features some wonderful exhibits, including a wolf pack that appears to be closer than your neighbor's dog, a hippoquarium, a nice aquarium and Louie, the fast-growing baby elephant, who has become a star among visitors very quickly.

It also has a weekend festivity called Frozentoesen 2006, which features events like ice sculpture and something called Czechoslovakian Black Light Theatre, along with "Cabin Fever feeds" of various animals.

Call the Toledo Zoo at (419) 385-5721 for more information.

## HARNESS RACING

If you want to see animals being a little more active, you might want to consider a trip to Northville, where Northville Downs has a slate of harness racing.

I know, you might have all your money on a square with the numbers 2 and 8, and are pretty sure you will have nothing more to bet, but seeing these animals glide around the track can be exhilarating, especially on the coldest nights.

When it's very cold, fewer people go outside to yell desperate encouragement to their horses ("Go, number 3!"), and you can hear the hooves clapping against the ground, even echoing against the grandstand.

Northville Downs features 12 harness races every Thursday through Sunday evening starting at 6:40, and simulcast races from noon 'til midnight.

Admission is free (which is slightly less than Super Bowl tickets).

The track is at Seven Mile and Sheldon roads, north of M-14 and west of I-275. Call for more information at (248) 349-1000.

## CANADA

Maybe you want to get a little wild, and you've heard that a trip across the bridge to Canada is the answer. You couldn't be more right! There are definitely wild times in Canada!

Just about 45 minutes or so after the tunnel on Ontario's Highway 3 would be Leamington, city of ketchup, and gateway to Point Pelee, a national park and a location prized by birders from all over the world.

This park serves as a landing area in spring and a rest area in fall for migrating birds.

That being said, it should be noted this isn't spring, nor fall. Still, this is a lovely area, with some wildlife that is native, such as flying squirrels.

A group called Friends of Point Pelee can be reached at (519) 326-6173 for more information.

## METROPARK

Closer to Detroit, the Kensington Metropark off I-96 just east of Brighton offers fabulous outdoor fun.

Along with all the usual winter activities, the park has neat nature trails, which are frequented by animals all year round.

Deer sightings are more the norm than the exception. There's even the occasional bald eagle. Plus, a walk through the woods is always a nice way to spend a day.

There you have it - a list of ideas for things to do involving animals as you wait for kickoff.

If you do live here, remember these sites are available, and they are a great time for your family, despite the season being winter.

Plus, they are a great way to get away from all the hype. There's very little chance someone will show up at Kensington with his body painted in team colors.

I guess I can also give the obligatory prediction about the final score of the big game. I predict it will end up 31-17. The winning team? The one with 31.

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

## About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

looking for fun and Ford Field.

(The several hundred sportswriters and broadcasters will be looking for things to complain about, but try to remember they make their living by watching a game, writing about it and whining. Don't let them bother you.)

## GARDEN CALENDAR

### MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus off Adams in Rochester. Advanced master gardener Judy Corneller will speak on Nip, Pinch and Tuck: Topiaries from Tender Perennials. She will demonstrate how topiaries can be fun to create and easy to maintain. Guests are welcome. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required. For more information, call (248) 299-3948 or visit [www.meadowbrookhall.org](http://www.meadowbrookhall.org).

### Downriver Rose Society

The Downriver Rose Society will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at the Brownstown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph, between Sibley and West roads. Nancy Lindley, owner of Great Lakes Roses in Belleville, will present Success with Climbing Roses. In this fast-paced slide program, she'll discuss which varieties work best and share tips about how to train and prune them for best effect. Lindley is the author of the book *Roses for Michigan* (Lone Pine Publishing) and an American Rose Society consulting rosarian.

The public may attend. Admission is free. For more information, call Mike at (877) 860-5364 or Nancy at (734) 461-2300.

### Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, Feb. 6, at the Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. The topic will be flower arranging. Guests are welcome. Della Haydon, an accredited flower show judge and past president of the Farmington Hills Flower Arrangers Guild, will show the basics of design as well as tips for more advanced arrangements.

### Hardy Plant Society

The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, on Woodward at Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills. Beth Rowley of Four Seasons Garden Center will talk about Basics of Design. A former architect, Rowley decided five years ago to follow her loves of horticulture and design and work at Four Seasons. Guest fee \$3. For information, call (248) 589-2286. The group's Web site is [www.hardyplantsociety-greatlakes.org](http://www.hardyplantsociety-greatlakes.org).

### Hill & Dale

The Hill & Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Heritage Park Visitor's Center, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Past president Jean Moran will give a presentation on Masterpiece Floral Designs on a Budget. The public may attend. For more information, contact Mar Scawly at (248) 333-3108 or [stemar@comcast.net](mailto:stemar@comcast.net).

### 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. **Matthaei Botanical Gardens** Throughout history, plants have ignited

passion - for adventure, for knowledge, for love. Whether a matter of aroma or taste, medicinal properties, or seductive powers, plants have always held a fascination for cultures around the world. During February, Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum (MBGNA) will highlight "plants of passion" with public lectures, tours of the Conservatory, and a family day event. All events will take place at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Reservations are strongly recommended for each event. Call (734) 647-7600 for reservations and more information.

Plants of Passion: Forbidden Fruits, a lecture by MBGNA curator David C. Michener, is scheduled 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4. The talk will be followed by a walk in the Conservatory to see featured plants, including the chocolate tree, camellias and gardenias. Docents will be on hand to answer questions. Cost is \$10 for the public, \$7 for MBGNA members. Seating limited to 100. **Chocolate**, a lecture by Patrick Fields, AKA "Doctor Chocolate," is scheduled 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19. Chocolate tasting will follow the talk. Cost is \$15 for the public, \$10 for MBGNA members. Seating limited to 100. **Family Day at the Gardens** is scheduled 1-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26. Enjoy a scavenger hunt in the Conservatory, have a snack and listen to stories told by Jean Gordon, and pot a chocolate mint plant (one per child) to take home. Cost per child is \$7 for the public, \$5 for MBGNA members.

**Horticulture symposium** Troy is one of five cities in the country that will be the site of Color Rich Gardens: Designing with Distinctive Plants, a *Horticulture* magazine symposium on design, plants and garden making. Co-sponsored with Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary, the all-day symposium will take place Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Michigan State University Management Education Center, 811 W.

Square Lake Road. Fee is \$119 for a *Horticulture* subscriber or a Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary member, \$129 regular. The fee includes all handouts and refreshments and a boxed lunch. Register early, as space is limited. To register and for more information, call (877) GDN-PROG toll-free or visit [www.hortmag.com](http://www.hortmag.com). Among the speakers will be Janet Macunovich, co-founder of the Michigan School of Gardening and the author of eight books on gardening topics; Ed Lyons, executive director of Rotary Gardens in Janesville, Wis.; Nan Sinton, director of programs for *Horticulture*; Helen Dillon, a leading gardener in Ireland; and Denver-based Rob Proctor, who specializes in creating intimate gardens and who has written 10 books.

**School of Gardening** The Michigan School of Gardening presents a variety of classes for different levels at The Community House in Birmingham, 380 S. Bates; at Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt; at Troy Continuing Education, 201 W. Square Lake Road; at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor; and at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. Special class sessions can be arranged for groups of 15 or more. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit [www.michigangardening.com](http://www.michigangardening.com). The schedule includes: Landscape Design, seven Mondays beginning Jan. 30, in Pontiac (fee is \$232); Trees and Shrubs for Small Spaces, Monday, Feb. 6, in Livonia (\$42); Groundcovers, Wednesdays, Feb. 8-15, in Birmingham (\$75); Best Foot Forward: Entry Gardens, Thursdays, Feb. 9-16, in Livonia (\$72); and Healthy Soil and Wise Fertilizing, Thursdays, Feb. 9-23, in Pontiac (\$137).

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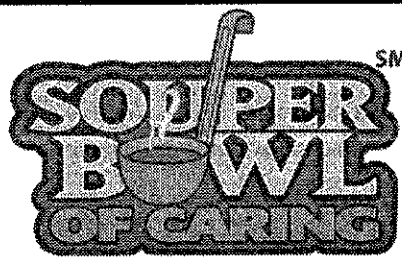
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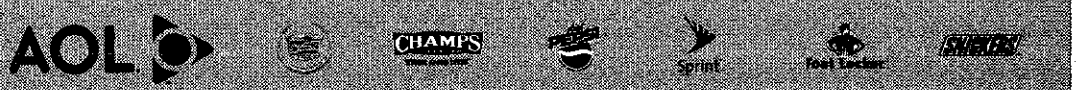
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# Be careful of what you buy, you'll probably have to repair it

When you've been in the major home appliance industry for more than 40 years, done a radio show on the subject for 21 years and written a newspaper column for 10 years, you should be somewhat of an expert, and that's where I think I'm at.



**Appliance Doctor**

**Joe Gagnon**

I have opinions that I pass on to you, and sometimes they are very strong and point out my disappointment as to how products are made today.

Here is an example of the many hundreds of stories I hear from consumers every year. I'll

use the "XXX" brand name.

Keep in mind, it's not near some of the tales told me by homeowners but simply the most recent.

"I purchased a XXX refrigerator in March 2001. My first repair was October 2001, when the mother board in my refrigerator failed and had to be replaced.

"My refrigerator has had to be serviced at least twice a year since then. I have lost a whole refrigerator's worth of food twice due to moisture-related problems. The first time it happened, XXX failed to inform me I was entitled to \$100 for loss of food.

"I have had my ice machine replaced, 'parts' of my ice machine replaced, the insulation on my freezer door replaced, cracked drawers replaced etc. I have ongoing

problems with the defrost motor in my freezer. We have pictures of the defrost motor caked with ice.

"I have to listen to the 'sounds' my refrigerator makes. If the sound changes, I have to remove all food from my refrigerator, and shut the refrigerator off so the ice on the 'defrost motor' can melt.

"I purchased the extended warranty (had to) and the first time the refrigerator failed, XXX extended my warranty for one year.

## CALLS

"I have repeatedly called and complained, asked to speak to managers, etc. I was told if 'their engineers deemed my refrigerator repairable I wasn't entitled to a new refrigerator.' I was never allowed to talk to the engineers.

"I told them the refrigerator was a lemon, and that I purchased said appliance in good faith, and the expectation that the appliance should perform as advertised wasn't unreasonable. They told me they couldn't help me.

"I misplaced one of my service receipts and asked for a copy of my entire file to be sent to me. I was told the computer didn't go back that far (four years). When I laughed and told them that was ridiculous, they amended their statement to 'Well, it does have the information, we just can't print it out.'

"I have an ice maker that gives me cracked ice when I push the button for cubes.

"Sometimes I push the button and can hear the auger turning, but no ice comes out. When I open the door, a mountain of backed-up ice falls on my

kitchen floor.

"I have hollow ice cubes, partial ice cubes, and a machine that won't work if a piece of ice gets frozen to the little lever in back.

"XXX has caused me no end of frustration, anger and unhappiness over these problems. A refrigerator that cost almost a thousand dollars shouldn't break down every few months.

"I purchased the refrigerator from a retailer and they refused to go to bat for me. End for now. Rozanne."

Remember the recent column, folks, the one where I announced that warranties on major appliances are now going to change? Is it any wonder they want to remove all the coverage they have given us for so many years?

The way they're building products, they must be losing a

great amount of dollars in their service divisions.

Now, imagine what is in the future for millions of Americans who have a problem with a major home appliance.

Remember to get all the information you can about any appliance you're going to buy. Read, talk, ask and put the salespeople on notice that you want the best proven product available. Shop smart and keep your fingers crossed.

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

## HOME CALENDAR

### Home improvement show

The Novi Home Improvement Show® will take place Friday-Sunday, Jan. 27-29, at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Ave., between Taft and Beck in Novi.

Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$9 for adults, \$8 for ages 65 and older, free for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Parking is available at the Rock Financial Showplace for a fee.

Discount coupons are available online at [www.novihomeshow.com](http://www.novihomeshow.com) or at participating metro Dunkin' Donuts locations.

For more information, visit [www.bulders.org](http://www.bulders.org) or call (248) 862-1019.

### Sample sale

The semi-annual Floor Sample Sale will take place Friday-Saturday, Jan. 27-28, at Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz in Troy.

The event will offer 60 to 80 percent - or more - off showroom list prices. Free design seminars will be presented both days. Seminar topics are:

Fashions For Your Floor (1 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday), and Trends Forecast for 2006 and Beyond (2 p.m. Friday, noon and 2 p.m. Saturday).

Hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Stutz is north off Maple (15 Mile) between Coolidge and Crooks.

Admission is \$7 each day, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit COTS (the Coalition on Temporary Shelter). For more information, visit [www.michiganandesign.com](http://www.michiganandesign.com).

### Interior design

Winter continuing education classes at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit include Elements of Interior Design, 10 Saturdays beginning Jan. 28. Cost is \$295, plus \$10 material fee. Call (313) 664-7691 to register and for more information.

An overview of the interior design field, the course will show the methods used to create a room that is physically, visually and intellectually satisfying.

Instruction will include the basic principles of space planning, drafting, color theory and materials and finishes. Students will work toward creating a finished residential room.

### Winter craft

Children are invited to come in from the cold and be creative at Art Van Furniture Kids Castles 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29. Make a snowman photo frame magnet to take home.

Kids Castles are supervised play areas for youngsters in select Art Van stores, including locations at 22555 Greenfield in Southfield (phone (248) 569-3770), 8300 Wayne Road in Westland (phone (734) 425-9600), 27775 Novi Road in Novi (phone (248) 348-8922), 14055 Hall in Shelby Township (phone (586) 566-1490) and 6500 14 Mile in Warren (phone (586) 939-2100).

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### Expo

The William D. Ford Career-Technical Center, 36455 Marquette in Westland, will host its annual winter Open House-Technology Expo 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9.

The public may attend. Admission is free. Attendees will have the opportunity to see student projects and activities from all 23 technical programs, sample Culinary Arts prepared foods, meet program instructors, and interact with college and industry representatives.

Displays of current high-efficient, state-of-the-art technology in home heating and cooling will be presented by various companies serving on the center's HVAC advisory board. Counselors will be available to conduct tours and answer questions about enrollment opportunities. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

Prospective students, parents, community members, agency representatives and school personnel are welcome. Call the center at (734) 419-2100 for directions or other information.

### Home decor

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels.

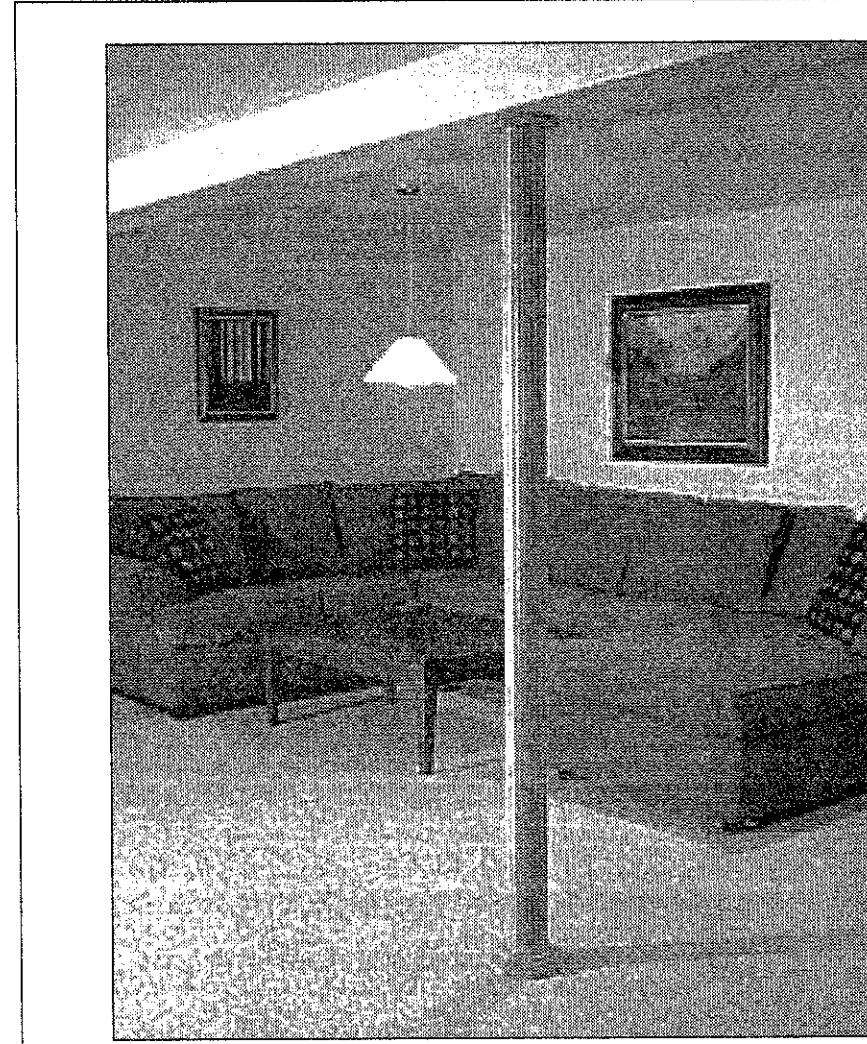
Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail [ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com](mailto:ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com) or visit [www.HabermanFabrics.com](http://www.HabermanFabrics.com).

The schedule includes Lip Cord Workshop, Monday, Feb. 6 (fee is \$25); Simple Upholstered Ottoman, Wednesdays, Feb. 8-22 (\$60); and Advanced Curtain, Thursdays, Feb. 9 to March 2 (\$80).

In the Feb. 6 workshop, learn how to join twisted lip cord flawlessly, blending the ends together to make it look continuous. Your pillows will never be the same again once you learn this valuable technique.

In the curtain class, learn how to make pleated draperies, a classic, ever-popular window treatment. You'll make a custom window treatment for your home. Create a personalized look by changing the style and spacing of the pleats, or choose the more informal tab-top drape.

In the ottoman class, learn simple upholstery techniques as you transform an old footstool, bench or table into a trendy ottoman. The first session will be demonstration and the "tear-down" of your base. You'll rebuild, reupholster and trim your new piece in the remaining two sessions.



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For a sample, visit the Web site and go to Contact Us. Coleman invented the product after her husband finished their basement. After searching home improvement stores looking for a way to hide the basement pole, she learned that nothing had been invented to solve this problem.

"I am happy that we are able to take something that is an eyesore and turn it into a very attractive design feature," Coleman said.

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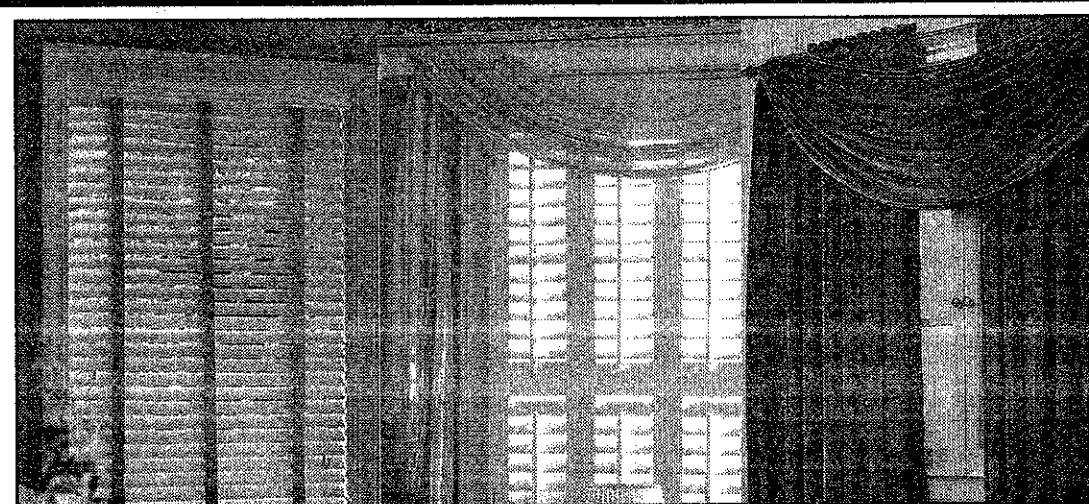
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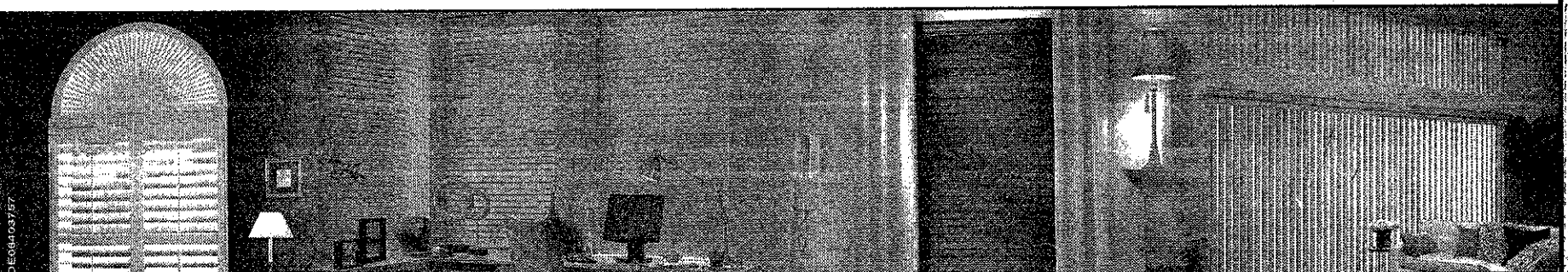


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# English Gardens hosts orchid festival

English Gardens will host its fourth annual Orchid Festival, featuring two weekends of free seminars, visits from growers and a display of more than 50 varieties of orchids.

The festival takes place Feb. 1-28 during National Orchid Month.

A new feature this year is the Grand Champion award winner of the Greater New York Orchid Society International Orchid Show, "Lycaste Avalon" Marcia Doherty, propagated by John Doherty, one of the festival's featured speakers.

Free seminars will kick off Super Bowl Weekend at all six English Gardens stores and include:

## SATURDAY, FEB. 4

- Introduction to Orchids - 1 p.m.
- Orchid Re-potting Techniques - 3 p.m.

## SUNDAY, FEB. 5

- Advance Orchid Growing - 1 p.m.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 11

- Growing Beautiful Orchids - 1 p.m.
- Orchid Re-potting Demonstration - 3 p.m.

## SUNDAY, FEB. 12

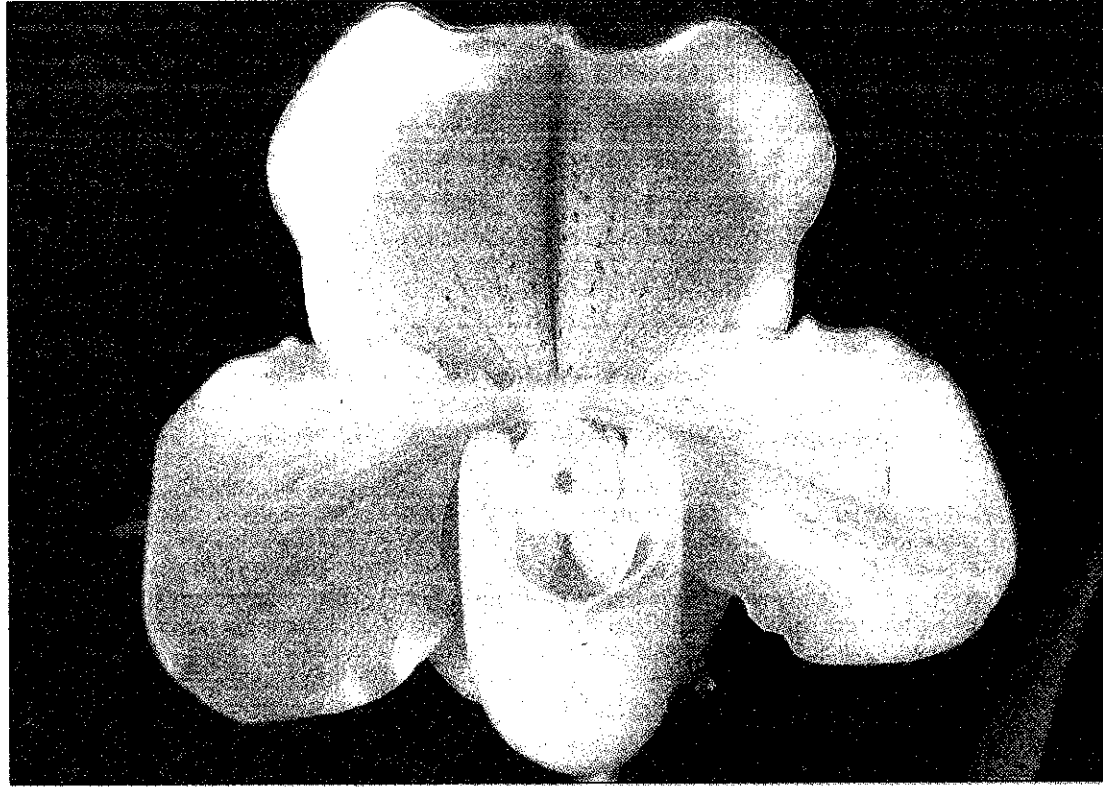
- Advance Orchid Growing - 1 p.m.

Orchid growers will discuss the different orchid varieties, orchid care and tips for re-blooming, as well as answer questions.

Among the featured speakers will be John Doherty of Zephyrus Orchids, Lawrence J. Ohlman III of Orchids by Ohlman, and Don Garling from Michigan State University.

Doherty is an accredited judge of the American Orchid Society, and has written numerous articles that have appeared in *The Orchid Digest*, *Orchids Awards Quarterly* and *North American Native Orchid Journal*.

A frequently requested



This is one of the unusual Phalaenopsis orchids that will be featured at English Gardens' fourth annual Orchid Festival in February.

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speaker, Doherty has been featured at the Tokyo Dome Show, the World Orchid Conference in Vancouver, and recently in Dijon, France.

Ohlman is the director of sales and marketing for Orchids by Ohlman in Toledo, Ohio. Celebrating his fourth year in the orchid industry, he prides himself on educating new orchid lovers and sharing his knowledge of orchids.

Orchids on display and for sale during the festival will include popular varieties such as: Cattleyas, Cymbidiums, Dendrobiums, Phalaenopsis and Oncidiums.

Among other varieties that will be available are: Beallara, Brassia, Colmanara, Degarmoara, Epidendrums, Harlequins, Masdevallias, Miltonidiums, Phrags, Sharry Baby, Wildcatts, Wilsonara and Zygopetalums.

A new introduction will be the Phalaenopsis Collector's varieties, which include:

- Be Tris x Brother Amaglad - lots of small,

white flowers with pink blush

■ Brother Saragold 'Sogo' - a new variety with sunset shades of reds and orange

■ Nobby's Amy 'Shi Hua' - a new, awarded variety with smaller white flowers with orange/pink blush

■ Everspring Fairy - a white harlequin

■ Gold Tris 'SW' - a new, awarded offering. Miniature plants with small yellow flowers blushed pink. A great plant for small spaces.

English Gardens will also feature plants from the American Orchid Society Award Collection, and will introduce the Euro Collection of hydroponically grown Phalaenopsis orchids.

Popular in Europe, this method employs a two-pot system and clay aggregate pebbles that make growing orchids much easier for homeowners.

"Orchids are popular for home gardeners because they're easy to maintain and very long lasting," said Lori

Secord, merchandising manager for English Gardens.

"Each year our festival grows in popularity because more people realize the benefits of decorating with orchids. We're looking forward to hosting the industry's most knowledgeable and prominent growers."

For more information about the English Gardens Orchid Festival, log onto [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com) or contact one of the six English Gardens stores in the following cities:

West Bloomfield, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak-Troy, 4901 Coolidge Highway, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, 22650 Ford at Outer Drive, (313) 278-4433; Ann Arbor, 155 N. Maple at Jackson in the Maple Village Shopping Center, (734) 332-7900; Clinton Township, 44850 Garfield at Hall Road, (586) 286-6100; and Eastpointe, 22501 Kelly at Nine Mile, (586) 771-4200.

## BROIDA

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the "stack" feature, which allows you to organize similar photos (say, multiple shots of your Aunt Edna) into a virtual stack.

That not only helps with organization, but also reduces some of the clutter in your photo library.

Cooler still is Elements' face-tagging feature, which finds and isolates the faces in your photos so you can tag them more easily. (Tags are descriptors you apply to photos to make them more easily searchable. They're the key to effective organization.)

Elements isn't perfect. It's annoyingly slow to load, and you have to switch between different programs to accomplish different tasks. Plus, it lacks a folder-based browser, which is daunting if you're accustomed to working with folders.

Plus, there's that whole price thing: It has one. So let's look at a photo manager that's absolutely free: Picasa.

## PICASA

If it's free, it can't be any good, right? Wrong. Picasa is an incredibly polished and versatile photo-management tool.

I love its friendly, uncluttered interface and simplistic image-tweaking tools. Click "I'm Feeling Lucky," for instance, and Picasa will automatically fix the lighting and

color in your selected photo.

The software's other one-click-away features include sending automatically resized photos via e-mail, adding photos to your blog, ordering prints, and burning a slideshow CD (without music, alas). On the downside, Picasa's operation isn't always intuitive, and you have to venture online to get help. It's a lightweight when it comes to editing, and I genuinely dislike the way it imports photos from memory cards.

