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S&P downgrades school district's outlook

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services downgraded the financial outlook of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools from stable to negative "due to the district's deteriorating financial position."

However, despite the outlook downgrade by the ratings service, the financial market reacted differently as the district maintained its credit ratings, enabling school officials to refinance \$91 million in debt

which will save taxpayers more than \$6.3 million and lower the tax rate.

The S&P report indicates that despite a steady tax base growth, above-average income and high wealth levels and moderate debt levels, "the district's weakening financial position limits these credit strengths."

Corey Friedman, credit analyst for Standard & Poor's, said the outlook downgrade is mainly the result of the district spending more money than its revenues the past four years.

"Debt isn't the big concern, it's really the financial position," said Friedman, who is well aware Plymouth-Canton receives a smaller state foundation grant than many districts. "Sometimes you have to deal with the cards you're given. You have to find a way to balance the budget."

Patricia Brand, the district's assistant superintendent of business services, doesn't believe S&P has a clear understanding of Michigan school district funding.

"S&P does not feel any entity

should use any fund balance, but the reality is there are many reasons why districts choose to utilize fund balance," Brand said. "In this case, it's not an expenditure problem, but a revenue problem. We have cut \$12 million the past five years."

Friedman said not all Michigan school districts are experiencing their outlooks being downgraded.

"In terms of schools in general, we have seen some that have moved in a negative direction, but that's not the direction for

all," Friedman said.

Despite the outlook downgrade, the credit rating by S&P remained steady at A-plus. Moody's Investors Service maintained its credit rating for Plymouth-Canton Schools at A1. The credit ratings helped the district receive favorable interest rates in refinancing \$91 million in 1998 and 1999 bonds, as well as selling \$35 million in 2004 bonds in St. Louis this week.

According to Brand, the interest savings will be more than \$6.3 million over the

next 16 years. And, as a result, the millage rate — which was scheduled to go up to 3.5 mills — will be reduced from 3.15 mills to 2.98 mills.

"The millage rate was scheduled to go up just with the sale of the new bonds, but we did well with sale of those bonds and the refinancing of the 1998 and 1999 bonds," Brand said. "We are deemed a quality organization and the market rewarded us for that."

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Shopping plaza attracting new investment, retailers

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

In the future, shoppers will be able to swing through the Canton Corners shopping center and hit a few national retailers, grab a sandwich from a drive-through window, scoop up a GoPhone and nab a Nintendo Wii.

The changes to the plaza, located on the southwest corner of Ford and Lilley, have been a long time coming, said Joe Kosik, JFK Investment Company manager.

"We've had the turmoil of the market and old leases that needed (to expire) but it's exciting," he said.

Construction crews have begun working on one of three outlot buildings for the development.

The space is slated for an AT&T Store and a GameStop. Kosik said the stores are expected to be open in the summer.

The two other outlots are scheduled to break ground in the spring. The east building will house a Potbelly Sandwich Works and one of the plaza's current tenants could move into the west building in order to free up additional space in the development.

While he declined to release

any names, Kosik said JFK has finalized two of three deals to bring national retailers to the plaza. One of the stores is rumored to be a Dick's sporting goods store.

"We have a lot of work to do," Kosik said, adding that the projects have been in the works for a couple years and that tenants have gradually been moved from the center of the plaza in order to make room for the three new stores. "The middle section is substantially empty."

Township Planner Jeff Goulet said township officials have seen conceptual plans of a renovated Canton Corners.

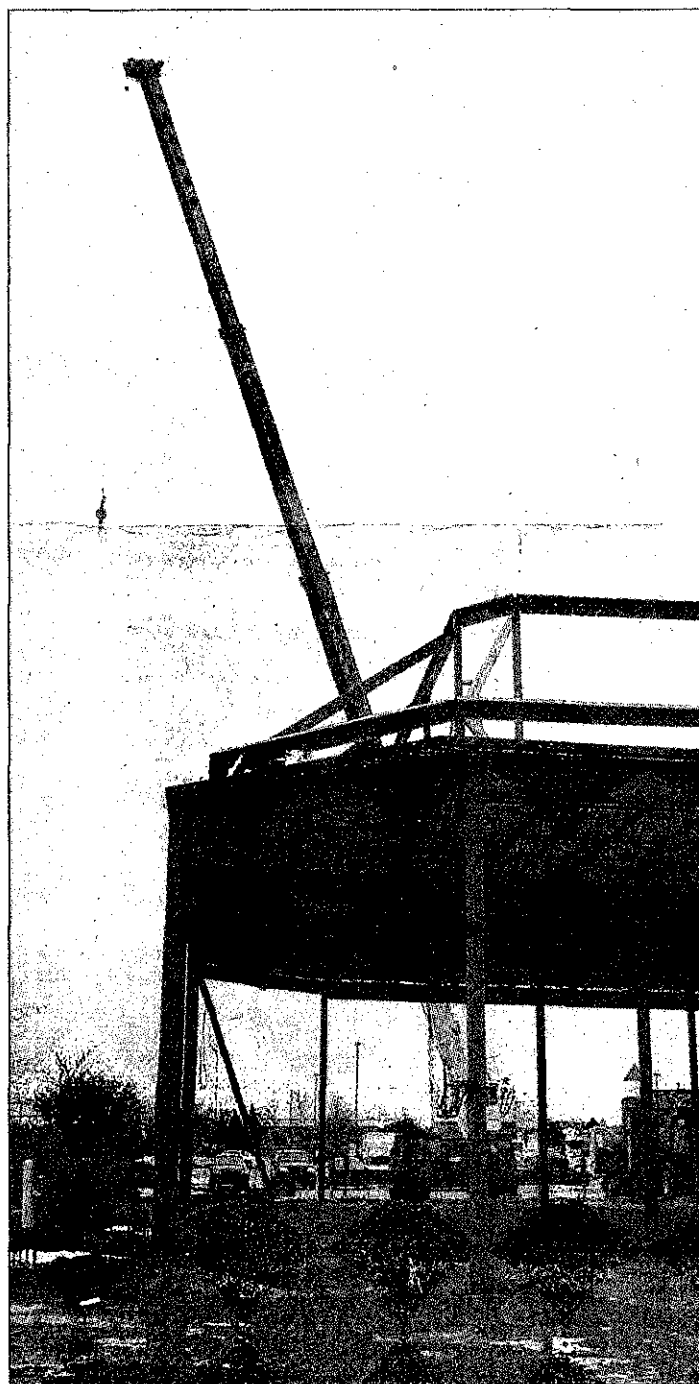
"The building will have a little different profile but will have the same flavor," he said, noting that an addition is expected for the back of the plaza.

Goulet said the three outlots "take advantage of unused parking space."

Helen Javahirian of Paul's Fine Jewelry, 42695 Ford, said she's happy about the action at the plaza.

"Hopefully, this will bring more people in here," she said. "I'm excited about the construction because we all need neighbors."

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New construction is underway at the Canton Corners shopping plaza, located at the southwest corner of Ford and Lilley roads.

New library director: 'I won't let public down'

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

When Eva Davis told her father she was going for the directorship of Canton Public Library, he responded like any good parent: "Of course, they will hire you."

In this case, his assurance wasn't just the confidence of a supportive dad; he turned out to be right.

While everyone around Davis, including her family and former boss, expressed faith in her ability to pick up where longtime Director Jean Tabor left off, the 35-year-old Plymouth Township resident said she had her reservations.

"It was pins and needles up until the point I had to submit my resume," said Davis, a 1990 Canton High School graduate. "I think I waited until the last day. I knew it then and I know it even more so now, but it's one thing to work in a library and it's another thing to run it."

Davis, who has a couple of more boxes to unpack in her new office, has been in the position for just over a month and said it's humbling that the library board selected her to succeed Tabor, who is credited for much of the library's success.

CANTON'S NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR



Name: Eva Davis
Age: 35
Education: 1990 Canton High School graduate; bachelor's

degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn; master of science in information from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Residence: Plymouth Township

Spouse: Tim Davis

Pets: Two dogs, Sadie, 9, and Sophie, 7

"I didn't have previous experience (as a director), so for them to take a chance on me and have this kind of faith in me has been encouraging," she said. "This is a top-notch library and my ultimate goal is not to let the public down."

Before taking the reins in Canton, Davis was the associate director of the Ann Arbor District Library. Her former

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Retirement beckons

Central Middle School principal decides, 'It's time'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

After Joyce Johnson interviewed with then-Principal Marcia Porterfield for the assistant principal's job at Central Middle School, she expected to go home and wait a day or two for a telephone call

that would tell her whether she did, or didn't, get the job.

"I remember Marcia liked what I had to say and then asked when I could start," said Johnson of her October 1999 meeting. "When I asked how soon she needed me to start, she said 'tomorrow.'"

"I took a deep breath and said

I'd be there bright and early," recalled Johnson.

Three years later, Johnson succeeded Porterfield as principal of Central. After five years at the helm of one of Plymouth-Canton's five middle schools — and a total

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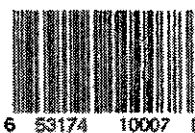
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Central Middle School Principal Joyce Johnson gets a hug and lots of good wishes from Central students during her last week at school.

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Scholarships available

Applications are now being accepted for the 24 scholarships offered through the Canton Community Foundation to students from Canton, Plymouth or Plymouth Township. These scholarships are awarded in the spring.

Although each scholarship has somewhat different requirements, there is just one application for them all. The application is available on the Foundation's Web site at www.cantonfoundation.org, at the high schools' counseling offices, or at the Foundation office at 50430 School House Road in Canton.

"The number of scholarships is down a little this year," explains Foundation President Joan Noricks, "but in some instances the amount of money being awarded has increased. We have consolidated several of the offerings into \$1,000 awards making them more appealing to stu-

dents.

"Several of the scholarships are available to non-traditional students meaning older students returning to study after an extended absence," she says. "We're hoping these may help some residents changing career paths in these challenging economic times."

Completed applications must be received in the Foundation office by Friday, March 7. A panel of community residents including a school counselor, a Foundation board member and several others will evaluate the applications and award the scholarships.

For more information, contact the Foundation at (734) 495-1200 or e-mail at info@cantonfoundation.org.

Choose your favorite art

Canton residents can now vote for their favorite temporary public art exhibit on display at several locations along the Canton Downtown

Development Authority (DDA) District of Ford Road, including Canton Cinema, Griffin Funeral Home, Home Depot, IKEA, New Towne Center (Kohl's), Target, and Willow Creek Plaza. Cast your vote by visiting the Canton Web site at www.canton-mi.org and click on "Vote For Your Favorite Temporary Public Art Display Along Canton's Ford Road" under community information. Votes will be accepted throughout February, and a winner will be announced next month.

The DDA, in partnership with the Canton Cultural Commission's Public Art Committee, commissioned the Midwest Sculpture Initiative to install 10 pieces of art in the current exhibit. This temporary exhibit will be on display through mid-August 2008.

For more information about the temporary public art exhibit, visit www.canton-mi.org or call Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz at (734) 394-5464.

Pheasant Run fish fry

Enjoy a Friday fish fry starting Feb. 8 at the Pheasant Run Golf Clubhouse, located at 46500 Summit Parkway in Canton. This offer includes all-you-can-eat specials, as well as plated meals. Menu favorites include beer battered cod, broiled herb crusted tilapia and Boston style crab cakes.

Children-friendly meals include chicken strips or a jumbo hamburger with french fries. Pheasant Run Fish Frys will be offered every Friday until March 21 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Dine in or carry out. Meals prepared by Summit Gourmet by Continental. Reservations are

not necessary except for parties of eight or more.

For more information about Pheasant Run Golf Club's Friday Fish Frys, call (734) 397-6460 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Homeowners meeting

The Canton Homeowners Advisory Council will meet at 7 p.m., Feb. 11 in the lower level of the Canton Administration Building. The meeting will feature a representative from the United Condominium Owners of Michigan. The information presented will benefit both Condo and homeowners.

Foreclosure seminar

Lee and Noel Bittering of RE/MAX Classic will be presenting an informative session at the Summit on the Park on Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. for those that may be facing foreclosure. The skill of working effectively with your lender to agree to a work out plan is an art that few have mastered but all will learn in this session.

Here you will learn how legal, mortgage, and real estate professionals can help you negotiate a variety of financial instruments that may help you out of an unfortunate situation. You will learn the short sale, deed in lieu of foreclosure, keys for deed sale and other mechanisms that may keep you out of foreclosure. If foreclosure becomes necessary you will learn the best ways of structuring it with your lender to keep adverse credit impacts to a minimum.

To register for this program contact Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

Forum on school violence

The Belleville High School administration and the BHS Parent, Student, Teacher Organization will present a community forum on gangs and school violence.

Belleville High School Auditorium at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Law enforcement professionals will discuss what is happening at Belleville High School, and information concerning gangs and violence that affect the whole community. Find out what you can do about gang activity.

Parents, students, and the Van Buren Public Schools community should attend this event to get the latest, best information on the status of Belleville High School, and information on gangs and violence within school districts across the state. There will also be a question and answer session with the panel.

Computer class

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering an Intro to Computers class, 6-9 p.m., Feb. 13, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford Road, Canton. Cost is \$25 for members, and \$40 for non-members.

Class size is limited. Reservations are required by Friday, Feb. 8, by calling the chamber office at (734) 453-4040. This class is sponsored by Telcom Credit Union.

Weight-loss challenge

There is a Weight-loss Challenge (Nutrition Club) now forming in the Plymouth-Canton area. The club meets every Tuesday for 12 weeks. For detail, call (734) 558-1688.

Essay contest

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is sponsoring its annual essay contest, with 1st,

2nd and 3rd place winners taking home \$500, \$300, and \$200. Any student under 21 who is enrolled as a full-time student in any high school - public, private or parochial - located within the Plymouth-Canton School District, can compete. The topic this year is: "Today, there are 6.7 billion people living on the planet Earth. Over 300 million live in the United States alone. In such a crowded world, do the actions of one individual matter? Can the one have an impact on the many - for good or for bad? Is there any point in policing our own actions when there are so many other people counter-acting our gains? If it's possible to make a significant change, how could one person go about doing it?" Deadline for submission is Wednesday, March 5, at noon. For more information on rules, judging and how to submit, contact Mrs. Miller in room 2134 at Salem High School or Kathy Turnquist of the Civitans at (734) 459-1896.

Animal rescue bowlathon

The Guardian Angel Animal Rescue Cosmic Bowlathon will take place the evening of Saturday, Feb. 16 at Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road, in Canton.

Sign-up begins at 8 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person, and includes three games, shoe rental and pizza. All of the proceeds go directly to help rescued animals. Please pre-register by Feb. 12.

For more information, contact Sandy at (734) 788-6857, or e-mail guardian_angel_rescue@hotmail.com, or visit their Web site at gaar.petfinder.com. Their hotline is (734) 332-9459.

CORRECTION

A story in Sunday's *Canton Observer* should have identified the first homeowner to move into Cherry Hill Village as Rose Burns.

2007 A Year of Good Works

Charities and community organizations in Oakland County and beyond benefited by the support of Weir Manuel Realtors and its agents in 2007. Among the recipients:

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 21, 2008 for the following:

LOWER ROUGE RIVER RECREATION TRAIL HEAD PROJECT

Bid documents are available for pick up as of Jan. 31, 2008 at Canton Township 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187. Attn: Anne Naszradi. An additional fee of \$ 20.00 will be charged for mailing the bid package. A 5 % bid bond will be required. Bid documents are on file for review at Canton Township's Engineering Services, and Smith Group JJR, LLC.

A pre-bid meeting will not be held. Contractor questions must be submitted in writing to Anne Naszradi, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, no later than February 13, 2008. All plan holders will receive copies of contractor questions, responses and any addendums.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction February 12, 2008 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.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 21, 2008 for the following:

LIQUID CALCIUM CHLORIDE DUST CONTROL APPLICATION

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- January 29, 2008

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Eva, Director Conklin, Tom Casari, Bob Belair, Todd, Zilincik, Bill Serchak, IAC Committee Members: John Anthony, Charlie Mott, and Kenneth Cary Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. 2008 Capital Improvement Projects for Municipal Services. (MSD) Staff prepared a report summarizing the final program. 2005-2008 Board Goals, 5 Year CIP - Water and Sewer, 5 year CIP - Intersections, 5 Year CIP - Roads, 5 Year CIP - Sidewalks, 5 Year CIP - Community Improvement Fund. Other: Supervisor Yack stated the Board Study Meeting for Tuesday, February 5, 2008 has been cancelled. The next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. First Floor, Board Room, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188. Adjourn Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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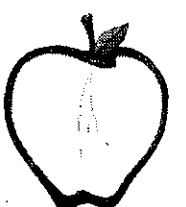
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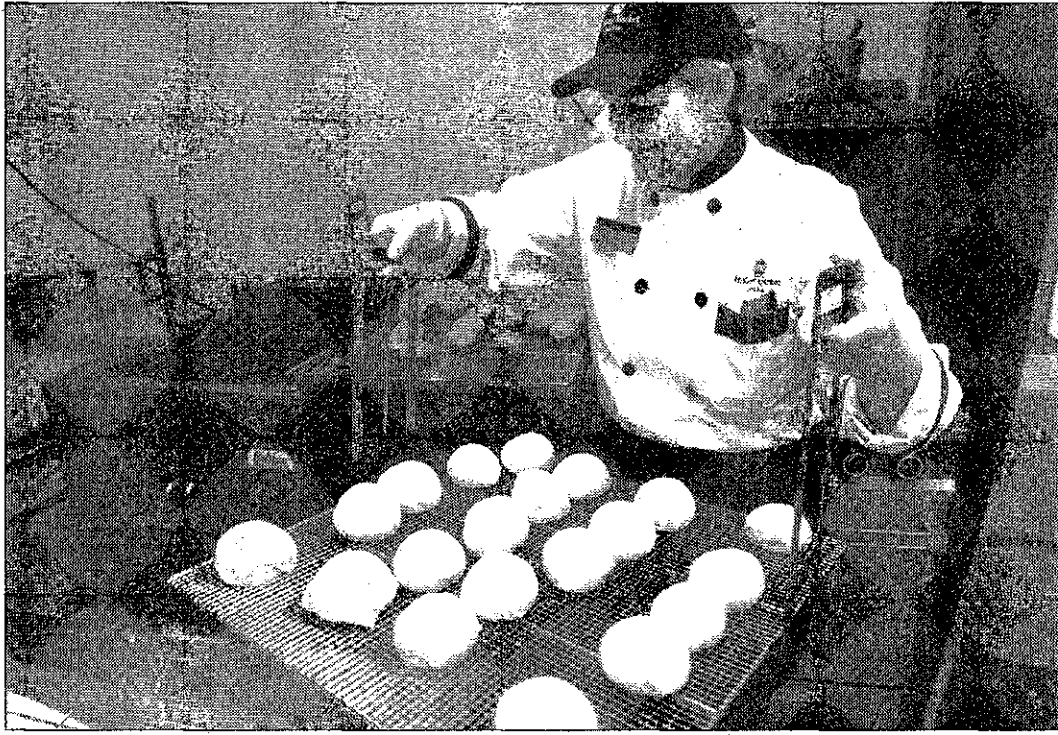
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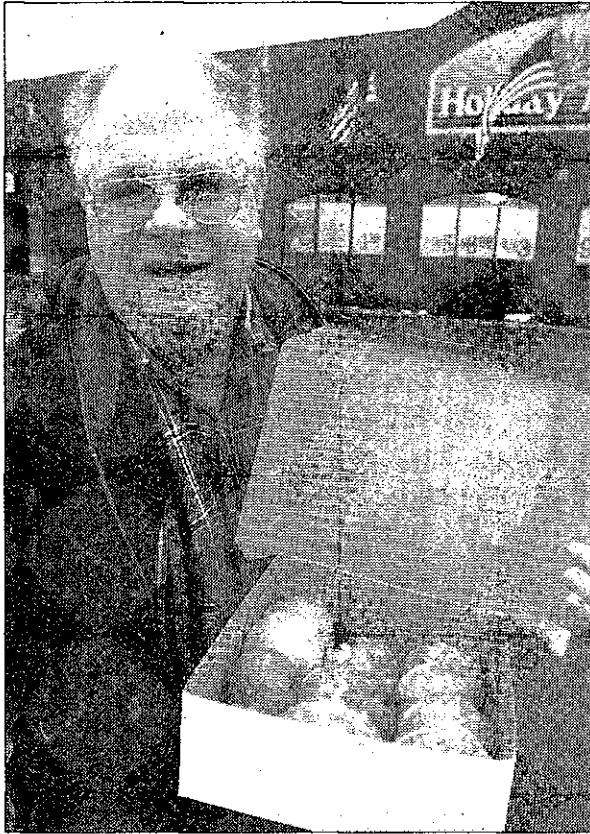
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The spoils of Fat Tuesday

Holiday Market baker Christy Haradean prepares a batch paczki dough for the deep fryer on Monday night, in anticipation of 'Fat Tuesday.' Holiday Market, which made about 3,500 of the pastries, used a traditional Polish recipe, starting with a doughnut recipe, then adding more eggs, margarine and sugar to the dough. At left, Ernie Lange visited Canton's Holiday Market on 'Fat Tuesday' and purchased a dozen paczki, traditional Polish pastries. Holiday Market, which made about 3,500 of the pastries, used a traditional Polish recipe, starting with a doughnut recipe, then adding more eggs, margarine and sugar to the dough.



LIBRARY

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boss, Josie Parker, was the one who informed her of the township opening.

"I wandered into her office for something else and she said, 'Have you seen this? I think you're ready,'" she said. "She knew I had a goal of being a director and during the five years I was in Ann Arbor she really challenged me."

Davis, who worked with Tabor for about a week, said the library's 117-person staff has been welcoming.

"I'm finding that the people that work here want to be here," she said. "They love what they do."

For the moment, Davis said she's still absorbing the atmosphere of the library. She plans to sit down with board members and map out a set of goals in the near future.

"Fortunately for me, this is a great library. There was no

mess left behind," she said. "It runs well, the programs go on and it has a well-working board."

Davis, who said she foresees "refinement" instead of sweeping changes, said she has no regrets about leaving her former position.

"I knew if I didn't go for this, I would end up regretting it and this has been like a homecoming for me," she said.

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JOHNSON

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of 40 years in education - Johnson retired Jan. 25 after saying goodbye to students and staff.

"I'm a strong believer in God's word and I've always said to him, 'When it's time for me to step out, let me know,'" said Johnson, whose husband, the Rev. Alfred E. Johnson, is the pastor of Bethel AME church in Detroit. "I think that last year I heard him speak to my heart and say 'This is your time.'"

