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## Board to change with no incumbents on school ballot

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

There will be two new members of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education come May 2.

Neither of the two incumbents, Joanne Lamar nor Carol Saunders, will be seeking re-election, leaving eight candidates to battle it out for the two, four-year seats on the board.

"We need a new face on the board to seek additional funding and enhance the curriculum," said 18-year-old Brandon Hynes of Canton Township, a 2005 graduate of Divine Child in Dearborn, and currently a freshman at Wayne State University. "We need to enhance and upgrade our curriculum so every single graduate is amply prepared to tackle higher education or the working world head-on."

Larry Martin of Plymouth Township said he's running because of concerns about the district's operating budget.

"We're facing a real funding crisis from the state, and will need to make some big changes in the next year or two to keep academics going as well as they are now," said Martin.

Mark Christenson of Plymouth Township said he's a candidate because, "My major concern is that young children should have an elementary school within walking distance to their home."

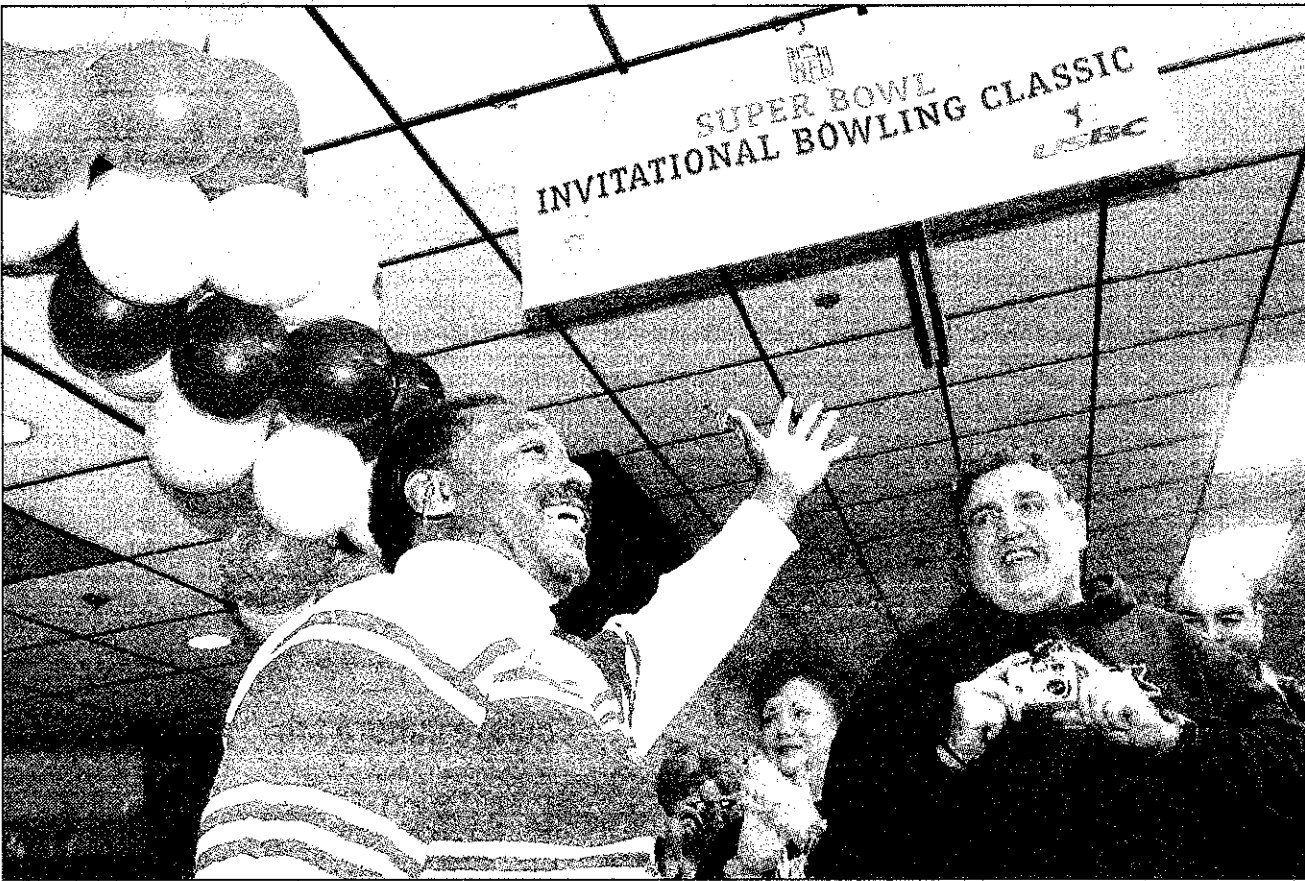
Steven Sneedman of Canton said if elected, he wants future redistricting to deal with increases in enrollment is "sensitive to how they affect our children and families."

The other four candidates include Cheryl McKoy and John Nichols of Canton; and John Jackson and Dianne Gonzalez of Plymouth Township.

Candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday to reconsider and take their names off the ballot.

Lamar is running as a Democrat for the 20th State House seat. Saunders earlier said her decision would be based on family and health issues.

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Famous NFL kick returner Billy 'White Shoes' Johnson was one of the stars of the NFL Bowling Classic on Saturday at Canton's Super Bowl.



Cincinnati Bengals linebacker coach Ricky Hunley paid \$200 to charity for an oversized Super Bowl jersey, then wore it while bowling Saturday.

## Strike!

Canton, Super Bowl earn praise  
for bowling classic

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

While the nation and even the world were lauding the job the city of Detroit did hosting Super Bowl XL, Canton earned a bit of praise for itself for putting on a successful NFL Bowling Classic on Saturday at Super Bowl Lanes.

The NFL-sponsored charity event, which benefited the league's Youth Education Town in Detroit, attracted nearly 50 former and current NFL players, including a number of Hall of Famers, such as Bobby Mitchell, Jan Stenerud, Tom Mack, Charley Taylor and Carl Eller. Other former players included Ed "Too Tall" Jones, Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson and Billy "White Shoes" Johnson. The event also featured several

professional bowlers including Norm Duke and Danny Wiseman, as well as a number of auction items, including signed NFL memorabilia, which also benefited the YET center.

While many locals paid \$750 to get the chance to play with the celebrities, the event also attracted fans from all over the country, including Todd Robinson, who flew in from Atlanta, Ga., after learning about the event on the NFL's Web site. After bowling with the likes of former Miami Dolphins great Larry Little, Robinson had nothing but good things to say about the event and its host.

"It was just an excellent time. I'm a big football fan and a pro bowling fan, so this was just perfect for me,"

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## Boy succumbs to injuries a day after car accident

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

David Enright, 13, of Ypsilanti died Saturday from injuries he suffered in a Friday afternoon car accident on Ford Road in Canton.

Enright, his mother and his sister, were in the family car, a Monte Carlo, at 3:45 p.m. Feb. 3, when the car was struck as it turned left into a driveway on Ford Road just east of Canton Center, according to Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

The car was struck by a pickup truck, driven by a Canton man. He and his female passenger, also from Canton, were uninjured in the crash.

Enright, his mother and sister were transported to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, and Enright was immediately taken by Med Flight to University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. His mother and sister were released from Annapolis right away.

The boy died the next day. "He was, according to his mother, a straight-A student. He was involved in band, and was a religious kid," Pomorski said. "He was just a really nice kid, his mother told us."

Though there will be no autopsy performed, Enright had a broken neck, which was likely the cause of his death, Pomorski said.

No one has been ticketed or charged as a result of the accident, but the investigation is ongoing.

"It's going to take a while before this investigation is done and over with," Pomorski said.

Pomorski said there is no indication that drugs or alcohol played a part in the accident.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## A landmark falls

Last week construction crews began tearing down Center Stage, a longtime fixture on Ford Road, just east of I-275. In its heyday, the venue hosted such acts as The Police, Rodney Dangerfield, The Allman Brothers Band and Grand Funk Railroad. According to township planners, a new 11,200-square-foot strip mall will be erected on the four-acre site. Starbucks will occupy part of the building, which was approved by the township board in September. Construction is expected to begin sometime this spring.

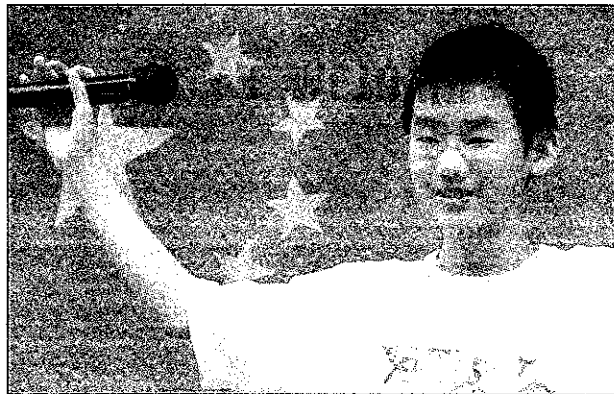
## Student brings Chinese culture to classmates

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

With gifts of Chinese spring rolls, almond chicken, chicken lo mein and other Asian staples — including, of course, fortune cookies — 12-year-old Zhe Fan Zheng introduced traditions of the Chinese New Year to his fifth-grade classmates at Hulsing Elementary. Fan (pronounced

Fahn), as he's known by classmates, described to his friends what it's like to celebrate New Year's in his hometown of Fuzhou, China, located on the southeastern coast between Hong Kong and Shanghai.

"We ate specially prepared dumplings and kids played with fire-crackers," Fan told classmates. "In larger towns, lion dances and dragon dances were taking place.



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Zhe Fan Zheng wishes his Hulsing classmates a happy Chinese New Year. Jan. 29 was the first day of the 'Year of the Dog.'

"This New Year, starting on Jan. 29, is the first day of the year of the dog," he added. "Happy New Year!"

Students and teachers gave Fan an ovation, not so much for what he said, but because the shy,

Chinese-speaking classmate gave his speech in perfect English.

"It was a big accomplishment for him," said Janice Hill, a paraprofessional who helps Fan with

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## Construction site theft seminar

Construction site theft is an ongoing problem for both law enforcement and the construction industry. The Canton Police Department has partnered with Plymouth Township Police, Northville Township Police and Crime Stoppers to present a construction site theft prevention seminar. "We Nail Thieves" is being held Friday, Feb. 24, from 2-4 p.m. at Canton's Summit on the Park.

Officers will teach proven crime prevention strategies that will help prevent theft at job sites, secure heavy equipment and reduce the overall cost of theft. The goal is to create an environment that makes it difficult to steal. This informative seminar is recommended for builders and their management level representatives. Anyone interested in attending should reserve a seat by calling the Canton Police Department's Community Relations Division at (734) 394-5325.

## Book signing

Canton-based poet Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin will be holding a book signing 2-4 p.m. Saturday Feb. 11, at the Book Cellar and Cafe in downtown



Vatcher-Martin

Plymouth, across from Starbucks on Ann Arbor Trail. Her book has more than 50 Haiku poems. She'll have some other poetry gifts for sale as well. She is profiled on TheDetroit.com's literary section for January 2006. Her award winning poem "Woman Reclining" is showcased there.

"I'm looking forward to this book signing. I write Haiku because I enjoy the structure of it. It's neat to express the beauty of nature in a few short words," Vatcher-Martin said. "Haiku is fun to write, and my chapbook is for individuals of all ages."

Martin is the owner of Pero Inc. where she edits manuscripts and works with her clients to help them become published authors. As an adjunct instructor at Schoolcraft College she's taught composition, French, journalism, business English, and technical writing to college students. As a continuing education and professional development instructor, she's designed creative writing and poetry classes. Presently she is offering two creative writing classes at Schoolcraft College.

She can be reached at (734) 397-1626, or by e-mail, Peroinc5@comcast.net.

## Computer seminars

The Canton Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Canton Computers to provide 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.

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 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.

## Relay for Life kick-off

Canton is teaming up with the American Cancer Society to bring the Relay for Life to the community for the eighth year. In preparation for the annual event, Waltonwood at Cherry Hill (42500 Cherry Hill Road) will be hosting a kick-off rally on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. The informational meeting is open to anyone who is interested in participating or learning more about the 24-



HEATHER ROUSSEAU

## A 'Fancy Schmancy' evening

Students from Salem and Canton High Schools and members of the PCEP Improv Club, shown here performing last year, will again present its 'Fancy Schmancy' improv show at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and available at Summit on the Park in advance or at the Village Theater at the door. The all-original sketch comedy show's cast includes Mariel Collins, Marie Dolney, Joe Hingelberg, Lauren Kolde, Kari Lewis, Travis Peltó, and Ted Wakar. For more information, e-mail Evin Green at greene@pccs.k12.mi.us.

hour relay being held on May 20-21 from 10 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Canton's Heritage Park.

With last year's record-breaking \$250,000 in contributions, Canton's Relay for Life event has raised more than \$1 million in the past seven years. Relay for Life is a celebration of life for cancer survivors, a memorial for loved ones lost and a rally for the community to fight cancer.

To RSVP for the kick-off event, please contact Jamie Chapman by Feb. 9 at (248) 483-4320 or via e-mail at jchapman@cancer.org. For more information on the event, call Debbie Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

## Chinese culture fair

A Chinese Culture Fair is planned as part of the Connect with Your Neighbors series sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library.

On Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m., is your opportunity to

experience Chinese culture with demonstrations in several art forms. Mingwei Yao will present origami, the art of paper folding that originated in China around 105 AD. Learn about Chinese calligraphy from Chen Li, the graceful and powerful movements of tai chi, demonstrated by Julie Burt, and penging bonsai, a free form and artistic style of bonsai, by Connie Baillie.

The Connect With Your Neighbor series offers a chance to learn about the many diverse cultures within the Canton community. People of all backgrounds are encouraged to attend.

The Chinese Culture Fair is free and will take place in the library's community room. There is limited seating available, so please register by visiting the library or call (734) 397-0999.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton.

## Winter Fest Carnival

Canton Charter Academy's 8th grade students, along with their parents and teachers, are hosting a winter carnival on Feb. 10, to fund their trip to Chicago. There will be food, fun and games for all ages. Some of the games include, ring the bell, leaping lizard, duck pond, fun walk, football toss, putt-putt golf, hockey shoot, milk the cow and the outhouse. Each game winner will receive a certain amount of gold coin(s), which can be redeemed for various prizes.

Tickets are on sale now at the school. The pre-order price is four for \$1. You can also purchase tickets the day of the carnival, for three for \$1. There will also be a silent auction and raffle taking place during the carnival. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or seven for \$5.

For more information about this event, please contact Karianne Bonello at (734) 453-9517 ext. 134, or via e-mail at 39.kbonello@heritageacademies.com.

## Johnson Creek meeting

The Johnson Creek Protection Group (JCPG) will hold its sixth annual volunteer rally and informational meeting on Monday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. at the Northville Township Hall (44405 Six Mile Road). All parties interested in the Johnson Creek and Rouge River watersheds and local volunteer opportunities are welcome.

The guest speaker will give a presentation on the value of "Native Landscaping and How it Helps Local Water Quality" and the group's Natural Features Committee will follow with an introduction to its new "Native Landscaping Photo Contest."

Refreshments will be served. Contact Demetria Janus at (734) 214-1885 or djanus@stantec.com for more information.

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# Dramatic start-up

## New theater company plans for first production

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

There's a crisis brewing just west of Canton. Actually it's six miles west. And it's not a security breach or anything. In fact it's a mixed blessing of sorts. It's a theater crisis. The emergency is that there simply isn't enough venue space available for the many groups who are involved in community and semi-professional theater.

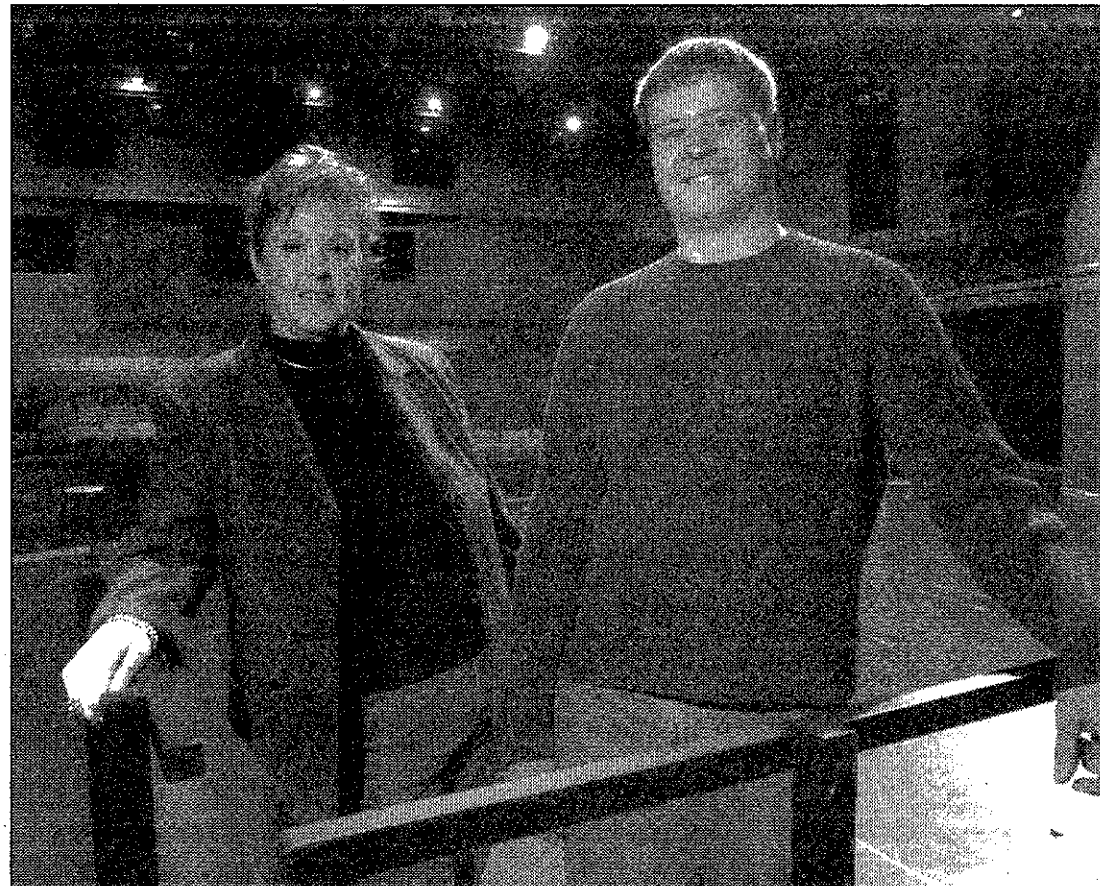
Canton resident Wendy Sielaff and Ann Arbor resident Tiff Crutchfield hope to ease a little of the crisis. They formed a new community theater production group, Destination Theatre, and will hold the groups premiere auditions next week at the Village Theater.

"We had been talking about the possibility of putting something together," said Crutchfield, who has worked with Sielaff for many years.

"But when I saw this theater, that was it. It was perfect," he said of the Village Theater.

The group's first production, *A Chorus Line*, was deliberately chosen because it's more challenging than most community theater groups can convincingly pull off.

"We really fall into the category of semi-professional, except for the money," Sielaff said. "So we wanted our first production to be something that right away establishes us as a quality production company that you don't always get with community theater."



BILL BRESSLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Tiff Crutchfield  
Ann Arbor resident

And that's exactly how they've marketed it while they've been beating the pavement trying to raise the \$8,000 - \$10,000 it will take to get the first production to stage.

"We want the community to have a company that's capable

of producing shows that are worthy of such a beautiful theater," Crutchfield said.

They've got a lot of talent to pull from, he said. Through the years they've established themselves in a pool of about 150 actors, dancers and singers who travel from Jackson to Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores to take part in their productions.

Only the serious need apply, as the schedule can be demanding, Sielaff said.

Four or five nights a week until the performance at the end of April, the cast and chorus will practice at Sielaff's home (a cost-effective venue for rehearsals).

"Basically I have no life until

the end of April. But I'm really OK with that. Theater is my life," Sielaff said.

Auditions will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13 and 15 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

Call backs will be Feb. 16. For more information, visit Destination Theatre's Web site at [www.destinationtheatre.org](http://www.destinationtheatre.org).

Those auditioning are encouraged to bring 16 bars of a song that shows your best vocal range and style, but nothing from *A Chorus Line*. They should also be prepared to dance.

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## Players hope to make Civil War accessible to all ages

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

It was going to be a tough sell for Jennifer Tobin, the stage production of *John Brown's Body*.

As the director of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, she wondered who would be interested in the epic Civil War poem, told against a backdrop of choral music.

"So I met with local Civil War re-enactor groups and historical societies because I knew for sure they would get it. They would have the background to understand all the references and they would appreciate the story," Tobin said.

But then she saw it during a rehearsal night run-through, and changed her mind about it being for special audiences only.

"I would feel totally confident now knocking on my neighbor's door and recommending this production," she said. "I even think that middle schoolers or high school students who are studying the Civil War in school would like it. It's much more accessible than I thought it would be."

She was sure there would be some kind of audience when the curtain rises this weekend. After all, she brought longtime friend Hal O'Leary here from his home in West Virginia to direct and produce and act in the production. She lined up a newly formed choral group with the brand new Destination Theatre. And O'Leary, who has been involved in theater for most of his 80 years, brought with him musical director William Abbott.

But the result has been more

than Tobin had hoped for.

"One of the challenges of this piece is that people considered John Brown to be a crackpot madman," O'Leary said. He was an abolitionist who ultimately martyred himself for the movement, but the story is really not about John Brown at all, O'Leary added.

Instead it follows four people through the war - and the horrors and emotions of it - and in the end it's a story so romantic that O'Leary gets teary-eyed just in its retelling.

"I'm awed by the immensity of this project," O'Leary said.

The performance fits perfectly with the mission of the theater, which from its inception was to bring local, national and regional acts to the Canton community. But it was also a mission to bring smaller or new artist groups to the area.

Destination Theatre's choral group is just part of the mix, she said.

"It's really a very brave thing for them to do," she said, adding that the theater group has not even put on its first musical, and it agreed to do something so non-commercial right out of the gate. "It's really fantastic the way it's worked out."

The performance will be at 8 p.m. Feb. 10 and 11 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased in advance by calling (734) 394-5460 or may be purchased at the door the night of the performance.

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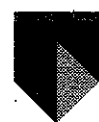
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## BOWLING

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he said. "There are very gracious people here. Very nice. They really went out of their way to do a good job."

Maurice Spencer, a former cornerback with the New Orleans Saints who retired four years ago, said he has participated in other NFL charity events, but none as impressive as the bowling classic.

"They really did a great job setting this up. There was a lot of people and a lot of nice auction items. And it's all for a great cause," he said.

As for his bowling ability, Spencer was less impressed.

"The last time I bowled I

was a little kid. The first 10 tries was all on athletic ability. It was all downhill from there," he joked.

Canton Township trustee Todd LaJoy was one of a number of Canton officials who participated in the event. He said the highlight for him was bowling with "Too Tall" Jones, who, at 6-foot-9, stood out among the crowd at the packed bowling center. LaJoy said the players should be commended for their participation in the event, which he felt really brought Canton a lot of recognition during Super Bowl week.

"This has just been a great event for the Canton community," LaJoy said.

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## STUDENTS

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his English. "We rehearsed for about 2 1/2 weeks. He gave me his information so we could put something together."

Fan enrolled at Hulsing in third grade, and still speaks limited English. Rod Jenkins of Canton Township has volunteered at Hulsing the past 11 years, helping students whose main language is something other than English.

"When I first met Fan, he didn't speak any English," Jenkins said. "A year ago, it was hard to get him speaking at all. He's speaking up a storm now."

"He can read some elemen-

tary second- and third-grade story books," Jenkins added. "He gets about half the comprehension out of it. But it's tremendous progress from what we started with."

Every day, Fan's fifth-grade teacher, Jodi Ring, challenges Fan to learn 15 new English words to boost his vocabulary.

"Sometimes he says, 'Good morning, Mrs. Ring,' and wants to count it as four words," she said. "But, I don't let him do that."

When Ring learned that Fan would be in her classroom, she found a way to immediately make him feel welcome.

"I bought a Chinese flag this summer when I knew he was coming to my classroom," Ring said. "When he saw it, he felt comfortable."

"I knew Fan didn't know a lot of English, but I see some real progress throughout the school year," she added.

Ring has had several students for whom English is their second language.

"In fifth grade, we learn about diversity and different cultures," Ring said. "I want them to be proud of their cultures. I think that's real important."



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Marianne Vesich and Arianna Kurili join the class in offering a spring roll toast to Zhe Fan Zheng and his family.

As part of the Chinese New Year's celebration — one day late — Fan's father and uncle donated nearly a dozen different Chinese foods from their Asian Buffet restaurant in Plymouth Township.

"The food is really good," said Hailee Craig, 10, of Canton, Fan's classmate. "I learned that one of the good colors to wear during the Chinese New Year is red. I was wondering why their New Year

isn't the same as ours."

Dean Gunther, 10, of Canton, said the fact Fan doesn't speak much English isn't a problem, especially during recess.

"Not a lot of people talk on the basketball court, so he kind of fits right in," Gunther said. "He's so tall, he gets all the rebounds."

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# Boosting teen talent

## Show gives kids chance to show off on stage

BY DIANE HANSON  
CORRESPONDENT

Appreciative audiences at Salem auditorium Friday and Saturday nights enthusiastically applauded performances ranging from hard rock to symphony music; ballet to break dancing; and comedy skits to amazing solo vocalists.

The occasion was the annual talent show, "Variety Is...," hosted by the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters and showcasing teen talent from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools.

"There is a long-standing tradition to this," said Booster president Mark Stamper. "It is a very important piece of what we do in giving the kids a great educational experience."

And he should know. Not only does Stamper have a daughter who has gone through the music program at P-CEP, and a son who is now a freshman percussionist in the marching band, but Stamper himself is an alumnus of the music program. He



Morgen Hare's rendition of the theme from Disney's 'Pocahontas' received thunderous applause from an appreciative audience at the 'Variety Is...' talent show at Salem auditorium on Feb. 3.

was in the marching band from 1973 to 1975 under the direction of James Griffith. "Variety Is..." is 30-plus years of a student-run variety show," said Stamper. "The kids

manage it, audition the acts, create the programs and manage the publicity along with some parent support."

Canton senior Liz Jadcak concurred. She served as co-manager of the production along with Salem senior Amber Teunis.

"This is a student-run thing," said Jadcak.

"We started before Christmas laying out the schedules and what was expected for tryouts. We put up flyers for auditions, held the auditions two weeks before the show and last week was all dress rehearsals. This weekend was the show and it went really well."

Teunis pointed out there were many details to consider in addition to the actual production.

"We had to do a lot of paperwork to get the auditorium and the cafeteria on the right dates—right down to making sure we had enough trash cans," Teunis said.

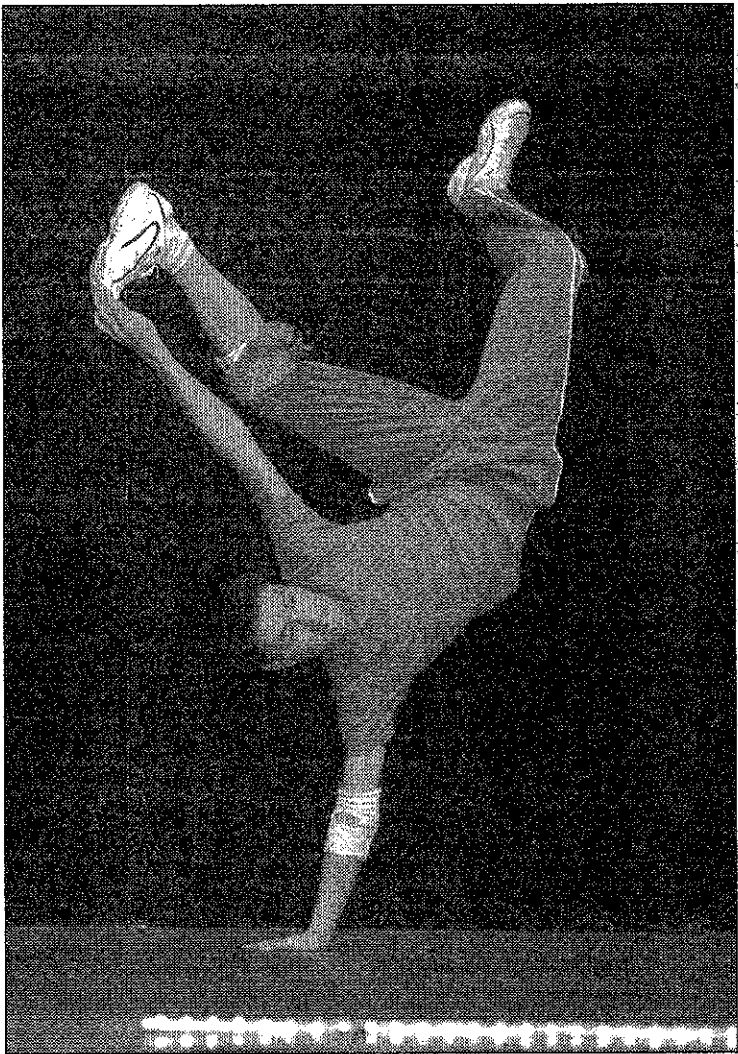
Auditions were open to

students in all schools at the Park and the production featured performances by the P-CEP Concert and Symphony bands as well as the Wind Ensemble. And the 50-member P-CEP Color Guard displayed their dance prowess in a lively number.

Each evening's production concluded with a seat-vibrating performance by the 200-member P-CEP Marching Band recapping their 2005 award-winning competition show, "Performing Inside Out."

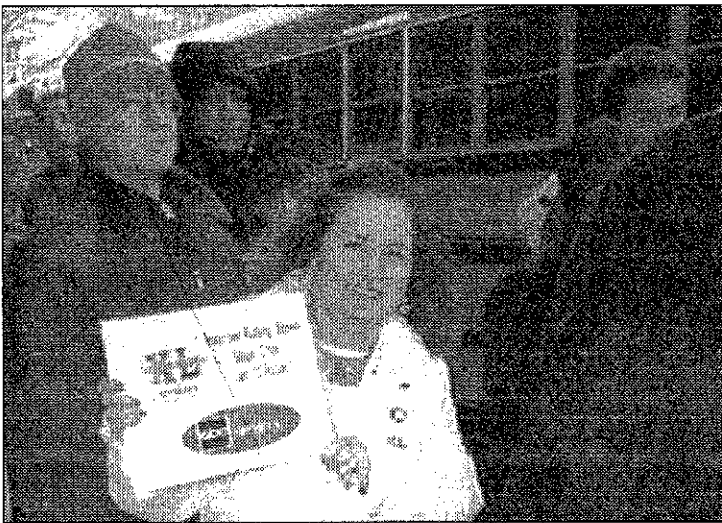
Salem senior Blake Belden, who played baritone with the marching band and served as one of the emcees for "Variety Is..." found his final performance with the band bitter-sweet.

"I didn't think I'd be this sad," he said at the conclusion of the Saturday night show. Although he admitted marching band was very time-consuming, he added, "It was totally worth four years. I think it made me a better person."



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Break dancers, including Salem junior Yuankai Zhou, wowed the crowd at the 'Variety Is...' talent show at Salem auditorium last weekend with their gravity-defying maneuvers.



Canton resident Christine Wofford and her brother were two of the hundreds of volunteers who helped set up the 28 separate pieces of the stage used by the Rolling Stones at halftime of the Super Bowl.

# Local volunteer helps set the stage for the Stones

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

The halftime show at the Feb. 5 Super Bowl left a lot of fans scratching their heads in amazement. No, there were no wardrobe malfunctions. What they wanted to know is, "How did they set up that stage so darn fast?"

Canton resident Christine Wofford knows. She helped do it.

Wofford, and her brother Bruce Jonasz of Novi, were two of the hundreds of volunteers who helped set up the 28 separate pieces of the stage.

"I was part of a 12-man group who took one piece of the stage. It was on a cart and we had to wheel it from the staging area at the Michigan State Fairgrounds," Wofford said.

A police escort took the parade of carts and volunteers down the streets of Detroit to a tunnel at Comerica Park. The crews then had to wheel the carts onto the street and down a tunnel into Ford Field.

"It was really tough because the drop-off from street level to the field is 50 feet and you have to control this cart, which literally weighs a ton," Wofford said.

Wofford and her brother became involved when they

saw an ad in the newspaper. Super Bowl Productions was looking for volunteers to help with the stage set-up and tear-down. They first applied in mid-January, but were told no more volunteers were needed.

"Well, I don't take no very easily," Wofford said, so they showed up at the first rehearsal, and found out they were indeed on the list of volunteers.

From that point on, their lives were for a few weeks turned upside down.

"The scheduling was grueling," she said.

"It was like every other day for hours."

Wofford has a life outside volunteering, and works full-time and is very active at her daughter's school. The practices were in Pontiac, and often ran late into the night. After a little post-practice socializing and the long drive home, often Wofford didn't hit the hay until after midnight.

But it was worth the effort, even though the crews didn't get to stay in Ford Field to watch any of the game.

"It ended being very fun," Wofford said. "A lot of fun and a lot of work."

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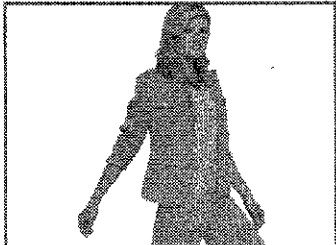


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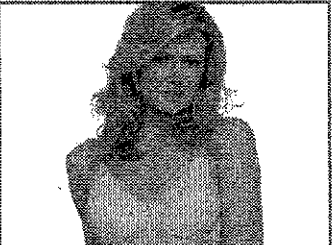
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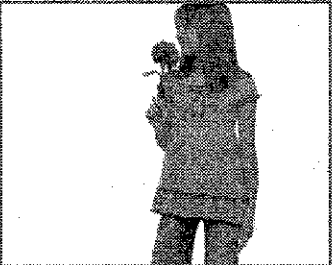
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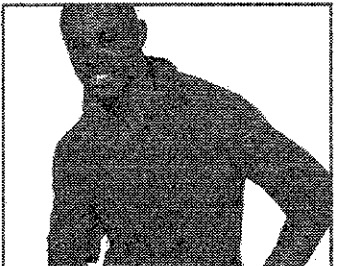
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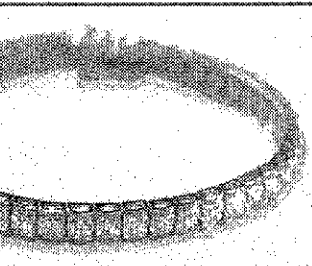
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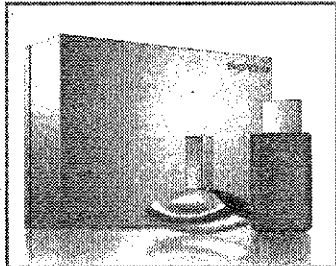
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# LOOKING



Programs fill the air to mark the start of Super Bowl XL at Ford Field in downtown Detroit.

## SBXL was super for suburbs

Super Bowl XL is history. And although most of the activities surrounding the big game took place in Detroit, suburban communities joined in the fun and reaped the economic benefits, according to early reports.

Hotels in Livonia and elsewhere along I-275 were booked solid with more than 2,000 media representatives from around the world.

"The hotels had a great week because in many cases they had guests all week since we had media based hotels. The hotel bars and restaurants had a considerable spike in business. By the weekend, the bars in the Marriott and Holiday Inn were packed," said Wes Graff, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and a media super captain.

In Troy, Usher, the actor/singer, was one of several high-profile shoppers who saw Somerset as a point of interest, according to Jim Westcott, the mall's general manager.

"Usher — he was here late Saturday afternoon," he said. "And he had quite a large following."

But the crowd of admirers who followed the singer around the mall kept their distance. Usher, meanwhile, loaded up with essentials at Neiman Marcus and Gucci, among others.

"He was a good shopper," Westcott said.

Canton Township's Super Bowl hosted the Super Bowl NFL Charities Bowling Classic. NFL celebrities bowling for charity included Pro Football Hall of Famers Bobby Mitchell, Jan Stenerud, Bill Dudley, Tom Mack, Charley Taylor and Carl Eller, and three former players known as much for their nicknames as for their talents on the gridiron: Ed "Too Tall" Jones, Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson and Billy "White Shoes" Johnson.

Marquis Foodservice of Westland catered the Playboy party for 2,000 people last Saturday at the Coleman A. Young International Airport.

"Everything just went great," Marquis owner Scott Winfrey said. "The clients were super happy."

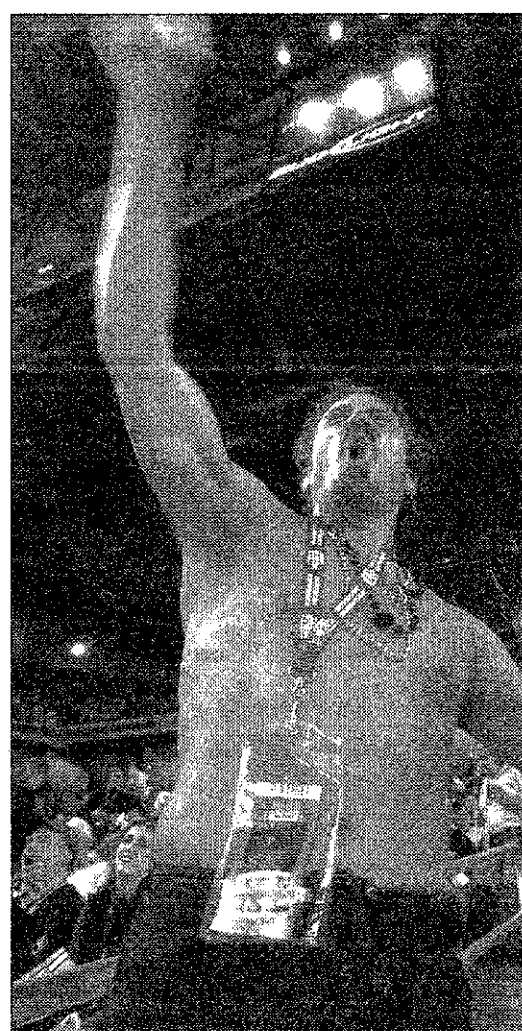
Marquis had 120 workers at the party, and one of the most popular items served was lobster lollipops with dipping sauces. "We made over 1,000 portions, and within three hours those were gone," Winfrey said.

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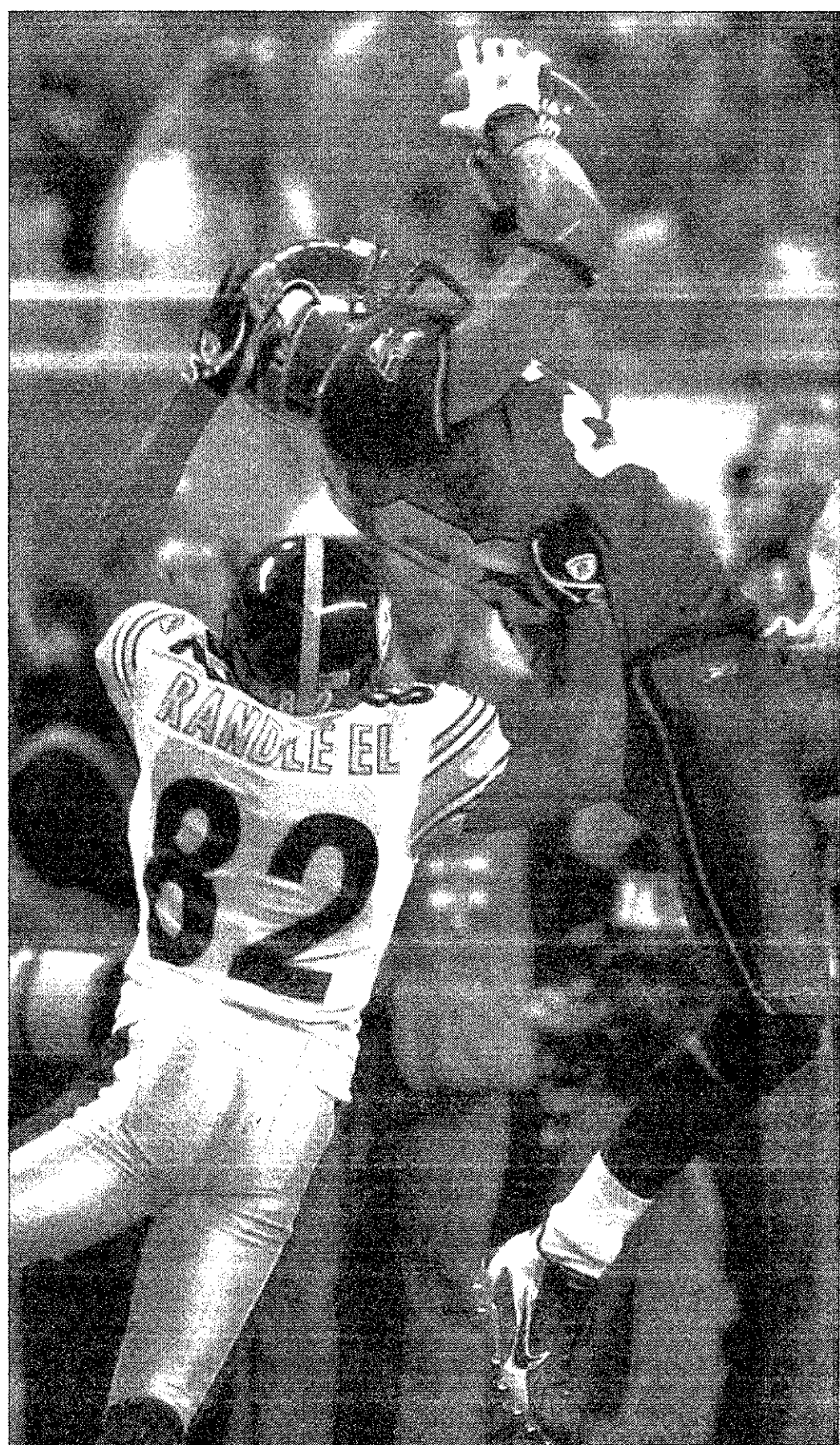
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Pittsburgh Steelers fan Howard Whitmore of Huntington Beach, Calif., erupts with excitement as the Steelers score their third touchdown on their way to winning Super Bowl XL.



