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Taxpayers Alliance draws help with legislator recall

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

David Pauley of Plymouth Township is tired of what's happening in Lansing these days, which is why he was among nearly 50 people

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Should Rep. Marc Corriveau be recalled? E-mail your opinion to kkuban@hometownlife.com.

who met Monday night with members of Michigan Taxpayers Alliance in Livonia to learn the process and secure peti-

tions in the recall of state Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, and House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford Township.

"I'm sick and tired of what's been going on in Lansing with the tax increases, and what it's been doing to our state," said Pauley, 47, who plans to circulate recall petitions against Corriveau. "It's driving citizens away, driving away college graduates who are moving from our state and businesses won't locate here. I felt it was necessary for me to get involved to ensure people are educated and get a voice."

Corriveau — who represents the Plymouths, Northvilles, a section of Canton and the city of Wayne — came under fire for his Oct. 1 vote in favor of an income tax increase from 3.9 percent to 4.35 percent to balance the state budget. Recall petitioners must collect more than 10,000 registered-voter signatures by May 1 (90 days) to recall Corriveau on the Aug. 5 primary ballot.

Former state Rep. Leon Drolet, the head of Michigan Taxpayers Alliance, defended the reasoning behind recalling Dillon, Corriveau and a handful of other lawmakers, rather than back a candidate to defeat the legislators. If successful, the effort could force them out of office immediately after the election is certified.

"Elections that come up in November, with the presidential election, are about things like the Right to Life, the National Rifle Association, unions and all kinds of things," Drolet said. "But recall is about that lawmaker in their current term of office and their behavior concerning taxes and spending."

"It's to send a message to everybody left in Lansing, and that's you don't raise taxes on

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WHO YOU GONNA CALL?

For information on how to get involved, e-mail John Hett at recallcorriveau@yahoo.com or call Rose Bogaert of MTA at (313) 278-8383.



Keller & Stein employee Natalie Hurst displays a traditional Valentine's Day gift — roses, balloon, and a stuffed bear.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

For longtime florist, Valentine's Day is exciting and exhausting

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

If today comes and goes and you forget to get something nice for that special someone, you may want to head to Keller & Stein.

"We do sell dog house cards the day after Valentine's Day," said Pam Doute, office manager, with a chuckle. "We will always get the stragglers that forgot."

Each February, the 110-year-old Canton florist brings thousands of long-stem red roses into its Michigan Avenue greenhouse. "That's the favorite," Doute said.

"We get some of the men to do something different but the majority come in wanting red roses."

With orders rolling in up to three weeks before Cupid's big day, Doute said she and the other staff members get to hear dozens of love stories.

"I just had one guy that will be celebrating his 60th wedding anniversary order the flowers that were in his wife's wedding bouquet," she said. "I like to hear the personal stories."

Store manager Roberta Pritchard has been a florist for 30 years and said the excitement surrounding Feb. 14 never dies.

"It's always a big deal," she said. "It's the absolute biggest one-day holiday for the floral business. We've had to bring in three and a half extra full-time designers and one or two extra sales (representatives)."

Pritchard, who calls the days leading up to the holiday "exhausting," said her larg-



Stein is the official greenhouse cat, with his own spot right on the counter.

est single order was about 10 years ago when a man ordered 25 dozen roses for his wife.

"It was their 25th wedding anniversary and it was a lot of money but he didn't bat an eye," she said. "It was what he wanted to do and our reaction was 'Wow.' Three hundred roses is a lot of roses. It was pretty amazing."

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Attorney: Hindu Temple will get swift approval

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

In and out in 20 minutes. On Monday night, Attorney Bryan Amann said

he's expecting the Canton Planning Commission to give swift approval of the resolution to rebuild the Hindu Temple.

Johnson

"It should be 20 minutes and we are done," said Amann, who represents the temple. "The public hearing is over."

The upcoming meeting will mark the second time the agenda item has been before the commission.

At the commission's Dec. 3 meeting, a capacity crowd — many against the proposal — offered their opinion on the project. As a result, Amann requested that the item be tabled in order to give him an opportunity to meet with surrounding homeowners.

"I think we not only improved the project, we improved relationships," Amann said, adding that storm water and traffic were among main concerns.

After three meetings with homeowner's associations, Amann said some residents have now offered their support while others remain

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We want to know your thoughts about the Hindu Temple's plans, and whether or not the township board should remove Catherine Johnson from the Planning Commission. Either e-mail editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com, or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

against the project.

"There was no animosity, but some people still don't want it there," he said, adding that he is confident the resolution will pass because the proposal is in line with the township's ordinance and is consistent with past projects.

Members of the temple want to demolish the current facility, which sits at 44955 Cherry Hill, and building a new, larger, ornate worship center in the middle of its 5.6-acre parcel. The land is surrounded by three subdivisions, Cherry Blossom, Kingston Estates and Glengarry Village.

In December, residents not only complained about a lack of communication regarding the proposal, they said the suggested 19,669-square-foot building was too large for the

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Now hiring

The new Canton Kohl's department store located on Michigan Avenue, which will open April 6, is looking for approximately 150 people to fill both full-time and part-time jobs. A job fair is scheduled for interested applicants Feb. 17-21 at Holiday Inn, 46194 I-94 North Service Drive, Belleville. The new store will hire associates for cash register operation, department service, customer service, early morning stocking, truck unloading, housekeeping and evening signage/pricing updates. New hires will receive competitive wages and medical insurance. Additionally, Kohl's associate benefits include 401(k), employee stock ownership and merchandise discounts. Applicants should visit www.kohls.com or call (877) NEW-KOHL'S (877) 639-5645; a 24-hour job hotline; to obtain further details, begin the application process and secure an interview slot.

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Coming Sunday in Health



Polycystic kidney disease (PKD) affects adults and children

Social worker of the year

Susan McDaniel, of Canton, has been chosen by the Michigan Association of School Social Workers (MASSW), Region A for the prestigious award of "2008 School Social Worker of the Year."

MASSW is a state-wide organization comprised of more than 900 School Social Workers from around the state of Michigan. Region A includes western Wayne County, Washtenaw County and Monroe County and its membership includes more than 190 school social workers

McDaniel, who is employed by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, was selected due to the outstanding services that she provides to the district's students (K-8) in four different buildings. She provides individual and group counseling services, is a trained trauma and loss specialist, and provides support services to staff and parents in addressing mental health issues and behavior intervention strategies.

Susan serves as MASSW state membership chair and is the president of MASSW Region A.

A celebration honoring Susan as School Social Worker of the Year will be held on March 3, at 8 a.m. at Wayne County RESA/Boyd Auditorium Van Born Road.

LaJoy appointment

State Rep. Phil LaJoy was recently appointed to the Task Force to Review the Adequacy

of Surface Transportation and Aeronautics Service Provision and Finance in Michigan, which will examine alternative road funding, and examine alternative user pay methods that are different from fuel taxes, such as mileage fees, toll roads and congestion pricing.

"I am very pleased by this appointment, and I think my experience will allow me to help this task force improve Michigan's roads," LaJoy said. "Michigan's infrastructure is an important economic development tool, and we must guarantee they are in good condition."

LaJoy, who has served on the House Transportation Committee for five years, was appointed by House Republican Leader Craig DeRoche. The remainder of the task force includes representatives from the manufacturing, commerce, agriculture, tourism, labor, transportation, public transit and aviation sectors.

LaJoy, R-Canton, will meet with constituents in district from 3:30-5 p.m., Feb. 18 at the Van Buren Township Hall, located at 46425 Tyler Rd. in Belleville, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

An appointment is not necessary. Residents unable to meet LaJoy during the scheduled office hours can contact his Lansing office toll free at (866) LAJOY21 or through e-mail at phillajoy@house.mi.gov to make an appointment.

Mom-2-Mom sale

In anticipation of their upcoming Mom 2 Mom Sale, the Canton Newcomers, a social, civic and charitable organization, invites table renters to sell new and gently used maternity, baby and child items including furniture and

larger play equipment. The sale will be held on Saturday April 5, at the Summit on the Park from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information, please visit cantonnewcomers.org or e-mail amybrody@comcast.net.

Tonda scholarships

The Tonda Elementary School Scholarship Committee is accepting applications and essays from now until April 9.

Qualified applicants must have attended Tonda for at least three years, have a GPA of 3.25 or better and have been accepted into an accredited college, university or trade school. Two letters of reference from a non-family member as well as transcripts must also be submitted.

Applicants will submit an essay entitled "Qualities of a Peaceful School."

Applications and further rules may be obtained at Plymouth, Salem, and Canton High School, or at Tonda Elementary School.

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 students. Several of the scholarships are available to non-tradi-

tional 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



Now that's a snowman

The Pickert family of Canton made the most of a recent snow day, when they made this 13-foot-tall snowman in their front yard, which had plenty of people stopping by to get a peek. From left are Nathan Pickert, 19, Kate Peters, 18, Douglas Pickert, 16, Brandon Pickert, 12, Melanie Pickert, 14, Emilie Pickert, 20.

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.

Foreclosure seminar

Lee and Noel Bittinger 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.

For course outline go to thebittingerteam.com. To register for this program contact Canton Leisure Services at (734) 394-5460.

Consumer Expo

The Canton Consumer Expo will take place 5-7:30 p.m., Feb. 21 at Summit on the Park. More 60 businesses will be participating. Learn more about Canton Businesses and what they have to offer. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public.

For more information or to register for this event, please call the Chamber office at (734) 453-4040 or visit its Web site at www.cantonchamber.com. Sponsored by Canton Computers and Martha M. Snow, attorney, Xuereb Snow PC.

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WW accepts in-district K-8 schools of choice requests

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will offer district residents a Schools of Choice program for the 2008-2009 school year for students in kindergarten through grade eight.

The Schools of Choice program provides parents the opportunity to move their child from one school to another within the boundaries of the school district provided there is room available in the school. Transportation to and from the school of choice must be provided by the parents or legal guardian.

School district residents who would like their child to attend an elementary or middle school other than their school

of residency must submit a 2008-2009 Schools of Choice application. The applications are available in every Wayne-Westland school.

Schools of Choice applications for middle school students will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office at the Board of Education, 36745 Marquette, Westland, through March 3. Schools of Choice applications for elementary school students will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office between March 10 and April 21.

No new Schools of Choice applications will be accepted for high school students.

Applications received according to the time lines will

permit, if space is available, selected students to begin the 2008-09 school year in their school of choice. If more students apply for a grade/building than there are openings, a random selection process will be used to select students. The names of students not selected at this time will be placed on a waiting list for the 2008-2009 school year.

Current Schools of Choice students must reapply to remain eligible for the program.

After the deadlines, Schools of Choice applications will be accepted until Sept. 7 at the elementary or middle school the parent/guardian would like the child to attend. These

names will be added to the 2008-2009 school year waiting lists on a first-come, first-served basis.

Building principals will use the waiting lists to notify qualified students of an opening. They will be allowed to place Schools of Choice students only through Sept. 19.

A Schools of Choice student will be moved back to his or her home school, if an overcrowding situation occurs within the first 10 weeks of the school year.

After 10 weeks, the student will be permitted to remain in the school of choice for the remainder of the school year, provided all other conditions continue to be satisfied.

Incumbent bows out of school board race

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER



McClain

Just over 24 hours before Wednesday's 5 p.m. deadline for filing petitions in the May 6 school election, incumbent school board Trustee Terrance McClain made it official. He will not seek a second four-year term.

McClain made the announcement Tuesday afternoon. He had pulled petitions last week for the election, but said he "struggled with the idea of being an active participant with everything I have going on."

"It was a very difficult decision," he said in a phone interview. "I love this district, I love what I do, but I needed to take something off my plate."

Two seats four-year terms, currently held by McClain and Cindy Schofield, will be filled in the annual school election. Schofield, the current board vice-president, has said she will seek a third term.

McClain cited his work on his doctoral degree, his wife's health and his position as a minister/evangelist at Annapolis Church of Christ in Westland as reasons for not seeking re-election.

"The church has been very gracious about the time I have spent on education and graduate degrees, I owe it to them to focus on my ministry," he said.

McClain was appointed to the board in October 2003 to fill a seat vacated by Richard Eisiminger and was elected to a four-year term in June 2004. At the time, he described himself as a perpetual student and while serving on the school board, he has completed work on his master's degree and earned

accreditation with the Michigan Association of School Boards.

He began working on his doctoral degree last fall and hopes to

complete the program in four years. His goal is to follow in his father's footsteps and become a university professor teaching counseling.

"My father retired as a university professor, he's now a consultant with the Georgia Department of Education," McClain said. "I've got some big shoes to fill."

He currently is licensed to be a school counselor. He has a position at Trenton High School that is related to his doctoral work at Oakland University.

"When I worked on my master's, my instructors were flexible; they'd let me go to (school) meetings and not count it as an absence," McClain said. "These professors are not like that."

McClain added that his decision "provides for someone else the opportunity I had for five years."

As of last Friday, four district residents - Schofield, Shawna Walker of Wayne, Brian Mulligan of Westland and Robert Robinson of Westland - had pulled petitions. Petitions also had been requested on behalf of Christopher Szabo.

"I love the district, I like to believe I brought something positive to the position," McClain said. "My colleagues on the board have been great to work with."

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Albrecht appointed director of student, legal services

A popular high school principal will be moving to Wayne-Westland's administrative offices following his appointment as executive director of student and legal services.

John Albrecht of Wayne Memorial High School will join Superintendent Greg Baracy's administrative staff this spring to work with current director William Camp before he retires in June.

"John has been through all the various positions, I strongly recommend him for this post," said Superintendent

Greg Baracy.

Albrecht attended John Carroll University, the University of Toledo, Detroit College Of Business and Eastern Michigan University where he received his bachelor of science degree in mathematics-secondary education, and history. He also received his master of arts degree in the art of teaching from Marygrove College.

Albrecht taught as a middle school and high school mathematics teacher in the Detroit Public Schools before joining

Wayne-Westland in 1999 as a mathematics teacher at John Glenn High School.

In 2002, he became an assistant principal at Glenn and moved to the principal post at Wayne Memorial in 2005.

Trustee Skip Monit told Albrecht he will be "sorely missed" at Wayne Memorial and lauded him for his work.

"You've built a great support staff there," he said. "That's what managers do."

Trustee Cindy Schofield, speaking on behalf of Z-

PAC, the high school's Zebra Parents Advisory Council, said the organization feels very sad about his departure.

"We're sad because we enjoyed working with you," she said.

Albrecht thanked the board for its vote of confidence, telling members that "you don't get to a place like this unless you have people who are solid."

He will become the executive director officially on July 1.

- By Sue Mason

RECALL

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citizens when the economy is down," he said. "The message is tax increases come last and spending cuts and downsizing government come first."

Corriveau said constituents would better be served by voting him out of office, instead of forcing him to spend his time in Lansing fighting a recall.

"I think you have a personal look at what they are trying to do, especially considering they're not from our area," Corriveau said.

"This kind of political assassination seems to be a game for them."

"Considering the timing, so close to the next election, it doesn't make sense unless they're trying to hijack my district and tell my constituents who should be representing them," he added.

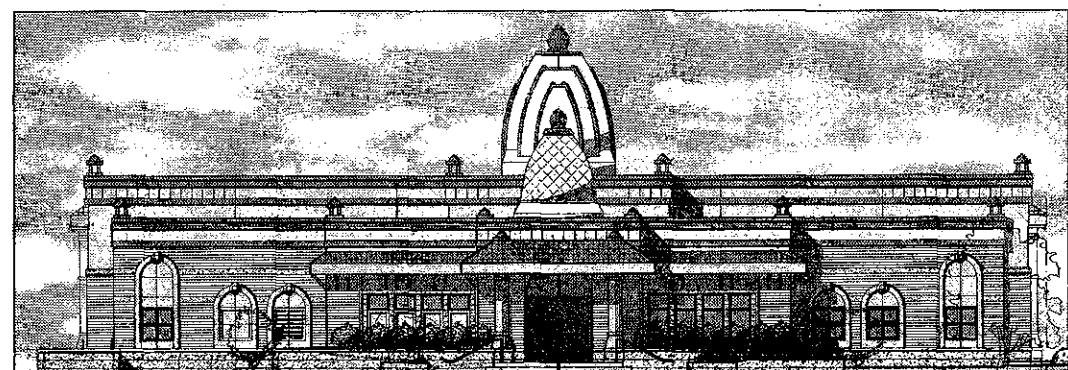
John Hett of Plymouth Township, who is sponsoring the Corriveau recall, said he's not surprised by the support.

"Just from talking to average, everyday people there is a groundswell in Michigan," Hett said. "And they ask why we are going after these guys when we should be going after the governor."

Kevin Lambert of Plymouth Township said he'll make certain Corriveau notices his signature on the recall petition.

"I'm going to sign it in the memory of John Hancock (who signed the Declaration of Independence), extra big so the king could see it without his glasses," Lambert said. "With all the difficult circumstances people in Michigan have, I can't understand how he could have supported tax increases."

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Artist's rendering of the proposed Hindu Temple.

TEMPLE

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land and would clash with the area's homes.

In response to traffic concerns, the temple will pay about \$300,000 for roadwork on Cherry Hill. For eastbound traffic, a tapered lane will be built for those entering and leaving the grounds. For westbound traffic, the lane will be expanded so that motorists can pass vehicles waiting to make a left-turn.

Canton resident Chuck Davis spoke out at the December meeting and attended one of Amann's meetings to discuss the project.

"The meetings were done in the spirit of cooperation, but I

do feel the same," he said. "It's too much building."

Davis said he and other homeowners would be satisfied if the temple opted to build its proposed facility closer to the roadway.

"We thought that was reasonable but they didn't," he said.

Amann said the temple explored moving the building near Cherry Hill Road but said it would cause logistical problems.

Suresh Shah, a member of the Temple's board, said he is anticipating a decision on Monday.

"We were ready before and we are ready now," he said. "We need this."

Davis said he fears the commission will push the project

forward in order not to be viewed as "intolerant."

Catherine Johnson, a long-time commissioner, was asked to step down after she made controversial comments at the December meeting.

Johnson, who has yet to formally resign, was critical of the temple's past actions but said she meant no offense when she posed a question regarding public urination at the temple.

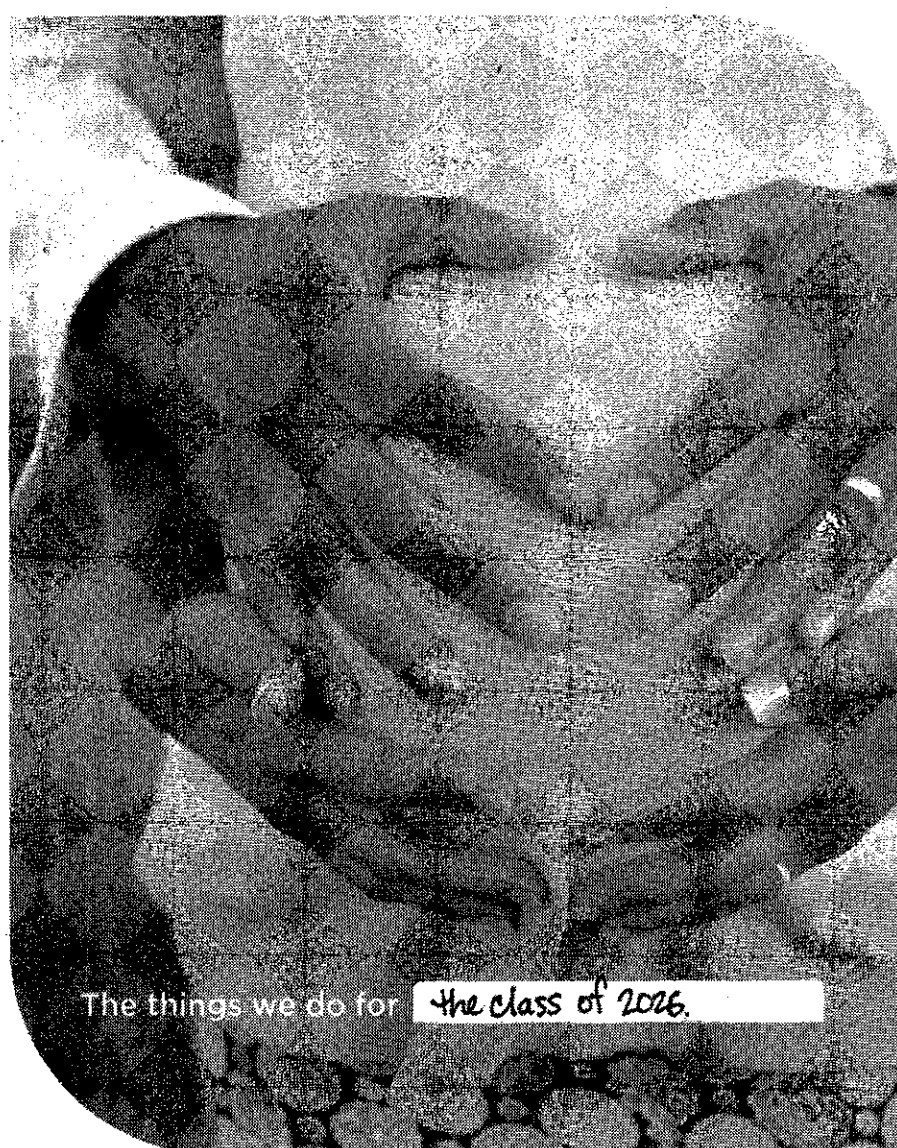
Township Supervisor Tom Yack has said that unless Johnson submits her resignation before Feb. 21, the township board will hold a public hearing regarding her appointment in March.

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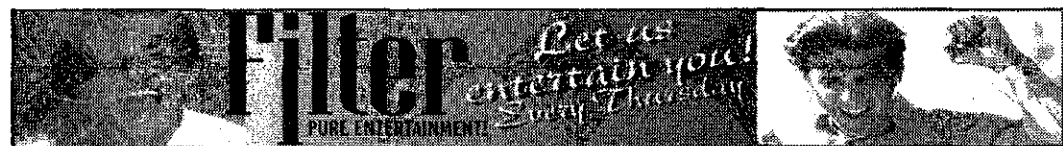
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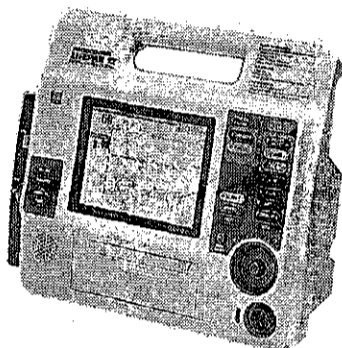
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Mystery novel focus of annual reading program

If you like a good mystery, pick up Laurie R. King's *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* and join mystery buffs around metropolitan Detroit who are participating in the Everyone's Reading program.

In its seventh year, the community reading program is being conducted throughout the area to promote dialogue through a shared experience of reading and discussing the same book. Twelve public libraries in southeast Michigan, including the Canton Public Library, are participating this year.

Because Valentine's Day is a celebration of love and everyone loves a mystery, the program begins Thursday, Feb. 14, and ends April 25 during National Library Week.

The Beekeeper's Apprentice is a classic mystery novel and is the first in a series of books featuring an unlikely pair of detectives. Mary Russell, 15, literally stumbles over the world's greatest detective on the moors of Sussex during the early days of World War I.

The chance meeting is the beginning of an unusual partnership between a very

Victorian Sherlock Holmes, who is studying the behavior of honeybees, and a very modern teen whose intellect and tenacity rival those of the retired detective.

A wide array of programs and events tied to the book's themes will be conducted at the participating libraries, including book discussions groups, vintage movies featuring the Sherlock Holmes character, information about beekeeping and history of the mystery genre.

Activities at the Canton library include:

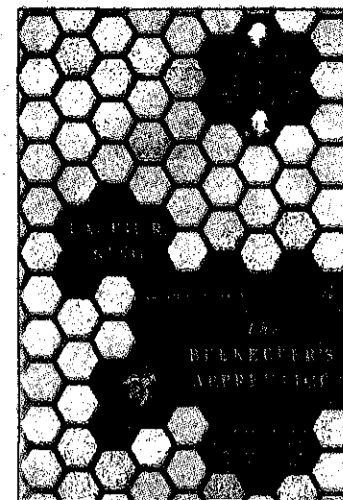
■ "Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Company," featuring Doyle expert Mark McPherson, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19.

■ "The History of Mystery," with Jamie and Robin Agnew, at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6.

■ Lunch and Book Discussion at noon Thursday, March 13.

■ "Finding a Good Book Is No Mystery," with adult services librarian Jayce Simowski, at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 27.

King, whose first book, *A Grave Talent* (1993), received the 1994 Edgar Award for Best First Novel, also will be mak-



Laurie R. King's *The Beekeeper's Apprentice*.

ing four appearances in the area during National Library Week. She will discuss *The Beekeeper's Apprentice* and other books in the series as well as sign copies of the book.

Her schedule includes stops at 7 p.m. April 16 at The Community House in Birmingham, at 2 p.m. April 17 at the Gary M. Doyle Center in Bloomfield Township, at 7 p.m. April 17 at the Farmington Community Library and at 7 p.m. April 18 the Royal Oak Public Library.

A reader's guide and Everyone's Reading brochure, containing information about the events, is available at all sponsoring libraries and at the Everyone's Reading Web site at www.everyonesreading.info.

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■ Internet I: Feb. 15, at 10 a.m. Get acquainted with the basics of Internet Explorer and learn web navigation. Registration required.

■ Resumes and Job Search: Feb. 16, at 9:30 a.m. Learn to search for jobs using popular Internet sites, how to post your resume online, more. Registration required.

■ Heat Wave Hula Party: Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. Kids, bring your grass skirts and Hawaiian shirt and get ready to limbo. For kids 5-8 years old with caregiver. Registration required.

■ Adult Contemporary Book Discussion: Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stegner.

■ MS Word III: Feb. 19, at 9:30 a.m. Format your document to add columns, graphics and more. Registration required.

■ Sir Arthur Conan Doyle: Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. Part of Everyone's Reading 2008, enjoy a virtual trip to 221B Baker Street in London and learn about Sir Doyle, author of the Sherlock Holmes adventures. Registration required.