Even so, it's a great place to start, especially if you have photos littered across your hard drive and no effective means of organizing them.

That said, Photoshop Elements 4.0 is well worth the investment - and you know what a sucker I am for free stuff. Once you master its excellent tagging and organization tools, you'll find your once-unruly photo library quite tame. Plus, it's packed with advanced editing tools, meaning you can tweak those near-perfect shots to perfection.

Don't take my word for it. Download the 30-day trial version and see for yourself.

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## Time to replace putty at windows

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

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**FOOTBALL**

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Also at the fireplace is a string of lights covered with small Steeler helmets, a framed collection of tickets to and patches of the Steelers' four triumphant Super Bowls, little players from an old electric football game, photos, footballs, magazines, books and autographed game programs, among other items.

There is a row of four figures depicting the "Steel Curtain," the defensive line of Dwight White, Ernie Holmes, Joe Greene and L.C. Greenwood. In 1976, the Steel Curtain had five shutouts and gave up less than three points per game.

Also commemorated is the "Immaculate Reception," which took place in the AFC Divisional Playoffs with the Oakland Raiders at Three Rivers Stadium in 1972. (The Steelers were behind by one point when Steelers running back Franco Harris caught the football after it bounced into the air, and ran 42 yards to score with five seconds left in the game.)

Terrible Towels - yellow cloths waved by Steelers fans during games - hang in a row between the living room and dining room. Broadcaster Myron Cope started the Terrible Towels in the 1970s.

High on a wall is a line of jerseys with Steelers' names going back to the 1970s. Steeler caps are lined up on the piano, under an arrangement of photos showing Three Rivers Stadium being imploded. Mr. Proven's sister sent him the photos.

A bowl painted by Laura with the Steeler colors and logo is on a table with copper-colored, football-shaped confetti scattered around it.

Coincidentally, she'll be attending the University of Miami this year, quarterback Ben Roethlisberger's alma mater.

Bobble heads, helmets and unopened commemorative beer cans from two Steelers Super Bowls are on the top of the TV.

A large yellow and black Pittsburgh Steelers rug is on the floor in front of the set, along with an arrangement of Steelers hand towels and apparel. Life-size cutouts of Jerome Bettis and Terry Bradshaw stand in opposite corners of the room.

**MORE ITEMS**

Steelers or their logo adorn such items as playing cards, pendants of various sizes, a clock, a golf club cover, ornaments on a tiny Christmas tree and bandanas worn by the family cats.

There are black and gold beads hanging from knobs, a baseball with Three Rivers Stadium on it, and a sign on the wall that proclaims Parking For Steeler Fans Only, All Others Will Be Sacked.

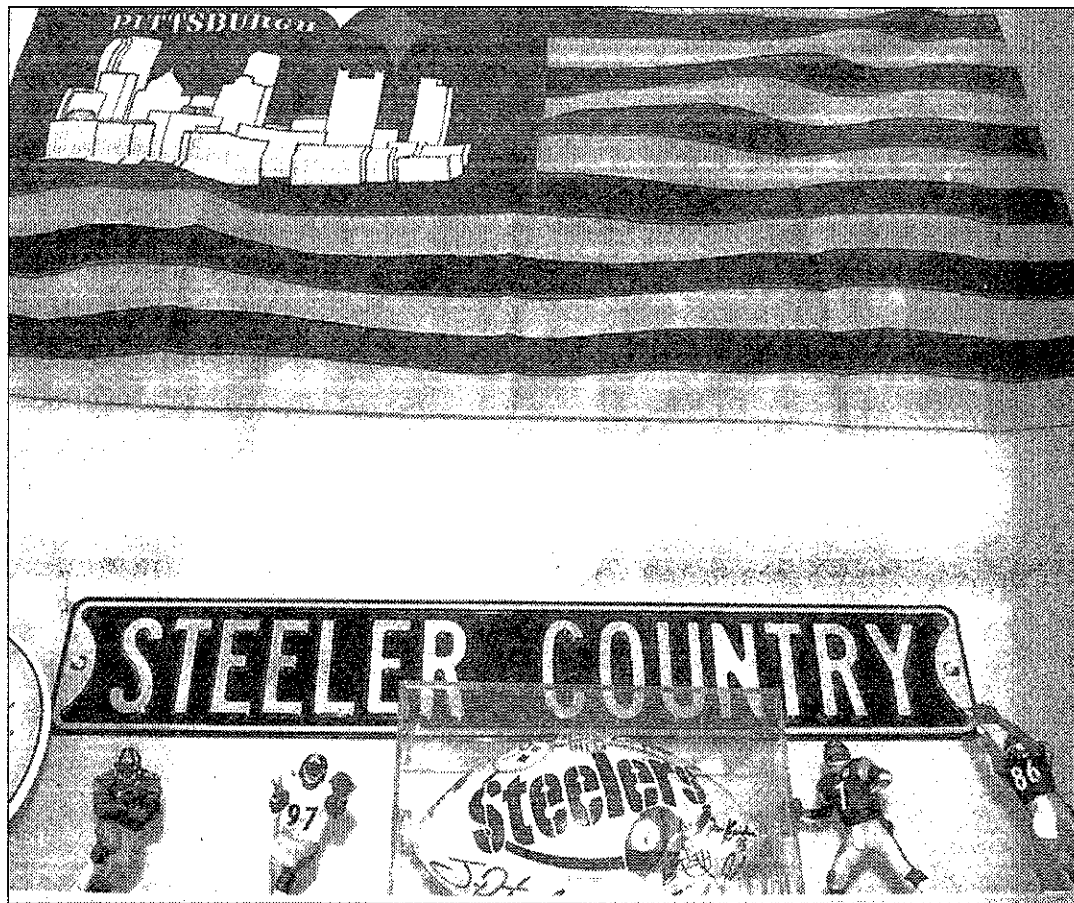
The elder Bryan started collecting the paraphernalia when he was growing up in Pittsburgh. He still has family there.

"Football is really king there," Proven said. "People talk about the Steelers."

The family's favorite players are Bettis, Roethlisberger and Troy Polamalu.

When the Provens wear their Steeler jerseys in public, they often get strange looks from people but fellow Steeler fans usually come up to them.

"We try not to be obnoxious about it," Mr. Proven said.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

It's Pittsburgh Steeler Country in the Proven family home, with decorations and paraphernalia including a recently autographed team football.

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Pallas Du Wang, owner of Pallas Restaurant in Farmington Hills, presents flounder in sweet chili sauce. Fish is a must for Chinese New Year dinners, representing a bountiful year.

## Side dish

### Walnut keepers

Walnuts can be healthful items to include in your food planning, and here are some pointers from the Walnut Marketing Board for storing and using them, according to the Associated Press.

■ Walnuts have a long shelf life, so it's practical to keep them on hand for adding to recipes or for snacking. In-shell walnuts keep best; shell them when you are ready to use them. Unopened packages of shelled walnuts have a shelf life of up to one year. Open packages of shelled walnuts or chopped walnuts can be refrigerated or frozen in an airtight container and kept for six months.

■ The best way to open an in-shell walnut is to place the nutcracker at right angles to the shell's seam and crack.

■ To chop walnuts, use a knife or a food processor. Make sure nuts are at room temperature before grinding in a processor, or their natural oils will make the nuts soften to a paste.

■ To blanch walnuts, add shelled nuts to boiling water. Take the pot off the heat and let the nuts stand for two minutes. (Some recipes call for blanching, to make the walnuts' flavor a little milder.)

■ To toast walnuts, which brings out their full, rich flavor, place them on baking sheets, spray with nonfat cooking spray or add a dash of vegetable oil and bake in a 375° F oven for eight to 10 minutes, tossing occasionally during baking.

For information, visit <http://www.walnuts.org>

### Which bacon to bring home?

In case you wonder about bacon varieties at the grocery counters, here are some points on different kinds of bacon, courtesy of the Associated Press:

■ Traditional bacon is cut from the pork belly and has a fairly even ratio of fat to lean. It is cured and smoked for flavor and may be sold raw or fully cooked. When cooked and ready to eat, it is crisp and chewy.

■ Canadian bacon is from the loin, a muscle that is generally lean with minimal visible connective tissue or fat. The loin is cured and smoked to make Canadian bacon, which has a flavor similar to ham but is slightly milder.

Canadian bacon has a tender texture and is typically sold ready to eat either in combination with other ingredients or on its own. It's well-known for its role in eggs Benedict and as a pizza topper.

■ Canadian-style bacon is a term that is often used interchangeably with Canadian bacon. However, unlike real Canadian bacon, it can include additional pork muscles including sirloin hip meat and ground pork trim, and will be labeled accordingly.

## Missed New Year's?

# Well, here's another one

Ring in the Chinese New Year

### CRISPY FISH WITH SWEET CHILI SAUCE

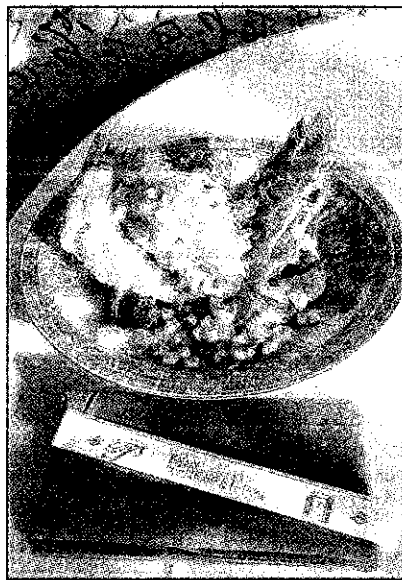
- 1 flounder, about 2 pounds or any kind of white fish fillet
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon minced fresh ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons cooking wine
- 6 tablespoons ketchup
- 4 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 tomato, diced to 1 inch
- 1 onion, diced to 1 inch
- 1 zucchini, diced to 1 inch
- 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

**Prepare sauce:** Heat a wok or large sauté pan over medium heat. Add 1 tablespoon of oil and swirl to coat the pan. Add the garlic and ginger and sauté until soft and fragrant, about 2 minutes. Add the chicken stock, sugar, salt and stir to prevent burning. Cook, stirring for 1 minute, then add cooking wine and ketchup. Cook for another 2 minutes and set aside.

**Prepare fish:** Fillet the flounder on each side, then cut each fillet to six pieces. Season with a dash of salt and pepper. In a medium bowl, combine the fish fillet and cornstarch and mix to coat. Heat a wok over high heat. Add 2 tablespoons of oil and swirl to coat the pan. Add fish fillet and fry until cooked through, 3-5 minutes. Remove the fish to a plate.

Reheat the wok over high heat. Add 1 tablespoon of the oil and swirl to coat the pan. Add onion and stir-fry until the onion is soft, about 2 minutes. Add the tomatoes and zucchini, and stir-fry 4-5 minutes. Return the sauce to the wok and bring it to a boil, about 1 minute. Add 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce. Stir, remove from the stove. Drizzle the sauce over fish fillet and serve immediately.

Makes two servings.



Flounder served in sweet chili sauce.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Look at the special menu for the Chinese New Year, and you'll notice that symbolism abounds.

The shape of the crabmeat wonton in the Gin Yuan Boa Tang (Golden Fortune Soup) resembles ancient Chinese money. Sze Ji Ping An (Peaceful Four Seasons) is a dish of apple and lobster salad as one of the Chinese characters for apple (ping) is a symbol for peace.

And Woo Foo Ling Men (Five Blessings) is a cold appetizer combination of five ingredients - roast beef, pepper shrimp, smoked fish, thousand-layered curd and shredded tofu, and candied walnuts, each representing longevity, wealth, peace, wisdom and righteousness.

That's all on a menu at Pallas Restaurant in Farmington Hills to celebrate Chinese New Year Sunday, Jan. 29. (This year is the Year of the Dog and year 4073 in the Chinese calendar.) The dinner event, which has attracted 100-150 people in each of the previous two years, features a traditional 10-course meal symbolizing the "Perfect 10." (See information at end of story).

Each course is poetically named for good luck in the following year while the ingredients are symbols for the dish's name (See the accompanying menu).

"Hosting an event like this is a special honor for my family," said Pallas Du Wang, who, with her husband Sonny, co-owns Pallas and the Sze

Chaun Restaurant in Canton. "In addition to being able to help those of Chinese descent celebrate the New Year in the manner of our ancestors, we get to share this experience with the rest of the metropolitan Detroit community."

But why does Chinese New Year fall on a different day?

For one thing, the Chinese years last only 360 days and the Chinese follow a lunar calendar, so every year New Year's falls on a different day, according to Wang.

"It's just like an American Thanksgiving with a large family gathering," Wang said. "It's the biggest day of the year for the Chinese."

"We remember our ancestors, grandparents and parents, and family members and the fact that we never forget about them. We pass this on through generations."

Grandparents give a lucky envelope for their children and grandchildren. "It contains a gift, and that's usually money," Wang said. The envelope has a Chinese slogan on it, and the recipient opens the envelope, then keeps

the envelope under their pillow for good luck in the next year. Attendees can also have their name inscribed in Chinese on the red packets (or envelopes).

She plans to extend that tradition to restaurant patrons on Chinese New Year's Day at the restaura-

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Steamed scallops are served with an oyster sauce with black moss seaweed. The dish symbolizes prosperity and wealth.

## Discover Montepulciano d'Abruzzo wines

Montepulciano d'Abruzzo wines caught our attention in 2004 when we judged at the world's largest wine competition in Verona, Italy, prior to Vinitaly.

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Why? From a first sniff, the



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

bright red fruit aromas of Montepulciano d'Abruzzo captivate. In the mouth, wines

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Our closest local connection to Abruzzo is the Del Signore family, who hail from central Abruzzo and the village of

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**WINES**

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Fonte d'Amore, near the larger town of Sulmona. As most Italian food lovers in this area know, John and Lina Del Signore own Fonte d'Amore restaurant in Livonia and their chef son Luciano owns Bacco Ristorante in Southfield with his wife Monica.

On a recent writing research trip to Italy, we found the senior Del Signore at the family home in Fonte d'Amore. "I've made arrangements for you to go with us to Zaccagnini," John announced soon after we arrived. "General manager Marcello Zaccagnini and his winemaker do not speak English, so Lina and I will translate for you."

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**ABRUZZO AND KASAURO**

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**WINE PICKS**

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2004 Thomas Fogarty Monterey Gewurztraminer \$17 - perfect with Asian food.

2004 Valley of the Moon Pinot Blanc \$16 - nice with lighter seafood.

2004 Tablas Creek Vineyard Cotes de Tablas Blanc \$20 - try with scallops or green salads with avocado and citrus dressing.

**RED WINES**

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made for the Del Signore's by Zaccagnini. Dark fruit aromas are mirrored in the flavors of this easy-drinking, yet well-structured wine with a delicious finish.

It's available for \$25/bottle or \$7/glass at both Fonte d'Amore and Bacco Ristorante on the wine list or for \$150 per case at both restaurants and also at the Laurel Manor Deli (Laurel Manor is also owned by the Del Signore's). The 2003

Kasauro is value-priced and an excellent wine making its way to the heights of international success that many Montepulciano d'Abruzzo wines deserve today.

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

**DINNER CALENDAR**

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

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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.

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The Ultimate Valentine's Day Girls' Night Out Chocolate Buffet with Menopause The Musical® on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14 at 333 Madison in Detroit. Tickets are \$75 and include dinner, a chocolate buffet for dessert, ticket to the show, all non-alcoholic beverages, tax and gratuity. Reservations are available now for all Century Grill dinner packages by calling (313) 963-9800.

**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.

**Kitchen Craft to cook up delights**

Kitchen Craft Cookware will sponsor cooking demonstrations all weekend at the 2006 Novi Home Improvement Show Friday-Sunday, Jan. 27-29, at the Rock Financial Showplace.

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Kitchen Craft will present demonstrations and taste testing from its booth all weekend on the hour.

The Rock Financial Showplace is on Grand River between Taft and Beck in Novi.

Show hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$9 for adults, \$8 for ages 65 and older; free for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Parking is available at the Rock Financial Showplace for a fee.

Discount coupons are available online at www.novihomeshow.com or at participating metro Detroit Dunkin' Donuts locations.

**TASTE CALENDAR**

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

**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 re-create 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. Class is 6-7:30 p.m. 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.communityhouse.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 webadvisors.schoolcraft.edu

**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**

Join 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 multifarious 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), golabki (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.

**Recipe contest deadline extended**

A statewide recipe contest to raise awareness for diabetes has been extended to Jan. 31 to allow more Michigan amateur chefs a chance to participate. The goal of the contest is to share creative and tasty recipes that can be enjoyed by individuals adhering to a diabetic diet.

The American Diabetes Association has teamed up with Amylin Pharmaceuticals and Eli Lilly and Co. to host the contest.

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

place winner will receive \$50. Recipe submissions must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31. One recipe entry per person is allowed and entrants must be 21 years of age or older (must not be a professional chef).

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

panel of Michigan food experts and announced in mid-February. There is no cost to enter the contest.

All eligible entries will be judged equally on creativity and practicality in a first round of judging by a noted Detroit-area chef. Ten recipes in each category will be selected as finalists. Finalists will be notified by phone, mail and/or email and will prepare their recipes for contest judges on Monday, Feb. 13 at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

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Parsnips, beets, carrots and turnips reach their peak this time of the year and make perfect winter dishes.

## It's a sweet time of year for root vegetables

It's root vegetable season. Parsnips, beets, carrots and turnips reach their peak this time of the year and make perfect winter dishes.

Root vegetables release rich, sweet flavors and aromas as they oven-roast. They undergo a change with the first frost of the season, which changes the vegetables' starch to sugar. High oven temperatures interact with the natural sugars in these vegetables to intensify their sweetness.

In addition to their sweetness, root vegetables contain substances that fight cancer and help strengthen resistance to other health problems, according to the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Parsnips are not used as much as some other root vegetables but are worth a look. After the first frost, they have a pleasantly sweet, dense flavor that adds complexity to casseroles, stews and soups and, in combination with other fruits and vegetables such as sweet potatoes and apples, make a winning combination of taste and nutrition.

Parsnips are part of the carrot family and are good at fighting cancer and heart disease, like other vegetables in this fami-

ly. Root vegetables like parsnips, carrots and beets are also high in nutrients, dietary fiber and a range of cancer-fighting substances called phytochemicals, available only in plants.

Although parsnips are available year-round, their peak months are in fall and winter.

When shopping for root vegetables, look for those that are smooth and firm, with a bright color. Parsnips are preferable young, when they are smaller and sweeter. They can be refrigerated in a plastic bag for up to two weeks.

The flavors of sweet potato and apple blend nicely with the parsnips in the following recipe. They also add to the health benefits of the dish. A little honey and soy sauce are a good complement to this satisfying winter medley.

### HONEY-ROASTED PARSNIPS WITH SWEET POTATOES AND APPLES

Canola oil spray  
1 1/2 cups peeled and chopped parsnips  
1 large sweet potato, peeled and cut into bite-size chunks

2 crisp red apples, peeled, cored and cut into bite-size chunks  
1 tablespoon canola oil  
1 tablespoon honey  
2 tablespoons reduced-sodium ("lite") soy sauce  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 375° F. Spray a baking pan or casserole dish with oil spray and set aside. In a large mixing bowl, place parsnips, sweet potato and apples. Set aside. In a microwave-safe bowl, mix oil and honey. Warm in the microwave, about 10 seconds, to thin. Stir in soy sauce. Pour sauce onto vegetables and apples. Toss to coat well. Transfer to the baking pan and cover with foil.

Bake until very tender, about 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Add salt and pepper to taste, then serve.

Makes 6 servings. Per serving: 113 calories, 2 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 23 g. carbohydrate, 1 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 216 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR MENU

Here is the special Chinese New Year menu and the symbolism of foods served at the Pallas Restaurant in Farmington Hills:

### FIVE BLESSINGS (WOO FOO LING MEN)

Cold appetizer combo of five ingredients, representing longevity, wealth, peace, wisdom and righteousness: roast beef, pepper shrimp, smoked fish, thousand-layered curd and shredded tofu, candied walnuts.

### GOLDEN FORTUNE SOUP (GING YUAN BOA TANG)

Crabmeat wontons in chicken broth. The wonton's shape resembles ancient Chinese money — the Yuan Boa, which was solid gold, the highest monetary unit.

### PEACEFUL 4 SEASONS (SZE JI PING AN)

Apple and lobster salad. One of the Chinese characters for apple (ping) is a symbol for peace.

### HAPPY REUNION (YUAN YUAN MAN MAN)

Braised meatballs with noodles. The meatball's round shape symbolizes harmony and the Chinese character for ball (Yuan) is a symbol for reunion. The long uncut noodles represent long life.

### SATISFACTION IN ALL THINGS (SH SH ROO YI)

Vegetable medley of shredded bean sprouts, carrots, celery, mushrooms, bamboo shoots, enoki mushrooms and tofu. The Chinese character for shredded (sh sh) is a symbol for all things.

### SWEET AS HONEY (TIEN TIEN MI MI)

Chinese honey-baked ham with sweet plum. A traditional Shanghaiese dish named for its sweetness. It symbolizes all sweet things to come.

### CONGRATULATIONS AND PROSPERITY (GONG SI FA TSAI)

Sea scallops and black moss seaweed in oyster sauce. The Chinese character for black moss seaweed (fa tsai) is a symbol for prosperity in wealth.

### FULFILLMENT OF WEALTH AND HAPPINESS (DA JI DA LI)

New York steak with orange zest in citrus sauce. The Chinese character for orange (ji) is a symbol for happiness.

### BOUNTIFUL YEAR AFTER YEAR (NIEN NIEN YO YU)

Flounder cooked in Sze Chau sauce. Fish is a must in all Chinese New Year dinners. The Chinese character for fish (Yu) is a symbol for bountiful with plenty to spare.

## CHINESE

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rant. Her envelopes may contain a gift certificate for the restaurant, a hair salon or cellular phone company, which are nearby businesses.

"It's a fun thing," she said.

The popular Lion (Dragon) Dance is another highlight of the evening. Two people perform the dance, one at the head and the other at the tail of the lion, which "brings good wishes to the establishments and helps scare away evil spirits from businesses, restaurants, banks and family associations," according to folklore.

The dance is accompanied by loud music played on large drum, gong and cymbals, which assist the role of the lion in dispelling evil and bringing good luck.

Pallas Restaurant will also provide traditional Chinese costumes for attendees who wish to have their pictures taken by a professional photographer.

Chinese New Year will be celebrated at Pallas Restaurant, 27909 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills with the special menu 4:30-8 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 29. Tickets for the event are \$55 per person and include the meal, activities and photographs. For more information or to make a reservation, call (248) 553-9013.

## VisTa Gala celebrates new space

Elegance, jazz and fantastic food will be featured at VisTa Gala 2006, Schoolcraft College Foundation's black-tie fundraiser on Saturday, March 25.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. in the college's VisTaTech Center at the Livonia campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads, and concludes with the auction of a dinner for 50 at the American Harvest Restaurant.

Schoolcraft culinary arts students, under the supervision of certified master and executive chefs, will prepare a meal described as exemplary with an international flair.

VisTa Gala guests will stroll through the six instructional kitchens, choosing items to add to their plate from a broad selection of hot and cold appetizers, hot entrees, breads, pastries and

desserts. Seated service is available.

The Matt Michaels Trio will provide its own brand of contemporary jazz to add to diners' pleasure.

After the dessert buffet, patrons will bid on one item — a five-course meal for 50 people, with wine, at the American Harvest Restaurant. The meal will be prepared by the chefs and students in the Culinary Arts Department and has a retail value of \$5,000.

VisTa Gala tickets are \$150 per person, a portion of which is a charitable contribution. All proceeds will support the Culinary Arts Department and training Schoolcraft students receive.

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# Beans add nutrition to meatless chili

About this time of year, most people are happy to see a bowl of chili. But it doesn't have to be a bowl of fat and calories. You can retain the robust flavor of chili without sacrificing solid nutrition or a post-holiday weight-loss resolution.

Many foods that go into a traditional chili offer important health benefits. Chile peppers, for example, contain capsaicin, an antioxidant. Spices typically used in chili recipes, like cumin and cilantro, offer cancer protection, especially against breast and liver cancer. And beans are rich in many different types of phytochemicals that help protect against infections, heart disease and cancer, especially of the breast and prostate. Beans are also rich in protein, dietary fiber, thiamin, vitamin B6, folate and several important minerals. The following meatless chili tastes better eaten a day or two after it is made. The baking chocolate can be omitted if desired, but it provides a rich, deep flavor that acts as a kind of substitute for the flavor of meat.

This chili makes nine servings, but it can be extended for a large crowd by serving it over hot cooked rice, preferably brown. Leftover cooked meat, like diced turkey or chicken, can also be added.



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Chocolate provides a rich, deep flavor that acts as a kind of substitute for the flavor of meat in this meatless chili.

## MEATLESS CHILI

- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3-6 peeled garlic cloves, as desired, diced
- 3 cans (14.5 ounces each) diced tomatoes\*
- 1 can (4 ounces) diced mild green chiles, drained
- 1/2 fresh jalapeño chile, finely chopped, with or without seeds, as desired
- 2-3 tablespoons chili powder, as desired
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon dried chives
- 1 large bay leaf
- 1 can (15-16 ounces) red kidney beans, rinsed and drained\*
- 1 can (15-16 ounces) black, white, or chili beans, rinsed and drained\*
- 1 seeded green bell pepper, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

- 1 seeded red bell pepper, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen corn (or canned corn, drained)
- 1 1/2 tablespoons chopped semisweet baking chocolate (optional)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- Hot sauce, if desired

Heat oil in a heavy large pot over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic and gently sauté until onion is translucent and garlic is golden, about 5 minutes.

Add tomatoes with juices, chiles, chili powder, cumin, chives and bay leaf. Cook 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add beans, bell peppers, corn and chocolate (if using). Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until chili is thick, stirring occasionally,

about 35 minutes.

Season to taste with salt and pepper. Stir in cilantro. Adjust seasonings if needed, adding additional chili powder or hot sauce, if desired. Remove bay leaf before serving.

If desired, serve along with corn bread and, for toppings, sour cream and cheese.

\*Any type of diced canned tomatoes can be used. Canned northern or garbanzo beans (drained and rinsed) can be used in place of red kidney beans.

Makes 9 servings. Per serving: 180 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 31 g. carbohydrate, 8 g. protein, 9 g. dietary fiber, 475 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

# Toss pasta with mushroom ragout

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cultivated mushrooms are not only sliced in salads and cooked in sauces, they can even be the main ingredient of a dish.

That's the point made and confirmed with a selection of recipes in Everyday Food magazine's December issue. Among the recipes is this mushroom ragout with bacon, tossed with pasta to make a tasty, low-fat entree.

The cremini and white mushrooms give the versatile sauce a mellow, woody flavor. Other things you can do with the sauce are to use it over polenta; as a sauce for cooked chicken breasts; with toast; as a pizza topping; with scrambled eggs, or stirred into cooked rice or risotto.

The sauce can be made a day or two ahead (keep bacon separate), and refrigerated. Gently reheat as the pasta boils; add bacon to sauce during the last few minutes of heating.

## MUSHROOM RAGOUT WITH PASTA

- 4 slices bacon, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- Two 10-ounce packages cremini mushrooms, trimmed and quartered
- Two 10-ounce packages white mushrooms, trimmed and quartered
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 2 teaspoons red-wine vinegar
- 3/4 pound spaghetti
- Shaved Parmesan, for garnish (optional)

In a large 5-quart saucepan with a tight-fitting lid (that will be used later), cook the bacon over medium heat, uncovered, stirring until crispy, about 5 minutes. With a slotted spoon, transfer to a paper towel to drain. Set aside.

Add onion; stir until golden, about 1 minute. Add mushrooms; cover. Cook until juices have evaporated, about 20 minutes.

Stir in tomato paste, thyme and 2 cups water until combined; cover. Cook until sauce has thickened, 10 to 15 minutes. Stir in parsley and vinegar. Add bacon, reserving some for garnish, if desired.

Meanwhile, cook pasta until al dente, according to package instructions. Drain and return to pot.

To serve, toss pasta with ragout. Garnish with reserved bacon and shaved Parmesan, if desired.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 290 cal., 31 g fat, 12.8 g pro., 52.5 g carbo., 2.4 g fiber.