John Nigro of Pittsburgh, Pa., shows his excitement as the final minutes tick off the clock to give the Steelers the victory.



Pittsburgh receiver Antwaan Randle El hits Seattle strong safety Michael Boulware as he intercepts a Pittsburgh pass during the second quarter of Super Bowl XL.



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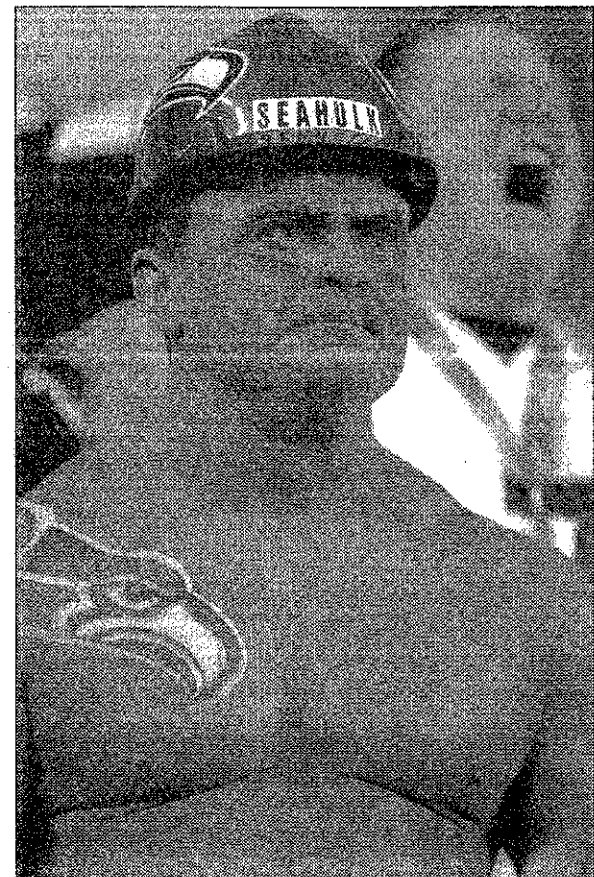
# GOING BACK



Ford Field in downtown Detroit filled to capacity for the kickoff of Super Bowl XL.



Fans make their way along the concourse of Ford Field trying to find their seats hours before the start of the game.



Surrounded by screaming Steelers fans, Tim Froemke, aka 'The SeaHulk' shows a little concern about Seattle's performance.



Eric Winecoff of New Jersey comes into Ford Field gathering support from fellow Steelers fans before the start of Super Bowl XL.



Stephanie Meyer of Pittsburgh dances in the aisles while the Rolling Stones play their halftime performance.



Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones struts his stuff on stage during the group's Super Bowl XL halftime performance.



## Services held for Duane Suess

Duane Suess, a Westland father of two whose battle with cancer stirred emotions and drew support from many communities, died Saturday at the Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit. He was 30.

Mr. Suess, a carpet installer, had fought a painful battle against a form of head and neck cancer that is rare for someone his age.

His story was detailed in the *Observer* in October to promote a fund-raiser organized by his mother, Jeannie Mazur.

Mr. Suess' situation brought in prayers, cards and financial donations from many communities and prompted one company to adopt the family and buy gifts last Christmas.

Services were Tuesday at Griffin Funeral Home in Westland. The Rev. Drexel Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton officiated.

Survivors include his wife, Stacy; daughter Kayla; son Kyler; two brothers, Jake Lawson and Adam Lawson; and two sisters, Amy Martin and Julie Lawson.

## Foundation's scholarship program will award more than \$40,000

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

More than \$40,000 worth of college scholarships are ready for the students who want to claim them. The deadline to apply for the Canton Community Foundation scholarship program is March 3.

"There are 34 scholarships, ranging from \$300 to \$2,000 per year," said Loren Wadington of the foundation.

But they're not just for college-bound high school students. And they're not just for Canton residents.

"Some are for graduating seniors, others are for older students returning to school," Wadington said. She added that of the 34 scholarships available through the foundation, only 10 are solely for Canton residents. The rest are up for grabs for any student residing in the Plymouth-

Canton Community Schools district.

And they're not all foundation scholarships. The foundation partners with other organizations such as Eastern Michigan University, Lawrence Technological University, and University of Michigan, providing matching funds for 13 scholarships.

The rest are offered by independent groups such as Kiwanis Club, Jack Demmer Ford, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Garden Club.

The foundation serves as a clearinghouse, of sorts, for the many different scholarships. The foundation administers the scholarships by way of a committee.

The committee is made up of a school counselor or teacher, and at least three residents of the community, who review each application to determine

who most closely matches the criteria for each award.

"Because there are so many scholarships, and most are not for huge amounts, it's easier for the providers to let us handle awarding the scholarships," Wadington said.

For example, she said, Jack Demmer Ford offers a \$500 scholarship.

"They don't want to have to review all the applicants because they're not really in that business, but they want to give something to the community. So we handle the specifics for them," she said.

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### DEATHS

**B**  
**Maurice Clinton Beers**  
Beers, 92, died.

**C**  
**Paul D. Carter**  
Carter, 96, of Dearborn, died Jan. 27.  
**Charles E. Childs**  
Childs, 87, of Plymouth, died Feb. 2.

**K**  
**Helene G. Kvet**  
Kvet, 88, died Feb. 6.

**M**  
**Katy Lee Howell Lett**  
Lett, 80, of Birmingham, died Feb. 6.

**P**  
**William "Mike" McNeil**  
McNeil, 54, of Romulus died Jan. 30.

**R**  
**Laura Anne Polakowski**  
Polakowski, 42, of Franklin, died Feb. 5.

**S**  
**William E. Ramsay**  
Ramsay, 54, died Feb. 5.

**W**  
**Dolores R. "Laurie" Seregny**  
Seregny, 78, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 5.

**Z**  
**Jerome William Webb Sr.**  
Webb died Feb. 3.

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**Gary F. Zatorski**  
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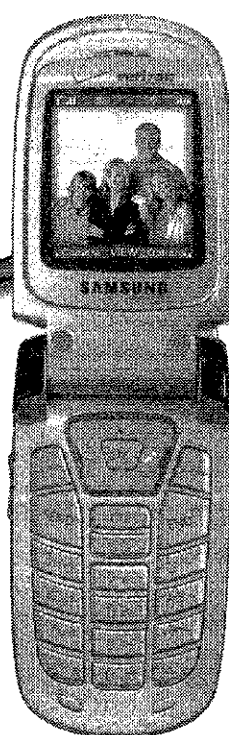


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# New Schoolcraft building puts emphasis on math, science

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

Responding to a renewed emphasis on math and science education, Schoolcraft College will break ground in early fall on a \$12.5 million biomedical technology building.

On Jan. 26, the state approved funding for construction.

The building will be financed with \$5 million in state funding, leaving the college obligated for \$7.5 million.

The new facility is scheduled to open in fall of 2008.

"We've been saving, mostly from our two developments, College Park development and the Seven Mile Crossing development," said Jill O'Sullivan, Schoolcraft vice president and chief financial officer.

She said the developments adjacent to the college's campus on Haggerty Road in Livonia have been successful in providing revenue.

"It's providing money for the college when state appropriations are going down," she said. "It's really good timing. As state funding started declining, that money came to fill the gap. It didn't totally fill the gap, but at least it helped so our hit wasn't as drastic."

The biomedical technology building is in response to a new emphasis on science and health education programs at the college. It will be on the campus' Fox Drive and situated to link the Forum, which now houses many science classes, and applied science, which houses the recently renovated nursing lab.

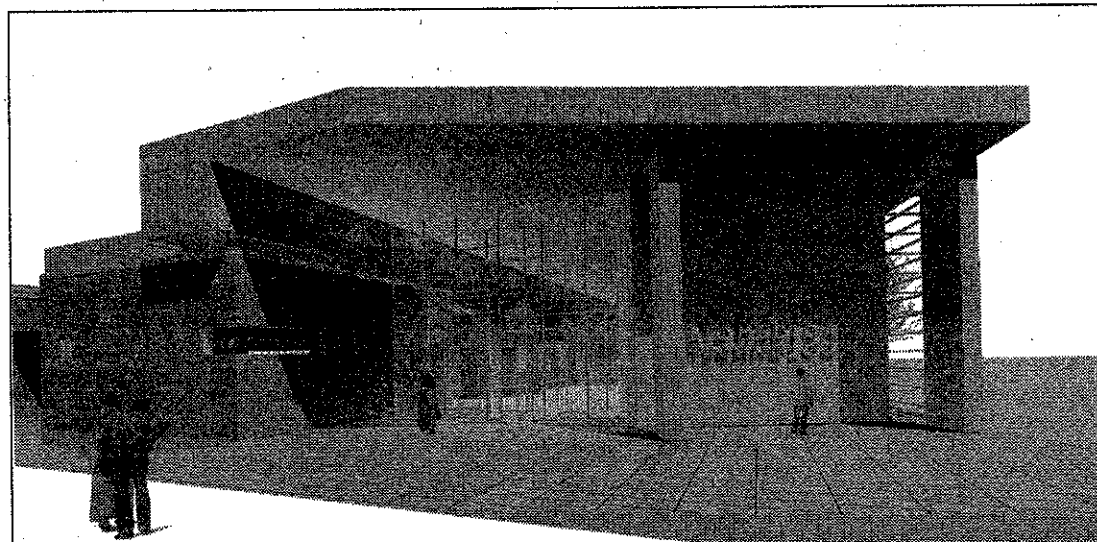
"We hope to have a synergy with these three buildings," O'Sullivan said.

In addition, math classes will be moved from the liberal arts building.

The new building is also a response to a swelling enrollment.

The college announced a record credit enrollment for this winter term of 10,609 students. The college also provides continuing education for another 20,000 students.

"We have a good problem — we have a lack of space," O'Sullivan said. "This winter



The Biomedical Technology building, designed by DSA Architects, will provide classroom space for math, science and health classes. The college will break ground on the new facility in the fall.

semester we had a 7-percent increase in enrollment, so that's wonderful."

She said the new building will not only provide more needed classroom space, but also provide for "a means to deliver different instructional programming."

"Math, technology, science, that's what we're stressing. It's important. That's what our society is going to need," O'Sullivan said.

## TEAM LEARNING

The biomedical technology building is being designed by DSA Architects of Berkley.

The building will contain a biomedical lab, 16 classrooms and four science labs. A committee from the college is working with DSA partner and project manager Janice Suchan.

The committee includes Bob Wielechowski, executive director of facilities; Denise Sigworth, dean of instruction; Bruce Sweet, associate dean of business and technology; and Monica Sullivan, associate dean for sciences.

"Our design process is inclusive and collaborative, including involvement from the college administration, facilities, faculty and staff groups," Suchan said in an e-mail response. "We work as a team with our clients to develop cost-effective, functional and innovative solutions. From a project's inception through to

completion, all disciplines are integrated to provide well-coordinated, professional service."

Suchan said the new building is being designed to promote "team and project-based learning."

"It is often referred to as 'inquiry based learning,' which means using multidisciplinary, hands-on, minds-on discovery methods for teaching science," she said. "This creates a design challenge of providing learning spaces that inspire collaborative work, and are flexible enough to allow for the growth and change of future technologies."

O'Sullivan said a V-shaped layout will allow for many windows and scenic views of the retention pond near the school's day care center. Suchan said the windows also have a positive effect on learning.

"Many studies have shown that natural light has a positive impact on learning environments, and daylighting is also a key component in sustainable design," she said. "Our design will achieve both with direct light from windows in the classrooms as well as indirect light from clerestory windows above the corridors and teaming spaces."

DSA Architects specializes in educational facility design and has done projects for more than 60 percent of public colleges and universities in Michigan, Suchan said.

Current projects include the Central Michigan University College of Education and Human Services Building, the Lansing Community College University Center building and the Jackson Community College Information and Technology Center building.

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The Friends of the Rouge is seeking volunteers for its ninth annual survey of frogs and toads in the wetlands within the Rouge River Watershed.

The survey is to provide up-to-date knowledge of the frog and toad species that inhabit the Rouge River watershed and to educate residents of the watershed about the importance of wetlands.

Locations must be in wetlands within the Rouge River Watershed which includes 48 communities in west Detroit and its north and west suburbs.

Volunteers need no prior experience but must attend one two hour training workshop and learn eight breeding calls from a CD that is provided. All materials are provided. Surveys are conducted independently on damp warm evenings, several times a month beginning in March and ending in July.

The survey is an opportunity to spend time with family and friends outdoors learning about local wildlife. Families, students, seniors

and others are encouraged to sign up. Pre-registration for workshops is required by calling (313)792-9621 or e-mailing [picoordinator@therouge.org](mailto:picoordinator@therouge.org). Please provide your full name, address, phone and e-mail and which workshop you would like to attend.

Workshops are scheduled for:

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■ 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 4, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia

■ 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Environmental Interpretive Center, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn

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# Observer OPINION

## OUR VIEWS

### Growth Works works for youth

Frankly, we aren't sure whom to congratulate first, the young people turning their lives around through the programs at Plymouth-based Growth Works, or the folks running the Growth Works program themselves.

So we'll settle for congratulating both.

It's a question that resembles the "chicken or the egg" discussion. Does Growth Works work because of people like Kristen Persh of Westland, who came to the program needing help to get sober and was recognized last week for the help she doles out to others? Or because someone like Danny Daniels of Plymouth, a certified EMT who carries a 3.89 grade-point average and plans to go to nursing school?

Or can people such as Twila Murphy and Cynthia Whisler of Canton mark one year of sobriety because of programs offered by Growth Works, which offers youth assistance and drug programs to troubled youth in Plymouth, Canton and most of western Wayne County?

The work done by executive director Dale Yagiela and his people is extraordinary. They create an environment that allows troubled young people to develop and grow, to learn how to make better decisions and to alter the destructive paths their lives have taken prior to finding Growth Works.

Growth Works' reach is impressive. At last week's recognition dinner, Yagiela outlined services including Youth Assistance, which offers early intervention for young people referred by district courts, schools and others. Chemical Dependency is one of the largest programs in Michigan, serving more than 400 young people last year. There's a Canton-based Adult Intensive Outpatient Program.

School-based programs in Inkster and South Redford offer in-school suspension, truancy-help, social workers and more. The CMO started in 2000 and assists young people convicted of felonies and those placed on probation.

Of course, it's not all Yagiela. He gets a lot of help from people such as Sgt. John Hoak, an 18-year veteran of the Westland Police Department; Tom Doetsch, for work as family court referee and advocate for youth and family; and from Al Wilkerson, a Romulus Community Schools administrator who works with students who have difficulty in a traditional school setting.

Wilkerson, who will retire this June, was praised last week for focusing on young people's strengths. "Sometimes students just need another chance," he said.

He's right, of course. But for the sentiment to be turned into tangible success, they also have to want it bad enough to work hard for it. It takes two sides: One to provide the foundation, the other to grab hold and not let go. Growth Works has plenty of both.

### Super Bowl success can lead to new spirit of cooperation

Now what?

That's what power brokers in southeast Michigan and Lansing should be asking themselves as the final remnants of Super Bowl XL are crated up and hauled away.

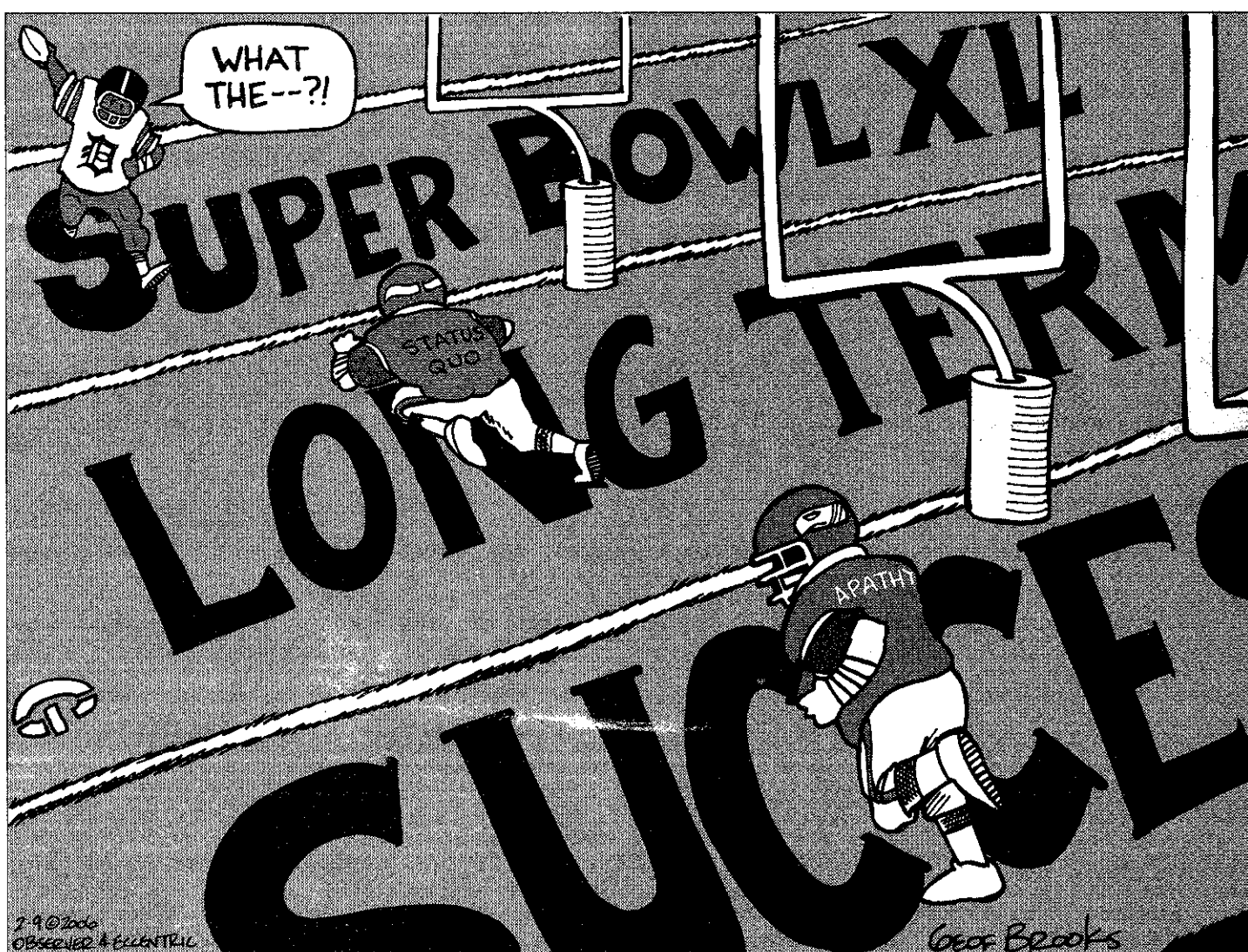
There is no disputing the week-long event was an unqualified success for the city of Detroit, the entire metropolitan region, the state of Michigan and the National Football League. Roger Penske — who worked tirelessly as chairman of the Michigan Host Committee, promoting not only the Super Bowl, but the Detroit region — deserves high praise and thanks.

The same is true of the 8,000 volunteers, the majority from the suburbs, who set aside past feelings and embraced the city of Detroit. Without their efforts, Super Bowl week would not have been so memorable.

Now, the challenge facing the region is how do we build on this momentum? How do we keep suburbanites and outside investment streaming into downtown Detroit?

It will take a lot of hard work and regional cooperation. News Monday that the very successful Motown Winter Blast will be turned into an annual event is a good start. It will keep remnants of the Super Bowl Host Committee engaged, and hopefully the group will evolve into a regional force to deal with other important issues like developing an effective regional transportation system, and dealing with the water and sewer system.

For his part, Mr. Penske indicated he would be willing to play some role in continuing the momentum. Given the success of Super Bowl XL, we should take him up on his offer — and fast.



### McClendon's legacy lives on

With genuine sorrow, and grateful remembrance, I read Tony Bruscato's fine article on a great man who left an indelible mark on our schools, Edwin J. McClendon. His personal dedication is a model for us all. It is fully appropriate that the Plymouth-Canton school district's headquarters were named for him even while he lived. It was well-deserved recognition. In my book, he was a true American hero.

It is my hope that many *Observer* readers will be led to make contributions to the special fund in E.J.'s name through the Schools' Educational Excellence Foundation. Were he still with us, he would say it was the best way to honor his memory. Students will continue to benefit from his labors of love for years to come.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson  
R-Canton Township

### Immigrants need help

I was deeply distressed to read the commentary by Peggy Robichaud on illegal aliens in the Jan. 26 edition of the *Canton Observer*. I do understand each of her points but find it distressing that she reduces her language to that of war waging by calling it an "invasion" of our country. This has the smell of the current language that says all our problems stem from terrorist threats to our country. We can too quickly fall into the trap of not treating people with fundamental human dignity when we use this type of language. We create a threat that is not proportion to the reality of the situation.

I believe we have a duty to stand in solidarity with people from these destitute countries. I also believe we have a duty to hospitality for those who cannot make a decent living in their own lands. While I do strongly believe migrants should be afforded the right to make a decent living and raise their families in their own lands, I know in reality that is not the case. I believe the good people of the Earth belong to all peoples and should be shared when it is not possible for people to sustain their families or a life of dignity in their home lands.

I have traveled to El Salvador twice in the last year and spent time in the NEZA dumps outside Mexico City. The conditions I saw and worked in left me with no doubt that the families living there are struggling to maintain basic human needs. We have an obligation to stand in solidarity with them and to share our goods. Sometimes this means our tax dollars being paid for welfare, medical expenses and education for them and their children.

I recommend a recent film made by Gerry Straub, titled *Endless Exodus*, for anyone who is interested in getting a perspective on what life in these two countries is like.

the Rev. Donald Leach  
Canton

### Scrap rental inspections idea

Perhaps because they have little else to do and just want to pull in a little overtime and

have the trustees take a few hundred for showing up at another meeting, the Canton Charter Township Board of Trustees is looking into inspecting rental properties by the Municipal Services Department.

To get a perspective, the Municipal Services Department is the same department ultimately responsible for the ridiculous state of traffic on Ford Road and Michigan Avenue, the cracking cement roads scattered through the township, the unpaved roads like Lotz and sidewalks that have been carefully labeled with "Sidewalk Ends" signs.

The inspection of rental properties will ultimately lead to higher rents being charged. This is another tax being proposed — like the hiking of water bills, sewer bills, cable access charges and the torrent of bills forced on private business in the township.

Times are hard. Why allow government to expand and interfere with private lives in order to ensure their own employment?

Alfred Brock  
Canton

### Multiculturalism is albatross

Regarding the article, "Board doesn't reflect growing diversity," I would like to propose a fresh view.

I believe our over-concern for representing different ethnic groups has become an albatross to our society. Let me explain.

We are Americans. That is our nationality. Even if we have legal immigrants in our township, being that they have come to this country, we have the expectation that they have a desire to learn English and become American citizens. It is critical to our very existence as a country that newcomers assimilate and become a cohesive part of our society.

We need to concentrate on our similarities. Families involved in the school system have children they want to raise and educate. It doesn't matter what color, religion or ethnic background they are. People need to work together, regardless of those differences. And with the exception of a very few, people do.

Do we need a board member to represent each diverse group? A Muslim? A black? A Pole? A Jew? A homosexual? An Irishman? A Greek? A Native American? A person with a learning disability? Should we divide the board and require half to be male and half to be female? With a board of seven people, this is not feasible, nor desirable.

I do not believe that any person, regardless of their race or ethnicity who volunteers for the school board would not willingly and knowingly represent every student in the district equally. It doesn't matter. They are all children and that is all they are when it comes to school. And if one board member did not do that job, they would be voted out of office.

Teachers and administrators should be hired solely on their ability to do the job. The mix of ethnic groups will naturally happen. But our goal is to have the best employees. Period. Hiring on ethnicity simply means we care more about their ethnicity than their ability to do the best job possible. We short change our children.

The concept of multiculturalism is fracturing our society. When we concentrate on our

differences, it only divides us. As Abraham Lincoln said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." We need to be united.

Let us all remember that we may have come from somewhere else, but today we stand shoulder to shoulder, raising the next generation and making the United States a great place to live. We are human, we are Michiganders and we want the best for our kids. That is what it is all about.

Peg Robichaud  
Canton

### Thanks, Dr. Ryan

On behalf of the Canton Newcomers, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Jim Ryan, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Schools, for being our special guest speaker at our general meeting held Feb. 1. The public was invited to ask questions of Dr. Ryan and also learn more about the best-kept secret in Canton — the Newcomers Club, a social, civic and charitable organization whose motto is "where neighbors become friends."

At our meeting, Dr. Ryan explained exactly what is being asked for in both upcoming bond initiatives. His willingness to answer question after question, tough ones included, was greatly appreciated by our membership and guests. It was a great opportunity to meet this community leader up close and personal. We learned that information about the bond vote will be available on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Web site in the near future (<http://www.pccs.k12.mi.us>).

If you are interested in meeting new people, please join us at the next Newcomers general meeting Wednesday, March 1. We meet at 7 p.m. at the Hanford Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford, which is west of Canton Center, between Woodmere and Weathersfield. Our welcoming committee will greet you at the door. An abundance of socializing and an activity with prizes is on our agenda for that evening.

Reach us on the Web at [newcomers.angelcities.com](http://newcomers.angelcities.com) or call (734) 495-0520 with any questions. And just a reminder, you don't have to be "new" to be a "Newcomer."

Lauren Poulos  
Canton

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"I was somewhat disturbed by the number of times she used 'fight' — I think the most frequently used word in the speech — rather than urge collaboration in problem solving. She could have reached into the crowd, I think, to name more than a single representative's legislation, drawn someone in from the other party, if she was truly serious about 'putting aside partisanship.'"

— State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, commenting on the content of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's recent State of the State address



# Airport City development is one that could fly high

**D**reaming of good jobs and new big-time economic development in Michigan?

Here's a vision for you:

Imagine it is 2016 and an entirely new community, Airport City, has turned into Michigan's most rapidly growing town.

The town was established by state law as a special multi-transportation port authority, framed by air passenger service at Detroit Metropolitan Airport on the east and freight facilities at Willow Run Airport on the west. Now, in less than a decade, it has mushroomed from largely undeveloped land into a thriving area with 20,000 residents and more than 100,000 jobs.



Phil Power

Quick and economical transportation has long been a necessary part of any economic development strategy. Airport City offers a remarkable combination of air (two first-class airports), road (it's adjacent to the intersection of I-94 and I-275) and rail (a line connecting Chicago with Detroit runs along the northern boundary). Finally, water is nearby as well. The Port of Detroit offers easy shipping access to the entire Great Lakes basin and, through the St. Lawrence Seaway, to the Atlantic Ocean.

And there's more. Offering more than 7 million square feet of first-class office space, together with warehouses and advanced laboratory and assembly facilities depending on its transportation assets, Airport City has become a diversified economic powerhouse.

In a breathtakingly short time, it has turned around Michigan's manufacturing job losses of the early 21st century and become the keystone of the state's emerging economic renaissance.

I could go on, but you get the general idea.

The Aerotropolis/Airport City idea came one step closer to reality late last month, when a design workshop pulled together 75 architects, urban planners, economic development and local government officials and academics and students from the University of Michigan's Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.

Together, they worked all weekend to study the site's potential. The event (called a "charrette," from the French word for "wagon," but meaning "an intensive workshop and brainstorming session") is intended to jump-start public and private development in the area.

Eventually, three design teams submitted the results of their work at a public hearing. All envisaged Ecorse Road becoming a wide boulevard running the length of Airport City like a spine. And all saw the existing railroad tracks to the north as providing the potential for a

core public transit resource.

Airport City would bring workers from throughout southeast Michigan to the area and link them via light rail, bus and expanded People Mover connections to various parts of the city.

One group even imagined "jetominiums," apartments and meeting spaces easily accessible to families and executives by air.

John Kasarda, head of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at the University of North Carolina, is a world expert on how airports spark economic development. His verdict: the potential of the area between Detroit Metro and Willow Run "is the greatest in the world."

Kasarda pointed to similar developments that have driven job growth and economic development at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam, in Dallas-Fort Worth and on Lantau Island next to the new Hong Kong International Airport.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who joined officials from Washtenaw County, Belleville, Romulus, Taylor, Ypsilanti and Huron and Van Buren Township, called the Airport City idea "the largest economic development project in the history of Michigan."

Others pointed to the unprecedented cooperation among local authorities, who joined together to foot the bill for the charrette.

Ficano also noted that up to now, "Everybody has been wringing their hands, saying that Airport City is a great idea, but not doing very much. This charrette is a way to get some momentum going, to show a concrete vision of what this area could become in the relatively near future."

Wayne County's top man is exactly right. I came away from the event enthused at the enormous potential — and irritated at the slow pace of progress. I don't understand, for example, why Gov. Jennifer Granholm, facing a tough election campaign that will focus on Michigan's lagging economy, has soft-pedaled her support for the potentially single largest economic development project in our history.

There are a lot of naysayers, of course. One Lansing insider sniffed, "Too many moving parts," while another commented, "It takes forever to get anything done in Wayne County."

That has been true in the past. But now, with local government officials coming together and exciting development concepts on the drawing board, the ingredients seem in place.

What Airport City needs now is a push from the top to fulfill its enormous potential. Gov. Granholm, your move.

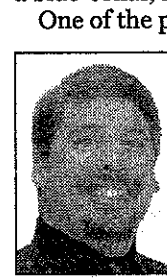
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# Is it possible for area to keep the Super Bowl ball rolling?

**R**eflections on Super Bowl week ...

I attended two Super Bowl-related events downtown this last week, wanting to get a feel for how the rest of the world was embracing our city. The response I received from out-of-towners was near-unanimous in its praise for how Detroit was handling the big event.

Most of my conversations were with media types. The majority admitted to having at least a wee bit of skepticism about hosting the second largest sporting event on earth in a blue-collar, northern city.



Joe Bauman

One of the people I chatted with at length was Ross MacIntosh, a camera operator from a news service based in Scarborough, Ontario. MacIntosh said he had no worries about the weather given his own hometown, but was curious to see what the atmosphere would be in Detroit, so close to so much bad news and job losses in the auto industry.

Instead of encountering glum faces and hard feelings, MacIntosh said he was "blown away" by the reception he received from the army of Super Bowl ambassadors in their blue and red jacket jostling for position to help him.

"Actually, it seems like the city is almost trying too hard to put on a good face," he said at last Tuesday's media party at the Fox Theatre. "It's a little over the top."

The comments by MacIntosh were echoed by several others I talked with Tuesday night, and again at a reception hosted by Cadillac the next evening at the terrific Seldom Blues restaurant in the Ren Cen.

The point was driven home by Peter King, senior writer for *Sports Illustrated*, who moderated a panel discussion between five former Super Bowl MVPs.

Welcoming the guests, King assured us the worldwide media was "deliriously happy to spend a week in Detroit in the middle of the winter," adding, "Don't worry. It's all good."

It got me thinking about whether it was possible for a city and region to try too hard to be welcoming, and for its ambassadors and everyday people to be too nice in greeting our guests.

Even if it is, I don't think it's such a bad thing to be known for.

A subplot that is emerging from Super Bowl week is how metro Detroiters are reacting to the city's efforts. People can't say enough about how good downtown looks, how clean downtown looks, how inviting downtown looks. Count me among them.

And while many politicians seem obsessed with making a good showing for strangers, I

think the real potential here is making a lasting, positive impact on the city's suburban neighbors.

Which begs the next, and most important, question: If the city center can look so good for Super Bowl week, why can't it look like that all the time? Why can't the streets be clean and the buildings free of graffiti? Why can't the street lights be on and the storefronts filled?

Hopefully, this experience will cause Detroit residents themselves to demand more from their city government, and it will draw desperately needed investment capital from the suburbs to keep the momentum going. It takes a lot of dough to keep streets clean, lights on, trash picked up and storefronts filled.

If that's what the region really wants for its central city, it's time to seize the moment, roll up sleeves, open wallets and get down to business.

Of course, in order to be successful, city and suburban leaders will have to work together to solve challenges like developing a regional transportation system, improving, expanding or replacing Cobo Hall and solving other infrastructure challenges.

Unfortunately, the deep-seeded mistrust and animosity between city and suburban leaders was readily apparent when, over a two-day period, a group of this newspaper's editors met separately with Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch and Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Director Victor Mercado to discuss the ongoing battle over water rates and other issues related to the water/sewer system.

McCulloch, a Republican politician and elected county official, and Mercado, a city employee and political appointee of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, have vast differences of opinions on how the city-owned water and sewer system is being run, and should be run.

McCulloch has been trying to wrest control of the system away from the city of Detroit almost from the day he took over as Oakland's drain commissioner. The latest attempt to have "governance" of the system turned over to a new, regional board was rejected by U.S. District Court Judge John Feikens last month.

Mercado suggests McCulloch should put more of his time and energy running his own department and system, instead of trying to run someone else's.

So much for a renewed call for cooperation between the city and suburbs.

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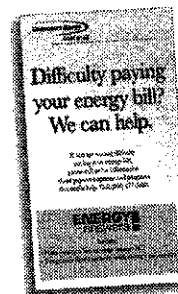


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# U-M Friars celebrate 50 years of singing, comedy

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

John Birchler wants everyone to share in the fun-filled reunion concert which celebrates the 50th anniversary of The Friars 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. The Plymouth resident promises an enjoyable evening with the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club octet performing lots of "choreography and shenanigans" along with music from five decades. About 140 of 195 living alumni will sing in smaller groups by era.

Birchler was a member of The Friars from 1981 to 1983 while a student in the U-M music school. He had only sung with the Glee Club one term when he auditioned for The Friars.

"We're different than many a cappella groups," said Birchler, an investment representative with Edward Jones in Plymouth. "Friars don't just stand there and sing. There's lots of interaction with the audience, a lot of spoof stuff going on, a lot of serious singing going on as well."

Andy Rosenzweig enjoyed his years with The Friars so much the Livonia resident volunteered to update a database of members and oversee the production of The Gold Album which follows the group's musical history through 31 songs. Rosenzweig drew on 15 previous albums for the greatest hits CD. A booklet that comes with the CD features images of all of the album covers and lists the more than 200 members who've sung with the groups which were named after a 1900s U-M drinking society.

"Going back to 1959 we were listening to them all, what were the best, funniest, most representative of 50 years so a listener can sit down and listen to that whole history," said Rosenzweig, who had made it his long term goal to follow in the footsteps of two older brothers who sang with the Glee Club at U-M.

After two years of singing his dream, Rosenzweig became a proud member of The Friars from 1984 to 1986.

"I had seen this anniversary coming for a long time. When I was in it was the 30th anniversary and we did a similar concert on a smaller scale. We wanted to bring back as many guys as possible," said Rosenzweig, a manager for Merit Network in Ann Arbor. The nonprofit company provides Internet service for most of the colleges, universities, k-12 schools, and libraries in Michigan.

"There will be members on stage from California, Texas, New York, England, The Netherlands. At a banquet on Friday night before the concert, guys will come up and give their reminiscences. We had a close bonding experience during those years. On Saturday groups of four to 18 will sing with the guys from their era, then we'll have a full group singing Friars classics."

Dick Ramsdell of Bloomfield Hills is one of the members still living in local communities that include Farmington Hills,

Rochester, Beverly Hills, and West Bloomfield. Ramsdell originally sang at Berkley High School and today sings with the choir at Covenant Alliance Church in Beverly Hills. He was a member of The Friars from 1965 to 1967 and was fortunate enough to be in the Glee Club when they went on a world tour celebrating the university's 150th anniversary.

"I'm excited about the 50th anniversary," said Ramsdell.

"It's an opportunity to see an awful lot of people I knew but didn't have any contact with for a long time. We'll be performing *Draft Dodger Rag* sung by the Chad Mitchell Trio and an arrangement of *Tea for Two* that has four- and eight-part harmonies. We like to show what the music was like back then. We were together during the Vietnam era.

"Anyone who enjoys ensemble music would have a great

time at this concert. The music represents the entire 50 years."

Tickets for the Feb. 11 concert are \$12 and \$10 for reserved seating, \$8 general admission, \$5 students and under age 18, and available at Ticketmaster locations or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

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Current Friars Greg Jaffe (top row left), Michael Cromwell, Brent Carr, John Keeton, Stephen Gilson (bottom row), Joshua Sanchez, Matthew Travis, and Jon Zande perform as part of a concert to celebrate the group's 50th anniversary.

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With a large project, you can use different styles to lay out the images and information in a scrapbook.



Laura Jannika of Livonia, a consultant with Creative Memories, talks about an extensive scrapbook she recently put together about her brother's trip around the world.

## World-class scrapbook tells of adventure

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

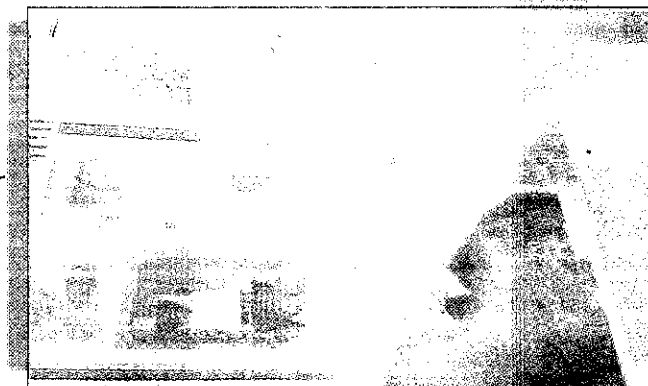
The scrapbook that Livonia resident Laura Jannika put together for her brother about his trip around the world is almost a "passport" as well. The book is such a fantastic arrangement of photos, journal entries and items that paging through it is like "traveling" to the various countries. "To me, (making a scrapbook) is having a story to tell," said Jannika, a Creative Memories unit leader. The project took about a year to complete, with final touches on the scrapbook made last Christmas. Tom Janoski, Jannika's brother, traveled around the world for 1 1/2 years between 1973 and 1974, when he was 26 and 27. The countries he visited included Korea, Laos, Vietnam, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan, Nepal, Cambodia, Singapore, India, Greece, Pakistan, Australia, Poland, Italy, Austria, Finland, Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Sweden, Germany and England.

Janoski had a fascinating journey, not following tourist routes. He stayed in many youth hostels and inexpensive hotels. Some places were difficult to visit. Janoski went on some harrowing bus rides. He helped care for people who were injured after a bad crash. Janoski now lives in Kentucky and teaches sociology at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

### GETTING STARTED

The scrapbook began when Jannika offered to put fading photos of his trip in an album to preserve them. Janoski also sent her a box of negatives. "After I began the project he said 'By the way, I have a journal that I wrote on the trip, do you think you can do something with it?'" Jannika said. "I said 'OK.'" Janoski sent her the journal, which turned out to total 64,811 words. Jannika had it transcribed by Bonnie Myhrum. At 9 point size type, with a 4 1/2-

Scrapbooks should be put together using archival, acid-free paper.



PLEASE SEE SCRAPBOOK, B2

## Accents

### Super-clean shoes

"Have a problem with tracking mud into the house? To solve it, make a boot scraper by digging a foot-square hole near your door," say James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features.

"Fill it with concrete and sink a shovel into it six inches deep. When it dries, you will have a permanent boot scraper, with a handle you can hold on to for balance."

"For added cleaning, place a sturdy scrub brush, upside down, with bristles up, in the wet cement, too."

### Tree tip

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

"For many gardeners, February is a time to plan for the coming growing year. Visit [www.americanforests.org](http://www.americanforests.org) to learn how you can honor your valentine by planting a tree in his or her name."

Founded in 1875, American Forests works to restore forests by planting trees and advancing the fields of urban forestry, environmental education and community-based forestry. A major part of its work is recognizing important individual trees for their history or size. Call (800) 677-0727 for its Historic Trees catalog.

Call (800) 545-TREE, visit [www.americanforests.org](http://www.americanforests.org) or write American Forests, P.O. Box 2000, Washington, D.C. 20013.

### Plants of passion

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 a public lecture, tours of the Conservatory, and a family day event.

All events are 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. 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 1:30 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.

## Printing photos at home saves time, but not money

Remember when getting your photos printed in an hour was a big deal? Do I hear 90 seconds?

That's about how long it takes to churn out a glossy, borderless 4-by-6-inch print on the HP Photosmart 475 ([hp.com](http://hp.com)), which has taken up permanent residence in my kitchen.

This portable, lunch box-size photo printer is an ideal solution for shutterbugs who demand instant gratification.

No waiting a week for delivery from an online photo service. No driving to the local drugstore or Meijer and dealing with clunky, frequently broken photo kiosks.

Instead, you get your photos the way you want them (more or less), right now.

At this point you're probably sensing a "but," and here it is: you pay for the privilege.

The Photosmart 475 costs

\$249.99, which is on the steep side for a photo printer. There are other models from Canon, Epson and even HP that cost less, but they're still an investment.

Then you have to factor in the cost of consumables. An HP 97 tri-color ink cartridge sells for \$35 and yields roughly 150 photos, which works out to 23 cents per print.

A 60-pack of HP Premium Photo Paper costs \$15, or 25 cents per sheet. That means you'll pay approximately 48 cents for every 4-by-6 photo you print.

Now, you can save quite a bit if you shop for consumables online. I found the ink cartridge for around \$20 and the paper for \$12, bringing the per-print price down to about 40 cents.

An even better deal is the HP 95 Series Photo Value Pack, which comes with enough paper and ink for 200 photos and costs \$48, or 24 cents per print.

At the neighborhood CVS (and most other places), you'll pay 29 cents per print, plus the not-inconsiderable price of the gas to get you

there.