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 28, 2008 for the following:

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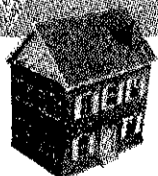
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Avelina Solis/Carson	A010 20x20	BBQ Grill, Mattress, Roaster, Ladder, Garden Jesus statue, 200+ Boxes, Curio Cabinet, Large Filing Cabinet, Misc. Shelving Units, Misc. Tables, Misc. Garden Décor, 20+ Milk Crates of Misc. Household Goods, 1 Tire, Vast Amounts of Household Goods.
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Abiodun Akinfenwa	E173 10x20	King Size Mattress, Couch, Misc. Children's Toys, 20+ Boxes & Totes of Misc. Household Goods, 1 Shade, 1 Treadmill, Misc. Dressers.
Steven Rice	F205 10x15	3 Totes, 1 Couch, 1 27" HD? TV, 1 Picture Tube TV, 1 Coffee Table, Clothing on hangers, misc. shoes and clothing, 1 full bed and box spring, 1 twin bed and box spring, 3 mirrors, 1 framed picture.
Westside Taylor Doors c/o Paul Melvin	G267 20x30	Door Rack, Green Front Door, 2 Exterior Front Doors w/Jambs, 2 Screens, 8 Storm Windows, 1 Engine Block Stand w/Jaws, 1 GM Engine Block - V8, 1 Bucket, 1 Waste Basket.
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ANN PASUTIN

February 1, 2008, age 91 in Gaylord, formerly a longtime resident of Beverly Hills. Wife of the late Andrew. Dear mother of Ronee Gritzinger (Larry) and Karen Dipzinski. Loving grandmother of Amy Gritzinger Coleman, Mark Dipzinski and Kristine Dipzinski Pohlman. Also survived by four great grandchildren. Sister of Helen Schave, the late Anton Koptur and the late Mary Szuk. View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com



DUANE KIRK BRISKI

Age 35, of Jenison, passed away February 1, 2008 at Saint Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, where he had been a patient for several days. Duane was born October 10, 1972 in Southfield, the son of Paul and Gloria (Lassila) Briski. Duane grew up in Westland, where he attended the Wayne Westland schools and graduated from Wayne memorial High School in 1990, throughout his childhood, he loved sports and played on many local teams. Duane was united in marriage to the former Cheryl Brown on June 7, 2002. He lived in Ypsilanti and Spring Lake, and since 2003 made his home in Jenison. Duane was employed by Carter Lumber for 8 years and also Johnson Controls. Most recently, he was employed by Plastech, where he worked as a mold changer. Duane was passionate about carpentry, enjoyed working on his house and dreamed about one day building his own home. He continued to enjoy sports, country western music, deer hunting, and debating politics and religion with anyone willing to take on the challenge. However, his most loved activity was being the proud father of his two children, Jessica and Brandon, whom he cherished more than anything else in this world. Duane was preceded in death by his grandparents, Wilbert Lassila and Elaine (Lampinen) Lassila Maata; his grandfather, Anton Briski, Jr.; and an aunt, Rose (Lassila) Perala. Duane is survived by his wife, Cheryl; his children, Jessica and Brandon; his parents, Paul and Gloria Briski of Garden City; three brothers, Stephen Briski of Dearborn Heights, David Briski of Garden City, and Brian (Gina) Briski of Westland; his grandmother, Lucille Briski of Garden City; two nieces, Kate and Angelina Briski, both of Westland; an aunt, Patricia (Dick) Yates of Lacey, Washington; three uncles, John (Joyce) Lassila of Las Vegas, Anthony (Kay) Briski of Janesville, Wisconsin, and Curt Briski of Pontiac; an uncle-in-law, Peter Perala of Twin Lakes; two great-aunts, Evelyn Kupous of Hancock and Mary Lou Howard of Houghton; his parents-in-law, Kenneth and Barbara Brown of Garden City; and numerous cousins, friends and co-workers. Following cremation, a memorial service for Duane will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at 7:30 PM at the Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland. Family and Friends may call at the funeral home from 4:30-9:00PM, and condolences for the family may also be left at: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



ELEANOR JACOBS

February 11, 2008, of Huntington Woods. Beloved wife of the late Roy. Dear mother of Jerry (Laura) and Judy Simcina. Loving grandmother of Jill, Joy, Todd and Katelyn. Visitation Thursday 2-9 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. service at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Memorials suggested to Hydrocephalus Association, 870 Market St., Suite 705, San Francisco, CA 94102. Share your memories at: www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

IMRE F. NYILAS

Age 69, of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away Feb. 6, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

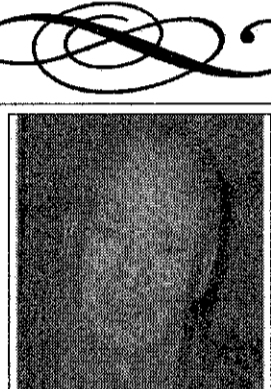
MARY F. "Chita" McGEARY

Age 77, February 12, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Peter G. Dearest mother of Terri (Tom) Schmidtke, Judy (Lindsay) Walker, Diane (Jamie) Walker, Cathy (Ron) Richard and Peter A. (Lisa). Grandmother of Tommy, Lisa, Lindsay Jr. (January), Steven, Ryan, David, Ronnie, Michael, P.J. and Jordyn. Great-grandmother of Bryant, Allyssa and Katelyn. Dear sister of Sandra Goss. Visitation Thursday 5-9pm and Friday 12-9pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford and Cherry Hill). In state Saturday 10:30am until an 11am Mass St. Robert Bellerme, 27201 W. Chicago (S. E. corner of W. Chicago and Inkster).



JEAN LEITGEB (Nee Zalusky)

Age 80, of Westland, formerly of Dearborn Heights and Detroit, passed away February 8, 2008. Loving wife of Frederick. Retired from R. L. Polk after many years of service. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. In state Friday from 9:00 AM until 9:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. Richard Catholic Church, 35851 Cherry Hill Road, Westland. Entombment at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Drive, Ste 100, Southfield, Michigan 48076. To share a memory please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com



JOHN "JACK" HAY MARRIED HIS CHILDHOOD SWEETHEART

Mr. Hay, age 82, died February 9, 2008, at William Beaumont Hospital, in Royal Oak. He was born October 7, 1925, in Detroit. He was a resident of Bloomfield Hills for 23 years, and a former resident of Royal Oak and Highland Park. He retired as Chief of Detectives from the Highland Park Police Department after 27 years. Following retirement, he served as Vice-President at S.E. Broach for nine years. Mr. Hay was a very warm and loving person who was fun to be around, and he enjoyed the company of others. He will be remembered as very intelligent and a good businessman. Through all his medical problems, he never complained. He enjoyed playing golf and baseball, and loved landscaping and being out of doors. He also taught and coached Little League Baseball. And he enjoyed an occasional practical joke. Proud U.S. Marine Corps veteran during WW II, discharged June, 1946 with rank of Corporal. Loving husband for 28 years of Frances Martin. Step-brother of Dorothy Rose. First cousin of Linda Golden and Phillip Hay. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. A. J. Desmond & Sons 248-362-2500. Funeral Mass: Thursday, February 14 - 10:00 AM at the National Shrine of the Little Flower, Woodward and 12 Mile Road, in Royal Oak, with Rev. Msgr. William Easton officiating. Memorial Tributes to: American Heart Association or The Smile Train, 245 Fifth Ave., Suite 2201, New York, NY 10016. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



SOPHIE KATHLEEN PARK (nee Cichon)

Age 96, died February 11, 2008, peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family. Born Dec. 26m 1911 to John and Mary Cichon in Piney Fork, Ohio. Graduated from Providence Hospital Nursing School in 1934; on Nov. 5, 1942, married John Paton Park Jr., who precedes her in death. Worked at multiple hospitals, nursing homes, and doctors' offices in the Detroit and Plymouth areas prior to retirement in 1971. Beloved by her children, Mary Alinda McKeown-Moak (Lynn Moak) of Austin, TX; John Park (Susan) of Jackson; and Patricia Schwimmer (Edward) of Ypsilanti. She is also survived by seven grandchildren (Jeffrey and Pamela McKeown, J. Scott, Adam, and Daniel Park; Jeremy Allmendinger and Nicole McKay) and 13 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by sisters Ann Nemeth and Mary Chulick, and brothers John and Joe Cichon. Visitation at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth Thursday 1-4pm and 6-9pm; Rosary Thursday 7pm. Funeral from Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road at Beck Road, Plymouth, Friday 10:30am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Leave condolences at: www.schrader-howell.com



MARY ROZENE KLEMIC

Age 50, of Birmingham, died February 9, 2008, at her parent's home in Detroit. Mary was born February 21, 1957, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She graduated from Detroit's St. Mary's of Redford High School. Mary attended Wayne State University on a full academic scholarship and graduated with honors with Degrees in Mass Communications and English. While at Wayne State University she worked on the campus paper, The South End. Mary was a reporter and editor for 3 years at the Dearborn/Dearborn Heights Times-Herald, where she covered city hall, police, school districts and special features writing. She worked at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for the past 25 years, initially in positions including city government reporter, school reporter, copy editor and features writer and later as editor of the Arts and Creative Living and At Home sections, as well as special sections editor. Mary was active in her union, the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, CLC local 34022. Mary enjoyed living and working in Birmingham. She was a member of Bloomfield Hills Village Club and belonged to the Church of St. Alan. Mary was active in her condominium association board as well as a member of several organizations supporting fine arts in the metro Detroit region, including the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Cranbrook House and Garden Auxiliary. She was an art enthusiast and in her many years as the editor of Arts and Creative Living sections of the regional Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, she had a significant impact in publicizing and promoting regional developments in the arts. Mary loved literature, both as a professional writer as well as an avid reader of all manner of the written word. She also loved and supported the performing arts: live theater, cinema, dance and music. Mary played piano and guitar and studied violin and Russian. Mary is survived by: her parents, John and Rozene Klemic of Detroit; siblings, John Klemic of Pasadena, California, Gladys Klemic of Naperville, Illinois, and James Klemic of Falls Church, Virginia; nephews, Joseph and Sam, niece, Mary and many aunts, uncles, cousins, co-workers and friends. Mary is preceded in death by her brother, Thomas Klemic. Funeral Mass at Church of St. Alan, Coolidge (Between 15-16 Mile Rds.), Troy, Monday 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (Between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Sunday 4-8pm. Prayers 7pm. Interment in St. Michael's Cemetery, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Memorials appreciated to Providence Cancer Center, Providence Health Foundation, 22255 Greenfield Road, Suite 228, Southfield, Michigan 48075.

PATRICIA WHITE

Age 78. Beloved wife of the late John. Dear mother of Steven (Heidi), and Paula (Fred) Nowotny. Dearest grandmother of Jennifer, Jonathan, David, Nicole, and Vanessa. Loving sister of Barbara Carey. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to the American Heart Association. Interment at Riverside Cemetery, Albion, Michigan at a later date. Please share a memory with the family at: www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

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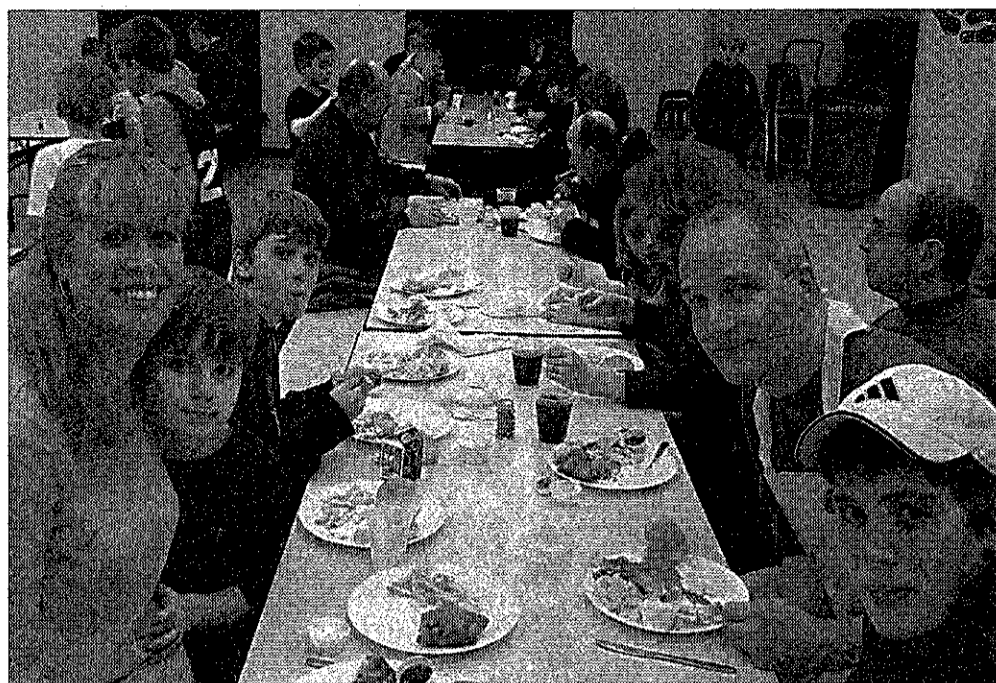
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Fish fry a crowd pleaser

An overflow crowd of nearly 600 filled the school cafeteria as St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia offered its first all-you-can-eat Lenten Fish Fry of the season Friday, Feb. 8. Project chair, Bruce Murray of Westland judged the dinner to be 'one of the busiest and most successful evenings yet' in the dinner's three-year history. "We've gone through more than 300 pounds of fresh, center-cut Alaskan cod and at least 175 pounds of french fries," he added, "and all the comments that I've heard have been really favorable." The dinners continue 4:30-7 p.m. each Friday in Lent through March 14, in the St. Michael School cafeteria, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. The menu includes hand-dipped fried or baked cod, green beans, french fries, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, rolls 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. Stations-of-the-Cross will be offered in the church immediately after each dinner at 7 p.m. Information is available at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200, or www.livoniastmichael.org.

Pictured is Dan LaViolette of Livonia enjoying a brief break from his kitchen duties to join his wife, Jackie, and sons Mike (right), Chris (far left) and Joe (next to Jackie) for dinner.

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 there are so many different religions? How should Christians view other religions? How is God at work in other religions? What is the fate of those who earnestly pursue God through other religions? Farmington First United Methodist Church offers a six-week, video-based study on Christianity and Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism. Classes available 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.

Lenten concert

Begin at 12:35 p.m. following Lenten Services of Holy Communion which begin at 12:10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, organist Kevin Bylsma plays music by Bach, Franck, Bridge and Heiller, at Mariner's Church, 170 E. Jefferson, in Detroit's Civic Center at the entrance to the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel. Free parking for services in the Ford Underground Garage with entrance on the median on Jefferson Ave. at Woodward. For more information, call (313) 259-2206.

Lenten fish dinners

St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia invites everyone to it's All You Can Eat Lenten Fish Dinners, 4:30-7 p.m. Friday, 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) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

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.

Single Place Ministry

Upcoming activities include 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 Stephen Walsh AOH Hall, 24242 Grand River, Detroit (313) 535-4110. Educational scholarships will be awarded to the winner and her court. For more information, call Maureen Kelly at (734) 632-0334 or visit www.detroitirish.org.

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 Meahan 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.

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.

Mid-week worship

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. 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. 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.

Worship conference

Worship in Spirit and Truth conference Friday-Saturday, Feb. 22-23, Friday events begin at 7 p.m., Saturday at 9 a.m. and close with a worship service at 8 p.m., at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, between Beck and Sheldon, south of M-14. Topics include Who, Why and When We Worship along with many others. Registration, including lunch and dinner on Saturday, is \$25, \$10 per child for child care and meals. For information, call (734) 453-5280.

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@sbcbglobal.net.

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.holytrinityapostolate.com, send e-mail to barbaramm@sbcbglobal.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.

The Jesus Prayer

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

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 Mellon, north of 14 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.

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.

UPCOMING

Preschool registration

Little Lambs Christian Preschool will have open registration for fall classes at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 1, at 45000 N. Territorial, inside First Baptist Church of Plymouth. A kindergarten readiness program is offered for 3's, 4's and

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young 5's Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Five to 1 student/teacher ratio. Spanish and sign language, field trips, portfolio books, and conferences. Call Shari at (734) 414-7792.

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.

A music ministry concert

I believe! 4 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main. Concert showcasing the Children's, Youth and Chancel Choirs, TeDeum, Children's and Youth Handbell choirs along with the Northville Concert Chorale. No tickets needed. Free will offering. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

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.

Special night of worship

With Men of Grace 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, one block east of Beck at McClumpha,

Plymouth. For more information or a map visit www.risenchrist.info. This free event offers an evening of spirituals, hymns, traditional and contemporary, original music, and arrangements performed by Men of Grace from Grace Centers of Hope (Pontiac). Free will offering will be taken. They are a living example of how a life can be transformed from addiction, abuse and violence to one filled with meaning, hope and faith. The group has been honored to sing for President Bush, the Detroit Tigers, Governor Jennifer Granholm, and featured at hundreds of civic, corporate, church and school events.

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.

Clothing bank

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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.

Blended family workshop

7-8:15 p.m. Wednesdays through April 2, at Ward Church, 40000 6 Mile Rd., Northville. Call (248) 374-5912. The Step-Family Doctor, Pastor Paul Clough, facilitates the group focusing on the issues pertaining to the blended family. Registration best but last minute walk-ins welcome.

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O&E editor Klemic put 'heart and energy into her work'

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Mary Klemic loved writing. Klemic chose journalism as a career while in high school at about the time of Watergate, remembers her sister, Gladys Klemic. Mary closely followed the reporting of the story and it made a strong impression on her, Gladys said.

"Mary saw journalism as a form of community service to provide useful, accurate information to the public," Gladys said. "She had a strong sense that it is important to have a free press to investigate and record events as an unbiased source of truth."

Mary Klemic, who edited a regional Hometownlife section and special sections, and previously the At Home, Arts and Creative Living sections for the *Observer & Eccentric*

Newspapers, died Saturday morning after battling cancer for nearly 10 years. She was 50.

"Mary appreciated the power of well-chosen words to affect people's hearts," Gladys said. "She liked to refer to historical speeches that managed to defuse difficult situations or rouse people to action or persuade them of a good cause. That was important to her — the importance of journalism in the community, that sense of community, justice and the truth. She put a lot of heart and energy into her work." She called Mary a "wonderful sister and a terrific aunt who was generous, considerate and thoughtful."

Klemic's work ethic and dedication will be missed at the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

"The news staff is saddened by Mary's death," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the

O&E and a longtime colleague. "Mary was an award-winning member of the *O&E* family for nearly 25 years. Mary was passionate about her work. She truly loved being a community journalist."

"A former *Observer & Eccentric* Journalist of the Year, Mary was a superb and meticulous copy editor. She was so proud of the *O&E* award because it came from her colleagues," Rosiek added.

A Birmingham resident, Klemic was a member of the Bloomfield Hills Village Club, belonged to the Church of St. Alan in Troy, was active in her condo association board and a member of several organizations supporting arts in the Detroit region, including the Detroit Institute of Arts and Cranbrook House and Garden Auxiliary.

Klemic had a significant impact in publicizing and pro-

moting regional developments in the arts. Linda Chomin, health and community life reporter, began writing for Klemic when she was editor of Creative Living 17 years ago.

"Mary was a strong supporter of the arts community for many years and one of the most versatile reporters I know," she said. "She was always looking for a good story and dedicated to getting the story right. But besides being a co-worker, she was a friend."

Diane Gale Andreassi worked with Klemic as a temporary reporter in the early 1980s, and later as a freelance writer.

Andreassi described her as "brilliant, humble and thoughtful," demonstrating a "keen ability to write the wittiest lead."

Jeanette Keramedjian, who publicized events for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, worked with Klemic for more than 20

years. Her articles helped boost ticket sales and turned the annual events into successes, Keramedjian said.

"Her articles are beautifully written and accurate," she said. "Her articles were beautifully detailed and that's when Mary's personality really came out."

Klemic graduated from St. Mary's of Redford, then graduated with honors from Wayne State University with a degree in mass communications and English, attending on a full scholarship. She worked at *The South End*, WSU's student newspaper, then worked at the *Dearborn/Dearborn Heights Times-Herald* before the *O&E*.

Mary is survived by her parents, John and Rozene Klemic, as well as siblings John Klemic Jr., Gladys (Pepin Carolan), James (Kathryn) and the late Thomas Klemic.

The funeral Mass will be 10



Mary Klemic

a.m. Monday at the Church of St. Alan, 2345 Coolidge (between Maple and Big Beaver roads) in Troy. Friends may arrive at the church beginning at 9:30 a.m. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Sunday and a prayer service is scheduled at 7 p.m. at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14 Mile and Maple roads). Interment will be in St. Michael's Cemetery, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Memorials can be sent to Providence Cancer Center, Providence Health Foundation, 22255 Greenfield Road, Suite 228, Southfield, MI 48075. Condolences can be e-mailed to lynchfuneraldirectors.com.

Cold weather a reminder of needs of needy in our community

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

This week's cold weather has many of us thankful we have warm homes and workplaces. Not everyone's so fortunate.

The Salvation Army is reaching out a helping hand to homeless people and others in need during this cold snap and year-round. If you'd like to support the work of the Salvation Army in eastern Michigan, you can call (877) SAL-MICH or make an online donation at www.salmich.org.

Also under way is planning for the 21st annual Dick Puritan Bed & Bread Radiothon, to be broadcast 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29, from Oakland Mall in Troy in support of the Salvation Army. You can donate now either at www.salmich.org or via the radio sta-

tion WOMC's Web site at www.womc.com.

Checks may be sent to the Salvation Army, Eastern Michigan Division, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, Mich. 48075.

"Unfortunately, the need never seems to go away," said John Hale, interim director of development. Hale cited the successful Red Kettle fund-raising campaign this past Christmas.

For Christmas 2006, the Salvation Army raised more than \$7.1 million, and a \$7.2 million goal was set for Christmas 2007. The effort didn't do well at first, Hale said, but picked up and ended with just over \$8 million raised.

"We started to get some bigger gifts," he said. "One person gave us a quarter of a million

dollars." That was a big help, with needs up significantly, Hale said, citing a 292 percent increase in the suburbs alone.

"So those dollars have been put to good use," said Hale, adding donations for the Dick Puritan Bed & Bread Radiothon can be made by phone at (248) 307-1043. He noted just giving up morning coffee a few days will give you money to support the Radiothon.

Hale said the Feb. 29 event is the largest single-market, single-day radiothon in the U.S. and possibly worldwide. Its goal is \$2.4 million.

"There's still a great need," he said. "It's so dangerous for people to be outside when it's 5 degrees or below."

The Salvation Army in our region provides:

- over 700,000 nights of shelter annually

- shelters more than 2,100 people daily

- serves 9,300 meals a day.

The Puritan event supports a mobile feeding truck, along with several shelters for needy people. The Salvation Army has more than 40 locations in southeast Michigan, some of which like Royal Oak aren't shelters but can be used as such temporarily with mattresses or cots for the multipurpose room.

"It's just too cold to be outside, so we do that," Hale said.

He and other Salvation Army officials particularly appreciate financial contributions. "We're able to use those dollars for purchasing power. We know exactly what we need. It allows us to be flexible," Hale said.

Another nonprofit group helping in Michigan is The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) at 1212 Griswold

St., 10th floor, Detroit, Mich. 48226. Those who need help with utility bills should call (800) 866-THAW (8429).

Information on donating to THAW online is at www.thawfund.org. The nonprofit's e-mail is info@thawfund.org.

"Once the winter season commences, it's always an important time," said John X. Miller, chief executive officer for THAW. THAW just held its own radiothon with co-sponsor WWJ radio, which raised some half million dollars.

"Ninety percent of that will go to help people paying their utility bills," Miller said. THAW gets some matching money from utility companies DTE Energy, Consumers and SEMCO (serving the Thumb), which is appreciated.

Both men agree Detroiters are a generous bunch, even

when times are tough. Hale finds Detroiters "are sharing to help their community and in some cases to help their neighbor."

"Metro Detroit is generally recognized as one of the most philanthropic communities in the country," Miller said. That probably goes to our religious diversity, he said: "I also think it's just part of our culture."

THAW works with people to avert crisis, working on such things as energy conservation. You can better insulate your home, Miller said, turn down the thermostat when going to bed and even be attentive to recharging of a cell phone or laptop.

"We're advocates for long-term solutions for energy issues," Miller said.

Rolling over into IRA is most flexible option when leaving a job

It seems almost weekly we read about layoffs, buyouts or other restructuring plans. If you are in this situation, it is important to review the alternatives and make the right decision. There is, however, one issue that every employee who loses his/her job does have control over and that's what to do with their retirement money.

When someone leaves their employer, regardless of the reason, they have a number of options with regard to their retirement account. The first option is to leave the retirement account as is. Another option



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

savings account into a retirement savings account with the new employer.

I recommend a direct transfer into an IRA because you now

is to directly transfer the retirement money into an individual retirement account (IRA). The third option — if they have a new job — is to directly transfer their old retirement

have 100 percent control of your retirement money. In addition, you can also control cost.

Many retirement plans have high fees that erode an investor's return. Unfortunately, many of these fees are not readily disclosed and unless you do some research you don't know what you're paying. By directly transferring the money into an IRA, you can have better investment options and lower fees.

One of the downsides of leaving the money in your old employer's retirement plan is you are bound by its rules, which may not be as flexible

as you would like. In addition, employers are changing the options within their retirement savings plan at an accelerated rate. You can be in an investment that you like, but because of an employer's change in the plan, you may no longer have that option.

If you directly transfer your money into an IRA, once you purchase an investment it's yours and you don't have to worry about any changes.

I'm not a fan of directly transferring money into a new employer's plan. Once again, it has to do with control over your money. Your new employer can decide to change its investment options and once again you have no say.

I used to have one major exception for individuals who were leaving one of the major auto companies — Ford, General Motors or Chrysler. I used to say you wouldn't be making a mistake by leaving your money in these plans.

Things, however, have changed. Even though the plans offered for their current employees are still good, they're not as good as they used to be. For instance, GM has just gone through a major revamping of its retirement savings program and many funds that were offered are no longer available to investors.

Unfortunately, it's not as easy as just transferring the money into an IRA, because you have

to be leery of the vultures in our society who prey on people leaving their employer. What some financial salespeople do is to put investors into high-cost, underperforming investments. I have seen many retirees who left their company and put their retirement accounts in investment vehicles such as variable annuities, which make no sense whatsoever except for the people selling them. The key to being a good investor is to keep money in your pocket.

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New sports tradition getting out of hand

It's a new but growing high school sports tradition we can do without.

We're talking about National Signing Day, the first day recruits can sign letters of intent to play sports at a college or university.

It's a fairly recent practice which is getting out of hand and, frankly, we in the news business are as guilty as anyone in allowing it to happen.

On National Signing Day — which took place last week in Plymouth-Canton and thousands of school districts across the nation — recruits often stand up in front of their peers, news photographers and cameramen, and announce their college choice to rapturous applause.

It's no knock against this year's local recruits. It takes hard work and dedication to be selected to play major college sports, and their accomplishments are worth celebrating.

But the recent story of one would-be recruit — a football player from rural Nevada who announced he would play for a university which hadn't even contacted him — shows how out of kilter that process has become.

His sad story is an extreme case, but it's also a wake-up call.

What concerns us is that the process singles out only one portion of a school district's achievers.

There's no national signing day for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools students accepted into Ivy League colleges or for those who earn full-ride academic scholarships to the University of Michigan, Michigan State, Georgetown, Howard University or other top institutions of higher learning.

There's also no national signing day for the kids, struggling with Ds and Fs, who take stock of themselves, raise their bad grades and make it into college, any college.

All these young men and women deserve recognition — but together, as a group, perhaps at graduation or at some other kind of collective honors ceremony.

As they say, hold your applause until the end.

Take some simple steps to make flu season safer

Now that we're in the dead of winter, flu season — which got off to a slow start — is just starting to hit its peak.

While the number of cases from October through early January was below average, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control, the number of confirmed cases of influenza has jumped in the last month across the country. In fact, more than 30 states reported widespread influenza activity during the first week of February, and it is only expected to get worse.

The CDC's Influenza Division, which collects and analyzes information on influenza activity in the U.S. each week, reported this week that the status and severity of the flu in our area is currently high.

Between 30 million and 60 million Americans get influenza each year. As anyone who has ever had it can tell you, influenza can be a real pain. It can also be very dangerous. Each year, the disease hospitalizes about 200,000 Americans and kills about 36,000, according to the CDC.

