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## Condo owners say 'no dice' to golf course compromises

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

The task of going out to talk with the neighbors of Fellows Creek Golf Course before coming back to the board of trustees may be more difficult than it sounds.

Bryan Amann, attorney for developer Lormax Stern, was given the charge of meeting with representatives from condominium associations surrounding the golf course. His client has proposed purchasing

96 acres of the 193-acre municipal golf course, in hopes of building a lifestyle center and high-end outdoor mall near Lotz Road and Michigan Avenue.

But some of the stakeholders have not been eager to negotiate, and would rather see the golf course simply stay the way it is.

"The Board of Directors and the Pebble Creek community at large will not discuss, negotiate or compromise our position, and therefore a meeting

with you would prove to be fruitless," Pebble Creek president Robert Barrows wrote in a letter to Amann.

Amann confirmed that he received similar correspondence from The Preserve condo association.

"At a meeting last Saturday, there were more than 100 people there, and when I asked if there was any compromise they'd be happy with, 100 percent of them said absolutely not," said Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo, who

has helped the residents near the course organize to fight the sale. "So it looks like at this point they're going to say 'no dice.'"

The residents of the three condo communities have been distributing petitions in order to voice opposition to the sale of the course.

Jim Clark, president of Robertson Bros., a residential developer that is still in the process of constructing homes at the Links, met with Amann this week to review possible

plans, which could include a smaller golf course — nine or 18 holes — alongside the lifestyle center and condominiums, according to Amann.

"I understand people's concerns and it's up to us to come back with a lot more information so they can make an informed decision. Right now, people are just signing petitions without really having any information. And the petitions are essentially in the abstract. My daughter was approached to sign one, and she's not even

18 or old enough to vote," Amann said. "We're going back to the drawing board to work out the best plan we can."

The residents from the condo associations plan to present the petitions they have collected at the March 14 Board of Trustees meeting. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the township administrative offices, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

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## Boy maps path to state geography bee

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Dhruv Rajput knows exactly where he's going — because he looked it up. Rajput, a 12-year-old seventh-grader at Canton Charter Academy, is headed to Miami



Dhruv Rajput

later this month to participate in the 2006 National Geographic Society Michigan Geography Bee.

Rajput is one of 100 students in

Michigan who qualified to go to the state competition.

Getting there wasn't easy.

"Last year was the first year I competed and I didn't even make it through the preliminary" round, Rajput said.

But this year, he prepared for the geography bee by checking out books from the library and studying them.

He also visited the National Geographic Web site regularly and answered the five practice questions posted daily on the site.

After he won the bee at his school, he had to take a 75-question geography test.

The top 100 scorers were notified that they would get the chance to compete March 31 at Central Michigan University.

The winner will receive \$100 and a trip to Washington D.C., where he or she will represent Michigan in the national geography bee. The national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Though Rajput certainly has his eye on the big prize, he said that just being able to go is a reward.

"Just being there and competing will be fun," he said. "Will I win? Well, I'll try."

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Margaret Partusch, 87, and Hoben fifth grader Brandon Berry value the time they spend together each month at Waltonwood in Canton.

## Making connections

Hoben students buddy up with senior citizens each month in unique program

BY NANCY DEUTSCH  
CORRESPONDENT

There may not have been gold-medalist skiers or skaters at Waltonwood Senior Living in Canton last week, but there were Olympic games and medal winners nonetheless.

The seniors in the assisted living and independent living facilities and fifth-grade students from Hoben Elementary School had an opening ceremony, played a relay, enjoyed some Olympic bingo, won medals and enjoyed appropriate cold-weather refreshments, including hot chocolate.

Harvey Morey, 88, enjoyed being surrounded by the youngsters.

"I was a torch bearer," he said. "It was fun. I love it. I love the kids, too."

Once a month, two fifth-grade

classes from Hoben, which is right around the corner from the senior facility, come over for an afternoon of themed activity. In January, there was an ice cream afternoon, replete with ice cream trivia and sundaes. In December, the students came over to sing holiday music.

"It's simple, but we're working with fifth-grade students and residents in assisted living," said Debbie Barrowcliff, activities director for the assisted living at Waltonwood.

The plan to pair seniors and students came from Debbie Erickson and Jennifer Bec, the students' teachers. Bec has a regular fifth-grade class and Erickson teaches special education. The teachers contacted the activities directors at Waltonwood to coordinate the project.

"I had a vision for having kids



Senior Pat LaFort shows off the medal she won during an Olympic-themed event with Hoben students at Waltonwood.

connect with the community," Erickson said. "Some of these kids have never had experience with senior citizens."

They learn core democratic values, she said. In addition, it's a good service because "it means so

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## Pair first in line for judge's robes

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The race has begun for the one 35th District Court judgeship up for grabs in the November general election.

Judge Ron Lowe, who has held the position for 12 years — two six-year terms — announced he's seeking re-election to the bench.

Lowe said he'd like a third term to help the court through some difficult financial times.

"We've always operated in the black and put money back into the communities," said Lowe, of Canton Township. "But that's getting hard every year. Ticket writing is down and costs are going up, so we have to keep a vigilant eye on how we are going to deal with that."

Lowe has been instrumental in developing the Teen Court, and is often in classrooms during February teaching history with his look-alike portrayal of Abraham Lincoln, a lawyer before he entered politics.

"When you empower our youth to play a valid and important role in our judicial system, they step up and achieve great results," Lowe said.

Plymouth attorney Brian Stacey said he is collecting petition signatures, and plans to file with the Wayne County clerk by early next month. The Plymouth Township resident has been practicing law for 25 years, and believes it's time to make the move to another level.

"I have a great love of the law, and it's time to move into a different aspect of it," said Stacey, 50.

"I think I'd make a good judge. I'm a hard-working guy who's had his own business for 25 years."

Nominating petitions, or a \$100 filing fee, to enter the race for 35th District Court judge are due by 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, at the Wayne County clerk's office in downtown Detroit. If there are three or more candidates, there will be a primary in August, with the top two candidates facing off in the general election.

The court serves the communities of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township. The position pays \$138,272 annually.

Chief Judge John MacDonald, who has been on the bench for 21 years, will be age-limited and can't run after his term ends in January 2009. Judge Mike Gerou was elected to an eight-year term in 2003.

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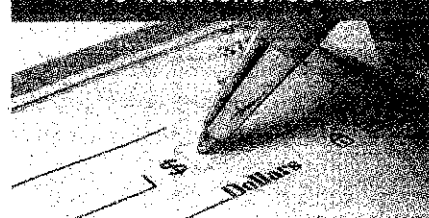
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Christmas in Action

Christmas in Action (CIA) is looking for volunteers to participate in their April 29 action day to provide free home repairs and maintenance for elderly and low-income homeowners in Canton.

CIA is a non-profit organization with chapters throughout the country that have been providing free home repairs since 1973. Last year Canton formed their own CIA chapter and with the combined efforts of more than 200 community volunteers, free repairs were done on seven homes.

Christmas in Action's event day is always the last Saturday in April. To volunteer please contact Pat VanDusen at pvan-dusen@canton-mi.org or call CIA at (734) 844-8900.

Cookbook sale

United Home Health Services, a non-profit home care agency located in Canton, is sponsoring a cookbook sale as a fundraiser for its Patient Support Fund.

Each book contains between 136-155 recipes, has a laminated hardback cover for extra durability, and a built-in, self-standing easel for easy recipe viewing. They sell for just \$5.50 each.

The proceeds go to United's Patient Support Fund, which is used for home care patients who cannot afford basic items such as food, clothing, and medications. It is also used for medical equipment such as walkers, tub benches, canes, and commodes for patients who need these devices but just cannot find the means.

To purchase a cookbook or to make a donation, please contact Mary Jane Swanson at (734) 981-8820.

Huntington to open

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated is pleased to announce the acquisition of space in the Cherry Hill Village Theater Complex on the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads in Canton, Michigan.

"We are excited to open a new office in the Cherry Hill Village area in Canton," said Bruce Nyberg, East Michigan Regional President. "This is a growing community and we're happy to be a part of it."

businesses. You'll find us actively engaged in community events with local sponsorships and projects, including the first ever cherry festival slated for mid-July on the grounds of the Bartlett-Travis House."

The opening of the new Cherry Hill Village site in Canton significantly expands the Huntington footprint in Southeast Michigan. Huntington has also planned for additional offices in the Canton area.

Orchestra Canton

Orchestra Canton will present "Toon Tunes: Cartoon Music Favorites" on Sunday, April 2 at 4 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The show features orchestral music that has been featured in popular cartoons. Classical gems like Rossini's Barber of Seville (from Bugs Bunny in "Rabbit of Seville"), Johann Strauss' Blue Danube Waltz (from in Daffy Duck "A Coony Concerto") and Edvard Grieg's "Morning Mood" from Peer Gynt (featured in countless cartoons) will be alongside theme music from cartoons like the Pink Panther, the Flintstones and the Jetsons.

The Central Middle School Youth Choir, under director Janine Grady-Creedon, will be joining Orchestra Canton on the stage performing songs from Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" and Steven Spielberg's "An American Tail." Plymouth Symphony Youth Artist Competition winner, Miranda Kalish, will also be joining the orchestra.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$11 for children and may be purchased in person at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, by phone by calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460, or by calling the



Hockey honor

Kathy Barile of the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association accepts the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association's Community Service award from MRPA's Angela Verges. The award, the presentation of which coincided with the PCHA and City of Plymouth Recreation Department hosting the 2006 PeeWee B State Championships at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena, is given to community-based organizations that have shown outstanding support to the community through recreation-based services.

Orchestra Canton office at (734) 451-2112. Tickets may also be purchased at the Village Theater box office one hour before the performance. For more information on Orchestra Canton's second season please visit www.orchestra-canton.org.

Extended hours

Beginning this week, the

Canton Public Safety Records Bureau will extend the hours it is open to the public. The Records Bureau will remain open until 7 p.m. each Monday during the months of March, April and May. This is a pilot project geared toward enhancing customer service to community residents.

During this time all services

provided by the Records Bureau will be available, including obtaining copies of reports and gun permit applications. At the end of May the results of the program will be reviewed and the department will decide if the extended hours will continue or be canceled. For further information contact the Records Bureau at (734) 394-5410.

Join the Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 898 in Canton is looking for young men and parents that enjoy NASCAR racing at Michigan International Speedway. The troop is holding three fundraiser clean-ups scheduled at the track this summer, but is in need of new scouts. There is no requirement of past Cub Scout experience to join the troop.

As a parent consider scouting as an investment in your son's future with the goal of him earning his Eagle Scout rank. For more information, contact Nelson Swanberg at (734) 397-8020.

Women Wanted

The Canton Business & Professional Women meets 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 13 at Waltonwood Carriage Park, 2000 N. Canton Center Road in Canton.

The meeting is a chance to network with other business women in the community and to see what the Canton BPW has to offer.

The group's stated goal is "to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women." Women looking for leadership development, informative programs, business contacts, networking opportunities, mentor relationships, friendships, community awareness, professional growth, political advocacy and a national, state and local voice in women's issues are encouraged to join.

Waltonwood Carriage Park is located just south of the Meijer parking lot on the east side of Canton Center Road, south of Ford Road and north of Cherry Hill.

For more information or to RSVP for the meeting, contact June Nicholas at junenicholas@comcast.net or by phone at (313) 610-2561.

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# 'Perfect storm' threatens education

## State chief pushes more stringent requirements

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

State school Superintendent Mike Flanagan had this warning about Michigan's future:

"It's not a coming storm, we have a perfect storm over us right now," said Flanagan, who spoke to several dozen educators at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton Tuesday. "If we don't set the standard now, I'm dead serious — think thoughts will be out by 2010."

Flanagan spoke about details of the more rigorous high school graduation requirements he proposed in December, which passed the state House March 2, and are now in the hands of the state Senate.

Currently, Michigan only requires that students pass a civics class as part of the 24 credits needed for graduation. If the new standards approved by the legislature,

and signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm — which she has already indicated she will — students will need to successfully complete 16 required credits.

Flanagan said he and his staff met with education department representatives from five states that recently made the same type of curriculum changes — Indiana, Massachusetts, Arkansas, Rhode Island and Oregon — to put together the proposed Michigan high school standards.

"I believe we have the best proposal in the country," said Flanagan. "We just stole the best that others had, and listened to advice from them on what they wouldn't do again."

The measure requires students to complete four credits of English Language Arts, which is the same currently required by Plymouth-Canton Schools.

The state wants students



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State School Superintendent Mike Flanagan warned the state's education system is currently facing a "perfect storm."

to complete four credits of math, including algebra, algebra II and geometry. P-CCS requires three credits of any math courses.

"Math is the one getting the biggest resistance," said Flanagan. "We have a state law next year that the new MEAP test at the high school will be the ACT ... 18 of the 60 items on the ACT are algebra II."

The state and Plymouth-Canton science requirements are both three credits, but the state is demanding biology, physics or chemistry, and one additional course.

Teachers at the high school park are concerned about the rigor of the requirements, and how it will affect students who want to take elective courses.

"It is considerably more rigor for about a third of our students," said Ron Gooding, assistant principal for math, science and career tech education at the Park, who said he supports Flanagan's plan. "Some kids who have trouble and need support, and need extra classes to get through difficult classes, that will take them out of some elec-

tive choices."

Flanagan suggested credits for foreign languages, math and science courses could be earned in middle school, leaving students more time in high school for electives.

"It sounds like you have a lot of room for electives," said assistant principal Sharon Streen, "but if you fail any classes, that's fewer opportunities to do what you want to choose and explore for yourself. Some of us believe that exploration is important."

Allen Elementary teacher Debbie Maloni likes the plan, but is concerned about how much increased pressure will be put on elementary and middle school students, who could be encouraged to take tougher courses.

"I'm looking at my students who are working really hard to meet the requirements, now," said Maloni. "I do think we need tougher standards and need to change. What we're doing right now isn't working."

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# Candidate McNamara looks to continue his father's legacy

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

Kevin McNamara had thought about running for Wayne County Commission for years. When he finally made the decision to make his campaign official, it seemed at the moment like a good time to do so.

At the urging of his father, former Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, the younger McNamara finally filed to run for the seat, which will be vacated this year by John Sullivan, who is running for a circuit judgeship.

"He was very excited when I told him" on Feb. 17, after he returned from the county clerk's office, McNamara said. "He'd been nudging me to do it for months."

But by the following evening, the senior McNamara had become gravely ill (after having been treated for several years for cancer), and early Feb. 19, he died of heart failure.

During those difficult days, the timing of McNamara's decision to file to run for office seemed uncannily bad to him, but he's refocused and is moving ahead with his plans.

McNamara had been wanting to make a run for the office for years, but he wanted to wait until his father was out of office, and he did.

Then he decided to wait again until Sullivan vacated the seat, which he did last month.

"We're planning on raising \$100,000 for the campaign," McNamara said Friday. "We started (Thursday)."

He and his core of 80 volunteers have started visiting Democratic clubs and organizations, and raising money for what McNamara said will be a tough race.



Kevin McNamara

Gerald Law, also of Canton and former supervisor of Plymouth Township, confirmed last week that he intends to run for the

office.

First among the challenges he would face in office is helping the municipalities and the county to work more cooperatively.

He would do that by immediately establishing an advisory board with members appointed by the municipalities served in the 11th District — Canton, Belleville, Van Buren, Sumpter and Wayne. As for the county's strengths, McNamara said its political leaders care and are serious about their jobs.

"And they have got a workforce that is excellent and hardworking," he said.

He realizes he's got some big shoes to fill by putting the McNamara name on a ballot.

"The name recognition does serve me well. My father was a good man who loved to do good things," he said. "It also means I'm held to a higher standard. What he did with his life, it makes me want to be better."

McNamara is an account executive for Inland Waters Pollution Control in Detroit, and is married to wife Aida. They have two children — daughter Jamie, 15, and a son Cullan, 11.

He's on the board of trustees at Schoolcraft Community College, and serves on the executive board and transportation board for the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments.

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# Fund-raiser to help girl in her battle with leukemia

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

It only took a couple of hours for Amanda Withrow's world to be turned upside-down. That's how long it took one day last November for doctors and lab technicians to draw blood, test it and diagnose the Canton 3 year old with leukemia.