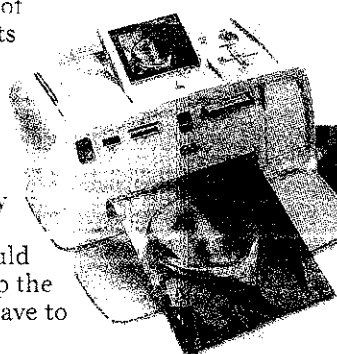
At Snapfish ([snapfish.com](http://snapfish.com)), one of the top online photo services, prints sell for the bargain price of 12 cents each — though you also have to pay for shipping.

I ordered 30 snapshots, which came to a reasonable \$3.60. But shipping added \$2.46, bringing my per-print price up to 26 cents.

That's still a great deal, and I could save a bit more if I opted to pick up the prints at Walgreens (but then I'd have to pay sales tax).

Whew. I don't put that much number-crunching effort into balancing my checkbook. See the lengths I go to for my faithful readers?

Anyway, none of this is meant to disparage the Photosmart 475, which is a great little printer. Sometimes



One of the most feature-packed portable photo printers on the market, HP's Photosmart 475 has its own hard drive and can make prints as large as 5 by 7.

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Tech Savvy

Rick Broida



# Proposed merger worries politicians

The proposed purchase of Maytag by Whirlpool made national news several weeks ago and I touched on it in a recent column.

I thought you might like to know of a challenge brought forth by a couple of politicians in the home state of the Maytag Corporation. The following is a letter sent by U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin and U.S. Rep. Leonard Boswell to the Justice

## Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Department expressing concern about the competitive effect of Whirlpool's proposed merger with Maytag.

"We are writing concerning the proposed acquisition of Maytag by Whirlpool. We are very troubled by this proposed arrangement which would greatly increase the market shares of the combined company in certain areas. For that reason, we believe that the Department should prevent this

acquisition.

"According to the 1992 joint FTC-Justice guidelines for horizontal mergers, we believe it is clear that the appliance industry is indeed a highly concentrated one that would become drastically more concentrated, according to the Herfindahl-Hirschman Index, as a result of the Whirlpool acquisition.

"The increase in concentration is far beyond the level that the guidelines presume would likely create enhanced market power or facilitate its exercise.

"Whirlpool is already the largest producer in the market. With the acquisition of Maytag, the combined company would hold almost 50 percent of the market share.

"This market concentration becomes even more extreme when the other two major appliance manufacturers, GE and Electrolux, are considered. If the Whirlpool acquisition is approved, the newly combined company, GE and Electrolux would together control about 90 percent of the market share.

"And, this is an industry that has undergone a number of substantial mergers in recent years. Maytag acquired Magic Chef, Jenn-Air and Amana.

Whirlpool acquired Kitchen-Aid, and Electrolux acquired Frigidaire.

"At some point, the concentration becomes too extreme for an orderly competitive market. We believe the pending acquisition of Maytag by Whirlpool goes beyond that barrier particularly in the area of washers and dryers.

"What is most important is the specific market for particular goods that people actually buy.

"In the laundry segment, a Whirlpool-Maytag Company would control an excessively dominant 70 percent of the market.

"It is hard to see how this type of dominance does not place excessive market control into the hands of one company. Even with the large share of this market that is sold at retail by large chain stores, this concentration is extreme.

"Clearly a combined Whirlpool would be in a position to create real difficulties for competitors. The increase in concentration is beyond the level that the guidelines presume would likely create enhanced market power or facilitate its exercise.

"While we are seeing some movement of foreign firms into the area such as LG and Samsung, their market share is very small.

"The current domestic players are working to sharply lower costs including off-shoring jobs to lower costs. It is not at all clear that the foreign firms will be able to effectively compete and may in fact decide to maximize their efforts in their home markets.

"We recommend that the Justice Department prevent the acquisition of Maytag by Whirlpool.

"If that is not done, at the very least the Department should require that Whirlpool diversify the washer and dryer portions of Maytag to a viable purchaser who will have the financial capability and desire to continue to operate that business."

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.



## Cranbrook docent training set

New docents are sought for 2006 tours of Cranbrook House, metro Detroit's oldest manor home. The 1908 Arts and Crafts home was designed by Albert Kahn for the George Booth family. Potential docents can select one of two training times: beginning 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, or 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, March 8. Both sessions last six to eight weeks. Docent candidates will learn about the house and the fascinating people, events, architecture and sculpture at Cranbrook, as well as its 40 acres of gardens. Docents are needed for Thursday and Sunday public tours, and numerous private tours. Docent training is free, but candidates must join the Cranbrook House Auxiliary. Annual dues are \$35. For more information or to register, call (248) 645-3149. Cranbrook House is at 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills.

## SCRAPBOOK

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inch margin of text on each page, the transcription totaled 73 pages.

In arranging each page of the scrapbook, Jannika put photos in the center and text on the outside. Words were printed on archival paper.

Janoski's passport required two inserts. Jannika copied some of the stamps for the title page.

Her sons, Ian and Isaac Rust, ages 16 and 14, helped her make a flag for each country their uncle visited. They used photo mounting paper, pens and stickers to make the flags.

Jannika featured stickers and other decor that matched the countries.

Little boomerangs frame the title "Australia" on one page. Thin strips of paper with Oriental designs adorn pages about Asian countries.

Such decorations are subtle, with soft and neutral colors, and enhance rather than distract from photos and other items.

"Less is more," Jannika said. "When you have nice pictures, make it about the pictures."

Jannika had a lot of material to work with, and much of it found its way into the scrapbook.

Among these are detailed maps her brother had drawn in his journal, currency, postage stamps, pressed flowers from the Himalayas, ticket stubs, labels, food wrappers and newspaper clippings of exchange rates. Jannika had some of the negatives in the box printed in black and white and placed them in the scrapbook.

"He was making albums and preserving memories long before I was," she said.

Page protectors will help preserve the scrapbook.

"You want things that are archival, that aren't going to change color," Jannika said.

Scrapbooks usually measure 12 by 12, Jannika said. This scrapbook measures 12 by 15.

## PRESERVE STORIES

Jannika encourages people to tell their stories, for and about family and friends, by

putting the memories in a scrapbook or album.

"You can make a book about yourself or your children," she said.

"A real easy way to start is (with) an interest or a hobby." Jannika began with a scrapbook about flowers, in which she is interested.

"Sometimes we need to remember the obvious things," she said. "People need to take pictures of what they do."

## PRODUCTS

Making scrapbooks is a popular craft. Creative Memories is just one business that offers products, ideas and events to help with photo-safe scrapbook projects.

"We get new items weekly," said Kristi Robinson, salesperson at Simple Pleasures Scrapbook Treasures in Troy.

Recent items include the Fastenator, which uses large staples with colors and designs, she said. Ribbons and fabrics as well as paper are used for decorating pages.

For someone interested in putting together scrapbooks, Robinson recommends taking a class on getting started.

One such class at Simple Pleasures Scrapbook Treasures - Scrapbook Beginnings 101 - is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Troy store and 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Sterling Heights store. (Call for registration and other information.)

Donna Karpczuk, salesperson and store manager at Scappin' and Stampin' in Livonia, recommends organizing photos first. Then you'll have an idea of what papers and embellishments will enhance them.

"Get your pictures organized and have a good feel for what you're going to need," Karpczuk said.

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## GARDEN CALENDAR

### 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.

### Orchid Festival

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

The festival takes place at all six English Gardens stores during February, which is National Orchid Month.

Scheduled seminars include Growing Beautiful Orchids (1 p.m.) and Orchid Re-potting Demonstration (3 p.m.), both Saturday, Feb. 11; and Advanced Orchid Growing (1 p.m.), Sunday, Feb. 12.

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.

For more information about the English Gardens Orchid Festival, visit www.englishgardens.com or contact one of the English Gardens locations, which include: 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; and Ann Arbor, 155 N. Maple at Jackson in the Maple Village Shopping Center, (734) 332-7900.

### Cactus and Succulent Society

The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will go on a field trip to Belle Isle Botanical Gardens Sunday, Feb. 12. Members are to meet at the gardens at 1 p.m.

Guests are welcome. The event is free. For more information, call (248) 524-0227.

### Royal Oak Garden Club

Why buy the typical red roses for Valentine's Day? Try orchids for something different and long lasting. The Royal Oak Garden Club will meet at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at English Gardens, 4901 Coolidge Highway in Royal Oak-Troy. English Gardens experts will talk about how to care for orchids.

The public may attend. For more information, call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540.

### 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.

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.

### Garden Club of Dearborn

The Garden Club of Dearborn meets noon to 1 p.m. the second Monday of the month at Mitchell Hall at First Presbyterian Church, 600 N. Brady in Dearborn.

Vertical Gardening will be the topic Feb. 13. George Papadellis of Telly's Greenhouse in Troy will present ways to create privacy and visual interest with trellises and arbors. Learn about species that are well suited to vertical gardening, and cultivation tips. For membership information or a list of programs and speakers, call Judy Henn at (313) 278-9396.

### Roses

English Gardens will host a free seminar, What's New in Roses, 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at all six English Gardens locations.

The locations include stores in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak-Troy, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900.

Roses are the only "perennial" that bloom year after year, all summer long. At the seminar, learn about new varieties available this year, as well as how to select, plant and care for your plants all year to achieve a beautiful rose garden.

### Herb conference

The 19th annual Michigan Herb Associates Conference will take place Wednesday-Thursday, March 8-9, in Wells Hall on the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing. Scented geranium is the 2006 Herb of the Year. The theme of this year's conference is Herbal "Scent" Stations. The conference will feature programs on herb culture, crafting and cooking. Registration will start at 8:15 a.m., the program at 9:15 a.m. The conference is open to the general public. Walk-ins may register for one or both days. Preregistration rates are \$65 for both days and \$35 for one day for MHA members; \$85 for both days and \$55 for one day for non-members. Walk-

ins add \$10 to the rates. Luncheon (\$10 each day) and banquet (\$30) tickets must be reserved by Monday, Feb. 27. You may bring your own lunch or go out to eat. Conference information and forms are available at www.hrt.msu.edu/herb/.

### Master composter

The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority Master Composter Program for environmental gardeners will begin 6:45-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at the Birmingham Department of Public Services Building, 851 S. Eton in Birmingham. The program includes six classroom sessions, assignments and required volunteer service. Class fee is \$30. For the program flyer and/or to register, call Karen Bever at SOCWA at (248) 288-5150, or e-mail LFDean@aol.com. The program is sponsored by the SOCWA Healthy Lawns and Gardens Programs to help promote waste reduction, water quality protection and earth-friendly landscapes. Master composters learn about making and using compost, compost bin options, healthy lawn care, natural mulches, sustainable landscapes, healthy soils, benefits of compost, and cycles of nature.

### 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. The schedule includes: Best Foot Forward: Entry Gardens, Thursdays, Feb. 9-16, in Livonia (fee is \$72); Healthy Soil and Wise Fertilizing, Thursdays, Feb. 9-23, in Pontiac (\$137); Garden Design, five Mondays beginning Feb. 13, in Livonia (\$168); Focus on Design, four Thursdays beginning Feb. 16, in Ann Arbor (\$137); Trees and Shrubs for Small Spaces, Monday, Feb. 20, in Pontiac (\$42); and Perennial Combinations, Tuesday, Feb. 21, in Pontiac (\$42).

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## Back Pain?

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

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## HOME CALENDAR

## 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.

## 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 or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Advanced Curtain, Thursdays, Feb. 9 to March 2 (fee is \$80); and Beginner Pillow, Mondays, Feb. 13-27 (\$60). 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 pillow class, beginning sewers will learn the basics while making two decorative square or rectangular pillows, using bias-cut, fabric-covered cord and inserted trims. Learning how to use a rotary cutter, cutting bias and using a zipper foot to cover cord will be included. Many of the techniques taught will apply to future home decorating classes.

## Antiques show

The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology will host its ninth annual antiques show, Visions to Remember/Eyes on Antiques, Saturday-Sunday, Feb. 11-12, at the Eleanor and Edsel Ford House Activities Center, 1100 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Shores.

More than 25 dealers from around the country will display and sell fine furniture, quilts, Asian items, jewelry, crystal, silver and other pieces. Proceeds benefit the visually impaired and blind throughout southeast Michigan. Friends of Vision, DIO's volunteer group, manages the show.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Admission is \$8. A silent auction and door prizes will be featured. Dumouchelle Art Galleries will provide verbal appraisals of small, handcarried items for \$5 per item both days.

A preview party will take place 6:30-10 p.m. Friday. Tickets are \$75, \$100 and \$150; reservations are required. The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society will have adoptable dogs at the party. For more information, call (313) 824-4710 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, or visit www.eyeson.org.

## Snow Ball

The 10th annual Snow Ball will take place 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Townsend Hotel Ballroom, 100 Townsend at Pierce, south of Maple (15 Mile) and east of Southfield Road in Birmingham. The event includes a black-tie dinner, live auction of fanta-

sy packages, and entertainment, presented by Variety - The Children's Charity. Proceeds benefit children with special needs in metropolitan Detroit. Tickets are \$300 Friend, \$400 Patron, \$500 Benefactor.

A preview party for patrons and benefactors is scheduled Thursday, Feb. 16, at the home of Michael and Kay Ponicali in Bloomfield Hills. For information, contact The Variety Office, 30161 Southfield Road, No. 301, Southfield 48076, phone (248) 258-5511.

## Auction

The Frank H. Boos Gallery will conduct an auction 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 22 and 23, at the gallery at the Antiques Centre of Troy, 2830 W. Maple, Suite 206, at Maple and Coolidge.

A preview will take place at the gallery noon to 8 p.m. Friday and Monday, Feb. 17 and 20, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, and 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21. For more information, call (248) 643-1900, visit www.boosgallery.com or e-mail artandauction@boosgallery.com. The auction will feature property belonging to the estate of Brian Killian, the estate of a prominent Tennessee collector, the Roz and Sherm Boutique, and numerous other estates and private collections.

## Make centerpieces

The Center for Lifelong Learning at Henry Ford Community College will offer a course on how to make corsages, centerpieces and bouquets Mondays, Feb. 20 to March 20. The class will take place at HFCC's Dearborn Heights Center at 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, between Warren Avenue and Outer Drive. Participants should bring a notebook, pen or pencil and wire cutters. All other supplies will be provided. The cost is \$179 for Dearborn School District residents, \$199 for non-residents.

To register or for more information, call (877) 855-5252 or visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2. For more information about HFCC, visit www.hfcc.edu. Participants will learn how to create handmade floral pieces using basic floral-handling techniques, design principles and creative tips from internationally known floral educator and designer Robbin Yelverton.

## Sculpture for home

HMFRNSHNGS: Utilitarian Sculpture for the Home, an exhibit of work by students, alumni and instructors of the College for Creative Studies, continues to Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery, in the D. Dan and Betty Kahn Building at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple in West Bloomfield.

Call (248) 661-1000, visit www.jccdet.org. The show pushes the boundaries of functionality for furniture and other items in the home. The furnishings are available for purchase. Admission is free.

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

## Crafters wanted

St. Damian of Westland is seeking crafters for its annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show, which will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 8. For more information, call (734) 721-4758 or e-mail nelius@comcast.net. Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kabramczyk@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

## Artwork can inspire design of room

**Naoko of Plymouth asks, "I would like to purchase some artwork for my home. Does the art have to match the colors in the room?"**

This is a very interesting question, and I am asked this by clients quite often.



## Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

It actually beckons you from across a room.

Buy it. If you truly love a piece, you will find a home for it and you will admire it for years to come. Enjoy the art for the visual pleasure it offers.

A much-loved piece of art can actually be the design catalyst for a room. Instead of finding the right art work for the room, the room was designed around the art you love.

When you truly love a piece of art, it can be the cornerstone upon which you build the entire room's decorating scheme.

## IT WORKS

You have just spotted a floral print at the local home decorating store, and it matches your sofa perfectly and even brings in the green stripe from the window treatments. You just might need to buy this one, too.

Very often, our homes need a uniting feature in a room that will bring together the color palette.

The only caution here is to make sure you enjoy the art and don't spend too much money on something that is only meeting the color needs of a room right now.

When it's time to repaint, you may find that picture isn't working anymore for you. Make sure the purchase price gives you the flexibility to put that piece of art in the basement or in next year's garage sale, without feeling bad about it.

## PHOTOS

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convenience costs extra, and I'd say this is well worth it.

## FEATURES

Two features in particular attracted me to this model. First, it can produce both 4-by-6 and 5-by-7 prints. Most models limit you to 4-by-6.

Second, it packs a 1.5GB hard drive, meaning you can offload photos from your camera's memory card without having to detour to your PC.

Plus, you can keep your favorite shots on the drive for when you want to make extra prints. I've found this to be a really handy feature.

I also like that I don't have to connect my camera to the printer: one less USB cable to keep track of. I just slide in the memory card, review my photos on the 2.5-inch color LCD, and select the ones I want to print.

I can crop and zoom to print a specific area of a photo; add a decorative border; and even print 4-by-12 panoramas.

Sometimes, the Photosmart fails to produce exactly what's on the LCD. I've



This John Gaibo print sets the color scheme and romantic tone for this master bedroom.

## ART AS INVESTMENT

Often art collectors are as interested in the artist as they are in the piece itself. Use the Internet, the library and a trusted art gallery for learning all there is to know about a particular artist.

Investing in art isn't only about investing your money.

It is also about investing your time to learn how to make wise purchases. Many art galleries are staffed with knowledgeable personnel to help you with art investing.

When buying high-quality art, it doesn't have to match your sofa, and in this case, it doesn't even have to match your design style scheme. Beautiful pieces always look great together.

If you buy art as an investment, make sure you have it properly protected from damaging light and moisture. The gallery you buy the art from will be instrumental in helping you with this.

Branch out, learn more, and don't be afraid to try various styles and types of art. Take your time when selecting art work and make sure you love whatever you are buying.

The end result will be a home that beautifully reflects your personality.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

## Be cautious when painting grass cloth

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Earl says: "I have grass cloth covering the walls in my dining area and living room. Rather than remove the grass cloth, I would like to paint over it. I have seen it painted, and the texture looks very good."

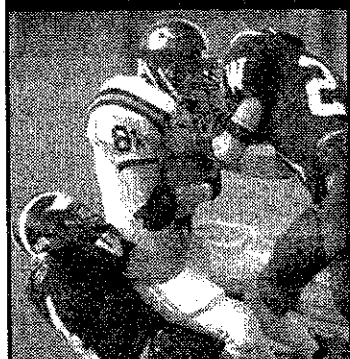
"Does it have to be prepared prior to painting? Should I use oil base or latex paint?"

Our personal taste causes us to recommend that you not paint grass cloth, but rather brighten it by slowly and carefully vacuuming the entire surface. But if you must paint, you may use either oil or latex paint with certain cautions: Use a flat (not shiny) finish; thin the paint (two parts paint to one part thinner or water); and apply the paint with a sprayer in very thin applications. Painting with a high-gloss paint will tend to accentuate unattractive irregularities in the grass cloth that otherwise add to its beauty when it is in its natural state.

Thick paint will fill in the narrow spaces between the straw, and may ruin the look you are trying to achieve.

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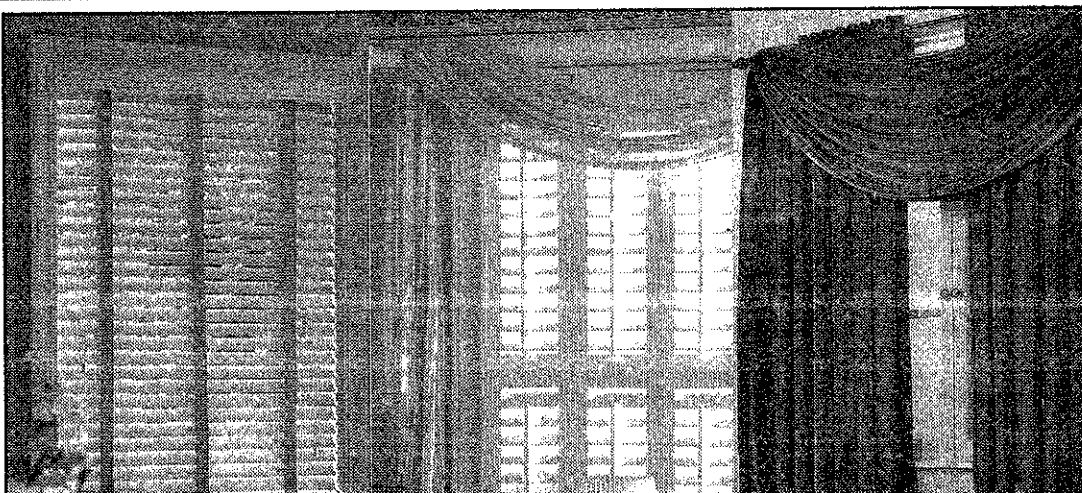
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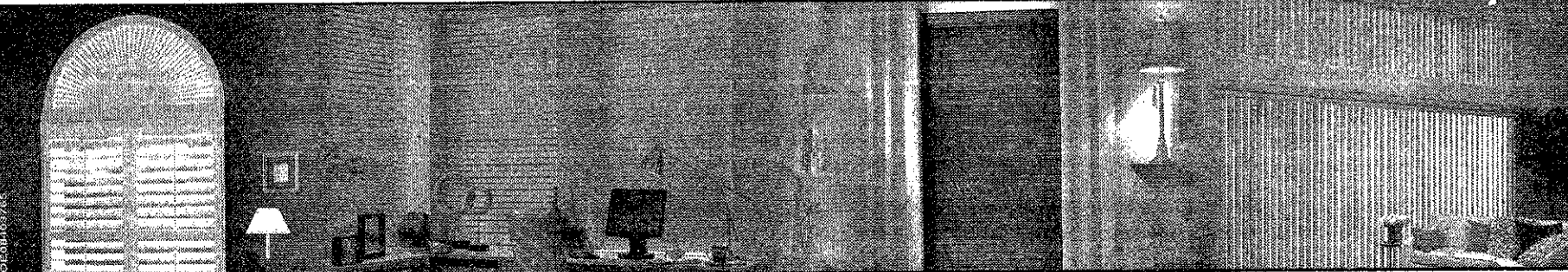


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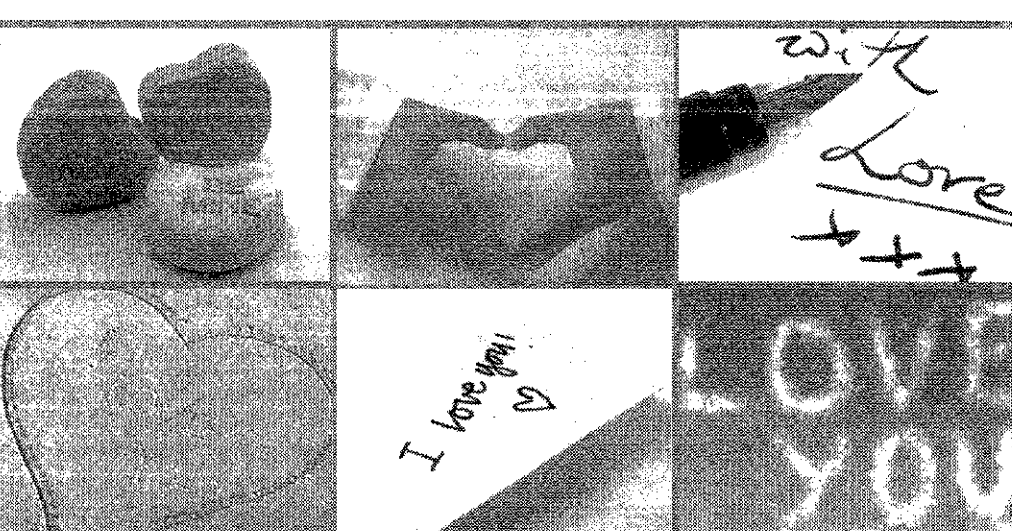
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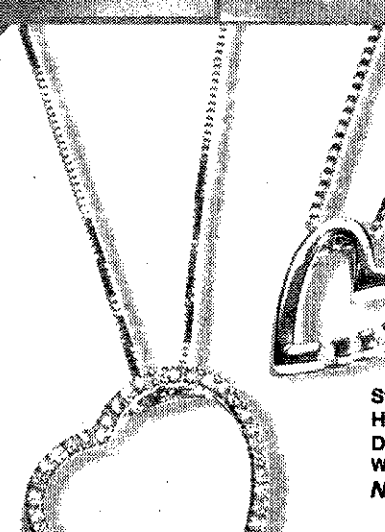
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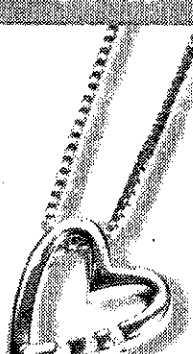




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# Insects, disease prey on stressed trees

Attacks by insects or disease can mean death for many plants, even trees.

A tree must be properly cared for to help prevent attack or to be able to fend off insects and disease.

Sufficient water and light, and a proper balance of nutrients, greatly influence plant health.

Too much or too little of any of these environmental conditions may cause plant stress, which can weaken trees and make them more susceptible to insect and disease attack.

"We all love being surrounded by nature, but sometimes we need to step in and help protect nature from itself," said Jim Skiera, executive director of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA).

### DISEASES, DISORDERS

Diseases are caused by infectious or living agents, such as fungi, viruses and bacteria.

Disorders are caused by non-infectious or nonliving agents, such as nutrient deficiencies,

temperature extremes, vandalism and pollutants.

For a disease to develop there must be the presence of a disease-causing agent (pathogen) to which the plant is vulnerable.

If the proper environmental conditions are present over a certain amount of time, the pathogen will infect the plant. For example, many fungal diseases require moist conditions for spores to germinate.

### INSECTS

In many cases, insect problems are secondary to problems brought on by a stress disorder or pathogen. Focusing on getting rid of the pest might not solve the primary problem.

Some insects suck sap from the tree or bore into the trunk and branches. These insects can stunt tree growth and weaken its structure.

Insects may be divided into three categories according to their method of feeding.

Chewing insects (beetles, caterpillars) eat leaves, flowers

and twigs. Indications of damage by these insects include leaf notching or skeletonizing.

Sucking insects (aphids, mealybugs) feed on sap within the plant. Drooping, wilting and discoloration are some indications of their presence.

Boring insects (bark beetles) feed beneath the bark of the tree as larvae and continue to reproduce within the bark. Adults may lay eggs in tunnels beneath the bark. Boring insects tend to be the most destructive and can kill trees.

The most important thing to remember is that many insects in your garden or landscape are beneficial rather than destructive. They help with pollination or act as predators of more harmful insects.

Therefore, killing all insects without regard to their species and function can actually be detrimental to plant health.

### DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT

Correct diagnosis requires a careful examination of the situation.

You must accurately identify the plant; look for patterns of abnormality; examine the roots, trunk and branches; and note the position and appearance of any abnormalities. Treatment depends on many specific factors.

For more information on insects and disease, visit [www.treesaregood.com/treecare/insect\\_disease.asp](http://www.treesaregood.com/treecare/insect_disease.asp) or contact a local ISA certified arborist.

A certified arborist will be able to provide a professional plant health care evaluation.

The ISA, headquartered in Champaign, Ill., is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research and education around the world.

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# How to keep ground green in winter

BY LEE REICH  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

What's a prettier color in winter: brown or green? Green, of course!

And that's a good reason to blanket the ground with evergreen plants. Seas and islands of low-growing greenery knit the scene together in informal and formal gardens.

The big three of evergreen groundcovers are vinca, pachysandra and English ivy. But also consider other shapes and shades of green with which to paint the ground.

For instance, suppose you wanted a delicate evergreen groundcover for a garden usually enjoyed up close – such as bordering a doorway.

Dainty leaves would be the ticket, just what you would find on plants such as wintergreen, bearberry, partridgeberry, lingonberry and cranberry. They also all bear charming little flowers in spring and summer.

There's more: These plants also yield – as their names imply – berries. The berries look pretty against their green backdrops, and, unless eaten by animals, can persist all winter.

If you want to grow something that you could eat as well, grow lingonberry, cranberry or winterberry and munch on them yourself all winter.

Many evergreen groundcover plants, including some of those mentioned above, are native to the dappled shade of our eastern woodlands.

These plants also like soils that are acidic and rich in humus.

Create these conditions by digging peat moss into the ground or individual planting holes, then keep the ground permanently mulched with organic materials such as shredded leaves, sawdust or wood chips.

Fertilize lightly or else you will burn the tender roots or encourage more aggressive competitor plants.

Some sites cry out for bold rather than dainty plants. Here you need greenery with larger leaves; oconee bells, for instance, a Southeast native with round, toothed leaves. Expect these leaves to redden in winter.

Other plants with bolder leaves include European ginger and bugleweed, although either of these may lose their leaves during a cold winter.

Give these large-leaved evergreens the same humus-y, moist, acidic conditions specified for winterberry and company.

In full sun and dry soil, look for plants that are really evergray or everblue than evergreen. The waxy or woolly coverings on their leaves help reduce water loss in winter.

Lavender and santolina are two such plants.

Thymes are also adapted to these conditions. Caraway thyme has tiny, tiny leaves that stay pressed right against the ground; common thyme rises a half-foot or so above the ground.

In contrast to the shade-tolerating groundcovers mentioned earlier, these sun-lovers need well-drained soils with plenty of limestone to counteract acidity.

# Be specific about remodeling contracts

BY DAVID BRADLEY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

If consumer protection starts at home, then the basic building blocks of remodeling projects ought to include a detailed contract.

Homeowners who stick to generalities can get burned in the legal process if they avoid specifics on a host of topics concerning budgets, work timetables and aesthetic expectations.

Point-by-point documents can cover overlooked points from parking to change orders to site security and cleanup.

Attorney Gregory Kenyon said homeowners are "better off to be specific and quantifiable" because most consumers without a contract are at the mercy of the contractor regarding complaints or claims.

To merely approve a project with a wave of an arm with instructions to the contractor to "call me when you're done" only invites post-project recrimina-

tions. Pursue contracts for even modest projects where minute issues can mushroom into big-dollar legal headaches.

Contractors typically slide a generic contract across the kitchen table to customers. It's a good starting point, but such papers may not touch on the universe of issues in the customer's best interest.

Make sure your attorney reviews or alters the contract before you sign it.

Here's a list of contract points worth putting on paper.

■ Scope of work. For instance, rather than simply note "remove kitchen window," expand the detail to removal and disposal of the old window, specify brand and size of replacement window, ask for triple pane glass, and require the window weatherproofing be connected to the weather barrier on the home.

You might also stipulate a wood, vinyl or metal clad window. Repeat this process for all significant portions of the project.

Consumers should retain an architect or other construction expert to help define and identify scope of work issues.

It's not unusual for scope of work sections to be five to 10 pages. Kenyon says such detail works to a homeowner's benefit.

■ Time frame. When will the project start and when should it be completed? Be precise about the start and end of the workday.

Kenyon often adds an incentive for completed work and a penalty clause if work goes beyond the agreed-to completion date.

"You need a way to hold their feet to the fire," Kenyon said.

■ Payment. Pay-as-you-go is your best option. Your architect can help you frame benchmarks when payments are due.

Kenyon uses examples of money paid when basement concrete is done, when the roof is finished, when windows are installed, etc.

Worth inclusion: payment for

materials only as materials are used. No advances.

■ Failure to perform. This is the penalty phase of a contract. Language can give the contractor a chance to remedy faulty work, otherwise know as a default. You can stipulate that if you give the contractor written notice and problems aren't corrected, the contract is void with subsequent repairs charged to the contractor.

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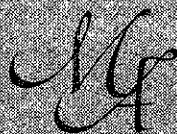


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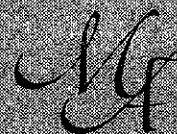


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## Enjoy day of Valentine's matchmaking

For Valentine's Day, make a great dark chocolate and wine match.

"It's not difficult to make a match between wine and dark chocolate," said Eric Conrad, chocolatier and owner of Chocolat in Birmingham. "It involves choosing the right chocolate. Wine complements chocolate yet you need the correct chocolate to match the wine."

Considering such synergy, Conrad with neighboring Birmingham Simply Wine wineshop owner Ed Bosse, illustrated several points. Both men were enthused by the challenge and worked together to pick wines matching Conrad's "Chocolat" chocolates.

### CHOCOLATE AND CABERNET

Due to the complexity of both dark chocolate and cabernet sauvignon, that proved the most daunting match, although it's talked about a lot in wine circles.

However, Bosse, Conrad and we found a "big spenders" ideal match with Conrad's Dark Chocolate with Scotch-infused ganache and the 2001 Dominus Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$125). On its own, this young wine with youthful acidity and obvious tannins cried out for more cellar time. When we followed Conrad's tasting method, chocolate bite first, then wine sip while some chocolate lingers in the mouth, then another bite of chocolate, the wine came alive, felt broad on the palate and had greater length. It was great.

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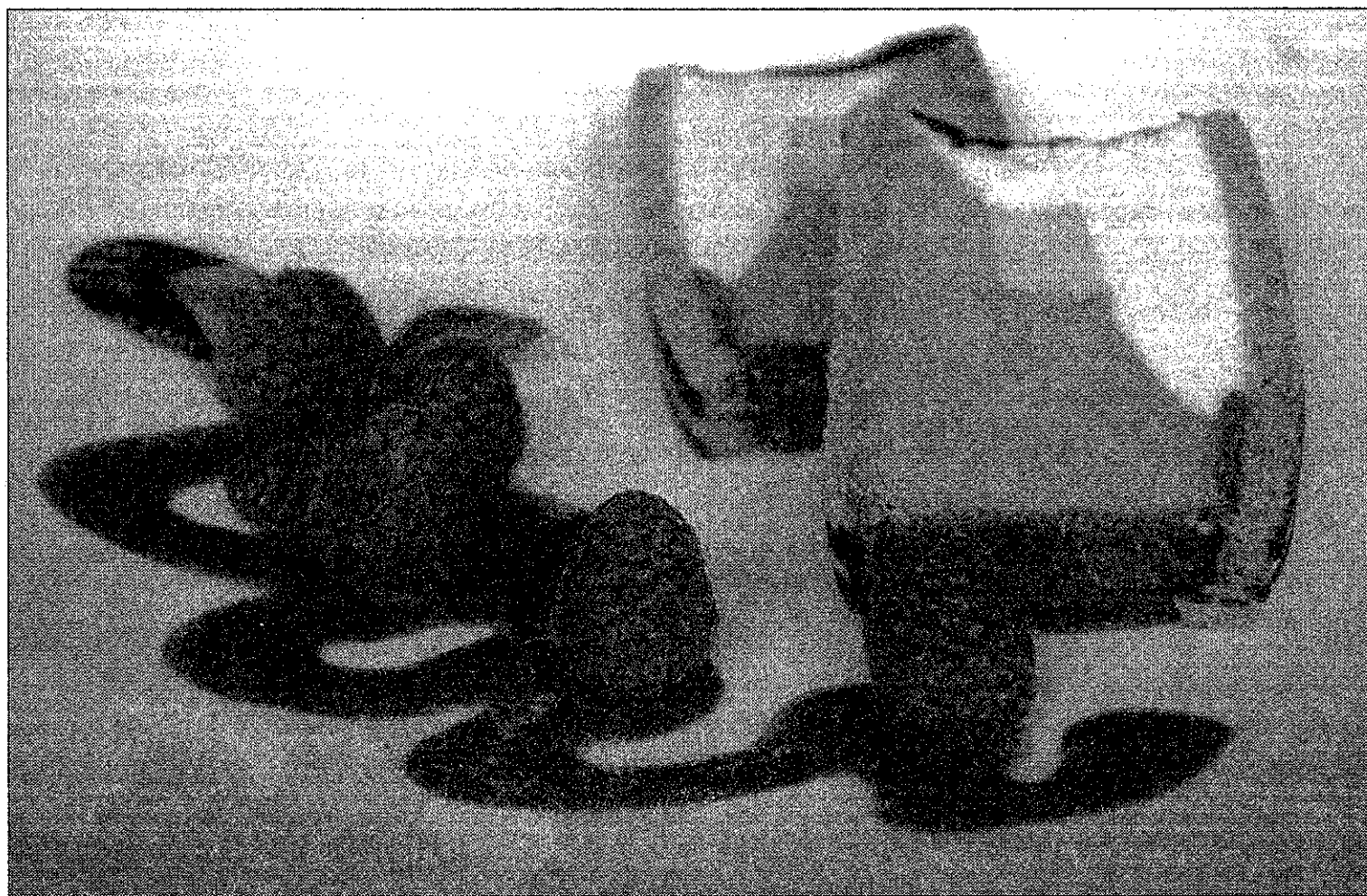
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White Chocolate Grand Marnier Terrine.

# Isn't that special?

## Valentine's meal sparks up flavor

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Valentine's Day is a good time to do something special for that special someone.

You shouldn't be afraid to expand your culinary repertoire, says Doug Ganhs, executive chef and instructor at Oakland Community College.

"You want to do something that's a little different than what you'd fix every day at home," Ganhs said. "You're only making it for one other person, so you should be able to push it a little bit. You might want to make it a little bit more special."

Ganhs suggests a salad of field greens featuring endive, maché, bibb, mesclun and/or a spring mix topped with sherry vinaigrette, and a roast rack of lamb with goat cheese pave, and a caponetina, a sauté of eggplant, zucchini and red pepper.

For dessert, OCC chef and instructor Roger Holden suggests a white chocolate Grand Marnier terrine.

"Lamb is a special occasion meal," Ganhs said.

"The only time a lot of people eat it is when they go out (to a restaurant) and order it."

"When it's a special occasion, you should push it a

little bit. Lamb isn't that hard."

Ganhs' advice when cooking lamb: don't overcook it. Serve it rare to medium-rare, he suggests.

An internal thermometer should read 115° F for medium rare, and 145° F for medium, Ganhs said. "And if you want it well done, cook chicken," Ganhs quipped.

"You should pull (the lamb) out a couple degrees less than the required temperature and let it rest so the juices and flavors settle and spread throughout the lamb," Ganhs said. American lamb has a stronger flavor than New Zealand and Australian lamb.

The red wine thyme sauce is easy. Even though the recipe calls for veal stock, Ganhs said canned beef broth is OK when you're in a pinch and use a good wine. "The sauce needs a quarter reduction," Ganhs said. "Cabernet goes well with the lamb. Don't use a cheap wine. Go for something with a good moderate price. This recipe is pretty user friendly." The vegetable on the entree is a caponetina.

Rosemary can be substituted for the thyme, Ganhs said, while mint can be added to the caponetina.

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Roger Holden (left) and Doug Ganhs, chefs and instructors at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute, create a Valentine's Day meal with a rack of lamb with goat cheese pave, a salad of field greens with sherry vinaigrette and a white chocolate Grand Marnier terrine (on table).



Rack of lamb is served with red wine thyme sauce.

### RACK OF LAMB PINE NUT PERSILLADE

2 each, lamb racks, frenched (see note)  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
2 ounces olive oil  
2 ounces Dijon mustard  
3 ounces pine nuts - lightly toasted, chopped fine  
1/4 cup parsley, chopped fine  
1 tablespoon garlic, minced  
2 tablespoons molasses  
as needed: olive oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Heat a medium sized sauté pan over high heat.

Add olive oil. Season lamb racks and pan sear to golden brown.

Coat lamb rack with Dijon mustard.

Combine pine nuts, parsley, and garlic. Add molasses and mix well to create the persillade. If mixture is too dry, add a small amount of olive oil to bring the persillade together. Season mixture to taste. Top lamb racks with an even coating of the persillade.

Place on a roasting pan with rack, roast at 325° F to an internal temperature of 135° for medium rare. Let rest for 5 minutes before slicing into individual chops.

Serve with potato goat cheese pave, and red wine thyme sauce. Makes four servings.

Note: "Frenched" means to pull the lamb meat out of the lamb rack. You can order the rack "frenched" from your butcher.

### RED WINE THYME SAUCE

8 ounces red wine  
1 tablespoon garlic, chopped  
2 ounces shallot, chopped  
1 quart veal stock  
1 sprig fresh rosemary  
1 sprig fresh thyme  
2 bay leaves  
1 ounce unsalted butter  
Cook the wine, garlic, and shallot in

a saucepan and reduce by one-quarter.

Add the veal stock, rosemary, thyme, and bay leaves. Reduce by one-half.

Remove from the heat and strain. Finish the sauce with unsalted butter.

Makes one pint.

Note: Chef Doug Ganhs said canned beef broth can be substituted for the veal stock.

### POTATO GOAT CHEESE PAVE

2 pounds russet potatoes  
1 tablespoon garlic, minced  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg  
2 cups heavy cream  
6 egg yolks  
8 ounces goat cheese  
2 tablespoons chives, chopped  
4 ounces Parmesan cheese, grated

Slice potatoes very thin and place into a mixing bowl.

Whisk garlic, seasonings, cream, and yolks together. Add potatoes and combine. Lightly oil a 2-1/2 inch casserole pan and line the bottom with parchment paper.

Place a layer of potatoes into pan and sprinkle with crumbled goat cheese, and chives. Repeat process until all ingredients are used.

Top with grated Parmesan cheese.

Cover and bake at 325° for 45 minutes. Remove cover and bake for 15 minutes or until potatoes are tender and golden brown.

Place potatoes into cooler to set up for 20 minutes. Invert pan onto cutting board, remove parchment paper and cut into rectangles.

Reheat just before service.

Makes 12 servings.

Recipes courtesy of Doug Ganhs, executive chef and instructor at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute.

## Side dish

### Stir Crazy turns 10

Stir Crazy, a nine-unit chain of Asian restaurants, is celebrating 10 years in business with a new menu of 20 new dishes and a \$10,000 "Find the Golden Buddha" giveaway.

From now through March 17, each table of patrons receives a scratch-off card. Patrons are urged to bring the



card for their next visit to see what they've won. Prizes include \$5 to \$50 off the next meal at Stir Crazy and 10 others who find a "Golden Buddha" ticket will win 10 free meals and at least a 1-in-10 chance to win \$10,000 in cash.

The new menu includes bottleneck shrimp (shown here), chili lemongrass shrimp, miso-glazed salmon, orange-peel chicken, sweet and spicy pork and other dishes. Kids 10 and under eat free Mondays through Thursday when they are accompanied by an adult who orders an entree.