"It may also have something to do with my two new grandbabies," she said. "Maybe I'll be able to visit them more in Arkansas."

Make no mistake, though, Johnson said leaving her staff and students wasn't easy.

"I'm going to miss Central," said Johnson, who lives in Plymouth Township. "I'll come back and do some volunteer work here."

Teachers at Central remember Johnson fondly and said they'll miss their former principal.

"I think she was a great person," said Ann-Marie Konyha,

an eighth-grade language arts teacher. "She was always very supportive and she definitely loved the kids."

Geri Biggs, a Central social worker, said everything Johnson did was to benefit students.

"She always kept us in focus that the kids are who we were here for," said Biggs. "She didn't always make us happy, but she'd put her point across and you respected her for it because you knew her heart and head were in the right place."

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Schoolcraft hosts College Goal Sunday

College Goal Sunday will help prospective college students complete federal financial aid forms. The program is 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 10, at VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft College and 26 other locations across the state. To be eligible for federal financial aid, individuals must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA. Doing so by March 1 maximizes a student's potential for receiving aid. At College Goal Sunday, financial aid

experts will be on hand to sit down with students and parents and to help them through the process of completing the FAFSA. Individuals attending College Goal Sunday should bring their social security numbers, driver's licenses or alien registration cards, family's 2007 federal income tax returns (2006 federal tax returns if 2007 has not been filed yet), 2007 untaxed income records, 2007 W-2 forms, bank statements and investment records and information. Students under 23 years of age are encouraged to attend with their parent or legal guardian. These documents contain information that is required in the FAFSA. Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus is located on Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Parking in Lot N is recommended. College Goal Sunday is free. Reservations are not necessary. For more information, visit www.micollegegoal.org.

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Legal Notice
Charter Township of Plymouth
2007 Winter Taxes

Winter Taxes are due December 1, 2007 and payable through February 14, 2008 without penalty. Additional information appears on the reverse side of your tax statement. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH.** Payments can be made at the Township Hall, 9955 Haggerty Road during regular working hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. After hours payments can be placed in the 24 hr **WHITE DROP BOX** located along the circular drive. LaSalle Bank Offices will also accept payment for your convenience through February 14, 2008.

RON EDWARDS
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FR/SAT LS 11:35
RAMBO (R)
12:30, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25, 9:35
FR/SAT LS 11:45
27 DRESSES (PG-13)
11:45, 2:10, 4:35, 7:00, 9:25
FR/SAT LS 11:50
CLOVERFIELD (PG-13)
7:45, 9:50
FR/SAT LS 11:55
THE BUCKET LIST (PG-13)
12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
FR/SAT LS 11:55
JUNG (PG-13)
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1993	Volkswagen	Fox GL	9BWGA2305PP010730
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 21, 2008 for the following:

CANTON RELIEF SEWER PROJECT - PHASE II
DENTON ROAD RELIEF SEWER

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Construction of approximately 3,783 linear feet (LF) of 18-inch and 3,000 LF of 15-inch of sanitary sewer by open cut method, 340 LF of bore and jack of 36-inch steel casing pipe, removal and replacement of approximately 1,110 LF of storm sewer varying in size from 12-inch to 21-inch, associated structures, restoration and related work.

Contract Documents are on file with Ms. Terry Bennett, the Township Clerk.

Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Charter Township of Canton, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699; McGraw Hill Construction - Dodge, Plan Room, 20475 Woodingham Drive, Detroit, Michigan 48221-1260; Construction Association of Michigan, 43636 Woodward, P.O. Box 3204, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; Construction News Service, 1773 RW Berends Drive S.W., Wyoming, MI 49519; and Michael L. Priest & Associates, Inc., 40655 Koppernick Road, Canton, Michigan 48187.

Copies thereof for bidding purposes may be obtained at the office(s) of Michael L. Priest & Associates, Inc., 40655 Koppernick Road, Canton, Michigan 48187, starting on Thursday, January 31st 2008, upon making a payment of fifty (\$50.00) Dollars if picked up or sixty-five (\$65.00) Dollars if mailed (checks or money orders only - payable to Michael L. Priest & Associates, no cash), none of which will be refunded.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order, or 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 Agreement. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the Project Name, Bidder's name, address and telephone number, and the date and time of bid opening.

A mandatory prebid meeting will be held at 1000 a.m., Monday, February 11th, 2008 at Canton DPW Building, 4847 Sheldon Road, Canton, Michigan. Representatives of OWNER and ENGINEER will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are required to attend the prebid meeting.

The deadline for questions regarding the Project is Wednesday, February 13th, 2008 at Close of Business, 500PM.

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.

Bids may not be withdrawn for the period of 60 days after date of receiving bids.

All inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Michael L. Priest or Mr. Tim Zimmer at 734-459-8560.

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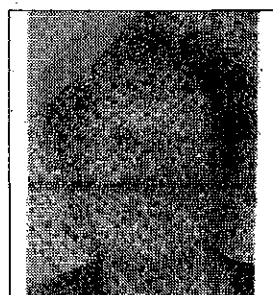
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GLORIA ANN DeWOLF

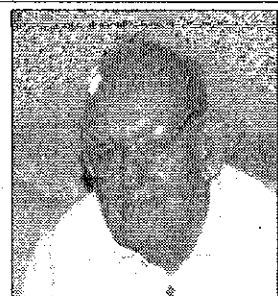
Passed away January 28, 2008. Beloved wife to Albert T. DeWolf. Loving mother of Mary (Ed) Pieniazek, Dolores (Larry) Niscornomi, Albert (Lisa), Mark, Cheryl Hodgins (Frank Strudel), John (Ruth), April (Randy) Tasco, May (Gene) Desjarlais, Joseph (Cindy), and William (Kathy). Loving grandmother to 25 beautiful grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren and two brothers, Jim (Nancy) & Doug Letlar. We will all miss her dearly. Visitation February 10th 1 to 4 pm at Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home 17000 Middlebelt Road (S. of 6 Mile), Memorial Service at 3 pm. Memorials to St. Jude's. Share a memory at: www.mannsfuneralhome.com

HARRY H. BLACK

February 1, 2008, age 86, of Canton, MI. Honored Navy Veteran of WWII and the Korean War. Beloved husband of the late Lorraine, Dear father of Cary (Jeri) and Sanford (Kathy). Grandfather of Andrew, Gregory, Julie (Mark) Stanton and Jacob. Great-grandfather of Sydney and Isabelle Stanton. Brother of Shirley (John) Knesley and the late Ralph, Leon, Guy, Derwood, Carl, Michael, Norman and Dorothy Black. Services were held Tuesday at the Uth Funeral Home, Westland with Pastor Mick Devins officiating. Please visit and post a note of condolence at www.uthfh.com

HUGH ELMER (Pat) CRESSWELL

Age 86 formerly of Rochester Hills, MI died Saturday, February 2, 2008 in Placida, Florida. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at 11:00 A.M. at the St. Louis First United Methodist Church. Pastor Terri Bentley will officiate with burial at Wildwood Cemetery, Chesaning, MI. at 1:30 P.M. Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the service from 10-11 A.M. He was born on April 22, 1921 in St. Louis, MI the son of John Elmer and Vera (Henry) Cresswell. Mr. Cresswell graduated in 1940 from St. Louis High School. He attended Alma College and completed officers training at Western Michigan University before proudly serving in World War II and the Korean War. He served as a Captain in the Marine Corps, training troops for the amphibious tank divisions. He was stationed in the Pacific and was part of the occupation forces stationed outside Nagasaki, Japan. Pat was married to Marilyn M. Miller on June 28, 1943 in Petoskey, Michigan and they celebrated 63 years of married life before she died in March, 2007. They were residents of Rochester Hills, MI for most of their married lives and enjoyed being members of North Star Sail Club where Pat was an avid sailboat racer and winner of the 1972 Mackinac Race. He was also a member of the Masons, Kiwanis, Elks, and Macomb County Independent Agents Association. Pat was owner and President of The Cresswell Insurance Agency in Utica, Michigan which he founded in 1954. In 1974 he established Oakland General Underwriters in Rochester Hills, Michigan. He retired in 1991 to enjoy time between Charlevoix, MI and Placida, FL. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, cultivating flowers, watching football and he had a great love for animals. His devotion to his family, strength of convictions, strong leadership, honesty, independent spirit, sense of humor, and tender heart allowed him the ability to be successful in business as well as personal friendships while always focusing on the future. Mr. Cresswell is survived by his devoted son, James T. (Candace) Cresswell of Harrison Township with whom he shared a special bond and partnership, not only in business but in all aspects of life, one daughter Mary Jane (David "Jack") Brillman of Pittsburgh, three grandchildren; Jon Cresswell, Alex Brillman, and Laura Brillman whom he loved dearly and his sister Faith (Peach) Best of Alma, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Marilyn Cresswell, and two brothers; Richard Cresswell and John Cresswell. Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com. The family is being served by Smith Family Funeral Homes, St. Louis Chapel, 117 North East Street, St. Louis, MI 48880



IN LOVING MEMORY OF WM. TAYLOR BALL

Who Passed away on Feb. 5, 2004. You are dearly missed. Esther Stuky



JACQUELINE RAE STEUER

Passed away February 02, 2008 - Age 64, of Farmington, MI. Memorial Service to be held at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville, Saturday, Feb. 9th at 11:00 A.M. In lieu of flowers please make charitable contribution, in her name, to one of the following: Heartland Home Healthcare and Hospice, Farmington Area Goodfellow, Meals On Wheels - Farmington Hills, New Century Home Healthcare Inc., Ward Church. She was survived by her mother Laura Sambrooks, sister Phyllis Knoerzer, sister Eileen Borem, son Matthew C. Steuer, grandson Jeffery P. Finke

JAMES K. ORR

Of Whitmore Lake, MI. Age 46, Jim was employed as an Engineering Tech with Aerotek. Survivors include his wife Jan Jagielky, his children; Jimmy K., Jessica and Brian Orr, his stepchildren; Melissa and Robert McIntyre. A Simple Farewell will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, February 9, 2008 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. Visitation will be held Friday from 2-4 & 6-8 PM. Please leave a Message of Comfort for Jim's family at 877-231-7900 or visit his guestbook at: www.borekjennings.com



LINDA M. SHARPE (nee Monforton)

Age 58, January 31, 2008. Loving mother of James, John (Nina), Dee-Ann (Mike) and Jeff (Becca). Grandmother of 11. Sister of Ken, Denise, Dan, Phil, Mary and the late Andrew. Preceded in death by parents, Shirley and Earl Monforton. Visitation Wednesday 2-9pm and Thursday 9-11pm with a vigil service at 7pm, at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 25450 Plymouth Rd. (E. of Beech Daly), Redford. Friday instate at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 27101 W. Chicago (at Inkster) at 10 am with a celebration of life Mass at 10:30. Burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens-West. Memorials may be made to the American Stroke Association



PATRICIA MORAT

Age 73, born April 3, 1934, of Bloomfield Hills, MI, passed away after a three and a half year struggle with cancer on February 2nd, 2008. Born in Pontiac, Michigan, Patricia was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Patricia was a true extrovert and made many friends wherever she went. She was generous, loving and an open book to all who would listen about her many adventures. Her adventures were shared by her devoted and loving husband Arthur Morat. They were married on February 8, 1964, at Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, Michigan. Patricia is survived by her husband Arthur, their two daughters Monica L. Malvich (Scott) and Michelle E. Morat, her siblings James, Joseph and Anita McEwan, her two grandchildren Rachel and Scott Jr. and the many friends who loved her. Her parents Marguerite B. and James J. McEwan, pre-deceased her. Funeral Mass was held Tuesday Feb. 5, at St. Regis Catholic Church, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to Susan G. Komen for the Cure P.O. Box 650309 Dallas, TX 75265-0309. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

RICHARD L. WHITE

of Bingham Twp. passed away Friday, Feb. 1, 2008 at Cherry Hill Haven. Richard was born Nov. 4, 1938 in Detroit the son of George and Mary (Dixon) White. On Sept. 26, 1959 in Redford Twp, MI; he married his loving wife of forty eight years, Sharon Souder, who survives. Richard graduated from Redford Union High School. As a young man he served his country in the Air Force from 1959 to 1963. Afterwards Richard worked for General Motors for forty years. Richard is survived by his wife Sharon, three children, Mark R. White of Plymouth Twp, Susan L. (Steven) Zurek of Chicago, two brothers, George (Gerry) White, Paul (Pat) White and five grandchildren. No services are planned at this time. Please sign Richard's online guestbook at www.legacy.com/record-eagle/. Arrangements are with the Martinson Funeral Home of Suttons Bay.



ROBERT E. OSBORN

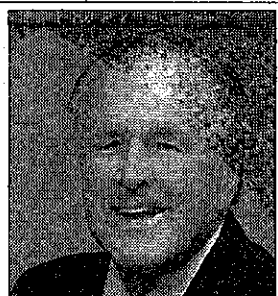
Of Northville, (formerly Livonia) Michigan lived a full 86 years of life. Bob left us in the early morning hours of February 4th, surrounded in love with his wife and family by his side. Bob (or better known as "Mr. Oh" or "Ozy") is survived by his best friend and wife of 24 years, Sharon E. Osborn, a sister Dorothy (Karl) Fink, his children David (Sue) Osborn, Patricia (Bill) Tatarski, Jim (Carolyn) Osborn, Sharon Falk (Michael) Popiel, Lisa Falk (Daniel) Barron, nieces Barbara (Donald) Hunter, Cindy (Bill) Cole, nephew Gary Fink along with 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Bob was born in Crosslet, Michigan on August 13, 1921. The son of Hazel and Elmer Osborn he graduated from Mackenzie High School in 1939. Bob worked at Ford Motor Company (joking that he was there before the unions!) He attended the University of Iowa as a Naval Cadet and served in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1946. He worked and later retired from Michigan Bell in 1970. Bob then went on to serve 13 years as the Director of Public Works for the City of Livonia. Bob was very involved in the Livonia community serving as a Board Member of the Livonia Anniversary Committee (SPREE), Board Member of Laurel Woods Condo Association, Vice President of the Brashers Tower Management Company. In addition, he was a former Livonia Housing Commissioner, 1970-73, Trustee at St. Mary-Mercy Hospital from 1980-84 and was active in Little League baseball, football and the Livonia Y.M.C.A. Indian Guides. Bob along with his partners Ed McNamara and Haze Wilson designed, developed and owned The Oasis Golf Center in Northville Township from 1964 until 1994. The family will receive guests at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap Street, Northville on Thursday from 2:00 - 8:00 pm. The funeral service will be held at Casterline Funeral Home on Friday, February 8th at 11:00 am. Burial will be at Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville, Michigan. Memorial contributions to Northville Community Foundation, attn: Tractor Fund or Northville Twp. Professional Fire Fighters, Local 3961 Charity Fund, would be appreciated.

RUTH EVELYN WOODRUFF

Age 82, passed away at Heartland Health Care Center in Ann Arbor on Tuesday, January 29, 2008. She was born on March 24, 1925, in Detroit to John and Anna (Slaggard) Blunden and married Charles Woodruff on May 29, 1943, in Detroit. Ruth was currently a member of the United Methodist Church in Troy, Michigan. Ruth is survived by her children, Patricia (Barry Yates) Awood of Ann Arbor, David (Tonya) Woodruff of Branch, and Laura (William) Horwath of Beverly Hills; many grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and two brothers. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles in 1994; six sisters; and a brother. Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, February 9, 2008, from the Fremont United Methodist Church with interment in Maple Grove Cemetery. For a more lasting memorial, friends are asked to consider the Fremont United Methodist Church. Friends may share memories and condolences with the family at www.crandellfh.com. Arrangements by Crandell Funeral Home 7193 W. 48th Street PO 148 Fremont, MI 49412, 1-888-464-7837.

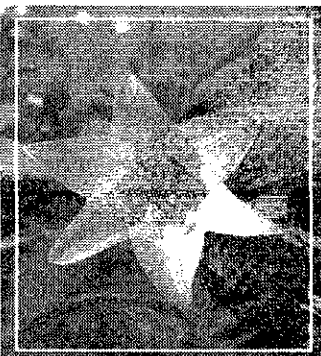
SAIMA H. PALMER

Age 92, formerly of Farmington Hills, MI, passed January 31, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



The Honorable S. JAMES CLARKSON

Age 82 of Naples, FL passed away on February 1, 2008 surrounded by his loving family. Jim has practiced law for 50 years; and is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. The Federal Courts, Michigan Supreme Court, Michigan Court of Appeals, the Circuit Courts of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties and many District and Probate Courts in Southeastern Michigan. He served as a Judge of the 46th District Court for ten years; appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to sit as a visiting judge in Wayne County Circuit Court, Recorder's Court and other District Courts in Southeastern MI. Jim acted as a visiting judge for an additional ten years. Jim was a mediator for 15 years in Wayne and Oakland County. In addition Jim served in three branches of government Legislative, Michigan State Representative from 1959 to 1960 Oakland County Board of Supervisors, 1961 to 1968. Executive, Mayor of Southfield, Michigan serving four terms from 1961 to 1968. Judiciary branch as District Judge, 46th District Court 1969 to 1979. In addition Jim also served on many government and community service boards. Jim served in World War II with Patton's Third Army; 26th Infantry Division (Yankee Division) 101st Infantry Regiment, awarded the American Theater Ribbon, EAME Theater Ribbon with four battle stars. Combat Infantryman's Badge, Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Victory Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Jim is preceded in death by his first wife and mother of his children Betty. He is survived by his four sons, Eldest son Jim (Pamela) is a practicing Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Kenneth graduated from University of Michigan Law School and is a practicing attorney in MI and FL. Don (Kim) graduated from the University of Michigan and is a Southfield Michigan fire fighter. Tom (Kelly) the youngest son is a graduate of University of Michigan and an Ann Arbor Schoolteacher. Jim is also survived by his loving wife of 20 years Millie and her children Chris (Dave) Colden, Larry (Brooke) Brown and Mark Brown; fifteen grandchildren Jim, Jon, Trent, Dylan, Samantha, Joe, Adam, Allie, Kate, Kelly, Larry, Ashley, Stephen, Hannah and Georgia; sister Trudy Morgan. Memorial gathering was held on February 4, 2008 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Fuller Funeral Home 4735 Tamiami Trail East. Memorial Mass Tuesday February 5th 8:00 a.m. St. Ann's Parish 475 9th Ave. South Naples. In lieu of flowers memorials in Jim's name may be made to Avow Hospice 1095 Whippoorwill Lane Naples, FL 34105 or St. Ann's Parish 475 9th Ave South, Naples or St. Ann's Parish of Muskoka Lake P.O. Box 32 82 Joseph St. MacTier Ontario Canada POC-1HO. Fuller Funeral Home, Naples, Florida 239-417-5000.



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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. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

FEBRUARY

World religions

Have you ever wondered why are there so many different religions? How should Christians view other religions? What is the fate of those who earnestly pursue God through other religions? Join Farmington First United Methodist Church for a six-week, video-based study on Christianity and Hinduism, Buddhism; Islam, and Judaism. Morning and evening classes available beginning 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday Feb. 7, Tuesday class began 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 5, at the church, 3312 Grand River, Farmington. Call (248) 474-6573 for details.

Divorce recovery

The winter/spring workshop meets 7-9:30 p.m. every Thursday until March 13, at Ward Church, Northville. Cost is \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door and includes materials and refreshments. Free childcare provided and financial help is available if needed. Deadline for registration for current session is Feb. 7, call (248) 374-5920.

Lenten fish dinners

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia invites everyone to it's All You Can Eat Lenten Fish Dinners, beginning 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8 and continuing Feb. 15, 22, 29, and March 7 and 14, in the cafeteria of St. Michael School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. Livonia. The dinners feature a choice of hand-dipped fried or baked cod along with a large assortment of side dishes and beverages. Cost is \$8 adults, \$4 for children ages 3-11, free for age 3 and under. Carry-out orders available at \$7 each. For information, call (734) 261-4455, Ext. 200.

Hunger workshop

Presented by Bread for the World, a Christian non-partisan hunger legislation organization, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 North Campbell, Royal Oak. For information, call (734) 487-9058, send e-mail to wolverbob@yahoo.com or visit www.breadmichigan.org. No charge. During an offering of Letters, individuals and congregations are asked not to donate funds, but write Congress on specific hunger-fighting legislation.

Widowed Friends

Italian buffet dinner, conversation and cards for widowed men and women of all ages Wednesday, Feb. 13, at Corsi's Italian Restaurant, Seven Mile near Inkster, Livonia. Social time from 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. followed by social time and music until 9:30 p.m. Cost \$15, includes buffet. Send payment by Feb. 9. For information, call Chet at (734) 459-4316 or Gloria at (313) 381-4187.

Single Place Ministry

Upcoming activities include Dining Out Group at Doc's Sports Retreat, 19265 Victor Parkway, east of I-75 at Seven Mile exit 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, reservations mandatory, call Grace at (734) 464-4029. Buffet dinner at Northville Downs 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, \$33, advance paid reservations by Feb. 9, call (734) 459-7235. Dinner and movie 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at Grape Expectations Wine and Tapas Bar, Plymouth, call Bruce at (734) 459-7235. Single Place Ministry meets Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street, Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.single-place.org. Cost is \$5 per person.

Court of St. Brigid

Scholarship Program sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Rose Kennedy Division, will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, at the AOH Hall, 24242 Grand River, Detroit. Educational scholarships will be awarded to the winner and her court. Eligible for the program are girls, ages 17-22, who are Irish and Catholic. For application and more information, call Maureen Kelly at (734) 632-0334 or visit www.detroitirish.org. Deadline for application is Friday, Feb. 9.

Reformed Protestant services

A new series of sermons on the Doctrines of Grace is being preached by Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge Road, Canton. For more information, call Richard Waldecker at (734) 664-1815, visit www.westminsterconfession.org, or e-mail Humby at sean.humby@fuse.net.

Gospel concert

Many Voices...One Song honors Black History Month with a celebration of gospel and spiritual songs sung by the Festival Choir and Children's Choir, accompanied by African drums 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. No charge. A free-will offering will be taken at intermission. Child care provided through age 4. For information, call (248) 374-7400.

Christian comedian

Ed Thompson (www.edthompson-

live.com), 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96 (Schoolcraft service drive), Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830.

Curt Collins concert

Top 20 Christian Music performer Curt Collins will be performing 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at St. John Lutheran Church 23225 Gill, two blocks west of downtown Farmington. Admission is free. A Love Offering will be taken. Call (248) 474-0584.