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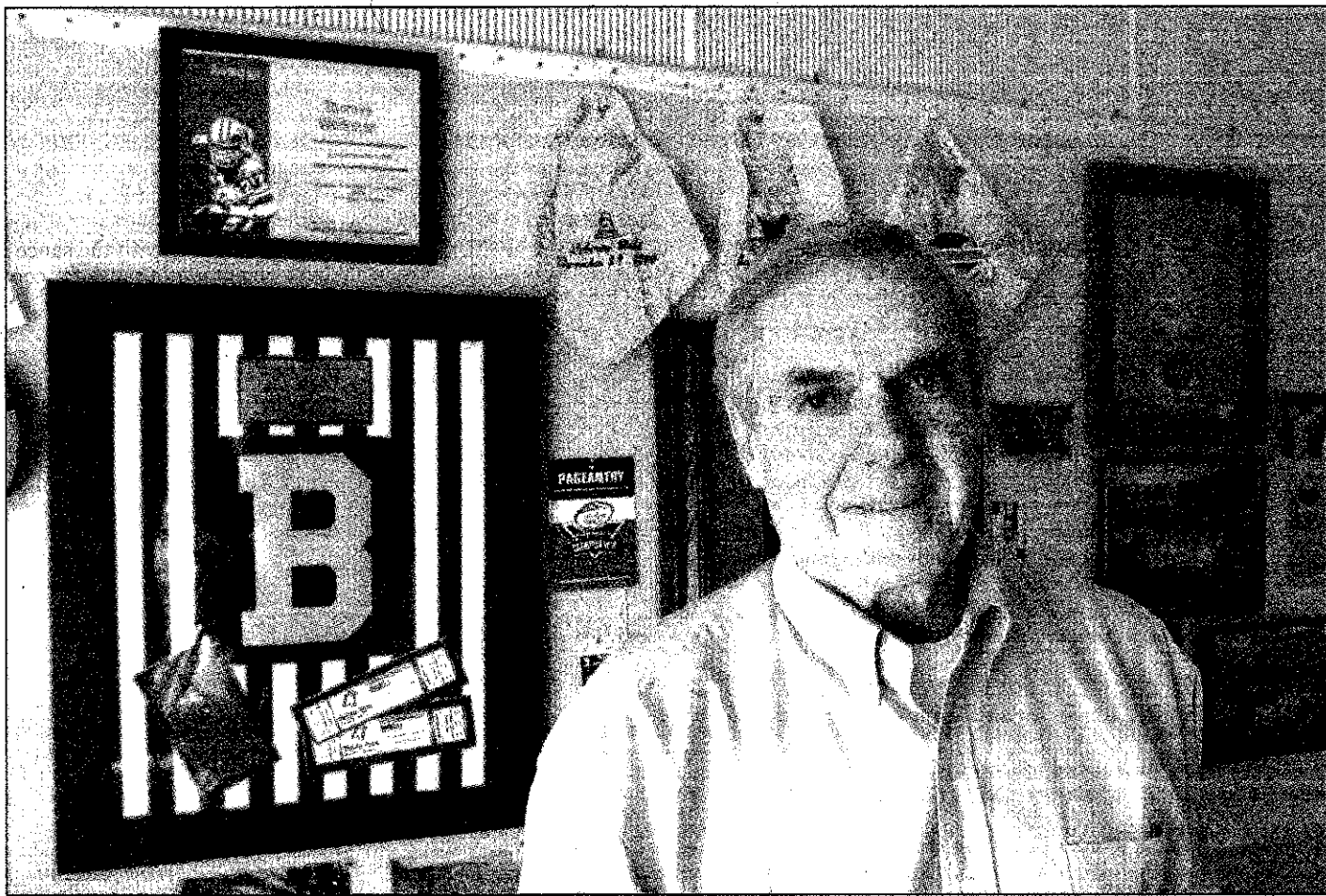
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Tom Workman has established an outstanding reputation as a high school and collegiate football official over the past four decades. The retired Plymouth/Canton schools administrator currently serves as a technical adviser and replay-booth coordinator for the Mid-American Conference.

## Upon further review...

### Workman takes decades of officiating expertise to the replay booth

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Like millions of college football-loving Americans, Tom Workman's eyes were riveted to a television screen every Saturday afternoon this past fall as he watched games with undivided focus.

What made Workman unique from his pigskin-passionate peers was that when he didn't agree with a referee's call, he didn't slam his remote control into the couch and curse.

When Workman didn't agree with a call, he corrected it — literally.

The 68-year-old Plymouth resident

served as one of the NCAA's instant replay football officials during the 2005 season.

Armed with a TV monitor, a headset or telephone, and a device that could instantaneously connect him with the on-field officials, Workman would review every play of his assigned Mid-American Conference games from his booth adjacent to the stadium's press box.

When he saw something in the replays that needed to be changed, he simply buzzed the on-field refs and explained his findings.

"There is an increased level of tense-

ness with this job compared to being on the field because you know that your call is the final call," Workman said. "In some cases, I'm overruling a call on the field. In some cases I'm confirming a call on the field. And in some cases there's simply not enough evidence to do either.

"It can be intense because you don't want to be an intrusive part of the game's process. On questionable plays, I would ask the television production people for the best replays, but at the same time I was aware that the game clock is ticking."

#### HISTORICAL JOB

Last season was the first that the NCAA used the replay system on a full-time basis, which made Workman

PLEASE SEE WORKMAN, C3

## Rocks hand Chargers 1st net setback

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Two days after getting brought down to earth, Salem's volleyball team played out of this world.

On Monday — less than 48 hours after dropping their first three matches of the season at the Novi Invitational — the Rocks rebounded in a big way by sweeping previously unbeaten Livonia Churchill, 25-17, 25-19 and 25-19, before a large and charged-up crowd in the Salem gym.

The eye-opening triumph raised Salem's record to 24-3 overall and 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Chargers dropped to 27-1 and 2-1, respectively.

Churchill was ranked fifth in Division 1 heading into the game while Salem was sixth.

"Losing on Saturday actually helped us tonight," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "We went in undefeated on Saturday, but we got a reality check. It was the first time we were really challenged. The girls found out what they needed to work on and they came out tonight and played their best match of the season."

The Rocks needed their "A" game against Churchill, which had lost only a handful of games heading into Monday's match. For the first time this season, the Chargers' usually reliable serve-receive game was inconsistent.

"They served us off the court," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said of the Rocks. "We didn't pass well, which meant we couldn't get into our offense. Give Salem credit, though. They did a lot of things well and they didn't have many unforced errors."

"I give Amanda a lot of credit. She's done a nice job of turning that team around. They played better than we did tonight, but we'll be back."

Salem played with the confidence and cohesiveness that was missing last year when it struggled to stay above

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## Sidelines

### MHSAA court date

The Michigan High School Athletic Association gets its next day in court March 14 when the state's governing body of high school sports appeals once again to the U.S. 6th Circuit in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The MHSAA is appealing a district court decision from 2001, which claims the MHSAA discriminates against female athletes and ordered it to switch six sports seasons, including flopping girls basketball and volleyball.

The Communities for Equity, an organization founded in western Michigan back in 1998, originally filed the civil suit eight years ago. The MHSAA makes its appeal to the same three judges who denied the earlier appeal in June 2004. But the U.S. Supreme Court vacated this decision in March 2005 and sent the appeal back to the 6th Circuit.

### Igor at Best Buy

Former Detroit Red Wing Igor Larionov will appear from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29 at Best Buy, 35100 Cowan Road, Westland.

The appearance is sponsored by Comcast and Best Buy.

For more information, call (734) 525-0334.

### Perfect 'Star'

Canton resident Caitlyn Webb, 9, scored a perfect "10" on a floor routine at a gymnastics meet held in Niagara Falls, N.Y., Jan. 5-7. Webb is a member of Euro Stars Gymnastics, which is located in Plymouth.

The meet was held at the Niagara Falls Convention Center.

### Baseball sign-up

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Organization has started registration for the spring 2006 season. Forms are available online at [csc.cantonmi.org](http://csc.cantonmi.org) or you can visit the Canton Sports Center or the Summit on the Park for walk-in registration.

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

### Family bowling

Canton Leisure Services will host a night of family bowling on Jan. 27, from 6:30-9 p.m. at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. Each family or group that participates will be assigned a lane with a maximum of six bowlers per team. The \$36 per-team fee includes 2.5 hours of bowling, shoes, pizza and free give-aways.

For more information on the event, call (734) 483-5600. Pre-registration is encouraged.

### Coach wanted

The Plymouth High School athletic department has an opening for a varsity assistant girls track coach. For more information, contact Plymouth Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

## Franklin favored to defend its Observerland mat title

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin can't sneak up on anybody when it comes to this year's Observerland Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

The Patriots, who came out of nowhere last year to win their first-ever title, find themselves favored along with Canton and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central in the 15th annual invitational, which starts at 9 a.m. Saturday at Livonia Churchill High School.

The field features 16 schools including host Churchill, Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Clarenceville, Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Redford Union, Garden City, CC, Lutheran High Westland, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Farmington High, North Farmington and Farmington Hills Harrison.

Admission is \$5 with the finals scheduled to start sometime between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The Patriots, who had won seven tournaments, were riding high with a 14-0 dual-meet record until last weekend when they went 1-3 in the CC Team Tournament, losing to the host Shamrocks (38-27), along with state-ranked Anchor Bay (41-27) and Temperance Bedford (44-13).

Franklin also escaped just 10 days earlier with a 32-20 dual-meet win over Canton.

The Patriots were without three starters at CC, but should be back at full strength for Saturday.

"I told our guys we have a big target on our backs," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "But we should be ready this week."

"Between the first and sixth-place teams I figure the difference is only 50 points. CC is the favorite, then there's us and Canton. And with teams like (Westland) John Glenn, Salem, (Livonia) Stevenson and Plymouth, you have to take those schools into account as well."

Chiola predicts a lot of individual parity at this year's tournament.

"You could have champs from nine different teams, it's pretty spread out," he said. "Just about every team should have a finalist. It will be competitive. It's all about

### 15TH ANNUAL OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING INVITATIONAL

Where: Livonia Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road.

When: First round starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28; finals at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Admission (all day): \$5 (adults); \$3 (youths 18-and-under).

Participating schools: Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Clarenceville, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Lutheran High Westland, Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Garden City, Redford Union, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, Farmington High, North Farmington, Farmington Hills Harrison.

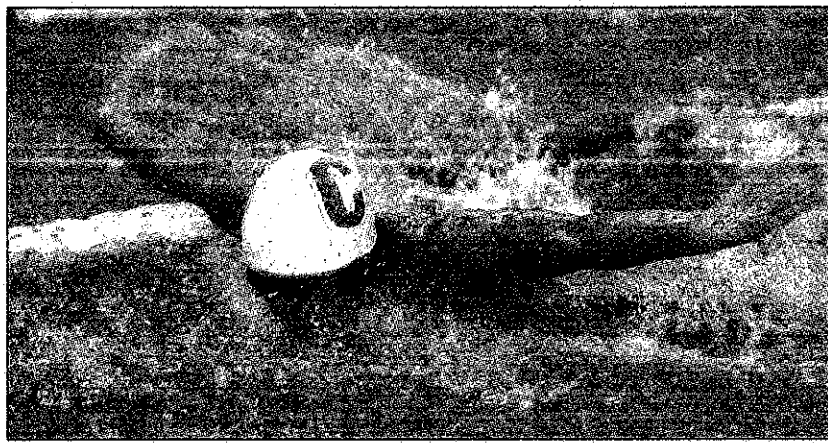
Past Winners: Catholic Central (1993, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003); Stevenson (1997, 1995, 1994); Canton (2001); Salem (1998); Franklin (2005); Churchill and John Glenn (2004); Farmington (1992).

#### matchups

Canton coach Casey Randolph said the meet is highly anticipated by his wrestlers. "Observerland is a good showcase for the kids and they get excited for it," said Randolph, whose team is 21-4 heading into tonight's match against Northville. "We have a couple kids banged up, so we might be a little short-handed. It all depends how they do this week."

"This year it should come down to CC and Franklin, and we should be in the mix, too. Franklin is probably the favorite because they won it last year, and CC's tough, too."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Shogo Uno helped propel the Chiefs to a 118-65 victory over cross-campus rival Salem Tuesday night. Uno is pictured above competing in the 200-medley relay, which Canton won in 1:47.94.

## Uno is No. 1 reason Chiefs overtake Salem swimmers

See complete meet statistics on Page C4.

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's boys swimming team proved to be numero "Uno" against cross-campus rival Salem Tuesday night.

Led by senior captain Shogo Uno's four first-place finishes, the Chiefs upended Salem, 118-65, in Canton's Phase III pool. Uno struck gold in the 50-yard freestyle (23.79), 100 butterfly (56.98), as part of the Chiefs' first-place 200-medley relay foursome (1:47.94) and with their 400-freestyle relay team (3:26.38).

The victory lifted Canton's dual-meet record to 4-2 while Salem slipped to 3-1.

Uno wasn't the only one to shine for the Chiefs. Derek Schmitt also racked up four firsts by winning the 100 freestyle (51.74) and 200 freestyle (1:52.07), while contributing to his team's victorious 200-freestyle relay and 400-freestyle relay quartets.

Matt Carlson and Nick Landis also weighed heavily on the Chiefs' lofty point production. Carlson won the 200 IM (2:05.06) and was a member of two winning relay teams. Landis touched first in the 500 freestyle (5:04.39) and figured in two relay wins.

Salem triumphed in just two events: diving, which was won by Chris Watkins (154.30 points) and the 100 breaststroke, which Stan Chen took when he nipped Canton's Kevin Karlinski by .14 of a second.

Nick Leone didn't register a first-place showing Tuesday, but the Salem captain was second in both the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly.

Salem returns to action on Feb. 2 when it travels to Westland John Glenn. The opening race is set to begin at 7 p.m.

Canton hits the water again on Tuesday when it travels to Farmington High School for a non-conference meet against the Falcons. That meet is set to commence at 6:30 p.m.

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# Aching 'Cat spikers 2nd at MU invite

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Like most teams that suffer injuries to key players, Plymouth's volleyball team is playing the hand it's been dealt.

The past few days, that hand has been filled with several aces.

On Saturday, the Wildcats finished second in the Madonna Invitational at Plymouth High School, despite playing without senior front-row standouts Jeanine Moise and Jackie Dorre. Plymouth went 4-0 in pool play, downing Flat Rock 25-11 and 25-12; Holly 25-16 and 25-20; Goodrich, 25-18 and 25-20; and Riverview, 25-23 and 25-19.

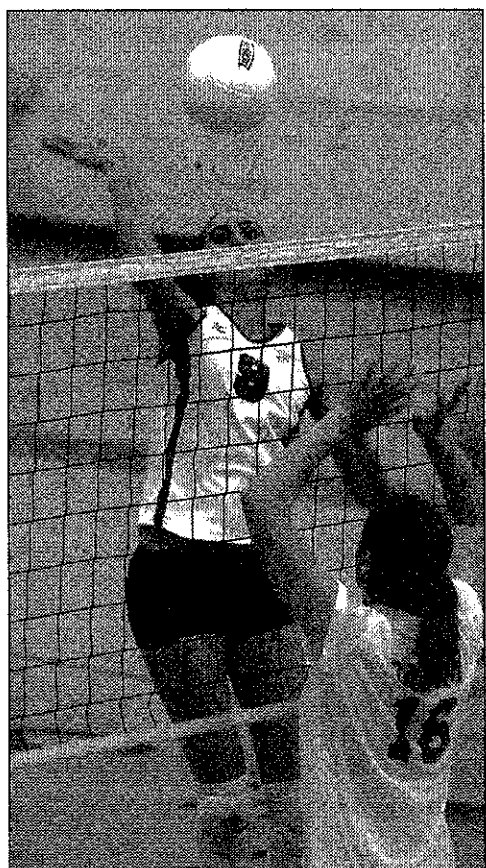
The Wildcats then ousted Macomb Dakota, 25-22, 23-25 and 15-7, in the semi-finals before falling to Dearborn Divine Child, 25-21, 21-25 and 16-18, in a dramatic final match.

"It was an extremely emotional loss in the finals because the girls had played so well all day," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "We beat ourselves against Divine Child. We couldn't get our offense going. Our passes were on right there, but we couldn't get any kills to fall."

Several Wildcats turned in stellar performances on Saturday: Janet Hanchett (32 kills), Brittany Hengesh (26 kills and 11 solo blocks), Kim Klonowski (33 kills), Lindsay Vogelsberg (47 digs), Brandi Swyhart (50 digs), Lauren Stemberger (27 digs) and Sarah Haskins (107 set assists).

Plymouth's strong play carried over to Monday's four-game victory over Westland John Glenn: 25-16, 16-25, 25-18 and 25-9. The win improved the Wildcats' record to 24-5 overall and 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"Even though we won the first game, I thought we started slowly," said McCausland. "We played kind of timid through the first two games. All six girls that were on the floor at any given time played



Canton's Marie Martin (left) played an instrumental role in the Chiefs' four-game victory over Walled Lake Central Monday night.

like they didn't want to make mistakes. But they came back in the third and fourth games and stepped up their intensity. We went ahead 19-3 in the fourth game to put it away.

"Kim Klonowski had an outstanding serving night. She has a banana serve that they had a hard time handling. She had four aces in a row at one point in the fourth game."

Excelling in the win over the Rockets were Haskins (24 assists), Hanchett (11 kills and 11 digs), Klonowski (nine kills and seven aces), Swyhart (14 digs) and Vogelsberg (10 digs).

**CANTON 3, W.L. CENTRAL 1:** On Monday, the Chiefs earned a hard-fought, four-game victory over the Vikings thanks to strong play from senior Lisa Western, sophomore Marie Martin and freshman Gina Waite. Canton won 25-11, 12-25, 25-19 and 29-27 to improve its WLAA record to 1-2.

"The girls played great," said Canton coach Kristi Drinkhahn. "Their morale was high, they were upbeat and they played hard. The last game was especially impressive because we were down 10 points at one point. It was a great comeback."

"Lisa Western provided us with strong senior leadership, Marie Martin had a great night blocking and our freshman, Gina Waite, was outstanding in the backcourt."

Drinkhahn also praised the serving of Emily Hoernschemeyer and Heidi Herendeen.

**PCA 3, ROEPER 0:** Playing without one of their leaders, Julie Bahbah, who was out with a sprained ankle, the Eagles swept the Roughriders Tuesday night behind the strong play of Kelsie Tietjen (nine kills, 12 digs, four blocks and eight service points), Bre Ruark (20 digs, eight service points and six assists) and Brooke Harris (18 digs, four kills and 10 assists).

The Eagles soared, 25-17, 25-15 and 25-22 in a match played on their home court.

"It was a little rough without Julie in there," said PCA coach Missy Henry. "Our line-up was off a little and we scrambled, but the girls held it together enough to win."

The Eagles will take on Ypsilanti Calvary Christian Friday night in a homecoming match that will be played at Concordia College.

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Franklin, ironically, owns a dual-meet win over state-ranked Clarkston, while Clarkston has a dual-meet victory over CC. John Glenn, meanwhile, posted a dual-meet win over CC.

"We always shoot to win everything, but with CC, Franklin and Canton there, we'd just like to be in the top four and maybe move up to third," said Glenn coach Bill Polk. "Our team is a little unpredictable because we don't have the depth we've had in the past. When everybody is in the lineup, we'll do well. We haven't had a full lineup so far this year, but this weekend we'll be as close to a full lineup as we've had."

"I'm excited to see how we

stack up this weekend and I'm excited to see how we do."

Last year, Franklin scored 209 points to finish ahead of pre-tourney favorite Churchill (186.5). CC placed third (177) followed by Canton (172) and Salem (152).

Defending champions at this year's tourney include Franklin's Mike Warren (119) and CC's Sean Dong (135).

Redford Union coach Russ Swinson also believes his team, which is 3-1 in the Mega White, can be a factor.

"Team-wise, hopefully we can place in the top five," he said. "That's my goal. There's some real good competition. Detroit Catholic Central's coming, even though they're not actually in Observerland."

"But it makes the tournament a lot better when you can add a strong team like that. Livonia Franklin will do very well."

# Canton grapplers 3-1 at Hartland

Canton's wrestling team recorded three impressive wins and one frustrating loss at Saturday's 16-team, talent-rich Hartland Bracket Dual Meet Tournament.

The Chiefs upended Fraser, 69-11; Grand Rapids Northview, 51-18; and Milford, 39-18. Their only loss was a 41-26 setback to state-ranked Montrose.

"We were seeded kind of low (fifth) which fired us up before the tournament," said Canton coach Casey Randolph, whose team improved to 21-4.

"Against Montrose, we lost a couple of matches I thought we should have won, otherwise it would have been real close."

The highlight of the day for the Chiefs was junior Corey Phillips' 6-4 overtime victory at 135 pounds over Fraser's Kevin Julien, who is a two-

time All-State performer. Phillips' effort — he went 4-0 on the day — earned him the meet's "Most Valuable Wrestler" award in the lower weight classes.

"That was a great win by Corey against an outstanding wrestler," Randolph said.

Canton wrestlers who joined Phillips in the unbeaten category were heavyweight Donnie Laramie, 119-pound Sam Santilli and 171-pound Kiel Price.

"Sam and Kiel had been struggling a little bit, so for them to go unbeaten was huge," said Randolph. "They're both really coming on."

The Chiefs' lop-sided triumph over Grand Rapids Northview was significant considering the Wildcats are one of the top-ranked teams in Division 2.

## WRESTLING RANKINGS

**OBSERVERLAND INVITATIONAL WRESTLING RANKINGS PREVIEW**  
TEAM: 1. Novi-Detroit Catholic Central; 2. Livonia Franklin; 3. Canton; 4. Salem; 5. Westland John Glenn.

- INDIVIDUAL**  
103 pounds: 1. Jamie Preiss, Wayne; 2. Ken Nelson, Redford Union; 3. Barrett Schwarzlose, CC; 4. Tommy Myshock, Livonia Stevenson; 5. Namic Kerimov, Farmington.  
112: 1. Jeremy Stankewitz, Salem; 2. Alex Fowler, Livonia Churchill; 3. Ryan Schmettler, Canton; 4. Nieko Ianni, CC; 5. Steve D'Annunzio, Plymouth.  
119: 1. Jon Roos, Franklin; 2. Brandon Nikola, John Glenn; 3. Antonio Cosme, CC; 4. Nick Steiger, Salem; 5. Ben Kosmalski, Plymouth.  
125: 1. Cory Mervyn, Salem; 2. Mike Warren, Franklin; 3. Greg Roberts, Churchill; 4. Steve Ludke, Garden City; 5. Jared Stephens, John Glenn.  
130: 1. Corey Phillips, Canton; 2. Josh Billiau, Franklin; 3. Dan McCahill, John Glenn; 4. Dwan Burris, RU; 5. Steve Cieslik, Lutheran Westland.  
135: 1. Andrew Nadhir, CC; 2. Robert Bytner, Lutheran Westland; 3. James Jones, Franklin; 4. Rowdy Glasgow, John Glenn; 5. Gramos Pallaska, Churchill.  
140: 1. Jacob Bennett, Salem; 2. Konrad Konsitzke, Canton; 3. Jim Wood, John Glenn; 4. Jacob White, Livonia

- Clarenceville; 5. Alex York.  
145: 1. Sean Dong, CC; 2. Ed Manier, John Glenn; 3. Dennis Tullio, Franklin; 4. Ziad Kharbush, Stevenson; 5. Ali Yousefi, Plymouth.  
152: 1. Adam Kokenakes, Stevenson; 2. Nate Turco, Franklin; 3. Ryan Brown, CC; 4. David Wood, John Glenn; 5. Steve Kemp, Lutheran Westland.  
160: 1. Anthony Victor, North Farmington; 2. Josh Kelly, Churchill; 3. Marwan Faraj, Canton; 4. Jeff Elswick, Wayne; 5. John Farmer, CC.  
171: 1. Blake Karkosa, Franklin; 2. Andrew Ross, Salem; 3. Brent Robbins, Clarenceville; 4. Cody Rize, Stevenson; 5. Mike Carrier, CC.  
189: 1. Jeremy Henderson, Salem; 2. Chris VanCamp, Franklin; 3. Matt Farmer, CC; 4. Jacob Tuomi-Gallindez, Lutheran Westland; 5. Danny Jammoul, Plymouth.  
215: 1. John Kinville, CC; 2. Alex Smith, Salem; 3. Shamir Garcia, John Glenn; 4. Taylor Fox, Plymouth; 5. Greg Schuyler, Franklin.  
275: 1. Matt Shileikis, RU; 2. Donnie Laramie, Canton; 3. Kyle Brown, Franklin; 4. Kevin Hanka, John Glenn; 5. Michael Oesterling, Clarenceville.

Weekly rankings are compiled by coaches Jim Gourlay (Redford Union) and Dave Chiola (Franklin).

## SETBACK

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500.

"We're a lot more experienced and more mature than we were last year," said Salem senior outside hitter Lauren Price, who contributed 16 kills, six digs and three aces to Monday's victory. "We're put together differently, too, which is a big change."

Price gave Suder a large dose of credit for the Rocks' turnaround.

"She's hard on us when she needs to be, but she's there for

us when we need to talk to her, too," said Price.

Like Price, Salem junior outside hitter Teresa Coppellie had an outstanding night, recording 19 digs and 18 kills. Freshman setter Jansan Falcuson sparked with 34 assists and two aces as did seniors Shannon Rusin (five blocks) and Courtney Seiler, who served the Rocks to a 9-0 advantage in game three.

"Courtney did a great job tonight, especially with her serving," Suder said. "She really hit her spots in the third game."

Salem's libero, Nikki Mersch, registered several spectacular digs that kept points alive for

the winners. Mersch's counterpart, Churchill libero Anna-Marie Gatt, executed a number of highlight reel-caliber digs as well.

One particular point Monday night epitomized the Rocks' formula for success this season. With Salem leading 12-3 in the third game, Coppellie hit the floor to make a stunning point-saving dig. The ball popped over to Falcuson, who lofted a perfect set to Price, who drove the ball hard into the floor on the Churchill side of the net.

Lauren Krupsky played well for the Chargers, notching 13 kills. Other standouts for

Churchill included sophomore Kynndra Abron (nine kills), Gatt (two aces and four digs) and Stacy Urbats (27 assists).

The way the opening game started, the match had "five-gamer" written all over it. Neither team managed to build a lead larger than two points until a Price kill put the Rocks up, 15-12. Salem then went on a 10-5 run to close out the game thanks to a combined seven floor-jarring hits from Coppellie and Price.

After Salem jumped out to a 7-2 lead in game two, the Chargers narrowed the gap to 20-18 behind a five-point serving run by Gatt. However, the hosts netted five of the next six points — three coming on Price serves — to pull ahead 2-0 in games.

The likelihood of a sweep deepened when Seiler's serving led Salem to a 9-0 lead at the onset of the third game. Churchill was unable to get to within five points the rest of the way.

"A win like this will definitely give us confidence for the rest of the season," Price concluded.

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**THE LAST HOLIDAY (PG-13)**  
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FRI/SAT LS 11:40

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**CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG)**  
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**YOURS, MINE AND OURS (PG)**  
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**Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-  
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A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack Members Absent: Zarbo Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Minghine, Tom Casari, John Weyer, Bob Belair **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Municipal Services Department Financial Summary 2005.** Summary of financial year-end projections of expenses and revenues for the Municipal Services Department for the 2005 fiscal year. The status of both expenses and revenues for the past fiscal year. There are three areas where projected amounts of revenue were not met: 1) Building and Inspection Services 2) Engineering Review and Inspection (Private Projects) 3) Stormwater sweeping An action plan of the steps taken during 2005 to ensure targets in 2006 are achieved. The report depicts the projected year end financial forecast for the Municipal Services Department as of December 31, 2005. The financial projections for both the expenses and revenues were amended in July during preparation of the 2006 budget. — Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor — Terry G. Bennett, Clerk — Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) after Board Approval.

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**WORKMAN**

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somewhat of a replay officiating pioneer.

And he readily admits that he was a nervous pioneer, at least in the very beginning.

"The first game I worked — Western Illinois at Toledo — I was quite nervous because I didn't have any chance to practice," he said. "When I was a regular official, I'd get to work six, seven, eight or nine college scrimmages or practices before our first game, which allowed me to get back in the groove."

"My opener happened to be on Sept. 1 — the first MAC game of the year, so there were a few other people in the booth with me who wanted to see how it was going to work. It actually went very well. There were two stoppages and both calls were confirmed."

**ROCK-SOLID CREDENTIALS**

Workman's officiating resume is long and distinguished. He started whistle-blowing for Little League and high school games in the mid-60s. Thanks to hard work and a love for the profession, he

worked his way up to the Division 1 collegiate level by 1984.

"I'd work three Little League games on Saturday and three on Sunday when I first started out," said Workman, who, obviously, lived up to his name. "I would advise anyone who is starting out to do as many games as they can and attend as many officials' meetings as they can. You can learn so much from talking to other officials because you can share situations you've both faced and talk about them."

A back judge, Workman's work was so respected that he was assigned to work in four college bowl games during his on-field career: the 1986 Cherry Bowl, the 1997 Independence Bowl, the 2000 Liberty Bowl and the 2003 Outback Bowl, which turned out to be his final on-field game.

"That was a very emotional game for me because I knew it would be my last pre-game preparation, the last time I'd be putting on the uniform and the last time I'd be working with the rest of my crew," Workman said. "I announced that it was going to be my last

year before the season started because, even though I was still doing a good job, I had been the oldest official in the Mid-American Conference for a number of years (he was 65), and I didn't want to go so long where it got to the point where they asked me to step down.

"If you make it into your 60's in this job, you consider yourself lucky."

**BACK IN ACTION**

Workman served as a technical adviser for Mid-American Conference officials during the two years after he stepped off the field. When he was asked before last season to work as a replay official, he didn't hesitate to accept the position.

"I always wanted to stay connected to college football, so this was the best possible thing that could have happened," Workman said. "The best thing about it is I'm still connected with the officials on the field, guys I've built a strong camaraderie with over the years."

