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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

"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

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

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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 Mount



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

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 oreliminary" 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

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

Making connections

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

BY NANCY DEUTSCH CORRESPONDENT

There may not have been goldmedalist 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

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 fifthgrade 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



she won during an Olympic-themed event with Hoben students at Waitonwood.

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

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

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

"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 poli-

"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

Chief Judge John MacDonald, who has been on the bench for 21 years, will be agelimited 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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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. Volunteer teams are needed for general home repair jobs, painting, and yard work. Individuals with special skills, such as plumbing, roofing, and drywall are especially needed.

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. The repairs ranged from simple, but critical, plumbing and painting, to putting on a new roof, siding, windows, and pouring a new concrete driveway. All repair costs were sponsored entirely through donations from community businesses, churches, schools, civic groups and individuals.

Christmas in Action's event day is always the last Saturday in April. To volunteer please contact Pat VanDusen at pvandusen@canton-mi.org or call CIA at (734) 844-8900. For more information on CIA visit christmasinactionwayne@com cast.net.

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. There are 25 different mini- cookbooks to choose from with titles including From the Grill, A Taste of Italy, Five Ingredients or Less, and Crockery Cooking, just to name a few. There are also gift jar cookbooks available.

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

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. Finally, because of this fund, United is able to provide home care services to patients who lack medical insurance.

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. The space is under development for a banking office to open in late spring. Customers will experience a new approach to banking in this uniquely designed office. Luxury seating has replaced the traditional drive-in and interior waiting

"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. We look forward to providing personalized banking, insurance and investments, as well as mortgage products and services to area residents and

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 Corny 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. "The City of Plymouth is proud to nominate the PCHA for the highly recognized MRPA Community Service Award." deputy recreation director Steve Anderson said. "The partnership between the PCHA and the City of Plymouth Recreation Department" has served to improve the quality of life and contribute to spirit and welfare of the community. The Plymouth Canton Hockey Association (PCHA) and the City of Plymouth have been partners in recreational youth athletics for over 30 years, since the Plymouth Cultural Centers Ice Arena was built by the City of Plymouth in 1972.

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.orchestracanton.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

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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.

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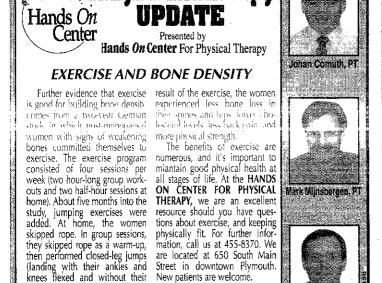
The Canton Business & Professional Women meets 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 13 at Waltonwood Carriage Park, 2000 N. Canton Center Road in Canton.

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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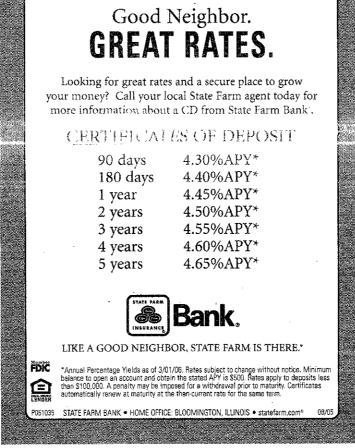
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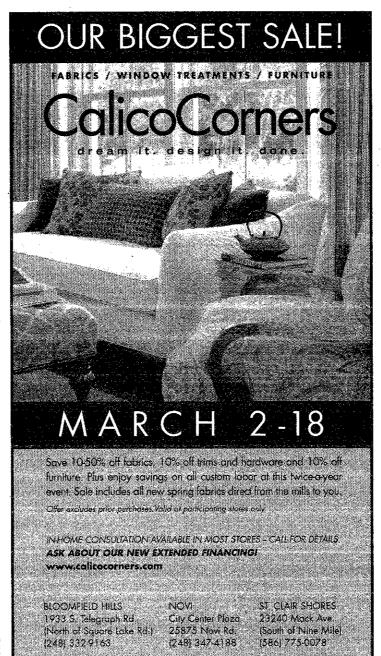


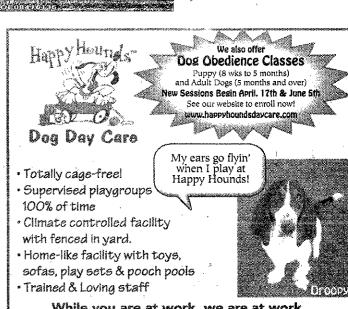










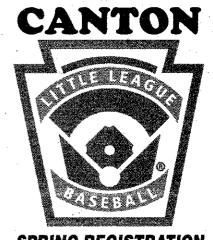


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'Perfect storm' threatens education

State chief pushes more stringent requirements

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

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Hill in Canton Tuesday. theghts wil)e out by \$10." Hnagan spoke about detls of the more rigorous higschool graduation redrements he proposed in Dember, which passed the sta House March 2, and

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sta Senate. (rrently, Michigan only regires that students pass a civs class as part of the 24 crats needed for graduatid If the new standards areassed 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

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-

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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 Strean, "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.

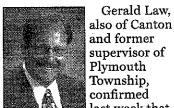
During those difficult days, the timing of McNamara's decision to file to run for office seemed uncannily bad to him, but he's refocused and is moving ahead with his plans.

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



last week that he intends to Kevin McNamara

tively.

run for the office. First among the challenges he would face in office is helping the municipalities and the county to work more coopera-

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

"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

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BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

It only took a couple of hours for Amanda Withrow's world to be turned upsidedown. 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.

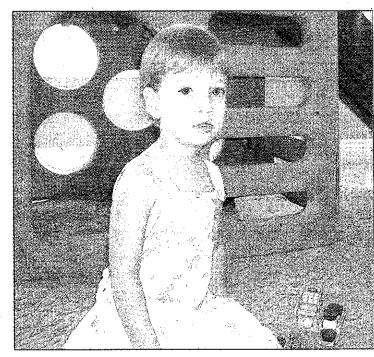
It started when Amanda's mother, Catherine Withrow, noticed two little bruises in the middle of Amanda's back. The next day there was a third. Then a fourth. Then a week later, the little girl suddenly had a dark purple, plum-sized bruise on her abdomen.

"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. Wave Plumbing in Cantons has hopethy flowbillty it takes 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, 7month-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

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 Conunctee mem-

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

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

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

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

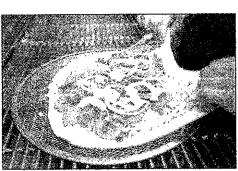
BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

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

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 begjob just months after they were married and ha began thinking about what he'd

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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

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 steff small - they hired inst 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

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The couple started ding at Palermo when it first oned, and have returned oncor twice a week every week sind

"We come back for theople and the pizza," BarbaraÎcKaig said. "They treat us likemily here because we've beecoming in for so long."

Palermo Pizzeria and Restaurant is located a 4938 Ford Road. For more inrmation, call (734) 455-521

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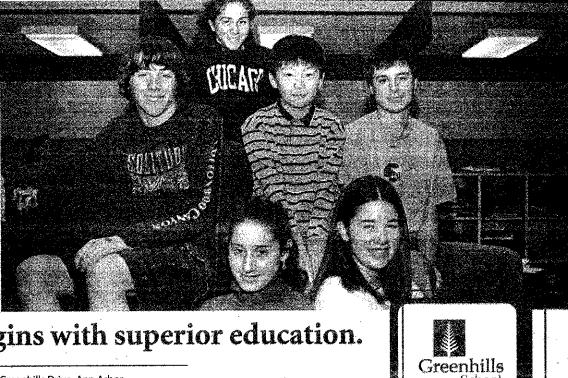
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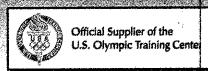
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MILITARY NEWS

Air Force grads

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

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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.

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

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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.

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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 faceto-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.

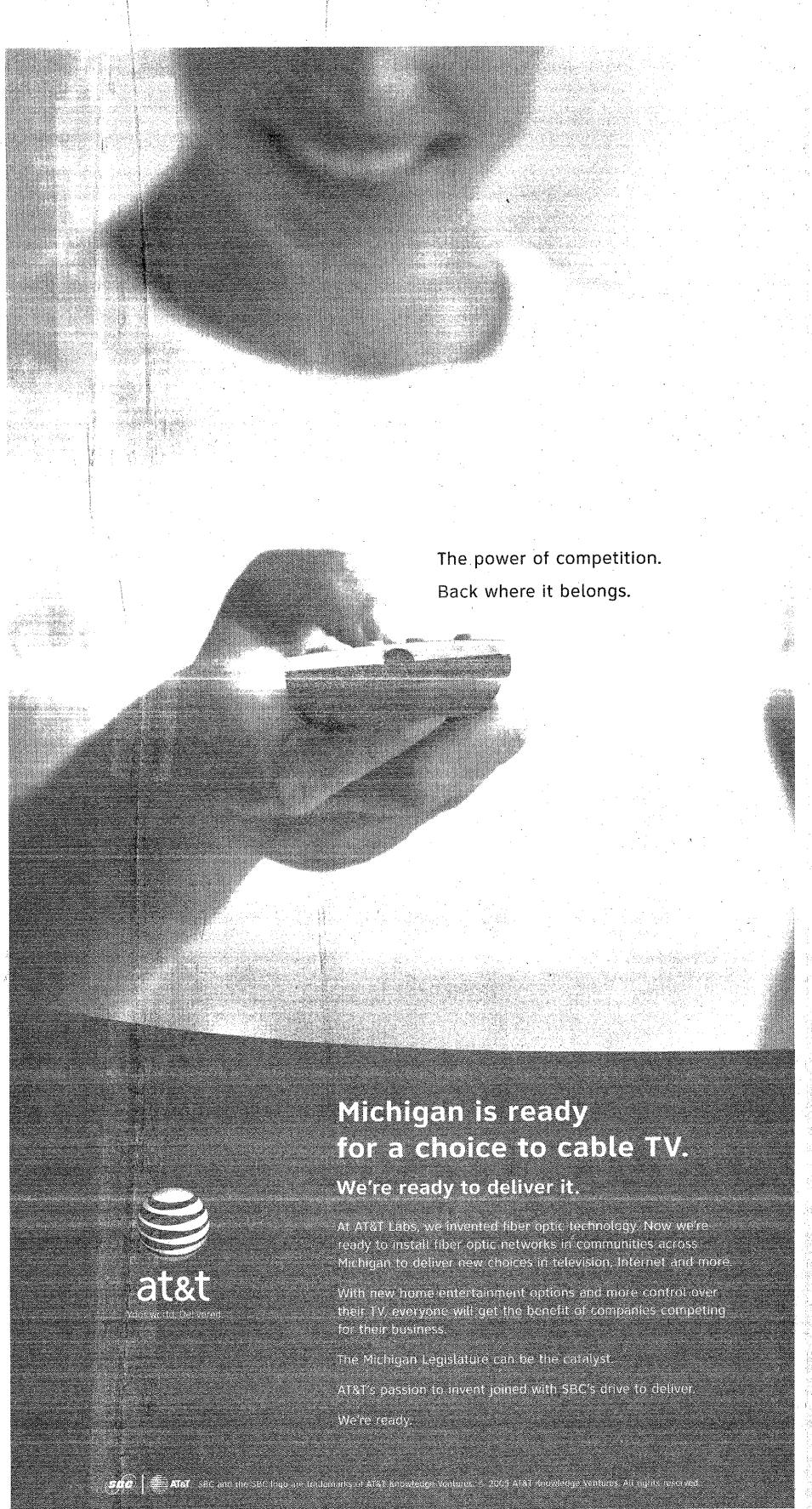
The forum is scheduled to last some 90 minutes, and will feature questions asked by members of the audience. The event will be videotaped and broadcast on both Comcast and WOW cable outlets several times prior to the May 2 election.

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-yearold 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 Sneideman, Cheryl McKoy and John Nichols of Canton.



Expo deemed a winner

STAFF WRITER

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

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

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 wellreceived 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 in 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,

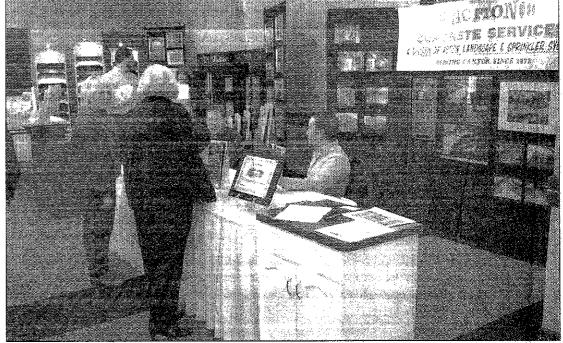
nursery/greenhouse manager for Plymouth Nursery, was glad to help the Perkinses.

"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

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



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.

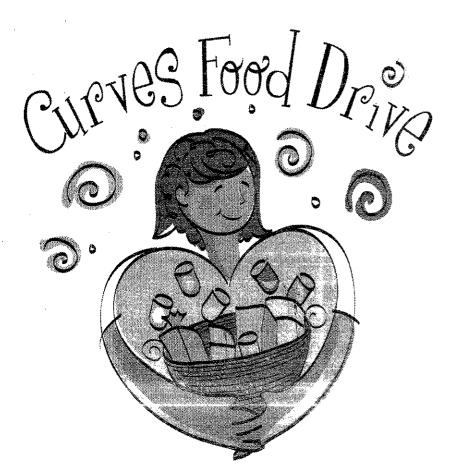
"Some people have a distinct idea in mind," Schiller said, while others are just looking. Wife Patti said there were questions about basements, her husband adding they ask

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

"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

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 86year-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

"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

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."



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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

Erickson said she hopes they'll continue the

'We've loved it. This is the first year. We hope to continue it." she said.





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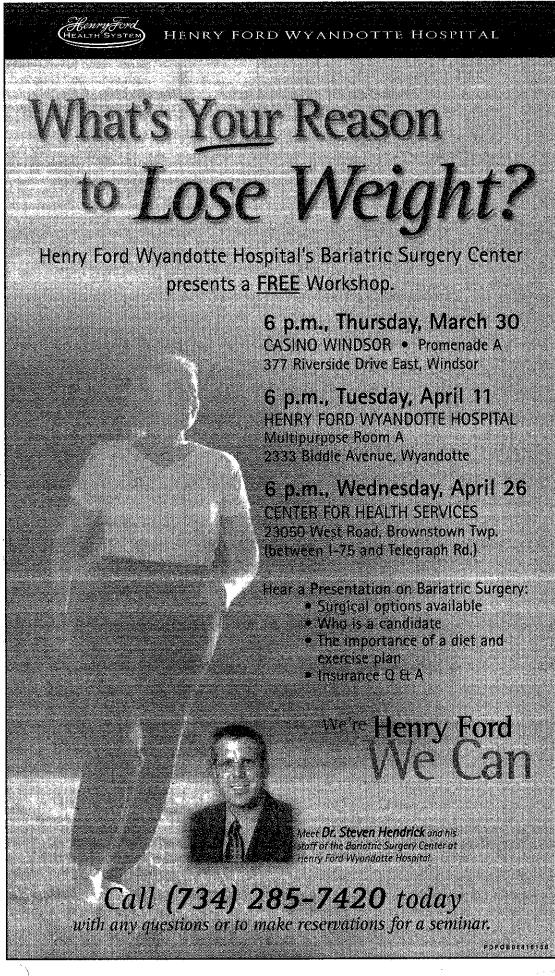
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OUR VIEWS

Model reading for learning, enjoyment

Why can't Johnny read? That question has been debat-

ed 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 what 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 goodpaying 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

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

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.

> **Jaidhar 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 to 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 proi

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

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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QUOTABLE

"Once we took the ice, we had to tell ourselves it was just another competition. Once we stepped off the ice, it was like nothing we'd ever done."

- Canton ice skater Tanith Belbin, who won a silver medal last month at the Olympics in ice dancing with partner Ben Agosto

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

h, 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.)

Power

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.

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

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

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 100mile 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. Chiado

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 finan-

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 Gawenda Canton

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This week the Observer & Eccentric will deliver newspapers to schools that requested to participate in the NIE program. Schools will distribute newspapers to local classrooms and students read our newspaper to continue developing their reading skills and to learn about their community in which they live. Sponsorship of this program is needed not just this week, but every publication.

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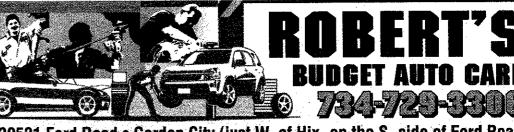
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Madonna nursing students win 7 state awards

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

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

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-andspend liberal like Woodward would file a specious complaint. He is a paid mouthpiece 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

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, twonight 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.

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

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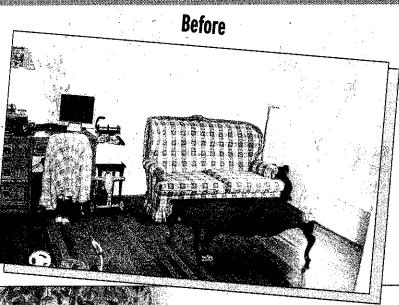
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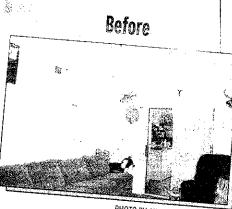
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The front room of Jay and Julie Sheppard of Livonia has a much more cozy look and feel after the suggestions from designer Richard Yanity were implemented. The above photo shows how the room looked before Yanity's "redesign."



Before 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.

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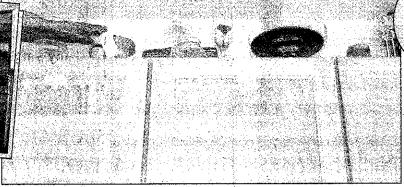
Yanity's bus

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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.



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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

Room 'fluffer' arranges different kind of home improvement

BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

lark 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."

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fluffer" who can give a
home a fresh look by
working with what is
already available.

suggestions "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 or 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.

As a subscriber, you can stream music to
your PC (which is not unlike listening to the

radio) or download songs to your hard drive.

Depending on your plan, you may also have the option of copying downloads to your

portable player, which is the feature that excites me most of all.

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Put simply, for about the price of a CD per

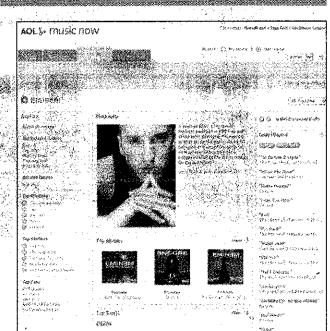
month, you can pack your MP3 player with all the music it can hold. (Sorry, iPod users - you're still stuck with

(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

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

PLEASE SEE **Broida**, **B2**



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.

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.
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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,

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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

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In Clinton Township, 44850 Garfield at Hall (phone (586) 286-6100); 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," say Morris and James Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features. "If you get caught off-guard and



here's 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.

"Then peel back the carpet, discard the pad, roll it up (to avoid tearing) and take it outside. Lay it out flat and dry the bottom side first. Then use a fan to dry the

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

floor area.

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To some, that's a weird prospect. But if you can live with one more monthly fee in your life, you're sure to love these services.

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I would say it's unsurpassed in that regard. If you own a compatible portable player (one that meets the PlaysForSure specsee playsforsure.com for details), you can tap into even more cool features.

For instance, with one click you can download an artist's entire library to your player, or even a whole genre of similar artists (though make sure you have plenty of space on your player, as this usually

turns out to be a lot of songs)

What I don't like about Red Pass is the Virgin Digital software: It's buggy and not always intuitive.

Thankfully, there's a prominent Ask the Expert button you can use to send questions to tech support. In my experience, they usually respond within an hour or two.

MUSIC NOW

Software isn't a problem with AOL's 5 new Music Now service - there isn't any. You access it via your Web browser, which is a huge advantage for anyone who travels a lot or uses multiple PCs.

Basically, anywhere there's an Internet connection, you can listen to songs, playlists and Web radio stations.

Without having to install a single program, I've listened to Music Now at work, the airport, a Web cafe, and my folks' place in Florida.

The service does allow you to download tracks instead of just streaming them; you just have to install a small utility. You can then organize and play the songs in Windows Media Player 10.

The latter is also used to copy tracks to a PlaysForSure-compatible portable player. However, that privilege costs extra: \$14.95 per month instead of \$9.95 for the basic

Although that's almost double what Virgin Digital charges, it's closer to the

going rate among competing services. Napster and Rhapsody, for instance, have the same pricing structure.

One complaint I have with both Music Now and Red Pass is the lack of podcast support, which I now consider essential. iTunes and Yahoo Music Engine offer that enviable capability.

SUMMARY

To summarize, Red Pass has awesome pricing, excellent selection and some slick discover-new-music features, but the software needs work.

Music Now costs more but lets you tap its music library - and your personal playlists - from just about anywhere, which is really cool.

I think you'll have a blast with both services, but you should definitely try before you buy - sorry, rent.
Virgin Digital lets you try Red Pass free

for 14 days. AOL gives you a full month to put Music Now through its paces.

One final note for iPod users: My Spidey sense is telling me that Apple will finally add a music-subscription option to iTunes in the next month or two. Stay tuned! Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numer ous books, including How to Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld, 5th Edition, and 101 Killer Apps for Pocket PC. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

Let's talk about dryers, cleaning refrigerators

he other night after playing a hockey game in the over-90 league, I proceeded to meet the players in an Irish pub owned by a Polish chap who serves up a mean hamburger and ginger ale.