It started when Amanda's mother, Catherine Withrow, noticed two little bruises in the middle of Amanda's back. The next day there was a third. Then a fourth. Then a week later, the little girl suddenly had a dark purple, plum-sized bruise on her abdomen.

"That was the scariest thing ever," Withrow said. She took her daughter immediately to the University of Michigan health care center in Canton, and the physician there right away suspected leukemia. A couple of hours and a few blood tests later, the Withrows were on their way to the emergency room at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and Amanda was admitted for her first course of chemotherapy.

Amanda has acute myeloid leukemia, a very aggressive form of the disease which is only survived by about half of those who have it.

In order to fight the disease, Amanda will need a total of five courses of chemotherapy; one course is typically 10 days of drugs to kill the cancer, followed by a couple of weeks to enable her to start producing bone marrow again, then a week at home to rest and regroup before heading back to the hospital, where Amanda stays for up to 30 days at a time. Amanda has completed three courses thus far, and is for now in remission and hoping that by summer her treatments will be done.

Withrow said her family is blessed. Because she and her husband, Les, own a business, No Way Plumbing in Canton, they have the flexibility to take so that one parent is always with Amanda, and another can



Canton resident Amanda Withrow, 3, was diagnosed with leukemia last November.

be home with the couple's other four children. They're blessed to have good health coverage. And they're blessed because if the worst happens - if Amanda doesn't stay in remission and needs a bone marrow transplant - the Withrow's youngest child, 7-month-old Aidan, is a marrow match for his sister (brothers Eric, 9, and Ian, 4, and sister Alison, 7, were tested first, Withrow said).

Withrow said that because she feels so blessed, she's trying to help other families who are trying to survive leukemia.

Her involvement started simply by chance. It was just weeks after Amanda was diagnosed that the Withrow's received a letter from Canton resident Scott Spencer, who was trying to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

He was preparing for his fourth triathlon, and because he'd always asked his friends and families to donate money, he thought this time he'd send a letter out to all the Canton Chamber of Commerce members.

The Withrow's received their

letter, and not only sent him a donation, but also an emotional note explaining why Spencer's efforts to help the cause touched them so deeply.

The next thing you know, the Withrows had started raising money to donate to the society, and tonight will be holding a fundraiser at an Ann Arbor restaurant and sports bar.

Withrow's sister, Lori Withrow, is a weekly singer and guitarist at Enzo's in Ann Arbor, and asked if she could use her regular Thursday night performance to hold a fundraiser. The restaurant owners gave her enthusiastic permission, and patrons will be able to make donations to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society tonight from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Enzo's is located at 3965 S. State Street at the corner of State and Ellsworth. To donate online, visit Spencer's Web page [www.active.com/donate/tntmi/tntmiSSpence1](http://www.active.com/donate/tntmi/tntmiSSpence1), or [Trifer.Amanda@tntmi.com](mailto:Trifer.Amanda@tntmi.com).

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Paul and Fay Palazzolo, standing with sons Manny and Tavio, opened Palermo Pizzeria and Restaurant 25 years ago in Canton.

# After 25 years, Palermo's still making pizza the same way

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

The first time Fay Palazzolo drove through Canton she cried. She wasn't sure how her husband could have selected such a desolate place to open a new restaurant. That was a long time ago - 25 years this month - and the intersection in front of her restaurant, Palermo Pizzeria and Restaurant, is now congested, and the business seats 100 people, three times as many as the first location did.

Fay had never really intended to own a business. Back in 1979, when she and her husband Paul were married, she was quite happy working as a secretary, and he was happy working as a carpenter. But the economy took a hard turn southward and Paul lost his job just months after they were married, and he began thinking about what he'd like to make of a career.

"He was familiar with Canton because he had been building houses out here, and knew that the community was growing," Fay Palazzolo said. "This is where he really wanted to be. I



Palermo's pizza has been voted the best in the Canton community.

just couldn't say no. It was his dream."

So the two opened their restaurant in a small shop on Ford Road, west of Canton Center.

"We worked a gazillion hours a week. Business was not the best in the beginning," she said. "When we broke \$100 in sales for a day we clapped our hands."

But they stuck with it and kept the staff small - they hired just two part-time workers - until the business grew enough to sustain more help and a bigger location.

The restaurant moved to its current location, not even a mile east of the original spot, in 1987, and at that time, Fay Palazzolo's brother John

Maniaci bought in and became a business partner.

She credits top-notch employees as the key to Palermo's longevity.

"Then of course we've got great food at good prices," Fay Palazzolo added.

Business has changed in the last quarter century, according to her husband. There's more competition, for certain. But the business has thrived by not doing what worked for it along.

"The recipes are still the same as they always were," Fay Palazzolo said. In 2000 the Canton community honored the restaurant by naming Palermo's pizza Canton Observer People's Choice best pizza in Canton.

It's the pizza that helped Canton residents Barbara and Donald McKaig come back for 25 years.

The couple started dining at Palermo when it first opened, and have returned once or twice a week every week since.

"We come back for the people and the pizza," Barbara McKaig said. "They treat us like family here because we've become in for so long."

Palermo Pizzeria and Restaurant is located at 4938 Ford Road. For more information, call (734) 455-5211.

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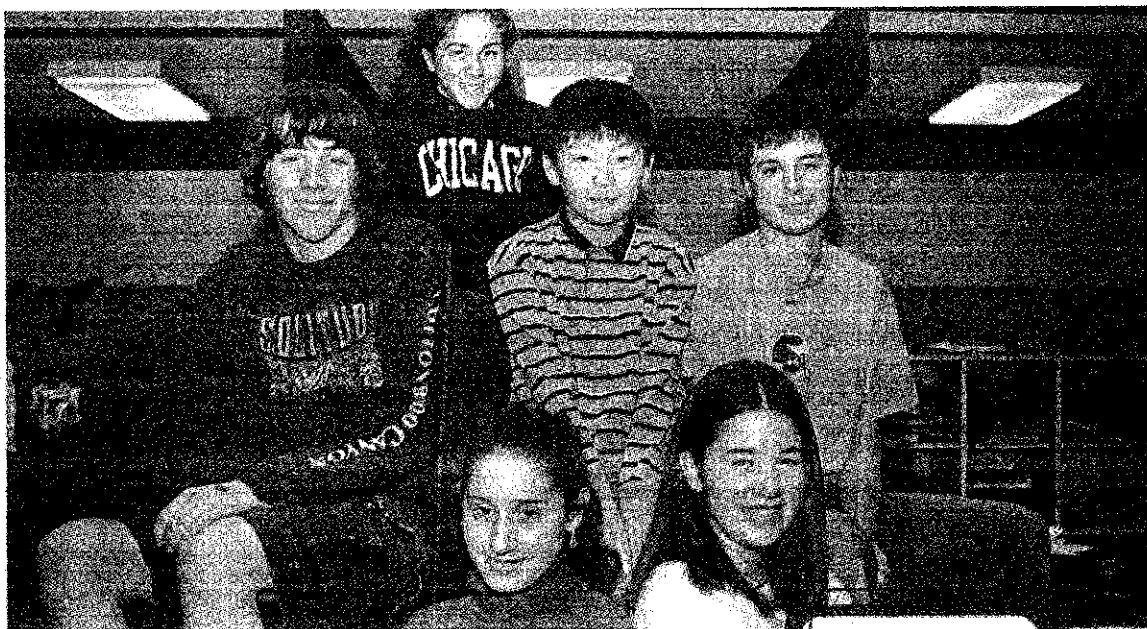
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## MILITARY NEWS

## Air Force grads

■ Air Force Airman Nicholas W. Barker has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Barker is the son of David and Kathy Barker of Plymouth.

■ Air Force Airman Marko G. Boryszczuk has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Boryszczuk is the son of George Boryszczuk of Canton and Diane Bierron of Dearborn Heights. He is a 2003 graduate of Dearborn High School.

## New Marines

■ Marine Corps Pfc. Michael G. Jacobs, son of Janice N. Jacobs of Plymouth and Gregory J. Jacobs of Canton, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Jacobs and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a. m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Jacobs spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Jacobs and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values--honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Jacobs and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

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## School hopefuls meet in candidates' forum

Candidates vying for two open seats on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education come face-to-face April 4, thanks to the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

The League sponsors a 7 p.m. candidates' forum that night in the E.J. McClendon

Educational Center on Harvey in downtown Plymouth.

The forum is scheduled to last some 90 minutes, and will feature questions asked by members of the audience. The event will be videotaped and broadcast on both Comcast and WOW cable outlets sever-

al times prior to the May 2 election.

Candidates will be allowed a one-minute opening statement, one-minute responses to the questions and a two-minute summation.

Eight candidates are campaigning for the seats being vacated by current trustees

Joann Lamar and Carol Saunders. Lamar is leaving to run for the 20th state House seat being vacated by the term-limited Rep. John Stewart, (R-Plymouth Township).

Saunders chose not to seek re-election.

The field includes 18-year-

old Brandon Hynes of Canton, a 2005 graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn; Larry Martin, Mark Christenson, John Jackson and Dianne Gonzalez of Plymouth Township; and Steven Sneiderman, Cheryl McKay and John Nichols of Canton.

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# Expo deemed a winner

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

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Cheryl Kitze of Canton and her husband, Kevin, visited the Canton Home Improvement Expo Saturday. They paused to visit with neighbor Karen Kruszka, who was staffing the Canton Newcomers table.

"Very nice," Kevin Kitze said of the fifth annual event in this format at the Summit on the Park. "I think people like to do business with their local vendors."

His wife agreed. "Just wanted to see all the different booths and displays," she said.

The couple was among many people who visited the March 4-5 event presented by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division along with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

Building Official John Weyer said the event gives information on permit requirements

and construction work, "just a good way to share questions and information. It's great for the residents and the general public."

The event featured Murray Gula of WJR radio both days. "It's really nice that he helps us out with the show also," Weyer said. "It's just a real well-received and positive event for the community. It's just a good way to get ideas."

There was also a Parade of Homes of some 30 Canton homes. Those attending were given a map to the sites. "It's just a win-win for the development community," Weyer said, adding that builders have found their sales improve as a result of the Parade of Homes.

Jim Perkins of Plymouth Township visited Saturday with wife Susan, stopping at the Plymouth Nursery booth at the Summit. "We're out looking for landscaping and

kitchen cabinets and ideas," he said. "We like working with local merchants."

Perkins was eager to get outdoors as winter ends.

"I've had spring fever a couple of months ago," he said with a smile. "Next stop is the golf show, wherever that is."

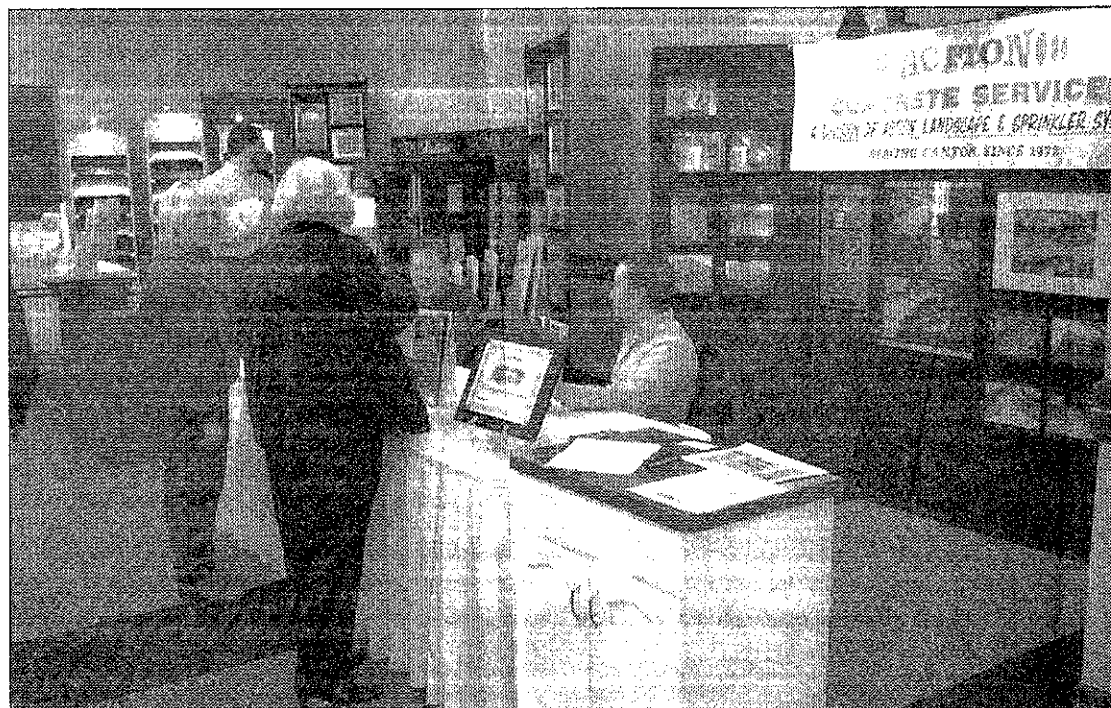
Keith Swayze, nursery/greenhouse manager for Plymouth Nursery, was glad to help the Perkinses.

"This is our third year" at the expo, Swayze said.

"It's a great kickoff to spring for us. We do get some business from this. It's been a good show for us."

The rooms at the Summit were full of ideas and examples in such areas as roofing, windows, landscaping and more. Mark Schiller of Mark's Construction Service in New Boston was back for his second year.

"Basically to get myself exposure to some different areas," he said, explaining his business had been mostly Downriver.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Summit was full of home-improvement businesses looking for clients during the fifth annual Canton Home Improvement Expo over the weekend.

He appreciates the help of Canton Township officials.

"Some people have a distinct idea in mind," Schiller said, while others are just looking. Wife Patti said there were questions about basements, her husband adding they ask

about kitchens, bathrooms and small repairs.

The Newcomers' Kruszka was pleased with turnout and interest, noting they have a 7 p.m. April 5 speaker at the Sunflower Clubhouse who's an interior designer featured at

the expo.

"You don't have to be new to be a Newcomer," she added. "Anybody is welcome. There's really been quite a crowd coming through. Spring, everybody's itching to get their projects going."

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# Helping out, a quarter at a time

## Students learn big bucks aren't only way to help

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes a little effort can lead to big results, and students at Our Lady of Good Counsel school in Plymouth learned that valuable lesson while helping to feed starving children throughout the world.

To get their attention, each student received a tube of M&M candies for their enjoyment. However, instead of throwing away the empty tube, students were asked to fill

them with quarters, with the proceeds to be sent to Feed My Starving Children, which produces ready-to-boil meals for starving children worldwide.

"They learned that it doesn't take \$100 bills, but quarters can do something to make a difference," said Colleen Fowler of Plymouth, who organized the fund-raising effort. "The candy was the eye-catcher, but they learned to realize the money went to help children their own age."

The idea was for students to

perform acts of kindness for donations of quarters to fill the tubes, which — when completely filled — netted \$14. That's enough to feed 93 children around the world. One student opened a hot chocolate stand on the sidewalk during the cold weather. Others performed easier, but nonetheless equally rewarding, tasks.

"I walked the dog for my aunt and uncle and got a handful of quarters," said Bailey Fowler, 10. "I wanted to help people who don't have as much

food and I have."

Ten-year-old Cole Forfinski of Plymouth made self-sacrifices in helping hungry children.

"I took quarters from what I already had and filled it the first day," said Cole. "I was giving my own money for people who don't have as much. It's sad to see how people are being mistreated, and have a lot less than we do."

In the end, students collected 16,000 quarters — or \$4,000 — for Feed My Starving Children, resulting in



Collin Fowler, Colin McNally and Claire Forfinski count some of the \$4,000 worth of quarters Our Lady of Good Counsel students collected.

25,000 individual meals.

OLGC Principal Kay Reilly said the concept helped her students learn about Christian service.

"It's a fundamental concept in our school mission and philosophy to ingrain the kids with the idea of service and

caring for our fellow human beings," said Reilly. "We have fairly privileged kids around here, and it's really important for them to grow up with a sense they need to give back to the world."

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## PROGRAM

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much to the residents."

The residents in the assisted-living facility are paired with one or two buddies, so they spend the time each month getting to know their new young friends a little better. Adam Marthaler, who is 10, is paired with George Bennett, an 86-year-old. Marthaler said he likes Bennett: "He's really nice. He talks about his family a lot."

Marthaler has come a few times after school in addition to the school visits and at Christmas brought a craft to share.