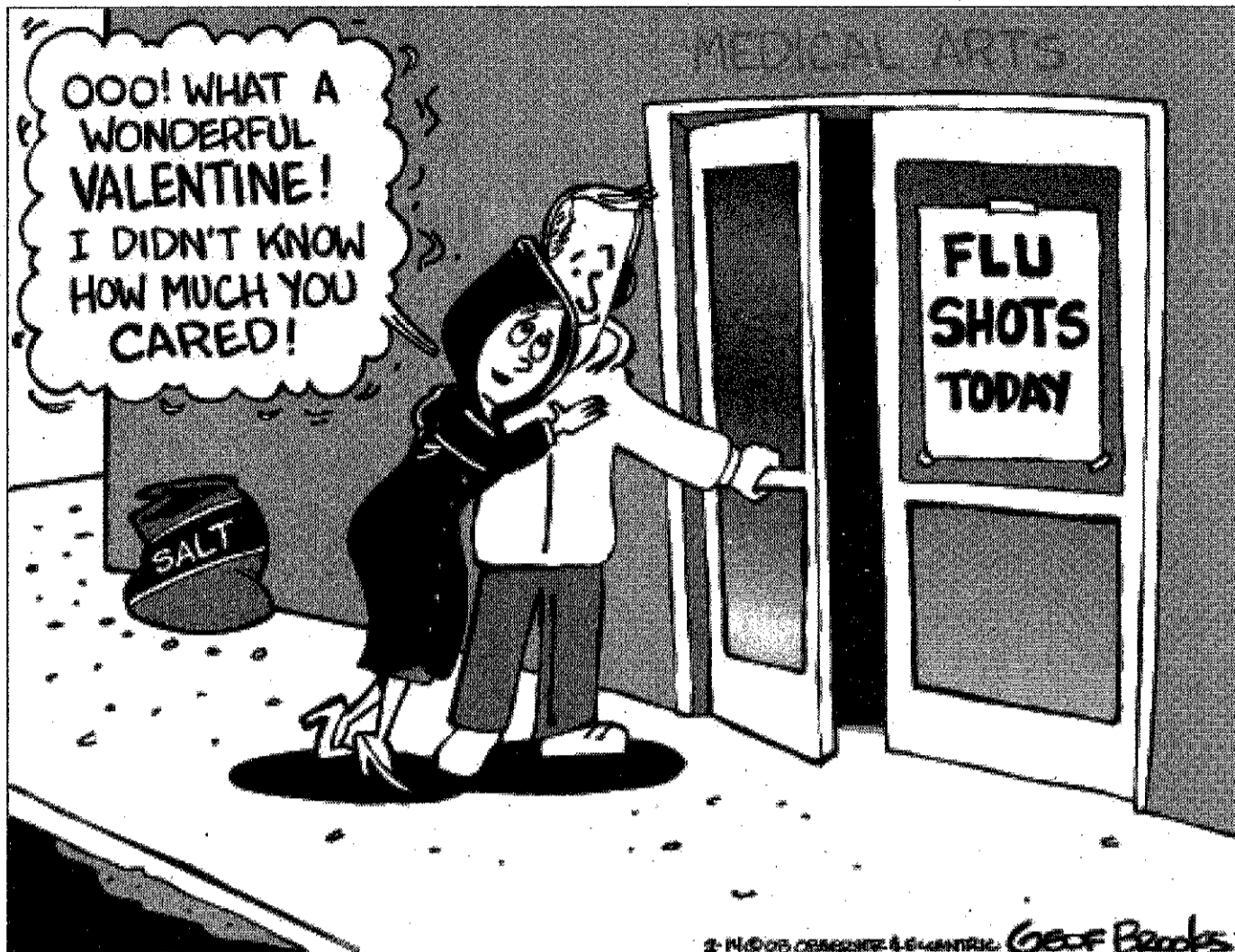
Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by several strains of the influenza virus. Its debilitating symptoms, which can last between two and seven days, include severe headaches, extreme fatigue, high fever, coughing, sore throat and muscle aches. It also can lead to life-threatening complications, such as pneumonia. Young children and adults above the age of 50 are particularly susceptible.

There are a couple of things you can do to minimize your risk of contracting the flu. First and foremost is getting vaccinated. Unlike in years past, when the amount of vaccine ran short, there are still some vaccinations available, including through the Oakland County Health Division — Flu Shot Hotline at (800) 434-3358 — and the Wayne County Department of Public Health, which can be contacted at (734) 727-7000.

Keep in mind, however, health officials are warning that this year's vaccine may not be effective against the strains of influenza currently making their way across the country. Still, they say it is a good idea to get vaccinated nonetheless.

Some other simple steps you can take include frequently washing your hands, and covering your mouth with a tissue (rather than your hand) when you cough or sneeze to keep germs from spreading. Also, getting plenty of sleep will help ward off the virus.

Remember, flu season typically runs through April (and sometimes even into May), so you still have several months to stay vigilant against a disease that impacts up to 20 percent of Americans each year. It takes more than just luck to stay healthy.



LETTERS

Comcast, stop whining

The scene is being replayed many times, in my living room: the Comcast invasion of their marketing muscle, telling us about their negative opinions about AT&T and the Big Ten Network.

Please, Comcast, stop giving us that apple pie image, while maintaining your ambitious course and dominating behavior of trying to crush your competition. I, for one, have waited through a 23-minute wait in your endless message loop, waiting to make human contact.

Try a new corporate game face, by steering some of those bullying dollars that you're spending trying to cripple your competition and embrace us with some good, old-fashioned human voice service.

C.R. Hucul
Plymouth

Recalls 'a petty waste'

As a taxpayer I would like to voice my opinion on these silly attempted recalls of elected officials. This is a complete waste of time and taxpayer money! There is a group of citizens called the Michigan Taxpayer Alliance that serves no purpose other than making the lives of our elected officials even more difficult than they are already.

Why doesn't this special interest group consider finding a way to serve our communities instead of trying to tear them apart?

As a constituent of state Sen. Glenn Anderson and state Rep. Andy Dillon (Speaker of the House), I have received immediate responses to any questions I have brought to either of them.

Andy and Glenn, thank you both for the service you give your constituents and this state. Your dedication will be at the forefront of our great state's turnaround.

People, the next time you find yourself faced with signing a recall petition, instead "ask not what your state can do for you; but what you can do for your state." Recalls are a petty waste of time!

Marti Bush
Redford Township

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

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 the Human Resources of a major 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

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

Do your homework

The Clintons are blamed for injecting race into the Democratic campaign for president. Race has always been an issue along with sexism (gender) and ageism (McCain being too old).

All have been the "elephants in the room" and all forms of media know how to capitalize on each overtly and covertly. Americans need to read opinions of persons they respect, research each candidate then trust their own judgments. We live in a celebrity culture. Each person must be his or her own authority and not be unduly influenced by celebrity endorsements or "experts" on radio, TV, or in books, newspapers and magazines.

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"There's no way they can go without cutting ... We've cut so much the last five years (\$12 million), we've got nowhere else to turn. The greatest impact is something that would turn the board's stomachs, increasing K-2 class size."

- Jim Ryan, Plymouth-Canton school superintendent, on the proposals he made for potential school budget cuts for the 2008-09 year

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Having right to recall lawmakers doesn't make it right thing to do

If Marc Corriveau thinks the recall effort against him is partisan politics at its worst — he does, and it is — he's also smart enough to know it's not the last shot he's going to take from Republicans angered over losing the 20th District they had claimed for so long.

It's simply the latest salvo.



Brad Kadrich

Corriveau, the Democrat from Northville who won the open seat left vacant when former Republican John Stewart (himself, ironically, now a Democrat) was term-limited, was actually targeted last year, when former Republican state lawmaker Leon Drolet dragged a giant ceramic pig through Corriveau's district.

Now, a Plymouth Township resident named John Hett has drafted a recall petition aimed at forcing Corriveau out of office. Hett claims no political affiliation, and political observers don't seem to know much about him.

Hett's claim the recall is just about "one guy who got fed up" with what's going on in Lansing — after the legislature voted to raise taxes to help with the deficit — is a tough notion to swallow in an area as politically charged as this district.

Corriveau isn't the only target. Also in Republican crosshairs are Aldo Vagnozzi, who represents the Farmington-Farmington Hills area, and House Speaker Andy Dillon from Redford.

Want to convince someone these recalls aren't simply political ploys? Then come up with a valid explanation for targeting Vagnozzi, a frail, 82-year-old term-limited representative who'll be out of office this fall in the first place.

Recalling Corriveau might make sense because he's a young up-and-comer some are already touting for the state Senate seat being vacated in two years by Bruce Patterson.

One might think it made more sense for Corriveau's critics to find someone to run against him in November. Fear not, they're going to do that, too. A key Republican strategist said last week Republicans will "throw a lot of money" at the race, hoping to reclaim a seat to which, until two years ago, they could claim squatters' rights.

And those who don't believe such a campaign would turn ugly need only reflect on the 2006

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election, when Republicans waged a nasty campaign against Beth Stewart.

And Stewart (at the time) was a Republican. Like her husband, she has since become a Democrat.

Vagnozzi said he's fighting back with a petition of his own, an unofficial campaign that says, simply, "No to recall." Corriveau isn't waging that kind of campaign and, frankly, both he and Vagnozzi probably have better, more productive things to do.

While Corriveau knows he can ill-afford to just ignore the recall, he also believes Hett isn't behind it, and the fact the real antagonist — Drolet — has made himself scarce has made him hard to combat.

"I will continue to do the job I was elected to do, and do it to the best of my ability, but I can't afford to fall asleep at the switch and ignore this, either," Corriveau said. "But, it's hard to fight a ghost."

The people out in front of these recall efforts certainly have the right to petition, and watching the Legislature slug it out in the closing moments of the budget didn't do much for the popularity of politicians.

The thought here is recalls are a waste of time and don't work often enough to make them a viable option. Unhappy with a legislator? The primary is six months away, plenty of time to find a viable candidate.

That would be an easier path to support than is the dog-and-pony show we're being asked to believe now.

Just because you have the right to do something doesn't mean it's the right thing to do.

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Raising state's dropout age essential in modern economy

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has it right — raise the dropout age and do it now!

Why does Michigan have a law on the books dating back decades that makes it "legal" for children to drop out of school at the age of 16? Whose kids should be allowed



Tom Watkins

to leave school without at least a high school diploma? Yours, mine? Our state policies should mirror what any of us would at a minimum want and expect for our own children.

Times have changed. There was a time in Michigan and America where one could

drop out of school and get a good-paying job at a factory, join the military or work on the family farm. Those days are long gone.

Factories have not hired someone without a high school diploma, let alone a high school dropout, in more than a decade. The armed forces now require at least a high school diploma to join today — GEDs are not readily accepted. And you need exceptional skills and knowledge to be a successful family farmer today.

We have moved from a society where you needed to be able to "lift" for a living to a society where you now need to "think" for a living.

Given today's fast-paced global economy, allowing children to leave school without the education they need and deserve is state-sponsored stupidity at best and institutionalized racism at worst.

If we had the horrific dropout statistics in our white, middle-class suburbs as we do in Native American, African American or Hispanic American communities, Michigan's citizens would be marching on Lansing demanding that our lawmakers do something. If the dropout problem were viewed as a public health issue in our urban centers — it would be labeled an epidemic.

However, it is far more than just raising the legal age at which one can drop out. As responsible adults and educators, there is a moral, societal and economic imperative to develop appropriate alternative programs to educate children so they may, one day, support themselves and their families and fully participate in our democratic society.

We need to move beyond the old Henry Ford slogan, "You can have any color of car you like as long as it is black," and develop a wide array of educational opportunities

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Let's not forget that this is one social problem with a built-in solution. Under Proposal A, Michigan's schools are funded by the number of students attending. The local school district loses a minimum of \$7,200 for every child who drops out.

Once again, Gov. Granholm has urged the state Legislature to adopt legislation that sends a clear message to our students — education matters.

We need to do more than just change the law. We need to change our attitudes, beliefs, and our educational programs to meet the needs of today's students.

Is it OK for your child to leave school at age 16 without an education to survive and thrive in the 21st century? The community and state that truly leave no child behind will also be the community and state that will rule economically. Michigan can only be that state if we are serious about doing all we can to assure our children are prepared to compete in this rapidly changing, disruptive, technologically driven knowledge economy, where ideas and jobs can and do move around the globe.

For Michigan to prosper, we must remember — it is education, stupid.

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Chiefs conquer field in final WLAA event

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Chalk up another victory milestone for Canton's wrestling team, which added to its season-long list of impressive accomplishments by winning Saturday's WLAA Wrestling Championships at Canton.

One week after capturing the star-studded Observerland tournament and three days after completing an unbeaten WLAA dual-meet schedule, the Chiefs

placed 12 wrestlers fifth or higher to outpoint two-time defending champion and runner-up Livonia Franklin, 231.50 to 191.50.

Northville (158), Westland John Glenn (152) and Livonia Stevenson (143) filled out the top five spots in the final standings.

"This was a great team accomplishment today because placing 12 kids is phenomenal in this type of tournament," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "It's exciting to win the league championship because it's the

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first time we've done it since I've taken over the program. It's also extra special because this was the last WLAA tournament, so this group of kids will have this legacy forever."

A pair of Canton wrestlers won their respective weight brackets: 135-pound Steve Cox, who pinned Westland John Glenn's Jared Stephens in 3:30; and 140-pound Brent Winekoff, who held

off Livonia Franklin's Brandon Smith, 14-10, in the title match.

Just as important as the two gold-medal efforts were five second-place finishes for the Chiefs.

"We had a lot of guys really step up today," said Randolph. "I thought Steve Cox turned in a tremendous performance. He's been battling some sickness, like a lot of these kids are this time of year, but he got a pin in the finals against a really good kid

Please see **WRESTLING, B4**

THREE TEAMS, ONE CHAMP

The three P-CEP wrestling teams will battle for a Division 1 District title tonight at Plymouth High School. Following is the schedule for tonight's District 121 tournament:

- 5 p.m. - (Match 1) Plymouth vs. Canton;
- 10 minutes following conclusion of Match 1 - Salem vs. winner of 5 p.m. match.

Sidelines

WLAA girls hoop final

Salem's girls basketball team will square off against Walled Lake Western at 7 p.m. tonight at Walled Lake Northern in the championship game of the WLAA tournament.

Both the Rocks and Warriors own 17-2 records.

The third-place game between Livonia Franklin and Northern will tip off at 5:30 p.m. followed by the naming of the 2007-08 WLAA All-Conference teams.

Ignition camps

The Detroit Ignition is preparing for the 2008 edition of the Major Indoor Soccer League club's summer soccer camp program, which is set to launch in June.

Nearly 1,300 children took part in the organization's camp program last summer.

The summer soccer camp program offers kids between the ages of 6 and 18 the opportunity to learn directly from Ignition players and staff in locations throughout the metro Detroit area. The organization offers open day and evening camps, as well as advanced team/club camps.

Ignition Director of Soccer Operations Mark Pulisic serves as director of the camp program.

"We are very excited as a club as we prepare for the upcoming soccer camp season," Pulisic said. "It is a great opportunity for the young soccer players of southeastern Michigan to learn from our team and spend a week with their favorite players."

Registration information can be found at camps.detroitignition.com or by calling (888) 436-GOAL (4625).

Plymouth 'Y' news

The Plymouth Family YMCA is currently accepting registrations for its Winter II youth sports classes. Programs are filled on a first come-first served basis.

For more information, call (734) 453-2904; or visit www.ymcadowetroit.org.

Among the offerings are:

■ **Sports Sampler** - This fun and active class is a great introduction to a variety of sports that are geared toward 3- to 5-year-olds. It will be held Mondays at 6 p.m., from March 10 through April 21 at First Baptist Church. The fee is \$58 for program members and \$90 for non-members.

■ **Hoop Skills** - The YMCA basketball skills class helps players between the ages of 6 through 8 gain a better understanding of the game. The class will be held Tuesdays at 6 p.m. from March 11 through April 22 at New Morning School. The fee is \$60 for program members and \$92 for non-members.

'Mat'ter of fact: Wrestling's the toughest sport

"Once you've wrestled, everything else in life is easy."

—Dan Gable

I've never been invited on a trip in the Space Shuttle, so I don't have visual, straight-from-my-eyeballs evidence that the earth is round.

But I'm more than certain it is.

And my only first-hand wrestling experience consists of about two hours in seventh-grade gym class, so I don't have much up-close-and-personal knowledge of the sport.

But I'm positive Dan Gable is right.

I'm positive because of things I've observed and heard about the sport during my term as *Observer* sports editor.

There is not an activity at the high school level that is close to being as physically and mentally demanding — but ultimately rewarding — as the relentless sport of wrestling.

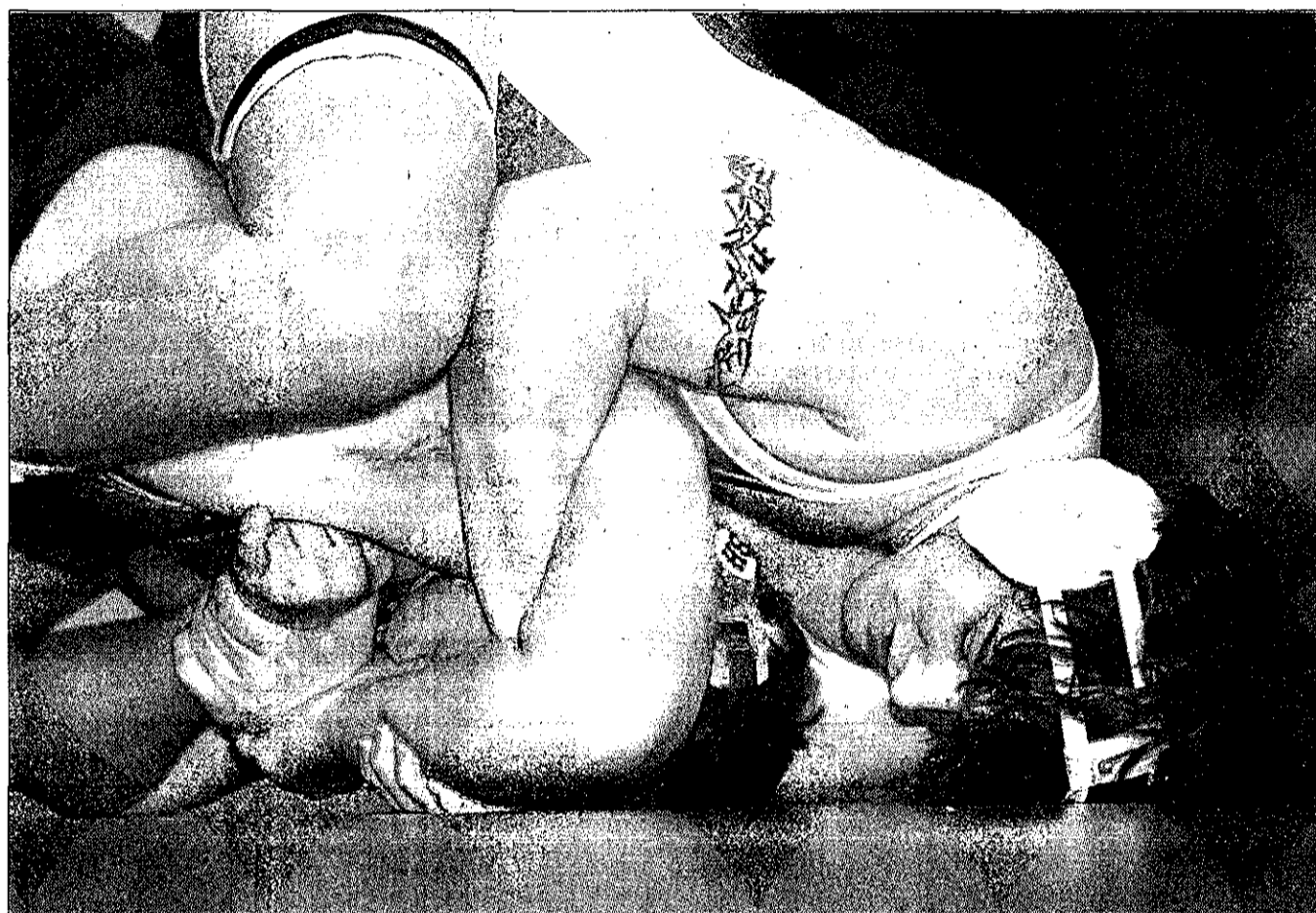
If you beg to differ, you should have been standing beside me Saturday afternoon in the Canton gymnasium for a brief 20-minute or so stretch during the closing stages of the Western Lakes Activities Association Wrestling Championships.

As I watched an epic 160-pound final match between Salem's Jeremy Epley and Livonia Stevenson's Ziad Kharbush unfold, a wrestler who had just finished his match on another mat walked toward me, grabbed the small waste can that was propped against a wall near my feet and — *how can I put this nicely?* — bent down and hurled into the can.

He then grabbed a nearby towel, cleaned off his face, and was on his way.

"Probably a combination of nerves and adrenaline," the guy standing next to me guessed. "It's a tough sport."

As I nodded in agreement, another competitor walked by with blood

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Canton's Dan Wanshon (top) has followed up a stellar senior football season for the Chiefs by compiling a 33-7 record so far in wrestling.

Heart of a Lion

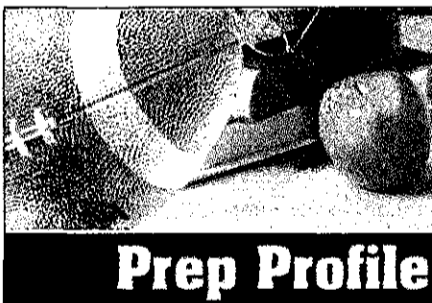
Wanshon's all-out style shines on football field, wrestling mat

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Of all the honors that have been heaped upon Canton's Dan Wanshon the past few years, it's an unpublicized one that is among the most valued by the football/wrestling standout.

"Before last football season, I went with my little brother, Drake, to pick up his equipment for the Plymouth-Canton Steelers," Wanshon said. "He asked for a certain uniform number, but they didn't have it. So he asked the equipment guy, 'Is number 52 still available?' That's my number. I thought that was pretty cool that my little brother wanted to wear my number."

Given Wanshon's all-out, play-from-the-heart style — both on the football field and wrestling mat — it's not surprising he is emulated by his brother and



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many other youngsters who has watched him perform with relentless effort for the Chiefs.

Wanshon has compensated for his lack of blazing speed and less-than-Herculean size with intangibles that are hard to teach and difficult not to admire.

All-out effort

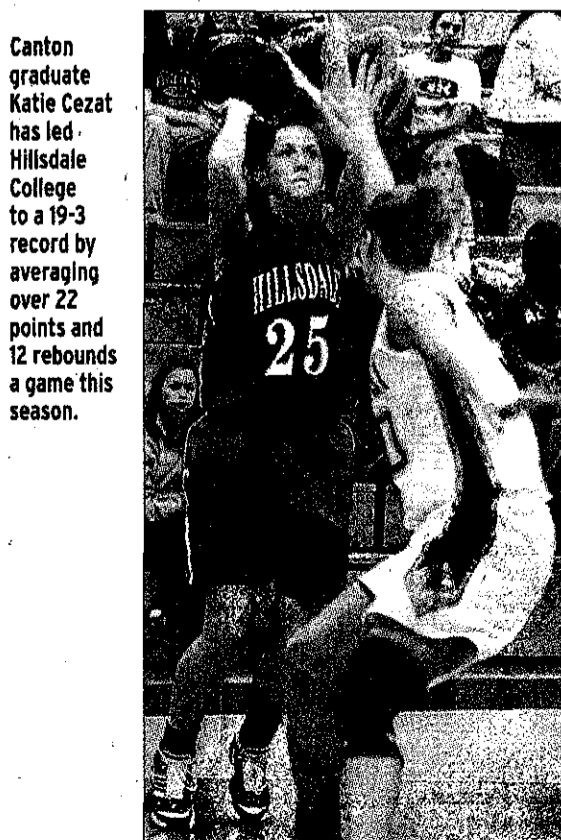
On the gridiron, he's a smaller version of All-Pro linebacker Brian Urlacher,

a smart, aggressive player who wreaks havoc from sideline to sideline.

On the mat, he's compiled a stellar 33-7 record this season despite matching up against significantly heavier opponents on a regular basis.

"Dan has meant a lot to our program," said Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph. "He's a senior captain — just like he was in football — and he's wrestling at 215 even though he weighs about 194, 195, so he's giving up close to 20 pounds against just about everybody he goes up against. He's worked so hard in the weight room, though, that just because he's lighter than the other guys, they're not necessarily stronger than Dan."

"Dan has the capacity to win every match he's in because he does such a

Please see **WANSHON, B2**

Canton graduate Katie Cezat has led Hillsdale College to a 19-3 record by averaging over 22 points and 12 rebounds a game this season.

Worth the wait

Ex-Chief Cezat trades reserve role for starring role at Hillsdale

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The only thing Katie Cezat led the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in during her first two years at Hillsdale College was patience.

But given the chance to show her stuff this season, Cezat has flourished and is among the elite Division 2 scorers and rebounders in the entire country.

Seldom used during her first two years at Hillsdale, Canton's all-time leading scorer and rebounder has been seldom contained this season for the Chargers.

The 5-foot-11 junior forward is piling up numbers that would make Lisa Leslie proud. Heading into tonight's contest against Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

rival Ferris State, the ex-Chief great is averaging 22.6 points per game (second among all Division 2 players) and 12.5 rebounds per contest (ninth in D2).

She's already tied the school record for blocked shots in a season with 29 and has racked up four consecutive GLIAC South Division Player of the Week honors.

Most importantly, she's averaging over 33 minutes a game — roughly 33 minutes more than she averaged last season.

"We had six seniors who were ahead of me last year, so I didn't see the court too much," said Cezat, a junior accounting major. "My first two years here were quite a bit different from what I was used to in high school because I hardly ever sat at Canton."

"I actually played more my fresh-

man year here than I did my sophomore season, so, yeah, it was getting a little frustrating."

The waiting has paid off for Cezat, who has led the Chargers to a 19-3 record and first-place standing in the GLIAC South.

Among her most notable efforts this season are back-to-back 34- and 42-point performances against Grand Valley State and Wayne State, respectively, on Jan. 31 and Feb. 2.

Hillsdale's Cezat-led win over GVS was its first win over the Lakers in five seasons.

She's been a major-league glass cleaner for the Chargers as well, grabbing 25 rebounds in a Jan. 26 victory over Gannon and 21 in a Jan. 3 triumph over Ashland.

Cezat's feats are extra-impres-

Please see **CEZAT, B3**

Salem and Plymouth icers skate to 1-all draw

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Records took a back seat to rivalries Saturday night when the Plymouth and Salem hockey teams faced off in a cross-campus clash played at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

A third-period goal from senior defenseman Ian Barnaby earned the Rocks a 1-1 tie in a high-intensity contest played before a large and pumped-up crowd.

The deadlock left the Wildcats with a 12-8-2 mark while Salem skated off with a 6-12-1 ledger.

Following a well-played but scoreless first period, the Wildcats broke the ice on Connor Dresser's second-period power-play goal from Ryan Callahan and Luke Mirandi.

Barnaby countered with a man-advantage net-finder from fellow defenseman Mike Haburne mid-way through the final stanza.

"We've been encouraging Ian to shoot the puck more and's



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Salem's Joel Cheesman (right), pictured above in a game earlier this season, notched an assist in the Rocks' 1-1 draw with Plymouth Saturday night.

he's been listening," said Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher. "Early in the year, he'd look to pass before shooting, but he's scored our last three goals (over the past two games), so

it's good to see him taking more shots."

The Rocks outshot the Wildcats, 33-15.

"We definitely had our chances to capitalize on more

than one goal," Ossenmacher lamented. "But their goalie (Ryan Schultz) played very well."

Ossenmacher also complimented the play of his own net-minder, Mark Barkoff, who stopped 14 shots.

"He allowed hardly any rebounds, which was huge," said Ossenmacher.

The Rocks' strategist also beamed about the play of Dave Russell, who he deemed "overall the best player on the ice for us Saturday night."

The game ended on a sour note as tempers flared and the 10 non-goals on the ice scuffled briefly with five seconds remaining. All 10 will be suspended for each team's next game, Ossenmacher confirmed.

"It's unfortunate that had to happen because up to that point with five seconds left it was a very well played, clean game by both teams," said Ossenmacher.

