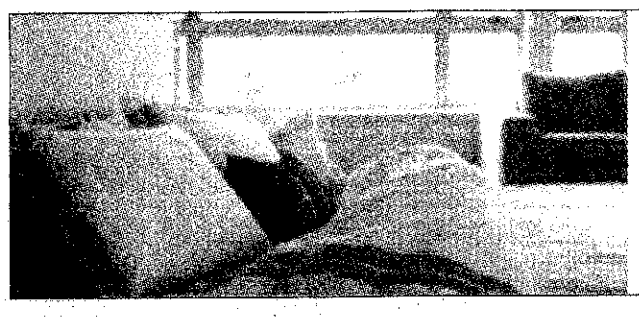

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Does your charity or organization sell holiday cards to raise funds? If so, we want to let our readers know about the selection you're offering.
In late November, the *Observer* Community Life section will feature an entire page of holiday cards in full color. Send samples of your cards with information about your charity and where to obtain cards to Hugh Gallagher at *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline to receive information is Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Whaler autographs
The Plymouth Whalers will visit the Bob Evans Restaurant on Ford Road in Canton on Monday, Nov. 1. Players will be there 6-8 p.m. acting as celebrity servers and signing autographs. Whaler merchandise will also be raffled off. For more information, call (734) 455-7409.

Ford road redux
The final public presentation on the Ford Road access management/traffic operations study is being held on Thursday, Oct. 28 (tonight) from 7-9 p.m. at Dodson Elementary School, 205 N. Beck Road in Canton. Interested residents can attend to find out what may be in store for Ford Road as the final findings and recommendations are presented.

Spooky music
Orchestra Canton presents a "Spooktacular" concert with Nan Washburn and Lindsay Riemer conducting Saturday. The concert will take place at 4 p.m. at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road at Ridge Road. Special Halloween-themed activities start at 3 p.m. For this concert both the audience and musicians will be in costume, ready to enjoy an afternoon of scary classics. During the concert there will even be an orchestra musician costume contest with the audience judging.

IKEA puts Canton on retail map

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

ocation, location, location."

That's the way Canton Supervisor Tom Yack frequently sums up his opinion on why many home buyers choose Canton.

Now, it's the same reason he's using to explain the decision made by Swedish-based furniture retailer IKEA to locate in Canton Township.

'We have found absolutely the best location. You cannot have better than the site we've picked in Canton Township.'

IKEA, which bills itself as the world's largest home furnishing retailer, formally announced Monday it will build a 306,000-square-foot store at the site of the old Super Kmart at Ford Road and Haggerty. The announcement ended some two years of speculation and rumors the furniture retailer was looking to locate in the area.

"This is a very important announcement in Canton's history," Yack told the crowd of officials and journalists at Monday's press conference.

"Homebuyers continue to select Canton as their place to live and they do so for a variety of reasons," he said. "It's a safe and secure community, it has a well-respected school district, outstanding leisure facilities and programs, low millage rates, a great community for young families and location, location, location."

It's that last attribute, he said, that was most attractive to IKEA in their site selection process, an assessment which IKEA real estate director Pat Smith confirmed.

"We have been looking in southeastern Michigan for a long time now for a store," he said. "We have found absolutely the best location. You cannot have better than the

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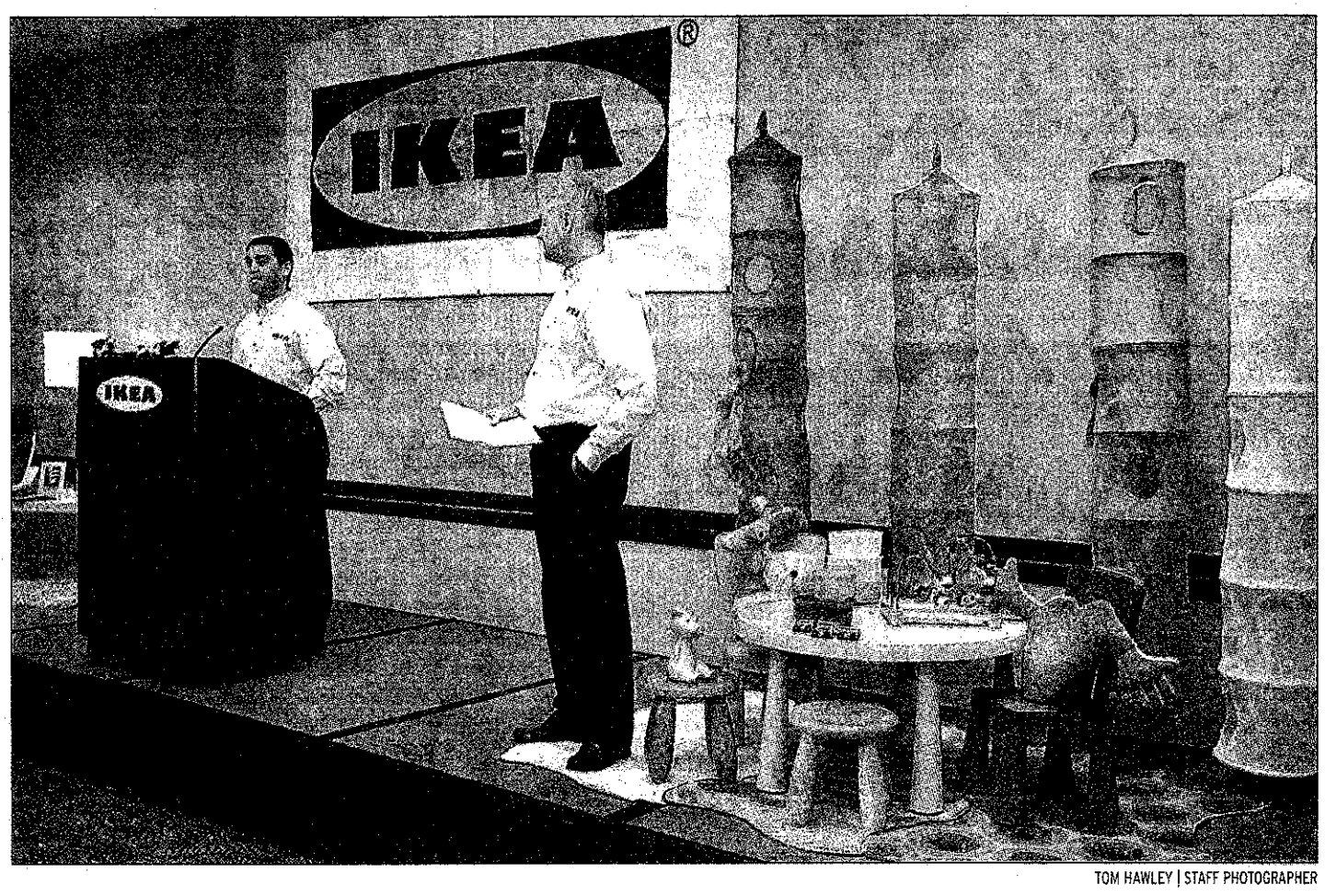

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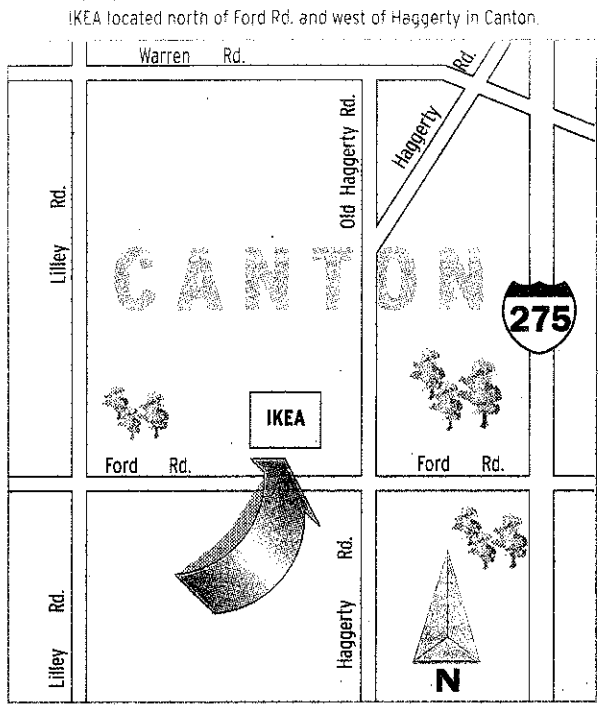
Joseph Roth, director of Expansion Public Affairs for IKEA, speaks to a large crowd at the Summit in Canton for the opening of IKEA in Canton. Right is Pat Smith, IKEA's real estate director.



Local stores welcome competition from IKEA

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Local furniture stores don't seem to be very nervous, or intimidated, by the impending arrival of IKEA, the Swedish-based furniture giant.

Lynn Bowen, store manager for the La-Z-Boy store on Ford Road in Canton, about a mile east of the proposed IKEA store, said she welcomed the newcomer.

"We think it's great," she said. "Other furniture businesses in the area increase our business, for the most part."

Bowen, who said she has been to the IKEA store in Illinois, said they deal in a whole different line of merchandise. She also liked the idea that IKEA would be taking over the old Super Kmart site.

"I think it's great for that area of Ford Road," she said. "I don't think any new development should go up until those empty buildings are taken care of."

She said the proximity of IKEA to La-Z-Boy wasn't a problem.

"I've been with La-Z-Boy for 13 years," she said. "I've worked at stores that had other competitors across the street. I think it will enhance our business. I'm a pro-business person. This couldn't help Canton any better."

Don Wurm, owner of Laurel

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Despite growth, school budget picture still grim

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It was a good-news, bad-news kind of week for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The good news: The immediate financial outlook for the district is positive, with more than 400 new students enrolled providing an additional $2.1 million in state foundation grant money.

And, because of cost-saving measures, $2.9 million is being put back into the fund balance, which will result in a bank account of nearly $10 million at the end of this school year.

The bad news: The forecast for the not-too-distant future indicates the district will run out of operating funds in less than two years. School officials project the district will be nearly $3 million in the red at the end of the 2005-06 school year, and more than $20 million in debt by June 2007.

The figures don't reflect nearly $3.3 million in Durant Funds being saved by the district.

"This is every district in the state, and it doesn't matter if you're Birmingham, Bloomfield, Westland or Inkster," Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent of business services, told the Board of Education Tuesday night while presenting the financial outlook. "We know something is going to have to change."

Board vice president Judy Mardigian acknowledged the efforts of the administration and staff to save money, but recognized it still isn't enough.

"We're hanging on, and it's very admirable, but I'm extremely frustrated," she said. "We've had five years of no increases from the State of Michigan in our foundation grant, five years of retirement rate increases, we've experienced executive order cuts from Lansing and health care cost

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TV helps poker craze reach average players

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

As the Kenny Rogers song goes, "You got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to walk away and know when to run."

And at Rider's hobby shop in Canton, just-for-fun hustlers can not only learn when to hold 'em and fold 'em, they can learn how to play poker with ready-made game sets, and they can buy the equipment they need to turn their homes into a Celebrity Poker or World Series of Poker set.

Kind of like Poker 101, the ready-made sets include instructions in how to play, poker chips and more, said Kevin Bush, director of business operations at

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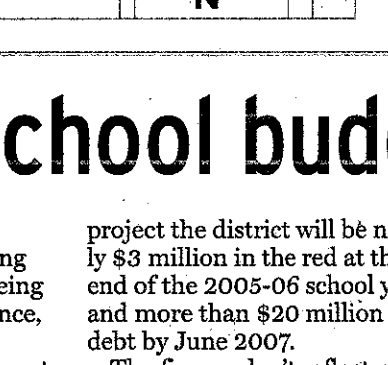

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Store manager Phil DuBois with a selection of poker paraphernalia available at Rider's in Canton.

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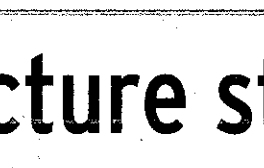

Fight the flu
Despite the shortage of flu vaccine, doctors say there are things you can do to stay healthy. See Sunday's Health section.

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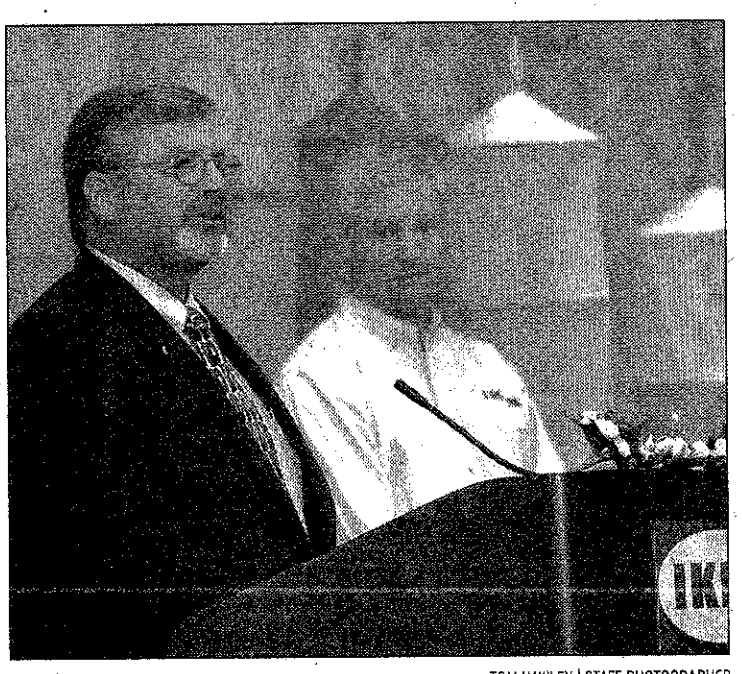
IKEA is a popular regional attraction



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Canton trustee Karl Zarbo, who is manager of Livonia Mall and one of the driving forces behind bringing IKEA to Canton, speaks at the press conference as IKEA real estate director Pat Smith looks on.

Dr. Jerry Charbonneau fondly remembers walking into the IKEA furniture store in suburban Chicago and being amazed by the completeness of it all.

IKEA stores are like a city within a city, with restaurants and its model-home format that help make the stores destination stops for furniture shoppers.

IKEA officially announced Monday it had chosen Canton Township as the location for its newest store. Charbonneau, chair of the sociology department at Madonna University in Livonia, said shoppers have a lot to look forward to.

"It's amazing," he said. "They have everything there. It's really the epitome of globalization."

As part of its aggressive North American expansion, IKEA plans to open five new stores annually.

IKEA's 310,000-square-foot Canton store is expected to open in the summer of 2006. Its 21-acre location is the northwest corner of Haggerty and Ford, built on the closed Super Kmart site. The Super Kmart building will be demolished so that the two-story IKEA store can be built.

IKEA plans to spend more than $1 million to make infrastructure improvements, including street and off-ramp widenings as well as enhanced signalization.

The first two letters of IKEA stand for Ingvar Kamprad, the Swedish man who founded the company in 1943. The last two letters represent Elmtaryd, the farm where Kamprad grew up, and A represents Agunnaryd, a parish in southern Sweden.

The blue-on-yellow IKEA logo is reflective of the company's Swedish heritage, incorporating colors from the country's flag. The company also celebrates Swedish culture by serving Swedish meatballs and other related foods in the stores' built-in restaurants and by selling Swedish grocery items in the stores.

Local residents are thrilled at the prospect of having the store in town. Paul Kogut of Canton said IKEA's arrival will be exciting.

"It's probably a good thing to have around here," he said. "But it's a shame they have to tear down a building that's only 5-6 years old."

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Globally, there are 84,000 IKEA employees (IKEA refers to them as "co-workers") with 8,000 of them working in the United States. Employees only need to work 20 hours weekly to qualify for benefits, which include full medical/dental, 401K, tuition assistance and more.

The nearest IKEA stores are located in Schaumberg, Ill.; Bloomington, Minn., and Toronto, Ontario (four locations). A second Illinois store is in the planning stages and is expected to open near Chicago. IKEA has several California stores and has a stronghold on the East Coast.

Stores are set up with a model home format showing customers how furniture can be incorporated into a variety of "life situations."

IKEA sells most of its furniture in flat-packed packaging and is designed to be assembled at home. Stores are set up with a self-service format that allows customers to pick out what they want, take it home and put it together.

For more information, visit www.ikea-usa.com.

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Furniture in Plymouth, expressed similar views.

"It's a whole different market," he said. "We cater to different people than they do. We have our own decorator and we can give you a sofa with 900 different fabrics."

Laurel Furniture, which has been in Plymouth for 37 years, deals in more traditional family oriented furniture, such as living room and bedroom sets. IKEA deals in flat-packed ready to assemble furniture.

"IKEA is all assemble yourself furniture," Wurm said. "They're going for a younger generation. They're big, and they generate traffic. It might even bring more interest in furniture to the area. I think some of our best years were when there was a lot of competition."

And Eric Buzenberg, co-owner of Walker-Buzenberg in Plymouth, a high-end furniture store that has been around for more than 70 years, agreed.

"I think it's going to be great," he said.

"It's a good retailer in general to bring to this area. I think IKEA will bring customers to this area who normally might not come to Plymouth-Canton. That will spill over to the other stores."

Officials of Gardner White Furniture, which also has a Ford Road store east of I-275, did not return phone calls seeking comment.

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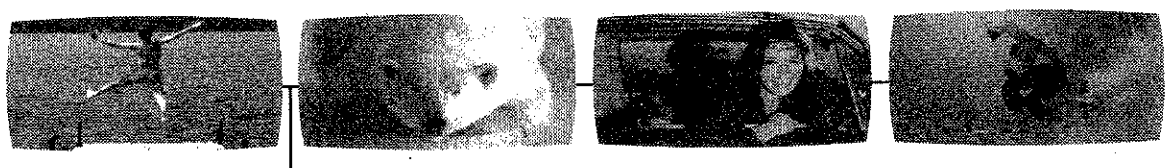
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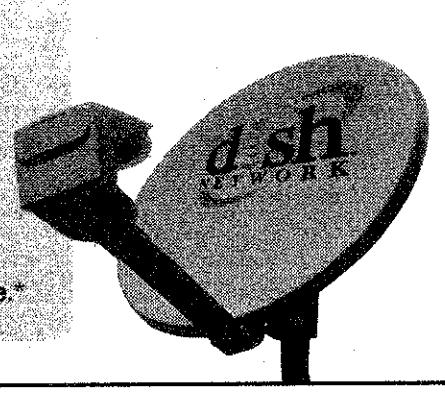
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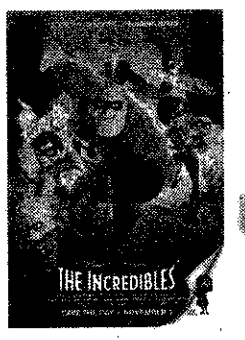
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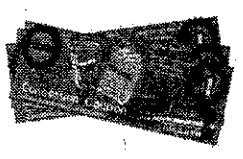
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site we've picked in Canton Township."

IKEA, which has more than 200 stores in 32 countries, including 21 in the United States, typically locates along major freeways and Interstates, since its customer base ranges far beyond the communities in which the stores are located.

"IKEA recognizes the potential customer base that exists for us here in the Metro Detroit area," said Joseph Roth, director of public affairs for the company.

LOCAL IMPACT

But what will be the effect on the township when the store opens, if all goes according to schedule, in the summer of 2006? Township and IKEA officials agree the impact should be positive and beneficial.

For one thing the store will employ about 350 full- and part-time employees. That's 350 new jobs in Canton.

"There will also be hundreds of construction jobs that will be sustained as a result of this project," Yack said. "IKEA's presence will also contribute to sustaining our current retailing base by adding additional shoppers from northern Ohio, western Ontario and most of Michigan — IKEA's trade area."

Canton Trustee Karl Zarbo, who has worked in commercial and retail real estate for 20 years and is credited with being the moving force in bringing IKEA to Canton, agreed.

"I think we're going to be marvelous partners," Zarbo said. "Our goals are very similar. This is a major component as we look to redevelop Ford Road. We've talked about quality national retailers. It doesn't get any better than this."

But some Canton shoppers expressed both excitement and concern about IKEA coming into Canton.

Paul Kogut of Canton said he hopes something will be done to alleviate traffic congestion along Ford Road. Sometimes traffic is so heavy that he backtracks to avoid it.

"Sometimes I purposely go [illegible] Ann Arbor Road," he said.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

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A Michaels shopper, who asked not to be named, said she shopped in an IKEA while visiting a daughter in the Pittsburgh, Pa., area. IKEA, when it opens, will be just a few doors down from Michaels.

"It's just so big and has lots of stuff," the woman said. "I thought it was nice and had lots of diversified merchandise."

AIMING AT YOUTH

Sonya Clausen of Westland said jokingly that forces outside of her control may coerce her into checking out IKEA when it opens.

"I'm Scandinavian and shop at House of Denmark," Clausen said.

The store will most likely be popular with younger customers who like modern-styled furniture, Clausen said. But IKEA's ready-to-assemble format may not be for everyone, particularly single older women who may have trouble maneuvering the heavy packages in and out of their vehicles.

"Some of us can't lift 100 pounds," she said.

IKEA customers may pay an additional charge for home delivery or for assembly assistance, according to its catalog.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano welcomed the announcement.

"This is a class act that improves the quality of life in our community," he said. "We're going to be one of their biggest boosters and supporters and anything we can do to make sure they're successful, we're going to do."

And Kathleen Blake, senior vice president of business development for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, called it "good news."

"Three or four years ago we were hearing rumblings that IKEA was looking to come to Michigan," she said. "We could hardly wait. We're just delighted to have another international player in Michigan with the stature of this company."

The $30 million-plus project should also generate some more tax dollars.

"There'll be an increase in the SEV of the building compared to the old Kmart building," Yack said. "That will mean higher taxes on the building that the Downtown Development District can recover. There will also be taxes on the building and the personal property."

REGIONAL NOTORIETY

Yack noted that with IKEA's presence in Canton, the township itself would get more notice around the area and around the country.

"The fact of having a destination store like IKEA puts Canton on the retail map," he said. "People will see Canton's name all over the upper Midwest. Wherever IKEA's catalog goes, the name of Canton goes along with it. It should help the sustainability of the present retail base and bring some new users as well."

Yack said the challenge would be to extend the stay of visitors to the store. He said hotels and motels might want to put together packages to accommodate customers who come from outside the area, such as Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and other parts of Michigan.

"We want them to take in the other retail we have to offer," he said, "and restaurants, Emagine and The Village Theater."

He acknowledged that there will be an impact on traffic, particularly on Ford Road.

"But those impacts will be basically on the weekend," he said. "Morning drive time shouldn't be affected because they don't open until 10 a.m. And people driving home from work probably aren't going to stop to go shopping. They may come back in the evening."

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

IKEA has said it will spend more than $1 million in infrastructure improvements, such as street and off-ramp widenings and improved traffic signals.

"They said that is the price tag identified by their traffic study," Yack said. "That now goes to our consultants and they validate it. Then the process of identifying what projects need to be completed begins."

He said the Ford and Haggerty roads intersection would be impacted the most and the traffic studies would indicate what improvements are called for.

He noted that the Michigan Department of Transportation has already committed to adding a right-turn-only lane on the north side of Ford Road from I-275 to Lilley and that should help to ease the traffic situation.

"For the first few months after their opening, there will probably be a peak or spike in traffic," he said. "We may even have to use police officers to deal with the impact of traffic during that time. But you can't use that as a long-term measure of the traffic situation."

The township had to resort to policing traffic in the 1970s after the Meijer store opened at Ford and Canton Center. Ford was only a two-lane road at that time.

Whether the IKEA project might provide an impetus for MDOT to take a harder look at Ford Road traffic is pure speculation.

But Yack said he understood that when Cabela's, the huge destination store for outdoors outfitters opened in Dundee a couple of years ago, some road money was made available.

Staff writer Heather Needham contributed to this report.

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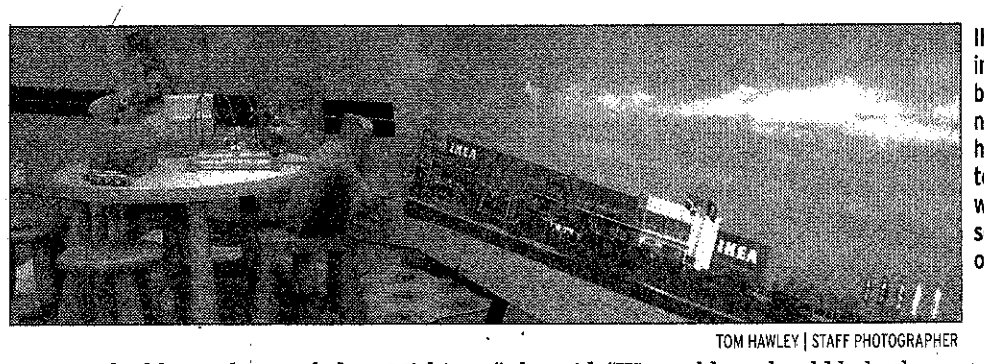

IKEA is bringing its own brand of furniture and housewares to Canton, with a store scheduled to open in 2006.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

IKEA bragging rights go to Ficano

There were a couple of light moments at Monday's press conference at which IKEA announced plans for a Canton location.

When Township Supervisor Tom Yack asked Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano to make a couple of remarks, he couldn't resist throwing out a little barb himself.

"There's a little bit of back and forth between Brooks Patterson (Oakland County executive) and County Executive Ficano over which county is slightly ahead of the other one.

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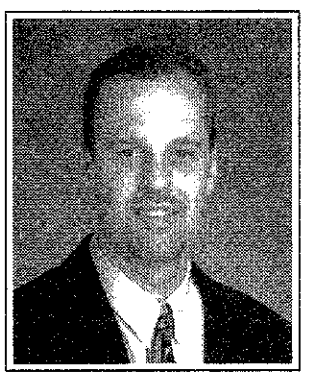

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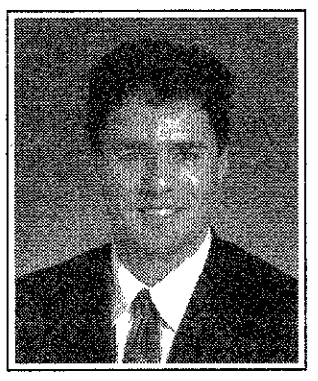

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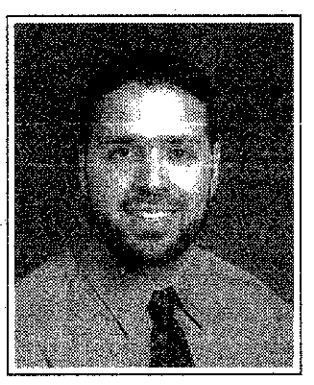

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Plymouth reporter named top journalist

BY BRAD KADRICH
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HomeTown Communications Network Chairman Phil Power (left) congratulates Plymouth Observer reporter Tony Bruscato, the 2004 Observer & Eccentric Journalist of the Year.

For a radio guy, *Plymouth Observer* reporter Tony Bruscato is finding quite a bit of success as a print journalist.

Bruscato, twice honored for his work by the Michigan Press Association, last week added the highest honor his peers can accord him when he was named the *Observer & Eccentric's* 2004 Journalist of the Year.

"Tony epitomizes what it means to be a community journalist," said Phil Power, owner and chairman of the board of HomeTown Communications Network, the *O&E's* parent company. "Our mission is to nurture the lives of our readers, and no one does that better than Tony."

Bruscato, who earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Indiana University in 1975, started as a temporary reporter at the *Observer's* Livonia headquarters in 1997, after a long broadcast journalism career that included nearly 10 years at WWJ and four years at WKBD TV.

He moved out to the *Plymouth Observer* in 1998 and has covered the City of Plymouth and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools ever since. He broke the story of the murder of Tracy Islam, for which her estranged husband, Azizul, was convicted in October 2000, and also covered the story of the child-care shooting death in Plymouth Township earlier this year.

"Tony has done an excellent job of balancing a whole variety of stories," said Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock. "I've always said that, from time to time as government officials, we're going to do something that doesn't make any sense. Tony is going to report that, and rightfully so. Other times we do good things, and he reports that, as well.

"He works hard at getting the news," Sincock added. "I really think he has the interests of the readers at heart when he's out digging for the story."

Bruscato was recognized not only for his writing, but for his involvement in the community. For instance, rather than report on a school trip to Space Camp in Florida, Bruscato accompanied the class. He's also on the board of directors for the Plymouth Community United Way, and he's a member of the Plymouth Rotary Club.

"This is a great job," Bruscato said. "You get to be part of a community, you get to meet new people and even better, you get to tell their stories."

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AROUND TOWN

CANTON PLACE SALE

The annual holiday bake sale and "white elephant" rummage sale at Canton Place senior housing will be held Saturday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Lots of homemade cakes, pies, cookies and breads will be on sale. The Canton Place apartments are just behind the Mexican restaurant, Ford and Sheldon roads. Phone (734) 981-6420.

WAL-MART GRANT TO CANTON

Safe neighborhoods and communities are important to Wal-Mart and the Canton Community. In celebration of this commitment to the community, Wal-Mart has named the Canton Fire Department as the recipient of the Safe Neighborhood Heroes Grant. The check was presented to the department on Saturday, Oct. 16.

According to Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher, the grant will be used to fund many areas of fire prevention education such as the Clown Unit, Fire Extinguisher classes, and the Fire Safety House. "The commitment Wal-Mart has made to public safety in Canton will benefit everyone. The fire department is very appreciative of the grant," Rorabacher said.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Michigan Military Moms and Canton Township will collect A T & T International phone cards for our servicemen/women currently in the Armed Forces. Groups and individuals are encouraged to drop off the (activated, international) phone cards on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Summit in the Lobby. The Canton Goodfellows will kick-off their season with a drop off at the Summit in the Lobby on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Goodfellows accepts new toys, new socks and non-perishable foods. Both events are part of the annual Make a Difference Day celebration around the nation.

DANCE PERFORMANCE

The Milwaukee Dance Theatre performs "My Elephant Dream" at the Plymouth Community Arts Council at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20. The performance is part of the "Live at 774" performance series.

Tickets are $25. Proceeds benefit the Plymouth Community Arts Council, a nonprofit organization. The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774 North Sheldon in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

The Milwaukee Dance Theatre was founded in 1987 by Artistic Director Isabelle Kralj and is known for integrating theatre, dance, text and music into original works. Entering its 18th season, MDT has a history of critical acclaim and is known for its consistency in high quality productions. "My Elephant Dream" is a minimalist, situational, sketch comedy about love and relationships.

HOLIDAY POTTER SALE

The Village Potters Guild of Plymouth holds its annual Holiday Pottery Sale at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The Guild hosts a reception open to the public from 6–9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served on unusual and functional pottery created by some of the 25 members selling their wares.

The sale continues from 10 a.m.-8p.m. Friday, Nov. 19 and from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20.

For more information, contact the Village Potters Guild at (734) 207-8807 or the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

CRAFT SHOW

The eighth-annual Oakwood Canton Holiday Craft Show takes place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 at 7300 Canton Center (corner of Warren and Canton Center) in Canton.

Admission is free; a percentage of all sales will be donated to the Oakwood Hospital Volunteer Scholarship Fund.

For more information, call (734) 454-8001.

FOR THE RECORD

DEATHS

B

Mary Bristol Beier, 81, of Walloon Lake, formerly of Birmingham, died Oct. 21.

R

James Edward Rawson, 75, of Westland, died Oct. 22.
Lowell Erik Rehner, 88, of Plymouth, died Oct. 19.

S

Margaret J. Solano, 86, of Rochester Hills, died Oct. 24.

W

Gavin F. Wilson, 83, of Bloomfield Hills, died Oct. 24.

Z

Esther Zelinsky, 89, of Monroe, died Oct 22.

For the Record appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Sports section in *Passages* on page C13.

@ THE LIBRARY

Did you know?

Internet travel guru Bob Cowen comes to the Library on Thursday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. Learn the pro's tricks for using the Internet to plan fabulous vacations. Register now for this popular program. Call the library at (734) 397-0999.

The Canton Public Library offers computer classes and they fill up quickly. Call the library today to reserve your spot. For class descriptions check your November/December issue of the library's newsletter, Connections or view it online at www.cantonpl.org/newslet/newslet.pdf. You can also call the library at (734) 397-0999.

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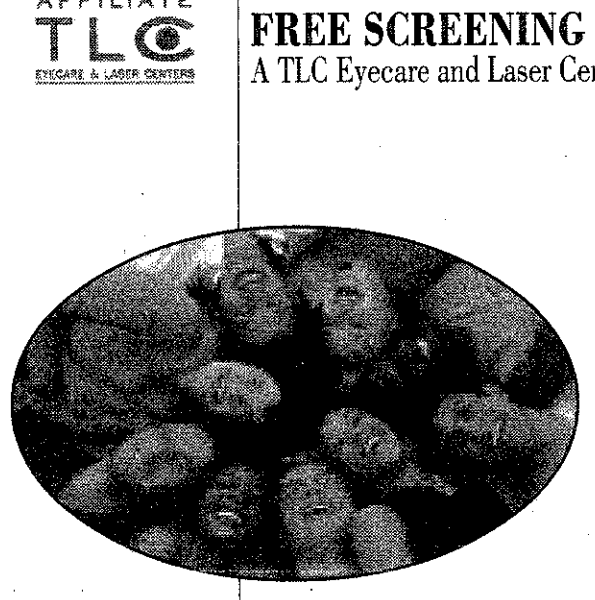

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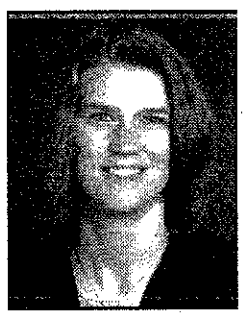

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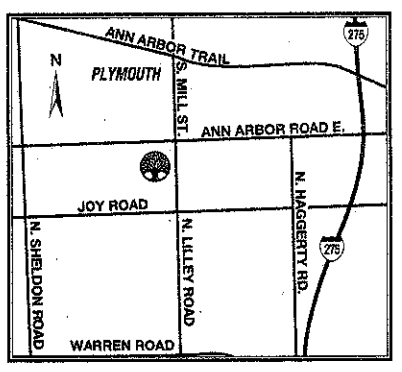

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Cold Stone debut will aid police fund, CCF

Cold Stone Creamery, an ice cream franchise chain with national headquarters in Arizona, is opening a new store in Canton in Cherry Hill Village.

The store will be at 50409 Independence Street, at the corner of Ridge Road and Cherry Hill Road in the front corner of the big yellow Village store building.

The grand opening will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Cold Stone Creamery will donate a percentage of sales opening day to the Canton Community Foundation and the Canton Police Benevolence Fund.

Joan Noricks, president of CCF, said the event is another great first for Cherry Hill Village.

"This is the first business in Cherry Hill Village. I walked over and I saw residents peeking in the building. To see the commercial entities in Cherry Hill Village in their infancy is great. It's long overdue. I hope everyone stops in the store and helps raise money for the police fund and for CCF."

Cold Stone Creamery will offer its customers a free spoon servings throughout the day.

Cold Stone Creamery's ice cream, frozen yogurt and sorbet are made fresh daily at each store. Customer customize their order of ice cream and yogurt with one or more of a variety of mix-ins, including fresh fruit and nuts, pie fillings, brand name chocolate and gummy candies, cookie dough, soft freshly baked brownies and more. Crew members fold the mix-ins and the ice cream together on a frozen granite stone set at 16 degrees, ensuring that the concoction is blended evenly and that the ice cream maintains a creamy consistency.

"A trip to Cold Stone Creamery is a treat for all the senses," said Canton store owner Barbara Mulder. "You'll experience that aroma of fresh-baked brownies and waffle cones, the sight of candies and toppings arranged above the granite stone, and the energy and enthusiasm of our crew members who blend hundreds of creations every day."

Mulder said the store will have about 25 employees, most of whom are part-timers.

Pumpkin Passion, Pumpkin Pie, Snowflake Passion, and Candy Cane Wonderland are seasonal offerings at the store.

The Canton Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to enhance the quality of life in Canton and surrounding areas by identifying and directing resources that address current and evolving community needs through grants from permanent endowments entrusted to the Foundation for the common good.

With more than 800 stores from coast to coast, Cold Stone Creamery plans to establish 1,000 stores by Dec. 31. according to the company. Their Web site is www.coldstonecreamery.com

Canton woman, 35, accosted at gunpoint

A 35-year-old Canton woman told police she was approached by a man wearing a black mask about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the parking lot of Fordham Green apartments near Ford and Morton Taylor.

She said the man pointed a handgun at her and asked her questions about the location of male friend of hers and where the money was. She told him she didn't know her friend's whereabouts and knew nothing about any money.

At that point, she told police, the man forced her into her apartment and into the basement. He then ransacked the apartment looking for her male friend and money.

Canton detectives are investigating and are attempting to locate the male friend of the victim for questioning.

POKER

FROM PAGE A1

Rider's, 42011 Ford at Lilley.