There sat several great hockey players of years past at the table, and each had a request or suggestion for the newspaper column. I said I would comply only if I could give

them credit for the subject matter.

Ralph Gagnon (not related), also an appliance repair technician, suggested that I inform consumers to start buying electric dryers instead of gas.

Doctor

Appliance

Gagnon

His contention was that a gas dryer costs more to buy than an electric one and that the utility

rates are pretty well equal these He also said that most dryer fires occur in gas dryers than electric models. He said that gas dryers can introduce carbon monoxide into a home if

properly. His closing comments on this subject went something like this: "Why don't you tell your readers the way it is instead of trying to be the nice guy all the time?"

the gas burner isn't working

(Note: Some guys don't relax for several hours after playing a hockey game.)

I switched from right wing at the table to left wing Charles Hanshaw, who was just chomping at the bit to get his 2

Chuck wanted me to tell you folks that you should clean out your refrigerator very thoroughly once in a while.

He cleaned his but a terrible smell remained inside. It got so bad that he had to call Ralph to come over and check it out.

Ralph pulled out a head of lettuce that was inside one of those zip-lock bags and had been tucked into the crisper drawer probably since last Thanksgiving Day. Once the lettuce was removed, the odor was gone.

Chuck washed the inside with pure tomato juice and argued that the odor shouldn't be able to travel through a plastic bag.

Well, Chuck is wrong, and he will have to learn to bend down to check out the crisper drawer contents or buy one of those

bottom-mount refrigerators. (It's no wonder he is always kicking the puck instead of using his hockey stick. He can't bend over any more.)

Then there is the gentle, unassuming Mike Miller who is so good at cross checking anyone in front of the net. He thought I should write another column about the uses of vine-

Right away, Charles wanted to know if vinegar can remove the coffee stains on the plastic handle of his coffee maker.

Mike said he always uses vinegar for cleaning just about anything around the house.

Ralph said he drinks it to help him when he has an upset stomach. A couple of teaspoons of apple cider vinegar in a cold glass of water has helped him for years.

Of the three friends sitting with me, Mike was the most considerate in asking me what I wanted to write about in this column.

I said, "hockey." It's the only thing that's keeping me alive these days. I tried quitting for a year and darn near died.

I also said, "the front-load washing machines." The last few months I have made it known that I don't like them. I think it's a big con job all the way down the line.

Consumers are calling and writing me in increasing numbers before they go shopping for a new washer and when they do, they tell the salesperson my feelings. Now, even the salespeople are calling me.

I close this subject for now with these words: If your needs have to do with making your laundry room a thing of beauty, OK, your choice. If you want to watch how much you spend and buy a washer that washes clothes, OK, my choice. Stay trined.

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

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Basement ceiling project involves more than budget

loria of Livonia writes: "I am planning to refinish my basement this year and am wondering about the most costeffective way to finish the ceiling. I want it to look nice, but don't want to spend a fortune. Any suggestions?*

There are many ways to finish a basement ceiling. It can be as simple as painting the exposed joists and duct work, drywalling the ceiling, or using acoustic ceiling tiles.

Before I go over each one of these, you need to decide the

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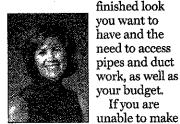
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Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

discuss this.

It is a good idea to have an interior designer draw up the plans for the basement, then work with the contractor to make sure the basement is finished as it was designed.

PAINTING

Obviously, painting the ceiling is the least expensive. In many finished lower levels, this is adequate and serviceable, and it also works great for basements with lower ceiling heights because no additional material is being added to an already low ceiling.

This painted look has a casual urban style and isn't recommended for high-end basemicrits.

If you choose to go with painting the ceiling and all the exposed joists, plumbing and duct work, I recommend having messy and should be done before any other final finishes, such as wall paint or carpeting, have been installed.

DRYWALL

Many homeowners choose to use drywall to give the newly finished lower level a look that is just as nice as the rest of the home.

This ceiling treatment will provide some noise insulation and looks great with recessed lighting. The look is clean and uncomplicated.

Even for the do-it-yourselfer, drywall can be a daunting, messy and time-consuming task, and it is more expensive than just painting the ceiling.

Another down side to drywall on the basement ceiling is that it limits access to any duct work, wiring or plumbing. This could be a huge problem down the road. A small plumbing leak can lead to very costly repairs before

you are even aware there is a leak at all.

TILES

Another common ceiling treatment for the basement is suspended acoustic ceiling tiles. A large grid is installed along the entire ceiling area, and tiles are placed within the grid.

Tiles come in many sizes and styles. They provide good sound absorption and flexibility in design.

Ceiling tiles also provide access to any pipes, wiring or ducts. If a plumbing leak does occur, only one or two tiles need replacing and this is a very simple task.

The look and the price of acoustic tiles are quite varied. The standard styles don't usually have the upscale look of finished drywall; however, acoustic tiles have come a long way.

I encourage you to go on the Armstrong Web site to check out the new products in this cat-

LIGHTING

When making your ceiling decision, keep in mind the type of lighting you would like in your basement.

If you decide on just painting the ceiling, then track lights, lights on a monorail system or other contemporary lighting will look good.

Hidden lights recessed around the joists can also provide adequate lighting with a very hip style.

If you choose a finished drywall for the ceiling, you can install just about any kind of light as you would elsewhere in your home, providing you have the ceiling height available.

When using ceiling tiles, you can still install recessed lights, as well as fluorescent light fix-

Fluorescent lights give off a great deal of light, but are usually not terribly attractive.

These can be used in conjuncon with recessed or decorative. lighting elsewhere in the basement.

Don't fall into the trap of finishing your lower level with only the budget consideration in mind.

You can do a beautiful space using design principles and applying the same amount of effort as you would in remodeling your living room.

There is a tremendous amount of potential for the unfinished square footage in the basement.

Take your time, put together a complete outline of your plan, and make good decisions for how you intend to use your newly finished lower level. The rewards will be worth the effort. Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at: www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

at her mother's suggestion. The Sheppards - Julie, her husband Jay, and their four children (ranging in age from 1-1/2 to 13 years) - were going to sell their Livonia home and wanted it to have a fresh, new appearance.

In the front room, a love seat, a floor lamp, and a desk with an office chair were lined against one wall. A coffee table was by the love seat.

Against the opposite wall, a chest of drawers stood snugly between two shelving units. Another unit was against a third wall. Next to the front door was a cube-shaped storage ottoman.

"I wanted it to be more like a sitting room," Julie said.

In the kitchen, pots and pans were stored in view on top of the cabinets along one

The adjacent dining room held a table surrounded by wooden chairs. (The Sheppards would switch the front room and the dining room around for holidays.)

A large sofa, a recliner and an entertainment center were in the family room, which is next to the dining room.

The walls were bare, except for Jay's fishing plaques and hunting trophies on one wall and for a clock placed on the opposite wall on a spot almost up to the ceiling.

Yanity began rearranging items and suggesting ideas immediately upon first entering the house, according to Sheppard.

His enthusiasm for his work was evident as he explained the redesign to visitors last

"In my head I have all these ideas," said Yanity, co-manager of the new House of Lights/Design Emporium scheduled to open in Livonia this month.

CHANGING

In the front room, Yanity put the love seat on an angle and stood a tall plant behind it in the corner.

Out went the coffee table (too big for the space, he said), storage ottoman, office chair and one shelving unit.

In came a trunk from a child's room to replace the table, and pieces from other rooms: a round area rug, a set of nesting tables, and a chair with a needlepoint design on the back and seat. A pillow of a color matching the green in the rug was put on the love seat.

The desk wasn't moved. One of the wooden chairs from the dining room replaced the office chair.

The chest of drawers was moved to the wall opposite the front door, where the shelving unit had stood. A Parsons chair was brought in and placed next to it, creating an appealing vignette.

"I never would have thought you could get two more chairs in here," Julie said.

another charming vignette. So does the trunk, topped with a runner and basket of flowers.

An antique family photograph on one wall, and two large wicker baskets on the floor, are other attractive additions to the room.

In the kitchen, Yanity switched the pots and pans to the top of the cabinets on the opposite wall, where they couldn't be seen from another

In their place, he arranged such attractive elements as a speckled pitcher, and a cake plate (with a bowl turned upside down on it to look like a cake).

Mugs that match the pitcher could have been displayed as well.

A colorful platter was brought down to the counter and placed against the wall.

The shelving unit from the front room was moved to the dining room, to show assorted collections and mementos as well as fill space on the wall.

"It draws the eye into the room," Yanity said.

The clock was moved from the family room to a lower position on a dining room wall.

Adding more color to the family room, a quilt was placed on the sofa and large pictures hung above it. Smaller pictures were hung at

lower levels on other walls. "I like things at different eye

(levels)," Yanity said. One of the children's chairs and a doll were put in a corner by the floor lamp from the front room. The ottoman from the front room was also brought here.

"I'm very pleased. I love it," Sheppard said of the redesign.

The Sheppards spent about \$20 for picture frames because of the redesign, Julie

"Other than that we didn't spend a cent."

"I got five storage boxes and only needed one box."

CONSULTATION

Yanity said he usually comes for a consultation and then returns to carry out the redesign.

The consultation includes learning what the residents want done, and what is put away in closets or elsewhere in storage that could be dis-

Residents shouldn't clean things up before he arrives for the consultation, Yanity said; it gives him a better idea of their lifestyle.

Yanity charges \$50 for the consultation, and around \$40 an hour after that.

The latter price depends on a variety of things, such as the size of the home and how much preparation (unpacking things, for example) is required.

"It takes usually about four

MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT YOU HAVE

Richard Yanity offers the following 10 ideas for redesigning your home using what you already own.

Eliminate paper clutter. It's easy to say "That's something I need to work on," but for someone coming into your home as a guest or buyer, paper clutter is an eyesore.

Tip: Put it somewhere. Find a place in a drawer or cabinet where you can access the paperwork easily. Use file folders with labels to find the material easily.

Look at your home realistically. Are you captivated when you walk in the front door? Are there focal points that are hidden from view? Is your front room inviting? Seek options, such as angling furniture instead of pushing a

couch against a wall. Invent new ways to create triangulation for conversational units within the room. Go into your attic and storage areas. Bring out crystal and pictures of family members. Don't be afraid of taking art

from other rooms. Introduce your grandma's Victorian chair in a room. If it doesn't work, put it somewhere else and even create a set-

ting for it with other pieces from the same era. ■ Work to accessorize. Do things in odd numbers, not just in

Remember height and balance. There should be something

tall and something short so it is visually pleasing. ■ Hang pictures. There is no rule of thumb, but generally speaking, hanging a painting low is better than, say, hanging it a foot from the ceiling. Create clusters for smaller art

Think of the genre and era of the pieces. You can also mix for an eclectic look.

■ Try an area rug in front of your sofa to balance the room

and bring color into the room. **Example 2** Create settings. Books can work well as accessories with

picture frames to create library settings. ■ Use plants and floral arrangements. Plants, either live or

silk, can provide life to the room. Change floral arrangements for each season of the year. Pastels work well for spring, and vibrant orange and red col-

ors create a feeling of autumn after Labor Day. **W** Use fabrics for window decor. Pick colors that match your furniture, or fabrics that bring color to the room. Drape fabrics over valances. If you're buying special-order upholstery, ask to buy additional fabric from the manufacturer. You can even use the arm caps from chairs as a cen-

hours," Yanity said. "I'm pretty

terpiece in the drapery design.

The Sheppard house was completed in three to four hours, he said.

"It all pulled together quick-

Yanity started redesigning early. When he was 8 or 9 he would rearrange the basements of his friends' houses when he went over to play, he said.

His background includes managing Newton Furniture stores in Bloomfield Hills and Livonia, designing the Master Lighting store in Canton. designing Christmas displays

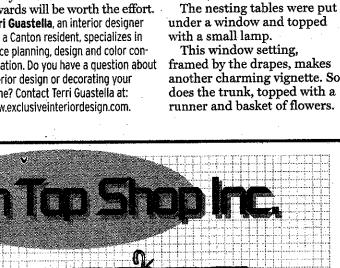
at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia, and working as a Christmas designer at Marshall Field's (formerly Dayton-Hudson).

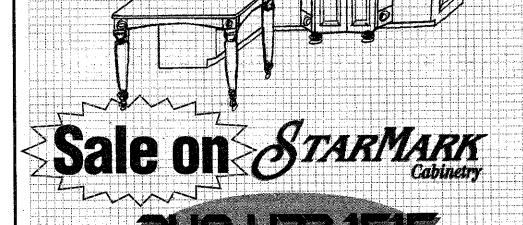
He was owner and home designer of the Imagination Shop at Wonderland in Livonia in the 1970s.

Yanity practices what he preaches. He turned a closet at his home into a wall unit.

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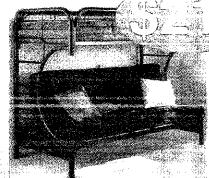
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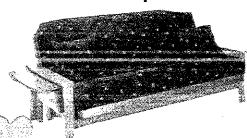
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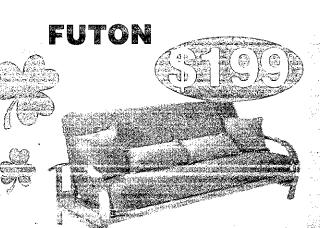
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Focus on

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

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Excellent:

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2004 McManis \$10

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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.

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

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 Haight Schoolcraft College instructors, and that's just a small part of the menu for the VisTa Gala on March 25 at the col-

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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

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 Jaquar 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

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

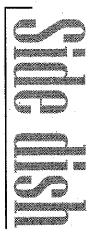
menus. Some of the sauces to be fea-

tured 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

PLEASE SEE TROTTER, B8



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 aiole.

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 saiad 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 supremo, 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 Tops 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.

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VISTA GALA MENU - 2006

Roasted Vegetable Salad "Piperade" with White Asparagus, **Tomatoes and Lemon** Spinach Cream - Ricotta Cheese Toast **Chef Shawn Loving**

Asia Bar Assorted Japanese Sushi Korean, Thai, and Vietnamese Appetizers **Chef Jeffrey Gabriel**

Filet of Salmon "Prudhoe Bay" Caviar Sauce Chef Daniel Hugelier

White Endive and Pan Roasted Chicken Livers Applewood Smoked Bacon and Shallots Red Wine Vinaigrette Chef Daniel Hugelier

Lobster Bratwurst on Brioche Bun with Creamed Leeks, Tomato and Micro Herbs **Chef Brian Polcyn**

Cherry Wood Smoked Loin of Berkshire Hog with Tellicherry Black Pepper Spaetzle and Roasted Organic Baby Vegetables **Chef Brian Polcyn**

Quenelle of Rock Shrimp and Wild Mushrooms with Fresh Grated Ginger, Grated Daikon, Chives, and Soy-dashi Broth Chef Kevin Gawronski

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Peking Duck Breast Pomegranate Molasses Reduction with Sansho Peppers Filled in a Chinese Crepe with Hoisin Sauce Chef Kevin Gawronski

Roasted Lamb Loin in a Wild Mushroom Crust French Green Beans and Roasted Teardrop Tomatoes

> Rosemary Chef Marcus Haight

Lamb Juice with Fresh

Soft Shell Crab with Gruyere Cheese Capers and Browned Lemon Butter Red Wine Sauce

Lobster Martini with Lemon Granite **Chef Kelli Lewton**

Chef Marcus Haight

Black Angus Prime Beef Tenderloin Sliced and served atop Seasoned Corn Salad Garnished with Lawry's Seasoned Golden Shallot Rings

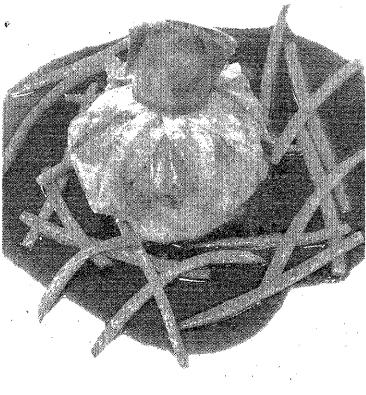
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Stuffed Filet Mignon en Croute with Roquefort Cheese, Onion and Bacon Shallot Sauce is one of the dishes prepared by the Brigade students at Schoolcraft College.

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

Marinate the filets for 12-24 hours.

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 fillet.

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 at 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 cool ing 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 425º F until the meat reaches an internal temperature of 120º F. Remove the string and replace the string with a blanched chive. Serve immedi-

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 instruc-

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-128) 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 Taillevant 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

Plymouth Road in Livonia, hosts an

Italian Wine Dinner Giulio's Cucina Italiana, 31735 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 Gave 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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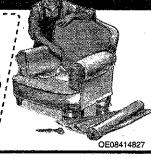
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Chef creates Southwestern cuisine at home show

Chef Angus Campbell from the Hospitality Education Department of Grand Rapids Community College will teach and demonstrate Southwestern cuisine at the Michigan Home & Garden Show at Ford Field March 10 - 12.

Campbell will prepare grilled chicken burrito with cumin mayonnaise, a shrimp basket with chile pasilla sauce, beef empanada with lime cilantro avocado sauce and adobe chicken beggar's purse with ancho chili dipping sauce. He can be seen at the show on Friday and Saturday at 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. with an additional morning show Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and on Sunday at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Show hours are from noon - 9:00 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. -9:00 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday.

Here are Campbell's recipes he will be preparing:

Adobe Chicken Beggar's Purse WITH ANCHO CHILI DIPPING SAUCE

Adobe Chicken Beggar's Purse

- 4 sheets phyllo pastry
- 1/4 cup onion, minced
- 1/4 cup celery, minced 1/2 cup mixed peppers, fine diced
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup cooked chicken, small dice 1/2 cup cooked chorizo sausage,
- small dice 1/2 cup monterey jack cheese,
- shredded 1 green onion, blanched
- 1/2 teaspoon cilantro, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- Salt, to taste
- White pepper, to taste Vegetable spray, as needed
- Cover the pastry sheets with a

damp towel.

Sauté the onion, celery, peppers and garlic in the olive oil until soft. Allow this mixture to cool well. Add all of the remaining ingredients, and season well.

Cut a 4-inch square from the pastry and spray with the vegetable spray.

Place some of the filling in the middle of the pastry.

Fold all sides of the pastry up towards the center and tie with strips of the green onion into a

shape resembling a beggar's purse.

Coat the outside with vegetable spray, and hold chilled until ready

Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes, or deep fry until golden brown.

Ancho Chile Dipping Sauce:

- 1 cup mayonnaise 1/4 cup ancho chile paste
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 lemon, juice of
- 1/2 lime, juice of Salt. to taste
- White pepper, to taste

In a small bowl, mix all ingredients until smooth. Season well with salt and pepper. Make sure the cream is smooth enough to pass through a squeeze bottle.

To assemble the dish, dress the plate with the sauce and a few greens of your choice. Cook the purses and place them in the middle, standing up. This dish can also be served as a passed appetizer with the sauce in the center of the presentation plate, available for dipping.

BEEF EMPANADA WITH LIME CILANTRO AVOCADO

SAUCE

- Shredded Grilled Beef:
- 1 skirt steak or flank steak 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced 1 teaspoon cumin
- 2 tablespoons ofive oil
- Salt, to taste salt
- Black pepper, to taste

Marinate the beef in the oil, cumin, lemon juice, garlic and seasoning for one hour at room temperature.

Cook on an open grill until medium rare. Cool completely, and finely shred the meat against the grain.

Beef and Vegetable Filling:

- 1 cup grilled beef, shredded (see recipe above)
- 1/2 cup black beans, cooked, drained
- 1/2 cup corn, roasted 1/2 teaspoon jalapeno, roasted
- and finely diced
- 1/4 cup chicken broth 1/4 cup refried beans

1/4 cup red onions, caramelized, diced fine

Salt, to taste Black pepper, to taste

In a medium bowl, combine all of the ingredients, mixing well.

Season with salt and pepper.

Empanada Dough: 13/4 pounds flour

- 1/4 cup shortening
- 11/2 -2 cups chicken broth

Melt the shortening, and add to the dough with half the stock.

Mix well, adding the remaining stock as needed to a smooth dough. Rest the dough, covered for 1 hour.

Empanada Assembly:

Roll the dough out on the pasta machine 1/8-inch thick. (The dough can also be done by hand using a rolling pin)

Using circle cutters, cut two 1/2-inch rounds and cover to avoid drying. Place a small amount of the filling in the center, and fold over in half. Seal the edges securely with egg white or water. Crimp the edges. Lay on a flat sheet until ready for cooking.

Place into a deep-fat fryer set at 350º F until golden brown. (They may also be baked at 350° F in an oven). Drain well before serving.

Lime Cilantro Avocado Sauce:

- 1 avocado 1 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1 teaspoon cilantro, finely diced
- Salt, to taste salt Black pepper, to taste

Puree the avocado, and combine with the other ingredients until very smooth.

Season and adjust the consistency with warm water until the sauce is coating consistency.

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and some roasted tomato salsa.

To assemble: on the service plate, spread the Lime Cilantro Avocado Sauce over the base. Place a heaping tablespoon of tomato salsa to one side. (Option-

Place two empanadas on the plate against each other.

(This dish also can be served as a passed appetizer using the sauce as a dipping sauce. Or it can be made much larger and served as an entrée or a large snack.)