All 10-year anniversary promotions end March 17. For official contest rules and guidelines, visit [www.stircrazy.com](http://www.stircrazy.com) or visit its store at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills. Call (248) 454-0400.

### Chef appears

Chef John Kraus, instructor at the French Pastry School, which is part of the City Colleges of Chicago, will teach a three-day course on seasonal plated desserts June 27-29 at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute at the Orchard Ridge campus.

Kraus will share his expertise on creating a menu for restaurant-plated desserts. Kraus will use produce from local Michigan farmers to create a seasonal menu, including Roasted Michigan Apricots with Buttermilk Yogurt Ice Cream.

Cost for the class is \$750. To register, contact The French Pastry School, 226 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago IL 60606 (312) 726-2419 or visit [www.frenchpastry-school.com](http://www.frenchpastry-school.com)



## TASTE CALENDAR

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### 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. Contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832, or online at [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

### Tea Tasting

Enjoy a Tea Tasting with Lynn Savino from The Republic Tea Company, 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at the Coffee Beanery Cafe, 28557 Woodward, Berkley, (248) 336-9930

### The Joys of Cooking

Tantalize your senses on Valentine's Day with special guest instructor Alvise Balarin, Italian master chef. Learn step-by-step tasting techniques of the flavors and aromas from various olive oils and balsamic vinegars in this class taught 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14. Instructor Dawn Bause will help cook up some sample dishes. Taste and sample, then take home recipes and a list of favorite oils and vinegars. A \$6 materials fee is payable to the instructor in class. Class is \$22. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, call (248) 644-5832, or visit online at [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

### Healthy Cooking Classes

Enjoy vegetarian, whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get "hands-on" experience preparing the recipes. Each class is scheduled 6-9 p.m. in Garden City and includes discussions on the healthy benefits of ingredients. Upcoming classes include a two-week series Feb. 15 and 22, fee \$60 (\$30 each class); Healthy Pizza Cooking Class on March 15 (\$30) and Mid Eastern Cooking Class on March 22 (\$30). Details of all classes can be found at [www.macroval.com](http://www.macroval.com). Visit the website or call (734) 261-2856.

### Breads of India

Students will learn to make flat bread, layered bread and stuffed bread, then prepare a curry and cucumber-yogurt salad to accompany our breads. A material fee of \$13 is payable at class. Bring a cup measure, wide bowl and two dish towels. Class offered 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16 through Birmingham Community Education, Derby Middle School, Room 114, 1300 Derby Road, Birmingham, \$39. To register call (248) 203-3800 or on-line at [www.communityed.net](http://www.communityed.net).

### Authentic Italian

Dawn Bause, co-author of the Italian Cookbook Romance Begins in the Kitchen, has brought back authentic home-style Italian recipes to share with students at this class taught 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21. The menu includes: Mixed Greens with Gorgonzola and Hazelnut Dressing, Wild Mushroom Risotto, Chicken Florentine and Panna Cotta. Students will receive recipes and sample dishes with a glass of wine. A \$6 materials fee payable to instructor at class. Students must be 21 to attend this class. Session costs \$29.

### Gluten Free and Loving It

Students will learn the secret behind a gluten-free lifestyle and learn to make Roasted Pepper Rolls with Tzatziki and Capers; Wild Rice, Mushroom and Leek Stuffed Chicken with White Wine Sauce; Baked Sweet Potatoes Dauphinoise and Eggplant, Sundried Tomato and Feta Lettuce Wraps. Class is 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27. A list of other gluten-free meals and where to get the gluten-free items used in class will be provided. Students will sample and take home all the recipes taught in this class. Session costs \$30. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, call (248) 644-5832, or visit online at [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

### Soup for You

Learn about a Basic Seafood Chowder, a Basic Broccoli Chowder and a Basic Black Bean Soup to build on. Instructor Peter Engelhardt is Executive Chef at The Community House in Birmingham. Class is scheduled 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28. Session is \$30. To register for classes, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, call (248) 644-5832, or visit online at [www.communityhouse.com](http://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 [webadvisor.schoolcraft.edu](http://webadvisor.schoolcraft.edu)

Here are some of the classes:

### Cooking 101

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

### Hands-On

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

## SPECIAL

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The salad will bring compliments from your guests, once they taste the sherry vinaigrette, Ganhs said. "The oranges and the beets are a great combination. The red color of the beets give it a Valentine's Day look. "The Parmesan cheese muffin has a nice crispy texture. It

really goes great in the salad."

To assemble the salad, dip each lettuce into the vinaigrette then place it on the plate. Place the endive on the right side of the plate, then the radicchio next to the endive, and a mix of Boston lettuce and maché lettuce on the left side of the plate. The orange segment and beets can be placed at the top of the plate, then top the greens with a Parmesan muffin.

### FIELD GREENS SALAD WITH SHERRY VINAIGRETTE

**Sherry Vinaigrette**  
16 egg yolks  
1-2 tablespoons salt  
1-1/2 cup sugar  
1 cup lime juice  
2 cups rice wine vinegar  
1 cup sherry wine  
1/2 cup shallots, minced  
1 teaspoon white pepper  
3 quarts salad oil  
1/2 cup water, cold

Simmer sherry and cool to remove alcohol.

Add yolks to large mixer and begin to whip.

Alternate oil and liquids to form emulsion.

Add all sugar, salt, shallots and pepper.

Thin with sherry and adjust thickness with cold water.

### Field Greens Salad

Favorite field greens (endive, maché, bibb, mesclun and/or a spring mix)  
Beets  
Orange segments  
Parmesan muffin (see related recipe)

To assemble the salad, dip each lettuce into the vinaigrette then place on the plate. Place the endive on the right side of the plate, then the radicchio next to the endive, and a mix of Boston lettuce and maché lettuce on the left side of the plate. The orange segment and beets can be placed at the top of the plate, then top the greens with a Parmesan muffin.

### PARMESAN CHEESE MUFFIN AND STREUSEL

**Muffin:**  
1 ounce butter  
1/2 ounce sugar  
1/2 egg  
2 tablespoons sour cream  
1-1/2 ounces cake flour  
pinch baking soda  
1 ounce almond flour  
2-1/2 ounces Parmesan cheese  
salt and pepper to taste

**Streusel:**  
1/2 ounce panko bread crumbs  
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese  
1/2 tablespoon garlic infused butter  
1 tablespoon walnuts, chopped to taste salt and pepper

For muffin, cream butter and sugar for 2 minutes. Add egg and sour cream, mix until just blended.



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Ganhs creates this salad with beets, orange segment, Belgian endive, radicchio, Boston lettuce mixed with maché lettuce. Each green is dipped in the sherry vinaigrette before placement on the dish, then the salad topped with a Parmesan muffin.

Add all dry ingredients, mix until just blended, then add the Parmesan cheese and salt and pepper.

Scoop into molds. Bake for 10-12 minutes at 375° F.

For streusel, combine all ingredients by hand and rub to course texture.

Nutritional information per serving (excluding unknown items): 84 calories; 5g fat (56 percent calories from fat); 1g protein; 8g carbohydrate; 27mg cholesterol; 46mg sodium. Recipes courtesy of Doug Ganhs.

Note: This recipe is a slight revision of the photographed dessert.

### CHOCOLATE GRAND MARNIER TERRINE

1 recipe pistachio sponge cake  
1 1/2 recipe, chocolate Bavarian cream  
1 1/2 recipe Grand Marnier Bavarian cream  
1/2 recipe raspberry Bavarian cream  
1/4 recipe chocolate glaze  
Fresh raspberries (for garnish)  
Raspberry coulis (for garnish)  
White chocolate curls (for garnish)

Line terrine molds with ribbon sponge cake. Slice chocolate chiffon into 1/4-inch layers, and place 1 layer in bottom.

Prepare raspberry Bavarian cream, pour into 1-inch molds, and freeze 2-3 hours until very firm.

Any of your favorite field greens can be used featuring endive, frisee, Boston, bibb, mesclun or a spring mix.

Sweetening up the day is easy. Raspberries and chocolate are a perfect match, Holden says.

The dish won first place in a competition of community colleges several years ago, Holden said.

"The main flavors for Valentine's Day are chocolate,

raspberries or strawberries," Holden said. "There are different kinds of creams you can make, you can make a more dense warm chocolate cake. Caramel sauce is big, too."

When planning for the meal, Ganhs recommends picking up items a couple days before the meal. And make a list. "We work off a prep list in a small time frame," Ganhs said. "You should follow the list so you don't forget things."

You can add up to 2 ounces of alcohol to this mix.  
Makes 1-1/2 quarts.

### CHOCOLATE GLAZE

2 pounds 4 ounces semi-sweet chocolate  
1 pint milk  
4 ounces heavy cream  
4 ounces butter

Melt chocolate over double boiler.

In saucepan, combine remaining ingredients. Bring to a rolling boil and add to chocolate. Mix thoroughly. Strain.

To use, the torte or pastry must be coated with buttercream and frozen, while the glaze must be between 86°-90° F. Makes 3 pounds 4 ounces

### PISTACHIO SPONGE CAKE

5 ounces eggs  
3-1/2 ounces pistachio flour (see note)  
3 ounces powdered sugar  
1 ounce cake flour  
3.25 ounces egg whites  
2-1/2 teaspoons sugar  
1-1/2 ounces unsalted butter, melted

Whip eggs light and fluffy.

Sift together flours and powdered sugar. Set aside. Whip egg white adding remaining sugar to stiff peaks. Fold both mixtures together with sifted flour, spread evenly onto sheet tray. Bake in 400° F. oven until golden brown. Makes 1-1/2 sheet pan.

(Note: Chef Roger Holden said that pistachio flour consists of pistachio nuts that are finely crushed.)

### CRÈME ANGLAISE

1 quart half and half  
12 ounces sugar  
7 egg yolks  
1 teaspoon vanilla or vanilla bean

Combine three-fourths of the half and half, sugar and vanilla in stainless steel pot, bring to rolling boil.

Combine remaining half and half and yolks, temper and return to pot over medium heat, stirring constantly, cooking to nappe (204° F, 96° C).

Strain into a non-reactive container in ice bath. Cool to room temperature then wrap and refrigerate. This mixture must be used within three days. Makes 1-1/4 quarts.

### BAVARIAN CREAM

1 pint crème anglaise  
1 pint heavy cream  
4 gelatin sheets (or 1/4 teaspoon gelatin mix, about 8 grams)  
1 ounce water  
6 ounces flavoring, any puree except alcohol

Bloom gelatin and cold water 5-7 minutes.

Whip cream to soft peak.

Flavor crème anglaise and mix liquor or other flavorings. Warm gelatin until dissolved over double boiler, temper and stir in whipped cream. Pour mix into molds and set.

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# A trifle less fat

## Cut the calories on this Valentine's Day favorite

The classic trifle, a traditional English dessert, requires extensive preparation and is high in saturated fat and calories. But it is a luscious way to celebrate Valentine's Day in the traditional red-and-white theme.

The following version is ideally suited to health- and diet-conscious sweethearts, but sacrifices nothing in flavor. Best of all, since Valentine's Day falls on a workday, this trifle can be made easily and well in advance. It is the ideal finish to a romantic meal and large enough for a party or lots of leftovers.

### VALENTINE TRIFLE

2 cups reduced-fat (2 percent) milk  
3 large egg yolks  
1/3 cup sugar  
3 tablespoons flour  
Pinch of salt  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1 bag (12 ounces) fresh cranberries (or frozen and defrosted)  
1 cup water  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 angel food cake (about 12 ounces)  
1/4-3/4 cup heavy cream\*  
1/4-1 teaspoon vanilla extract, or to taste  
Pinch of confectioners (powdered) sugar, or to taste

In a medium, non-stick saucepan, heat milk until bubbles appear along the edges. Remove from heat, cover and set aside.

In a small bowl, beat egg yolks until they turn a pale color. Gradually beat in sugar until mixture thickens. Mix in flour and salt until smooth and well blended. Slowly mix in 1/4 of the milk, then the remainder. Mix until well combined, then transfer mixture to the pan.

Set pan over medium-low heat. Stirring constantly, cook at a low simmer until mixture thickens, about 5 minutes or until it coats a tablespoon with a film. Immediately transfer custard to a medium bowl and stir in vanilla. Press a sheet of plastic wrap onto the custard so it makes contact and prevents a skin from forming. Let stand until room temperature, about 4 hours or refrigerate, covered, overnight. Bring to room temperature before using.

In a medium saucepan bring cranberries, water and sugar to a boil. Lower heat to medium-high and cook until berries "pop." Reduce heat and gently simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat and allow to cool. Taste and add additional sugar, if needed.

Transfer mixture to a blender and mix on highest speed until it becomes a smooth purée. Transfer to a bowl and mix in 1/2 teaspoon vanilla and set aside. Refrigerate overnight and bring to room temperature before using.

Cut the cake horizontally with a large serrated knife into 3 layers. Place 1 layer in the bottom of a 2-quart glass dish. (Small pieces can easily be pushed into any gaps.) Spread half the puréed fruit on top to cover it evenly. Spread half the custard over the berries to cover. Repeat with a second layer of cake,



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purée and custard. Top with the last cake layer. Cover with plastic wrap, then foil. Refrigerate at least 8 hours or overnight.

About an hour before serving, remove trifle from refrigerator. Whip the cream in a chilled bowl until it begins to thicken. While continuing to beat, add vanilla and sugar to taste until cream is thick but still soft. Spread on the trifle to completely cover the surface. Garnish, if desired, with berries dusted with superfine sugar.

\*Low- or fat-free whipped topping can be substituted. The amount needed depends on the dish. A dish about 7 inches wide at the top requires 1/4 to 1/2 cup cream.

Makes 12 servings. Per serving: 203 calories, 4 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 39 g. carbohydrate, 4 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 148 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

## WINES

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wine's youth, dark chocolate offered greater enhancement. When we tried it with a 1995 Pine Ridge Andrus Reserve from our cellar, it didn't work. With cellaring, the Andrus melowed in the bottle and was better matched with savory food.

### CHOCOLATE AND BUBBLES

Romantically, chocolate and champagne pair. With bubbles, the acidity element scored again. Conrad's dark chocolate with rose-infused white chocolate ganache with J. Lasalle Rosé Brut Champagne (\$58) and also the sparkler L. Mawby Sex from Michigan (\$15.50) proved the champagne an incredible match and Sex was pure fun.

### OTHER OPTIONS

The synergy Conrad suggested for a good match proved to be outstanding when Bosse paired the 2003 Papapietro Perry Leras Vineyard Pinot Noir from California's Russian River Valley (\$52) with Chocolat's dark chocolate bar. The wine's raspberry character was elevated and resulted in ultimate finesse.

A raspberry element in the 2003 Domaine Berthet-Rayne Chateauneuf-du-Pape (\$30) also became more appealing and elegant with the same dark chocolate bar. Chocolate qualities were also pushed forward.

Yet, when we tried Conrad's raspberry-filled dark chocolate with the same two wines, it was raspberry overkill - both wines and chocolate became one dimensional.

### DON'T NEGLECT WHITES

The 2004 Hedges CSM (\$12.50) from Washington

state's Columbia Valley made an exceptional pairing with Chocolat's dark chocolate with passion fruit-infused dark chocolate. CSM is an acronym for a blend of chardonnay, sauvignon blanc and marsanne. Dynamite! Fruity wine and fruity chocolate proved that white wine and dark chocolate can be a delicious pair.

### POINTERS

Port, as well as not-too-peaty single malts and dark chocolate are a given, so we didn't test that.

Avoid milk chocolate and stick to dark when attempting wine matches. Chocolat's chocolates are 48 percent cacao.

We tried the wines with imported chocolates up to 70 percent cacao.

The higher that number, the poorer the match.

We've attempted to offer a range of wine prices but if your wallet's a tad empty but you still want a sexy gift, tie a few of Chocolat's rose-infused chocolates in a transparent bag around the neck of a bottle of Mawby's Sex and gift your Valentine with some fun tastes for \$20.

### FINDING THE MATCHES

Chocolat, 261 Merrill St., Birmingham (248) 203-7990. Chocolates are \$32 per pound and dark chocolate bars are \$5.95 each.

Simply Wine, 180 Pierce St., Birmingham (248) 290-0476. Wine prices quoted in the column are from this shop.

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@hometown-

life.com

**Romantic Moonlight Sleigh Ride**  
Fifteen-minute sleigh ride, dinner, Friday, Feb. 10, Saturday, Feb. 11, and Valentine's Day, Tuesday, Feb. 14, dinner specials, bread, salad, soup or slaw, potato and more, \$39.95 per adult and \$15 per child, reservations required, Historic White Horse Inn,

Oak and High Street in Metamora, (810) 678-2150, www.historicwhitehorseinn.com

**Century Grill**  
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.

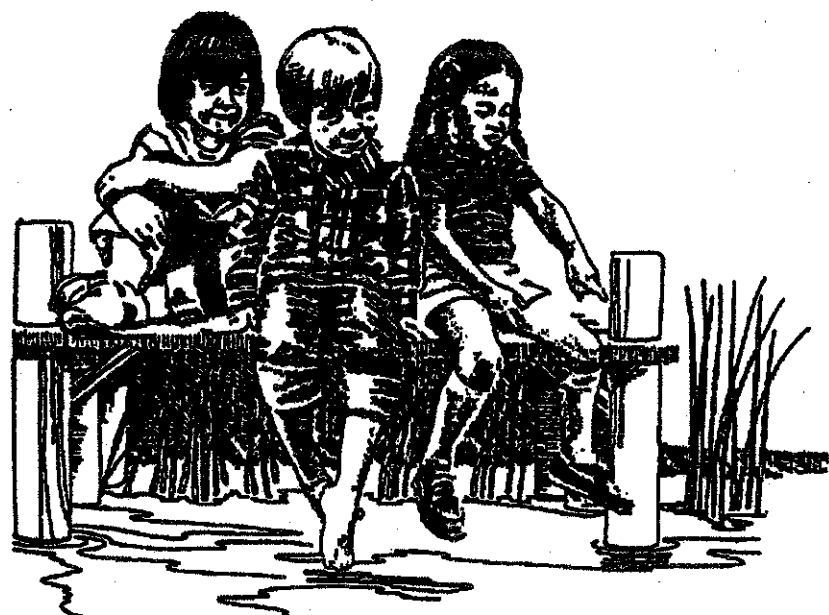
**Valentine's Day Beer Dinner**  
Try fire-roasted jalapeno and turkey

sausage; gulf shrimp; artichoke and leek stew; roasted apricot pork loin and molten chocolate lava cake, a different brew for each of the four different courses, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, \$29.95 per person, Thunder Bay Brewing Co., Great Lakes Crossing, I-75 and Baldwin roads, (248) 454-8486.

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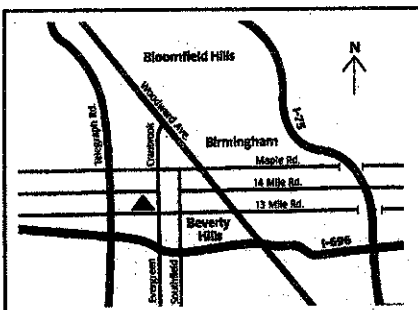
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# Fire up winter with low-fat, but hearty, soups

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The season for hearty soups is upon us and so is the temptation to thicken them with good-tasting and calorific fat. Here's your way around that: Food editor Sue Spitler has assembled enough recipes for good-tasting, healthy and low-calorie dishes to fill menus for many seasons to come.

The following three are from the collection in the second edition of her cookbook, *1,001 Delicious Soups and Stews* (Surrey Books, 2005, \$19.95). This edition includes a new chapter with complete menu plans, as well as a wide variety of updated recipes for low-fat, low-carb and easily prepared dishes.

The latter include two with seafood, and one that's vegetarian, all of them hearty enough to build a meal around.

This chowder has a lively curry flavor and bright yellow color, and takes less than half an hour to cook.

## CURRIED SCALLOP POTATO CHOWDER

1 bottle (11 ounces) clam juice  
1/2 cup dry white wine (or water)  
1 pound potatoes, peeled, cut into 1/2-inch cubes  
1 teaspoon curry powder  
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic  
1 pound sea scallops  
1 cup frozen peas  
1 1/4 cup 1 percent low-fat milk  
Salt and pepper, to taste

Heat clam juice, wine or water, potatoes, curry powder and garlic to boiling in large saucepan; reduce heat and simmer, covered, 10 minutes. Add scallops; simmer until scallops are cooked and opaque, 5 to 10 minutes. Remove about half the potatoes and scallops with slotted spoon to a large bowl, keep warm.

Process remaining mixture in food processor or blender until smooth. Return mixture to pan. Stir in peas, milk and reserved potatoes and scallops. Heat until peas are tender and chowder is hot through, about 5 minutes. Do not boil. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 251 cal., 25.6 g pro., 29.4 g carbo., 1.8 g total fat (0.2 g saturated), 49.3 mg chol., 482 mg sodium.

In Mexico, leaves from the avocado tree are used for seasoning in this favorite Oaxacan soup. This version of the dish uses a bay leaf, which is somewhat stronger in flavor.

## SHRIMP AND BLACK BEAN SOUP

Vegetable cooking spray  
2 medium onions, chopped  
4 cloves garlic, minced  
2 medium tomatoes, peeled, cut into wedges  
Three 14 1/2-ounce cans reduced-sodium fat-free chicken broth  
1/2 cup water  
3 cups cooked dried black beans or two 15-ounce cans black beans, rinsed, drained  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves  
1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves  
1 bay leaf  
8 ounces peeled, deveined shrimp  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
Finely chopped cilantro, as garnish

Spray large saucepan with cooking spray; heat over medium heat until hot. Sauté onions and garlic until tender, about 5 minutes. Process onion mixture, tomatoes, and 1 can chicken broth until smooth; return to saucepan.

Add remaining 2 cans broth, water, black beans and herbs to saucepan; heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes, adding shrimp during last 5 minutes. Discard bay leaf and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Serve soup in bowls; sprinkle with cilantro.

Makes 6 servings (about 11/2 cups each).

Nutrition information per serving: 190 cal., 19.1 g pro., 27 g carbo., 1.1 g total fat (0.3 g saturated), 58.3 mg chol., 136 mg sodium.

When the weather precludes a trip to the grocery, you can still make a tasty and nutritious vegetable soup like

this one — think of it as an opportunity to clear items lingering in the refrigerator and pantry.

## MOTHER HUBBARD'S SOUP

4 small potatoes, cubed  
1 sweet potato, peeled, cubed  
2 ribs celery, sliced  
1 cup julienned or sliced carrots  
2 cups sliced cabbage  
8 ounces frozen snap peas

8 ounces frozen broccoli  
1 cup frozen peas  
1 cup frozen whole kernel corn  
14 1/2-ounce can diced tomatoes with roasted garlic, undrained  
Four 14 1/2-ounce cans reduced-sodium vegetable broth, or chicken broth, or beef broth  
1 teaspoon dried rosemary leaves  
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves

1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves  
Salt and pepper, to taste

Combine all ingredients, except salt and pepper, in large saucepan; heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, until vegetables are tender, about 25 minutes.

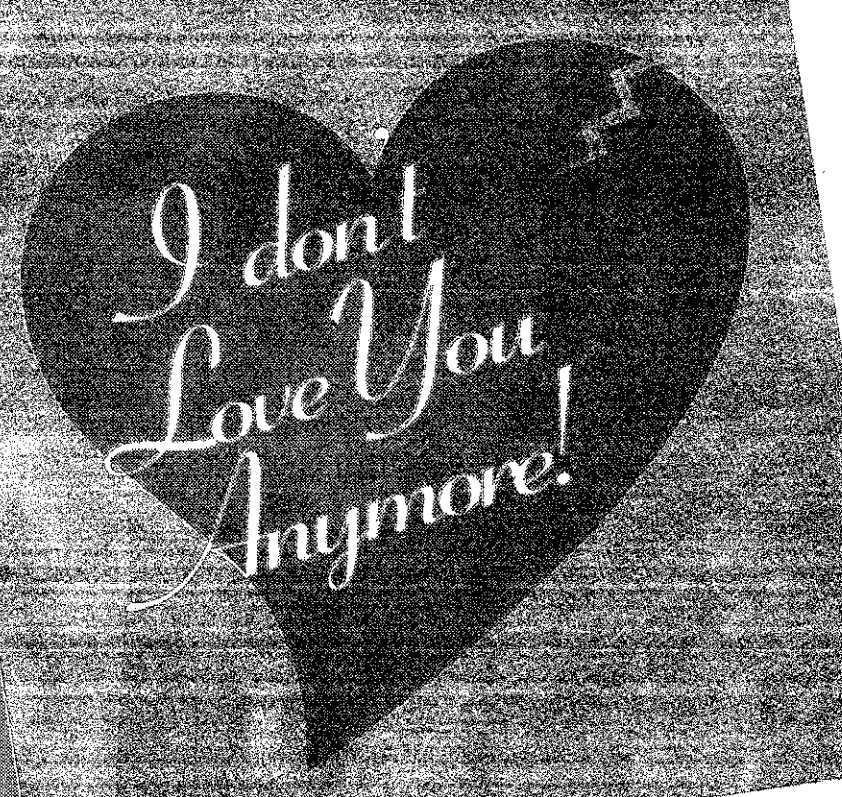
Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Makes 8 servings (about 13/4 cups each).

Nutrition information per serving: 172 cal., 6.4 g pro., 37.9 g carbo., 0.5 g total fat (0.1 g saturated), 0 mg chol., 337 mg sodium.

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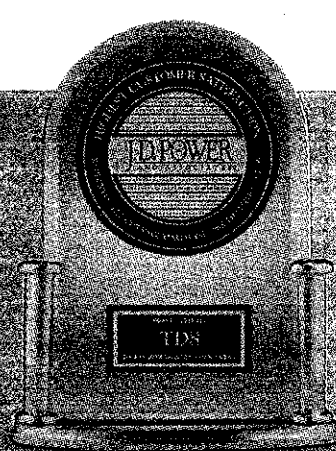


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Following his final two seasons in Kansas City, Montana retired from football in 1994 and became a corporate and charity spokesman.

"Things changed," Montana said. "I slowed down my workouts after I retired, but I continued to eat the way I normally did. Even though I still have a workout program, I had to cut back because I ate more than normal. I was a junk-food junkie - potato chips and French Fries - I and was just not working out as much."

"Now I do things in moderation. I still have some of the same foods, but I don't eat a big bag of chips. Now I go through a small one and don't feel guilty as long as I do things the right way."

Through medication and a lifestyle change, Montana has his blood pressure under control.

"The life of an NFL player is very busy," Dr. Rippe said. "They eat fast food and he (Montana) was no different. He was always on the run and he wolfed it down. From a medical standpoint he did not have a good diet. He had to change to more fresh fruits and veggies."

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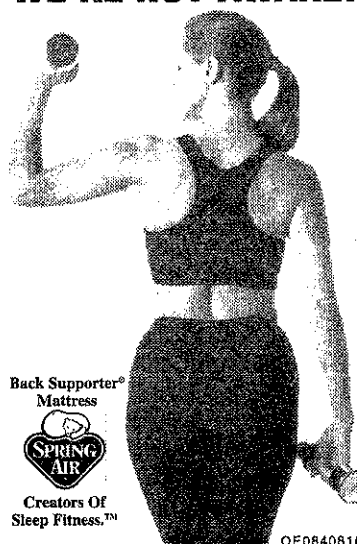
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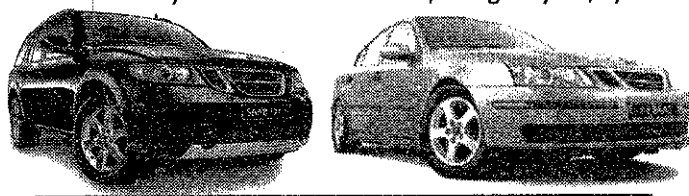
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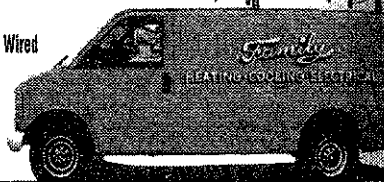
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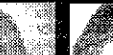




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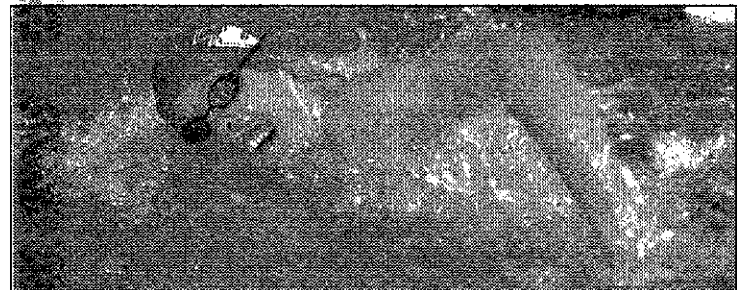
## Predators shine

The Predators placed fourth in the nation in the U12 female competitive division in their first trip to the Kickit 3v3 World Tournament at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. The team went 4-0 in pool play and 6-2 overall, playing teams from Kentucky, Illinois, North Carolina, New Mexico and Wisconsin. Pictured (from left) are Kristina Klusek (Canton), Robyn Mack (Canton), Victoria Pepper (Belleville), coach Matt Pepper, Kaitlyn Murphy (Canton), Alex Tennant (South Lyon) and Martha Sorenson (Ann Arbor).

## SWIMMING RESULTS

**CANTON 127 PLYMOUTH 53**  
Tuesday at Canton  
**200-yard medley relay:** 1. Canton (Nick Landis, Dan Anthony, Chris Marinica, Matt Carlson), 1:51.73; 2. Plymouth (Casey Molloy, Justin Huey, Jack Distel, Joseph Eudy), 2:03.30; 3. Plymouth (Tony McLaughlin, Frank Su, Justin Scaparo, Paul Snyder), 2:08.03.  
**200 freestyle:** 1. Shogo Uno (C), 1:54.46; 2. Ross Schwarz (C), 1:56.07; 3. Nathan Phillips (C), 1:57.28.  
**200 individual medley:** 1. Andy Knisely (P), 2:10.19; 2. Robert Blaesser (C), 2:15.91; 3. Kevin Karlinski (C), 2:18.45.  
**50 freestyle:** 1. Derek Schmitt (C), 23.74; 2. Jon Templeton (C), 23.98; 3. Nick Landis (C), 24.50.  
**100 butterfly:** 1. Chris Marinica (C), 1:02.33; 2. Robert Blaesser (C), 1:04.58; 3. Ian Gonzalez (C), 1:07.28.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Derek Schmitt (C), 50.91; 2. Matt Carlson (C), 51.59; 3. Andy Knisely

(P), 52.49.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Michael Conger (P), 5:17.59; 2. Nathan Phillips (C), 5:18.43; 3. Richard Zhang (C), 5:45.66.  
**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Robert Blaesser, Chris Marinica, Jon Templeton, Shogo Uno), 1:36.85; 2. Canton (Matt Carlson, Nathan Phillips, Ross Schwarz, Derek Schmitt), 1:38.28; 3. Plymouth (Andy Knisely, Ben Ambrose, Jack Distel, Michael Conger), 1:39.37.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Nick Landis (C), 1:01.43; 2. Matt Carlson (C), 1:02.29; 3. Kevin Karlinski (C), 1:05.71.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Dan Anthony (C), 1:10.47; 2. Shogo Uno (C), 1:12.46; 3. Chris Marinica (C), 1:16.46.  
**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Derek Schmitt, Ross Schwarz, Nick Landis, Robert Blaesser), 3:33.94; 2. Canton (Kevin Karlinski, Nathan Phillips, Jon Templeton, Shogo Uno), 3:41.28; 3. Plymouth (Andy Knisely, Michael Conger, Casey Molloy, Joseph Eudy), 3:52.23.



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Canton's Derek Schmitt, pictured above in a meet from earlier this season, finished first in the 50-yard freestyle Tuesday night against Plymouth. Schmitt was clocked in 23.74.

# Team effort fuels Plymouth victory

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

To get an idea of who made the biggest contribution in Plymouth's 52-43 victory over Wayne Memorial Tuesday night, you'd have to look at the Wildcats' team photo.

"This was a team win tonight — everybody played and everybody contributed," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner, whose squad improved to 5-9 overall and 3-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. "The kids who came off the bench for us in the first half really stepped up the pace for us when we needed them to. I challenged the starters at the half by asking them if they saw how hard the subs played, and they responded in the second half.

"Nick Boyd came in for us and scored four points just because he ran hard down the court every time."

The win snapped a four-game Plymouth losing streak heading into Friday night's home game against cross-campus foe Canton.

Senior guard D.J. Coleman led the Wildcats with 15 points. Junior guard LaBroderick Caldwell had a season-high 13 and senior forward Josh Le Duc contributed six.

Justin Collop and Thaddeus Bell both scored 12 for the Zebras, who slipped to 2-12 overall and 1-7 in the WLAA. Mike Lee also had a solid game with 10 points.

Wayne led 9-6 after one quarter and 22-18 at the intermission. The Wildcats cut their deficit to 32-30 after three quarters before outscoring their visitors 22-11 over the final eight minutes.

The Wildcats canned 13-of-27 free throws, including 6-of-13 in the fourth quarter. Wayne drained 10-of-17 shots from the line.

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN 61, SALEM 50:** Led by the hot shooting of senior guard Andre Bell, the Patriots overcame a 22-20 halftime deficit to record the road win. Franklin improved to 8-6 overall and 5-3 in the WLAA while the Rocks dipped to 3-11 and 3-5, respectively.

"We started slowly," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "I think we turned the ball over on our first eight possessions. But the kids kept their composure and came back to get the lead.

"But in the second half, we started turning the ball over again and they turned the turnovers into points."

Billy Leddy paced the Rocks with 11 points.

"In the first half, we held Bell to 11 points, which wasn't bad," said Brodie. "But he got hot in the second half and hit a couple of threes and he made four big free throws down the stretch. We had a couple of key breakdowns defensively in the fourth quarter."

Turnover-itis plagued the Rocks all night as they committed 29 miscues.

Franklin led 40-35 after three quarters before outscoring their hosts 21-15 over the final eight minutes. Salem clawed back to within four with 1:40 to go, but it turned the ball over on its next possession to seal its fate.

Both teams shots well from the free-throw line: Salem made 11-of-12 while the Patriots buried 8-of-9.

Salem hosts unbeaten Northville on Friday. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

**B'HAM ROEPER 55, PCA 42:** The Roughriders (11-4) jumped to a 25-20 halftime lead and never looked back in the second half to improve their Michigan Independent Athletic Conference record to 5-1. Plymouth Christian fell to 7-7 and 1-4, respectively.

Senior Matt Saagman and freshman Justin both netted 10 points for the Eagles. Govan also pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds.

Erik Zinser, who went 8-for-8 from the free-throw line, led the winners with 21 points.

"This game was a lot like the Inter-City game on Friday," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "We played well in the first half, but the first five minutes of the third quarter hurt us. The kids battled hard all night. We just didn't shoot well."



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Junior guard Jierah Dixon, pictured above in a game earlier this season, and his Salem teammates dropped a 61-50 decision to Livonia Franklin Tuesday night. The Rocks return to action Friday when they host unbeaten Northville.

PCA cut its deficit to five points with five minutes left in the contest, but the Eagles could get no closer.

"Defensively, we're where I want us to be," Taylor said. "We're having a hard time getting out of the 40s on offense, though."

Sophomore guard Trevor Zinn and junior forward Devyn Govan both netted seven for the Eagles, who travel to Oakland Christian on Friday night.

**BELLEVILLE 72, DETROIT COMMUNITY 54:** The Tigers outscored the Hurricanes 29-16 in the fourth quarter to secure an impressive non-conference victory. Community came into the game ranked No. 3 in Class C.

"I was very pleased with the way we played tonight," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel, whose team improved to 11-3. "They have a big team and they presented us with a great challenge, but the kids came through. Community was coming off a win over Country Day on Friday, so they can play."

Leon Freeman paced the Tigers with 26 points. Carlos Clark had a huge night as well, swishing his first three triples on the way to 17 points. Michael Gibson compiled 11 points and 12 rebounds while Corel Dial twined eight points.

Chase Simon led the Hurricanes with 14 points, 10 of which came in the fourth quarter.

Belleville led 14-13 after one quarter and 34-21 at the break. Community cut its deficit to 43-38 after three quarters, but the hosts hung on. The Hurricanes slipped to 11-5 with the setback.

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## Cards bounce cold-shooting MU; Schoolcraft flattens Oakland CC

Madonna University couldn't buy a basket Monday night, shooting a paltry 29.9 percent from the field in a 67-51 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball loss to host Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

MU falls to 9-16 overall and 3-7 in the WHAC, while the Cardinals upped their record to 15-11 and 6-4.

Bryan Verdun, 6-of-7 from the field, paced Concordia with 17 points, while Cihan Mumcuogullari added 14 points. Nate Ashcraft and Jared Adamson chipped in with 12 and 11, respectively.

The Cardinals shot 27-of-55 from the floor (49.1 percent), including 7-of-17 from three-point range.

Charlie Henry (Canton Agape Christian) had a team-high 12 for the Crusaders on 4-of-12 shooting from three-point range. Danny Peters added 10 and Mike Rashad (Wayne Memorial) eight for MU, which trailed by only one at halftime, 32-31.

**SCHOOLCRAFT 101, OAKLAND CC 78:** Five players scored in double figures Saturday as Schoolcraft College (20-4, 7-2) with a victory over host Oakland Community College (5-16, 3-5) at the Highland Lakes gymnasium.

Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs sat out his second straight game after being ejected for the second time this season when he received two technicals late in the game in a Jan. 28 loss to Flint Mott CC.

Schoolcraft sits in second place in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, two games in the loss column behind unbeaten Mott (8-0).

Five Ocelots scored in double figures led by 7-foot center James Davis, who had 22 points and 10 rebounds in 27 minutes. He was 10-of-14 from the floor.

Wallace Hall added 17 points, while Donnell Patterson and Ryan Williams each added 15. Jarred Axon finished with 10 points, while Cedric Sims (Wayne Memorial) had five assists.

Odgra Bobo paced the Raiders with 24 points and 12 rebounds. Dominique Hardiman added 18 points, while Floyd Brintley added 12.

## Ocelot joins 1,000-point club in win

Charlese Greer scored her 1,000th career point Monday to help Schoolcraft College post an 80-54 road victory against St. Clair Community College.

Greer scored 15 points and grabbed nine rebounds on her milestone night. But she wasn't alone in pacing the Lady Ocelots, ranked No. 3 in NJCAA-Division II, to the Michigan Community College Athletic Association triumph.

Leading the offensive surge was freshman forward LaShanda Thomas, with 24 points and 10 boards. Thomas nailed four of nine attempts from behind the three-point arc. Schoolcraft (21-2, 7-2 in the MCCA) also received 17 points and nine rebounds from sophomore guard Tomica Hodge and 12 points and nine boards from freshman forward Maricka Seay.

For St. Clair (16-7, 5-3), Evelyn Heath and Hali Burns scored 17 and 15 points, respectively.

The Lady Ocelots came out charging from the beginning at the Skipper Dome in Port Huron.

Schoolcraft built a 31-7 lead in the first 12 minutes and took a 41-23 advantage into the half-time break, having connected on 16-of-36 field-goal attempts (44 percent).

**SCHOOLCRAFT 66, OAKLAND CC 49:** Saturday afternoon at Oakland Community College-Highland Lakes, Charlese Greer and Maricka Seay provided an offensive one-two punch as the Lady Ocelots (20-2, 6-2) earned a MCCA-Eastern Conference win.

Greer scored 19 points and pulled down 16 rebounds (11 on the defensive end), with Seay tallying 18 points and eight rebounds. Also in double figures for Schoolcraft was LaShanda Thomas, with 12 points.

Chipping in with seven was Amanda Crouse.

For the Lady Raiders (9-11, 3-5), Michelle White scored 12 points and Safiyah Bibbins collected 11 boards.

Livonia Clarenceville's Marissa Martin had two points and four rebounds, while fellow Trojan alum Katie Tuomi added four points and seven rebounds.

## Skaters in sync

Performing to The Mask soundtrack "Cuban Pete," the Gems repeated as gold medalists in the Ice Juvenile division at the USFS Synchronized Team Skating Midwestern Sectional Championships, Jan. 28, at Great Lakes Sport Center in Fraser. The Gems, ages 8-12, beat out teams from Bloomfield Hills, Dearborn, Chicago (Ill.), Missouri and Minnesota to earn a spot Feb. 23 at the USFS Synchronized Team Skating National Championships at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids. The Gems, who perform out of Computware Sports Arena in Plymouth, are coached Carrie Brown (Livonia) and Jenny DeSimone (Farmington Hills). Team members include: Alyssa Shomsky and Delanie Thurlow, both of Livonia; Sera Petrillo and Natalie Puckett, Plymouth; Allison Brotherton, Shelby Dziedzic, Mikayla Eschleman and Erin Spencer, Canton; Madison Elkow, Mackenzie Elkow, Ellen



Gableman, Alyssa Kirsch, Katy Rapson, Regan Tang, Jaquelyne and Josephine Zolynski, Farmington Hills; Gigi Paolucci,

Novi; Paige Mason, Chelsea, Julia Leffler, Commerce; Bridget Hillman, Northville; Kathryn Davis, Novi; Elizabeth Goldstein, Ann

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## FEBRUARY

## 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 must 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.

## Valentines wanted

Trinity Episcopal Church is collecting valentines to be distributed to the residents of Willow Creek Assisted Living in Belleville. Home made or store bought valentines can be signed with your first name and dropped off by Feb. 10 at Trinity church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville (734) 699-3361. For more information, call Linda at (734) 484-5033.

## Marriage encounter

Presented by United Methodist Encounters Feb. 10-12, in Southfield. Call Dalice and Chuck Yost for information at (313) 937-1051 or send e-mail to CYOST@twm1.rr.com.

## 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. The Merton Rice Memorial Organ has 7,003 pipes housed in four chambers and is played from a five manual console. Tickets may be reserved for pick up at door. An afterglow reception follows the concert where you may greet the performers. Call (313) 875-7407, ext. 324.