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great job of thinking ahead and figuring out what it's going to take to win. He's the same way on the football field — he anticipates so well that he knows where the play is going to go before anybody else."

Starting from scratch

Despite zero practical wrestling experience, Wanshon followed Randolph's advice and joined the team as a freshman.

The two-way starter on the Chiefs' freshman football team wrestled at 135 pounds his first season.

"Coach Randolph came up to me during football season my freshman year and said he thought I was pretty athletic and that I'd be a pretty good fit for wrestling," Wanshon remembered. "He also said wrestling would help me become a better football player, which it did.

"At first, I didn't know if I wanted to wrestle because it was a pretty time-consuming sport, but I've liked it more every year, especially this year because I'm winning more.

"Coach Randolph always pushes us to break through the mental barriers that we face in wrestling because it will help us later in life."

Better with age

Wanshon started seeing significant varsity wrestling time last season when he compiled a 25-20 mark at 215 pounds. This year he's catapulted into the elite group of 215-pounders in the Observerland area as his runner-up finish at Saturday's WLAA Championship meet proves.

"Dan's one of those kids who has committed himself and bought into the wrestling and football programs here at Canton," said Randolph. "He's

developed a special bond with our two other senior captains — Rodger Kropp and Adam Powers. They not only workout together and lift together in the off-season, but they really get after each other in the wrestling room."

The big stage

Wanshon, a hard-hitting linebacker, was promoted to the Canton's varsity football team in time for the 2005 post-season run that ended with a close loss to Rockford in the Division I state title game. He started on special teams and was credited with four tackles in a reserve line-backing role against the Rams.

"I'll never forget walking out of the tunnel onto the field before that game," said Wanshon. "I've never had goose-bumps like that before and probably never will again."

Wanshon was a starting linebacker the past two years, during which the Chiefs posted 12-1 and 5-4 records, respectively.

He earned first-team All-WLAA and All-Observerland accolades following the 2007 campaign.

"It was very disappointing that we didn't make the playoffs this year, especially because two of our losses were by a total of three points, but I can honestly say I had as much fun playing football this year as I ever have," said Wanshon.

As for Drake Wanshon, it looks as if he's following in his brother's impressive footsteps.

"He had one game for the Steelers last year when he had about 10 tackles and he returned a fumble for a touchdown," Dan Wanshon said. "I told him I never came close to doing something like that when I played for the Steelers."

Like his older brother, Drake Wanshon is doing No. 52 proud.

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Whalers set for pivotal weekend

The Plymouth Whalers (29-21-2) face two important Western Conference opponents Friday and Saturday as the Ontario Hockey League's regular season moves into the final six weeks.

While veterans Jeremy Smith, Wes Cunningham, Chris Terry, Andrew Fournier, A.J. Jenks and Brett Bellemore lead the Whalers in ice time, Plymouth head coach Greg Stefan is starting to depend on some of the younger Whalers as the season wears on. Second-

year forwards Vern Cooper and Kaine Geldart, and rookie wingers Tyler J. Brown and Tyler G. Brown — among others — are starting to see ice time in all situations as the Whalers try to balance winning while developing their young group.

There's a good chance Stefan will not be behind the bench this week. The Ontario Hockey league suspended Stefan — along with Kingston head coach Larry Mavety — after a fight-filled third

period last Sunday in Kingston's 7-4 victory over the Whalers at the Kingston Memorial Centre.

If Stefan is not behind the bench, assistants Joe Stefan (Greg's brother) and Brian Sommariva serve as the team's strategists.

On Friday, Plymouth visits Saginaw (25-21-4-2) for an 7:11 p.m. game at the Dow Event Center. The rivalry between the Whalers and Spirit continues to grow with Plymouth winning three of the five games played so far this season. Saginaw's offense revolves around veterans Jack Combs (34 goals, 47 assists), Ryan McDonough (36-27) and Tomas

Zaborsky (25-27).

On Saturday, Kitchener (40-9-1-2) visits Plymouth for a 7:05 p.m. game at Compuware Arena. The Whalers are set to host the top-ranked team in the Canadian Hockey League during "Hockey Day" in Michigan. During the game, the Whalers will honor the Compuware Youth House program — also known as the I-275 League — as the Compuware AAA 98's, who won the Whitby, Ont. Silver Sticks tournament earlier this season, will be on hand.

For tickets, call (734) 453-8400 or go to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.

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 28, 2008 for the following:

LIBERTY FEST TENTS, TABLES & CHAIRS

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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Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc. will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 45229 Michigan Ave Canton MI 48188 (734)397-0082 on 2/29/08 at 12:30 pm.** Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:
1013 - Lissa Seiber - Microwave, TV, Sofa
2011 - James Clippert - 4 Kitchen Chairs, 1 Office Chair, 2 End Tables
3018 - Bonzell Joins - China Cabinet, Sofa, 50 Boxes
4027 - Jason Brodie - Computer, Dresser, Tool Box
4201 - Russell Pfeifer - 3 Bikes, 5 totes, 3 tool boxes
4237 - Jeri Luce - Bike, 20 Boxes, TV
5008 - Amicie Crayton - Couch, Loveseat, Vanity
5107 - Gloria and Lonnie Parham - Bicycle, 30 Boxes, Floor Buffer
5150 - Angelik Lancaster - Printer, Lawnmower, 20 Boxes
5260 - Amy McLellan - Stroller, Microwave, Misc Items

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

FY 2006 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT FY 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

On February 28, 2008, at 3 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Rooms, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the above captioned activity. The purpose of the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report ("CAPER") is to report on Community Development Block Grant activities for FY 2006 (July 1, 2006—June 30, 2007). The CAPER is available for inspection at the Community Services Division during regular business hours. In addition there will be a public hearing to consider resident project proposals for the FY 2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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2008 SITE IMPROVEMENTS COPPER CREEK CONDOMINIUMS

The removal of 4,900 square yards of existing 7-inch concrete pavement with integral curb and gutter and replacing with 8-inch concrete pavement, excavation and subsurface drainage improvements including 1,700 feet of underdrain, drainage structure adjustments, sidewalk repairs, restoration and related work.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Canton Township Hall, Engineering - 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. A nonrefundable fee of \$ 40.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required.

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

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.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH 2008 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Plymouth Board of Review will be conducting the 2007 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, for an Organization Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Thursday, March 6, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Monday, March 10, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 11, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 13, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 15, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETE 2008 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall, prior to your appointment. The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Saturday, March 15, 2008 by 3:00 p.m.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Saturday, March 15, 2008 by 3:00 p.m.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review Meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act."

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at 734-453-1234, ext. 253 or 252.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Bid for Gym Floor Remodeling for Eriksson, Fiegel, Field, and Hulsing Elementary Schools.** Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; (248)-427-8400; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.

Bid Division descriptions include:

103: Selective Demolition
124: Wood Flooring
151: Cafeteria Folding Pocket Tables

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at the Main Office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335. Bidders are STRONGLY encouraged to attend. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 2 bid copies (1 original, 1 copy) and a valid familial disclosure statement. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before **2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 26, 2008** where they will be opened and read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
STEVEN SNEIDEMAN, Secretary

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Comets soar to Canton Invite title

Local results: Salem finishes 8th, Canton 9th, Plymouth 16th

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The two top-ranked gymnastics teams in the state lived up to the hype at Saturday's Canton Invitational.

Top-ranked Grand Ledge nipped second-ranked Farmington United, 149.250-148.750, to capture first place in the talent-rich tournament.

Livonia Blue turned in a strong third-place showing with a score of 144.900, one point ahead of fourth-place Troy Athens.

A trio of Observerland contingents placed 7th through 9th: Livonia Red (139.900), Salem (138.650) and the host Chiefs (137.725).

Canton was without the talents of senior captain Jessie Murray, who was absent due to a school-related overseas trip.

Plymouth placed 16th in the 17-team field with 116.050 points.

Grand Ledge's Meaghan McWhorter earned Division 1 all-around honors by racking up 38.300 points, less than a point more than second-place Kristin Nagle of Farmington. Livonia Red's Paula Guzik was third.

Farmington's Jill Haapaniemi was the top all-around point-earner in Division 2, finishing with 38.700, just ahead of second-place Maddie Burman of Grand Ledge.

Outstanding individual efforts were turned in by Livonia Blue's Laura Nomura (second in D2 vault and second in floor exercise); Guzik (third in D1 balance beam); Salem's Brittany Young (fifth in D2 balance beam); Robyn Piwowar (tie for third in D1 floor exercise); and Livonia Blue's Emily Quint, who finished third on the vault in Division 1.

CANTON INVITATIONAL

SATURDAY AT PLYMOUTH H.S.

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Grand Ledge, 149.250; 2. Farmington, 148.750; 3. Livonia Blue, 144.900; 4. Troy Athens, 143.900; 5. Northville, 142.075; 6. Sturgis, 140.675; 7. Livonia Red, 139.900; 8. Salem, 138.650; 9. Canton, 137.725; 10. Portage, 137.625; 11. Holt, 132.850; 12. Howell, 132.375; 13. Freeland, 130.600; 14. Brighton, 124.250; 15. Jackson County Western, 123.875; 16. Plymouth, 116.050; 17. Hartland, 83.950.

VAULT

DIVISION 1

1. Alexis Byington (GL), 9.70; 2. Meaghan McWhorter (GL), 9.675; 3. Emily Quint (LIV-B), 9.625; 4. Kristin Nagle (FRM), 9.525; 5. Paula Guzik (LIV-R), 9.475; 6. Kaitlin Adds (STG), 9.40; 7. Carleigh Felstead (GL), 9.350; 8. Alexis Johnson (HNL), 9.20; 9. Meghan Powers (LIV-B), 9.175; 10. (tie) Katie Koetting (SAL), Makenna Pohl (N) and Cathy Huang (C), 9.150.

DIVISION 2

1. Nichole Wood (HLT), 9.575; 2. Laura Nomura (LIV-B), 9.50; 3. Brianna Maroudis (PRT), 9.425; 4. Maddie Burman (GL), 9.30; 5. Allison Kemp (N), 9.20; 6. Lena Schneewind (FRM), 9.175; 7. Karen Guo (TA), 9.150; 8. Chelsea Umlauf (FRL), 9.125; 9. Amy Ancona (FRM), 9.10; 10. (tie) Jill Haapaniemi (FRM) and Kelsey Pierce (GL), 9.075.

UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS

DIVISION 1

1. Meaghan McWhorter (GL), 9.70; 2. Alexis Byington (GL), 9.450; 3. Makenna Pohl (N), 9.250; 4. (tie) Kristin Nagle (FRM) and Elana Cocke (FRM), 9.20; 6. Paula Guzik (LIV-R), 9.175; 7. Kallie Strazdas (PRT), 9.10; 8. Emily Quint (LIV-B), 9.050; 9. Meghan Powers (LIV-B), 8.975; 10. Samantha Kohl (FRM), 8.925.

DIVISION 2

1. Jill Haapaniemi (FRM), 8.925; 2. Kelsey Pierce (GL), 8.850; 3. Allison Kemp (N), 8.825; 4. Chelsea Umlauf (FRL), 8.750; 5. Nichole Wood (HLT), 8.575; 6. (tie) Nicole Olweean (PRT) and Jackie Stewart (TA), 8.450; 8. Maddie Burman (GL), 8.425; 9. Brianna Maroudis (PRT), 8.350; 10. Amy Reynolds (N), 8.30.

BALANCE BEAM

DIVISION 1

1. Kaitlin Adds (STG), 9.70; 2. Kristin Nagle (FRM), 9.675; 3. Paula Guzik (LIV-R), 9.60; 4. Naomi Cherup (TA), 9.575; 5. Meaghan McWhorter (GL), 9.525; 6. Kallie Strazdas (PRT), 9.50; 7. Michelle Mather (TA), 9.475; 8. Katie Koetting (SLM), 9.425; 9. (tie) Meghan Powers (LIV-B) and Brooke Madzia (TA), 9.350.

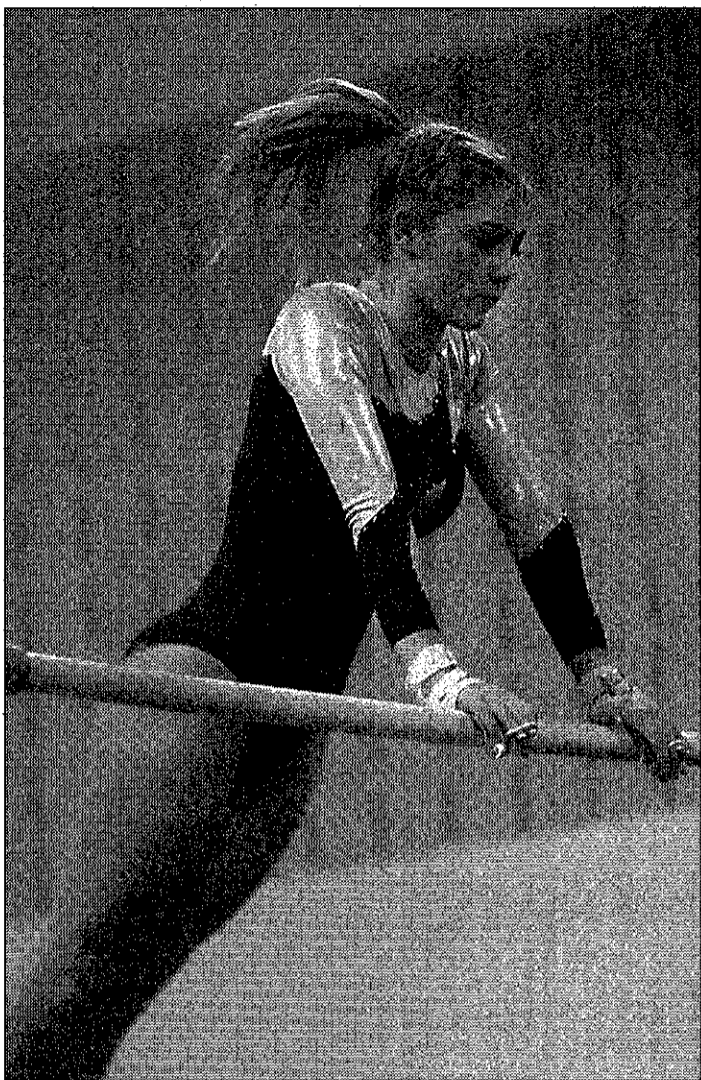
DIVISION 2

1. Amy Ancona (FRM), 9.425; 2. Kelsey Pierce (GL), 9.375; 3. Amy Reynolds (N), 9.325; 4. Kelly Madzia (TA), 9.250; 5. Brittany Young (SLM), 9.175; 6. (tie) Brianna Maroudis (PRT) and Laura Nomura (LIV-B), 9.150; 8. Jill Haapaniemi (FRM), 9.125; 9. Chelsea Umlauf (FRL), 9.10; 10. (tie) Maddie Burman (GL) and McKyleigh Gaddard (GL), 9.050.

FLOOR EXERCISE

DIVISION 1

1. Kristin Nagle (FRM), 9.675; 2. Elana Cocke (FRM), 9.625; 3. (tie) Alexis Byington



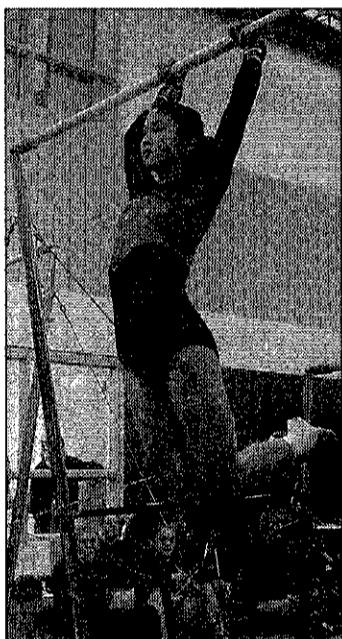
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Salem's Autumn Collins, pictured above in a meet earlier this year, helped lead the Rocks to an eighth-place finish at Saturday's Canton Invitational.



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Plymouth's Jordan Brodehl dismounts off the balance beam during Saturday's Canton Invitational.



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Canton's Cathy Huang, pictured above in a meet earlier this season, performed well during the Chiefs' ninth-place performance at Saturday's Canton Invitational.

(GL) and Robyn Piwowar (C), 9.500; 5. (tie) Kaitlin Adds (STG), Emily Quint (LIV-B), Katie Koetting (SLM), 9.50; 8. Makenna Pohl (N), 9.450; 9. (tie) Meaghan McWhorter (GL) and Brooke Madzia (TA), 9.40.

DIVISION 2

1. Jill Haapaniemi (FRM), 9.575; 2. Laura Nomura (LIV-B), 9.50; 3. McKyleigh Gaddard (GL), 9.450; 4. Amy Ancona (FRM), 9.425; 5. Maddie Burman (GL), 9.40; 6. (tie) Mary Boyd (STG) and Karen Guo (TA), 9.125; 8. Chelsea Umlauf (FRL), 9.10; 9. Mallory Hudak (C), 9.075; 10. Monica Cauley (HNL), 9.050.

ALL-AROUND

DIVISION 1

Meaghan McWhorter (GL), 38.300; 2. Kristin Nagle (FRM), 38.075; 3. Paula Guzik (LIV-R), 37.625; 4. Kaitlin Adds (STG), 37.375; 5. Alexis Byington (GL), 37.300; 6. Emily Quint (LIV-B), 37.275; 7. (tie) Katie Koetting (SLM) and Meghan Powers (LIV-B), 36.700; 9. Kallie Strazdas (PTG), 36.525; 10. Brooke Madzia (TA), 36.450.

DIVISION 2

1. Jill Haapaniemi (FRM), 36.700; 2. Maddie Burman (GL), 36.175; 3. Chelsea Umlauf (FRL), 36.075; 4. Amy Ancona (FRM), 35.950; 5. Brianna Maroudis (PTG), 35.850; 6. Allison Kemp (N), 35.775; 7. Nichole Wood (HLT), 35.350; 8. Monica Cauley (HNL), 34.750; 9. Kelly Madzia (TA), 34.325; 10. (tie) Mallory Hudak (C) and Katerina Kariotis (SLM), 34.075.

Mustangs zone out Rock cagers, 74-51

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Northville's always-perplexing zone defense was long-armed and dangerous Tuesday night in its first-round WLAA playoff game against visiting Salem.

The Mustangs' long and lanky defenders forced 21 turnovers — 12 in the first half — on the way to a 74-51 triumph over the Rocks.

Northville will take an 11-7 record into Friday's semifinal contest against Westland John Glenn.

Salem, which dropped its third straight decision, will take an 8-10 mark into Friday's consolation-bracket home game against Plymouth.

Greg Hasse, who recently signed a letter of intent to play football at Wayne State University, led the winners with 18 points. Dan Kirkpatrick netted 15 points, five rebounds and six steals; and Dan Burke added 14 points and six boards.

Grant Stone led the Rocks with 18 points and seven rebounds. Ross Davis added nine points and seven boards.

Salem showed plenty of spark early and led 10-6 four minutes in on an offensive rebound by Jesse Pointer.

However, the Mustangs

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reeled off a 25-2 run that stretched from the 2:30 mark of the first quarter to the 1:30 mark of the second to secure 31-14 advantage that would never be threatened.

Burke led the surge with eight points — seven coming in a 70-second explosion mid-way through the second quarter when he converted a pair of offensive rebounds and a long triple.

Northville led 35-20 at the half and 56-36 with eight minutes to play.

The Rocks put together a 10-0 run to start the fourth quarter, which brought them to within 56-46. However, Northville scored the next 11 points to put a cap on the victory.

Salem went 18-for-54 from the field (33 percent) and 12-for-13 from the free throw line (92 percent).

Northville hit 29-of-59 field goals (49.1 percent) and 11-of-16 free throws (68.7).

JOHN GLENN 73, PLYMOUTH 33: State-ranked Westland John Glenn (17-1) invoked a second-half running clock en route to a 40-point, first-round WLAA playoff win Tuesday at home over the Wildcats (6-12).

Senior forward Stefan Marken

paced a balanced Glenn scoring attack with 17 points.

Others in double figures for the Rockets included Keshawn Martin (15), Earl Hardison (11) and Dorian Prather (10). Austin Anderson also contributed eight.

The Rockets were 9-of-12 from the foul line, while Plymouth was 6-of-13.

Glenn led 22-5 after one quarter and 41-16 at intermission. The Rockets opened up a 40-point advantage with 4:34 to go in the game.

Senior guard Brandon Roberts scored eight for Plymouth.

STEVENSON 58, CANTON 49: Senior Pat York and junior Ricky Chrzasz popped in 18 and 13 points, respectively, leading Livonia Stevenson (7-1) to a WLAA consolation round win against the host Chiefs (5-13).

Stevenson led 25-19 at halftime and 39-35 after three quarters before outscoring Canton 19-14 during the final period.

"Both Pat (York) and Ricky (Chrzasz) really stepped up and played well tonight," said Stevenson first-year coach Mike Allie, whose team shot 12-of-15 from the foul line.

Chris Bailey scored 10 to lead the Chiefs. Marlon Glenn, Will Tidwell and Dan Stoney each added eight.

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Wildcats' big second quarter spells doom for Churchill

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points each.

Lindsey Graciak led the Chargers with eight points.

The Wildcats hit 7-of-12 free throws (58.3 percent) while Churchill was 7-of-10 from the charity stripe.

Plymouth led 29-23 after three quarters.

CANTON 58, LIVONIA STEVENSON 40: On Monday, the Chiefs closed out their regular season slate with an impressive win over the Spartans.

The victory improved Canton's record to 6-14 heading into Monday's Class A District opener against Livonia Ladywood.

The Spartans dropped to 4-16.

Senior forward Baylee

Hollowell paced the Chiefs with a 23-point, 12-rebound performance.

Freshman forward Kayla Bridges also shined, scoring 16 points. Sophomore guard Kaylie Martin chipped in with seven points for Canton.

Kaylee McGrath led Stevenson with 11 points.

Stevenson led 13-12 after one quarter before Canton stormed back to take a 28-24 halftime lead and 47-32 advantage after three quarters.

"We came out and played with a lot of focus in the third quarter," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "Baylee had a great game and Kayla did a nice job of getting to the rim. We also got a lot of good energy off the bench from sophomores Lindsey Winters and Alyssa Cottrell."

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CEZAT

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sive considering she's battling against players significantly taller and heavier than her.

"I'm usually giving up two or three inches and 20 to 30 pounds," she said. "But I've been able to use my quickness to my advantage against the bigger girls."

"My post moves have improved since high school and I've extended my shooting range to just within the three-point line. If my foot's on the line, I know I'm OK."

Cezat was named a captain prior to the season. The leadership role is fitting for the Chargers' top player because she can relate to every player on the team.

"The girls who don't play much know I've been where they are, so they listen to me," she said. "After not playing

much my first two years, I don't take anything for granted now."

Cezat is excelling in the classroom as well.

She's compiled a 3.2 grade-point average and has a promising career as a certified public accountant awaiting her upon graduation in the summer of 2009.

"I served an internship at an

accounting firm in Southfield last summer, and I really learned a lot," she said. "I'm looking forward to my career as a CPA."

But first, she has another season plus to shine in her current field — certified public scoring and rebounding machine.

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Ignition falls 15-10 to Monterrey

The Detroit Ignition was defeated 15-10 by La Raza de Monterrey Saturday at Arena Monterrey.

The loss dropped the Ignition to 12-7 in the Major Indoor Soccer League standings. Monterrey, an

MISL expansion team, improved to 8-11.

The Ignition struck first just five minutes into the first quarter as defender Jonathan Greenfield notched a two-point score.

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WRIGHT

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streaming down the side of his face from a cut near his ear. The bloody ear-to-ear smile he wore told me he was the winner. "You should see the guy he beat," the guy standing next to me cracked.

"Gold medals aren't really made of gold. They're made of sweat, determination, and a hard-to-find alloy called guts."

—Dan Gable

What makes wrestling such a grueling sport isn't necessarily the all-day Saturday tournaments or the mid-week dual meets — it's the out-of-the-spotlight practices and camps that fall in between.

Just like diamonds are formed by unimaginable pressure, stud wrestlers are formed by unimaginable work habits and a dedication to the craft that is unparalleled unless you've spent close to 20 hours a week working your tail off in a padded wrestling room.

A few years ago while interviewing a senior grappler for a feature story, I asked him what he'd miss the most

once his wrestling career was over. "I'll miss the competitions," he said, "but not much else. Truthfully, it wasn't a lot of fun. But you know what, I'm a better person for having wrestled."

"The 1st period is won by the best technician. The 2nd period is won by the kid in the best shape. The 3rd period is won by the kid with the biggest heart."

Gable

—Dan

It became apparent as the final seconds of the third period of the

Epley-Kharbush match ticked down that both their hearts — figuratively speaking — were the size of basketballs because the score was tied and headed to overtime.

Even Dan Gable would have been riveted by this battle-for-every-inch-of-leverage struggle between the unbeaten Kharbush and the twice-beaten Epley.

Unlike basketball players who can relax for a moment when the ball is deflected out of bounds, or football players who can catch their breath and harness their adrenaline rushes in the huddle, there is no rest — either mental or physical — for

wrestlers, who will find themselves staring up into the gymnasium's fluorescent lights with their shoulder blades pinned to the mat if they lose their focus for even a split second.

Kharbush eventually won, 7-6. As he and Epley walked off the mat to a rousing ovation, they almost assuredly knew that anything else they did that day, this week, this lifetime, would be easy compared to the struggle they had just endured.

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WRESTLING

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who was a state-qualifier and is ranked No. 4 in the state.

"Our upper-weight guys also wrestled extremely well. Our guys from 171 and up finished second, second, second and fourth, and all three of the guys in the finals had a good opportunity to win. We'll work on a few technique issues with them so that if they meet those kids again they'll have a chance to win."

Randolph also noted the effort of 112-pound sophomore Connor Johnson, who placed fifth after not being seeded at the outset of the tournament.

"I couldn't be prouder of Connor," said Randolph. "He showed a lot of heart and determination."

Thanks to three individual champions, Livonia Churchill placed sixth with 133, eight points ahead of seventh-place Salem.

The field was rounded out by Walled Lake Central (77), Walled Lake Northern (67), Plymouth (51), Walled Lake Western (48) and Wayne Memorial (5).

Two Patriots placed first: Jared Pieknik, who edged Walled Lake Northern's Hunter West, 8-6, in the 112-pound final; and Dan Woodall, who outlasted Canton's Adam Powers, 12-7, in the 189-pound finale.

The Rockets' fourth-place showing was highlighted by championship efforts from Anthony Pavlich (103) and Jeremiah Austin (125).

Stevenson's unbeaten Ziad Kharbush won what was arguably the most intense match of the day — a 7-6 overtime triumph over Salem's Jeremy Epley. Matt Greenman (215) also battled to a title with a narrow 7-5 victory over Canton's Dan Wanshon.

Churchill's triumvirate of champions included 152-pounder Dan Small, 171-pounder Brian Ziemba and heavyweight Mark Parrish.

Salem's lone titlist was Kevin Hayter, who won at 130 by doubling up Northville's Evan Bentley, 12-6, in the first-place showdown.

WLAA WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

SATURDAY AT CANTON

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Canton, 231.50; 2. Livonia Franklin, 191.50; 3. Northville, 158; 4. Westland John Glenn, 152; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 143; 6. Livonia Churchill, 133; 7. Salem, 125; 8. Walled Lake Central, 77; 9. Walled Lake Northern, 67; 10. Plymouth, 51; 11. Walled Lake Western, 48; 12. Wayne Memorial, 5.