GRILLED CHICKEN BURRITO WITH CUMIN MAYONNAISE

- Marinade: 4 garlic cloves, mashed
- 11/2 teaspoon salt
- 11/2 teaspoon black pepper,
- coarse ground 11/2 teaspoon cumin
- 11/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 11/2 teaspoon onion powder 1 tablespoon cilantro, minced
- 2 tablespoon salad oil

In a medium bowl, make the marinade by combining all of the ingredients. Stir until well blended. Add the flattened chicken breasts, coating the marinade evenly on all sides of the chicken. Cover and refrigerate the marinating breasts, at least one hour or overnight.

Chicken Burrito:

2 pounds chicken breast, flat-

2 red bell pepper, split in quarters 2 green bell pepper, split in quar-

1/3 cup black beans, cooked 1 package egg roll or phyllo dough wrappers

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1 each egg, blended (optional)

Grill the chicken and bell pepper quarters over a charcoal grill. In a food processor, lightly puree the chicken and roasted peppers. In a medium bowl, thoroughly combine the mixture with the black beans.

Take a heaping tablespoon of the mixture, and place it near one end of a square wrapper.

Tightly fold the wrapper end over the mixture. Fold in both side flaps. Continue to tightly roll the burrito; moisten seal with egg wash or water.

Bake in a 400°F oven or deep fry until golden brown.

Serve with Cumin Mayonnaise.

- Cumin Mayonnaise: 1 teaspoon cilantro, chopped
- 1/2 1 teaspoon cumin 1 cup mayonnaise

Combine all of the ingredients.

Stir until well blended. Chill until ready for use.

SHRIMP BASKET WITH CHILE PASILLA SAUCE

Shrimp Basket:

- 1 cup cooked shrimp, chicken or
- 1 tablespoon cilantro
- 1 tablespoon scallions 1/4 teaspoon black pepper, coarse
- ground 1/4 cup chile pasilla sauce, without the sour cream

1 box phyllo dough

Add the meat and seasonings to a food processor. Puree. Add the Chile Pasilla Sauce (without sour

cream). Puree. Separate the phyllo sheets into piles of three. Cut them into 4inch squares. Place 1 teaspoon of cooked mixture on a 4-inch stack. Fold up the phyllo dough around the closed baskets in plastic ice cube trays, and freeze them to set

the shape. *Bake the frozen baskets in 375°F oven for 20-25 minutes, until golden brown. Serve with

Chile Pasilla Sauce. *Note: The baskets may be very quickly deep-fried in a 350°F

Chile Pasilla Sauce:

6 pasilla chiles (or substitute anchos, poblanos, or other

Mexican chiles) 11/2 pounds tomatoes, broiled or

roasted

1/4 onion, minced

1/3 cup peanut or safflower oil 1/2 teaspoon granulated sugar

11/2 teaspoon salt 11/2 cups *sour cream, thickened *Note: To make thickened sour

cream, combine 1 tablespoon buttermilk with 1/2 cup sour cream in a glass bowl or jar, and refrigerate at least 6 hours, or overnight.

Heat a griddle, comal or folding grill. Toast the chilies lightly, turning as needed to spot blacken them without burning. Set warm chilies aside to cool.

Remove the seeds and veins.

Broil the tomatoes under a broiler, or on a griddle or folding grill; or, bake the tomatoes in a pie pan in a high-temperature oven until shriveled.

In a food processor, puree the roasted de-seeded chilies, roasted tomatoes, and minced onion to form a smooth sauce. Reserve.

Heat the oil in a saucepan over medium flame. Add the sugar, salt and tomato sauce. Simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Set aside to cool.

Stir in the thickened sour cream into the sauce, being careful not to curdle the sour cream.

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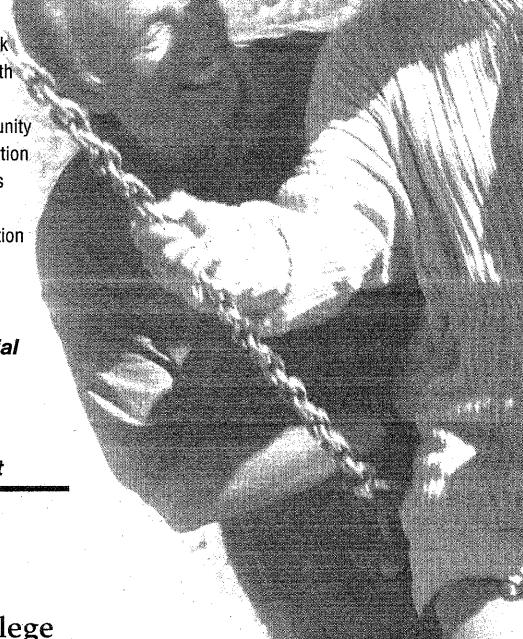
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adds a slightly bitter note (from caramelization) to the outside of these foods. This character seems to work fine with a cabernet sauvignon, but not with the fruity and mellow tones of a more elegantly styled

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

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1 bay leaf 1 tablespoon whole peppercorns

Chicken stock as needed Preheat oven to 350ºF.

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

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 min-

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

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

1 egg yolk 1/2 teaspoon freshly-ground black pepper

room temperature

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

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

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fresh aromatic greens. Organic Tomato Herb Finishing Sauce - Finesse your

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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

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.

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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. Nutrition and Cooking Sc

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

VisTa Gala

Food and jazz will be served with a touch of elegance at VisTa Gala 2006, Schoolcraft College's black-tie fundraiser Saturday, March 25, featuring food with international flair prepared by Schoolcraft culinary students; guests will stroll through six instructional kitchens, choosing from hot and cold appetizers, hot entrees, breads, pastries and desserts; music by Matt Michaels Trio, tickets are \$150 per person, patrons also can bid on one item, a five course meal for 50 people with wine at the American Harvest Restaurant, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5008.

Schoolcraft classes

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

Here are some of the classes: Hands-On

These classes require Cooking 101 or chef's approval to register. Wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands-on classes. You'll need a tool kit consisting of a set of knives, peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons.

The following classes, instructed by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel are scheduled: European Bread Making, 5-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, March 14 and 16; Soup it Up, 5-9 p.m., Thursday, March 23; Saute Like a Pro, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 4; Stewing & Braising, 5-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, and Outdoor Grilling, 5-9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, April 25 and 27, Class fees range from \$109-\$139.

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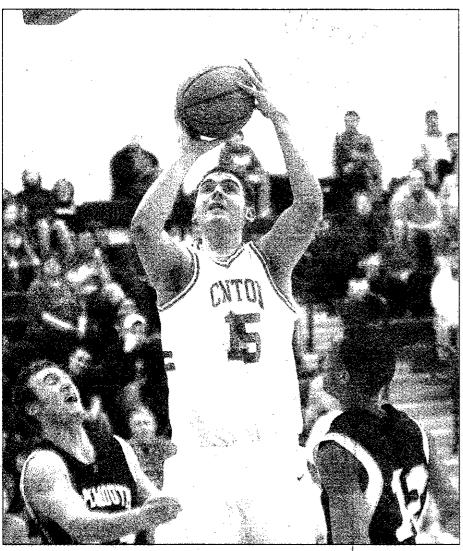
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2006 March Madness -



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Canton's Ryan Waidmann banks in two of his 13 points in the Chiefs' 53-45 district semifinal win.

Halftime revival

Big 2nd half propels Canton past Plymouth, Chiefs earn another crack at district crown

BY ED WRIGHT

Canton's basketball team didn't hit the floor often enough, hit the boards hard enough or play with enough emotion during the first half of Wednesday night's Class A District semifinal game against Plymouth, admitted senior point guard Rob Eppler.

So in the second half, Eppler and the Chiefs made the following statement:

Enough already. Powered by an amped up level of tenacity, the Chiefs turned a 28-25 halftime deficit into a 53-45 triumph over the hustling Wildcats. The victory propelled Canton into Friday night's district championship game against Novi Detroit Catholic Central, which knocked off Salem, 86-63 (see related story below). The opening tip is set for 7 p.m. at Novi High School.

"Plymouth outworked us in the first half," said Eppler, who finished with 13 points, five rebounds and three steals.

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FOR ALL THE MARBLES

- What: Class A District championship basketball game between Canton (16-6) and Novi Detroit Catholic Central (16-6)
- **When:** Friday, 7 p.m.
- Where: Novi High School
- Who to watch: Canton is led by a trio of seniors - Rob Eppler, Andre Bridges and Andy Larsen – and a pair of juniors - Ryan Waldmann and Steve Paye. Seniors Antyrio Raimer and Aras Butkunas pace CC's balanced attack. Both teams have shot well in their first two district games, particularly Canton, which has connected on 55 percent of its field goals.
- Prediction: Canton 68, Novi Detroit CC 67 (overtime).

Fast-breaking CC sprints by Salem

The Novi Detroit Catholic Central basketball team's formula for success was simple Wednesday night in its Class A District semifinal game against Salem: Defend the ball, rebound the ball, push the ball and score the

The fast-breaking, sharp-shooting Shamrocks (16-6) repeated the above sequence over and over during their 86-63 victory over the Rocks — more than enough to advance to Friday's championship showdown against Canton.

The loss ended Salem's season at 6-15

"We wanted to pressure the ball and get our transition game going tonight," said CC coach Rick Coratti. "We knew it wasn't going to be easy because Salem is a disciplined, well-coached team. I wasn't sure how we'd play after coming off the emotional win over Northville Monday night, but the kids played hard."

The balanced Shamrocks were paced by 6-foot-6 senior forward Aras Butkunas, who netted 18 points, half of which resulted from three triples. Four other CC players scored in double figures: Antyrio Raimer (13), Garrett Senczyszyn (11), Dustin Hess (10) and

Chris Harding (10). Salem stayed with the Shamrocks for the game's first 22 minutes, thanks in large part to the inspiring play of senior Billy Leddy, who poured in 23 points and grabbed nine rebounds in his final high school game. Sophomore Grant Stone also played well, netting 14

points and six rebounds.

'We played well early, but then we fell apart defensively in the second half," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We couldn't stop their transition game and we missed too many free throws. Catholic Central has a very good team. They're tall, long and they can shoot.

"The most important thing for us this season was that we improved, both as a team and individually."

When Stone drained a pair of free throws with 1:36 left in the third quarter, Salem trailed just 54-48. However, the Shamrocks reeled off a 7-0 run over the next three minutes to pad their cushion to 61-48. Leddy nailed a deep trey early in the fourth to bring his team to within 61-51, but CC answered with a 10point run to put the game away.

The Rocks trailed 41-29 at the half due in large part to poor free throw shooting (4-of-14). They caught fire from the line in the second half, nailing 9-of-10 shots from the stripe, but the damage had already been

Salem junior center Brian Baumgart gave CC fits in the paint during the first quarter when he scored five points. Junior guard Jierah Dixon netted six points and six rebounds.

Rock junior guard Danny Cassidy tallied five points off the bench during the game's final minute.

Despite its up-tempo offense, CC took care of the basketball, committing just nine turnovers. Salem turned the ball over 16 times.

CC grabbed 14 offensive boards which led to their 72-56 shot advantage.



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Salem junior center Brian Baumgart goes strong to the hole against CC's Aras Butkunas in Wednesday's district semifinal.

Big strides

Plymouth's Knisely set for 3rd trip to state swim meet

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Andy Knisely's competitive swimming career began on a humbling note six years ago, a short time after his parents signed him up with the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers swim club

"I wasn't very good right away," Knisely recalled, chuckling. "I was in with the other 12-year-olds during the first part of the season, but later on the coach moved me down with the 9- and 10-year-olds because I couldn't keep up with the kids my own age.

"I stuck with it though and got a lot better." Did he ever.

On Friday, the Plymouth High School senior will be competing in the Division 1 swim meet at the University of Michigan. It will be the third time he's participated in the state's premier high school com-



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petition. Knisely has actually qualified all four years - the first three in Division 2 - but he couldn't compete last year due to a scheduling conflict.

"This year will be extrasweet because it will be the first year I'll be swimming in Division 1," said Knisely, who qualified this year in the 100-yard breaststroke and 100 butterfly. "This will be payback, too, because I didn't get to swim in last year's state

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Plymouth senior Andy Knisely qualified for the state meet during all four years in high school. Beginning in the fall, he will PLEASE SEE KNISELY. C4 be swimming collegiately at Army.

PCA spikers earn 3rd district title

See Bre Ruark Prep Profile on Page C5.

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy's volleyball team wasn't at full strength for Saturday's Class D district tournament, but you'd never know it by looking at the final

The Eagles captured their third consecutive district title by sweeping Washtenaw Christian (25-16, 25-14, 25-18) in the first round and Canton Agape Christian (25-8, 25-16, 25-9) in the final. PCA played without the services of two starters - Rachel Wiard and Brooke Harris - but strong performances from recently promoted junior varsity players Cody Sulkowski, Jenna Misch and Brooke William helped fill the void.

"Overall, it was an excellent team effort all day," said PCA coach Missy Henry, whose team improved to 31-18. "With two starters out, I couldn't have asked for more from the girls.

"My two freshmen, Mim Monroe and Jessica Murphy, played with the poise and confidence of upperclassmen and the three junior varsity players I called up were amazing. No one would have even known that they hadn't been playing with us all year. I was very proud of them. They stepped up and did a great job."

A trio of seniors - Kelsie Tietjen, Julie Bahbah and Stephanie Auwers - paced the Eagles to their sweep of Washtenaw Christian. Tietjen recorded 20 kills, nine blocks and eight digs, Bahbah tallied 14 digs, seven kills and eight service points while Auwers contributed 17 service points.

In the title match, Tietjen (19 kills, two blocks, five digs), Bahbah (18 digs, seven kills, 19 points) and Bre Ruark (15 digs, seven kills, 13 assists, 15 points) turned in memorable performances.



MMHSGHL tourney

The Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League state tournament will conclude Friday and Saturday at the Arctic Edge in Canton.

Plymouth-Canton-Salem, which is co-hosting the event with Livonia Ladywood, played a quarterfinal game against Northville on Wednesday night (results were not available at presstime).

The semifinal games are set for Friday at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. If it upends Northville, PCS will play the winner of Wednesday's Ann Arbor-Grosse Pointe North contest. The other four teams still alive as of Wednesday night were Harper Woods Regina, Grosse Pointe South, Cranbrook Kingswood and Ladywood.

The finals are set for Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Arctic Edge.

Following are results of first-round games: Regina 6, Port Huron 2; Cranbrook 9, Liggett 1; Ladywood 3, Bloomfield 0; Ann Arbor 6, Mercy 1; and Northville 3, Walled Lake 0.

Euro champs

The Plymouth-based **Euro Stars Gymnastics** Club's Level 5 team placed first in a recent 69-team competition in Chicago. The meet was the largest of its kind in the country with over 3,500 gymnasts compet-

In the 9-and-under division, Canton's Caitlyn Webb took first with an all-around score of 37.925.

Standouts in the 10year-old division were: Plymouth's Taylor Rieckhoff (first in allaround with a 37.625), Livonia's Mikaela Pierce (second in all-around with a 36.725) and Canton's Andrea Merlotti (third in all-around with a 36.075).

In the 11-and-over division, Plymouth's Taryn McLaughlin took top honors with an all-around score of 37.175, Westland's Madison Torok placed second with an all-around of 36.850 and Farmington's Gina Contardi earned third with a 36.750 total.

GCYBSA sign-ups The final mass registra-

tion for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCYBSA) will be Sunday, March 12, from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

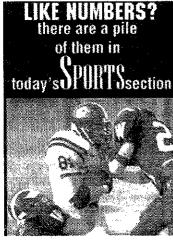
Also, a league meeting and skills clinic for baseball and softball coaches will be held Sunday from 4-6 p.m. at the Summit.

Puck finals The Michigan High

School Athletic Association state hockey finals will be held today through Saturday at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. The Division 2 semifinals will be held tonight at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. The Division 3 semis are set for Friday at noon and 2:30 p.m. while the Division I semis will be played Friday at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

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P-CEP wrestlers take high hopes to Palace

STAFF WRITER

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, March 9, 2006

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

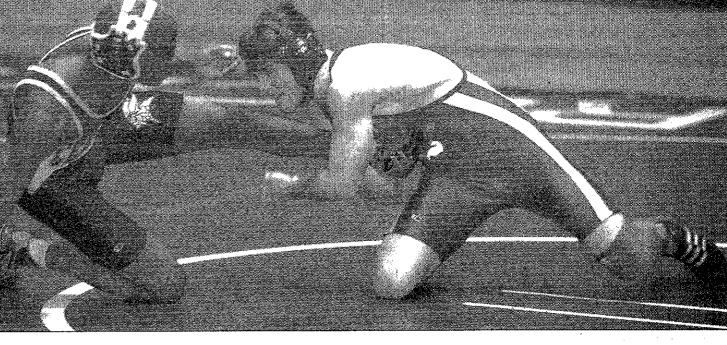
Three seniors will be representing Salem at the two-day tournament at the Palace: 125pound Cory Mervyn (30-9), 140-pound Jake Bennett (43-8) and 189-pound Jeremy Henderson (35-2).

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



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

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

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

"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

iuniors Corev 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 heavyweight upposent he Veldydd floor y westysfiad 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.

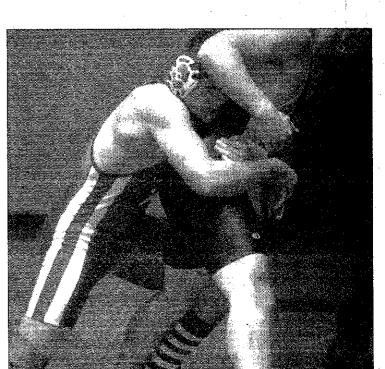
"Steve has had a great career for us," said Plymouth coach Sam Amine. "I knew he was going to be tough his freshman season when he won about 20 matches against JV competition and a couple against varsity competition.

"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."

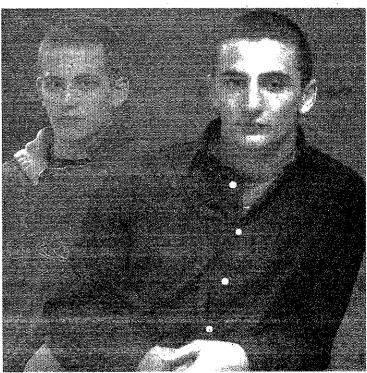
The "Grand March" will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. with opening matches set to



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



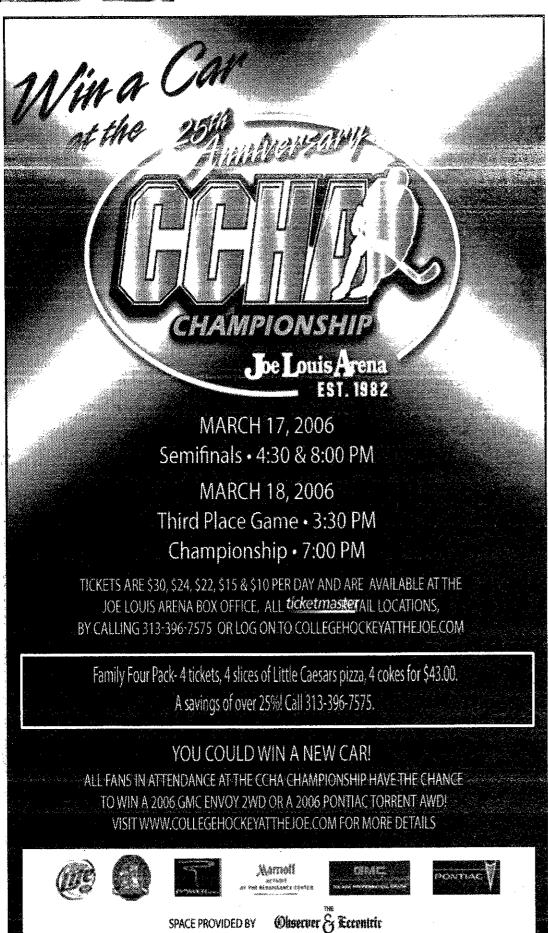
Less than a week after competing in the Division 1 state team wrestling tournament, Canton's (left to right) Donnie Laramie, Corey Phillips and Konrad Konsitzke will close out the 2005-06 season at the D1 individual wrestling tournament beginning today at the Palace of Auburn Hills.



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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es are set to begin Saturday at 4:45 p.m. ewright@hometownlife.com (734) 953-2108



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Canton cagers silence Novi, 69-34

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

How do you silence a raucous, non-stopchanting, 30-student cheering section? If you're Rob Eppler and Andre Bridges,

you shoot the lights out. Eppler and Bridges scored 20 points each to lead Canton's basketball team to a 69-34 victory over Novi in Monday night's Class A district opener at Novi High School. The hot-shooting duo also muted the Wildcats' cheering section, which grew more silent with every three-point bomb that swished through the net.

Canton coach Charlie Paye had a good feeling about Monday's game after several of his players approached him following a weekend practice at Novi High School.

"After the practice, they told me they really liked the rims here," said Paye. "It showed tonight."

Canton shot a blistering 58 percent from the floor (28-of-48) while holding the Wildcats to just 9-of-41 shooting (21 percent).

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Canton junior center Ryan Waidmann hurt the Wildcats inside, finishing with 13 points and seven rebounds.