Choir concert

The Courvieu Concert Choir from Detroit sings at 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Rd., north of Eight Mile, Southfield. A free will offering will be collected. The youth choir will sing classical and gospel songs. For information, call (248) 569-2972.

From grief to new hope

Second week of an 8-week grief workshop continuing 7-8:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at Ward Church, Northville. Led by Cathy Clough, Executive Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. No pre-registration necessary. For information, call Single Point Ministries at (248) 374-5920.

Mid-week worship

Begins 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, and continues to March 12, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211. Evening begins with worship followed by a simple meal of bread and soup, and concludes with fellowship and mission projects.

Lenten services

Mid-week Wednesday Lenten Services 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 5 and 12, Holy week services 10 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; Good Friday (March 21) Reflections on the Passion 12:30-2 p.m., Tenebrae Service at 7:30 p.m.; Easter Vigil 7:30-9 p.m. Saturday, March 22, and 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 23, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 427-1414. Weekly worship services 10 a.m. Sundays with nursery, Adult Learning and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. No 6 p.m. Sunday services during Lent or Easter Sunday. All are welcome.

Lenten services

Noon and 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13, 20, and 27, and March 5 and 12, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. The Pulpit Theme is The Places of Passion. Holy Week services 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16 with Confirmation; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20; noon and 7:30 p.m. Good Friday, March 21 and Easter Sunday, March 23.

Lenten services

Continue at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel every Wednesday through March 13, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford, (313) 534-7730. Maundy Thursday service will be 7:30 p.m. March 20, the Easter Worship Service at 10 a.m. March 23 in the sanctuary.

Prince of Peace Church

Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

Antique show

44th Annual Antique Show 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 26998 S. Woodward at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. This year 28 dealers show silver, crystal, china, pottery, clocks, jewelry, dolls & toys, garden décor, oak-pine-walnut furniture, sewing collectibles, vintage clothing & hats, orientalia. Homemade soups, salads, sandwiches, complete dinners & desserts available Friday. Luncheon menu only on Saturday. A country store offers homemade breads, cookies and candy. Also offered is an assortment of silk spring flowers and decorative items. Donation is \$5 per person. Ample on-site parking free. All proceeds help support St. John's Open Hands Food Pantry and a variety of missions and projects of the Episcopal Church Women.

Learning from loneliness

Dr. Paul Melrose talks about loneliness and how caregivers can assist their care receivers and even themselves with loneliness 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29987 W. Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$10. RSVP by Feb. 14. Call (248) 474-4701.

The Catholic Marriage FAQ

Deacon William Meanhan presents the things you thought you knew but didn't, things you didn't think you knew but, 10:45 a.m. to noon Sunday, Feb. 17, in Bixman Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. Pre-registration requested, call (734) 425-5950. No charge.

The Jesus Prayer

A Lenten presentation by Byzantine Catholic Bishop Nicholas Samra 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at Sacred

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Heart Byzantine Catholic Church Banquet Hall, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. \$10 donation at the door covers hall and refreshments. RSVP by Feb. 20. Call (734) 422-0278. Presented by Pascha Books & Gifts now located at the Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church. Learn how the words are based on scriptural texts.

Clothing bank

Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 23, and the fourth Saturday of every month, at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. Free clothing for men, women and children. For more information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

Lenten symposium

Saturday, Feb. 23, at St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, 41233 Ryan, Sterling Heights. Featured

speaker is the Rev. Monsignor Charles Mangan of the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. Cost is \$40 advance (\$45 at door). \$20 students, free for seminarians. All speakers also attend the youth symposium (cost \$15 for ages 12-17). Registration begins at 7 a.m., followed by Mass at 8 a.m. For more information, visit www.holy-trinityapostolate.com, send e-mail to barbaramm@sbccglobal.net or call Shirley at (313) 277-8905, Jerene (248) 625-2461 or Bonnie (586) 781-8523. Registration form must be received by Feb. 20.

Widowed Friends

Widowed men and women of all ages are invited to a 2:30 p.m. Mass Sunday, Feb. 24, followed by fellowship and refreshments at St. Columban Parish, 1775 Melton, north of I-4 mile between Woodward and Coolidge. Enter the building door in back closest to rear parking lot. For information, call Marilyn at (586) 739-9406.

Men's retreat

Feb. 29 to March 2, at St. Paul of the

Cross Retreat Center, Outer Drive and I-96. Single rooms, own bath, all meals. Cost is approximately \$125. Call Ruben at (734) 261-5321 for appointment.

UPCOMING

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 1, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cost is \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ is Dick Gerathy. Call Diane for information (734) 261-5716.

VBS summer ministries

The International Christian Education Association presents its 42nd preview 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at Ward Church, Six Mile and Haggerty, Northville. Get a head start on your church's summer program by viewing exhibits and demonstrations from national publishers, attend 4 of 20 workshops on organizing, planning and administering summer programs, also make and take puppetry and teaching techniques, morning refreshments and lunch included in

registration fee. The event is non-denominational and open to the public. Call (248) 557-5526 or visit www.iceaonline.org.

Garage sale

Includes household items, tools, books, games, toys, electronic toys/games/equipment, clean, gently used children's clothing & baby items 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, March 7, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 8, Grab bag noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, at St. Aidan Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Admission \$1 per person. Garage sale donations accepted before and after masses March 1-2 in parish garage. No furniture, adult clothing accepted. No strollers permitted during sale. For information, call Ruth McCarthy at (734) 464-5973.

Bethany Suburban West

Lenten Mass 9 a.m. Sunday, March 9, at Madonna Chapel, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. Please use the Newburg entrance, breakfast to follow. Call Kathy for details (734) 513-9479.

Game Night 7:30-10 p.m. Friday, March

14, at the St. Linus Activity Center at the school. Cost is \$5 or bring a snack or dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet), and we will supply the paper products and coffee. Play cards or board games for the evening. There will be prizes. Call Kathy for details and directions (734) 513-9479 or Michele (313) 996-8644.

Easter season worship

9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Palm Sunday, March 16; 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, March 20, and 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, March 23, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia; noon Good Friday, March 21, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia and 7 p.m. Good Friday, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt, Livonia (contemporary service), and 7 a.m. Easter Sunday at Greenmead Historical Park on Newburgh, north of Eight Mile, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-0149.

Bethany Suburban West

Monthly breakfast 9:30 a.m. Saturday

March 22, at Leon's Family Dining 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's), Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy (734) 513-9479. Monthly dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, April 5, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster Rd., Redford. Cost is \$10, refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. DJ is Dick Gerathy. Call Diane for information (734) 261-5716. Game Night 7:30-10 p.m. Friday, March 14, at the St. Linus Activity Center at the school. Cost is \$5 or bring a snack or dessert for at least 10 people or a couple of large bottles of pop (regular and diet), and we will supply the paper products and coffee. Play cards or board games for the evening. There will be prizes. Call Kathy for details and directions (734) 513-9479 or Michele (313) 996-8644. Monthly breakfast 9:30 a.m. Saturday April 19, at Leon's Family Dining 30149 Ford Road, south side (next to Tim Horton's), Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call Kathy (734) 513-9479.

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OUR VIEWS

Don't touch that channel!

A Comcast executive apologized recently for failing to communicate adequately and work cooperatively with local communities over the company's plans to move public-access cable channels to the 900 level on the program grid.

Now, we hope Comcast takes the next step and drops its plans.

That would be good news for everyone who cares about what their local township board, city council and school boards are up to, including residents in the *Observer* coverage area.

It would be welcome news for local officials, too, who encourage citizen participation. Among those officials is Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack, who sent a terse letter to Comcast officials criticizing their plans.

Yack realizes moving the public, education and government (or PEG) channels will make it that much more difficult for residents to be able to find broadcasts of public meetings.

In addition, Canton has invested a lot of money in its cable studio, and the production of several local programs that feature Canton people, places and events. How many people will have the patience to scroll past the pay-per-view and adult channel menu to find those programs, not to mention their township board or school board meetings? How many people will even know they will still be able to find them?

Not only will a move to the 900 level inconvenience residents, it will result in added costs.

Viewers would need special converter boxes for each TV to access the channels because they will be carried in digital instead of analog format. Comcast has offered to supply one converter box per household for free after the change — but just for the first year.

On Jan. 14, U.S. District Judge Victoria Roberts placed a temporary restraining order on the cable provider, halting its plan to shift PEG channels after Dearborn and Meridian Township, near Lansing, filed suit.

Comcast argues the move is needed because of competitive pressures and technological changes.

But we hope the company sees the greater need to continue its longtime commitment to public access.

Cooperation critical to moving state forward

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's State of the State address fell on largely deaf ears last week. But that fact should not discount the significance of her speech before the Michigan Legislature, or the importance of several new initiatives offered in the address.

The governor had the misfortune of giving her sixth State of the State address one day after President George W. Bush delivered his State of the Union address, and just prior to Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's televised "I'm sorry" speech regarding his apparent affair with his now-former chief of staff and subsequent perjury allegations.

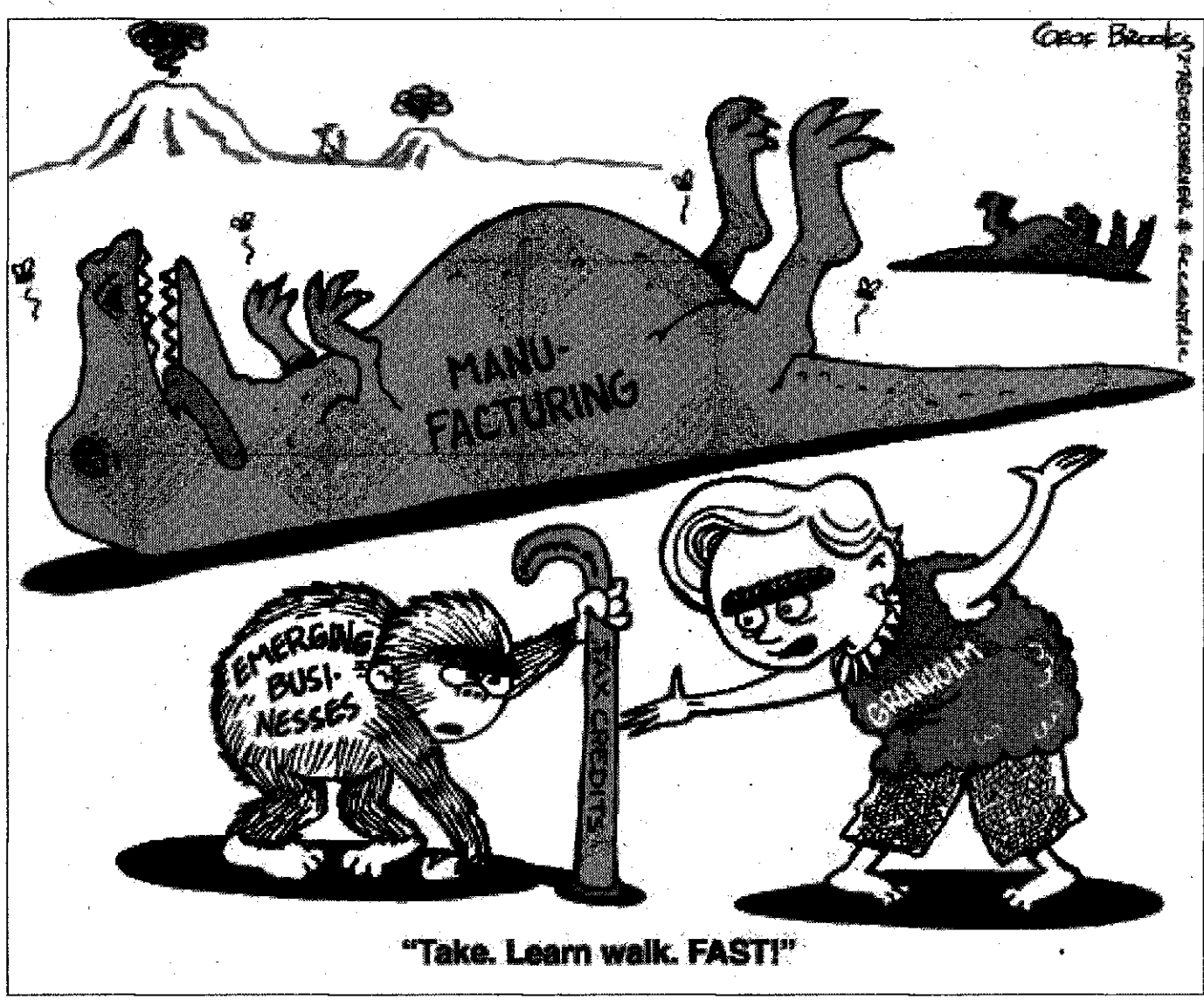
Hopefully, state legislators will pay more attention to the governor's budget when it is delivered to them in the next couple of weeks than to the growing Kilpatrick scandal. The governor's proposals will be fleshed out in the budget document, and will need the support of both the Democrat-controlled state House and Republican-controlled Senate to be realized.

Both Granholm and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop have pledged to set aside the partisan bickering that nearly bankrupted the state last fall and work together to draft a budget that both sides can live with. That's a far cry from last year, when every Granholm initiative was shot down by the Senate without being given serious consideration. New and bold initiatives should not be Republican plans or Democrat plans, but instead proposals that are best for all Michigan residents.

The governor called for several such proposals in her State of the State address, including opening dozens of new, smaller high schools, starting a massive retraining program for thousands of displaced workers, undertaking a huge advertising blitz to lure new jobs and tourists to the state and pumping millions of new dollars into our colleges and universities.

It would be hard for anyone — Democrat or Republican — to argue the merits of these proposals. But it will take both sides working together to determine how these proposals will be created and, more importantly, how they will be funded.

If the budget process again is reduced to personal attacks and partisan bickering, there may be a whole lot of state politicians looking for work after the November elections.



Time to work together

"Others, Lord, Yes, others. Help us to live for others, that I may live like Thee." These are the words of an old Methodist hymn and they embody a philosophy that we should try and live by today, more than ever.

It is good at any time, but especially during the Lenten season, to take the time to reflect.

During the past seven years, we have experienced an unprecedented downturn in our economy. Throughout the Great Depression there was never a seven-year consecutive decline in the economy.

My mother was the youngest of 12 VanderVens from Holland, Michigan. It can truly be said that they were able to pull themselves out of The Great Depression with their faith, family, public education and a job.

All 12 VanderVens helped one another with the payment of their college tuition, which enabled them to get a worthwhile job. Seven of my aunts and uncles were administrators or teachers for 40 years each in Michigan public schools.

Once again, our economy is going through a major transformation. At kitchen tables all across Michigan, families are discussing their own personal concerns regarding the economy.

It appears that education for the new, higher-skilled jobs will pull us through this recession. I have consistently suggested that higher education is the essence of recovery for our economy.

Specifically, this economic turnaround will depend on three key assumptions:

- First, we must address the issue of our national trade policy. For example, automakers can only maintain their market share if we level the playing field with China and South Korea.
- Secondly, the state's real estate market must recover to boost home building and construction in general. New home sales haven fallen to their lowest level in 27 years.
- Thirdly, Michigan's recovery depends on the nation as a whole avoiding a recession — in an economy battered by the subprime mortgage meltdown, credit worries, and a slipping stock market.

The linchpin for every thriving economy is a job for every worker — which often is the source of our self-respect. The manufacturing sector in the United States has lost more than 3.2 million jobs between 2000 and 2006.

Finally, we must ask the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Our answer must be a resounding, "Yes!"

Our parents and grandparents survived The Great Depression by helping one another. We too must help our families, our neighbors and all our "brothers" weather Michigan's current, harsh economic turbulence, so once more we can move Michigan forward.

John C. Stewart
former state representative
Plymouth Township

It's simple: Help our fellow man

Thank you for your follow-up article on Deborah with three children who lives in the Wayne County Homeless Shelter. I work in human resources at a major

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Livonia employer (American Community Mutual Insurance Co.) and when the article first appeared, our employment coordinator called the shelter and was told Deborah had already secured a position.

In reading the follow-up article, I was so happy to learn that she not only got a great job but a family offered her their vacant home with an option of rent to own and she only has to pay utilities for the first six months to help her get back on her feet.

Both her new employer and the generous family who offered their vacant home wish to remain anonymous. I can only say that this is a perfect example of what Jesus would want us to do with the resources we are given while living on this earth ... it's so simple, helping our fellow man. Why is it so hard for some people to "get it?"

Dorothy Petro
Livonia

Test new and old drivers

I found your cartoon in the paper showing kids driving while eating and talking on the cell phone kind of ironic.

It seems like everyone wants to show teenagers driving crazy while talking on cell phones. That is NOT the entire picture. I have seen ALL ages talking on cell phones. I have seen ALL ages eating while driving. How about the businessman who has his laptop open on the passenger seat so he can read his e-mails? How about the senior citizen who turns right from the left lane?

Every day we read about accidents caused by people not too young to drive but too old to drive. Remember the 85-year-old in Dearborn who backed up all the way across the street into his neighbor's garage just one week after he backed over his wife in the same driveway. Or we see pictures where senior citizens drive into a store because they mistake the gas pedal for the brake pedal.

We should not only test NEW drivers but also OLD drivers too. My parents made me wait until I was old enough to get a license, I hope my children take it away when I am too old.

By the way, I turn 60 in December.

Skip Wehrle
Garden City

Get them out now

No wonder Colin Powell had to exit the Cheney/Bush White House so quickly. No one of integrity could tolerate the greedy, unscrupulous actions of those two jokers. I don't care that it is nearly over. I want them out of office today!

Catherine VanHollebeke
Garden City

Is process open?

It is how much money they have raised; it's the momentum factor; and it's the star quality that news commentators talk about when referring to the candidates running for the nomination of their party for president of the United States.

There was the time when the presidential candidates for the Democratic and Republican parties were picked at their national conventions. Then it changed.

We were told the electorate would decide. It would be more open, more democratic. Is it?

I envision a different presidential primary. The primaries and caucuses, are all on the same day, taking place four weeks before the November election. At the national party conventions the candidates are given equal opportunities to explain why we should vote for them. There are individual presentations and there are debates. At the debates all the candidates are given the time to answer all the questions. The questions deal with the issues: foreign policy, the economy, jobs, health care, the environment, immigration, etc. There are no personal attacks.

The national conventions are broadcast on the network channels as a public service. By law, there is a cap on how much money the candidates can raise for campaigning which can only begin six months before the November election.

I could continue this scenario, but basically I would like to see an end to we have the best government money can buy.

Ann Abdo
Livonia

Resign, now

The Detroit mayoral text saga has revealed one significant discovery this past week: Not one strong independent voice has emerged seeking the mayor's resignation. Nothing from the city's religious circles, business leaders or elected officials. Not one significant public figure voice has emerged confronting the mayor demanding his resignation.

The lack of any viable leadership with the courage and integrity to confront up close and personal the mayor is as lethal and destructive as any of the verbiage from the infamous text messages.

Making a difference requires more than whispers, e-mails, false bravado at barbershops, hair salons, Web sites and business lunches. The lack of visible leaders willing to step up and lead the citizens of Detroit out of this insanity is revealing and for me unacceptable.

Fortunately for the citizens of Detroit there are many people who remain true to the city of Detroit and who will not be silenced. I am one of those who is demanding the mayor's resignation. Right here, right now.

Greg Thrasher
Birmingham

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— Bentley Elementary first-grade teacher Alice Chrenko, on retiring Plymouth-Canton Supt. Jim Ryan

Watching the bobbing dance is lesson in party politics

Last week was time for the "State of ..." addresses. The lamest of lame duck presidents in recent history, George W. Bush, went first on Monday, continuing to justify seven years of bungled leadership. Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who has also failed to establish a



Hugh Gallagher

strong record or a real legacy, offered up her address on Tuesday.

The ongoing war in Iraq, the new aggravations in Afghanistan and a crumbling economy didn't stop the usual State of the Union bobbing dance. You know, whenever the president mentions "the Troops," "taking care of our veterans" and "the American Way of Life"

all members of the Congress rise en masse and applaud wildly. When he mentions keeping tax cuts for the wealthy and staying the course in Iraq, Republicans cheer and Democrats sit on their hands. When he mentions immigration reform, Democrats show polite approval while his fellow Republicans sit on their hands and grumble. (Sometimes it seemed that Speaker Nancy Pelosi wasn't quite sure when to bob up or stay seated.)

For Granholm, the bobbing dance was a little less well defined. After all the major theme this year is bipartisan cooperation. Republicans didn't want to appear uncooperative and surly. The biggest applause of course came when the governor promised to pay for her new initiatives without new fees or taxes. That brought thunderous approval from the Republicans and somewhat tentative approval from Democrats, who might not agree with her assessment but realize they can't fight that battle.

Republicans generally sat when Granholm opined that people do have a right to sue drug companies that cause injury and death, that residents do have a right to expect the state to argue against increasing insurance rates and that the state should investigate price fixing by oil companies (think Exxon and its record earnings for 2007). They also seemed unhappy with some of her school proposals. Some members of both parties, for different reasons, seemed less than enthused about having the state government invest in private business.

What do these annual orations mean, especially at a time when neither executive is popular? The bobbing dance gives us a little insight into the differences between the two major parties.

Those who say that there is no difference aren't really listening. True, both parties do not stray too far from an imaginary center that supports a general respect for the Constitution, a market economy and an internationalist

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approach to foreign and military affairs (over the objections of members on each party's fringe) and both parties rely on rich people for support. Both parties are heavily lobbied and sometimes local interests supersede party philosophy.

But, generally, Democrats believe that government can be a force for progress, a protection against greed, an economic stabilizer and a support system for the vast majority of people who are not fully supported by the private economy no matter how hard they work or how much they save.

Republicans believe in the words of Ronald Reagan that government is the enemy. They harken back to Thomas Jefferson's saying that "The government that governs the best is the government that governs the least." Of course, the party's core belief is that private enterprise is better equipped to help us all prosper than government.

These are real differences. The CNN resident demagogue Lou Dobbs has been urging his viewers to abandon the parties and declare themselves independents. That's a sure way to disassociate from the political process without making any impact on changing our political system.

Some politicians are rogues. Most politicians who have reached any degree of power are beholden to someone. But that doesn't make them or the political process totally tainted, especially if we keep an eye on them and demand that they follow through on their promises.

All that bobbing up and down is a good thing. In America we're free to bob or sit whenever we want.

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Investing, saving best use of government check

At a recent investment speech I gave, several people wanted to know my opinion about the economic stimulus package proposed by the president and Congress. Will it work and what should they do with their money?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

I believe the American people are wiser than the government about their money. Whenever people get more money it generally is a good thing. That being said, there are some issues.