## 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.

## Sweetheart dinner

Trinity Church of the Brethern is inviting members of the community to a Sweetheart Dinner in celebration of Valentine's Day, a version of the Newlywed Game follows for anyone married for less than 75-years, 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at 27350 W. Chicago at Inkster Road, Redford. Donations for the meal will be accepted. For more information or to make reservations, call (313) 937-1199.

## New pastor

Lake Pointe Bible Church holds a welcoming reception noon Sunday, Feb. 12, for the new youth pastor Kevin Kilgore and his wife Amy; at 42150 Schoolcraft, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 420-0515 or visit [www.lakepointebible.org](http://www.lakepointebible.org). Kilgore and Amy look forward to working in tandem on new and expanded programs for the youth at the church. Amy is a counselor at Novi High School and has also served as Director of High School ministries at an Ann Arbor church. Since 2002, Kilgore has served as Youth Pastor of Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, where he recruited adult volunteer leaders, developed teen ministry teams, led short-term missions trips to Mexico, and increased teen attendance significantly.

## Bible study groups

The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month (Feb. 15), the Thursday group 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month (Feb. 16), in the rectory at St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church, Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying *Women of Courage* in the Bible, the Thursday group *The Letters of St. Paul from Prison*. Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock Scripture Series. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

## 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](http://www.iceonline.org).

## Lay caregiver series

Presented by Samaritan Counseling Center, Pastoral Care during Times of Change and Transition, change is certain in our lives and the lives around us, this workshop explores the stages of transition, led by Sharon Hage, staff counselor, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday,

Feb. 19, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 11 Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. To register, call (248) 474-4701.

## Blood drive

2-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Call Carolyn Liebau at (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or just drop in.

## Purpose Driven Life

Members, friends and neighbors of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren during Lent. Small groups will meet at homes in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi and South Lyon on Wednesday evenings during Lent. It all starts with a kick off dinner at the church on Feb. 22nd. Over 13,000 churches nationwide have gone through this campaign. If you bought the book and are looking to get more out of it or want to find out why on earth you're here, sign up for a group. All faiths are welcome. Call (248) 349-3140 for more information.

## Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m., at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

## Grief workshop

From grief to new hope began 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.

## Lutheran course

For all Lutherans - old, new and anyone in between, began 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, and continues weekly through March 28, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

## UPCOMING

## Pasties

Orders taken March 5-8 and 12, pick up March 16-17, at Newburgh United Methodist church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149. Cost is \$3. Proceeds go to building fund/parking lot improvements.

## Frank Turner testimony

The Channel 7 Emmy Award winning news anchor shares his testimony of how God's grace and mercy touched his life 10 a.m. Sunday, March 12, at Christ The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton. A free brunch follows the service. For more information, call (734) 981-0286.

## Lifesong tour

Featuring Casting Crowns with Nichole Nordeman and guest speaker Tony Nolan, introducing Josh Bates 7 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at NorthRidge Church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Tickets \$35 artist circle, \$25 advance, \$22 groups of 15 plus (groups receive pair of complimentary tickets. For tickets, call (800) 585-3737 or visit a StarTicketsPlus outlet or [www.starticketsplus.com](http://www.starticketsplus.com). For more information, call (734) 414-7777.

## Polish Dinner Dance

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 hand-made crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

## ONGOING

## Exercise series

A weekly class on exercise and fitness began 6:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30 and runs to March 20, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call Linda Hollman at (734) 522-6830.

## Scripture from scratch

No previous Bible study required, began 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. The four units include an overview of the Bible (Feb. 7, 14, 21), the Old Testament (March 7, 14, 21), the New Testament (April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, and Gospels (May 16, 23, 30 and June 6). Each session includes video presentation, small and large group discussions. Be one of the first 10 to receive the participant's manual for \$5. After that, the cost is \$10. To register, call (734) 425-5950.

## 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.

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## GARY F. ZATORSKI

Age 65. Dear husband of Joan. Loving father of Susan and Laura (Zurlinden). Also survived by brother Michael and loving uncle, Stanley Reisinger. Served in the USMC from 1957-1960. Celebration of life will be Saturday, February 11, 2006 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia, 2:00pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gary's memory to the American Diabetes Association or the National Kidney Foundation.



## DOLORES R. "LAURIE" SEREGNY

age 78, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died February 5, 2006. Dear wife of the late Joseph. Loving mother of Jeffrey Seregny (Sherry) of Rochester Hills, Julie Mahoney (Michael) of Macomb, IL, and the late Scott Seregny (Katie) of Indianapolis. Dear grandmother of Lindsay and Maureen. Memorial Service at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Saturday, 11 a.m. Memorial tributes to Michigan Humane Society. View obituary and share memories at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)



## EDWARD L. CHMIELEWSKI

(Age 83) Decorated Disabled American Veteran WWII Army Beloved Husband of Mary S., Loving Father of Mark (JoAnn), Kathleen (John) Liadis, Christine (James) Abbey. Grandfather of Eric (Ann) & Jeremy (Kim) Abbey, Angela & Andrea Chmielewski, Stephen & Nicholas Liadis. Brother of Vitold (Emily) & the late John. Uncle of Jacqueline Schoenbrun. Cousin of Patricia Presto & Joseph Niegowski. He also leaves many beloved relatives and friends. Visiting was Tuesday at Charles R. Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (Btw. 6-7 Mile) with a Mass Wednesday at 10:00 am at Our Lady of Loretto (N.E. corner 6 Mile & Beech Daly). Founding Member (53 Years) of Our Lady of Loretto Church Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery Contributions to Our Lady of Loretto School Appreciated



## CHARLES E. CHILDS

Age 87, of Plymouth, Michigan Died Thursday, February 2, 2006. He was a member of the Plymouth Historical Society and Optimist Club. he was a veteran of WWII having served in the US Army. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Childs. Survivors include son and daughter in law Bill and Shelley Childs, Cumming. Daughters and son in-law Sally Childs, Rudyrad, MI, Debbie and Brad Vetal, Tulsa, OK. Grandchildren, Jacob, Mac Kenzie, Madison and Nicholas Childs, Ali, Zaek and Jordan Vetal sister Anna Mae Smith, Walled Lake, MI. and several other relatives also survive. Memorial services will be held Saturday 10 am, February 11, 2006. First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, MI. Rev. Africa, officiating. Interment will be in the Memorial Gardens at the church. The family will receive friends for a luncheon after the service at the church. Ingram Funeral Home, Cumming Georgia.

## GEORGE FREDERICK PEPP

Age 75, of Burnsville, NC, passed away Sunday, February 5, 2006 at his home. A native of Detroit, he was a son of the late Frank and Elizabeth Burke Pepp, and the husband of Mary Ann Nazarewski Pepp. A memorial mass will be held at Noon on Thursday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Burnsville, NC. Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home, Burnsville, NC, is assisting the Pepp Family.

## KATY LEE HOWELL LETT

Age 80, a resident of Birmingham, Michigan for 50 years, passed away on February 6, 2005. She was born on August 29, 1925. Katy graduated from the University of Alabama. She was a tax preparer with H & R Block Corporation and was a member of First Baptist Church of Birmingham. She is survived by her husband, Philip Wood Lett, Jr.; two daughters, Kathy Lett Clark of Boulder, Colorado and Lisa Ann Lett of Denver, Colorado; one son, Philip Warren Lett of Fairview, Texas; three grandchildren, Christopher, Lauren and Alissa. Funeral service at The First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willis, on Friday, February 10, 2006 at 11 A.M. with Reverend Dr. J. Wesley Babian officiating Visitation at The Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple, Birmingham on Thursday 2-4 P.M. and 6-8 P.M.



## MADALEEN M. DOHERTY

February 6, 2006. Age 78 of Wayne. Beloved wife of the late Michael. Dear mother of Dennis (Gayle) Walcott, Stephen (Karen) Kietur, and Diane Henry. Grandmother of six and Great Grandmother of four. Funeral service at St. Michaels Lutheran Church of Wayne Thursday 11am. Visitation at The Uht Funeral Home, Westland, Wednesday 12-9pm. And at the church Thursday 10-11am. Burial will be at Michigan Memorial Park. Please view memorial and send tributes at [www.uhtfuneralhome.com](http://www.uhtfuneralhome.com)

## WALTER J. ROBERTS

Age 85, of Plymouth, died February 7, 2006. He was born July 14, 1920, in Marine City, Michigan. He was a resident of the Plymouth community since 1936. In 1946, he took over the Lumber Mart on Mill Street in Plymouth, which he owned until 1984. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan. He served in the United States Army during World War II, during which time he went to Africa. He loved sports and travel, and especially loved spending time with his children. He is survived by his children, Walter J. (Peggy) Roberts, Jr., Allison J. (Mark) Sassak, Bradford Roberts, Ilona Roberts, and Samuel J. (Elia) Roberts; 4 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his brother, Finch Roberts; 3 nephews; and 4 nieces. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Thursday 1:30pm. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

## JEROME WILLIAM WEBB, SR.

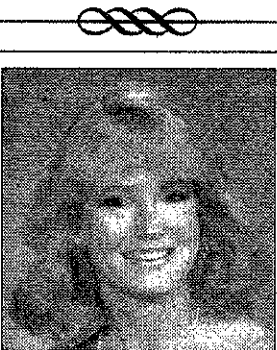
Died suddenly February 3, 2006. He is survived by his devoted and loving wife Elizabeth and his two sons Jefferson Bonson Webb II (and his wife Staci) and Jerome William Webb Jr. He is preceded in death by his Mother and Father Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson B. Webb, his Sister Barbara Ann Webb, his Father and Mother in-law Mr. and Mrs. Emil C. Patzer, his Sister in-law Helen Host and his Brother in-law, E. Charles Patzer Jr. Mr. Webb served four years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Following the war, Mr. Webb attended the University of Michigan where he was a proud graduate from their School of Engineering. He was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. Mr. Webb began an illustrious career as an Electrical Engineer which included owning his own company and culminating as President of Standard Electric in Pontiac and Executive Vice President of the parent company Madison Electric in Detroit before retirement. He was a member of the Forest Lake Country Club, Detroit Athletic Club and the Birmingham Country Club. Funeral Service will be Friday, February 10th, 2:00 P.M. from Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Interment will be private, Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit. Arrangements, Wm. R. Hamilton Co., Birmingham, 1-248-644-6000.

## PAUL D. CARTER

Age 96, a former educator in Birmingham, passed away on January 27, 2006, in Dearborn.

## HELENE G. KVET

Age 88, February 6, 2006. Born and lifetime resident of Birmingham, MI. Wife of the late Edward J. Kvet Jr. Mother of Ed Kvet III of New Orleans, LA. Sister of Don McBride and the late Herbert McBride. Cousins, Raymond E. Winn and Raymond McBride. Funeral Service, Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple Rd., Birmingham, Thursday, February 9th at 11:00 A.M. Visitation after 9:30 A.M. Thursday. Tributes may be made to charity of choice.



## LAURA ANNE POLAKOWSKI

Age 42, of Franklin, Michigan (14 years) passed away on February 5, 2006. She was born March 25, 1963 in Lexington, KY. She is survived by husband, John J.; children, Annie & John II of Franklin, MI; grandmother, Marie Hobbs of Florida; brother, John (Caroline) Hobbs III of Lynchburg, Virginia. She was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church, golfer at Red Run Golf Club and an active tennis league member in Birmingham. Also, an official scorer of the baseball and softball leagues in Franklin. Member of Sigma-Kappa Sorority and graduate from MSU in 1985. Visitation was Tuesday 4-9PM and Wednesday 4-9PM at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Road (4 blks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. Instate, Thursday 9-4:55AM until time of Mass 10:30AM at Holy Name Catholic Church, 645 Woodland (corner of Harmon), Birmingham. Burial at Franklin Cemetery, Franklin, MI. Memorials to Laura Anne Polakowski Endowed Scholarship in Packaging at MSU. On line info @ [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)



## MAURICE CLINTON BEERS

Age 92. Loving husband and best friend of wife Mildred for 63 years. Father of James and Richard Beers, both of Las Vegas, Nevada. Preceded in death by father James, exceptional mother Sadie, older sister Louise Rossiter, younger brother Robert (Jack) Beers and his sister Audrey who died in her infancy. Maurice is survived by sister Verna Ochenschlager of Wooster, Ohio and many nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends too numerous to list. He was loved by many. In his youth, Maurice overcame polio, a hurricane in Florida and the Great Depression. He faced adversity as challenges and never gave up. Later in life he became an avid golfer and bowler undeterred by the slight handicap left from infantile polio. Moving from Ohio to the Detroit area in the 1940's, Mr. Beers became a Lifetime Member of IATSE, Motion Picture Projectionists Local #199. He showed movies in almost all Detroit area theaters until his retirement in the late 1980's at the age of 75. He also was a lifetime member of the Masons, Collingwood Lodge #582 in Cleveland, Ohio joining in 1957 and served as Worthy Patron nine times in the Order of Eastern Star in Michigan. Funeral services will be held Sunday and Monday, February 12 & 13 at LJ Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt in Westland, Michigan. Phone 1-734-522-9400. Visitation will be from 3 pm until 7pm on the 12th with an Eastern Star Service at 4:30pm. Visitation on the 13th will be from 11am until 3pm with services at 2pm. Maurice will be laid to rest with his parents in his hometown of Conneaut, Ohio following services at Marcy Funeral Home, 208 Liberty St. in downtown Conneaut. Services there will be from Noon until 3pm on Saturday, Feb. 18 th, with a Masonic Service commencing at 2 pm. Phone 1-440-593-4253. All flowers will be placed on his grave in Ohio or donations to his favorite charities including the American Red Cross will also be appreciated.



## WILLIAM E. RAMSAY (Binell)

Age 54, February 5, 2006. Loving husband of Linda. Father of Emily (Matthew) Minor, and Katie. Stepfather of Jennifer and Kristen. Grandfather of Hailey. Son of Marge and the late William. Brother of Robert (Terry). Co-owner and operator of the family business, Binell Bros. Cutlery, in Dearborn. Bill lived life to the fullest, enjoying family vacations, cooking, and spending time with his friends. He was an inspiration and teacher to everyone whom he touched in his life. Visitation was Monday and Tuesday at The Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Funeral Mass was Wednesday at St. Damian Catholic Church, Westland. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.



## ZACHARY SCOTT METZKER (Zak)

Formerly of Rochester, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 4, 2006. A resident of Charlotte, N.C., he was a sophomore at Vance High School in Charlotte, N.C. Zachary was born on January 29, 1990, in Rochester, Michigan, where he spent the first six years of his life. He attended Hamlin Elementary School and was a member of University Presbyterian Church. Memorial Services will be conducted on Saturday, February 11, 2006, at 2:00 P.M., at the Davidson College Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Main Street and Concord Road in Davidson, N.C. The family will receive friends immediately after the service in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Interment will be in the church Columbarium in a private family ceremony earlier in the week. Zak loved his family and friends, who will always remember him for his kindness, his friendship, and the ease by which he could talk to people. He is survived by his parents, Lynn and Martin Metzker, sisters, Kerri and Kelly, maternal grandparents Lillian and Arne Lagerkvist, paternal grandparents Patsy and John Metzker, aunts Carrie and Cathy Metzker and Lisa Johnson, uncles Kevin Metzker and Jeffrey Johnson, cousins Erik and Karl Johnson, Nora, Joel and Katherine Metzker, as well as a large loving extended family and countless friends. He will be missed deeply by all. Memorials may be made to Kindermourn, 1320 Harding Place, Charlotte, N.C. 28204 or [www.kindermourn.org](http://www.kindermourn.org). Arrangements by Rayner Funeral Home, Huntersville, N.C.

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## Reserves boost Northville over Canton

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

### PREP BASKETBALL

Northville sixth man "Campy" Smith played like a \$5 pizza in the Mustangs' crucial Western Lakes Activities Association game with Canton Tuesday night.

When the senior guard came off the bench late in the first quarter, he was hot and ready.

Eight of Smith's 12 points came early in the second quarter when the Mustangs overcame a 16-10 deficit to grab a lead they would never relinquish on the way to a 59-53 victory. The sharp-shooter buried two long three-pointers and a pair of free throws during the hosts' momentum-seizing 11-3 run.

Canton stayed close throughout the contest and never trailed by more than seven, but the Chiefs were never able to get over the orange-and-black hump.

Northville improved to 14-0 overall and 8-0 in the WLAA. Canton slipped to 10-4

and 6-2.

"We knew coming in that 'Campy' Smith was an outstanding shooter, so we gave him a lot of attention," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "I thought we defended him well on the two threes he hit early on. We lost him a couple times later on, but on the threes we were right there."

"I'm disappointed we lost tonight, but I'm not disappointed with the way we played. It was a game of runs and they had one more than we did."

The blazing start is the best for Northville since the 1960-61 season when the Mustangs' first loss came in the Class A semifinal game against River Rouge.

Northville coach Darrel Schumacher said the team's formula for success is a combination of talent, depth and unselfishness.

"We have 13 guys who work hard, day in

and day out," said Schumacher.

"Everybody on the roster wants the other 12 kids to succeed. There's no animosity."

"What we say around here is that we have 13 starters. We usually play just about everybody. Kids like Campy Smith and Nick Kaldis give us a lot of energy coming off the bench and it just makes the team stronger."

Alive Storrs paced the Mustangs with 16 points and 10 rebounds. The high-flying junior guard connected on just 3-of-11 shots from the floor, but he was 9-of-12 from the free-throw line. Like Smith, Kaldis contributed some punch off the bench, tallying 13 points on 5-of-6 shooting.

Senior guard Andre Bridges kept the Chiefs in the game with a season-high 20 points and five rebounds. Junior center Ryan Waidmann contributed 14 points and eight boards, and junior forward Steve Paye added eight points and six caroms.

"Canton has a great inside game,"

Schumacher said. "We couldn't stop Bridges and Waidmann is very good, too. We were joking that they were making mostly four-foot shots and we were working our tails off just to get 15-footers."

The game was crisply played as only 14 turnovers were committed between the two teams.

After Canton grabbed a 12-10 first-quarter lead, Northville secured a 27-26 advantage at the half and a 42-38 edge with eight minutes to play.

The Mustangs' most significant late-game run came after a Bridges' triple brought the Chiefs to within 49-47 with 3:30 left. Northville then outscored Canton 6-1 over the next three minutes. All six points came from the line as Storrs drained five free throws and Bret Spencer one.

Canton returns to action Friday night when it travels to Plymouth to take on the Wildcats. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

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Costs include all ice times, jerseys, referee fees and team registration fees. Registration forms can be picked up at the Compuware Sports Arena, or check on-line at [www.compuwarehockey.com](http://www.compuwarehockey.com). For more information, call (734) 453-6400.

### Hockey clinics

Plymouth Whalers players and staff will be teaching two sessions from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for mini-mites, mites and squirts. The cost is \$150 per player or \$130 for Compuware Sports Arena registered house-league players.

Clinic director Todd Watson, who is the assistant general manager and assistant coach of the Plymouth Whalers, had the entire Whalers team working in the team's Christmas Clinic last December.

The ratio of instructor-to-student ratio during the Christmas Clinic was one instructor for three students. Parents can expect a similar ratio during the Midwinter Clinics.

"We try to strike a balance between instruction and having fun," Watson said. "Our players enjoy working these schools and they'll be out again for the Midwinter Clinics. We're looking forward to the schools."

Topics covered include: power skating, stick handling, passing and shooting.

Students will receive a Plymouth Whalers hockey camp jersey. Team discounts are available.

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### MU spiker tryouts

The Madonna University women's volleyball team will stage an open tryout for unsigned seniors, college transfers and players with remaining eligibility, 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 at the MU Activities Center.

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Greg Bibb, the general manager of the MISL's Detroit Ignition, poses in Compuware Sports Arena, the possible future home of the Ignition.

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## Chiefs vault to third at tournament

Please see complete results on Page C4.

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Billed as "The Other Super Bowl," the Canton Invitational Gymnastics meet wasn't as hyped as Sunday's real thing, but it was definitely as entertaining — at least as far as gymnastics fans were concerned.

The meet's 16-team field included 12 of the elite teams in the state. When the last floor exercises had been performed, top-rated Tri-Farmington

### PREP GYMNASTICS

(147.125 points) had nudged runner-up Livonia Unified (145.575) by less than two points. Canton finished third with 144.025 followed by Brighton (143.100) and Forest Hills (142.900).

Salem chalked up 139.900 points to finish 10th and Wayne-Westland was 16th.

Led by the one-two punch of Kally Patrick and Shannon Jodoin, Tri-Farmington racked up 38.350 points on their floor routines to clinch the title. Patrick won the event with a 9.8

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## Hottest thing on ice: Plymouth wins again

### PREP HOCKEY

Justin Desilets recorded his third shutout in four games on Saturday night as Plymouth outskated Walled Lake Central, 2-0, in a game played at the Lakeland Ice Arena. Desilets turned back 33 shots to win a duel with Viking net-minder Brett Melvin, who also faced 33 shots.

"It was a great game," said Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois. "The puck was up and down the ice. We played well; we just couldn't put the puck in the net. We had plenty of chances, especially in the first period when we outshot them, 15-8. We played short-handed for most of the

second period — probably 12 of the 15 minutes — which took away our momentum."

"Justin Desilets played very well. He worked hard and stopped everything."

The game-winner came off the stick of Justin Michalek, 50 seconds into the third period. He was assisted by Nick Cote and Billy Gauthier. John Knoerl added an insurance goal with 2:38 left off assists from Nick Rosochacki and Charlie Webb.



PHOTO BY MICHELLE HARVATH

Canton-based ice dancers Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto were presented with bouquets following their gold medal-winning performance at the U.S. Nationals last month in St. Louis. On Wednesday, they departed for Torino, Italy, to compete in the 2006 Winter Olympics.

## Skaters thrive on fast-paced routine

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

It's a good thing Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto are used to dizzying spins.

Otherwise, the Winter Olympics-bound ice dancers may not have been able to stomach the whirlwind that has spun their lives in circles over the past month.

Since Jan. 1, when Belbin and Agosto weren't training at Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena, they were hustling off to St. Louis for the United States Figure Skating Championships (which they won).

When they weren't teaching Katie Couric skating techniques on the set of the *Today Show*, they were jetting to Colorado Springs, Colo., for the Four Continents Figure Skating Championships (which they won).

And when they weren't meeting the promotional demands that two of the United States' most high-profile

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, Knoerl contributed two goals and an assist while leading the Wildcats to a 6-2 victory over Walled Lake Western in a game played at the Compuware Sports Arena. Knoerl opened the scoring with 1:52 left in the opening period with a goal assisted by Rosochacki and Joe Perkovich.

Plymouth broke a 1-1 tie in the second period thanks to lamp-lighters from Mark Olivier (Perkovich and Ryan Stamm) and Mike Manner (Knoerl and Rosochacki). Western cut its deficit to 3-

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Olympians must face, they were training at the Arctic Edge.

Yes, what goes around comes around — at a fast pace — for the never-a-dull-moment couple.

But they wouldn't have it any other way. "Having the nationals and the Four Continents in the past couple of weeks helped us because it's given us something to focus on before the Olympics," said Belbin, who has lived in Canton since 1998. "The more competition experience we can get before the Olympics, the better. I enjoy the promotional things, too. It's fun and it gives us a chance to experience different things."

### OFF TO TORINO

On Wednesday, Belbin and Agosto boarded a jet bound for Torino, Italy, the host city for the 2006 Winter Olympics.

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# IGNITION

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Michigan, but in the country.” Bibb, formerly Executive Vice President and General Manager of the MISL Philadelphia KiXX, said all games will be played on the weekends, Friday and Saturday nights, along with Sunday afternoons.

“We want to create the biggest party 15 nights a year in all aspects,” Bibb said, “and we hope to create all the premium amenities, including VIP and club seating.

“We’re also there to create a memorable night of entertainment. We want that up-close aspect of a minor league team as far as access to the fans. Compuware goes only 13 rows up and that creates an intimate setting and a homefield advantage. We’re a tenant only. Hockey is the first and the primary tenant, so we’ll work out the dates.”

This will be the third indoor pro soccer franchise to give it a go in the Detroit area.

The Detroit Rockers were housed at both Cobo and Joe Louis arenas in downtown Detroit as part of the old National Professional Soccer League (1990-2001) and American Indoor Soccer Association (1984-89). The Rockers also played a short stint at Compuware.

And there was also the rival Detroit Neon and Safari (1993-97), housed at the Palace of Auburn Hills, once a member of the defunct Continental

Indoor Soccer League.

“The MISL believes in Detroit because it’s a great sports town and it’s a great marketplace for a fast-paced game,” MISL Commissioner Greg Ryan said. “We’re not looking backward. We believe Detroit has exceptional ownership with the Hantz Group, which has savvy, proven management under Greg Bibb.”

The MISL, which originated in 1978, currently consists of six franchises including Baltimore, Md. (Blast), which sold out (12,000) on opening night; Philadelphia, Pa. (KiXX), Milwaukee, Wis. (Wave), Chicago, Ill. (Storm), St. Louis, Mo. (Steamers) and Stockton/Sacramento, Calif. (California Cougars).

The Kansas City franchise, which has been in existence 14 years, is on a “one-year hiatus,” according to Ryan while awaiting arrival of a new venue after playing at Kemper Arena.

Another expansion team, under the ownership group headed by Jeffrey Vanderbeek of the NHL New Jersey Devils, will begin play in 2007-08. It coincides with a new arena opening in Newark, N.J.

Ryan also added that there is “significant interest” for an expansion franchise in a second Michigan city located on the west side of the state.

The MISL Commissioner also added that other possible expansion teams are being explored in Dallas-Fort Worth, central Florida and the West Coast.

The Ignition will have the first pick, the option of exercis-

ing a territorial selection of a local collegiate player or Michigan native in the amateur draft ( slated for early March).

Detroit will also have the first pick of the expansion draft in June as the six existing MISL teams can protect only 11 of 20 players on its current rosters for rounds two through five. The Ignition will also stage open tryouts.

A source close to the team indicated there are three finalists for the head coaching position, which will be announced in early April along with a lease agreement, sponsorship availabilities, ticket prices and policies.

The Ignition G.M. also said “TV is relevant for us,” and that “we definitely need a TV presence.”

Bibb said the new indoor pro soccer franchise will work closely with area youth soccer organizations and clubs.

“We’re a big believer in grass roots marketing,” he said. “We want to become community partners and help support youth soccer. We realize youth soccer is a competitive business statewide.”

The Hantz Group Inc. is financial holding company founded in 1998 by John Hantz. It currently has 400 employees and 11 subsidiaries, including a Sports & Entertainment group. Hantz currently has 19 offices serving personal and corporate clients in Michigan and Ohio.

For more information on the Ignition, call (248) 304-2855, Ext. 1233.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## ‘Strong effort

Plymouth Whalers forward John Armstrong, pictured above in a game earlier this season recorded a hat trick Sunday night to lead his team to a 4-2 victory over the Ottawa 67’s. Armstrong, who scored one goal in each period, was named the game No. 1 star. John Vigilante also scored for the Whalers, who were bolstered by the strong goal-tending of Justin Peters.

## PLYMOUTH

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2 with 9:08 remaining, but the Wildcats sealed the win with third-period goals from Knoerl (Rosochacki and Brandon Winowiecki), Cote (Gauthier and Michalek) and Mike Barile (Ryan Stamm and Brett Kavulich).

The Wildcats outshot the Warriors, 48-15. Desilets recorded the victory in net.

**PCS 5, NORTHVILLE 1: On Tuesday**, the Penguins broke a 1-1 tie with four second-period goals to improve their Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League record to 13-1. PCS goalie Kristie Kowalski just missed recording her 10th shutout of the season.

The Penguins scored first with 7:27 left in the opening period on Katie Zimmerman’s goal, which was assisted by Kelli Bargowski and


Sarah Skonieczny. The Mustangs knotted the score late in the first period before PCS received second-period goals from Stephanie Murray (Edra Burris and Kristin Schwan), Zimmerman (Lisa Ealy), Ealy (Zimmerman and Emily Patton) and Burris (Schwan and Ashley LeBlanc).

The victory left the Penguins in a first-place tie in the MMHSGHL with Grosse Pointe South.

**PCS 10, UNIVERSITY LIGGETT 0:** In a mercy rule-shortened contest played Saturday night at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, the Penguins tallied four first-period goals and never looked back. Keely Kowalski, Schwan, LeBlanc, Murray, Burris, Nikkila, Zimmerman and Amy Coleman all scored for the Penguins.


PCS goalie Kristie Kowalski rang up her league-leading ninth shutout, turning away 14 U-L shots. PCS scored on 10 of its 28 shots.

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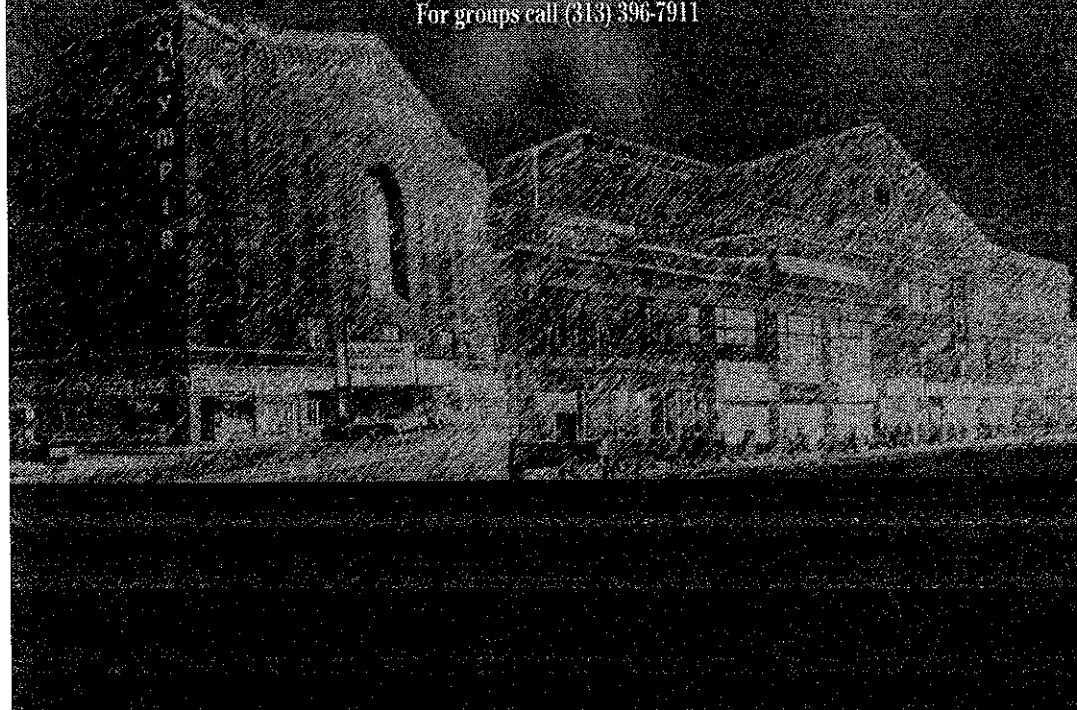
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# Salem hitters keep rolling in WLAA

Salem's volleyball team improved its record to 30-5-1 Monday night with a 25-19, 25-13 and 25-8 sweep of Walled Lake Western.

Junior outside hitter Teresa Coppiellie led the charge with 21 kills and 18 digs. Also contributing to the winning cause were Lauren Price (15 kills and 12 digs), Jansan Falcuson (32 assists, three aces), Ashley Hayes (eight digs, two assists) and Nikki Mersch (13 digs).

On Saturday, the Rocks were eliminated in the semifinal round of the Schoolcraft College Invitational in a three-game thriller to Birmingham Marian.

In pool play, Salem ousted Woodhaven, 25-9 and 25-16, split with Novi, 22-25 and 25-9, and lost to Temperance Bedford, 25-18 and 25-18. In the quarterfinals, Salem downed Livonia Ladywood, 25-20 and 25-16, but the Mustangs triumphed in the semis, 25-18, 18-25 and 15-13.

Outstanding performances were turned in by Teresa Coppiellie (47 kills, 38 digs, 13 blocks and seven aces), Lauren Price (48 kills, 29 digs and four blocks), Jansan Falcuson (79 assists), Nikki Mersch (35 digs) and Lauren Kurtz (15 blocks).

**JOHN GLENN 3, CANTON 0:** With the starting setter and back-up setter out sick, senior Heather Lindon answered the call Monday as she finished with 15 assist-to-kills to go along with four ace serves in host Westland John Glenn's 25-15, 25-20, 25-11 win over Canton.

Glenn improves to 15-14-4 overall with the victory and 3-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Canton received strong efforts from Rachael Beaudoin, who netted six serve receptions, six digs and four service aces, and Sarah Alexander, who had six serve receptions and one ace.

"I'm proud of both Rachael and Sarah," said Canton coach Kristi Drinkhahn. "They both had a huge impact tonight."

Virginia Butler was Glenn's top attacker with 11 kills, while Jennifer Swartz added eight blocks.

Sophomore Kirstin Kirk finished with 17 digs.

On Saturday, the Chiefs went 1-2 at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational.

"That's the best I've seen us play this season," said Drinkhahn, referring to Saturday's competition. "Lisa Western played great all day. She was a real leader and all-around player."

The Chiefs fell in their opening match to Lapeer East, 25-19 and 25-19. They then rebounded to down Ypsilanti, 25-15 and 25-22, before falling to the host Pioneers, 25-21 and 25-23.

Western compiled eight block assists and 13 digs while sophomore Marie Martin notched nine block assists and 10 kills. Drinkhahn also praised the play of Izabela Paszkowska, who recorded one solo block, five block assists and 10 kills.

**PLYMOUTH 3, FRANKLIN 2:** In a WLAA match Monday that lasted five games, host Plymouth pulled out a 25-15, 25-20, 22-25, 20-25, 15-10 win over Livonia Franklin.

Sarah Haskins led the Wildcats with 24 assists and 15 digs.

Other aces for the winners were Brittany Hengesh (11 kills), Janet Hanchett (11 kills and 14 digs), Chelsey Quinlan (seven kills), Courtney Buttermore (seven kills), Brandi Swyhart (19 digs) and Lindsay Vogelsberg (11 digs).

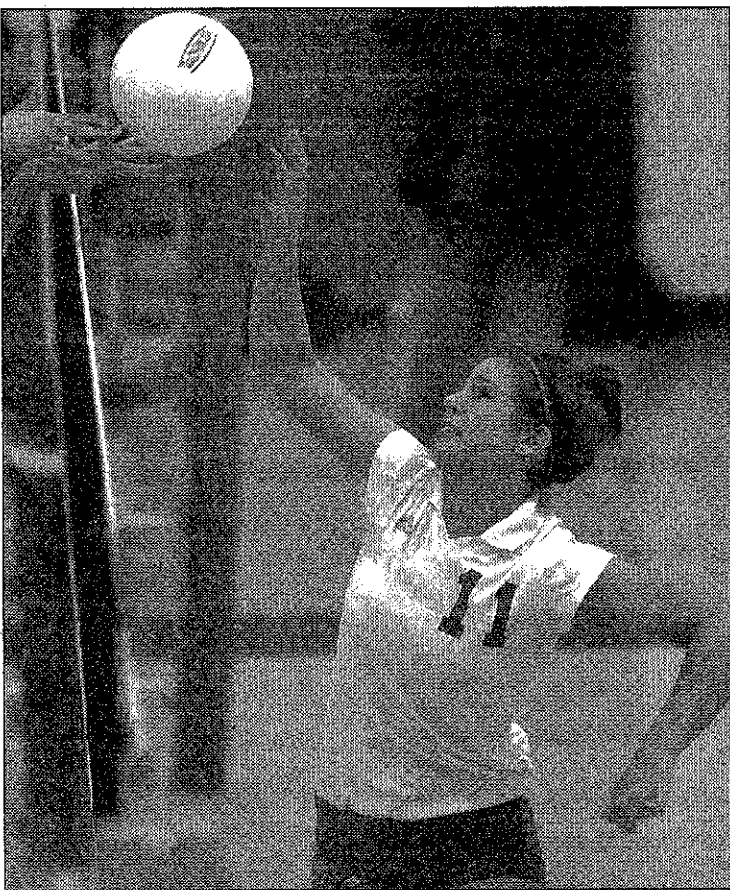
"We came out strong in the first two games, but then lost the momentum in the third game after another injury," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland.

The victory boosted Plymouth's record to 27-7 overall, 4-3 in the WLAA and 2-0 in the WLAA's Western Division.

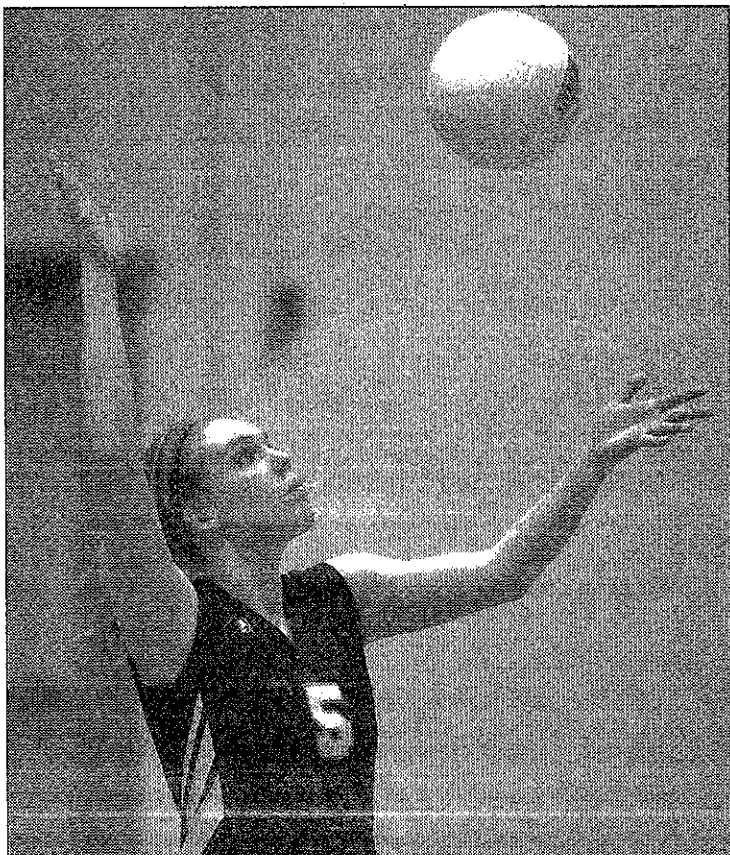
Junior Liz Dempsey had 24 kills, 17 blocks and seven ace serves for the Patriots, who slipped to 10-15-5 overall and 2-5 in the Western Lakes.

Jaleece Lavine added 11 kills, while setter Rachael Riesen collected 23 assist-to-kills. Jenna Boettcher contributed 24 digs.

"We didn't start playing intensively until the third game, we really just outplayed ourselves," Franklin coach Danielle Wensing said. "Liz clearly wanted the win more than anything while obtaining the most stats in just about every category. Plymouth was a very aggressive team and they really kept us on our toes."



Salem's Jansan Falcuson, pictured above in a match played earlier this season, had 32 assists and three aces in Monday night's three-game sweep of Walled Lake Western.



Plymouth's Chelsey Quinlan, pictured above in a match earlier this season, recorded seven kills in the Wildcats' five-game victory over Livonia Franklin Monday night.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### LACROSSE MEETING

A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Canton High School cafeteria for all parents of prospective Plymouth-Canton-Salem lacrosse players.

It is important that all parents attend the meeting as registration packets will be distributed at that time. For more information, contact Phyllis Ikegami at (734) 420-2293.

### SABERETTE SHOW

The Plymouth Saberette pompon squad is presenting the Saberette Variety Show on at 7 p.m. Feb. 17-18 in the Salem High School Logan Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door.

For tickets, see a Saberette or contact Mary Schulz at trixi1971@hotmail.com or Judy Bono at judy\_b21@yahoo.com.

### 3-ON-3 HOOP

Northville Parks & Recreation is hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Saturday, March 25, and Sunday, March 26, at the Hillside Recreation Center in Northville. The team fee is \$85, which includes T-shirts and awards to the first-place teams.

The tourney will be divided into four age brackets for both girls and boys: 8-10, 11-13, 14-15 and 16-17.

Registration forms can be picked up at the rec department office at 700 W. Baseline Road in Northville.

### BASEBALL CLINIC

The annual Salem Varsity Baseball Skills Clinic for players between the ages of 7 and 14 will be held March 25 and April 1 at Salem High School.

The clinic, which costs \$25 and has four sessions to choose from, includes three hours of instruction, snacks and a T-shirt.

For more information, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026; or at pcmmyers@hotmail.com.

### BASEBALL SIGN-UPS

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Organization has started registration for the spring 2006 season.

Registration forms are available online at csc.canton-mi.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.

The Canton Little League will be holding a registration session for the 2006 season on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Four Seasons Internet Café, located at 3500 Lilley Plaza in Canton.

Players from Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township are eligible to play in the Canton Little League. Teams will play a 20-game schedule and compete in a Father's Day tournament and a tournament against teams from Belleville. For more information, contact Ray Waack at (734) 397-0147.

### TOP 50 GOLF

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

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

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

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

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

Each event is comprised of an 18-hole qualifier and an 18-hole tournament. The top 40 players at each qualifier play in the tournament for free. The top 10 finishers at each tournament are exempt into the following tournament and they will play for free.

The 2006 tour kicks off June 15-16 at Bay Pointe Country Club in West Bloomfield.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 23rd, 2006 for the following:

#### VILLAGE THEATER AT CHERRY HILL - MOVING HEAD LIGHT FIXTURES

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid 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.