"The 'Texas Hold 'Em' starter set has been a hot seller," Bush said. "'Texas Hold 'Em' is a poker variety focusing on gaming skills such as bluffing - or psychologically fooling other players into thinking your hand is better - or worse - than theirs."

The more serious players can also buy green felt poker table tops that can be set atop any card or dining room table. Also sold at Rider's are 11.5 ounce professional weight poker chips, packaged in aluminum cases.

"These are casino quality and make the game more authentic," Bush said of the chips, which even make the characteristic "splashing" sound real poker players like to hear.

Manager Phil Du Bois said poker is enjoying a booming popularity because of TV shows like World Series of Poker, World Poker Tour and Celebrity Poker.

Bush said that for most people, poker is just an excuse to get together with friends.

"It's a social game," he said.

"It takes five, six or seven people to play and ends up being a very social game."

Texas Hold 'Em in particular is a great social game because it involves "playing" the other players more than playing strictly to the cards.

Though Rider's also sells kits and models, role-playing games, kites, model trains and more, poker supplies by far have been the hottest sellers for the past eight months.

"It's hot and it's probably our single hottest category right now," Bush said.



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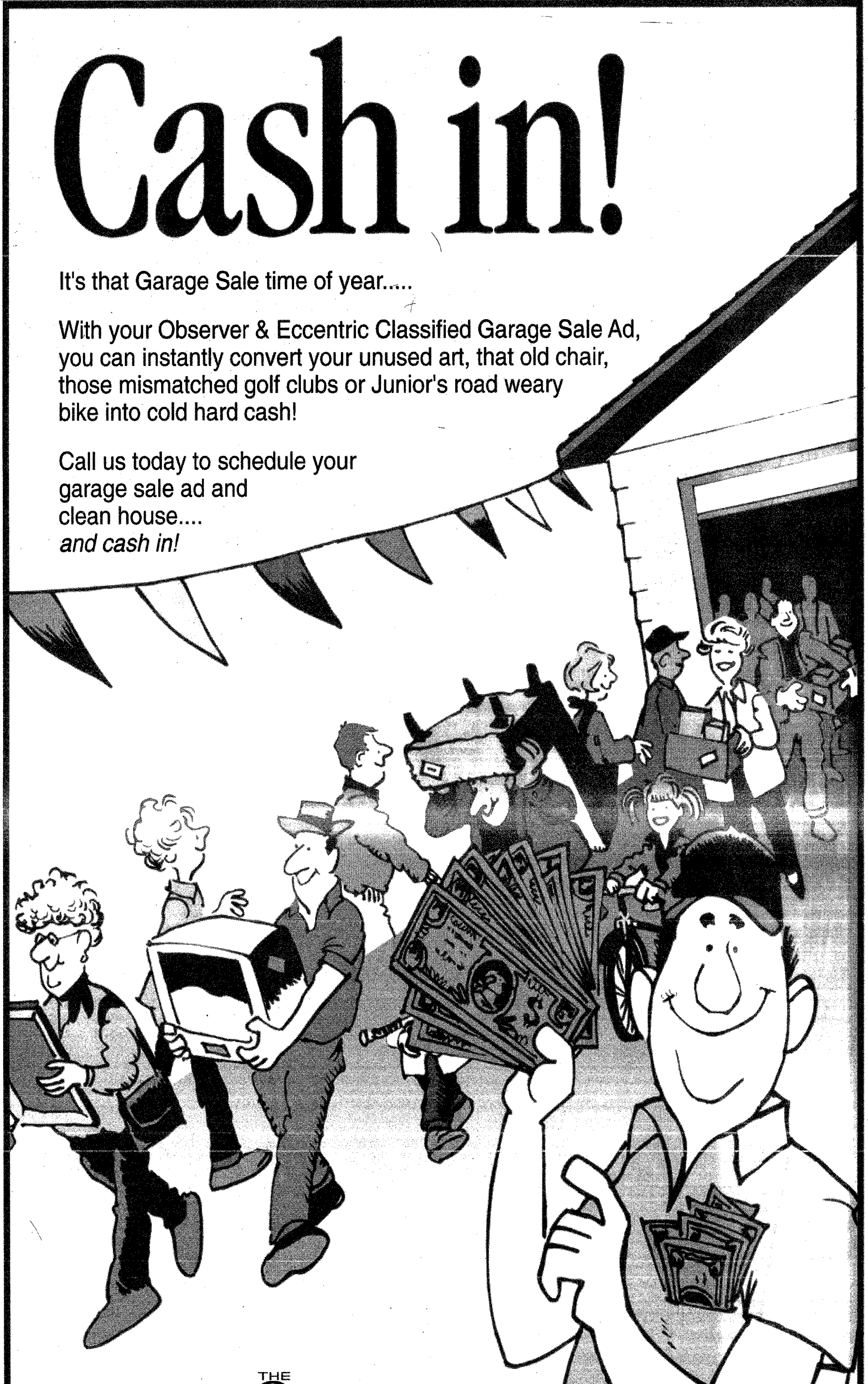

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Debates, issues help voters decide as election nears

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Mary Martin of Plymouth Township found the recent presidential debates "somewhat helpful" in making up her mind on how to vote.

She's casting her vote for George Bush Nov. 2 "because I think he's a man of integrity, high moral values."

The homemaker has seen a great deal of interest in this year's election "because our country is unfortunately divided on a number of issues." She likes Bush's experience and stance on getting rid of terrorists. Martin watched an interview with the president Monday morning on *Good Morning America*.

Anne Tartaglia of Plymouth Township and her mother are volunteers on the Kerry and Phil Truran for Congress campaigns. Tartaglia is a philosophy student at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor campus.

"I'm so against Bush's policies," said Tartaglia, who supported Howard Dean in the primary. She rates the war in Iraq as one of her biggest issues, along with the environment. She found the debates scripted, although "my opinion of Kerry improved somewhat."

Her Lake Pointe yard contains signs for both Kerry and Truran, although most signs in the neighborhood are for Bush.

"I really would like to know how people came to their decision to vote for Bush," said Tartaglia, who would like to see a neighborhood forum on election issues. "This election is so emotional."

Tartaglia is voting no on amending the constitution on same-sex marriage and is still undecided on the gambling proposal.

"I've read so much conflicting information, it's really hard to decide," she said.

Karen Hartnett of Canton is a Bush supporter. "I think he's doing the best he can do," said Hartnett, who has a home-based distributor business, Reliv, which provides nutritional products. "It just seems like he's got good moral character."

Terrorism and abortion are among issues she weighed in deciding. She watched most of the debates and felt Bush held his own. "I just think he's the right person for this time," she said.

Hartnett doesn't favor recognizing homosexuality as an alternative to marriage, nor does she favor an expansion of gambling. Gambling and same-sex marriage are the two ballot proposals for Michigan voters in 2004, with the latter supporting an amendment to the constitution to bar same-sex marriage.

"They have so much voice that it's out of proportion," she said of the homosexual population.

Hartnett finds herself more of a Republican, even though she's volunteered for the Democrats. "As I'm getting older, I'm getting more conservative," she said.

Mike Kertesz of Plymouth Township is the much-sought-after undecided voter.

"I'm not either supporter right at this time. My wife's the big Kerry supporter," said Kertesz, whose Lake Pointe yard has a sign for Kerry.

Terrorism and the economy are the major issues for Kertesz, who works for Wayne County at Metro Airport in equipment repair. He has found a lot of half-truths in the campaign. His work shift made watching the debates difficult, although he did see parts. Kertesz said he does plan to vote.

"You don't know really who to believe," he said. "They throw this out and that out. You have to do a lot of research on your own."

Sue Crosby of Canton voted absentee this year and cast her ballot for Bush. "I really don't want to change tracks," the homemaker said. "I'm just afraid that it's going to get more unsettled."

She voted "no" on the gambling proposal, considering the Indian exemption unfair, and is against same-sex marriage.

Crosby didn't watch the debates, as she is tired of candidates picking on each other. She knows their issues and stands. "I listen to the commentary afterward," she said.

She appreciates being able to vote absentee. "I don't have to deal with the lines," she said.

Hartnett's husband, attorney Tom Hartnett, also voted for Bush this year. The war in Iraq was among his issues, along with abortion, partial-birth abortion in particular. He was raised as a Catholic, and had difficulty accepting John Kerry's views on abortion. Hartnett has been active in the Democratic Party and ran for township trustee in Canton as a Democrat.

"There comes a time," he said.

Mary Martin's son Scott taught in Venezuela for a time, and she recalls the undemocratic government there.

"People need to get out and vote and be grateful for the opportunity we have," she said. "It made me thankful for this country and that things are done in an orderly manner. I appreciate the system so much."

Nikolay Deviatkin isn't eligible to vote in the Nov. 2 election, but the visiting Russian pastor, who is spending six weeks at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton, has observed the election season.

Deviatkin said he and many Russians favor Bush, as he and Russian President Vladimir Putin have a good relationship.

"And Russia will be better," Deviatkin said.

With Kerry, they're unsure what that relationship will be.

Russians participate in elections, and Deviatkin voted for Putin rather than the Communist or others. City and district elections are held, as well.

At home, Deviatkin tires to stay informed on news. "This (the news) is my favorite program on TV," he said.

He recently visited Plymouth Township to learn about elections and noted that, in Russia, elections are all done on paper.

"Very interesting, when I was in township," said Deviatkin, who said he enjoyed seeing the voting equipment.

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School district settles on land sale

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again.

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The Board of Education Tuesday night sold a 15.2-acre parcel of vacant land on Warren Road in Canton Township to RDK Homes for $426,000.

In September, the school board was approached by developer Richard Lewiston, who increased his offer from $300,000 to $350,000. However, on a 3-3 vote, the board rejected the offer and referred the issue back to the facilities committee.

Also on the table was the offer by RDK Homes. However, it was conditional on the home building company being able to construct eight houses on the property. The main concern was how much wetlands would cut down on usable land.

School attorney Gary Collins said a more favorable deal was recently consummated with Richard Kime of RDK Homes.

"We were successfully able to negotiate an unconditional offer at the full value of the $426,000," said Collins. "We do have an appraisal at $300,000, so we received a 40 percent premium over the appraisal price. It's a good sale."

Lewiston's attorney, Bryan Amann, said his client wanted the property to go along with an adjacent seven acres to construct a subdivision. Amann said without the school property, Lewiston may sell his property to a Montessori school which plans to build in Canton.

"I'm very pleased with the way the processed worked out," said Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski. "I'm glad to see this is an unconditional offer at the premium price."

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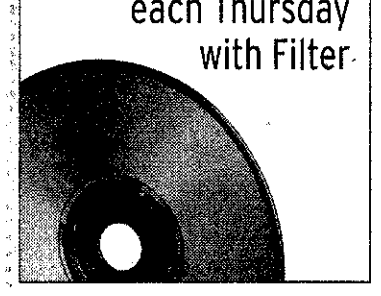

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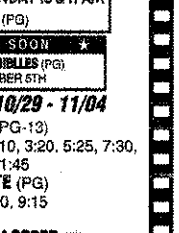
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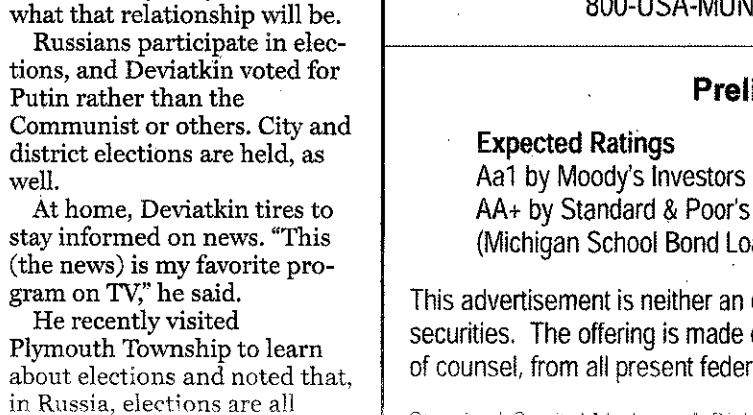

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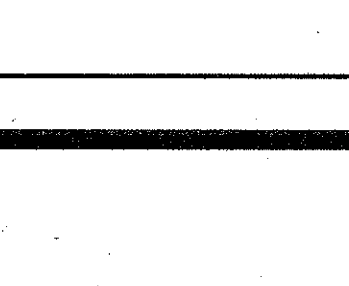

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Ethical issues fuel Law's run for county seat

BY DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Gerald Law of Canton is running for Wayne County Commissioner from the 11th District and he expects this will be the last office he runs for.

Law, a longtime resident of Plymouth, moved to Canton a few years ago and into an Ivanhoe-Huntley home in Cherry Hill Village a few months ago. The state's voter registration site shows his polling place as the Methodist Church in Cherry Hill Village.

Law, an attorney and a Republican, has been a Plymouth Township trustee, a township supervisor, and a state representative on two different occasions – from 1983 to 1991 and 1995 to 2000.

His main reason for challenging incumbent Democrat John Sullivan of Wayne is what he sees as ethical lapses by the current commission.

"Canton is the biggest community in the 11th District. Canton officials say they don't see Commissioner Sullivan. I think Canton is looking for someone to represent them, someone to represent western Wayne County. Quite frankly, Sullivan has aligned himself with the Detroit power brokers (on the commission)," Law said. "Who does he represent – Detroit or western Wayne County?"


Law

The 11th District includes Canton, Sumpter and Van Buren townships and the cities of Belleville and Wayne. The 15-member commission is made up of seven members from Detroit or partial Detroit districts and eight out-county members. The only Republican on the commission has been Lyn Bankes and she is likely to be replaced by another Republican, Laura Cox, who is running against David Garrett (both of Livonia).

Law knows the commission will be run by Democrats but thinks he has a chance to be the second Republican depending on how Canton votes on Nov. 2.

Law also thinks the commissioner job, which averages about $75,000 a year in pay, depending on committee assignments, plus an office staff allowance, requires a full-time effort.

"My feeling is that this is a full-time job. They get paid full-time wages." Law's platform is almost all based on ethical issues:

■ "We need to take the politics out of the county auditor general process," Law said. Brendan Dunleavy, the county's auditor for more than seven years, was fired in late September.

"He has saved the county millions; he had done great audits on the airport," Law said.

Law said he favored flat ten year terms for an auditor who is totally protected from political pressure. "The county budget is $2.1 billion. We have to have accurate audits."

■ Law would end the solicitation of political money from county vendors and commission employees. "I don't like commission employees getting hit up for contributions by the commissioners. Also, we need to put it in the charter: You cannot solicit directly any vendors or contractors. Right now, these commissioners don't even get an arm's length away from the contractors. This was the whole problem at the airport."

■ Candidate Law thinks the commission has not used the Wayne County Parks millage (0.25) wisely and that a lot of the money has not gone to county parks but to individual cities including $18 million to Detroit (1997-2006). "This was not sold this way. It is a big pork barrel for cities. Canton is paying a lot and getting next to nothing back. Livonia is paying a fortune and getting almost nothing."

■ Law said commissioners should not be allowed to hire their own relatives, nor should relatives work for vendors, and he would seek rules or a charter change making that impossible. "How can these commissioners keep all these conflicts of interest straight?"

■ The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency is a "big operation that is not being run properly," Law said. He said the state could step in the way it did with the airport and turn the agency into an authority.

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increases like every other industry and employer.

"I don't know how much longer our district can go on with this funding scenario," added Mardigian. "We're making it work because of our growth and frugality, but I think we're getting pretty close to the end of the line."

At the end of this school year, the district will have a fund balance of $9.9 million. However, expenses are projected to outpace revenues by more than $12.8 million in the 2005-06 school year.

"The retirement rate and heath care benefit increases are killing us," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "The board, unfortunately, will have to look at some one-time solutions, like the sale of some property."

Ryan said he's interested in how the state reacts to school districts that will show budget deficits next spring, a year before Plymouth-Canton's fund balance is depleted.

"We're losing the wiggle room," he said. "How much more can you raise pay-to-participate sports or charge booster clubs?"

Ryan declined to speculate on what types of cuts could be recommended by the administration as the school board begins work on next year's budget later this school year.

The district will negotiate seven employee contracts for 2005-06, including a wage reopener for the 1,100-member Plymouth-Canton Education Association, the largest of the unions.

"Am I looking at taking zero percent? No," said Chuck Portelli, PCEA president. "In my 28 years in Plymouth-Canton, I've already taken two zeroes.

'I don't know how much longer our district can go on with this funding scenario.'
Judy Mardigian
board vice president

"I think the employees deserve a pay raise," he said. "They still have a fund balance, so we can still afford to give our employees a pay increase."

The PCEA is in the third year of a four-year agreement, which gave teachers 3 percent, 2.5 percent and 2.25 percent wage hikes.

Brand said term limits have made it much more difficult for school districts to receive increases from the state.

"A lot of folks in Lansing have minimal understanding of how schools operate, and how we got into the position we're at," she said. "And, by the time they learn, they're typically not in office any longer. That makes our job very challenging."

The school board has been active in holding monthly meetings with local state lawmakers to plead their case.

"Rep. (Phil) LaJoy and Rep. (John) Stewart have been coming to the meetings," said Mark Slavens, board president. "I've not seen Sen. (Bruce) Patterson at these meetings for a long time, and I would ask the public to please contact him and find out if he could please attend these meetings.

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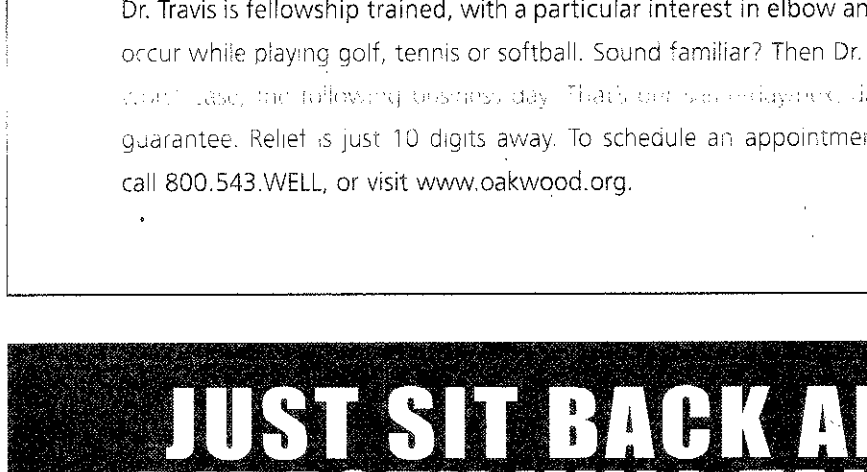

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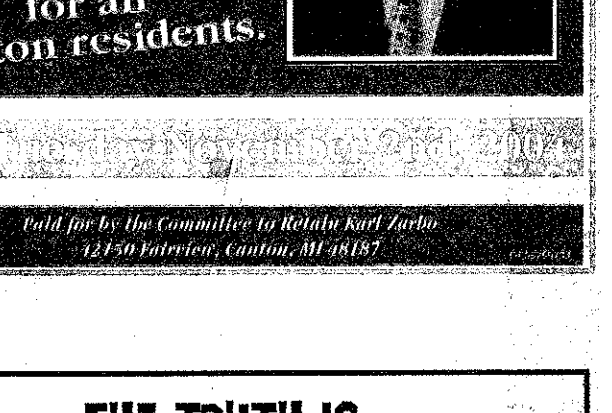

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Catholic women's conference focuses on defending faith

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Being a Catholic woman in today's world can be a struggle, but it can also provide opportunities to make great changes in families and society, says Mary DelPup, Archdiocese of Detroit evangelization coordinator.

"They're confronted by a culture that is oftentimes contrary to what they believe as Christian women," DelPup explains. "That's difficult in today's world considering so many issues confront us from abortion, to euthanasia to same sex relationships. A Catholic woman needs to know who God created her to be."

Giving women a forum to discuss and learn about their role as Christians is the theme of the second annual Women's Conference, "Putting on the Armor of God, Catholic Women Defending Faith and Family," sponsored by the archdiocese and Catholic radio stations, WCAR and WDEO.

The event is Saturday, Oct. 30, at St. Joan of Arc Parish in St. Clair Shores beginning at 8 a.m. with Mass celebrated by Cardinal Adam Maida. The program is expected to conclude at 3:30 pm. Tickets are $40, which includes breakfast and lunch.

"It's aimed to help women understand that if they're imbued with the spirit of the gospel that they can impact society and in fact, with the power of numbers, they can change the world," DelPup says.

The conference will be emceed by Teresa Tomeo and Mary Dudley. Tomeo is a local television and radio reporter who also has a media consulting firm and a show, "Catholic Connection" on WDEO 990 AM. Dudley is a talk show host at Michigan Catholic radio, WCAR 1090 AM.

Being a Catholic woman is "very difficult if you're truly living out the faith," Tomeo says.

"It's following all the church's teachings on life issues, family issues, contraceptives – the whole bit. It's really understanding the faith and who you are and how you should form your conscience. How do I go into the voting booth? And not just going in, cafeteria style, picking and choosing what to follow."

DEFENDING FAMILY

Tomeo will talk about defending faith and family in the media. She will address how to challenge news, television and radio media, including producers of television shows, to air programs that are "moral and uplift families, moms, dads, children and babies, especially the unborn," Tomeo says.

Jesus never said it would be easy to follow his word, DelPup says.

"He promised there would be a reward and to follow the gospel," she adds.

DelPup explains that she was born in 1950 and grew up during the height of the emphasis on everything being unisex in society and in the workplace.

"Christian teaching teaches us authentically who we are," she says. "We're equal to men in the eyes of God and in dignity, but different. The differences between men and women are extremely important in today's world."

Women, she says, see with the "eyes of love."

"When women understand who God created them to be and that they have the capacity to make room for another, biologically, and that men cannot," DelPup says. "There is a great importance to that, even for women who cannot have children, because then they are called to be spiritual mothers."

She points to a woman's ability to have true love, intuition and sense other's needs as important qualities that they can bring to the business world, families and neighborhoods.

Convention speakers include Kimberly Hahn, a Catholic convert, author, public speaker and mother of six children who she home schools. Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, superior general for Sisters of Life in New York will talk about her order founded in 1991. Their ministry is to young pregnant women and unwed mothers, as well as to provide counseling for post-abortive men and women.

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Barbara Listings, president of Right to Life of Michigan, will speak about the importance of what one woman can do in the public policy arena. Sr. Ann Shields, Superior General for the Servants of God's Love based in Ann Arbor, will address the importance of prayer in a woman's life.

"This is strictly a woman's conference – there's a corresponding men's conference every year," DelPup says.

Last year was the first woman's convention in the archdiocese and it was such an overwhelming success, DelPup says, that organizers knew there had to be a follow-up.

"This offers an occasion for women to be renewed in their vocations, refreshed, recharged and revitalized, while rejoicing in the uniqueness of womanhood," DelPup says. "Our Blessed Mother was able to crush the head of the serpent. With Mary as our model, the mission God has given to women today is the same. When we understand our God-given dignity, then and only then, can we crush the culture of death that prevails in society today."

Earlier this week the conference was nearly sold-out. Registration is required, and information on tickets is available at dignityofwoman@aol.com or by calling (734) 459-9558. Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Confession will be offered throughout the day.

Murder mystery sure to lure 'who-done-it' fans

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

"They say it's very remote and quiet," said Ed Meade, his voice turning eerie as he begins talking about the lodge on an island in the middle of a lake in Northern America.

Step by step Meade sets the scene for a murder mystery he's directing for Parlour Theatre Productions the night before Halloween at the Forum in the Novi Sheraton. "Moosetrap" performances at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, should send chills up the spines of everyone in the audience.

Written by Angela Krist, otherwise known as the director, the play goes behind the scenes of rehearsals for Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap."

"It's a lot of fun, a mystery that's supposed to be a little bit spooky, almost a comedy," said Meade. "It takes place in early 1950s and features eight cast members with a stage manager who gets the audience involved. They're all characters and it turns out no one is really who they seem."



Genie Nehs plays the wife of a murder victim in the Parlour Theatre Productions 'Moosetrap.'

Paul (P.W.) Henry, a Westland resident, is playing a character who's supposed to be likable but his name is a play on T. Rex.

"Rex T. Archer is a single guy who's known other cast members a long time," said Paul Henry, a sheet metal worker by day. At night Henry turns into an actor rehearsing and performing dramas and musicals such as the "Trial of God" at Trinity House Theatre and "Gilbert and Sullivan" at the University of Michigan. "He used to do a bit of singing professionally but turned to acting. The writer had a lot of cast members in mind when he wrote the place. He thinks he knows us."

Meade won't admit to writing the play let alone tailoring parts to cast members. All he will say is the plot involves poison.

"Genie Nehs, a nurse at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, is kind of flighty with a cat named Dee Dee who meets with foul play," said Meade who founded Parlour Theatre Productions with his wife Jeannine 12 years ago. "Her husband (in real life) Jerry gets poisoned with a poison that smells like wintergreen. "The audience will enjoy it because the second half we review the clues for the audience so they get one more chance to solve it. In the meantime the cast is trying to solve it."

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REPUBLICAN

PAUL C. HILLEGONDS
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DEMOCRATIC

ANNETTA MILLER
DEMOCRATIC

MARGARET GUTTSHALL
GREEN

PHILIP A. ADAMS
U.S. TAXPAYERS

JERRY JANKIEWICZ
LIBERTARIAN

THOMAS W. JONES
LIBERTARIAN

KATHLEEN OAKFORD
NATURAL LAW

COUNTY

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
4 YEAR TERM

Vote For Not More Than ONE (1)

KYM L. WORTHY
DEMOCRATIC

SHERIFF
4 YEAR TERM

Vote For Not More Than ONE (1)

BILL LUCAS
REPUBLICAN

WARREN C. EVANS
DEMOCRATIC

ROBERT FRANK CZAK
U.S. TAXPAYERS

COUNTY CLERK
4 YEAR TERM

Vote For Not More Than ONE (1)

LANELL BUFFINGTON
REPUBLICAN

CATHY M. GARRETT
DEMOCRATIC

COUNTY TREASURER
4 YEAR TERM

Vote For Not More Than ONE (1)

RAYMOND J. WOJTOWICZ
REPUBLICAN

REGISTER OF DEEDS
4 YEAR TERM

Vote For Not More Than ONE (1)

WILLIE J. CAMBELL
REPUBLICAN

BERNARD J. YOUNGBLOOD
DEMOCRATIC

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
11TH DISTRICT
2 YEAR TERM

Vote For Not More Than ONE (1)

GERALD H. LAW
REPUBLICAN

JOHN J. SULLIVAN
DEMOCRATIC

STATE PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 04-1

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL OF ANY FORM OF GAMBLING AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND CERTAIN NEW STATE LOTTERY GAMES

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law after January 1, 2004.
- Require voter approval of any new state lottery games utilizing "table games" or "player operated mechanical or electronic devices" introduced after January 1, 2004.
- Provide that when voter approval is required, both statewide voter approval and voter approval in the city or township where gambling will take place must be obtained.
- Specify that the voter approval requirement does not apply to Indian tribal gaming or gambling in up to three casinos located in the City of Detroit.

Should this proposal be approved?

YES
NO

PROPOSAL 04-2

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY WHAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AS A "MARRIAGE OR SIMILAR UNION" FOR ANY PURPOSE

This proposal would amend the state constitution to provide that "the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose."

Should this proposal be approved?

YES
NO

NON-PARTISAN

JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT
8 YEAR TERM

Vote For Not More Than TWO (2)

DEBORAH THOMAS
BRIAN KEITH ZAHRA
MARILYN KELLY
Justice of the Supreme Court
STEPHEN J. MARKMAN
Justice of the Supreme Court
LEONARD SCHWARTZ

JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS
1ST DISTRICT
INCUMBENT POSITIONS
6 YEAR TERM

Vote For Not More Than TWO (2)

HELENE N. WHITE
Judge of Court of Appeals
KURTIS T. WILDER
Judge of Court of Appeals

JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
3RD CIRCUIT
INCUMBENT POSITIONS
6 YEAR TERM

Vote For Not More Than NINETEEN (19)

MARGIE R. BRAXTON
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JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
3RD CIRCUIT
NON-INCUMBENT POSITION
6 YEAR TERM

Vote For Not More Than ONE (1)

JAMES A. CALLAHAN
LYNNE A. PIERCE

JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
3RD CIRCUIT
PARTIAL TERM ENDING 1/1/2009
INCUMBENT POSITION

Vote For Not More Than ONE (1)

DAVID J. ALLEN
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JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
3RD CIRCUIT
PARTIAL TERMS ENDING 1/1/2007
INCUMBENT POSITIONS

Vote For Not More Than TWO (2)

MILLICENT SHERMAN
LESLIE KIM SMITH
Judge of Circuit Court
EDWARD EWELL, JR.
Judge of Circuit Court

JUDGES OF THE PROBATE COURT
6 YEAR TERM
INCUMBENT POSITIONS

Vote For Not More Than TWO (2)

MILTON L. MACK, JR.
Judge of Probate Court
CATHIE B. MAHER
Judge of Probate Court

Dirty tricks?

In reading the article about the alleged "dirty tricks" supposedly going on in the Canton Township Board race, I was shocked to see the inclusion of the efforts of the Canton Independent Committee to inform voters of a candidate's background as a dirty trick equal to disappearing lawn signs.

Of course, I am referring to the postcard about Mr. Caccamo which describes how he says one thing but does another. For example it describes how he talks about family values but he just came off a probation in Westland's 18th District Court in July on a charge of "domestic violence" against a woman who was an Inkster Police Officer.

Among other things, it also describes how he talks about changing school boundaries but how he has not voted in school elections and how the board of trustees (the position he's running for) has no jurisdiction or involvement in school boundaries.

In fairness, when the postcard was prepared and mailed it was honestly believed (based on conversations with the victim) that Mr. Caccamo plead guilty to the charge of domestic violence. He did enter a plea that was taken under advisement which provides for a probationary period which, if completed successfully, allows for the removal of any reference to the plea and charge from a person's criminal record.

Mr. Caccamo took that deal but plead "nolo contendre" instead of "guilty."

As Black's Law Dictionary explains, there is no legal difference between the two where it says: "Nolo Contendre: Latin phrase meaning "I will not contest it," a plea in a criminal case which has a similar legal effect as pleading guilty." Black's further explains that: "The principal difference between a plea of guilty and nolo contendre is that the latter (nolo contendre) may not be used against the defendant in a civil action based upon the same acts."

For Mr. Caccamo, the technicality meant that the alleged victim could not use the plea to sue him for civil damages.

With that clear, how is it a dirty trick to make sure voters know the truth about a candidate who says one thing but behaves very differently?

Mr. Caccamo is running for a position which could give him legislative oversight over the Canton Police Department and the administration. Shouldn't voters know about his actions and conduct?

Although he is willing to say anything to get elected, his conduct speaks much louder than his words. If the newspapers choose not to write about it, isn't it a citizen's responsibility to make sure the truth is known?

Since when did using a candidate's own past behavior (instead of his words) as a basis for trying to determine how he or she would perform in public office become a dirty trick?

The only dirty trick would be if Mr. Caccamo were elected by following the voters of Canton about the kinds of person his past suggests he really is.

Mitch Howard
Canton Independent Committee
7107 Foxthorn
Canton Township

Backs president

For those who are filled with angst over the federal deficit and guilt at receiving tax breaks from President Bush, may I suggest some measure of relief?

Put your money where your mouth is and return your portion of the tax breaks to the U.S. Treasury as a donation to reduce the federal debt.

Something tells me, however, that you just can't bring yourself to return that money.

You probably already spent it on something you enjoy, saved it for your children's education, or maybe invested it for retirement. Shame on you! It certainly doesn't do any good to have private citizens keep their hard-earned money and put it to productive use to stimulate the economy. Oh horrors! How can you look your children in the eye?

Despite all your hand-wringing and complaining, those darn pesky facts just get in the way of your political agenda.

Edward Prescott, co-winner of the 2004 Nobel Prize in economics, recently stated that President Bush's tax cuts were too small and should have been bigger. He correctly noted that President Reagan's enormous tax cuts lowered tax rates for everyone while the government collected the same amount of revenue. Deficits during the Reagan years were a result of overspending, not tax cuts. Prescott also noted that the economy was depressed by 4 percent during the early-1990s due to President Clinton's 1993 tax increase. Greater prosperity comes when government gets out of the way.

That's the problem with the liberal mindset; you want to fund your conscience through other people's wallets. You're more than happy to stick everyone else with a big tax bill for your social dreams, but when it comes to taking action on your own, forget it. Perhaps that explains why a recent analysis of John & Teresa Kerry's tax records found that the Kerry's paid an effective federal tax rate of 12.8 percent on their $6.8 million income in 2003, much less than the average middle-class family (20 percent), and significantly lower than the 30.4 percent effective rate paid by President & Mrs. Bush on one-tenth of the Kerry's income.

It's also why John Edwards created a tax shelter to avoid paying an extra $591,000 in Medicare taxes on his trial lawyer fees in the mid-1990's.

This is all legal but only shows these liberal politicians don't give a rip about the deficit or paying their "fair" share. They do what everyone wants to do – pay less in taxes and keep more of their hard-earned money. They are just hypocritical about it.

As for deficits, let's get the picture right. Democrats continually remind us of the mirage "surplus" of the 1990's. That surplus was built on the tax revenue of a bubble economy and bubble stock market, largely fueled by worthless dotcoms and corporate shenanigans.

The projected surplus assumed the economy and stock market would go up forever. It was also fueled by squandering the "peace dividend" of President Reagan's cold war victory. President Clinton spent his eight years in office scaling back our military, cutting weapons systems, and gutting our intelligence capabilities because we lived in a "safe" world as the lone superpower.

Of course, any first semester economics student will tell you that the economy moves in cycles – good times are followed by bad and vice-versa. And we all now know that the world was not the safe place we imagined, despite repeated warnings such as the first WTC bombing (1993), Khobar Towers (1996), and the USS Cole (2000). President Bush inherited an imploding stock market that had reached its peak nine months before he took office, an economy that was already sliding into a downturn, and then the WTC/Pentagon terrorist strikes six months after he took office.

And somehow we're supposed to believe that he created all of the deficit mess? Give me a break.

Historically, our national debt has been high in times of war and has presaged periods of economic prosperity. For example, the national debt as a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP) peaked at 120 percent in 1946 due to World War II as we destroyed fascism under Presidents Roosevelt and Truman, and was followed by 25 years of relative prosperity.

That percentage reached its modern day low of 33 percent in the 1970s under Presidents Nixon and Carter but the economy was awful. It climbed again in the 1980s under Presidents Reagan and Bush to about 65 percent as we finished off communism.

Today it stands at 67 percent as it did when Bill Clinton was reelected in 1996. The difference now is that there is no bubble economy or stock market to bring in tax revenues and we are again at war, this time to destroy global terrorism.

That's why on Nov 2 I will cast my vote for President Bush, who not only brought down the Taliban and Saddam Hussein, but will also bring to justice the global terrorists, bring down our taxes, and reduce the deficit. That is something for which I can look my kids in the eye now and proudly tell the grandkids about in the future.

Steve Braun
Canton

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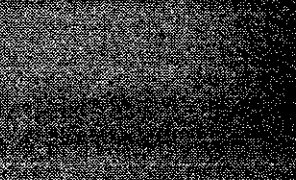

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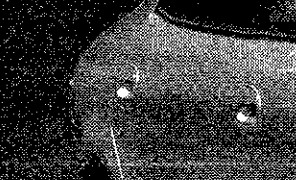

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OUR VIEWS

Sullivan gets commission nod

Though Democrat John Sullivan is proud of the things he's been able to accomplish on the Wayne County Commission, he still thinks there is work left to be done.

And we suggest voters in the 11th District — which includes Canton, Sumpter and Van Buren townships, along with the cities of Wayne and Belleville — give him another two years to do it.

Sullivan, the Wayne resident first elected to the commission in 1998, is facing a challenge from former state Rep. Gerald Law, who recently moved into Canton in order to seek a seat on the commission.



Sullivan

Sullivan has earned the right to keep the job. Fighting off the impression he's a no-show in Canton, Sullivan says he meets frequently with constituents and he conducts "coffee hours" regularly in the township.

Though the coffee hours are adequately publicized, residents rarely show up. Sullivan can't be faulted for that; other politicians, notably state Rep. Phil LaJoy, have the same problem.

When residents in the River Woods subdivision were battling potholes and crumbling streets, they complained to Sullivan, and a compromise was eventually worked out between the county and the developer.

Extensive road work has been done in Canton Township, and Sullivan has been effective in getting county dollars spent on road-widening and infrastructure projects. He's hoping county plans to expand Warren and, eventually, Cherry Hill, will spark the development of another interchange off I-275, though he admits he can't control that.

Sullivan displays a knowledge of the challenges that face his district, and his colleagues on the commission have put him in leadership positions as vice chair of the commission and vice chair of committees for public services and on charter revisions.

We believe voters should have the same faith and cast their ballots for **John Sullivan**.

History is waiting for our decision

It's almost over.

The candidates have made their cases. They've distributed their literature, knocked on your doors, given speeches at local halls.