"I liked making the gingerbread house.

George did some of it," he said.

Dominique Roberts, 11, is Morey's buddy. He said Morey has told him about the time he was in World War II, and that he enjoys Roberts' visits because his own family can't come to see him very often. Roberts says Christmas was the most fun.

"We came and sang to them. We played records. It's fun. It's good because of the smiles on the residents' faces," Roberts said.

Marjorie Berryman, 81, lives in the independent living facility with her husband, Ed, 84. She said they really enjoy it when the kids come. "It really helps brighten up the day," she said. "They sit with us and talk with us and we play games with them."

Jennifer Bec said she is surprised by how much the visits mean to her students. "They have been so patient with them (the seniors). It's amazing how much they love it," she said.

If anyone has any doubts as to how much the visits mean, they should see Margaret Partusch, 87. Partusch doesn't say much, but every single day she wears the beaded bracelet her buddy, Brandon Berry, made for her at Christmas.

"My mom came up with the idea of making it."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hoben student Anishi Patel and Waltonwood's Lisa Brooks help resident George Bennett compete in one of the Olympic events.

Berry, 10, said. "I didn't think she'd always wear it."

Erickson said she hopes they'll continue the program.

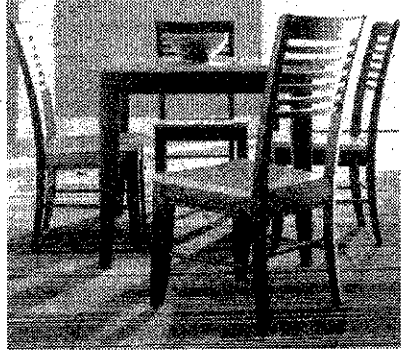
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## OUR VIEWS

### Model reading for learning, enjoyment

Why can't Johnny read? That question has been debated for decades in schools, legislatures and courtrooms. No one seems to have come up with the answer, despite a lot of speculation and finger pointing in all directions. As recently as 2004, only 30 percent of eighth-graders read at or above grade level, according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Now there's a newer question: Why doesn't Johnny want to read? Even students who can read — and that's probably most young people in our circulation area — don't seem to want to read. How many teenagers would rather shop at the mall, play computer games or chat with their friends online than read a novel for pleasure? We know of college students who purchase textbooks but rarely open them. Reading the assigned texts is seen as a last resort to passing a class.

Reading a newspaper is even more out of the question. An Oakland University journalism instructor polls her introductory news writing students on the first day of every class. Almost without exception, they get their news in sound bytes from the radio or TV. We wonder how they can make informed decisions in the voting booth.

Schools and libraries will host special activities and events this month to celebrate March Is Reading Month — and in Canton, at least, such programs seem to be working. According to Canton library officials, some 1,200 library cards were issued to Canton students last year. Attendance at storytime and other programs was over 18,000 and circulation of children's materials increased 13 percent.

In addition, the children's librarians answered 46,471 reference questions. The summer reading program participation is well over 3,000.

Reading is tied to success in school and later life. Students who struggle with reading — or who simply don't read — have more difficulty in school because all subjects require some reading. Those who barely pass or drop out of high school and don't further their education suffer economically. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, college graduates earn almost double high school graduates earn over the course of their lifetimes — \$2.1 million compared with \$1.2 million.

The reason Johnny doesn't want to read may be as difficult to answer as why some kids can't read. More than likely, it's not one but many factors, including the number of modern-day distractions competing for their attention.

But parents can make a difference. They can set a good example by reading themselves — to be informed and to be entertained.

Children have a way of modeling their parents' behavior when they grow up. Let's hope when they do, they discover that reading is one of the joys of life.

### Tougher standards make perfect sense

It is hard to argue against strengthening high school graduation requirements. Southeast Michigan — and, indeed, the world — is becoming an increasingly competitive environment where post-secondary education is no longer seen as an option, but rather a requirement for success.

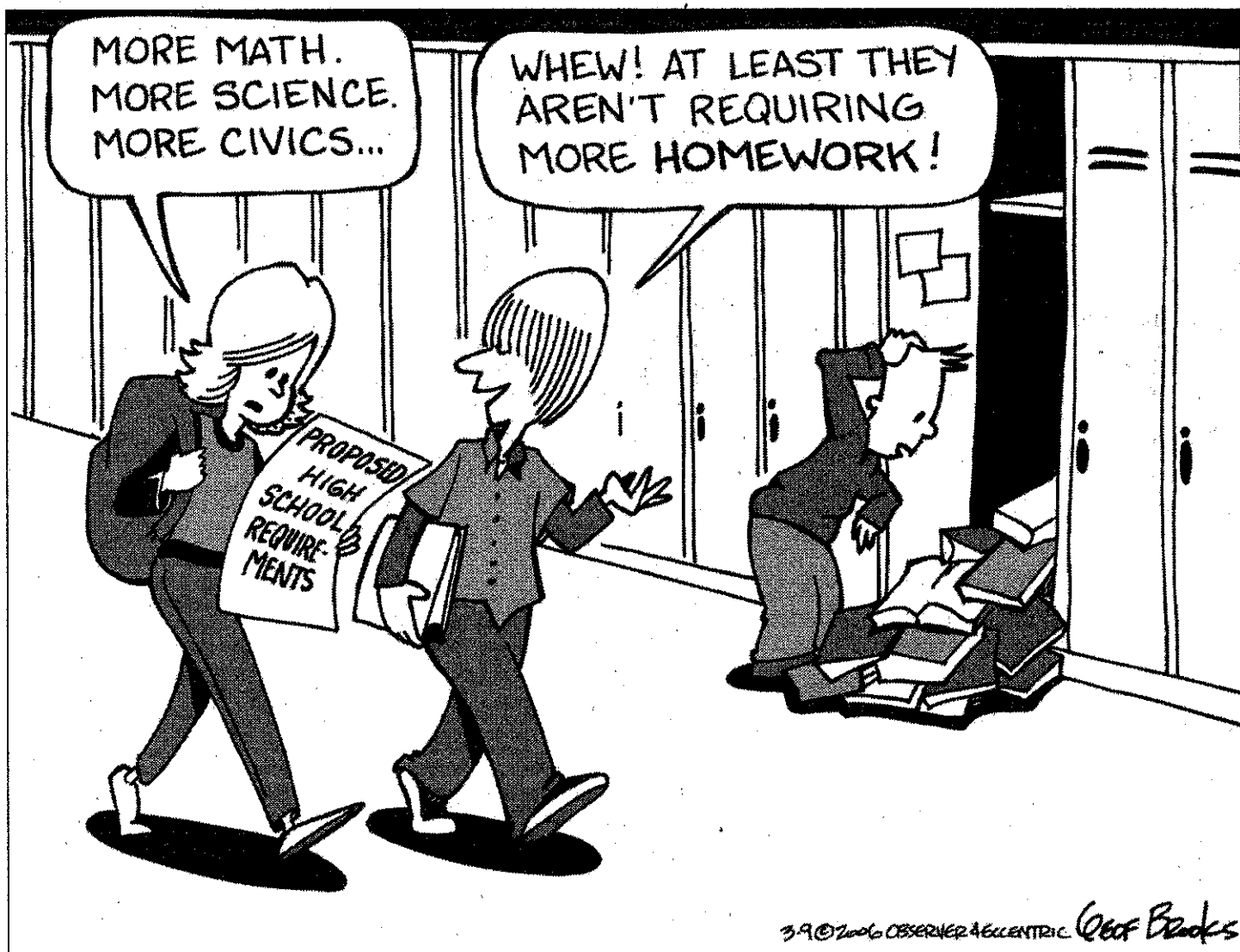
As Michigan's manufacturing base continues to erode, the dream of transitioning from high school into a good-paying factory job is fast becoming a pipe dream.

Many of the emerging sector careers in information services, computer technology and the medical field will demand an education grounded in math, science and — thanks to an ever-shrinking planet thanks to technology — foreign language.

A pair of bills currently working their way through the state Legislature would set uniform, minimum graduation requirements for all Michigan high school students. If approved, students would have to have four credits in math and English, three in science and social studies and one each in arts and physical education.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm is hoping the new measures are approved in time to implement them next fall. That may be an overly aggressive plan, but the new mandates will help assure that all students in Michigan have equal access to a quality education, and help boost the governor's vision of doubling the number of students receiving some sort of post-secondary education.

The majority of school districts in Oakland and western Wayne counties already have their own strict graduation requirements that either meet or come close to meeting the new state mandates. It makes perfect sense to spread that good fortune to students throughout the state.



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## LETTERS

### Don't sell Fellows Creek

In response to the discussion of the sale of the Fellows Creek Golf Course, I am appalled that the Canton Board of Trustees is considering selling recreational property.

I could support the sale of Fellows Creek if it was owned by private individuals, as it is their right of ownership. Since it was purchased with Canton taxpayers' dollars, I don't understand how land owned by the township can be sold for the purpose of making a profit and increasing the tax base at the expense of hundreds of Canton golfers. It would appear that the Canton Board of Trustees is now in the business of selling township properties in order to make a profit.

As quoted in the *Detroit Free Press*, Feb. 24, 2006, "The golf course was not up for sale, but board members said it was their fiscal responsibility to consider selling it." Does this mean that Summit on the Park, Canton Softball Center at Victory Park, and the six community parks would be considered for sale to the highest bidder? Now that a precedent has been set, if a bid comes in for Pheasant Run Golf Course for more than \$17 million, will the Board of Trustees say it is "their fiscal responsibility to consider selling it?" With this type of logic there will be no recreational facilities in Canton.

As taken from Canton Mission Statement — "fostering pride, partnership, and a high quality of life for our community" would be impossible without recreational facilities.

James Blaharski  
Canton

### Save Lotz Road

I am so much against the golf course being sold. I live in Pebble Creek, but not on the course. My main reason is Lotz Road is one of the nicest roads in Canton between Palmer Road and Michigan Avenue. I would invite the board of trustees to drive south on Lotz and see the beauty with the winding roads and hills. This is not the place for a so-called upscale shopping center, nor is it an upscale area. I cannot believe the township would go so far as to remove the west side of the course. The clubhouse has not been renovated and of course it needs work.

If the board members had not taken care of themselves in 20 years, they would not look so good either. I personally don't think Tom Yack and the others are interested in the east of I-275 area. They are putting all the monies into the west and cannot even fill the stores at Cherry Hill Village — another so-called upscale area. If they want Michigan Avenue built up, then build on Michigan Avenue — not on Lotz road.

I know where my next vote will go.

Lois V. Lovelace  
Canton

### A study needed

The headline ("Condo owners feel betrayed by fellows creek plan") on the front page of *Canton Observer* dated Feb.

26 is very befitting as I had been living around this golf course since its very inception and I have seen its growth from nine holes to 18 holes and now 27 holes. This golf course came into existence when Canton's population was barely 8,000. The revenues for this course were mostly generated from outsiders belonging to different leagues. In the early '70s, I belonged to a league and played twice a week on this course. I had similar association with this course in the '80s and '90s, and I bought a condo in the mid-'90s in Pebble Creek.

The demise of this course is very simple, other than its age, Fellows Creek is in direct competition with Pheasant Run, which is a newer course with added attractions around the course. Similarly, Fellows Creek could be revived with added attractions around the course which will require the renovation and expansion of the clubhouse and upgrading the course. The lifestyle center is not an added attraction, whereas it will be built at the cost of Fellows Creek Golf Course's total demise.

In all fairness for the voters and township, the developer should provide an impartial feasibility study with a long range plan of an earnest need of "Lifestyle Center" in Canton Township. If the answer is "no," the whole thing should be dropped. If the answer is "yes," the developer should come up with an alternate site which is more conducive to voters and Canton Township, and an unquestionable approval from federal and state agencies (Army Corps of Engineers, FEMA, MDT and MDEQ).

As for the developer, the plans needed for approval consist of straightening of Lotz Road, rerouting of Fellows Creek, including provision of retention basin. I have been a registered professional engineer (civil hydraulic and structural) for 45 years. The present drainage plan was approved by federal and state agencies prior to the development of Fellows Creek Golf Course, because it was farmland with no adjoining habitation and, moreover, environmental regulations were not stringent some 35-40 years ago. I feel it will be an uphill battle for the developer to obtain approval from the federal and state agencies. In case the developer feels otherwise, they should obtain provisional approvals from state and federal agencies prior to any other discussion of the development of a lifestyle center in the Fellows Creek Golf Course.

Jaldhar Prasad  
Canton

### All residents own course

It's not only the condo owners by Fellows Creek that are upset over the potential development. After attending the meeting Wednesday, it was clear that the Canton Township board (except Mr. Caccamo) is looking for a way to cover the operating losses from the Pheasant Run Golf Course and the Cherry Hill Village Theater. Why else would they even consider selling a property that is making a profit? Since upgrades are necessary, why haven't the profits been set aside to fund these upgrades? The

Fellows Creek profits are supporting those other developments with the operating losses.

Since Canton has been at the top of development for Michigan, that would mean we are getting more taxes. So why isn't there ever any money for the schools and the children? Or for the roads and the drivers? Or the planned park at Ford and Ridge for all the residents? The only improvements are for the "pet projects" of the board, but not for the residents of Canton. Ford Road was improved, but not for the residents. The board is even looking into building an expressway ramp for I-275 and Warren. Is that also for the residents?

If this lifestyle center is so great, why didn't it get built on Ford Road? Where the land didn't have a creek and road to move? Or is a home for the last of the wildlife in Canton? Or a place for the working men and women to golf? Or a place where the kids enjoy sledding? Or a development that is not making a profit?

I am a resident of Canton. I own Fellows Creek, too. And I don't want to sell!

Thank you, Mr. Caccamo. You are listening to the people.

Linda Whiteaker  
Canton

### Is Summit next?

A spring sale seems to be under way of eight Canton parks ... opening all to the highest bidder. Although Fellows Creek is No. 8 on the park list, it is No. 1 considered to be sold with only one offer. Tom Yack has not heard of eBay. I don't believe this is what the predecessors of the township had in mind when they made the purchase in 1978. This is what you can expect when officials are left in office too long and get cozy with the developers. I hear next that the Ritz-Carlton is interested in the Summit, would like to knock it down and erect an upscale hotel.

Knowing the location, I am surprised that any developer who knows the area would be interested in the Fellows Creek Golf Course for a business venture.

Richard DeFranceschi  
Canton

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# Raising taxes isn't anathema, but pols need to show courage

Ah, conventional wisdom. The great thing about it is that it provides an easy guide on how to behave without really having to think very hard about what you're doing. Endlessly reminding your kids to "eat your vegetables" is one example. "Don't go out without putting on a coat; you'll catch cold," is another.

Those are harmless enough. But the risk of applying conventional wisdom to important public policy matters is our politicians' well-developed and cowardly tendency to allow conventional wisdom to harden into dangerous dogma.

Take taxes, for example. The conventional wisdom is that voters don't like increasing taxes.

True enough. But the dogma in Lansing is that any politician who advocates any increase in any tax, even for a compellingly good purpose, is dead meat.

The dogma stems from 1983, when Jim Blanchard had just taken over as governor. The state was in deep recession and the state's budget deficit was at an all-time high. Blanchard proposed a temporary increase in the state income tax.

Two Democratic state senators, Phil Mastin from Oakland County and David Serotkin from Macomb, provided the necessary votes to adopt the tax hike. Both were recalled, resulting in a Republican domination of the state Senate that has lasted to this day. (The tax hike, incidentally, worked perfectly, wiped out the deficit and then was soon rolled back to the original levels.)

But the legend of that recall explains in large part why our political masters in Lansing continually shy away from considering any increase in state revenues for any purpose, good or bad. "We couldn't possibly do that," legislators squeal. "We'd be killed in the next election." Sadly, that passes for leadership in Michigan today.

But are the voters really that mindless?

Two recent polls cast doubt on the total acceptance of the anti-tax dogma that has paralyzed so much of our political life.

A recent national *New York Times*/CBS poll asked whether people would favor increasing the gasoline tax; 85 percent said no, 12 percent said yes. Big surprise! But when the question was framed to indicate an increased gas tax was a way to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil, 55 percent agreed. And when asked whether they would support a tax gas that would help reduce global warming, 59 percent agreed.