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#### VILLAGE THEATER AT CHERRY HILL - SOUND SYSTEM EQUIPMENT

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### STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (February 20th, 2006), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be for cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

Lawrence Sharp B27	10x10	Misc. Household goods
Janice Davenport B33	10x15	Misc. Household goods
Daniel A. Fowler B56	10x15	Misc. Household goods
Larry McCullough D134	5x10	Rubber totes, misc.
Alan Ray Brown D153	10x20	Misc. Household goods
Terral Hurd E176	10x20	Misc. Household goods
William Staten or	10x20	Couch, Asian hutch,
William H. Staten H281		coffee table
Hester Barksdale I316	10x15	Misc. Household goods

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### Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-January 31, 2006

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Faas, John Weyer, Building Official, Jason Craig, Deputy Building Official **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Proposed Residential Rental Inspection Program** Director Faas and John Weyer, Building Official, provided options for consideration in the future implementations of a Residential Rental Inspection Program with costs and advantages. **Objectives of Rental Inspection Program:** To promote public health, safety and welfare. To prohibit deterioration and inadequate maintenance of building structures and their properties. To increase community image and property values. **Michigan Housing Law:** Law became effective 1917: A city or village with a population of 10,000 or more can periodically inspect multiple dwellings and rooming houses. Period between inspections cannot exceed two (2) years; however, local government, by ordinance, can have a maximum of three (3) years between inspections if no violations were found during the last inspection. **House Bill 4473 - Summary** Eliminates Housing Law provisions. Modifies time intervals between inspections to five years. Prohibits inspections by local governments of properties inspected by HUD or MSHDA unless a complaint was received. Restricts the fee for an inspection to the "actual, reasonable costs." **Community Inspection:** International Property Maintenance Code, 2006 **Develop performance Bench Marks and Standards:** Meet and solicit feedback from Building Association. Discuss programs with local multifamily property owners. **Current Programs:** Public Safety Fire Prevention: Alarm systems Fire suppression, Common area storage issues, Canton Ordinance Inspectors, Tenant complaint call-ins **Full Inspection Program:** Inspect building and common areas. Inspect individual units in a multiple family building. Proposed staffing: Two full-time rental inspectors, One full-time clerical person **Modified Inspection Program 1** Inspect building and common areas coordinated with fire prevention. Proposed staffing: One full-time rental inspector, One full-time clerical person **Modified Inspection Program 2** Inspect outside only of building and grounds using current property standard and ordinances. Proposed staffing: One full-time ordinance inspector **What is Inspected:** Rental units, common areas and accessory structures are inspected for compliance with Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, and Housing Codes. Improperly modified or damaged fire safety walls, doors or windows, Plumbing, mechanical and electrical components. Severely deteriorated exterior paint or siding. Missing or defective smoke detector, Insect or rodent infestation, Broken window or door Dumpster enclosures **Staffing Options:** Hire new staff in late 2006 so training and implementation can begin in January 2007. As building permit/inspection activity slows and staff retires, positions would be evaluated for possible elimination. Within 10 years the net staff will be the same as 2006. **Steps to Implement Program** Purchase or enhance current computer software. Develop a training program for the Inspection staff. Prepare an inventory of rental units and develop an inspection schedule for a two (2) year cycle. Develop a communication plan on the program details for distribution to all property managers, land lords or tenants. Develop a fee schedule to be adopted by the Township Board. **Other:** There will be no Board Study Session on February 7, 2006. The next Board Meeting will be on February 14, 2006, 7:00 p.m. Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI **Adjourn** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett at 10:00 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site [www.cantonmi.org](http://www.cantonmi.org) after Board Approval.

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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  
Canton, MI 48188  
(734) 394-5260

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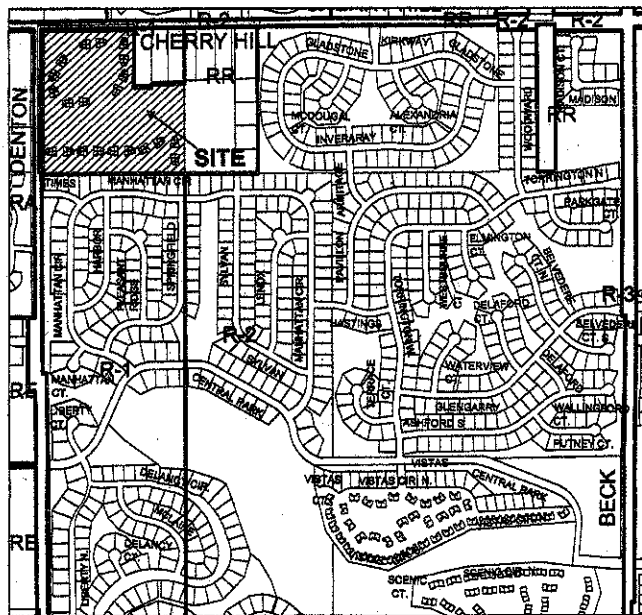
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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 6, 2006, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**CHERRY HILL GARDENS PDD AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 078 03 0001 000 THROUGH 078 03 0126 000.** Property is located south of Cherry Hill and east of Denton Road.



SECTION 20

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

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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## GYMNASTICS

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while Jodoin was close behind at 9.725.

Patrick captured the Division 1 all-around crown by compiling 37.775, 6.5 more than runner-up Karen Verbugge of Forest Hills. Livonia Unified's Andrea Pisani was third (36.900), Salem's Katie Koetting finished seventh (36.300) and Canton's Kate Staley was eighth (36.150).

"With the top 12 teams in the state here, we were proud to be third," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "We had a very good day. We stayed on beam, we won the vault as a team and individually with Alyssa Kelley's 9.525.

"Kate Staley got her 36-plus all-around, Kara Ahern landed her Tsuk for a 9.0 and Andrew Houdek led off beam with an excellent no-fall 8.6. It was a great preview for the state meet and shows us what we need to improve on."

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CANTON GYMNASTICS INVITATIONAL  
Feb. 4 at Plymouth H.S.

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Tri-Farmington, 147.125; 2. Livonia Unified, 145.575; 3. Canton, 144.025; 4. Brighton, 143.100; 5. Forest Hills, 142.900; 6. Rockford, 142.075; 7. Northville-Nowi, 142.000; 8. Holt, 141.300; 9. Hartland, 140.475; 10. Salem, 139.900; 11. Troy Athens, 137.425; 12. Freeland, 132.800; 13. Fraser, 130.775; 14. Portage, 129.700; 15. Traverse City, 124.225; 16. Wayne-Westland, 97.350.

## ALL-AROUND

**Division 1:** Kelly Patrick (TF), 37.775; 2. Karen Verbugge (FH), 37.125; 3. Andrea Pisani (LU), 36.900; 4. Nicole Drouillard (B), 36.750; 5. Lauren Dilullo (B), 36.675; 6. Shannon Jodoin (TF), 36.500; 7. Katie Koetting (S), 36.300; 8. Kate Staley (C), 36.150; 9. Paula Guzik (LU), 36.075; 10. Liz Sierminski (HO), 35.850.

**Division 2:** 1. Jessica Oddi (TF), 37.075; 2. Paige Albers (LU), 36.325; 3. Kerry Dyer (HA), 35.850; 4. Alyssa Supplee (LU), 35.500; 5. Caitlyn Gager (R), 35.175; 6. Alyssa Bryson (R), 35.125; 7. Kim Cowan (R), 34.900; 8. Kayla Lim (FH), 34.775; 9. Emily Sitchender (HA), 34.750; 10. Paige Locher (HA), 34.350.

## VAULT

**Division 1:** 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.525; 2. (tie) Karen Verbugge (FH) and Shannon Jodoin (TF), 9.450; 4. Nicole Drouillard (B), 9.400; 5.

## GYMNASTICS RESULTS

Heather Brandenburg (HO), 9.250; 6. Jessie Murray (C), 9.200; 7. Danielle Inman (F), 9.150; 8. Lauren Dilullo (B), 9.125; 9. (tie) Paula Guzik (LU) and Jenny Schantz (FH), 9.100.

**Division 2:** 1. Caitlyn Gager (R), 9.400; 2. Jessica Oddi (TF), 9.200; 3. Alyssa Supplee (LU), 9.150; 4. Jacqueline Gazette (NN), 9.100; 5. Kim Watters (R), 9.075; 6. Lauren Techams (FH), 9.050; 7. Paige Albers (LU), 9.000; 8. Megan Wallen (NN), 8.950; 9. Kelsey Twigg (TF), 8.925; 10. Emily Sitchender (HA), 8.900.

## UNEVEN BARS

**Division 1:** Kelly Patrick (TF), 9.600; 2. Lauren Dilullo (B), 9.525; 3. Liz Sierminski (HO), 9.475; 4. Andrea Pisani (LU), 9.350; 5. Amy Reynolds (NN), 9.300; 6. Katie Koetting (S), 9.250; 7. Nicole Drouillard (B), 9.200; 8. Kate Staley (C), 9.150; 9. (tie) Karen Verbugge (FH), Laura Phillips (HA), Meghan Powers (LU), 9.100.

**Division 2:** 1. Jessica Oddi (TF), 9.350; 2. Sarah Ikhanipour (NN), 9.175; 3. (tie) Alyssa Bryson (R) and Caitlyn Gager (R), 9.150; 5. Jacqueline Gazette (NN), 9.100; 6. Kerry Dyer (HA), 9.000; 7. Kim Watters (R), 8.950; 8. Brittany Young (S), 9. Stephanie Zaleski (HO), 8.700; 10. Nicole Wood (HO), 8.650.

## BALANCE BEAM

**Division 1:** Paula Guzik (LU), 9.500; 2. (tie)

Kelly Patrick (TF) and Karen Verbugge (FH), 9.300; 4. Kara Ahern (C), 9.250; 5. Andrea Pisani (LU), 9.200; 6. (tie) Autumn Collins (S) and Amy Reynolds, 9.100; 8. Kate Staley (C), 9.050; 9. (tie) Heather Brandenburg (HO) and Megan Mather (TA), 9.000.

**Division 2:** 1. Paige Albers (LU), 9.300; 2. Paige Locher (HA), 9.250; 3. Megan Wallen (NN), 9.050; 4. Rachel Deneau (NN), 8.950; 5. (tie) Jessica Oddi (TF), Kim Cowan (R) and Kaitlyn Burns (C), 8.900; 8. (tie) Alyssa Bryson (R) and Brittany Young (S), 8.85; 10. Lakshmi Ramachandran (TA), 8.800.

## FLOOR EXERCISE

**Division 1:** 1. Kelly Patrick (TF), 9.800; 2. Shannon Jodoin (TF), 9.725; 3. Lauren Dilullo (B), 9.625; 4. Nicole Drouillard (B), 9.600; 5. Andrea Pisani (LU), 9.450; 6. Katie Koetting (S), 9.350; 7. Sami Byer (HO), 9.300; 8. Karen Verbugge (FH), 9.275; 9. Megan Mather (TA), 9.250; 10. Jill Haapenniemi (TF), 9.200.

**Division 2:** 1. Paige Albers (LU), 9.650; 2. Jessica Oddi (TF), 9.350; 3. Kerry Dyer (HA), 9.600; 4. Kayla Lim (FH), 9.525; 5. Emily Sitchender (HA), 9.400; 6. Alyssa Supplee (LU), 9.300; 7. Kim Watters (R), 9.225; 8. Caitlyn Gager (R), 9.125; 9. (tie) Kim Cowan (R), and Paige Locher (HA), 9.000.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Kara Ahern finished fourth on the balance beam in Division 1 at the Canton Gymnastics Invitational Saturday at Plymouth High School. Ahern's 9.250 was just .250 behind eventual winner Paula Guzik of Livonia Unified.

## Chief wrestlers secure title at Evans tourney

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's wrestling team enjoyed an all-you-can-eat steak dinner Saturday night following its appearance at the Bill Evans Memorial Wrestling Tournament in Battle Creek.

During the day, the Chiefs filled up on victories.

Led by lower-weight-class most valuable wrestler Corey Phillips, the Chiefs won their fourth weekend tournament in seven tries, racking up 209.50 points to out-distance runner-up Linden (176) and the rest of the 15-team field. Bronson (174.50), Plainwell (161) and Coldwater (127.50) rounded out the top five spots.

Phillips proved to be unbeatable at 130 pounds, going 5-0 to run his record to 38-2. He dominated Bronson state qualifier Ryan Gump, 19-4, in the semifinals before edging Jeff Stone of Jackson Parma Western, 4-2, in the championship match.

"Corey had another great day," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "He won by technical fall against a kid who was a state qualifier last year."

Joining Phillips in the win-

ner's circle was teammate Konrad Konsitzke, who overcame the flu to win the gold medal at 145. Konsitzke notched three pins in the preliminary rounds before taking a major decision over Coldwater's Dan Tucker in the final match.

Other finalists for Canton were 103-pound Mike Haar, who lost 3-2 in the final match to Warren Fitzgerald's Mike Hang; 112-pound Ryan Schnettler; and 160-pound Marwan Faraj, who lost 6-3 in the championship match to Battle Creek Lakeview's Blake Birmingham, who was awarded the upper-weight most valuable wrestler award.

"Mike Haar was leading with 20 seconds left, but the kid got a takedown on Mike and held on," Randolph said. "That's probably Mike's third second-place finish this year, so he's been right there. Ryan had a good day, beating a higher-seeded wrestler in the semi-finals, and Marwan lost to a kid who is built like a Sherman tank. Marwan wrestled really well."

## PREP WRESTLING

## SKATERS

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Their journey was made possible thanks a well-publicized law passed on Dec. 30 that allowed Belbin — a native of Kirkland, Quebec — to become a United States citizen. Ice-dancing partners must both be citizens of the same country to compete in the Winter Olympics.

Agosto was born and raised in Chicago.

"I had my passport already when we went to the nationals, so that was a relief," said Belbin. "We had experienced so many ups and downs (with her bid to become a U.S. citizen) over the past couple of years. When it finally happened, we could finally just focus on the skating."

## KEY DECISION

A short time after Belbin and Agosto jelled at a tryout coordinated by then-coach Paul Wirtz and current coach Igor Shpilband, a meeting was held to map out the talented skaters' future.

"One of the options we talked about was whether I should seek Canadian citizenship or Tanith should seek U.S. citizenship," said Agosto. "But you have to live in the country you are seeking to become a citizen of, it made sense for Tanith to become a U.S. citizen."

The pair clicked immediately. Following their gold medal effort in St. Louis last month, they are now three-time U.S. ice dancing champions. In 2005, Belbin and Agosto earned a silver medal at the World Ice Dancing Championships.

If they win a medal in Torino — which many figure-skating aficionados predict — Belbin and Agosto will be the first American dance team to do so since Colleen O'Connor and Jim Milins won a bronze medal at the 1976 Games in Innsbruck, Austria.

The thought of a feat that historic is not just impressive — it's enough to make one's head spin.

## IN SEARCH OF GOLD

On Wednesday, United States ice dancers Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto boarded a jet for Torino, Italy, the site of the XX Winter Olympics.

Here are a few quick facts about the skaters, who represent the Arctic Figure Skating Club, train at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

■ **Ages:** Belbin is 21; Agosto 24.

■ **Hometowns:** Belbin was raised in Kirkland, Quebec; Agosto in Chicago.

■ **Accomplishments:** Belbin and Agosto are three-time U.S. ice-dancing champions. They out-distanced their closest competitors — Melissa Gregory and Denis Petukhov — by 30 points at last month's Nationals competition in St. Louis.

■ **Close call:** In June of 2001, Belbin fractured her skull when she hit her head on the ice while learning a new lift. Resilient, she only missed three weeks of training before returning to the ice.

■ **Medal-bound?:** Several prognosticators — including Sports Illustrated and ESPN magazine — have predicted that Belbin and Agosto will become the first U.S. ice dancers to win a medal since 1976.

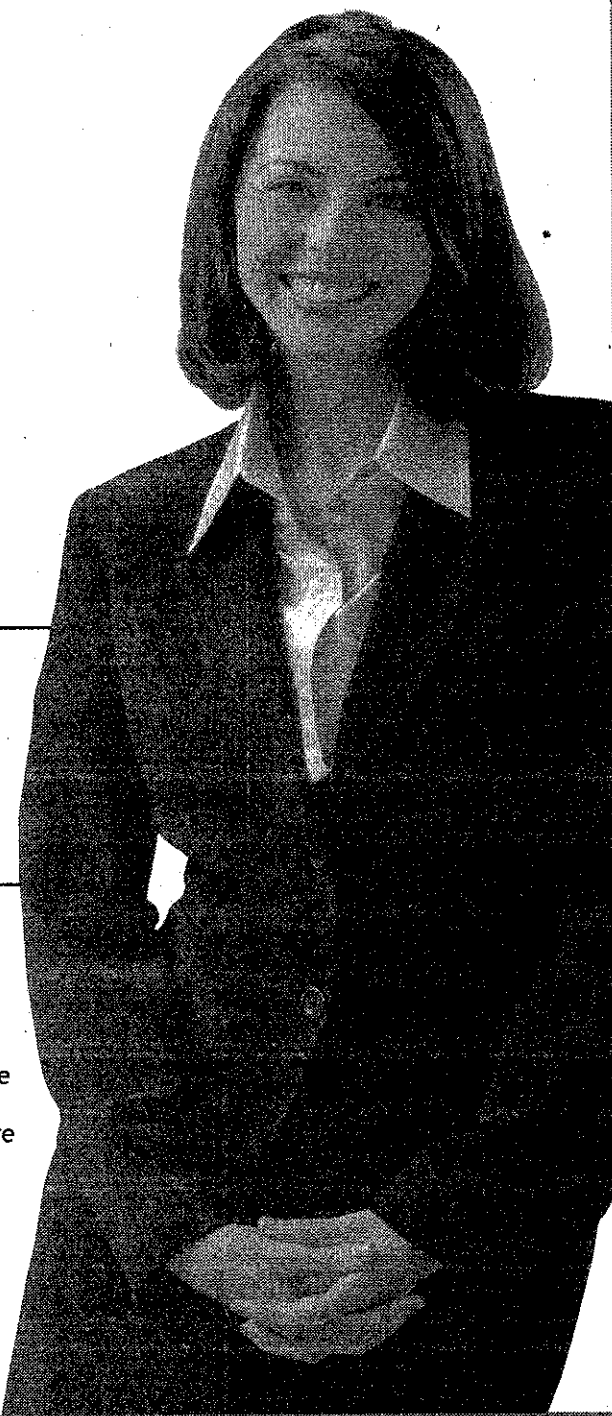
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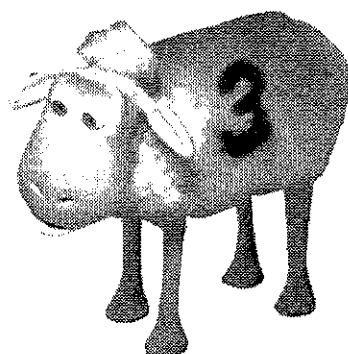


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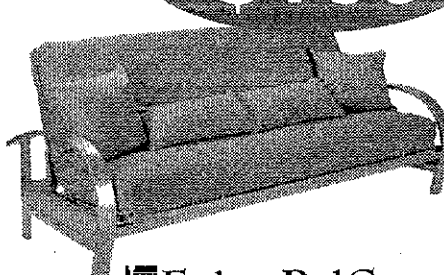
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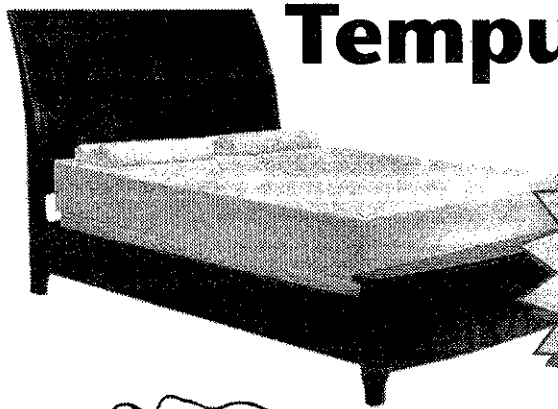
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# Super Bowl MVP Montana lead

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

He's been nicknamed "Joe Cool" for his ability to remain calm in the biggest of game situations.

Yet, NFL Hall of Famer and three-time Super Bowl MVP Joe Montana was blindsided physically following his retirement.

In 2002, the San Francisco '49er quarterback discovered at age 45 he had high blood pressure, and the "Comeback Kid" found himself temporarily sacked by somebody other than Lawrence Taylor.

"My story is common," Montana said in an interview last week at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. "I was not expecting to have it. I took a normal physical and I was shocked even though I had a family history



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Joe Montana made a stop at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham during Super Bowl week.

(of heart condition), but not hypertension. The first medication did not control it and I was a little nervous."

Montana now tours various NFL cities, teaming up with Boston cardiologist Dr. James Rippe, as a spokesman to bring awareness to help combat high blood pressure.

The BP Success Zone, sponsored by Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp., is a national program encouraging people to help set, achieve and maintain a healthier blood pressure goal.

More than 65 million, or one in three Americans, suffer from high blood pressure. Approximately 70 percent of people with high blood pressure do not have it under control.

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## I can dream, can't I?

Home ideas appeal to residents

'It's always good to have goals that are more than what you have.'

Dr. Kim Shunkwiler  
Wayne resident

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Peggy Shunkwiler was working hard at her husband's Westland chiropractic practice, but didn't hesitate long when asked about her dream home.

"I don't have a dream house, I have a log cabin," the Wayne resident said. "That's my dream house." It would be in the woods, on about 10 acres, secluded and with a wraparound porch.

Her house would be atop a hill. "I have a windmill that powers me." There would be a well with purification system and solar panels for energy.

"I don't need anything real fancy," said Shunkwiler, who would do organic gardening - and need only a dollar left in her pocket.

It's fun to dream about houses where money is no object. Dr. Kim Shunkwiler, Peggy's husband, also has some thoughts.

"I would have lots of things," he said. "I'd have a finished basement with an air filtration system so I could go down and have a cigar."

He'd want a solar heat system for environmental reasons: "I don't want to be dependent on the gas companies or the electric companies."

He'd have a big screen TV and home theater in the finished basement. Outdoors, there'd be a pond and waterfall.

Plymouth Township home-maker Debbie Borst and her husband have five kids at home. "Lots of space," she said of her dream home. "A full basement instead of a half."

Borst would like a screened-in porch. "I just love to feel the air in spring and fall and summer." She prefers that to a sun porch which is heated and can be used all year.

"I would never ever give up my mud room," said Borst, who finds that helpful for organizing shoes, coats and backpacks. "It helps a lot with the clutter."

As her kids get older, Borst wouldn't object to a master bath either. "That would be a fun thing."

She cut out and carried a house plan from a Detroit newspaper, but threw the plan away when she thought about cleaning that larger home. "I don't really want a maid."

Mary Gregosky of Allen Park, co-owner of C & M Printing and Imaging of Westland, has definite ideas about her dream home. She and her husband live in a 1938 bungalow.

She'd like a three-car garage: "Two for the vehicles and the other one is for him and all his trash," such as the snowblower. She'd want a large kitchen with an island, as she likes to cook.

"I like a ranch because I don't like to run up and down stairs anymore than I have to," she said. Her four-bedroom ranch would have: a great room, fireplace, first-floor laundry, finished basement, landscaped yard with privacy fence, central air, a Florida room and the large kitchen.



They agree it's fun to dream on the home front. "It's always nice to know where you're hoping to go even if you might not get there right away," Gregosky said.

Dr. Kim Shunkwiler added: "It's always good to have goals that are more than what you have."

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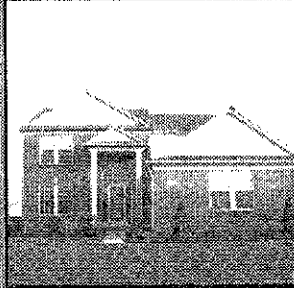
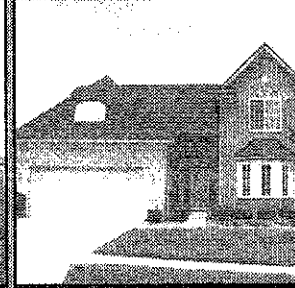
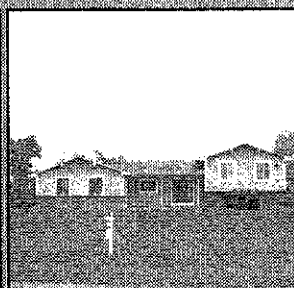
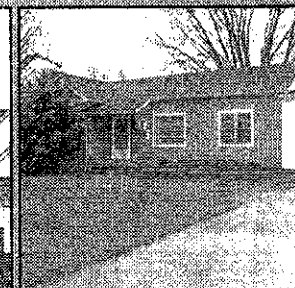
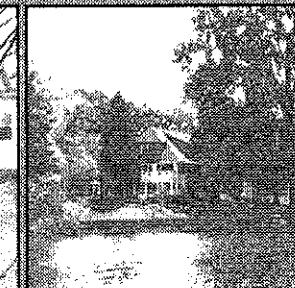
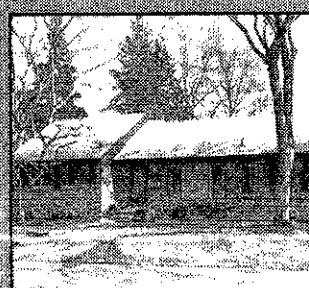
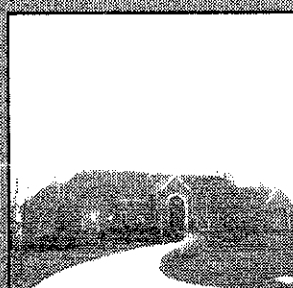
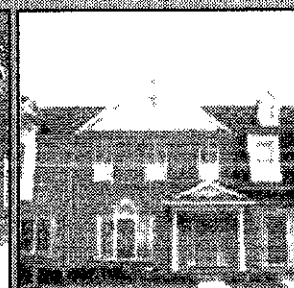
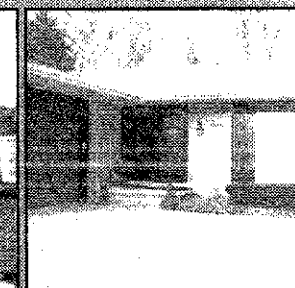
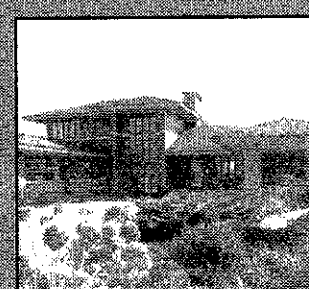
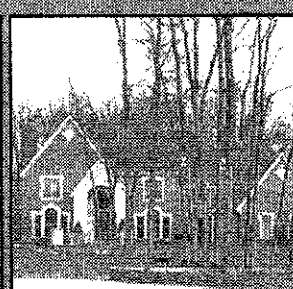
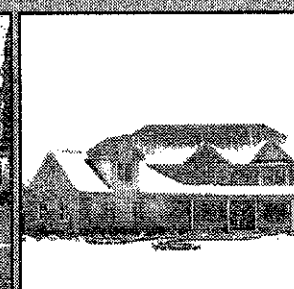
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This is a true diamond in the rough. Seller has done some of the updates including new vinyl siding, newer windows, refaced kit cabinets & ripping out overgrown landscaping. Great area w/large lots. MLS# 25167632 248-347-3050**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$210,000  
Immediate Occupancy! 2 Story Foyer Opens To Great Rm W/vaulted Ceiling W/bridge Above And 2 Way Fireplace To Kitchen. Upgraded 42" maple Cabinets In Kitchen, 1st Floor Laundry, 2 Car Att. Garage, Ca. Sprinklers & More. MLS# 26011484 248-347-3050**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$134,900  
Updated Bathroom, Huge Fenced Yard, Formal dining, Newer Roof '00, Newer HWH, Newer Vinyl Siding, Some Newer Windows, New Deck, 2 Car Garage, Newer Paint Thru-out. This Home Is The Best Buy In Farmington. Must See! MLS# 26008711 248-347-3050**HAMBURG** \$725,000  
Over 700' of water frontage & access to chain of lakes. Extensively renovated, is extremely energy efficient & maint. free. Park-like setting w/mature trees, inground spa overlooking the river & easy x-way acc. MLS# 26001800 248-347-3050**HURON** \$490,000  
Maple cabinets & flrs, limestone flrs, Anderson windows, 1st flr mstr ste, bonus rm loft or 4th bdrm, fin bsmt w/rec rm, office, game rm & theatre, 2.5 acres w/300 ft of woods behind house, 3.5 car garage, hi-eff furnace & hwh. MLS# 26018098 248-347-3050**LIVONIA** \$290,000  
Foyer W/new Flrs, LR w/ove Ceiling, New Kitchen W/cntr Island, Cabinets Galore, Dual Pantry, Lrg Eat-In Nook W/dwall To Deck, 3 Full Baths, Mstr Ste W/new Mstr Bath, Fin Bsmt, New Electrical, Plumbing, Furnace Windows. MLS# 26016007 248-347-3050**NORTHVILLE** \$409,900  
Elegant 3 BR, 2.5 BA end unit condo faces wooded area. Gourmet kitchen w/granite, SS appliances, cherry cbnts & HDWD flrs. Spacious mstr BR w/bath, jet tub & WIC. FR w/gas FP. Clubhouse, pool, tennis & golf course. MLS# 26012055 734-453-6800**NORTHVILLE** \$180,000  
Newer furnace, windows, roof, siding, c/a and more. Updated bath, enclosed front porch, prepped to add on to home, newer epoxy basement floor, fenced yard, impeccably maintained! Great starter home or investment property. MLS# 26002058 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$1,498,534  
Bellagio Georgian style executive home! 5 BR, 3.2 BA in premier gated community. Cambridge built w/gourmet kitchen & nook w/custom cabinetry, 2 FPs, dual staircases, 4 car garage w/storage & daylight basement. MLS# 26003391 734-453-6800**NOVI** \$570,000  
Hwd in foyer, half bath & kit, 9 ft. ceilings on 1st fl, Jack & Jill bath, deep unfn. daylight bsmt. w/bath rough-ins, catn ceiling in study, 2-story GR w/FP. Kitchen w/light cabinets, tray ceiling in mstr. w/gigantic WIC. MLS# 26016235 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$515,000  
Fin LLWO w/game Rm, Full Bath For Au Pair/in-law. Ste. Living/dining Rm W/vaulted Ceiling, Kitchen w/island, pantry, library, FR w/frplc, Mstr Ste W/vaulted Ceiling, bath w/Garden Tub, Bx24 Wic, 3 Car Garage! MLS# 26017561 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$399,000  
Beautiful end unit condo located in Island Lakes of Novi. \$10,000 lot premium convenience to everything w/clubhouse, pool & tennis courts. Full fin basement & att 2 car gar. Almost \$70,000 in extras. Turnkey property! MLS# 25151238 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$1,500,000  
Custom built home in new subdivision. Extensive use of marble, limestone & granite. Deluxe kit w/SS appls, mahogany cbnts. Black walnut HDWD floors. 2 mstr sts. 3 car att garage & w/o basement. Delightful setting. MLS# 26009599 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$1,200,000  
Truly exceptional Menard built 4 BR, 4.5 BA executive ranch home w/beautifully finished W/O. You will love the attached indoor pool & spa room for year round enjoyment. Oversized 4 car garage. Pella wndws & drs. MLS# 26009312 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$424,900  
Heart of downtown! Spacious home loaded w/character & charm. Major updates inc: roof, wndws, siding, plumbing & elect. 2 story addition creating huge mstr & FR. 1st flr office/den, 2 full baths, new 2 car garage. MLS# 26014326 734-453-6800**CANTON** \$248,000  
3 BR, 2.5 BA condo w/upgrades: maple mission cbnts t/o, kit cntrs, GE Profile appls, kit w/HDWD flrs, ceramic bath, jetted tub w/upgraded tile, vaulted mstr w/gas FP & fan prep. FR in finished bsmt. 2 car gar. MLS# 26019948 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$297,500  
Elegantly updated ranch w/totally new kitchen w/cherry cabs opens to spacious DR w/FP & DW to private lush yard w/deck. Gracious foyer leads to sun filled LR w/HDWD flrs. Finished LL w/game room, fam room & office. MLS# 26015600 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$274,900  
Look no more! Gorgeous 3 BR, 1.5 BA cape cod located in downtown Plymouth. This completely updated home boasts w/character & charm. HDWD floor t/o. 2 FPs. New windows, siding & driveway. Partly finished basement. MLS# 26011800 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$185,000  
2 story Foyer, Formal Living/dining Rm W/vaulted Ceiling, Family Rm w/FP/c, Kitchen W/skylights, Vaulted Ceiling, Mstr ste W/pvrte Bath, Pwdr Rm W/pedestal Sink, Pvrte Paver patio, 2 Car Att Garage, Off Road Parking. MLS# 26006574 248-347-3050**SALEM** \$1,350,000  
Your own estate! 4 BR, 3.1 bath "Frank Lloyd Wright" style executive home on over 14 acres w/gated entry. Gourmet kitchen-nook w/cherry cabinets & granite. 1st floor master. Prof finished LL w/awesome theatre room! MLS# 26011420 734-453-6800**SALEM** \$1,099,000  
Your own estate! 2000 built 4 BR, 3.2 BA colonial on private drive w/3.79 acres. Gourmet kitchen w/bi subzero, 2 DW's, granite cntrops, cherry cbnts & hwd flrs. All BR's have access or have baths. Lux master ste. MLS# 26009310 734-453-6800**SOUTHFIELD** \$189,900  
Newer Furnace (01) Newer Roof, Hardwood Floors, Eat-In Kitchen. Home Is In Need Of some Minor Repairs, & Priced Accordingly. Sold As-is Sellers Are motivated. Central Air, Dry Basement & 2 Car Garage. MLS# 26003392 248-347-3050**SUPERIOR** \$950,000  
Custom estate on nearly 6 acres w/open flr plan. Grmt french country kit w/granite island & butcher block cntrs. HDWD flrs on most of 1st flr. Mstr ste has FP, wet bar, jetted tub, double shwr & workout rm. Fin W/O. MLS# 26009715 734-453-6800**SUPERIOR** \$649,900  
Truly spectacular custom home! 4 BR, 4.1 BA cape cod on private wooded setting. Gourmet kit-nook w/HDWD floors, granite cntrops, FP & hearth room, GR w/skating cigs, 1st flr study, Finished W/O w/bath, 4 car garage. MLS# 26009272 734-453-6800**TAYLOR** \$159,900  
New Construction End Unit Mstr Suite W/Walk In Closet & Bath, 1st Floor Laundry, Choices Of Carpet, Vinyl, Counter Tops, Ceramic. 36" Gas Log Fireplace W/Wood Mantle & Ceramic Surround, 2 Car garage W/Drywall & Ceiling. MLS# 25147934 248-347-3050**TAYLOR** \$87,900  
Ranch conveniently located to freeways, restaurants, stores, etc. Home is neutral w/updated kit, newer crpt, new roof in 99. Lge breezeway that is heated & could be used as a family room. 1.5 car attached garage. MLS# 25168587 734-453-6800**VAN BUREN** \$155,000  
2 Bedroom Brick Ranch On Tree-lined Street Deep In Sub. Updated Kitchen W/Oak Cabinets & Wood Firing. Part Fin Bsmt W/Plenty Of Rm For Storage. Large Fenced Yard With 2.5 Car Garage. Home Warranty Included. MLS# 25116354 248-347-3050**WATERFORD** \$149,900  
Newer end unit condo that backs to wooded privacy. Built in 1997 w/1242 sq ft, 2 BR & 1.5 baths. GR w/vaulted ceilings & gas FR, kitchen w/ceramic floor, nook & doorkill to deck. 1 car garage & basement. MLS# 25165054 734-453-6800**YPSILANTI** \$339,900  
Fab 3 BR, 3.1 BA Pulte built colonial w/many upgrades! grmt kit, HDWD floors, cherry cbnts, 2 sided FP from GR to den/office. DR features butler pantry. Oversized mstr ste, WIC, lux bath, separate shower. Fin LL. MLS# 26016984 734-453-6800**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$353,000  
Detached end-unit ranch condo. Island kitchen w/flr to ceiling windows eating area, marble in foyer, chestnut oak flrs in hallway, library & bedrm, cathedral ceilings, mstr ste & bath. Wic, dressing vanity, new carpeting. MLS# 26005432734-453-6800**FARMINGTON** \$299,500  
Private park like yard. New kitchen opens to totally renovated great rm. Newly finished hardwood flrs in bedrooms, kitchen, living rm & entry. New furnace & water heater, newer roof. Finished lower level w/bar & game rm. MLS# 25172480 734-453-6800**Are you serious about a career in real estate?  
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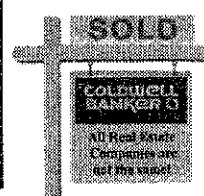
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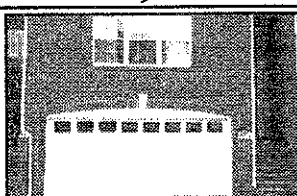
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**SPARKLING COLONIAL** Beautifully updated kitchen w/ oak cabinetry, bright living room w/pergo style floor, vaulted family room w/fireplace & doorwall to patio overlooking a manicured yard. Really nice. Call today. \$210,000 (C-371BE)



**CHERRY GROVE CONDO** Lots of space in this 2 BD, 2.5 bath condo w/a loft for add'l balcony, formal dining area, huge eat-in kit w/island. Part finished bsmt. w/drwl to backyard, 2 car gar, & private entrance. A must see! \$219,900 (P-846CH)



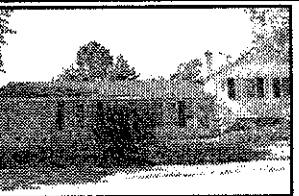
**GREAT RANCH CONDO** In Pebble Creek of Canton. 2 BA, lg master ste w/2 closets, dining area w/wd flr, GR w/cath ceiling & tp. Lg Kit w/appl & FF laund. 2 car att gar & backs to common area. Call today for more details. \$239,900 (P-197FA)



**DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH** Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow with updated roof, water heater, furnace, kitchen and more. Hardwood floors, fireplace, finished basement and new deck off of the 3. season room! \$269,900 (P-644AN)



**BOUGHT AFTER ROSEDALE** Charming colonial on a double lot w/over 1700 square ft. of living space. Formal dining, cozy FR w/frplc, 3 bedrooms and 1.5 updated baths. Nicely manicured exterior w/brick pavers. Really nice. \$245,000 (P-309AR)



**IN THE HEART OF BELLEVILLE** Sprawling 5 bedroom home with a spacious floor plan. Formal living room, family room fireplace, large sunroom, 2 baths, newer roof and windows, a 2 car garage and a huge lot. \$209,900 (P-36BED)



**AFFORDABLE CANTON CONDO** Updated 2 bedroom condo w/new windows and carpeting in a great area in Canton. Appls, central air, att gar, balcony, 1st floor laundry and more. Come see it today! \$99,900 (C-544SA)



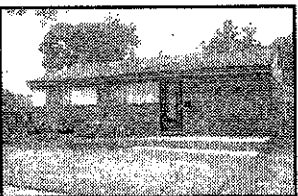
**YOU CAN AFFORD** To start building equity in this nice 3 bedroom bungalow with a 2 car garage. Hardwood floors under all the carpeting, newer cement work, roof and hot water heater. Call for more info. \$60,000 (P-249AS)



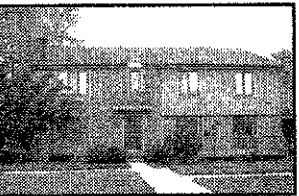
**GENTLEMEN'S FARM** Beautiful 5 bdrm Tudor w /10 acres. 2 masters, in-law quarters, study, generous use of hardwoods, stone & marble. Finished walkout, 3.5 car heated garage. Caretaker cottage/Horse barn. \$999,900 (P-408BA)



**SPACIOUS UPDATED RANCH** 3 bedrooms, 1 full bath recently remodeled. New crptg, updated paint, updated kit w/ oak cabs, newer vinyl wndws, & lg 1 car gar. Maint free ext w/ stone & vinyl & lg yd. \$169,900 (P-945GO)



**FABULOUS RANCH** 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and a beautifully fin bsmt. Updated kit w/lrg. Window overlooking the backyard. Hardwood & ceramic flrs, new roof, oversized 2 car garage and an excellent location. \$155,000 (P-126AV)



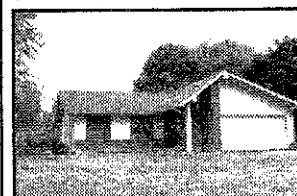
**THE PRICE IS RIGHT!** On this convenient two story end unit in Canton. 2 beds, 2 baths an attached garage, finished basement with a full bath, living room w/fireplace, kitchen with all newer appliance and a fabulous location. \$145,000 (P-637BE)



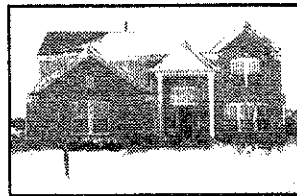
**PLYMOUTH PERFECTION!** You'll fall in love with the hwd flrs, updated kit w/bar & nook, totally updated baths, prof. fin. basement w/fireplace, screened porch, deck & flagstone patio. New roof, windows and carpeting. \$279,900 (P-314BE)



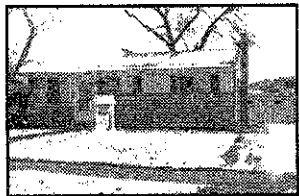
**ANN ARBOR SCHOOLS** 4 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 1916 sq ft. Built in 1998, wd floor entry, open flr plan, lg master suite w/2 wic's & bath w/soaking tub. Wonderful landscaping on premium lot. Community pool. \$262,900 (P-137BL)



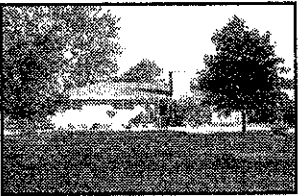
**VILLAGE OAKS OF NOVI** Comfortable 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with a finished basement with family room, large lot (fences allowed), hardwoods, nice master and appliances remain. Clubhouse and pool optional. \$209,900 (P-508HE)



**LOOK NO FURTHER!** Than this exquisite 4 bedroom colonial in Canton's Central Park. Grand entry, hardwoods, gourmet kitchen, formal areas, fireplace, a superb master, 2.5 car Garage, & an oversized lot! \$374,900 (C-077LI)



**SOUGHT AFTER SUB** Beautiful ranch in popular Tonquish Sub with 3 bedrooms, bright eat in kitchen, fresh paint and carpet, finished basement w/family room and an extra wide lot. Seller will help with closing costs. \$152,000 (C-936MO)