This year, we've been courted hard by the candidates for president, who see Michigan as a crucial swing state.

This year, two controversial proposals to amend the state constitution have drawn supporters and opponents to wage fierce battles on television and in the newspapers.

Now it's up to us, the voters. Rain or shine, we must go to the polls and cast our votes.

We have important state and local elections, where the public and government come into direct contact. This is where we have the possibility of dramatically influencing those decisions that will have an important impact on our lives. These are the elected officials who must respond to our questions, our complaints, our ideas. These are the officials who we can hold most accountable for their actions.

But the real focus of this election, as it is every four years, is on the contest for president.

No position in the world is as powerful as the presidency. No position in government is responsible for so many life-and-death issues. No position is so well-publicized and yet so remote from the average citizen.

Every four years, we are told this is the most important election in a generation. This year, it's true. This election is as crucial to our future as the elections of 1932, 1912 and 1860.

It is hard to believe there are still voters who haven't made up their minds.

We have a clear choice between two distinctly different visions for our future domestically and as a leader in the world community. We can continue down the path of the last four years or we can vote for change. We can ask ourselves, as Ronald Reagan once did of the Jimmy Carter years, are we better off now than we were four years ago?

However you answer that question, you have an obligation, a duty, to exercise your right to vote. But before you vote, you also have an obligation to read, study and understand. Don't just be a voter, be an informed voter.

This is your chance to play your part in history!

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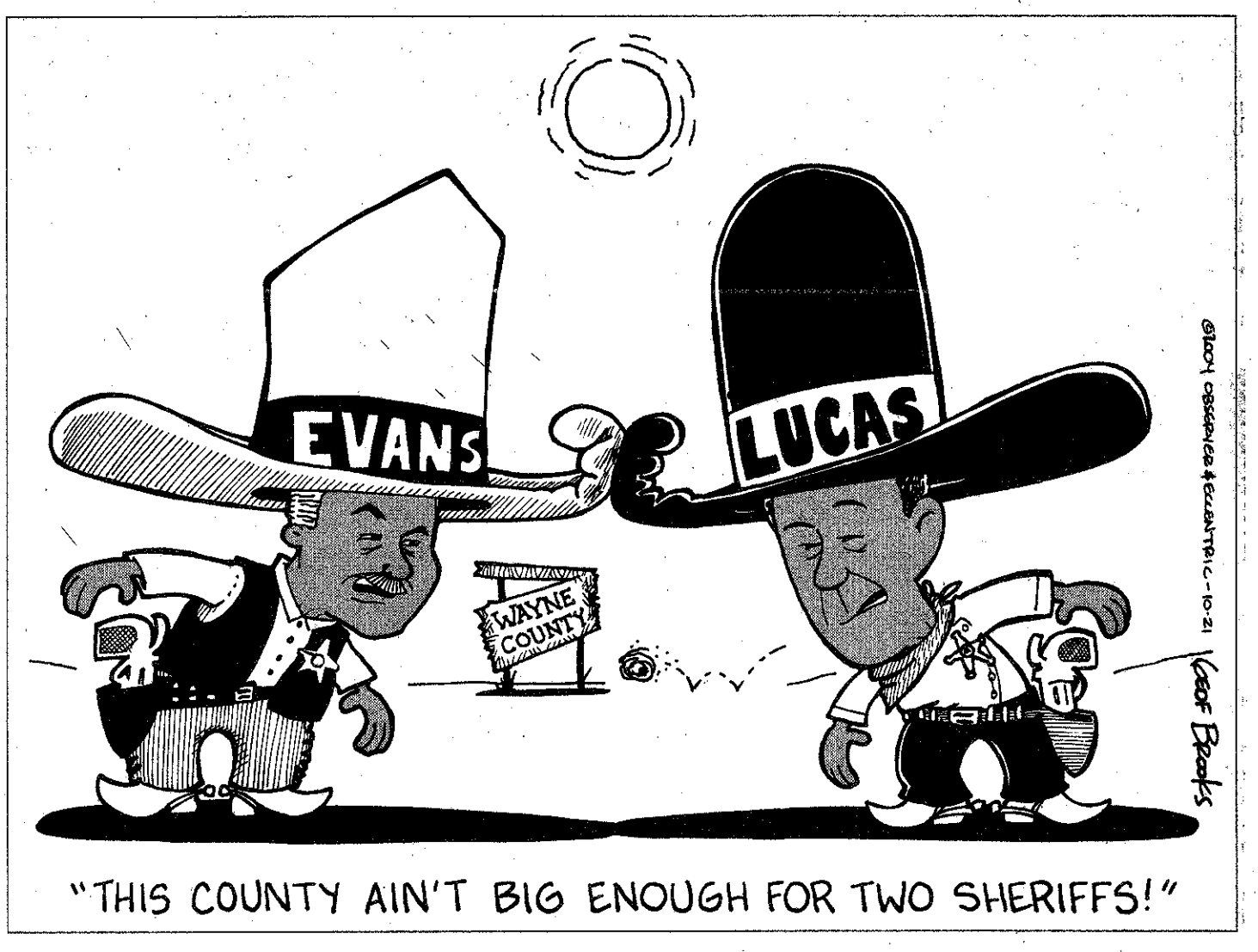

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LETTERS

Signs damaged

I have been proud to live and teach school in the Canton community for over 30 years.

Canton represents people of different cultures and different viewpoints. I had a large Bush-Cheney sign put on my property last Friday afternoon because of my central location. There were also two smaller ones as we have an extra lot. Friday afternoon the Canton ordinance officer left me a note saying one sign per candidate and no larger than six feet. I immediately removed the two smaller signs. My large sign was vandalized by an unknown person or persons Saturday night. For what purpose, no one knows. This was a cowardly act. If the person thinks they are going to sway someone's vote, this is the wrong way to do it. They need to discuss politics instead of using Hitler methods of intimidating the voter. This is a very poor example for future votes and our foreign-born citizens of how politics is conducted in our beloved country. I did call the police and was told this was the first reported act of vandalism about a sign in Canton. Monday I found out that many other signs were vandalized with red and black spray paint in a nearby subdivision. I intend to replace the sign with a new one as I will not be intimidated.

Margo L. Panko
Canton

Signs coming down

As a private citizen, I recently wrote a letter to the editor to alert the public to what appeared to be an emerging trend — placing campaign signs on private property without the owner or possessor's knowledge or consent. I criticized this tactic as I believe it is a dishonest way for one to promote their candidate as it makes it difficult for the public to distinguish authorized signs, which are a fundamental expression of free speech, from unauthorized signs.

To provide background for why this trend has evolved, I explained that many communities have sign ordinances that regulate signs and mentioned that some community ordinances in the metro Detroit area have recently been constitutionally challenged.

I have taken no position on the constitutionality of anyone's ordinances, as a judge would have to review any challenge that might arise based on that specific ordinance and the controlling law. The point being that some communities enforce their ordinances and the latest tactic appeared to be a way to circumvent enforcement by placing unauthorized signs on another's private property. Since my letter was published many of the signs that appeared to be unauthorized have come down.

One reader took umbrage with my letter and expressed an opinion that I had somehow stifled someone's free speech. I don't know if that person misunderstood the point of my letter or if they believe that placing unauthorized signs on another's private property is a constitutionally protected act. I would be interested to see any law that supports that position.

In any event I have invited the author who took exception to my letter to visit your 35th District Court, as my guest, to see how we work on your behalf and how the law is applied.

Michael J. Gerou
35th District Court

Supports Rice

I am pleased to be able to recommend my friend, Bill Rice, for election to the Canton Board of Trustees. With the presidential race heating up and ballot issues generating controversy, it is easy to overlook the trustee race.

I hope Canton voters take this contest seriously. The Board of Trustees has a great deal of influence on our daily lives. Bill Rice has been a Canton resident and homeowner for over 20 years. He has been a volunteer on the Board for the Plymouth Symphony. He has been an active band booster for the Plymouth-Canton school band. I have known him personally for three years. He is thoughtful and mature. He can disagree on an issue without being disagreeable.

He has been endorsed by the Canton Observer, the Canton Eagle and local realtor groups ,among others. He is active in his church and was involved in raising funds for the Cherry Hill Village Theatre. He will be a person who will contribute to the board in many positive ways. Democrats, Republicans and Independents should support Bill Rice for township trustee Nov. 2.

Tom Hartnett
Canton

Lawsuit contemptible

It is contemptible that the right to vote is being invoked as legal cover for such a cynical campaign tactic. It's apparent the true motivation of this lawsuit is to enable campaign members to assemble voters en masse and marshal them to a convenient polling place without the logistical burden of aligning them to the proper precinct.

The potential confusion and opportunity for fraud is just one more burden the state must manage now that the individual is absolved from knowing the location of his polling place. That this lawsuit was filed less than two weeks from the general election is no coincidence.

Presumably the wrong this suit seeks to resolve was not important prior to recent polls showing the tight presidential contest in Michigan. Hopefully the 6th Circuit Court will see through this move and overturn Judge Lawson's decision.

David M. Veit
Canton

Supervisor support

Canton has enjoyed more than 15 years of outstanding progress. This progress can be traced to the efforts of Canton Trustee's Melissa McLaughlin, Karl Zarbo and Canton Chamber of Commerce President, Todd LaJoy.

Canton is known throughout the State of Michigan for its incredible quality of life; 10th safest community in the United States, only accredited Leisure Services Department, one of the first communities in Michigan to meet Clean Water Standards, innovative planning (Cherry Hill Village, parks, open spaces and wooded lots), a variety of outstanding community services and programs, and exceptional neighborhoods and homes.

Canton is recognized as one of the most progressive communities in Michigan. This has been accomplished through a team approach to decision-making. Melissa McLaughlin, Karl Zarbo and Todd LaJoy's wealth of knowledge, experience, and vision will continue to make Canton a desirable community. Much has been accomplished in our community. It's essential that Trustees are elected who understand our community and who have invested themselves in our future. Melissa, Karl and Todd have served our community in a variety of leadership roles ... Trustee, Planning Commissioner, Homeowner Association President, Chamber President, Historical District Commission and more.

Melissa McLaughlin, Karl Zarbo and Todd LaJoy are committed to working together to sustain Canton's outstanding quality of life. A vote for Melissa, Karl and Todd is a vote for:

- A safe and secure community.
- Continued low taxes.
- Improved roads and intersections.
- Quality development.
- Increased property values.
- Outstanding and responsive services and programs.

Tom Yack
Canton Supervisor

Thanks for support

The members of the Citizens' Election Committee would like to thank the residents of the Plymouth-Canton community for supporting our school buildings and helping us to enhance the educational environment within our communities.

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Thank you again for the support you demonstrated.

Citizens' Election Committee

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"Candidates have gotten the message that if they put signs in the right of way they'll be removed by ordinance people. They've elected to move the signs beyond the sidewalk onto private property. As long as candidates believe the signs impact the outcome of the election, they're going to put them up. Some candidates don't spend much except buying signs."

Canton supervisor Tom Yack on the inevitable election-sign controversy

Both candidates ignoring real problems we're facing

As the presidential campaign lurches into its last few, frantic days, I find myself struck by some plain truths that virtually every well-informed person knows, but which have been largely ignored by the mainstream news media, who are primarily obsessed with covering "the horse race."

Moreover, when it comes to these enormously important subjects, both President Bush and Sen. Kerry, each for their own reasons, have preferred to mostly clam up. I think we need to think about them.

Truth No. 1: Iraq is a mess and we have virtually no choice other than to muddle through, probably for a few years, hoping for the best.



Phil Power

The key word here is muddle. We do not have enough troops on the ground to secure the country. We're not going to get much help from our "allies" or the United Nations. Those Iraqis who hate us are emboldened; those who like us are mostly silent; those who are neutral despise having their country occupied by foreigners. Declaring victory and withdrawing will either produce civil war or a (this time, real) link-up with the terrorists.

President Bush doesn't want to say this because it would be a confession that his war was ill-founded on bad intelligence, impulsively decided, poorly planned and incompetently carried out. Sen. Kerry doesn't want to say it because he doesn't have any realistic good options, either.

Truth No. 2: The economy. Virtually every reputable economist and most business types are terrified of what's in store.

The national deficit is now a record $415 billion, compared with the $236 billion *surplus* when President Bush took office. We are now depending on the Chinese and the Japanese to keep us afloat by buying our debt (currently at a daily rate of $1.7 billion), and nobody knows what will happen if they were to stop, perhaps out of fear that a new round of inflation in this country will devalue our repayments to them. The dollar is near a record low, while the unfavorable international balance of trade stubbornly persists. Oil prices are now at record highs, as anybody who has bought gas recently knows well, and high oil prices typically signal trouble for our economy.

President Bush doesn't want to talk about this because it would be a confession that the combination of his tax cuts and the costs of his war in Iraq represent a big part of the problem. Sen. Kerry talks hopefully about rolling back tax cuts on the rich (through it seems unlikely that a Republican-dominated Congress would do so), but then proposes vastly increased government spending. Neither wants to get into the details of their dubious plans for fear of annoying voters.

Truth No. 3: The looming crisis — Social Security and Medicare.

The Economist magazine, no left-wing journal by any means, estimates the total present unfunded liabilities for Social Security and Medicare on our national balance sheet amount to $74 trillion! That's equivalent to the entire gross national product for seven years.

Someday, sooner or later, the political system is going to have to face all this. President Bush is talking about letting some Social Security recipients invest part of their deductions in the stock market, which makes the stockbrokers drool; it also looked a lot better when the market was skyrocketing than it does today. Sen. Kerry is accusing the president of wanting to "privatize" Social Security. Neither has displayed any serious interest in resolving, before it's too late, the real Social Security crisis.

Truth No. 4: The coming Republican domination of our politics.

If President Bush wins, the Republicans will control the presidency and both houses of the Congress and will be in a position to nominate and confirm new members of the Supreme Court and other federal judges. Grover Norquist, the head of Americans for Tax Reform and a senior GOP strategist, says "the Democratic Party is toast" if the president is re-elected, because the Republicans have put emasculating the Democrats at the heart of their agenda: Contract out hundreds of thousands of government jobs (to eliminate Democratic campaign workers); pass tort reform (to hit the pocketbooks of the trial lawyers, who have now surpassed the unions as big Democratic contributors); and enact right-to-work laws (which allow workers to quit paying union dues.)

President Bush doesn't say much about all this (it would sound too partisan.) Neither does Sen. Kerry (it would sound too alarmist.)

So we end with a campaign in which the major issues are submerged, almost as if there was a willing conspiracy between both candidates and the media. Instead, all are preoccupied only with trying to figure out who's ahead, although the only poll that matters is the one on Nov. 2. As Election Day looms just around the corner, looking at all this makes me feel more desperately worried for our country's future than at any time in my life.

Of course, lots of thoughtful people also felt that way in 1932, at the depths of the Great Depression. More than once in our history, it has seemed to be awfully dark before the dawn, and I hope that once more, we see the light.

Phil Power is the chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

Manilow fans come out of woodwork, and the closet, to see farewell tour

Just like that, the relationship is over.

No warning. No "can't we try again?" Just ... over, and all that's left is to deal with the emotional wreckage of a relationship that's lasted more than 30 years.

Sure, there's the promise that we'll remain friends. There's the possibility we'll run into each other on rare occasions. And when we do, it'll be nice, but not enough. For the most part, it's over.

Barry Manilow is done touring.

The pop legend made the Detroit stop on what he called his final tour Saturday at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

I know ... you're shocked. You're stunned. You're saddened. Me, too.



Brad Kadrich

The difference between us, more than likely, is that I'm not ashamed to admit it. Friends and family are well aware of my love of all things Manilow, from his days as the musical director for Bette Midler to the Broadway show he's about to open.

Of course, all that's done for me is expose me to derision and ridicule from just about every quarter. There are exceptions. My friend and mentor Annette Kingsbury, now a reporter for our Rochester paper, surprised me years ago with a tape she'd made of an appearance on A&E, a two-hour concert where he took live requests.

And Brenda Urich, the former receptionist in our Plymouth office, is nearly as big a fan as I am.

But, for the most part, friends and family tease me relentlessly. My niece — whose credibility is low to begin with because she thinks Britney Spears is awesome — has taken to following my wife's lead and referring to Manilow as "Barely Man-enough."

That amazes me, because the guy has done just about everything you can do as an artist. He's a 2002 Songwriters Hall of Fame inductee. He's won Grammy, Emmy and Tony awards. His *Ready to Take a Chance Again*, from the Chevy Chase-Goldie Hawn film *Foul Play*, was nominated for an Oscar.

Despite all the success, you can't get anyone to admit openly they're a fan. Stand around the water cooler at work and bring him up, and you get the standard jokes about his nose, about rumors surrounding his lifestyle, about the sappy style of music he plays.

Manilow, the Rodney Dangerfield of music, has never gotten respect, although he's always parlayed the disrespect into success. Remember how the lead character on TV's *Murphy Brown* hated him, until she realized his music was the only thing that soothed her son? Manilow made a cameo appearance on that show, and also on *Will & Grace*, on an episode where Will waited in line for hours to get tickets.

Just Monday morning, as I was regaling someone with tales of the concert, my colleague (I'm withholding his name to protect his identity, for he lacks my Manilow-ian fortitude) said, "I love *Copacabana*, but I just can't bring myself to say so out loud."

He's had 38 Top 40 hits. He's not only won awards for his own performances, but music he's written for the likes of Midler and Dionne Warwick has also been Grammy-nominated.

My brother was one of the many men at The Palace who would probably have rather gotten root canal, until the piano-driven music gave him pause to think of his daughter, the Britney fan, who plays the piano.

He's not alone, especially in my family. When I called my sister to tell her I had an extra ticket with her name on it, my sister — studying for a Ph.D. — said she had "too much homework." On a Saturday. I was just glad she didn't say, "I have to wash my hair."

A woman standing at the concession stand said she didn't bring her husband "because I'm a good wife."

I noted, in talking to her before the concert started, that many of the men appeared to be bearing pained expressions on their faces.

"That's why I brought my mother-in-law," the woman said, smiling. "I wouldn't do that to my husband."

It goes like that when you try to find Manilow fans. Yet, when we got to The Palace Saturday, we had to park about 103 miles away, in the "back 40" of the parking lot. The show, like the five times I'd seen him prior, was sold out. Some 20,000 people packed The Palace, applauding from first note to last.

I'm the first to admit there are some things that are hokey. The standard bringing of a woman onstage to sing *I Can't Smile Without You* seems forced sometimes, and surrounding himself with about half-a-dozen bodyguards to and from stage seemed overly dramatic.

I've broadened my horizons over the years. A friend got me to listen to R.E.M. back in the late 1980s. More recently, a friend introduced me to the Barenaked Ladies, who are, by the way, neither bare-naked nor ladies.

Though times, and tastes, change, it's always been nice to be able to go back to the basics. Like Linus' security blanket, Manilow has been around when I needed him, which makes viewing his farewell tour bittersweet.

Thank goodness his next farewell tour can't be more than a couple of years away.

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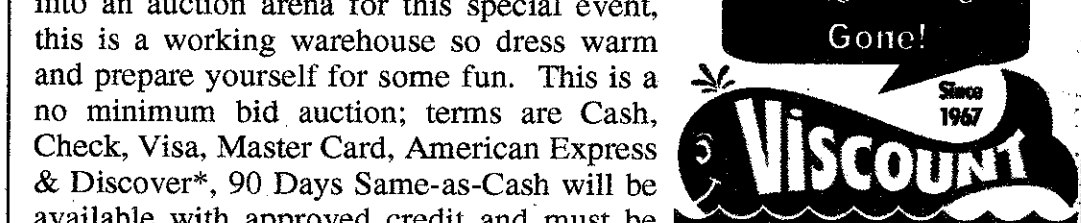

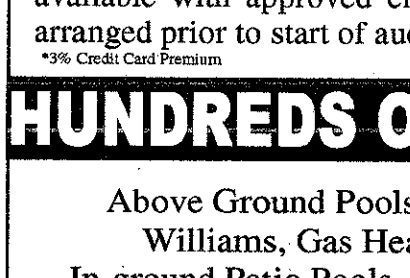

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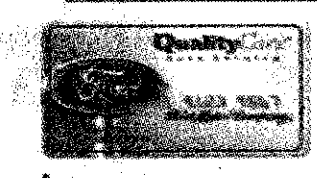

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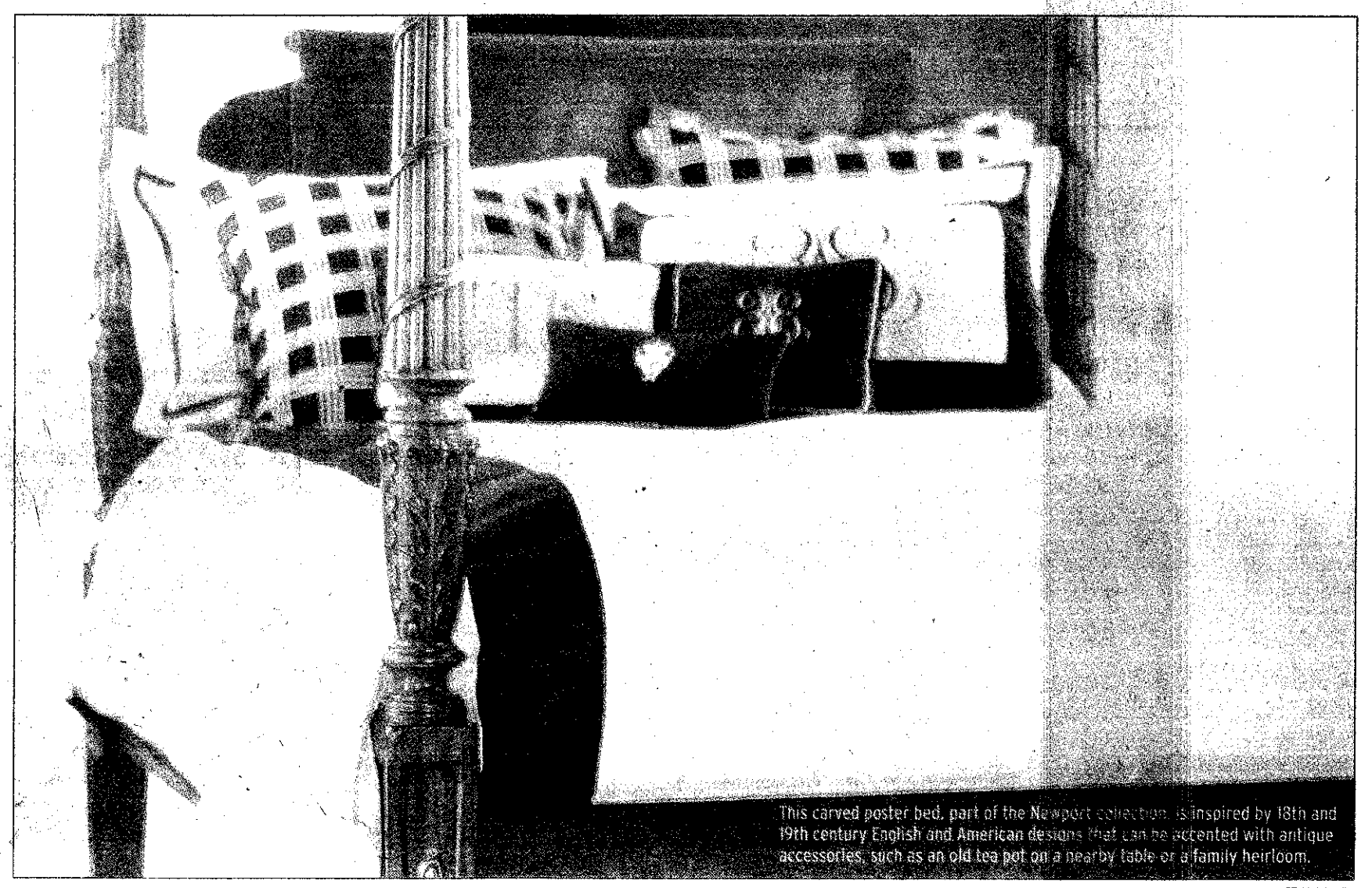

This carved poster bed, part of the Newport collection, is inspired by 18th and 19th century English and American designs that can be accented with antique accessories, such as an old tea pot on a nearby table or a family heirloom.

ETHAN ALLEN

Some kind of Wonderful

Bedroom reflects simple pleasures

STORY BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Tucked away in the back of the house or up a flight of stairs out of public view, the bedroom is sometimes the forgotten space when it comes to decorating.

But rest assured, it doesn't have to be forgotten altogether just because it's often last on the decorating list of things to do and usually obtains the least amount of sprucing up dollars.

One way to cut down on expenses is to browse resale shops. Deal hounds can find anything from entire bedroom sets to lamps and knick-knacks for the dresser tops.

Four poster beds can undergo a total makeover with a little fabric hung over the top or around the posts, he suggests.

"Some people buy single pieces to extenuate things they already have,"

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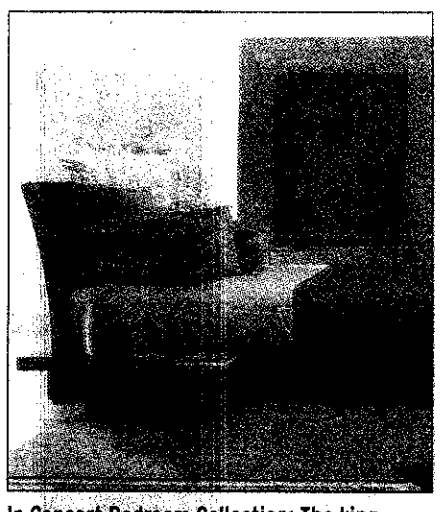

In Concert Bedroom Collection: The king-sized, wood platform bed available in two finishes – dark (opera) and light (aria) – sits 12 1/2" from the ground. Complete with support for a mattress, the platform bed retails for $4,999. The coordinating bedside table is also available for $569.

Kids' rooms can have grownup attitude

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

You can think big as well as small when you're decorating a young person's room.

While some considerations for children should be met in furnishing and decorating the room, the furniture pieces you select can grow along with the youngster.

"People have said 'I have the chest and dresser I had from Ethan Allen 25 to 30 years ago,'" said Karen Seta, interior designer, Ethan Allen in Birmingham.

The following should be addressed when furnishing a child's room, Seta said:

- age
- how the room is going to be used
- color scheme or theme – Bright and cheery colors, and primary colors, are popular, Seta says.
- safety issues – Furnishings should have protective edges and finishes; edges shouldn't be sharp.
- gender
- activities – Will there be a lot of sleepovers? Will two siblings be sharing the room?

Colorful rugs are popular for young people's rooms, says Azar Alizadeh, owner of Azar's Oriental Rugs in Birmingham.

"They love colors . . . They like modern rugs, fun rugs," she said.

For a youngster's room, Alizadeh recommends a pile rug rather than one with a flat weave, so it will be soft and comfortable.

Rugs with colorful patterns help camouflage dirt and spills.

Because the smallest person in the family often gets one of the smaller rooms in

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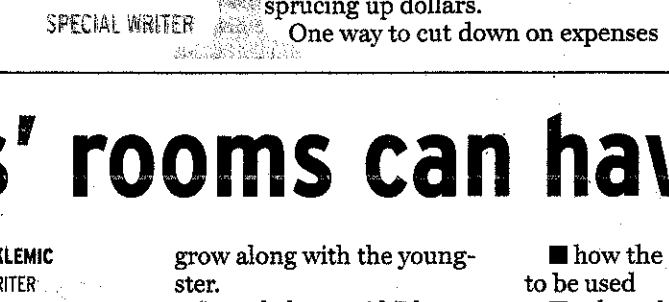
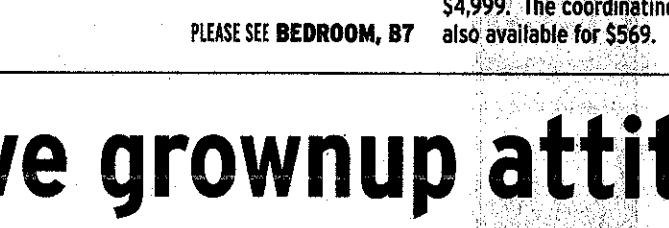


Michele Schiftar, co-owner of the Consignment Outlet, 44125 Ford Road in Canton, stands by a hand-carved Victorian bed that is complemented by chairs and wood base marble table. The store has locations in Plymouth and Orchard Lake and one planned for Livonia.



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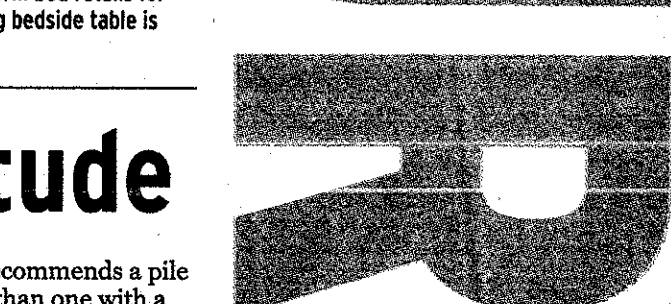

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the house, furnishings that can do double duty are good selections.

"Trundle beds are extremely popular," Seta said.

Basic work stations in a young person's room should include a computer desk, and a piece with upper shelves or a hutch, Seta said.

Many desks are designed for "the beginning computer user," she said.

Concerning storage, many people want an armoire or a similar piece that looks more like furniture, Seta said.

Pieces in Ethan Allen's Contempo collection include sleek night tables with casters so they can be easily moved, and hutches with a variety of shelf arrangements or adjustable shelves.

The Classic collection for girls by Ethan Allen features a hutch and desk in creamy vanilla, chocolate or toffee color, and night tables with drawers or shelves.

Among headboard designs are shutters, bookcases and a handpainted floral pattern. Armoires offer a corkboard and a mirror on the inside of the doors.

Bedding and decor elements can have a variety of themes. Target sets include Dora the Explorer, Sponge Bob Squarepants and Spider-Man, as well as sports and animal themes.

Kathryn Weber, a certified master practitioner in feng shui, offers fundamentals for children's bedrooms on the www.theallineed.com Web site. They include:

■ Create a space for study and accomplishments – "Having a dedicated space, including a desk and lamp where your child can study, demonstrates to your child the importance you place on education and your child's educational achievement . . . Also make a place . . . of your child's accomplishments. Doing so reinforces that you are proud of your child's efforts."

■ Clear the space so your child can rest and be creative – "Jammed closets and drawers, beds with boxes, shoes and other items underneath must be cleaned out. Creating space and visual openness helps your child to feel less pressured, and more likely to be imaginative and creative."

■ Use light, color and art work in the room to make a happy environment – "A child's room should stimulate, not dampen the child's spirit. Make sure there is adequate lighting for the desk, for a bedside table, and that windows can be closed off for privacy."

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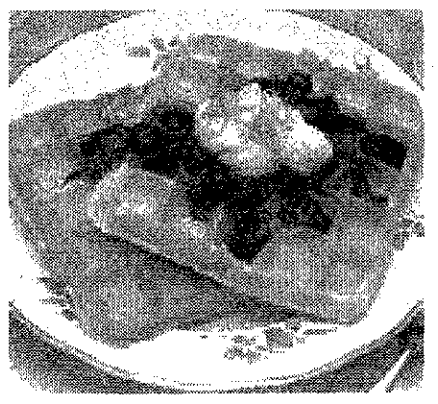

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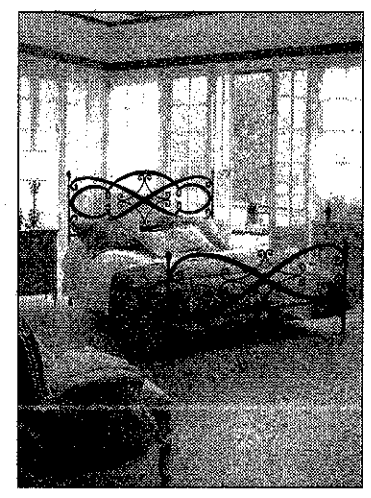
Bring richness, warmth into bedroom

After 25 years of marriage, my husband and I have decided it's time to replace our bedroom furniture. Of course, it doesn't stop there. We will also be replacing all the bedding and the window treatments, and putting a fresh coat of paint on the walls. Where do we start?
– Susan P., Plymouth Township



Terri Guastella



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That's a great question, Susan, and you are in a similar situation that many people are. This is an important room and you are correct to assess your needs and have a plan in place before you begin.

Go ahead and start with the furniture. It is the "big ticket" item in the room and will be around at least another 25 years. Buy something you really love and purchase the best quality furniture you can afford.

With that said, I went to Roche Bobois in Novi and spoke with Greg Eitelman, who owns Roche Bobois with Edgar Hagopian, about what is new in the bedroom furniture market.

Eitelman mentioned that the trend in the master bedroom suite is to have rich, warm tones to create a luxury feel. Dark woods like cherry or walnut are very popular. Four-poster beds and sleigh beds have remained strong in the market, whether they are in the dark woods or in textural, aged metals. The variety in the materials allows the furniture to be at home in a traditional setting, contemporary, or a more transitional one.

Another area that brings a luxury feel into the master bedroom is the bedding. High thread count linens and beautiful textures are a treat and promote the pampered feeling that many people desire after a hard day's work. Look for quality down comforters and decorative beaded, silk pillows. Bedroom seating purchases also have increased, Eitelman said.

Cozy, overstuffed chairs for reading and contemplation are showing up on the master bedroom scene. If the bedroom is on the small side, use a smaller chair or an upholstered bench at the foot of the bed. This bedroom seating idea goes hand in hand with homeowners wanting their master bedroom to be a retreat.

Consider avoiding the matched set of bedroom furniture to bring in a more casual European and comfortable look. Find some nightstands or side chests that work with the general theme of the room and coordinate with the bed 's headboard; however, the nightstands and bed do not have to be of the same material.

Mix tones of woods, woods with metals, or any combination of materials to add visual interest. Note in the photo the overall look of comfort combined with simplicity – a very serene and luxurious bedroom, and yet it is not a matched bedroom set.

After purchasing your bedroom furniture and luxury linens, look to your paint as the next step. Paint is the most flexible item you can purchase for the least amount of expense. Keep in mind that color evokes feeling.

What is the feeling you want for your bedroom? Don't be afraid of bold colors, but remember this room is a place of rest. Bold colors can be mentally stimulating and even irritating when viewed in large doses. If you love red, it may be best used as an accent color in the bedroom with pillows, valances, tiebacks and art work, and leave the red walls for the dining room.

Regarding your window treatments: The possibilities are endless. Some people prefer a tailored and layered look, while others like sheer and simple.

It is advisable to have the option of room darkening treatments, should you want to sleep in late on the weekends. This look can be accomplished with lined draperies, or with pleated shades or shutters layered under a sheer window treatment.

If a more tailored look is your style, you may need to hire the services of a qualified interior designer to complete it.

You've waited a long time for this bedroom makeover.

Give each purchase thoughtful consideration and the results will be worth the wait.