Here's a case where a politician's terror at being smeared as a tax lover overcomes rational discourse. Our present national gas tax is 18.3 cents per gallon, unchanged since 1993. But gas prices do affect consumer behavior. The slide in demand for big SUVs that has helped tear up our automobile industry was provoked by \$3 gas.

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Only when the price of gasoline reaches the \$3.50- \$4 range will large numbers of Americans demand cars that run on ethanol or offer hybrid power trains. And when demand shifts like that, our auto industry will quickly offer all kinds of innovative ways to cut imports of foreign oil, reduce global warming and (aha!) sell more cars.

In Michigan, a recent survey by Public Sector Consultants makes the same point. Eighty-one percent of state residents would favor a tax increase to maintain or improve school programs, while 76 percent would favor a tax hike to fund early childhood education.

The conclusion? That the public "will support increased taxes" and that "Michigan residents believe that tax dollars spent on local schools represents a good buy and they reject the contention that lower taxes are more important than maintaining educational services and programs."

The key point coming out of both surveys is that people do not reject higher taxes out of hand. They are willing to consider raising taxes if the purposes for them are worthwhile. Amazing!

The politicians, for their part, are living in an ossified world of political dogma, scared of how their opponents might smear them if they ever displayed leadership and contemptuous of the intelligence of the public whose votes they covet.

With Michigan headed into an election this November, you can bet your bottom dollar the politicians of neither party are going to talk about what long-term benefits increasing taxes might bring.

Sadly, all that does is postpone until next year a real discussion of how we are going to avoid becoming a terminally damaged state depending on a floundering and declining rust-belt economy. With each passing month without action, it seems less and less likely that we'll find a plausible way of getting out of the jam we're in.

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



Phil Power

## LETTERS

### Town will regret sale

I am a fairly new resident of Canton (six years). While my house was being built, I would bring car loads of stuff to the rental storage place at Lotz and Michigan that we wanted, but didn't need at our old house. I would check out progress at our building site and then get some lunch from Wendy's and drive over to the golf course, park, eat lunch and just look at the golf course. I doubt that I would have done this to look at a shopping center.

Yes, I am a golfer and I love playing at Fellows Creek. I am a senior and like to walk the course, so I can get a quick nine holes in for about \$10. Can't do that at Pheasant Run. Can't walk it or get on for a quick nine holes and it costs a lot more. Sometimes I go a little out of my way just to drive by the course down Lotz Road and enjoy the view of the sun coming up or setting on the west nine, or to look at the trees changing color in the fall. The course is a great old course with some wonderful holes and a few that drive me nuts each time I play, but I love them all. The township has maintained it well and it is a pleasure to play anytime during the nine or 10 months it is open.

To the township, I say, don't sell it. As a community, we would live to regret it. The money will be long gone, but the shopping center will still be here as an attraction or distraction, who knows? The green space and trees in Canton are disappearing fast. We have to hold on to what we can.

Tim Cornick  
Canton

### Preserve quality of life

In the Feb. 26 article, Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack says, "I'm looking at what it takes to sustain the community in the long term." I say in the "long term" a profitable golf course will be a better asset for sustaining the community than a bunch of empty retail space. It is the only affordable course in Canton and has a lot of history. It's part of the little quality of life east Canton residents have left.

Why is it nine times out of 10, when a business opens in Canton, it's east of Lilley? IKEA, Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, Lifetime Fitness to name a few and not to mention the thousands of condos and apartments that have been built on the east side since we moved here in '97. Traffic congestion is horrible and IKEA hasn't even opened yet.

Yes, the developer is offering a staggering amount of money, but our quality of life shouldn't be for sale. Keep the shopping out of the neighborhoods and on Michigan Avenue and Ford Road.

I don't think our township officials are thinking as much about sustaining our Canton community as they are of creating a

tourist attraction for shoppers within a 100-mile radius. All at the expense of the quality of life of the east Canton residents.

Jody Pisano  
Canton

### Keep green paradise

I have been a taxpayer in this community for over 40 years. I have seen Canton grow from a small agricultural community to a commercial site that makes investors foam at the mouth. I have seen malls sprout up, die and re-grow again, city sites for downtown areas in at least three different proposals already and new community investment sites not yet finished and starting to fail already. What is the hurry to pave paradise and put up another parking lot?

Fellows Creek Golf Course has served this community and surrounding area for years. Kids on high school golf teams have been welcomed to play here, given the chance to play here and long after leaving school, continue to as adults and citizens of this community. Can this be said for Pheasant Run? I don't think so. Pheasant Run is a golf course designed to support upper middle class clientele. High schoolers cannot even walk the course as it wasn't designed to walk. Has Pheasant Run made a profit for the citizens in this community? Ten years of so-called updating might do wonders to the Fellows Creek Golf Course and show far more profit than even what it brings today.

Three years of new construction and agonizing road blocks with the option of either party withdrawing leaves a lot of unanswered questions for the taxpayers to worry about. Please let's keep our little paradise of green. We already have more than enough parking sites now.

Russell R. Chioldo  
Canton

### Sale would be an outrage

I am outraged at the thought of Fellows Creek Golf Course being sold. I bought my condo because it faces the golf course. I did not think that the golf course would ever be sold. If Robertson Bros. knew that there was a possibility of this happening in the future, they should have informed prospective buyers of this. Instead, they said nothing. Therefore, they sold me my condo under false pretenses and, if the sale goes through, then Robertson Bros. should reimburse me financially.

Canton does not need another shopping complex. The setting at Fellows Creek is very tranquil with the wildlife roaming around freely. We do not need wider roads, more traffic and more crime in our area. Let it be.

Jean Gavenda  
Canton

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# Madonna nursing students win 7 state awards

Madonna University undergraduate nursing students outshined other participants at the Michigan Nursing Students Association 2006 Convention held in mid-February as they received seven out of eight awards. With 52 participating chapters, Madonna University beat out stiff competition at the event, which was held at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids.

"These students were devoted in providing service to those in need and set about it in a variety of ways," said Fran Jurcak, the nursing students' adviser and the Faculty Award recipient. "Areas of service included food banks, fund-raising efforts for hurricane victims and community service organizations. We even had several students who volunteered to rebuild homes in Florida during winter break. Their awards were well-deserved."

The Madonna University Nursing Students Association (MUNSA) Board of Directors for the Winter 2006 Term are Josette Sanow, president; Heather Teschendorf, first vice-president; Kyle Farr, second-vice president; Kristina Cunningham, secretary; Maryann Abughannam, treasurer; Christina Hood and Sara Schmid, community co-chairs; Morgan Wall, legislative chair; Stephanie Gage and Pam Zywiol, image and breakthrough; Molly Teschendorf and Ashley Honkanen, fund-raising; Kristy Bock, membership; and Morgan Wall, liaison to MNSA. Jurcak, a nursing professor, served as the faculty advisor. All board members are elected and volunteer their time.

"I really enjoyed sponsoring and assisting with the Christmas for Kids each year," said Josette Sanow, the MUNSA president. Sanow, a Canton resident, was responsible for leading monthly meetings, updating members and assisting with planned events and projects.

Following is the list of awards received: the Community Health Award, the Hurricane



Madonna University undergraduate nursing students took home seven awards from the Michigan Nursing Students Association 2006 Convention. Pictured, (back row, left to right) are Kristy Bock, Stephanie Gage, Maryann Abughannam, Josette Sanow, Kristina Cunningham, and Sara Schmid. Front row are Ashley Honkanen, Christine Hood, Fran Jurcak, Heather Teschendorf, Lindsey Cecil, Morgan Wall. Not pictured are Kyle Farr and Kim Holda.

Relief Award, the Poster Award, the Chapter Achievement Award, the Chapter President Award and the Faculty Adviser Award. Ashley Honkanen also won a \$500 scholarship for most individual points in the "Be Healthy, Live Fit" campaign.

Jurcak says that being recognized for the president's award, the chapter award and the faculty adviser's award was most significant to the University due to the time and effort that went into the community service projects. Several projects included fund raising, which were redirected funds back into local communities.

"I think volunteering in a community

makes a difference," commented Christine Hood, co-chair. "My greatest success is being able to interact with people in the community and experience the joy in having done something for them."

Hood has worked in her own community delivering meals in the Detroit area as part of Focus:HOPE. A Farmington resident, Hood also organized a Habitat for Humanity group that went down to Martin County, Fla., to rebuild an area devastated by the hurricane.

For more information on the Madonna University's College of Nursing and Health, call (734) 432-5717.

# Commissioner challenges county's role in SBT effort

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

While Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson is going ahead with a petition drive to repeal the state's Single Business Tax, a political opponent has accused him of improperly using county resources to advance the effort.

County Commissioner David Woodward (D-18) has filed a complaint with the Michigan Department of State alleging that county assets, including the executive's staff's time, have been used to promote the ballot drive in violation of state campaign finance laws.

At a press conference Tuesday morning, Patterson said the accusation that his campaign to repeal the SBT misused county resources was frivolous and without merit — the kind of partisan politics to be expected in connection with a politically charged effort like his ballot drive.

"There is no factual basis for Woodward's complaint," he said. "It shouldn't surprise people that a tax-and-spend liberal like Woodward would file a specious complaint. He is a paid mouth-

piece for the Democratic Party."

Woodward is the chair of the Oakland Democratic Party. Patterson called him "a coward" for leveling the charges while Woodward was out of town.

To illustrate his point, he presented Deputy County Executives Gerald Poisson and Phil Bertolini to refute the claim that county resources were used in the ballot drive.

Poisson said section 57 of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act has provisions allowing for the free expression of elected officials and the dissemination of factual information and operations performed on an elected or appointed official's personal time.

Bertolini pointed out the creation of the Web site and his paying to set up the site prove the county's involvement in the repeal the SBT drive was nonexistent.

"All of the work was done on my own time. I did that because I believe in the project itself," he said. "We took great lengths to ensure all resources that were used were private."

In general, Patterson said the drive to repeal the SBT would go on as planned.

# Bear Hug charity holds fund-raiser

The Bear Hug Foundation's signature fund-raising event, The Hibernation Celebration will take place on Saturday, March 25, at the Masonic Temple's Crystal Ballroom in Detroit. The event includes dinner, dancing, casino games and a silent auction. Tickets are \$125 per person and proceeds benefit the Bear Hug Foundation.

The Bear Hug Foundation, a non-profit children's charity, provides at-risk, underprivileged and special needs children the opportunity to engage in outdoor-based experiential learning and adventure-focused activities. More than 1,500 children between the ages of 6 and 16 from primarily low income areas of metropolitan Detroit have participated in Bear Hug Foundation's three day, two-night residential summer camp program in Northern Michigan since the formation of Bear Hug Foundation in 2000.

Each group's experience is custom designed to deliver basic components of life-skills training, feature positive peer interaction and to encourage individual self-growth, communication, cooperation and trust.

The Hibernation Celebration's Silent Auction will offer an opportunity to bid on prizes, including: admission for two to the Saab Aero Performance Driving Academy at Road Atlanta, Red Wings Hockey Tickets, Private Pilates Sessions, Spa Treatments, and much more.

To learn more about the Bear Hug Foundation, please visit [www.thebearhugfoundation.org](http://www.thebearhugfoundation.org).

To purchase tickets to the Fourth Annual Hibernation Celebration, contact Jennifer Kellman Fritz at (248) 594-7000.

# Schoolcraft hosts an evening with NASA

Get an insider's look into how the national space agency uses today's computer and photographic technologies to increase the safety of space travel on Tuesday, March 14, at Schoolcraft College.

Brad Lawrence, computer science lead for the United Space Alliance, NASA Kennedy Space Center, will speak about how NASA integrates high definition film and cutting-edge film analysis to study shuttle launches and spot problems. These technologies were keys to localizing the cause of the 2003 crash of the space shuttle Columbia.

The presentation begins at 7 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center on the Livonia campus, and is free and open to the public.

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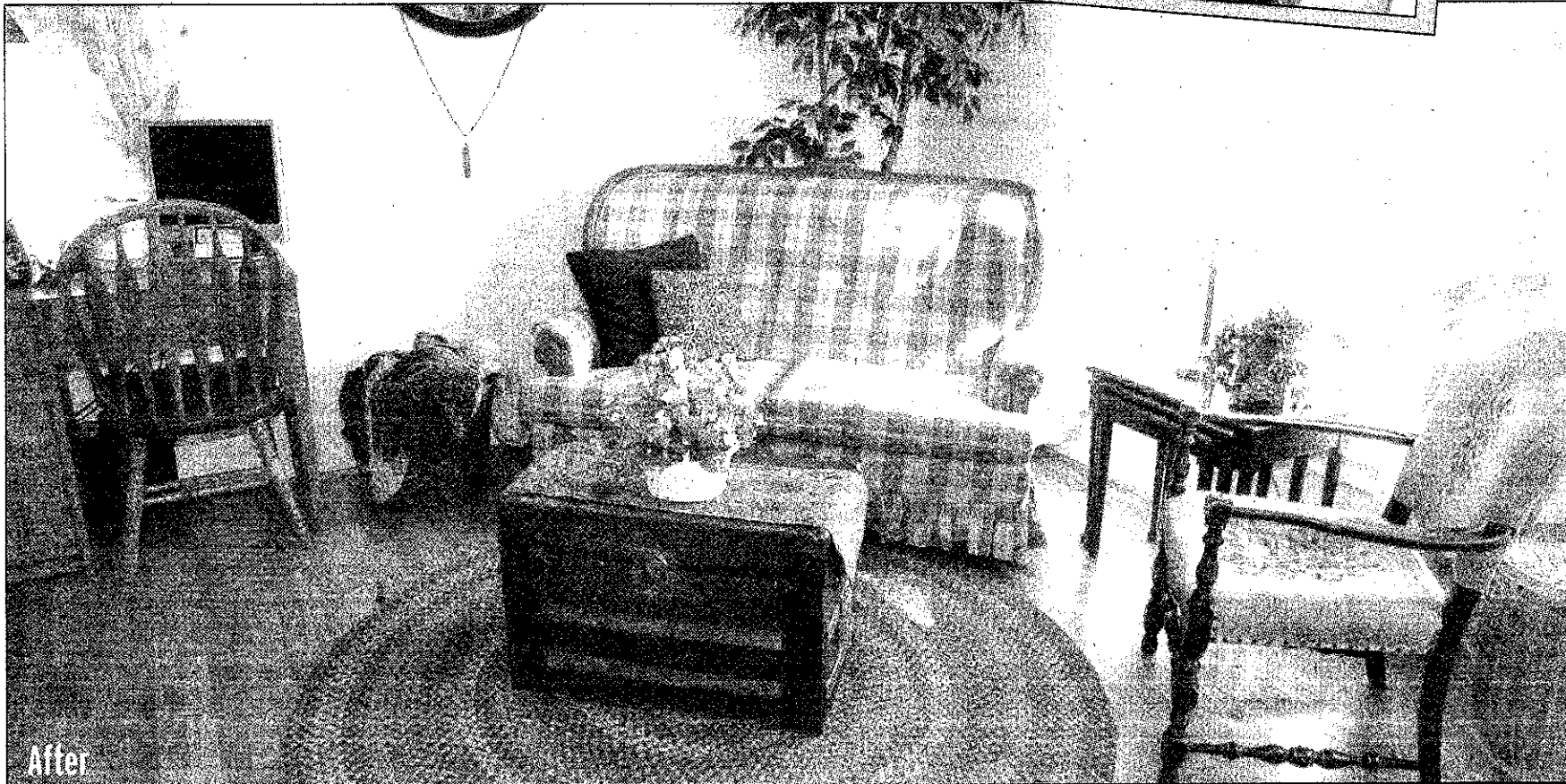
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## Mover and shaker

Before



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The front room of Jay and Julie Sheppard of Livonia has a much more cozy look and feel after the suggestions from designer Richard Yanity were implemented. The above photo shows how the room looked before Yanity's "redesign."

Before

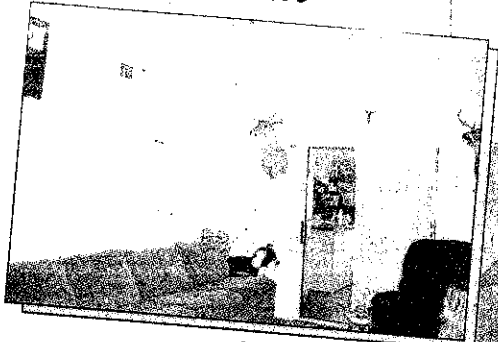


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Before the redesign, the family room walls were almost entirely bare.