**A PERFECT 10** Perfectly location between schools and a park. Fully loaded with updates galore, finished basement w/rec room, a den, bath and storage. Bright and spacious floor plan with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Priced to sell at. \$299,900 (P-695NI)



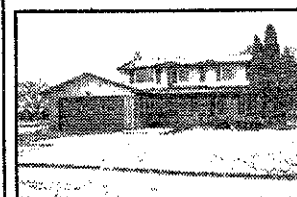
**PEACEFUL SETTING & WOODED VIEW** Spotless 3 BD Liv ranch, recent updates: drive, porch, vinyl siding w/insul, main sewer line & strm drs, spac kit area w/oak cabs & lg brkfst bar, 2 car gar. Immed Occup! \$159,900 (P-201OR)



**IT'S SOOOO CUTE!** Located on private lot just minutes from all conveniences. Updates include: new carpet, entry doors, insulation, plumbing, hwh, new flooring, new appliances & freshly painted interior. 2 car gar. \$139,900 (P-411PA)



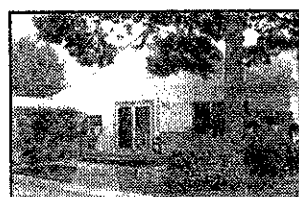
**DETACHED CONDO!** Nestled among the pines is this lovely 3 bdrm, 3 bath condo near downtown Plymouth & Hines. Top of the line upgrades throughout, finished basement and a huge great room floor plan. \$327,900 (C-811PI)



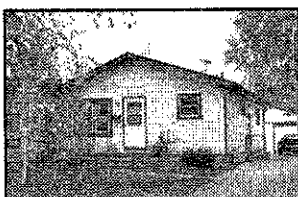
**WONDERFUL CANTON COLONIAL** Spacious & open floor plan w/formal living and DR plus a family room w/frplc and a huge master w/private bath. Lg tiered deck, fin bsmt, air, att gar and many updates. Call for the list. \$225,000 (P-256SO)



**NEW CONSTRUCTION** Beautiful Arlington floor plan. 1st floor bdrms, 2 car attached Garage w/ private drive on a premium lot. Over 22k of upgrades including basement w/egress window. This won't last long! \$239,900 (C-587ST)



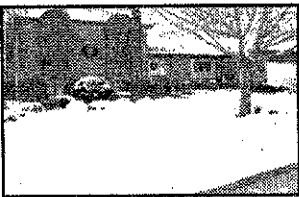
**COMPLETELY RENOVATED** Absolutely gorgeous 4 bedroom home w/new roof, windows, doors, siding, copper plumb, updated elec, Berber, hwdws & ceramic, new kit & baths, vaulted ceilings even a courtyard w/ waterfall! \$265,000 (P-463SU)



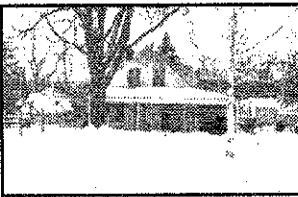
**NO GIMMICKS** Just a nice solid 3 bedroom ranch with a basement and 2 car garage in the Southeast area of Dearborn Heights. Perfect for retirees or first time buyers. Close to the new shopping center. \$124,900 (C-611WE)



**CALLING NEW INVESTORS!** 2 bedroom, 2 bath brick bungalow. 1200 sq ft, basement & 2 car garage. Open floor plan with plenty of room. Home sold "as is". Call now for your private viewing. \$58,000 (P-910WE)



**POPULAR TRAILWOOD** Immaculate, neutral quad level w/4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths on a commons. Corian in the kit, doorwall to screened porch, formal living & dining, frplc and a deck overlooking seasonal views of woods. \$340,000 (P-217WO)



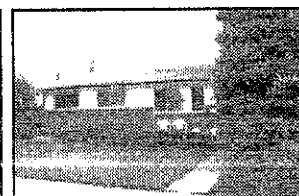
**STOP PAYING RENT!** The price is right for the growing family. 3-4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, huge eat in kitchen, rec room, even a fireplace in the living room! Huge fenced yard too. Don't miss out, call today! \$104,900 (P-825WO)



**GREAT HOME!** Ready & waiting for you to move right in. Recently updated w/immediate occupancy. Nicely maintained lot & fenced yard. Well maintained, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, plus a bonus room. Great price! \$63,500 (C-623AR)



**OUTSHINES THE REST** One of the nicest homes in Canton!!! Wide open design w/ windows for lots of light and a spacious feel. All of the features you desire and immaculately clean. Gar, bsmt, frplc and glowing wood flrs. \$229,500 (P-091CH)



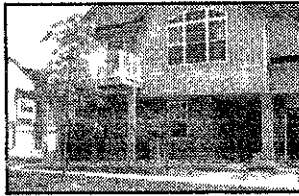
**SHARP BRICK RANCH** With Livonia Schools! Spacious living room w/cozy fireplace and doorwall to the covered patio overlooking the backyard. Finished basement, garage and a roomy floor plan. \$176,900 (C-855CO)



**PHEASANT VIEW CAPE** Outstanding home on a corner lot w/huge great room floor plan offering dramatic ceilings, a gourmet kit with Jenn-air appls, 1st floor master with a jetted tub, crown moldings and a 3 car garage. \$419,900 (P-215CR)



**BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME** On this beautiful 5 acre parcel with a paved road. Approximately a 500x440 with 4 cleared acres and one wooded. Successful perk test on file. Located just a cross the street from the church. \$119,900 (C-000DE)



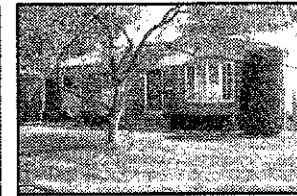
**GREAT OPPORTUNITY** To own this wonderful end unit with an attached gar, lg great room floor plan and master suite with walk in closet and cathedral ceiling. Ceramic baths. Neutral and tastefully done decor. Great price at only \$154,000 (C-143EL)



**UPDATES GALORE!** Newer built 4 Bd. Cape Cod! All new crt t/o, Ceramic Kit, 2.5 ceramic baths, vaulted Great Room w/gas FP. Hwdwd Flooring, att Gar, Huge lot w/Built in pool! Shows like a model. Take a look. \$309,900 (C-302OA)



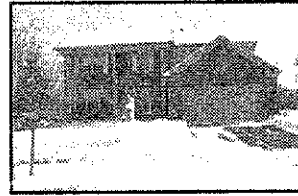
**WHO DESERVES IT MORE?** Brick colonial! 4 bds, 3.5 baths, 2568 sq ft, 2-story foyer, hwd flrs, spac kit w/cabs. Lux mstr ste w/ vaulted ceiling, lg VIC & jetted tub. Neut decor & fin bsmt. Cst slate patio, paver walkway & sprinklers. \$309,900 (C-732PO)



**NOT JUST ANOTHER...** Pretty face! Oversized Plymouth ranch with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and a fabulous open floor plan w/ newer kit and GR combination. Finished basement, newer windows and super clean. Totally turn key. \$224,900 (P-557PO)



**GREAT LOCATION** For this immaculate end unit ranch in Canton. Amenities include skylights, cathedral ceilings, updated roof, furnace & central air. Bright kitchen w/appliances, full basement, pool, clubhouse and more. \$129,900 (P-374SO)



**UNBEATABLE LOT** Pulte Princeton w/prem elevation & private lot. Trad LR/DR, 2568 sq ft, 2 stry entry & hwd flrs. FR w/ gas fp. Nice kit w/pantry. Mstr ste w/jetted tub, high ceilings & VIC. Prof Indscpg, paver patio & sprinklers. \$289,900 (C-115PO)



**ENCHANTING RANCH** This 3 BD solid brick ranch has fantastic Canton loc. Open flr plan w/1633 sq ft, GR w/gas fp, a roomy kit & dining area, & soaring ceilings. Lg mstr ste w/private bath. Attractively priced & available for quick occup. \$249,900 (C-977TI)



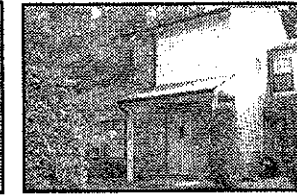
**SHARP AND CLEAN** Canton condo in a quiet complex with 2 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. Oak kitchen with ceramic tile, fresh paint, pergo floors, basement, deck the backs to a commons & an attached garage. \$157,900 (C-612YO)



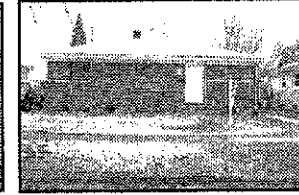
**NEAT AS A PIN** Awesome ranch with coved ceilings, vinyl insulated windows, finished basement with a full kitchen and updated ceramic floors in the kitchen & bath. Come take a look! \$159,500 (C-051BR)



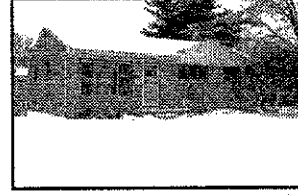
**EXQUISITE CONDO** Just 2 years new, this light, bright and airy condo is decorated "to the nines"! Hardwood floors, upgraded carpeting & light fixtures, fireplace, 1st floor laundry & great master. This is a 10 plus! \$178,900 (C-947CA)



**PEACEFUL SETTING** Nestled in the Heart of Castlewood! Featuring a vaulted ceiling great room, triple doorwall to the beautiful deck overlooking trees, luxury master, garage, pool, clubhouse and more. \$125,750 (C-737CA)



**IMMACULATE** Is the only way to describe this 3 BR ranch. Updates in kitchen & bath. Freshly painted, updated carpet, new floors through out, partially finished bsmt w/tp, & updated roof. Pack your bags and move right in! \$127,900 (C-700AC)



**WONDERFUL OPEN RANCH** Totally updated ranch with an open floor plan. Awesome updated kit, glowing hardwood floors, finished basement with a wet bar, updated furnace & central air to help save on gas bills. \$169,900 (C-611DO)



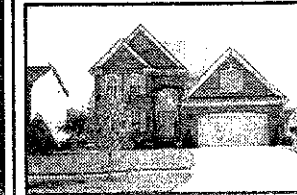
**DUPLEX OR SINGLE FAMILY HOME** Whitmore Lake 1800 sq. foot, 4 bedroom, 2 bath home is currently set up as a duplex but could easily be converted to a lrg. single family home. Each level w/2 beds, 1 bath, living room & kit. \$180,000 (C-315FA)



**AMAZING BRICK RANCH** Beautifully maintained Dearborn Heights home with a family room fireplace, formal living & dining rooms and major updates that include sprinklers, windows, plumbing, furnace and more. \$184,900 (C-261MI)



**OVER AN ACRE** This 3 BD ranch has a lot going for it including a 40x80 pole barn. Family room w/ fp, attached garage & more. Zoned light industrial & was previously used as a fence company. Use your imagination. \$274,900 (C-041BE)



**WOW** 3 years old & still looks & feels like new. Upgrades, full front brick ext, stamped concrete walkway, GR w/2 sty ceiling, oversized Kit inc. hwd flrs, cntr island, & desk. Formal LR, mstr bath w/soaking tub, top of line appls. \$310,000 (P-653FO)



**NICE NEIGHBORHOOD** 3 BR 1 bath bungalow located in a nice neighborhood. Updated furnace to help w/ those heating costs. Updated copper plumbing & updated kitchen. Nice large yard! \$99,900 (C-113HU)



**NOVI LOCATION** Over \$75,000 in upgrades. New hwd flring, windows, insulation, drwl, siding, gutters, gar door w/opener, new roof w/dimen shingles, & newly landscaped yard w/sprinklers & brick paving. Fin bsmt w/4th BD full bath. \$239,900 (P-784HU)



**HERE IT IS!** So much to list! Start w/covered 2 story entry & ceramic foyer, large pillared formal dining room, extensive use of crown molding t/o, tear off roof, FF mstr suite w/cathedral ceiling & bath w/garden tub. Come take a look! \$309,000 (C-105LA)



**ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE** All brick bungalow in Divine Child area. Turn key cond., totally updated bath, mstr bedroom & lib on 2nd level. New light fixtures, blinds, refin hwd flrs, & paint t/o. Picturesque tree lined street. \$159,900 (P-625MA)



**GREAT FIND IN LIVONIA** Lots of sq ft for the money! 1700+, 3 bd., 1.5 baths, new roof in '04, refinished hardwood floors, large private backyard. Family Room w/fp, & neutral decor t/o. Close to everything. This one won't last long! \$239,900 (C-902MU)



**MOVE-IN CONDITION** Decorated w/designer colors t/o. Hwd flrs, att Gar w/direct access to unit. Open area upstairs could be lib or study. GR wired for surround sound. Patio area planted w/ beautiful perennials. This will not last! \$189,900 (P-110NE)



**PRICED TO SELL!** Barely lived in 2 BD, 2.5 BA. 2 story condo built in 2005. Lg open FF w/9ft ceilings, Open Kit area w/Maple Cabs & all appls. Spacious Mstr BD w/cath ceiling, WIC & bath, 1 Car gar, pool & clubhouse. Neat, neutral & immed occup! \$169,900 (P-536PE)



**PLYMOUTH CHARMER** 2 BD, 1 bath condo, ready for you now! Kitchen w/all appl. + washer & dryer, Living Room w/doorwall to Deck. Master bedroom w/ floors t/o, updated kitchen, doorwall to deck, nice dining room area, neutral carpet, & low association dues. \$119,900 (P-650PL)



**A LOT OF HOUSE** So much for the money in established Southfield sub. 3000+ sq. ft., gleaming hwd floors t/o, updated kitchen, central vac, newer furnace, a/c, 3-4 bds, 3 baths, custom bit, 1 owner. \$235,000 (P-294RO)



**GORGEOUS HOME** 3 BDs, 2 baths 1/2 baths, soaring ceilings, glamorous master bath, leaded glass entry, garage, waterproofed basement, patio & deck in this 1900 + sq ft home. Sub offers parks, fountains, winding streets, & Lincoln Consolidated Schools. \$250,000 (P-808TR)



**ENTERTAINERS DELIGHT** Super-Sized Gourmet Kit w/ granite, upgraded appls, 2 wine coolers, extra lg pantry, dual staircases leading to 4 bds w/ baths, 3 car gar, prof. indscpg w/ fab elevated stone patio w/exten brick pavers. Come see for yourself. \$600,000 (P-173WI)



**GREAT OPPORTUNITY** Spacious 3 BD, 2 bath brick home w/updates inc. new windows, C/A, updated baths & kit, tear off roof in '97, bsmt is plumbed for bath, new cement patio, FR w/nat fp, new gar dr w/ opener, new front dr, & freshly painted. \$229,900 (C-494YA)



**TREE LINED STREET** Enjoy all the comforts of home in this Garden City ranch complete with a finished basement, 2 car garage, 1.5 baths, a pretty entry, big picture window in the living room and a great price! \$139,900 (C-417HA)

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## Tax time reminder of benefits of owning

Tax time is right around the corner and most of us are receiving our end-of-year statements from employers and financial institutions. Typically, homeowners get a significant additional tax benefit that renters do not receive. If you are a renter, you may be missing out on a handful of cash from Uncle Sam.

Before I begin, however, I firmly believe that you should never make financial decisions based solely on the tax consequences of those decisions. At the same time, you should consider the tax consequences of everything that you do with your money.

Now, once you decide to own a home in lieu of renting one – a decision that hopefully included careful consideration of property location, potential appreciation, property taxes, and proximity to good schools – you may now have access to additional income tax benefits. The amount of your tax benefit will vary based on your



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marginal tax bracket, the amount of your property taxes, and the amount of the mortgage interest you pay during the year.

Here's a typical scenario. Let's assume you currently rent a home or condominium as your primary residence for \$900 per month. At the end of the year, you have paid \$10,800 without any income tax benefit.

At today's interest rates, you can spend the exact same \$900 to buy a \$125,000 home and still get about \$3,000 back from Uncle Sam as a tax refund. Assuming property taxes of \$1,800 a year, the use of a 30-year mortgage product, and a normal income tax bracket

for a given borrower, a \$900 rent payment that is applied to the principle and interest of a new home instead of to a rent payment should produce about \$3,000 in tax benefit during the early years of your new mortgage.

Today's TIMBIT! Income tax laws are written to reward people for some behaviors and to penalize them for others. The lawmakers give tax advantages to homeowners to roughly the same extent that they give them to those who make charitable cash contributions. Why not be charitable to your family with a home purchase in lieu of paying rent? Consider it.

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## HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of Sept. 12-16, 2005, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
8243 Alton	\$195,000
1637 Copeland	\$137,000
4157 Elizabeth	\$174,000
8165 Endicott	\$675,000
6171 Fairborn	\$370,000
40210 Finley	\$238,000
4117 Forest Bridge	\$54,000
4135 Forest Bridge	\$54,000
48815 Greenwich	\$363,000
43147 Hadley	\$230,000
1262 Heritage	\$203,000
45081 Horseshoe	\$173,000
42050 Hunters Ridge	\$308,000
45415 Indian Creek	\$345,000
50225 Jefferson	\$65,000
50237 Jefferson	\$68,000
44217 Leann	\$219,000
1564 Millbrook	\$302,000
1580 Old Bridge	\$189,000
42032 Old Bridge	\$188,000
47061 Overhill	\$390,000
1844 Pebble Creek	\$263,000
472 Pleasant Ridge	\$432,000

41831 Pocatello	\$267,000	40502 Newport	\$128,000
4725 Pond Run	\$284,000	11696 Russell	\$172,000
275 S Village	\$40,000	568 S Harvey	\$504,000
41175 Southwind	\$128,000	480 Sunset	\$225,000
1960 Stonebridge	\$410,000	47317 Timberwood	\$418,000
43748 Sweet Cherry	\$230,000	333 W Ann Arbor	\$228,000
1055 Terrel	\$209,000		
4049 Timberline	\$252,000	25301 Five Mile	\$55,000
1801 Vine Way	\$141,000	11643 Berwyn	\$129,000
1981 Vine Way	\$128,000	14215 Brady	\$173,000
40994 Westfield	\$272,000	19325 Brady	\$40,000
44094 Westminster	\$230,000	19580 Brady	\$104,000
42375 Woodwind	\$360,000	12098 Centralia	\$90,000
		9102 Columbia	\$166,000
		12842 Crosley	\$139,000
		15587 Delaware	\$151,000
		15916 Delaware	\$117,000
		17373 Denby	\$160,000
		15346 Dixie	\$90,000
		13439 Garfield	\$135,000
		14139 Garfield	\$190,000
		18642 Garfield	\$50,000
		9562 Inkster	\$95,000
		8900 Kinloch	\$153,000
		15416 Leona	\$87,000
		15545 Macarthur	\$125,000
		24926 N Sylbert	\$158,000
		18703 Negaunee	\$100,000
		20469 Norborne	\$114,000
		18470 Olympia	\$90,000
		20581 Olympia	\$100,000
		10029 Riverdale	\$133,000
		12065 Royal Grand	\$142,000
		12977 Royal Grand	\$204,000
		9653 Virgil	\$119,000
		26164 Westfield	\$202,000
		26274 Westfield	\$187,000
		11400 Winston	\$115,000
		18733 Woodworth	\$119,000
		Westland	
		38535 Alma	\$292,000
		34114 Avondale	\$143,000
		34553 Birchwood	\$167,000
		38355 Burkland	\$275,000
		35725 Castletown	\$136,000
		35916 Central City	\$144,000
		30716 Cooley	\$173,000
		6911 Deerhurst	\$180,000
		481 Dover Crescent	\$205,000
		213 Farmington	\$160,000
		5579 Farnum	\$87,000
		33029 Hampshire	\$200,000
		31714 Hazelwood	\$127,000
		32759 Hazelwood	\$135,000
		32362 Hunter	\$180,000
		29710 Lacy	\$202,000
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		31225 Mackenzie	\$197,000
		32756 Mackenzie	\$167,000
		6280 N Farmington	\$190,000
		403 N Hanlon	\$168,000
		8100 N Henry Ruff	\$133,000
		39240 Nottingham	\$178,000
		32245 Oscoda	\$78,000
		30722 Palmer	\$140,000
		1536 S Parent	\$120,000
		6331 Twin Oaks	\$195,000
		2470 W Miller	\$183,000
		Plymouth	
		1177 Ann Arbor	\$213,000
		267 Blanche	\$205,000
		42246 Brentwood	\$199,000
		650 Byron	\$179,000
		10816 Chestnut	\$215,000
		14875 Dogwood	\$294,000
		9061 N Canton Center	\$355,000
		40154 Newport	\$137,000

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A Best Financial Corp. (800) 839-8918	5.5	1.625	5	1.5	J/A	Goldstar Mortgage (800) 784-1074	5.75	0.5	5.5	0.5	J/A/V/F
AXA Discount Mortgage (877) 728-3569	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A	Group One Mortgage (734) 853-4000	6.125	0	5.875	0	J/A/V/F
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Ameriplus Mortgage Corp. (248) 740-2323	5.875	0.25	5.5	0.25	J/A	JMC Mortgage Corp. (248) 489-4020	5.625	3	5.125	3	J/A
Brighton Commerce Bank (810) 220-3646	6	1	5.5	1	J/A	LaSalle Bank Midwest (800) 466-3800	6	2	5.625	2	J/A/V/F
Brinks Goldstar Mortgage (800) 785-4755	5.5	2	5.125	2	J/A/V/F	Lira Financial (586) 228-0900	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A/V/F
Capital Mortgage Funding (248) 569-7283	6.125	1.25	5.75	1.25	J/A/F	Manufacturers (586) 777-1000	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A
Charter One Bank (800) 342-5336	6.5	0	6.125	0	J/A/V/F	Mainstreet Mortgage (800) 900-1313	6	0	5.5	0	J/A/V/F
Client Services by Golden Rule (800) 589-5805	5.5	1.75	5.125	2	J/A/V/F	Michigan Schools & Gov. C.O.U. (586) 283-8800	6.25	0	5.875	0	J/A
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Fifth Third Bank (800) 792-8830	6.25	0	5.875	0.125	J/V/F	Shore Mortgage (800) 678-6663	5.5	2.75	5	3	J/A/V/F
First Alliance Mortgage Co. (800) 292-7357	6.125	0	5.75	0	J/A/V/F	United Mortgage Group (586) 286-9500	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A
First International Mortgage (248) 258-1584	5.875	0	5.625	0	J/A	York Financial Inc. (800) 834-5675	5.875	0	5.625	0	J/A
GMAC Mortgage Corp. (800) 888-4622	5.75	3	5.75	1	J/A/V/F						

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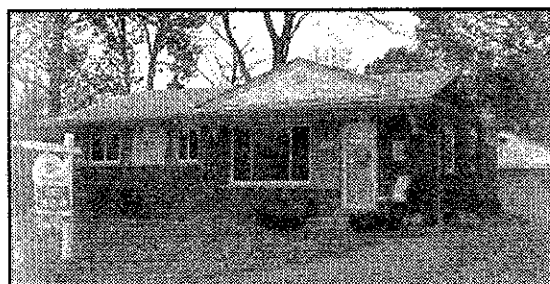
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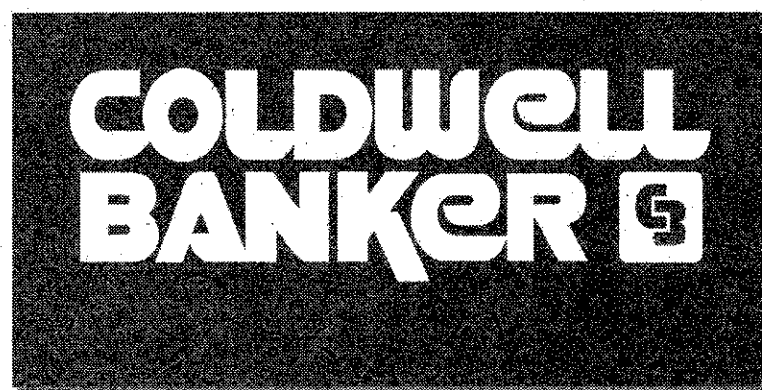
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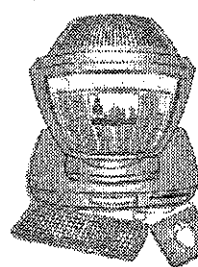
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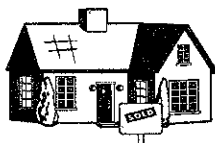
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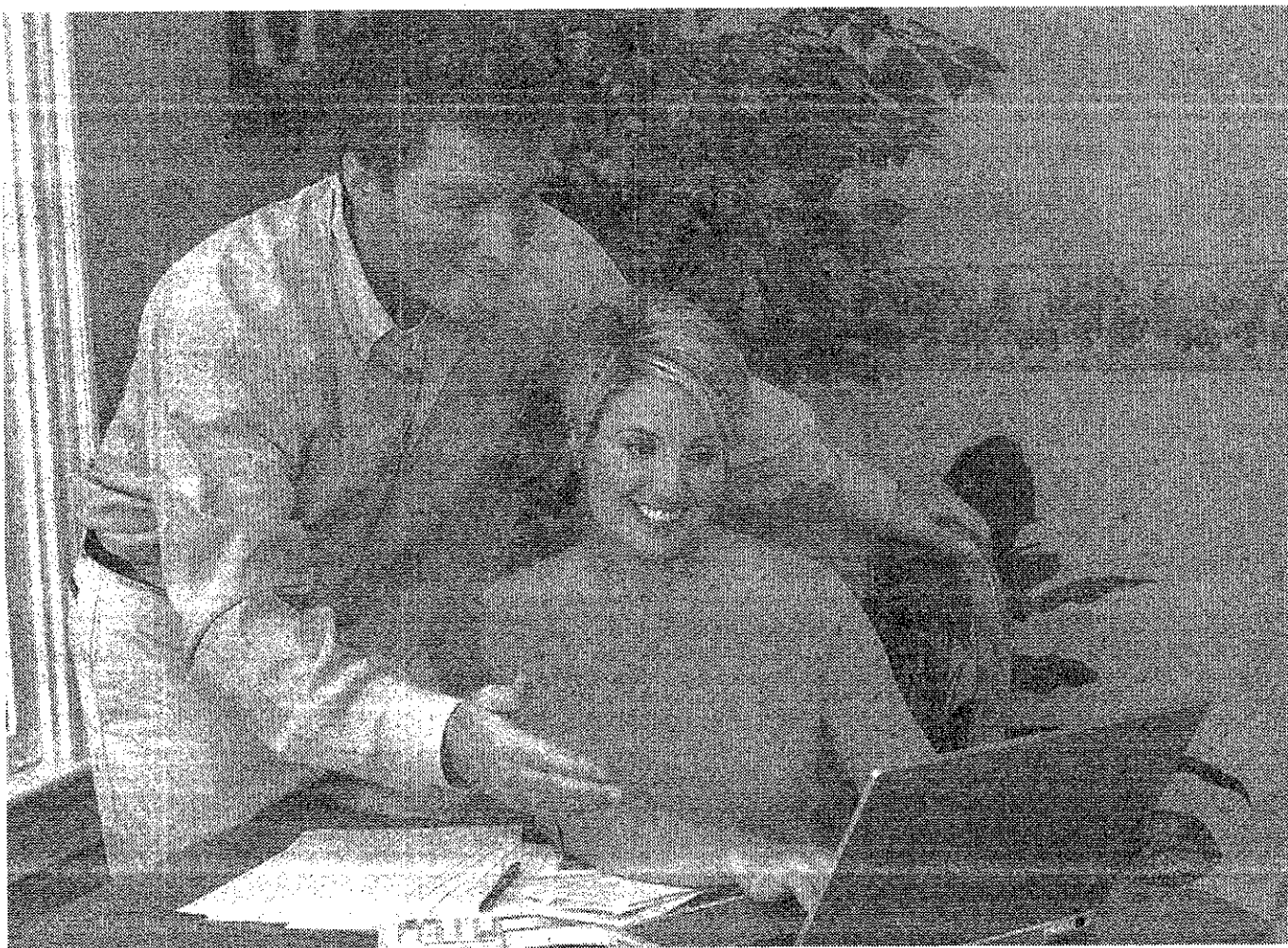


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## Design & Construction Expo

The Construction Association of Michigan and the Metro Detroit chapter of the

Construction Specifications Institute will co-sponsor the 22nd edition of the Design Expo. The event takes place at 8 a.m. with the second annual VIP Reception and Show Preview and the official opening ceremony at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 and 9 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. A dinner reception will be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 8. Tickets are available for the expo at CAM headquarters. For reservations for the dinner program, call (248) 435-5555.

## Homebuyer Seminar

Flagstar Bank Home Lending is offering a free First Time Homebuyer Seminar from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Flagstar Bank Corporate

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## Education Seminars

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following:

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, Certified Graduate Remodeler seminar on "Estimating," at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Fees \$140 for Remodelers Council members, \$160 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan mem-

bers and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, "You've Got Mail: WOW the Dot Com Customer" at Michigan Design Center in Troy. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, "Making Work Flow: Evaluating Technology to Integrate with Today's Best Practices" at BIA headquarters. (248) 862-1033.

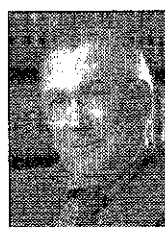
# N.J. court upholds parking enforcement

**Q. We have a public street in our condominium project and the board is questioning whether it has the right to enforce regulations concerning parking on that public street.**

**A. While it depends on your documents, a case out of New Jersey has determined that an association can enforce parking restrictions on public streets within a condominium. In that case, the court held that the association and the township in question had co-extensive rights to regulate parking even though they were the township's public roads. Whether the association could enforce moving violations is another matter and you are best advised to consult with your association attorney as to the applicable law as it relates to your township or city regarding the enforcement of parking.**

**Q. We are in state government moving to Madison and want a high rise condo near the capital. Do you know anything about that?**

**A. There are mixed use developments being constructed in or around the capital including residential condominiums. Indeed, there is a great deal of development around the capital both by way**



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of conversion and new construction. Prices have leveled off in Madison although you will be paying a premium for the location. You are best advised to consult with a local Realtor who has experience in that area as well as a condominium attorney who can advise you as to the ramifications of buying either a conversion or new construction from a developer. There are also resale opportunities available in the area.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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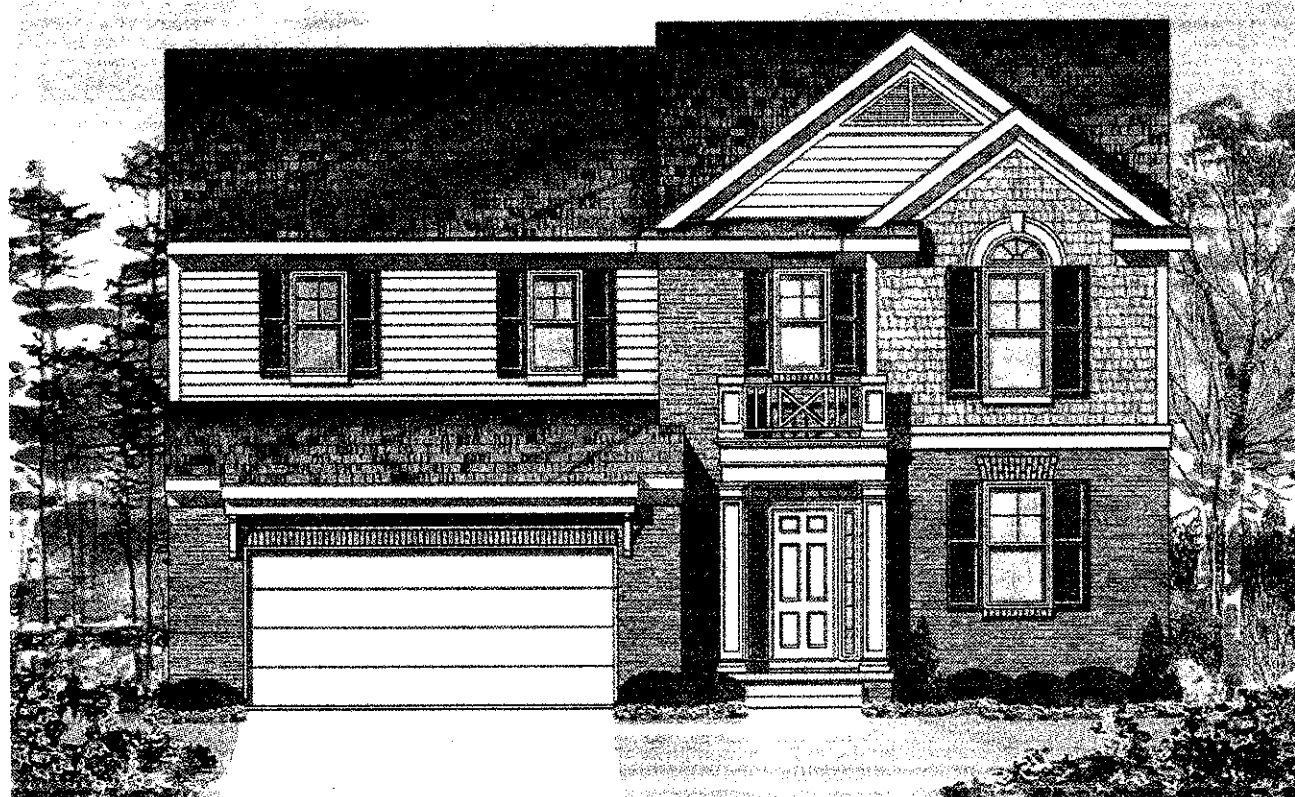
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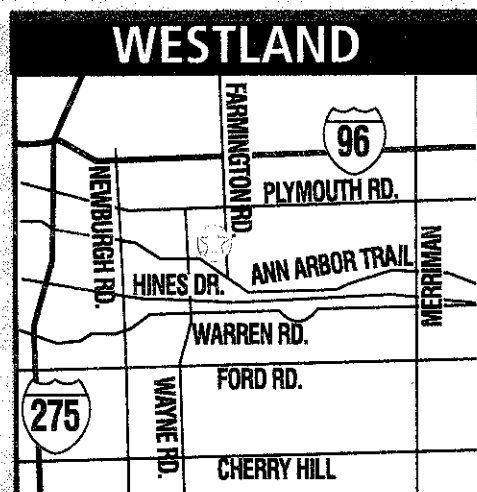
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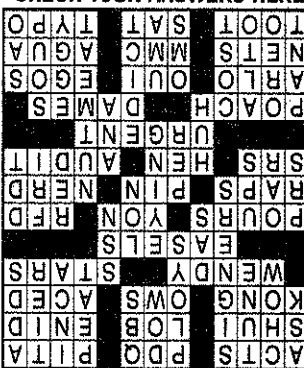
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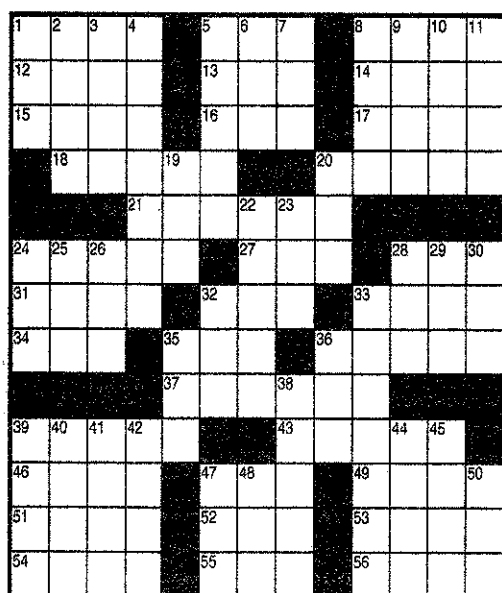
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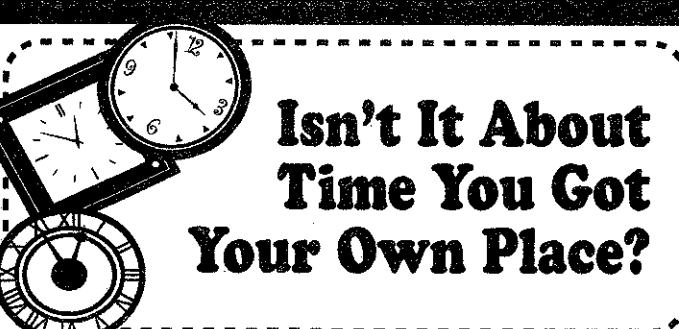
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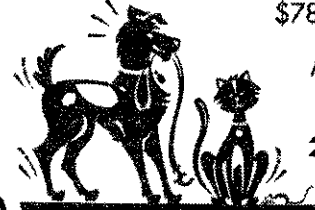
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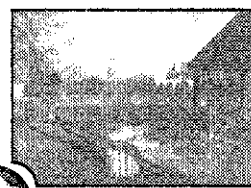
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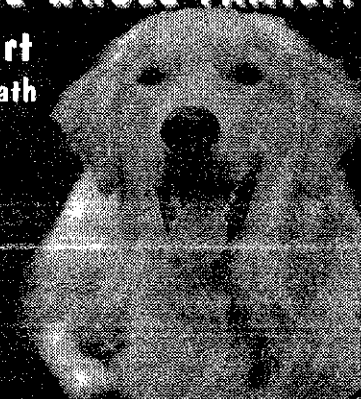
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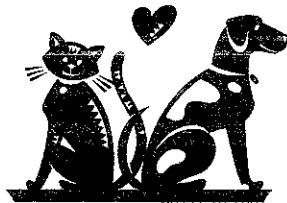
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Excellent location in Plymouth. This 2 bedroom condo has newer carpet, kitchen cabinets, dining room flooring and windows in living room. Large private basement and more.  
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**VAN BUREN Outstanding Condo**  
2 bedroom, 2 bath upper unit ranch w/WIC in master bedroom, great room w/vaulted ceiling, large oak kitchen w/snack bar, doorwall to deck & appliances.  
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**NOVI Exceptional Home**  
Fresh & bright 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial on approx 1 acre w/pool. FFL w/washer/dryer. Custom light fixtures. Frplc w/Italian mantle. Finished W/O w/profess workout room. Pressed concrete patio & deck. Nrvie Schis.  
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**BRIGHTON Front Porch Memories**  
Start here! Picturesque w/approx 1.15 acre lot. This tastefully decorated & spacious home is just what you're looking for. Great floor plan w/3 BR, 2 BA, FR, lg kit/din area & more. Many updates. All appls & warr.  
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**DEARBORN HGTS. Wonderful Ranch**  
Sitting on a large double lot offering 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car attached garage, updated kitchen & both baths, C/A, roof (tear off), some windows. Hardwood floors, gas fireplace in family room + in-ground pool.  
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**WESTLAND Condo**  
Nice upper unit condo in Westland with Livonia Schools. Deck, quiet surroundings, tennis courts and pool. Nice sized rooms, low association fees.  
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**PLYMOUTH Major Renovation**  
and additions in 2005 offering updated kit w/granite & hwdw flrs, FR w/frplc, 2.5 car garage, large laundry room & sitting on double lot walking distance to downtown. All this in a 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home.  
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**NORTHVILLE Historic Northville**  
Impeccable best describes this impressive home. Newer windows, roof, furnace, electrical. Large rooms, hwdw floors, W/O upstairs in MBR, bonus room upstairs. All this plus an income property over 3 car gar.  
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**COMMERCE Builders Model Closeouts**  
Best quality materials used, Andersen windows, walkout living room & family room. Huge master w/2 walk-in, island kitchen, crown moldings, library, 3 car garage and much more.  
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City chic w/pottery barn flair. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home sits on huge tucked away lot near lakes. Costly amenities & upgrades incl: HWT, flrs, newer carpet, 2-tone paint, high ceilings, stone frplc, fin LL W/O.  
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**PLYMOUTH Perfection Plus**  
Premium lot w/perfect floor plan. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/3 car attached garage, fireplace in living room, open dual staircase, casement, huge bedrooms w/plenty of closet space, elegance custom awnings.  
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**NEW BOSTON Move To The Country**  
In this well maintained home in the Village of Willow. Close to 2 metro parks & great access to x-ways. On 3 lots & offers newer windows, boiler, roof, HWT, kitchen & bath + deck, patio & power foot shed. All appliances stay.  
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**PLYMOUTH Classic Brick Colonial**  
In great subdivision. 4 BR, 2.5 BA home with formal living room and dining room & fireplace in family room with doorwall. Large kitchen with appliances. Den, 1st floor laundry, basement & 2 car attached garage.  
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Quality plus, first floor master, custom 2-story daylight basement, sod/sprinklers, 3 car side garage, huge great room with soaring ceiling and granite counters.  
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**DEARBORN HGTS. Spacious Colonial**  
3 bedrooms, full of charm from the covered front porch to the homey decor. Updates incl: newer roof, oak kit cabs, bath floor & more. Hardwood floors T/O, formal DR & LR. Deep backyard wished. C/A & FFL.  
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**NOVI Well Maintained Condo**  
Upper carriage unit is very neutral and updated. All major appliance stay. Very clean private entry and attached garage.  
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**WAYNE Beautiful Ranch With Updates**  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick home w/2 car garage, updated windows, roof, HWT, eat-in kitchen, living room/dining room combo, lg bow window, breathtaking lot & landscp, some appls, part fin bsmt, sunroom.  
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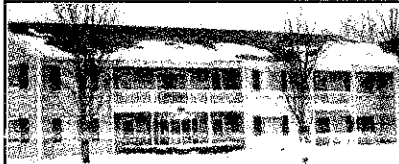
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Meticulous 3 BR, 3.1 BA condo in desirable CCV. This home boasts a first floor master suite, open floor plan, oversized loft. It's one of the only 8 W/O's in community. All finished and ready for your holiday entertaining. FFL.  
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**PLYMOUTH Walk To Downtown**  
Desirable Pinewood Village condo. Newer Berber carpet and freshly painted. Nice oak kitchen cabinets. Why Rent? Neutral decor. All appliances stay. Occupancy is negotiable.  
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**WESTLAND Gorgeous Condo**  
Backs to woods. 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached garage, newer fireplace, HWT, windows, updated flooring, newer cabs, sinks & ceramic in both baths. Deck off back, C/A, ceiling fans & neutral decor.  
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**REDFORD Exceptional Brick Home**  
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(E61BRA) 248-349-5600 \$179,900