Eppler's 20, which came on a balanced mixture of penetration and perimeter shots, were a career high. Twelve of his points were the result of four triples.

"Rob is a great shooter when he sets up right," said Paye. "Sometimes, he'll drift one way or another while he's shooting, but tonight he did a good job of setting his feet and going straight up. He also did a nice job on defense, shutting down their best player, (A.W.) Stanek."

Bridges also proved his marksmanship from great distances as he canned his first three treys and 4-of-5 for the night from beyond the arc. He also chipped in with six

Adam Chandler was the lone Novi player who managed to find the net with any regularity, scoring a team-high 16 points. Stanek, Novi's leading scorer during the regular season, was held to seven.

Canton bolted to an impressive 8-0 lead in the opening two minutes thanks to a pair of Bridges threes and an Eppler fastbreak layup. The Wildcats closed the gap to 15-13 at the end of the first quarter on a jumper by Stanek.

The Chiefs closed the door on the Wildcats in the second quarter, outscoring their hosts 16-3 to take a 31-16 advantage into halftime. Novi went 0-for-9 from the floor in the quarter while Canton was draining 6-of-11 shots.

During one stretch that blanketed the entire second quarter and part of the third, the Wildcats went 12 minutes without converting a field goal.

Canton's shooting only got better (12for-16) in the third quarter while Novi's remained dismal (2-for-12).

"Teams usually defend our inside game, so when we shoot well outside like we did tonight, it opens things up inside for Ryan," said Paye.

Canton outrebounded Novi, 36-14.

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Three cheers for the Eagles

On Feb. 4, Plymouth Christian Academy's 7th- and 8th-grade cheer team placed third in the East Michigan Open Cheer Competition. The team also earned the "Spirit Sportsmanship Award." The team consists of: LeeAnne Carr, Annie Mackenzie, Amanda Ralston, Lisa Valentine, Heather Ramsthel, Michaela Wheeler, Abby Bartes, Jamie Bricker, Nicole Creguer, Amanda Downs, Jenessa Hubbard, Madison Kinsella, Shelbey Roberts and Allie Rodzik. The team is coached by Jenny Middleton, who was assisted for competitions by Suzanne Immerfall and Jessica Shamie.

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"We were giving up too many offensive rebounds and they were getting most of the loose

"In the second half, we stepped it up on defense and moved the ball around more on offense until we got a good shot." -

Canton coach Charlie Paye said opening-half struggles have been common in games against the Wildcats the past two seasons.

"I don't know what it is, but we always seem to play uptight against Plymouth, especially early in games," Paye said. "But a lot of our first-half problems were brought on by Plymouth - they played great, especially on the defensive end.

"I give a lot of the credit for the way we played in the second half to Rob and Andre Bridges. They really provided us with the senior leadership

we needed."

Considering the game's importance, Bridges may have played his best game as a Chief. The 6-foot-3 guard pumped in a game-high 23 points and grabbed five rebounds. He was the catalyst of Canton's 7-0 run to start the third quarter, converting a driving layup and filling the net with a long three within a 20-second span to put his team ahead for good.

Junior center Ryan Waidmann provided Canton with an inside force to complement Eppler and Bridges' out τ side games. He racked up 13 points, three boards and three blocked shots.

The Wildcats, who finished 9-12, played possibly their most impressive half of basketball during the first 16 minutes of Wednesday's game. They moved the ball quickly and crisply on offense and made Canton work for everything it got on the defensive end. But following the intermission, the



Canton senior Rob Eppler receives congratulations from fans following the Chiefs' 53-45 victory over Plymouth Wednesday night.

game turned into a microcosm of the Wildcats' season as they couldn't hit enough big shots or make enough defensive stops down the stretch.

"Tonight was the story of our season," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "We played very well in the first half, but we couldn't close it out in the second. I told the kids (after

the game) that our season was a lot like a layup we missed late in the game. We worked hard to get a good shot, but we couldn't finish."

Plymouth senior forward Josh Le Duc tallied 10 points and 11 rebounds, senior Jim Wilbur contributed nine points and senior Brent Jones added eight points and two steals.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

BASEBALL CLINIC

The annual Salem Varsity Baseball Skills Clinic for players between the ages of 7 and 14 will be held March 25 and April 1 at Salem High School.

The clinic, which costs \$25 and has four sessions to choose from, includes three hours of instruction, snacks and a Tshirt.

For more information, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026; or at pcmmyers@hotmail.com.

YOUTH HOCKEY

Youth hockey players can skate on the same ice as the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers and have fun at the same time.

The Compuware Sports Arena is gearing up for its 2006 Youth Spring League, a house league that runs from April 1 to May 31. Sign-up costs run from \$210 (mini-mites and mites) to \$220 (squirt) and \$235 (pee wee).

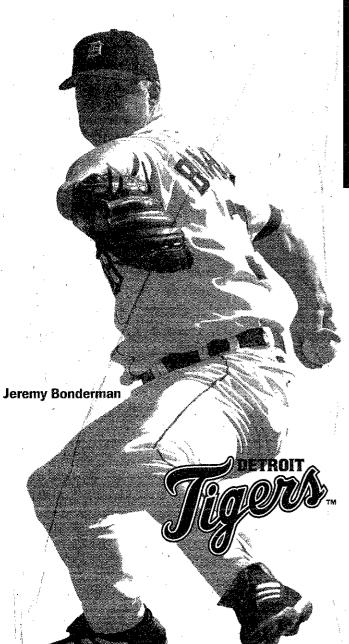
The registration deadline is March 13. Parents must provide a copy of their children's birth certificate and proof of USA Hockey membership usually a USA Hockey membership card, an IMR form or a copy of your 2005-06 roster.

Costs include all ice times, jerseys, referee fees and team registration fees. Registration forms can be picked up at the Compuware Sports Arena, or check on-line at www.compuwarehockey.com. Call (734) 453-6400.

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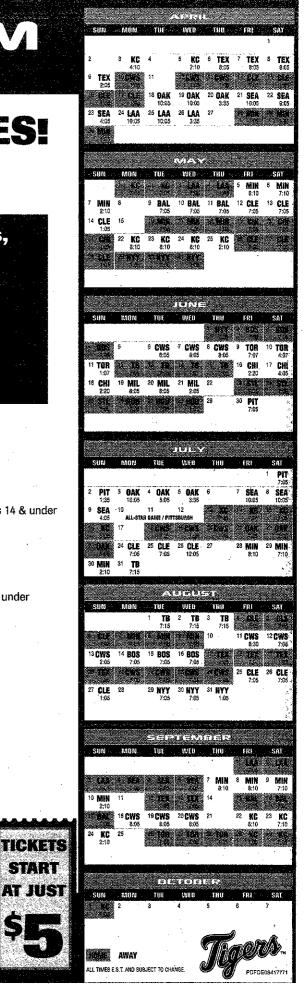
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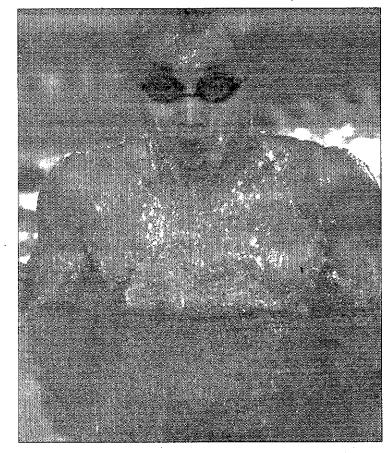
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Salem sophomore swimmer Stan Chen is pictured working out at practice Monday in preparation for this weekend's Division 1 state swimming meet at the University of Michigan. Chen qualified in the 100 breaststroke.



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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 from left) Nick Landis, Nathan Phillips, Jonathon Templeton, Chris Marinica and Derek Schmitt.

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 Canton will have the

they're up to the challenge. 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 (alter-

(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

nate) and Nathan Phillips

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

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

"There's definitely a seribus 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 trackand-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. ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2108

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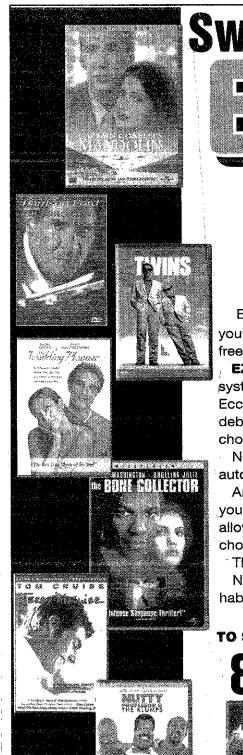
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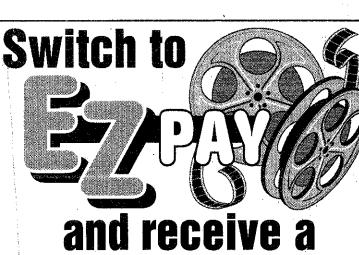
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Smooth switch

Ruark handles move from hitter to setter with class

STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy senior volleyball player Bre Ruark has recorded tons of assists, countless digs and a gym-ful of service points for the Eagles this season.

But Ruark's most significant contribution to the Class D district titlewinning Eagles has been the one huge sacrifice she made before the season even started.

After three years of serving as an outside hitter, Ruark shifted to the crucial setter position after PCA's regular setter, sophomore Sara Ross, tore her anterior cruciate ligament while playing basketball in the fall.

While many seniors would have been hesitant to make the position change so late in their career, Ruark welcomed the challenge with open arms.

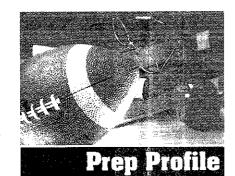
"Bre stepped in when we needed her and didn't complain about it," said PCA coach Missy Henry. "She was an outstanding hitter, but she gave that up to set for us and she's done a great job all season.

"Bre gets very excited when she plays and it's contagious to the rest of the team. When she's up, the whole team is up."

DO-IT-ALL LEADER

Ruark displayed her all-around abilities in Saturday's three-game sweep of Canton Agape Christian in the Class D district final. She notched 15 digs, seven kills, 13 assists and 15 service points to help lead the Eagles to their third consecutive district crown.

"I used to set in junior high, so I picked it up pretty quickly this year," Ruark said, when discussing the position change. "I miss hitting, but I really enjoy setting now. The biggest adjustment has been all the communicating I have to do on the



'Bre stepped in when we needed her and didn't complain about it. She was an outstanding hitter, but she gave that up to set for us and she's done a great job all season. Bre gets very excited when she plays and it's contagious to the rest of the team. When she's up, the whole team is up.'

Missy Henry PCA coach

court."

Ruark is one-fifth of a solid senior nucleus at PCA. Along with Julie Bahbah and Kelsie Tietjen, she's nearing the end of her fourth varsity campaign, which is something not many high school athletes can claim.

"I've played with Julie and Kelsie so long that we know what the others are thinking and we know what the others are going to do," Ruark said. "If one of us is down for some reason, the other two know how to approach them and get them back

"This year has gone really fast. Every time we have a 'last' something - last home game, last league game — it's kind of sentimental. It's crazy to think my high school career is almost over. It seems like just yesterday I tried out for the first time."

HISTORY-MAKER

As a sophomore, Ruark played an instrumental role in helping the Eagles win the school's first volleyball district championship. Now, she'd like to be a member of PCA's first regional championship squad.

"The highlight of my high school career has been winning the school's first district when we were sophomores," she said. "We started beating teams that year that PCA had never beaten, so that felt good.

"It would be great if we could beat Lenawee Christian in the regionals, especially because they beat us last year. I don't know if they see us as a rival, but I know we look at them as

MULTI-TALENTED STUDENT

Ruark's talents extend well beyond the volleyball court. She is also an outstanding student (3.1 grade-point average) and an accomplished singer. She joined PCA basketball player Caleb James and one of the school's teachers, Michelle Barr, in singing the National Anthem before the Eagles' "Senior Night" basketball game on Feb. 28.

Ruark has narrowed her collegiate choices to Azusa Pacific, which is located in sunny California and Indiana-based Taylor University.

"My brother, Jamin, goes to Azusa Pacific, so he's told me a lot of good things about it," she said. "But I'm leading towards Taylor. That's where Julie Bahbah is going, so we would be roommates.

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Plymouth Christian Academy senior Bre Ruark handled the move from outside hitter to setter smoothly this season and was a key component in the Eagles' Class D district championship.

Upstart St. Mary's upsets CC icers, 3-1

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM STAFF WRITER

Orchard Lake St. Man Chaid Novi-Detroit Catholic Central. the state's top-ranked Division 1 hockey teams, split a four-game series this season.

But in Saturday's re final, St. Mary's won the biggest game, beating the Shamrocks, 3-1, at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills.

The second-ranked Eaglets (19-5-2) advanced to the state quarterfinals Wednesday night. (Results were not available at

press time.) "I think that's easily the best game the boys have played," St. Mary's coach Brian Klanow said. "But good teams bring it when they need it."

Number one-ranked Catholic Central is a quick, opportunistic team that likes to turn opposition mistakes into odd-man rushes. But the Eaglets successfully prevented the Shamrocks from gaining scoring chances on the rush.

"Our defense, we really didn't let them penetrate through the middle," Klanow said. "We kept

everything on the outside." Nevertheless, the Shamrocks still outshot St. Mary's, 34-16.

But sophomore Eaglets goaltender Nick Dries was outstanding, keeping CC off the scoreboard until 1:48 remained in the game.

"This is the best game he's played all year," Klanow said. "But he's played well all year . . . he just played fantastic."

One key to Dries' success was his ability to control rebounds. He either held the puck or cleared it safely to the side after each of his 33 saves.

"They seem to crash the net

pretty hard so I didn't want to leave too much out," the OLSM gealic said. Both teams; in a

Saturday's first period. St. Mary's best scoring chance came midway through the peciod when James Watts fed Krystian Dziubinski in front the net, but Shamrocks goalie Ross Tashjian made the save.

Dries' best stop came with 3:15 remaining in the period, on an Alex Kolpacke shot from the

slot. The Eaglets scored first, 3:48 into the second period, when Shane Dwyer stole the puck at center ice, skated into the CC zone and fired a wrister into the top corner of the net.

Just 2:10 later, Clinton Bourbonais' slapper from the blue line, which may have been deflected by a Shamrocks defender, evaded Tashjian to make it 2-0. Brandon Kozlowski drew the lone assist.

CC then stepped up its offensive pressure on the way to an 11-4 shots advantage in the period, but couldn't beat Dries.

The Shamrocks, defending Division 1 champions, opened the final period with 22 seconds of power play time, which St. Mary's killed off, thanks to Dries' sliding save on a low drive by Nick Krol. The Eaglets were then whistled for four straight penalties, which included an 18second two-man advantage for CC. The five-on-three power play passed without a Shamrock threat after St. Mary's defenseman Dan Stanisz blocked a CC shot. Dries made several more sharp saves in the period, and a variety of St. Mary's penaltykillers played well, before CC's Buttery finally netted a power play goal with 1:48 left.



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ure man. ☎894301 I LISTEN WITH MY HEART Attractive DWF, late 40s, Cancer, N/S, seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and

erate, honest, emotionally mat-

watch them fly. 2639272 MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HAPPY DAD

SWF, 57, full-figured, 5'4", likes Single father of three, 37, loves family, outdoors, biking, barbecues, cooking and more. Looking for a lovely WF, 30-45, to share happiness and life with. 2715711 things in life. 2925130

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING

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

ONE-ON-ONE TIME

DWM, medium build, Oakland County, enjoys comedies, walks, quiet times. Seeking medium to full-figured woman, 30-50, affectionate, romantic, casual dresser. 2278513

LIFE'S A CABARET Classy, romantic, intelligent

SWM, 50, well-traveled, with good taste, seeks a special, caring, friendly lady, 36-55. Let's share life, romance, and laughter. 2480718

HOLLER AT ME

SBM, 31, 5'9", handsome, spontaneous, Scorpio, smoker, Brooklyn transplant, seeks sexy woman, 25-40, with good head on her shoulders. 2928682

SHARE THE REMOTE SBM, 24, 5'6", 135lbs, slim, petite, black/dark brown, goatee, mustache, smoker, seeks BM, 21-30, smoker, with whom to laugh, cud-

dle, and go out. 🕿928752 SWM DESIRES SBF Call me if you desire a nice shape, blue-eyed blonde, 50year-old, 180lbs. Desires one on one for friendship and definitely romance. 2777324

SEEKING

CULTURED WOMAN ing and all types of music, likes SWM, 80, 5'8", 155lbs, healthy, intelligent, college-educated, N/S, seeks slim, educated, attractive WF, 65-75, N/S, who loves classical music, opera, Stratford Festival, and travel. \$\pi 882041\$

HI LADIES

Loyal, affectionate, commitment-minded DWM, 44, 5'11", blond/blue, father, mustache/ goatee, 195lbs, self-employed enjoys fitness, simple fun. Seeking active, healthy, openminded lady who enjoys the same. 2924288

LET'S TALK SOMETIME

SBM; 42, 5'7", 157lbs, enjoys music, dining out, snuggling, good talks, beach walks. Seeking fun, full-figured lady to share happiness and romance. 2924565

ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46,

likes movies, concerts, boating. Seeking attractive SWF, 40s-50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor, friendly, positive outlook. \$2642092 **EASY ON THE EYES**

Well-maintained SWM, 56, who

enjoys keeping in touch with current events, heart-to-heart SWM, 40s, eager to please, willtalks and silly conversations. Let's meet over coffee and see what develops. 259844 **NICE GUY**

SWM, 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S. Shirley, please call back. 708126

AN EASYGOING GUY

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

SEEKING A REAL WOMAN

SBM, 25, 5'5", 160lbs, hardworking, easygoing, love to have fun and enjoy life. Seeking a SF, 18-40, for friendship and hopefully develop a relationship. **2**919424

GET IN TOUCH

40 year-old DWM, 5'7", 155lbs, brown/green, employed, downto-earth. Seeking a SW/HF, 35-45, who enjoys movies, dining out, camping, fishing and just enjoying life. \$\pi\920353\$

TRY ME

Hard-working, independent SBM, 39, 5'8", 155lbs, well-built, independent kind-hearted, romantic, enjoys park walks, bowling and chilling with a special lady. Will you be that lady? 2922253

ISO A GOOD WOMAN

SBM, 37, 180lbs, 5'9", enjoys travel, music, movies and more. Seeking a single female, age and race unimportant. If interested, contact me. 27922725

GIVE IT A SHOT

SWM, 37, self-employed, active, fit, fun, loves the outdoors, fishing, movies, fine dining, snuggling . Looking for active, outgoing, affectionate SF who appreciates the same. 7923431

TRY THIS ONE

Employed SM, 27, 5'11", fit, light complexion, hazel eyes, enjoys motorcycling, cars/trucks, bowling, fitness, keeping active. Seeking compatible, fit, understanding SF to enjoy the good

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN

Ready to meet great new people?

SBM, 19, black/hazel, 5'11", employed, enjoys concerts, movies, music, etc. Looking to meet a single female, to hook up and have fun with. 2925331

LET'S TALK

Loving, up front SM, 27, 5'8", 165lbs, likes basketball, fun. Seeking down-to-earth, intelligent, non-materialistic lady, honest and sweet, not into games, to share romance, good talks, good times, maybe more? 2925367

HELLO THERE

SBM, 30, 5'8", 175lbs, light complexion, short hair, nice-looking, polite, not about games, likes shooting pool, nights out. ISO sociable, open-minded, lovely lady who enjoys togetherness, romance, love and affection. 25925494

LOOKING FOR LOVE

SHM, 33, 5'10", 188lbs, black/

brown, mustache/goatee, inde-

pendent, D/D-free, enjoys read-

ing, movies, relaxing at home. cuddling. Seeking lovely, sweet white, Asian, Hispanic lady to share good times, good talks, much more. 2924249 **HEY LADIES**

SM, 19, brown/brown, 6', 170 lbs, outgoing, nice, fun, looking for similar lady friend to enjoy the good times in life with. **क**926020

HELLO, LADIES

SBM, 33, 5'10", 169lbs, black/ brown, smoker, enjoys playing pool and dominoes. Seeking WF, 20-55, for friendship, possible romance. 2927050

EASY ON THE EYES SBM, 50, Libra, smoker, enjoys

golf, good movies, concerts. Seeking companionship of an honest, down-to-earth, self-assured woman, 41-58. 7927269

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU Affectionate DWM, 64, brown hair, N/S, D/D-free, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, The Red Wings. ISO a special lady, 48-59, to share friendship, dates, possible LTR. 25920969

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

☎692418 MAN WITH PIZZAZ.. Sincere, affectionate SWM, 40s, clear mind, fit body, enjoys artsy,

cultural events, outdoor activities, seeking witty, pretty SWF, 35-55, for friendship and possible relationship. 2517123 GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL

Easygoing, agreeable, cute ing to try new things, seeks fairly attractive and friendly SWF, for dating and relating. \$210772

COULD IT BE YOU? SWM, 40s, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, auto worker, easygoing, honest and secure, enjoys hunting, Harleys and the outdoors. Seeking attractive slim/fit woman, 30-50 N/S, D/D-free, comfortable in high heels-tennis shoes 2798519

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU independent, self-sufficient DWM, 45, sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks, drives, cycling, cooking. Seeking a special lady to share

KIND, HANDSOME TEACHER SWPM, 53, 6', 220lbs, light smoker, social drinker, looking for one good woman. Please call. Troy area. ☎864792

the good things in life. 2855207

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/ blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF agè/location open. 7531308

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

ADVENTUROUS

SWM, 41, seek SF, to become friends, maybe more. Must be smart, have SOH. Blend into me. All I want is: you to be happy. If you want this, call 2595394

WAYNE COUNTY WONDER SBM, 57, 6'3", 240lbs, Cancer, N/S, seeks independent woman, 37-62, N/S, financially secure, who knows what she wants in life. **2**918703

ISO SOMEONE SPECIAL SBPM 53, 5'9", H/W proportionate, brown eyes, Sagittarius, N/S, seeks level-headed woman, 38-48, N/S, race unimportant, with whom to go out. 27918058

LET ME MAKE YOU SMILE! 28-year-old SBM, 5'7", 150lbs, mechanic, very mature. I enjoy movies, working out, running, etc. Seeking a SWF, 25-65, with similar interest, 2921276

MEET FOR CAPPUCCINO SBM, 21, 6', college student (political science), store clerk, market manager, tax preparer. N/S, open to most activities, seeks HF, 18-27, N/S. 25921703

HI LADIES

SWM, 24, 5'7", black/brown, outgoing, fun, good-humored, looking for sweet, easygoing, lighthearted SF, not into games, to share friendship, dates, talks and possibly more. 7922320

TRUE GENTLEMAN

SBM, 52, 5'8", 185lbs, looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54. Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest. **5**912726

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN... Ferndale. SBM, 62, 6'2", 197lbs, smoker, drinker, homebody, enjoys cooking, watching

tv. seeks open-minded, spontaneous woman, 39-56, for dating. 2916439 **POSITIVE PERSONALITY** Attractive, romantic engineer,

Asian American male, light complexion, 54, 5'8", 148lbs, fit, financially secure, caring, funloving. Seeks W/H/A/F, 40-55, for friendship maybe more.