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 with your questions, thoughts or ideas via e-mail at [illegible]

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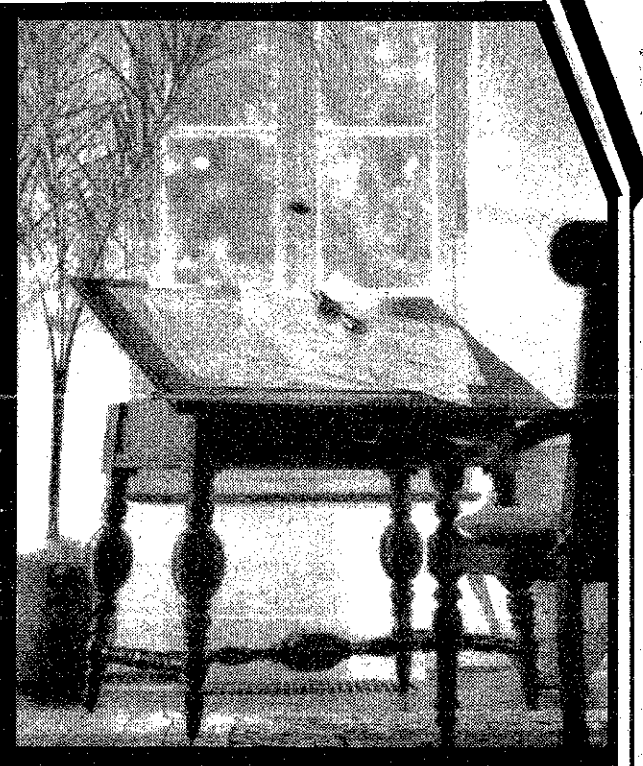

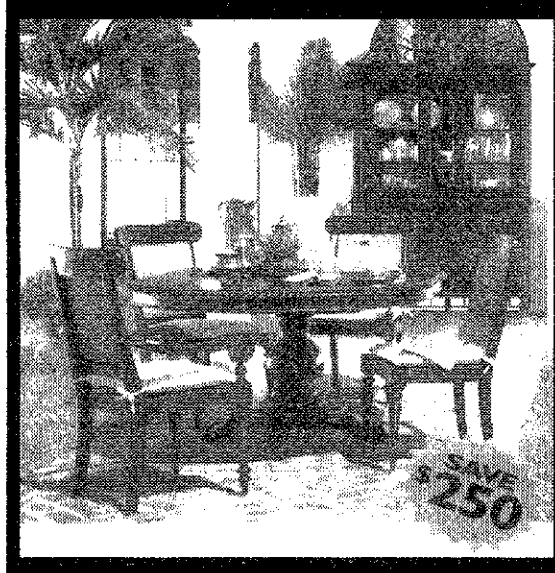

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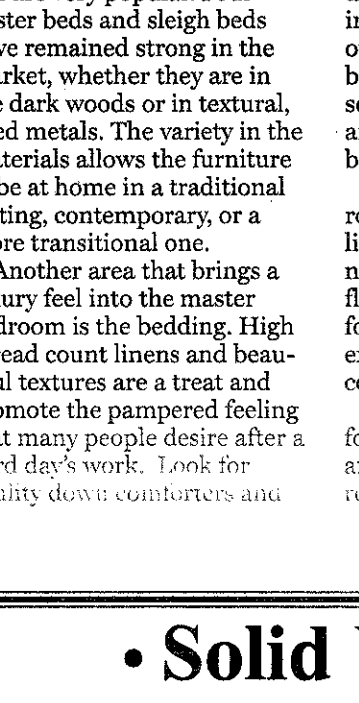

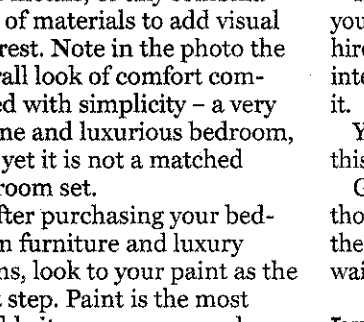

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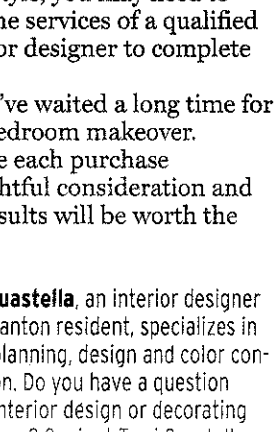

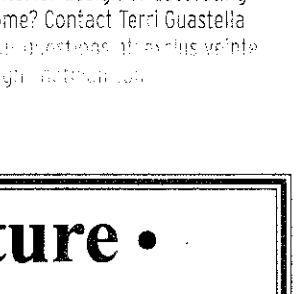





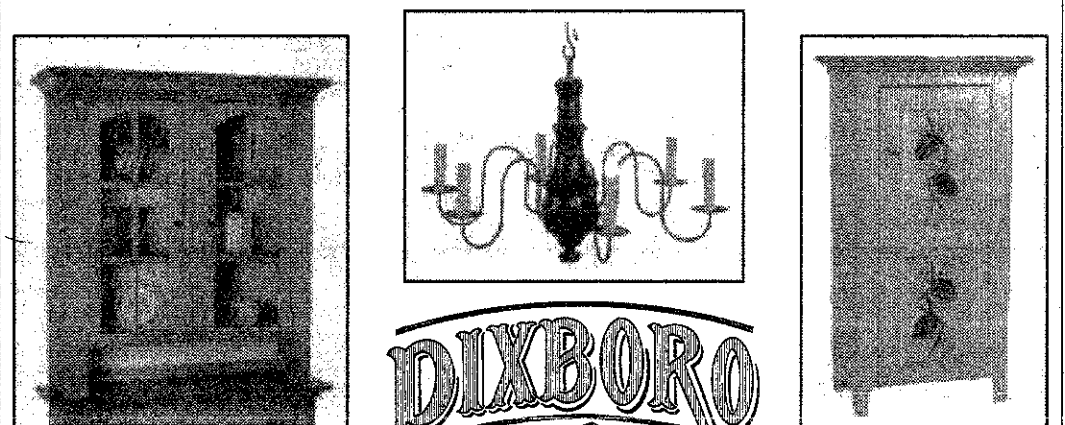

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Not your average general store

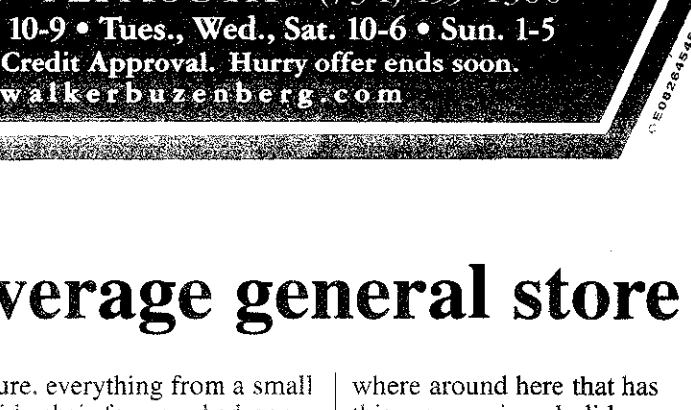
If you're driving down Plymouth Road just east of Ann Arbor and happen to pass a large white building with a sign saying **"Dixboro General Store",** you just might be surprised if you stop and go in. The first thing you will notice about this general store is there is no bread or milk. "We get people every day stopping here and walking in the door with a puzzled look on their face, and we know right away that they thought they were walking into a grocery store" commented Cheryl Goode, who along with her husband, Allan, own this unique store.

While you can still buy "penny" candies, homemade jellies and jams and old fashioned bottles of Coca Cola out of an antique Coke machine, what you'll surprisingly find is a store packed with furniture, home accessories, candles and lots more. According to Allan, "We carry one of the largest selections of handmade wooden furniture anywhere, and most of our pieces come not only in a wide range of stain colors, but they can also be painted in an array of antique paint colors". He went on to explain that while their store is relatively small compared to most "full line" furniture stores, they actually stock and sell more of this "primitive look" furniture than most big name furniture stores. "We have four main wood furniture companies and we are the number one dealer of all four lines! If we don't have it in our store or one of our two warehouses, we can custom order anything in any color or combination of colors."

But it doesn't stop there. "We also carry several brands of upholstered furniture, everything from a small side chair for your bedroom, to a huge down filled sectional" added Allan. All of their upholstered lines have eight way hand tied construction and hardwood frames and one can choose from hundreds of fabric choices. "We get so many people who tell us they have looked all over town and can't find a better quality product and are amazed at our prices."

The other thing you'll notice about this store is that it looks different every time you go there. In addition to all of the furniture and home accessories, you'll find a huge selection of collectibles, giftware, and decorations for your home. On a recent trip, I entered the store to a bustle of activity. Several employees were transforming the rooms (yes, there are nine rooms!) from a fall theme to a Christmas one. Everything was being arranged with garlands, wreaths, and old fashioned decorations to remind you of Christmases gone by. These great decorations are not just for looks, they sell them too! "I don't think there is anywhere around here that has this many unique holiday items" claims Cheryl. "We start our buying in January and don't stop until our big Holiday Open House". This year, their **Open House** will run from **November 9th through the 14th.** "We have over 35,000 people on our mailing list and it seems like just about every one of them comes to this event" says Cheryl, "it's my favorite time of the year, the store looks beautiful and everyone is in such a festive mood!"

When you visit there, be sure to seek out the old photos of when it was the other kind of general store. The building, originally built in 1840, seven years before Edison was born, holds a lot of charm and history. Notice the creaking floors, the old wavy windows and the player piano, in fact there is so much to look at, plan on spending some time to see it all. It will amaze you and I'm sure you won't be disappointed.



The Dixboro General Store was expanded and connected to the "Merchants Home" in 1995.

The Dixboro General Store is located at 5206 Plymouth Road, just east of Ann Arbor. (734) 663-5558. www.dixboro.com.

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Fabulous FURNITURE 2004

Making well-dressed bed is art form

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Making the bed can be an art as well as a chore.

When it comes to decorating the home, the bed has become almost as important as the living room sofa, says Birmingham interior designer Shirley Maddalena.

"Bed making can be difficult. I've seen people be really frustrated," said Maddalena, president of Maddalena Design Ltd. "You need to go in with swatches of paint and (samples of) carpets."

A basic rule is to keep in mind the bed's environment; whether the room is formal and dressy or casual and homey, she said.

"So many wonderful products are available today," Maddalena said.

You could easily spend $500 to $5,000 on items for the bed, she said.

Maddalena says there are two types of beds: formal, which is very fluffy and very elegant, and Zen-like, which is very simple.

Headboards can be decorative, whether wood or upholstered.

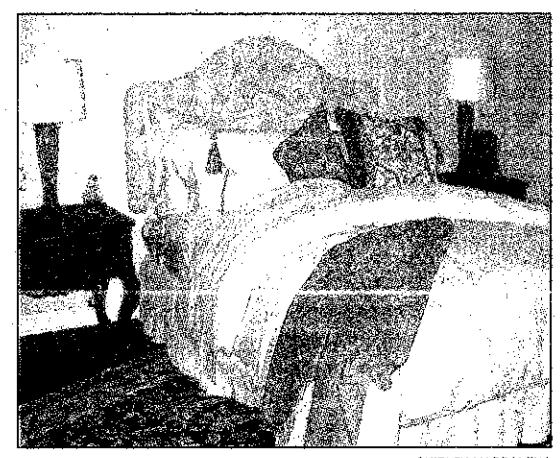
The formal bed features a feather mattress or feather down comforter pad, a silk coverlet, and a duvet down comforter that is rolled and placed at the foot of the bed.

Maddalena recommends putting the pillows for sleeping behind shams. She likes to place two or three decorative pillows on the bed. If you have a treasured pillow, put it in the center.

Pillow shams should match the dust ruffle on the bed, Maddalena said. Beds that don't need dust ruffles include sleigh and four-poster beds, she said.

A Zen-like bed looks flat. Pillow shams are squared and lay flat on the bed. At the foot of this bed, place a cashmere or mohair throw.

For any bed, Maddalena prefers white sheets with a thread count of 350 per inch, so you don't have to worry about fading and so the sheets will be long lasting.



SHIRLEY MADDALENA

This bed by fashion designer Nicole Miller, featured in a recent Wall Street Journal article about high fashion bedding, was "dressed up" by Birmingham interior designer Shirley Maddalena. Maddalena also sells high-end linens to clients.

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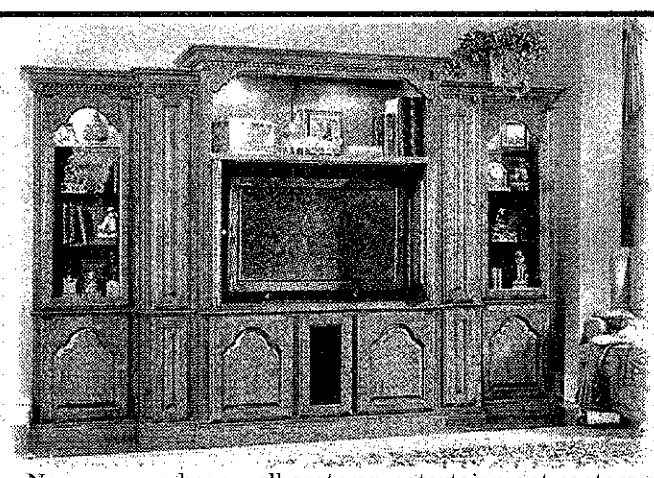

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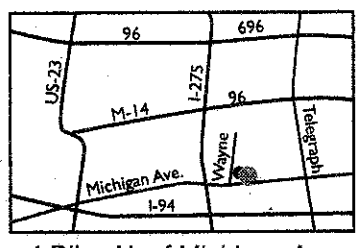

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Fabulous FURNITURE 2004

Accessorize with various furnishings

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Everybody has a story to tell or memories they want to keep.

Quite often accessories in the home reflect a journey. And what when something reaches obsolescence, it can be another person's treasure.

Michele and Todd Schiftar own Consignment Outlet stores in Canton, Orchard Lake, Plymouth and have a new store planned in Livonia. They are often approached to sell furniture and accessories from homeowners who experience change in their lives, Michele said.

"They may be moving or they may be downsizing," she said. The store is an eclectic mix of furniture, televisions, glassware and has plenty of accessory items.

"We try to mix contemporary and antique," Schiftar said. "We never judge their tastes, we just let the customer decide."

Lamps, artwork, curtains, wood blinds and vases are among items that customers look at to add accessories to their homes, Schiftar said.

They may prefer a retro look and purchase gold leaf glassware or more nostalgic cuckoo clock remembered from childhood at a grandparent's home.

Like art, home decorating accessories are acquired and displayed according to personal taste. And they don't need to be museum quality.

Steve Dani of Dixboro General Store in Ann Arbor said Dixboro sells many prints. "People really enjoy them," Dani said. "But what we are selling a lot of is the holiday merchandise."

The Halloween decor items pretty much cleared the shelves by last week, Dani said, as customers purchased much of it. "We couldn't keep the Halloween stuff," he said.

Accessories for the mantel is a popular spot in the home for holiday items, Dani said. "The garland is a major accessory, and it's leaves and acorns versus pine needles and cones." Wreaths also are popular.

According to www.home-decorating-made-easy.com, you should group objects by theme, material or color. A group in one location is always more dramatic than placing items throughout the room.

Drape a throw or afghan over a large chair sofa to add a splash of color and texture. Use toss pillows to convey a sense of comfort. Try a mix of patterns, pillow sizes or fabric, but try to have one color that unifies.

But if you want something different, you should shop around.

"We get a lot of people who come in here who want something different," Schiftar said. "If they see something they like, they'll trade it out." (Consignment also lists items for customers on eBay for bidding.)

Shopping Consignment helps homeowners working within a budget, said Todd Schiftar.

A family recently lost a home and all their furnishings, then they received insurance money, but it wasn't enough to purchase new furniture, so family members visited the Schiftars, replacing furniture within a budget.

"It's like a car when you drive it off the lot," said Michele, referring to the loss in resale value of new furniture. "Why pay like that in furniture?"

New furniture has pressed wood, but there's nothing like the older furniture, Todd said.

"It's just that the craftsmanship is so much higher end," Schiftar said of antique furniture.

Consignment Outlet has stores at the following locations: 44125 Ford Road, Canton; 3252 Orchard Lake Road (in Orchard Plaza), Orchard Lake, and 1440 Sheldon Road (at Ann Arbor Road) in Plymouth. A grand opening of a new store, which will make Consignment Outlet the largest consignment store group in Michigan, is scheduled for Nov. 15 at 35275 Plymouth Road in Livonia. Visit resalestuff.com for more information.

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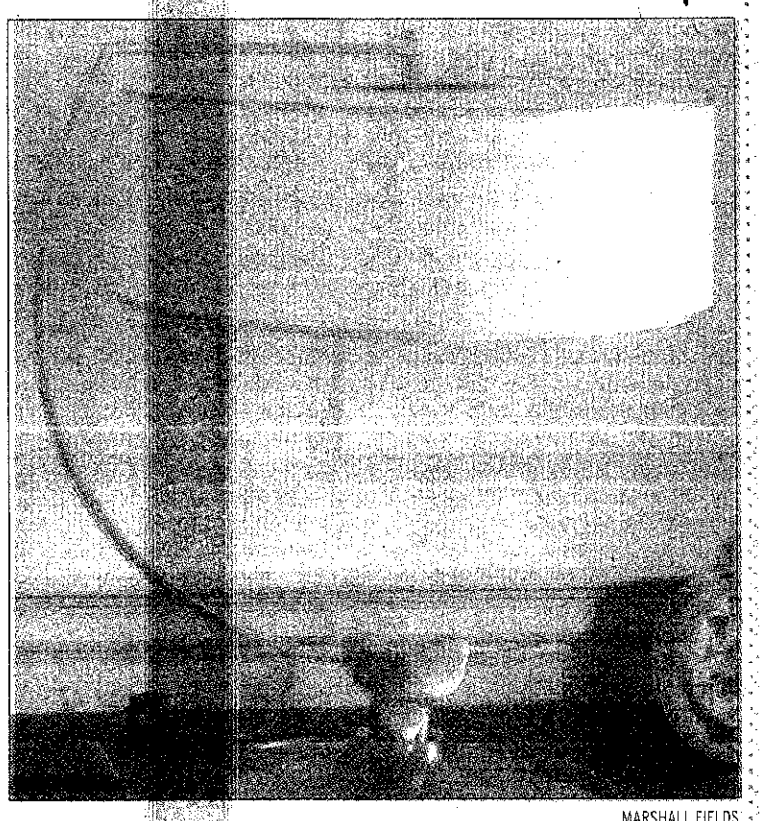

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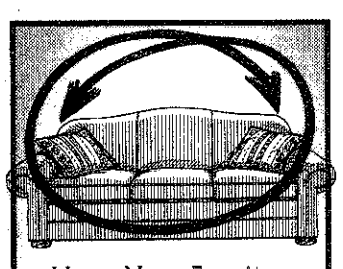

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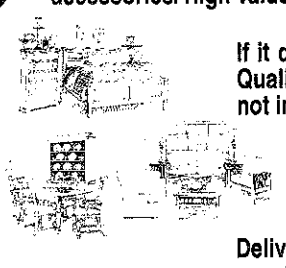

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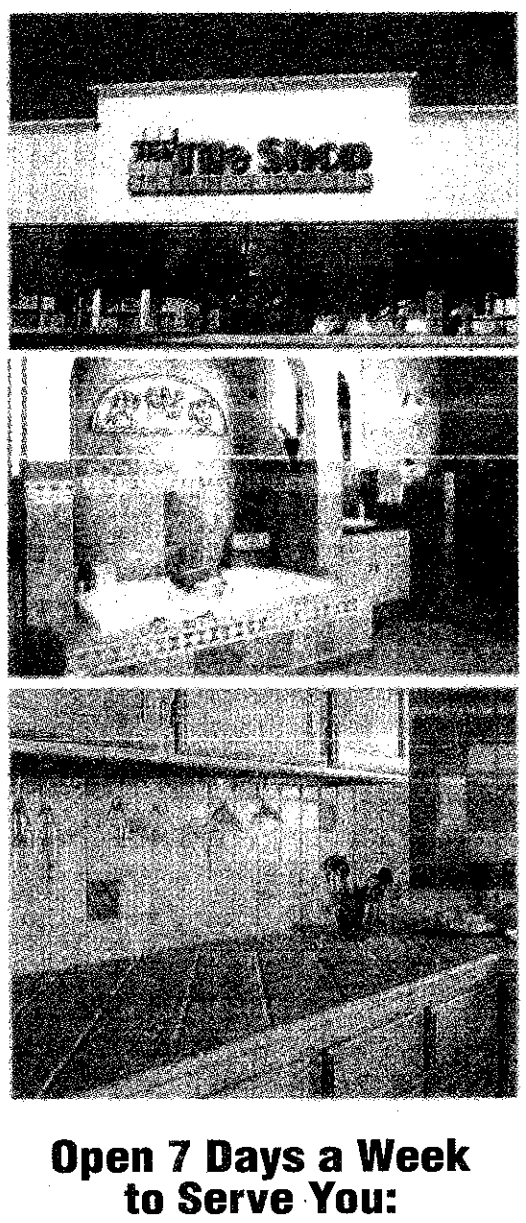

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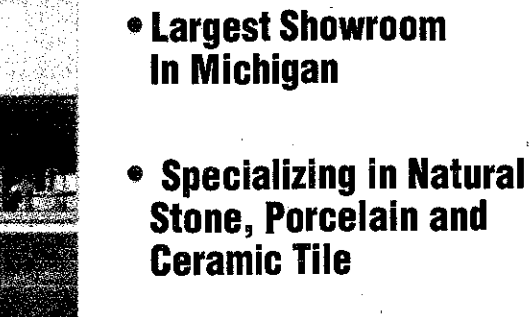

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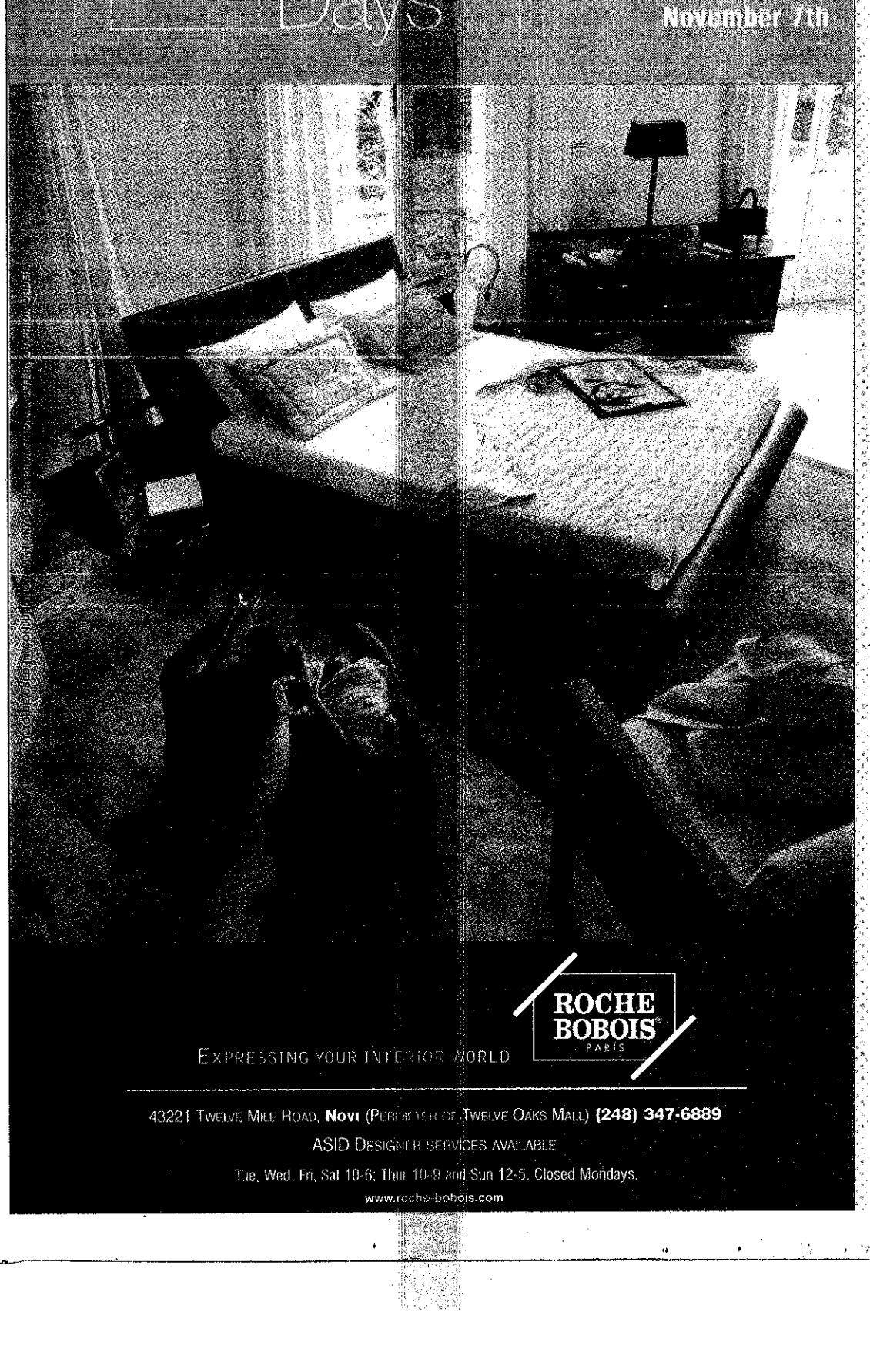

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Vintage-inspired accessories rekindle past

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Styles come and go, which means decorating with vintage home accessories never really goes out of fashion.

"Were always borrowing from the past to create new looks and trends in the present," said Shelly Ibach, senior vice president of home merchandising at Marshall Field's. "People love to surround themselves with things from the past, as well as things that are new."

So which time periods currently have a grip on designers, retailers and homeowners? Apparently the wholesome but forward-looking '50s and the flashy, disco-driven '70s.

"We're seeing a lot more browns, oranges and blues in the home, something similar to colors of the '70s," Ibach said.

Stylings reminiscent of the era and other nearby decades work well in a clean contemporary setting, bringing detail and interest to more modern designs. The overall look is what Debbie Thomas, owner of The Final Phase in Troy, calls "the urban look." Thomas is a professional "accessorizer," and her store specializes in supplying decor accessories to interior designers.

Thomas said homeowners with a contemporary style are gravitating towards '50s-inspired decor pieces.

"Maybe a lamp from the 50s that's updated in that where there was stainless, there is nickel," she said, adding, "That's strong right now you know, the minimalist look."

But eras long gone-by still have a hold on the majority of homeowners, she said.

"There is still a huge, huge thing for the French country-meets-old world look," said Thomas.

To achieve the look, look for accessories that work lots of magic on a room like framed family pictures, leather-bound books and vintage-style lamps.

Glassware also makes quite a statement in a room, Ibach said. "Add etched glassware, candle holders and candelabras to bring back a touch of elegance in a more casual way."



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Looking for an interchangeable decor accessory with high impact? Consider vintage-style glassware like these pieces from Thomas O'Brien, available at Marshall Field's.

Other high-impact vintage accessories include mirrors, embroidered pillows, wall sconces and decorative, painted trays – which can be used either as serving trays or decorative pieces.

While vintage furniture designs and decor accessories have never been bigger, the trend may have more to do with creating a feeling than evoking a particular time period and style in the home, Ibach said.

You won't lose while you snooze



Dennis Fairchild

Bedrooms are personal retreats where we spend about a third of our lives.

Whether we sleep on our side, stomach or back, bedrooms are largely places for horizontal rest, recovery or renewal.

Bedrooms are analogous to our breathing apparatus: our lungs, according to the ancient and magical metaphors of feng shui (pronounced "fung schway," meaning that everything that surrounds a homeowner affects them) So, we should keep them clean, aired-out and avoid any kind of congestion.

Clutter invites dissatisfaction and conflict between bed partners, so keep it clean (and keep a vacuum cleaner in the walk-in closet). A bedroom should be more square than rectangular to assure positive conjugal communication between couples, never triangular or featuring sunken or protruding corners.

Bedrooms are best at the back of the house away from the road, never above a garage, to increase happiness and intimate harmony. Sleeping rooms above garages are said to increase insomnia, nightmares and crankiness. Light coming from either the right or left is good, but do not expose bed sides directly to a window, especially in the rooms of infants or ailing elderly people.

A bedroom should feel (and be) secure and intimate, never confining. Live or silk plants attract luck and happiness when visible from the bed. To insure happiness, remember to keep all plants pruned and remove all dead leaves. Yellow or pinkish flowering plants are best, contributing to individuality and personal strength.

You should never be able to see under the bed. If you can, cover it up so that it appears to be solid. Fear and apprehension over future projects are said to become magnified whenever the space below a bed is visible. Try shams or dangle sheets.

To encourage a good night's sleep, never sleep atop storage boxes, books or things hidden beneath. Good feng shui beds are never more than two feet off the floor. The bed is the centerpiece of this room and, normally, the largest object of furniture. And nothing, including trailing ivy, lamps or skylights, should intrude in the space above your bed and, especially, your head.

So take down the ceiling mirrors and hock your trapeze!

To increase productivity and prosperity, buy new sheets and pillowcases every few seasons. We tune up the car regularly for good mileage, so why not regularly realign your sleeping quarters.

Feng shui masters assign specific shades for different maids. Blue rooms turn occupants into the opposite of what blue means in the west. Sky color suggests relief from stress.

Irving Berlin wrote about smiling blue skies.

Restful repose and sweet dreaming.

Yellow, the color of sunshine, evokes imagination, social and intellectual interchange. It is great for libraries, studies and family rumpus rooms and terrific for adult bedrooms.

"In the pink" evokes a color of revival, happiness, love. The Chinese masters recommend this and light dusty rose shades as ideal for reviving failed romances.

To enhance good health and communication among loved ones, do not locate ceiling fans directly over the bed, only off to the side or at the foot area.

Ditto for placing a bed under a sloping ceiling or exposed beam. If this is your fix, move either the bed or fan and paint the overhead beams the same color as the ceiling to promote fidelity and honest dialogue.

It's not good feng shui to have a mirror at the foot of the bed whether freestanding or above the bureau. And never ever hang mirrors that are broken, cracked or damaged, either. This mirror will not only interfere with your sleep, it also ensures a rude awakening and a slap in face, seeing yourself warts and all as you rise and try to shine.

Alarm clocks, especially digital electronic models, should keep their distance at least six feet away from pillows, rousting you out of bed rather than allowing you to press the snooze control and begin the day kvetching. To increase good dreams, remove or dismantle shelves on walls near the head of the bed.

To avoid insecurity and paranoia, don't sleep with your feet directly facing a doorway. Beds should be catty-corner to the door to allow you to see who's coming or going.

Like Charles Dickens, many believe that facing east while lying in bed brings happiness and health to family members and guarantees fidelity. Turn the foot of your bed southeast or north to attract wealth and business opportunities, south for recognition from coworkers.

And never rush off to the office without looking over your shoulder. Have you left behind an unmade, rumpled mess? (Bad juju.) Making your bed might magically make your day.

Observer & Eccentric astrologer columnist **Dennis Fairchild** is author of several books on divination, including Feng Shui - Here and Now.

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Bedroom lighting should be relaxing

BY JENNA KLOECKNER
STAFF WRITER

In many homes, the bedroom is a place of rest and relaxation. Thanks to lighting, there are several ways to create such an atmosphere in your own bedroom.

Terry Ellis, ASID professional member and owner of Room Service Interior Design, located in the Michigan Design Center in Troy, said bedrooms require soft lighting.

To achieve such lighting, she suggests using 75 watt bulbs as opposed to 150 watt ones, and soft white light bulbs, which cast a "warmer" light, as opposed to clear light bulbs.

On the same note, a recent bedroom lighting trend is pan or tray ceilings (ceilings that give the appearance of a raised center section) with moldings around some of the ceiling lines, and rope lights (lights inside a plastic cord).

Ellis said this type of architecture, combined with such lighting, "creates a soft glow" throughout the room and enhances the room's architectural features. This combination make the room appear more spacious, too.

Aside from soft lighting, there are other things to keep in mind when lighting a bedroom.

In a lot of newer homes, Ellis said bedrooms are 18- by 20-feet and include a bed, and seating and dressing area. For such a room, there should be a minimum of four recessed lights for overall lighting and some lamps. Ellis suggests putting the lamps on night stands or ones with halogen bulbs on a desktop.

But you may need more lights if you have special things you want to highlight, Ellis said.

For example, if you have a fireplace in the bedroom, which is becoming more these days, you may want to put recessed lighting above it that shines down on it, Ellis said. The same rule applies to pictures and other decorative pieces you want to enhance.

And if your room is small, you should still have about the same amount of recessed light as in a larger bedroom. Ellis said this move balances the light.

Another tip from Ellis are bed switches, which are switches right next to the bed that turn the lights off. If you have lamps, you can wire the lamp into the wall switch to achieve the same effect.

"It's just nice to not have to get out of bed to turn the lights off," she said.

Faye Elisabeth Nicholas, a lighting consultant at Pine Tree Lighting in Lake Orion, stresses the importance of layering lights, which means having many different sources of light.

She said there's times when you need different lights for different things. You may want a lamp for reading, or a recessed light over a work station in your bedroom. Regarding lamps, she said, be creative.

"Lamps are nice accent pieces for the bedroom. You can be creative with them," she said. "They don't have to just be for function, they can be for decoration, too."

In a 12- by 14-foot room, she said there should be general lighting, such as a ceiling fixture, and some lamps. In a larger master bedroom (18 by 20 feet), she suggests using recessed cans overhead, wall sconces and lamps.

But no matter how large or small the room, "you want your lighting to detail your architecture," Nicholas said. "You want it to show off the intricate things in the room." And she said just because a room is small doesn't mean you have to skimp on the detail.

BEDROOM

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explains Dana Demski, owner of Recherche Fine Consignment Furniture in Farmington Hills and Waterford.

If that one piece of furniture becomes the focal point, it changes the entire look of the décor. Recherche also has an artist available for hire who "will do pretty much anything" on room walls and furniture. That piece you bought at a consignment shop, becomes something spectacular and unique once it's painted with flowers, scrolls or borders or other ideas. If you don't have ideas, the artist will offer some, Demski says.

"You can put a chaise lounge in a corner and there's a place to lounge and read a book during the day," Demski says. "You make the room more user friendly throughout the day."

You're not alone if you ever had your heart set on a certain piece of furniture, but waited so long to buy it that when you finally got to the store it was sold out.

"People hunt and find them in consignment shops," explains Michele Schiftar, who owns Consignment Outlet in Canton with her husband, Todd. Don't feel bound to follow rules when decorating, she says. Think about adding something to your bedroom that you would normally find in another part of the house, Michele says.

The tall cabinet that was used for the television in the family room can become your new sweater storage in the bedroom. An end table can take on a whole new life as a night stand, she says.

"People can also use a china hutch in their bedroom," Schiftar adds. "It provides visible storage and has a high-end look."

Or, take nice plates and cups that are chipped and create a mosaic on a ceramic lamp. The piece becomes special, too, by serving as a home to favored china that would have been discarded. The process, she says, is simple: Use a glue gun to adhere the pieces, apply grout and wash of the excess.

Use your imagination, Schiftar says adding that lamps take-on a whimsical look by hanging earrings from shades.

"In a consignment shop you see so many unique things," Schiftar said. A customer told her she was buying a lamp so cheap that she was going to try a new craft technique on it and if it didn't work, it wouldn't be a big loss.

"All you need to do is get a staple gun and glue gun and you're set," Schiftar adds. "It's so inexpensive that you don't care. A lot of people come in and say, 'I just want a table and make it shabby chic.' They paint it white and distress it and if they don't like it, they can always strip it back down and do something else with it."

Just because you don't have a light socket over your bed doesn't mean you can't have lighting up above. Do it yourself by adding hooks, hanging a chain light and securing it with extra enforcements to make sure it won't come down.

"Sometimes instead of painting a wall you can take fabric and make it like a wallpaper with a little batting and staple it to the wall," Schiftar says. "It adds texture and depth to the room, but it's not permanent."

A little paint goes a long way, too, Demski says. For romantic styles add soft pastels in pinks, peaches, light blues, soft greens and purples. Use low wattage bulbs and add lots of pillows and soft fabrics.

For a whimsical look try adding something to the room that you wouldn't normally see in a bedroom, like a golf bag in a corner, knitting needles on the wall or gardening accessories scattered about.

A bean bag chair sets the mood for casual reclining that can change spots on a daily basis.

If you're going for masculine, use big, heavy, wood pieces and darker colors, like reds, hunter greens, deep blues and combinations of black and white.

The bedroom is one place in the house that you don't have to worry about finding décor that meets the approval of anyone, but yourself, explains Tom McDoniel, part owner of Recherche with Demski.

"In the vestibule you might want to please other people and in your bedroom you're only trying to please yourself," he says. "Maybe use tapestries and any sort of wall coverings so the walls aren't bare."

Throw pillows are an easy and inexpensive way to help tie those pieces together by using fabrics that pull out colors from the wall and carpet.

"When you get tired of the pillows, you can get different pillows," McDoniel adds.