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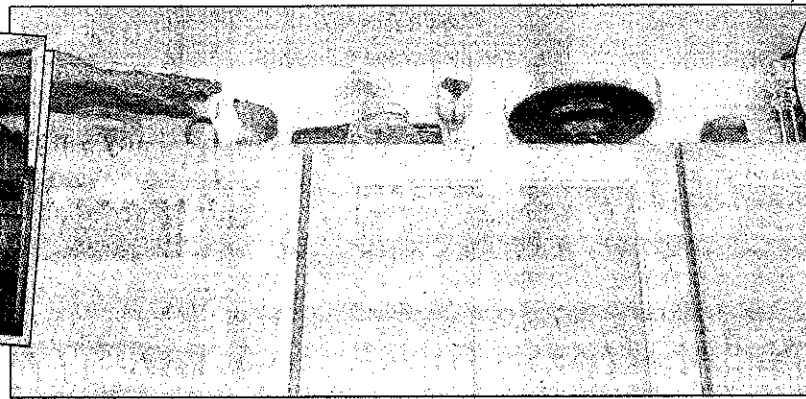
Homeowner Julie Sheppard talks about the process of having designer Richard Yanity come and help rearrange what the family already had into a more appealing display.

Before



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Before the redesign, pots and pans were stored on top of cabinets and could be seen from other rooms. Now a platter standing on the counter against the wall adds color to space that's open in this photo.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Such ideas as displaying items on top of cabinets that are typically kept in cupboards, and using an inverted bowl as a "cake" on a stand, help the appearance in the kitchen area.

## Room 'fluffer' arranges different kind of home improvement

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

Clark Kent and Richard Yanity are both quick-change artists of sorts. Kent, of course, turns into Superman. Yanity may not be faster than a speeding bullet, or more powerful than a locomotive. But the Livonia resident rapidly turns entire rooms into super settings.

Yanity's business, Richard's Decor, offers "home staging on a budget." Yanity calls himself a home "fluffer" who can give a home a fresh look by working with what is already available. "People don't realize what they have in their closets," he said.

"Don't think you won't use it. Don't be afraid to experiment." The new look can help make the home more appealing to buyers while fitting the lifestyle of the residents.

If the residents aren't selling the home, the "redesign" can give them more pleasure and comfort.

### FRESH LOOK WANTED

Julie Sheppard called Yanity last month

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## New online services demonstrate advantages of renting music



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

For anyone with even a passing interest in music, it's hard to ignore the siren songs of online subscription services.

I've written about them before, but two newcomers - AOL Music Now (musicnow.com) and Virgin Digital Red Pass (virgindigital.com) - merit another look.

For a low monthly fee, these services afford unlimited access to their million-plus song libraries. Actually, Music Now promises 1.5 million songs, while Red Pass boasts 2 million - the most of any online store.

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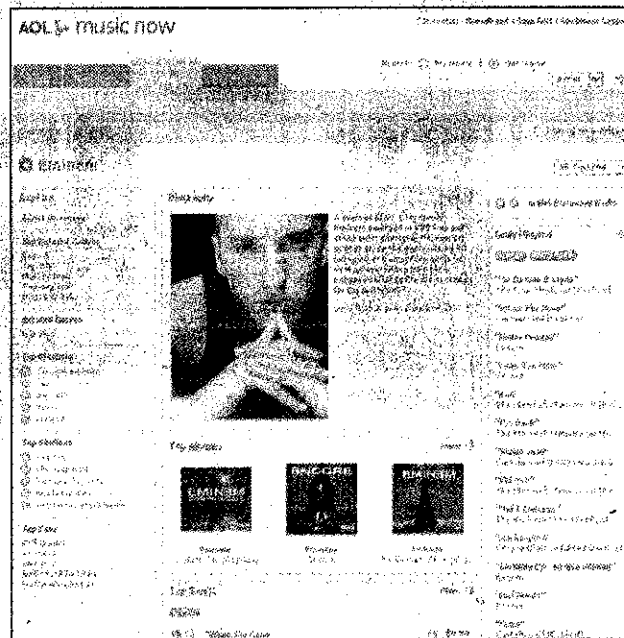
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(Sorry, iPod users - you're still stuck with iTunes, which currently has no equivalent subscription option. But read on for a prediction about that.)

What you can't do is copy downloaded songs to blank CDs. For that, you have to buy the tracks outright, usually at the rate of 99 cents apiece.

As a subscriber, you're basically renting music. Cancel your subscription and eventual-

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To listen to any of the 1.5 million songs available on AOL's new Music Now service, all you need is a Web browser.

## Accents

### Webkinz

Meet the Webkinz, a cuddly collection of plush animals that combines the play value of a stuffed animal with the interactivity of the Internet.

One of the animals is shown here.

The plush toys are available at four of the



six English Gardens stores - the locations in Dearborn Heights, Royal Oak/Troy, Clinton Township and Eastpointe.

The 8-inch animal is \$9.99 and the "lil-kinz" 6-inch animal is \$7.99.

Each Webkinz animal comes with a secret code to unlock a Web site that transforms the toy into an online pet.

Children receive a biography that tells them all about their Webkinz and an adoption certificate.

Fun games and trivia quizzes enable pet owners to earn Kinzcash to build their own virtual house, complete with uniquely designed rooms.

The Web site, www.webkinz.com, is carefully designed to prevent youngsters from revealing personal information and doesn't permit tracking or third party usage.

Locations of the English Gardens stores that carry Webkinz are:

In Dearborn Heights, 22650 Ford at Outer Drive (phone (313) 278-4433);

In Royal Oak/Troy, 4901 Coolidge Highway (phone (248) 280-9500);

In Clinton Township, 44850 Garfield at Hall (phone (586) 286-6000); and

In Eastpointe, 22501 Kelly at Nine Mile Road (phone (586) 771-4200).

### Wet emergencies

"It is that time of year when winter rains can be heavy and unpredictable, often causing leaky roofs and flash-flooding," says Morris and James Carey, writing for AP Weekly. Features. "If you get caught off-guard and



how to handle a 'wet emergency.'

"First, use a wet-dry vac to pick up as much as possible. Be careful, as water and electricity don't mix.

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"Often carpets can be cleaned and reused, but pads will need replacing."

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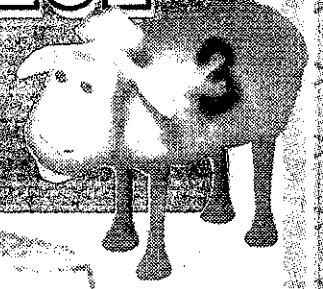
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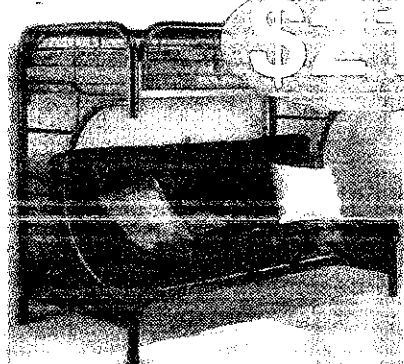


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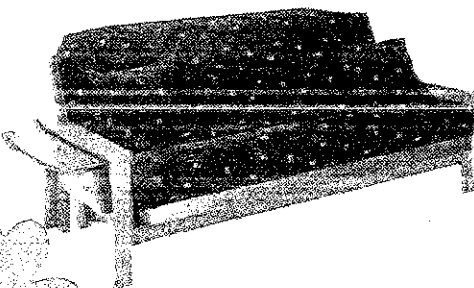
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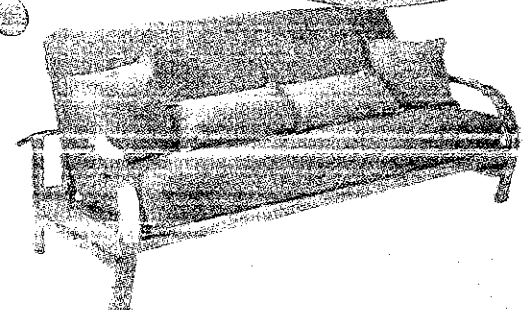
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Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

## Catch the magic of a mellow merlot

When merlot began its climb in wine popularity a decade ago, it was for its mellow, juicy, plump, lush and elegant fruit characters.

Now, particularly in California, merlot is being grown on hillside vineyards where the grapes tend to make a darker and powerfully structured wine, akin to cabernet sauvignon. In fact, it's sometimes difficult to distinguish one of these blockbuster merlots from cabernet sauvignon.

If you like the blockbuster style, grill a steak or order one in a restaurant and enjoy your merlot. If you like the plush style with more finesse, read on for some food matches. But whatever you do, don't follow advice from the film *Sideways* to drink anything but merlot!

### MAKING A MATCH

The fruity, ripe berry-cherry and plum nature of an elegant merlot makes it a candidate to match with fish, especially salmon. Dark-fleshed fish, such as tuna or marlin, also harmonize well.

Roast lamb, lamb shanks, rabbit, chicken, game birds, stews, pork and mildly spiced sausages all have an inherent sweetness that pairs them well with merlot.

Softer blue-veined cheeses such as Blue Castello or Saga Blue, Brie de Meaux, Camembert, Chaumes, Esrom, Fontal, Gouda, Havarti, Mimolette, Saint-André and sharp Cheddar all make excellent pairings with merlot.

Grilling meat or poultry

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### WINE PICKS

The following merlots are food-friendly and mellow and will be sensational with braised lamb shanks and creamy garlic mashed potatoes as a dinner for family or friends. Really good oak-aged Merlot with gobs of fruit, structure and generous finish cost \$20 or more. Read on, we did find a few less expensive.

#### Outstanding:

2002 Raymond Napa Valley Reserve \$24  
2003 Sebastiani Alexander Valley \$24

#### Excellent:

2003 Burgess Napa Valley \$22  
2002 Silverado Napa Valley \$28

#### Very Good:

2004 Bored Doe (South Africa blend of merlot, cabernet sauvignon, malbec and petit verdot) \$17

2003 Murphy-Goodie \$20

2002 Markham \$22

2003 Kenwood Jack London Vineyard \$25

2002 Chateau St. Jean Sonoma County \$25

2002 Rutherford Hill Napa Valley \$25

#### Wallet friendly:

2001 Michel Lynch (Bordeaux) \$9  
2003 Cellar No. 8 \$10  
2004 McManis \$10

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



Thornton L. Berry Jr., a Brigade student at Schoolcraft College, finishes plating Stuffed Filet Mignon en Croute with Roquefort cheese, onion and bacon shallot sauce.

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## Fine dining, fine fund-raiser

### VisTa Gala promises excellent menu

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

The meal starts with a roasted vegetable salad "Piperade" with white asparagus, tomatoes and lemon, spinach cream and ricotta cheese toast.

That's an appetizer created by chef Shawn Loving.

Chef Dan Hugelier follows with white endive and pan-roasted chicken livers with applewood smoked bacon and shallots, and red wine vinaigrette.

Then there's spicy beef satay, skewered flank beef, Boston bibb lettuce, cucumbers,

micro lemongrass, micro mint, opal and green basil, julienne of red onion and nuom chac, a dish created by Kevin Gawronski, certified master chef.

#### 'NO CONSTRAINTS'

All these chefs are Schoolcraft College instructors, and that's just a small part of the menu for the VisTa Gala on March 25 at the college.



Haight

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### SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE VISTA GALA

Where: American Harvest Restaurant, VisTaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25

Tickets: \$150 per person for the black-tie fundraiser. Profits support culinary arts program.

Information: (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5008

### OTHER VISTA GALA DETAILS

The Matt Michaels Trio will play contemporary jazz.

Dinner concludes with an auction of a dinner for 50 with wine at the American Harvest Restaurant. The meal will be prepared by the chefs and students in the culinary arts department and has a retail value of \$5,000.

The winners of a special-prize drawing will take home either dinners for two at the American Harvest or complimentary use of various Jaguar vehicles. The grand prize winners will receive a gift certificate worth \$5,000 toward the purchase price of a new 2007 Jaguar SK convertible, a limited edition model.

## Charlie Trotter to visit local market

Charlie Trotter is coming to town.

The eight-time winner of James Beard awards for the Chicago restaurant that bears his name and author of 10 cookbooks will be visiting Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham Saturday, March 11, to showcase his certified organic sauces, marinades and vinaigrettes.

From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Trotter will be signing copies of his latest books *Workin' More Kitchen Sessions with Charlie Trotter* and *A Cook's Book*.

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. chefs from



Trotter

the Charlie Trotter's restaurants demonstrate the Charlie Trotter sauces and products for home cooks to spice up their own menus.

Some of the sauces to be featured are:

■ Organic Ginger-Soy-Hijiki Sauce - This combination of ginger, soy sauce and hijiki seaweed gives fish, poultry, meat and noo-

dles an Asian flair. It also can be used as a marinade for meats, vegetables, a dipping sauce for wontons or simply brushed on during grilling.

■ Organic Mustard Steak Sauce - Simply pour sauce on top or lightly baste the meat while on the grill. Serve with

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## Side dish

### New menu created

The owners of Station 885 in Plymouth have created a new menu.

The menu features traditional beef, pizza and pasta selections, and now includes more salads, seafood, chicken and veal. Items include filet mignon, New York steak and prime rib, along with chicken Milanese salad, cobb salad and Caesar salad. Seafood selections include Chilean sea bass with a tequila citrus compound butter and crab cakes with a chipotle aioli.

The restaurant also features a Sunday brunch, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is located at 885 Starkweather in Plymouth. Its Web site is www.station885.com and phone number is (734) 459-0885.

### More salads added

First Wendy's introduced salad bars, then convenient salads to go and more recently Garden Sensations, a line-up of fresh entrée salads.

All Wendy's U.S. restaurants are rolling out three new Garden Sensations™ salads: spinach chicken, chicken Caesar and southwest taco.

The spinach chicken salad features crisp romaine lettuce and baby spinach leaves topped with marinated chicken, chopped egg and grape tomatoes. The salad comes with sweet and sour bacon dressing (2.5 grams of fat) and garlic croutons served on the side. The spinach chicken salad is a source of protein, iron, vitamins A and C and a good source of calcium and dietary fiber.

The chicken Caesar salad is made with fresh romaine lettuce, chunks of tender chicken breast, grape tomatoes and shredded parmesan cheese. Creamy Caesar dressing and garlic croutons are served on the side.

The southwest taco salad, which replaces the taco supreme, features Wendy's chili, shredded cheddar cheese, diced tomatoes atop a bed of mixed greens. This salad is served with ancho chipotle ranch dressing and seasoned tortilla strips which were both very popular in test markets. Sour cream is also served on the side.

The suggested retail price for each of the salads is \$4.19. The three new salads are joining the popular Mandarin chicken and chicken BLT salads in the line.

### Pistachios 'Go Nuts'

A free consumer brochure features a selection of recipes from noted chefs whose expertise has been exercised on behalf of pistachios, and dishes using them.

The 40-page brochure, *America's Top Chefs Go Nuts for California Pistachios*, is offered by the California Pistachio Commission. Their brochure was assembled with contributions from a team of 19 chefs from around the nation.

Dishes the chefs created for the brochure range from entrees to desserts, from salads to side dishes. The brochure is illustrated with color photos and it is available by visiting: <http://www.pistachios.org>.

VISTA GALA MENU - 2006

- Roasted Vegetable Salad "Piperade" with White Asparagus, Tomatoes and Lemon Spinach Cream - Ricotta Cheese Toast
Opal and Green Basil, Julienne of Red Onion, and Nuom Chac
Peking Duck Breast Pomegranate Molasses Reduction with Sansho Peppers
Filled in a Chinese Crepe with Hoisin Sauce
Roasted Lamb Loin in a Wild Mushroom Crust French Green Beans and Roasted Teardrop Tomatoes Lamb Juice with Fresh Rosemary
Soft Shell Crab with Gruyere Cheese Capers and Browned Lemon Butter
Lobster Martini with Lemon Granite
Black Angus Prime Beef Tenderloin Sliced and served atop Seasoned Corn Salad Garnished with Lawry's Seasoned Golden Shallot Rings
Assorted Pastries and Chocolates
Spicy Beef Satay Skewered Marinated Flank Beef, Boston Bibb, Cucumbers, Micro Lemongrass, Micro Mint.