Workman made a smooth transition into the booth and was rewarded by getting assigned to work in the replay

booth for the 2005 Poinsettia Bowl.

**EDUCATION ICON**

Workman has been equally successful away from the gridiron. He was a longtime elementary and middle school teacher and principal in the Plymouth/Canton School District. In December, he received the ultimate reward for an educator when it was announced that Canton's newest elementary school would bear his name.

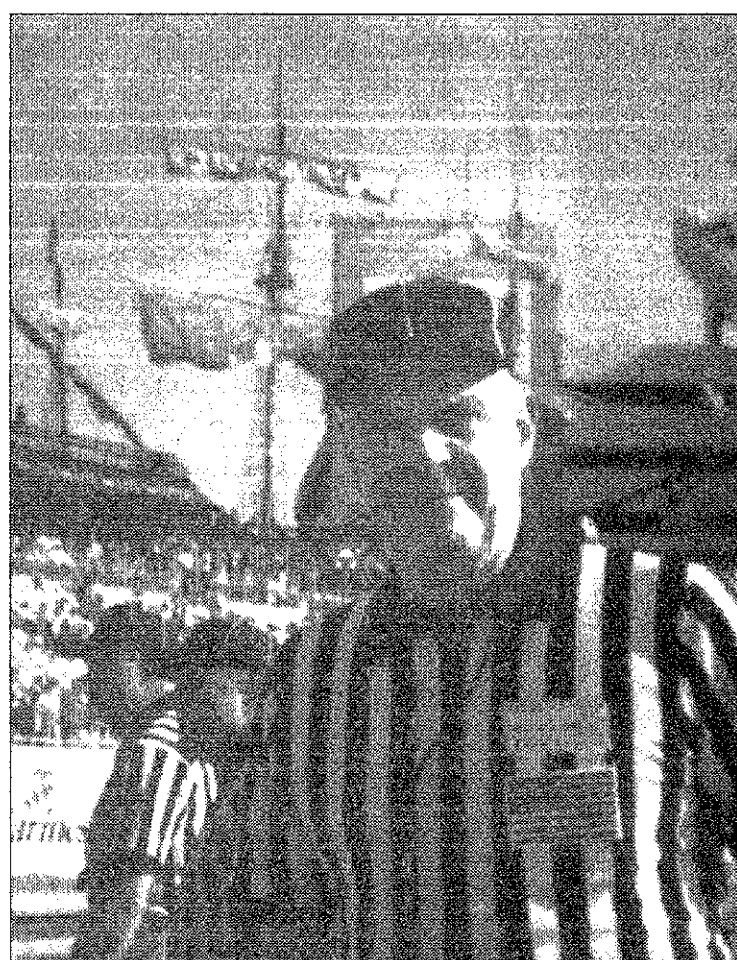
Workman said serving in the education field and working between the sidelines went hand-in-hand.

"When you stop and think about, there are a lot of similarities between the two professions," he said. "With both positions, I was a person of authority, whether I was on the field or in the school. I had to deal with hostile coaches and hostile parents or disgruntled staff members."

"In the end, though, both jobs are rewarding and I've loved them both."

It doesn't take an instant replay to confirm that feeling.

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Tom Workman is pictured prior to his final game as a back judge at the Jan. 1, 2003 Outback Bowl, which pitted Michigan against Florida.

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**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Friday, Jan. 27  
Westland John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Northern at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Calvary Christian at PCA  
at Concordia Lutheran College, 8 p.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING**  
Thursday, Jan. 26  
W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Northville at Plymouth  
at Canton H.S., 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 28  
Salem and Canton  
at Dexter 9/10 Invite, 9 a.m.

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Thursday, Jan. 26  
Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 6:30 p.m.  
Canton at Northville, 6:30 p.m.  
Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 6 p.m.

**GIRLS GYMNASICS**  
Thursday, Jan. 26  
Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 28  
Salem Invitational  
at Plymouth H.S., 9 a.m.  
**ICE HOCKEY**  
Friday, Jan. 27  
Salem at W.L. Central  
at Lakeland Arena, 8:20 p.m.

PCS Penguins at W.L. Unified, 8:30 p.m.  
Plymouth at Northville  
at Novi Ice Arena, 6 p.m.

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
Friday, Jan. 27  
Calvary Christian at PCA  
at Concordia Lutheran College, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 25

Salem at Westland John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 27  
Plymouth at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 28  
Salem at Waterford Mott  
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**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Jan. 28  
Rochester College at Madonna, 3 p.m.  
Schoolcraft at Flint Mott CC, 3 p.m.

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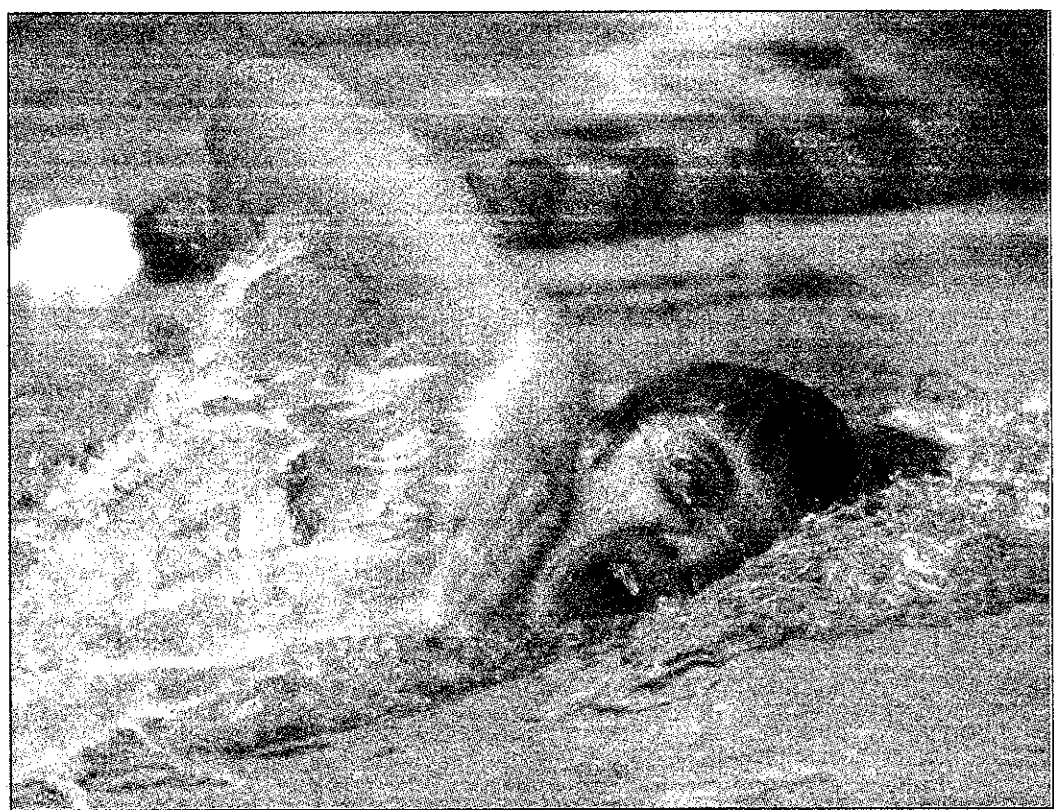
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Salem's Matt Underhill placed second in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:25.42. The Rocks fell to Canton, 118-65.

SWIM RESULTS

CANTON 118  
SALEM 65  
Tuesday at Canton

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Canton (Nick Landis, Matt Carlson, Shogo Uno, Jon Templeton), 1:47.94; 2. Salem, 1:52.42; 3. Canton, 1:56.17.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Derek Schmitt (C), 1:52.07; 2. Nick Leone (S), 1:56.39; 3. Ross Schwarz (C), 1:57.61.  
**200 IM:** 1. Matt Carlson (C), 2:05.06; 2. Nick Landis (C), 2:11.85; 3. Nathan Phillips (C), 2:13.91.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Shogo Uno (C), 23.79; 2. Jon Templeton (C), 24.43; 3. Chris Marinica (C), 25.08.  
**Diving:** 1. Chris Watkins (S), 154.30; 2. Kyle Powell (S), 153.85; 3. Chris McGinnis (C), 131.40.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Shogo Uno (C), 56.98; 2. Nick Leone (S), 59.86; 3. Chris Marinica (C), 1:03.67.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Derek Schmitt (C), 51.74; 2. Matt Carlson (C), 52.88; 3. Jon Templeton (C), 53.94.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Nick Landis (C), 5:04.39; 2. Matt Underhill (S), 5:25.42; 3. Richard Zhang (C), 5:36.52.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Nick Landis, Ross Schwarz, Chris Marinica, Derek Schmitt), 1:39.10; 2. Salem, 1:47.19; 3. Salem, 1:50.19.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Nathan Phillips (C), 1:01.56; 2. Robert Blaesser (C), 1:01.86; 3. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 1:07.36.



Canton's Nick Landis earned first-place points for the Chiefs in the 500 freestyle Tuesday night against Salem. Landis turned in a 5:04.39 effort.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Stan Chen (S), 1:09.15; 2. Kevin Karlinski (C), 1:09.29; 3. Dan Anthony (C), 1:10.35.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Shogo Uno, Derek Schmitt, Matt Carlson, Jon Templeton), 3:26.38; 2. Salem, 3:43.21; 3. Salem, 3:57.31.  
**DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Canton, 4-2; Salem, 3-1.

# Late goal ties up Penguins, 1-1

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

With the final seconds winding down and a face-off in their own end, things looked bleak for Livonia Ladywood's hockey team in Tuesday's matchup with undefeated Plymouth-Canton-Salem at the Arctic Edge.

Heather Sartorius won the face-off and Laura Szwed was off on a breakaway, scoring the game-tying goal with only 14 seconds left to give the Blazers a 1-1 tie against the host Penguins.

Lauren Doroghazi also drew an assist on the game-tying goal, which was short-handed.

Ladywood had lost two previous meetings against P-C-S, 2-1 and 6-0.

"Laura (Szwed) split the defense and took it end-to-end," said Ladywood coach Bruce Peck, whose team is 8-

5-2 overall. "We're thrilled (to tie), especially with one of our top defenseman (Danielle Foley) out of the lineup (attending a Detroit Symphony Orchestra rehearsal)."

Through two periods it was a goaltending battle between the Penguins' Kristie Kowalski and Ladywood's Michelle Wyniemo.

"It was a really tight defensive game, each team had equal opportunities," Peck said. "Both goalies kept their teams in the game."

But just one minute into the third period, Katie Zimmerman broke the scoreless deadlock for Plymouth-Canton-Salem with a goal from Ashley LaBlanc on a four-on-four.

The Penguins, leading the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League at 9-0, are now 10-0-1 overall.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PCS Penguin Kelli Bargowski (left) and Livonia Ladywood's Laura Szwed battle for a loose puck during Tuesday night's game at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton. The two teams battled to a 1-1 draw.

# Hoelscher's goal ices Salem win

Defenseman John Hoelscher's goal with 2:34 left gave Salem a dramatic 4-3 victory over Detroit Country Day Saturday night at the Oak Park Ice Arena. Hoelscher's game-winning goal was assisted by Joel Cheesman and Kris Brant.

Country Day's Blake Fielder opened the scoring at 6:04 of the first period on assists from Tyler Cotter and Erik Rebbe. Less than a minute later, Cheesman knotted the game at 1-1 off an assist from Roman Kahler.

The Yellowjackets regained a 2-1 advantage one minute into the second period when Sam Lites scored thanks to assists from Rebbe and Josh Piche.

The Rocks re-tied it at 2-2 with 12:16 left in the second period when Steve Heilser scored from Hoelscher and David Carey.

Chris Haboian's goal with 12:31 left in the game gave Country Day a brief 3-2 advantage before Heilser scored from Hoelscher and Carey.

**PLYMOUTH 6, A.P. CABRINI 0:** ON Saturday, the Wildcats ran their unbeaten streak to five games (4-0-1) with a convincing white-washing of Cabrini. Plymouth improved to 8-4-3 overall thanks to solid goaltending from Justin Desilets (13 saves) and a pair of goals from Nick Cote.

"This was one of our best games of the season so far," said Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois. "We out-shot them 45-13, so the kids did a heck of a job. It could have been 10-0,

but we couldn't put the puck in the net."

Also scoring goals for Plymouth were Mark Olivier, Billy Gauthier and Nick Rosochacki.

Notching assists were Gauthier (two), Michalek (two), Jason O'Guinn (two), Ryan Stamm, Joe Perkovich and Kyle Goll.

**PLYMOUTH 3, MASON 2:** On Friday, Christian Blick recorded 25 saves and Justin Michalek netted the game-winning goal in the third period to lead the Wildcats.

"We were a little lethargic against Mason," said Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois. "We won, but we didn't play as well as we can."

Also scoring for Plymouth were John Knoerl (unassisted) and Mike Barile (Knoerl and Adam Lazorka).



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# Salem cagers slay Knights

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Don't look now, but Salem's basketball team is making waves in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Rocks evened their WLAA record at 2-2 Tuesday night — and remained in the thick of the WLAA title chase — with an impressive 50-47 victory at Walled Lake Northern. With the win, Salem improved its overall mark to 2-8 heading into Friday night's home contest against Westland John Glenn. Northern dropped to 4-5 and 1-3, respectively.

"The thing that impressed me the most was the way we finished strong," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "The kids played four good quarters, which is something we haven't done very often lately. The band was playing, the heat was on and Northern pressed for all 32 minutes, but our kids handled it all well."

Sophomore Grant Stone paced the victory with 16 points and nine rebounds. Billy Leddy chipped in with 10 points and Brian Baumgart contributed a game-high 10 rebounds.

Alex Ropek led the Knights with 21 points.

"I thought our four guards did a great job against their pressure defense," Brodie said. "Jerah Dixon, Kevin Burleigh, Mike Marek and Joe Halewicz didn't score much, but they played well defensively and took care of the ball."

Following an even first quarter that ended 11-11, the Rocks surged to a 29-19 halftime advantage. Northern sliced its deficit to 36-32 after three quarters, but Salem repelled the comeback, building an eight-point lead at one point during the fourth quarter.

Stone and J.P. Truesdell buried clutch free throws down the stretch for the winners and Baumgart yanked down a key rebound in the waning seconds, Brodie said.

# Waidmann's big night paces Chiefs

Junior center Ryan Waidmann poured in 15 points and pulled down six rebounds to lead Canton to a 51-35 victory over Livonia Churchill Tuesday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association cross-over game played in Canton's Phase III gymnasium.

The victory lifted the Chiefs to 7-3 overall and 3-1 in the WLAA. Churchill slipped to 0-10 and 0-4, respectively.

Junior forward Steve Paye (13 points) and Andre Bridges (five points, five assists and four steals) also excelled for the winners. Joel Hall led the Chargers with 14 points.

Churchill led 9-6 after one quarter before Canton stormed back to build a 20-14 halftime lead. The hosts extended their advantage to 34-22 after three quarters before netting 17 fourth-quarter points to notch their second-straight WLAA victory.

Churchill was trailing by only one, 24-23, late in the third quarter when Canton went on a 17-point spree. The Chargers committed six straight turnovers during the surge.

"Up until that point we played exactly the way we wanted to play," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "But we've had difficulty handling the ball all year."

The Chargers hit 13-of-26 shots from the floor, but committed a total of 26 turnovers.

Canton connected on 5-of-9 free throws; Churchill was 8-of-9 from the line.

**BELLEVILLE 66, D.H. ROBICHAUD 40:** Three players scored in double figures and three others weren't far behind as the host Tigers turned in one of their most complete performances

of the season Tuesday night against the Bulldogs in a Mega Conference cross-over showdown. Leon Freeman paced the Tigers' balanced attack with 13 points. Also making key offensive contributions for the winners were Mike Donaldson (12), Carlos Clark (11), Darius Hardrick (seven), Mike Gibson (seven) and Caral Dial (six).

Aaron Crump led Robichaud with 15 points while Denzel Russell twined 12 and Tim Hunt added 11.

The victory boosted Belleville's record to 7-3 overall. Robichaud dropped to 6-3.

Belleville was red-hot early on, sprinting to a 20-8 first-quarter advantage and 30-16 halftime lead.

"We jumped out to an early 13-2 lead, got the momentum going and never really let up," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel. "We had a lot of kids contribute tonight — both starters and reserves — which was nice to see. Mike Donaldson and Carlos Clark hit some key shots and we scored a lot of points off of defensive steals."

"They were doubling up on Leon tonight and we struggled getting him the ball, but some other kids stepped up and had nice games."

Neither team shot particularly well from the line. Belleville canned 6-of-12 free throws while the Bulldogs went 2-of-6 from the stripe.

The Tigers will take on Mega Red rival Ypsilanti Friday night in showdown that was moved to Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

**TAYLOR BAPTIST PARK 51, CANTON AGAPE 49:** In a battle for first place in

the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division, the Wildcats received a pair of late-game steals from reigning league most valuable player Halston Hodges to salt away the win.

The victory improved Baptist Park to 6-3 overall and 4-0 in the conference, while Agape fell to 7-2 and 3-1, respectively.

With 40 seconds left and the game tied at 49-49, Hodges stepped in front of a Wolverine pass and proceeded to turn the theft into a layup at the other end. Twenty-three seconds later, he sealed the Wolves' fate when he stole another pass.

"We shot poorly in the first half, even though we were getting good shots," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "We were getting 15-footers, but they were going in and out."

"Baptist Park played good defense tonight. They're one of the few teams in our league that plays man-to-man and they do a good job with it."

Derek Leathers played well despite the loss, tallying 15 points and 10 rebounds. Terrell Pierce (13 points and nine rebounds) and Jack Anleitner (10 points) also turned in stellar efforts for the Wolverines.

Caleb Thompson led Baptist Park with 14 points while Hodges finished with 12.

The Wildcats led 10-6 after one quarter and 20-17 at the intermission.

The game was tied at 34-34 with eight minutes left.

Agape hit 10-of-16 free throws while Baptist Park drained 13-of-16 from the charity stripe.

After Jack Anleitner fouled out with two minutes left, Pierce and

fellow sophomore Tyler Majeski stepped up and contributed clutch three-point plays to keep Agape in the game. However, Hodges' late-game defensive gems proved to be too much to overcome.

"The kids fought hard tonight," Anleitner said.

**STEVENSON 51, PLYMOUTH 39:**

Despite getting off to a slow start, Livonia Stevenson (6-4, 3-1) regrouped to earn a Western Lakes victory Tuesday over the visiting Wildcats (4-6, 2-2).

Tony Lenardon paced the Spartans with a game-high 18 points, while Luke Knochel added 15.

Stevenson trailed 13-9 after one quarter, but coach Bill Dyer decided to go with a smaller lineup and got a spark both offensively and defensively off the bench from Kyle Chitwood, who finished with eight points.

"Kyle gave us a lift defensive, he got a lot of steals and picked us up that second quarter," said Dyer, whose team outscored Plymouth 15-8 to take a 24-21 halftime lead. "Even though we shot poorly at the free throw line (8-of-20), the effort was outstanding."

Senior forward Josh LeDuc and senior guard D.J. Coleman scored 12 and 11 points, respectively, for Plymouth, which was 9-of-19 from the foul line.

"When we pounded the ball inside or made the extra pass, we did OK offensively," Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said. "But we didn't do it enough. Stevenson has a couple of nice guards and they shoot well. We had the height advantage, but we didn't take advantage of it."

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TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE FEBRUARY 28, 2006 ELECTION FOR THE VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that **JANUARY 30, 2006**, is the last day voter registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the Van Buren School District Election to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2006. Registrations will be accepted at the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registration will be accepted postmarked by **January 30, 2006**

Terry G. Bennett  
Clerk

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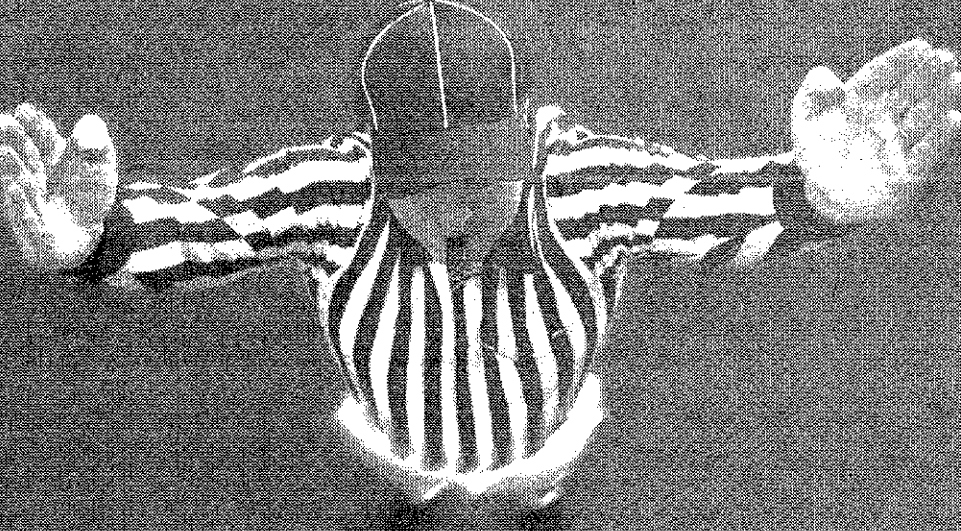
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# Former prep tennis standout a key compone

BY JIM TOTH  
STAFF WRITER

Tennis has always played a big part in Marija Neubauer's life, and much to her pleasure today, there is no sign of it diminishing anytime soon.

The former Rochester Adams tennis standout, who went on to enjoy a stellar collegiate career with the University of Wisconsin, recently was rewarded for her hard work and dedication in the athletic field by being named the school's Associate Athletics Director for Development.

Neubauer, who previously served as Assistant Athletics Director for Development, will

now assume duties overseeing the men's and women's tennis teams, spirit squad and also serve as liaison with the University of Wisconsin Alumni Association.

"It's always been a little pipe dream of mine to work in college athletics," said Neubauer, a 1990 Adams grad, who starred for three seasons with the Highlanders' tennis teams. "I've always been committed and dedicated when it comes to something I really want, and working with athletes gives me a special feeling."

"I had been leading the development program for a number of years here at Wisconsin, but

now I'll be reporting directly to Barry (Alvarez, UW Director of Athletics). I'm excited about my new duties."

"We're thrilled to elevate Marija to a key management position in the department," said Alvarez, himself in the midst of taking on new responsibilities after stepping down from the position he held since 1990 of head football coach at the university. "She has done an outstanding job in growing our annual fund-raising and will be a tremendous asset to us as Associate Athletic Director for Development."

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Neubauer has made the

Madison campus her home for much of the time since earning a tennis scholarship upon graduation from Adams. Following a sterling four-year career that saw the ever-aggressive and confident Neubauer honored with four consecutive All-Big 10 selections, she remained tied to the university with positions in the Big 10 Conference and the UW Foundation, prior to joining the UW Athletic Department in 2000. Those duties went a long way in preparing her for many of the duties she holds today.

"Back then I didn't know what fund-raising was all about," Neubauer said. "I gave myself two years and was set to move onto

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something else, but I began to learn quite a bit about communications and the Big 10 Conference. Eight years later I'm still here." Her decision back in 1990 to attend Wisconsin she said was cemented with her initial visit to the campus. "It was a pretty good first impression," Neubauer recalled. "There was this appeal that it was similar to Michigan weather and the women's tennis program was a top-20 program that was still growing. "I also looked closely at Indiana and Northwestern for the academics and athletics, but I knew Wisconsin was the place for me." Neubauer contributed right

from the beginning as she competed continuously among the top three singles matches and at No. 1 doubles for the Badgers. "I was a pretty good junior player, but I ended up being a better college player," Neubauer said. "It was a great experience." **SETTING THE STAGE** Neubauer emerged onto the varsity scene at Adams in the fall of 1987 as a promising sophomore whose "hard work and dedication will continue to pay off," Highlanders head coach Al Must expressed at the time. She certainly didn't disappoint as her outstanding 22-1 individual record was surpassed only by

the team achievement of winning the Class A state girls tennis championship. "Our team was so loaded," Neubauer said. "We had so many great players - Amy Frazier, Shannon Condon, Erika Johnson. If I remember correctly, we were the first state championship team at Adams. We had a lot of fun and were all really good friends. It still feels like yesterday." Following that season, Neubauer compiled two more extraordinary campaigns to finish with a 69-3 mark overall. "I was so fortunate growing up in Rochester where the education system is so valued and so

many opportunities are given," said Neubauer, who was inducted into the Rochester Adams Hall of Fame last September. "It's so important for high schools to provide those extra-curriculars like sports and music because those lessons learned become so valuable later in life." Tennis no longer is the activity of choice for Neubauer. Golf instead has taken top priority and continues to spew her competitive juices. "I've become a golf addict the last couple of years," Neubauer said. "My competitive juices are now in golf, and hopefully, I'll become good enough to one day play on the senior LPGA."

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# Spitfires stymie Whalers, 2-1

Following this past weekend's action, there is a race for first place brewing in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division.

Although it still appears that first-place Plymouth and second-place Saginaw will decide the division when they meet six times over the final 23 games, the Windsor Spitfires are just six points back.

The much-improved Spitfires served notice when they beat the Whalers, 2-1, Saturday night in a playoff-style game before 3,405 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Windsor goaltender Anthony Guadagnolo was the difference, stopping 39-of-40 Plymouth shots. Bryan Bickell and Brad Snetsinger scored second-period goals to give Guadagnolo all the help he needed.

Guadagnolo came into the game in a zone. He shut out Kitchener, 1-0, on Jan. 19 at Windsor Arena.

Plymouth goaltender Justin Peters was nearly as good as Guadagnolo, stopping 38-of-40 shots as the game's second star. Peters could not be faulted on the Windsor goals.

Bickell's goal came when Cal O'Reilly beat Plymouth

defenseman Zack Shepley to the puck behind the Whaler net and found Bickell cruising in front. Snetsinger's game-winner (at 13:30 of the period) came after Peters made a brilliant stop on Peter Aston. But the play continued and Snetsinger's shot in tight on the left wing caromed off Plymouth defenseman Ryan McGinnis' glove, rang off the inside of both goal posts and stayed in the net.

Trailing 2-0 after 40 minutes, Plymouth forced the action throughout the third period, outshooting Windsor, 20-12, in the period and getting a goal from Joe McCann at 5:50. McCann's goal — his first for Plymouth and ninth of the season after being acquired from Saginaw — ended Guadagnolo's personal shutout streak at 108 minutes, 58 seconds.

"It was 2-0 and Peters made some big saves," Guadagnolo said. "If we could have made it 3-0, they may have given up, but they didn't quit."

Plymouth pulled Peters with 55.2 seconds left for the extra attacker. They had a 6-on-4 advantage when Windsor defenseman Mitch Maunu was sent off for cross-checking with

46 seconds left, but the Whalers could only manage one more shot — Ryan McGinnis from the left point — that was blocked by Aston.

While the Whalers lost, Saginaw — with games in hand on Plymouth — had two chances to pick up ground on the Whalers. But the Spirit lost, 6-1, in Kitchener and then suffered a heart-breaking 5-4 loss in Toronto against the Majors.

Saginaw led, 4-2, after two periods in Toronto, but couldn't hold onto the lead.

Scott Lehman cut the Saginaw lead to 4-3 with a goal at 7:41. Then Toronto goaltender Wayne Savage caught Saginaw on a poor line change when he passed the puck to Justin Donati at the Spirit blue line. Donati went in all alone on a breakaway and tied the game at 9:04 of the period.

Ryan Wilson took a shot from the point that was stopped by Saginaw goaltender Ryan Daniels.

But the puck caromed to Vitarelli at the side of the net. Vitarelli — who makes his living in tight around the opposition's goal — scored the 30th of the season to give Toronto the victory.

## FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL GYMNASTICS RESULTS

### HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

**FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL**  
Jan. 21 at Maxfield Training Center  
Team scores: 1. Tri-Farmington A, 149.625; 2. Livonia Unified, 145.725; 3. Northville-Nov, 141.550; 4. Canton, 139.600; 5. Salem, 139.50; 6. Troy Athens, 134.00; 7. Tri-Farmington B, 131.80; 8. Fraser, 129.00; 8. St. Johns.

#### DIVISION I RESULTS

**Vault:** 1. Shannon Jodoin (TF), 9.6; 2. Paula Guzik (LU), 9.5; 3. Autumn Collins (S), 9.35; 4. Megan Mather (TA), 9.3; 5. Jessie Murray (C), 9.25; 6. Jill Haapaniemi (TF), 9.15; 7. (tie) Kelly Patrick (TF) and Sarah Bugosh (S), 9.0; 9. Kate Staley (C), 8.9; 10. Jenna Benoit (TF), 8.75; 11. Michelle Mather (TA), 8.65; 12. Katie Koetting (S), 8.6.