☎514300 LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, loving

and caring, for a LTR. 2869189 A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 2269646

LONELY & READY

SWM, 49, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. 2860305

ANTIQUES LOVER BM, 57, 6'1", H/W proportionate, brown eyes, beautiful smile, communicative, engineer, loves vegetable and flower gar-

dening. Seeking woman, 40-63. STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY

Easygoing, cute SWM, 40s, not into loud noise and big crowds, enjoys art, wine tastings, charity, seeks similarminded lady for friendship, maybe more. \$548455

NEW DREAM TEAM? Spend some time with this bright, enthusiastic, optimistic,

yet realistic SWM, who is look-

ing for a nice gal 40s or 50s.

☎550046 MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW Open-minded, fairly articulate, somewhat intelligent SWM, 51, enjoys talks and walks, pets,

reading, etc. Seeking SWF companion. 2114862

PICK A WINNER SWM, 50, attractive, healthylooking, youthful, light-hearted. enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places. Seeking lady to spend time with.

5730508

GREET AND MEET SWM, 50, looks young, fit, active, enjoys fishing, picnics, water sports. Seeking easygoing, friendly, light-hearted SWF, age open. 2241526

CUTE & CUDDLY Nice SWM, 50s, with wisdom,

wit and warmth, can be fun, charming, helpful and who knows what else, would like to meet a nice lady and see what develops. **5**478746

SECURE WM, 58, tall, slim, good-looking,

would like to meet a nice, sweet, kind woman to go out with and see what happens from there. **2828139**

SIMPLE REQUEST WM, 59, 5'8", 170lbs, dark/blue, looking for an attractive woman to go out and have a good time

with. Age open. 2833911

SEARCHING IN LAKE ORION I'm 50 years old. DWM, 5'7" 170lbs, N/S, Sagittarius, hazel eyes, likes water sports, movies, dinner. Seeking pretty SWF, 45-51, 5'-5'8", N/S, for

LTR. 2812505 TRUE GENTLEMAN

DWM, 60-years-young, 5'9", 240lbs, good health, N/S, N/D, I enjoy movies, music, dining, classic cars and just living life. Seeks SWF, 45-50, 125-130lbs, 5'4"-5'6". 2886694

BRINGING US TOGETHER

Why go it alone? If you're a decent, friendly lady, I'm a nicelooking, upscale SWM. 40s. looking to connect. \$\infty\$534514

ENJOY MOVIES? Let's enjoy them together. SM would like to meet an attractive SF, 18-30, for friendship, maybe more. 2929393

SINGLES LINGO: A-Asian B-African American/Black C-Christian D-Divorced F-Female H-Hispanic J-Jewish M-Male N/S-Non-smoker N/D-Non Drinker N/Drugs- No Drugs P-Professional S-Single W-White LTR-Long Term Relationship

Canton, Salem gymnasts bound for state meet

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Both Canton and Salem are headed back to the gymnastics state meet following outstanding performances at Saturday's regional competition held at Plymouth High School.

Livonia Unified won the regional with a 147.175. Canton earned second with 145.275, followed by third-place Northville-Novi (144.25) and the Rocks (143.10). The top three teams from each of the four regional meet advances to Saturday's state meet at Troy Athens. Salem qualified as a wild-card team.

Rounding out the top 10 were Trenton (134.775), Saline (131.55), Plymouth (126.325), Tecumseh (124.70), Adrian (123.55) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (122.10).

Saturday's appearance will be Canton's fourth-consecutive in the state meet.

"We didn't have a perfect day, but at the same time I'm ecstatic to be in the position we're in," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "Even though we've beaten Northville-Novi, and Salem, you never know what can happen on any given day.

"The state meet should be a real dogfight. We probably don't have a chance to beat Tri-Farmington, but I think we have a shot at beating Livonia and getting the runner-up trophy. We have five all-arounders going, so we have a shot."

Canton placed three gymnasts in the top six all-around places in Division 1: Kate Staley (third with a score of 36.725), Alyssa Kelley (fourth with 36.375) and Jessie Murray (sixth with 36.075). Two Rocks cracked the top six: Katie Koetting (second with 36.975) and Sarah Bugosh (fifth with 36.20).

Canton's Kaitlyn Burns placed sixth in the Division 2 all-around with a 34.95.

"There were two gymnasts — Chelsea Selden and Salem's Sarah Bugosh — who returned from a trip to France with their

calling the following:

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French classes on Friday, but despite the jet lag and missing practice for a week, they still did very well," Cunningham said.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS REGION 1 RESULTS

Saturday at Plymouth H.S. TEAM RESULTS: 1. Livonia Unified, 147.175; 2. Canton, 145.275; 3. Northville/Novi, 144.25; 4. Salem, 143.10; 5. Trenton, 134.775; 6. Saline, 131.55; 7. Plymouth, 126.325; 8. Tecumseh, 124.70; 9. Adrian, 123.55; 10. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 122.10; 11. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 121.328; 12. Grosse Pointe South, 118.80.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS DIVISION 1

ALL-AROUND: 1. Andrea Pisani (LU), 37.05; 2. ALL-AROUND: 1. Andrea Pisani (LU), 37.05; 2. ALL-AROUND: 1. Andrea Pisani (LU), 36.375; 36.725; 4. Alyssa Kelley (C), 36.375; 36.75 (C), 36.75 (C), 36.75 (C), 36.75 (C), 36.75

VAULT: 1. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.65; 2. Paula Guzik (LU), 9.6; 3. Jessie Murray (C), 9.475; 4. Alicia Fedrigo (LU), 9.4; 5. Andrea Pisani (LU), 9.2; 6. Autumn Collins (S), 9.15; 7. Meghan Powers (LU), 9.1375; 8. (tie) Kate Staley (C) and Sarah Bugosh (S), 9.1. UNEVEN BARS: 1. Andrea Pisani (LU), 9.4; 2. Katie Koetting (S), 9.3; 3. Alyssa Kelley (C), 9.25; 4. Amy Reynolds (NN), 9.225; 5. Meghan Powers (LU), 9.075; 6. Kate Staley (C), 9.05; 7. Brittany Redmond (T), 8.9; 8. Sarah Bugosh (S), 8.85.

BALANCE BEAM: 1. Kara Ahern (C), 9.6; 2. Kate Staley (C), 9.4; 3. Paula Guzik (LU), 9.35; 4. Sarah Bugosh (S), 9.3; 5. Autumn Collins (S), 9.15; 6. Meghan Powers (LU), 9.1; 7. Amy Reynolds (NN), 9.05; 8. (tie) Jessie Murray (C) and Katie Koetting (S), 9.0. FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 9.65; 2. Andrea Pisani (LU), 9.55; 3. Jessie Murray (C), 9.2; 4. Kate Staley (C), 9.175; 5. Brittany Ronstarski (DEF), 9.0; 6. Alyssa Kelley (C), 8.975; 7. (tie) Kara Ahern (C) and Sarah Bugosh (S), 8.95.

DIVISION 2

ALL-AROUND: 1. Paige Albers (LU), 36.,4875;
2. Alyssa Supplee (LU), 35.45; 3. Rachel
Deneau (NN), 35.225; 4. Sarah Ukhari-Pru
(NN), 35.175; 5. Laura Nomura (LU), 35.125;
6. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 34.95.

VAULT: 1. Alyssa Supplee (LU), 9.3; 2.
Jacqueline Gajette (NN), 9.225; 3. Emma
Platt (NN), 9.2; 4. Paige Albers (LU), 9.1875;
5. LIndsey Abraham (T), 9.15; 6. Lauren Duda
(NN), 8.95; 7. Laura Nomura (LU), 8.825; 8.
Katarina Kariotis (S), 8.8.

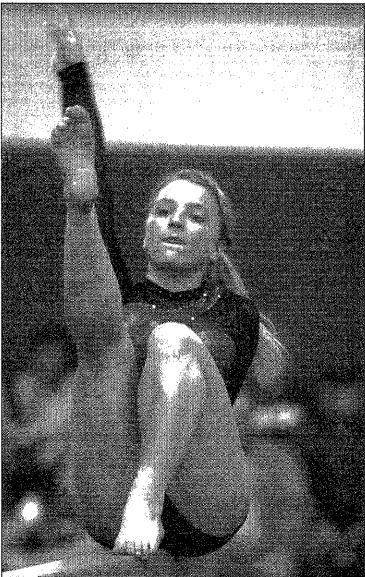
9.075; 2. Jacqueline Gazette (NN), 9.05; 3. Kelly Tapella (LU), 9.0; 4. Paige Albers (LU), 8.6; 5. (tie) Emma Platt (NN) and Lindsay Abraham (T), 8.7; 7. Alyssa Supplee (LU), 8.65; 8. Laura Nomura (LU), 8.55. BALANCE BEAM: 1. Rachel Deneau (NN), 9.6; 2. Sarah Ukhari-Pru (NN), 9.6; 3. Paige Albers (LU), 9.05; 4. Julie Aurelia (LU), 8.9; 5. Kaittyn Burns (C), 8.85; 6. Chelsea Selden

(C), 8.8; 7. Laura Nomura (LU), 8.75; 8. (tie)

UNEVEN BARS: 1. Sarah Ukhari-Pru (NN),

Katarina Kariotis (S) and Paige Cederna (SALINE), 8.7.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Paige Albers (LU), 9.45; 2. Rachel Deneau (NN), 9.4; 3. Kaitlyn Burns (C), 9.05; 4. (tie) Laura Nomura (LU) and Julie Aurelia (LU), 9.0; 6. Alyssa Supplee (LU), 8.85; 7. (tie) Emma Platt (NN) and Paige Cederna (SALINE), 8.8.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Jessie Murray helped lead the Chiefs to a second-place showing in Saturday's regional meet at Plymouth High School.

STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on APRIL 7th, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.

UNIT #B-11 - CLAUDETTE YOUNG OF 7555 WARREN, ANN ARBOR, MI 48105

Luggage, Christmas decorations, boom box, framed pictures, leather coat, storage bins, other misc. items.

UNIT #848 - KEVIN EFIMETZ OF 25075 MEADOWBROOK RD. #216, NOVI, MI 48375

Coach, 37" TV, washer, dryer, vacuum, fan, waterbed, tool box, grill, microwave, boxes, other misc items.

UNIT #457 - ROBERT COOMBS OF 3691 N. ADAMS, BLOOMFIELD, MI 48304

Wheels/Tires, car parts, shelf, file cabinets, 2 chairs, other misc items.

UNIT #518/547 - ROBERT TAYLOR (STANDARD OFFICE SOLUTION) OF 9282 GENERAL DRIVE #195, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

Tires, chairs, copiers, computer equipment, tanks, boxes, tables, lights, dog cage, storage bins, other misc. items.

SALE DATE IS APRIL 7, 2006 AT 10:00 A.M.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable

auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at

the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing

upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services

should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or

David Medley, ADA Coordinator

Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188

(734) 394-5260

CANTON 2006 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING SUBS

SUNFLOWER VILLAGE 1, 2, 3 AND 4 FOREST TRAILS SUBDIVISON MISCELLANEOUS LOCATIONS

Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Canton 2006 Sidewalk Repair Program" along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of the bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton at the Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, 48188 until 3:00 p.m., March 23, 2006 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project and approximate quantities of work:

CANTON 2006 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM

Removal and replacement of 100,000 square feet of 4" sidewalk and 15,000 square feet of 6" concrete sidewalk that includes drive approaches, adjustments and / or reconstruction of utility structures, restoration and related work

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on FRIDAY, MARCH 17. 2006 at 10:00 am at the Township Hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, 2nd Floor - Engineering Conference Room to explain the project and answer any questions.

Bid documents are on file for review at Canton Township -2nd Floor Engineering Services, Construction Association of Michigan, McGraw Hill Construction, Reed Construction Data, and Construction News Service of Michigan.

Bid documents may be obtained at the Charter Township of Canton, Engineering Services – 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, MI 48188 upon making a payment of Forty (\$40.00) Dollars of which none will be refunded.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount bid, drawn payable to the Charter Township of Canton as security for the proper execution of the Contract. Bids may not be withdrawn for the period of 60 days after date of receiving bids.

The Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in any bids should it consider same to be in its best interest.

The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT CLERK

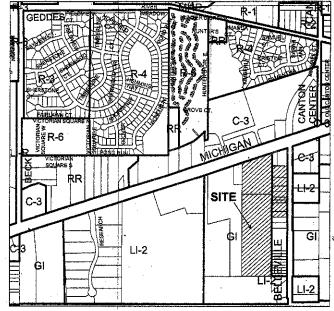
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 20, 2006, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:



SECTION 33

COSTCO WHOLESALE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN)- CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27:04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 132 99 0003 701, (132 99 0003 702, 132 01 0005 000, 132 01 0009 000, 132 01 0012 000, (4930 BELLEVILLE RD) 132 01 0014 000 (5010 BELLEVILLE RD), 132 01 0016 000, 132 01 0019 000, 132 01 0021 000 (5050 BELLEVILLE RD). Property is located south of Michigan and west of Belleville Rpad. (Second Public Hearing.)

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 16, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

FIELD OF DREAMS

There will be a "Soccer Field of Dreams" update meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, in the Plymouth High School distance-learning lab.

The agenda will include a summary of the program's funding and facilities successes to date and an informational presentation by Plymouth-Canton Schools

Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan regarding the May 2 bond election that includes funding for the "Soccer Field of Dreams" project.

Members of the P-CEP soccer booster clubs are encouraged to attend along with their friends and any other interested citizens.

For more information, call Bob Harris at (734) 416-1360.

OLGC FOOTBALL

The Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2006 season at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, in the school's gymnasium. OLGC is located at 1151 William St. in Plymouth.

OLGC offers teams for boys

in third through eighth grades (as of the fall of 2006). Families that belong to one of the following parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a'Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James (third- and fourth-graders only) and St. John Neumann.

Parents of interested players should attend the meeting. Program information and registration materials will be distributed.

Contact Mike Nelson at mikenelson@ameritech.net; or (734) 737-9935. or go to www.olgcfootball.net.

ANN ARBOR RUN

Online registration is open for the 33rd annual Dexter-Ann Arbor Run, presented by Comerica Sunday, June 4.

The featured race is the RRCA Michigan Half-Marathon Championship.
Other runs include 10K and 5K run and walks. All races follow picturesque Huron River Drive to the finish on Main Street in downtown Ann Arbor.

Complete information is available at www.dexterannar-borrun.com.

WESTLAND CAR CARE TOWING

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction March 14, 2006 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

MODEL

ILAR	MARE	MODEL	DOD I	A TTA #E
1988	MERCURY	TRACER	4-DR	3MABM1255JR634353
1990	BUICK		S/W	1G4BR84Y8LA403070
1990	CHEVY	PICK UP	P/U	1GCDC14H3LZ139781
1994	CHEVY	YUKON	S/W	1GKEK18K4RJ757264
1994	DODGE	SHADOW	4-DR	1B3AP28K9RN128126
1994	PLYMOUTH		4-DR	1P3AP28DXRN171793
1996	PLYMOUTH	NEON	2-DR	1P3ES62Y3TD508868
1991	FORD	EXPLORER	S/W	1FMDU34X1MUB63586
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for Site-Work Projects at Allen, Gallimore, and Smith Elementary Schoots. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; Construction News Service, Grandville; and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI. Bid Division descriptions include:

101: Earthwork & Site Utilities 102: Asphalt Paving & Exterior Concrete 143: Electrical 148: Landscaping

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at the main office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc. located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Bidders are STRONGLY encouraged to attend. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 2 bid copies (1 original, 1 copy) and a valid familial disclosure statement. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J McClendon Educational Center on or before 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 21, 2006 where they will be opened and read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton: that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 18, 2006 at 12:00 p.m.

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Entry into-the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall. Please come prepared, as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

Tuesday, March 7, 2006 Organizational Meeting -- 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (No Appointments)

Monday, March 13, 2006 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Tuesday, March 14, 2006 Hearings from 1:00 p.m. -- 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Saturday, March 18, 2006 Hearings from 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.
First Come, First Serve (Walk-in-Schedule)

Please be advised entry the building on Tuesday, March 14th after 5:00p.m.and Saturday, March 18th can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township hall.

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call Jana Shaw, Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394-5111.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK Charter Township of Canton

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RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

MARCH

Creation emphasis seminar What can you do with your congregation members that will change the way they look at the world forever? Creation series featuring speaker Grady McMurty, Biblical scientific creationist, 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, and 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 11, at Lighthouse Worship Center, 19827 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Call (248) 476-7933.

Women invited

All women 18 years and older are invited to share a special night of How to make peanut brittle, How to pamper yourself, and how to craft project 6 p.m. Friday, March 10, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Please bring a sandwich to share, hot soup provided. Any guestions, call (734) 464-0990. Lifeworks

7 p.m. Friday, March 10, in Knox Hall, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Northville, Financial adviser Brad Abbott speaks and answers questions from the group. Free childcare provided. No ticket or registration required. For more information, call (248) 374-

VBS fund-raiser

12:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at Riverside Park Church of God at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. We will be serving up a Mexican Fiesta for a small donation of \$3.50 per adult, \$1.50 children 12 and under. Take out is also available. There will be additional baked goods for sale and door prizes will be given away. All the profit on this event will go to sponsor a vacation bible school for children in the community.

Cherry Hill Baptist Bell Choir will be presenting a special unique sound of worship on March 12 during the morning service at Riverside Park Church of God. Family Worship service starts at 10:45 a.m. Any questions, call (734)

464-0990.

Frank Turner testimony

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

And Great Lakes Memorial Service 11 a.m. Sunday, March 12, at Mariners' Church of Detroit, 170 E. Jefferson. Free parking in Ford Auditorium Underground Garage, entrance is in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward. Call (313) 259-2206.

Senior singles

7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, in room C317, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Dr. Weldon Petz, a wellknown historian, speaks on The Pilgrimage of Abraham Lincoln. No ticket or reservation required. For more information, call (248) 374-5920. Lent program

Wednesday March 15, 22, 29, and April 5, 6 p.m. Taize prayer and song, 6:30 p.m. program with meal, service project and prayer, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Lenten schedule

Services 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, 22, 29, and April 5 [nursery available, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit http://holycrosslivonia.org. Holy Week services Palm Sunday April 9 at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Maundy Thursday April 13 at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday April 14 Reflections on the Passion 12:30-2 p.m., and Tenebrae Worship Service at 8 p.m.; Easter Vigil April 15 at 8 p.m., and Easter Sunday April 16 at 7 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Lifesong tour

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

information, call (734) 414-7777. **Book lecture**

Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church in Westland hosts a presentation by nationally known author, Angela Bonavoglia 7 p.m. Friday, March 17. Bonavoglia wrote Good Catholic Girls, a book about how women are leading the fight to change the Catholic Church, All are welcome.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 17 on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Any questions, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. First we enjoy a wonderful lunch together then we fellowship with some games and stories. There is always a short drama

presentation that will leave your sides hurting from laughing so hard. To end our time together there will be a short devotion led by the Rev. Robert McFarland. Do you enjoy playing Games? Bring your favorite game and a finger food

to share with others 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, March 18, No charge, Coffeehouse

7-10 p.m. Friday, March 17, Single Point Lighthouse Cafe, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Join us for an evening of relaxation and fun while listening to live entertainment. \$5 admission includes games, fellowship, music, snacks and fantastic specialty coffees. Free childcare provided. For more information, call (248) 374-5920.