First, no agreement has been reached on the stimulus package. The Senate version is different than the one offered by the president. I am concerned about the "pork" that eventually will be added on to the bill. No matter who's in power, Democrats or Republicans, we all know how they love to spend our money.

I do believe that some economic stimulus package will be passed and a great majority of Americans will be getting money back from the government. It would like us to spend the money in order to stimulate the economy. However, even though that may be good for the economy as a whole that may not be what's good for you or me.

Those who have charge card balances should use the money to pay off debts. The majority of people who have charge card debt are paying 18½ percent interest that is not tax-deductible.

For others, before rushing out and spending the money, consider investing the check. It is not too late to make a Roth IRA contribution for 2007.

Another option for the money you may receive is to your child's or grandchild's college education fund. Fees and tuition are going up as is the number of years it takes to complete a degree. When I went to college, the average student completed an undergraduate education in four years. In today's world, the average is closer to five years. The Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP) is a great way to save. It takes \$25 to open an account and in addition, you can deduct

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Paying off debt, saving for your retirement or investing in your child's or grandchild's college education are better than spending the money. Although spending the money is good for the economy it may not be good for your individual situation. We live in a society where we are forced to take more responsibility when it comes to personal financial affairs so we need to take advantage of opportunities when they come along.

One side note, the low-lives in our society already are starting to prey on individuals with regard to these tax rebates. The IRS recently issued a warning that individuals are being contacted either by phone or e-mail requesting information so that they can send you your tax rebates. This is just another identity theft scam.

Never give sensitive information to anyone who claims by phone or e-mail they are with the IRS. The IRS does not correspond with taxpayers through e-mail. If you receive an e-mail claiming they are the IRS, it is bogus. On the other hand, the IRS does sometimes communicate through telephone; however, they do not initiate the contact. If you receive an unsolicited call from the IRS, hang up.

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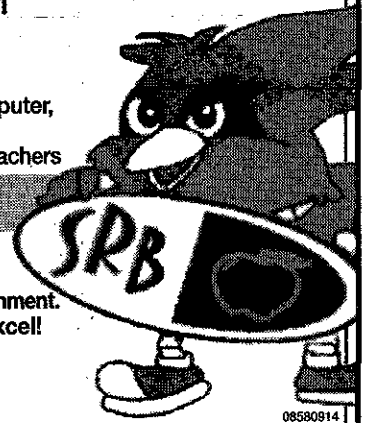
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Super Tuesday: Rocks win in landslide, 58-30

BY ED WRIGHT
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Heaven help the remaining teams in the WLAA girls basketball tournament if Salem continues to perform at the level it played at Tuesday night against Plymouth.

Bolstered by a tenacious defensive effort and a lights-out shooting night, the Rocks rolled to a 58-30 win over the Wildcats in a first-round tournament game.

The win avenged a 57-56 setback to Plymouth on Dec. 14.

Salem will take a 16-2 mark into Friday night's semifinal contest against Livonia Franklin. The game is set to tip off at 7 p.m. in the Rocks' gym.

"The girls really stepped it up defen-

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sively tonight," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "We scored about the same number of points we did against them the first time we played, but we played a lot better on the defensive end. We didn't let Shaakira (Haywood) get 26 or 28 like she did the first time.

"Franklin is a very good basketball team. I saw them play Northville on Saturday and they looked very strong. We're going to have to buckle down against their twins (Briauna and Brittany Taylor)."

Salem received a potent dose of offensive firepower from some unexpected sources Tuesday night.

Junior forward Victoria Brotz led all

scorers with 13 points on 6-of-9 shooting while sophomore guard Brett deBear poured in a career-best 10 points.

"It's a credit to our team that we moved the ball to the open player and we hit the open shots," said Thomann. "This is a very good shooting team. We have a lot of different players who can knock down shots."

Sara Stone, a 5-foot-10 sophomore, notched a double-double for the Rocks, netting 10 points and 14 boards. Junior forward Chelsea Davis added nine points, eight rebounds and seven assists while senior point guard Alaya Mitchell chipped in with eight points and seven caroms. Haywood led the Wildcats with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Stacey Klonowski failed to score for Plymouth, but she did hustle after 11 boards.

The Rocks' defense was in tip-top form from the opening tip as the hosts held Plymouth to 1-of-12 shooting on the way to a 13-3 first-quarter lead.

Things didn't get much better in the second quarter for the cold-shooting 'Cats, who made just 3-of-12 field goals in that stanza and trailed 29-9 at the half-way point.

Salem led 44-18 with eight minutes to play. The winners shot 44 percent from the field (27-of-61) and 3-of-6 from the free throw line.

The Wildcats made 18.6 percent of their field goals (10-of-53) and 38.8 percent of their free throws (7-of-18).

Plymouth turned the ball over 16 times. Salem registered just four miscues.

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Trevor (11) and Brent Zinn (15) have been an inspiration to their father, David (pictured seated courtside in wheelchair just to the right of Brent), as he courageously battles the effects of an inoperable brain tumor.

Eagles hang with Oakland until 4th

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

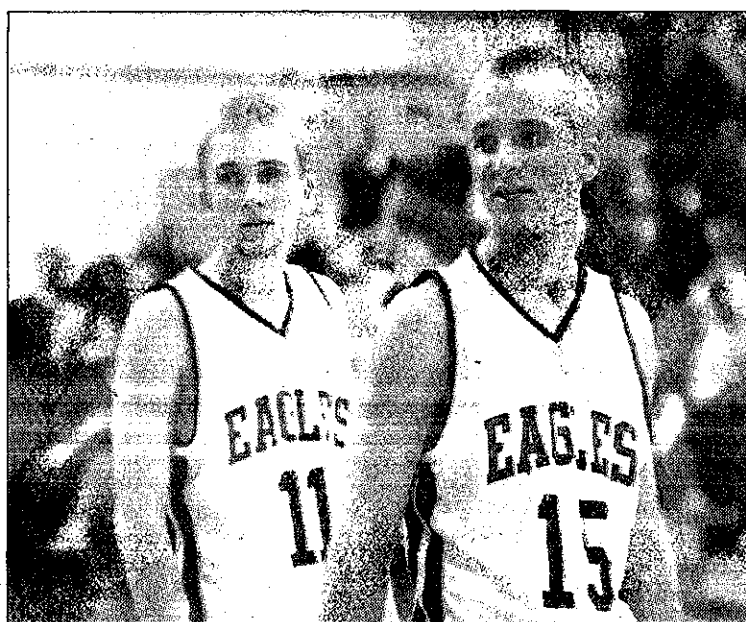
The Plymouth Christian Academy boys basketball team isn't in Oakland Christian's neighborhood talent-wise quite yet, but the Eagles at least moved into the same ZIP code Tuesday night.

A few weeks after falling 82-60 to Oakland, PCA hung tough for three quarters before dropping a 58-42 decision to the visiting state-ranked Lancers.

The setback dropped coach Mike Doyle's squad to 3-12 while Oakland improved to 14-1. "They're more athletic than us and a little quicker, but we hung with them for three quarters," said Doyle, whose team trailed just 45-37 with eight minutes to play. "Our help-side defense was very good tonight."

Senior guard Trevor Zinn paced PCA with 11 points. Reid Barber chipped in with 10 points and seven rebounds and freshman Richie Truhn contributed eight points.

Derrick Zwier led the winners with 14 points.



Brothers Trevor (left) and Brent Zinn excel in three sports — soccer, basketball and baseball — at Plymouth Christian Academy.

AMA'ZINN' BROTHERS

Plymouth Christian Academy's Trevor and Brent Zinn are athletes for all seasons

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

From the time they were old enough to dribble a basketball, grip a baseball and kick a soccer ball, Trevor and Brent Zinn have been much more than best-of-buddies siblings.

They've also been one-on-one driveway hoop foes, backyard pitcher-and-catcher battery mates and allies on more teams than they can probably remember.

"We've played each other in one-on-one so much," said 18-year-old Trevor, "that we know each other's moves and what the other one's going to do with the ball."

Blessed with parents who realized the character-building benefits of sports, a close proximity in age (14 months) and a shared passion for athletics, the Zinn brothers have formed a successful three-sport kinship that few siblings in the metropolitan Detroit area can match.

2 brothers, 3 sports

In an era when single-sport specialization is a spreading trend, the Zinns not only compete in soccer, basketball and baseball — they do so at an extraordinarily high level.

This past fall, they formed a sweeper-goalie duo that nearly lifted Plymouth Christian Academy's soccer team to a monumental Division 4 District final victory over powerhouse Southfield Christian.

Currently, they're giving opposing teams fits as the starting back-court for the PCA basketball team. In a December overtime triumph over SC, the brothers shared scoring honors with 21 points each.

In the spring, they man vital positions for the Eagles' baseball team — Trevor, a senior, pitches and plays shortstop; Brent, a junior, catches and pitches.

"They're definitely the catalysts of our team and everybody we play knows that," said first-year PCA basketball coach Mike Doyle. "Trevor is a captain and our leading scorer (17 points per game) and Brent has come along very well, too, averaging 11 points, five rebounds and four assists."

"At the beginning of the season, I put them on opposite sides of the court on offense so that we'd have a weapon on each side. But now I have them on the same side and both of their scoring averages have gone up because they play off each other so well."

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Warriors' air-tight defense stifles Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Breathing room is scarce when you're playing Walled Lake Western's girls basketball team.

Defensively, the Warriors lock onto their opponents like Velcro and stay there for 32 minutes.

On Monday in a make-up game at Canton, Western clinched its first WLAA Western Division title since 1983 with a defensive 34-25 victory over the Chiefs.

Canton, which slipped to 4-13 and 2-8, finished with more turnovers (26) than field-goal attempts (24).

"Western's the kind of team that gets after you and pushes you and

pressures you the entire game," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "You have to be tight with the ball or you're going to end up with 26 turnovers like we did tonight."

"When you turn the ball over 26 times, that's 52 points you would have had an opportunity to score if you would have taken care of the ball. If we could have just cut that number in half, we would have had a chance because it was a nine-point game."

The surging Warriors improved to 15-2 overall and 9-1 in the division.

"One of our biggest goals at the beginning of the season was to win the division, so the girls couldn't wait to play this game," said Western coach Dave Walther. "I think they

were a little nervous, a little anxious, at the beginning because they were so excited to clinch the division."

"The girls have been focused since Day 1 and they worked very hard during the summer to get to where they are now."

The Warriors had a typical balanced attack led by junior guard Paige Partenio's 10 points. Carly Zeitlin chipped in with seven and Melanie Wilkerson added five.

Nine of the 12 players on the winners' roster scored.

"We go nine or 10 deep, which allows us to keep the pressure up on defense," said Walther. "Two of our

Please see **WARRIORS, B2**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Melanie Pickert brings the ball up the court against the pressurized defense of Walled Lake Western's Chelsea Hunter during Monday night's WLAA Western Division game.

Sidelines

Super Saturday

P-CEP athletic teams will be involved in three big events on Saturday:

■ The Western Lakes Activities Association conference wrestling tournament will be held at Canton's Phase III gymnasium beginning at 9 a.m.

■ The annual Canton Invitational gymnastics meet will be held in the Plymouth High School gymnasium beginning at 10 a.m.

■ The Plymouth and Salem hockey teams will square off in a cross-campus showdown set for 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

District girls hoop

Following are the pairings for the Class A District 25 girls basketball tournament set for Feb. 18-22 at Livonia Ladywood High School.

Canton will take on the host Blazers on Monday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. The winner of that contest will take on Northville in a semifinal clash on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m.

On the other side of the brackets, Salem will tangle with Plymouth on Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. The winner will advance to play Novi in a semifinal showdown on Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The final game is set for Friday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m.

Midwinter skates

The Plymouth Whalers will be hosting a pair of midwinter skates:

■ On Feb. 11-12, the team will host a pair of on-ice clinics for youngsters. The Feb. 11 clinic will run from 10-11:20 a.m.

On Feb. 12, the clinic is set for 10-11 a.m. with a sticks-and-pucks session set with the entire team from 11-11:50 a.m. A noon pizza party will follow.

■ On Feb. 18-19, the skates will follow the same time frame as the Feb. 11-12 event.

The cost of the event is \$50, which includes a ticket to a future Whalers' game.

Full equipment is required. To reserve a spot, call (734) 453-8400.

Lions signups

Registration for the 2008 Canton Lions football and cheerleading veterans started on Feb. 2 and will conclude Feb. 29. New player and cheerleading registrations will be accepted beginning March 1.

Registration forms and additional information can be found at www.etcamz.com/cantonlions.

For more information, contact Brian Lee at (734) 495-1865.

Canton stings Hornets in gymnastics events

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's gymnastics team soared Tuesday night thanks to a rockin' Robyn. Freshman Robyn Piowar registered a personal best 35.675 in the all-around to lead the Chiefs to a convincing 138.725-125.975 triumph over Saline. The victory improved coach John Cunningham's squad to 5-4 overall.

"It was a well-deserved score," Cunningham said of Piowar's first-place showing. "And she did that with two falls. Cathy Huang also had a personal best in the vault tonight (9.05)."

Canton dominated the leadership as just one Hornet managed to garner a third-place finish.

Huang won two events – the vault (9.05) and the balance beam (8.875) – while senior captain Jessie Murray took top honors on

the uneven bars with a 9.0. Piowar took top honors in the floor exercise with a personal-best 9.5.

The Chiefs are set to host the Canton Invitational Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at Plymouth High School. The event was pushed back from last Saturday due to Friday's snow accumulation.

CANTON 138.725
SALINE 125.975

TUESDAY AT PLYMOUTH H.S.
VAULT: 1. Cathy Huang (C), 9.05; 2. Robyn Piowar (C), 9.0; 3. Jessie Murray (C), 8.75; 4. (tie) Olivia Stephens (C) and Mallory Hudak (C), 8.35; 6. Kristy (S), 8.15.
UNEVEN BARS: 1. Jessie Murray (C), 9.0; 2. Robyn Piowar (C), 8.5; 3. Cathy Huang (C), 8.4; 4. Kristy (S), 8.2; 5. Mallory Hudak (C), 8.175; 6. Kate Carroll (C), 7.45.
BALANCE BEAM: 1. Cathy Huang (C), 8.875; 2. Jessie Murray (C), 8.75; 3. Paige (S), 8.7; 4. Robyn Piowar (C), 8.675; 5. Kristy (S), 8.475; 6. Jessie (S), 8.25.
FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Robyn Piowar (C), 9.5; 2. Mallory Hudak (C), 9.25; 3. Jessie Murray (C), 8.55; 4. Kara (S), 8.35; 5. Kristy (S), 8.2; 6. Cathy Huang (C), 8.1.
ALL-AROUND: 1. Robyn Piowar (C), 35.675; 2. Jessie Murray (C), 35.05; 3. Cathy Huang (C), 34.25; 4. Mallory Hudak (C), 33.425; 5. Kristy (S), 33.025.



Canton gymnast Robyn Piowar, pictured competing in a meet earlier this season, registered a personal-best all-around score of 35.675 Tuesday night against Saline.

Canton cagers take the three-way to win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If the Web site www.resiliency.com existed, a clip of Monday night's Canton boys basketball team's remarkable victory over Walled Lake Western would be an appropriate link.

Playing without leading scorer Neil Sharma for the second consecutive game, the Chiefs overcame an 11-point third-quarter deficit to triumph 57-55 in an overtime thriller.

Canton trailed by six in the closing stages of the fourth quarter before Kyle Biega and Brody Coplai drained clutch triples to force the extra period. Coplai's three came from the deep corner as the buzzer sounded.

After the Warriors scored the first basket of the OT, Coplai nailed another three-pointer before Kiere Daniels iced the win with a huge offensive rebound and a single free throw.

The win improved Canton's record to 5-10 overall and 2-8 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. The Warriors dropped to 8-7 overall.

"We're tremendously excited

by the win," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. "The boys have been working extremely hard and they kept battling tonight. We had four guys with eight points or more, so it was a total team win."

Coplai led the way with a career-high 14 points. Marlan Glenn, who also swished a long triple late in the fourth quarter, added 12. Chris Bailey just missed a double-double with 10 points and nine boards, and Biega netted eight.

Mitchell Barcellino paced the Warriors with 17 points.

The game was knotted at 24-all at the half before Western rolled to a 43-37 advantage heading into the fourth.

Canton nailed 9-of-16 free throws. Western was 10-for-17 from the stripe.

SALEM 62, STEVENSON 49: On Monday at Stevenson, the Rocks rolled to a 27-8 first-quarter lead and never looked back on the way to improving their record to 8-7 overall and 6-4 in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

Salem drained all 10 of its first-quarter free throws and shot "close to 90 percent" from the floor, according to head

coach Bob Brodie.

"We came out of the gates with guns a blazin'," said Brodie. "We not only shot well, but we played very good defense, holding them to eight points. They came out firing threes and trying to run their fast-break, but we defended very well."

Brodie said he likes the way his team is playing as the WLAA post-season tournament approaches.

"We've been playing well, we just need to sustain our consistency," he said.

The Rocks' dynamic duo of Grant Stone and Ross Davis both sparkled on Monday. Stone netted 22 points and six rebounds while Davis soared for 19 points, 17 boards and one crowd-pleasing second-quarter dunk.

"Ross did a nice job on the glass," said Brodie. "With Jesse Pointer and Courtney Prazier in there, too, the other teams have a tough time keeping them all of the boards."

Steve Naubert led Stevenson with 13.

Salem led 38-20 at the half and 52-33 with eight minutes left.

The Rocks connected on 20-

of-24 free throws overall (83.3 percent).

Stevenson hit 6-of-8 from the stripe.

WAYNE 83, PLYMOUTH 62: On Monday at Wayne, the Zebras put together a 49-point second half and rolled to the WLAA Western Division win.

"We actually played decent defense; we challenged everything, but they still hit their shots," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "They got to the line and made their free throws, which was a big difference, too."

Navraj Sandhu led Plymouth with 16 points. Chris Daniels added 10 points and a team-high six rebounds; Brandon Roberts and Garrett Rebin both scored nine; and Thurston Green, a transfer from Wayne, netted a season-high eight points.

Mike Lee twined a game-high 22 for the winners. Robert Woodson was next with 16.

The Zebras led 23-11 after one quarter and 34-29 at the half.

Wayne connected on 12-of-15 freebies while Plymouth buried just 6-of-13 shots from the charity stripe.

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Rock icers battle the No. 1 Spartans down to the wire

Mike Voran had two goals and two assists to lead No. 1-ranked Livonia Stevenson (18-0-1, 5-0-1) to a 4-2 WLAA-Lakes Division victory Saturday over visiting Salem (6-12, 1-5) at Edgar Arena.

The Spartans improved to 18-0-1 overall and 5-0-1 in the division while the Rocks slipped to 6-12 and 1-5, respectively.

Senior Ian Barnaby provided the offensive firepower for the Rocks as he registered both goals – one in the second period and another in the third to bring the Rocks to within 3-2.

"Overall, considering they're the No. 1 team in the state, I thought it was one of our better games," said Salem coach Ryan Ossenschlager. "We gave up two power-play goals, which you can't do against a top team like Stevenson."

Sean Lerg added a goal and assist for the Spartans, who led 1-0 after one period and 3-1 after two periods.

Jake Harbowy had the other Stevenson goal, while R.J.

Kierdorf chipped in with two assists.

Richie Dunphy went all the way in goal for the Spartans, stopping 15 of 17 shots, to earn his second victory.

Stevenson outshot the Rocks, 36-17.

G.P. SOUTH 9, PCS PENGUINS 1: On Tuesday at the Arctic Edge, unbeaten South won a mercy rule-shortened game against the host Penguins, who slipped to 3-10-1.

The game ended with 11:50 left in the third period when South scored its ninth goal.

Brooke Caccavelli scored the Penguins' lone goal in the first period.

PCS net-minder Michelle Schaffer played well, stopped 38 shots.

South's Maggie Miller stopped 10 of the 11 shots she faced.

"We played a lot better against South than we did the first time we played them," said PCS coach Lori Callahan.



THE WEEK AHEAD	
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BROTHERS

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"Trevor and I have a chemistry on the basketball court that most people don't have," Brent said. "It's like we know where each other is going to be."

Bonding experience

Not surprisingly, the Zinns' younger sister, Amy, an eighth-grader at PCA, is on the same road to athletic accomplishment as her older brothers.

"Sports have always been a big part of our family," said Brenda Zinn, Trevor, Brent and Amy's mom. "From the time they were very young, my husband (David) would get home from work and rebound for them in the driveway or play catch with them in the back yard."

The power of faith

The Zinn family received an earth-shaking jolt in December of 2006 when David Zinn was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor.

"It was especially devastating because David was such a healthy, active person," said Brenda Zinn. "In the 20 years he worked at Ford, he didn't use one sick day."

"It's been very hard, but our faith has helped us get through it."

Despite the debilitating

effects of the tumor — the right side of David Zinn's body is virtually paralyzed and his eyes no longer work together — he remains his kids' No. 1 fan. He attends most of their home games, even if it means watching from the car on chilly fall and spring afternoons.

"When my dad is at our games, I think I'm more focused because I want to play well for him," said Trevor.

"One of his main joys in life now is seeing us do well in sports, so it feels good when we have a good game when he's there," added Brent.

"Both Brent and Trevor always play hard," added Doyle, "but when their dad is at a game, you can tell they're giving it 110 percent."

The boys said both their parents have been models of courage throughout the entire ordeal.

"My dad has been very strong through this and my mom, well, it's crazy everything she has to do now, taking care of us and everything," said Brent, as his older brother nodded in agreement.

Amazingly, the boys have not only maintained their athletic prowess throughout their dad's illness, they've also crafted MVP-caliber grade point averages.

"Seeing what their dad is going through, I think it has strengthened their character and their appreciation for life," said Brenda Zinn.

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WARRIORS

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strengths this year are depth and balance."

Senior center Baylee Hollowell was limited to eight points by the Warriors. Hollowell led all rebounders with 11, but she managed to launch just four field goals.

Sophomore guard Kaylie Martin added seven for the Chiefs, including their lone three-pointer.

Canton freshman guard Melanie Pickert played well, netting five points, four steals and four rebounds.

Western led just 6-5 after one quarter and did score its first points until Partenio converted a layup with 2:20 left in the opening stanza.

The Warriors stretched their advantage to 16-9 at the half and 30-19 with eight minutes to play.

Western hit 15-of-39 field goals (38.4 percent) and 4-of-11 free throws (36.3).

Canton was 8-for-24 from the field (33 percent) and 8-of-12 from the line (66.7 percent).