**Bars:** 1. Kelly Patrick (TF), 9.6; 2. Shannon Jodoin (TF), 9.4; 3. Jessica Oddi (TF), 9.35; 4. Kate Staley (C), 9.15; 5. Meghan Powers (LU), 9.1; 6. Jill Haapaniemi (TF), 8.95; 7. Katie Koetting (S), 8.9; 8. Paula Guzik (LU), 8.8; 9. Megan Mather (TA), 8.75; 10. (tie) Jessie Murray (C) and Kara Ahern (C), 8.55; 12. (tie) Sarah Bugosh (S) and Amy Reynolds (NN), 8.1.

**Beam:** 1. Shannon Jodoin (TF), 9.9; 2. Megan Mather (TA), 9.5; 3. Jessica Oddi (TF), 9.45; 4. Jill Haapaniemi (TF), 9.4; 5. Sarah Bugosh (S), 9.3; 6. Jenna Benoit (TF), 9.05; 7. Kelly Patrick (TF), 9.0; 8. Kate Staley (C), 8.7; 9. Paula Guzik (LU), 8.65; 10. Autumn Collins (S), 8.55; 11. Katie Koetting (S), 8.45; 12. (tie) Jessie Murray (C), Kara Ahern (C) and Amy Reynolds (NN), 8.4.

**Floor:** 1. Kelly Patrick (TF), 9.7; 2. Kara Ahern (C), 9.425; 3. Paula Guzik (LU), 9.4; 4. (tie) Megan Mather (TA) and Kate Staley (C), 9.375; 6. Jessica Oddi (TF), 9.325; 7. Jill Haapaniemi (TF), 9.25; 8. Shannon Jodoin (TF), 9.2; 9. Katie Koetting (S), 9.15; 10. Jessie Murray (C), 8.8; 11. (tie) Sarah Bugosh (S) and Michelle Mather (TA), 8.75.

**All-around:** 1. Shannon Jodoin (TF), 38.10; 2. Kelly Patrick (TF), 37.30; 3. Megan Mather (TA), 36.925; 4. Jill Haapaniemi (TF), 36.75; 5. Paula Guzik (LU), 36.35; 6. Kate Staley (C), 36.125; 7. Sarah Bugosh (S), 35.15; 8. Katie Koetting (S), 35.10; 9. Jessie Murray (C), 35.00; 10. Kara Ahern (C), 34.725; 11. Autumn Collins (S), 34.50; 12. Michelle Mather (TA), 33.55.

#### DIVISION II RESULTS

**Vault:** 1. Amy Ancona (TF), 9.3; 2. (tie)



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Salem freshman Katie Koetting finished seventh on the uneven parallel bars at Saturday's Farmington invitational with a score of 8.9. Koetting, pictured above in a meet earlier this season, helped the Rocks to a fifth-place showing.

Alyssa Supplee (LU) and Jacqueline Gazette (NN), 9.2; 4. (tie) Paige Albers (LU) and Emma Platt (NN), 9.15; 6. Lauren Duda (NN), 9.1; 7. (tie) Kelsey Twigg (TF) and Kaitlin Burns (C), 8.9; 9. Julie Foucher (NN), 8.8; 10. Danielle Bresso (TF), 8.75; 11. Jill Guffy (NN), 8.7; 12. Julie Aurelia (LU), 8.65.

**Bars:** 1. Alyssa Supplee (LU), 9.2; 2. Brittany Young (S), 9.15; 3. Paige Albers (LU), 8.85; 4. Kelly Tapella (LU), 8.65; 5. Jacqueline Gazette (NN), 8.6; 6. Emma Platt (NN), 8.5; 7. (tie) Julie Foucher (NN) and Ashley Neale (F), 8.45; 9. Andrea Marcos (TF), 8.4; 10. Sarah Ilkani-Pour (NN), 8.25; 11. (tie) Karen Guo (TA), Madeline Brem (F) and Jill Guffy (NN), 8.15.

**Beam:** 1. Rachel Deneau (NN), 9.5; 2. Alyssa Supplee (LU), 9.35; 3. (tie) Paige Albers (LU) and Julie Foucher (NN), 9.2; 5. Laura Nomura (LU), 9.05; 6. Karen Guo (TA), 8.85; 7. Chelsea Kosmala (F), 8.65; 8. (tie)

Brittany Young (S) and Megan Cesarone (TA), 8.5; 10. Julie Aurelia (LU), 8.45; 11. Erica Marcos (TF), 8.4; 12. Jacqueline Gazette (NN), 8.35.

**Floor:** 1. Paige Albers (LU), 9.575; 2. Rachel Deneau (NN), 9.55; 3. Julie Foucher (NN), 9.4; 4. Kaitlin Burns (C), 9.2; 5. Nicole Daihl (TF), 9.15; 6. Alyssa Supplee (LU), 9.1; 7. Laura Nomura (LU), 8.95; 8. Kelsey Twigg (TF), 8.85; 9. Megan Cesarone (TA), 8.75; 10. (tie) Karen Guo (TA) and Emma Platt (NN), 8.65; 12. Brittany Young (S), Ashley Neale (F) and Andrea Houdek (C), 8.55.

**All-around:** 1. Alyssa Supplee (LU), 36.85; 2. Paige Albers (LU), 36.775; 3. Julie Foucher (NN), 35.85; 4. Brittany Young (S), 34.60; 5. Jacqueline Gazette (NN), 34.50; 6. Karen Guo (TA), 34.15; 7. Ashley Neale (F), 33.70; 8. Kelsey Twigg (TF), 33.60; 9. Sarah Ilkani-Pour (NN), 33.40; 10. Kaitlin Burns (C), 33.35; 11. Danielle Bresso (TF), 32.80; 12. Katerina Kariotis (S), 32.45.

# 'Cat gymnasts shine in defeat

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

There was good news and bad news for the Plymouth gymnastics team following Wednesday night's loss to Walled Lake Unified.

The good news: The Wildcats posted their best score of the season.

The bad: Coach Diane Hodur's team lost, 128.05-126.50.

"We're seeing improvement every meet, which is important," said Hodur, whose team slipped to 1-4. "Our scores are

getting better and we're adding new tricks to the routines."

The brightest spot for the Wildcats was the performance of sophomore Jordan Brodehl, who captured the all-around title with a season-best effort of 34.50. Brodehl nudged a pair of Walled Lake gymnasts — Hannah Saariner (33.60) and Shannon Slayton (32.05) — for the gold.

Courtney Pickard also had a solid night for Plymouth, finishing fourth in the all-around with a 29.85.

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**VAULT:** 1. Jordan Brodehl (P), 8.90; 2. Chelsea Foss (WL), 8.35; 3. Shannon Slayton (WL), 8.30; 4. Hannah Saariner (WL), 8.25.  
**BALANCE BEAM:** 1. Jordan Brodehl (P), 8.60; 2. Hannah Saariner (WL), 8.35; 3. Shannon Slayton (WL), 8.05; 4. Kylie Leitch (WL), 8.0.  
**UNEVEN BARS:** 1. Hannah Saariner (WL), 9.0; 2. Jordan Brodehl (P), 8.35; 3. Ashley Brimmer (P), 7.55; 4. Alle Saker (P), 7.4.  
**FLOOR EXERCISE:** 1. Jordan Brodehl (P), 8.65; 2. Kylie Leitch (WL), 8.20; 3. (tie) Chelsea Foss (WL) and Katie Hale (P), 8.1.  
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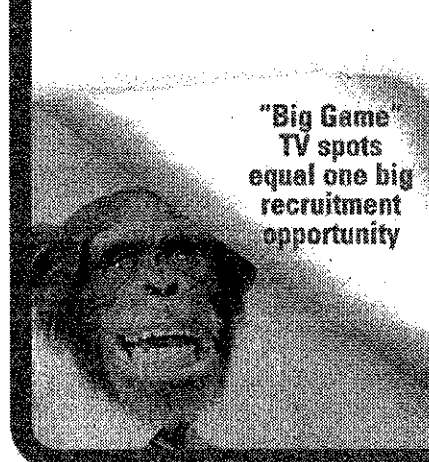
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# Cornerstone's Jonka lights up MU

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Chuck Henry thought his team had the opponent right where it wanted it - in the zone.

Even though the cold-shooting Madonna University men's basketball team trailed Cornerstone 46-34 at halftime of Saturday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference game, Henry owed the deficit more to the fact MU players couldn't find a swimming pool with their shots (11 of 32 in the first half, 34 percent).

But this time, the host Crusaders were unable to take advantage of the Golden Eagles' zone coverage and could not stop 6-foot-9 junior center John Jonker (35 points, 13 rebounds) as Cornerstone went on to a 90-74 triumph.

The defeat dropped Madonna's record to 7-13 overall and 2-4 in the WHAC.

"This (Cornerstone) is one of the good teams in the conference and we wanted to come out and play one of our best games," said Henry following a postgame chat with his team. "We just didn't shoot the ball."

"They (Golden Eagles) changed their defense and went zone and we really love that because we've been a good team against the zone. But I was really surprised that we came up dry against the zone."

Although Jonker showed his low-post might throughout the contest, the key to the game was MU's seven-minute cold snap during the first half.

A layup by Madonna junior guard Adam Kerfoot (13 points) cut the Golden Eagles' lead to 33-29 with about 7:30 left in the first half. But the Crusaders then missed 10 field-goal attempts in a row, including some open looks and layups.

Madonna would not score again until 6-5 junior forward Derrick Mudri (17 points, eight rebounds) nailed a triple from the left corner with just 25 seconds remaining, cutting Cornerstone's margin to 45-32.

"I thought we had some real good looks and could not make it go down," Henry said. "Sometimes in basketball that happens."

Even so, the coach tried to rally his players during the intermission that they were still in the game, provided they could shoot better in the zone coverage.

"At halftime, we thought we were going to win the game," Henry said. "We thought we could cut it down to six or seven points going into the last 10 minutes."

The Crusaders - hitting 12-of-28 (43 percent) from the floor in the second half - made their coach appear somewhat prophetic, trimming the lead to 66-59 with about nine minutes remaining.

MU sophomore guard Charlie Henry (Canton/Agape Christian) drained successive treys from the same spot on the floor - beyond the top of the arc.

Following up with a triple from the left corner was sophomore forward Jordan Napier (Wayne/Agape Christian). Henry and Napier scored nine and five points, respectively.

But that seemed to wake up Jonker and outstanding 6-2

senior guard and Detroit native Josh Liggins (17 points, six rebounds).

Cornerstone, perched atop the WHAC with a 5-1 record (the team is 14-8 overall), demonstrated why with a 13-3 run to make it 79-62.

Jonker dropped in a putback and Liggins went strong to the hole for successive buckets. Then, a steal and layup by junior guard Kevin Wurn (eight points)

seemed to be the exclamation point for the Golden Eagles.

"Jonker gives them an inside presence, and at 6-9 he's four inches taller than the guy guarding him," said Henry, whose biggest player (6-10, 300 senior center Antoine Stewart) is red-shirted for the rest of the season. "And Liggins, he's one of their leaders and one of their best players. What he did today was

nothing out of the ordinary."

Other MU players to make good contributions in a losing effort were sophomore forward and Canton alum D.J. Bridges (15 points, seven rebounds) and 6-6 junior forward Doug Creighton (eight points, five rebounds).

Also in double figures for Cornerstone was freshman forward Jon Snickers (10).

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MU SPORTS INFORMATION PHOTO

Madonna University's D.J. Bridges scored 15 points in a losing cause Saturday as the host Crusaders fell to Cornerstone University in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball game, 90-74. The loss drops MU to 7-13 overall and 2-4 in the WHAC.

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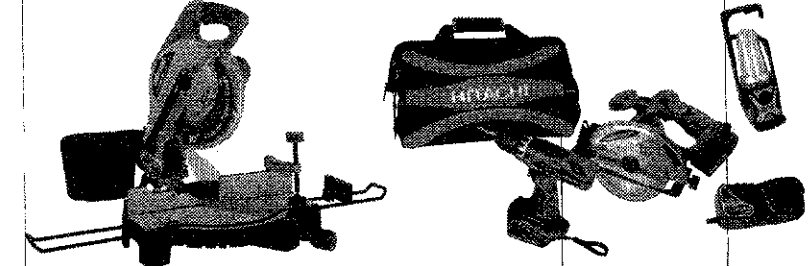
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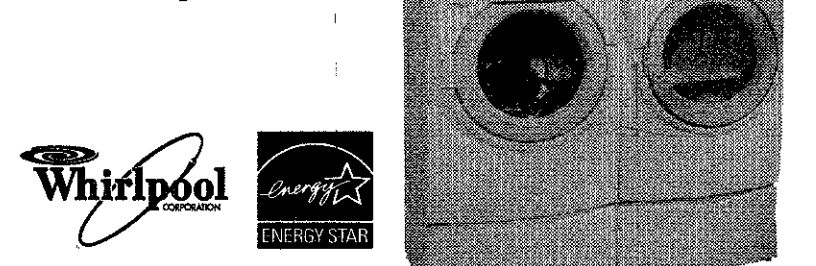
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# Ocelots rip Kirtland as Davis stars

The long trip Saturday to Roscommon proved productive as the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team improved to 17-3 overall with a 108-70 win over host Kirtland Community College.

James Davis, a 7-foot center from Minneapolis (Minn.) North via Garden City CC (Kan.), led the way with 28 points and 17 rebounds.

David, who originally committed to the University of Minnesota, has been getting interest from such schools as Gonzaga University and Arizona State.

Derrick Coleman, a transfer from Oakland University, contributed 24 points, while Jarred Axon finished with 11 points.

Ryan Williams and Donnell Pattenon each added 10 points. Williams also grabbed 10 rebounds.

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## Fitness class uses Bible verses as motivation

A new weekly exercise and fitness class will tie in specific Bible verses as way to motivate the body, mind and spirit. Sessions begin 6:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30, and run through March 20, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

The class is designed to provide information on the different components of exercise: cardiovascular, muscle conditioning, flexibility and balance, body composition and posture, risk factors, and stress reduction. Each week the class will also provide an opportunity for participants to practice the information presented. There will also be homework to help participants get started and keep moving. The sessions include the use of the buddy system for support, motivation and encouragement.

The class will be taught by Suzanne Schulz,

certified personal trainer and educator, who is also a member of Christ Our Savior. The cost for 8-weeks is \$35 per person. If you bring a friend, their cost is \$25. You may also drop in to any class for \$5 if space is available. The class is open to members and non-members of Christ Our Savior. A portion of the course fee will be donated to Lutheran World Relief to continue the support of those affected in hurricane Katrina.

This is not a formal exercise class. Everyone is encouraged to work at their own pace when practicing at home or in class. It is always suggested that anyone starting an exercise program contact their doctor for any particular restrictions or guidelines.

For more information, call Linda Hollman at (734) 522-6830.

## Workshop to focus on communicating God's word through song

The Music Ministry of the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit conducts a two-part workshop on Communicating God's Word Through Song, Gesture and Service on Friday-Saturday, Feb. 3-4.

The workshop's principal instructor will be Deacon Kevin Smith, liturgical music instructor at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Crestwood, New York.

The first part will be a discussion session at 7 p.m. Friday on leadership for choir directors, assistant directors, chanters, and tonsured readers. It will be held at the home of Pauline Costianes,

a member of the COCC Music Ministry, in Canton. Call (734) 667-2848 for directions.

The second part will be a workshop and luncheon from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, at St. Clement Orthodox Church, 19600 Ford Road, Dearborn for singers and other interested persons as well choir directors, chanters and readers. The morning session will cover communication among clergy, choir directors, singers, and congregations. Topics include communicating God's word in worship, communication techniques, nonverbal communication, choir teamwork and commitment, and conflict resolution. Deacon Smith will

direct a music reading session in the afternoon.

The Friday session is free. Registration for Saturday is \$25 plus \$5 for lunch. For more information, call (313) 274-1226 or send e-mail to damianj@juno.com.

The COCC is a 49-year-old clergy and lay association that represents various canonical Orthodox churches in metropolitan Detroit. It promotes inter-Orthodox cooperation, heightens the Orthodox community's awareness of its cultural heritage, and supports the Music Ministry, the Inter-Orthodox Choir, and other Orthodox ministries and charities.

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### JANUARY

#### Poverty and prayer

Gerald Straub presents the story of his personal conversion and the use of his film talents in service to the poor 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, in the main church at Our Lady of Good Counsel, N. Territorial and Beck, Plymouth. Tickets \$10. Call (734) 453-0326, ext. 223 or send e-mail to leachd@olgparish.net. Proceeds go to ongoing programs for the church's sister community in El Salvador.

#### Walk Through the Bible series

7-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 28, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$20. Call (248) 374-5920.

#### Holocaust Memorial Center

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#### Scripture from scratch

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### UPCOMING

#### Bible study

Mark: The Beginning of the Gospel (Chapters 1-8) begins 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. The three units include a presentation by David Conrad, director of faith formation, question/answer session and discussion of Jesus and the first disciples (Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23), Jesus and the 12 (March 9, 16, 23, 30), and Jesus and the mission of the 12 (April 20, 27 and May 4, 11). Chapters 8-16 will be studied later in the year. To register, call (734) 425-5950.

#### Spaghetti dinner

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#### Family game night

6-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, Garden City. Cost is \$2 per person, \$5 per family. Proceeds go towards Fall Family Retreat. The church will have different games/cards to play or bring your own and teach someone else a new game. For information, call (734) 425-5653.

#### Acoustic concert

Folk singer Terry Gonda performs 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, in the coffee-house venue at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. Gonda recently released her first CD - love, lose, repeat, she has performed in England and the U.S., and was a finalist in the 2003 Susquehanna Music Festival songwriter competition. Admission \$10. Call (734) 421-1760.

#### Marriage preparation

Samaritan Counseling Services regularly offers a special Saturday workshop for engaged couples as they prepare for marriage. The next workshop will be 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor. The workshop encourages couples to address many aspects of marriage and teaches techniques for effective communication and conflict management. For details and registration, call (734) 677-0609.

#### Gospel quartet

10:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, Riverside Park Church of God hosts a southern gospel quartet known as The Journeyman, at 11771 Newburgh and Plymouth, Livonia. This unique group comes from West Virginia and is being featured at churches throughout Michigan. A love offering will be taken during service to support their ministry. Call (734) 464-0990.

#### Superbowl XL party

A safe, sober family event 6 p.m. (dinner) Sunday, Feb. 5, game on the big screen TV at 7 p.m., at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. Bring a dish to share if you wish, free ham sandwiches, pop and chips. If you aren't a fan, there will be board games for adults and movies for children. The community is invited. For information, call (734) 421-1760.

#### Grief workshop

From grief to new hope begins 7-8:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, continue for 8 Mondays in Room A105 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No charge. Pre-register by calling (248) 374-5966.

#### Play and potluck

Presented by Wise Guys 'N Gals Senior Group, a play by poet and author James Dillet Freeman at noon Thursday, Feb. 9, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. Have you ever wondered what the three most important things you have done in your lifetime are? In the play a king wonders and when he passes away, in order to continue on, he music find out. Bring a dish to share if you can. If you can't, come anyway. Features Wise Guys 'N Gals members Sharolyn White, Chet Latka and Marilyn Wells. For information, call (734) 421-1760.

#### Divorce workshop

Begins 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, and runs for 7 weeks until March 23, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$30 for pre-registration, \$20 returning participants, \$35 at door. Cost includes the book Growing Through Divorce by Jim Smoke and a closing night dinner. For information, call (248) 374-5920.

#### Valentine card party

6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Bring your games and play cards and games of your choice. Tickets are \$7 and available at the door. Proceeds go to the Building Fund.

#### Concert

Four dynamic organists join with three prominent area conductors, members of Michigan Sinfonetta and the Rice Memorial Organ for a festive concert 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, north of Grand Blvd., Detroit. Organists include Glen Burdette of St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham. Conductors include Christopher Lees, First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. There is ample lighted and supervised free parking adjacent to the church.

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#### Crosstalk

7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, in Knox Hall, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Rev. Paul Clough discusses an issue in a current news article from a Christian perspective in a secular world, he then opens the floor for discussion about the issue or any articles brought in. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

#### Vacation Bible school

Summer ministries preview 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Preview

Vacation Bible School curriculum and get tips on organizing a VBS program or backyard Bible club. More than 25 workshops will be offered and 20 exhibitors will display at the preview presented by the International Christian Education Association. Cost is \$35 if registered by Jan. 18, \$40 between Jan. 19 and Feb. 14, or \$45 at door. Students (teen through college age \$20). Refreshments and lunch included. Make and take puppet workshop is an additional \$25. To pre-register, call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceonline.org.

#### Polish Dinner

With music by the Wally Lipiec Band Saturday, March 18, doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., music 7:30-11 p.m., in the Activity Center at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tickets \$20, assigned seating, no tickets sold at door. Call (248) 473-8428.

#### Crafters wanted

For the St. Thomas a'Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555, S. Lilley Road, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

### ONGOING

#### Bible studies

Began 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11 (with family dinner at 6:15 p.m.), and 9:15 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19 (for women, the Bible study is based on the book of Luke), at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722.

#### Kabbalah classes

Presented by the Sara Tugman Bais Chabad Torah Center, the classes began 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 5595 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The classes are open for both beginners and more advanced students. Call (248) 855-6170, ext. 1 or send e-mail to BCTC770@aol.com.

#### Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

#### Sunday services

Continue with traditional worship and children's Sunday School at 10 a.m., and adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m., contemporary service at 6 p.m. every Sunday, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. Handicap accessible. Call (734) 421-7620.

#### Worship services

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

#### Fall Sunday services

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

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

#### Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue located at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

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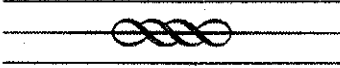
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#### ELERIOUS LUDGER KING

Age 77, died January 21, 2006 at home. Resident of Troy, Michigan for 37 years, former resident of Hazel Park, Michigan. Born June 24, 1928 in Detroit. Married to Priscilla Barbara (Witkowski) King November 30 1955 in Hamtramck, Michigan. Father of Mrs. Kinette (Jerry) Bayliss of Troy, MI; Ms. Darcie King of Sterling Heights, MI; Edward King of Sterling Heights, MI; and Jule (Amy) King of Troy, MI. Son of the late Edward and the late Lillian King; step-son of the late Jean Hurtubise. Brothers & Sisters: Alvert King (Janet) of Troy, MI; the late Rehetta Moran, the late Dellamarie Vohs-Alfede, and the late Everlee Jones. Brother-in-Law of Stanley Witkowski (Lorraine) of Madison Heights, MI.; and Joseph Witkowski (Meridith) of Sterling, MI. Grandfather of Brett, Lance, Ethan, Evan and Carly Marie. Mr. King retired in 2003 after 50 years as owner and operator of Atlas Veneer and Fireplace in Troy. He was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Troy and a member of the American Legion in Utica. He loved fishing, gardening, the outdoors, and his grandchildren. Funeral arrangements by Price Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Rd., (btwn Big Beaver & Watters Rds.) Troy, 248-689-0700. Visitation Tuesday 4-8pm and Wednesday 3-8pm at the Funeral Home. In state Thursday 10 am until mass at 11 am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 280 East Square Lake Road, Troy. Rosary Wednesday 7 pm at funeral home. Interment at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. Memorials to the Michigan Lupus Foundation. www.pricefuneralhome.net.

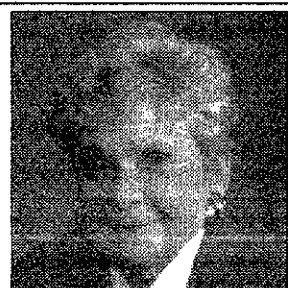
#### EVELYN PAPPAS

Jan. 21, 2006. Beloved wife of Sam. Dearest mother of Paula and John. Sister of Theodore (Irene) Papadakis, Emanuel (Mary) Papadakis. Sister-in-law of Helen Pappas and Cleo Vidakovich. Visitation at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Road (4 blks. E. of Woodward) Royal Oak. Monday 3-8 pm and Tuesday 3-8 pm until Trisagion service at 6:30 pm. Instate Wednesday at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 43816 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills at 10:30 until time of funeral service at 11:00 am.



#### JEAN ELLEN WHITNEY

January 13, 2006. Loving wife of the late Donald R. Whitney. Dear mother of Mrs. Kenneth (Ellen W.) Karamon and Linda J. Whitney. Grandmother of Charles K., Donald E., Thomas J. and Brian W. Karamon. Memorial Service, Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Saturday, January 28th at 2:00 P.M. Memorial tributes may be made to the American Red Cross, 1605 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (1-248-322-2500). Arrangements, Wm. R. Hamilton Co., Birmingham, MI.



#### JOANN IRENE HAFKE

January 21, 2006, age 74. Beloved wife of Dan. Dear mother of Lee Ann Berry (Patrick) and Thomas Hafke (Jamie). Grandmother of Erin and Andrew Berry & Hillary, Timothy and Elizabeth Hafke. Sister of Marilyn Blecker. Funeral was Wednesday at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073, or The American Cancer Society, 18505 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48076. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

#### JULIE M. ATKINSON

Of Clarkston; formerly of Bloomfield Hills; January 20, 2006; age 83; preceded in death by her husband George; Mother of Laurie (Phil) Hagele of Hartland, Mike (Barb) Atkinson of Clarkston, Penny Atkinson of Lake Geneva, & Bill (Paula) Atkinson of Waterford. Grandmother of 11 and Great Grandmother of 15. Funeral Service At the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends may visit 3-9 pm. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association. Online guest book: www.wintfuneralhome.com

#### KARL HANYI, MD

Age 81, of Plymouth, died January 21, 2006. He was born May 24, 1924, in Hungary. Beloved community physician in the Wayne/Westland area. He is survived by his wife, Anne; his daughters, Audrey Hutter and Vivian O'Reilly; his granddaughters, Brigitte and Sabine Hutter, Maureen Baudhuin, and Kristen Jurs; and his great-granddaughters, Kimberly, Sara, and Grace Baudhuin. Funeral from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth, Thursday 10:30am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

#### MICHAEL JAMES RYDER

Age five months, died January 19, 2006 in Mott's Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor. Loving sweet angel of Jamie & Shauna Ryder. Little brother of Mikayla, Makenzie & Morgan Ryder. Loved by grandparents, Shelia Reed, Jim (Jennifer) Ryder & Leslie (Tom Slem) Ryder; Great grandmothers, Florence Ryder & Barbara Crouch-Means; Great great grandmother, Verna Perry; Aunts & uncles, Heather (Steve) Mader, Matt Ryder, Mike Carol, Nick Ryder & Caitlin Ryder; and cousins, Ashley, Austin & Hallie. Memorial services 11 AM Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions to Cornerstone Schools, for a scholarship in honor of Michael James Ryder, 6861 East Nevada, Detroit, MI, 48234 would be appreciated.

#### NANCY MACQUEEN MAUNDERS

January 22, 2006. Loving mother of Sarah (Paul) Spadfore, Andrew (Delpha) Maunders of Sante Fe, New Mexico. Sister of Barbara (Reid) McColloch and the late Kenneth Henry MacQueen Jr. Beloved grandmother of Alyssa, Blythe and Kelsey. Memorial visitation and service, Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple Rd., Birmingham, Friday, January 27, Noon until Two P.M. In lieu of flowers, tributes to The Cradle, 2049 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, appreciated.

#### WILLIAM "BILL" MATICH

Age 65, passed away January 20, 2006. He was born on March 15, 1940, in Garden City, to the late Steve and Mary (Herminac) Matich. He was formerly of Plymouth, prior to moving to South Lyon. He was a member of I. O. F. Bill is survived by his wife Teri Matich of South Lyon, 4 children: William (Lori) Matich Jr. of FL, Cara (Michael) DeLorenzo of Romeo, Timothy (Gina) Wessel of Brighton, Roger (Dena) Wessel of South Lyon, brother Bob (Doreen) Matich of Garden City and 12 grandchildren. A Funeral Service was held on January 25. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674. Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.



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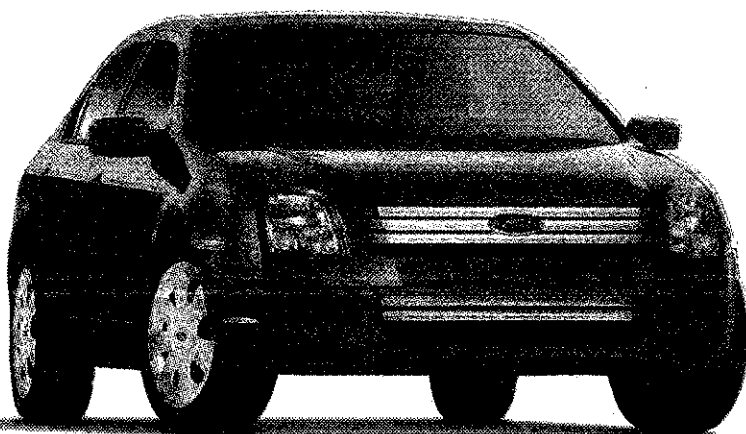


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## OPEN SATURDAYS





## Businesses boost work of Habitat for Humanity

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Businesses play a key role in the work of Habitat for Humanity.

"We've always had gift in kind donations and we're always seeking them," said Barbara Fichtenberg of Canton, church relations co-chair for Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County. "We're definitely looking for donations."

The Plymouth-based affiliate is among many that build homes for low-income families who in turn pay mortgages to fund new homes for others. A home was built in Canton, off Ford Road near Sheldon, last year. The Western Wayne affiliate can be reached at (734) 459-7744, with Alice Dent as executive director. The Web site is [habitatwwc.org](http://habitatwwc.org).