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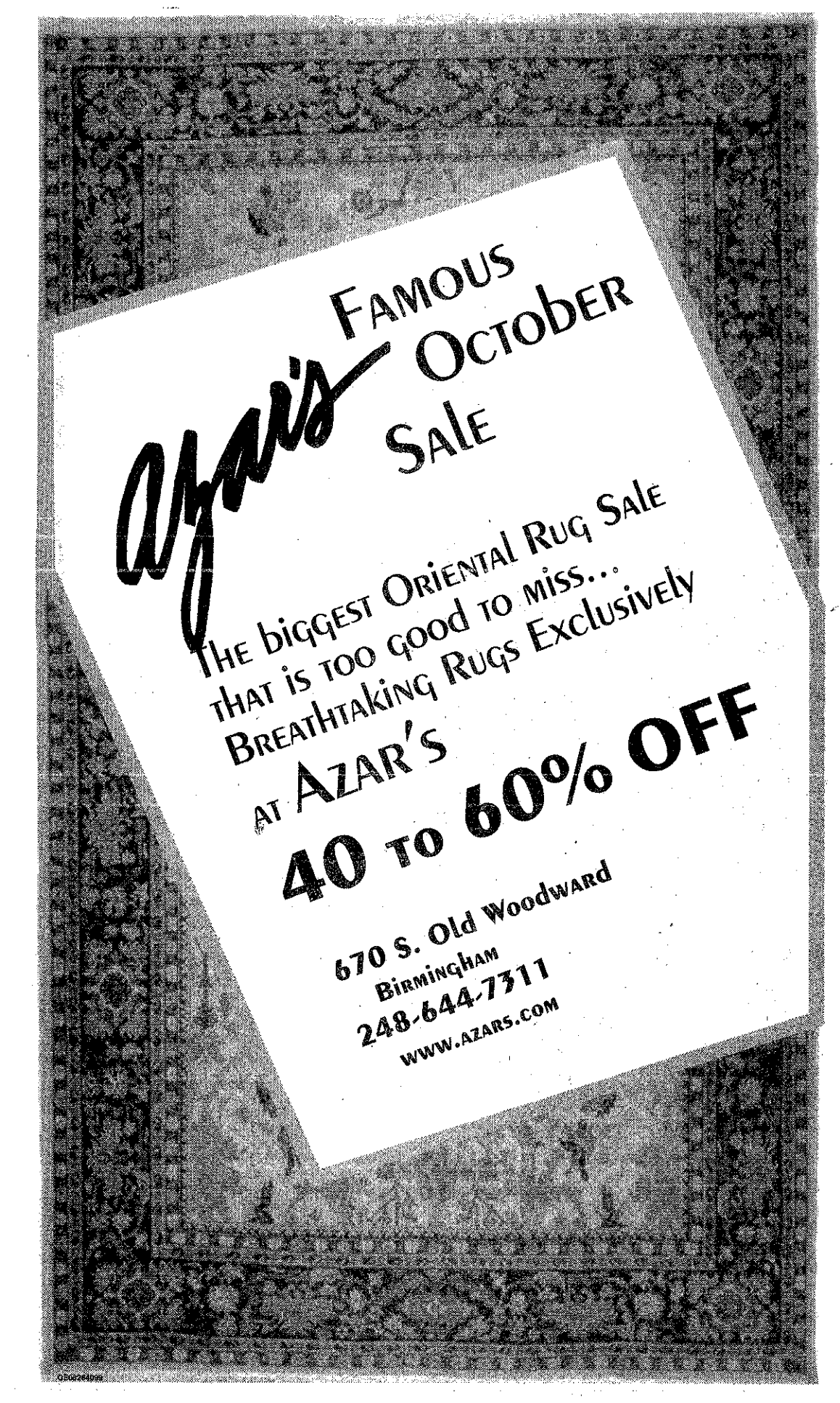

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Explore the outer limits of design

BY ELAINE PERLIN CROSSLEY
CORRESPONDENT

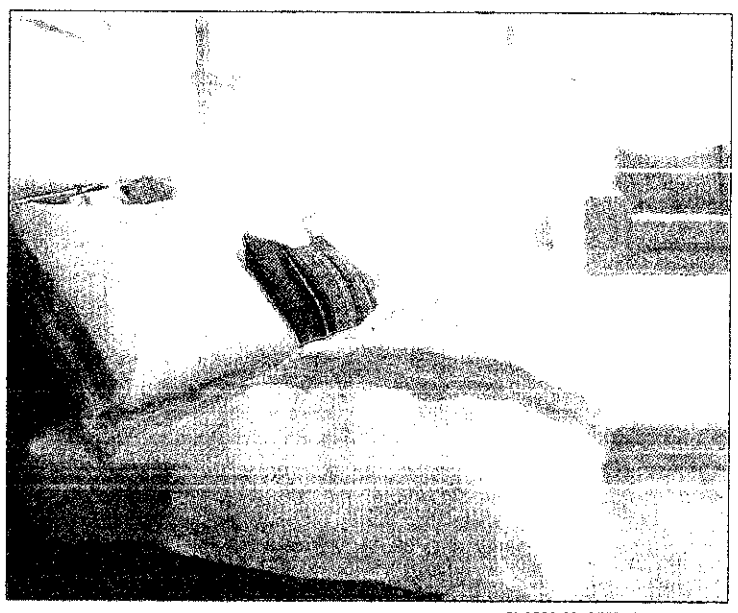
Whether thumbing through Midwest Living magazine, watching HGTV or reading the At Home section of this newspaper, new and exciting home decor ideas are everywhere we look.

With visits to refurnished homes, furniture stores and even design firms, homeowners can get plenty of ideas.

Ed Wolf, president of Newton Furniture, said his company "transitions with the times." After 43 years, he expects the company is in furnishing homes for the long haul.

"We offer mass appeal, and a mix of goods with fashion flair and our clientele is known for good taste and an appreciation for the timeless beauty of our lines," Wolf said.

But there are also consumers on the periphery. Some require cutting edge, high-end design while others prefer the HGTV concept of "decorating on a dime."



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Simple patterns in pillow fabrics create a relaxing look in this bedroom.



Marshalls offers accessory items for every room in the home.

ON ONE END OF THE CONTINUUM...

Many consumers are turning to interior designers, artists, artisans and exclusive showrooms for design ideas.

Roche Bobois is an international company with over 200 franchises worldwide, one of which is located in Novi. Co-owned by Greg Eitelman and Edgar Hagopian, the furniture choices in this upscale showroom include stunning European contemporary, transitional and provincial designs, as well as genres representing other foreign lands and cultures.

"We have a great design environment, and for those [illegible] plan to create a feel for the combined elements of a project," said Eitelman, a member of the American Society of Interior Design.

Roche Bobois accommodates homeowners who wish to design an entirely new or renovated home, or those interested in purchasing a 'one-off' piece, or even an accessory, Eitelman said.

"We promote the arts and work with a network of artists," Eitelman said. "Art is a personal choice, and we create an ambiance in our showroom to display how incorporating artwork can energize space - from three-dimensional wall art to free standing sculpture to mobiles to shadow boxes."

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Steven Fisher, owner of Steven Richards Furniture in Ann Arbor, says customers want the 'look' at an affordable cost.

"As with clothing, [illegible] grandparents did," Fisher said.

"Buying in large volume allows us to pass great value on to our customers. Then, they may be able to afford to update more often."

Jen Goonan, spokesperson for Marshalls, said Marshalls provides one-stop shopping for the home - with furniture and a myriad of accessories imported from around the world. "We continually offer new choices within our high volume of fresh merchandise - some with top names in design," Goonan said. That includes everything from tables, chairs, couches and armoires to lamps, rugs, wall decor and more.

The Michigan Design Center in Troy offers a "Designer on Call" program to help consumers learn more about the design process with a free, no obligation one-hour consultation with a designer.

Interior designer Harvey [illegible] to each individual - and it does not necessarily dictate style," Hollander said.

"You can achieve style with varying levels of quality.

"The objective of a good designer is to help clients feel comfortable, not afraid or intimidated. And through lots of discussion, to get to know them, to understand their needs, life-styles, aesthetic preferences, budgets and t heir personal definitions of quality."

Whatever your style, wherever you find comfort, a radiant kaleidoscope of design awaits.

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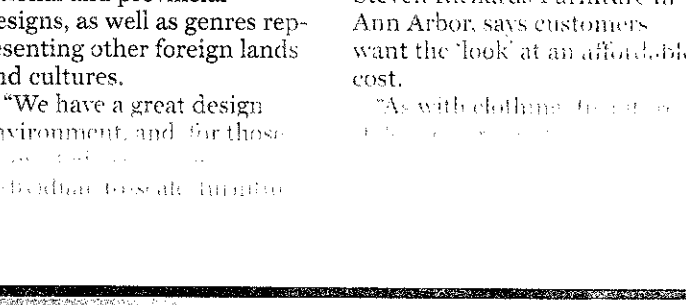

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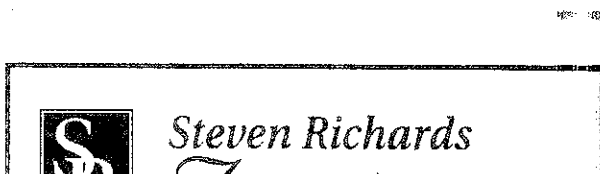





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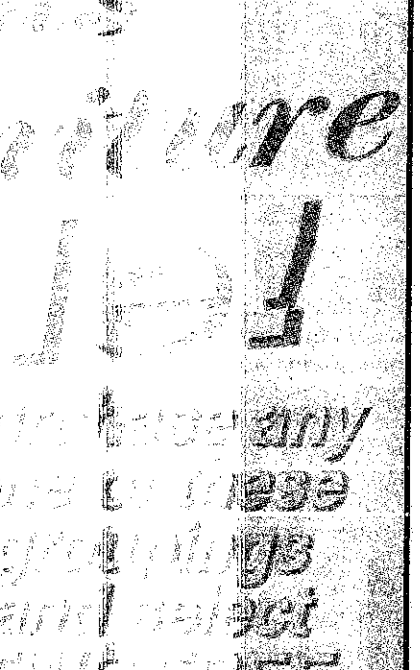

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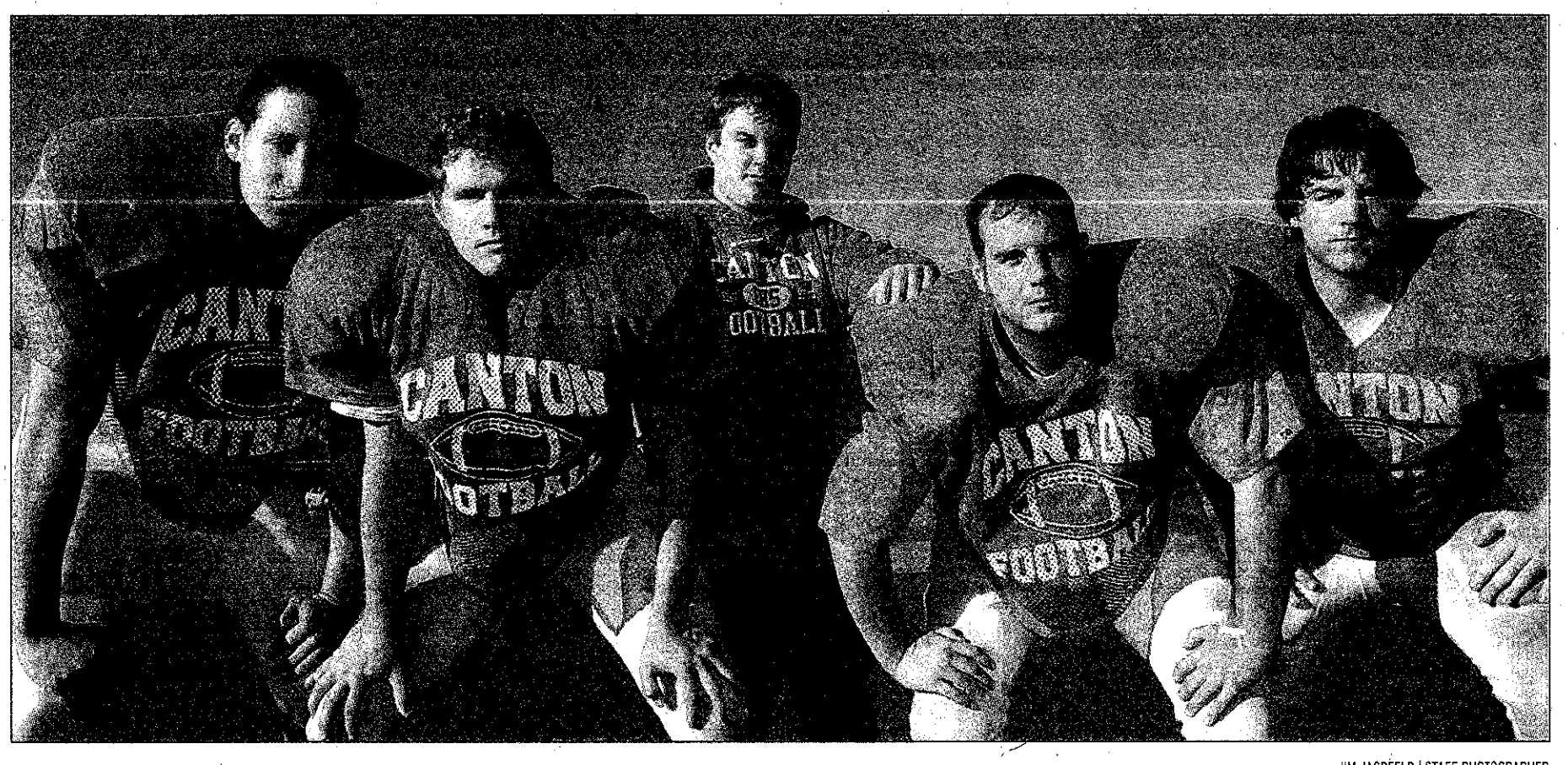

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Canton's starting offensive line consists of (left to right) Kevin Pruett, Russ Bruner, Mitch Miller, Matt D'Avanzo and Eric Kilijanczyk.

All guts, no glory

Canton's O-line produces results, not attention



Ed Wright

Let me introduce you to the other half of the nearly unstoppable Canton Chiefs offense, the half that rarely gets noticed by casual fans — unless, of course, one of its members jumps offsides on third-and-one.

It's the half of the offense that Chiefs head coach Tim Baechler repeatedly refers to as the team's MVP, and opposing coaches rave about during postgame interviews.

The players on this half of the offense never get their names or pictures in the paper (until now), but they don't seem to care.

Their egos are as small as their hearts are large.

They're big, bright and "bring-it-on" confident, but not trash-talking cocky.

They are "Dave," the singular generic name given to the Chiefs' offensive line by its position coach, Bob Williams, a veteran of 17 seasons at Canton.

"I always refer to my offensive line unit as 'Dave,'" Williams said. "If somebody screws up, Dave did it. If we make a nice play, Dave did it. The O-line is like one big generic football player that works in machine-like fashion. Dave is our generic collective name for the unit. The kids are really into it and it gives them one more thing to kid around about."

'Dave' divided by 5

This year's "Dave" consists of tackles Eric Kilijanczyk and Kevin Pruett; guards Matt D'Avanzo and Russ Bruner; and center Mitch Miller.

If you take the average heights and weights of Canton's five starting senior offensive linemen,

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Rematch

Canton, Belleville meet for 1st time since '00 playoffs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The last time Canton and Belleville squared off on a football field, George W. Bush was a couple of days away from taking over the reins of the country and Canton football coach Tim Baechler was a couple of weeks away from entrenching the Chiefs on the Michigan high school football playoff map.

Now, four years later, Baechler is the only one of the two who is assured of having a job next week.

On Oct. 27, 2000, Canton defeated a perenially strong Belleville team, 21-10, in the first playoff game of

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Baechler's tenure. The Chiefs later advanced to the regional final before getting knocked off by Clarkston.

Canton hasn't missed the playoffs since.

Canton and Belleville meet again at 7 p.m. Friday, but unlike the previous meeting, the Chiefs will host the game and are prohibitive favorites to advance to the next round against the winner of the Novi-Northville showdown.

Canton has outscored its foes, 403-60, while the Tigers have outpointed their opponents, 164-153.

"We were kind of hoping we would be playing in another district," Belleville coach Bob LaPointe said, "because you never like to go against a team that's 9-0 like Canton. But our kids are excited about being in the playoffs. Hopefully, we'll go out and put on a good show."

LaPointe said he isn't surprised by the Chiefs' unblemished record after viewing a few of their game films.

"On offense, they do what they want to do very well," he said. "They have some very powerful running

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Short-handed Hornets sting Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Opportunity knocked Saturday afternoon for the Salem boys soccer team in its Division 1 district final showdown with Saline, but the Rocks didn't answer.

Salem played the entire second half with a one-player advantage after a Hornet was disciplined with a red card with one second left in the opening half. However, Saline dug in defensively and hung on to win 2-1 to advance to the regional portion of the state tournament.

Salem finished 13-5-6.

"I wasn't as upset that we didn't score in the second half as I was that we didn't even get a good opportunity to score," Salem coach Ed McCarthy said. "Saline did a tremendous job defensively, but it was very disappointing to fall short considering the circumstances."

Despite the bitter ending, McCarthy said he was satisfied with his team's performance all year.

"I was pleased with the progress we made as the season went on," he said. "To finish 13-5-6 with a really young team was a pretty good accomplishment. We started the year with several tough losses, but we came on at the end and played well. I was proud of the way our seniors played this year. They did a great job."

The Rocks jumped ahead 1-0 early in the first half when Joe Halewicz scored on a diving header.

Saline's Jeff Stall knotted the score at 1-1 when he deposited a missed shot by Luli Usein into the back of the net.

Saline's Tyler Patterson scored the game-winner for the Hornets with 6:36 left in the first half when he drilled a rebound shot past Salem goalie Brian Field, who had stuffed Usein seconds earlier with a lunging effort.

Two minutes later, Salem's Jake Bennett drilled a shot that hit the crossbar and bounced harmlessly away. It turned out to be the last decent scoring opportunity for the Rocks.

The Hornets were whistled for five yellow cards in the second half, but held on for the victory.

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Canale leads Salem to 'Senior Night' win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A few minutes before Salem's Senior Night game Tuesday night against Plymouth, Ellen Canale, Alyssa Guerin and Kathryn Wheatley were honored with speeches that were composed and read by their junior teammates.

The three seniors then went out and helped script a convincing 39-26 victory over the visiting Wildcats. Salem improved to 12-4 overall and 8-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Rocks trail Canton and Walled Lake Northern by one game in the WLAA standings heading into tonight's regular-season finale at home against the Chiefs.

Plymouth slipped to 8-7 overall and 6-4 in the WLAA.

Canale was especially effective, netting 17 points with three steals.

Guerin and Wheatley scored just two points each, but they contributed strong defensive efforts.

"I thought the three seniors really got into the game and played well," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "Alyssa and Kathryn got into a little foul trouble, but they worked through it.

"The biggest thing for us tonight was rebounding from our loss to Northville last Thursday.

"The girls went out and took care of business against a good basketball team. I like Plymouth's inside game and their perimeter players have gotten a lot better since the beginning of the season."

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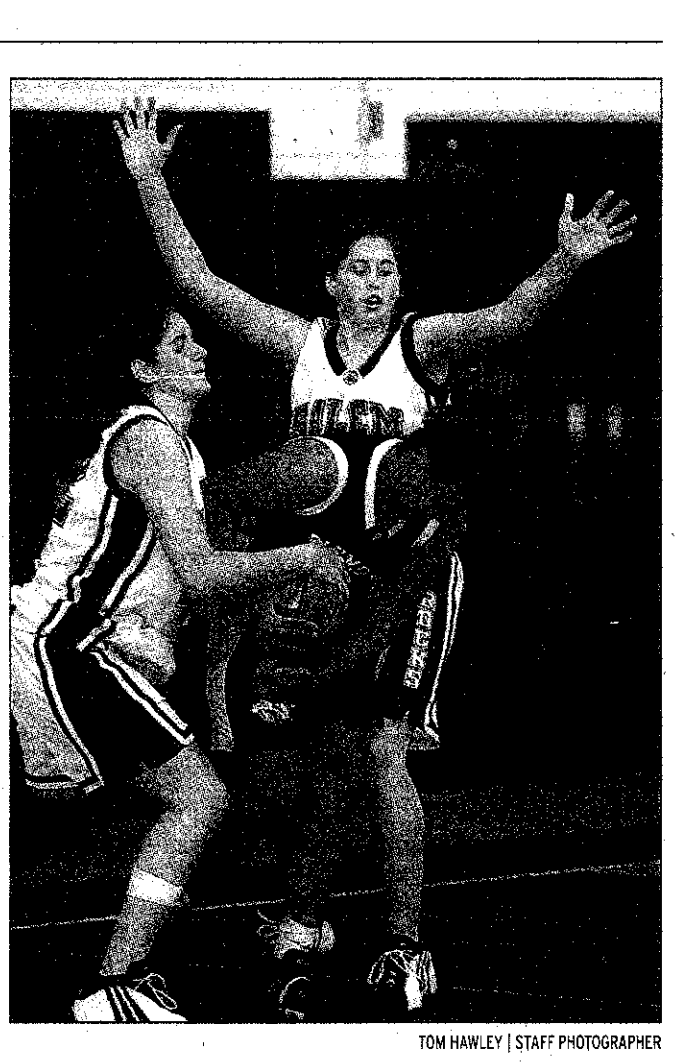

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Salem's Teresa Coppellie (left) and Lauren Kurtz (right) made life difficult for Plymouth's Jeanine Moise Tuesday night in the Rocks' 39-26 victory.

Singles

MU kickers win

The Madonna women's soccer team defeated Indiana Tech Saturday, 5-0, to clinch its fifth straight Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship.

Freshman Liz Slebodnik posted her first career hat trick to help propel the Crusaders, who are now 7-0-2 in the WHAC.

Slebodnik got things started a minute into the first half, scoring off a pass from Liz DiPonio to stake MU to a 1-0 lead. Katie Kirn then scored off a crossing pass from Jenny Aldea to double the Crusaders' advantage.

Slebodnik's next two goals – one unassisted and the other assisted by Lacy Catartino – made it 4-0 before Kristen Balogh finished things off with her first career goal. Laurie Strnad assisted on Balogh's counter.

Diana Kaip earned the shutout in goal for MU, stopping one shot. Melissa Koehler made nine saves for Indiana Tech.

Slebodnik was named WHAC Player of the Week thanks largely to her three-goal performance against Indiana Tech.

Larman shines

Canton native Kyle Larman is excelling for the Bentley College hockey team Larman was credited with a key assist in Bentley's 3-3 tie with Army Oct. 22. Bentley is now 0-1-2 overall and 0-0-1 in the Atlantic Hockey Association.

Lions sweep

The Canton Lions junior league football teams swept the Westland Comets Sunday afternoon. The Lions varsity upended the Comets, 26-6, behind Quest Miller's two touchdowns. Chris Koetting and Carter Staffled also scored for the winners. The defense was led by Jimmy Dexter, Nathan Morales and Justin Congdon.

The Lions junior-varsity squad improved its record to 3-4 with a 27-8 win. Caleb Rankins scored three TD's and had an outstanding defensive game. Dietrich Lever connected with Jacob Morris on a halfback-pass play for the other score. Defensive standouts included Jack Slater, Eric Haase, Chris Ostrowski and Jake Peterson.

The Lions freshmen extended their unbeaten streak to 22 games with a 26-0 triumph over the Comets. Jordan Smith, Braden Price and Malcolm Hollingsworth all scored for Canton, which received strong play from Josh Peterson, Omar Kandah, Bobby Rich and Zac Smilo. The 7-0 Lions will battle the 7-0 Plymouth Steelers Saturday at Central Middle School. The winner will be division champion.

Plymouth boosters

The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat football boosters will be held Monday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in room 401 of Plymouth High School. All parents of Wildcat players are encouraged to attend this meeting for next year's board will be nominated.



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Elaine Lafayette specializes in the freestyle events, but is versatile enough to compete in any event Plymouth coach Doug Schade feels she can best help the team.



Elaine Lafayette has helped guide the senior-less Plymouth girls swim team to an outstanding season. The junior qualified for the state meet Saturday in the 500-yard freestyle.

Long-distance leader

Endurance races suit Plymouth swimmer perfectly

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

There isn't a more grueling event in high school swimming — or all of high school sports, for that matter — than the 500-yard freestyle, a five-minute-plus endurance test that can push both the body and the mind to the limit.

It is fitting, according to Plymouth girls swim coach Doug Schade, that the 500 free is the specialty of his premier swimmer, Elaine Lafayette, who epitomizes all the positive things high school athletics represent.

"Considering how hard Elaine works, it's not surprising at all that the 500 free is her best event," Schade said. "Everything that it takes to be successful in that event — mental toughness, physical endurance, outstanding ability — Elaine demonstrates on a daily basis. She's dedicated, motivated, a great leader. I could list a dozen positive effects about Elaine and they'd all be true."

Lafayette's teammates think the world of her, too, Schade said.

"One of the most significant things about Elaine is that she was chosen by her peers to serve as a captain this season," he said. "She's an extremely hard worker and very coachable. She listens to new ideas and will swim in whatever event we need her to swim in."

Only a junior, Lafayette qualified for the Division 1 state meet in the 500 free at Saturday's Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (MISCA) meet at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. Her time of 5:37.12 was almost four seconds faster than her previous personal best.

"My strategy is to push myself early in the race and get off to a good start," Lafayette said.

"Then I bring it home as fast as I [illegible] and finish strong. I try to think of all the goals I've set for myself."

Lafayette's work ethic extends beyond the swimming pool — she was recently inducted into the National Honor Society, Schade said. She also coordinated the design of the team's swimsuits and did most of the legwork involved in the ordering of sweatshirts for the squad.

She's also proficient with the guitar and a member of her church's youth group.

"One thing I miss because of swimming is playing in our youth group's band," Lafayette said. "I've tried to write some songs, but they're not very good."

Lafayette started swimming recreationally at the age of 4 when her father gave her lessons. When she was 9, Lafayette joined the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers competitive swim team, for which she competed in the summer of 2003.

[illegible] always liked competition," said Lafayette, who played for the Wildcats' girls golf team last spring. "I like the challenges that it offers."

One of the most frustrating aspects of her high school swimming career is not having a home pool at Plymouth High School, Lafayette said.

"It's tough not having our own pool because our practice times get pushed around a little and are iffy sometimes," she said.

After graduation, Lafayette hopes to attend Seattle Pacific University, a Christian college located in Washington state.

"My dad and I visited last summer and I really liked it," she said.

SPU does not have a swim team, so Lafayette's competitive pool days would be over.

But that would give her more time for less strenuous activities like guitar playing and song writing.

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Area swim stars shine at MISCA

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If you were invited to Saturday's MISCA swim meet at Eastern Michigan University, you've accomplished something.

MISCA is the acronym for Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association, the organization that coordinated Saturday's invitational. The meet was open only to Michigan high school girls swimmers who had recorded top-60 times in their respective events this season.

The three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park schools were well-represented. Salem sent nine athletes, led by junior Kelsey Lincoln, who earned state-qualifying times in the 200-yard individual medley and the 100 breaststroke. She was also a member of the Rocks' state-qualifying 200-yard medley relay team, which also consisted of Kim Heaney, Ashley Aquinto and Amanda Newman.

Salem swimmers Katie Gorman, Heather Michalson, Katie Myers, Kate Musson and Alexandra Stencel also turned in outstanding performances at the MISCA meet. The highlight for Canton's undefeated and Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division champions squad was freshman Allison Schmitt's third-place finish in the 500 freestyle event and fifth-place showing in the 200 IM.

Elaine Lafayette swam well for Plymouth, qualifying for the 500 freestyle with a personal-best clocking of 5:37.12. The Wildcats' 200 freestyle relay quartet of Alyssa Liakos, Emily Clanton, Beah Knisely and Lafayette turned in a stellar time of 1:49.15.

Stephanie Goulet, Caitlyn Kolesar and Sarah Palczynski also participated in the meet for Plymouth.

"Considering it was the first taste of high-end competition for our girls, I think they did great," said Plymouth coach Doug Schade.

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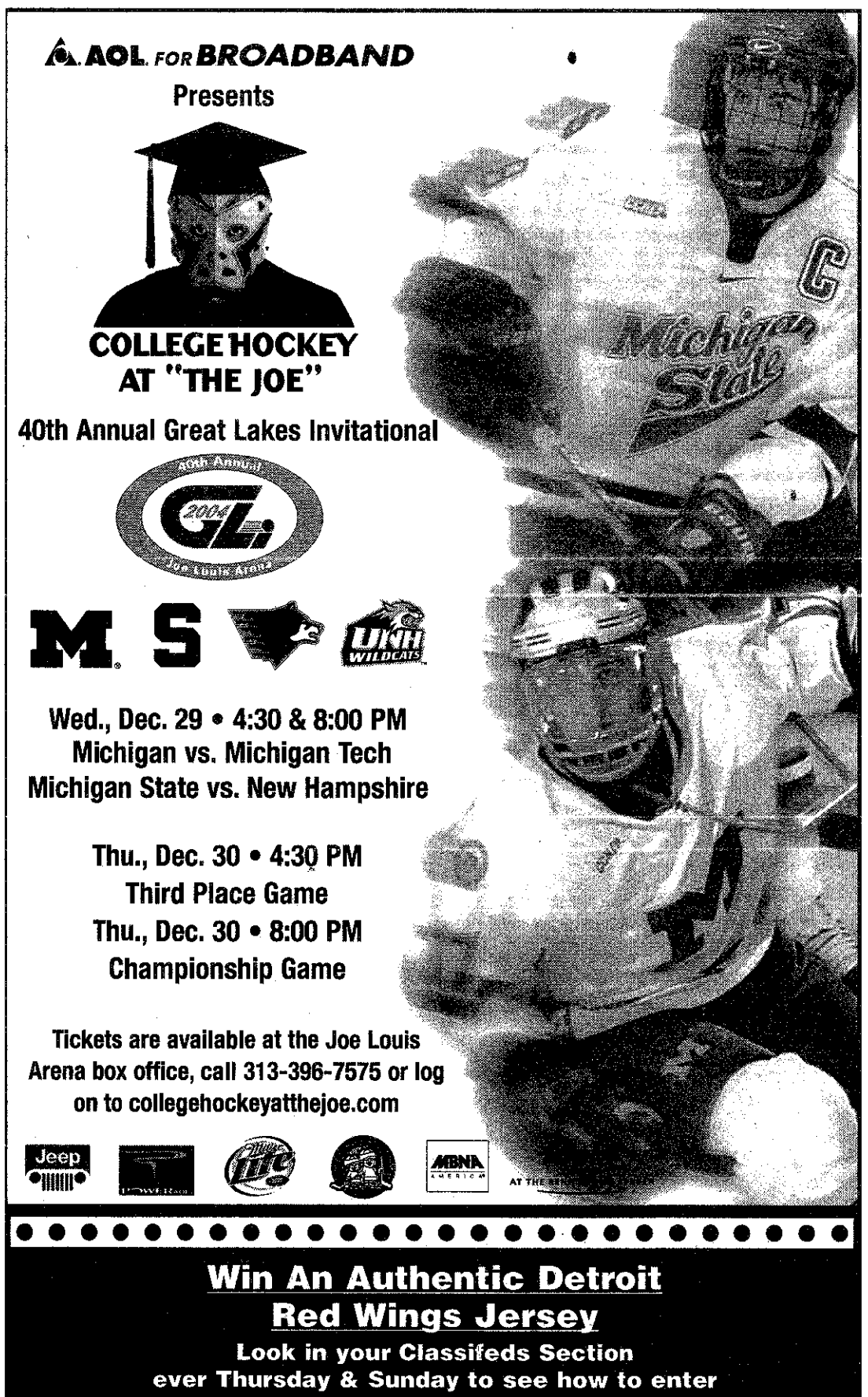
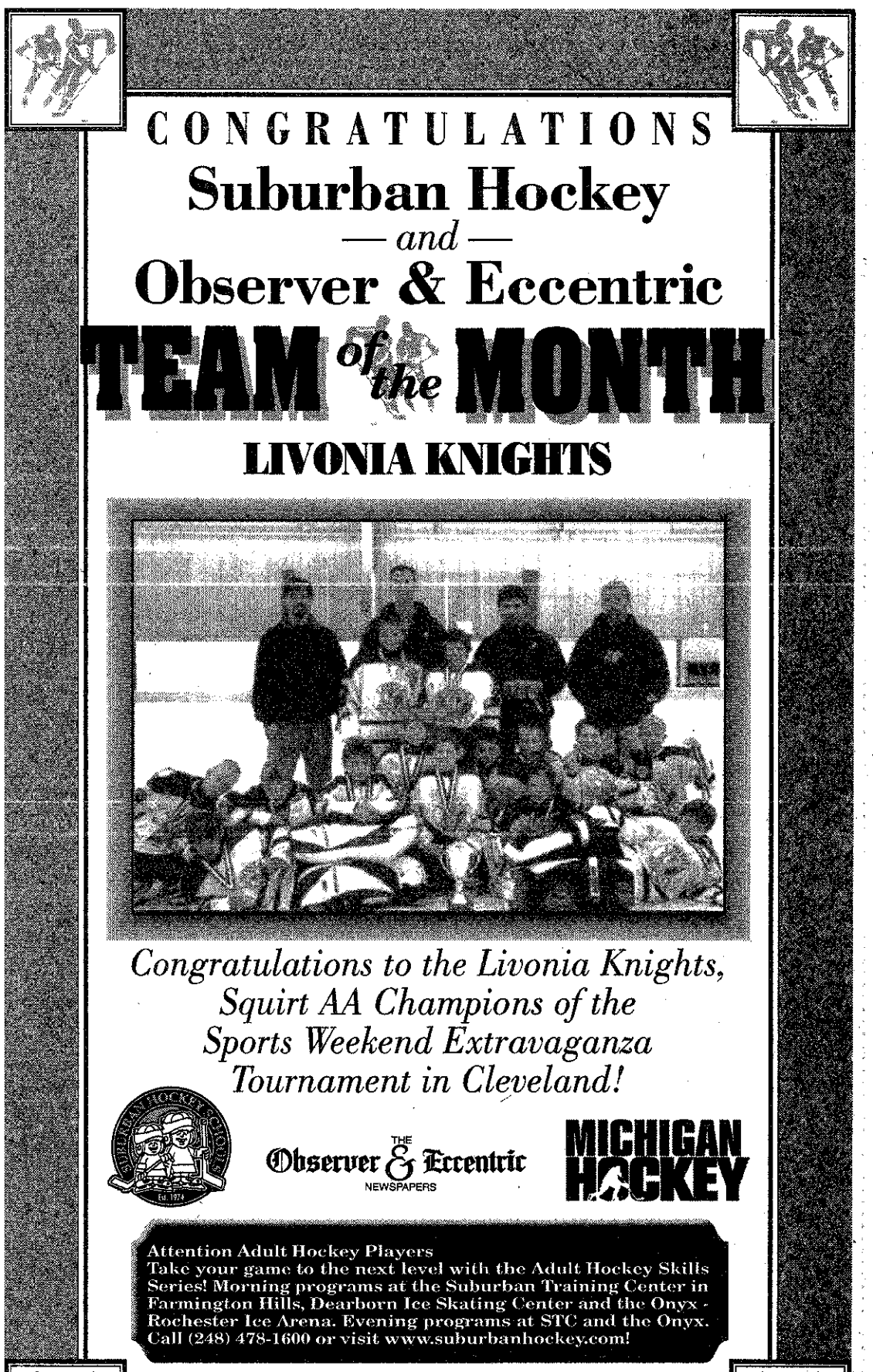




Canton streaks past Stevenson

A 20-1 third-quarter run was all Canton needed Tuesday to conquer host Livonia Stevenson in Western Lakes Activities Association action. The victory improved Canton's record to 11-5 overall and 9-1 in the WLAA. Stevenson fell to 8-8 and 4-6.

Katie Cezat and Molly Conlon scored 14 and 13 points, respectively, for Canton. Lisa Ealy added 11. Cezat added 10 rebounds and four blocks and Ealy contributed seven rebounds.

Canton sophomore point guard Becci Houdek dished out four assists and had six steals.

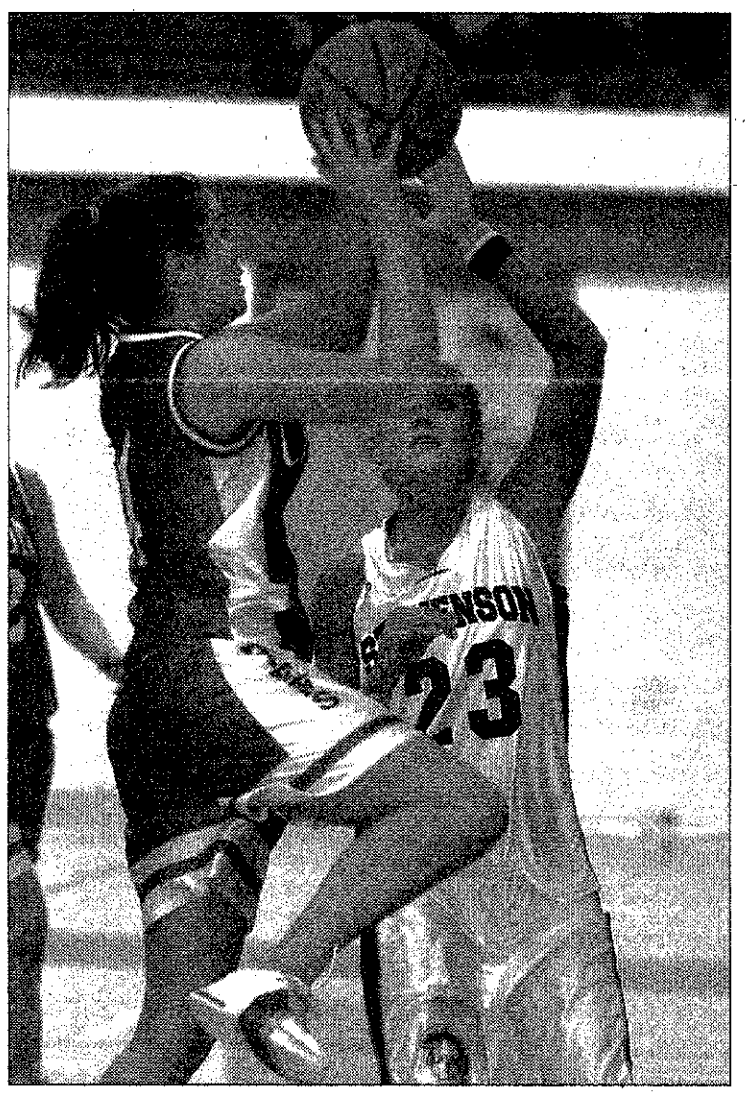
"We played a great defensive game tonight," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "Everybody played solid and we did a great job of rebounding. We were able to take away their perimeter game, which was important. We held their top three guards to just six points."