SALEM 57, STEVENSON 38: On Monday at Salem, the Rocks capped a perfect run through the WLAA's Lakes Division with a one-sided win over the Spartans. The victory improved

coach Fred Thomann's squad to 15-2 overall and 10-0 in the division.

Stevenson slipped to 3-14 and 0-10, respectively.

"We played a very good first quarter than closed it out from there," said Salem coach Fred Thomann.

Senior guard Alaya Mitchell led the Rocks with 19 points. Junior forward Chelsea Davis added 10 points and four assists; sophomore forward Sarah Stone contributed seven points and eight boards and junior forward Victoria Brotz added eight points and four assists.

Salem led 21-5 after one quarter and 36-15 at the intermission.

Salem hosts Plymouth tonight at 7 p.m. in the first round of the WLAA post-season tournament.

JOHN GLENN 36, CANTON 28: On Tuesday at Canton, the Chiefs cut a 24-12 half-time deficit to 26-23, but couldn't close the deal.

Senior center Baylee Hollowell led the Chiefs with 10 points and sophomore guard Lindsay Winters added five.

Brittany Holbrook and Chanel Payne both tallied 11 points for the Rockets.

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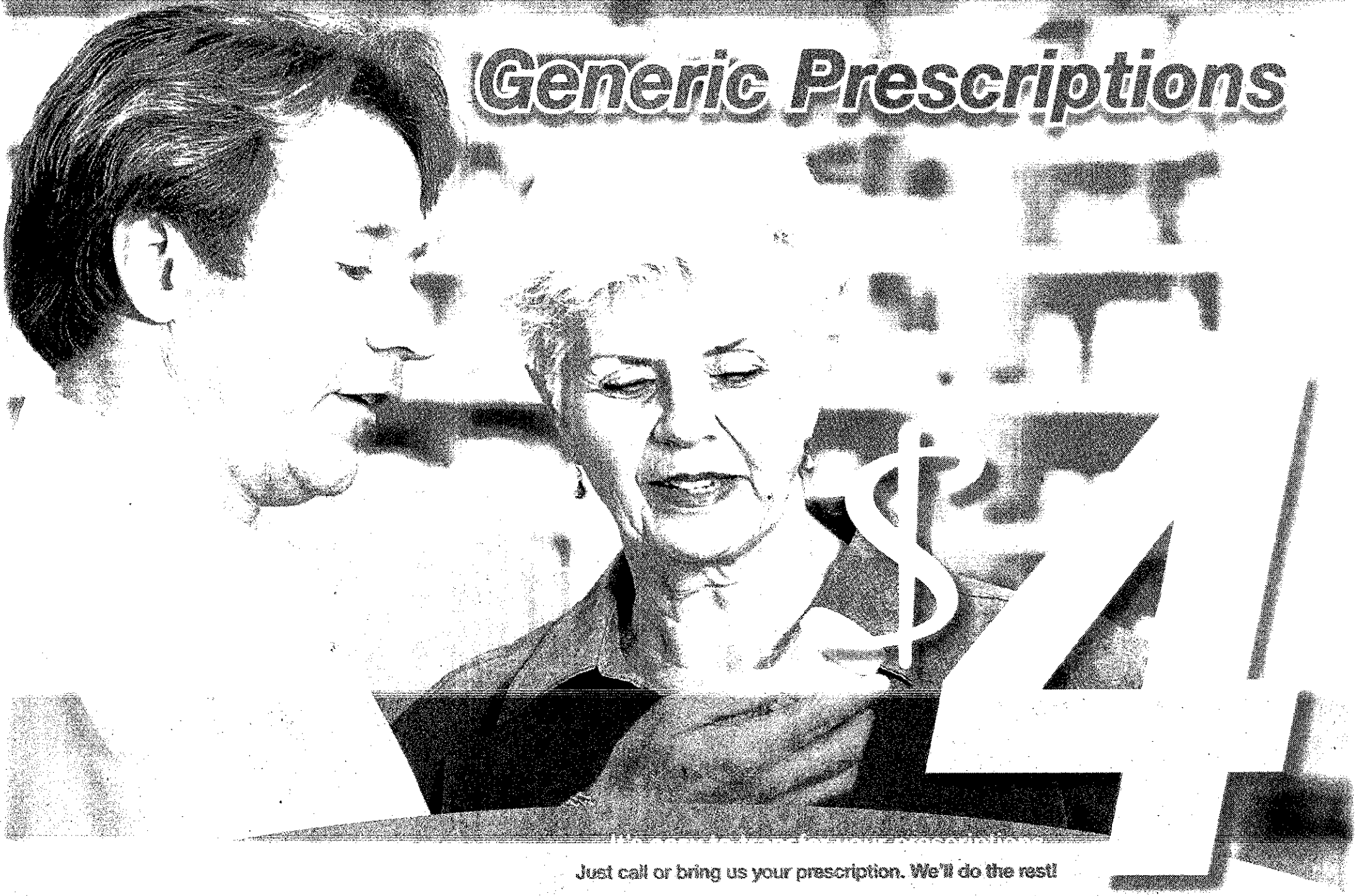
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Real Estate

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If you're a woman looking for a place to live, chances are you'd consider buying as opposed to renting.

"Obviously, the tax benefits are going to be first," said Realtor Nancy Austin of Coldwell Banker Preferred Realtors, with offices in Plymouth and Canton. "When you're buying a home or condo, it's really a lifestyle choice."

With more and more single women buying and selling real estate, Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation unveiled a marketing program targeting women. The initiative features a handbook titled, "A Wise Woman's Guide To Buying Your Own Home," which can be used by the more than 3,200 Coldwell Banker affiliated offices around the nation.

According to the 2006 National Association of Realtors Profile of Homebuyers and Sellers study, 22 percent of homes sold in the U.S. during 2006 were to single females compared to only 9 percent to males. In the same study, NAR reported that the average age of this female first-time buyer is 34 and her annual household income is \$43,300.

Jennifer Caminidi of Westland bought her first condo in October 2007, with Austin's help. "It kept going up," Caminidi said of her rent. "I decided to start looking."

Austin, who lives in a condo, noted that there's no outside work to do in a condo. You can give up some privacy living in a condo, although she's found she doesn't know her neighbors as well as she did when in a home.

Some women feel safer in a condo, with other people around. Austin, with 24 years in local real estate, finds the nesting instinct motivates women to buy.

"It's whatever they're going to want to do," she said of painting and decorating. "I really think they want to nest. They recognize it as a great investment and the tax benefits."

Caminidi, 32 and single, is glad she chose a condo over a home, noting the convenience of having it maintained outside. "I do too much after work with school and dancing," said Caminidi, who works in the commer-

cial loan department at LaSalle Bank in downtown Detroit in addition to teaching dance. She got a 30-year mortgage.

"Your money's being invested in something you'll get back," added Caminidi, who found her work background and colleagues helpful when she decided to take the real estate plunge. "It's a lot bigger than the apartment. It's peaceful, it's quiet. The neighbors are nice. It's like you're in your own little community."

Caminidi noted in particular the benefit of someone else shoveling snow: "When you don't have to get up and do it, it's wonderful."

Women who are single but would like a family down the road like having a place to start. "Basically, they feel they're ready to start that kind of a life," said Austin, who finds women are often proud to own their own home.

Women are often more savvy with finances than in the past; Austin doesn't find women hesitating to buy in this market to the extent married couples do.

"Oh, they're out there, you bet," she said of bargain homes and condos. Banks are eager to negotiate on foreclosures, and prices are competitive.

"I think we're back to the levels we were at in 1998 and 1999," Austin said of prices. "Inventory and the prices, there's just never been a better time" to buy.

Coldwell Banker also has campaigns aimed at other market segments, in addition to the one for women. Getting money for a down payment isn't an issue for working women, and credit discrimination laws cover women now. "They're going to be preapproved by a lender," Austin said. "They're very excited they're going to be able to have their own place."

Coldwell Banker has a discount book with Sears to help with appliances and smaller household items, along with a discount for a large hardware store. Women who come from an apartment generally have some things, Austin noted, although window treatments are often needed, along with a snowblower and lawn mower for homeowners.

Some women love to garden, so a home with a yard's a better choice



than a condo, she added. Often, a single woman buys at a young age and later meets someone to marry, also a homeowner. They may move into one home or the other, or start anew by buying a place together.

"Clearly, single women help drive real estate sales in this country," said Charlie Young, senior vice president for marketing of Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation. "This group has demonstrated their clout

in the real estate market and has the economic capability to gain the American dream of homeownership."

The free guidebook, "A Wise Women's Guide To Buying Your Own Home," addresses topics such as financing, finding a home and negotiation. Guidebooks are available by contacting: Nancy Austin, Coldwell Banker Preferred Realtors in Plymouth, (734) 416-1252.

Heat is on: Time to speak up

Q. An elderly friend of mine lives in an older condo complex which has always been a condo since it was built in the late '60s. There are only a small number of condos on two floors, but one unit has remained an open unit that all tenants can use to rent for their families. My friend cannot control the heat in her unit and it is so hot during the winter that she has to keep the windows and doors open, plus her heat is included in her monthly fee. Last year she discovered that at least five of the other units have thermostats in their unit, but she does not. She contacted one of the board members to have one installed in her unit but they advised her just to keep her windows open and that they are not responsible for the control of the heat in her unit or required to install a thermostat. We would appreciate any comments you may have.



Robert Meisner

A. It all depends upon the documents of the condominium. If the association is responsible for maintaining and paying for the heat, it should take some measure to assume that heat is not

being wasted. That may involve installing a thermostat in your friend's unit, but it also depends on, of course, how the other thermostats were installed, when and by whom. Your friend should notify the association that they are wasting money and should take some preventative maintenance action to preserve energy.

Q. I just found out that our attorney represented a management company that we have at our condo and at another complex. One of the board members is an attorney and thinks that is a conflict. What do you think?

A. I think that any time an attorney for a condo association represents a managing agent, either individually or through the corporation, he should disclose that fact to every association that he represents where that management company is present. Obviously, if the attorney represents both the management company and the association in a matter, assuming that there is no conflict in that matter, it still may indicate that the attorney has a financial interest in the management company, in the sense of having been representing it and perhaps being compensated by it. The question then becomes whether that attorney is in a position to objectively evaluate management contracts or any other issues between condo associations and the management company in which the attorney is involved. Get a new attorney.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com.

HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 15-19, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton	
50632 Amberley Blvd	\$168,000
2250 Arcadia Dr	\$145,000
2249 Ashbourne Dr	\$410,000
2260 Ashbourne Dr	\$350,000
7095 Becky Dr	\$115,000
1620 Bennington Ct	\$147,000
41480 Cumberland Dr	\$183,000
45741 Drexel Rd	\$265,000
45412 Embassy Ct	\$205,000
43729 Fleetwood Dr	\$198,000
41699 Glade Rd	\$225,000
7348 Green Meadow Ln	\$185,000
46337 Guntery Dr	\$235,000
45365 Horseshoe Cir	\$138,000
47194 Labana Dr	\$379,000
2190 Premier Ln	\$177,000
42182 Saratoga Cir	\$162,000
1973 Vanderbilt Rd	\$233,000
44256 Vassar St	\$223,000
8090 Warfield St	\$227,000
Farmington	
35431 Heritage Ln	\$165,000
Farmington Hills	
28054 Alycekey St	\$235,000
27529 Bridle Hills Dr	\$227,000
21424 Flinders St	\$153,000
30316 Kingsway Dr	\$206,000
28563 Lake Park Dr	\$257,000
29554 Meadow St	\$315,000
29675 Pine Ridge Cir	\$134,000
29311 Regents Pointe	\$175,000

22770 Shadowglen Dr	\$323,000
30535 W 14 Mile Rd	\$42,000
28354 Wildwood Trl	\$262,000
Garden City	
7005 Deering St	\$139,000
32689 Donnelly St	\$136,000
32314 Maplewood St	\$132,000
Livonia	
33757 Eight Mile Rd	\$79,000
28305 Acacia St	\$154,000
11027 Arden St	\$237,000
14943 Auburndale St	\$134,000
18603 Bainbridge Ave	\$170,000
9841 Berwick St	\$170,000
29466 Bobrich St	\$64,000
12038 Cavell St	\$110,000
14764 Country Club Dr	\$193,000
16943 Harrison St	\$150,000
30262 Hoy St	\$176,000
31812 Joy Rd	\$145,000
36511 Marler St	\$160,000
15545 Mayfield St	\$265,000
24697 Pembroke Ave	\$308,000
15500 Penn Dr	\$245,000
18455 Renwick St	\$285,000
30920 Robert Dr	\$153,000
19331 Saint Francis St	\$135,000
14243 Sunset St	\$165,000
Northville	
15959 Augusta Ct	\$160,000
42063 Crestview Cir	\$315,000
39660 Dun Rovin Dr	\$304,000
19705 Hayes Ct	\$130,000
200 Hill St	\$253,000
16230 Linden Ct	\$530,000
19160 Northridge Dr	\$96,000
15833 Robinwood Dr	\$242,000
48775 Running Trout Ln	\$129,000
41810 Sutters Ln	\$280,000
42232 Westmeath Rd	\$387,000
48417 Wicker Creel Dr	\$224,000
48547 Wicker Creel Dr	\$282,000

16832 Yellowstone Dr	\$159,000
Novi	
41317 Belmont Dr	\$155,000
51147 Brompton	\$350,000
45235 Courtview Trl	\$348,000
50697 Drakes Bay Dr	\$640,000
25487 Hillsideale Dr	\$500,000
41118 McMahon Cir	\$140,000
41072 Todd Ln	\$215,000
27255 Victoria Rd	\$85,000
Plymouth	
9177 Baywood Dr	\$265,000
42372 Brentwood Dr	\$161,000
11719 Currin Ct	\$350,000
44946 Governor Bradford Rd	\$300,000
40157 Newport Dr	\$133,000
8944 Pepperidge Ct	\$310,000
42479 Plymouth Hollow Dr	\$70,000
15020 Plymouth Xing	\$255,000
49580 Powell Ridge Ct	\$565,000
48967 Tucson Hills Dr, No. 2	\$525,000
Redford	
8858 Appleton	\$100,000
16752 Beech Daly Rd	\$112,000
17302 Denby	\$139,000
24325 Elmira	\$124,000
20440 Glenmore	\$83,000
11700 Kinloch	\$96,000
17395 Lennane	\$136,000
19942 Ponciana	\$98,000
15373 Pomona Dr	\$40,000
10002 Virgil	\$35,000
24415 Westgate Dr	\$136,000
Westland	
34528 Barton St	\$145,000
7418 Lathers St	\$131,000
452 Marigold Cir	\$132,000
1714 N Walton St	\$155,000
39209 Nottingham St	\$120,000
39363 Nottingham St	\$137,000
392 Summerfield Dr	\$225,000
1549 Winifred St	\$105,000

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Single women buyers

Free homebuying Seminar for Single Women Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, near Farmington and Five Mile roads. Sponsored by Marcia Hermann of Keller Williams and Steve Scheel of Success Mortgage Partners. The home buying process and mortgage approval process will be discussed. Call (734) 452-1084 to reserve a space.

Investors

Timothy Low, C.P.A., will discuss the benefits of renting properties and understanding the tax consequences of "find, fix and flip" activity, including forming an entity, bookkeeping systems and maximizing your deductions.

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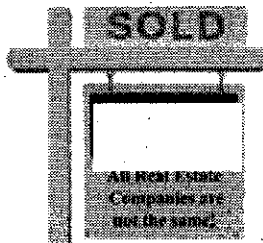
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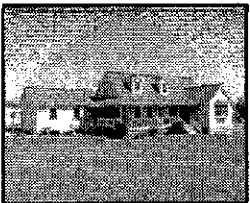
CHARMING STONE HOME
4.65 Acres embraces this charming 4 bd home w/frpl, hwd & ceramic floors, 48x30 pole barn, pool, great craftsmanship, & built in 1930 w/numerous updates.
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\$499,900 (C-746SP)



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2 bd condo on beautiful Colonial Estates. Full bsmt, large Living Room, Dining Area, 2 car Garage w/ opener, C/A, & ceiling fans. Appliances stay!
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\$439,900 (C-448RA)



PERFECT CONDO
Great for 1st timer! Crown moldings, decorator paint, Pergo, neutral carpet, all appliances stay, balcony, spacious bedrooms, & great location.
\$89,900 (C-419SA)



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Birmingham Farms sub in Bloomfield Twp offers this fabulous home featuring 3 bd, Fam Rm w/2 way fireplace, 1st fl laun, & priced right!
\$275,000 (C-532TI)



PRICED RIGHT
This 4 bd home features good sized rooms, newer furnace & hwh, almost 1200 sq ft, & is priced to sell. Would make a great starter or investment property.
\$48,900 (C-248BA)



PARK LIKE SETTING
A premium treed lot tucked away in a great Bloomfield sub. Well built home w/hwd floors, wet plaster, built-ins, 2 Patios, & situated on almost an acre.
\$449,000 (C-674CO)



HOME SWEET HOME
Fantastic 3 bd home offers a nice floor plan, hwd floors, huge Master bed, part finished bsmt, great location, & close to everything.
\$139,900 (P-431CO)



CLEAN & WELL MAINTAINED
Updates thru-out! Euro style Kitchen, recessed lighting, coved ceilings, oversized Garage, 2 tiered Deck, & nicely finished bsmt. Home Warranty inc.
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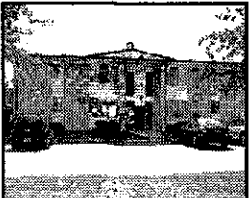
TRANQUIL LOCATION
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CHARMING COLONIAL
Charming 3 bd brick colonial w/1.5 baths, 3 bds, 2 natural fireplaces, finished bsmt w/glass block, nice layout, newer windows, 2 car Garage, & more.
\$175,000 (P-711HU)



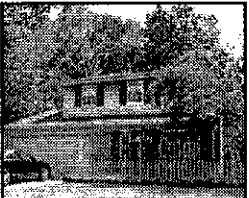
AMAZING VALUE
Perfect starter home offering an open floor plan, Kitch w/pergo flrs, Fam Rm w/hwd floors, part finished bsmt w/glass block, Ply-Can Schools, & just steps from downtown Plymouth.
\$135,000 (C-942IR)



GREAT CONDO!
Nice 2 bd, 1 bath, 1st floor condo features some new carpet, remodeled bath, new stove & fridge, fresh paint, newer windows, & nice open floor plan.
\$49,885 (C-724JO)



MOVE RIGHT IN!
Lovely 4 bd colonial w/finished bsmt plumbed for a bath. Maple Kitchen w/granite, Liv Rm w/frpl, 3 car Garage w/side entry, prof landscaping, & convenient location.
\$350,000 (P-276KI)



LOVELY COLONIAL
4 bd, 2.5 bath in the heart of Livonia's nicest sub. Updated Kit, private backyard, Fam Rm w/frpl, covered deck, & close to everything.
\$199,900 (C-407LA)



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Upper end unit condo in popular Lilley Pointe in Canton. Cathedral ceilings, open floor plan, 2 baths, Great Rm w/balcony, neutral Kit w/ appl's, & priced just right!
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You'll stop looking when you see this 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in Livonia. Large Kit, huge Florida Rm, part finished bsmt, private fenced yard, Garage, Cent Air, & close to everything.
\$140,000 (P-904LI)



LARGE LOT IN PLYMOUTH
Great price on this home that offers 3 bd, 2 baths, Fam Rm w/frpl, Florida Rm, extra storage space, ceramic baths, tear off roof, & attached Garage. Great lot on a dead end street.
\$169,900 (P-151MI)



ADORABLE CONDO
Charming & spacious 2 bd condo has been freshly painted. Large bedrooms, in-unit laundry, carpet, gas & water inc in low association fee. Great Canton location.
\$69,900 (P-467SA)



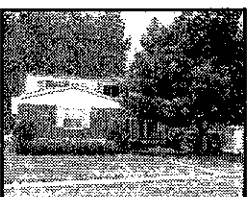
OUTSTANDING CONDO
Great location in complex near pool & clubhouse. Private courtyard entrance, newer windows, updated Kit, new molding, blinds, roof, hwh, & sump pump.
\$127,500 (C-382SO)



SUPER CLEAN RANCH
Fantastic 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch featuring an open floor plan, Fam Rm w/vaulted ceiling, updated windows & roof, oak Kit w/ ceramic, finished bsmt, & Patio w/ hot tub.
\$124,900 (C-429TR)



3.5 ACRE WOODED LOCATION
Immaculate estate nestled in gated community. Kit w/porcelain tile & granite, Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl Master w/jetted tub, 5 car Garage, & too much more to list.
\$599,000 (P-908TU)



GREAT LOCATION
Situated on an oversized corner lot, just a short walk to neighborhood clubhouse, pool, park, & schools. 4 bd, 2.5 baths, 2 car Garage, huge backyard, & over 2000 sq ft.
\$229,900 (P-636ED)



NOTHING TO DO BUT MOVE IN!
This beautifully updated ranch is sure to delight w/all rooms freshly painted, remod Kit w/ss appl's & granite, newer windows, roof, & perfect fenced lot w/Deck & Patio.
\$219,000 (C-200FA)



LOVELY HOME
Lovely 4 bd, 4 bath home that backs to farm setting. Generous room sizes, finished walkout bsmt w/theater room & cedar room. Trex Deck w/lifetime guar, 3 car Garage, & great location.
\$495,000 (C-964FA)



FANTASTIC LIVONIA RANCH
3 bd, 2.5 bath home in great sub. Remodeled Kit w/hwd floors, Florida Rm, professionally finished bsmt, & oversized huge lot.
\$179,900 (P-676FL)



GREAT LOCATION
3 bd, 1 bath brick ranch in convenient Garden City location. Kitchen w/hwd floors & eating area, doorwall to Patio, newer furnace, roof, A/C, 2.5 car Garage, & an above ground pool.
\$130,000 (C-542FL)



BETTER THAN NEW
Recently renovated colonial w/Ply Can schools. Shows like a model w/tear off roof, granite counters, newer furnace, C/A, humidifier, carpet, & much more. Close to pool & clubhouse w/tennis.
\$229,750 (P-965GA)



MOVE IN CONDITION!
Charming 3br brick ranch with a full basement, hardwood floors, 2 car garage, & all appliances stay. Very well kept.
\$114,900 (C-740GL)



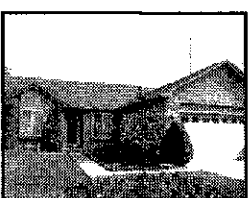
STATELY PRESENCE
Beautifully situated on a corner lot backing to golf course. Open floor plan, dream Kit, Master w/spa bath, intercom system, maint free Deck, 3 car Garage, & much more.
\$425,000 (P-333IV)