"They're very important," Dent said of the business supporters. Keeping costs down means more homes can be built.

"We've still been tremendously blessed," Dent said, noting the economy has made donating more difficult. "They're giving. So we're grateful for that."

There's also the Pontiac-based Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County, with Steve Campbell as executive director. It can be

reached at (248) 338-1843 or on the Web at [www.habitatoakland.org](http://www.habitatoakland.org).

### BUILDING HOPE

The Western Wayne affiliate dedicated a home in Inkster Dec. 4. "The Belleville house is under construction right now," Fichtenberg said. A Lincoln Park home was dedicated last June, a Jimmy Carter Work Project along with the Canton home.

There's a new Inkster home now. In Western Wayne, the affiliate uses a lot of the same vendors, Fichtenberg said, getting a break on the price.

A look through Habitat files reveals some of those generous folks. Verde-Terre has done excavation and foundation work free of charge for the Belleville home.

Lowe's is a corporate sponsor and has provided excellent customer service, said Dent. That's important as the organization can face time constraints with families moving in.

"Basic Electric is one that we've worked with too," with a discount, Fichtenberg said, adding that union locals have donated labor. Best Block has donated brick for three homes.

Whirlpool's a major donor with appliances for the newly built homes. The Western Wayne affiliate has a gifts in kind committee which contacts businesses to seek discounts and donations. Members went to the Canton Home Improvement Expo to seek help.

"All of the appliances have been donated by Whirlpool," said Dent, adding that Whirlpool is an international corporate sponsor. Thrivent Financial, a Lutheran organization, has made a significant contribution to Habitat as well in Western Wayne and Oakland. The Downriver Association of Realtors helped with homes in Lincoln Park and Taylor.

Churches are stretched financially due to hurricane and tsunami relief, Fichtenberg said, so the business support is a boon. "The more we get donated the better."

The Oakland affiliate concentrates in Pontiac, and staff and volunteers there also appreciate the discounts and donations they've received. It built 13 homes in 2005 in Pontiac, said Campbell, and will build about that this year.

Oakland had two families move in just before Christmas, and has one home under construction this winter, he said. Ground will be broken



Workers construct the Belleville home's roof.

on seven more homes in the spring.

"Overall, Oakland County is very affluent," he said. Areas with financial struggles do exist. He agreed with Dent that donations and discounts are vital.

Habitat homes are sold at cost with no interest to residents. "We're a hand up, not a hand-out," he said.

Volunteers do most of the construction work. "We can build more homes when we outlay less cash," said Campbell, a Bloomfield Township resident.

### WORKERS CONTRIBUTE

Plumbing, electrical and concrete work is often donated, he said, citing the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 58, as a key supporter. In 2005, Lowe's and Masco Corp. gave over \$1 million each in Michigan.

"Those are very important and critical donations," he said. In Oakland, about half of the support comes through religious groups, the balance from businesses.

Chrysler Financial underwrote a concert at the Palace for Habitat, which raised a half million dollars earmarked for hurricane relief. General Motors/GMAC, Handleman Co. and BrassCraft have been other supporters.

"We do have quite a few other regular sponsors," said Gwen Joseph, corporate relations director for Oakland. Joseph, a Clarkston resident, said partnerships make success possible.

"The three affiliates have really been working well together," she said, including Detroit. "That helps us in all ways."

Campbell's excited about a Builders' Blitz coming this summer, with 1,000 Habitat homes in the U.S. and 14 in southeast Michigan. Builders, suppliers and contractors work together to make those homes a reality.

The Youth United Build, a national program for ages 5-25, is getting young people active in Habitat. "It's really exciting to see what these kids are doing with this," Joseph said. Ages 14 and up will be involved with construction.



Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County is building a home in Belleville.

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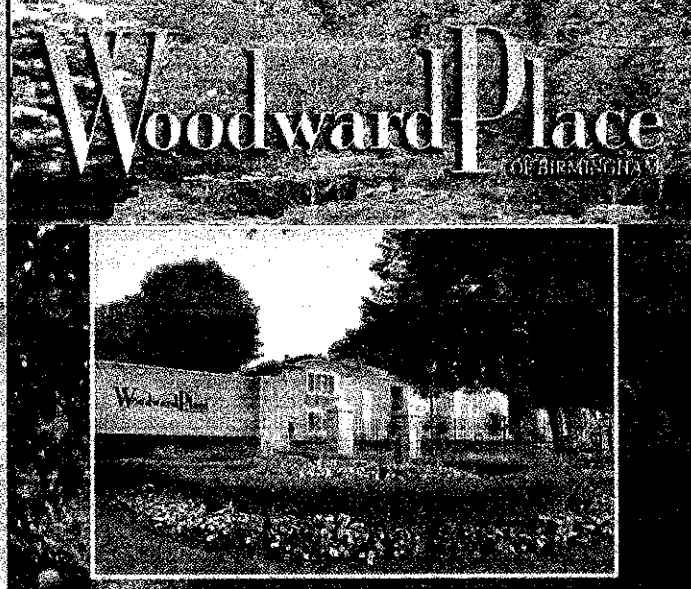
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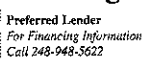
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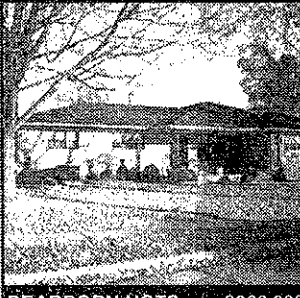
**CANTON** \$239,000  
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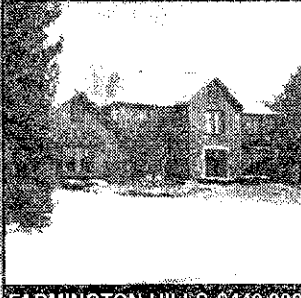
**DETROIT** \$66,500  
Recently Updated End Unit 3 Bedrm Condo. Oak Cabinets, Bath Updated W/newer Ceramic Tiles. Pvt Entry W/private Backyard Fenced W/patio. Nice Finished Area in Bsmt For Extra Entertainment Room. Walk To Greetown. MLS# 25149711 248-347-3050



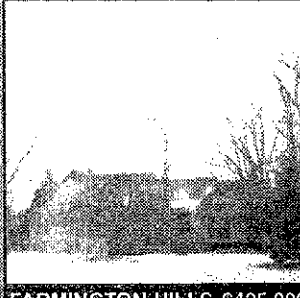
**FARMINGTON** \$289,900  
Gourmet kitchen w/stainless appl, bedrms w/ig closets. Newer hrdwd firs, mstr w/new ceramic bath, newer 1/2 bath. Updated roof. HW/H, windows, duct work, electrical & landscaping. 2 frplcs, paver patio, 1st fl laundry. MLS# 26007941 248-347-3050



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$535,000  
2-story foyer w/hwd fir, half bath & kit, bridge overlooking 2-story fr w/vaulted ceiling & wtr bar, kit w/tons of cabinets w/Corian counters, sun rm, fin. bsmt w/2nd kitchen, wet bar, rec rm, bath & office w/closet. MLS# 26007615 248-347-3050



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$440,000  
Hrdwd firs in LR, DR & study, new 4 yr. archit. shingles, new HW/H, hi-eff furnace, C/A, newer carpet, 3.5 car side entry garage, fin. bsmt, premium-sized wooded lot, multi-tier deck, 1st fl laundry & huge FR & mstr. ste. MLS# 25170673 248-347-3050



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$425,000  
1st fl mstr w/cath ceiling, new cpt l/o except 2 bedrms, Florida rm off kit, 2 story foyer open to gr, possible 4th brdm up. p. fin w/o w/gas fp & fr opening to a paver patio, wrap around deck, corian counters in kit. MLS# 26009922 248-347-3050



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$409,000  
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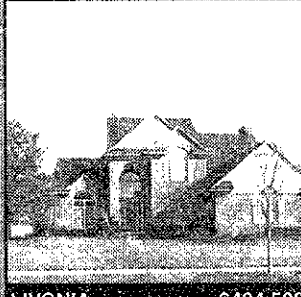
**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$134,900  
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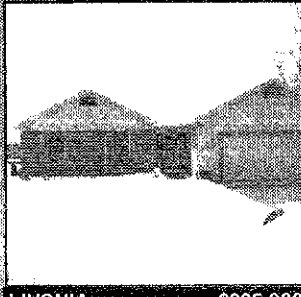
**LIVONIA** \$309,500  
Lrg Open Flr plan W/spacious Rms, Kit/1am Rm Combo W/lrg snack Bar, Newer Appls, Lgt & Bright Cabs & Tile Firs. Gr & din Rm W/hrdwd Firs, 2 Stry Foyer. Updates: roof, Windows, Furnace, Ac. Baths, Fin Li W/hot Tub & Fpl. MLS# 26013114 248-347-3050



**LIVONIA** \$309,000  
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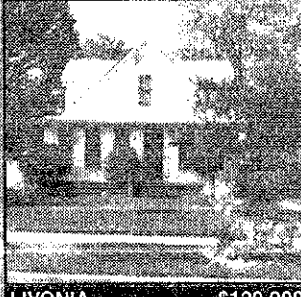
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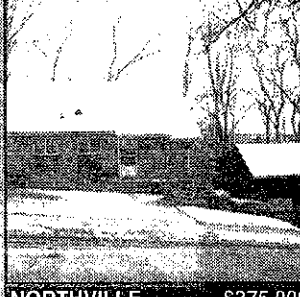
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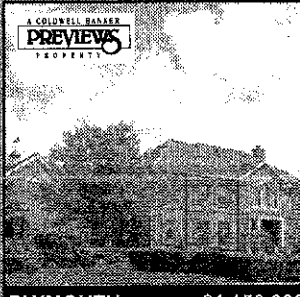
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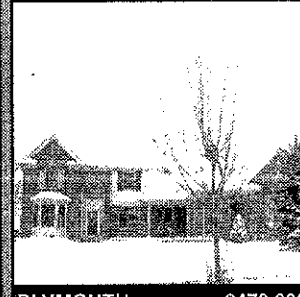
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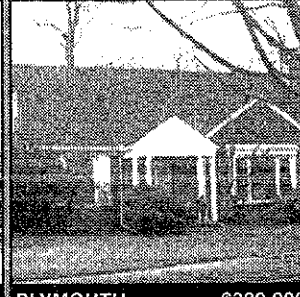
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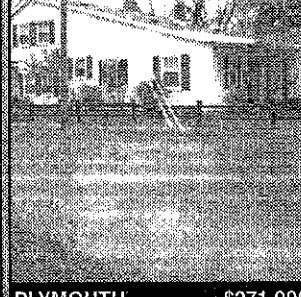
**PLYMOUTH** \$1,150,000  
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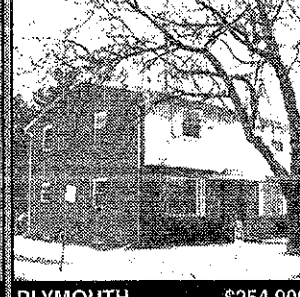
**PLYMOUTH** \$470,000  
2-story foyer, 9 ft. ceilings on 1st fl, hwd floor in foyer, kit & hallway, 1st fl laundry, central vac, fin. bsmt, w/rec rm, hi-eff furnace & hwh, 1/2 acre lot, wired for spk'r's, granite counters in kit, bsmt, waterproofed! MLS# 25176251 248-347-3050



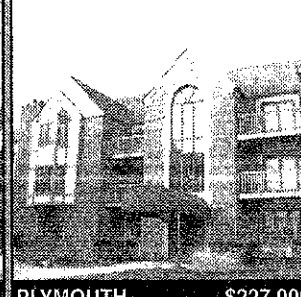
**PLYMOUTH** \$389,900  
4 BR, 3 BA cape cod w/3-season fun room/garden room. LR w/coved ceilings, wet plaster walls t/o & FP. Lovely HDWD firs t/o. Cozy FR w/slate floor & knotty pine ceiling. Must see! MLS# 26006865 734-453-6800



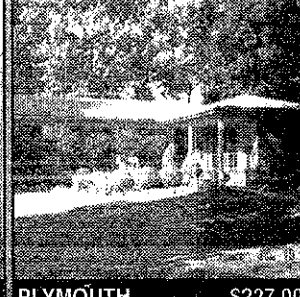
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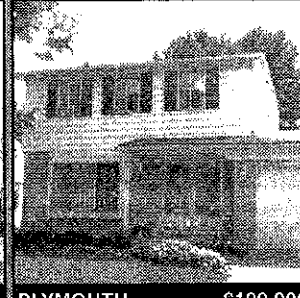
**PLYMOUTH** \$227,000  
Great curb appeal is the start of this charming updated 3 BR ranch w/full finished basement. All a walk away from downtown! Kitchen w/newer maple cabinets. Appl's remain. Fresh interior paint. Detached garage. MLS# 25164724 734-453-6800



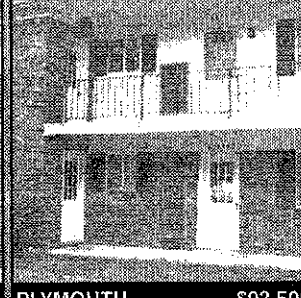
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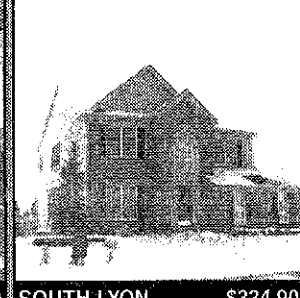
**PLYMOUTH** \$209,000  
Fabulous 3 BR, 2 BA brick ranch at redone! Kitchen w/updated cabinets, new backslash & floor. FR w/cathedral ceiling & fireplace. Freshly painted, new carpeting & flooring t/o. Finished basement w/additional room. MLS# 26007016 734-453-6800



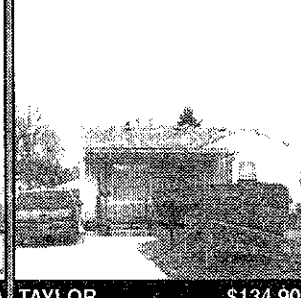
**PLYMOUTH** \$199,900  
Priced to sell! 3 BR, 1.5 BA, FR w/FP, updated kitchen, basement, 2 car garage & huge fenced yard w/cement patio. Brand new windows. Newer CA & hi-eff furnace. Newer crpt in FR. HDWD firs upstairs. Must see! MLS# 26006546 734-453-6800



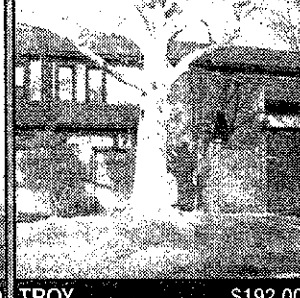
**PLYMOUTH** \$93,500  
New Charmwood condo listing! Cozy, clean 1 BR second flr unit. Great view from balcony overlooking woods. Low association fee inc water, stove, fridge, dishwasher & newer stackable washer & dryer. Move in ready! MLS# 25159140 734-453-6800



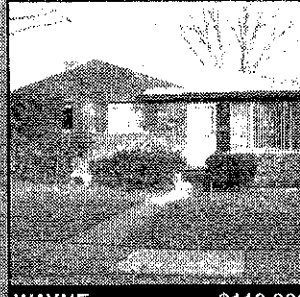
**SOUTH LYON** \$334,900  
Toll Brothers built colonial! 4 BR, 2.1 BA deep in "Trotters Pointe" w/finished basement. Fabulous kitchen w/maple cnts & bl appl's. Open FR w/natural FP. Lux master w/fashion bath. Upgraded floor t/o. MLS# 26006789 734-453-6800



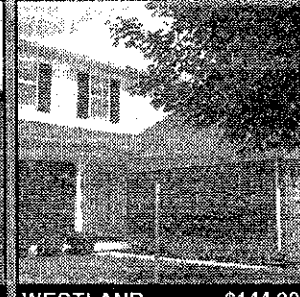
**TAYLOR** \$134,900  
Many Updates Like Windows, roof, driveway, entry Doors, hwh, carpet! Liv Rm & Wonderful Fam Rm W/brick Fp & Doorwall To Deck. Big Eat-In Kitchen, Remodeled Bath W/Ceramic Flr & Double Sinks. Garage w/big Workshop, Electricity. MLS# 26003187 248-347-3050



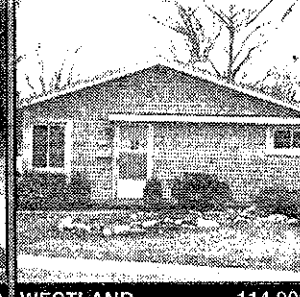
**TROY** \$192,000  
Courtyard entrance. Well done condo w/cozy gas log fireplace. Bruce hardwood floors on 1st floor. Kitchen features upgraded cabinets & planning desk. Finished basement has new carpet & wet bar plus private office. MLS# 25181610 734-453-6800



**WAYNE** \$119,900  
Great starter home! 3 BR, 1 BA brick ranch w/parts finished bsmt. CA, fenced yard & close to elementary school w/imm occ. Hwd floors in bedrooms. Includes washer, dryer, frig & oven. Spacious LR & eat in kitchen. MLS# 26010482 734-453-6800



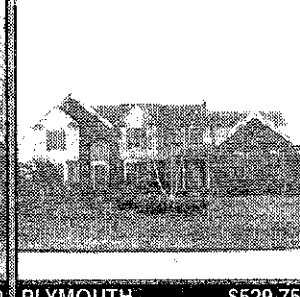
**WESTLAND** \$144,900  
Spac rooms, form DR, bsmt, att gar & deck. Great condition w/newer beige crpt & kit flr(01), DW & disposal(04). Gar is drywalled w/newer opener. Mstr BR w/access to bath. Great cnt'r space in kit & bath. Appl's inc. MLS# 25180046 734-453-6800



**WESTLAND** \$114,900  
Cozy 3 BR home on lg corner lot. Updates: tear off roof (03) & furnace (01). New bath (05). Newer wndws. 1.5 car garage w/wall heater. Vinyl sided. Freshly painted interior. All appl's. Very clean & well cared for! MLS# 26006483 734-453-6800



**CANTON** \$300,000  
Nice Colonial On Picturesque Prvte Settling W/mature Trees Backing To Commons W/View Of Pond, hrdwd Firs in Kitchen, nook, foyer & Pwdr Rm. 2-story Foyer, updated lighting, vinyl clad windows, p. fin. bsmt w/full bath, bar. MLS#25179245



**PLYMOUTH** \$529,750  
Absolutely fabulous 4 Br, 3.1 BA colonial on enormous estate size setting. Gourmet kitchen-nook w/rich cherry cabinets. 2 story FR w/FP. Lux master guest suite. 1st floor study, 3 car side entry garage.

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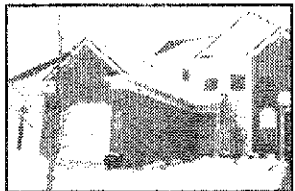
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**UPGRADES GALORE!** Newer 1200 square foot condo with a great open kitchen offering oak cabinetry, living room w/ fireplace, nice master w/large bath, finished basement with family room & bath. Nice. \$154,900 (C-799HA)



**JUST LISTED!** 3 bedroom beauty situated on over 2 acres in Van Buren Township! Attached oversized 2 car garage, finished basement, 2 fireplaces and lots more. Call for details. \$299,900 (C-615HU)



**SPECTACULAR HOME** This 2400+ sq ft home located on a large 110x300 lot backs the elementary school. (This home could be 5 bedrooms plus 3 full baths. Come see the beautiful great room with 10' ceilings and the 1st floor master. \$179,000 (P-610BR)



**ECONOMICALLY PERFECT** Squeaky clean 2 bedroom condo in excellent condition. Very affordable and includes all appliances. Attached garage is a bonus! Don't wait on this one, it won't last. \$84,900 (P-213CA)



**PULTE CHARMER** 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath Pulte colonial. Trad floor plan w/lg kit featuring light cabs, island, pantry & all appl. Separate FR & formal DR or flex as a private den. Mst ste w high ceilings & luxury size bath w/WIC. 1st fl laundry w/washer & dryer. \$279,900 (P-692CL)



**GREAT LOCATION** Charming bungalow in a great location. Nicely updated w/immediate occupancy. 3 bdrms, basement, garage, & all appliances included. Great Value! A MUST SEE! \$104,900 (P-358F)



**INVITING RANCH - DOUBLE LOT** Updates abound in this outstanding ranch with a new oak and ceramic kitchen, cathedral ceilings, new windows, roof and furnace. Attached mechanic's dream garage. All on a huge lot. Just move in and enjoy! \$149,900 (P-933GI)



**CHARMING AND AFFORDABLE** Brick ranch with 3 bedrooms offering many updated items. Refinished hardwood floors, freshly painted interior, updated bath, new flooring in the kitchen, newer windows and doors. Home warranty. \$112,000 (C-548PA)



**GREAT STARTER HOME** One bedroom, one bath ranch. All appliances remain including the air conditioner and humidifier. Finished 15x07 ft. upper room is perfect for a den or library. \$49,900 (P-761PI)



**GORGEOUS WESTLAND CONDO** Immediate occupancy in this awesome 2 bdrm, 2 ba condo backing to woods. Soaring ceilings, skylights, open floor plan. Andersen windows, large deck, huge walk in closets and all appliances. Great location. \$114,900 (C-296SH)



**BACKING TO THE WOODS** on an extra deep lot with a sunny family room, formal living room, new roof, vinyl windows, finished basement, updated bath, 2 car garage and a big open kitchen. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Nice. \$199,000 (P-728AL)



**HISTORIC CAPE COD** in downtown Belleville with 9' ceilings, amazing original hardwood floors & trim. Beautifully remodeled kit w/ antique cabinetry, electrical completely re-wired & copper plumbing. \$219,900 (C-204CO)



**CANTON RANCH** Spacious ranch 1940 sq ft, 3 bd, 2 ba. Prestigious master suite w/ tray ceiling, WIC & private bath. Large Deck for entertaining, screened in porch, bay windows, & skylight. A must see! \$339,900 (C-878ED)



**BRAND NEW CONDO!** Phenomenal pricing on new construction with 9 ft. basement ceilings w/egress windows, 2 story great room, master w/ garden tub, ceramics and hardwoods even a wolmanized deck! \$219,900 (C-520GL)



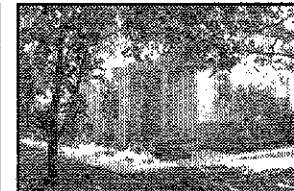
**CLEAN AND CONTEMPORARY** Livonia ranch with many quality updates! Gorgeous finished basement, remodeled heated Florida room, newer central air, furnace, carpeting and light fixtures. Home warranty too! \$179,999 (P-600HA)



**BRING YOUR SUNGLASSES!** You'll be dazzled by this sparkling 4BR/2.5BA home in a great neighborhood! New windows, flooring, fresh paint, fireplace, nice landscaping & large floor plan. Call for more info today!! \$227,500 (C-600LA)



**SUPER HOME** Large 2000 square foot beauty with 5 bedrooms and 3 full baths. Large living & dining rooms, big kitchen and a large sitting area upstairs. Covered front & back porches and a fenced yard. \$149,900 (C-242MA)



**SMALL CONDO COMMUNITY** Close to downtown with an open view to park-like setting from the deck. Large great room w/ cathedral cell-recessed lites & fireplace, full kit in fin. basement, new roof and new windows to be replaced by assoc 05-06. \$199,000 (P-490MA)



**BEAUTIFULLY GROOMED** One acre parcel with this immaculate 3 bedroom home. Large country front porch, hardwood floors, fireplace, formal living room, doorwall to private yard and nearly one full acre to call your own. Great location. \$205,000 (P-248MA)



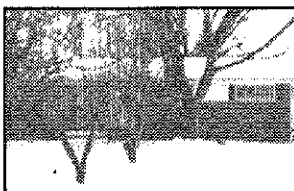
**HOME SWEET HOME** Comfortable colonial with a large family room off of the updated kitchen w/lots of cabinets. Hardwood floors, oversized garage, vinyl windows and more! \$165,900 (C-835MO)



**DESIRABLE COURT LOCATION** Spacious and updated Canton colonial with formal living/dining, updated open kitchen, family room fireplace and French doors to the patio. New carpeting, new roof, central air and 1st floor laundry. \$259,900 (P-285OA)



**NEW ON THE MARKET** 4 bdrm. Colonial w/newer carpet, fresh paint, ceramic Foyer 7 Kitchen, spacious Family Room w/fo. Formal Living & Dining rooms, master suite w/WIC, partially finished bsmt and much more...\$256,000 (C-809SA)



**RANCH ON 4 ACRES!** Located in Canton, offering a large floor plan with over 4 acres (possible split), 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths and a 40x48 pole barn. Family room fireplace and appliances remain. Call now. \$374,900 (C-331SA)



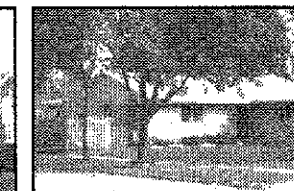
**IN THE HEART OF CANTON** Super Cape Cod with a striking great room floor plan offering a fireplace, finished basement, first floor master and a patio for summer enjoyment. Clean and inviting home. \$299,900 (C-214 SA)



**Vacant Land**



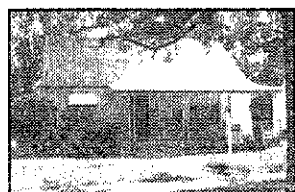
**GORGEOUS WOOD VIEW** Spacious 4 bd. colonial on premium lot that backs to wooded wetland preserve. Lg island kit, 1st floor laundry, mstr suite w/tray ceiling, WIC, & priv bath w/jetted tub. Fin W/O bsmt, 3 car gar, & stamped concrete patio. \$410,999 (C-944WA)



**AMENITIES GALORE** Spacious Livonia ranch on a corner lot with a privacy fenced yard and a solar heated in-ground pool. Beautiful tiled entry, updated roof, windows, interior doors, and family room. Dining room w/full brick walled fireplace. \$239,900 (P-498YA)



**SIMPLY SPLENDID** Sparkling clean & neutral Canton col compliments any décor. Impressive 2-story foy, kit w/bkfst nook & oak cab's. FR w/gas fp, flex room can be used as either a formal liv or DR. Excellent loc in sub, sidewalks, sprnkr syst & more. \$279,900 (P-243FA)



**SPACIOUS AND AFFORDABLE** Nice 3 bedroom home with 1.5 baths, a large living room, bow window, large upper master, finished basement with lot of storage and a 2 car garage. Covered front porch to sit and enjoy. \$133,990 (P-876KI)



**OLD WORLD CHARM** 5 bedroom bungalow with tons-of potential in the heart of Dearborn. Features include 1.5 baths, newer water heater, windows and hardwood floors. Needs a little TLC. Great price. \$137,000 (C-511MA)



**WONDERFUL COURT SETTING** Beautiful colonial tastefully decorated throughout. Formal dining, hardwoods, family room fireplace, cathedral ceilings, 1st floor laundry and French doors to the tiered deck overlooking a pretty garden. A true beauty. \$425,000 (P-448ME)



**DECORATED TO PERFECTION** Gorgeous North Livonia ranch with a super sized eat in kitchen w/all appliances, spacious living room, vinyl windows, 2.5 car garage, fenced yard w/patio, partly finished basement w/ washer & dryer. Move in condition. \$169,900 (P-629MI)



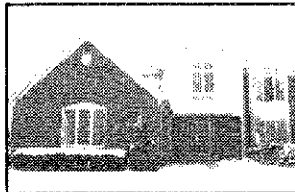
**UNMISTAKABLE APPEAL** Character & charm of cape cod is evident upon entry. Open fir plan, GR w/gas fp, & recessed lites. Spac kit w/isl, hwd, & all appl., adjoining brst room w/wiew-lush landscaping. 1st fl mstr ste w/ba, + 2 bds & loft-2nd fl overlooking GR. \$404,900 (P-146OV)



**COUNTRY SETTING** Doll house on a hill with a wooded double lot. Great starter or retiree home. Lots of updates including the kitchen and bath. Neutrally decorated. Appliances stay! Call for more information. \$89,900 (P-478PI)



**EXCELLENT VALUE!** Pulte's Carlisle floor plan with 9' ceilings. 4 beds, 2.5 baths, a vaulted master w/private bath, full basement prepped for bath, fireplace, walking trails, toddler lot & wooded preserves in an up and coming area. Call now! \$225,000 (C-748RAV)



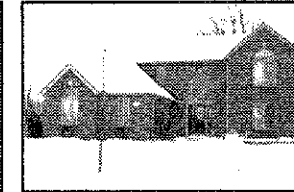
**NEARLY NEW!** Built in 1995 with a natural fireplace, 4 beds, 3.5 baths, formal areas, skylights, family room w/studio ceiling, full finished basement, garage, 1st floor laundry, doorwall to tiered deck and an awesome kitchen. \$365,000 (C-885RO)



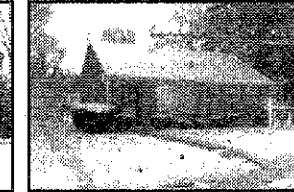
**GREAT STARTER HOME** Priced for quick sale! Bring your elbow grease to this great investment property or starter home. Price reflects work needed to be done. Seller can help with closing costs. \$64,900 (C-499RO)