103 pounds: 1. Anthony Pavlich (JG) pinned Waleed Faraj (C) in 2:09; 3. Jacob Smith (WLC) pinned Devin Stratton (S) in 0:50; 5. Steve Tuyo (LF) pinned Jimmy Ahearn (P) in 2:01.

112: 1. Jared Pieknik (LF) decisively Hunter West (WLN), 8-6; 3. Josh Austin (JG) pinned Michael Fobar (LS) in 2:13; 5. Connor Johnson (C) dec. Mike Bagian (N), 6-4.

119: 1. Johnny D'Anna (N) dec. Justin Jacobsen (LF), 8-6; 3. Carl Lucke (C) dec. Steve D'Annunzio (P), 6-3; 5. Keith Roberts (LC) dec. Ray Kort (WLC), 4-3.

125: 1. Jeremiah Austin (JG) dec. Donnie Watkins (C), 12-5; 3. Dave Kort (WLC) dec. John Hebert (N), 8-5; 5. Tommy Myshock (LS) pinned Kevin Bennett (S) in 2:59.

130: 1. Kevin Hayter (S) dec. Evan Bentley (N), 12-6; 3. Jeremy Filippelli (C) dec. Mitch Gonzalez (LS), 5-4; 5. Jordan Lutren (WLN) dec. Artem Gazaryants (WLC), 7-0.

135: 1. Steve Cox (C) pinned Jared Stephens (JG) in 3:30; 3. Dave Pichla (WLN) dec. Matt Ladhoff (N), 3-2; 5. Andrew Murray (LC) dec. Anthony Mainella (LS), 7-6.

140: 1. Brent Winekoff (C) dec. Brandon Smith (LF), 14-10; 3. JonPaul Gaffke (LC) won by major decision over Aaron Towne (N), 11-1; 5. Dan McCahill (JG) dec. Mark Wann (WLN), 6-2.

145: 1. Brian Bagian (N) dec. Raz Markosian (LS), 7-1; 3. Zaid Ammari (JG) won by injury default over Brandon Billiau (LF); 5. Justin Kane (S) dec. Josh Gustitus (LC), 4-2.

152: 1. Dan Small (LC) dec. Eric Kitada (WLN), 13-8; 3. Matt Hagan (N) pinned Keith Zech (C) in 2:08; 5. Elvin Ferreira (LF) won by major decision over Patrick Roeser (WLN), 9-0.

160: 1. Ziad Kharbush (LS) dec. Jeremy Epley (S), 7-6; 3. Gary Lawrence (JG) dec. Don Stratz (LF), 10-3; 5. Nick Mudar (N) dec. Steve Van Maele (WLN), 5-1.

171: 1. Brian Ziemba (LC) dec. Rodger Kropp (C), 4-2; 3. Austin Root (S) dec. Garrett Hay (LF), 3-2; 5. Kevin Mantay (N) dec. Jeff Adkins (JG), 7-2.

189: 1. Dan Woodall (LF) dec. Adam Powers (C), 12-7; 3. Emanuel Onwuemene (LS), 7-5; 5. Vince Darolfi (P) pinned Sam Lepper (S) in 0:50.

215: 1. Matt Greenman (LS) dec. Dan Wanshon (C), 7-6; 3. Anthony Pomerson (P) dec. Cody Hay (LF), 6-2; 5. Andy Lall (WLC) dec. Zach Leifinen (WLN), 7-3.

285: 1. Mark Parrish (LC) dec. Mike Moses (LF), 8-7; 3. Austin Micalef (LS) dec. Luke Konsitzke (C), 3-2; 5. Joe Alverson (WLN) pinned Dustin Gajowski (JG) in 2:00.

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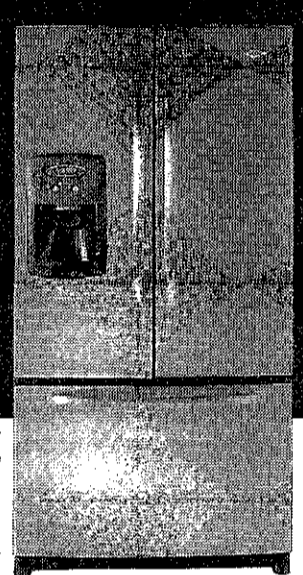
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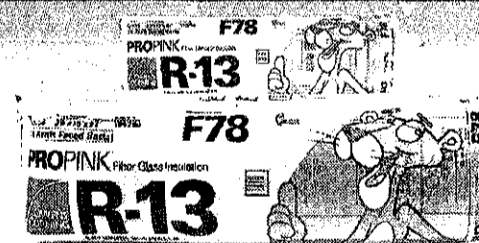
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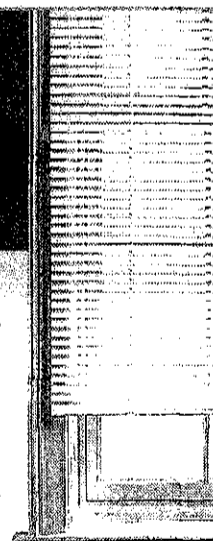


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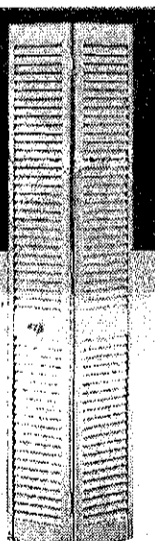
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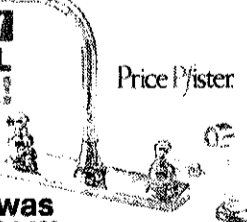
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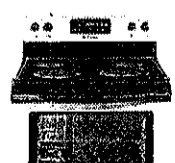


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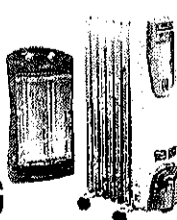
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Real Estate

Home a big buy: Use smarts, BBB, lawyer agree

BY JULIE BROWN
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Buying a home? Even if you get a great deal in this buyers' market, there are still some common sense tips you should heed.

Both Tim Burns, public affairs director for the Better Business Bureau serving Eastern Michigan, and local attorney Mark McConnell urge you to read the fine print — and know what you're signing.

"Everybody has different circumstances when they go into a real estate transaction," said Westland resident McConnell, an attorney with the Angelo Plakas firm in that city. Whether you're buyer or seller, a knowledgeable attorney "taking into note that particular person's interests is helpful."

He and fellow lawyers have seen complications arise when people buy homes.

"There could be some issues with title," McConnell said. "Sometimes the contracts are boilerplate and they may not address a person's specific situation."

Real estate law changes, he noted, so it's good to have a lawyer who's well-versed in the field: "It should be an attorney who handles real estate matters."

Clawson resident Burns, with the BBB based in Southfield, also has tips for those buying homes. He points with pride to a new BBB book, *Better Business Bureau Buying a Home: Insider's Guide to Success*. It's available at Barnes & Noble, Borders and through amazon.com as well as the BBB.

"It's literally a walk-through for everything you need to be a smart shopper," he said of the \$19.95 book, which also covers homes as investments and was published through the BBB's national system.

"It's important to make sure you go and actually look at properties," Burns said. "Don't rely simply on curb appeal." He urges homebuyers to negotiate for the best deal, not too tough in this market.

"We urge people to prequalify for a loan," Burns said. Knowing what you can afford's a big help: "They may not be as liable to fail for some of the more disreputable mortgage sales pitches."

You'll need a checklist to determine your wants vs. needs, Burns said. "It

also helps you make sure you get what you really need," he said of the confirmed outline.

"When you move in, you may start to see the flaws" if not careful ahead of time.

You should determine where you want to live, whether rural, suburban or urban. Take some time to look at school system quality and your commute, Burns recommended.

"Finding a good agent is one of the most important things to do." A good agent can help you navigate through paperwork and the closing, Burns said.

"You should make the effort," added Burns, who recommends using a member of the National Association of Realtors, a Realtor, who abides by an ethics code and has specific training.

He also recommends you check the agent out with the Better Business Bureau to make sure there's no pattern of unanswered concerns. You can go online at bbb.org or call (248) 644-9100.

"You need to have a home inspection. Michigan doesn't license that industry," Burns said. He suggested asking friends and family for recommendations.

There are also national organizations for home inspectors. These include the American Society of Home Inspectors, (800) 743-2744 or ashi.org, and the National Association of Home Inspectors, (800) 448-3942 or nahi.org.

Again, a check of a home inspector with the BBB is recommended. Inspectors are good at spotting potential problems like termites or code violations, especially useful if you're not handy, Burns said.

He recommends checking property lines to avoid disputes with neighbors, and knowing what's on your property. "If you just kind of take these things by hunch, you could be surprised."

When you finalize finances for your home purchase, don't just go with the biggest ad budget, Burns said. Check references, and decide if you want a 15- or 30-year mortgage, adjustable or fixed rate.

"You really have to make sure you're an educated consumer," Burns said.

He recommended checking your credit, which you can do free once a year, with the three credit bureaus, Equifax, Transunion and Experian.



Watch for ads for "free" checks for which you could actually pay, added Burns, citing annualcreditreport.com or (877) 322-8228 as the recommended place to go.

With mortgage companies, seek general information first on rates, he said. If you get too many credit reports done by mortgage companies, your credit score could be damaged.

Minutes shouldn't be unduly delayed

Q. How long should a co-owner have to wait for the board's meeting minutes when they are requested?

A. It depends on the circumstances, but assuming that the minutes are available, the

association should provide the minutes to their members certainly at or before the next meeting of the Board of Directors, assuming

it is on a monthly basis. In some instances, the board may have to approve the minutes of the prior meeting so it may be shortly after the subsequent meeting before the board minutes can be provided. It all depends on the policy and procedure of the board. However, the co-owners have a right to review the nonprivileged minutes of the association and they should not be unreasonably delayed in terms of being provided to the members of the association.

Q. I live in a condo where the management company has ignored my request for a copy of the Operating Budget Expense Summary for the fiscal years 2006-07. In all previous years, under other property management companies, we have received the information timely. Nothing has come this year, after numerous requests. I want to know my legal options.

A. Your legal options are to ask, by way of a letter through your attorney, to have these documents provided to you based on various legal statutes that you have available. Absent same, you can threaten the commencement of legal proceedings and/or proceed to do so if the management company is recalcitrant, but you should be contacting the Board of Directors to remind them of their responsibility to provide you with this information and to get a new management company.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 22-26, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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671 Cherry Grove Rd	\$230,000
7389 Chesterfield Dr E	\$325,000
6440 Connaught Ct	\$300,000
7034 Foxthorn Dr	\$94,000
47178 Glenhurst Dr	\$245,000
45637 Graystone Ln	\$162,000
51254 High Meadow Crossing S	\$484,000
8374 Holly Dr	\$167,000
906 Huntsville Dr	\$385,000
454 Innsbrook Dr	\$297,000
6508 Lambeth Way	\$265,000
42517 Majestic Ct	\$200,000
1535 Manton Blvd	\$203,000
6845 New Providence Way	\$127,000
42297 Oakland Dr	\$239,000
46724 Registry Dr	\$248,000
Farmington	
33137 Maplelnt St	\$185,000
32741 Meadowlark St	\$105,000

Farmington Hills	
31939 Shiawassee Rd	\$171,000
31788 Bristol Ln	\$326,000
31438 Hunters Circle Dr	\$160,000
35555 Lark Hbr	\$227,000
32518 Nestlewood St	\$265,000
30864 Ridgeway Dr	\$149,000
29723 Sierra Point Cir	\$175,000
30390 Tanglewood Dr	\$380,000
Garden City	
446 Arcola St	\$83,000
31628 Donnelly St	\$145,000
30721 Florence St	\$126,000
Livonia	
10031 E Clements Cir	\$131,000
34300 Fairfax Ct	\$275,000
11100 Hailer St	\$168,000
32112 Hees St	\$170,000
14393 Hubbard St	\$168,000
36557 Kingsbury St	\$165,000
39071 Lapham Dr	\$207,000
9919 Merriman Rd	\$129,000
29691 Nottingham Cir	\$125,000
9380 Texas St	\$175,000
Milford	
721 Atlantic St	\$215,000
234 First St	\$160,000

Northville	
618 Hill St	\$145,000
2561 W Buno Rd	\$355,000
48080 Eight Mile Rd	\$455,000
21501 Lujan Dr	\$325,000
15994 Morningside	\$140,000
16016 Morningside	\$140,000
16041 Morningside	\$177,000
16043 Morningside	\$173,000
16802 White Haven Dr	\$270,000
Novi	
24712 Christina Ln	\$205,000
50976 Drakes Bay Dr	\$1,280,000
20755 Emily Ct	\$435,000
27865 Hopkins Dr	\$135,000
27867 Hopkins Dr	\$130,000
29925 Lilley Trl	\$307,000
24743 Nepavine Dr	\$636,000
22211 Pondview	\$89,000
24441 Riverview Ln	\$198,000
45580 S Lake Dr	\$365,000
24251 Saybrook Ct	\$634,000
24386 Saybrook Ct	\$710,000
24433 Saybrook Ct	\$527,000
Plymouth	
259 Irvin St	\$242,000
45555 S Turtlehead Ct	\$312,000

Redford	
19433 Glenmore	\$125,000
9559 Lenore	\$93,000
9440 Louis	\$137,000
14131 Mercedes	\$138,000
10008 San Jose	\$97,000
South Lyon	
58779 Castle Ct	\$70,000
23748 Point O Woods Ct	\$580,000
Westland	
31819 Avondale St	\$117,000
37487 Barkridge Cir	\$95,000
35812 Rooth St	\$101,000
39162 Brookfield Dr	\$135,000
31385 Chief Ln	\$141,000
37726 Colonial Dr	\$121,000
33955 Cowan Rd	\$130,000
1142 Denice St	\$142,000
30644 Geraldine St	\$108,000
31711 Lonnie Blvd	\$135,000
31669 Mackenzie St	\$85,000
29124 Manchester St	\$72,000
38330 Palmer Rd	\$218,000
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6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

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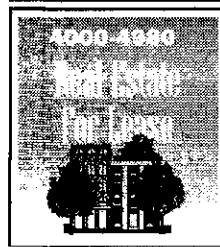
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- 16 Symbol for tellurium
- 17 Wing feature
- 19 52, for Caesar
- 21 Rogue
- 23 Arrogant one
- 25 High note
- 26 Cotton pod
- 30 Candied items
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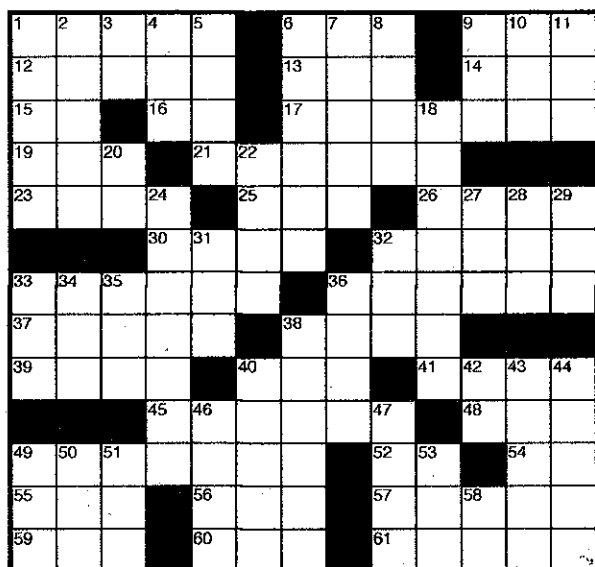
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- 2 Once more
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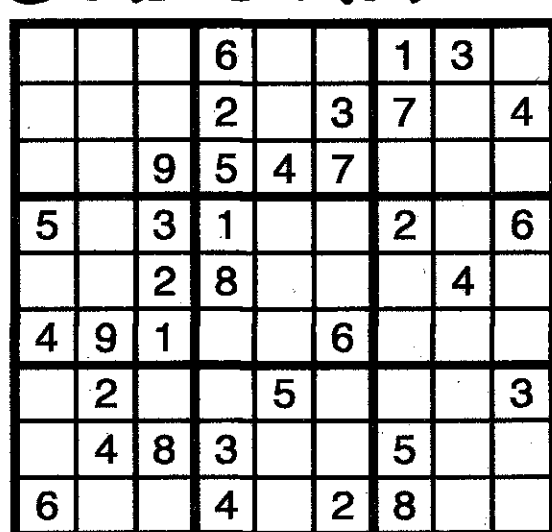
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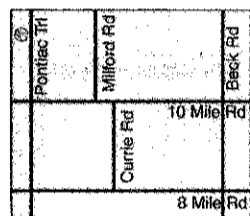


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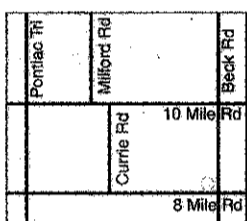
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The training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

■ 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.

Registration fees are \$45 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Meisner appointed

Meisner & Associates

announced that attorney Robert M. Meisner has been appointed as a trustee for a two-year term to the College of Community Association Lawyers Board of Governors.

The College of Community Association Lawyers was established by the Community Associations Institute's (CAI) Board of Trustees in 1993. The purpose of The College is to acknowledge CAI member attorneys who have distinguished themselves through contributions to the evolution or practice of community association law and who have committed themselves to high standards of professional and ethical conduct in the practice of community association law. The College provides a forum for the exchange of information among experienced legal professionals for the purpose of the advancement of the community association field.

'Realtor Race'

Glenn Champion, manager of the Birmingham office of Weir Manuel Realtors, announced that his team of agents were once again the winners of the "Great Realtor Race," sponsored by the Birmingham-Bloomfield Realtor Network. This was the second time in a row Weir Manuel bested its competitors.

The race, which took place Tuesday, Jan. 29, gave Realtors from many companies the chance to tour a large number of homes and, at the same time, show their "office spirit."

"I am very pleased that, once again, our team demonstrated its commitment to acquiring market knowledge with a collective dominant presence at a tour event," said Champion.

Weir Manuel Realtors is a leading real estate company in Southeast Michigan, with more than 150 employees in three Michigan offices: Birmingham, West Bloomfield and Rochester. Its Web site, which includes "real-time" live assistance, is at www.weirmanuel.com.

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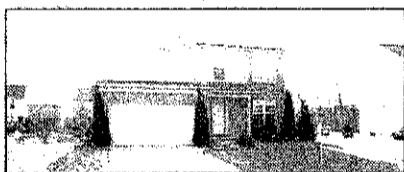
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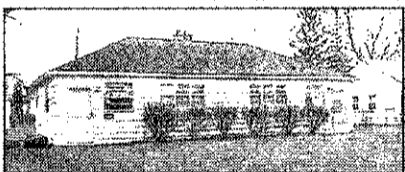
BELLEVILLE \$149,900
Downtown Belleville. This home features 3 Bed, 2 Full BA, updated Kit w/Oak cabs, formal D/R. Large L/R w/ loads of windows. Walk to lake & parks!
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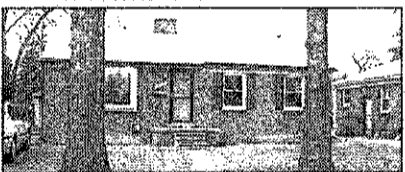
CANTON \$159,900
3 BR, 1-1/2 Ba In A Grt Nghbrhd. Nice Kit w/Oak Cabs, New C-tops & Bkspsh. FR w/New carpet, Nat Fp. Newer Furn, Humdfr. 2-1/2 Car Gr. Fenced Bkld.
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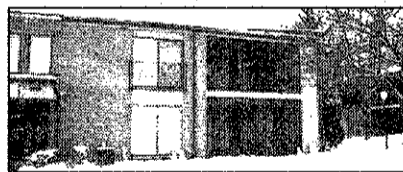
CANTON \$215,000
Sharp colonial featuring 4 BR, 2.5 BA. H/W foyer, spacious kit, all appls. Gas FP in FR. 1st flr laun, trg mstr w/cathedral ceilings, WIC & glam BA.
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GARDEN CITY \$74,900
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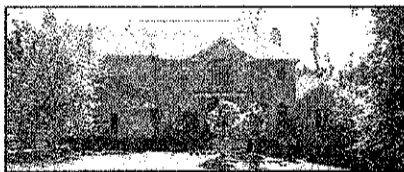
LIVONIA \$1,100
Very Cute Ranch! New Wndws, Doorwalk, Sink & Vanity in BA, Tile in Kit, Ext Drs & Crpt t/o. Part Fin Bsmt. Fenced Yd w/Deck off Breakfast Nook Doorwall.
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LIVONIA \$92,500
Super Clean Condo Deep in Subl Lg LR, Mstr Ste & Laundry Rm. Deck, Excellent Storage & Clubhouse w/ Pool. Walk to Laurel Park Mall & Surrounding Area!
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LIVONIA \$158,850
Beautiful Home w/Remod Open Kit & Lg DR w/Vaulted Clg. Newer Appls & Flrs. Fin Bsmt w/1/2 BA. Fenced Yd w/2.5 Car Gar. Move Right In! Very Nice Area!
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LYONS \$724,900
Grand 2 stry foyer w/limestn flr, study w/built ins & cherry flrgmt kit w/42" cabs & gran cntrs t/o, 1st&2nd flr indry, pfin bsmt, 3 car gar w/ex tall bay!
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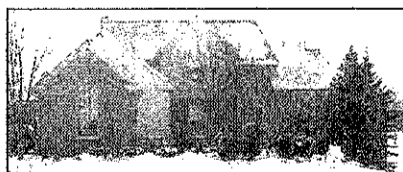
NORTHVILLE \$300,000
Adorable 4BR on 2/3 acres. Updts incl: Kit, wdws, siding, gutters, pnt, hdwd flrs, crpt, fixtrs, HWH, BAs, appls, drs, bsmt.
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NORTHVILLE \$399,900
New Construction! Priv Rd w/Wooded Lot. Cust Br Colonial Feat: GR Rm Open To DR And Grmt Kit. Mas Suite W/Wic & BA w/sep Shwr & Tub. 1st Flr Lndry.
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NORTHVILLE \$400,000
Vanderbilt Model Priced to Sell! Hwd, Unfin. Daylight Bsmt w/BA rough-ins, Gardenvue, Near Clubhouse, Pool & Tennis Cts. in Golf Comm. All M/D Approx.
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NORTHVILLE \$474,900
Lg Tree-lined Lot w/Flowing Creek! LR/DR w/Crown mldg&Columns. Remod Kit, Study w/Built-in Desk & Shelves, Lg Fin Bsmt. 3 Car Gar. No pets. M/D approx.
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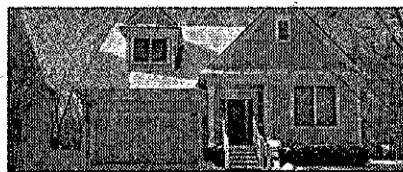
NORTHVILLE \$550,000
Totally Remod! FR w/Fieldstone Fp, Glam BA in MB, Circ Paver Dr, Sun Rm w/Marble, Hwd t/o, Deck&Ingnd Pool, Pond, Waterfall, Carriage House & Fin W/O.
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NORTHVILLE \$734,000
Gorgeous Stonewater Colonial! 4 car gar & lakeview! New stonepatio & landscaping. FR w/bridge overlook. Fin LL w/wet bar, FP & Ex. Rm. All M/D Approx.
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NORTHVILLE \$1,075,000
Custom Built Home! Backs to Woods. 3 Fp's, J&J BA, GR Open to Kit, UL Loft/2nd FR&Kids FR/5th Bdrm; 4.5 Car Gar W/Stair to Bsmt; PFin W/O; M/D Approx
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NOVI \$310,000
Impressive 2 Stry Foyer, Family Rm w/Gas Fp, Gourmet Kitch w/42" Cabs, Vaulted Ceilings, Hwd Flrs, Mstr Ste w/Glamour Bth, Trex Deck & Att 2+ Garage
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NOVI \$600,000
This Home Sits on an Incredible Lot Backing to Dense Woods & Offers Nearly 6000sqft of Living Space! 4 BRs, 4.5 BAs & 3 Car Gar! Near Downtown N'ville
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PLYMOUTH \$369,900
Gorgeous 4BR 2.5BA Brick Colonial. Located on almost a 1/2 acre on quiet court. Liv Rm & Din Rm w/new hdwd flrs. Kit w/new granite cnttps & more.
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PLYMOUTH \$579,900
4BR 4.2BA home. Kit w/hdwd flrs & B/I appls. 2-story FR w/FP. BRs hae baths or access. Mstr w/dual WICs. Fin LL w/BA, BR & more. Inground pool.
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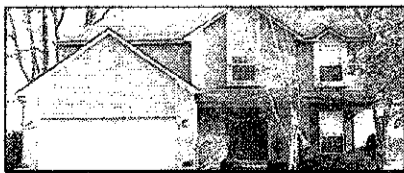
PLYMOUTH \$589,900
Dramatic 4 BR, 3-1/2 BA Cape Cod. Kit w/chy Cnts, Granite-tops, S/s Appls, Hdwd Flrs & Hearth Rm-nook. Lux 1st Flr Mas St w/BA. 2-story GR Gas Fp.
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VAN BUREN \$200,000
4 Bed 2.5 Bath Pottery Barn Home! FR w/Vaulted Clg, Kit w/Gran&Pergo Flrs. Prof Painted t/o, Fenced Yd & Sprinklers. Mstr Ste w/Cath Clg, WIC & Jet Tub.
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WESTLAND \$150,000
Sharp quad w/updates galore including beautiful oak kit w/breakfast nook. 3br & 1.1ba. Awesome backyard w/large patio & white picket fence.
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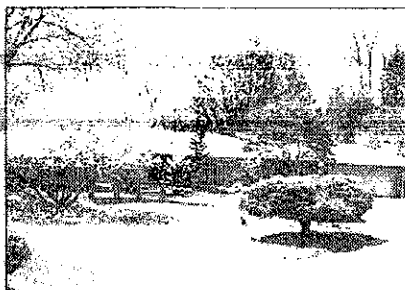
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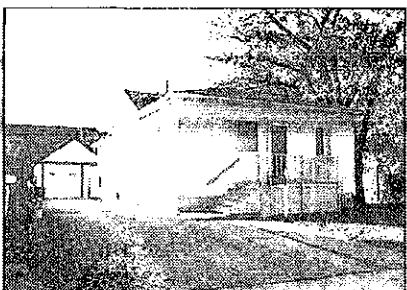
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SOUTHFIELD **\$149,900**
3br, 1.5ba brick colonial offers FR w/frplc, oak kit, LR, hrdwd flrs, vinyl windows. Two doorways to patio & backyard. Att gar. \$149,900
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SOUTHFIELD **\$239,000**
Delightful 4br, 3.5ba colonial in Cranbrook Village. Birmingham schools. All appls. New cherry kit. Remodeled top to bottom in '05!
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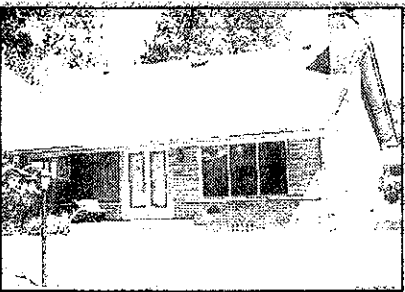
SOUTHFIELD **\$229,000**
Completely remodeled, beautiful & spacious 4br, 2.5ba home. Newer roof, windows, A/C, carpet, deck, more! 2 car att gar.
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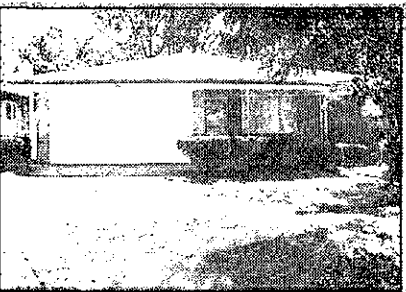
ROYAL OAK **\$158,500**
Many special features in this updated end unit 2br, 1.5ba condo. Extra windows provide natural sunlight! LR w/frplc. Fresh paint. LR. Pool.
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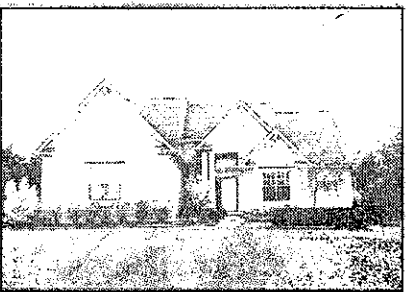
ROYAL OAK **\$155,000**
Beautifully maintained 3br ranch. Updates incl: furn, C/A, roof, vinyl win, kitchen, fresh paint. Hrdwd flrs. Sprinklers. Brick paver patio.
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LATHRUP VILLAGE **\$159,900**
Price slashed! 3br, 2ba cape w/loads of charm! Oak flrs, cove ceilings, fresh paint. LR w/frplc. Updtd kit w/all appls. FR. Newer C/A, roof.
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OAK PARK **\$179,900**
Spacious 3br, 1.5ba brick ranch w/2 car att garage on quiet cul-de-sac. Updtd elec & furn. 1st flr laundry. 2 car att gar. Close to everything!
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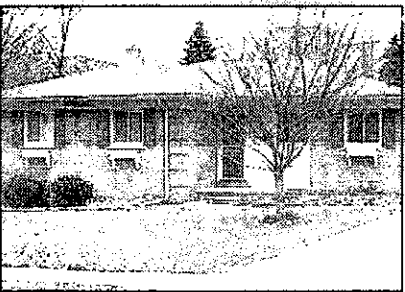
HIGHLAND **\$295,000**
3 br, 2.5 ba. Grt rm w/frplc. Kit w/lg eat in area. Mstr ste w/WIC, full bath w/jetted tub. 3 car gar.
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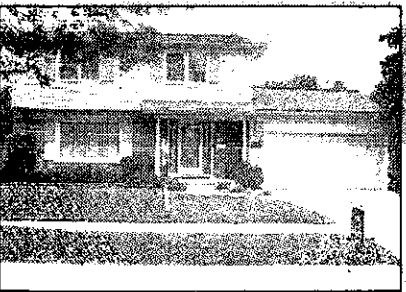
LIVONIA **\$195,500**
Extensive updates in this 3 br, 2 ba brick ranch. Updates inc: kit, all appl, ceramic tile flr, windows, doors, roof, siding, plumbing, more! 2.5 car gar.
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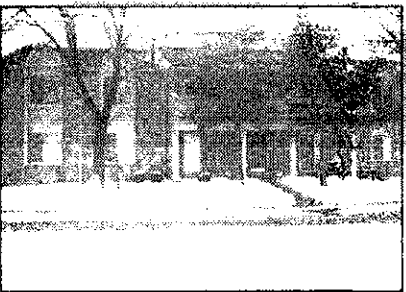
NORTHVILLE **\$429,900**
'98, 4 bedroom, 3 bathrooms colonial. 3,000 square feet & finished daylight basement. 3 car garage. Over \$70K in updates and upgrades.
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FARMINGTON **\$184,900**
3 br, 2 ba brick ranch within walking distance of DT Farmington. Updated kit, newer roof, garage, windows & carpeting. Furnace 1 yr old. FR w/frplc.
MLS 27161905 734-462-9800