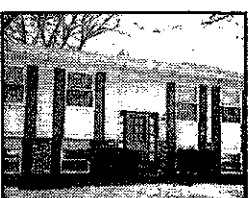
WELL MAINTAINED
3 bd brick ranch in lovely area featuring spacious rooms, hwd under carpet, extra insulation, finished bsmt w/glass block & bath, lots of closets, & appl's stay.
\$120,000 (C-130JA)



EXCELLENCE AWAITS YOU!
Awesome Northville colonial offers you a gourmet Kit w/granite & double oven, Butler's Pantry, 1st fl Master w/try oil, Master Bath w/jetted tub & 2 WIC's, & so much more.
\$600,000 (C-997ME)



FANTASTIC LIVONIA RANCH
3 bd, 2.5 bath home feat: Great Rm w/cath ceiling & frpl, Master w/cath ceiling, large Kit w/nook, 1st fl laun, newer roof, 2 car att Garage, large Deck, & fenced yard.
\$209,000 (P-806NO)



WELCOME HOME!!
Spacious open floor plan offering 3 bds, 1.5 bas, & many updates inc: C/A, windows, roof, w/appl's, updated interior paint, gutters, big garage, & great Plymouth location.
\$169,000 (C-645OR)



POLISHED TO PERFECTION
Original owner of this Sunflower beauty has it all ready for you! Updates inc: driveway, roof, windows, cherry Kitch, premium carpet, new furnace & C/A, & much more.
\$249,000 (C-225PE)



DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE
This 3 bd, 2 bath Cape Cod features a remod Kit w/Pergo, remod baths, new carpet, updated elec, plumbing, furnace, C/A, & siding. Beautiful home, a must see!
\$179,900 (C-528PE)



PRIVATE 5+ ACRE ESTATE
Custom everywhere in this special home w/4 fireplaces, 2 story Great Rm, 1st fl Mast w/whirlpool tub, Florida Rm, Kit w/frpl, walkout bsmt, pond, 2 furnaces, Anderson Doorwalls, & more.
\$750,000 (C-998PL)



PERFECTLY MAINTAINED
Open foyer w/hwd, gourmet Kit w/ nook, formal DR w/day window, Fam Rm w/frpl, fin bsmt w/webbar & bath, great Deck w/hot tub in fenced yard, & convenient location.
\$235,000 (C-525CU)



COUNTRY LIVING AT ITS FINEST
This 2813 sq ft home sits on 6.38 acres w/5 out buildings! Remod Kit, 1st fl laun, new windows, in-law quart, Fam Rm w/frpl, large Master, & much more.
\$299,900 (C-630RA)



HISTORIC COLONIAL
Offering solid 1940 construction w/ up to date improvements. Spacious open floor plan, newer island Kit, Liv Rm w/frpl, Den, newer baths, Sunroom, & private yard w/tiered Deck.
\$299,900 (P-839SA)



NICELY UPDATED RANCH
3 bd ranch w/2 car attached garage, updated roof, siding, furnace, sump pump, glass block windows, blinds, & updated baths.
\$139,000 (C-155TH)



LOCATION LOCATION!
Fabulous 4 bd, 3 ba Plymouth colonial feat: Fam Rm w/frpl, updated roof, siding, elec, & windows. Formal DR & LR, ceramic Foyer, bsmt, 2 car Garage, & fenced yard w/Deck.
\$250,000 (C-969TH)



CHARMING & IMMACULATE
Completely updated ranch w/ crown molding, hwd floors, brick paver porch & walkway, finished bsmt w/bath & fireplace, & great Sunroom for relaxing.
\$190,000 (C-922TW)



GREAT CONDO
Tranquil setting for this 2 bd condo in Van Buren. Fresh paint, vaulted ceilings, oak Kit, Master w/WIC, private laun room, appl's stay, & assoc dues include water.
\$79,900 (C-639WI)



WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN BUY?
Charming, clean 2 bd home. Freshly painted, large fenced yard, wonderful neighborhood, neutral decor t/o, immed occup & more. Great starter home!
\$87,500 (C-830WI)



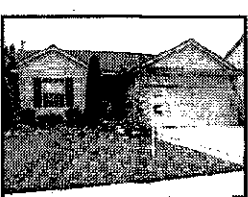
GREAT PLYMOUTH LOCATION
Pretty tree lined street, just a short stroll to downtown. 3-4 bds, 2 baths, coved ceilings, updated Kit, baths, large Fam Rm, screened rear porch, Library/Den, brick paver Patio, & much more.
\$263,000 (C-478AR)



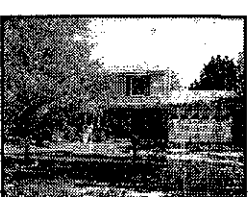
GORGEOUS RANCH
Beautiful Livonia ranch - ready to move into! Open spacious rooms, neutral decor & carpet, oak cab's, newer roof, updated Kit, Bath, neighborhood & also avail for lease.
\$189,900 (C-668BA)



CHARMING RANCH
Completely updated home w/ updates galore. Perfectly refi hwd flrs t/o, updated Kit w/new cab's, updated baths, new Deck, & so much more.
\$150,000 (C-418BR)



LOCATION! LOCATION!
Large 3 bd, 3 bath ranch w/pergo floors, vaulted ceilings, Master w/ bath, prof finished bsmt w/webbar & bath, new roof, huge Deck, & 2 car Garage.
\$178,000 (C-309CO)



SPACIOUS CANTON COLONIAL
3 bd, 1.5 bath home w/open floor plan, large Kit, Fam Rm w/frpl, LR w/day window, 1st fl Laun, 2 car Garage, part fin bsmt w/4th bd or study, & great neighborhood.
\$193,900 (C-766MA)



PRIVATE NORTHVILLE RETREAT
Beautiful Cape Cod situated on a park like setting. Loaded w/tons of top of the line updates such as roof, furnace, C/A, windows, & more. 3 baths, 2 garages, finished bsmt, Deck, & Patio.
\$334,900 (C-275ME)



ALL SPORTS LAKE!
Gorgeous home on private School Lake. Offering 3 bd, 2 baths, Kit w/ ceramic, LR w/cath cell & drvl to Deck w/hot tub. Prof landscaped, oversized Garage, seawall, firepit, dock, & Pontoon Boat included!
\$339,900 (C-629PA)



WHAT DREAMS ARE MADE OF?
Open floor plan features gourmet Kit w/granite & cherry cab's, formal LR & DR, Fam Rm w/views of wooded lot, private Den w/frpl, Master w/bath, & sitting area.
\$479,900 (P-069AN)



PRIDE SHINES
Exceptionally well kept Canton colonial features 2 story Foyer, island Kit w/hwd flrs & granite, formal LR & DR, Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/sitting rm, & fin bsmt.
\$369,900 (P-675AS)



PICTURE PERFECT
On this fabulous 2116 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial w/frpl bsmt, new roof, maple Kit, gutted ceramic baths, jetted tub, Fam Rm w/frpl, extra wide driveway, & tons more.
\$279,900 (P-468BL)



TURN KEY CONDO
Over 2400 sq ft in this 4 bd detached condo. 2.5 baths, prof decorated, huge Master w/jetted tub, Great Rm w/frpl, cherry Kit, & 2 car Garage. Also avail for lease.
\$225,000 (P-610BR)



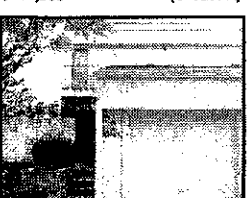
GREAT PRICE
Motivated seller's offer a great deal on this inviting home in Livonia. 1.5 baths, LR w/day window & frpl, 2 car Garage, close to everything, & addl lot next door also for sale.
\$124,900 (P-415CA)



MOVE IN READY
3 bd brick ranch on .acre offering a formal Dining Rm, Library, nice sized backyard, & great Livonia location.
\$1,900/month (P-207CA)



WHY RENT?
Excellent condo in Westland. Clean & neutral t/o, basement storage, updated paint, carpet, & appliances, gated complex w/pool & clubhouse. Heat inc in assoc dues.
\$90,000 (P-370CE)



PREMIUM LOT
Super end unit 2 bd condo w/2.5 baths, finished bsmt, Fam Rm w/frpl & drvl to private treed yard. Master w/veranda, freshly painted, court-like lot, & so much more.
\$169,000 (P-505CO)



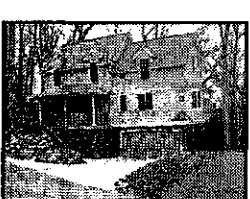
PARK LIKE SETTING
Beautiful 3 bd, 2 bath brick ranch in walking distance to grade school. Hwd flrs, brick frpl, 1.5 car Garage, part fin bsmt w/bath, newer roof, windows, oak Kit, furnace, & C/A.
\$124,900 (P-136DE)



PERFECT LOCATION
Fabulous Canton colonial boasting a gourmet Kit w/granite & stain steel appl's, updated . bath w/ pedestal sink, Master bath w/ vian & ceramic, fenced yard, & Garage.
\$220,000 (P-466EM)



EASY LIVING
Welcoming Central Park South colonial w/2 story Foyer, Fam Rm w/frpl, maple Kit w/ceramic flr, Flex Rm/Den, Master w/volume ceiling & bath, & convenient location.
\$259,900 (P-960FI)



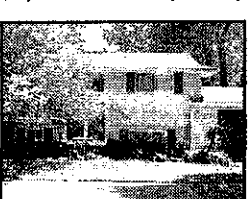
ABSOLUTELY STUNNING
Over 4200 sq ft inc: finished walkout bsmt w/in-law suite. Theater Rm, paver Patio, Great Rm w/marble frpl, Gourmet granite Kit, 4 good sized bdrms, 4.5 baths, & unbeatable Northville location.
\$650,000 (P-550HI)



READY FOR YOU!!
Take the time to see this home! 3 bds, new windows, updated Kit, baths, elec, refi hwd flrs, 27x10 glass enclosed room, Livonia Schools, & gorgeous tree lined sub.
\$139,900 (P-319HI)



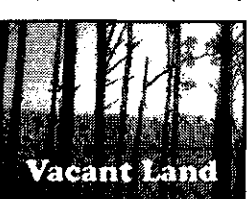
OUTSTANDING VALUE
Newly renovated Canton ranch w/ 1400 sq ft, hwd flrs, modern black & white Kit, freshly painted, tastefully decorated, Fam Rm w/frpl, 2 car Garage, & more.
\$183,500 (P-672HO)



AMAZINGLY PRICED
4 bd bi-level w/immed occup. Kit w/appl's, newer roof, windows, C/A, hwh, humidifier on furnace, large backyard w/privacy fence & patio.
\$116,500 (P-419MA)



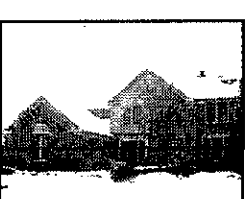
ACREAGE!!!
2.33 acres w/tons of potential. Great Farmington location wooded lot, shed for storage, home offers a new roof, all appliances, Dining area, & formal Liv Rm.
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LAKEFRONT LAND
Beautiful 2.5 acres w/pine trees, sandy soils, & perfect for walkout basement. 320 ft of lake frontage. Don't wait on this one!
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PRICED TO SELL
Sparkling clean ranch w/maint free backyard & vinyl exterior. 3 bd, 1.5 baths, oak Kit, updated windows, furnace, elec, hwh, & C/A. Finished bsmt, 2.5 car Garage, & more.
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NORTHVILLE STUNNER
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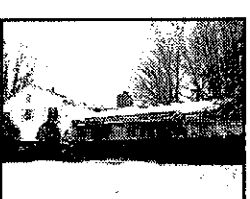
PERFECT STARTER HOME
Updated galore on this Livonia ranch w/gourmet Kit, finished bsmt w/webbar & glass block, hwd flrs under carpet, fenced yard, & convenient location.
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CUSTOM BUILT RANCH
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SPACIOUS CAPE COD
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NORTHVILLE BEAUTY
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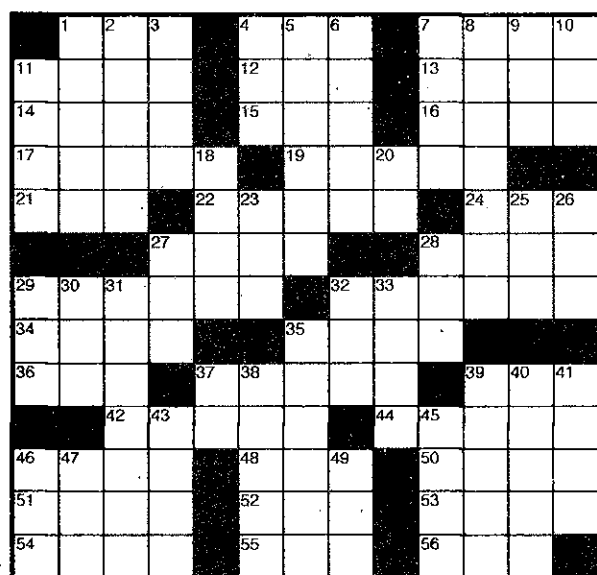
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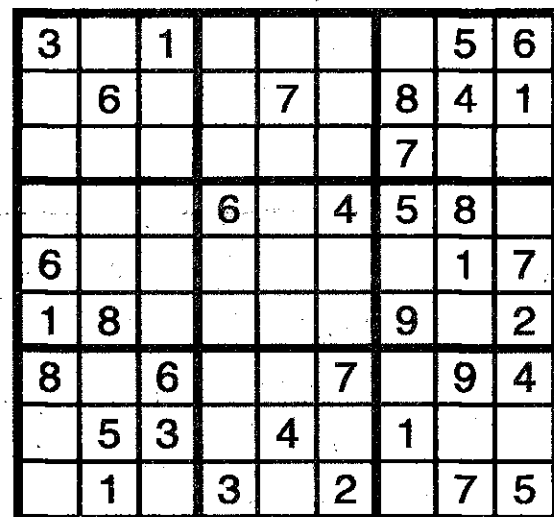
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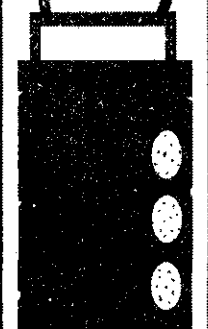
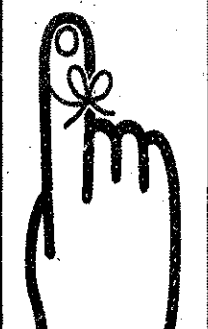
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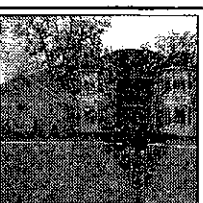
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Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a lien law seminar on Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 8 a.m.

to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Marty Burnstein, of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein, will discuss

"What's New in Michigan Construction Lien Law and Lien Procedures." Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1003.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built Training

on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 9-10:30 a.m. at association headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

In this second of five trainings, Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses "Starting Correctly" using materials and methods that result in Green Built cer-

tification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

The training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern

Michigan (BIA) will present another in its series of Certified Graduate courses — "Estimating" — on Thursday, Feb. 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builder Professional Services Group,

Inc. will instruct remodelers and small-to-mid-volume builders on estimating insurance and profit, quantity takeoff for various materials, labor and equipment productivity issues, and subcontractor bid considerations. The course counts toward Certified Graduate Builder, Certified Graduate Associate, and Certified Graduate Remodeler certificates.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members, and \$200 for guests. For more information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a professional maintenance course on Friday, Feb. 22, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975 Research Drive, Farmington Hills.

Tom Sadley of Wilmar will instruct attendees in several aspects of repairing major appliances such as ranges and refrigerators, including understanding components and functions, basic troubleshooting skills, as well as preventative maintenance.

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By Dale Buss

Sometimes - most times - it's good to be Toyota, and this week is a good illustration of why.

Take Toyota's two advertisements during the Super Bowl last Sunday, for example. General Motors was trying to prove its fuel-economy chops with multiple advertisements about "green" vehicles; Chrysler was attempting to convince viewers that "it's a new day" for the product-starved automaker; and Hyundai was beginning its big initiative to move upscale with the Genesis premium sedan.

But meanwhile, Toyota could afford to advertise selectively, reminding viewers of single attributes of three vehicles. With a lineup as broad and as widely accepted as Toyota's these days, it could use a laser-like focus.

So, Toyota ran an old ad for its Tundra pickup during the pre-game show, depicting it performing segment-topping feats of extraordinary mechanical athleticism. It ran a couple different feel-good ad for the new Sequoia showing how the SUV could cart around, even off-road, the equipment required for unique forms of family fun.

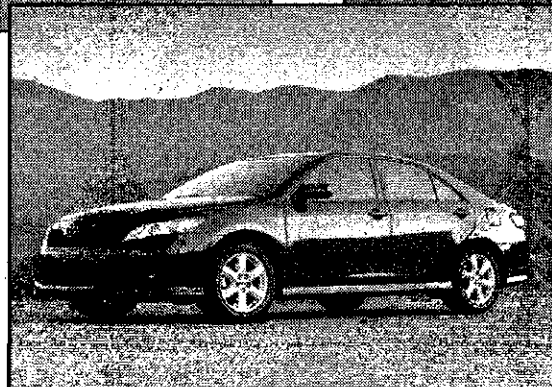
And Toyota aired a commercial for the Corolla that borrowed comedically from other companies' past Super Bowl spots in underscoring the interior quiet of the subcompact - so hushed that a cannonade outside couldn't wake a sleeping badger inside.

Much was made over the last several weeks - in Detroit at least - about whether Toyota would finally supersede GM as the global sales leader for 2007. As it turned out, GM held onto its crown, for now, by a few thousand vehicles. But with Toyota scheduled to produce more vehicles than GM worldwide this year, 2008 might be the year that it actually nips GM for the sales crown.

Certainly, Toyota and its Lexus luxury brand, as well as its Scion youth brand, are sitting pretty in the U.S. market these days. The Toyota Camry sedan has remained the best-selling car in America for several years running now, and it epitomizes



The new Sequoia was Toyota's big advertising push on Super Bowl Sunday.



Camry still holds down the top U.S. sales spot for Toyota.

why Toyota is succeeding so handsomely: The car boasts a sleek but mainstream design, demonstrates impeccable manufacturing quality, provides a smooth and dependable ride, and just gets the job done mile after mile.

And when it comes to SUVs, Sunday's Super Bowl ads for the new Sequoia underscored why Toyota has become a major player in the utility part of the market as well. Americans still need large vehicles to live their lives the way they want to, and Sequoia gives them an option they can count on.

Similarly, Corolla anchors the smaller part of Toyota's sedan lineup. And its RAV4 is a perfect answer for consumers who are looking for a car-based crossover to give them both some cargo space and good gas mileage in a fun package.

When it comes to the nation's growing concerns about fuel-economic automobiles, of course, Toyota is already the king, with its Prius hybrid setting sales records month after month. Toyota took a chance on hybrid technology and appeal long before just about everybody else in the industry, and now it

is reaping its just rewards.

Perhaps more impressive than all of those vehicles, however, is what Toyota has accomplished with its Lexus marque. Over the last several years, it has simply become the benchmark in the segment, against which not only American luxury vehicles but also other Japanese luxury makes - and, increasingly, the German makers - must measure themselves.

Lexus vehicles, for example, have perfected a couple of areas where no one else really touches them, as far as I'm concerned: the comfort of their seats, especially over long distances, and the smoothness of their ride, especially in Lexus SUVs.

And Lexus has even turned out to be a trailblazer in an unexpected area: design. Most of the new crossover vehicles debuting these days owe at least their faint outlines to the streamlined Lexus RX.