**SIMPLY EXQUISITE** Magnificent lot backing to commons w/tiered deck, paver patio & phenomenal landscaping! Massive gourmet kitchen, sitting area w/2-way fireplace & glassed in nook. Formal dining w/bay, study, 3 car garage and much, much more. \$439,900 (C-180RO)



**BEAUTIFUL VIEW** Upgraded Oxford model in popular Canton sub surrounded by a 16 acre nature preserve. Many upgrades - circular stairway, hardwood & ceramic, side entry garage, fireplace & cherry kitchen. \$319,999 (C-859DO)



**GET EXCITED!** Ready to move into brick ranch offers a lot of living space and a large lot. Neat & clean with multiple updates: windows, furnace, roof, carpet and more. Full basement and appliances! \$144,900 (C-430GL)



**RELAX AND ENJOY** This nearly perfect two story home with 4 bedrooms and 3.5 baths. Finished basement, family room w/fireplace and a nice deck. Formal dining room and a private study too. \$279,999 (C-508GR)



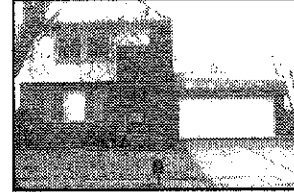
**ENVIABLE FLOOR PLAN** Extra large master on the upper level and 2 bedrooms on the main floor. Hardwood floors, new windows, new roof, fenced w/ nook, doorwall to kitchen yard w/ hot tub & 2 car garage. \$125,900 (P-468IN)



**SMART START** A great place to begin building equity in this totally updated 3 bedroom ranch on an extra deep lot. Nice oak kitchen with appliances, deck overlooking a fenced yard and a 1st floor laundry. Cute, bright and cheerful. \$123,900 (C-143KA)



**ENJOY THE FRUIT TREES** On the beautiful .8 of an acre that comes with this spacious brick ranch. Massive family room with newer carpeting, updated kitchen w/appliances, updated bath and hardwood floors. \$179,900 (C-897RU)



**GREAT COLONIAL** 3 bd, 1.5 bath w/nice features. Updated Kitchen w/granite, hardwood floors on entry level, & large closets. Deck in the large, private backyard. A must see! \$167,000 (P-048AS)



**ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE** Great home on a large lot. Kitchen & Bath have been updated & newer carpet installed w/o. Beautiful hardwood floors & large master bedroom. This one won't last long! \$129,999 (C-815BO)



**SUPER CLEAN** Clean & well maintained brick ranch in Redford. 3 bd, 1.5 baths, bsmt, 2.5 car gar. LR w/nat fp., updated elect, copper plumbing, HWH, & furnace. Newer vinyl siding & roof, & large yard w/ patio. Ready to move into! \$144,900 (P-920BR)



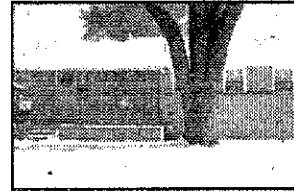
**A MUST SEE** Pulte Princeton home w/premium elev on lg cul-de-sac lot. Gorgeous island kit w/ stainless steel appl, extended nook, & hwd floors. Mstr ste w/ vaulted ceiling & BA w/jetted tub. Lg FR w/tp, 3 car gar, & many upgrades. Call today for more details. \$374,900 (P-026BR)



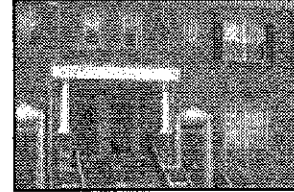
**BEST BUY** 2 bd. ranch in Farmington Hills. Updates include newer vinyl siding, freshly painted rooms, & hwd. Floors. Large lot with room to expand. Great location and an affordable price. \$159,900 (P-541CA)



**TRANQUIL SETTING** This 2 bd, 3.5 bath town house features a spectacular view of Walden Pond from all 2 levels. Newly finished walkout w/full bath, cedar closets, & a wet bar. Just minutes from downtown Plymouth. \$224,900 (P-053CO)



**LOCATION, LOCATION** Brick 3 bd ranch w/full bsmt, Florida Room, & oversized garage. Newer windows, front door, Kitchen floor, & neutral paint. Hwd. Floors under newer carpet & all appliances stay. 1 yr. Home Warranty provided for Buyer! \$138,000 (P-337EA)



**BETTER THAN NEW** 2 bd, 1.5 bath condo w/basement & attached Garage. Neutral décor, very clean, & fireplace in Great Room. Excellent views of the woods from your Deck. Private location. Move in & enjoy! \$174,900 (C-934FA)



**FOUR DIAMOND RESORT** Charming log cabin fully furnished w/lifetime memberships for unlimited golf at 40% off. Consistent rental for year round fun. Golf, tennis, swimming, skiing and romantic sleighride dinners in the winter. Call for details. \$149,000 (P-814GO)



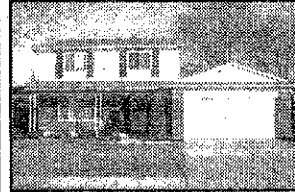
**LOTS OF SPACE!** This condo has a beautiful floor plan w/ many upgrades. 1st floor Master, all bedrooms have their own bath. Updated ceramic tile in Kitchen & baths, & finished basement w/daylight window. Great location backs to nature preserve. \$254,900 (C-725HE)



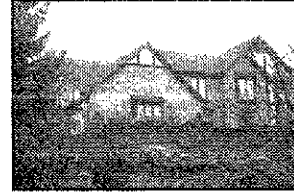
**IMMACULATE!** Brick face broad front ranch. Pride of ownership reflects 55 years of same owner. Unique coved ceilings w/wide span archway, natural fpl, formal DR, hwd floors, 2 car gar, & all appls included. 1 yr. home warranty for lucky buyer. Call today. \$124,900 (C-252HI)



**IMMACULATE RANCH** 3 bd, 2 ba, basement, & garage. Neutral & freshly painted t/o. Large bright Kitchen, cozy Family Room w/ beamed ceiling, gas fireplace, & doorwall to Deck. Abundant oversized closets, 1st floor laundry, & freshly painted t/o. Don't wait! \$209,000 (P-215LA)



**GREAT COLONIAL** Beautiful Canton colonial in a great location. Open floor plan, large yard, & too many updates to name. Immediate Occupancy! Don't let this one go by. \$229,000 (P-736MO)



**YOUR HILLTOP DREAM HOME** Own your dream home in this perfect location. Majestic home w/over 3500 sq ft of top upgrades. 4 bd, 2.5 ba, Gourmet Kitchen w/granite. Private hilltop wooded view. No expense spared on this home. \$570,000 (P-488MY)



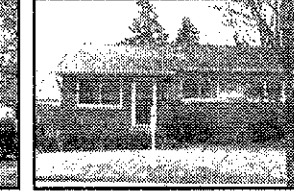
**CANTON CONDO** Like new Charleston model. Hwd floors, Kitchen w/cherry & stainless steel appl. 9 ft ceilings, Master suite w/WIC & bath. A must see! \$189,000 (C-934NO)



**YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE IT** This house has it all. Built in 95, 3 bd, 2.5 baths. Gorgeous hardwood floors, very open floor plan, wonderful Kitchen & Dining areas. Great location, close to everything in Plymouth. \$259,900 (P-232OA)



**EXCELLENT VALUE** Fantastic Cape Cod in Canton offers many amenities. 1st floor Master, cozy gas fp in Family Room, new hwd floors in Kitchen & Family Room. Finished lower level with rec area, updated HWH, nicely landscaped, Deck, and backs to woods. \$209,000 (C-736PF)



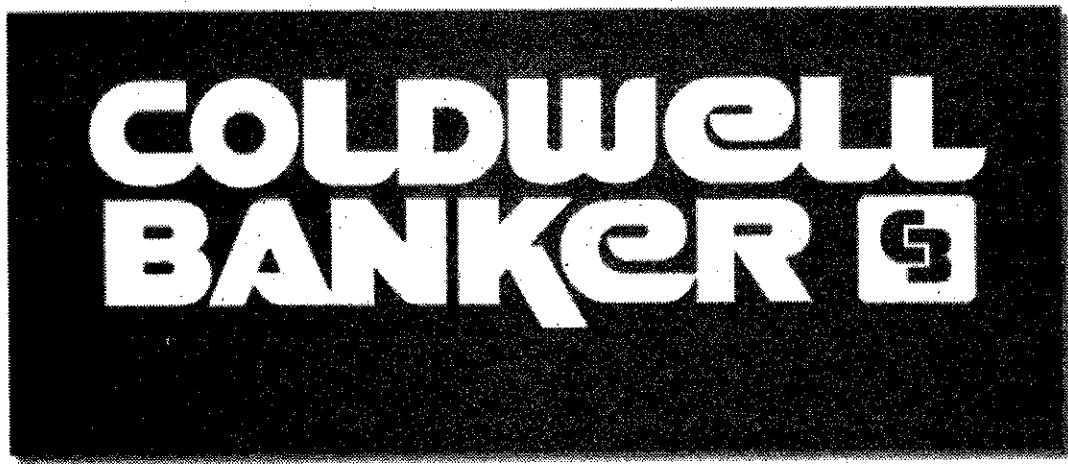
**BRICK RANCH** Lovely 3 bd, 2 ba, brick ranch w/attitude! Custom finished hwd. Floors, Updated Kitchen & Bath. Large yard w/2.5 car Garage. Updated roof, finished bsmt w/dry bar & bath. What else could you want! \$154,900 (P-917RO)



**GREAT PIECE OF PROPERTY** 10.05 acres on a private road, already has engineered septic field. Gas, electric, phone and cable at road. Can be split into 2 lots, 5 acre minimum. Whitmore Lake schools, close to Ann Arbor. Will consider land contract, call for details. \$270,000 (P-000WI)

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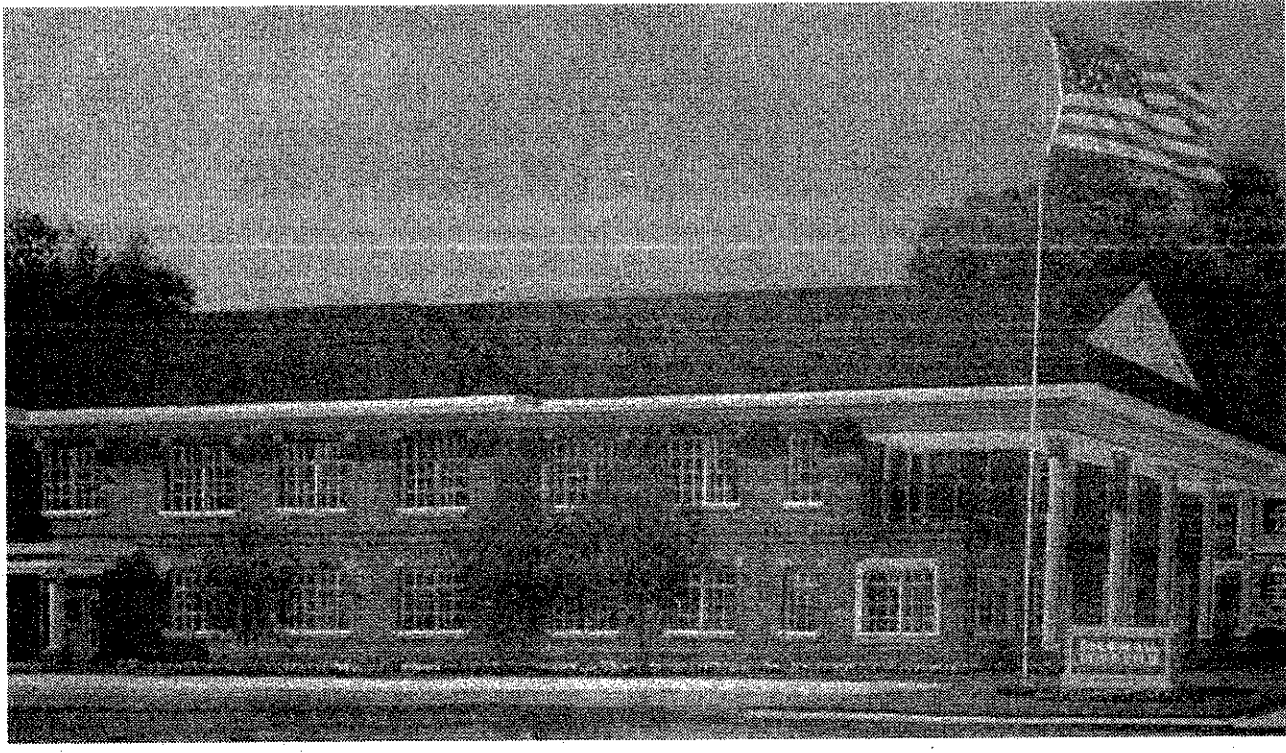
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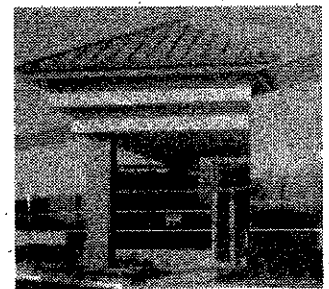
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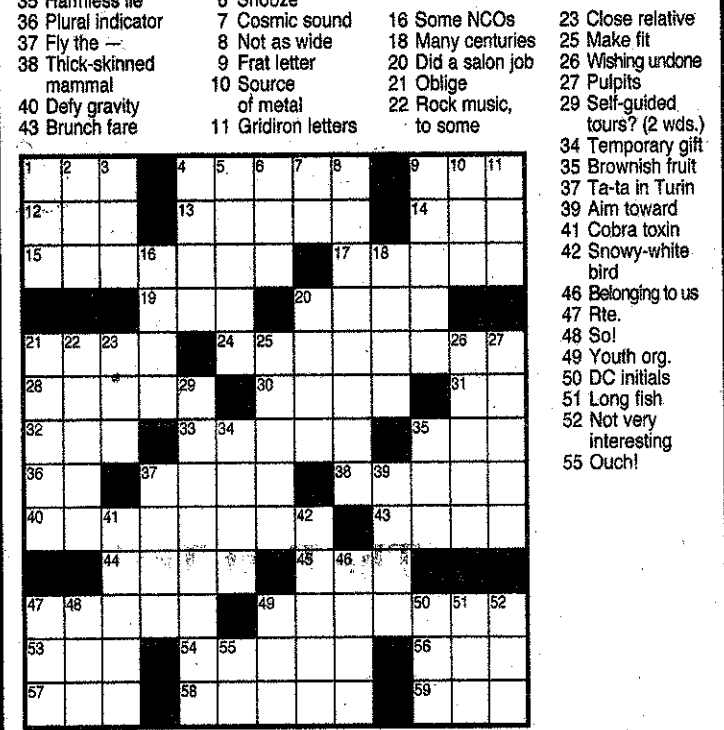
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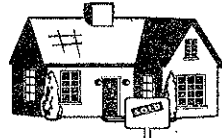


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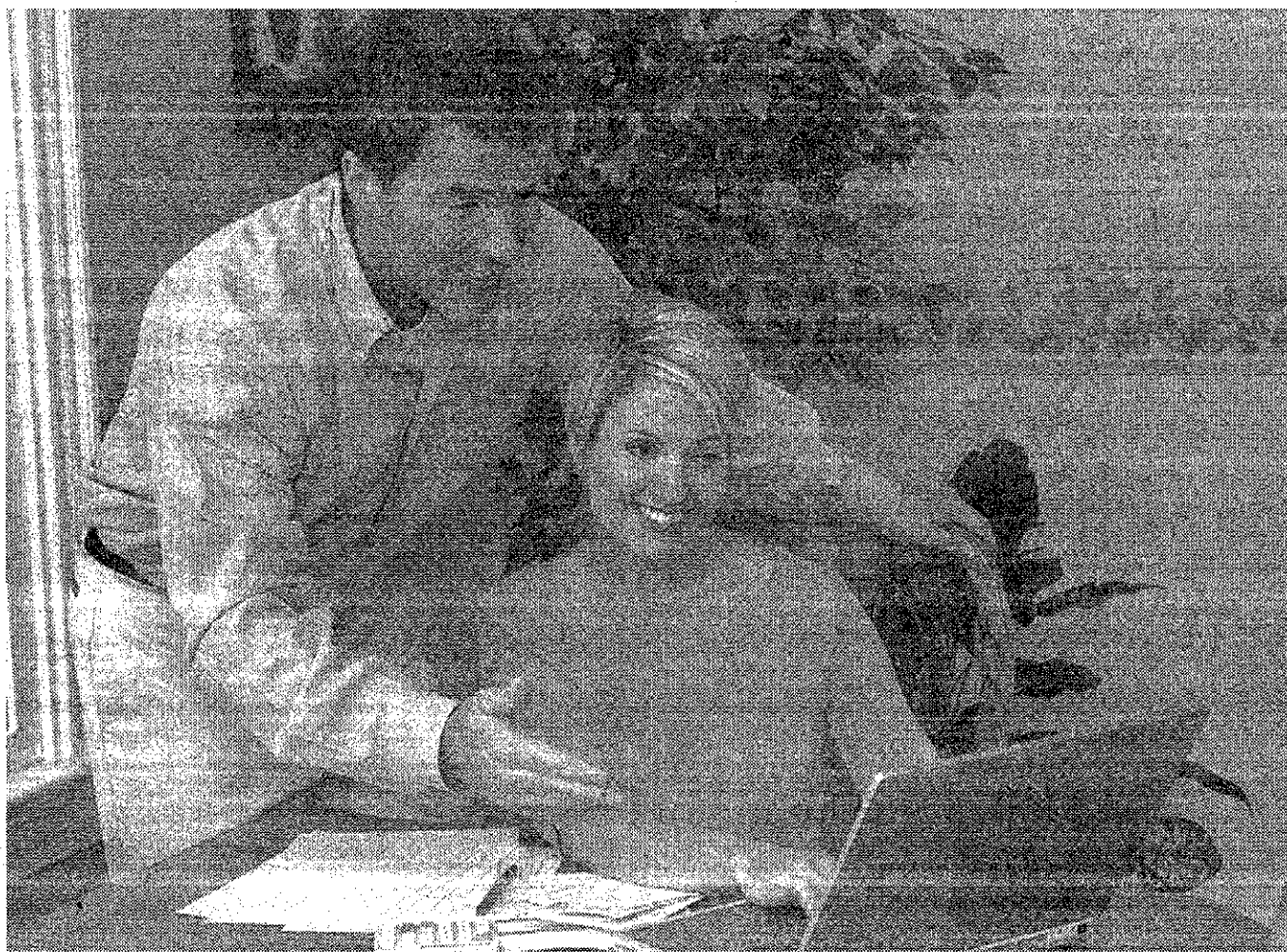
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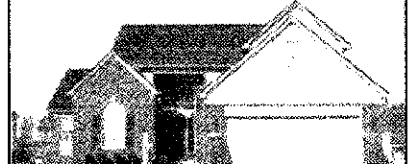
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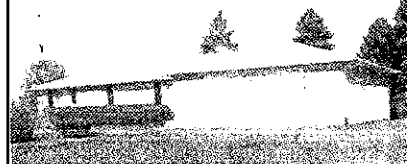
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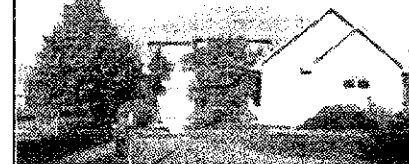
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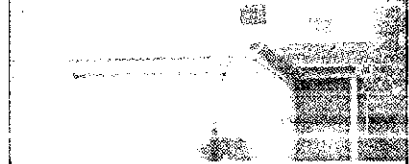
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(T61SHE) 734-455-5600 \$174,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS** Shows Like A Model  
Mstr ste updated in 2004 w/42" honey maple Merlot cabs, newer hwd flr, pedestal sink in bath, tile floors, mstr ste w/dressing rm w/Calif closets, furn w/Ethan Allen furniture. All newer appls. Walk to town condo.  
(E18GRA) 248-349-5600 \$99,900




**WARREN** Cute, Clean & Affordable  
This cute, clean 2 BR condo on LL features A/C, easy access to parking, common basement, lots of storage, beautiful hwd flrs, newer windows & doorwall 11/05. Why pay rent when you can own for less. Ideal location.  
(E54LUN) 248-349-5600 \$59,900



**WESTLAND** Nature's Handwork  
Creates the perfect setting for this 3 bedroom home. Wooded lot w/pond view. This turn-key colonial has LR w/frpic & 12' ceilings, formal DR, beautiful kit w/maple cabs & nook w/bay, Den w/dvd wall to deck & fin bsmt.  
(E21ALM) 248-349-5600 \$299,900



**CANTON** Informal Elegance  
Beautiful upgraded 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial presents wonderful kitchen w/island & doorwall to vinyl deck, master ste w/WIC, 3 car attached garage & large full basement. All appliances stay. Move right in.  
(T18RIV) 734-455-5600 \$364,900



**GARDEN CITY** Charm & Character  
Fill this 1930's farm house on a large private lot. Offers 4 bedrooms, 2 ceramic baths, oversized 2 car garage, basement, large Florida room on the 2nd floor and 2 tiered deck off kitchen - unique kitchen.  
(T17JOH) 734-455-5600 \$224,900



**CANTON** Crowning Glory Of Fox Run  
4 BR, 2.5 BA cape cod w/crown moldings, neutral decor, cust window trims, lg kit & brkfst rm w/hwd flrs, ceramic baths, master ste w/bow window & mstr BA w/jetted tub, GR & brkfst rm w/2-way frpic.  
(E21RED) 248-349-5600 \$429,900



**LIVONIA** Great Location  
Updated 2-story w/FF mstr ste. Full baths on main flr & full bath up. W/dwk T/O into 6 panel drs & trim. Pella windows & doorwall. Updated kit w/all appls inc washer & dryer. Fin bsmt w/wet bar & lr rec rm, 3 car garage.  
(E14MAY) 248-349-5600 \$339,000




**NORTHVILLE** Historic Northville  
Impeccable best describes this impressive home. Newer windows, roof, furnace, electrical. Large rooms, hwd floor, WD upstairs in MBR, bonus room upstairs. All this plus an income property over 3 car garage.  
(E05FRAN) 248-349-5600 \$420,000




**WOLVERINE LAKE** Appealing Tri-Level  
On double lot w/lake priv, to Wolverine Lk. Remodeled t/o in 2005 w/Pella windows, carpeting, kit w/maple cabs, granite counters & Pergo floors. 2 ceramic tile baths, 2 car attached garage & deck. Home warranty.  
(T00LAD) 734-455-5600 \$199,900



**DEARBORN** This Could Be Yours  
Extremely clean and ready to enjoy. This charming 3 bedroom colonial offers new in 2005: roof, furnace, A/C, steel doors & block windows. Recently painted, newer carpet & kitchen floor, basement & garage.  
(F02KEN) 248-349-5600 \$159,900



**CANTON** Peaceful Condo  
Spacious 1.5 story brick end unit w/ll MBR cust interior paint, hwd floors in LR, Kitchen, large wooded deck, open bsmt w/shel units for storage prep for bath. Large upper 2nd BR or loft, FF, 1 car gar, C/A.  
(E67HUN) 248-349-5600 \$148,900




**LIVONIA** Spacious Windridge Colonial  
Style setting in woods & creek area. Lg sun room w/drs to gazebo & deck. Lg kit w/wearing area w/dwnk board ceiling. Formal DR & LR, lib or office. Needs some TLC.  
(E29STA) 248-349-5600 \$459,900



**COMMERCE** Beautifully Updated  
4 bedroom ranch w/available access on All Sports Walled Lake! This tastefully decorated home includes 2 full baths, 4th DR/master ste or 4-season room, FF w/2 sided frpic, LR, DR, remodeled kit & part fin full bsmt.  
(E25DEK) 248-349-5600 \$189,500



**DEARBORN** Exceptional Bungalow  
Has it all, great lot, abundant closets, finished basement, 2 car garage, paver patio + newer roof, windows, plum & elec. Newer oak kit w/Corian counters. All in this wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home.  
(T30VER) 734-455-5600 \$179,900



**WESTLAND** Beautiful Brick Ranch!  
Living room, newer neutral crpt, freshly painted decor. Cheerful kit w/ceramic tile, oak cabs & appls incl. Refin hwd flr in bedroom, fin bsmt for FR, ex area & new bath in '05. Vinyl windows, paver patio & 2.5 car gar.  
(T12MOC) 734-455-5600 \$167,500



**GENOA TWP.** Great Location  
Sharp newer 2 BR, 1 BA 2-story condo. Spacious open floor plan, bay window in great room, upgraded appliances, neutral decor, attached garage. Near shopping centers and access to expressways.  
(E41ABB) 248-349-5600 \$171,000



**COMMERCE** Stop The Car And See!  
Exceptional 3 bedroom, 3 bath cape cod w/soaring ceilings, ceramic floors, skylights, open great room floor plan, formal dining. Meticulously maintained. Full basement and much more.  
(E22WIN) 248-349-5600 \$247,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS** Cozy Ranch On Large Lot  
2 bedroom home on double lot in great neighborhood. Farmington schools. Two car attached garage w/220 line. Nice deck & fenced yard. Large bat-in kitchen w/doorwall. Oversized laundry. 1 year home warranty.  
(E32FLA) 248-349-5600 \$147,900




**CANTON** This One Has It All!  
Loaded with updates & picture perfect. Newer kit w/Corian, Pergo floor & SS appls. Living room w/valued ceiling, FR w/frpic, part fin bsmt & 2 car att gar all offered in this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch.  
(T45BUC) 734-455-5600 \$212,000




**DEARBORN HGTS.** Beautiful Home  
Charming 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath brick ranch move in. Fantastic finished basement w/FR and 1/2 bath, 2 car garage. Newer furnace, C/A, HWH, drive and roof, plus updated kitchen. 1 year home warranty.  
(T35HAN) 734-455-5600 \$124,000



**NORTHVILLE** Great Blend Of Quality  
4 BR, 3.5 BA cape cod w/WO bsmt. New construction, outstanding flr plan w/FF mstr ste incl his & hers walk-in closets, BA w/jetted tub & stall shower, GR w/2-story windows & granite frpic. Upper BRs. 3 car gar, hwd flring  
(E46MER) 248-349-5600 \$750,000



**FARMINGTON** Brookdale Complex  
Upper unit 1 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Loads of updates. Move right in. Clubhouse with pool. Walking distance to downtown. Fee includes water and heat.  
(E31GRA) 248-349-5600 \$52,900



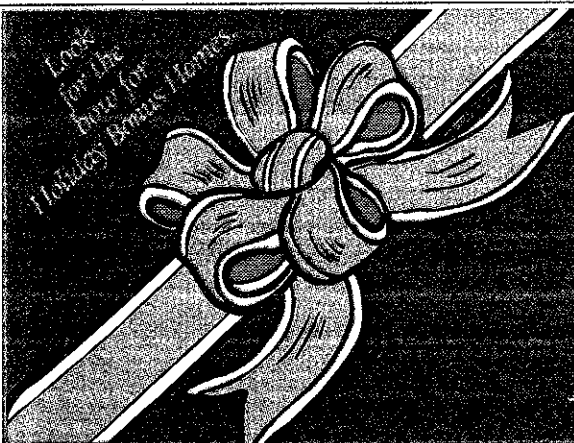
**NOVI** Traditional Colonial  
Wonderful 4 BR, 2.5 BA home w/wooded lot in Novi's most popular subs. Many updates. Close to shopping, expressways and Novi's award winning schools.  
(E82HEA) 248-349-5600 \$314,900

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**CANTON** 734-326-2000  
NOT A COOKIE CUTTER VERSION OF EVERY OTHER! 2 Front doors, stamped concrete patio, lush landscaping, hardwood floors, 2 story Great Rm w/ bridge, 2 sided FP, 4 BR, 3.5 BA, part. fin bsmt, Lush Master w/jetted Tub. (25163287) \$479,900



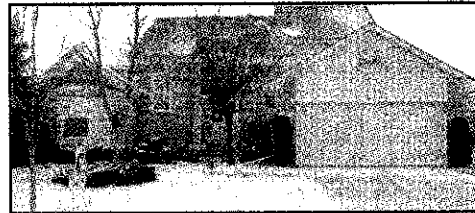
**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
HOME SWEET HOME! Master Suite with bonus room, private balcony with deck, fashion BA, WIC, LR w/French doors. Lg FR w/FP. Lg deck w/hot tub off kitchen. A yard filled w/trees, bushes, & flowers. (25139270) \$459,900



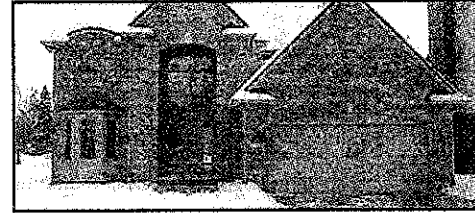
**PLYMOUTH** 248-348-6430  
CUSTOM HOME ON ALMOST AN ACRE! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2400 sq ft ranch with 2000 sq ft LL & 4 fireplaces on almost an acre of private specimen treed setting. 349-6200 (25120918) \$399,900