Rachel Desentz score six for the Spartans.

Canton was 11-of-14 from the foul line, while Stevenson was 2-of-8.

Next for the Chiefs is cross-campus rival Salem. The two teams will square off tonight at 7 p.m. in the Salem gym. The Rocks are 8-2 in the WLAA following Tuesday's 39-26 win over Plymouth.

"It's always a great game when Canton and Salem play," Blohm said. "Salem is one of the teams I picked to win the league before the season started. They'll be intense, but we'll just have to match their intensity. Rebounding will be the key to the game.



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Canton's Molly Conlon converts a driving lay-up over Livonia Stevenson's Rachel Desentz during Tuesday night's 47-20 Chief victory. Conlon finished with a season-high 13 points.

CANTON AGAPE 35, A.P. INTER-CITY BAPTIST 33: Brianna Chrenko scored off an in-bounds pass with 33 seconds left to account for the winning margin. The victory improved the Wolverines to 6-9 overall and 2-7 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Inter-City fell to 9-6 and 2-6, respectively.

Agape led 12-10 after one quarter, but trailed 18-16 at the half. The Wolves trailed 28-24 after three quarters, but stormed back with an 11-5 [illegible].

Chrenko paced Agape with 12 points and four rebounds. A.J. Creps had netted eight points and seven boards, and Danielle Henry score six points and handed out six assists.

Chelsea McCune and Anita Stamps both scored 12 points for the Chargers.

Agape returns to action Friday at Oakland Christian.

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 48, PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 46: Lauren Soblesky scored 20 and Joi Jennings had 17 in a losing cause for PCA, which dropped to 6-10 overall and 2-5 in the MIAC. SC improved to 11-5 and 5-2.

PCA was hampered by poor shooting at the free-throw line (14-of-27). SC, which made six-of-nine free throws, led 8-6 after one quarter and 27-26 at the half.

FRANKLIN 48, JOHN GLENN 46: In a WLAA game Tuesday, Livonia Franklin (6-9, 4-6) rallied in the final quarter to topple host Westland John Glenn (3-13, 1-9).

Senior guard Ashley Bonsall led a balanced Franklin scoring attack with 13 points. Junior center Trisha Morrill added 12, including eight in the fourth period when the Patriots outscored Glenn 16-8. Sophomore center Robyn Whalen contributed six points, 15 rebounds and 11 blocks.

Carly Muncy hit 4-of-5 free throws down the stretch to seal the victory.

Franklin connected on 14-of-24 from the line, while the Rockets made 6-of-10.

Guard Heather Lindon, who hit four 3-pointers, led Glenn and all scorers with 18 points. Jasmine Granberry added 10.

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Teresa Coppiellie scored six points and grabbed eight rebounds for the Rocks.

Plymouth's top offensive effort came from junior Colleen Flaherty, who scored 10 points to go along with her eight boards. Wildcats leading scorer Jeanine Moise was held in check by the Rocks.

The 5-10 center was 0-for-10 from the field and 3-for-7 from the foul line, but she did pull down a game-high 12 rebounds.

Kim Olech recorded five points and three rebounds for Plymouth, which made just two of its first 23 shots.

The Wildcats warmed up in the fourth quarter, hitting 6-of-11 attempts.

"I thought we came out and gave a real good effort in the second half," Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly said.

"The girls came out and didn't quit."

Both teams appeared tight in the game's opening quarter, which ended with the Rocks ahead, 4-3. The Wildcats converted just 1-of-5 first-quarter shots, while Salem canned only 2-of-13.

Canale had five second-quarter points to lead Salem to a 17-6 halftime advantage.

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Salem's Ellen Canale looks for an open player while Plymouth's Janet Hanchett applies defensive pressure during Tuesday night's cross-campus game.

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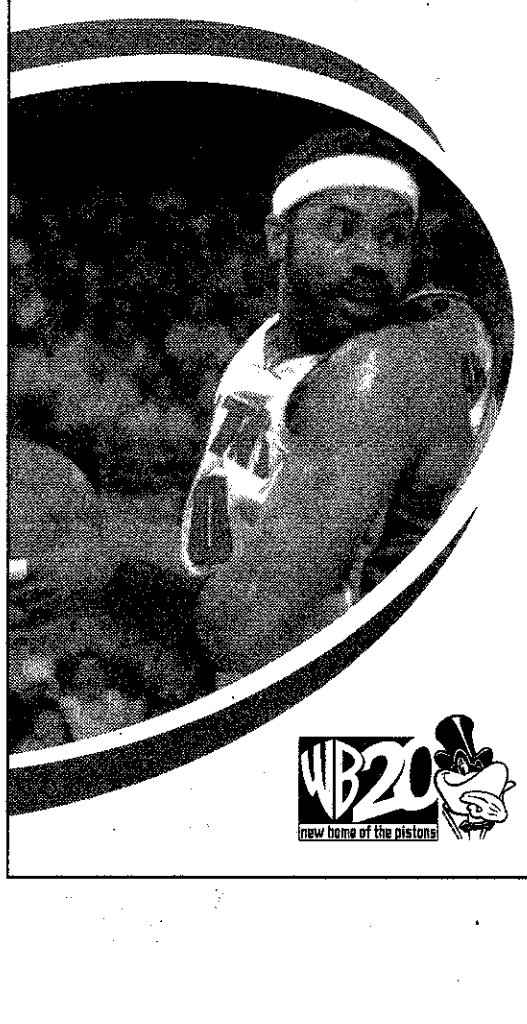

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Momentum is vital with prep football playoffs approaching

It's all about momentum going into the state football playoffs, particularly for woeful prognosticators like myself.

Somewhere during the middle of the regular season, after forging a comfortable lead, the train I was riding fell off the tracks.



Brad Emons

I let a rookie by the name of Ed Wright, the new Plymouth-Canton Sports Editor, steal my thunder.

I offer no excuses, other than the fact that one team from this area — Redford Thurston — is probably responsible for over 80 percent of my missed picks throughout the years.

When the Eagles are supposed to win, they lose. And when the Eagles are supposed to lose, they win. Perhaps coach Bob Snell can come over to the office some day and shed some light on the subject for me.

My all-time worst pick wasn't Thurston over rival Redford

GRID PICKS

Union last Friday night (RU won 40-0). My worst ever was 1990 season opener — when for some inexplicable reason — I thought the Eagles could beat Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

Of course, Thurston lost that game 38-0 to Tyrone Wheatley and the Bulldogs, who went on to finish 12-1 and capture the state Class B title.

Even though I lost the regular season title to Mr. Wright, I'm looking for redemption in the playoffs.

Wright, by the way, finished the season with a cumulative 88-29 record, a 75 percent winning percentage after going 7-5 last week. Meanwhile, I settled for the silver medal at 85-32 overall, due to a Week No. 9 comeback at 9-3.

Another rookie, Redford-Garden City sports editor Tim Smith, who I'll give the title of Mr. Wrong, stumbled to 4-8 last week and finishes nine games off the pace at 79-38 overall.

No wonder Smith decided to pull a Ricky Williams and go into hiding for a week. (After the season he endured, he certainly needs a vacation.)

Here is a sneak peek at this week's playoff action:

FRIDAY GAMES
(all at 7 p.m.)

Belleville (6-3) at Canton (9-0): After blowing through the Western Lakes Activities Association this fall like a series of Florida fall hurricanes, Canton gets to pick on somebody from another league in this Division I matchup. Maybe Belleville coach Bob LaPointe was wishing he was coaching back at Eastern Michigan. **PICKS – Canton:** Emons, Wright, Smith.

Liv. Churchill (6-3) at Liv. Stevenson (7-2): No, I haven't checked any M-Live chat rooms lately, but there's no truth to the rumor that Stevenson junior quarterback Chad Casey broke his hand playing pickup football Sunday afternoon. However, I have it on good authority (a reliable inside source) that Faith Hill will be singing the national anthem. As for Churchill, the Chargers are making their first playoff appearance since 1978 and have a chance to avenge a 14-3 loss to the Spartans in Week No. 3. **PICKS – Stevenson:** Emons, Wright, Stevenson.

Westland John Glenn (6-3) at Taylor Truman (6-3): Once the MHSAA powers-to-be figured out that Taylor Truman had lost three regular season games and not two, including a season-ending 14-3 loss to Temperance Bedford, the Division I-Region 3-District 1 draw was finally etched in stone. Truman is coached by former Eastern Michigan quarterback Ron Adams, who led the then-Hurons to a California Bowl win over San Jose State. Glenn, meanwhile, is reeling (two straight losses) and hurting as well. Jon McCahill gets the start at quarterback in place of Vinnie DeLuca. **PICKS – John Glenn:** Emons, Wright, Smith.

Southfield-Lathrup (6-3) at Redford Union (8-1): This Division II-Region 3-District 1 game pits Lathrup of the Oakland Activities Association against Redford Union of the Michigan Mega. Lathrup, which had to suspend several varsity players for an altercation at a JV game prior to last week's game against Southfield, decided to forfeit than get spanked by the unbeaten Blue Jays, who face Birmingham Groves on the other side of this draw. Lathrup, which started out 5-0, has an impressive win over Division I qualifier Lake Orion. RU is coming off a huge victory over rival Thurston. **PICKS – RU:** Smith; **Lathrup:** Wright, Emons.

Clarenceville (7-2) at Goodrich (8-1): The Trojans are making their seventh straight playoff appearance and come into the game on a five-game winning streak in this Division V-Region 4-District 1 matchup. Senior Bruno Shkreli has had a huge season for Clarenceville. But Goodrich's Kirk Ellsworth, who torched the Trojans last year for 177 yards on 19 carries in a 42-6 second-round playoff win over Clarenceville, is only four shy of Tim Shaw's single-season record for total points (306). **PICKS – Goodrich:** Emons, Wright, Smith.

SATURDAY'S GAME
(1 p.m. start)

Bishop Borgess (6-3) at North Adams-Jerome (7-2): The Rams, who finished second in the South Central Athletic Association and have outscored their opponents 298-68. They have been to the playoffs a total of 10 times, including three straight appearances. North Adams' only losses this season are to unbeaten Climax Scotts (18-0) and Division VII qualifier Whitmore Lake (14-6). Borgess got into the playoffs last week for only the third time in school history with a 52-18 win over Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett as quarterback Rashad Campbell hit 15-of-19 passes for 207 yards and three TDs. **PICKS – North Adams:** Emons, Wright, Smith.

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"Dave" stands a hair under 6-foot-1 and weighs in at 233 pounds.

His grade-point average is honor roll-caliber and his weight-room exploits are off the charts.

Bruner is the only returning starter on this year's offensive line.

"The rest of us were all on the scout team last season," Kilijanczyk said. "We worked hard and waited for our opportunity."

Talk about making the best of an opportunity.

When I asked the group Monday afternoon who its leader was, Kilijanczyk, Pruett, D'Avanzo and Miller all pointed to the 6-1, 220-pound Bruner, one of the Chiefs' four captains.

"We're all leaders," Bruner said, brushing off his teammates' praise like he would a scrawny defensive tackle. "We're one unit."

No ink, no problem

Miller, who has the responsibility of calling out the unit's blocking scheme before every snap, said the lack of recognition he and his co-linemen receive is not important. Those who know what's really going on between the sidelines appreciate the work they do, he said.

"The lack of recognition goes with the territory of being an offensive lineman," Miller said, as his four peers nodded in agreement. "Our coaches and teammates know how hard we work. When one of our backs scores, he'll come over and thank us or give us a high-five.

"And coach Williams bought us all the pizza we could eat after one of our games. He must have appreciated what we did because we can eat a lot of pizza."

While the members of "Dave" are fun-loving and comical off the field, they're all business once the games start.

By the second quarter of most games this season, they've left their opposing defensive linemen muttering to themselves. Canton has mercied all but one opponent this season.

Creating exhaustion

"Our offense tends to wear teams down after a while, and they get frustrated," Pruett said.

"You can feel them giving in sometimes because our offense just slams the ball right at them," Kilijanczyk added. "The defensive linemen start talking to themselves sometimes."

"Yeah, you'll hear them say, 'Oh, man!'" Miller chimed in. "And when they get really worn down and tired, they say things you can't print in the newspaper."

One of the downsides of being an offensive lineman is that you can get so into finishing off your blocks and containing your opponent that you rarely get to see the end result — the running back or quarterback scoring a touchdown.

"A lot of times I can feel the running back going by me," D'Avanzo said. "Then the guy I'm blocking will turn and start running the other way, towards our end zone, chasing the back. That's when I know I've made a good block."

That scenario has unfolded on a consistent basis this season for Canton's football team, thanks largely to "Dave," the team's humble, hard-working star, who you, too, would enjoy meeting — assuming it's not a Friday night and you're not lined up against him on a football field.

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backs and they fake very well, so you have to really pay attention to who has the ball.

"Defensively, they really attack you. They're still doing the same stuff they did the first time we played them four years ago. They get after you."

Baechler said the Tigers haven't changed much either since that first encounter he had with them one presidential election ago.

"Belleville has always been [illegible] cially on defense," Baechler said. "They're very quick and scrappy. Offensively, they run the same system that Walled Lake Central runs, but they remind me more of (Livonia) Churchill."

If the Tigers plan on advancing to the district final, they will need a strong effort out of speedy running backs Isaac Kindell and Carlos Clark. Kindell has resembled a human lightning bolt on several occasions this season, racking up 814 yards on 111 carries and scoring 10 touchdowns. Three of his TDs came on special-teams returns.

Clark may be Belleville's sec[illegible] but he's equally dangerous having amassed 465 yards on 71 carries and five TDs.

"We came on strong at the end of the year," LaPointe said, referring to the Tigers' 40-6 win over River Rouge and 36-0 thumping of Romulus in the final two games of the regular season. "We're more efficient running the ball than we were earlier in the season. We have to work to try to control the ball, because if Canton gets it, they're capable of putting together long drives."

Canton's machine-like offense is paced by a stellar, all-senior offensive line and the strong running of backs Julian [illegible] Schumacher has gained a team-high 977 yards, while Smith has picked up 787 yards on 15 fewer carries.

The Chiefs have mercied all but one of their opponents — Ann Arbor Pioneer — this season, which means the team's starters on both sides of the ball haven't played a complete game since the opener.

"It helps our depth when our reserves get to play," Baechler said, "but it hurts our starters because they haven't played all 48 minutes since the Pioneer game. We haven't been able to see how they're going to react playing all 48 minutes in a close game. It especially affects [illegible]"

[illegible] (734) 953-2106

TRAVEL CONTEST



Just find the words in the word scramble that are listed near the puzzle and circle them. They may be found from right, left, diagonally, backwards, up or down. All the words must be found in order for your entry to be considered valid. Clip the completed game including the words, entry form and mail to:

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TRAVEL GAME-WEEK FOUR

DIVING
FISHING
SAILING
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REGGAE
WAVES
ROMANTIC
PARADISE
HIT
ANTI
FLUSH
POKER
MASTER SUITE
ATM MACHINE
STAND

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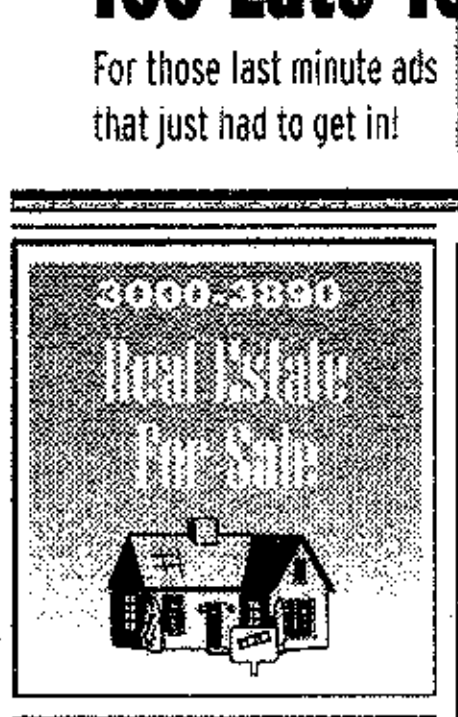





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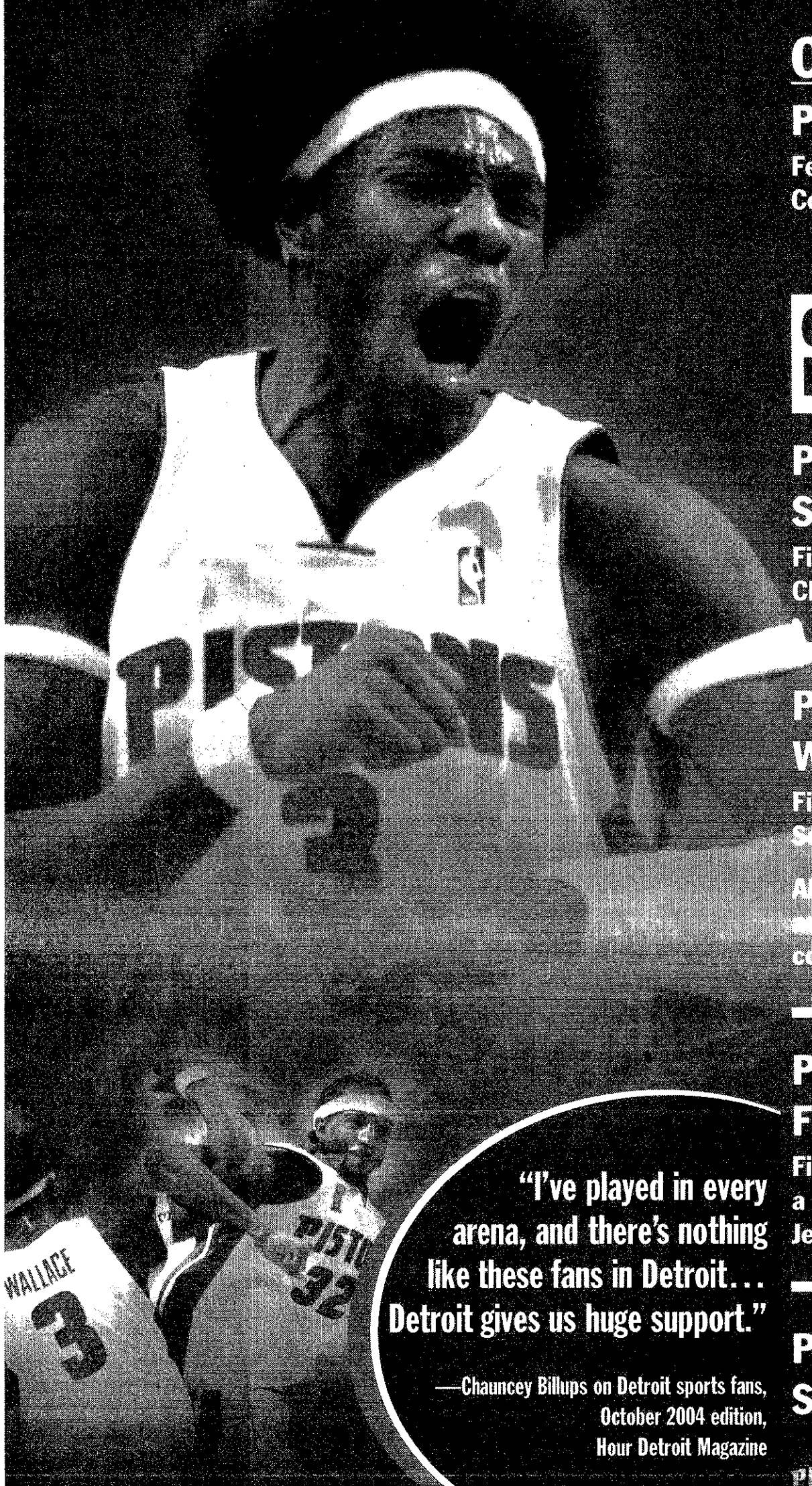

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Pistons vs. Philadelphia 76ers
Saturday, Nov. 6 • 7:30 pm
First 10,000 fans receive a Ben Wallace Championship Bobblehead courtesy of
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Wednesday, Nov. 17 • 7:30 pm
First 10,000 fans receive a Championship Schedule Magnet courtesy of
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Pistons vs. Indiana Pacers
Friday, Nov. 19 • 8 pm
First 5,000 fans ages 14 & under receive a Chauncey Billups MVP Youth Home Jersey courtesy of
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"I've played in every arena, and there's nothing like these fans in Detroit... Detroit gives us huge support."
—Chauncey Billups on Detroit sports fans, October 2004 edition, Hour Detroit Magazine

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Don't forget to tune in to see the Pistons versus the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wed, Nov. 17 on Detroit's WB!

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Halloween can be a scary good time to bowl



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

Have a happy bowling day on Halloween.

This fun-filled holiday has often carried over on the lanes as many bowlers enjoy the occasion by dressing up in costume or some sort of make-up while out for the evening at the local lanes.

Some houses even hold special Halloween parties for the leagues, mostly with the mixed leagues, there have been some pretty zany outfits seen on the bowling scene.

If you or someone in your league has a clever outfit or costume while bowling, try to get a photo of them and send it in, the best pics (bowling background) will be printed right here in Ten Pin Alley.

Anyone submitting a photo should include the information of names, league name, the bowling locale and any other pertinent information.

Submit photos directly to me, just phone (734) 788-0045.

■ Some of the league bowlers at Woodland Lanes in Livonia have been hot right out of the starting gate this season. These are the honor scores so far: Ford Parts League: Mike Tabor, Farmington Hills, 300; Troy Lindon, Westland, 300; Jerry Reynolds, 299; Minh Grougan of Westland, 300.

Friday Nite Out: Joe Castile, 300; West Chicago: Gary Owens, 300; Men's Trio - Dave Kielian, Livonia, 300; George Bell, Redford, 298; Sean Severence, 300; Pat Carlson of Canton, 300; Saturday Nite Specials: Brian Edwards, 300; Local 182 Retirees: Frank Bertani, Livonia, 300; Mike Yaremchuk, 300.

■ St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will host a Bowl-A-Thon at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at Bel-Aire Lanes in Farmington.

Mike Winkel, general manager of Bel-Aire, will serve as volunteer coordinator.

St. Juse Children's Research Hospital, located in Memphis, Tennessee was founded by the late entertainer, Danny Thomas. The institution opened its doors to the public in 1962 to combat catastrophic diseases in children.

St. Jude is non-sectarian, non-discriminatory, and covers all cost of care beyond that which is not covered by insurance.

Sponsor forms are now available at Bel-Aire Lanes. They need you and your friends to bowl so that children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases will have a better chance to live.

Many choice openings remain for the 2 p.m. start. Participants who bring in at least $75 in pledges will receive a sports bag, printed T-shirt and bowling towel.

Let's all show up and have a great turnout for this most worthy cause and show that Detroit area bowlers really do care.

Winkel said he wants everyone to be aware of the fact that there are usually some lanes available during the day and evenings for open bowling.

Between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, the rate is only $2.50 per game (includes a pitcher of beer or pop for $5).

Corporate parties are welcome as well as holiday parties with the oncoming holiday season, your family and friends can get together for fun and bowling at reasonable prices.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, November 9, 2004, at 7:00 P.M. in the Chestnut Room at the Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Impeccable Machining Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for their facility located at 42600 Executive Drive within the Singh Executive Park Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

Situated in the Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, and described as follows: Unit 3, Singh Executive Park, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 32631, Pages 436 through 489, inclusive, Wayne County Records, and designated as Wayne County Condominium Subdivision Plat No. 568, together with rights in General Common Elements and Limited Common Elements, as described in act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Parcel No. 71-138-01-0003-000

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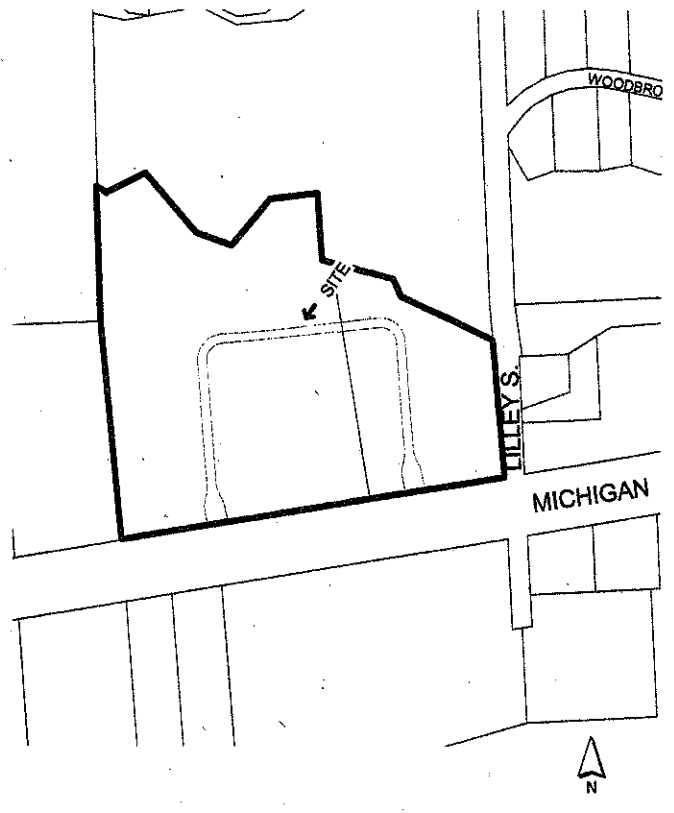

Terry G. Bennett
Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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

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STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (Nov. 15, 2004), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

C75 - Cheryl Knotts - 6 chair Wooden Dining Set, Mattress & Frame
C79 - Robert Sucura - Totes & Misc.
D112 - Rod O. Davis - Scafling and Painter's Supplies
D136 - Carol Panik - Curio Cabinet, Chest
F209 - Brian Waskiewicz - Banquet Table & Chairs
J356 - Diane Brown - Glass Store Displays, Sectional Couch
K396 - Diane Brown - Table & Chairs, 7 Glass Store Displays

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Shurgard Storage Centers

"Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 11/05/04 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the following locations:

Shurgard of Canton
2101 Haggerty Rd
Canton, MI 48187
734-981-0300

Unit 3047 household
Unit 4028 household
Unit 4038 household
Unit 4244 household
Unit 4267 household
Unit 4277 household
Unit 5002 household
Unit 5242 household
Unit 6266 household

Shurgard of Walled Lake
1901 East West Maple Rd.
Walled Lake, MI 48390
248-669-4020

Unit 3055 Jeep
Unit 4003 household
Unit 6004 household
Unit 6031 household

Shurgard of Dearborn
24920 Trowbridge
Dearborn, MI 48124
313-277-2000

Unit 1256 household

Shurgard of Farmington Hills
28600 Grand River Ave.
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
248-473-9303

Unit 2188 household
Unit 3294 household
Unit 3332 household
Unit 3398 household

Shurgard of Livonia
30300 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
734-522-7811

Unit 2017 household
Unit 2031 household
Unit 3006 household
Unit 3116 household
Unit 4140 household
Unit 5082 household

Shurgard Taylor
9300 Pelham Rd.
Taylor, MI 48180
313-292-2950

Unit 3003 household
Unit 3014 household
Unit 3075 household
Unit 4054 household
Unit 5014 household
Unit 5020 household
Unit 5034 household
Unit 5038 household
Unit 5054 household
Unit 7055 household
Unit 9022 household

Shurgard of Canton South
45229 Michigan Ave.
Canton, MI 48188
734-398-5416

Unit 1003 household
Unit 3006 household
Unit 3010 household
Unit 3014 household
Unit 4160 household
Unit 4164 household

Shurgard of Westland
36001 Warren Rd
Westland, MI 48185
734-326-6000

Unit 1038 household
Unit 3006 household
Unit 3032 household
Unit 3034 household
Unit 3076 household
Unit 3082 household
Unit 3140 household

Shurgard of Plymouth
41889 Joy Rd.
Canton, MI 48187
734-459-2200

Unit 1009 household
Unit 1019 household
Unit 1044 household

Shurgard of Sthfld @ Telegraph
24200 Telegraph Rd.
Southfiled, MI 48034
248-208-9000

Unit 1094 household
Unit 1102 household
Unit 2069 household
Unit 2100 household
Unit 2107 household
Unit 2129 household
Unit 2163 household
Unit 2166 household
Unit 2175 household
Unit 2187 household
Unit 2190 household
Unit 3031 household
Unit 3068 household
Unit 3074 household
Unit 3125 household

Shurgard of Southfield
19350 W. 8 Mile Rd.
Southfield, MI 48075
248-357-1137

Unit 1015 household
Unit 1037 household
Unit 1067 household
Unit 1081 household
Unit 1155 household
Unit 1181 household
Unit 1197 household
Unit 1203 household
Unit 1222 household
Unit 1234 household
Unit 1302 household
Unit 1307 household
Unit 2013 household
Unit 2019 household
Unit 2052 household
Unit 2055 household
Unit 2062 household
Unit 2071 household
Unit 2109 household
Unit 2122 household
Unit 2126 household
Unit 2128 household
Unit 2132 household
Unit 2147 household
Unit 2149 household
Unit 2246 household
Unit 2284 household
Unit 4006 household
Unit 4010 household
Unit 6009 car

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, November 2, 2004 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; at which time, candidates for following offices will be voted upon in Wayne County:

President and Vice President
Representative in Congress - 11th District
State Representative - 20th and 21st District
State Board of Education - Vote for 2
University of Michigan Regent - Vote for 2
Michigan State University Trustee - Vote for 2
Wayne State University Governor - Vote 2
Prosecuting Attorney
Sheriff
County Clerk
County Treasurer
Register of Deeds
County Commissioner - District 11
Justices of the Supreme Court - Vote for 2
Judges of Court of Appeals - Vote for 2
Judges of the Circuit Court Incumbent Positions - Vote for 19
Judges of the Circuit Court Non- Incumbent Position - Vote 1
Judges of the Circuit Court Incumbent Position - Vote for 1
Judges of the Circuit Court Incumbent Positions - Vote for 2
Judges of the Probate Court - Vote for 2
Township Supervisor - Vote for 1
Township Clerk - Vote for 1
Township Treasurer - Vote for 1
Township Trustee - Vote for 4
Canton Township Library Director - Vote for 6

and to vote on the following proposals:

PROPOSAL 04-1
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL OF ANY FORM OF GAMBLING AUTHORIZING BY LAW AND CERTAIN NEW STATE LOTTERY GAMES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:
Require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law after January 1, 2004
Require voter approval of any new state lottery games utilizing "table games" or " player operated mechanical or electronic devices" introduced after January 1, 2004.
Provide that when voter approval is required, both statewide voter approval and voter approval in the city or township where gambling will take place must be obtained.
Specify that the voter approval requirement does not apply to Indian tribal gaming or gambling in up to three casinos located in the City of Detroit.

Should this proposal be adopted?
YES NO

PROPOSAL 04-2
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY WHAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AS A "MARRIAGE OR SIMILAR UNION" FOR ANY PURPOSE.

The proposal would amend the state constitution to provide that "the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose."

Should this proposal be adopted?
YES NO

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a **General Election** will be held on **Tuesday, November 2, 2004** from **7:00 A.M.** to **8:00 P.M.** at the following polling locations:

Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
1 & 23	First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Rd.
2	Tri-City Christian Center	3855 Sheldon S
3, 10, 21	St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Road
4 & 13	Miller Elementary School	43721 Hanford Road
5 & 31	Crescent Academy	40440 Palmer Rd.
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Road
7	Salem High School	46181 Joy Road
8	Resurrection Parish Church	48755 Warren Road
9 & 34	Eriksson Elementary School	1275 N. Haggerty Road
11 & 19	Tonda Elementary School	46501 Warren Road
12 & 14	Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet Street
15	Winter/Walker Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue
16 & 17	Bentley Elementary School	1100 S. Sheldon
20	Township Fire Station #1	1100 S. Canton Center
22	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saltz Road
24 & 25	Canton High School	8415 N. Canton Center
26, 27 & 36	Summit on the Park	46000 Summit Parkway
28	Agape Christian School	45081 Geddes
18 & 29	Field Elementary School	1000 S. Haggerty
30	Mettetal Airport	8550 Lilley Road
32	Main Street Baptist Church	8500 Morton Taylor N.
33 & 37	Dodson Elementary School	205 Beck Rd.
35	Canton Human Service Center	50430 School House Rd.
38	Cherry Hill Methodist Church	321 Ridge Rd.
39	Plymouth High School	8400 N. Beck Rd.

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Canter Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, **October 30, 2004** for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, November 2, 2004, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots **ONLY** will be issued on Election Day, November 2, 2004.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card or contact the Clerk's office at 394-5121 prior to election day. Internet look up is available by going to www.canton-mi.org. Click on voting. Click on Voter Registration; On-line.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION CROSS COUNTRY MEET
Oct. 22 at Willow Metropark

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 42 points; 2. Salem, 51; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 115; 4. Walled Lake Western, 125; 5. Northville, 138; 6. Plymouth, 147; 7. Walled Lake Northern, 194; 8. Canton, 214; 9. Westland John Glenn, 231; 10. Livonia Franklin, 250; 11. Wayne Memorial, 313; 12. Walled Lake Central, no team score.

Individual winner: Sean Maxwell (WLC), 16 minutes, 3 seconds (5,000 meters).

Churchill finishers: 2. Connor Schultz, 16:08; 8. Brandon Grysko, 16:38; 9. Tim Howse, 16:42; 17. Adam Lumley, 17:08; 21. Joe Horka, 17:31; 24. Tim Francisco, 17:38; 33. Stephan Maxe, 17:50.

Salem finishers: 3. Dan Kapadia, 16:15; 10. Scott Fysh, 16:44; 12. Jim Walsh, 16:57; 14. Adam Kosteva, 16:58; 26. Joe Rothert, 17:40; 27. John Israel, 17:40; 28. Erik Dondzila, 17:41.

Stevenson finishers: 18. Mark Piorkowski, 17:09; 23. Dan Wilson, 17:37; 29. Dave Antishin, 17:45; 31. Max Guy, 17:46; 34. Justin Black, 17:55; 38. Matthew Lipsky, 18:05; 42. Jeff Holycross, 18:11;

Western finishers: 4. Jason Aspinall, 16:32; 7. Todd Bowmar, 16:37; 35. Brian Cheadle, 17:59; 43. Michael Hutchens, 18:14; 52. Jason Mahakian, 18:44; 53. Mark Mehringer, 18:45; 63. Fedor Dokshin, 19:25.

Northville finishers: 11. Justin Turnbull, 16:55; 25. Thomas Farrell, 17:39; 32. George Kern, 17:47; 44. Thomas Sugawara, 18:21; 45. David Gunn-Boyer, 18:21; 48. Kevin O'Brien, 18:35; 49. Neil Das, 18:37;

Plymouth finishers: 13. Anthony Scaparo, 16:58; 20. Patrick Slavens, 17:19; 37. Justin Magill, 18:01; 46. Christian Chagas, 18:23; 50. Nate Kostegian, 18:39; 56. Jeff Movsesian, 18:54; 77. John Zaccone, 20:57.

Northern finishers: 19. Ryan Jara, 17:11; 22. Mihkey Maves, 17:37; 40. Robert Lewan, 18:10; 66. Patrick Keenan, 19:38; 67. Dominic Aricona, 19:40; 69. Dennis Stecher, 20:06; 70. Thomas Dennis, 20:07;

Canton finishers: 30. Charles Wolfe, 17:46; 41. Evan Shepard, 18:10; 51. Kenneth Clawson, 18:42; 55. Derek Hoerman, 18:54; 57. Justin Patrick, 18:57; 62. Aaron McClellan, 19:21; 74. Brian Zielinski, 20:29.

John Glenn finishers: 16. Cordarro Harper, 17:05; 39. Brad Gray, 18:09; 5'9. Mike Jacobs, 18:58; 61. Corey Snyder, 19:04; 76. Angelo Settler, 20:47; 78. Nathan Scarlet, 21:07; 81. Josh Marshbanks, 21:29.

Franklin finishers: 36. Mike Miazgowicz, 18:00; 47. Mike Krcatovich, 18:30; 58. Andrew Kent, 18:58; 64. Brian Linn, 19:28; 65. Travis Canyock, 19:31; 68. Douglas Cole, 19:43; 19:43; 72. Josh Walker, 20:16.

Wayne finishers: 54. Christian Smith, 18:46; 60. Jordan Janowitz, 19:02; 71. Patrick Gorring, 20:09; 73. Kevin Whittenberg, 20:20; 75. Abraham Mendez, 20:33; 79. Sean Mills, 21:17; 80. Keivin Lewis, 21:22.