**NOVI Sharp Ranch In Great Sub**  
Hata stairs? With no interior steps, this 3 BR ranch features open floor plan, FFL, wood laminate flrs & neutral decor T/O. Nice-sized BR's including spacious MBR w/walk-in closet. Att 2 car garage & large deck.  
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**LIVONIA Wonderful Ranch**  
3 bedroom ranch with new wood and ceramic flooring, new furnace, new hot water heater, new electrical, new entry door, new doorwall, freshly painted interior and new car garage. Near St. Mary's Hospital.  
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**PLYMOUTH 1988 Colonial**  
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**GARDEN CITY Great Updated Bungalow**  
2 bedroom home offers newer 2 car garage and drive, beautiful updated kitchen, bath, furn, A/C, roof, laminated hardwood floor, carpet, entry doors, siding, trim, plumbing, deck and much more.  
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**NORTHVILLE Stunning Luxury Condo**  
Prof decorated w/hwd floor 10/10 1st flr. Custom lighting, granite V/O, 2 pic's, mstr suite w/2 W/O, frplc, huge mstr BA w/oversize tub & skylight. Upgraded Bosch appls in kit. 2 door walls to deck access to golf course.  
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**NORTHVILLE Must See In Maple Hills!**  
Spacious tudor style colonial, 4 bedrooms, formal LR & DR plus FR w/frplc, MBR ste w/WIC & private BA w/sep shower, kit w/built-in appls & brkfst area. FFL, hwdw foyer, private rear yard w/deck & pool, more!  
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**WESTLAND Carefree Living With A View**  
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(E09MAN) 734-455-5600 \$95,000



**BELLEVILLE Awesome Bi-Level**  
With water view offers 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with open floor plan, oak kitchen with vaulted ceilings and master suite. 2 car attached garage + playscape and much more.  
(E35VIC) 734-455-5600 \$175,000



**DEARBORN End Unit Condo**  
Over 55. 1 bedroom w/screened-in balcony. Kitchen w/appl's & living room. Association fee covers taxes & utilities. Main floor has library, game room, workshop & storage. Main floor has nice big laundry room.  
(E00MOR) 248-349-5600 \$69,000



**LIVONIA Colonial**  
4 BR, 1.5 BA formal LR. Beamed cath ceiling in FR & w/woodburning system in nat fireplace. Replacement doorwall & many of the windows. Huge kitchen area to FR. Updated half BA, 2 car att gar, deck. Warranty.  
(E22EDG) 248-349-5600 \$219,900



**NOVI Beautiful Lake View!**  
Spacious & clean 4 bedroom home on lake. Located deep in sub near woods. This home has it all. Stunning brick fireplaces in family room, open kitchen, finished basement. Great schools. Home warranty included.  
(E84SCE) 248-349-5600 \$325,000



**WESTLAND Gorgeous Colonial**  
Sitting on huge lot offering 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, FR w/frplc, mstr ste w/frplc, WIC & bath, eat-in kitchen w/loads of cabs, beautiful deck & updated roof, HWT & marble slts. You won't want to miss this one.  
(E04SYB) 734-455-5600 \$219,900



**ROCKWOOD Palatial Beauty**  
Brick 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath with full basement, master ste w/WIC, bath & cath ceiling, dual staircase, attached 2 car garage, 2 story ceramic foyer, sprinklers, glass block windows in basement, FFL & large lot. Desirable.  
(E79HER) 734-455-5600 \$264,999



**DEARBORN HGTS. Nice Updated Ranch**  
Great location for this cozy ranch. Large lot w/2 car garage & double wide drive. Huge eat-in kitchen w/all appliances staying. Gorgeous yard w/pwycap fence. Large living room w/hwdw flrs. In-ground sprinklers.  
(E12NIQ) 248-349-5600 \$119,900



**LATHRUP VILLAGE Spacious Colonial**  
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath 2-story at a great price. Newer carpeting in both living room & family room. Huge master with double closets. Two-car attached garage. Basement. One year home warranty & quick occupancy!  
(E10LIN) 248-349-5600 \$179,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS Beautiful Tudor**  
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on approx 1/2 acre. Highly desired Farmington Hills neighborhood. Updates throughout home. Finished basement, 2+ car side entry garage, 1st floor laundry. Northville mailing.  
(E73WES) 248-349-5600 \$314,900



**GROSSE ILE When Dreams Come True**  
You will be living in this spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch across from Westshore golf club & sitting on a canal, 2.5 car attached garage, FR w/lg doors & windows to beautiful setting. Numerous updates.  
(E01MER) 734-455-5600 \$397,900



**SUPERIOR TWP. Surround Yourself**  
With nature sitting on approx 14 acres. This 2001 cape cod offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, master w/WIC & garden tub. DR w/view from deck, also 2.5 car attached garage, huge extra deep walk out lower level & more.  
(E44HAR) 734-455-5600 \$479,500



**REDFORD Welcome Home**  
Maintenance free brick ranch offers 3 spacious BR & 1.5 BA. Updates include: newer windows, roof & furnace, newer kit floor. Wonderful sunroom to enjoy your private wooded ravine lot. Finished basement.  
(E50ROS) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



**LIVONIA Newer Brick Colonial**  
3 BR, 2.5 BA home on large lot. Nicely landscaped. Custom kitchen w/Corian counters, sink, Delta faucet, wood windows new ('05), roof, doorwall, furn, freshly painted T/O. Deck, frplc, sprinklers, bsmt & att gar.  
(E56NOR) 248-349-5600 \$274,900



**GARDEN CITY Right On Ranch**  
Ready to go! Super 3 bedroom, 2 bath, basement & 2 car garage. Huge addition included. Family room & master bedroom suite. New carpet 12-05. Updates in every room. Also furnace, C/A, elec, HWT, windows.  
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**SALEM** 734-455-7000  
SERENITY! Ten woodland acres with wildlife and pond frame. Contemporary, fit for a King... or YOU! (25156827) \$1,100,000



**NORTHVILLE** 734-591-9200  
Luxurious Waterfront Living! Spacious open floor plan. 1st floor master. Finished lower level w/walk out. 4 FP, 4 BR, 4.5 BA. 3 car garage. Beautiful deck overlooking lake. Must see all great features! (26009788) \$869,000



**PLYMOUTH** 734-591-9200  
Built in 2001, 3 BR, 2.5 BA Cape Cod. Delivers exclusive upgrades, incl. maple kit cabs, extensive hardwood floors, 1st floor Master w/bath that offers jetted tub & sep. shower, volume ceilings in GR & FP. (25130836) \$424,900



**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
JUST THE RANCH YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR! Backs to woods. New deck. Small pond. Prof. landscaped. Master Suite w/fashion bath, walk-in closet. High ceilings. Kit w/granite counters. SS appl. stay. (25139274) \$414,900



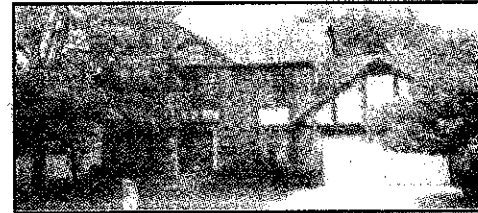
**PLYMOUTH** 248-348-6430  
CUSTOM HOME ON ALMOST AN ACRE! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2400 sq ft ranch with 2000 sq ft LL & 4 fireplaces on almost an acre of private specimen treed setting. 349-6200 (25120918) \$399,900



**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
NOVI CAPE COD 1st floor master. Updates include: roof, furnace, A/C, carpet, blinds, ceramic tile foyer and main bath. Huge loft area. Commons & pond location. Must see! 349-6200 (25155306) \$359,900



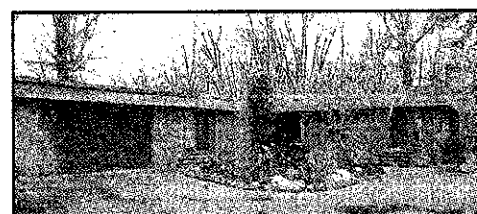
**NEW HUDSON** 248-437-3800  
Don't Pass Up This Great Buy! Spectacular home Maple cabinets, island and desk area in spacious kitchen. Hardwood floors, crown moldings and much more! Ready to move into! (25179590) \$319,900



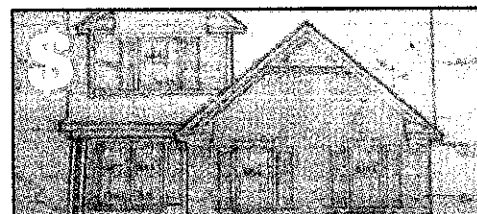
**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Location, quality, value & charm! Attractive 2400 sq ft brick Colonial. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, FR w/FP, 1st floor laundry, bsmt & 2 car att gar. New roof & doors. All appliances stay. (25076879) \$314,900



**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
WELCOME TO PRIVACY! Almost an acre surrounds this graceful 3 bedroom home. Two fireplaces, updated kitchen, oversized family room, etc. Handicap friendly. Location, location. (25165781) \$298,900



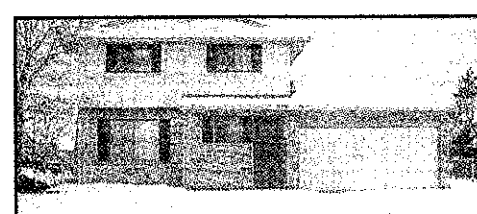
**LIVONIA** 248-348-6430  
Exceptional contemporary home in Livonia - Think Frank Lloyd Wright!! 1/2 acre, newer kitchen with granite counters, stone fireplace, skylights, attached 2.4 car garage. A one of a kind home! 349-6200 (26002791) \$296,500



**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
New Construction Cape Cod with 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2,051 sq ft, 2 car attached garage & basement. Comes w/ maple cabs, granite counters & ceramic tile in the full basement. Livonia Schools. (25070898) \$279,900



**LIVONIA** 248-851-1900  
QUALITY RENOVATION AWARD WINNER! Completely renovated 3BR, 3BA. New kitchen, baths, pool. New roof, HWH, furnace, copper plumbing. Open floorplan, comfortable, easy living. Quality throughout. Fenced yard. (25151069) \$279,900



**CANTON** 248-348-6430  
Call it home in Canton on a CT location! Many updates, 3 BR Colonial. Huge FR, natural fireplace, ceramic floors, furnace, roof, A/C, H2O heater, C/A & all appl. 2 car side entry gar w/storage. 349-6200 (25178789) \$232,000



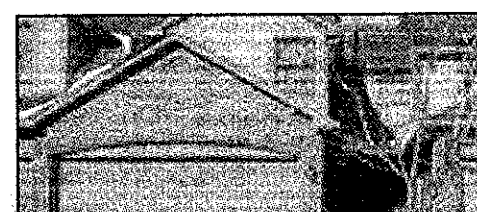
**FARMINGTON HILLS** 248-851-1900  
SPACIOUS CONTEMPORARY TOWNHOUSE! Approx. 2,000 sq ft. 2/3 BR w/2.5 BA. Den/loft upstairs. Library/family room & Great Room w/FP & 2 story ceiling. Formal DR. 1st floor laundry. Full bsmt. Deck. 2 car att gar. (25116549) \$229,900



**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, part. fin. bsmt with lots of storage. (25107135) \$175,000



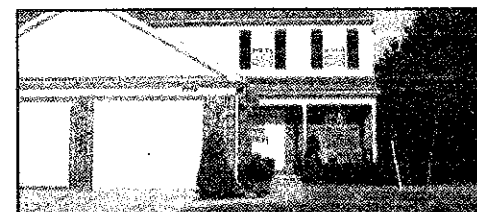
**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
IDEAL OPPORTUNITY In this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 story condo in Westland. Full finished basement, 2 car attached garage, first floor laundry, C/A. (25142567) PC 220082 \$168,000



**CANTON** 734-591-9200  
2 bedrooms, 2.5 bath, dramatic staircase in GR. Cathedral ceiling w/fan & FP. Master BR has 2 WIC. Bright kitchen has new floor & doorwall to patio, appliances stay. 1st floor laundry. 2 car gar. & bsmt. (25009266) \$165,900



**GARDEN CITY** 734-326-2000  
ROOMY YET COMPACT! Is this Unique 3 BR Tri-Level in Garden City with 1.5 BA. Refin. hardwood floors, FR, LL, Walkout, C/A, & 2 Car Garage. Can also be leased for \$1095 per month. (25142267) \$154,900



**WESTLAND** 734-591-9200  
Great Location! Well maintained 2 BR, 1.5 bath, condo (end unit). Kit features granite counter tops. Living room has FP for the cool winter evenings, bsmt, & attached garage. Livonia Schools. (26006125) \$149,900



**CANTON** 248-348-6430  
RARE 3 BEDROOM W/BASEMENT & GARAGE! Rare 3 BR condo with basement & garage. Updated & freshly painted. Neutral thruout. Lots of room. Great location, clubhouse & pool. 349-6200 (25120222) \$149,900



**CANTON** 248-348-6430  
CANTON-FORD & SHELDON-BEAUTIFUL 3 BR Condo with 1.5 baths. Close to shopping & freeways, & fin. bsmt. has new carpet. Eat-in kitchen w/new maple cabinets & all appliances. Ceramic tile in foyer & bathrooms. 349-6200 (25130248) \$147,500



**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
PERFECTLY PERFECT! No stone unturned. Beautiful Hardwood Floors, Brand New Kitchen. Updated Bath, Finished Basement, New Roof, New Windows. Squeaky Clean! (25149851) \$139,900



**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
Home overlooks Lola Valley Park. 3 BR, brick ranch w/basement & 2 car garage. Updates incl: New roof on house & garage, new windows, all appliances stay. There is a landscaped & fenced yard. (25168135) \$139,900



**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
PRICED TO SELL...FAST! 2 BR Upper Ranch Condo with bay window, vaulted ceiling, skylites, oak cabinets. Master BR has 2 walk-in closets. Anderson windows, new furnace in Aug. '05. Seller motivated! (25139282) \$124,900



**DETROIT** 734-326-2000  
BEAUTY, WARMTH, & VALUE! Features huge master bedroom (knotty pine). Nice big LR along with cute, formal DR & part fin basement. Very nice Bungalow, comes with 2 car garage & Florida Room. (26002740) \$121,900



**WAYNE** 734-326-2000  
ALL DRESSED UP! This 3 bedroom Beauty with loft 2 car garage and oversized lot is completely updated from head to toe! Call for a list of updates and a private showing. (26008310) \$119,900



**GARDEN CITY** 734-326-2000  
BUILD EQUITY QUICKLY in this 3 bedroom, 1 bath Garden City aluminum Bungalow w/full basement, central air, & 2.5 car garage. Home priced for needed updating and elbow grease. (26009097) \$119,900



**LIVONIA** 248-348-6430  
GREAT STARTER OR RETIREMENT HOME! Upper end unit with doorwall to balcony overlooking commons & pool. Master with WIC, large LR, carport, appliances included. Immediate occupancy. 349-6200 (25166129) \$85,900

**BLOOMFIELD TWP** 248-348-6430  
RAMBLING RANCH ON 3/4 ACRE CUL-DE-SAC Low maintenance 3 bedroom home, freshly painted inside, new windows, hardwood floors under carpet, full fin bsmt, C/A & all appl. 2 car side entry gar w/storage. 349-6200 (25131804) \$399,000

**CANTON** 734-591-9200  
Beautiful Windsor with hardwood floors, family room featuring a two way gas FP to study, Master has cathedral ceiling & large mstr BA w/jetted tub. Fin bsmt has full BA. Sealed paver patio & 2.5 car gar & 1 yr warr. (25171883) \$464,000

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
CUSTOM BUILT, GREAT FLOOR PLAN! Wooded lot. Ply/Canton schools. 3 BR, 2.5 BA. Gourmet Kitchen. Cedar room off GR w/skylights. Master BA has see-through FP to Master BR. Priced for quick sale. (25077838) \$344,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
INSTANTLY APPEALING! 3BR/2.5BA Ranch w/new floors, Corian in kitchen, SS appl. included. New roof, baths & landscaping. Wonderful fin. bsmt w/family room, full bath, workshop & storage. (26015233) \$228,000

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
DREAM RANCH! 3BR/2.5BA. Many new amenities including remodeled kitchen and freshly painted thruout. FR w/brick FP. Finished basement. (25155631) \$214,826

**CANTON** 248-348-6430  
CANTON-FORD & SHELDON-BEAUTIFUL 3 BR Condo with 1.5 baths. Close to shopping & freeways, & fin bsmt. has new carpet. Eat-in kitchen w/new maple cab & all appl. Ceramic tile in foyer & bathrooms. 349-6200 (25130248) \$147,500

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
PERFECT CONDO AND QUIET! Move and relax. Ranch Condo, 2BR, 1BA. End unit w/full bsmt, carport. All appliances stay. Assessments all paid. Clubhouse & heated pool. Neutral decor. Smoke & pet-free unit. (25075718) \$124,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
RENT A TRUCK.... and start moving! This well-maintained condo is waiting for new owners. Back of sub location. Spacious master w/private bath. Appliances stay. Call soon! (25167170) \$122,900

**FARMINGTON HILLS** 734-455-7000  
CUTE, CUTE, TREEE CAPE COD! Price reduced. 2BR/1BA, formal living room and dining room. Updated kitchen, full bsmt, and oversized garage. (25123641) \$108,000

**GARDEN CITY** 734-455-7000  
THIS IS A CHARMER! 2BR/1BA Ranch. Newer furnace, C/A, electrical, bath, flooring, carpeting & more. Formal Dining Room, eat-in kit, 16x13 laundry. One-third acre, side deck, garage. (25167685) \$137,900

**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

**GARDEN CITY** 734-455-7000  
GARDEN CITY'S BEST BUY! 3BR brick ranch with basement in all brick area. Some major updates. Do the cosmetics and make some sweat equity! (25161036) \$122,900

**HAZEL PARK** 248-348-6430  
HAZEL PARK GEM 3 bedroom ranch on a double lot. Everything updated. Move in ready and under \$90,000. 349-6200 (25162338) \$89,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Wide open spaces. 1/2 acre lot. 3 BR brick ranch, updated baths, open kitchen. New in 2005 - Roof, Furnace, Carpet, Storm Door. Painted, fin bsmt, 2 car att garage, and home warranty. (26005879) \$229,900

**LIVONIA** 248-348-6430  
QUALITY BUILT COLONIAL ON A 1/2 ACRE LOT! Clean, well maintained, coved ceilings, bay window in DR. Updated kit, roof, windows, all appliances. 3 BR, 1.5 BA. Basement & garage. Don't miss this one! 349-6200 (25168827) \$224,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Attractive 3 BR brick ranch. 1300 sq ft of quality living area. Family room w/fireplace, finished basement, two baths, 2 car garage, landscaped & fenced yard, new furnace & A/C. (26001870) \$204,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
3 bedroom brick Bungalow in Livonia. Updated great kitchen & bath! Livonia schools. (25167701) \$159,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Lovely well maintained brick bungalow. 3 BR (3rd BR being fin). 1228 sq ft, all major upgrades done-Furn, C/A, glass block, copper pimb, elec, windows, vinyl trim, newer carpet & much more. (25120825) \$145,000

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Beautiful, updated, private entry 1st floor, 2 BR, 2 Bath 971 sq ft condo. Scenic views of the private nature pond. All appliances stay. (25120825) \$119,000

**NEW HUDSON** 248-437-3800  
What a great home! Custom Colonial on cul-de-sac w/large wooded lot & a pond. Hardwood floors, cathedral ceilings, 2 story foyer, Library w/built-in bookshelves. Much more. (26006558) \$394,900

**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6200  
DREAM HOME SITE NESTLED IN THE TREES! Option 1: Buy now, build now. 2: Hold for investment 3: Bring your own builder. 348-6430 (25168899) \$195,000

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
Beautiful Novi Home! 3300 sq ft of luxury living! Quiet court setting overlooks woods. Flowing floor plan. Perfect for entertaining. Award winning Novi schools. 349-6200 (25152594) \$515,000

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
COZY LITTLE WELL MAINTAINED HOME! Loving pride of ownership reflected in this ranch home in wonderful Whispering Meadows sub. Loc. back in the tree section. Lg GR w/fireplace. 349-6200 (25072285) \$221,900

**PLYMOUTH** 734-591-9200  
HANDSOME & WELL CARED FOR HOME! Extras: premium elevator, upgraded cabs, high ceilings, cozy FR, luscious master suite w/separate tub & shower, daylight bsmt, 3 car garage, & more! (25180942) \$484,900

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
3 BR, 1.5 BA ranch, fin. bsmt. w/bar for entertaining family & friends. Bath & a half on main floor. All appl. stay. (25158479) \$144,900

**REDFORD** 248-348-6430  
Brick ranch has many updates in past 2 years. Tear off roof, windows, furnace, rebuilt garage, ext doors. On quiet dead-end street. 349-6200 (25174141) \$129,900

**REDFORD** 248-348-6430  
VERY CLEAN 1ST FLOOR END UNIT CONDO Payment lower than renting. Includes heat/water, newer windows/roof. New barber carpet, hardwood floors in master BR w/WIC. Appliances stay. 349-6200 (25140702) \$50,900

**SOUTH LYON** 248-437-3800  
Wonderful Carriage Trace Home! Home backs to woods. Kitchen boasts hardwood floors, granite counters, large pantry, built in ovens & cherry cabinets. Master suite w/his & her walk in closets. (26015239) \$369,900

**SOUTH LYON** 248-348-6430  
VERY SPECIAL HOME-PRETTY AS A PICTURE! Attractive remodeled Colonial, stone FP in DR, charming kit, lovely LR, oak floors, crown molding, 3 BR, 2 baths, covered front porch, side porch, stone patio. 349-6200 (25064225) \$219,900

**SOUTH LYON** 248-437-3800  
Charming Ranch on Country Lot! For those who enjoy gardening, trees and a large lot. Open floor plan with kitchen nook to dining room with fireplace. Large 12 x 16 shed. A must see! (25063165) \$194,500

**SOUTH LYON** 248-348-6430  
ADULT CO-OP WALKOUT W/POND VIEW Bring an offer! 1 BR, 2 BA. BR in bsmt could be finished. All appl. stay. Part. fin. bsmt. Vaulted ceiling. Priced to sell. 349-6200 (25081762) \$80,000

**SOUTHFIELD** 248-851-1900  
MOVE IN READY COLONIAL! 2 story brick with numerous updates. Freshly painted, newer windows, newer roof. Partially finished basement. Attached garage. One year home warranty. Great buy! (251699560) \$177,900

**WALLED LAKE** 248-851-1900  
DESIRABLE END UNIT RANCH CONDO Updated 2BR, 2BA end unit ranch condo. Newer kitchen, fin. basement. Almost 1800 SF. Garage. Low association-incl. gas/water. (20562358) \$132,000

**WESTLAND** 248-348-6430  
BROWNSTONE CONDO Hardwood entry & kitchen, 9ft ceilings, 2 BR, 2.1 BA. 1 car att garage. Bsmt w/daylight windows. Last Avon style. Immed. Occ. All appl. stay. 349-6200 (25145749) \$158,900

**WHITMORE LAKE** 734-591-9200  
3000+/- finished sq ft Amazing Master, finished bsmt, hot tub, FR w/fireplace and surround sound. (25141648) \$324,900



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## Homes For Rent (4050)

**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
Updated 3bdrm, 2 car garage, fenced yard. \$825/mo.  
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**GARDEN CITY** Gorgeous 3 bedroom home with finished basement, new appliances, \$1000/month. 248-342-2271

**GARDEN CITY & LIVONIA**  
3 bedroom brick ranches, bsmt, garage, no pets. \$850/mo. 248-661-9062

**GARDEN CITY** 3 bdrm, 1 bath. Huge family room, new appliances. Finished bsmt, 2 car garage, fenced. \$1100 mo + security/first/last. 33009 Book. (734) 487-6526 or evenings, 734-729-2360, ask for John

**GARDEN CITY** 3 bdrm, 1.1 bath, brick ranch. Finished bsmt, 2+ garage, fenced yard. \$1200 mo + security + application fee. 734-612-6521

**GARDEN CITY Lease/Option**  
Rent. 3 bdrm, bsmt, garage. New carpet, appliances, \$900 mo. + utilities. 810-231-3639

**LIVONIA** 2 bdrm duplex. Fireplace, eat-in kitchen, tiled bsmt w/ finished room. Non-smoking, no pets. \$750 first/last, security. Serious applicants only. 734-953-5531

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## Homes For Rent (4050)

**LIVONIA**  
Newly built 3 bdrm, 2 bath ranch w/ bsmt.  
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**LIVONIA**  
1-bdrm. All utilities included. No pets, non-smoking. \$700. 248-939-6745

**LIVONIA**  
1500 sq. ft., 3 bdrm ranch, master bdrm suite w/ fireplace, air, all appliances. \$1195. (248) 943-2963

**LIVONIA**  
3 Bdrm. home available, 'O' Down, rent to own, or land contracts. 734-521-0247

**LIVONIA AAA** 3 bdrm, brick ranch, finished bsmt, appliances, very clean, \$1350. 313-550-8119, 734-462-1408

**LIVONIA** Mint cond. 3 bdrm Colonial. 2.5 bath, gas fireplace, bsmt, appliances. \$1700. D&H Properties 248-737-4002

**LIVONIA** Rent to own, limited homes now avail. & going fast, bruised credit okay. We help w/ special financing to move you in today. 248-478-5660

**NEW HOMES FOR RENT**  
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**REDFORD**  
4 Bdrm. home w/bsmt & garage. Could be 'O' Down, \$750/mo. 734-521-0185

**REDFORD** 2 bdrm. brick ranch, faces Glenhurst Golf course. Appliances. \$800. D&H Properties 248-737-4002

**REDFORD** 3 bdrm, fresh paint. Bsmt, garage, fenced. Clean! Sec. 8 OK. \$850 mo. 1-1/2 mo sec. 734-397-8074

## Homes For Rent (4050)

**NORTHVILLE** Beautiful detached condo. 2 bdrm, 3 bath, secluded deck, finished walk-out bsmt, 2 car attach garage. \$1800/mo. 248-789-9440

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**NORTHVILLE** Spacious 3 bdrm, 2 bath. Patio, garage. Nice yard. \$1175 mo. No pets. 877-722-5448.

**NOVI** 5 acre home, tri-level, 3 bdrm, 2 bath. Walled Lake Schools, \$1300/mo. + utilities. (248) 888-8400

**PLYMOUTH** 3 bdrm, bungalow, appliances, master bdrm. 23x13, bsmt. \$1400/mo. D&H Properties 248-737-4002

**PLYMOUTH** All new 3 bdrm. Colonial. Corian kitchen, new carpet, bsmt. 2 car. \$1700/mo. D&H Properties 248-737-4002

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Data entry position, with flexible hours in the Wixom area. Position requires ability to accurately enter company's Cash Receipts. Experience only need apply. Please fax resume to:  
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**Metro Cars**  
Attn: Human Resources-  
DISPATCHER  
24957 Brest Road  
Taylor, MI 48180  
or fax: 734-946-7417  
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## Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

### ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

Part Time  
A/P, A/R, Payroll, Computer Skills & general office duties needed. Call 248-912-1200

**Administrative & Marketing Assistant** needed for a Luxury Condominium Home community in Birmingham. Microsoft Office experience & weekend hours required. Fax resume (248) 723-4324 or www.woodwardplaceofbirmingham.com

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** Established, precision thread grinding co. seeks exp. dependable, detail oriented individual for full time, 40 hrs/week, clerical position. Responsibilities incl. working with customers & management daily, Quickbooks Pro & MS Word computer input & managing of customer records - orders/receivables & processing daily shipments. Exp. full benefits available. Send resume & salary req. by mail only to: H & K Thread Grinding Co., 31801 Research Park Dr., Madison Hts, MI 48071.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
For busy private school office. 8:30am-3:30pm. Looking for someone organized, detail-oriented, multi-tasker with friendly personality. Word processing skills a must. Access database exp. a plus. Please call: (248) 851-5105

**AUTOMOTIVE** - GM dealer has a full time position available for an experienced new car Biller/Deal Coster. Individual must be self-motivated, organized and able to work well with others. Reynolds & Reynolds experience preferred. Benefits include health & dental insurance & 401K. Resumes can be e-mailed to sthomasen@jeannotte.com or call Sue Thomasen (734) 453-2500.

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Laura@yourbestinvestment.com

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**LEGAL SECRETARY**  
Leading family law firm for women needs experienced team player. Excellent salary, benefit package.  
Fax resume to:  
248-723-4175 Or  
smcalleet@victoriawillfirm.com

## Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

**LEGAL SECRETARY**  
Seeking legal secretary with minimum of five years experience to work in busy litigation law firm in Bloomfield Hills. Must be proficient in Word Perfect. Salary commensurate with experience starting in mid-30K's/year, plus BCBBS benefits. Please e-mail resume to: fbutter@tmklawpc.com

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**Receptionist**  
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**RECEPTIONIST, Part-Time**  
To work from 12-6, Mon-Fri. in Farmington Hills law office. Must have multi-line exp. Non-smoking. 248-866-0860

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**Civil Road Design Engineer/Designer**  
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## Help Wanted-Dental 5040

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Needed for new office in Livonia. Family practice. Exp. preferred. Approximately 28-30 hrs p/week. 734-779-1147

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Full-time, Southfield area. Dental background a must. Detach exp. a plus. Fax resume: (248) 352-6088

**DENTAL RECEPTIONIST**  
Full-time. Southfield area. Dental background a must. Detach exp. a plus. Fax resume: (248) 352-6088

**DENTAL CHARGE OUT**  
Exp. only. Dentrix preferred. Full-time/Benefits. Farmington Hills area. Call: 248-851-6446

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**AESTHETICIAN**  
Prestigious plastic surgery practice is seeking an experienced aesthetician for an exciting opportunity to develop their medical spa business. Must have a minimum of 3-5 years of experience, be licensed to perform medical aesthetics and have a proven track record of sales and customer service. Please email resume: info@medspaconcitant.com

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**CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT**  
For fast-paced Farmington Hills health center. Organized, self-motivated, good communicator. Bright, energetic detail oriented. Part time, long term. Computer & 2+ yrs exp. in chiro-practic office req. Insurance billing position also avail. We have the right position for the right person. 248-626-5006

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**OFFICE NURSE**  
Busy Internal Medicine practice is looking for an experienced full-time office nurse for our Canton location. Hours are from 8am-5pm, no evenings or weekends. This individual must be multi-task oriented, organized, and possess good written and verbal communication skills. Benefit package offered. Interested candidates should fax their resume to: 734-623-8591 or email: mbondie@plim.org Attn: Clinical Nursing Director

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# BREAK-OUT IDEA: A TICKET FROM DULLSVILLE



## WORKWISE

by  
Mildred L.  
Culp

If your career feels like the same ol', same ol', consider throwing yourself into a dynamic market that needs executives and

managers. Explore the possibility of working in China. Even if you decide not to go, or if you can't get an employer to send you, the prospect of breaking out of dullsville is outstanding as you consider an option that would change your entire perspective.

Between 2000 and 2005, China's urban jobs grew by 42 million, according to China through a Lens (china.org.cn). Michael Stanant, author of "China's Generation Y: Understanding the Future Leaders of the World's Next Superpower" (Homa & Sekey, \$24.95), estimates substantial continued growth -- "nine million jobs created annually for the next two to three years." Through a Lens (china.org.cn) notes that in 2004, 80 percent of employment opportunities came through organizations in this order: private companies, limited-liability companies and owner-operated businesses. Asia Times Online mentions last summer that "highly skilled personnel remained scarce in the labor market," even though 660,000 of people in their 40s, 60s and older were re-employed.

Manpower's survey of 3,191 employers in China for the first quarter of this year finds an equal percentage (17 percent) anticipating an increase in hiring or not knowing, five percent, a decrease; and 61 percent, no change. Edward Tse, managing partner for Greater China with Booz

Allen Hamilton, where he is also vice president, points to emerging trends in global recruitment in a few Chinese organizations. Stanant, in his book, paints a dynamic poaching picture: "When another company or headhunting firm approaches a valuable employee, that employee will almost always accept the more lucrative offer."

Tse outlines several "surprises" in China -- trends in the country's companies, markets and mentality -- in the winter, 2005, issue of his company's "strategy+business":

-- The country's fearlessness is propelling a drive toward new products and services, not copies.

-- China is employing executives from around the world -- no "brain drain" there.

-- Patronage is waning in favor of governance.

-- China's business expansion in the developing world is catapulting it into economic leadership.

Is this a vision of the too-good-to-be-true?

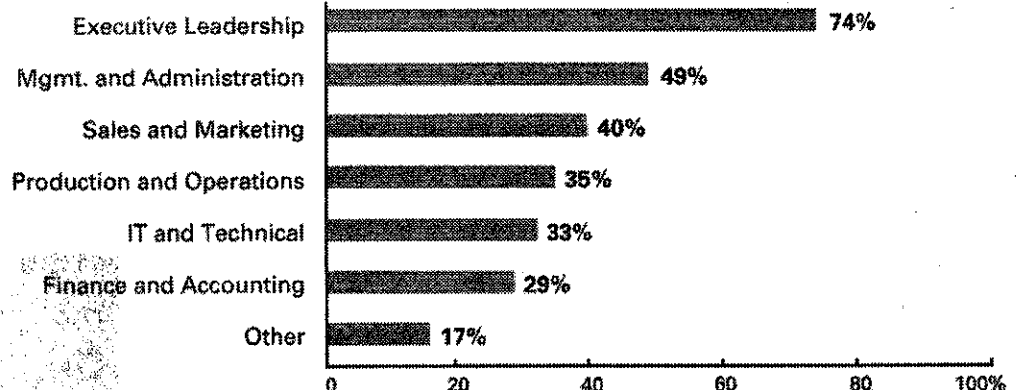
Perhaps there's a bit of public relations behind these trends. Nonetheless, they point to a vital, vibrant marketplace with a future.

### 'BRAIN GAIN'

Another compelling report, Cendant Mobility's "Emerging Trends in Global Mobility: Perspectives on China," discusses 109 respondents, primarily in HR, with headquarters in 15 countries worldwide and more than 6.1 million employees in 20 industries (234,331 in China). Among these respondents, 63 percent represent companies with regional headquarters in China. "Most cite a shortage of skilled executive management and point to recruiting and retaining qualified personnel at mid- and senior-management levels as key challenges," the survey discloses.

Cendant Mobility agrees with Tse that companies want to fill executive and managerial

## Job Categories Where Companies Experience Shortage in Skills



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positions. Cendant outlines these functional areas: Administration, Sales and Marketing, Production and Operations, IT and Technical and Finance and Accounting. What skills? A huge 72 percent responded that personal flexibility and adaptability are paramount. Note that, in contrast with Chinese employers, only 12 percent look for Chinese language skills. Companies cite personal style, at 55 percent, and poor family adjustment, at 54 percent, as dominating reasons for assignment failure. Cultural differences (33 percent) follow, as do business conditions (21 percent), regional management challenges (17 percent) and poor language skills (7 percent).

Approximately half of the 70 percent who come to China for assignments of one to five years are from North and South America, Europe, the Middle East and Africa, according to Cendant. Another 17

percent relocate for less than one year. While 80 percent are married, only 57 percent of families accompany them. More than 90 percent are men. Eighty-one percent are between 30 and 50 years old. In other words, you may not be too old or too young. The study indicates that companies would like to transfer more women to positions in China.

What does this mean for you? If you hunger for a change, think "working sabbatical." Consider how a stint in China could sharpen your outlook, increase future career growth at your current company or elsewhere, and, if you have children, provide almost global perspective upon the world in which they live.

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# Looking at the Small Car Market

Advertising Feature

## Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

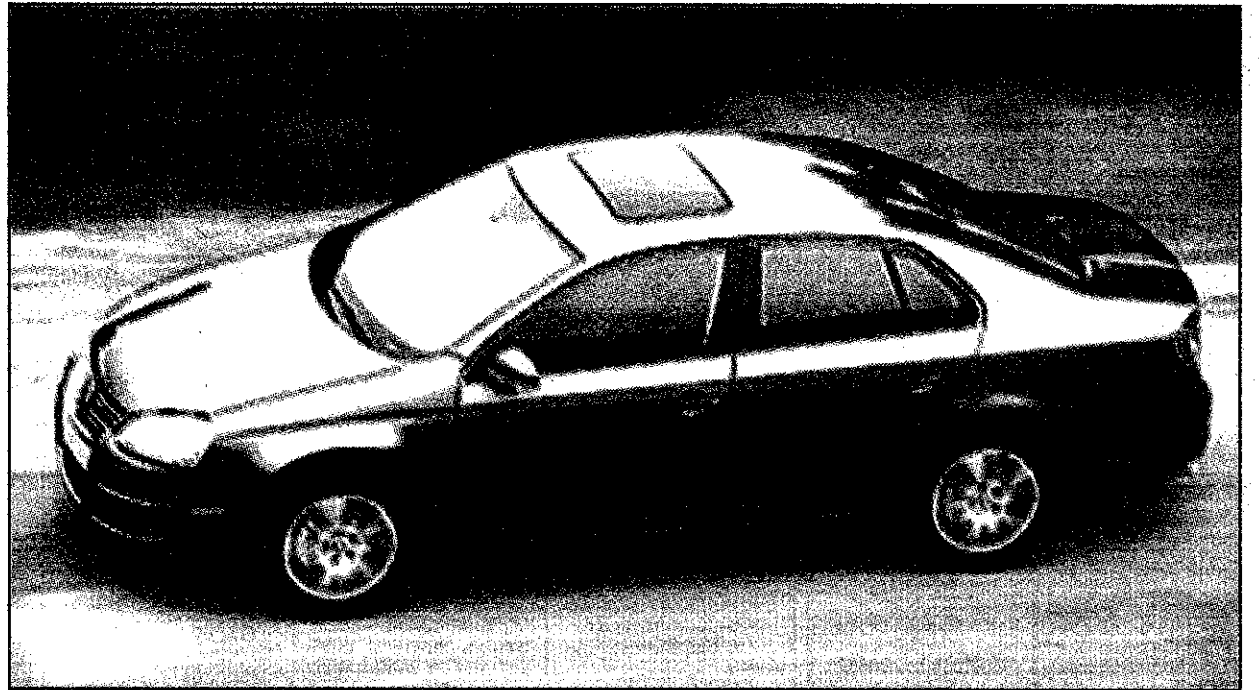
Lots of people are paid lots of money in Detroit, Tokyo and Stuttgart to figure out how to effectively segment the U.S. vehicle market. Ultimately, that's how they end up with their product strategies – working backward from how they want to deal with the demographics and psychographics of the marketplace, how they want to position vehicles against these customer groups by size and amenities, and how they will price the products.

But let me humbly suggest that in all their plotting and planning, and designing and developing, car makers have basically missed the boat on what I think could be the most dynamic segment of the American vehicle market for the next several years: pricey small cars.

Put a bunch of things together and you'll also reach the conclusion that perhaps the best investment that any auto maker selling in this country could make right now is in mainstream small cars that truly perform and are comfortable. Not in "mileage-friendly" sport-utility vehicles like GM's new crop this year. Not in cheap hybrids. Not in vehicles that basically make a design statement, such as Dodge Charger.

No, the best bet for this market these days would be truly fine small cars for a reasonable, but not cheap, price. And here's why I believe this wholeheartedly: Point 1: As healthy as the U.S. economy has become again post-9/11, and as robust as overall vehicle sales remain in this country (despite the woes of the Big Two), there are big macroeconomic problems lurking in the background that could flatten the economy in relatively short order. Look no further than Dearborn for one reason: Massive reductions in the industrial job base continue not just around here, not just across the Midwest but throughout the country. Those cuts "trickle down" into reduced purchasing power, and less willingness to spend on big-ticket items, among more and more Americans.

Point 2: Gasoline prices are headed higher again, now up toward \$2.50 a gallon, and the likelihood of gasoline under \$2 a gallon in this country, ever again, seems to be receding fast. At some point, the thinking



The 2006 VW Jetta

by both auto makers and consumers is going to shift more permanently toward significantly elevating the fuel economy of today's fleets. That doesn't just mean coming out with slightly more fuel-efficient versions of big SUVs, as GM is doing, or with hybrids. What it's likely to mean is a decided shift toward smaller vehicles with conventional powerplants and superior fuel economy.

Point 3: There's just not much in the marketplace these days that satisfies the inevitability of Points 1 and 2. Now, if you want to get a \$40,000 or \$50,000 roadster, your options are proliferating, including the Chrysler Crossfire and my favorite, the Audi TT. With the Pontiac Solstice as an example, the price points for these two-seater fun machines are coming down as well. But you can't make a family or, really, even an everyday practical vehicle out of a Solstice!

Also small of stature, there are what I would call novelty vehicles such as the Chrysler PT Cruiser and the new Chevrolet HHR. There are also highly functional, innovative, nifty and affordable smallish cars such as the Chevrolet Malibu Mass.

And there are any number of cars that essentially still amount to econoboxes: They are inexpensive; they get good gas mileage; and they get you from Point A to Point B. But you're not going to like your-

self much getting there. These include some of the vehicles that I have been driving lately, including the Suzuki Forenza, the Toyota Corolla, and the Volkswagen Beetle (the last of which I've turned against solely because VW still insists on providing a little plastic vase on the dashboard; when's the last time someone actually put a rose in one of those?).

What could really ignite this market, for the manufacturer who's gutsy enough to invest in them, are exciting small sedans and hatchbacks that range into the upper \$20,000s and low \$30,000s. They don't need to be Cadillac-cushie or have a technoid BMW sheen to them – just chock full of amenities that make their ride as comfortable and distinguished as that of pricier sedans and some SUVs. They need to have zip and responsive handling, yet four-cylinder engines are capable of delivering the requisite performance these days – and still come up with great gas mileage.

Think today's Volkswagen Jetta, perhaps, or the Scion tC coupe by Toyota. And don't be fooled by the fact that "this has been tried before" by Detroit most recently a few years ago with the sad Cadillac Catera, the senseless forerunner to Cadillac's current lineup.

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