Polish Dinner Dance With music by the Wally Lipiec Band Saturday, March 18, doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., music 7:30-11 p.m., in the Activity Center at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tickets \$20, assigned seating, no tickets sold at door. Call (248) 473-8428.

La Corda concert

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Chamber music by The La Corda Ensemble 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington, north of I-96, Livonia, For more information, call music director Mark Lohmeyer at (734) 522-6830. No chart, but a freewill offering will be accepted. Faith Promise event

Rick Jett, executive director of International Disaster Emergency Service, speaks 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Memorial Church, 35475 Five Mile. between Farmington and Levan, Livonia.

Tony Twist, CEO and president of TCM International Institute (prepares men and women for Christian leadership and provides benevolent assistance in Eastern Europe) speaks 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26. All events free and open to public.

Movie night

7 p.m. Friday, March 24, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. There will be a choice of 5 films to watch with friends and family. This is a great event for single parents with kids. No ticket or registration required. For more information, call (248) 374-5920.

Two-day conference

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church host the Faithfully Loving His Own conference aimed at bringing women together in the study of the Word, on March 24-25, at the church at 2080 W. Grand Boulevard (at Grand River) Detroit. Friday evening's activities begin at 5:30 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. and continue to 4:30 p.m. Ticket are \$65. Admission for women who register as a group of six is \$325 and includes one free pass. Tickets for Friday evening only are \$20. Tickets for Saturday only are \$55 and include materials. Saturday lunch is \$6. Scholarships are available. Call (734) 207-9581, Ext. 305. For more information or to register, visit www.womenintheword.org or call (888) MT\$-2737, Ext. 301.

Two-part seminar

The Art of Pro-Life Persuasion, presented by Right to Life - LIFESPAN 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, March 31, and 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 1, at Dearborn Evangelical Covenant Church, 18575 W. Outer Drive. Cost is \$15. Registration required. Call (248) 478-8878.

Lenten Bible study

Pastor Herschel Ele leads a Lenten Bible Study 6:20-7:10 p.m. Wednesdays, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford. The church continues Sunday services with an adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m., traditional worship and children's Sunday School at 10 a.m. (rotational format using computers, cooking, crafts, storytelling and more), contemporary Mustard Seed service at 6 p.m. Tuesday morning adult Bible Study at II a.m. Call (734) 421-7620.

Lenten programs

Runs Wednesdays to April 5, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville, Call (734) 699-3361or visit www.trinitybell.org. All welcome to 6 p.m. Evening Prayer, 6:30 p.m. Lenten Supper, 7 p.m. Story of Anglicanism and the Episcopal church.

Creation emphasis seminar Lenten services

10 a.m. Sundays through Lent and Easter Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday, April 13 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860, or visit www.nardinpark.org. and 7:30 p.m. April 14 Community Service at First United Methodist Church in Farmington.

UPCOMING

Last Supper re-enactment

7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, presented by Wayne Westland First United Methodist Church and First Congregational Church of Wayne, at Three Town Square, wayne. Open to the public. No charge, but a love offering will be taken. Call (734) 721-9300 or (734) 721-4801.

Maundy Thursday service 7:30 p.m. April 13, in the sanctuary at

St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Crafters wanted For the St. Thomas a Becket Church

Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555. S. Lifley Road, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

Grief workshop

From grief to new hope began 7-8:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, continue for 8 Mondays in Room A105 at Ward-Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. No charge. Pre-register by calling (248) 374-5966. Lutheran course

one in between, began 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, and continues weekly through March 28, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile,

For all Lutherans - old, new and any-

Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211. Divorce workshop

Began 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9 and runs for 7 weeks until March 23, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Cost is \$30 for pre-registration, \$20 returning participants, \$35 at door. Cost includes the book Growing

Through Divorce by Jim Smoke and a closing night dinner. For information,

call (248) 374-5920. **Purpose Driven Life**

Members, friends and neighbors of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren during Lent. Small groups will meet at homes in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi and South Lyon on Wednesday evenings during Lent. All faiths are welcome. Call (248) 349-3140 for more information.

Bible study groups

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

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

Exercise series

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

Scripture from scratch

No previous Bible study required, began 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. The four units include an overview of the Bible (Feb. 7, 14, 21), the Old Testament (March 7, 14, 21, 28), the New Testament (April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, and Gospels (May 16, 23, 30 and June 6). Each session includes video presentation, small and large group discussions. Be one of the first 10 to receive the participant's manual for \$5. After that, the cost is \$10. To register, call (734) 425-5950.

Bible studies

Began 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11 (with family dinner at 6:15 p.m.), and 9:15 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19 (for women, the Bible study is based on the book of Luke), at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722.

Kabbalah classes

Presented by the Sara Tugman Bais Chabad Torah Center, the classes began 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 5595 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The classes are open for both beginners and more advanced students, Call (248) 855-6170, Ext. 1, or send e-mail to BCTC770@aol.com.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

Fall Sunday services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 9:30 a.m. Bible study, and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sunday school, at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia.

Unity of Livonia

Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue located at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

Bet Chaverim

Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

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kids and teens, a great place for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month), Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255-

Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.,

Wednesday service 6:15 p.m. - Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care, Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks

A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit the Web site at www.adatshalom.org.

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

Scripture from scratch

If you've always wanted to learn about the Bible from square one, here's square one 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950 to register.

Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh (31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia) is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available, Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

Services

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

Single Point Ministries

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

Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays, at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland, Call (734) 728-9157.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

The Gap

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

Qigong

The ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine. A safe and effective way to rid body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions. Learn the art of natural movement and breath to cultivate vital life energy. Classes at Livonia Unity, 28660 Five Mile. Monday - movement Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m.; Thursday - Qigong meditation 10-11:15 a.m., and Friday - Therapeutic Qigong, 7-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813-4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@energeticarts.org.

Worship services 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an

education hour 9:30-10:40 a.m., at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

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ting edge drama productions, contemporary-energized music, high-tech video and lighting, relevant lifechanging messages, ministries for all ages; services times are 8 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m., junior high serves for grades six-eight at 10:45 a.m.), Wednesday services 8:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Family Night), and service for ages 18-28 at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at 23800 W. Chicago, Redford. Call (313) 255-2222.

MARY ELLEN CROW 85, Beloved wife of the late Jack Gladden for 8 years and the late Allen Crow for 13 year. Loving mother of Craig (Norma) Gladden and the late Thomas Gladden (Bernadette). Cherished grandmother of Karen Carlton, Thom, Amanda and great-grandmother of Sara. Funeral Mass Friday, March 10th, 10 am (Prayers at funeral home 9:15 am) at St. Colette, 17600 Newburgh (N. of 6 Mile Rd.) Livonia. Visitation Thursday 2-8 pm with a 7 pm Rosary at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (Btw. 9-10 Mile Rds, just N. of Grand River) downtown Farmington (248-474-5200, heeneysundquist.com) Memorials Suggested



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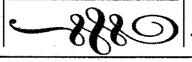
Devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother, compassionate daughter and sister and caring friend to all who had the pleasure to meet her, died in Venice, FL on January 19th, 2006 at the young age of 59. Rose, as she was commonly known, always put others' interests and well being in front of her own. She was one of the most unselfish people you would ever meet and always looked to give credit to others as opposed to shining the spotlight on herself. Rose, along with her husband Tom, dedicated many hours, days, and years to raising their five children. Not always easy, but ask any of the children and they'll tell you that they couldn't ask for a better household growing up. Rose will always be remembered in the hearts of everyone she knew as a compassionate, loving person with a joy for life. Rose has touched everyone she knew and a little piece of Rose lives on in everyone she has met. She will truly be missed by her family and friends, but will not be forgotten. Rose leaves behind her loving husband, Tom Sr.; her five children, Tom Jr. (spouse Jennifer) Jon (spouse Julie), Missy, Jenny and Matt (fiancé Olivia); her mother Ruth; sisters Pat and Diane, brother Jerry grandchildren Jacob and Jordyn and many, many other friends and family. A memorial service for Rose will be held on Saturday March 11, 2006 at 1 pm at St. Mary's of the Hills, located at 2675 John R in Rochester.

MARION L. WATSON Age 91, of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, March 7, 2006. Wife of the late Joel P. Watson, a former Chrysler with the Corporation, who preceded Marion in death in 2002. Survived by two daughters, Patty (Damian) Zikakis of Birmingham, and Susan (Patrick) Bockenstette of Trabuco Canyon, California; one son, Michael C. (Roberta) Watson of Pickerton, Ohio. Also survived by grandchildren Alex, Sam, Emily, Matthew, Ethan, Luke, Scott, Kellie, Katie, Courtney, and Ross. Mrs. Watson had been a bookkeeper at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, where she was a member. She also was a member of Bloomfield Hills Investment Club, a volunteer for The American Red Cross, and a voracious reader and Bridge player. A Memorial Service was held Thursday, March 9, 2006, at The First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, The Reverend Rodney F. Quainton officiating. Arrangements by The William R. Hamilton Co. of Birmingham, 248-644-6000. Private interment in the Memorial Garden at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, Memorial tributes may be made to The American Diabetes Association, Southeast Michigan Office, 30300 Telegraph Rd., Suite 117, Bingham Farms, MI 48025



GEORGE GRIFFIN, JR.

86, died Friday, March 3, 2006 at his home in Boyne City. No services are scheduled at this time. Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Farmington, Michigan. He was born on July 9, 1919 on Mackinac Island Michigan, the son of George, Sr. and Helen (Lapine) Griffin. On November 27, 1943, he married Mildred Alene Scranton. She preceded him in death on May 24, 1984. George grew up on Mackinac Island and drove carriage and worked on the "head boats," the ferries and the golf course. He served six years in the United States Coast Guard during World War II. He was a Past Commander of the American Legion Post in Farmington. George worked 50 years as a brick mason. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, traveling to Florida and boating. George moved to Boyne City in 1985. He is survived by two children, George (Roberta) Griffin,V of Cape Florida and Lynda Jane (Victor) Specht of Alva, Florida; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and his cousin, Pat Redmann of Boyne City. He was also preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Pete, Ted and John Griffin; and two sisters, Ann Kamradt and Pauline Griffin. Memorials may be given to American Cancer Society. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan, MI.



WILLIAM VERNON THOMAS

Age 81, March 7, 2006. Beloved husband of Mary. Dear father of Kip (Nicki), Neil (Suzanne), Deborah (Chuck) Leckenby, and Cynthia (Brian) Martin. Loving grandfather of 12 and great grandfather of 12. Also survived by 1 sister: Betty Lou Mitchell. Visitation Thursday 3-9 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road (E. of 1-275), Livonia. Memorial Service Friday 10:30am. at the Berean Bible Church, 35375 Ar Arbor Trail, Livonia. Memorials may be made to the Berean Bible Church.

In Memory Of



MIKE SMART Sept. 20, 1948-Mar. 7, 2005

Your family, friends and extended family and Leagues at Woodland Lanes miss you and love you without end. Your sister and brother feel your loss everyday, And our love for you grows and grows.

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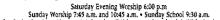
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Changing jerseys

Michigan Hawks replace Jaguars in W-League

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Hawks have purchased the franchise rights to the Detroit Jaguars of the United Soccer League's Women's League.

The Hawks will continue to play their Midwest
Division games this season at Livonia Stevenson High School. The WrLeague season starts Friday, May 19 at home against the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever.

Former Stevenson High varsity girls coach Jim Kimble, who runs the Hawks' club soccer program, will serve as team President taking over for Laura Fedrigo, who left to take a job as Executive Director for the Atlanta (Ga.) Silverbacks of the W-League.

Kimble, who guided Stevenson to back-to-back girls state high school titles in 1997-98, has hired ex-Detroit Rocker player Doug Landefeld as head coach. Landefeld was an assistant last season

Last year's head coach, Michele Brach, and former Rocker player Tim Ernst, who coached the U-18 Hawks to the 2004 U.S. Youth Soccer Association national title, will be Landefeld's assistants.

"The W-League is the third best league in the world as far as competition and it was important to keep it in Detroit, we just thought it was the right thing to do," Landefeld said. "Most of the league is comprised of college kids who have eligibility left or are just finishing their collegiate careers.

"We also felt with our name (Hawks), we could attract some of the Region's top talent and it gives players from Michigan, Michigan State and Oakland University a place to come home and play as well"

Kimble and Landefeld have stocked their roster with former Hawks youth standouts including 2005 W-League Player of the Year Melissa Dobbyn, a Stevenson High grad who earned team MVP honors this fall at the University of Michigan.

The team's second leading scorer from a year ago, New Mexico native Kristi Swaving (Oakland University), also returns.

Texas A&M teammates
Marisa Sarkesian, a midfielder, and Jordan
Falcusan, a defender,
remain in the fold. The
Salem High grads were also
Hawks teammates.

Other original Hawks signed for this season include goalkeeper Kathryn Cumming (Pepperdine), an All-Central Conference player last year; Novi grad and midfielder Maureen Pawlak (Michigan State); and Northville High product and midfielder Nicole Cauzillo (Kansas

University).

Two former Vardar club players, midfielder Erin Konheim (West Bloomfield) and defender Nina Mastracci (Troy Athens), will suit up this season along with defender Erin Doan (Dearborn High). All three were teammates at

Another catch for the Hawks is Big Ten Freshman of the Year Jessica. Okoroafo, a forward from Purdue. The Sylvania, Ohio native is a member of the U.S. Under-20 National Team development pool along with Dobbyn.

The Jaguars, 11-3 a year ago, played their first season (2004) at the Total Soccer complex in Wixom before moving their home games last season to Stevenson.

"The Jaguars did a nice job creating a foundation," Landefeld said. "The team has had great success and great players."

The Hawks also plan to tap into the community. They will stage a free youth clinic for boys and girls ages 5-12 from 10 to 11 a.m. this Saturday at Total Soccer, located at 30990 S. Wixom Road, in Wixom.

They also have scheduled another youth clinic Saturday, April 8 at Stevenson (time to be announced).

For more information about clinics or Hawks tickets, call Landefeld at (734) 542-4936.



National qualifier

The Team Mission Detroit 88's, coached by Craig Cromie, captured their first tournament of the season, Feb. 24-26, at the In-Line Hockey Center in West Bloomfield. Nick Pesant (Canton) scored a pair of third-period goals and set up a third scored by Kyle Stambersky (Dearborn) to seal a 7-5 win over the Tour Bordercats 89 in the championship. The Bordercats led 4-0 after one period before rallying for the win behind the offensive efforts of tournament MVP Jason Yokubison (West Bloomfield) and Jason Westfall (West Bloomfield). Robbie Kowalski (Plymouth), who made numerous key saves in the final period, was named Best Goalie. The TMD 88's collected 27 goals in four games, including wins over Dragonmeade and the Bordercats in the preliminary round. Other members of TMD include: Josh Ruzinsky (Warren), Justin Ascenzo (Novi), Mario Giangrande (Westland), Tim Staley (Novi) and Kevin Etzel (Northville). The assistant coach is Dave Westfall, manager NRL Rodgers. The general manager is Bob Dare, while the team sponsor and team consultant is Randy Kowalski. The TMD 88's competed last weekend in the AAU National qualifier in Rochester.

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Baby boomers

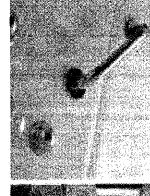
















BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

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.

The Sun-Cleaning windows are charged, he said, and can easily be cleaned with a hose. "You don't get the beading so you don't get all the dirt."

Kearns does such things as interior and exterior work, roofing and more. Wilson also recommends vinvl 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.

Other findings include:

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.

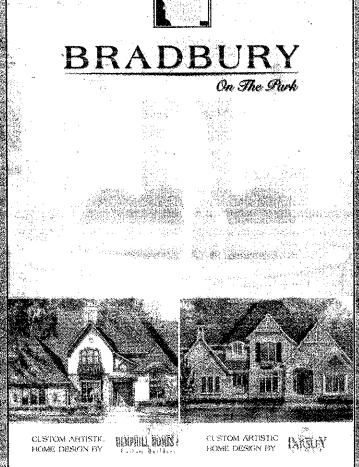
Even if they require help to care for themselves, most respondents (82 percent) would prefer not to move from their current home.



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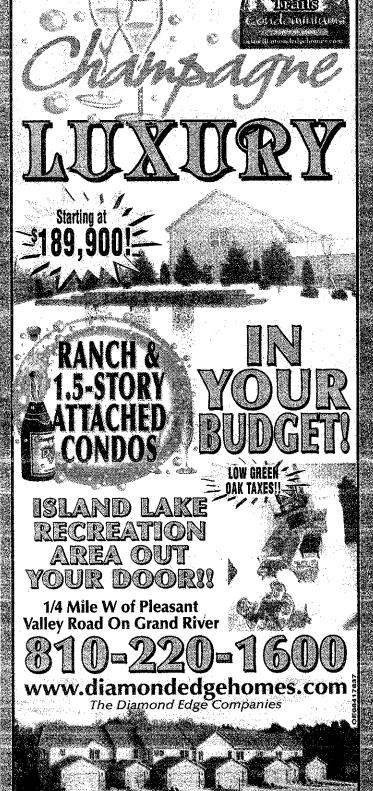
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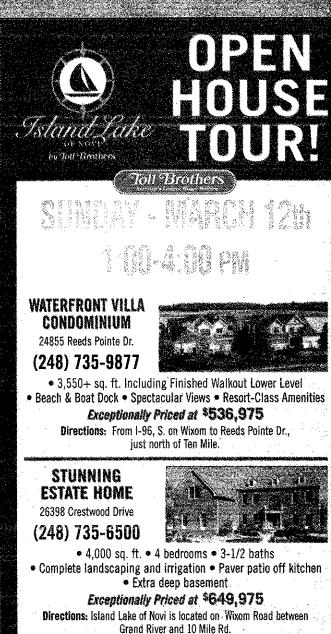


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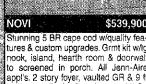
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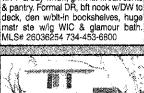




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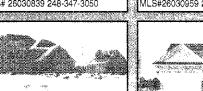
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tops, Remod Bath, Great Lr Cpt, Ne Ndo's O5, Roof & Siding 05, O'size 2.5 Car Gar, Cellar Has Some Storage MLS# 26027657 248-347-3050



4 BR, 4.1 BA ranch on 2.45 acre w/small pond out front. Bright-cheer itchen. Great room w/fireplace. Lu Finished walkout w/famil naster. room, full kit, 2nd laundry, full BA & 4th BR. Private entry in-law ste. MLS# 26031664



Gorgeous home less than 1 yr old or premium lot. HDWD firs t/o & 9' cings on 1st fir. Kitchen w/Corian cntrs & bkft nook w/lg bay window. Extra lo BR's, lux mstr bath w/jac tub & custor shower. Bose media center. MLS 26026977 734-453-6800



Perfect home has 1st floor maste open fover w/HDWD flr. vaulted GF /rec's Igts & nat FP. Gourmet k w/HDWD firs, bft nook w/DW to lo deck. Oversized 1st fir mstr ste w/vaulted ceiling, att glamour bath & 2 WIC. MLS# 26031069 734-453-6800



8x18 tile in hall & kit,book loft i Andersen windows, 2 furnaces c/a, Florida room off kit w/4 skylights, fo's, hwd in fover & dr, 10 ft, ceilings i deck. MLS# 26027087 248-347-3050



Beautiful Family Rm, Dining Roor W/hardwood Firs, Updated Kitche N/hardwood Firs,Updated Woak Cabinets & CeramicTile& Ne Counter Tops, Formal Living roon W/hardwood Firs, Ali Appls Stay MLS#26030959 248-347-3050



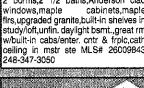
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Bookshelf, Frplc, Dining Rm, Kitche W/all Appls To Remain, Vaulted Mst Ste W/bath Access, Finished LL, Daylight Windows, In-law/au Pai Gar. MLS# 26029360 248-347-3050



PLYMOUTH \$220,000 cabinets.mapl rs,upgraded granite,built-in shelves i





te W/walk In Clst & Bath , Choice O Countertops, Ceram Carpet & Vinyl. Gas Log Frploe
N/wood Mantle & Ceramic Surround 2 Car Grg, Drywalled W/celling, MLS 25175844 248-347-3050



\$299,900 Choice location! 2800 sq. ft., very we kept home w/custom window treat area, prof. landscaped, Neutral deco ardwood floors, mstr ste with cathe drai ceilings. Come & see for yourself ALS# 26034194



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CANTON \$249,900 s a real stand out! Fully loaded w/upgraded crptng, lighting, sinks & nardware. Prof finished bsmt w/day onts in kit & lux metr ste. Large deci MLS# 26020830 734-453-6800



, grmt kit w/island & oak cabinets Open floor plan w/formal LR, vaulted eilings & Palladian window. FR w/gas log FP, 1st floor Indry, mstr w/huge WIC & bath w/jetted tub. MLS# 26036275 734-453-6800



Wonderful updated 4 BR 2 story home n sought after Sheffield Estates temodeled kitchen w/ceramic floor ing, french door leading to yard. FR w/corner FP, master ste w/priv ba, prof fin bsmt w/full bath, sauna & jac. MLS#



Marine the second of the second iff, dellings on 1st fin2 story GR w/bridge_above.hwo_fir_c.foyer,DR.haliways,half___ba bath kitchen new dimen iroot - tearoff.new 2nd flr C/A.3.5 car garage,p. fin. extra deep bsmt.,Jack & Jill bath MLS#