Stuffed Filet Mignon en Crouste with Roquefort Cheese, Onion and Bacon Shallot Sauce is one of the dishes prepared by the Brigade students at Schoolcraft College.

STUFFED FILET MIGNON EN CROUTE WITH ROQUEFORT CHEESE, ONION AND BACON SHALLOT SAUCE

Beef in marinade: 8 7-ounce filet mignons (7 ounce) 1/2 onion, diced 6 bay leaves 7 rosemary sprigs 12 thyme sprigs 15 black peppercorns, crushed 1 cup balsamic vinegar 2 cups olive oil

Filling: 12 bacon slices, diced Render the bacon till just crisp but still slightly pliable.

1-1/2 cups Roquefort cheese 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar Salt and black pepper Add to above and mix well. Put the mixture into a pastry bag and pipe into the cut hole to fill the center of the filet.

Beef topping: 8 bacon strips Lay bacon on a sheet pan and cook till almost crisp.

2 onions, julienne 2 tablespoons olive oil Heat the pan to a very hot temperature and add the oil. Add the onions and brown them well. (The onions should be slightly dried out.)

Filet preparation: 8 beef filet mignons in marinade 2 tablespoons corn oil Salt and black pepper

Remove the beef from the marinade. Pat dry with paper towel and season with salt and black pepper. Heat a sauté pan very hot. Add the oil and wait till the oil is smoking. Add the filets and sear on all sides. Remove from the pan and cool on a cooling rack. Cut a hole on the side of the filet and cut a pocket in the center of the beef with a boning knife. Pipe the cheese mixture into the filet.

Assemble 8 feuille de bric pastry (or substitute your favorite crepe recipe) 1/2 cup melted butter

Butter both sides of the pastry. Place the stuffed filet in the center of the pastry circle. Top with 1 tablespoon of the onion mixture and cover with a bacon strip. Wrap the filet with the pastry by bringing up the sides of the feuille de bric and forming a bag around the filet. Tie together with a string with a bow knot. Bake at 425° F until the meat reaches an internal temperature of 120° F. Remove the string and replace the string with a blanched chive. Serve immediately.

Recipe courtesy of Marcus Haight, executive chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College.

GALA

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The fund-raiser is a black-tie optional event with profits supporting Schoolcraft's Culinary Arts Department. 'It's one of the better menus because we don't put constraints on the chefs,' said Bruce Konowalow, director of the culinary arts department. 'To compare it to the Taste of the NFL (a Super Bowl event of eateries from NFL cities that was held in Novi), which was a variety of things that can range from pulled barbecue pork to more top-of-the-line dishes, well, this event will be all top of the line, across the board.'

All of the chefs develop the menu items for the event and the culinary students, including those in the Brigade program taught by chef Marcus Haight, work on the dishes. VisTa Gala raises funds for the Schoolcraft Foundation, which in turn gives students scholarship money, some of which goes to the culinary arts students. 'It's big, it's huge,' Konowalow said of the event's importance to the scholarships. 'It's the major fund-raiser for the department and helping support the students and the Foundation.' There are 492 students in the culinary arts program. Konowalow expects about 200 to 250 people will attend the event. While the department receives some discretionary funding, the event helps raise funds for travel for the Salon team, which competes every year. This year, the team just won the state championship and will travel to the regionals at the end of March. 'Schoolcraft covers all the costs of transportation, funds and lodging,' Konowalow said. STROLL THE KITCHENS VisTa Gala is a unique event, Konowalow said. 'It's a strolling event, where the guests can mingle in the

kitchens, socialize and they're actively participating in helping the scholarship fund. It's a chance to get close to the people affected by their attendance at the event.' Marcus Haight, Schoolcraft instructor and certified executive chef, prepares students for high-end cooking that will be served at VisTa Gala with the Brigade program he teaches, a postgraduate program at Schoolcraft. Undergraduate students cook for the event under the tutelage of the other Schoolcraft instructors, too. This year's 11 Brigade students were placed on six seven-week rotations for most of the 45-week program. Students work at stations for soups and sauces, pastry, salads, fish, grill and roast. 'They get an elongated period for each station,' Haight said, using the soup and sauce station as an example. 'On Tuesday, they'll get a new menu that they'll work on for the week on prep duties. They'll develop six sauces each day and they'll master them by Friday.' The student working the grill will perfect cooking methods on a variety of cuts and meats, including filet, veal chop, squab, quail and guinea hen. One week is a demonstration week, where Haight demon-

strates and the students follow. A second demonstration week follows, with students doing more advanced hands-on demonstration in butchering, and advanced cooking techniques such as poaching and pastry. The 45th week is a trip to France, where students eat at seven different restaurants (some three-star, others two-star) that epitomize French cuisine, Haight said. Students check out the cheese shops, food stores and markets and French culture, Haight said. 'We'll go to Taillevent for lunch, meet the chef, see the wine cellar,' Haight said. 'It's more of an appreciation for their roots of training and techniques at Schoolcraft and that they can see the trends of what they're doing now.' 'It's seeing what they're going to see in the restaurant business and open their eyes to what they can achieve, and the different possibilities for their careers.' Haight lets the students lead the group in Paris after he leads them for the first day. 'It forces them out of the box,' Haight said. 'If they want to work in Paris, the flight and getting around on the subway won't put them off.'

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DINNER CALENDAR Here is a list of special dinners at area restaurants. Please forward information at least two weeks before event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com Italian Wine Dinner Giulio's Cucina Italiana, 31735 Plymouth Road in Livonia, hosts an Italian Wine Dinner at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14. Dishes are matched with appropriate wines. Tickets are \$55 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Call (734) 427-9500 for reservations. Mondavi visits Vintner Peter Mondavi, Jr. joins Morton's The Steakhouse in Southfield on April 4 in exploring fine vintages from the Charles Krug Winery of Napa Valley. Tickets are \$150 per guest and inclusive of tax and gratuity. A 6:30 p.m. reception precedes the 7:15 p.m. dinner. Morton's of Southfield is located at One Towne Square in Southfield. Reservations or questions about the event may be directed to Gaye Lynn Murdoch, sales and marketing manager at Morton's of Southfield. Phone: (248) 354-6006; e-mail: cm.mso@mortons.com; or online at www.mortons.com.

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## WINES

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adds a slightly bitter note (from caramelization) to the outside of these foods. This character seems to work fine with a cabernet sauvignon, but not with the fruity and mellow tones of a more elegantly styled merlot.

Long-cooking, oven roasting or braising with a preparation such as lamb shanks is palate tantalizing. It's with this thought and a comfort meal to bid winter farewell that we suggest the following recipe from the Healds' kitchen.

## LAMB SHANKS

6 lamb shanks  
salt and pepper  
5 tablespoons flour  
1/4 cup olive oil and more as needed  
1 onion, diced  
1 carrot, peeled and diced  
2 celery ribs, diced  
2 leeks, sliced

2 cups merlot  
6 tablespoons Dijon mustard  
1 bay leaf  
1 tablespoon whole peppercorns  
Chicken stock as needed

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Place salt, pepper (amount preferred) and flour in a zippered plastic bag. Add shanks one or two at a time and shake in bag to coat.

Heat 1/4 cup olive oil in a Dutch oven and sear shanks, two to three at a time, until golden brown, adding more oil as necessary. Remove seared shanks to a platter and keep warm. Retain juice in the Dutch oven.

Add carrot, onion, celery and leeks to the Dutch oven and sauté until tender, about 8 minutes.

Add wine, mustard, bay leaf and peppercorns. Stir, bring to a boil and reduce liquid by half.

Return shanks to Dutch oven; add stock to cover, and bake covered for about 1 1/2 hours or until very tender. Turn shanks every 30 minutes.

Remove shanks from pan and keep warm. Strain liquid through a sieve, pressing vegetables with back of a wooden spoon.

Place liquid in a saucepan and skim off fat. Cook over medium heat until liquid is thick enough to coat a spoon. Adjust seasonings. Pour sauce over shanks (recipe can be made up to this point and reheated) and serve with creamy garlic mashed potatoes (recipe follows). Serves six.

## CREAMY GARLIC MASHED POTATOES

3 pounds potatoes, peeled and cubed  
1 garlic head  
1/3 cup heavy cream  
4 tablespoons unsalted butter at room temperature  
1 egg yolk  
1/2 teaspoon freshly-ground black pepper  
Salt to taste  
Garnish: 1 tablespoon fresh flat leaf Italian parsley, chopped

In a large saucepan, cover potatoes with cold water and

bring to a boil. Lower heat and cook for about 20 minutes or until tender.

During potato cooking time, peel outer skin off garlic and separate cloves. Place them in a small saucepan, cover with water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer about 10 minutes or until garlic is soft. Drain and cool.

Drain potatoes and return them to the saucepan. Set aside but keep warm.

In a food processor fitted with a steel blade, purée garlic cloves and the cream.

Transfer potatoes to the bowl of an electric mixer and add puréed garlic, butter, egg yolk, salt and pepper. Beat until smooth.

Garnish with parsley. Serves six.

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.

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fresh aromatic greens.

■ Organic Tomato Herb Finishing Sauce – Finesse your chicken, veal or fish by spooning a little of this sauce right on top. It is also a marinade for sautéing or grilling meats, fish or vegetables.

■ Organic Apricot-Curry Sauce – A sweet curry sauce that will give Indian flair to sautéed chicken breasts, pork chops or catfish. It can be used as a marinade or dipping sauce for shrimp, or as a sauce for tabbouleh.

■ Organic Yuzu-Miso Vinaigrette – Dress your favorite greens with this stunning combination of miso and yuzu citrus. Simply toss and serve. For a light fish preparation, marinate and broil, or spoon a little on top of steamed or poached fish.

The title of the latest book in the Charlie Trotter collection alludes to *Workin' with the Miles Davis Quintet*, an influential

jazz record named after the band's marathon sessions from 1956.

Trotter, inspired by this and other records in the jazz canon, brought this art of improvisation into his kitchen. So nightly, with his team, he creates unique and creative dishes from fresh ingredients available daily. *Workin' More Kitchen Sessions with Charlie Trotter* is the companion to the show and continues Trotter's quest to bring culinary inspiration into the home kitchen.

Recipes featured here include: Serrano Ham and Phyllo-Wrapped Salsify with Pears and Caramelized Endive, Halibut with Red Wine-Corn Sauce and Yellow Corn Grits, Open-Face White Anchovy and Tomato Tart with Caper Vinaigrette, Apple and Cheddar Soufflé and other fine fruit and chocolate dishes to finish.

Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham is located at 34244 Woodward Ave. The phone number is (248) 723-9400.

## TASTE CALENDAR

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

## Cooking with Wine

Learn about the depth of flavor resulting from cooking with wine at the monthly cooking class at Busch's Markets. Learn the techniques of marinating, braising and deglazing. Recipes include whitefish with ginger beurre blanc, Greg's classic coq au vin, beef tenderloin with cherry wine sauce and poached pears. Class is free. Complimentary recipe and seating available for first 70 guests. Class is scheduled 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at 24445 Drake in Farmington Hills.

## 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 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. Visit the Web site or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.

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The following classes, instructed by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel are scheduled: European Bread Making, 5-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, March 14 and 16; Soup it Up, 5-9 p.m., Thursday, March 23; Sauté 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 and 27. Class fees range from \$109-\$139.

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# P-CEP wrestlers take high hopes to Palace

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Salem wrestling coach Greg Woochuk has some advice for the eight P-CEP athletes who will be competing in the Division 1 individual state meet beginning today at the Palace of Auburn Hills: Forget about the records — both their own and their opponents' — when they step on the mat.

"Everybody there is very good or they wouldn't be there," said Woochuk, who has witnessed several state meets over the years. "I've seen kids with close to 20 losses do very well at the state meet, and I've seen kids with one or two losses get beat early on. It all comes down to who wrestles the hardest during those two days."

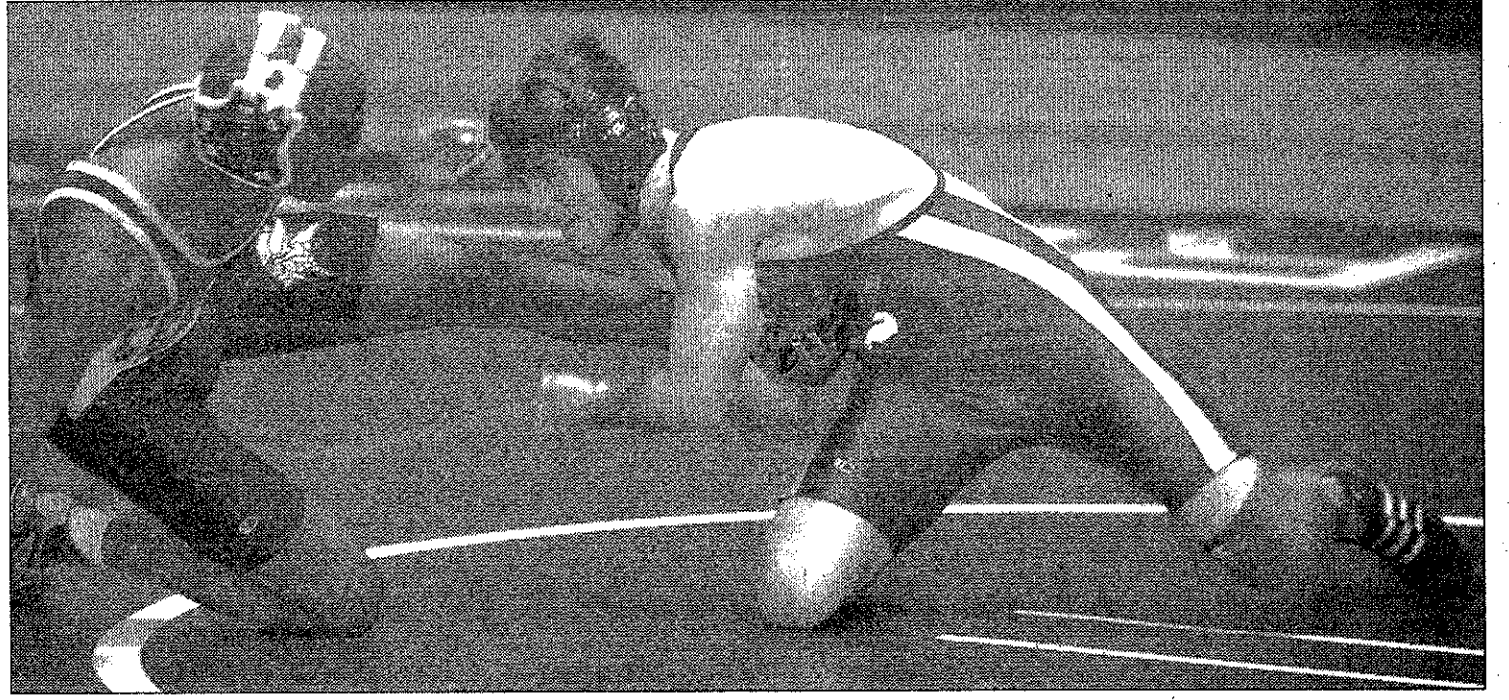
Three seniors will be representing Salem at the two-day tournament at the Palace: 125-pound Cory Mervyn (30-9), 140-pound Jake Bennett (43-8) and 189-pound Jeremy Henderson (35-2).

Mervyn, who will be making his first trip to the state finals, will square off against Bay City Western's Mike Kessler (51-3) in his opening match.

"Cory was only an overtime loss away from qualifying last year," Woochuk said. "He's a very talented wrestler and I look for him to place (in the top eight). It's a tough weight class, but Cory can do it."

Henderson will be making his second trip to the Palace following a standout junior season in 2004-05. He'll open against East Lansing's Anthony Banks (33-11).

"I think Jeremy has a good shot at making it to the finals," Woochuk said. "He beat the



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Salem's Jake Bennett (right) will be making his first appearance at the Division 1 state individual wrestling tournament this afternoon at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

No. 1 ranked kid in the state earlier this year and everybody said the kid he beat must have been sick. He wasn't sick; he just hadn't wrestled Jeremy yet."

Bennett, who has been solid all year for the Rocks, also has the potential to make it to the finals at 140, Woochuk predicted.

"All three of these kids are talented wrestlers and nothing they accomplish (this weekend) will surprise me," he said.