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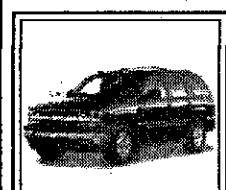
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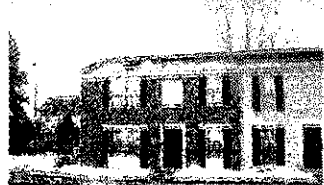
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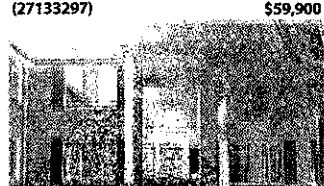
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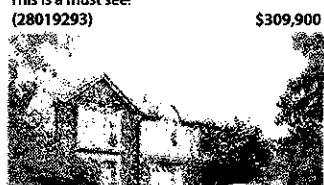
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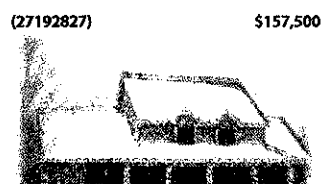
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BEAUTIFUL RANCH HOME ON 1 ACRE Backs up to wooded area. Newer furnace and AC. Beautiful fireplace, HWF in family room, Corian countertops. Lots of room to expand. Ready to move in!
(27179060) \$169,900



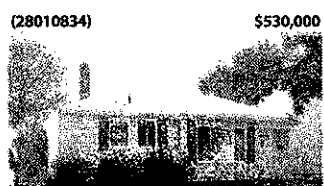
Farmington Hills 248-684-1065
Sharp 2 BR/2 BA condo located in back of complex w/ scenic view of woods/nature. Open flr plan. Cathedral ceiling & gas FP. Ceramic bath w/ whirlpool tub.
(28011052) \$159,900



Farmington Hills 248-684-1065
Classic brick bungalow loads of updates: roof, windows, siding, baths, plumbing, new kitchen w/hardwood floors and maple cabinets, fenced backyard.
(27192827) \$157,500



Fenton 248-684-1065
Custom home on 10 acres! Gourmet kit, granite T/O, 1st flr mstr, dbl-sided stone FP. Fin. LL w/ bar, Den/exercise RM, Tile/stone Flrs, Deck/gazebo, 2nd garage.
(28010834) \$530,000



Garden City 734-326-2000
LOTS OF UPDATES FOR THE FIRST TIMER! 3 bd home, partially finished basement w/ washer & dryer. 2 car det garage. Newer furnace, C/A, HWH, Windows & roof shingles. Up to 3% towards closing costs.
(27028961) \$99,900



Highland 248-684-1065
Custom built ldrtr home; 1.7 acres. Maple cabs & granite t/o 2 bths & baths. 2 story GR w/ gas fp. 1st flr mstr w/ ba & 2 WICs. Fin W/O; prof landscaping.
(28004735) \$649,900



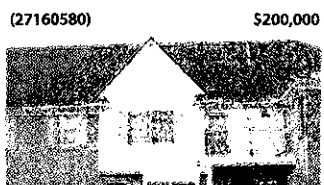
Highland 248-684-1065
Lots of space for work and play. Remod in 2001. Huge 54x37 barn. Anderson windows, River rock FP, 1930's oak mantle FP, update kit, new cabs, wood flrs.
(28012840) \$229,000



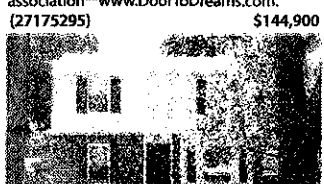
Highland 248-684-1065
Breathtaking view! Florida rm & deck. Waterfront ranch w/ major updates done. All appls stay. 100x150 lot w/ gar across street for parking & storage.
(27056829) \$225,000



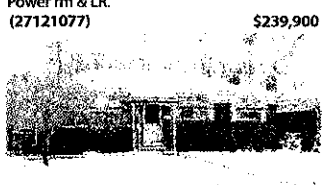
Highland 248-684-1065
Pristine Dunham Lake privileges. Immaculate ranch boasts anderson windows, california closets, oak kitchen, wired for surround sound. Inground pool w/ solar heat
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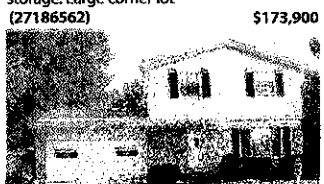
Howell 734-591-9200
Immaculate, Stylish, Very Clean Condo Soaring 2-story GR w/ loft** Loads of cupboard, cabinet space** 2 full Pottery Barn bathrooms w/ upgraded fixtures** Low \$178 mo. association** www.DoorToDreams.com.
(27175295) \$144,900



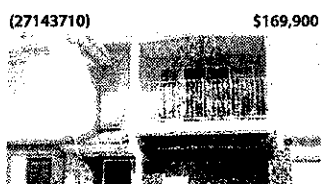
Livonia 248-348-6430
COMPLETELY UPDATED COLONIAL The inside story: New kit incl cabs, granite cntrs, tile bkspsh & floor plus all new appl. All new paint, new carpet, new main bath. Updtd FR, Power rm & LR.
(27121077) \$239,900



Livonia 248-348-6430
Remodeled From Top To Bottom! New everything! Kitchen, bath, roof, paint, door, window treatments, sprinkler system. Partial finished bsmt w/ half bath, work room & storage. Large corner lot
(27186562) \$173,900



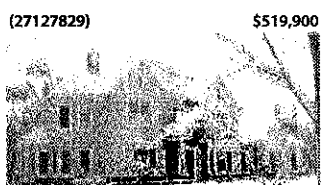
Livonia 248-684-1065
Move right in this lovely 4 BR colonial. Freshly painted Updates include furnace, AC, windows, roof, doors, sprinkler. Nat'l FP. Large backyard.
(27143710) \$169,900



Melvindale 248-437-3800
Updated Upper Unit Condo! Condo has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and 1 car garage. Cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors throughout, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliance - a must see!
(28015848) \$135,000



Milford 734-591-9200
Your own private island. This custom built villa has over 4,000 sq ft of living space. Quality feat incl 9 ft cell, 2 stry GR rm, 4 frplcs, custom mantel, 3 balconies. The list goes on!
(27127829) \$519,900



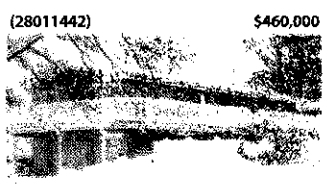
Milford 248-684-1065
Custom built home on 3+ acres. 4 car gar + add'l 4-6 car gar w/ H2O & elec. Huge 1st flr mstr ste w/ 2 WIC, jet tub & dr to yard. GR w/ flr to cell fp. Fin LL.
(28011519) \$499,900



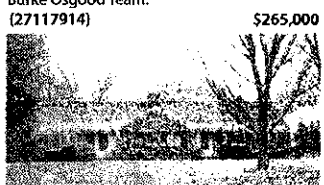
Milford 248-684-1065
Updated home on 3 wooded acres. Open GR w/ cath ceil, fp & DW to deck w/ 4-person hot tub. Kit & DR w/ hwdwd flrs, corian counters, dbl sinks. 1st flr mstr ste.
(27081484) \$329,900



Northville 248-684-1065
Beautiful historic home in dwntwn w/ HDWD flrs thru-out. Tin 9' ceilings, granite kitchen/ctr. Island, cherry cabs, SS appl, french doors, paver patio, & more!
(28011442) \$460,000



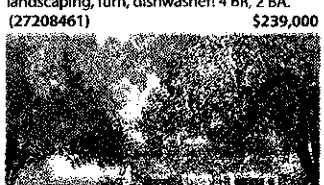
Northville 248-348-6430
BRIGHT AND AIRY RANCH IN FAMILY SUB Updtd 3 br, 2 ba. Kit w/hickory cab, Corian cnt, LR w/cathedral ceil, built-ins. 1st flr laund. TR dock, paver patio. Garage w/heat & AC. McLean Burke Osgood Team.
(27117914) \$265,000



Novi 248-437-3800
Ranch w/3 Acres In Novi This duplex has 3 bedrooms in each unit. This is an unbelievable investment opportunity. Lease out both sides of duplex and still have room to build.
(28015959) \$450,000



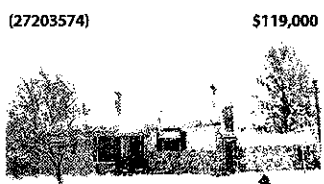
Novi 248-851-1900
POPULAR NEIGHBORHOOD, WONDERFUL AMENITIES. Neighborhood elem sch, parks, playgrounds, convenient! Updates include window treatments, paint, double oven, landscaping, furn, dishwasher! 4 BR, 2 BA.
(27208461) \$239,000



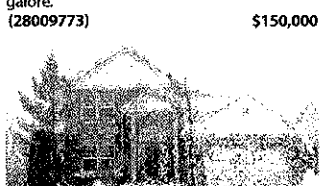
Pleasant Ridge 248-348-6430
TOTALLY CHARMING TOTALLY UPDATED 2952 sq ft colonial. 4 Bedroom, 3.5 baths. Large private yard. Too many amenities to list. Must see. www.pleasantridgehome.com.
(27000026) \$535,000



Livonia 248-348-6430
Short Sale Subject to 3rd Party Review. 4 bedroom brick ranch. Finished basement, all appliances stay. 1 car detached garage, Livonia schools. Bring all offers!
(27203574) \$119,000



Plymouth 734-591-9200
Fantastic House with a Fantastic Price Priced for a fast sale. 3 BR Brick ranch in lovely Plymouth area. Eatn kit, FR w/FP & DW & 1 1/2x10 bedroom. Separate LR fin bsmt w/1.5 BA, 2.5 gar Updates galore.
(28009773) \$150,000



Pontiac 248-684-1065
Custom built home w/ many amenities. HDWD flrs in 2-story foyer, hall, KIT. GR w/ dramatic gas FP. Center Island & oak cabs in KIT. Part fin daylight LL.
(27209869) \$174,900



Redford 248-437-3800
Custom Cape Cod! Remodeled in '02. Home has 2 beautiful fireplaces, large spacious rooms, oversized 2 car garage and more!
(27148702) \$149,500



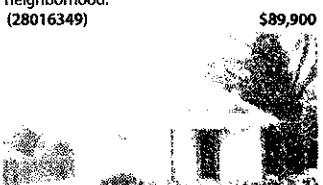
Redford 734-591-9200
Look no Further! Gorgeous 3BRDM Brick home with remodeled Open Kitchen w/ maple cabs and stone bkspsh, shiny HWWD floors, 2 car gar, hug finished look basement, A/C!
(27208673) \$139,900



Redford 248-851-1900
NICE BRICK RANCH READY FOR A NEW OWNER Freshly painted, large front window for lots of light, full bsmt. All appliances stay. HWF in BR & under carpet in LR. Close to x-yaws, parks & shopping.
(27224232) \$99,900



Redford 734-455-7000
READY TO MOVE IN! This bank owned property is extremely clean and ready to move in. 3BR/1.1BA, newer windows, fin basement. Pride of ownership shows in this lovely neighborhood.
(28016349) \$89,900



Romulus 734-326-2000
THIS HOME IS TURN KEY READY! This property is located on an oversized lot & has a dream garage w/ opener & electricity. Better than New! Move right in. Newer furnace, C/A, windows, & doors.
(28015427) \$94,900



Royal Oak 248-348-6430
Spots and Updated Colonial Spotless, 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath, Find lower level w/full bath, 2 car insulated/heated garage. Updated kitchen and bath, leaded glass windows, art deco FP.
(27166673) \$269,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
All Sports Lakefront Home! Home is situated on huge lot with excellent views. Two fireplaces for cozy winter nights. Large decks for outdoor entertaining. Recent updates.
(27208861) \$399,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Reduced!! Wide open floor plan with 3 car garage and daylight basement. Home is drywalled and you choose the rest. Make an offer!
(27212000) \$295,000



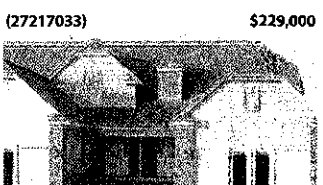
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Quality Built Newer Contemporary Home features great room w/gas fireplace, formal dining room has bay window, kit w/center island, breakfast nook has doorwall leading to brick paver patio.
(28014985) \$279,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Completely Remodeled Duplex! Each unit has separate entrance, separate water, elect, and gas meters. Front unit has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Back unit has 1 bedroom and 1 bath.
(27208964) \$249,900



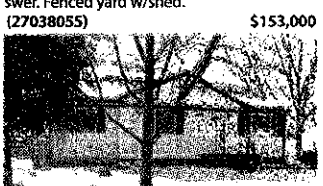
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Love the outdoors? This is a rare find. Bring your boat canal leads to 4 lakes. Loads of high end amenities in the home, granite counters, maple and oak floors, walk-out basement.
(27217033) \$229,000



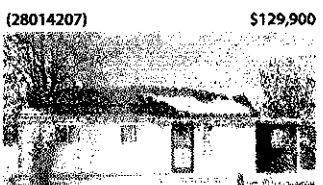
South Lyon 248-437-3800
Luxury Condos New Construction! 2 BR, 2 BA ranches starting at \$174,900! 2 BR, 2 1/2 BA cape cods starting at \$184,000. Std features include hickory cabs w/42" uppers, granite cntntrs, much more.
(26015094) \$174,900



South Lyon 248-348-6430
SUPER PRICE & FIRST TIMER/DOWNSIZER RANCH Nice 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch w/a sunroom w/skylight & hot tub. Basement, 2 car att. gar. Subdivision has sidewalks, municipal water and sewer. Fenced yard w/shed.
(27038055) \$153,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
This is a great starter home Home is in a quiet neighborhood. Newly painted, spacious ranch. All appliances included. Also: deck, fenced yard, 2 car garage and central air.
(28014207) \$129,900



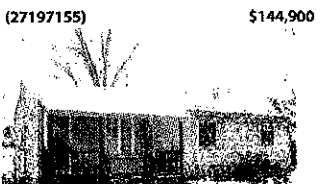
Waterford 248-684-1065
Open & airy ranch w/ carport. Huge fenced yard. Pergo flr in LR & hallway. Full ba w/ ceramic flr & tub. Eat-in kit w/ recessed light & brkft bar. 1st flr laun.
(28007921) \$79,900



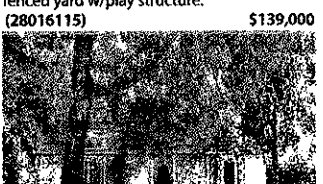
West Bloomfield 248-348-6430
Spacious Upper End Ranch What a beauty! 3 bed, 2 bath, LR & master w/vaulted ceilings, hwdwd floors in most rooms, private entrance from garage, clubhouse & pool, immediate occupancy.
(27182947) \$1,250



Westland 248-348-6430
Largest 2 BR Floor Plan in Complex Decorated with designer colors. Upgrades include hwdwd in entry, kit and breakfast area. Plumbing fixtures in baths, carpet, cabinets in kitchen.
(27197155) \$144,900



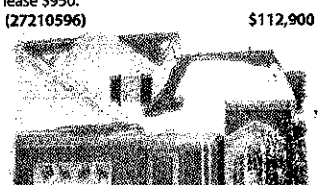
Westland 248-851-1900
WONDERFUL UPDATED 3 BR 2 BATH RANCH Move in condition located on quiet dead-end street. Pella windows thru-out. Updated master bath w/oversized shower. MBR has WIC. Large fenced yard w/play structure.
(28016115) \$139,000



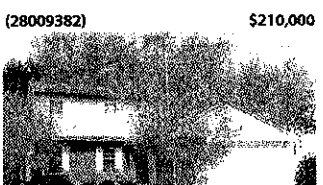
Westland 734-326-2000
BONUS BUY CITY LIVING COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE is this 3 or 4 bedroom bungalow w/ remodeled kitchen, & 1.5 baths, both remodeled. FR, new roof, huge master ste w/WIC and 1/2 bath. All on a 107 ft lot.
(27170774) \$114,900



Westland 734-326-2000
CLEAN & NICELY CARED FOR RANCH w/ many amenities incl. newer windows & furnace. Neutral carpeting thru-out, hwdwd flrs except kit & BA. Good storage, 2.5 car gpg. Also for lease \$950.
(27210596) \$112,900



Wixom 248-684-1065
Meticulously maintained. Pergo floors throughout entry level & new carpet. Spacious kitchen & dining area. Open floor plan. Master suite/2 showers.
(28009382) \$210,000



Wixom 248-348-6430
GREAT OPPORTUNITY - Popular Hidden Creek Beautiful colonial in top notch condition! Neutral decor, ceramic in lg entry & baths. Huge deck overlooks private yard. Part fin bsmt, LR, DR, FR and 3 lg bdms.
(28001979) \$208,000

A chocolate primer

Pastry chefs offer insight into the divine dessert



Tribute's pastry chef, Greg Stroker, presents 'Chocolate Blackberry.' The dessert is made with chocolate mousse, hazelnut cake, apricot puree, and blackberry sorbet.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Smooth, sweet, silky chocolate. What is its strange allure, its seductive power, and why do we go so crazy over it?

In 2005, the U.S. consumed \$1.4 billion of cocoa and cocoa products, according to the Chocolate Manufacturers Association.

Long considered an aphrodisiac, chocolate was a status symbol in Europe due to its richness, rarity and exotic origins, according to the *Encyclopedia of Food and Culture*.

"The very history of chocolate is lent to its mystique," said Joe Decker, certified master pastry chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. "Cortez and Columbus discovered it from the Mayans. The upper aristocracy in Europe kept it for the upper class and it wasn't until the mid-1800s that it was available to the middle class."

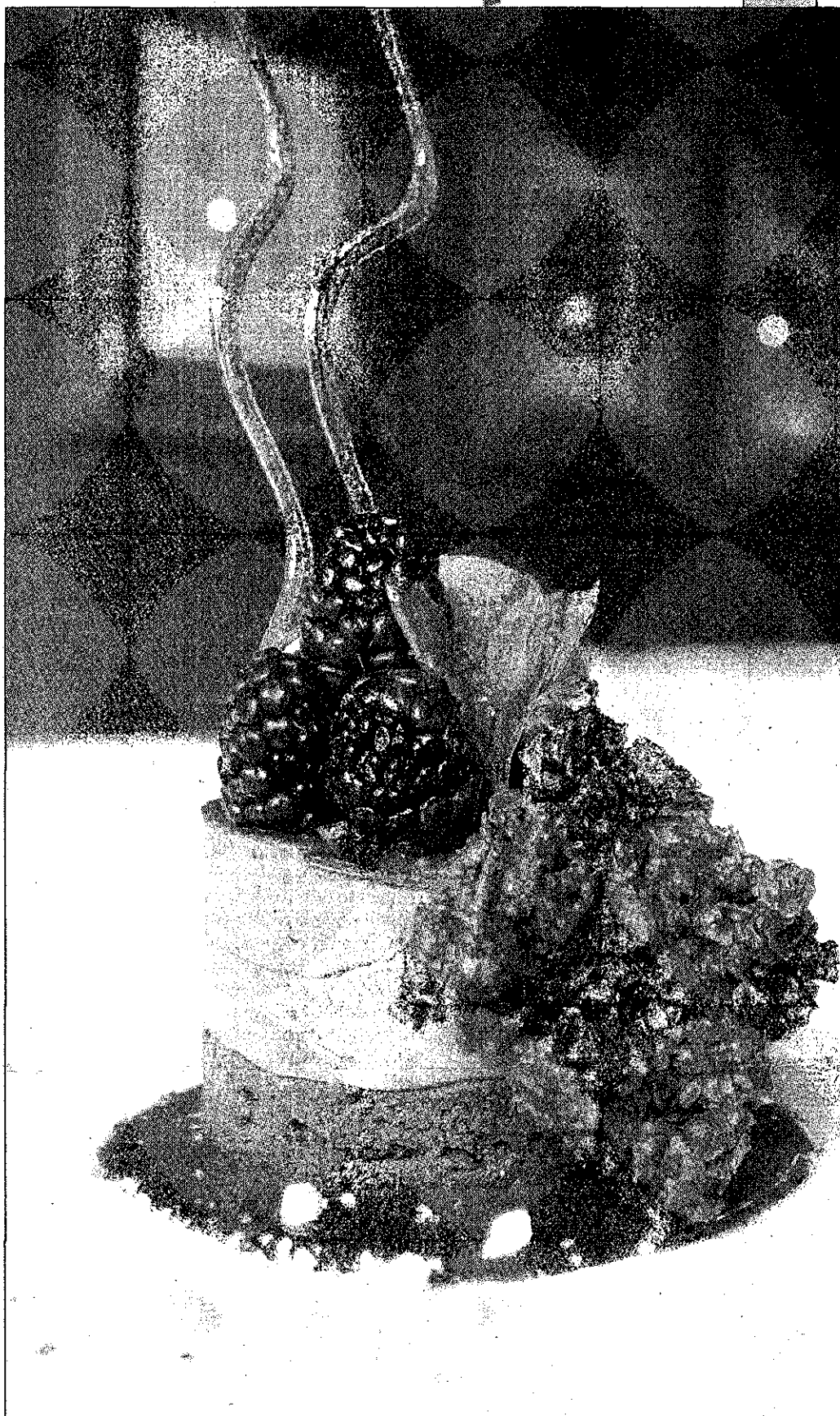
The history of chocolate starts about 2,000 years ago when the delicious secret of the cacao (kah KOW) tree was discovered in the tropical rainforests of the Americas by ancient Mayans. The tree's pods contain seeds that can be processed into chocolate.

Most texts base its origin in Amazon or Orinoco river basins of northern South America, but it also took on a role as an important economic exchange for peoples of that continent.

Today, chocolate is enjoyed everywhere with a variety of tastes and flavors — bitter chocolate, milk chocolate, dark chocolate, couverture, and white chocolate. Baby boomers particularly enjoy the finer aspects of chocolate, says Decker.

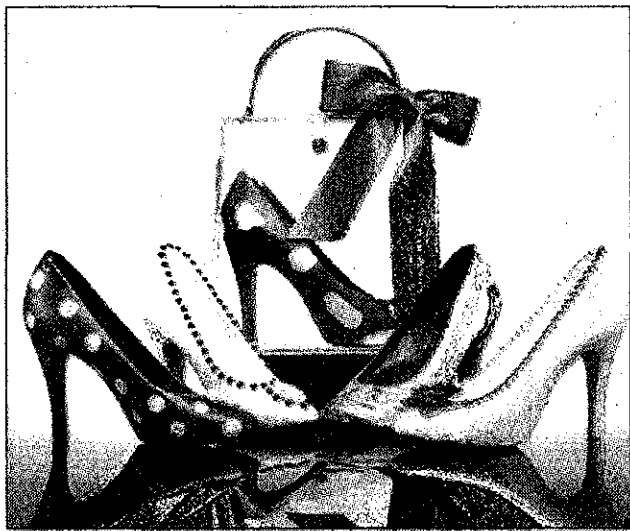
"Today you see events like chocolate tastings, where people come in and taste chocolates, and they'll get an explanation about each chocolate. It's like going to wine tastings," Decker said.

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Tribute's 'Chocolate Blackberry' is chocolate mousse, hazelnut cake, apricot puree, and blackberry sorbet.



Chocolate shoes from Gayle's Chocolates, \$40.

Readers quash spam their way

My recent column on junk e-mail (a.k.a. spam) generated lots of reader response. Seems like everyone has a different approach for keeping spam at bay.

Susan Rugenstein of Beverly Hills echoed my appreciation of Gmail as a spam filter but didn't like the Web-based inbox. Thus, she went back to Cloudmark (cloudmark.com), an anti-spam service that integrates with Outlook and Outlook Express.

"I have used Cloudmark with Outlook for several years," Rugenstein wrote, "and it's the best \$39.95 I spend." (The service requires an annual subscription.)

David Emerling of West Bloomfield swears by SpamBayes (spambayes.sourceforge.net), an open-source (read: free) spam filter that can integrate with Microsoft Outlook or intercept and filter mail via a Web-based interface.

Just one problem: It's rather complicated to set up, so only advanced users

need apply.

Mike Roberts of Rochester Hills, an AT&T DSL customer, relies on Yahoo for spam filtering. "My e-mail goes directly to Yahoo Mail, and then my Yahoo inbox is forwarded to Outlook," he said. "All of the spam stays in Yahoo's Spam folder."

That's just the way I do it, but with Gmail instead of Yahoo. In fact, I think I've figured out a near-perfect spam-filtering solution that doesn't cost a cent.

(Gmail, in case you're unfamiliar with it, is Google's free Web-based e-mail service. It offers some of the best spam filtering I've seen anywhere.)

Instead of trying to integrate my personal domain (Broida.com) with my existing Gmail account, which mixed all the mail together in one jumbled, incomprehensible mess, I created a new Gmail account that I now use expressly for spam filtering.

Here's how it works in a nutshell: After setting up the Gmail account, I configured it to fetch mail from my domain. (This would also work with ISPs like Comcast; you just need to get the POP3 settings and supply your account username and password.)

The immediate result is that when Gmail retrieves my mail, it automatically routes all spam into an eponymous folder. The rest lands in my online inbox.

Next, I set up Outlook to download mail from that Gmail account. Because it pulls only the contents of the inbox, I rarely see any spam on my PC. All the junk stays at the Gmail end, which is just how I like it.