W/newpicture Fir,Kitchen W/snack Bar & Appls,FF N/new Frplc,Mstr Bdrm W/wic,Bath Access Part. Finished Bsmnt.Nev Clad Windows, 2.5 Car Garage



Ivmouth, Rebuilt To The Studs, New





3.5 carside entry garage.Ceramic tile in 2-story foyer,1st fir laundry, dim oof full unfin bsmi. Seller to instal andscaping when weather permits or give allowance.great rm w/vaulted cell ng w/bridge above. MLS# 26033831 248-347-3050



Dramatic 2 story foyer w/HDWD flr, for mal LR, vaulted FR w/rec'd lgts & gas FP. Grmt kit w/stainless steel appl's, bf look w/DW to deck, Oversized mst ste w/vauited cing & 2 WIC's & glam-our bath. Prof Indscp yard. MLS# 26032058 734-453-6800





w/2 story soaring clg & natural FF Spacious kit-nook w/extra cbnts &

\$129,900 CANTON /open floor plan. Skylites over stair main bath. New roof & road paying Refinished deck w/bay wndw in bf area. Gas FP, partly finished bsmt & a appl's. Private entry & imm occ. MLS4 26019967 734-453-6800



eautiful 3 BR ranch boasts a pro rs, spacious FR w/FP & bay wndw, f LL, updated full bath & ha main flr. Meticulous LR & DR, over sized 2 car att gar & private yard MLS# 26031491 734-453-6800



riced to sell...totally updated colonic Sunset Park sub. Open fove Pergo, gourmet kit, FR w/FP & built in shelving, 4 seasons rm w/DW to deck. Formal DR w/bay wndw, 4 BR's w/tons of storage, mstr ste w/WIC MLS# 26032109 734-453-6800



ve Bunn Colomai On 1 Aure.2.5 Car Att. Gar/2 Car Det,remod, Kit W/maple Cabs & Granite counters,remod.Mstr Bath Wijacuzzi.remod. Half Bath Wilimestone Fl & Cherry Cabs,pella Windows,circular Drive,new Roof!



park-fike setting backing to commons Gigantic kitchen. Open family room w/fireplace. Luxury master w/fireplace. LR w/FP BR's are enormous. Finished & bath. MLS:



You Lovely Home, Home Offers New Copper Plumbing, News





Exceptional colonial on fabulous inter or setting offering a beautiful icturesque pond. Light, brig itchen-nook w/Pergo floor. Ope areat room w/gas firéplace. Lux mas ter w/bath & trey ceiling. MLS# 26025756 734-453-6800



Open fir plan, grmt kit w/huge nook vaulted FR w/ceiling fan, FP, DW to deck, formal LR w/bay wndw & rec'd lights, master ste w/ceiling fan, WIC access to bath & 1st fir Indry MLS# 26031236 734-453-**680**0



Neutrall Show & sell! 4 BR. 2.1 B colonial on a low traffic court setting packing to mature trees! Spaciou kitchen-nook w/HDWD floors. FF w/FP. Formal DR. Lux master emium elevation! MLS# 26028245

ustom chandelier. Library w/2-way Fl

o FR, grmt kit w/ceramic fir, bft noo

v/doorwall to oversized deck. Crn ml

o, formal DR w/wainscotting. Vaulte

mst ste w/glamour bath. 26036142 734-453-6800

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nade cabinetry,granite counters.2

story GR w/wail of windows & bridge

above w/ornamental spindles nv

rm. 1/2

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lmw/nat Fo Front Window By Pella

Kitchen, Fin. Bsmt W/wet Bar, Sauna

Bath, Updated Plumbing, Newer Roof On Hs + Gar C/a, MLS# 26031820 248-347-3050

W/character

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CANTON



BR, 2.5 BA col w/den, 1st fir indry, at car gar & bsmt. New crpt, mostly resh paint, some Ander<mark>sen wndws</mark> newer roof. 4 solar tubes, woodburn 5173941734-453-6800



DRBN HGTS. \$**205-215**,000 nardwood floors. 1st or 2nd floor laur dry, fireplace, upgraded cabinetry spacious kitchens, letted tub in master 2 car attached garage and more. MLS#'s: 26014779, 26014777 and



ARMINGTON HILLS \$179,900 FARMINGTON HILLS: \$175,000 ocredible Value For This Charmin Beautiful 3 Br Brick Ranch W/ Dbl Lot Boasting A Private Wooded Lot, W/O Tastefully Updated In Neutral Tories. 2 smt,att Gar,Family Rm W/french Drs ull Baths. Kitchen & Dining Rm Hav To Deck, Kit W/coved Ceiling, Hrdwo Pergo Flooring, French Door Opens To Florida Rm Living Rm Has A Nat.Fp MLS# 26017378 734-564-3183



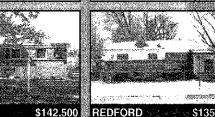




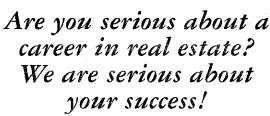
Quality a attention to petail enhance wooded lot. Separate LR & FR for for nat or casual living. Gou**rmet kitcher** w/cherry cabinets, granite, large island











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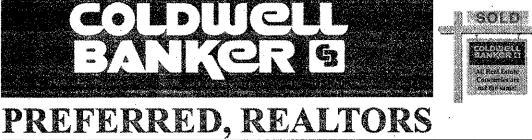
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START PACKING This 3 bd. 2.5 o. Large kit. W/nook, Island & all cellings w/egress windows, 2 living & dining rooms, big kitchen appi. Traditional LR/DR great for entertaining, FR w/cathedral ceil. garden tub, ceramics and Covered front & back porches and FP. Master w/lg. WiC. & nat. FP. Master w/lg. WiC. & deckl \$219,900 (C-520GL) 242MA)

The periodic rooms and 3 full paths. Large the neart of Dearborn. Features 3 bd, 2.5 baths. Gorgeous almost 600 square feet. All ceilings w/egress windows, 2 living & dining rooms, big kitchen included 1.5 baths, newer water hardwood floors, very open floor and hardwood plan, wonderful kitchen & Dining air conditioner and humidifier. Floors. Needs a little TLC. Great areas. Great location, close to price. \$129,000 (P-511MA) severything in Plymouth. S254,900 (P-232OA)

Severything in Plymouth. S254,900 (P-232OA) move in w/fresh paint & carpet t/ priv. bath. 1st floor indry, C/A & sprinklers. \$233,000 (P-431PA)



GREAT STARTER HOME Priced for quick sale! Bring your elbow grease to this great investment property or starter home. Price reflects work needed to be done. Seller can help with closing costs. \$64,900 (C-499RO)



EYE CATCHING FEATURES In this newly constructed condo offering a ceramic fover, 1st floor maple kitchen, dual toned paint, master w/garden tub, treated deck & more. \$209,900 (C-



FANTASTIC CAPE COD! 4 bd, 2.5 ba cape cod located in great sub. Extra large Kit, updated carpet, custom blinds, & central vacuum. Gorgeous 1st floor Master w/Jacuzzi, fantastic 4 season room, lavish land-scaping & a brick paver Patio.



WONDERFUL OPEN RANCH Totally updated ranch with an floor updated kitchen.



DETACHED CONDO! Nestled among the pines is this lovely 3 bdrm, 3 bath condo near downtown Plymouth & Hines. w/washer & dryer, large Living fabulous open floor plan with a Top of the line upgrades Room w/doorwall to Deck, newer kitchen and great room throughout, finished basement Master bedroom w/doorwall to combination. Finished basement,



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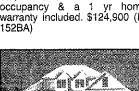






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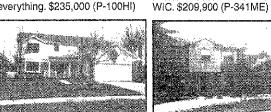




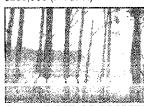
GORGEOUS WESTLAND CON- BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME DO Immediate occupancy in this Amazing 1.25 acres in Canton. awesome 2 bdrm, 2 ba condo One of the few lots left to build backing to the woods. Soaring on. Bring your own plans and ceilings, skylights, open floor builder. Cul-de-sac with walkout plan, Andersen windows, large options. Great location. Land deck, huge walk in closets and contract terms available. Rare all appliances. Great location. \$114,900 (P-296SH) \$219,900 (P-097TR)



YOUR PRIVATE RETREAT WELL MAINTAINED COLONIAL AWAITS! Amazing 3 bd. Livonia on quiet court in Canton. Neutral ranch offers everything from great 1/0, new carpet 1/0, 3 bd, 1.5 ba, curb appeal to open floor plan! LR w/bay window, Family Room So many extras including 2 full w/nat fp, Kit w/updated vinyl, baths, newer windows, carpet, generous counter space, & oak coof apple fireplace drivway & generous counter space, w/do-english roof, appls, fireplace, driveway & cabs. Large Nook w/doorwall, morel On over a ½ acre! Close to Master w/double door entry & everything. \$235,000 (P-100HI)



BETTER HURRY! This huge 4 MAGNIFICENT COLONIAL Imm. bedroom Canton colonial is a condition best des-cribes this gem! Master Ste w/ bath and home in Plymouth. Boasts a WIC, huge family room w/ remodeled Kitchen w/granite, fireplace, bright kitchen, major cherry cabs, & stainless steel updates too – paint, carpet, appl. Hwd floors in Living & flooring, roof, siding, windows, A/ Dining rooms, prof fin. bsmt., C & furnace, large yard tool Deck w/screened Gazebo & a \$259,900 (P-767TI)



glowing field. Gas, electric, phone & front brick exterior to the entry, finished cable at road. Can be split into 2 stamped concrete walkway, GR kitchen,



PLYMOUTH CHARMER 2 bd; 1 bath condo, ready for you now! face! Oversized Plymouth ranch Kitchen w/all appl, laundry room with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and a and a huge great room floor deck, nice dining room area, plan. \$327,900 (C-811Pl) neutral carpet, & low association





NEW CONSTRUCTION 4 bd, GREAT BUY! Super home w.4 FANTASTIC 2.5 bath, brick homes in Livonia. bd, 1.5 baths, & 1700 sq ft. Huge Open floor Desired floor plan, Great Room remodeled Kitchen w/island & entertaining. w/frpl, master bedroom w/private pergo, spacious master, updated w/frpl, master bedroom w/private pergo, spacious master, updated ceramic, Great Room w/cathedral room w/frpl, open Kitchen, bath, 2 car attached garage, windows, doors, baths, & freshly daylight basement and more painted t/o. Oversized patio w/ Call today for more details. gazebo on a large lot in Livonia. \$410,000 (P-002BR) \$139,900 (P-235CA) \$

NOT JUST ANOTHER ... Pretty

newer windows and super clean. Totally turn key. \$224,900 (C-557PO)



scaping. \$510,000 (P-118ME)



air, attached garage and many new shopping center. \$119,900 an attached garage. \$157,900 updates. Call for the list. (C-611WE) (C-612YO) \$225,000 (P-256SO)



\$229,900 (C-389HA)



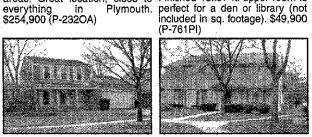
FANTASTIC END UNIT CONDO Open floor plan is great for entertaining 2 story entry w/



Deckt. \$289,900 (P-945VI)



Phenomenal pricing on new square foot beauty with 5 bungalow with tons of potential in This house has it all, Built in 95, bedroom, one bath ranch with construction with 9 ft. basement bedrooms and 3 full baths. Large the heart of Dearborn. Features 3 bd, 2.5 baths. Gorgeous almost 600 square feet. All



newer windows, furnace, hwh & gar. door. \$174,900 (P-208AL) neighborhood. Call today for 504BE) more info. \$204,900 (C-470BE)



IMPRESSIVE COLONIAL Brick MODEL PERFECT! Close to colonial on estate size lot town ranch w/full basement & overlooking commons area. 2 attached Garage. Beautiful story entry w/hwd, formal DR, updated Kitchen & bath, hwd Butler's Pantry, 2 story FR w/fp, floors, natural frpl, large closets, courset. Kit. w/sherry, cashe. ** more Culet neighborhood w/



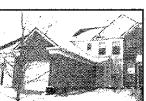
IMMACULATE is the only way to DOWNTOWN describe this 3br ranch. Updates Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath in kitchen & bath. Freshly bungalow with updated roof, painted, updated carpet, new water heater, furnace, kitchen

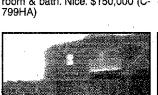






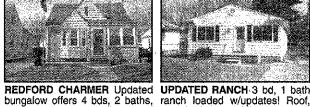
WO GIMMICKS Just a nice solid bedroom with ranch plan w/formal living and dining basement and 2 car garage in bedrooms and 1.5 baths. Oak room plus a FR w/fp and a huge the Southeast area of Dearborn kitchen with ceramic tile, fresh master w/private bath. Large Heights. Perfect for retirees or paint, pergo floors, basement, tiered deck, finished basement, first time buyers. Close to the deck the backs to a commons &





CANTON CONDO Welcome home to this nearly new condo. Open floor plan offers a Great full basement, open Kitchen w/

car garage. \$289,900 (P-877TU)



scaping, enclosed front porch, make this a real fenced yard, & 2 car garage. \$117,000 (P-550PO) \$139,900 (P-583NA)





BRAND NEW Best describes

CHARMING COLONIAL Located this totally redone home! This all in desirable Westland sub. This brick 3 bd, 1 ba ranch has a 2.5 home features 3bd, 1.5 ba, part. condo in a great Canton Offering hwd. Floors, newer roof, car det gar, nice fenced yard. Updates inc. new storm doors, updated vinyl windows, updated bath, updated bat

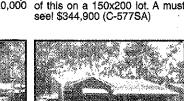


GREAT STARTER HOME One

COMFORT VALUE AND Spacious 4 bd colonial, updated Kitchen, t/o. New flooring, windows, electrical, formal Dining Room, island plumbing, siding, and more. All Kitchen, Family Room w/fp, & a appliances stay. Great scenery, just move in and enjoy! \$120,000 of this on a 150x200 lot. A must see! \$344,900 (C-577SA)

PLYMOUTH







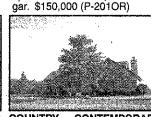
PERFECTION! NEAT AS A PIN Awesome ranch You'll fall in love with the with coved ceilings, vinyl hardwood floors, updated insulated windows, finished kitchen w/bar & nook, totally basement with a full kitchen and updated baths, prof. fin. updated ceramic floors in the basement w/fireplace, screened porch, deck & flagstone patio. New roof, windows and carpeting. \$279,900 (P-314BE)



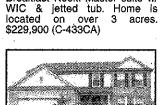
GREAT PIECE OF PROPERTY
WOW This home is only 3 years
10 05 acres on a private road, old & still looks & feels like new, exquisite 4 bedroom colonial in brick bungalow in Divine Child
aiready has engineered septic Upgrades galore from the full Canton's Central Park. Grand area, Turn key condition, totally
field. Gas, electric, phone & front brick exterior to the entry, hardwoods, gournet updated bath, master bedroom & fireplace, formal living & dining
cable at road. Can be split into 2 stamped concrete walkway, GR kitchen, formal areas, fireplace, a library on 2nd level. New light **PEACEFUL** WOODED VIEW Spotless 3 bd Livonia ranch, recent updates: driveway, porch, vinyl siding w/ insulation, main sewer line sprinklers, windows, g, furnace and more. storm doors, spacious kit. area w/oak cabs & IG. breakfast bar open to Brkfst Rm, 2 car det.



SHARP AND CLEAN Canton condo in a quiet complex with 2



COUNTRY CONTEMPORARY Wonderful ranch in Huron school district. Plenty of cabinets in Kitchen w/deep sink & spacious Breakfast Nook. Master suite w/





BETTER THAN NEW 2 bd, 1.5 details and more location. Move in & enjoy!

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BETTER THAN NEW 2 bd, 1.5 details and move location with a ranch in the Downriver area with perfect two story home with 4 bddroom and 3.5 baths. Immediate occupancy, seller has great open kitchen offering oak all of the big ticket items updated floor plan. Amenities include hardwood floors, formal living & cabinetry, living room w/ for you. Windows, siding, hardwood floors, formal living & dining plus family room fireplace, and many upgrades bath, finished basement w/family water heater, remodeled kitchen offering oak all of the big ticket items updated floor plan. Amenities include hardwood floors, formal living & dining plus family room fireplace, nice master w/large, furnace, roof, cement work, dining plus family room fireplace, and many upgrades bath, finished basement w/family water heater, remodeled kitchen offering oak all of the big ticket items updated floor plan. Amenities include hardwood floors, formal living & dining plus family room fireplace, normal living & dining plus family room fireplace and many upgrades. Study to 0.5279,999 (C-389HA)

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DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH CON-\$279,000 (C-318SH)









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How to buy, sell in spring

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, March 9, 2006

I one of us are sure how this spring's real estate market will look. With few exceptions, home values throughout the country have remained level at best. Mortgage interest rates remain reasonable, but not near recent years' record-setting lows.

The adage, "Let's plan for the worst and hope for the best" may very well come into play in the ensuing months. Failing to plan is really a plan to fail. In real estate, a failing plan can be very expensive.

As such, there are a few things buyers and sellers can do to make sure they make the most of any real estate opportunities that may bud along with the rest of spring. Any goof-ups in a slow market may mean that you sit the bench for the rest of the season.

Lender prequalification or pre-approval letters are important, but the value of the letter is only as good as the person who signed it. Make sure that person is legitimate and that the company they represent is in good standing with the State Attorney General's office.

Buyers, here's a new one. Go a step beyond just getting a pre-qualification letter: Get a full-blown "conditional" approval. Most of us lenders have access to Automated Underwriting systems that can spit out bona fide conditional approvals easily within a day. Do this, and you will be prepared for my next seller tip.



Timothy **Phillips**

is a buyer's market and they know it. You need to know any potential borrower is sincere and

you do not want your home off the market very long if buyers must scramble for financing. Insist on a meaningful deposit from the buyers to show they are sincere. Do not accept unduly long contract periods. And for heaven's sake, use a financing contingency. My favorite is a conditional statement that says that the sellers reserve the right to accept other offers until the buyers remove their financing contingency.

Today's TIMBIT! Good things do come to those who wait, but only those things left by those who hustle. Plan now how you want your spring real estate transaction to succeed.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspa-

per columnist. Visit www.PhillipsHQ.com for free information online or call him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuvers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

Boston suburb has lower-priced homes

Q. I am moving to Boston and am thinking about buying a home in Nedham, which is a suburb, and I understand that the bubble has burst, so to speak, in terms of prices. Do you have any information?

A. Over the last six months, there has been a significant drop in prices in real estate in the Boston area including Nedham. While homes which might cost \$200,000 or \$300,000 in suburban Detroit cost \$800,000 or \$900,000 in Nedham, people are finding it more difficult to sell their home and have reduced the price by 10 to 15 percent. This is probably a good time to consider buying in that area, relatively



Real Estate Inquires

Robert Meisner

speaking, given the past history of home prices. However, you are best advised to consult with a local Realtor in regard to the real state market as it may be advantageous to wait if you have the opportunity to

Q. We have a co-owner who indicates they are disabled and requesting an

accessible parking space. What is our obligation?

A. When a member has a disability, his request for a accessible parking space must be honored if the member is disabled and can show that he needs this space to live and fully enjoy his home on an equal basis with other members and the request is reasonable, that is, it won't impose an excessive financial or administrative burden on the community. You are best advised to consult with your community association attorney in terms of what steps to be taken in that regard.

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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer.