Canton will also send three wrestlers to the Palace, less than a week after they competed in the Division 1 quarterfinals team competition in Battle Creek: senior 145-pound Konrad Konsitzke (47-4), and

juniors Corey Phillips (53-3) and Donnie Laramie (46-8).

Phillips, who will be making his third trip to the prestigious end-of-the-year meet, will open against Utica's Anthony Saltarelli (32-12).

"Corey doesn't have an easy path, but there are no easy paths when you get to this point," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "I like the way he's been wrestling. He seems to be peaking at the right time."

The finals berth is extra-special for the 145-pound Konsitzke, who came within a point of qualifying as a junior. Providing the first obstacle for Konsitzke will be New Baltimore Anchor Bay's Kyle Moore (25-9).

"I'm really excited for Konrad, especially after he didn't make it last year," Randolph said. "He's had a great season and he deserves a great ending. He's done so much for this program. He's been our emotional leader. As long as he stays aggressive, he'll do great."

Laramie, who pinned his heavy weight opponent in a 10-second match in 10 seconds, will square off against Port Huron's Aaron Robinson (39-15) in Round 1.

"Donnie could have a great showing," Randolph predicted. "The key for him is that he needs to continue to wrestle his style. He's a big, physical and dominant type. Donnie has had a breakout year and I'm very proud of the way he's grown as a wrestler and as a man."

A pair of Plymouth grapplers — 130-pound Steve Korpus and 145-pound Ali Youssef — advanced to the state meet in their team's first year at the Division 1 level. Korpus will take his 36-13 record up against the top-rated wrestler in the weight class, Utica Ford's Vinnie Colonna, who is unbeaten in 54 matches.

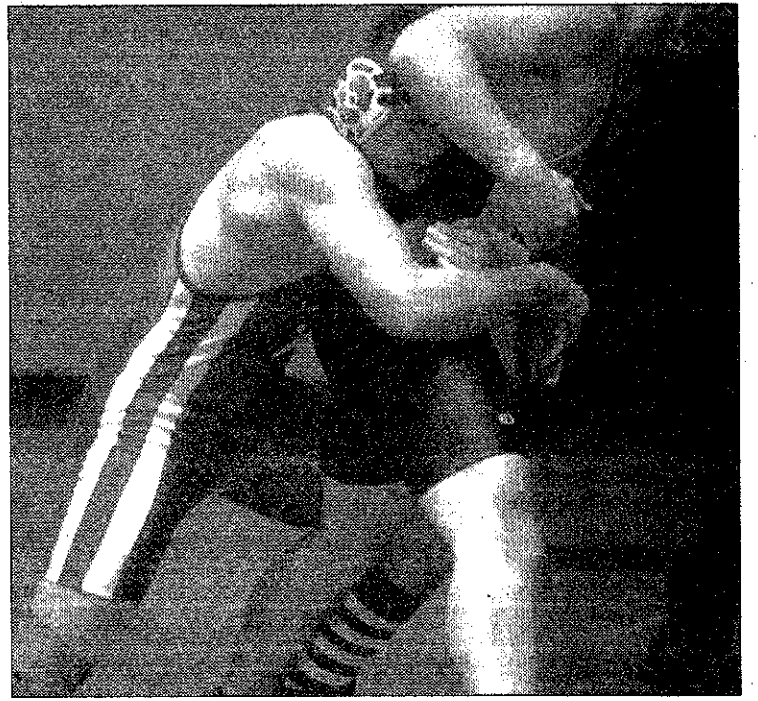
"Steve has had a great career for us," said Plymouth coach Sam Amine. "I knew he was going to be tough his freshman season when he won about 20 matches against JV competition and a couple against varsity competition."

"He had never wrestled before he got to Plymouth, but caught on quick and got better and better each year. Even though Steve's going up against an undefeated kid, anything can happen; that's how determined Steve is."

Youssef, who will open against Clinton Township's Anthony Biondo (51-1), also made his mark early on at Plymouth, qualifying for the regional meet as a 103-pound freshman.

"Ali is a tough kid who is never out of position," Amine said. "He doesn't do anything fancy, but he's very smart and he doesn't beat himself."

The "Grand March" will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. with opening matches set to



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Salem 189-pounder Jeremy Henderson (left) will be making his second appearance in the Division 1 individual state wrestling meet beginning this afternoon.



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Less than a week after competing in the Division 1 state team wrestling tournament, Canton's (left to right) Donnie Laramie, Corey Phillips and Konrad Konsitzke will close out the 2005-06 season at the D1 individual wrestling tournament beginning today at the Palace of Auburn Hills.



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Steve Korpus (left) and Ali Youssef will be representing Plymouth High School at this weekend's Division 1 individual state wrestling tournament at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

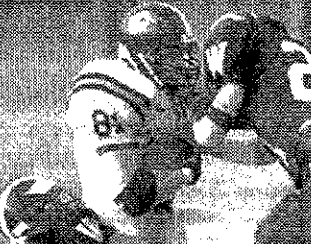
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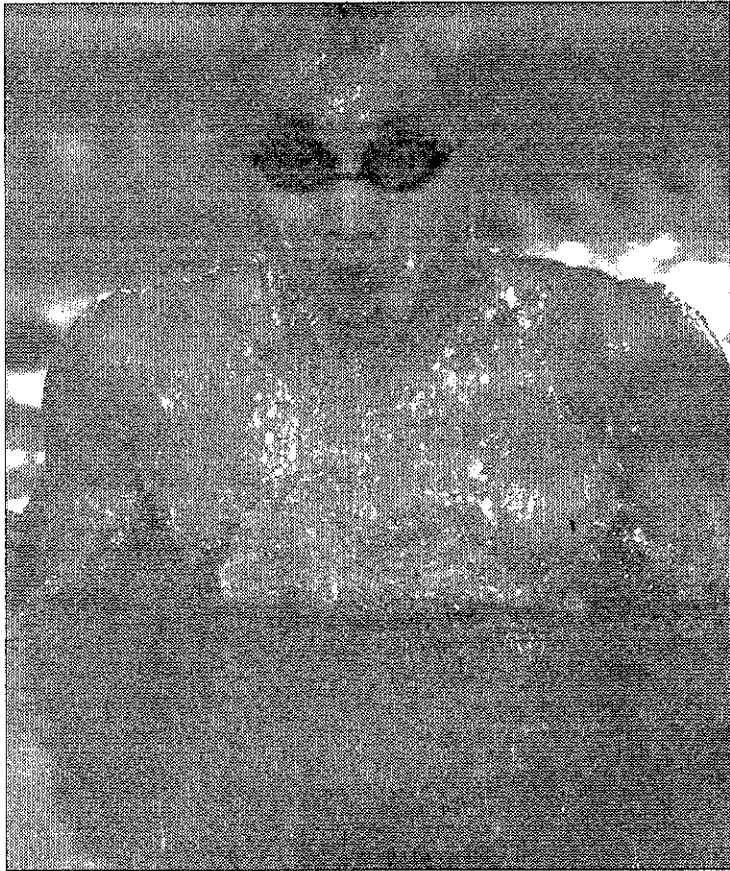
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Salem sophomore swimmer Stan Chen is pictured working out at practice Monday in preparation for this weekend's Division 1 state swimming meet at the University of Michigan. Chen qualified in the 100 breaststroke.



Eight Canton swimmers qualified for this week's Division 1 swimming meet at the University of Michigan. The six pictured above are (front row) Shogo Ono, (back row from left) Nick Landis, Nathan Phillips, Jonathon Templeton, Chris Marinica and Derek Schmitt.

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**KNISELY**

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high school swimmer can be a grueling process, but the required hard work never came between Knisely and his water-based goals.

"There's definitely a serious time commitment involved, especially because we're in a tough conference with teams like Livonia Stevenson and Northville," he said. "You pretty much have to swim year-round if you want to be good, and you have to stay focused. A lot of kids quit because it takes up so much time, but I never thought about giving it up."

Knisely's combination of athletic talent (he's also competed in soccer, football and track-and-field at Plymouth), academic accomplishments (he carries a 3.32 grade point average and plays the clarinet for the P-CEP's distinguished Wind Ensemble) and leadership qualities earned him an invitation to West Point, where he'll swim at the collegiate level for Army beginning in the fall.

"I have to check in June 26 at 7:30 a.m. for what they refer to as 'Beast Physical Training,'" said Knisely. "It's kind of like boot camp. Some people I've talked to who have gone through it say it's not that bad while others have said the first day of it will be the worst day of my life."

Knisely said he hopes to close out his stellar high school career on a positive note Friday at the University of Michigan.

"I've always felt I was better in the 100 breast, but lately my 100 fly time has been dropping," Knisely said.

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# 10 local swimmers earn state berths

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The competition will be stiff at this weekend's Division 1 boys state swimming finals at the University

of Michigan, but 10 local swimmers are out to prove they're up to the challenge.

Canton will have the biggest contingent of eight: Matt Carlson (200-yard individual medley, 100 breast-

stroke, medley relay and 400 freestyle relay), Nick Landis (500 freestyle), Derek Schmitt (200 freestyle, 500 freestyle, both relays), Shogo Uno (100 butterfly, both relays), Jon Templeton (200 freestyle and both relays), Chris Marinica (200 freestyle relay), Rob Blaesser (alternate) and Nathan Phillips (medley relay).

"We're going to have to swim extremely well to make it to Saturday and score points," said Canton coach Ed Weber. "Nick Landis is

ranked 20th in the 500 free, so he probably has our best chance of scoring. We'll see how it all goes."

Salem's lone competitor will be sophomore Stan Chen, who qualified in the 100 breaststroke at last month's MISCA meet.

"Stan just missed qualifying last year," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "It's been nice to see him make the progress he's made over the last year. He adds a lot to our workouts and — even though he's only a sophomore — he provides a

lot of leadership to our team.

"Stan seems to like the bigger meets. He seems to step up to the level of competition. It will be interesting to see how he does at the state level."

Plymouth's only qualifier was senior Andy Knisely, who made it in the 100 breaststroke and 100 butterfly. Knisely is a four-time qualifier who will be swimming at the college level for Army in the fall.

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- CLASS D**  
at WESTLAND HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN  
Thursday, March 9: Canton Agape Christian vs. Lutheran Westland, 6:30 p.m.; Detroit Urban Lutheran vs. Redford Covenant, 8 p.m.
- CLASS D**  
Friday, March 10: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semi-finals at Hillsdale Academy vs. Adrian-Lenawee Christian district champion.)
- GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL PAIRINGS (Saturday, March 11)**  
**CLASS D**  
Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Lenawee Christian at Lenawee
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Team competition at Troy Athens, 3:30 p.m.  
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# Baby boomers

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Baby boomers generally want to stay in their homes as they get older.

According to an American Association of Retired Persons survey, both newly built and existing homes can create mobility problems for boomers. In 1999, baby boomers, those born between 1946 and 1964, owned 43 percent of all homes in the U.S.

Making homes livable for aging boomers can include such things as having a master suite with full bath on the ground floor. "That's the thing right now, master suites. That's a very big selling point," said Lori Mounts, a designer with Long, a Northville business that does bathrooms and kitchen remodeling.

"This for example is a taller height toilet," Mounts said during this past weekend's Canton Home Improvement Expo at the Summit on the Park. Long carries some items as well for handicapped accessibility.

A lot of their business now is taking out tubs and putting in showers, which often have seats and grab bars for the entrance and back wall. There are taller vanities, Mounts said, some even as tall as a kitchen counter. Those eliminate the need to bend over as much.

Her business can even heat bathroom floors, a selling point for boomers who use the facilities during the night. Mounts, herself a boomer, has been in the business some 30 years and agrees accommodating boomers is a growth area.

"They want to stay in their houses and they want to make them accessible," she said.

Sometimes, door openings aren't wide enough for a wheelchair, she's found. Mark Schiller of Mark's Construction Service in New Boston, also at the Canton show, agreed homes can often be modified to allow dwellers to remain as they age.

He has people ask about accessibility, doorways and heights. "Accessibility I have heard about in the last couple years. Any home is adaptable to what you need."

Home maintenance is another area of concern for boomers as they approach retirement time. Paul Wilson, salesman for Kearns Brothers of Dearborn, was recommending windows which are easy to clean.

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Kearns does such things as interior and exterior work, roofing and more. Wilson also recommends vinyl siding, without painting

'They want to stay in their houses and they want to make them accessible.'

designer Lori Mounts  
Long, Northville business

and easy to clean with a pressure washer. Wilson was also among vendors at the March 4-5 show, presented by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The AARP survey found this segment of the population wants to spend as much time as possible in their own homes. This desire to stay in their homes, coupled with the survey indication that people do not move very often after age 45, poses a dilemma for builders - how to reach these buyers.

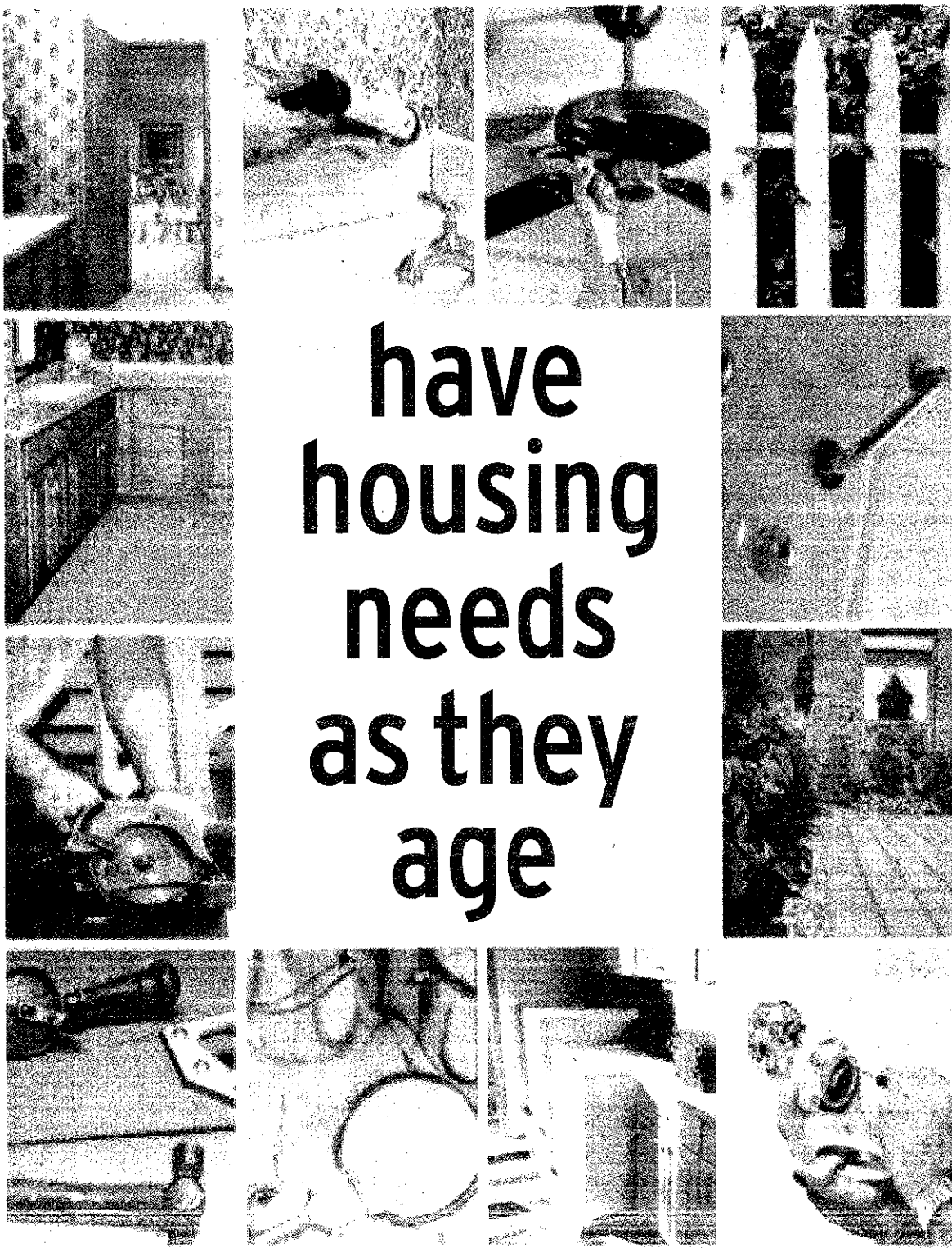
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■ Most Americans age 45 and over say they would like to remain in their current residence for as long as possible. In fact, 71 percent of respondents strongly agree, and an additional 12 percent somewhat agree.