LIVONIA **\$229,900**
Updated Colonial, all the right features with master bath, formal dining, family room w/fireplace.
MLS 28018687 734-462-9800



CANTON **\$90,000**
Charming upper ranch unit. Open floor plan, large master br w/walk in closet, laundry in unit. Great location.
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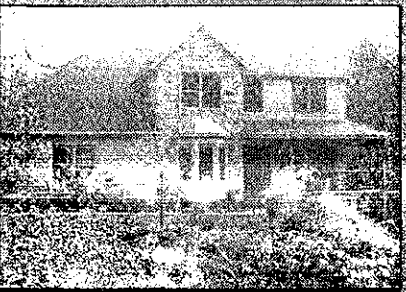
NORTHVILLE TWP. **\$549,000**
Charming colonial, 4 br, Great 30 x 18 kit, 2 nat fireplaces, sun porch, wonderful picturesque grounds.
MLS 26170333 734-462-9800



WALLED LAKE **\$159,900**
Nicely updated 4 br ranch on large cul-de-sac location. New kit, ceramic fl, mstr ba, oversized att gar.
MLS 28018953 734-462-9800



COMMERCE TWP. **\$165,000**
Great location, 2 br, 2 ba condo with all the special touches to move in and no work required. Low maintenance fee.
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WHITE LAKE TWP. **\$334,900**
Gorgeous 4 br, 2.5 ba home on over 2.5 acres of woods. 2 story foyer, custom designed hardwood floors, gourmet kit, stone fireplace, and dining rm.
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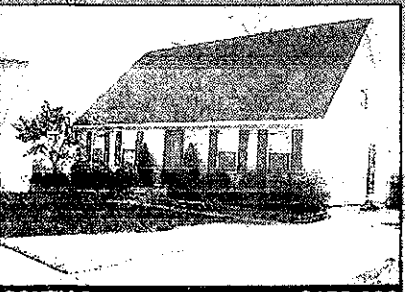
WHITE LAKE TWP. **\$269,900**
Beautifully decorated 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home located in Huron Valley School district. Features office, 2nd floor laundry, 3 car garage, full bsmt.
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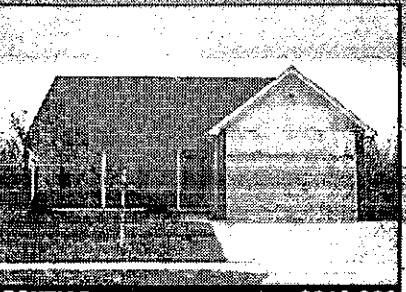
DAVISON TWP. **\$280,000**
New construction 4 bed, 3.5 bath home located in Davison School District. Sun filled great room with 2 way fireplace. Library, dining rm, day light bsmt.
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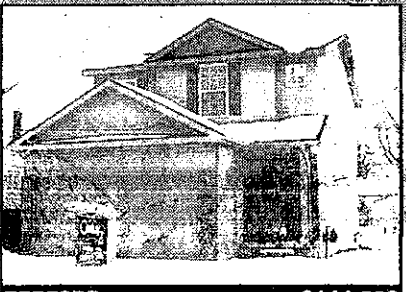
MACOMB TWP. **\$249,900**
3 br, 2.5 ba home. Kitchen w/ 2 level island overlooking breakfast room w/ bay window. FP in great room, French doors to den. Prof. landscaped.
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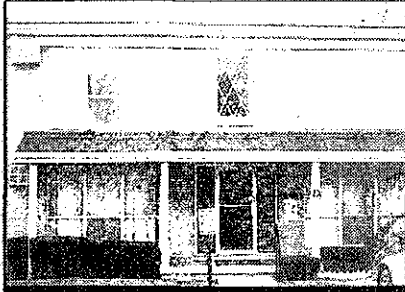
PONTIAC **\$159,900**
Private lakfront. 4 br, 2 ba home on cul-de-sac. Large kit w/ oak cabs, doorwall off of dining room leads to large deck overlooking Crystal Lake.
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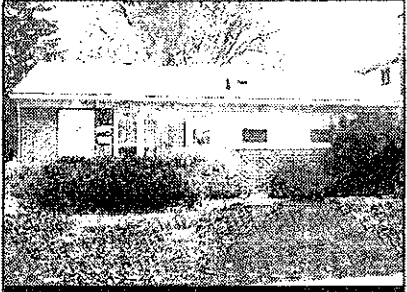
PONTIAC **\$210,000**
4 br, 2.5 ba ranch. Brazilian cherry hrdwd floors, cathedral ceilings. Ceramic in kitchen and foyer. Fin. basement. 2 car att. garage, brick paved patio.
MLS 27225709 248-673-2211



REDFORD **\$144,900**
Builder blowout price! Appraised at 175k! New, quality built, on a quiet paved street. Open floor plan, great kit, 3 frg br, 1.5 ba, att 2 car gar, full bsmt.
MLS 27224313 313-538-2000



REDFORD CONDO **\$45,000**
Gorgeous unit w/new furniture. Kit. has fridge, new stove, new dishes, pots & pans. Mstr has closet space galore. Laundry & storage in bsmt. Carport.
MLS 28011482 313-538-2000



REDFORD **\$129,900**
Extras in this beautiful 1100 s.f. brick ranch. 3BR, 1 1/2 baths & fully fin. carpeted bsmt. All appliances stay. Newer roof & furnace. 2 car garage. Patio.
MLS 27209245 313-538-2000



WHITE LAKE **\$348,500**
2826 sq.ft. + 1400 sq.ft. in L/L. 4 br, 3.5 ba. Extra high ceilings 1/0. Architectural pillars, main level. Huge windows. Landscaped, patio. Gated comm.
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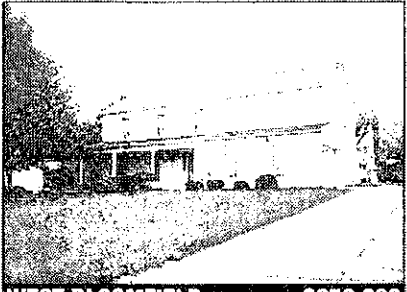
COMMERCE **\$224,900**
Beautiful 4 BR 2 BA Brick Ranch, 1 Acre. Updtd Kit. SS Appl, Updtd BA, Hrdwd Flrs, Part Fin. L.L. Huge Fenced Yard, 2 1/2 Att. Car Gar. Walled Lake Schools.
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WOLVERINE LAKE **\$279,900**
Best Value on Lake. Main Lake View. Very quiet location 241 acre All Sports Wolverine Lake. Price reflects need for minor repairs. 1 Year Warr.
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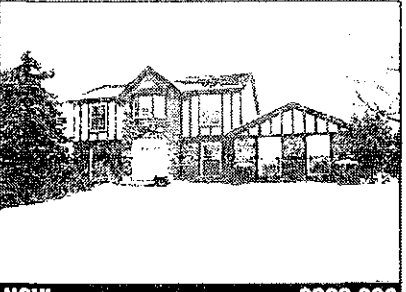
WEST BLOOMFIELD **\$369,900**
House Perfect! Fresh Paint. Prof. Decord. Fin. Bsmt w/Wet Bar + BA. Lush Landscape w/Ingrnd Pool. Pop. Neighborhood. Walled Lake Schools.
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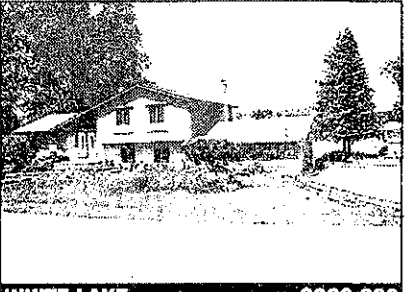
WEST BLOOMFIELD **\$259,900**
4 br home, heart of Potomac Village. Newer Kitchen w/white cab. + Appl. Lg Fm Rm off Kit. W/Nat. Frpl. Doorwall off Kitch. to Lg Deck. Fin. Bsmt.
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WHITE LAKE **\$314,900**
Custom 4 Br 3 Ba brick ranch w/3+ Car Gar. 3500 sq. ft. Fin. WO L/L. Grmt Kitch w/snack bar, GR w/FP. 1+ acre waterfront lot in Whispering Meadows.
MLS 27132195 248-360-9100



NOVI **\$298,900**
Over 2500 Sq. Ft. Kitch. w/Gran. Islnd + Hrdwd Flrs. 21x12 Mstr Ste w/WIC. Fin. Bsmt w/Berber Carpet. FR w/frplc. Deck, Gazebo. All Appl + Warr.
MLS 28017449 248-360-9100



WHITE LAKE **\$329,900**
All sports Main Lakefront. 4 Br, 3 Ba. Quad. FR w/FP. Liv and Din Rm. Updtd Kit. w/Island, all Appl. Mstr w/doorwall/balcony. Deck. Huron Valley Schools.
MLS 27141544 248-360-9100



WEST BLOOMFIELD **\$169,900**
Remidd Kit w/New Appl. Cerm Flrs, Oak Cab. Updtd BA w/Gran + Tile. Fin. Bsmt. 2 1/2 Car Gar w/Wrkshp. New Elect & Furnace.Lk Priv, All-Sports Lake.
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FARMINGTON HILLS **\$159,900**
Refin wood flrs in hall, bdrms and LR. Remod. master. Updated kitchen w/oak cabs, cer flr, Corian counters. 700+ sq ft deck w/ above ground pool.
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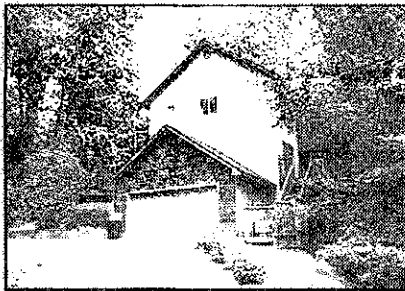
COMMERCE **\$214,500**
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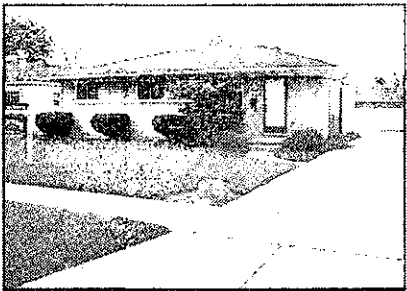
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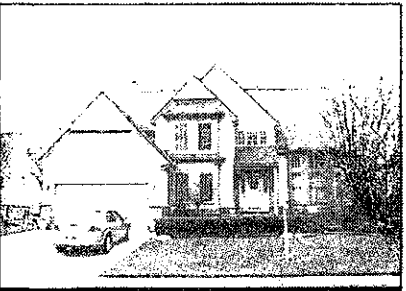
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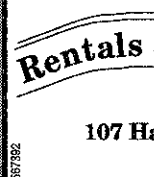
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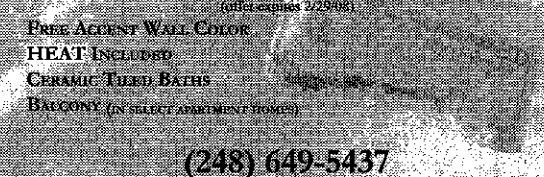
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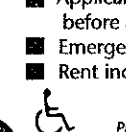
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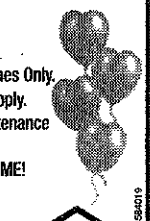
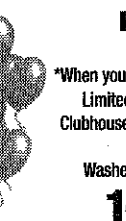
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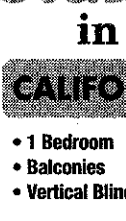
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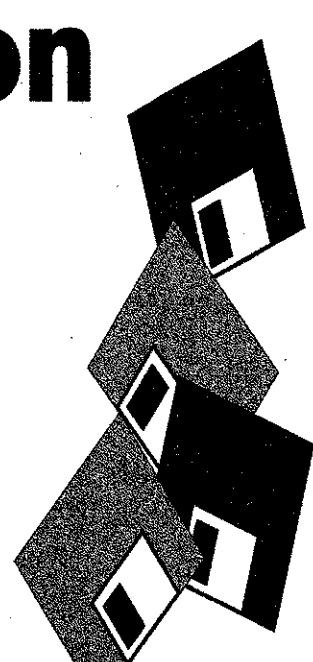
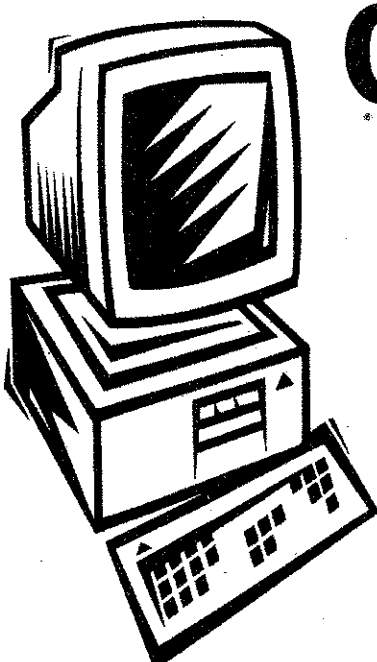
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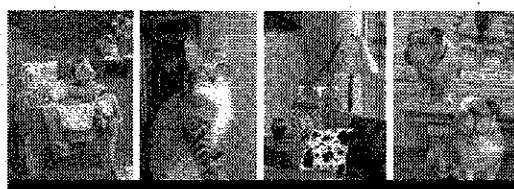
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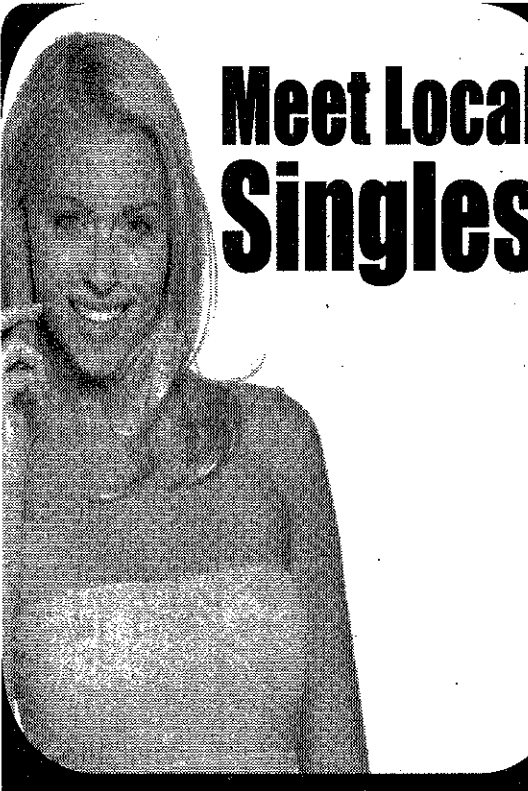
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HELLO OUT THERE
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COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
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IT'S WORTH THE CALL
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HONESTY A MUST
BF, 42, 5'4", 180lbs, shapely, brown/brown, seeking an honest man, 40-60, N/Drugs, who enjoys the good things in life. I like plays, dancing, dining out, good company and working out. **2256508**

WORTH THE CALL
SWF, 55, 5'6", dark autumn/hazel, NS, no children, never married, seeking SM, to share talks, casual dates, nice times and see where it goes. **2252820**

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 150lbs, NS, ND, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. **22134425**

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POSSIBLE LTR
SWF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, NS, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWPM, 55-62, NS, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. **22953381**

DO YOU EXIST?
DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, NS, DID-free, with good sense of humor. **2200296**

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I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+. **2212790**

LOOKING FOR A COMPANION
Tall, attractive WWF, 60s, enjoys good conversation, walks, playing board/card games, antiques and more. Looking for honest gentleman, 64-80, with a wide variety of interest to share all life offers. **2236416**

LIVE LIFE 2 THE FULLEST
SF, 18, enjoys music, architectural design and trying new things. Seeking SM, creative and fun, with passion for the same, to share friendship, good times and then who knows? **2247152**

WHY NOT CALL?
Family-oriented SWF, 53, 5'5", 145lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys The Red Wings, The Pistons, movies, outdoor activities and more. Seeking compatible man to share and explore all life offers. **2251062**

WHY NOT CALL?
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **2217234**

LOOKING FOR AN EXPLORER

SBF, 56, seeking for a cultural man who enjoys restaurants, cafes, the Arts, French culture, stimulating conversations, reading, cooking and more. Let's meet and see if we connect. **2225494**

VERY CUTE
SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, NS, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wishes to commit to someone special. **22113198**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
SBF, 27, self-sufficient, up front and real seeks employed, respectful, nice man independent and not about games, to get to know and have a good time. **2231868**

TRY THIS ONE
Loving, sincere SBF, 58, easygoing, looking for a good-hearted, Christian gentleman with The Lord in his heart to share life, laughter, happiness and possible LTR. **2242234**

WORTH A CALL
SWF, 55, loves movies, trying new things, sporting events, motorcross, sewing and more. Seeking sociable SM, with similar interests, to share the special times in life. Friendship first, possible LTR. **2255505**

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST
Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship/LTR. **2245846**

LOOKING FOR ME?
Attractive SBF, 54, full-figured, sincere and warm, enjoys reading, cooking, walks, people. Seeking loving, good-humored, Christian gentleman, 49-57, 5'11"-6'2", employed, easygoing and kind to share all life offers. **2246987**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SBF, 53", long hair, student, seeking a SM, 19-23, handsome, honest, fun, good personality, for friendship and more. **2248542**

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet NS WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **2236808**

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, NS, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **2207254**

TAKING A PEEK
Attractive SWF, 20 years old, loves to be outdoors and have fun, enjoys clubs, movies, relaxing at home, ISO male who likes the same, and wishes for friendship, maybe more. **2254474**

I NEED A LOVE...
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HOW ARE YOU?
SBF, 29, mom of 2, NS, fun-loving, caring, compassionate, likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness. **2200770**

TALL, ATHLETIC
SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degree, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. **2251308**

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 58, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest SDWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **2269646**

NICE GUY
SWM, 27, smoker, likes movies, hanging out with friends, walks, adventures, just about anything. Seeking SF, 23-30, for friendship, to go out and more. **2265046**

A LOT TO OFFER
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It Really is a 'New Day' at Chrysler

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By Dale Buss

It was a welcome sight over a weekend of dreary weather: the first new Dodge Journey crossover that I've actually seen on the roads. The woman driving it – no doubt a Chrysler executive or spouse of one – probably was just a bit uncomfortable with the long look that I gave her vehicle as she pulled into the Best Buy parking lot.

But Journey was worth gazing at perhaps just a little too long. Chrysler's promising new product has some interesting little design touches – for instance, around the rear windows – that nicely echo Dodge's muscular styling of late. But the design also is well executed within the rounded-wedge genre that defines hot-selling CUVs these days.

Journey is just one reason that it really is a new day at Chrysler. So is the company's new advertising campaign that began on Super Bowl Sunday, the thrust of which is Chrysler's willingness to upgrade products in response to customer concerns. And, of course, even more recently there has been news of the company's plans to pare dealerships and its products nationwide as part of a program called Project Genesis that will rationalize both its vehicle lineup and its retailer network.

Journey Emphasizes Versatility

Chrysler actually debuted one of the first purported crossovers in 2004, with the Chrysler Pacifica. But it was based on Chrysler's minivan platform. And despite features such as three-row, six-passenger seating and sedan-like handling, Pacifica didn't catch on. Sales peaked at about 78,000 units in 2006, and in November Chrysler announced that it was discontinuing Pacifica.

In Journey, Jim Yetter, senior manager of Dodge car marketing, maintained that Dodge has created a "distinctive" design from other CUVs, pointing to the cross-hair grille and pronounced wheel arches, for example. But Dodge also is emphasizing the many wonders of the Journey "package" rather than just its exterior styling.

"Customers wanted all kinds of flexibility in terms of seating, storage and versatility to carry things, whether it be people or cargo like 2x4s – and they wanted innovation, infotainment, and safety – all in one package," Yetter said.

So, Journey includes features such as third-row seating that is big enough to handle "occasional use" by adults, second-row doors that open a full 90 degrees for



Inside the Chrysler Aspen, the focus of one of the New Day promotions.

Dodge has just introduced the Journey into a hot crossover.

easy access, flip-and-stow storage under the front passenger seat, and existing features from other Chrysler vehicles including a front-seat beverage cooler and the MyGig entertainment system.

"If you treat this car as just a shape, you're really missing the point," Yetter said. "You've got to get inside the vehicle. It's the synergy of all that we offer that we think will make Journey a huge success."

Advertisements Announce 'New Day'

At the same time, Chrysler's new advertising is emphasizing the company's responsiveness to customer and dealer feedback by promoting the fact that it approved 260 "line-item" improvements to its products within two months after Cerberus Capital Management took the company private, and that its new promotional packages offer many "extras" at no additional charge.

Specifically, Chrysler has debuted an animated cross-brand commercial, titled "Listen to You," as well as eight product-specific dealer spots that highlight 12 vehicles. The ads broke regionally on Sunday in 55 markets as part of local-dealer association purchases around the actual Super Bowl telecast on Fox.

Along with the ads, Chrysler began offering New Deal Celebration vehicle packages such as this one on Chrysler Aspen Limited: no-charge sunroof, no-charge MyGig with ParkView rear camera, 18-inch chrome-clad wheels, heated first-row leather seats, two-tone leather seats with embossed logo, two-tone leather-wrapped steering wheel, premium floor mats and Signature Series badge. The Limited 4x4 includes \$3,355 in value, Chrysler said, for a price of \$1,855. It's a new mid-range option level that Chrysler created for New Day, a company spokeswoman said.

Similarly, the new Dodge Caliber SE Plus package

features air conditioning, a Chill Zone cooler, air filtration and 17-inch aluminum wheels – which Chrysler said is a \$1,695 package – for \$795.

Overall, Chrysler said its New Day packages represent improved value over what was previously available. For example, in the Town & Country Signature Series, Chrysler previously offered a Touring L – for "leather" – package that was priced at \$31,450. Based on customer feedback, Chrysler added a dual rear-DVD entertainment system, remote start, a vehicle information system that includes a trip computer plus tire-pressure monitor and other features, and an upgraded finish on the instrument-panel bezel.

Previously, explained Michael Berube, senior manager of Chrysler marketing, a vehicle with these features would have cost \$33,670, or \$2,220 more than the pre-existing Touring L. "But with the New Day approach, we are charging only \$695 more by giving away the DVD system at no charge" – that is, a \$1,525 discount – he said.

"In other words, the New Day Town & Country Signature Series is priced at \$32,145, which is only \$695 more than today," Berube said. "But it has \$2,200 more equipment that customers have said they want."

Chrysler is counting the no-charge extras as among the 260 line-item improvements, said John Plecha, director of Jeep marketing. But the roster of tweaks also has included "small things done on the interior to improve the look and feel of it without fully pricing it – to drive the value equation," he said, while declining to specify any such changes.

These changes "were limited to things that could be executed in a relatively short time," Plecha said. And he added that Chrysler, of course, is "not done. We're about continuous improvement."

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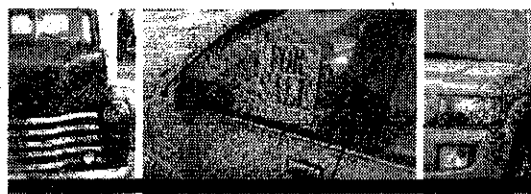
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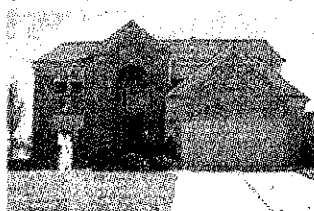


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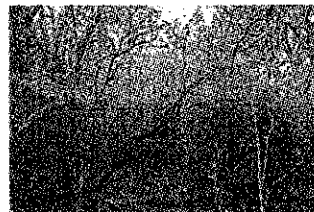


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\$119,900



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Back on market! 3 lots in the heart of desirable canton township. Can build with improvements. In flood zone & zoned r-5. Motivated seller will look at all offers.

(27074643)

\$19,900



Canton Twp 734-455-7000

NORTH CANTON QUAD w/GREAT CURB APPEAL! Newer trim/siding. Lg mud rm off gar. Lg kit w/newer wood flrs. Oak cabs, undermount lighting. Spacious living/dining rm w/crown molding, bay window. LL w/lg FR.

(28003320)

\$199,900



Commerce 248-684-1065

Overlooking golf course w/scenic view. Move in condition. Ceiling/window upgrades, wood floors, custom cabs, granite counters, granite counters, window seats.