Other Central finishers: 5. Anthony Sanfilllipo, 16:34; 6. Scott Stevens, 16:35; 15. Jacob Hill, 17:04.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson, 60; 2. Livonia Churchill, 66; 3. Northville, 69; 4. Salem, 70; 5. Walled Lake Northern, 147; 6. Canton, 194; 7. Walled Lake Western, 202; 8. Livonia Franklin, 219; 9. Westland John Glenn, 223; 10. Plymouth 225.

Individual winner: Heather Sirko (LS), 18 minutes, 7 seconds (5,000 meters).

Other Stevenson finishers: 2. Kristen Frey, 18:32; 14. Marinna Plinka, 19:37; 16. Stephanie Perez, 19:51; 27. Amber Cicala, 20:34; 28. Melanie Anderle, 20:37; 36. Lisa Arrowsmith, 21:03.

Churchill finishers: 10. Nicole Schmidt, 19:18; 11. Kylen Cieslak, 19:24; 13. Rachel McFarlane, 19:35; 15. Megan Maceratini, 19:51; 17. Erica Hope, 19:57; 19. Tiffany Pope, 20:01; 21. Amy Drinan, 20:19.

Northville finishers: 3. Liz Hrivnak, 18:53; 8. Molly Gavin, 19:14; 12. Kate McClymont, 19:26; 20. Bryn Smetana, 20:14; 26. Mary Sprader, 20:30; 34. Andrea Moehle, 20:53; 35. Meaghan Keiffer, 21:00.

Salem finishers: 4. Hannah Cavicchio, 18:54; 5. Laura Friedman, 19:04; 6. Lauren Kane, 19:12; 25. Rachel Gizicki, 20:30; 30. Allison Vraniak, 20:43; 32. Allison Janda, 20:46; 39. Amanda Kassem, 21:15.

Northern finishers: 22. Kristen Olsen, 20:21; 223. Ashton Williams, 20:22; 24. Karlee Kitchens, 20:24; 29. Cassandra Adamson, 20:42; 51. Jaime Minshall, 22:44; 58. Melissa Hoffman, 23:38.

Canton finishers: 33. Lisa Clinton, 20:53; 37. Jennifer Thomas, 21:03; 38. Rebecca McCormack, 21:12; 42. Anne Murphy, 21:35; 44. Kristin Ward, 21:54; 65. Jessica Scott, 24:17.

Western finishers: 7. Jessica Lupinacci, 19:13; 18. Rachel Wessel, 19:58; 59. Kelly Franckowiak, 23:41; 62. Jessica Novakowski, 24:04; 68. Adina Walton, 25:29.

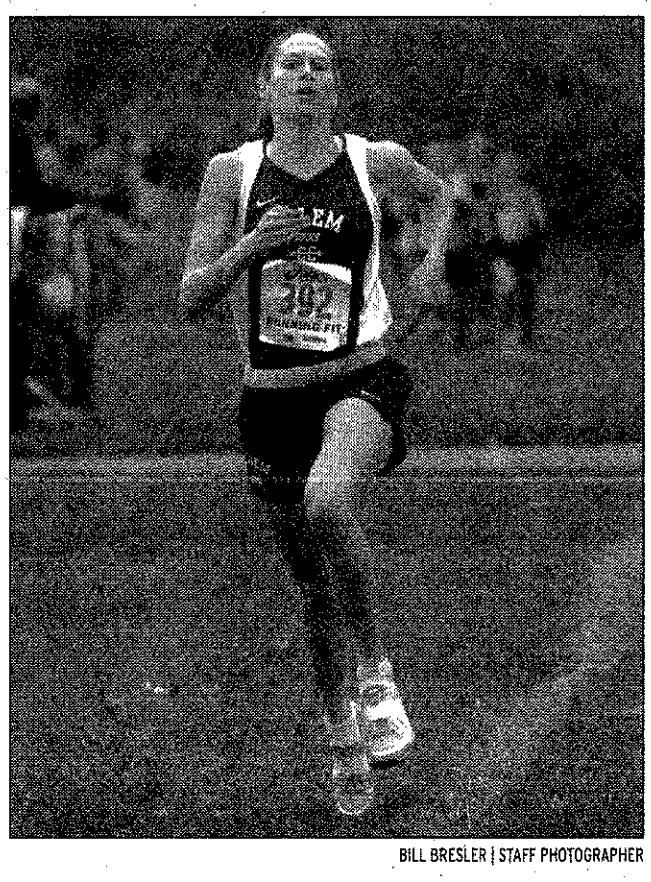
Franklin finishers: 9. Meghan Horgan, 19:17; 53. Kari Saarela, 23:08; 54. Jackie Covert, 23:09; 55. Elizabeth Reinke, 23:10; 56. Amanda Owen, 23:31.

Glenn finishers: 31. Julia DeGrout, 20:45; 40. Stacey Richardson, 21:22; 45. Becky Barrett, 21:55; 52. Melanie Stawkey, 22:59; 60. Michelle Gutowski, 23:45; 66. Joslyn, 24:23; 67. Sheryl Jacobs, 25:29.

Plymouth: 41. Elizabeth McLaughlin, 21:33; 43. Jacqueline Beeler, 21:47; 46. Tiffany Burns, 22:03; 47. Paramjit Bhullar, 22:10; 48. Hayley Kennedy, 22:11; 63. Julie Miller, 24:07; 69. Yasaswi Paruchuri, 25:29.

Central finishers: 49. Chelsea Hosey, 22:23; 50. Katie Woods, 22:35, 57. Nicole Siemer, 23:35; 64. Stephanie Walden, 24:09.

Wayne finishers: 61. Kathryn Trudeau, 23:47; 70. Melissa Smith, 25:29; 71. Melissa Schmidt, 25:29.



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Salem's Laura Friedman approaches the finish line at Friday's Western Lakes Activities Association meet at Willow Metropark. Friedman finished fifth overall.

CC soccer team's playoff run ends

BY PAT ALLEN
STAFF WRITER

It took Utica Eisenhower only 45 seconds to knock the glass slipper off of the collective foot of the Redford Catholic Central boys soccer team, and in the next 79 minutes, the clock struck midnight on the Shamrocks.

Catholic Central, a relative cinderella in the soccer regional playoffs, fell to Utica Eisenhower 6-0 in the first round of the regionals on Tuesday.

"No one expected us to even be there," Shamrocks coach Joe Nora said, "But we played with class and our seniors never gave up."

Utica Eisenhower's first goal came under a minute into the contest when a Catholic Central player attempted to clear the ball and mis-hit it. The Eagles collected the ball and blasted it by keeper Brian Walsh to give Utica Eisenhower the early lead.

One minute later, the Eagles were at it again. After clanking one off of the post, an attacker put the rebound in and the rout was on. The Eagles took a 4-0 lead into the half but the Shamrocks wouldn't give up.

"We went in at half and talked about picking up our intensity," Nora said, "we had played a flat first half. I feel as though we played a much better second half.

"It's hard when you know you're down three, four, five to nothing," Nora continued, "but the seniors played with a lot of heart."

Despite losing 10 seniors this upcoming summer, Nora thinks that the experience gained will help his team in next year's season.

"I think we were a bit tight tonight," Nora said. "But I think with 15 kids coming back with experience getting to regionals will really help us next year. We feel very confident with who we have coming back for us (next) year.

"Eisenhower had been there before and you could tell," Nora continued. "They played loose and played a good game."

The Shamrocks finished the season with an overall record of 9-8-6.

"We had a pretty good year and anything we do in the next two or three seasons is due to our seniors this year."

WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Oct. 29
Belleville at Canton, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Oct. 28
Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Belleville at Southgate, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 29
Oakland Christian at Agape
at Discovery Middle School, 7 p.m.
PCA at Allen Park Inter-City, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS SWIMMING
Thursday, Oct. 28
Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.
BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Oct. 30
Salem, Plymouth, Canton and Belleville
at Division 1 Regional
at Schoolcraft College, 10:30 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 28
Madonna at Webber International (Fla.), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30
MCCAA Tourney at Muskegon, 2 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Thursday, Oct. 28
Madonna at Ill.-Springfield, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30
NJCAA-Region 12 Tournament
at Schoolcraft College, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 31
Region 12 final at Schoolcraft, 11 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 30
Grand Valley Club at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Oct. 29
Whalers vs. Ottawa (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 30
Whalers at Owen Sound, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 31
Whalers at Brampton, 2 p.m.

TBA – time to be announced.

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BOARD OF CANVASSERS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Canvassers for the Charter Township of Canton will meet on Wednesday, November 3, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. in the Canton Township Administration Building, at 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., to review and certify the election results from the November 2, 2004 General Election.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
LEGAL NOTICE
GENERAL ELECTION – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 2, 2004, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time candidates of the Republican Party, Democratic Party, Green Party, US Taxpayers Party, Libertarian Party and Natural Law Party and candidates without political party affiliation who seek election to the following partisan offices to be voted for in Wayne County.

President and Vice President
Representative in Congress
Representative in State Legislature
State Board of Election – Vote 2
University of Michigan Regents – Vote 2
Michigan State University Trustees – Vote 2
Wayne State University Governors – Vote 2
Prosecuting Attorney
Sheriff
County Clerk
County Treasurer
Register of Deeds
County Commissioner

And Plymouth Township:

Supervisor
Clerk
Treasurer
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And the following non-partisan offices

Justices of Supreme Court – 8 Yr. Terms – Vote 2
Judges of Court of Appeals – 1st District – 6 Yr. Terms – Incumbent Positions – Vote 2
Judges of Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit – 6 Yr. Terms – Incumbent Positions – Vote 19
Judge of Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit – 6 Yr. Term – Non-Incumbent Position – Vote 1
Judge of Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit – Partial Terms ending 1/1/09 – Incumbent Position – Vote 1
Judges of Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit – Partial Terms ending 1/1/07 – Incumbent Positions – Vote 2
Judges of Probate Court – 6 Yr. Terms – Incumbent Positions – Vote 2

Plymouth District Library Trustees – 4 Yr. Terms – Vote 3

And the following Statewide Proposals

PROPOSAL 04-1

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL OF ANY FORM OF GAMBLING AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND CERTAIN NEW STATE LOTTERY GAMES

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

Require voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law after January 1, 2004.

Require voter approval of any new state lottery games utilizing "table games" or "player operated mechanical or electronic devices" introduced after January 1, 2004.

Provide that when voter approval is required, both statewide voter approval and voter approval in the city or township where gambling will take place must be obtained.

Specify that the voter approval requirement does not apply to Indian tribal gaming or gambling in up to three casinos located in the City of Detroit.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES _____ NO _____

And

PROPOSAL 04-2

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY WHAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AS A "MARRIAGE OR SIMILAR UNION" FOR ANY PURPOSE

The proposal would amend the state constitution to provide that "the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose".

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES _____ NO _____

Applications for absentee ballots for Charter Township of Plymouth registered voters may be requested from the Clerk's Office at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building No. 3, Plymouth Township, Michigan, during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Saturday, October 30, absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m., to 2:00 p.m. On Monday, October 1, absentee voters may receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Telephone numbers 354-3224 or 354-3228.

All polling locations in the Township of Plymouth are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped. Polling places are as follows: (Please note that the Township precinct locations or precinct numbers may not coincide with your school district precinct location or number).

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

Precinct 1	Farrand School	41400 Greenbriar
Precinct 2	Friendship Station	42375 Schoolcraft
Precinct 3	Allen School	11100 Haggerty Road
Precinct 4	Township Clerk's Office	42350 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 5	Bird School	220 N. Sheldon Road
Precinct 6	West Middle School	44401 Ann Arbor Trail
Precinct 7	Living Word Church	46500 N. Territorial Road
Precinct 8	St. Kenneth's Catholic Church	14951 Haggerty Road
Precinct 9	Church of the Nazarene	45801 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 10	Fiegel School	39750 Joy Road
Precinct 11	First Baptist Church	45000 N. Territorial
Precinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46081 Ann Arbor Road
Precincts 13 & 16	Risen Christ Lutheran Church	46250 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 14	Isbister School	9300 Canton Center Road
Precinct 15	First United Methodist Church	45201 N. Territorial Road
Precinct 17	NorthRidge Church	49555 N. Territorial Road

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – October 19, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 19, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Trustee Zarbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Zarbo Members Absent: Kirchgatter, Yack Staff Present: Director Faas, Kathleen Salla **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION: M-153/FORD ROAD ACCESS MANAGEMENT AND TRAFFIC OPERATIONS STUDY I.** Outline of Discussion, A. Central Business Overlay District, B. Ford Road Steering Committee, C. Realtor/Developer Forum, D. Business Recruitment and Marketing, E. Recent Retail Developments, F. Current and Proposed DDA Developments, G. District Branding and Signage Project, H. Streetscape Extended – Morton Taylor Project, I. Overhead Utility Lines Relocation Project II. Ford Road Traffic Concerns A. Western Wayne MDOT Regional Task Force B. Summer 2005 MDOT Safety Improvement Project III. M-153 Ford Road Access Management and Traffic Operations Study A. Presentation by The Corradino Group **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. - *Thomas Y. Yack - Supervisor / Terry G. Bennett - Clerk -*

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our website www.canton-mi.org after Board approval.

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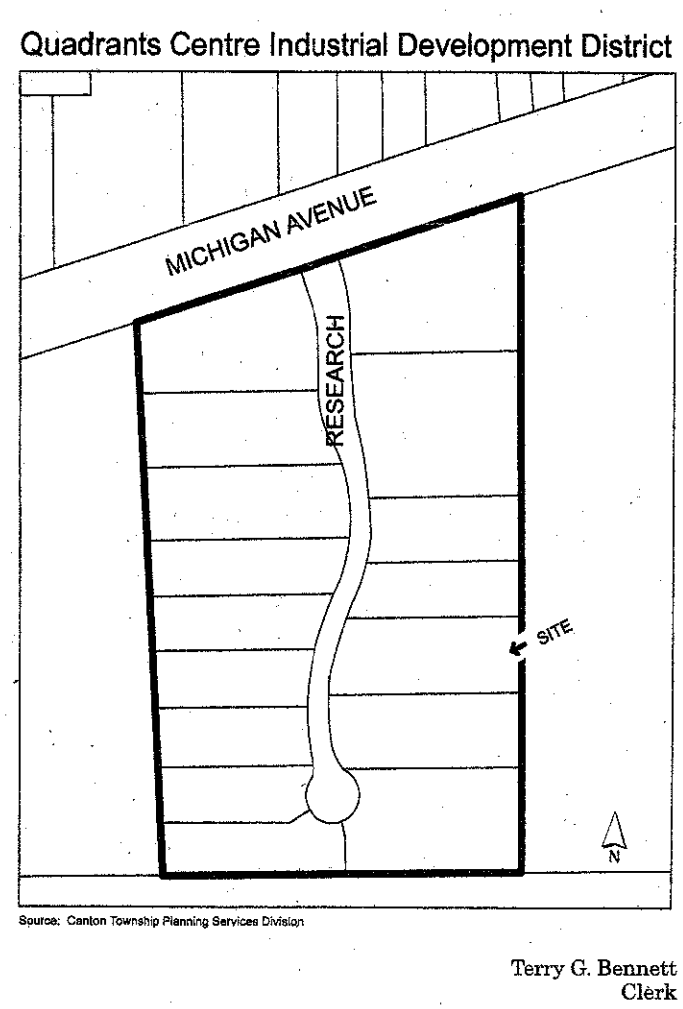
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, November 9, 2004, at 7:00 P.M. in the Chestnut Room at the Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan, as a part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Pointe Scientific, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property for their facility located at 5449 Research Drive within the Quadrants Centre Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

Parcel No. 71-131-01-0012-000 The south 150.00 feet of Unit 12 of Quadrants Industrial Research Centre, of part of Wayne County Condominuim Subdivision Plan Number 814, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Containing 77,209 square feet or 1.772 acres.

Quadrants Centre Industrial Development District



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Terry G. Bennett
Clerk

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Another Lions trick could be a Halloween treat in Dallas

The Lions are playing football on Halloween down in Texas. When they face the Cowboys this Sunday, they won't need to buy costumes. They can just wear the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde get-up they've had on all season.

The Dr. Jekyll costume is the one where they did the Monster Mash on the Giants in the Meadowlands. The Mr. Hyde costume is the one they wore in getting the pumpkin seeds knocked out of them by Philadelphia and Green Bay at home.

A 3-0 record on the road? A 1-2 at home? What's wrong with this picture?

"It's just the way things have gone so far in this crazy National Football League," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said, not conceding that Ford Field has become his Little Shop of Horrors. "We have responded very well to adversity and last Sunday was another example of that."



Mark Wilson

Quarterback Joey Harrington played a near perfect football game against the Giants. He looked like Joey "Scare-ington" vs. the Packers and Joey "Dare-ington" at the Meadowlands. Funny how things change when Roy Williams and Kevin Jones return to the lineup. It's crazy and it's kooky. Mysterious and spooky.

"Obviously, when those two guys are back, it's a different ballgame for us. More weapons, more chances. More chances? The more things can go right," the Lions' third-year signal caller said.

Harrington has no plans to put on a mask and cape and go as Superman for this All Hallows Eve.

Halloween in Dallas will be most interesting. The Cowboys return home after getting pasted at Green Bay. Bill Parcells is getting impatient with 41-year-old QB Vinny Testaverde. Michigan's Drew Henson is waiting in the wings and the thought of him playing against his hometown Lions is intriguing.

Reggie Swinton was a big part of the win over New York five days ago. He caught a touchdown pass and did a backflip. For Halloween, Swinton can go as United States gold-medal gymnast Paul Hamm.

"We just can't think about why it's happening and believe it can keep on happening," said the former Cowboy who returned to Detroit just a few weeks ago. "It'll be cool going down there and playing them."

Looking forward to a trip to Dallas? Seems to be part of a new road warrior attitude the Lions have discovered. Not that long ago, any junket away from Detroit was frightening.

A win over the Cowboys Halloween afternoon sends the Lions back home with a winnable game against the Redskins the following week. They would be 6-2 at the halfway point, something that hasn't happened since 1999. Visions of playoffs would be dancing in their heads.

The Lions still have a long way to go. The two scary losses to the Eagles and Packers showed that there is still more humble pie than pumpkin pie.

"Joey had probably his best effort since I got here in that game against the Giants. Our running game was better and the defense really stepped it up. I am proud of those guys, but we have a lot of work to do," Mariucci said.

The Lions are headed back on the road for a Halloween date in the "Big D." No more haunted houses away from home. A fourth consecutive road win is just 60 football minutes away. The ghosts and goblins will be out in full force at Texas Stadium.

Bring 'em on! The challenge alone beats a bag full of candy corn anyday.

Mark Wilson is host of the *Steve Mariucci Show* Mondays on WKRK-FM (97.1). A 25-year veteran of TV and radio sportscasting, Wilson's been a radio talk show host at WKRK for the past five years on *Sports Night with Parker and the Man*. He's a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscaster of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

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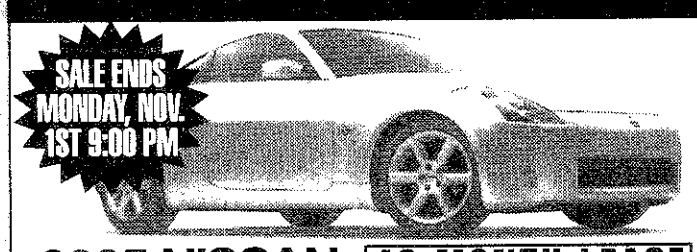

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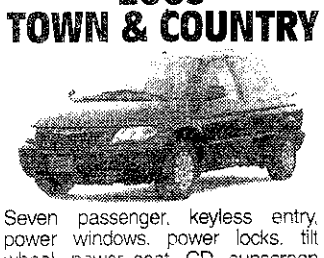

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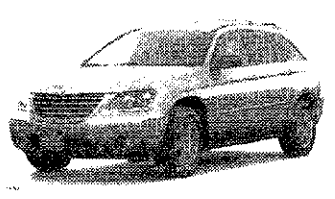

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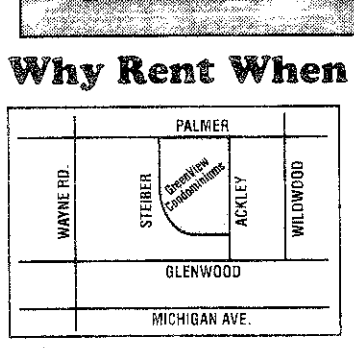

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Hillsdale's Wilson finds solace in losing campaign

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

When Hillsdale's Dan Wilson steps onto Detroit's Ford Field for his final college football game, Nov. 6, against Wayne State, he'll bid adieu with mixed emotions.

"I guess I'm ready to be done, but I'm also going to miss it because I've been playing since the fourth grade," said the senior tailback from Livonia Stevenson High. "Sure, it's tough knowing that you're not going to play again."

Wilson has endured four straight losing seasons at Hillsdale, including this year's 2-7 record heading into Saturday's final home game against Mercyhurst (Pa.).


Wilson

"Football-wise it's been a humbling experience and it didn't quite pan out the way I pictured it," Wilson said. "But I met a lot of great people at the school and I enjoyed playing for my coaches. Sure, it's hard to go to practice each day, but the guys I'm playing with make it worthwhile."

Wilson ranks second only behind teammate Phil Martin for the Chargers in yards rushing with 390 in 80 attempts (4.9 per carry). Last week he rushed for 70 yards on 17 carries, including a 2-yard TD run, his second of the year, in a 15-13 non-conference loss against Tiffin (Ohio).

The speedy Wilson was recruited out of Stevenson as a slot or wingback-type, but now sits as a single back with a lead blocker in Hillsdale's pro-style formation.

"I'm a little undersized, but in our system it's best for me," said Wilson, who stands 5 feet, 10 inches and weighs only 180 pounds. "I take a good beating, but it's worked out."

During one three-week stretch, Hillsdale lost to three nationally ranked teams — No. 7 Saginaw Valley, No. 11 Northwood, and at the time, No. 1 and defending NCAA Division II national champion Grand Valley State.

"We didn't even draw (undefeated) Michigan Tech this year on the schedule," Wilson said. "Our conference is tough from top to bottom."

A marketing major, Wilson has already completed his required classes, but he will return an extra semester to finish the 124 hours he needs toward a degree. Then he plans to go into advertising or sales.

"We had high expectations this year, but things didn't come together," Wilson said. "I love to win, but it's helped me realize there are a few more important things out there than D-2 football."

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Canton youth qualifies for national tourney



Canton resident Christopher Merbler holds one of the hefty fish he reeled in at a state-wide tournament this past summer. The 11-year-old angler teamed up with his dad to qualify for a national event.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

***Warning to all Michigan walleye:** If you spot 11-year-old Canton fisherman Christopher Merbler dangling a pole over the side of a boat on your lake, make a 180-degree turn and swim in the opposite direction. He's considered wormed and dangerous.*

Merbler may be just a sixth-grader, but the young angler has already established himself as a force to be reckoned with on Michigan's lakes and rivers.

The Plymouth Christian Academy student was the youngest qualifier out of over 200 fishermen at the Gander Mountain Grand National Walleye Tournament, which was held in August in Lake of the Woods, Minn.

Merbler and his father, Ron, qualified for the two-person team tournament after competing in five Michigan competitions that were held on the Saginaw Bay, Houghton Lake (twice), Lake Leelenau and on the Detroit River. The top 15 two-person teams from nine states were eligible to fish in the national event.

The standings were determined by the combined weight of the largest six fish each team hauled in.

"Chris has been fishing since he was able to hold a pole when he was 2-years-old," Ron Merbler said. "A lot of kids Chris' age don't like to fish because they don't have the patience and concentration it takes to be a good fisherman. They also don't like getting up at 5:30 a.m. Chris has a twin brother who will only fish on Sunday if we tell him we caught a lot on Saturday.

"There's some luck involved, but a lot of it is skill. Chris caught an eight-and-a-half-pound walleye in the national tournament. There are a lot of adults who haven't caught one that big. He also caught a 41-inch sturgeon and had a six-foot sturgeon on his line."

Chris Merbler is an all-around athlete who plays football for the Plymouth Steelers and recreation baseball. But if he could partcipate in just one activity, fishing would be his choice.

'A lot of kids Chris' age don't like to fish because they don't have the patience and concentration it takes to be a good fisherman. They also don't like getting up at 5:30 a.m.'

Ron Merbler
Chris' father

"I like fishing a lot," he said. "I like everything about it, especially catching the fish. In the winter, my dad and I fish for perch on Lake St. Clair."

The father-son duo reeled in 35.35 pounds of walleye and finished 44th at the Gander Mountain national tournament.

The Merblers' unique story at the national tournament caught the attention of the producers of a television program that will feature highlights of the event.

"We were one of the few boats that had a cameraman in it," Ron Merbler said. "That was pretty exciting."

The show is scheduled to air sometime in the spring of 2005 on Fox Sports Net.

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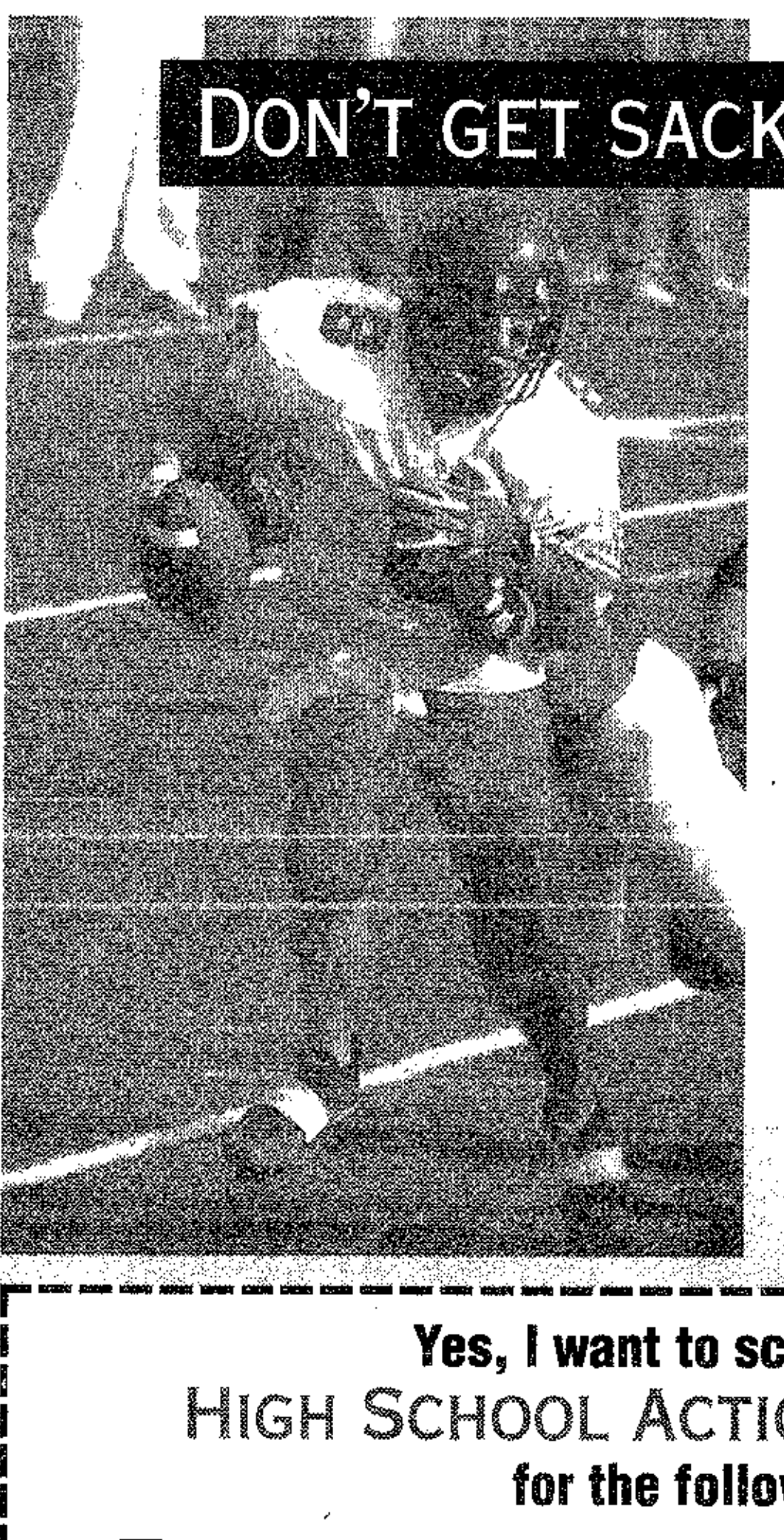

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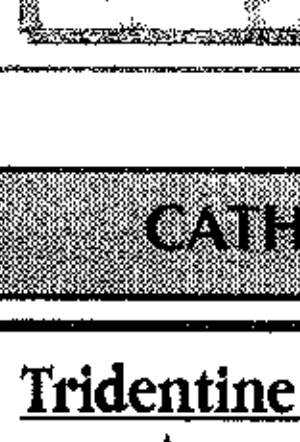
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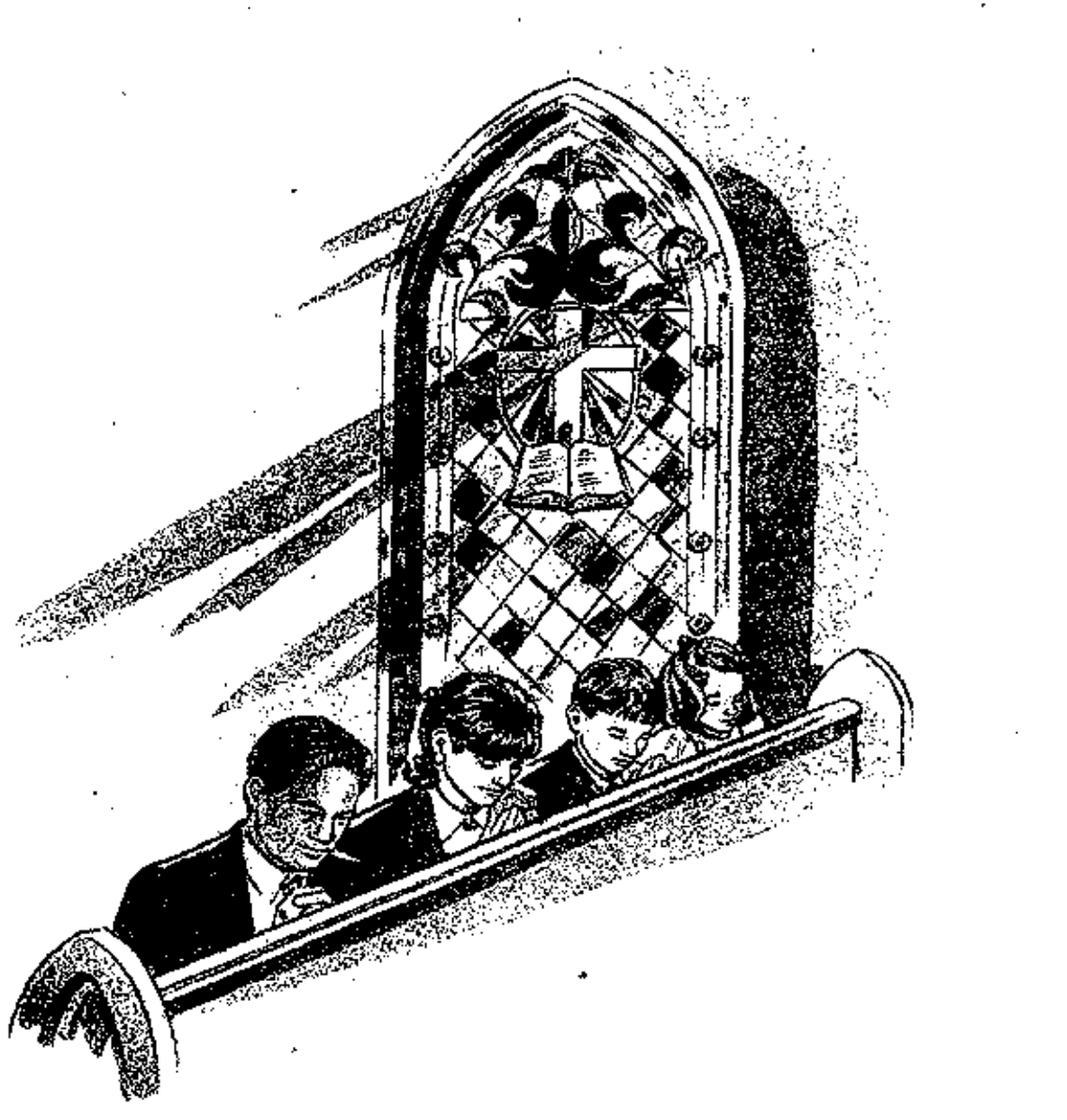

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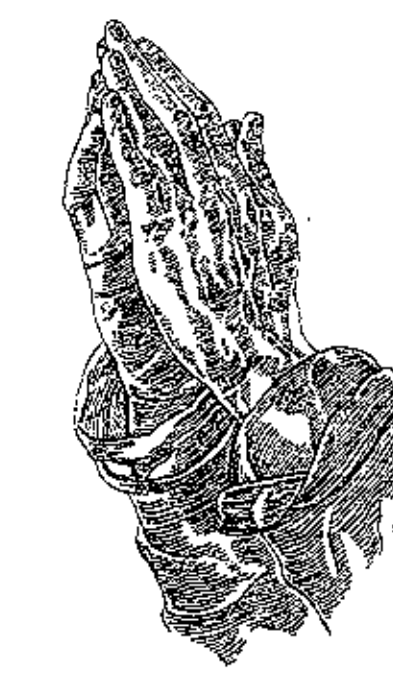

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Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial, but only if the other person is receptive to our comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However, correcting someone, even in a kind or skillful manner, can be very challenging, since we are never sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult, and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at the speck in our brother's eye, but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Faultfinding and being overly critical of others, especially behind their backs, are wrong and can become habit-forming. However, kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. R.S.V. Proverbs 12:15

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OCTOBER

Soul sisters
The women of the New Testament speak to the women of today 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, and Nov. 4, 11 and 18, in the Fellowship Hall at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Concert
By singer, composer Angie Smith 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Suggested offering is $10. Any profit will be used to the Journey to Bethlehem project for the greater Detroit area. For information, call (734) 421-1760.

Conference and concert
A conference by Hope's Call 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, kicks off the Covenant Community Church Ladies Conference 9 a.m. to 3 :30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, featured speaker on Oct. 30 is Cathy Tanana, at 25800 Student, one block north of Five Mile on Beech Daly, Redford. Tickets are $50 and include Saturday lunch and Friday concert. Call (734) 729-3682.

Month of Mission
Hear mission speakers, enjoy breakfast and fellowship 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 30, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 West Six Mile, Redford. Cost is $3. For reservations, call Fran Anderson at (248) 673-7707.

Annual bazaar
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 35300 W. 8 Mile. Items include jams, jellies, baked goods, homemade items, crafts, white elephant, etc. The choir will be selling sloppy Joe's, drink, etc.

Trunk or treat
Bring the kids to trick or treat out of the trunks of cars 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 35300 W. 8 Mile.

Halloween alternative
Is your family looking for an alternative to the traditional Halloween celebration this year? Would you just like to get together with your family for an afternoon of games, goodies and a chance to get dressed up in a fun costume? Then you'll want to make plans to come to the Harvest Festival 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church at 14175 Farmington, north of I-96, Livonia. Children who wear costumes may win a prize. No occult or violent themes please.) Parents should accompany their children. No charge, but we encourage each family to bring a donation for Lutheran Child and Family Service of Michigan's "Golden Slumbers" Community Caring Project. Please donate pillows, sheets (crib, twin, full), blankets (baby, twin, full), quilts (infant and family size), plastic mattress protectors. These items will be donated to needy and at-risk children in Michigan. To register your child(ren) for event, call Linda at (734) 522-6830.

Nardin Park Music Series
Joseph Gramley, multi-percussionist, opens the 2004-2005 Season 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills. No charge. Pre-concert reception at 2:15 p.m. Call (248) 476-8860 or visit the Web site at www.nardinpark.org for information.

Pumpkin Patch
Noon to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, huge variety of sizes, shapes and prices, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Proceeds help support the many and varied programs at St. Matthew's. Call (734) 422-6038.

New drama
"What Happens If You Miss the Rapture,?" an original drama with live actors, video, pyros, audio and visual effects 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 West Chicago, Redford. No charge. Call (313) 255-2222, ext. 236.

Costume Party
Children and adults are invited to the Annual Costume Party 3-5 p.m. Sunday, October 31, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville, four miles south of Michigan Avenue. Get out your costumes and come enjoy refreshments, games, storytelling and family fun. Call (734) 699-3361 for more information.

Looking for classmates
St. Damian School is looking for former students to attend the first annual Alumni Mass and Reception 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 28. Catch up with your old classmates while touring the new church and gym. St. Damian celebrates 50 years in 2005. The Nov. 28 Mass kicks off the celebration. For more information or if you would like to volunteer to be part of the Alumni planning committee, send e-mail to alumni@stdamian.com.