■ Sixty-three percent of survey participants believe that their current residence is where they will always live.

■ Even if they require help to care for themselves, most respondents (82 percent) would prefer not to move from their current home.

have housing needs as they age



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At the Canton Home Improvement Expo, Lynn Lamb, of Statewide Decks and Enclosures, explains the benefits of a deck that does not need annual stripping and staining to Jeff Koscak of Canton.

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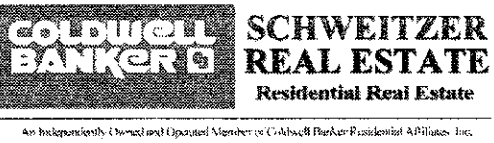
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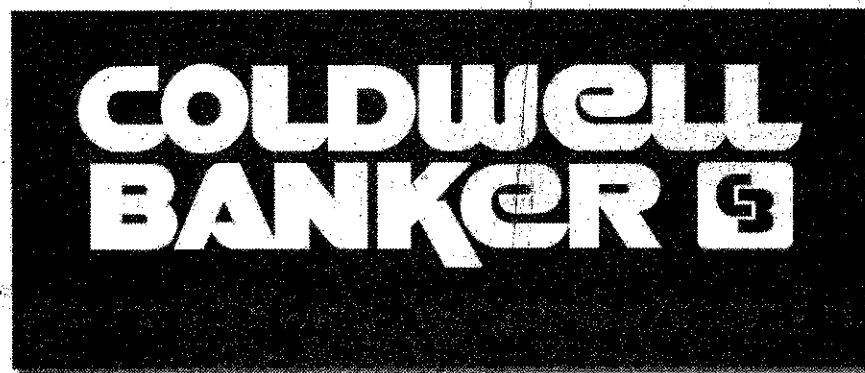
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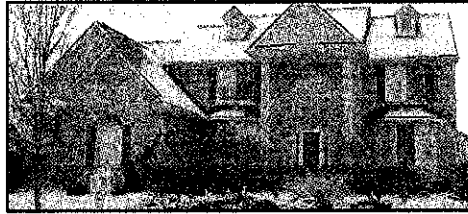
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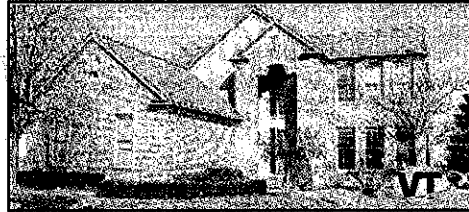
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**BEAUTIFULLY LOCATED!** 4 BR, 4.5 BA home. Backs to commons. Large kitchen w/cabinets galore. Master suite w/2 Walk-In closets and glamour BA. 2 way fireplace from FR to library. Finished lower level. 349-6200 (25179998) \$549,850



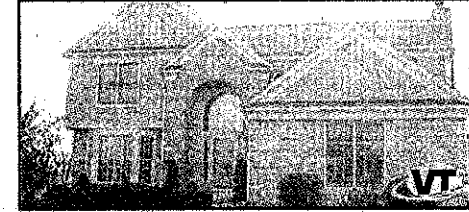
**PLYMOUTH** 734-591-9200  
**Loaded with updates!** 4 BR, 2.5 bath Colonial. Features incl: Eat in kitchen w/maple cabs & unique granite tops, FR w/FP & separate wet bar room. Mstr BR w/BA & WIC, fin bsmt, large deck with gazebo. (26023273) \$474,900



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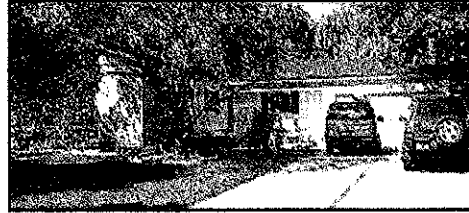
**PINCKNEY** 248-437-3800  
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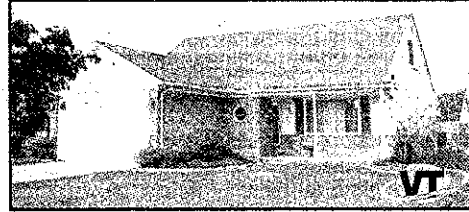
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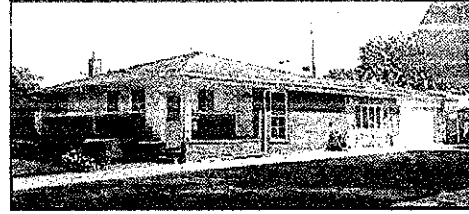
**WESTLAND** 734-591-9200  
**Gorgeous 4 BR country Colonial.** Many Updates. New carpet & windows t/o, hardwood floors, new countertops & cabinets, updated BA. New vinyl siding & large 22x14 deck. New A/C & 90% eff. furn. Seller is motivated! (26005074) \$207,900



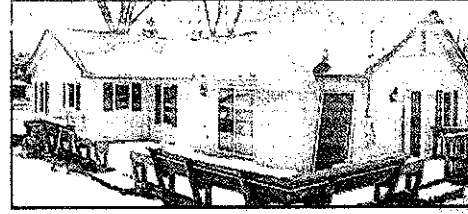
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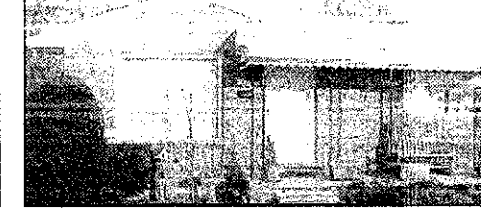
**WESTLAND** 734-591-9200  
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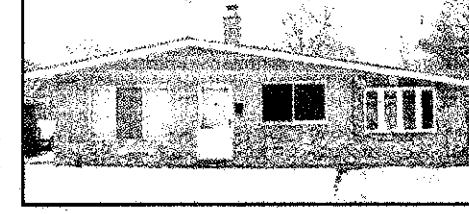
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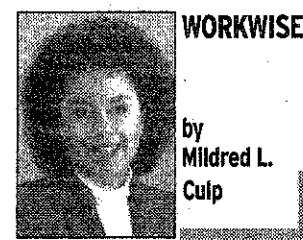


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# Late-Blooming Baby Boomers Step Out



## WORKWISE

by Mildred L. Culp

People in their 50s tend to want to capture the element of life that's missing. Some will want to start their own

businesses, work for a cause or simply earn more money. The overarching principles behind making a change or reinventing oneself are timeless and universal, with application to people of all ages. Will the new customers be ones you want to serve? How long will it take to recoup the cost of training or education?

Contrary to popular belief, there is an entire group of under earning Baby Boomers, ages 42 to 60. The Census Bureau reports that 10.635 million households, with occupants age 40 to 60, earn a combined household income of less than \$30,000. Clearly, for some Boomers, the missing element is money.

Terry Jackson directs the part-time M.B.A. program with 550 students at Philadelphia's La Salle University. He's been observing the reinvention trend among "first-generation Baby Boomers... (who) do not seem to see their 50s as a time to wind down. This group seems to have much more willingness to try new things and to see this as a time of renewal in their lives (unlike their parents' generation)." He says that they often need coaching on two fronts: technology and anxiety about re-entering the world of learning.

## FIRST-LINE CUSTOMERS

Take the case of the man considering an advanced degree to qualify him for teaching adults in the community college system. It's important to research this possible change first. Lawrence Stuenkel, senior partner at Lawrence & Allen Inc., an outplacement consulting firm in Greenville, S.C., says that the first step is to identify the intended field.

When you're certain of your direction, "interview with the dean of the college to ask what he looks for when hiring new instructors," Stuenkel suggests. "You may want to change majors." He also suggests asking when the recruitment season begins and to identify if there is something in a person's background that the institution particularly seeks.

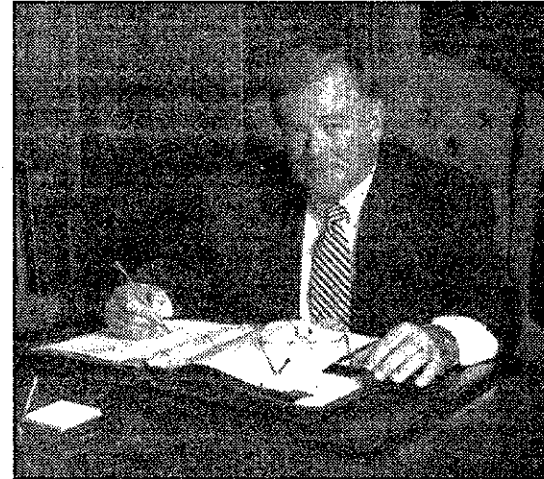
Next, it's time to soul-search. Most Baby Boomers don't like internal politics, according to Chuck Underwood, president of The Generational Imperative Inc., in Cincinnati. Academic institutions are rife with them. "This person might need to acknowledge the existence of them," Underwood states, "and try to survive within an environment he doesn't naturally embrace."

## STUDENT CUSTOMERS

Underwood helps underscore the need to consider the impact of the new customer, who may come from a different generation, with different values and expectations. "A generation is basically an age cohort with unique core values and attitudes that are different from the core values of the other generations," he explains. "In all likelihood,



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the American classroom has probably changed significantly since that person was a student. More importantly, the students have probably changed." Underwood contends that Generation X students, who are 25 to 41 years old, and Millennials, who are 24 and younger, will present their own challenges to a Baby Boomer.

Xers, he points out, are oriented toward survival, "looking for no-nonsense training that will enhance their skill set and strengthen their resume so that when they change employers, they can take an upward step." They are far less interested in theory than application and execution. Anticipating a lifetime of up to 10 employers, they want to increase their options so they can rebound. Underwood observes that Millennials will want their instruction to be

more technologically-driven than that of even Xers or Boomers: "This might change the nature of classroom interactivity from the spoken word to the printed onscreen word. Only the very youngest of Xers had the Internet in the classroom."

Stuenkel says that most job seekers underestimate the all-consuming nature of a job search. Once a full-time university instructor, he indicates that "people just have no idea how competitive the market is and the amount of effort it takes to market themselves. They need a clearer idea about what they are going to sell, to whom they are going to sell it."

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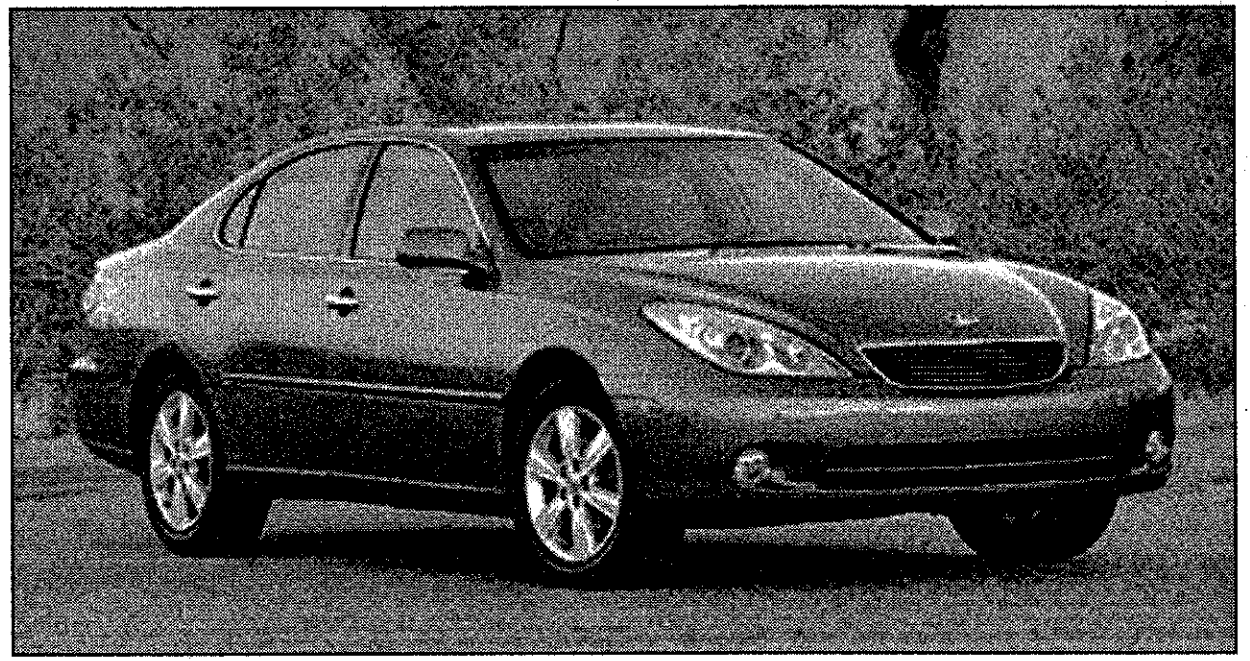
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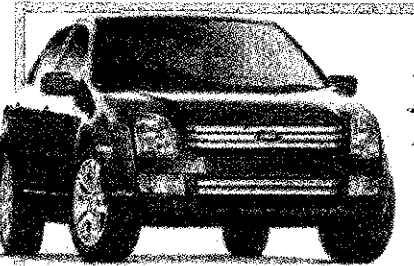


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**Was \$31,605 NOW \$23,916<sup>55\*</sup>**

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**Was \$20,395 NOW \$16,273<sup>60\*</sup>**

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	<b>\$232<sup>73**</sup></b>	<b>\$213<sup>90**</sup></b>	<b>\$169<sup>49**</sup></b>
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Stock #61775

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**Was \$17,885 NOW \$13,322<sup>38\*</sup>**

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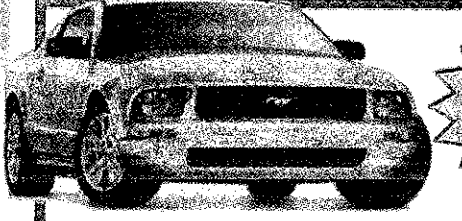
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**Was \$24,480 NOW \$18,623<sup>36\*</sup>**

<b>24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL</b>	<b>SIGN &amp; DRIVE</b>	<b>ZERO DOWN</b>	<b>\$1000 DOWN</b>
	<b>\$264<sup>59**</sup></b>	<b>\$244<sup>85**</sup></b>	<b>\$201<sup>57**</sup></b>
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Stock #61320

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**Was \$23,660 NOW \$19,146<sup>20\*</sup>**

<b>24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL</b>	<b>SIGN &amp; DRIVE</b>	<b>ZERO DOWN</b>	<b>\$500 DOWN</b>
	<b>\$276<sup>57**</sup></b>	<b>\$258<sup>78**</sup></b>	<b>\$237<sup>14**</sup></b>
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**Was \$25,980 NOW \$19,495<sup>00\*</sup>**

<b>24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL</b>	<b>SIGN &amp; DRIVE</b>	<b>ZERO DOWN</b>	<b>\$500 DOWN</b>
	<b>\$243<sup>82**</sup></b>	<b>\$225<sup>12**</sup></b>	<b>\$203<sup>64**</sup></b>
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Stock #60715

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**Was \$28,710 NOW \$21,926<sup>35\*</sup>**

<b>24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL</b>	<b>SIGN &amp; DRIVE</b>	<b>ZERO DOWN</b>	<b>\$500 DOWN</b>
	<b>\$245<sup>40**</sup></b>	<b>\$226<sup>79**</sup></b>	<b>\$205<sup>46**</sup></b>
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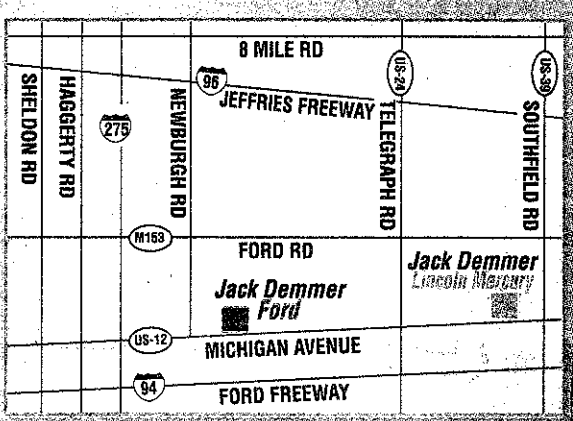
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