(27153401)

\$329,000



Commerce 248-684-1065

Great home on double lot. Walk to Union Lake. Updates galore. LR, FR, lib/sun rm. Plenty of cab/counterspace. 2 decks w/ fully fenced yard.

(27223524)

\$149,900



Detroit 734-591-9200

Solid 8 unit brick apartment bldg. 8 unit apt bldg. 4 one bed & 4 two bed. Price reflects need of minor repairs. Secured w/ Door Pal syst to update w/ peace of mind. Seller ill & says MAKE OFFER!

(28016137)

\$85,000



Farmington 248-851-1900

BEAUTIFUL RANCH ON NO-OUTLET STREET! Great family room overlooking treed backyard. Many updates plus hardwood floors. Great home for first time buyers.

(28020824)

\$134,000



Farmington Hills 734-591-9200

Beautiful Hunters Pointe Colonial Over 3,000 sqft of updated elegance. Granite kitchen, Hardwood floors, Family room with a bar. Professionally finished lower level & more! This is a must see!

(28019293)

\$309,900



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430

Custom Modular Ranch & Adjacent vacant lot must be sold together! Extra insulation, spacious kitchen w/upgraded cabinets, new garage w/rear access, great setting!

(28014514)

\$279,900



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900

SPACIOUS HOME ON NICELY LANDSCAPED LOT! Features large kitchen, finished lower level w/wet bar & family room w/fireplace, wetbar & doorwall to extensive decking.

(28020614)

\$260,000



Farmington Hills 248-851-1900

UPDATED INDEPENDENCE COMMONS COLONIAL! Fantastic BR sizes & closet space. Oak flrs. Updates include roof, lav, dishwasher, H2O heater, range, sliding door. Sub has 45+ acres of commons w/parks, tennis, paths.

(28000002)

\$249,888



Garden City 734-326-2000

JUST MOVE RIGHT IN! Clean, well kept 3 bd ranch. Remodeled kitchen w/ good counter & workspace. Newer furnace & C/A. Updated electrical breaker box. Newer windows, & roof/w/tearoff.

(28015932)

\$129,900



Garden City 734-326-2000

WELL CARED FOR RANCH w/updtd BA, newer laminate kit fl, & dng area. New carpet in LR. Freshly painted. High eff. furnace & C/A. Fin bsmt w/lav. newer wndws, in-ground sprinklers.

(27026708)

\$109,900



Hartland 248-684-1065

Beautifully decorated 4 BDRM, 2.5 BA on over 1/2 acre hilltop lot. FP opens to bkfst rm & kit w/ cherry cabs. Huge deck & yard. HDWD flrs. Ceramic BA.

(27212091)

\$309,900

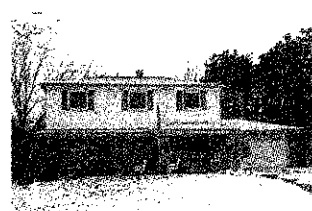


Hartland 248-684-1065

Dramatic entry of HDWD, stone FP & vaulted ceiling. Kit w/ eating area, 1/2 bath. Island kit w/oak cabs, doorwall to paver patio. French doors/ctch ceilings.

(27192449)

\$249,900



Highland 248-684-1065

5 bd, 4 ba, with one bd/ba combo set up for wheelchair access. 2,258 Sq Ft, 2-car heated gar. Master suite w/bath - jetted tub and shower. Fenced back yard.

(28004578)

\$299,000



Howell 248-437-3800

Custom colonial on 6+ Acres The grand foyer and curved staircase will make you say WOW! Hardwood floors, huge first floor master extra-large custom shower. Custom kitchen w/granite.

(27161683)

\$599,900



Livonia 248-851-1900

MAGNIFICENT 4 BR BRICK & STONE RANCH! Gorgeous granite kitchen w/decorative island. Granite, marble mosaic in baths. Master bath w/shower & jacuzzi. Unbelievable landscape w/waterfalls, fountains, bridges.

(28023155)

\$374,900



Millford 248-684-1065

Great flr plan! 2 story entry w/ oak flrs, foyer, den w/ french drs, granite kit, nook. LR w/ fp. Lg mstr w/ WIC. Fin bonus rm over gar. \$25K in upgrades free.

(27207304)

\$369,900



Millford 248-684-1065

Beautiful 2-story on wooded 1.5 acres w/ gorgeous views from every window. HDWD flr foyer & hall, DR w/ bay, Oak cabs in KIT, Fin LL, MBR w/ WIC, Large deck.

(27214111)

\$297,000



Millford 248-684-1065

Open flr plan. Cathedral ceilings in GR & mstr br. 3 WIC's, 2 doorwalls to deck. Kit has ceramic flrs. New gar door. Plenty of storage. Close to village.

(27055667)

\$139,900



Novi 248-348-6430

Beautifully Landscaped Lot! Mature trees dot the beautiful lot * W/ walking distance to schools. Formal LR & DR, den, spacious FR, nice hnd rec room & wonderful deck for your enjoyment

(27148522)

\$290,000



Novi 248-348-6430

UNPACK AND MOVE IN! Spotless 2 br, 3 ba condo deep in complex, new ceramic tile, most rooms freshly painted, new carpet and roof. Seller to pay 1st year assoc fee.

(28013794)

\$155,000



Novi 248-348-6430

Great Location & Great Price! Very well maintained condo that is tastefully decorated in neutrals, newer flooring, windows, roof & more, basement is partially finished, private patio.

(27166924)

\$115,000



Novi 248-348-6430

Great Price on This Novi 3 BR Condo! Open floor plan, nice sized rooms, unfinished LL. All apps stay. Assn fee includes gas and water. Sidewalks, pool, tennis courts and clubhouse. Great value!

(27193911)

\$110,000



Ortonville 248-684-1065

Beautiful wood-log home on nearly 5 private acres! Huge GR w/ stone FP, vaulted ceilings, FR w/ door to deck/pool. Spacious kitchen, MBR w/ HDWD flrs.

(27215555)

\$140,000



Plymouth 248-348-6430

Perfect House in Downtown Plymouth Enjoy the heart of Plymouth in this 2 BR, 2 BA home. Inside redone on '04 in granite, ceramic & wood. Newer siding windows, & roof. Great upside potential!

(28006604)

\$219,000



Plymouth 248-348-6430

Beautiful & Comfortable Ranch! Economical starter home. Great find! bsmt, lovely kit, nice FR, LR, 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs, patio, porch, fenced yard. Newer furn, A/C, roof, driveway, sidewalks in sub.

(27166790)

\$187,500



Redford 734-591-9200

Look no Further! Gorgeous 3BDRM Brick home with remodeled Open Kitchen w/ maple cabs and stone bkspsh, shiny HRWD floors, 2 car gar, hug finished-look basement, A/C!

(27208673)

\$139,900



Redford 248-348-6430

Picture Perfect Home Hard to beat the price of this beautifully updated brick ranch, new KIT, totally remodeled bath, new interior & exterior doors, freshly painted!

(28015035)

\$100,000



Redford 248-437-3800

What a find! this brick 3 bedroom home has curb appeal, a garage, full basement, hardwood floors in a quiet neighborhood. Motivated seller!

(27213988)

\$75,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800

Private Lakefront Retreat! All sports private chain of lakes, home has many windows with a beautiful view out of every one. Hardwood floors, granite countertops, fieldstone fireplace.

(27211995)

\$649,000

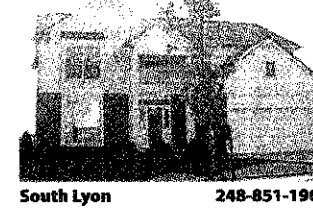


South Lyon 248-437-3800

Finish It Yourself! List price is for finished product. Large lot, wide open spaces. Home is drywalled - make an offer. You can choose to finish and save. Make an offer!!

(27211990)

\$339,000

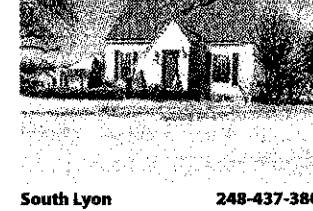


South Lyon 248-851-1900

EXCITING CUSTOM BUILT COLONIAL! Backs to wetlands. MBR, ste w/cathedral ceiling & attached bonus room w/french doors. Master BA w/2 sinks, WIC, tub, shower. HWF. Huge island kitchen w/doorwall.

(27176121)

\$185,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800

Darling Bungalow! Newly painted, hardwood floors thru-out. Stained woodwork, new windows & vinyl siding. Plaster walls w/oval archways. Formal dining & liv room.



South Lyon 248-437-3800

Two BR condo in great location! Beautiful 2 story condo features large living room, condo backs up to open area w/gorgeous views. Partially finished basement. 1 car garage.

(27044815)

\$174,900

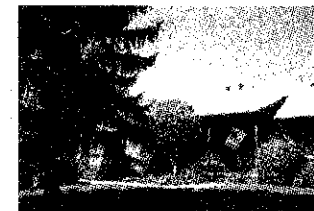


South Lyon 248-437-3800

Sharp Ranch on Nice Sized Lot! Close to downtown this home features living room, country kitchen with eating area, 3 bedrooms and first floor laundry. Kitchen and bath have been updated.

(27190262)

\$150,000



South Lyon 248-348-6430

Adult Co-op 55+ Community Ceramic tile in foyer and LR eat-in kit. Formal DR, 12x12 4-season un porch. Fin LL w/FR, office, BR, full ba and laundry. 1-car gar. Comm w/clubhouse and beach.

(27137385)

\$110,000

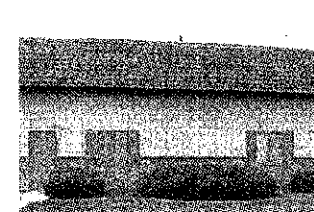


South Lyon 248-348-6430

COLONIAL ACRES FINEST! 2 BR/2 BA adult coop. Cul-de-sac location. Full fin bsmt (walkout) w/ Fla room. Central air. Meticulously maintained. Community pool & club house. Planned activities.

(27024815)

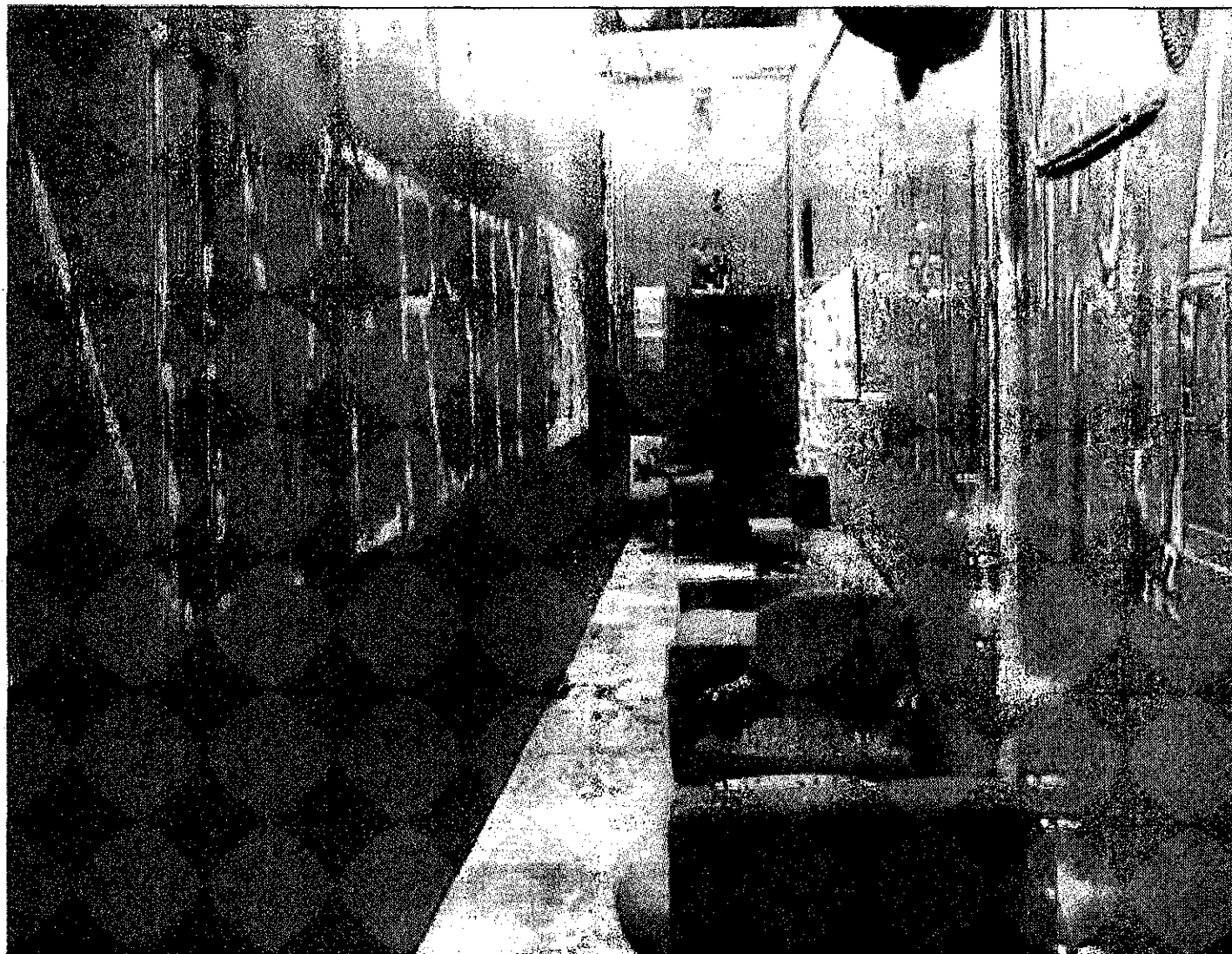
\$75,000



Southfield 248-437-3800

Unit in Colonial Industrial Park 2400 sq. ft. unit at a reasonable price. Office space, warehouse space, 16' overhead door, 3 phase electricity. Lease includes assoc. dues and property tax.

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The hallway at Alex Lauer's home.

Artists: Show us your homes

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Calling all artists, musicians and creative people: We want to see inside your homes.

While the rest of us pore through home publications for design inspiration, we know you have natural, interesting flair.

Whether you're a fine artist with a sophisticated home, or twentysomething rocker with old records glued to your ceiling, we're hoping you will share one of your creative rooms with us.

Recently we stumbled upon the artists who live in an Eastern Market loft that they have named Scrummage University.

There, members of the band Benny Stoofy use found vintage items, Christmas lights and bold paint colors for an eclectic style. The band has turned their Scrummage home into a communal atmosphere.

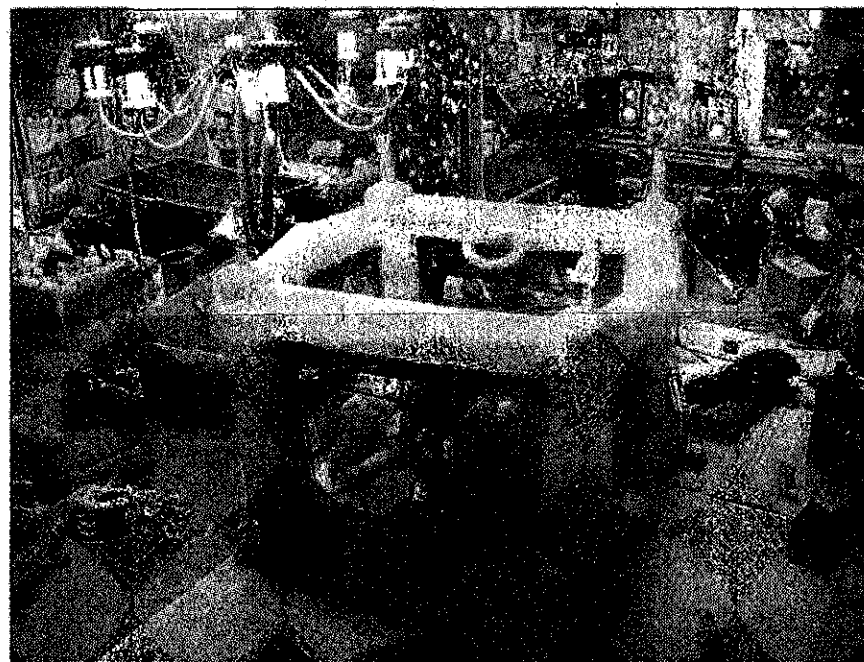
They host art exhibits and have invited bands from across the globe to perform at their space.

Benny Stoofy plays psychedelic music and their home decor suits the music well.

"It's spaced out alien rock 'n' roll," said Alex Lauer, guitarist/singer/keyboardist, formerly of Southfield and Beverly Hills. "A lot of people bring us pieces to add to our place."

See more at myspace.com/scrummage-university.

"It's our home, but it's also a do-it-yourself art-space venue. People can perform here and show their art here in an open, supportive environment."



Band members of Benny Stoofy design their home and allow artist friends to contribute. They call this 'The Bounce Room.'

"There is no judgment on anyone here." And isn't that what a home is all about?

If you're an artist or musician who would like to share a part of your home with us, e-mail: lm1ni@hometownlife.com or call (248) 901-2572.



Owner of a Golden Heart

Restaurants can receive county's healthy designation

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Oakland County health officials will be rewarding restaurants that offer low-fat menu items and cook with trans fat-free oil with a "Golden Heart Healthy Restaurant" designation.

Owners and operators of Oakland County's 4,000 restaurants can expect to receive 13-question surveys soon in the mail. The surveys are aimed at encouraging restaurants to offer healthier food alternatives on their menus and create trans fat reduction/healthy diet initiatives.

"Most Americans don't eat right," said Dr. Sharon Milberger, associate director for research at Henry Ford Health System's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. "Most Americans eat too many saturated fats and sugars." Milberger added that many diners want healthier items and want to eliminate trans fats from their diets.

With that in mind, county officials created the Oakland County Trans Fats Awareness and Reduction Group, which in turn developed the survey. The group consists of dietitians, health educators and representatives from the Oakland County Health Department, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, the Oakland County Intermediate Schools District and Henry Ford Health Systems. Big Rock Steak and Chop House will represent area restaurants.

SURVEYS DUE APRIL 4

Restaurant owners and operators who want to modify their menus to create healthier food options can have recipes analyzed, for a fee, by Henry Ford Health Systems. Data collected from the surveys will be analyzed and restaurants that meet the healthy and trans fat free criteria will be eligible to receive the Gold Heart designation. The surveys are due April 4.

Oakland County Commissioner Marcia Gershenson (D-West Bloomfield and Bloomfield), who is also a member of the Trans Fat Awareness and Reduction Group, said today's trends toward informing the public in nutritional labeling of foods and calorie identification give the group a "natural position" to be involved.

"We also sought input from the restaurants," she said, citing Big Rock Chop House restaurant's involvement. Andy Delaney, president of the Michigan Restaurant Association, was also invited, she said.

"We wanted it to be a friendly process, and we want people to have choices," Gershenson said.

GOLD HEART DESIGNATION

Vera Day Rizer, general manager at Big Rock Chop House in Birmingham, said the restaurant was approached by the county to be involved in the survey. Rizer and chef Jeff Rose are involved in the group.

"It got us thinking about the way things are prepared," Rizer said. "We prepare everything from scratch, but people aren't always thinking about the kind of oil it's fried in."

Big Rock has used trans fat free oil for two years now, Rizer said.

"We know we're doing the right thing, and a lot of restaurants may be doing the right thing, and they just don't know it," Rizer said.

The group has not developed criteria on how to designate a Gold Heart restaurant. "The team will analyze the results," Rizer said.

Rizer thinks the survey will help for informational purposes, but would not lead to more regulation, such as mandates on the publication of calorie counts on menus.

"People are looking for freshness and taste," Rizer said. "People aren't always looking at calories when they go out. They can already ask for dressings or sauces on the side. Most people save their serious dieting for when they are home." As a lower fat alternative, Big Rock offers fresh fruit and sorbets on the dessert menu, Rizer says.

Commissioner Bradford Jacobsen (R-Oxford) hopes the golden heart designation encourages restaurants to offer healthy items — if they don't already. "I eat out a lot and I know I'm not always a healthy eater," Jacobsen said. He thought about how the gold heart designation would work with diners: "I'd order the seafood with cream sauce one day, and when I go out again, I'll see the logo and remember that I didn't eat healthy the other day, so I'll order that item."

Jacobsen is opposed to banning trans fats, which was in a bill introduced by Gershenson that's currently in committee.

"All I tell people is 'buyer beware,'" Jacobsen said. "But we need to make them aware of what they are eating. If a restaurant wants to put the calories on the menu, that's fine, but most of us can look at a list of ingredients and foods on a menu, and know if it isn't healthy."

Rizer believes the survey gives restaurants a chance to promote themselves. "The survey will give us a tool to do that," Rizer said. "We'll inform our guests with a little gold heart."

What makes a winery boutique?

There's no definition for boutique winery. In general in the United States, they're simply considered high quality with low production.

Yet, how low is low? That's not defined either, but we believe Gargiulo Vineyards, with a 3,500-case production, is a boutique winery — and one you should get to know. Recently, the wines became available in the Michigan market.

In general, boutique wineries set out to distinguish themselves by expressing a sense of place in their wines. The new word for that is an expression of somewhere. With that aim in mind, the Gargiulo family is committed to crafting wines from two Oakville (Napa Valley) estate vineyards, Money Road Ranch and 575 OVX (an abbreviation for Oakville Cross Road, the vineyard location).

Best known for cabernet sauvignon and merlot, Gargiulo also produces a sangiovese blended

WINE PICKS

Gargiulo does not produce a syrah (also known as shiraz) but the following do and they're really delicious.

2006 McManis \$10
2005 Penfolds Koonunga Hill Shiraz Cabernet \$12
2005 Peter Lehmann Barossa Shiraz \$15
2006 Fairview Shiraz (South Africa) \$15
2006 Goat-Roti (South Africa) \$20 (shiraz-viognier blend)
2006 Two Hands Angels Share McLaren Vale Shiraz \$30
2004 MacRostie Wildcat Mountain Vineyard \$34
2005 Tablas Creek \$35
2005 Beckmen Purisima

Mountain Vineyard \$40
2002 McWilliams Stentford's Old Vines Coonawarra Reserve Shiraz \$55
Then there's petite sirah (not a syrah relative), with big and generous flavors.
2006 McManis \$11
2005 Vina Robles Jardine \$26
Chinese New Year Feb. 7-22. A perfect complement to Chinese dishes is 2006 Now & Zen Wasabi White \$10, a fun Alsace blend of sylvaner, pinot blanc, riesling and gewurztraminer.

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it's a domestic wine, order it direct from the winery.

wine named Aprile. In 2004 Food and Wine magazine named Gargiulo one of the top 20 new wineries on the planet.

FROM TOMATOES TO WINE

Proprietor Jeff Gargiulo has been farming nearly his entire life. Before selling his company to Monsanto, he was, at one time, one of the largest tomato growers

in the world. Between 2001 and 2006, he was president and CEO of Sunkist Growers, where he spearheaded reorganization and developed diversified products such as Sunkist's pre-cut fruit and berry marketing.

Individual grapes are often called berries, so this fits!

Gargiulo and his wife Valerie, purchased Money Road Ranch in

1992. By 1994, 35 of its 40 acres were reengineered and replanted to three different rootstocks and three different clones of merlot. Remaining acreage was divided among cabernet sauvignon, sangiovese and pinot gris.

In 2000, the Gargiulos purchased nine additional acres in Oakville at 575 Oakville Crossroad. This vineyard, named 575 OVX is located on the eastern side of Oakville, sandwiched between two famous Napa Valley vineyards Rudd and Screaming Eagle.

In spring 2001 Gargiulo replanted 575 OVX, one of the only south-facing sloped vineyards in Oakville, to cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and petit verdot. In May 2005 the Gargiulos began construction of a state-of-the-art winery.

WHAT TO BUY FROM GARGIULO VINEYARDS

2004 Aprile \$45 has pretty aromatics with varietal integrity and a distinct mellow, generous and dusty impression. Aging in 42 percent new French oak for 16

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Answers to virus, Vista, remote control and iPod movie questions

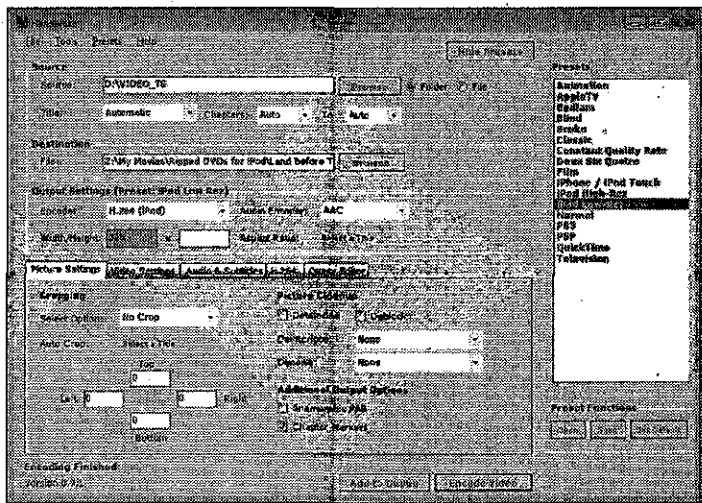
Question: I just received a suspicious e-mail attachment and want to make sure it doesn't have a virus. How can I scan it without opening it first?

Answer: Forward the e-mail to scan@virustotal.com. In a few minutes, you'll get back a report telling you what infections were found, if any.

This free service employs a whopping 32 different virus scanners, making it far more effective than the single anti-virus utility that's installed on your PC. (You do have one, right?)

You can also visit the VirusTotal.com site and manually upload any file for on-the-fly scanning. The service won't remove any viruses it discovers, but at least you'll know if you've got a problem file.

Question: I'm trying to help a friend or family member solve a



The free HandBrake program can copy your DVDs to your iPod for on-the-go viewing.

computer problem, but it's really difficult to troubleshoot over the phone. How can I set up a remote connection to the other PC?

Answer: Professional tech-support departments increasingly rely on remote-control software, which lets them temporarily take control of the user's PC to diagnose and fix problems.

You can do likewise with

CrossLoop (crossloop.com), a free utility that couldn't be much easier to use.

Just download and run the program, and instruct the other user to do likewise. He/she then clicks the program's Share tab and reads you the access code presented there. You type it into CrossLoop at your end, then click Connect.

Presto: You've got full (but temporary) control over the

other PC. Now you can work your tech-savvy magic.

Question: I'm in the market for a new PC, but I've heard bad things about Windows Vista. Should I try to find a system that comes with Windows XP?

Answer: For all its shortcomings and annoyances, Windows Vista really isn't a bad operating system. It's more secure than XP, and it offers some worthwhile advantages, including Windows Media Center and improved search and networking capabilities.

That said, if you're determined to stick with XP, Dell is among the few manufacturers that let you order new PCs with the older OS.

Alternately, you could look for a closeout or recertified machine from a reseller like eCost or TigerDirect. Any model manufactured prior to January, 2007 will come with Windows XP.

There's another option, of course: Buy a Mac instead. The latest models can run both Mac and Windows operating systems, giving you the best of both

worlds. Something to consider!

Question: I want to watch my DVDs on my iPod. Can I copy them somehow?

Answer: Absolutely. In fact, 20th Century Fox recently announced a collaborative effort with Apple called iTunes Digital Copy. When you buy select DVDs, you'll be able to pop the disc into your PC and sync a mobile version of the movie straight to your iPod.

For the moment, however, the only DVD to offer this compelling feature is "Family Guy Presents: Blue Harvest." If you want to watch the movies in your existing DVD collection, you'll need to get creative.