**NORTHFIELD** 248-437-3800  
Country Living On Approximately 10 acres! Sharp ranch home features living room with fireplace, formal dining room, breakfast nook, updated kitchen and partially finished basement. Pole barn & workshop! (25182666) \$374,900



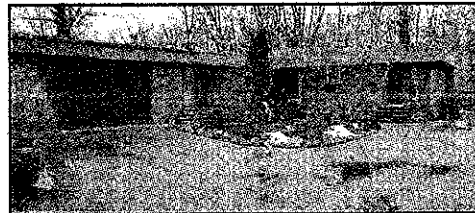
**CANTON** 734-326-2000  
HARD TO FIND! It isn't often that a 4 bedroom Cape Cod in Glengary becomes available! Great Room w/ Gas FP for cold Michigan winters, & 2 tiered Deck for Summer, D/R & Library. (25171376) \$359,900



**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
New Construction fully completed! 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bathrooms, 2,144 sq ft, maple cabinets & granite countertops. Livonia Stevenson High School. (25070062) \$339,900



**CANTON** 734-326-2000  
A LITTLE TENDER LOVING CARE will make this home exquisite! New carpet, freshly painted. 3 car garage, 1st floor laundry, 2 story foyer, Kitchen w/ island & hardwood floors, gas FP in FR, LR w/bay window. (25175835) \$320,000



**LIVONIA** 248-348-6430  
Exceptional contemporary home in Livonia. Think Frank Lloyd Wright! 1/2 acre, newer kitchen with granite counters, stone fireplace, skylights, attached 2.4 car garage. A one of a kind home! 349-6200 (26002791) \$296,500



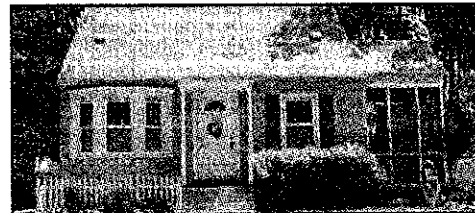
**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Location, Location, Location! Livonia Stevenson High School. Burton Hollow sub with a wooded ravine lot. 4 Bedroom, 2 Full Bath home has so much to offer. (25008905) \$239,900



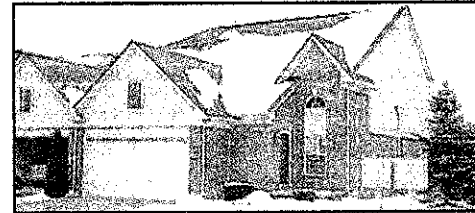
**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Attractive 3 BR brick ranch. 1300 sq ft of quality living area. Family room w/fireplace, finished bsmt, two baths, 2 car garage, landscaped & fenced yard, new furnace & A/C. (26001870) \$204,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS** 248-851-1900  
SPACIOUS BRICK RANCH! Best price & condition! Beautiful brick ranch. New kitchen, hardwood floors, updated bathrooms, newer windows, roof. Beautiful lot, 1.4 acre. (25103883) \$199,900



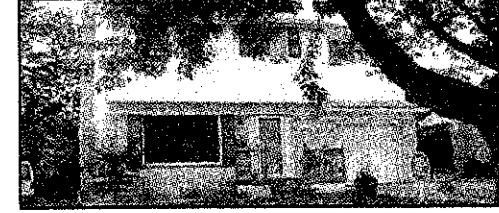
**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
PRIME PLYMOUTH LOCATION! PRICE REDUCED!!! 3 Bedroom Bungalow offering premium downtown location & schools. Loaded with updates. Avail. for immed. occupancy. (26001108) \$199,900



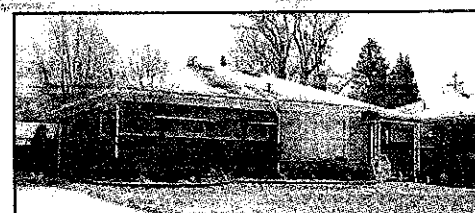
**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-591-9200  
Large end unit Cape Cod condo, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, breakfast nook & dining room, 2 car attached garage. Exceptional Value! (25177628) \$189,900



**BROWNSTOWN TWP** 248-851-1900  
MOVE IN READY 4 BEDROOM! Well maintained, move in condition, 4 bedrooms. Updated kitchen. Downward to balcony. Huge master suite. New roof 2004. Beautifully landscaped. (25143381) \$179,900



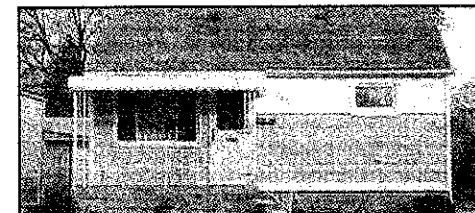
**CANTON** 734-591-9200  
Ready to move in! Great Family Sub. Large fenced backyard. This 4BR, 1.5 BA home has been freshly painted, some wood floors, newer doorwall, windows, furnace, C/A, kitchen floor, partially fin. basement w/ lots of storage. (25107135) \$175,000



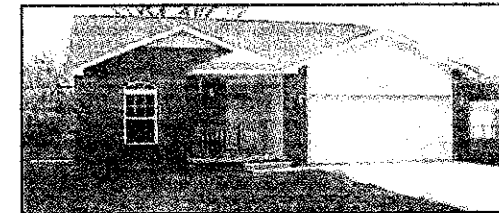
**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
Location, quality, value & charm! You'll love this brick 3 bedroom ranch. Clean, tastefully decorated. Updates include kitchen, electrical, copper plumbing, fin. bsmt. w/FP. Landscaped yard w/sprinkler system. 2 car garage. (26001489) \$149,900



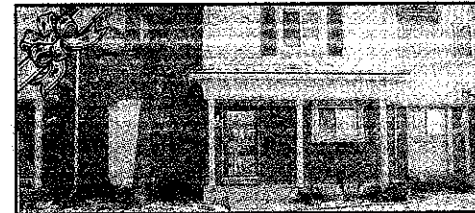
**CANTON** 248-348-6430  
RARE 3 BEDROOM CONDO WITH BASEMENT & GARAGE! Updated & freshly painted. Neutral thruout. Lots of room. Great location, clubhouse & pool. 349-6200 (25120222) \$149,900



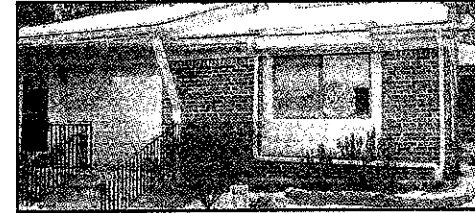
**LIVONIA** 248-348-6430  
Cute Bungalow within walking distance of schools & park. Newer windows, beautiful hardwood floors t/o, fenced yard. Seller offering \$2000 toward buyers closing cost. 349-6200 (26003905) \$149,000



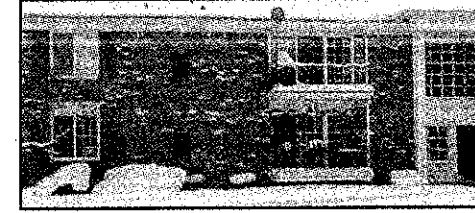
**INKSTER** 734-326-2000  
JUST WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR! Be the 1st one to live in this luxurious Ranch. Built in 2005. 3 bedroom, master bedroom w/ bath, 2 car attached garage. Just pack your things and be ready to move right in! (26005531) \$148,000



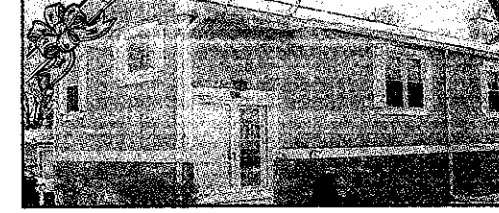
**CANTON** 248-348-6430  
CANTON-FORD & SHELDON-BEAUTIFUL 3 BR CONDO with 1.5 BA. Close to shopping & freeways, & finished basement has new carpet. Eat-in kitchen w/new maple cab & all appl. Ceramic tile in foyer & bathrooms. 349-6200 (25130248) \$147,500



**SOUTHFIELD** 248-348-6430  
SPACIOUS, DETACHED RANCH CONDO-A MUST SEE! Wood entry w/pantry closet. White kitchen w/ wood floors, eat-in area. Large laundry room w/lots of cabinets & desk area. 2 assigned parking spaces in front. 349-6200 (25125546) \$139,900



**BLOOMFIELD TWP** 734-455-7000  
QUIET, SECURE LIVING AT ITS BEST! If you enjoy quiet, secure living, this is the place to live! Move right in. Great location, 2BR/2BA. Bloomfield Schools. Newer carpets, upgraded fixtures. Appliances stay. (25180229) \$137,500



**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
CAREFREE, CONVENIENT CONDO LIVING! Great stand alone ranch w/attached garage in Novi. Updated windows, kitchen. Large master bedroom w/WIC. 1st floor laundry. In complex w/pool. 349-6200 (25104792) \$125,000



**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
EXQUISITE BEST DESCRIBES this 2 bedroom, 2 bath ground floor ranch condo in Westland with new carpeting, Anderson windows, walk-in closets, master bath & central air. (26005008) \$116,900



**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
ALL DRESSED UP & WAITING! Updates include gorgeous oak kitchen, bath, roof shingles, windows, driveway, stove & doors. Newer flooring, deck off rear, nicely landscaped. (25176612) PC 220172 \$114,900



**GARDEN CITY** 734-591-9200  
Charming 3 BR, 1 BA ranch. Upgrades include remodeled eat-in kitchen w/oak cabs, updated bath, newer roof, furn, HWH & elec. Clean w/fresh paint & plush neutral carpet, ready for you to move in!!! (25177034) \$113,900



**WAYNE** 734-591-9200  
Why rent when you can buy? Sharp 2 BR, vinyl sided ranch. This home features spacious living room & large bedrooms, newer windows and flooring, nice backyard w/privacy fence. All appl, move right in! (25167229) \$97,900

**BROWNSTOWN TWP** 734-455-7000  
FORMER BUILDERS MODEL! Dream Home Quality on Premium Lot awaiting the most discerning buyer. Custom evaluation loaded with upgrades -- 4BR, 2.5BA, Scar garage. (26001952) \$296,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
RANCH CONDO ON 28TH FAIRWAY! Instantly appealing. Upgrades throughout. 2BR, 2BA, den, lg, GR. 2-way FP. Deck. Beautifully decorated. (25163038) \$310,000

**CANTON** 734-591-9200  
Welcome to this exquisite 2003 built 4 BR, 2.5 bath, 2,448 sq ft, 2 car att garage & basement. Detached condo w/maple cabs, corian counters & a great view. (25057048) \$279,900

**CANTON** 734-591-9200  
Stylish, Newer Colonial! Sizable Family Room w/ Gas Fireplace and Recessed Lighting! Open, flowing kitchen! Large dining room with doorwall to deck and wooded view! Wide open basement. (26005791) \$147,900

**CANTON** 248-348-6430  
HUNTERS GROVE CONDO WITH COURT LOCATION! Well main, end unit w/neutral decor, GR w/vaulted ceiling & gas FP. Huge loft/bedroom. Bright kitchen. All appliances included. Premium court location. 349-6200 (25181488) \$179,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
RENT A TRUCK... and start moving! This well-main, condo is waiting for new owners. Back of sub location. Spacious master w/private bath. Appliances stay. Call soon! (25167170) \$124,999

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
NORTH CANTON CONDO Great buy on this 2BR, 1.5BA condo with basement. Needs work but has great potential. Two-story townhouse style, end unit. (25172888) \$109,900

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

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-591-9200  
Spottish 3BR brick ranch w/ 3 car att garage. Home features FR w/FP, roof 05, vinyl windows, hot water 05, recessed lighting, hwdw flrs, updated kit, deck, lg lot, & much more. (25151893) \$219,900

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-591-9200  
Huge new eat-in kitchen with tons of storage in new oak cabinets. Great open floor plan perfect for entertaining large groups of family & friends. Newer windows, roof, furn and more. (25162385) \$144,900

**GARDEN CITY** 734-591-9200  
Great move-in perfect little starter on large lot with 2+ car garage. Loads of updates & quality features. Call for complete list. (25129285) \$132,500

**LATHRUP VILLAGE** 248-851-1900  
COZY & COMFORTABLE! Well built 2BR brick ranch. Good starter home or empty-nester. Needs updating, bring your creative touch! Living rm FP, lg DR, fin basement, att. garage. (25138631) \$159,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
New Construction Cape Cod. with 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2,051 sq ft, 2 car att gar & basement. Comes w/maple cabs, granite cntns & cerm tile in the full basement. Livonia Schools. (25070898) \$294,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Affordable brick ranch North of Five Mile. Ever popular Country Homes Sub offers, 3BR brick ranch w/fin basement, 2 car garage & costly updates t/o. Interior lot. (25100600) \$210,900

**MANCHESTER** 248-437-3800  
Magnificent Home on 3 Beautiful Acres! Large BR size & 4 BA! Huge fin. bsmt. has lots of storage. Kit. has upgraded oak cabinets. Big front porch wraps around. A must see! (25168084) \$315,000

**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6430  
LOVELY CONDO IN COVES OF NORTHVILLE! Contemporary 2BR, 2.5BA w/views of pond. Huge GR w/FP, opens onto deck. All appl. incl. Dir. acc. to 2 car gar.w/lots of storage. 349-6200 (26009365) \$179,900

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
Beautiful Home! 3300 sq ft of luxury living! Quiet court setting overlooks woods. Flowing floor plan. Perf. for entertaining. Novi schools. 349-6200 (25152504) \$515,000

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
OUTSTANDING 4 BR COLONIAL IN GREAT SUB! Beautiful 3000 sq ft brick Tudor offers granite ls. kit, mstr BR w/sitting room, dual stairs, fin bsmt w/wet bar & 1st flr Indry. Northville schools. 349-6200 (25138217) \$469,900

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
NOVI CAPE COD 1st flr master. Updates incl: roof, furnace, A/C, carpet, blinds, ceramic tile foyer and main bath. Huge loft area. Commons & pond location. Must see! 349-6200 (25155308) \$359,900

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
ATTRACTIVE, COMFORTABLE & WELL KEPT HOME! Lovely GR w/theatrical ceiling, formal DR, priv den, sunny kit & breakfast area. 4 nice BR, 2.5 BA, 1st floor laundry, spacious deck & plenty of room in the fin bsmt. 349-6200 (25114528) \$300,000

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
NICE HOME W/OPEN FLOOR PLAN! Vaulted ceilings in LR, kit & brkfst area, new updated kit, FR w/10' ceiling & built-in bookcases, step-up master, finished bsmt w/kitchen/wet bar. 349-6200 (25146631) \$300,000

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
COMPLETELY REMODELED RANCH! Convenient to most everything in this quaint & cute home, updated kit, spacious FR, LR, Parquet floors on main level, fin bsmt w/rec room, BR, full bath & bar. 349-6200 (25129440) \$234,900

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
BEAUTIFUL HOME FOR LEASE! Clean & well cared for 4 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial, hrdwd flrs, FR w/10' ceiling & built-in bookcases, step-up master, finished bsmt w/kitchen/wet bar. 349-6200 (25146631) \$2,700

**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
RANCH WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE TO SCHOOLS & DOWNTOWN! Rare Find! Flowing open floor plan w/3BR, 2.5BA, FR, 1st flr Indry, side ent. gar. (26000803) \$359,900

**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
PREMIUM LOT W/SPACIOUS BACKDROP Walk to downtown from wooded backdrop loaded w/lots in last 5 years. 3BR, 2.5BA, FR, Bonus Rm, wooded lot, etc. (26001085) \$359,900

**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP! 4 BR, 3.5 BA loaded with updates--roof, furnace, A/C, hot water, countertops, carpet, sod, landscaping, etc. Bonus - Huge 3-season sunroom. (26001987) \$349,900

**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED & UPDATED! Spacious 3BR home in affordable Twin Arbors w/outstanding 12 x 11 sunroom w/Pella windows and doorwall. (26001103) \$209,900

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
Not your average Bungalow! Floor plan has been redesigned, wonderfully unique & functional. New furn, updt kit, wndws, wiring, plumb & crpt & much more. Mstr has nat FP. (25121801) \$134,900

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
Attractive 1.5 story Bungalow in NW Redford. Updates incl: New furn & C/A, windows, roof (tear-off), hwdw flrs, new crpt & paint. Beautiful backyard w/patio, fenced. All appl. stay (26004415) \$105,000

**REDFORD** 248-348-6430  
VERY CLEAN! 1ST FLOOR END UNIT CONDO! Payment lower than renting. Incl: heat/water, newer wndws/roof. New barber crpt, hrdwd flrs in mstr BR w/WIC. Appl. stay. 349-6200 (25140702) \$50,900

**SOUTH LYON** 248-437-3800  
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# EMERGENCE OF IDENTITY THEFT IN JOB APPLICATIONS



**WORKWISE**  
by Mildred L. Culp

Two years ago, Zachary Friesen, age 17, applied for his first job. He was surprised to learn, as part of the application process, that an entry on his credit report indicated that, 10 years before, he'd bought a houseboat. Someone had stolen his identity, never to be found. A college student, he now also speaks to high school students about identity theft on behalf of Qwest Communications, an ISP provider.

Is identity theft a real problem in job hunting? The FBI, according to a spokesman, intends to categorize data in this area. The FTC offers one lone statistic in "Identity Theft Complaint Data," published in 2001. Nine percent of 86,168 ID theft cases reported - 7,755 - involved the use of "personal information to obtain employment."

Judd Rousseau, COO and director of Fraud Operations at Scottsdale, Ariz.'s Identity Theft 911, has been observing significant numbers of "database compromises due to the application process." He won't disclose numbers, he says, "because of privacy."

## APPLICANTS

Entry-level jobs (and many others)

require people to complete applications. "Teens often fill them out in bulk," he states, "with their Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, even photo ID. They put it down without thinking about who they're giving it to and who has access to it once they turn it in. There is a large sense of trust and fear behind not knowing the system. For the first couple of jobs, all they know is that they need the job. Parents are pushing; they need money for college; they worry that 'If I don't fill everything out, I won't get hired.'"

This conundrum mirrors that of job seekers of any age. Should you cooperate? Should you dance around the issues? Should you ignore the question? What's a person to do, whether a teen or an established job seeker?

The FTC recommends straightforward questions covering the need for your Social Security number, its protection by the company, its uses there and the consequences of not providing it. Rousseau advises meeting recruiters represented on a Web site before providing the number: "Then you know they're serious."

Friesen mentions that certain information is necessary for a company to conduct a background check. He asks employers to "be open to the idea that if a teenager says he feels more

comfortable giving it to you in person (rather than online or on paper), after hiring." Ironically, he observes that "teens are becoming more aware but are not sure about how to deal with it with new authority figures." His insights apply across the board.

Job seekers' missteps can create vulnerability to identity theft, he points out:

- pulling out their Social Security card, in full view of others ("Memorize the numbers," he advises, "and put it in a safe or lockbox.");
- failing to ascertain the legitimacy of a Web site (Call someone related to it.); and

- not requesting permission to speak about a job first so that if your identity is stolen, you'll know where it happened.

He also tells teens to check their credit report occasionally to avoid a surprise.

## EMPLOYERS

The ease of identity theft in the hiring process suggests that it's time for companies to review requests for sensitive information of all kinds prior to a tentative hiring agreement. No company can guarantee that its workers won't abscond with information. Every company must focus upon what's relevant and immediately necessary. Pull back. Don't ask applicants to surrender their most personal data before mutual



Zachary Friesen, age 17, discovered that someone had stolen his identity.

interest is even established. Update those forms! When you don't, job seekers must question them as diplomatically as possible. Remember that this is such an emerging trend that people who take your applications may have no idea that identity theft can flourish in the hiring process.

Finally, if Qwest is training high school students about identity theft, companies must train their employees, especially those who hire. Doing so will represent nothing less than a respect for privacy on both sides of the hiring desk, entry-level or not.

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- Salary: \$43,550.

Applications are available and returned completed to: Charter Township of Northville, Human Resource Department, 44005 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168, by 4:00p.m., Friday, February 24, 2006. An Application form is also available on the Northville Township website at [www.twp.northville.mi.us](http://www.twp.northville.mi.us) Resumes without applications will not be accepted. Equal Employment Opportunity

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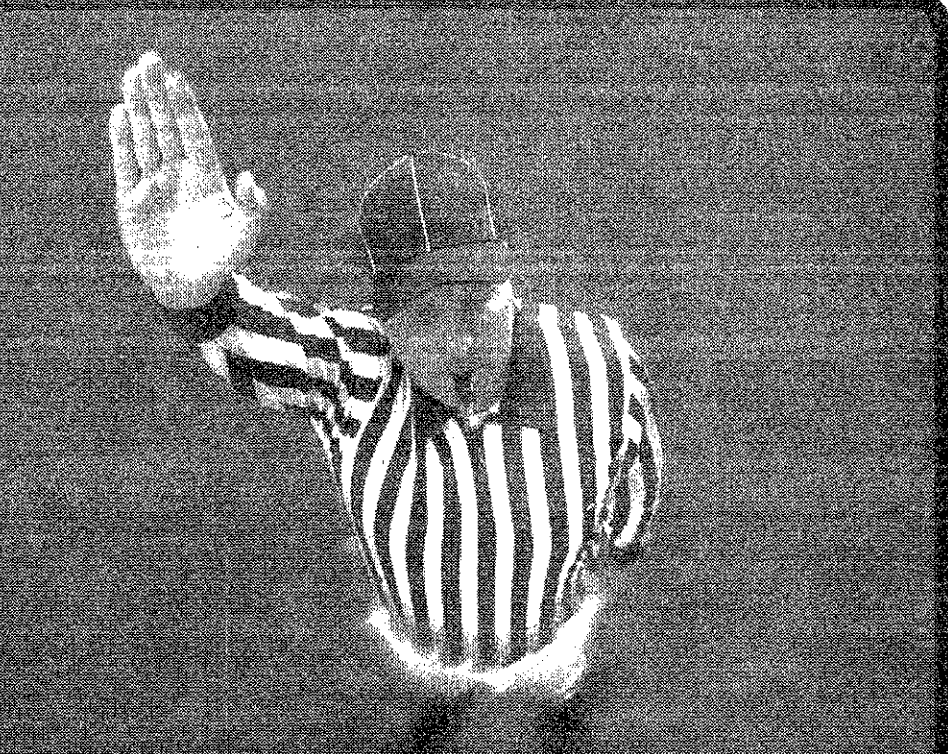
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### Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

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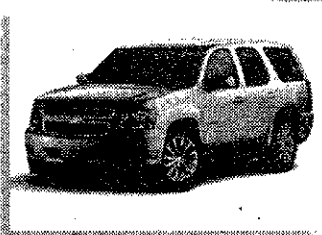


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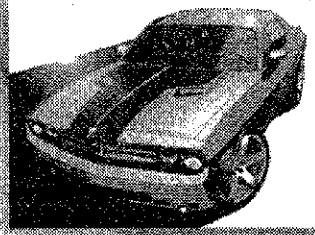


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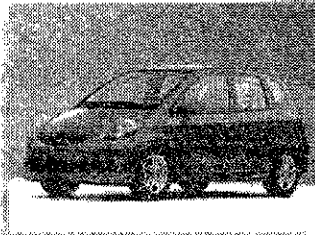
**Ford Edge**  
A crossover with new 3.5-liter V-6 engine, all-wheel drive. Features a fold-down front passenger seat.



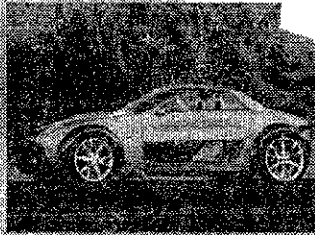
**Hyundai Santa Fe**  
Larger than the current model and adds a third-row seat. Available with either 2.4- or 3.3-liter V6 engines and a five-speed automatic.



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**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.



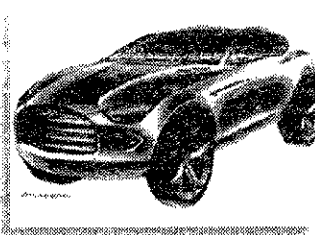
**Nissan Urge Concept**  
Mesh bucket seats, compact F1-style steering wheel. A driver info monitor with built-in parking system powered by iPod. 260.



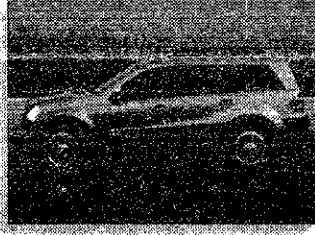
**Chrysler Aspen**  
Chrysler's first SUV. 235 HP V-8 engine. Cool features include remote start, and a Tire Pressure Monitoring system.



**Toyota Camry**  
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**Hyundai HCD-9 Talus Concept**  
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**Nissan Versa**  
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**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.

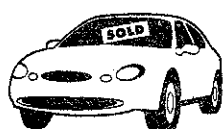
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# The Way Forward with Ford Motor Co.

Advertising Feature

## Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

The Way Forward: It sounds like the title of a best-selling new book. Or maybe one of those comet-whipping cults. But, sadly, The Way Forward is about all that the hundreds of thousands of employees and dependents of Ford Motor Co. - that once-invincible, proud, innovative creator of the global automotive economy - can possibly cling to these days.

This program, of course, is the one that was announced on Monday by Mark Fields, the company's newly ensconced executive vice president, amid the sketches, clay models, computer work stations, investment analysts and journalists that were assembled in Ford's design studio in Dearborn, Oh, and he also announced that The Way Forward would be fueled by a new commitment to make Ford "Red, White & Bold."

"This is where our commitment to see the world through our customers' eyes takes shape, and this is where the future of the Ford Motor Company begins," Fields was scripted to say.

Fields went on to describe how 50 people, over the course of two months, had put together the plan for the Way Forward. Every part of the business was represented, he said, and the team was "told to put everything on the table, start with a clean sheet of paper and to be unconstrained in their thinking." It was "liberating and invigorating," Field reported.

Allowing as how the audience assembled there would be skeptical, Fields went on, promising "a level of candor that you might not have heard from us in the past." He described Ford's goal to slow the rate of loss and stabilize its market share in the near term, to return to profitability in Ford's North American automotive business. "This is not a prediction," Fields said. "It's a promise."

A promise that, by the way, Ford only has a hope of accomplishing after executing Fields' announced plan to cease operations at 14 North American manufacturing facilities by 2012, including seven vehicle-assembly plants, reducing the company's North American manufacturing capacity by 26% by the end of 2008. Plant employment will drop by a breathtaking 25,000 to 30,000 positions.



The 2006 Ford Fusion gets 29 mpg highway and 21 mpg in the city.

Of course, the drastic cutback in operations only will help "right-scale" Ford for its dismal current state and a future that looks to be just as small. The only way that the company has a prayer of being a vibrant company and possibly growing again is to actually execute some of the other steps that Fields outlined.

He said that Ford would retain and strengthen the character of all three of its primary brands: Ford, Lincoln and Mercury. Fields said that Ford would go after the small-car segment as it hadn't in a long time. He said that Ford would quicken its product-development process. He promised that Ford would field more products like the intriguing new Lincoln Zephyr, Lincoln MKX, Mercury Milan and Ford Fusion.

But I remain one of the skeptics that Field admitted would remain skeptical about this plan. I remember reporting about Ford turnarounds twenty years ago, when I was working for The Wall Street Journal and Don Petersen was Ford's CEO. The company had emerged more robustly from the early Eighties recession than GM and Chrysler, and Ford executives were crowing that they'd finally got this car-market thing figured out. They were practically begging for the onset of the next downturn in the market so that they could prove how smart they'd been.

But since then, with brief glimpses of renaissance, Ford's fortunes have only steadily declined. Yes, the

company's manufacturing quality has improved markedly, as has that of everyone in the industry. Indeed, Ford has developed fantastic new credentials as a "green" auto company, what with the grass roof of its renovated River Rouge complex and William C. Ford Jr.'s pledge to be producing 250,000 hybrid vehicles a year by 2010.

And of course, there have been shimmering examples of the possibility that Ford really does get it when it comes to American automotive consumers. F-150 trucks have continued to lead the way in their segment. The new-and-retro Mustang finally gets it right. I've liked the Aviator as a middle-of-the-road-market SUV since its introduction.

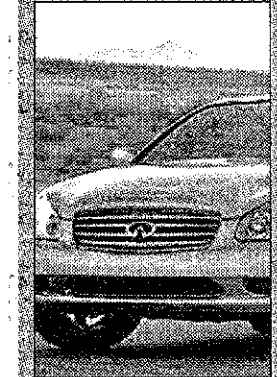
But for the most part, some of the "new solutions" that Fields proposed seem to be rehashes of the old "solutions" that didn't work when they were tried the first time. For example, Fields emphasized a company that will reconnect with what consumers want and emphasize its brands; I thought former CEO Jacques Nasser tried that a few years ago.

Ditto for Fields' promise to recast Ford in the image of Mazda. Ford has been trying to learn from Mazda for years, beginning in the Eighties with the sharing of small-car platforms and with the construction of the Mazda assembly plant in Flat Rock.

"It's about taking back our future," Fields said. But first, Ford has to outlive its past.

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