In fact, this helps with virus protection as well, because Gmail virus-checks all e-mail attachments. Infected files never get the chance to attack my PC.

Meanwhile, outbound mail still looks to the receiver like it came from my domain, not from Gmail. That's really important to me.

And let's not forget the added benefit of Gmail's anywhere access: I can now read and compose e-mail in any Web browser on any PC (or Mac). My account is also easily accessible on my cell phone.

Did I mention this arrangement doesn't cost a cent? The only way you can do likewise with Yahoo, as described earlier, is by signing up for Yahoo Mail Plus, which costs \$20 per year.

That's a reasonable price, and Yahoo Mail on the whole is quite impressive, but I'd rather keep my \$20.

Finally, several readers proposed an

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Valentine's Day presents myriad wine options

Aphrodisiacs have been known to spark romance. Romans used oysters to rouse passion, and it's said that the Greeks believed figs inspired desire. We suggest, however, that you evaluate all your wine options for Valentine's Day this year!



Focus on Wine
Ray & Eleanor Heald

of its lightly robust personality. Elegance is exemplified by its pale pink color and fragrant fresh

fruity character. From J winery in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley comes Brut Rosé \$35. Dazzle your sweetheart with the aromas and flavors of strawberries, juicy red apples and nectarines in this bubbly. Both are lovely alone, with shellfish or paired with a red fruit dessert.

PINK IS THE NEW RED

Rosé still wines are not just summer sippers. In winter months, they match well to Mediterranean specialties, so take your sweetheart's taste buds to Provence with the following: Clos du Bois 2006 Sonoma County Rosé \$14 (76 percent Syrah) brims with the aromas of fresh strawberries kissed with bright cherries. Raspberry flavors are highlighted in the mouth and

through a long finish. Vinavera 2006 Napa Valley Dry Rosé \$15 is also Syrah based. Strawberry and cranberry aromas lead to bright red berry flavors and an enjoyable fruit-laden finish. Grilled salmon makes a good match.

PERFECTLY NAMED WINE

Your next option is one of three perfectly named cabernet sauvignons from Terra Valentine winery in the Spring Mountain District of Napa Valley.

Terra Valentine 2004 Spring Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon \$38 was picked from 14 different vineyard blocks. A dark fruit profile is highlighted by brown spices and notes of dark chocolate in a well-structured wine.

Wild berries and anise aromas complement black cherry flavors ending with hints of chocolate in 2004 Terra Valentine Wurtel Vineyard Spring Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon \$58. Terra Valentine 2004 Yverdon Vineyard Spring Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon \$70 showcases dark fruits and toasty aromas highlighted by a melange of fruit and spices with hints of dark coffee beans. This is the big brother of the three. (For merlots, see related box.)

LOVE POTION

We say lovers. You say Italians. Consider these love potions: 2006 Ajello Majus Bianco (native varieties catarratto and grillo from Sicily) \$10, 2005 Ajello Majus Rosso (nero d'Avola

from Sicily) \$10, 2004 Fattoria La Valentina Montepulciano d'Abruzzo \$13, 2005 Aia Vecchia Lagone (Bordeaux-style blend from Bolgheri) \$15 and 2006 Li Veli Salento Rosso "Passamante" (negroamaro from Puglia) \$16.

And then there's Primo Amore (first love) Romeo (red) and Juliet (white), at \$7.

Both are aromatic, slightly sweet, low in alcohol and lightly effervescent — about as serious as first love and as much fun! Serve both well chilled.

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LUSH AND LOVELY

Merlot's lush character, lively aromas and flavors put it in contention for your attention. Seek these out:

Picks of the pack: 2004 Stags' Leap Winery Napa Valley Merlot \$31; 2005 Shafer Merlot \$46; and 2005 Duckhorn Napa Valley Merlot \$52.

Moderately priced: 2004 Clos du Bois Reserve Merlot Alexander Valley \$22; 2005 Kenwood Vineyards Jack London Vineyard Merlot \$25; and 2005 Sebastiani Alexander Valley Merlot \$24.

Wallet friendly: 2006 McManis Family Merlot \$10 and 2005 Gallo Family Reserve Merlot \$15.

TECH SAVVY

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ingenious solution to the spam problem: disposable e-mail addresses.

It works like this: Sign up for a free e-mail account from Gmail, Yahoo, or another service, then use that address for things like newsletter subscriptions, Web-site registrations, and so on.

Meanwhile, you keep your personal e-mail address largely private, sharing it only with friends and family. That should keep spam to a minimum.

Your disposable address may collect some junk, but who cares? You can always ditch that account and sign up for a new one.

Way to go, readers! You've proven once again that you're smarter than the average bear — or columnist.

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CHOCOLATE

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Greg Stroker, pastry chef at Tribute in Farmington Hills, said it's all personal preference when it comes to creating your own desserts. "It's not always necessary to use (more expensive chocolate)," Stroker said. "There's so much out there, you could sit there for days, tasting the stuff."

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

There's more than one grape in fine wines. There's also more than one bean used in making chocolate, Decker said.

Today, chocolate is enjoyed everywhere with a variety of tastes and flavors — bitter chocolate, milk chocolate, dark chocolate, couverture, and white chocolate. Chocolate is made from cacao beans, roasted and ground, which results in chocolate liquor, approximately 1/2 nonfat solids (cocoa) and 1/2 cocoa butter.

What chocolate should you use? That depends, Decker said.

Dark chocolate contains chocolate liquor, sugar, cocoa butter, vanilla and lecithin. Sugar, added in varying degrees, affects the flavor intensity or flavor profile of the chocolates.

"The higher the cocoa mass, the more intense the flavor," Decker said.

Couverture chocolate, a good quality dark chocolate used by bakers and confectioners, contains at least 30 percent cocoa butter.

Milk chocolate contains dry milk solids, and must contain 10 percent chocolate liquor, 3.39 percent butterfat and 12 percent milk solids. It has less chocolate taste (but is sweeter) than dark chocolate. White chocolate contains cocoa butter, and generally milk and sugar, but not chocolate liquor. It is flavored by vanilla and other ingredients, and does not have a chocolate flavor.

OK ... so which do you use? "For mousses and creams, you want chocolate with a higher (cocoa) mass content," Decker said, at least 60 percent. If you're dipping strawberries, milk chocolate or sweeter dark chocolate is fine.

Today's technology has launched chocolate into a

whole new flavor realm.

"It has a luxurious sense about it," Decker said. "Modern technology and artistic craftsmanship have elevated it to an ingredient of elite status, similar to unique fine wines, giving it its own personality."

"You say 'chocolate,' and it's like saying 'wine,' it's like saying 'gold,' it has its own personality."

GAYLE'S GOODS

Michael A. Smith, marketing director for Gayle's Chocolates in Royal Oak, has a simple explanation for chocolate's appeal.

It's delicious.

"And those who don't like chocolate know someone who does," Smith said. "It's the universal gift."

While it isn't known as a health food, chocolate does have flavinoids and antioxidants, Smith said. "But really it's that they just love the way it tastes. That's the reality."

Chocolate can be creative, too.

The most popular item sold at Gayle's is the \$36 high-heeled chocolate shoe, consisting of 14 ounces of dark chocolate, milk chocolate, pink chocolate (white chocolate with strawberry flavoring) or the Mule version with dusting on the shoes. That item was linked to a Web site (aboutshoes.com) and Gayle's now gets orders from all over the country, Smith said.

PERSONAL PREFERENCE

Stroker prefers Cacao Barry, which isn't readily available to the public, but he has used more common chocolates (Nestle's) in his previous pastry gigs before he arrived at Tribute.

"I'm a firm believer that you should stick with what you know. Go with the middle of the road," Stroker said.

"I'm not going to use the most expensive," Stroker said. "With mousse, you're adding the liquor, eggs and cream, and it's hard to tell the difference."

What's Stroker's favorite? "I really enjoy chocolate and raspberries," Stroker said as a dessert pairing. "You can also use chocolate and strawberries of course, and you can do mango, blueberries, apples and pears."

Don't be afraid of appliance repair

There are many consumers who have never attempted to do their own repair of a major home appliance and just as many who wouldn't think about calling a technician.

For this reason we can always be assured that repair companies will continue to prosper, and so will the concept of do-it-yourself repair outlets.

With the accessibility of everything at the touch of computer keys today you can learn so much about the world of major home appliances.

There are websites where you can get breakdowns on products, wiring schematics, order tools and even call to talk in person with a technician.

The challenge of repairs comes to you in different ways, sometimes you're simply not going to wait several days for a technician to arrive, or you just can't afford to spend the money. Many times it's just a puzzle you feel like conquering to develop your own sense of pride.

There are some basic principles that I would like to point out for some of you potential do-it-yourselfers. Let's start with electricity. You would be surprised at how many homeowners have to fork over the cost of a service call to have someone either plug in the appliance or reset the circuit breaker.

You can call that an expensive oversight and I guarantee you will find it an embarrassing moment. Many people will replace the timer on the product because it doesn't advance to the next cycle not knowing that in many cases other components must be working properly before the timer will move.

Keep in mind that when you purchase an electrical replacement part there are few places, if any, that will give you a refund on anything that is electric.

The reason for this policy is simple. Let's say you hooked up a new timer incorrectly and you burnt out one of the electrical contacts inside the timer, which cannot be seen. That timer would then be defective.

How could a parts company sell that timer to another cus-

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tommer with any confidence of it being a good operational component? Besides it is against the Michigan Consumers Protection Act to sell a part professed to be new when it is not.

Thinking of timers, my friend Tom Ross (of MSU Hockey Hall of Fame) called me to say that his daughter is living in his condo in Florida and she has to pull the plug on the kitchen range every time she uses it.

It makes a buzzing sound, which never stops, and Tom is going to fly down to Florida for a visit and repairs. He was going to purchase a timer before he left this area and I told him not to. I suggested that because the range was 20 years old and the timer would no doubt be expensive it might not be worth the expense of repairing it. I told him to take the back off the stove, which covers the mechanism off the timer.

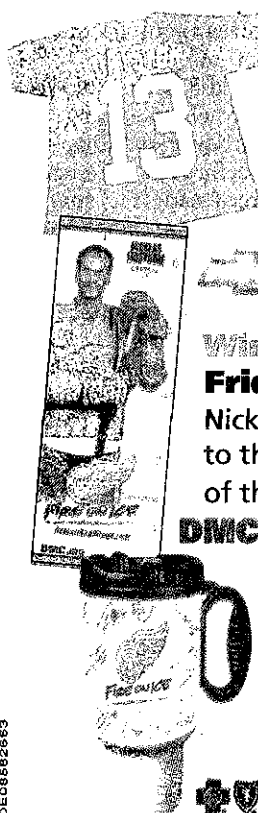
He will see a little cloth-covered coil the size of half a finger and about the same thickness. Cut one of the two electrical wires going into that coil and the buzzing sound is all fixed.

So is the timer, but at least you can use the stove and purchase a \$5 household timer at the local hardware store. Oh Tommy, don't forget to pull the plug before you cut the wire on the timer. The Red Wing Alumni team still needs you to play several more games this year.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to wvgnb@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

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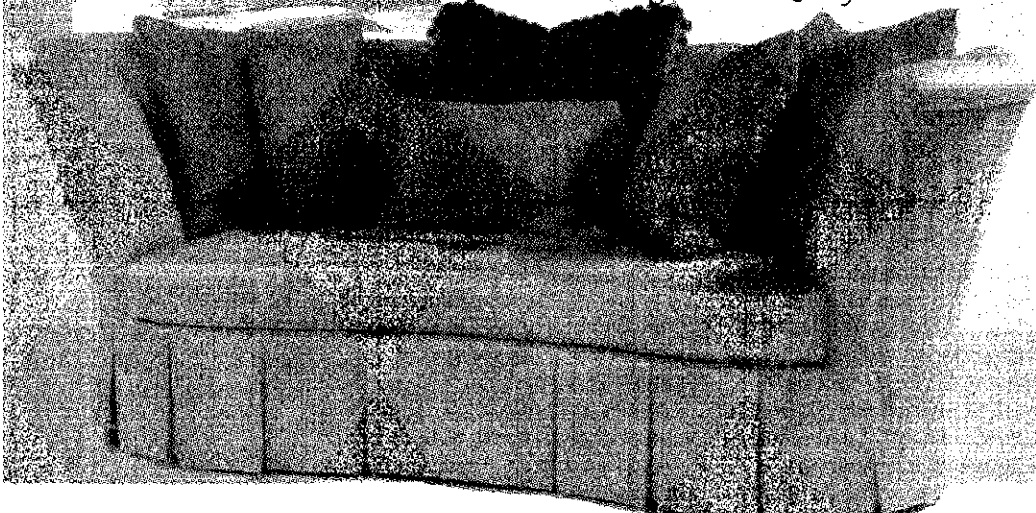
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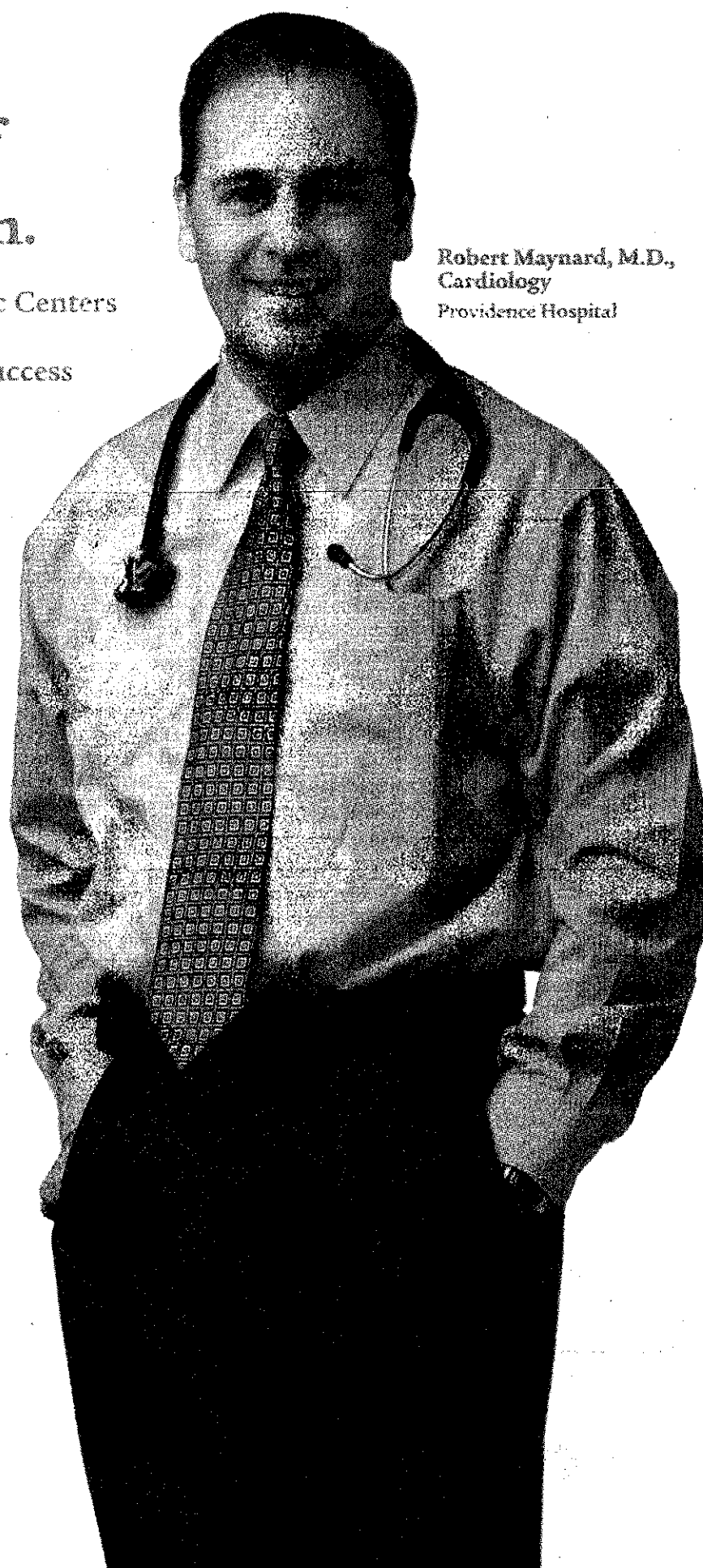
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Detroit Derby Girls lace up for latest bout

By day, Donna Malchie works at a day care center in West Bloomfield. By night, the Farmington Hills native is Vicious Vixen, a rough, tough roller derby skate punk.

Malchie, 26, is among the Detroit Derby Girls who will take to the rink this Saturday at the Masonic Temple, when the Devil's Night Dames face the D-Funk Allstars.

The Detroit Derby Girls rolled onto the scene in 2005, but I didn't make it to a bout until the last one on Jan. 12, when the Detroit Pistoffs took on the Pistolwhippers.

I not only want to see Detroit Derby Girls again, I want to be one of them. These women are cool.

Ranging in age from 20- to 40-something, many of them moms and most covered in tattoos, these are not your typical athletes. They're the alterna-girls you'd expect to find at art openings and rock shows instead of on competitive sports teams.

But in the kitschy world of Roller Derby, complete with sexy uniforms, risqué nicknames and old-school skates, these women have found their inner athletes.

And God help anyone who gets in their way.

As they skate around the track, striking the perfect balance between mocking the sport and taking it dead seriously, an ever-growing legion of fans is following along.

The evening we arrived at the Masonic Temple, where all the local bouts take place, we were surprised to discover the game was sold out and patrons crowded the lobby hoping to score admission. We were among the lucky few who managed to get tickets at the last minute.

Inside, the arena buzzed with excitement. A merch table was stocked with posters, T-shirts, patches and buttons for sale (I couldn't resist buying a cap sleeve tee with the Detroit



ANDY TANGUAY

'Vicious Vixen' Donna Malchie of Farmington Hills skates with the Devil's Night Dames, as well as on the Detroit Derby Girls traveling team.

D-FUNK ALLSTARS VS. DEVIL'S NIGHT DAMES

When: Saturday, Feb. 9, doors at 6 p.m., game at 7 p.m.

Where: Masonic Temple Drill Hall, Detroit

Tickets: \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door; under 12 free with adult; available from Derby Girls, Danny's Irish Pub in Ferndale or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Future bouts: March 8, Pistolwhippers vs. D-Funk Allstars; April 12, Detroit Pistoffs vs. Devil's Night Dames; May 10: Championship Double Header. **Information:** Visit www.detroitderbygirls.com.

Derby Girls logo — the silhouette of a woman wearing roller skates perched in a martini glass).

Yellow cones defined the oval track where the women skate according to the rules of Women's Flat Track Roller Derby. Outside the ring, fans of all ages — from toddlers to grandparents with plenty of hipsters in between — gathered to watch.

The gist of Roller Derby is two teams of five girls each compete in the rink.



Malchie

jammers must catch the pack, then lap it twice, racking up points along the way.

Meanwhile the tangle of blockers use elbows, knees and all manner of hell on wheels to keep the opposing jammer at bay, while helping their own jammer get ahead.

Don't let those little school-girl outfits fool you ... these girls are tough. They're feisty, aggressive and they play to win.

They use sneers, trash talk and theatrics to intimidate their opponents. And when it comes down to it, they aren't afraid of a little rink rash.

On her web site profile, Vicious Vixen — who joined Detroit Derby Girls in 2005 and also skates on the travel team — boasts of suffering a fractured ulna, hematomas and swollen knees for the sport. Photos of stitches in her busted chin are posted with pride.

Yet despite names like Devil Kitty, Elle McFearsome and Wanda Throwdown, these girls are in it to have a good time, and their antics are infectious.

At the bout we saw, the audience erupted in the last period when Cookie Rumble, team captain and that night's MVP, tore through the blockers to bring the Pistoffs to victory.

But it's not just the skaters themselves who energize the crowd.

A whole cast of characters, from referees in drag to punk rock pom-pom girls, all with campy pseudonyms, gather for each game. During intermissions, local bands play and kids from the audience are invited to dance and hula hoop on the rink.

The very fact that roller derby makes light of itself is what makes it so much fun, especially for people like me who aren't able to take most spectator sports too seriously.

Now I know what it means to sit on the sidelines and dream of getting in the game.

The Detroit Derby Girls practice twice a week at Riverside Arena in Livonia. For more information on the teams, tryouts and upcoming bouts, visit www.detroitderbygirls.com.

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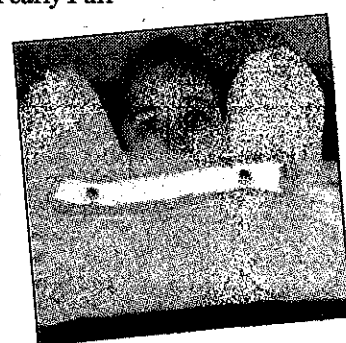
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Malls and Mainstreets

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Plymouth Goes Red for Women

Plymouth's Downtown District supports the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" campaign on Friday, Feb. 8. Wear red and visit participating businesses for discounts, or drop in the Heart Health Open House, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the DDA Office, 831 Penniman Ave., for heart healthy seminars, snacks and donation opportunities. Guest speaker Lisa McDowell, St. Joseph Hospital's Chief Clinical Nutritionist, will discuss nutrition and meal ideas at 12:30 p.m. Call (734) 455-1453.

Macy's Bridal Event

Macy's Somerset will host its annual Ever After Bridal Event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. Participate in registry seminars, meet bridal experts, hear product presentations from vendors such as Wedgwood, and meet with reps from local companies offering everything from flowers and invitations to DJs and videographers. Jennifer Wilkins, Macy's Trend Expert, will lead fashion presentations at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. outside the Bridal Salon. Bill Hoopes, Director of Macy's Wedding & Gift Registry/Macy's by Appointment, will offer bridal registry tips and trends at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Valentine's at Ren Cen Shops

The Ren Cen Shops at the GM Renaissance Center, Detroit, will host a sweet deal to celebrate Valentine's Day 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 11-14. During



Find Valentine's Day gifts with heart at Pure Detroit at The Ren Cen Shops, like a Detroit Love T-Shirt (\$20), an 'I Heart Detroit' mug (\$7.99), and a Cadillac seatbelt (\$22).

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Parisian Community Day

Local nonprofits can register now to participate in Parisian's next Community Day on Saturday, March 1. The event is a turn-key opportunity for organizations to raise funds by selling Parisian discount savings booklets, and keeping 100 percent of the \$5 booklet price. In 2007, The Bon-Ton Stores, Inc. was able to raise over \$10 million for nonprofits through Community Day. Log onto www.communitydayevent.com, and submit a registration form.



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