Start by downloading HandBrake (handbrake.fr), a freeware utility for Windows and Mac systems. It converts DVDs into iPod-compatible MP4 video files.

You'll also need a utility that can decrypt copy-protected DVDs, which, technically speaking, is illegal. I've heard rumors that DVD43 (dvd43.com) is one such utility.

I've also heard that after

installing and running DVD43, you should then run HandBrake, click the Show Presets button, and then choose a suitable preset (such as "iPhone/iPod Touch" or "iPod High-Res").

Now insert your DVD, wait a minute for your system to recognize it, and then click the Browse button in the Source section. Navigate to the DVD's Video_TS folder and click OK. Next, choose a destination for the output file (your iTunes folder is a logical choice).

Finally, click the Encode Video button — and settle in for a long wait. Even on a fast system, it can take several hours to process a typical DVD. When it's done, copy the new video to your iPod like you would any other.

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WINE

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months gives the wine good length and roundness.

2003 Money Road Ranch Merlot \$40 showcases bright cherry, raspberry and cassis aromas and flavors.

With good structure and well-integrated fruit, oak and acid, it comes across layered and attractive.

2004 Money Road Ranch Merlot \$40 is nearly a mirror image of the 2003 with, perhaps, somewhat brighter fruit and a bit more lush in the finish.

The bad news here is that both the 2003 and 2004 Gargiulo Money Road Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon \$75 are sold out.

These are stellar wines, so get your bid in for some 2005 and long term the 2007.

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FOOD CALENDAR

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (248) 644-1314.

Ritz-Carlton

The hotel's culinary team invites you into their kitchen for cooking classes. Learn cooking tips and tricks, then sit down to a dinner with wines 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday evenings as follows: Treasures of Tuscany: Regional Italian, Feb. 11; Mediterranean Mezza, April 14; Celebrating Cinco de Mayo, Mexican Fiesta, May 12; Flavor and Fire: Hot Off the Grill, June 18. Cost is \$120, \$75 dinner only. Call Leslie Jacobs at (248) 646-4517.

Whole Foods Market

Chinese New Year cooking class, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19, \$15, you must pre-register at customer service counter no later than

Feb. 15, 7350 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield (248) 538-4600.

Market tour

Learn ins and outs of label reading, where to look for hard to find foods and how to incorporate soy into your diet, call Stacy Goldberg at (248) 563-2920 to reserve a place on the tour, 3 p.m. Feb. 24, Whole Foods Market, 7350 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield (248) 538-4600.

Healthy Cooking Classes

Macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson has moved out of her apartment and into a house so there's more room for students and better parking. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get "hands-on" experience preparing the recipes. Details of all classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are 6-9 p.m. at Wilson's new home in Westland, visit the web site or call (734) 722-4553 for more information.

Appliance news from around world

Each day on my computer I can travel many miles with the flick of a fingertip and the constant instructions I receive from my darling Valorie. She says that I am getting much better and asking fewer questions.

My travels to Mexico reveal that Whirlpool is cutting 750 jobs at its Reynosa plant and plans

to increase production at the Ramos Arizpe plant and add 600 employees by mid-year. Over in LaVergne, Tenn., Whirlpool is closing a refrigerator factory, laying off 500 workers and

moving production to Fort Smith, Ark.

This plant is expected to gain another 250 employees by the end of this year. Whirlpool has an employment enrollment of around 73,000 and the above numbers are just a drop in the bucket. Whirlpool is providing a severance package to these folks to I'm sure ease the upheaval they must go through.

Cut across Michigan from Benton Harbor to Greenville and take a look at the work going on at the Gibson

Manufacturing factory. This 1.7 million-square-foot plant is being torn down and removed from the face of the earth.

Built in 1877 by Frank Gibson, it has made products such as wood cabinets, bomber wings and aluminum gliders for the military of World War II, and modern refrigerators that have garnished the American home with food preservation.

This demolition project began in April of last year and will be completed some time this spring. Life as they knew it in Greenville is certainly not the same, and that is a shame.

Flying in my computer flight simulator I travel over the 401 highway heading east to Guelph, Ontario to visit the headquarters of W.C. Wood Company.

If you have purchased a freezer in the last 10 years then most likely it was built by Wood, no matter what brand name you see on the front. Newspapers in Canada point out that W.C. Wood has been purchased by Red Diamond Capital, a private investment firm based in New York. W.C. Wood has been controlled by the Wood family since it was founded in 1930. Red Diamond is an affiliate of Mitsubishi Corporation, Japan's leading trading company. Freezer production in the U.S. is just about non-existent today; I hope they

can keep it up in Canada.

In my computer travels I picked up a story with the headline: Liebherr to Introduce 36-Inch Refrigerator at K/BIS. The French-door model will be appearing at the Kitchen/Bath Industry Show in April in Chicago.

This product will have two separate compressors with ability to produce 3.5 pounds of ice in 24 hours and capacity to store seven pounds of cubes. The glass shelves are strong enough to hold 180 pounds. My hopes are that the appliance will be able to cool the refrigerator section down to around 35 degrees.

By the way, I must search out something on my computer. I haven't heard about this Liebherr brand name before this story. I don't know if they're from Canada, Mexico, Benton Harbor or Greenville. Time to find out! Stay tuned.

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 wvonb@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

Keep comfort in mind when outfitting a guest room

Kelly of Redford asks: "I'm decorating a guest room and I don't know where to begin. I already have an office, so this room will be a guest room, only."

How lucky you are to have enough space to allow for a permanent guest room! First, you need to evaluate the needs of any potential guests, space plan everything on paper, and then go shopping.

Normally, a guest room has at least one full-size bed or two twin beds. If a queen bed fits, that's even better. If you have regular guests staying at your home, you need to evaluate how long they typically stay and try to anticipate their needs while at your house. Will they need a dresser? Probably not. A few drawers in a large nightstand should be plenty, but be sure to allow for ample closet space to hang clothing. A folding luggage stand is a great piece to have and pull out when guests arrive.

If your guests are technologically connected, a writing desk and chair is a nice addition. They will have a horizontal surface to set up their lap-

top, or simply charge their cell phone. Wireless or cable connection should also be considered.

A television set in the guest room is a worthwhile investment, too. It doesn't have to be large or fancy, but some people like to wind down alone and watch their favorite shows or catch up on the news.

For space planning, you will need to draw out the room in 1/4" inch scale and make sure these furniture items all fit in the room. Once that is decided, it's time to shop.

Establish a color scheme by selecting your bedding first or a dramatic piece of art work. A bed-in-a-bag set is fine for the guest room and there are deals to be had if you shop around. You can choose your paint color after you've selected the bedding and art.

Don't forget the alarm clock, a reading light, and a nice, full-length mirror. Enjoy the process of designing your guest room ... your guests will appreciate it.

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

Ticket winners off to the show

Nine area residents are ticket winners to the "Valentine Rock and Roll Spectacular" show at the Ford Performing Art Center in Dearborn. The winners were part of a random ticket drawing in a contest sponsored by the Observer

& Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers.

The Feb. 16 show features The Reflections, The Diamonds, The Vogues, Sonny Turner and Jack Scott.

Winners are Bob Magary of Auburn Hills, Beverly Tack

of Royal Oak, Margo Tellish of Livonia, Barbara Bellaire of Canton, Larry Michalski of Farmington Hills, Michael Kromirs of Farmington Hills, Nancy Radzwion of Westland, Joyce Hudy of Livonia and Joyce Costanza of Canton.

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Toast skirts promise to warm up winter days

Bring on the chilly temperatures — the long, dragging Michigan winter coated in snow. Vivian George won't shy from it. The Harper Woods resident and musician — who splits her time between metro Detroit and Toronto — has invented a fashion-forward solution to the frigid weather. She crafted a down-filled full-length snow skirt she calls Toast.

And it's unlike any other piece of outerwear we've seen.

"You feel like a superhero," she said. Toast's stylish superpower provides protection against the harsh elements. "My aunt came up with (the name)," said George. "It keeps you warm as toast."

The invention was derived from necessity. After years of working on film sets in Toronto, George learned a thing or two about keeping warm. Working on the set of *Road to Avonlea*, she noticed the actresses wearing large, flannel skirts didn't mind the weather. It sparked an idea. Her Toast prototype began with a visit to a Detroit thrift store. She found a down feather coat and experimented by slicing off the sleeves and neck, and fashioning it around her waist. "Down keeps you warmer than any other material," she said.

Over the past six years she's worked with three manufacturers who couldn't quite get it right. Then Canada Goose took the reins and helped George perfect her product. They modeled it after the technology used on their own Expedition Parka, favored by the National Science Foundation during South Pole expeditions. "The



Vivian George created the ultimate skirt for cold climates, called Toast.

quality is unparalleled," said George.

It is versatile enough to be worn as a skirt or used as a snugly blanket or even a pillow. With a double-zipper and snaps for wearability, Toast is perfect for people who work outside 10 hours a day or those who just walk their dogs, George said. The skirt, which is surprisingly light-weight, is coated in Teflon. It can get wet without being damaged — and the down will never escape. Each skirt comes with one Grabber Mycoal Heat Treat that can be inserted into a back

pocket for extra warmth and comfort.

It's durable and simple to clean. "You just wipe it with water," said George. "There is no need to dry-clean it."

The skirt runs from extra small to large. It comes in black, though George has added various colors of lining — in hot pink, white or polar blue satin.

George is currently working toward wider distribution. While the skirts are available for sale online and in stores in Boston, New York and Toronto, she recently added a local shop to the list — Excelsior, at 23900 Woodward Ave. in Pleasant Ridge.

Owner Patti Brock-Sklar had the skirts in stock for one day and two customers had already tried it on. A down coat can look "very Michelin Man" she said, whereas a Toast skirt adds glamour. "You can wear whatever you want underneath," she said.

Toast isn't limited to women. Men wear it, too. "Wearing the skirt forces heat up," said George. While it can be paired with any sort of winter coat, often a sweater is all that's needed. "It regulates to your body heat," she said.

And beyond the utility of the skirt, it's a slimming head-turner. George can't step outside without hearing the question "where did you get that skirt?" It literally sells itself. Women have offered to buy it right off of her, she said, adding that: "The skirt makes a scene in a snowstorm."

For more information or to order online, visit www.toast-skirts.com.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola is a self-confessed shop-a-holic. She writes about beauty trends, fashionable finds and shopping tips for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Got an idea suitable for *Shop Around the Corner*? She can be reached at (248) 901-2567 or scasola@hometownlife.com.

HOME CALENDAR

IKEA Events

Bring your Valentine to IKEA Canton today and receive a free entree when you buy one at equal value, and enjoy intimate live music 5-9 p.m. in the restaurant. During "American as Cherry Pie" Feb. 16-18, get a piece of cherry pie for 25¢ with purchase of an herbed chicken entrée for \$5.49. On Presidents' Day, Feb. 18, bring your oldest dated penny to IKEA Canton 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Owners of five oldest pennies will win \$100 IKEA gift cards. Every person entering a penny, no matter how old it is, will be entered to win one \$500 IKEA Gift Card.

Cottage & Lakefront Living

The Cottage & Lakefront Living Show, at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi Feb. 28-March 2, will include log, timber frame and cedar homes, cottage rental, furnishings, lakefront homebuilders and realtors, lakeshore maintenance, boats and docks, outdoor recreational equipment, sand art demos by Big Wave Dave, and seminars about family kayak adventures and 'green' lake practices. Show hours are 2-9:30 p.m. Thursday; 2-9:30 p.m. Friday; 10

a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9; \$4 for children 6-14; children 5 and under free. Call (800) 328-6550 or visit www.cottageandlakefrontliving.com.

Green Exhibitors Wanted

The deadline for exhibitors to apply for the Green Street Fair in Plymouth is March 1. The first-ever Green Street Fair will be held 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, May 3 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 4 in downtown Plymouth. Presented by Whole Foods Market, the fair was founded to inform people of all ages about the benefits of green, organic, and eco-friendly products and services. Highlights include: cultural and environmental film; street performers; children's activities; fitness and well-being demos; green careers; a farmer's market; art installations and a clothing swap. For information, call (734) 259-2983 or visit www.green-streetfair.com.

Cranbrook Seeks Docents

Historic Cranbrook House seeks docents to conduct tours of the 1908 home. Choose eight-week training sessions on Tuesday evenings or

Wednesday mornings beginning March 4. Separate sessions will be held for Garden docents only. The tour season runs from May through October. Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary also welcomes volunteers for estate gardening, greenhouse management, the Wildflower Rescue Program and Gatehouse admissions center. Call (248) 645-3149.

Home & Garden Show

The Michigan Home & Garden Show, March 7-9 at Ford Field, will feature all aspects of landscapes, gardens, lawn care, plants, trees, garden tools, renovation advice, room additions, furniture, spas, fireplaces, floor covering and more. HGTV's Frank Fontana will present "Let's be Frank! Secrets of High Style, Low Cost Design." Show hours are noon-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9; \$4 for children 6-14; free children 5 and under. Children 6-14 are free on Family Day, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday and special activities will be offered. Call (800) 328-6550 or visit www.FordFieldHomeShow.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wensdy Von Buskirk at wvonqb@hometownlife.com.

Flower Arranging

Michigan Orchid Society member Rosie Kiley present "Flower Arranging Made Easy" at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17 at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits St. Free. Call (586) 416-1496.

English Gardens Events

English Gardens will host a free presentation on perennial gardening 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 at its retail stores in Ann Arbor, Clinton Township, Dearborn Heights, Eastpointe, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield. Learn how to create a colorful garden that will come back every year. All six locations also will host the 6th Annual Orchid Festival through Feb. 26, with displays of more than 50 varieties of orchids, along with free demonstrations and presentations on Feb. 16. Visit www.englishgardens.com.

Schoolcraft Classes

Expert horticulturist and landscape designer Merritt Wolsen will teach upcoming classes on garden design at Schoolcraft College in Livonia:

Design Your Outside World, 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 20-March 19; or 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, March 29-April 12.

Woody Trees and Shrubs, 9-11:40 a.m. Feb. 23-March 15.

Perennial Gardening, 7-9:40 p.m. Wednesdays, March 26-April 9. Cost is \$75/\$60 for seniors, books and supplies included. Call (734) 462-4448.

A Bit of Green

Goldner Walsh, 559 Orchard Lake Road, Pontiac, will host a benefit for Shades of Pink, a Birmingham-based organization that helps women battling breast cancer. A Gardening Lecture and Luncheon 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22 will feature lunch in the Event Greenhouse at tablescape decorated by local designers, along with lectures by local experts. A Wine Tasting and Tablescape Preview 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 will feature hors d'oeuvres by candlelight and a sneak peek at the tables. \$60 per event; \$100 per person to attend both. Call (248) 594-1249 or visit www.goldnerwalsh.com.

Master Composter Classes

The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority will hold Master

Composter classes for environmental gardening enthusiasts beginning at 6:45-8:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 at the Birmingham Department of Public Services Building, 851 S. Eton. The course includes six classes and a field trip to the SOCRRA compost facility. Cost, \$30, includes name badge, soil test and class notebook. Call (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

Hostas 101

The Royal Oak Garden Club will present Hostas 101 at 7 p.m. March 10 at the Royal Oak Public Library. A Royal Oak gardener who has turned his back yard into a successful nursery business, will explain how to propagate and cultivate hostas at the free event. Call (313) 861-6579.

Orchid Show

The Michigan Orchid Society will host its 54th Annual Palm Sunday Show March 15-16. Formerly at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, the show will move to the MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Programs for beginner, intermediate and casual growers of orchids; 30 vendors selling orchids, supplies and related items. Free. Hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Visit www.miorchids.com.

THE HEALTHY PLATE: Recipe for Herb-Crusted Pork Tenderloin

BY JIM ROMANOFF
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Usually when a food is described as having a golden, crispy crust, frying and plenty of grease are involved.

But it doesn't have to be that way. With the right ingredients and techniques, flavorful, crunchy satisfying results can be had without all the fat.

This recipe for pork tenderloin in a golden, herbed crust is loosely inspired by a classic Japanese preparation of breaded, deep-fried pork chops called tonkatsu.

But rather than pork cutlets, this dish uses pork tenderloin, which is as lean as white chicken meat.

Deep-fried crusts do have loads of flavor, so for this pork tenderloin we compensate with loads of added flavorings in the coating.

A crumb mixture is made with panko (Japanese-style bread crumbs), which have a crisper, lighter texture than most kinds of breading. Panko can be found in the Asian section of most grocers.

The panko is combined with chopped fresh parsley, thyme, rosemary and minced garlic to create a flavor that's more Mediterranean than Asian.

You can substitute any herbs you prefer as long as you keep to these quantities. Instead of buying individual bunches, which can be pricey, look for packaged fresh herb blends in the produce department, as well as in the freezer case.

The bread crumb mixture is moistened with a small amount of healthy, extra-virgin olive oil, which distributes flavors and helps the crust to brown during roasting.

To make the crumb mixture stick, a coating of zesty Dijon mustard is applied to the tenderloin, rather than the more common beaten egg. This adds an extra burst of flavor without any additional fat.

Roast the pork tenderloin just until the internal temperature of the meat reaches 155 F; the internal temperature will rise to 160 F while the tenderloin rests for 5. Overcooking lower fat meats is a surefire way to end up

with dry results.

To complete this healthy meal, try serving the sliced pork with pureed sweet potatoes sprinkled with toasted chopped hazelnuts and some steamed broccolini.

PORK TENDERLOIN IN A GOLDEN, HERBED CRUST

Start to finish: 1 hour (15 minutes active)

Servings: 4

¾ cup panko (Japanese-style) bread crumbs
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh rosemary
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh thyme
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1-pound pork tenderloin
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Preheat oven to 400 F. Lightly oil a wire rack or coat it with nonstick cooking spray. Set the rack in a baking sheet.

In a small bowl, combine the bread crumbs, garlic, parsley, rosemary, thyme, oil, salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly.

Use paper towels to pat dry the pork tenderloin.

On a piece of plastic wrap, spread out half of the breadcrumb mixture in a strip as long as the tenderloin. Coat one side of the tenderloin with half of the mustard.

Turn the tenderloin over and set it down on the crumbs so they stick to the mustard. Coat the remaining surface of the meat with the remaining mustard. Press the second side of the tenderloin into the remaining crumb mixture.

Transfer the tenderloin to the prepared rack. Roast until the crust is golden, the tenderloin is barely pink in the center and the internal temperature is 155 F, 35 to 45 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before slicing.

Nutrition information per serving: 245 calories; 8 g fat (2 g saturated); 74 mg cholesterol; 16 g carbohydrate; 26 g protein; 1 g fiber; 435 mg sodium.

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Tender at the Townsend shows future of fashion

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

It's always satisfying when you can indulge your passion for fashion while supporting a good cause.

Every year, Tender presents a runway show at the Townsend Hotel to benefit ORT, an organization dedicated to education around the world. "Tender at the Townsend" is ORT America Michigan Region's premiere event, and 250 supporters turned out to see this year's show on Feb. 1.

We caught up with Cheryl Daskas of Tender, and Anthony Marsalese of Antonino Salon & Spa to find out more about the styles of the season.

Color: Splashy colors will be hot for spring and summer, and it's a great time to transition out of the winter doldrums by incorporating some bright pieces in your wardrobe, like a citrus green cardigan by Saverio Palatella, or a deep emerald green sleeveless top by Thakoon paired with slim, French blue Malo pants.

"Don't be afraid of bold color," Daskas said.

On the other end of the color spectrum, neutrals are hot too, Daskas said.

Dresses: Easy, flattering and simply chic, dresses continue to work wonders. According to Daskas, last season's volume has been reined in, and dresses are more body skimming than before. From a ruffled 'LBD' to a silk Thakoon dress in a graffiti-esque floral print, they hit above the knee and look fabulous.

Femininity: Between frills, bows and flowing fabric, the season's clothing celebrates feminine flair. Daskas said one of the spring/summer trends with a soft edge is transparent fabrics. "Having a transparent feel, whether it's the whole dress, ruffles or overlays, that's a huge look this season," she said.

Daskas wrapped some models in yards of tulle to emphasize the trend.

Black: One of the best things about attending runway shows is hearing your table's reaction to certain garments. One of the best loved was a simple black blouse with an attached capelet straight off the Min Mi runway. Daskas paired it with pants and flats, creating a casually sophisticated look.

Pants: Despite the dominance of dresses, pants look fresh this season because the high waist continues to make headway, showing up on slim pants and wide leg trousers. Daskas warns this look is a little tricky to pull off. "The person has to have a little bit of length in their waist to wear them," she said. "If you can wear them, they look great with something tucked in."



During 'Tender at the Townsend' a black pencil skirt and white ruffled blouse were punched up with a citrus green cardigan by Saverio Palatella.

Lanvin sunglasses lend instant glamour, and don't forget the shoes.

Shoes: Jimmy Choo platform cutouts in brown and fuschia suede. Lanvin pumps in black satin with wood heels and big bows. Valentino platforms of rhinestone mesh. Sound wild? They are, but if you invest in statement shoes this season you can take your old look to a new level. For something that goes with almost anything, try a nude colored shoe, like Derek Lam pumps in buff.

Hair: Runway beauty is always exaggerated, but Anthony Marsalese said the average woman can take a cue from the over-the-top styles he and his team at Antonino Salon & Spa in Birmingham concocted for the show. Models sported smooth hair on top that expanded into voluminous curls on the bottom. Deep side parts and curled-under, clip-on bangs evoked the 1940s. For an everyday translation, Marsalese suggested bangs with straight hair, or loose, tousled curls. "It's not overly done, not too perfect. It's like doing a hairdo then undoing it," he said. "It goes really well with the clothing, feminine and textured."

Makeup: Runway makeup also blended retro and modern feel, according to Genna Gibson, a makeup artist at Antonino. The look was simple: a heavy sweep of dark eyeliner, complemented by high-shine lips in hot pink and red. "Heavy eyeliner and juicy looking lips are really in right now," she said. The lightest touch of rose blush — and perhaps a sweep of sheer eyeshadow — and you're good to go.

Feminine and flowing dresses are the key to style this spring and summer. Accessorize with a chunky necklace and the look's complete.



Neutral colors and wide leg trousers are great for work or weekends. All clothing available at Tender Birmingham.

Accessories: You might not wear neon green, thigh-high fishnets with a little black dress like Daskas showed on the runway, but the point is to use accessories to make a splash. Tie a patterned silk scarf around your hair, put on some prim purple gloves, or carry a handbag covered in silk roses. Large

Tender is located at 271 W. Maple in Birmingham. Call (248) 258-0212 or visit www.tenderbirmingham.com. Antonino Salon & Spa is located at 191 Townsend in Birmingham, (248) 258-5990 and 39590 W. 14 Mile Road in Commerce, (248) 669-0900. Visit www.antoninosalon.com.

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By Wendy

Wear It!

Hanky Pankies (try red for Valentine's Day)

Don't Wear It!

Too casual on casual Fridays (try a blazer with jeans)

Tivo It!

Lipstick Jungle

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Profound Beauty haircare systems at Antonino Salons, Birmingham and Commerce

Smell It!

Chloe's new signature scent exclusively at Saks

Kick It!

Christian Louboutin Sometimes lace-up sandals

Tote It!

Old Navy printed raffia beach totes

Face It!

Nubian Heritage beauty products, new to Macy's

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Do It!

Remember your mom on Valentine's Day

Drink It!

Chocolate Dipped Cherry martinis

Malls and Mainstreets

If you have an item for the Malls & Main Streets calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Wendy Von Buskirk at wvonn@hometownlife.com.

Kohl's Holds Job Fair

Kohl's will host a job fair Feb. 17 - 21 to fill 150 full- and part-time positions for its Canton store, opening in April. Billed by BusinessWeek as one of the "Best Places to Launch a Career," Kohl's will hire associates for cash register operation, department service, customer service, early morning stocking, truck unloading, housekeeping and evening signage/pricing updates. The job fair will be held at the Holiday Inn, 46194 I-94 North Service Dr. in Belleville. Call (877) NEW-KOHLs or visit www.kohls-careers.com.

Zoe's Lace Discounts

Through Friday, Zoe's Lace will donate 5 percent of all purchases to the The Francie and Benson Ford, Jr. Breast Care and Wellness Center at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. Sheryl Freedland, longtime owner of Ruby's Balm, opened Zoe's Lace at The Boardwalk in West Bloomfield to offer beautiful lingerie, yoga and lounge-wear in all sizes. Look for Cosabella, Chantelle, the Intimates line from Elle Macpherson, Mary Green and Kashmere, a line of cashmere soft products without the cashmere price. Visit the store at 6907 Orchard Lake Road or Call (248) 932-5223.

Gifts of Love in Royal Oak

Spend Valentine's Day in Downtown Royal Oak as the Downtown Development Authority presents Gifts of Love. Participating businesses will offer special dinners for two, salon packages and gift items at all price points. Highlights include a champagne dinner for two and "Singles Mingle" party at Bastone; flowers for ladies who dine at Sangria; a Valentine Love Contest at Lily's Seafood; 10 percent off candles through February at Shine; 20 percent off Valentine's Day gifts at Dale & Thomas Popcorn and Godiva chocolates and Cheesecake Factory treats at Barnes & Noble.

Bellanina Beauty Event

Bellanina Day Spa will host an evening of beauty tonight to celebrate its 10th anniversary. From 6:30-9 p.m., guests can indulge in champagne and chocolate, complimentary chair massages, chocolate paraffin hand treatments, and Bellanina facelift massage, as well as enter to win a one week stay at the Bellanina Mountain

Retreat in the Smokey Mountains and other prizes. At 6:30 p.m., Keith West-Harrison, master esthetician to stars like Gwyneth Paltrow, Cameron Diaz and Nicole Kidman, will offer skincare tips and unveil the new Bellanina Naturals line. At 8 p.m., Dr. Michelle Segar will offer "Essential Steps" for women over 40. Bellanina Day Spa is in Ann Arbor's Historic District of Kerrytown at 201 North Fourth Ave. Call (734) 327-1000 or visit www.bellaninadayspa.com.

Nahil returns to Margot's Spa

Margot's Euro Spa in Downtown Birmingham is pleased to announce Nahil Gebara has rejoined the staff. Gebara brings several specialty services to Margot's including permanent makeup, laser hair removal, electrolysis, skin tightening (ReFirme), skin rejuvenation (IPL), VelaSmooth cellulite treatments. Margot's is located at 101 Townsend in Birmingham. Call (248) 642-3770.

Native West Clearance Sale

Native West announces its End of the Trail Sale on unique Southwest jewelry and art Feb. 15-April 12. After 18 years, Native West will close its doors after a sale that begins with 20 percent off for two weeks, increasing by 10 percent each week after that through April 12. Merchandise includes sterling silver jewelry, Painted Pony collectibles, rugs, pottery, artwork, indian reproductions, dream catchers and more. Visit 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth or call (734) 455-8838.

Retail Strategies Session

Fashion Group International of Detroit will host "Creating Success: Retail Strategies for a Challenging Economy," 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 at the Michigan Design Center. Panelists include Chris Bonatz, senior account executive, Christian Dior; Leslie Pilling, owner of Presence II, Inc. interior design; Charlene Mitchell-Rodgers, president, Media Consultants; and Anthony Marsalese, owner, Antonio Salon & Spa. Light appetizers will be served, \$35 members, \$40 non-members, \$30 students. Call (616) 481-3333 or e-mail mjbockheim@msn.com.

Anne Barge Trunk Show

The Bridal Salon at Macy's Somerset will host a trunk show of Anne Barge designs Feb. 15-17, featuring the latest gowns and a representative from the company. Anne Barge bridal gowns combine classic designs in the finest of silks with museum quality beading and embroidery. Appointments are suggested. Call (248) 816-4270.

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