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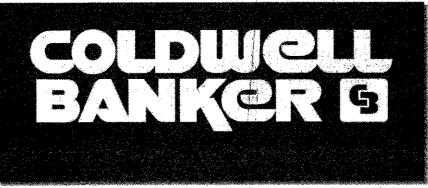
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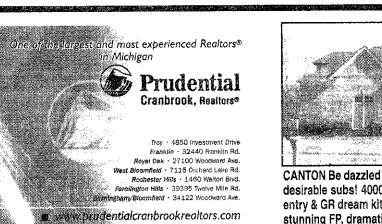
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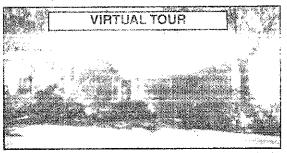
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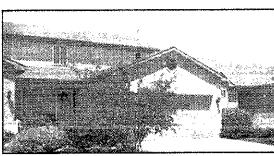
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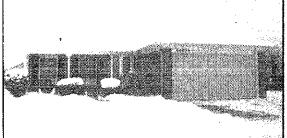
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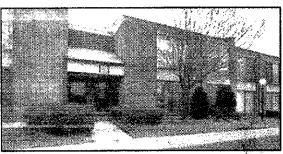
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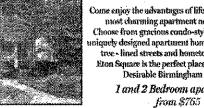
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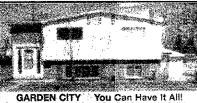
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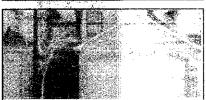
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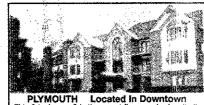
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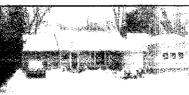


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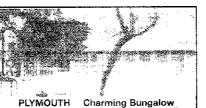


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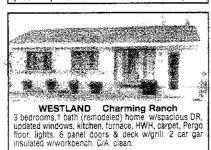
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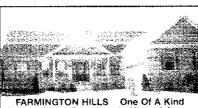


REDFORD Charming Ranch
3 bedroom home with large unfinished attic space.
Enclosed front porch, coved ceilings, finished basement w/wet bar. Dining room w/bay window. Fenced yard, 1.5 car garage. A must see \$125,000 (E23NAT) 248-349-5600





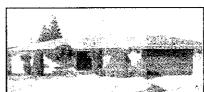
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Unique split-level floor plan wiarchitectoral features you'll lovel Custom ranch widen, GR. DR. &FT. Upgraded to the max! Hickory & porcelain floors. Super finished basement. 2.5 car garage. Decorator delight (E51OLD) 248-349-5600 \$434,900



Spacious, Inviting Ranch Walk to park or downtown. 3 BR. 2 BA, GR wiftplc, FFL of fin bsmt. attached 2 car garage. Great backyard with deck and private fence. C/A, all appliances included. Built in 2002. Move right in. (E20DOR) 248-349-5600



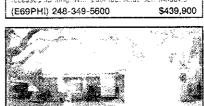
STERLING HGTS. Room To Roam Spacious brick ranch. 3 BR, 2 BA, 1st floor laundry. Attached 2 car garage. Huge finished basement under entire home has 2nd frpic & kitchen. Newer furnace/HWH. Lg corner lot w/fruit trees, garden. Warr. (E11ALM) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND Affordable & Comfortable Master w/new (2/96) carpet has walk-in closet & doorwall to deck Updated kitchen Ali appliances Home protection plan. Great location, Large lot, Partially



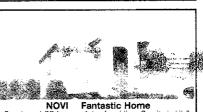
COMMERCE Duilders Model Closeouts kil & hardwood floors updated bath metr water ! I words out pend Inner or dar GR wispaning cellings recessed lighting. Whit pool tob. Andersen windows



LIVONIA One Of Livonia's Finest This turn-key colonial shows pride of ownership T/O From recently updated kitchen w/maple cabs to the newer landscaping. Front & back this is it!! Great FR writterplace, imbaled basement, updated baths & mote.



ROYAL OAK Nicely Updated Ranch Great location for this 3 bedroom home w/basement & 2 car garage. Newer kitchen w/ceramic title. Al appliances. Newer roof.windows, furnace & CA. Newer 50-gal HWH. Quick occupancy & 1 year warranty (E29AME) 248-349-5600







Wow! Great floor plan - great location. Northylle Hills Golf Course Community. 4 spacious bedrooms, 3.5 baths & granite. Backvard features a private resort-in ground pool – daylight. A must see (E05MER) 248-349-5600 \$775,000



TROY Gorgeous Colonial
4 BR.2.5 BA home on deep wooded lot. Neutral
decor,cath ceilings & ceramic foyer Lg LR w/bay
window Erpic in FR. French drs into lib/den, island kit
w/loads of cab space. Mstr ste W/W-i closets.1 yr. warr (E71GAT) 248-349-5600





FARMINGTON HILLS Great End Unit Ranch 2 BR, 2 BA condo with oak kitchen, formal DR, two doorwalls to deck Kitchen has breakfast room & puntry, Master bedroom with walk-in closet & Jacuzzi tub. Fuli finished basement and two car attached garage (E54SYL) 248-349-5600



2 bedroom, 1.5 bath 2-story condo with newer kitchen, roof furnace, HWH, plus all appliances. Two skylights, recessed lighting and fireplace. Finished basement and one car garage. (E80PON) 248-349-5600



WESTLAND Upper Ranch Condo End unit with attached garage, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, large open living/dining room area. Spacious master bedroom with WIC Enjoy maintenance free living Pool (E26CAR) 248-349-5600

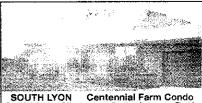




SRIGHTON Front Porch Memoria Start and Political to Engineer 15 per visit statefully decrivated 8 spacious home is just you're tecking for Great fit plan w/3 BR. 2 BA. Friedding area. Many updates. All appls 8 warrant (E09OLY) 248-349-5600



Great Price & Quick Occupancy Cape cod, Updated kit & DR w/oak cabs & bit-ins, Ig LF w/hdwd firs & bay wndw. Newer wndws T/O. Hi-eff turn & HWT, FFL & FF MBR w/hdwd firs, 2 BR's & full BA up. 2 study/sitting rais, full beint, garage & 1 yr. wa (E43LOR) 248-349-5600 \$184,900



SOUTH LYON
Two full baths, C/A, garage w/loads of storage. Florida room, finished LL w/guest room & family room. Laundry currently moved to walk-in closet. Clubhouse & beach on Crooked Lake. (E75CAM) 248-349-5600 \$119,900



cabs, newer hardwood floor, bath w/pedestal sink, tile floors, mstr ste w/dressing rm w/Calif close furnished w/quality Ethan Allen furn. All newer appls





CANTON Peaceful Condo
Spacious 1.5 story brick end unit w/lg LL MBR custom interior paint, hdwd firs in LR, kit. Ig wooded deck open basement w/shelf units for storage prepped for bath. Lg upper 2nd BR or loft, FFL, att 1 car gar & C/A (E67HUN) 248-349-5600 \$148,900

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views from this newer condo on the pond. 3 bedroom,

2.5 bath, 2 story GreatRoom, basement, 2 car garage. Priced below market for a fast salel (26017668) \$239.900

Gorgeous 4 BR country Colonial. Many Updates. New

carpet & windows t/o, hardwood floors, new countertops & cabinets, updated BA. New vinyl

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Seller is motivated! (26005074)

SOUTH LYON

dining room with many upgrades! (25154003)

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734-455-7000 CUSTOM...CUSTOM HOME! READY...4+! W/O Bsmt. w/full BA, double granite sinks. French doors to brick pavers. 2 mstr suites w/fashion BA on main floor. 2-way FP. GR & nook. Custom molding. Plasma TV over FP, surround sound. (26027578) \$1,450,000



CANTON 734-455-7000 COME HOME TO A NEW BEGINNING! Lovely 4BR/ 2.5BA Colonial backing to commons. Beautiful paver patios & walkways. Upgrades galore! Lots of hardwood. Close to Summit, library, Heritage Park & shopping. (26029147) \$389,900



734-591-9200 Extremely open floor plan- 4 BR, 2 BA ranch on 1/2 acre lot. Updates incl: windows, roof, furn, A/C, hdwd firs, ceramic in kitchen & BA. New kitchen cabs w/ granite counters & all new appliances. New carpet fin. bsmt & more. (26027663)



734-455-7000 SHOWS LIKE A MODEL! 4BR/2BA Bungalow. Updates include newer roof, baths, part. kit, windows, HWH, lighting, paint. Beautifully decorated. 2 car attached garage. (26027743) \$217,900



734-591-9200 Livonia Schools. 3 bedroom brick ranch. Many updates. C/A, sprinkler, finished basement with kitchen, 2.5 car garage, circular driveway. (25171632) \$189,900 FP. 2 door walls to deck. (26023968)

LIVONIA CHARMER! This Beauty is loaded! 3 BR ranch with gorgeous fin. basement & 2 Car Garage. All New Roof, Vinyl Windows, Updated Electric &

more. Open Floor Plan. Clean & Bright.. (26026218)



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248-348-6430 CANTON RARE 3 BEDROOM W/BASEMENT & GARAGE! Rare 3 BR condo with basement & garage. Updated & freshly painted. Neutral thruout Lots of room. Great location, clubhouse & pool. 349-6200 (25120222)



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734-455-7000 CANTON POPULAR FOX RUN! Backs to trees. Great open floor plan, large kitchen flows into FR w/FP. Great finished bsmt w/open concept plus work rm/storage. Large rooms, crown moldings, 2nd floor laundry.



248-851-1900 MILFORD GREAT CONTEMP CONDO! Great floor plan,1st floor master suite w/jacuzzi. Huge kitchen. Large wrap around deck. 1st floor laundry. Close to downtown Milford. (26028490)



734-326-2000 CAPTIVATING CANTON COLONIAL! Is this 3 BR, 2.5 Bath Brick with Family Foom, Fireplace, Dining Room, Central Air, Full Basement, & 2 Car Attached Garage, Large Rooms and Master Suite. (26027505) \$205,000



Great 3 BR, 2 bath, 1490 sq ft bungalow in Livonia on double lot. 2 car, 2 story garage. Beautifully treed lot is splitable for the next owners. Large eat-in kitchen & formal dining room. Large master BR too!



734-591-9200 WESTLAND 3 bedrooms, 1349 sq ft brick ranch w/2 car garage. Offers updated oak kitchen (00), updtd BA w/jetted tub (02), windows (02), newer furn (97) w/C/A, roof (99), FR w/recess lights, home warranty. (26026435) \$139,900



WESTLAND 248-348-6430 IMMACULATE MOVE-IN CONDITION! Ranch condo features vaulted ceiling creating an open airy feeling. Bay window in LR. Bright kitchen w/doorwall leading to deck. Master BR w/mstr BA. 349-6200 (26021486)\$114,999



PLYMOUTH Loaded with updates! 4 BR, 2.5 bath Colonial. Features incl: Eat in kitchen w/maple cabs & unique granite tops, FR with FP & seperate wet bar room, Mstr BR w/BA & WIC, fin bsmt, large deck with gazebo. (26023273)



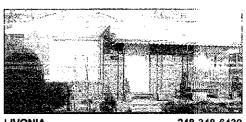
DELIGHTFUL COLONIAL! Spacious, updated & close to all amenities, lovely kitchen & breakfast area, comfortable FR, 4 lg BR, Luxurious master suite, new furnace, fin bsmt & charming sunroom. 349-6200 \$319,900



BELLEVILLE NEED "TOY" SPACE? Look here! Newer built Cape Cod on large lot. 3 car garage w/ heat & water. Full basement, 2.5 baths, C/A, 3 season room & RV hookup. (26006051)



LIVONIA Great Livonia ranch! 3 BR. 1.5 BA, lots of updates Hardwood floors, granite floor & counter top in BA. Marble tiled FP. Newer roof, windows, carpet. Large deck off FR with gazebo. 2 car attached garage. (26024457)



ALL THE UPDATES!!! New kitchen, bath with jacuzzi, Pergo, finished drywall basement with pool table, newer furnace, A/C, steel doors, 5 ceiling fans & all 7 new appliances stay. Hurryl 349-6200 (26030013)



WAYNE 734-326-2000 TOTALLY UPDATED, EXCELLENT NEIGHBOR-HOOD! 3 BR Brick Ranch, new windows, carpet freshly painted, glass block basement windows, new kitchen & bath, 3 car garage w/ electric, Bay window in LR. New Light fixtures. (26012062) \$139,900



LIVONIA 248-348-6430 GREAT STARTER OR RETIREMENT HOME! Livonia Location with upper end unit. Doorwall to balcony overlooking commons & pool. Master w/WIC, lg LR, carport, appliances included. Immediate occupancy, 349-6200 (25166129)

BROWNSTOWN TWP FORMER BUILDERS MODEL! Dream Home Quality Lot awaiting the most discerning buyer. Custom evalu with upgrades – 4BR, 2.5BA, 3car garage. (2600196)	ation loaded
CANTON 7: BELOW MARKET! Just Quality! 4BR/2.5BA Colonia kitchen, GR w/skylites & FP w/glass doors. Ply/Can immed. Occup. Won't last long! (26029315)	

734-455-7000 SPACIOUS CANTON COLONIAL! 4BR, 2.5BA, extensive hardwood and recessed lighting. Neutral decor with newer FR carpet. Huge deck overlooking open area. Close to park. (28000578) \$347,900 248-348-6430

Call it home in Canton on a CT location. Many updates, 3 BC Colonial. Huge FR, nat. fireplace ceramic floors, furnace, proc. A/C, H2O heater, and gutters are all updated. Attached 2 car garage. 349-6200 (25178789) \$232,000 \$232,000 CANTON 734-455-7000
CANTON CONDO WITH PRIVATE SETTINGI Immaculate 2BR/1BA
Canton condo w/attached garage and full basement. Neutral
decor. 1st fir master, cathedral ceiling in GR. Loft can be office or
bedroom. (26030994) \$156,500 734-455-7000

248-348-6430 CANTON-FORD & SHELDON-BEAUTIFUL 3 BR Condo with 1.5 baths. Close to shopping & freeways, & finished basement has new carpet, Eat-in kitchen with new maple cabinets & all appliances. Ceramic tile in foyer & bathrooms, 349-6200 (25130248) \$144,500

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CANTON /	734-455-7000
THE CONDO OF CHOICE! Terrific loc	ation. First floor 2BR/
2BA Ranch end unit. View of large po from patio. New ceramic tile entry, (26024622)	and mature trees
from patio. New ceramic tile entry,	HWH & blinds t/o.
(26024622)	\$129,500
FARMINGTON HILLS	734-591-9200
Impressive 4BR, 2.5 bath brick Colonial with	peaked roof, gentle
lines & artfully elegant accents. Large eat in kit	tchen with upgrades.
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Do some of your own updating and reap the rewards! 3 BR brick ranch in ever popular Kendalwood w/large lots. Living Rm w/FP, FR, full bent, 2 car att gar. Good condition & some updates. (25153478) **FARMINGTON HILLS**

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734-591-9200 PLYMOUTH

LIVONIA
Location, Location, Location! Livenia Stevenson High School.
Button Hailow sub with a wooded ravine lot. 4 Bedroom, 2 Full Bath
Master w/ full
home has so much to offer. (25008905)

\$239,900 (25154185)

NORTHVILLE
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ONE OF A KIND FINDI!! Award winning gardens surround this "in clare town" home. Many custom features. 4 BR, 2 full, 2 half BA.
Bar Ranch. Hardwood floors - nicely maintained. Updated Kitchen Fantastic fin LL w/full kit. & wine rm. 349-6200 (25146292) \$797.500

8 BA. Part.fin. bsmt w/4th BR. 2car gar. Act now. (25147222)

NORTHVILLE
Desirable 2 BR ranch condo features prof. finished bsmt with 2nd full bath, private patio with deck, many updates. Highland Lakes-A great place to live. (25150365)
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734-455-7000 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. No gas or water bill with this home. ced. 2BR/1BA. Updated condo under \$110,000 in Northville. Also available for rent n. full basement at \$675/month. 349-6200 (26024405) \$109,000 NOVI

LIVONIA

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Accation, quality, value & charm! Attractive 2400 sqft brick
Colonial, 4 BR, 2.5 BA, FR w/FP, 1st fir Indry, bsmt & 2 car att
gar.New roof & doors. All appliances stay. (25076879)

**Solution of the W/OPEN FLOOR PLAN! Vaulted ceilings in LR, kitchen
& breakfast area, new updated kit, FR w/FP, spac. full bsmt, great
gar.New roof & doors. All appliances stay. (25076879)

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de breakfast area, new updated kit, FR w/FP, spac. full bsmt, great
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Brier Estates Sub. .5 acre lot with mature trees. Home also
has a Florida Rm and a 2.5 car garage. (25131287)
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n High School. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2200+/- finished sq ft. Hardwood, FR w/ fireplace, bom, 2 Full Bath Master w/ full bath, HUGE Florida room. Treed lot, great valuel \$174,900

LIVONIA
734-591-9200 REDFORD
248-348-6430
Cozy condo on the Pond. Lower end unit. 852 sq feet, updated kitchen, neutral decor. Private entry and carport. Club house with pool & tennis. Great location. (26010002)
\$94,900
were carpet, kit floor, windows & A/C make this home move-in ready. Full fin bsmt, 2 car det. gar. in fenced yard. All this at a bargain price. 349-8200 (25139181)
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SOUTH LYON 248-437-3800 Wonderful Carriage Trace Home! Home backs to woods. Kitchen boasts nardwood floors, granite counters, large pantry, built in ovens & cherry cabinets. Master suite w/his & her walk in closette. \$369,900 (26015239) SOUTH LYON 248-437-3800 Traditional Colonial in Quiet Sub! Large lot with cedar deck, paver walkways and privacy trees. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 car garage, wood floors throughout. Family room has natural stone fireplace.

SOUTH LYON 55+ ADULT CO-OP WALKOUT BSMT W/POND VIEW Pond view, large FR, 1 BR, 2 full baths, kitchen skylight, neutral decor, all appliances stay, vaulted ceiling in living room. 349-8200 (26024372)

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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 will 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.

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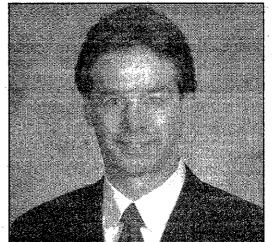
Take the case of the man considering an advanced degree to qualify him for teaching adults in the community college system. It's important to research this possible change first. Lawrence Stuenkel, senior partner at Lawrence & Allen Inc., an outplacement consulting firm in Greenville, S.C., says that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

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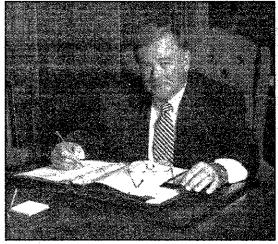
Underwood helps underscore the need to consider the impact of the new customer, who may come from a different generation, with different values and expectations. "A generation is basically an age cohort with unique core values and attitudes that are different from the core values of the other generations,"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



Chuck Underwood suggest that it is time to soul search

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



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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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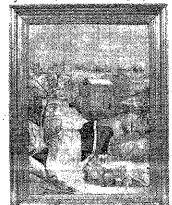


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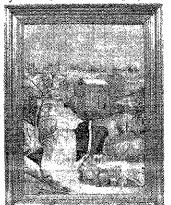
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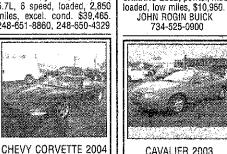
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You can drive all the "car-like" sport-utility vehicles you want, but for my money, there's still nothing like the experience of driving a truly fine sedan. Since the first days of the industry, that's what automobiles have been all about. And while sedans continue to get challenged for segment primacy by minivans, then SUVs, and now "crossovers," they continue to provide the best drive available, in general.

That's especially true of fine vehicles like the Infiniti M35 and the Lexus ES 330. They're priced nearly \$10,000 apart - a list price of \$46,110 for the M35 all-wheel-drive version that I drove, and a suggested price of just \$38,800 for the ES 330 that I also drove - but that's largely because the M35 came a little more loaded. But they so offset each other in terms of overall advantages and disadvantages that I consider them competitors in the mid-luxury seg-

Toyota's luxury marque, Lexus, never surprises me anymore by fielding a fine vehicle: I continue to believe they're the most consistent car maker in the U.S. market when it comes to putting out vehicles that are sure to please. But Infiniti, Nissan's luxury unit, has had a spottier history, and in fact spent many years demonstrating that they weren't quite sure how to produce a truly fine automobile for the mid-luxury sedan market in this country.

M35 is here to blow away Infiniti's checkered past in this segment. There is a continuum of a half-dozen models that are represented by M35 and higher-priced M45 sedans for Infiniti, and these days they're all giving their Lexus competitors a better run for their money.

This is most noticeable in how well the 2006 Infiniti M35 drives. Its 3.5-liter V-6 engine generates 280 horsepower; there is a V-8 version also available. The car's transmission is a great



The 2006 Lexus ES 330 gets 29 mpg on the highway and 21 mpg in the city

help in the impression of sportiness, shifting quickly and smoothly as an automatic. At 17 mpg in the city and 24 on the highway, however, M35's fuel economy is a bit disappointing. Design has become the new byword for Infiniti, of course, and M35 doesn't disappoint in that regard. It's got a very sleek but not aggressive stance externally. Internally, there are some interesting innovations. For example, Infiniti is making a lot of the fact that the car's dashboard curves out toward the driver and front-seat passenger, in the middle of the compartment, rather than simply stay within the typical straight plane that stretches more or less perpendicularly across the car and presents the audio, climate and other controls.

A Nissan executive told me that this feature was inspired by the design of a keyboard, and visually, I can see why. But I did have some trouble with the fact that this design doesn't necessary make wonderful, practical music for the driver and front passenger. That's because it presents the control knobs at such an obtuse angle to compartment passengers that it's hard for a typical driver to see the controls and difficult,

ergonomically, to operate them. So, while this may be an advance for the visual arts, it's a definite negative for the vehicle.

ES 330 is much less expensive but no less impressive than the M35. It's not nearly as sporty as the Infiniti, but it is solid as they come. Its 3.3-liter V6 engine and five-speed automatic transmission are so refined and responsive that it makes you forget just how difficult it remains for some manufacturers to get this most fundamental pairing in the right ballpark. The car's suspension handles potholes, rough city streets and smooth freeways with equal aplomb. Mileage is impressive for this class, at 21 mpg in the city and 29 mpg on the highway.

And as always, Lexus does a great job of all the little touches with this vehicle. Like the M35, for example, in the trunk of ES330 is a nifty net that is anchored by the lip of the trunk that opens and stretches to allow you to throw any kind of cargo in there - and keep it in place. It's especially handy for, say, a half-dozen of those little plastic bags of groceries that you get from the supermarket - and out of which everything is constantly falling!

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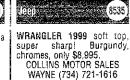
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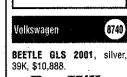
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