Contemporary service
New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620.

Bible Study for Parents
For Parents with Young Children 6 p.m. Sundays at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Child care available. Call (734) 699-3361.

Lecture series
Began 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, and continues to Dec. 6, at The Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18200, Livonia. Open to anyone interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith. Call (734) 422-0010.

Grief support group
Began Monday, Oct. 11 and continues for five weeks, at Light & Life Free Methodist Church, Westland. The Connections grief support group is free and available to any child who has experience the death of a loved one. For more information or to register, call Community Hospice at (734) 522-4244.

Trinity Episcopal Church
Sunday worship 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the church 11575 Belleville Road, 4 miles south of Michigan Ave., Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361.

Fishing
For friends and faith, an evening offering something for everyone, preschool through adult, begins with an optional dinner 5:45-6:30 p.m., program runs 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays through Nov. 24, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Nominal charge. Call (734) 422-6038.

Forty Days of Purpose
Began Sunday, Oct. 3 and continues 11 a.m. Sundays through Nov. 21 with small groups meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Faith Bible Church, 34541 Five Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-7990.

UPCOMING

Book and Bake Sale
To be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6, in the Fellowship Hall at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend. The Women of the ELCA are sponsoring this scholarship fund-raiser to assist students pursuing theological study for Lutheran ordained and lay ministry. For more information, call (734) 427-1414.

Deepak Chopra lecture
The internationally known physician, author and lecturer Deepak Chopra presents groundbreaking ideas from his latest book, The Book of Secrets, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at Renaissance Unity Church, 11200 East 11 Mile, Warren. Tickets $40 in advance, $50 day of the event. Call (586) 353-2300.

Craft show
Noon to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. All proceeds go to mission projects.

A Family Christmas
The 250 voice Michigan/Ohio Concert Choir perform 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, Dearborn. Tickets $20 premium seats, $18 reserved seat, $17 for groups of 10 or more. For tickets, call (800) 993-7464. The concert is part of the choir's annual series in 8 Michigan and Ohio cities. Local members include Linda Hollman, outreach director at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia, and her husband Kyle. The concert not includes favorite holiday music selections but pageantry, visuals, costuming, special effects, and creative lighting.

Remembrance service
For the crew of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, which sank Nov. 10, 1975, 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at Mariner's Church, 170 East Jefferson, Detroit. Free parking available in For Auditorium Garage with entrance in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward. Everyone is invited including members of U.S. Coast Guard, Navy, Merchant Marine, Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and other Great Lakes-related personnel who are invited to be part of the uniformed Honor Guard at the model of the Edmund Fitzgerald. Call the church office if you plan to be in the uniformed Honor Guard, (313) 259-2206.

Conference
Featuring Lauren Winner, author of "Girl Meets God" and "Mudhouse Sabbath," speaking on Jewish Practice, Christian Spirituality: How Jewish Spirituality Can Enrigh Christian Faith, conferences begin at 4 p.m. and consist of two one-hour sessions and a break Sunday, Nov. 7, at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is $12. To register, (734) 425-2800.

St. Andrew service
Everyone is invited to attend a service in honor of St. Andrew 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, Kris Hunt will pipe, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford, Garden City. Call (734) 421-7620. St. Andrew's evangelical work took him to Scotland. He later became the patron saint of the Presbyterian church. Junior Sunday school and child care is provided. Refreshments served in Fellowship Hall after the service.

St. Andrew's Day Dinner
Includes bagpipe entertainment Sunday, Nov. 14, church service at 10 a.m. followed by dinner in Calvin Hall, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 West Six Mile, Redford. Cost is $10 adults, $5 ages 4-11, children age 4 free. The public is welcome. Call (313) 534-7730.

Crafters needed
For Christmas Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at St. Sabina School in Dearborn Hgts. For information, call Pam at (313) 537-5340 or send e-mail to gpkostecki@aol.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
A weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other will take place Friday-Sunday, Nov. 19-21, at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth. There is a $50 registration fee. For more information or to register, call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524, or visit the Web site at www.rc.net/detroit/wwme.

ONGOING

Orthodoxy 101
Explore issues of faith and morals in a course entitled "Orthodoxy 101." It meets weekly 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Road , between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The course is open to the public, and there is no cost involved. Fr. Michael Matsko will be the instructor and will lead the discussion. Please invite your friends and as Philip told Nathaniel, "Come and see." If you have any additional questions, call Beth at (248) 348-8631.

Support group
Provides spiritual, social and educational support for divorced and separated Catholic men and women 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month, at St. Andrew's Parish Center, 1400 Englewood, Rochester. For information, call (248) 652-9173 or (248) 652-3860

Grief support programs
At Hope Lutheran Church, 3640 Madison at Carlysle, Dearborn. Families are encouraged to attend together as age-specific groups are offered within one convenient location. All are welcome. Six week series for ages 13-17 began 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21. Adult six week series began 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21. To register, call Howe-Peterson Funeral Home (313) 561-6163.

Grief workshop
Began Sept. 22 and continues 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038.

Bible studies
Birmingham Bible Institute began its fall semester Sept. 21 with classes on 12 Tuesday evenings through Dec. 7, 22-courses will be taught, at Grace Baptist Church, 280 East Lincoln, Birmingham. Students receive certificates for courses successfully completed. For information, call (248) 646-2000.

New contemporary service
Began 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, new contemporary service will be held the last Sunday of the month, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. Sept. 26 drama is a look into the problem of being overloaded with requests for our time and abilities. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.

Prayer group
Join us 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer, and friendship, at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Come to the back of the church, enter entrance No. 2. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley (734) 464-3656, or Geri (734) 464-8906.

Stronger Women
Walking group, jogging, aerobic exercise, crafts, speakers, coffee social, fun and fellowship continues 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays through Nov. 18, at Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, Farmington Hills. Registration fee $25, walk-ins $5. Baby-sitting $2 per child, $4 per family per session. For more information, call (248) 661-9191.

Women of the Word
Tuesday Ladies Bible Study, Women of the Word, studies the Book of Luke, entitled Grace Under Pressure 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. $15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare available for children through age 5. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

Worship schedule
Resumed regular Sunday worship schedule beginning Sept. 12, at Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. A contemporary service called Praise Forth is held on the fourth Sunday of each month. For information, call (248) 626-7906.

New modern-style worship
Come be part of something big! Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Just north of I-96) began a new MODERN-style worship service on Sunday, Sept. 12. This multi-media service will be informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments. Dramas, led by the members, will often be part of this service. This service will be held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday, between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, youth, and adult Bible classes will also be offered at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information, call Linda Hollman, Outreach Director, at (734) 522-6830.

New service times
9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. began Sept. 12 for the fall and winter months, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860.

New Sunday School
Beginning at Heart of the Hills Church, 5085 Orion Road, Rochester, for members of the community who want to increase their biblical knowledge using materials from Scripture Press. The non-denominational program is open to all ages. No charge for the classes taking place 9:30-10:15 a.m. every Sunday. Service follows at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (248) 652-7774.

Adat Shalom
Synagogue Services are 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100.

Welcome to the church
Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you already baptized Catholic and have been away from the church? Now is the time to inquire about coming into the church or returning to the community of believers. Call Our Lady of Sorrows at (248) 615-5574 for more information.

Self help groups
Local church provides space for self-help groups. Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program for eating disorders, meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Alcoholics Anonymous, a 12-step program for alcohol related problems, meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step program for co-dependency and destructive relationship problems, meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward. Parking adjacent to church's north entrance.

Addiction No More
Do you have any addictive behavior problems - drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, etc.? Come to the meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 West Chicago, Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.

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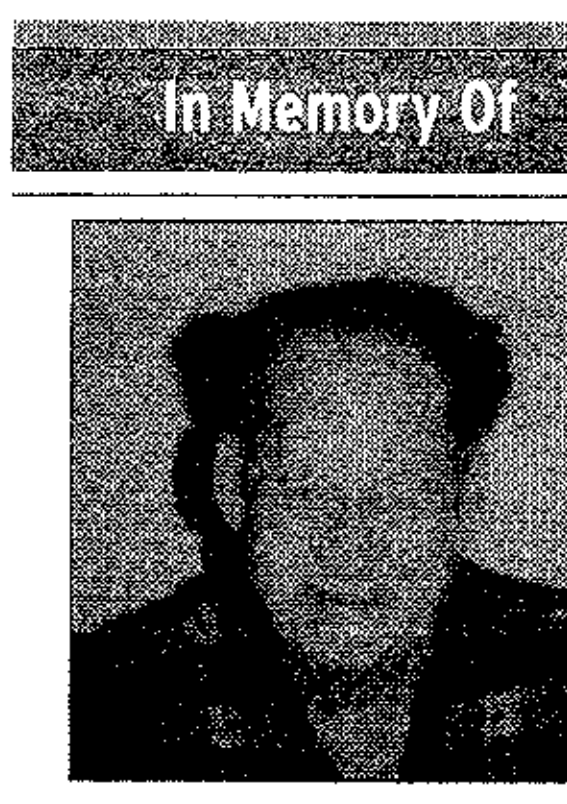


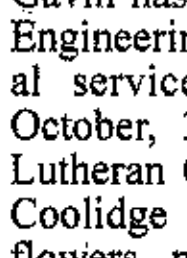
BENNIE MC QUEEN

Bennie! Remembering you is easy,
I do it every day.
Missing you is a heartache
that never goes away.
I think of you in silence,
I after speak your name.
All I have are memories
and your picture in a frame.
Your resting place I visit
and place flowers there with care.
And no one knows the heartache,
when I turn to leave you there.
Always loved and eternally missed.
Your wife, Polly.

ESTHER ZELINSKY

89, of Monroe, died Oct. 22nd in Mercy Memorial Nursing Center. Visitation was Monday at Askew-Houser Funeral Home in Ebensburg, PA. Services were 11:00 am Tuesday at the Funeral Home. Burial in Lloyd Cemetery, Cambria, PA. She was born March 23, 1915 in Colver, PA. The daughter of Joseph and Mary (Parkin) Smith. She married Andy Zelinsky August 30, 1947 in Colver, PA. She was a member of Colver Presbyterian Church. She graduated from Cambria County High School and was a member of Garden City Senior Citizens. She lived in Garden City from 1955 until coming to Monroe in 2003. Survived by two brothers, Joseph (LaRue) Smith, Colver, PA and Henry Smith, Batavia, Ohio. Preceded in death by her husband, Andy, Nov. 2, 1983, Parents, Sisters, Jean Horn & Dorothy Griffith, Brother William Smith. Online condolences may be made through www.bacarellafuneralhome.com Memorials to: Mercy Memorial Nursing Center, 700 Stewart Rd., Monroe, MI. 48162. Bacarella Funeral Home, Monroe, MI in charge of arrangements.

GAVIN F. WILSON



Of Bloomfield Hills, MI, age 83, died October 24, 2004. Beloved husband of Margaret. Loving father of Sherry (Richard) Gershenson, Karen (Ken) Walker and Gavin. Dear grandfather of Lyndsey, Hannah & Aaron. He was a dear friend to many. Gavin has been retired from Chrysler Engineering for 24 years. A memorial service will be held Saturday, October, 30, 2004 at 11 am at the Lutheran Church of the Master, 3333 Coolidge Hwy., Troy. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Leukemia Foundation of the Lutheran Church of the Master.

JAMES EDWARD RAWSON

Oct. 22, 2004. Age 75, of Westland. Beloved husband of the late Barbara Ann; dear father of Cynthia (Barry) Corden, Michael (Susan), and Patrick (Pamela). Brother of Mildred (Jimmie) Travassos. Grandfather of Nicholas (Mikala) Corden, Derek Corden, James, Ryan, Patrick Jr., and Joseph. Funeral was held Tuesday 10 a.m. at S.S. Simon & Jude Catholic Church. Family requests memorials to S.S. Simon & Jude CSA. Please visit and post a tribute at
www.uhtfuneralhome.com

MARY BRISTOL BEIER

Age 81, of Walloon Lake, MI and formerly of Birmingham, died at her home on October 21, 2004. A memorial service was held in Petoskey, MI on Tuesday. Arrangements are in the care of Stone Funeral Home of Petoskey.

LOWELL ERIK REHNER

In loving memory of Lowell Rehner who passed away unexpectedly on October 19, 2004. Born in Escanaba, Michigan over 88 years ago, he lived much of his life in Plymouth, where he practiced optometry for nearly half a century. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Marguerite, his son Alan (Kathleen), daughter Kathy (Ron), 2 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and 12 nieces and nephews. Lowell was an avid gardener who spent many happy hours tending his plants so others could enjoy the fruits of his labors. Always quick to smile and never stuck for a funny story, he will be fondly remembered by his family, friends and numerous former patients. At his request, a private cremation has taken place.

MARGARET JEAN MERRITT

Age 83, of Livonia, formerly of Plymouth, died October 25, 2004. She was born July 31, 1921, in Plymouth, where she lived for much of her life. She was an active member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth, serving as a Eucharistic Minister and also as a playground supervisor at Our Lady of Good Counsel School. She faced many difficulties throughout her life, but remained a woman of deep faith. She was most proud of being a mother and grandmother, and will be remembered as such by her loving family. She is survived by her children, Jodi Merritt, Dirk (Lisa) Merritt, and Lance (Joyce) Merritt; her son-in-law, Bill Bell; her grandchildren, Frank, Jason, Grant, Kayla, Kyle, Hunter, Krista Joy, and Holly; her sisters, Mildred Wesley, Madeline Hunt, and Marjorie McKillip; her brother, Donald Allen; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her daughters, Nancy Bell and Krista Merritt. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth, Thursday 10:30am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Arrangements entrusted to
Schrader-Howell Funeral Home
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MARGARET J. SOLANO

Age 86, of Rochester Hills, former long time resident of Garden City, October 24, 2004. Wife of the late Raymond Mother of Robert (Carole)Solano of Rochester Hills. Grandmother of Stefanie & Christopher Solano. Sister of Mary Coyle of New Port Richey, FL. Brother George Garman of San Antonio, TX. Margaret was retired from Ford Motor Co. with 29 years of service. Private Memorial Service was held at Pixley Funeral Home, Rochester, MI. Family request memorial contributions to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073-9952

LOIS BRYAN

Age 75, of Livonia, formerly of Marshalltown, Iowa, died October 21, 2004, at Arden Courts in Livonia. She was born December 10, 1928, in Marshalltown, the daughter of Charles and Jessie Cooper Swearingen. She was a 1948 graduate of Marshalltown High School. Lois was united in marriage with Roy Keith Bryan on November 15, 1948, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church, serving as a Sunday School teacher, youth leader, Deaconess and led Bible Studies at area nursing homes. She enjoyed quilting, and she and Roy traveled worldwide with Friendship Force International. Lois and Roy enjoyed wintering in Venice, Florida, for a number of years. She is survived by her children, Denise Ray of Marshalltown, Deborah (Howard) Meadows of Iowa City, and Michael (Denise) Bryan of Plymouth; her grandchildren, Debbie Meadows, Jenni Stanfield, Holly Meadows, Michelle (Chris) Holl, Jon Meadows, Matthew Bryan, Laura Bryan, Daniel Bryan, Robyn Ray, and Jeffrey Ray; her great-grandchildren, Ashley, Ryan, Joel, Heather, Sarah, and Max; her brother, Carl (Emily) Swearingen; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her brother, Jack Swearingen. Funeral services were held Monday, October 25, 2004, at First Baptist Church in Marshalltown, Iowa. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church in her name. Local arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, (734)453-3333

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Fall champions

The WaCo Wolves finished 5-0 to win the 22-team Fall Mountain Classic baseball tournament in Knoxville, Tenn. Thanks to the offense of Chris Chaney (Ann Arbor Huron), Taylor Younce (Livonia Churchill) and Steve Dolan, the Wolves defeated the McDuffey (Pa.) Highlanders in the final game, 11-0, avenging a 14-1 setback in last year's tournament on a two-hitter by Anthony Bass. The Wolves also received strong defense from Tyler Locklear (Plymouth), Younce and Arbour in the championship game. In pool play, the Wolves beat the Lynora (Pa.) Lancers, 3-2, as Chaney tossed a two-hitter and clubbed a mammoth home run. Younce and Arbour had two hits apiece. In the second game, Danny Harder (Brighton) hit a 2-run homer and added an RBI triple in a 3-1 win over the Pro Concept Baseball of host Knoxville. Pitcher John Ballarin (Redford Catholic Central) got the victory with Andrew Pinkelaman earning the save. In the third round, the Wolves jumped out to a 5-0 lead en route to a victory over Sevier County (Tenn.) as both Chaney and Bass each hit homers. Locklear and Billy Hardin (Redford CC) each added two hits, while pitcher Tyler Loehr (Brighton) pitched a 1-hitter and struck out 11. Arbour, Hardin and Loehr each had two hits in a 19-3 semifinal win over the Georgia Bobcats. Pitchers Steve Hajdin (Strongsville, Ohio) and Bass teamed up for the victory.

Whalers fall out of 1st place

The Plymouth Whalers dropped to second place in the Ontario Hockey League's Western Division thanks to a 4-1 setback to the Ottawa '67's Sunday afternoon at Compuware Arena.

Plymouth is now 5-6-1-1 and one point behind first-place Windsor, which takes a 5-5-2-1 record into this weekend's contests. Julian Talbot carried the hot stick for the '67's, scoring two goals — the team's first and final tallies. Bryan Bickell and Jakub Petruzalek also put the puck in the net for Ottawa. Nick Van Herpt, Brad Bonello, Peter Tsimikalis, Kyle Wharton, Mark Mancari, Derek Joslin and Lukas Kaspar had assists for the winners.

The Whalers' lone goal was scored by John Mitchell, who was assisted by Mike Knight at 17:53 of the second period.

Ottawa goalie Danny Battochio earned the victory in net, stopping 19 Plymouth shots.

Ryan Nie suffered the defeat despite turning away 29 Ottawa shots. The 67's led 1-0 after the first period and 2-1 with 20 minutes left to play.



United we stand

Livonia United, an under-14 girls team, captured the 2005 Michigan State Youth Soccer Association Cup tournament with a 1-0 overtime win over USL, Oct. 17, at Founders Field in Farmington. Victoria Speer (Livonia) scored the game-winning goal. United also defeated two-time defending state cup champion Michigan Hawks, 2-0, in the semifinals. United's Bailey Brandon (Livonia) earned the Most Valuable Player award, while Stephanie Turner (Livonia) received the MVP goalie award. United did not allow a goal in tournament play. Currently ranked No. 13 in the nationalsoccerrankings.com, United now advances to play in the U.S. Youth Soccer Region Tourney next June in South Dakota. Other members of United, coached by Greg Thompson and managed by Mike Duggan, included: Taylor Adkins, Carolyn Duggan, Kayla Johnston, Alyssa Mira, Julianne Puroll and Jessica Stroud, all of Livonia; Katie Shull, Canton; Kendal Wong, Farmington; Jeannette Dolmetsch, Northville; Kayla Addison, Southfield; Rachel Barndt, Novi; Carolyn Olsen, Chelsea; Fatima Nasser, Dearborn; Brittany Toor, Dearborn Heights; and Allie Zemaitis, Milford.

BOYS SOCCER

2004 ALL-WESTERN LAKES BOYS SOCCER TEAMS
ALL-CONFERENCE

Defenders: Mike Blasius, Jr., Northville; Eric McKee, Jr., Canton; Drew Edmonds, Sr., W.L. Western; Kyle Thom, Jr., Livonia Stevenson.

Midfielders: Brad Marsh, Sr., Canton; Mike Kelleher, Sr., Northville; Nick Dordeski, Sr., Stevenson; Jake Bennett, Jr., Salem.

Forwards: James Hannah, Sr., Northville; Jordan Fylonenko, Sr., Stevenson; Mike Cornelius, Jr., Northville; Billy Sanders, Sr., Livonia Churchill; Thiago Harris, Sr., Salem.

ALL-DIVISION

Goalkeepers: Steve Mischung, Sr., Canton; Steve Besk, Sr., Northville; Robbie Miller, Sr., Livonia Franklin; Mitch Hildebrandt, Soph., Stevenson; Ricardo Sanchez, Jr., Westland John Glenn.

Defenders: Justin Girouard, Jr., Wayne Memorial; Curtis Rose, Sr., Canton; Michael Mukhtar, Sr., Walled Lake Western; Scott Hammerle, Sr., Northville; Brandon Barkoski, Jr., Northville; Brett Windecker, Jr., Salem; Drew Lundgren, Jr., Walled Lake Central.

Forwards: Andrew Koet, Soph., Plymouth; Bobby Merritt, Jr., Stevenson; Dave Hall, Sr., Salem; Mark Schubert, Sr., Churchill; Ryan Pepper, Sr., Walled Lake Northern.

Midfielders: Sean Dillon, Jr., Plymouth; Jason Houdek, Canton; Enrique Acevedo, Jr., Northville; Keith Sied, Sr., Stevenson; Louie Djokic, Sr., Stevenson; Brad Zonca, Sr., Salem; Brad Jackson, Sr., Churchill.

HONORABLE MENTION

Stevenson: Brent Lewis, Nick Ahwal, Dan Pichler, Alex Wozniak; **Northville:** Michael Chang, Phil Yutzy, Nick Kaldis; **Salem:** Sean Williams, Russ Heidenreich, Steve Zelmanski; **Canton:** Andy Cortellini, Adam Pitt, Justin Fishaw, Ben Krause; **Churchill:** David Kroll, Dan Karas, Jason Gillow, Chris Lantto; **Plymouth:** Jim Wilbur, Nick Siekirk, David Lewandowski, Ali Youssef, Steve Schaffer; **W.L. Western:** Brent Kempster, Aaron Rzeznik, Andrew Stratton, Kazuki Sakamoto; **W.L. Northern:** George Suidan, Joe Godell, Shane Beslock, Brendon Rogers; **Franklin:** Diego Fernandez, Brandon Filipiak, Mat Coston, Jeff Turney; **W.L. Central:** Ben Johnston, Michael Morianti, Adam Percha, Jon Serra; **John Glenn:** Jeff Novak, Xhensil Korcari, Kyle Dahn, Kyle Maxwell; **Wayne:** Andrew Selvia, Kyle Lehmann, Ryan Nielson, Matt Kleitch.

PREP FOOTBALL

2004 ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL TEAMS
ALL-CONFERENCE OFFENSE

Quarterback: Vinnie DeLuca, 6-0, 180, Sr., Westland John Glenn.

Running backs: Jason Tominna, 5-8, 160, Sr., Walled Lake Western; Chuck Schumacher, 5-11, 185, Sr., Canton; Mat Stilec, 5-10, 183, Sr., Northville.

Wide receivers: Steve Mendian, 6-1, 205, Sr., Walled Lake Western; Nathan Beard, 5-10, 154, Sr., John Glenn.

Tight end: Brian Rider, 6-3, 190, Sr., Canton.

Interior lineman: Mike Manoogian, 6-3, 256, Sr., Churchill; Eric Kilijanczyk, 6-2, 255, Sr., Canton; Russ Bruner, 6-2, 220, Sr., Canton; Mark Yassay, 6-6, 260, Sr., Northville.

Center: Vern Emmons, 5-11, 235, Sr., John Glenn.

Kicker: Craig Dropiewski, 5-11, 158, Jr., Walled Lake Central.

ALL-CONFERENCE DEFENSE

Down lineman: Justin Bowie, 5-10, 205, Sr., Wayne; P.J. Caram, 5-11, 200, Sr., Canton; Chad Strye, 5-11, 235, Sr., Walled Lake Western.

End-OLB: Jeff Piper, 6-3, 195, Jr., Canton; Steve Bronsted, 6-2, 220, Sr., Stevenson.

Linebacker: Manuel Schubert, 5-7, 187, Sr., Churchill; Jake Powers, 6-2, 230, Sr., Canton; Jeff Hudson, 5-10, 190, Sr., Canton.

Defensive back: Julian Smith, 6-4, 220, Sr., Canton; Tim Bingham, 6-0, 186, Sr., John Glenn; Ben Adams, 6-1, 162, Sr., Churchill.

Punter: Justin Goltz, 6-4, 205, Jr., Walled Lake Central.

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION OFFENSE

Quarterback: Charlie Thomas, 6-0, 213, Jr., Northville.

Running backs: Blaine Simmons, 5-8, 150, Jr., Wayne; Brent Jones, 5-10, 182, Jr., Plymouth; D.J. Tracy, 6-2, 221, Jr., Franklin.

Wide receivers: Richie Nejman, 5-10, 168, Sr., Nothville; Brian Aneed, 5-8, 160, Sr., Franklin.

Tight end: Scott Payton, 6-2, 220, Sr., Walled Lake Western.

Interior lineman: J.D. Gerblick, 6-5, 230, Sr., Northville; John Lloyd, 6-0, 205, Sr., Wayne; Kevin Pruett, 6-4, 230, Sr., Canton; Brian Glad, 5-9, 175, Sr., Walled Lake Western.

Center: Steve Berry, 6-0, 262, Sr., Northville.

Kicker: Evan Corbeil, 6-0, 165, Jr., Northville.

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION DEFENSE

Down lineman: Ryan Xuerb, 5-10, 251, Sr., Northville; Nic Skoglund, 6-2, 235, Sr., Franklin; Andy Rossow, 6-0, 180, Jr., Canton.

End-OLB: Joe Prain, 6-2, 217, Sr., Northville; Randy Wright, 6-1, 210, Jr., Walled Lake Western.

Linebacker: Jeremy Jamnick, 6-0, 210, Sr., Wayne; Bert Smith, 5-11, 207, Sr., Franklin; Andrew Kirby, 6-1, 193, Sr., Northville.

Defensive back: Scott Steffes, 5-11, 190, Sr., Canton; Doug Johnson, 6-1, 180, Jr., Wayne; Phil Muszynski, 5-11, 155, Jr., Franklin.

Punter: Travis Maxey, 6-0, 190, Jr., Walled Lake Western.

ALL-LAKES DIVISION OFFENSE

Quarterback: Chad Casey, 6-1, 175, Jr., Stevenson.

Running backs: Kevin Bradley, 6-2, 200, Jr., Salem; Jacob Howell, 5-8, 172, Sr., Stevenson; Rece Cox, 5-8, 185, Sr., Westland John Glenn.

Wide receivers: Tim Cross, 6-1, 175, Jr., Walled Lake Central; Evan Jacobson, 6-3, 280, Jr., Walled Lake Northern.

Tight end: Jonathan Marsh, 6-2, 230, Sr., Salem.

Interior lineman: Peter Scott, 5-9, 220, Sr., Walled Lake Central; Jeremy Coulter, 5-11, 243, Sr., John Glenn; Cory Sinischo, 6-4, 225, Sr., Salem; Nick Gapen, 5-11, 234, Sr., Stevenson.

Center: Hafeez Qureshi, 5-10, 215, Sr., Churchill.

ALL-LAKES DIVISION DEFENSE

Down lineman: Sabuda, 5-8, 202, Sr., Stevenson; Terry Pittman, 6-1, 205, Sr., John Glenn; Aaron Chenault, 5-10, 230, Sr., Walled Lake Central.

End-OLB: Michael Johnson, 6-0, 192, Sr., Churchill; Brett Schwartz, 6-2, 200, Sr., John Glenn.

Linebacker: Steve Lehane, 6-0, 185, Sr., Salem; Brandon Smith, 6-0, 193, Sr., Stevenson.

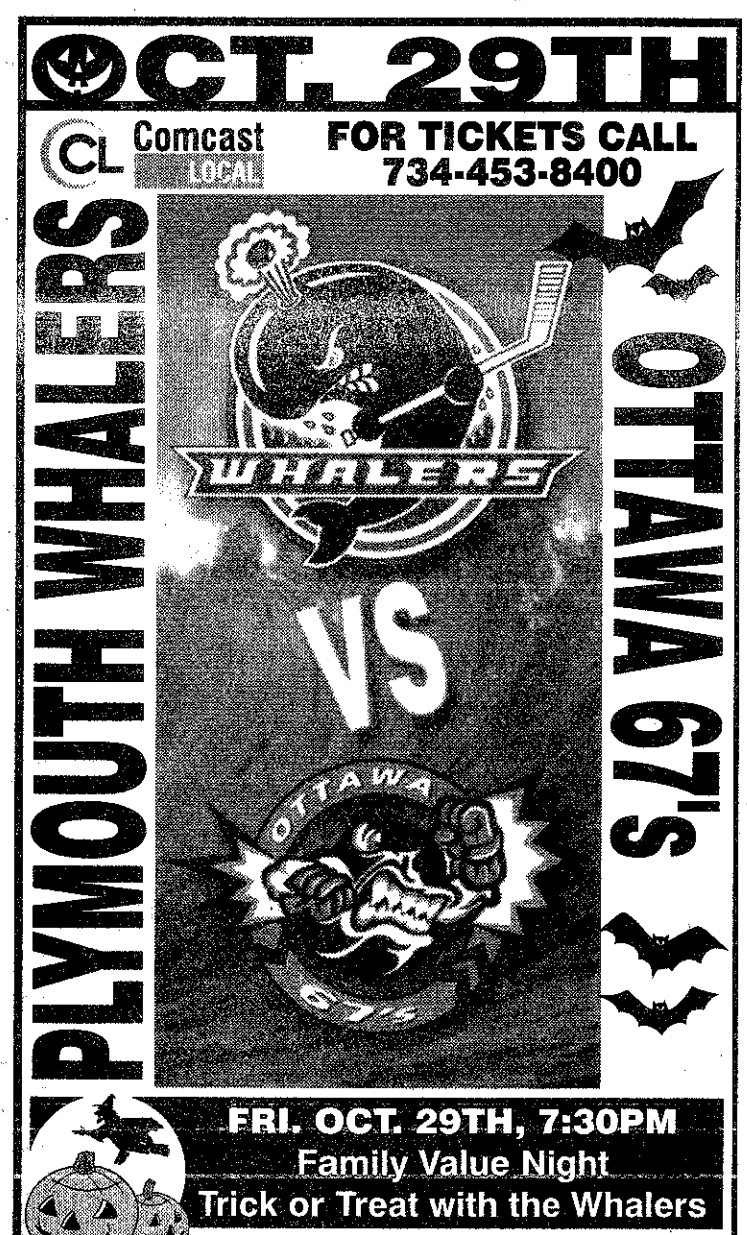
Lineman: Dan Cover, 5-11, 194, Sr., John Glenn.

Defensive back: Chris MacFarland, 6-2, 170, Sr., Stevenson; Nick Carignan, 6-0, 160, Sr., Churchill; Chad Adamiec, 6-2, 180, Sr., Walled Lake Central.

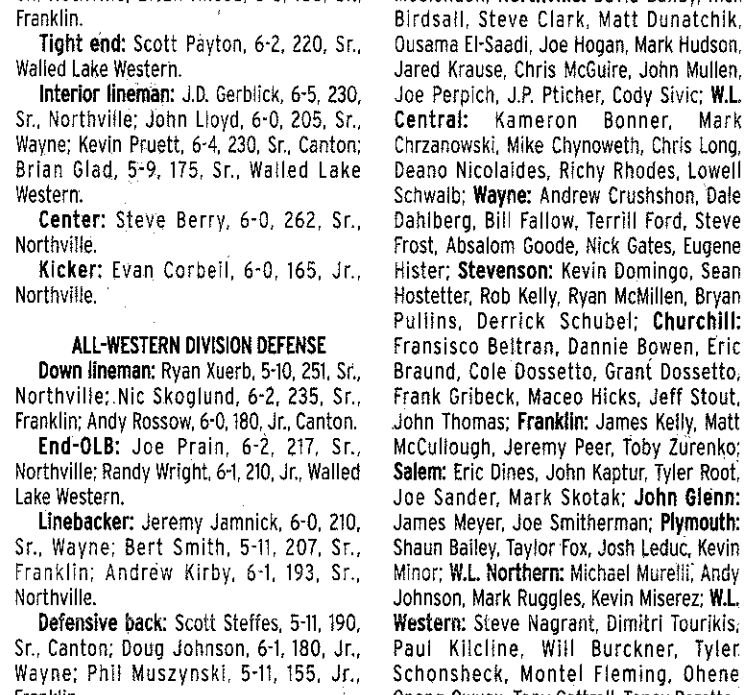
Punter: Ryan Sheridan, [illegible], Walled Lake Northern.

HONORABLE MENTION

Canton: Matt D'Avanzo, Bryan Wagner, David Neu, Josh Perkovich, Matt Sweda, Collin O'Shaughnessy, Kyle O'Neil, Mitch Miller, Adam Hester, Shawn Little, Deshon McClendon; **Northville:** David Bandy, Rick Birdsall, Steve Clark, Matt Dunatchik, Ousama El-Saadi, Joe Hogan, Mark Hudson, Jared Krause, Chris McGuire, John Mullen, Joe Perpich, J.P. Pticher, Cody Sivic; **W.L. Central:** Kameron Bonner, Mark Chrzanowski, Mike Chynoweth, Chris Long, Deano Nicolaides, Richy Rhodes, Lowell Schwalb; **Wayne:** Andrew Crushshon, Dale Dahlberg, Bill Fallow, Terrill Ford, Steve Frost, Absalom Goode, Nick Gates, Eugene Hister; **Stevenson:** Kevin Domingo, Sean Hostetter, Rob Kelly, Ryan McMillen, Bryan Pullins, Derrick Schubel; **Churchill:** Fransisco Beltran, Dannie Bowen, Eric Braund, Cole Dossetto, Grant Dossetto, Frank Gribeck, Maceo Hicks, Jeff Stout, John Thomas; **Franklin:** James Kelly, Matt McCullough, Jeremy Peer, Toby Zurenko; **Salem:** Eric Dines, John Kaptur, Tyler Root, Joe Sander, Mark Skotak; **John Glenn:** James Meyer, Joe Smitherman; **Plymouth:** Shaun Bailey, Taylor Fox, Josh Leduc, Kevin Minor; **W.L. Northern:** Michael Murelli, Andy Johnson, Mark Ruggles, Kevin Miserez; **W.L. Western:** Steve Nagrant, Dimitri Tourikis, Paul Kilcline, Will Burckner, Tyler Schonsheck, Montel Fleming, Ohene Opong-Owusu, Tony Cottrell, Toney Peretto.









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FLASH BACK

In 1971, Joe Martin, a San Francisco businessman, and his wife Emma purchased the 100-acre Behler Ranch Vineyard in Kenwood, Calif. After several years of growing and selling grapes to local wineries, the decision was made in 1979 to build a winery and name it after St. Francis of Assisi, in recognition of the saint's role as a protector of the natural world and as acknowledgement of the Franciscan order, believed to have been the first to bring European grape growing to the new world.

Popularity of St. Francis wines maxed out the original winery. A new state-of-the-art facility was completed in time for the 1999 harvest. Over the past 25 years, St. Francis has built an extensive portfolio of vineyards that allows Mackey to select fruit and make big and bold style wines consistently.

GENTLE LEADS TO BOLD

Big and bold wines require a gentle winemaking approach which begins in the vineyard by hand harvesting grapes. "To me," Mackey said, "big means a complex and layered wine that is an expression of ideal vineyard conditions and thoughtful winemaking. The results are wines of extraordinary flavor, richness and intensity. They stand out. In that sense, they are bold."

Although we like every wine St. Francis makes, the following really get us excited:

■ 2002 St. Francis Sonoma County Chardonnay $15. There are a lot of chardonnays on the market, but for hints of oak over citrus pear, apple and tropical fruits, none delivers as well at this price.

■ 2000 St. Francis Sonoma County Merlot $20. "Merlot," Mackey says, "is a victim of its own success. Today, it's planted in many places where it should not be grown. The bar for merlot has been raised and we believe we vault well with this wine." Call it delightful and delicious.

■ 2001 St. Francis Old

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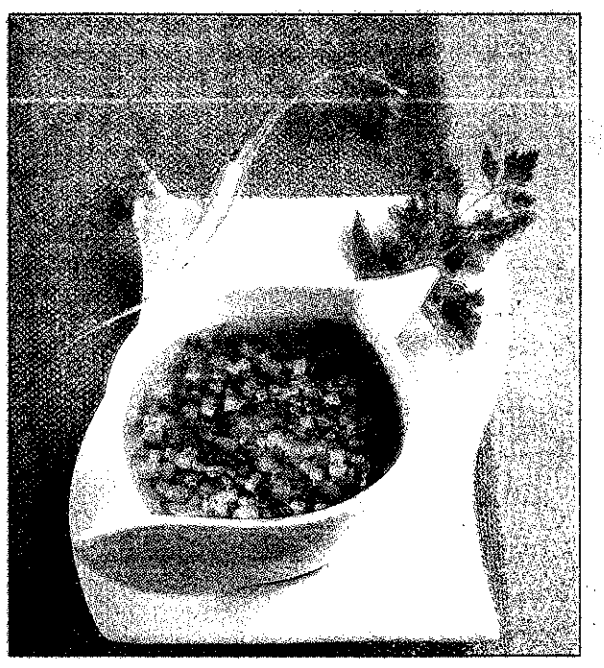



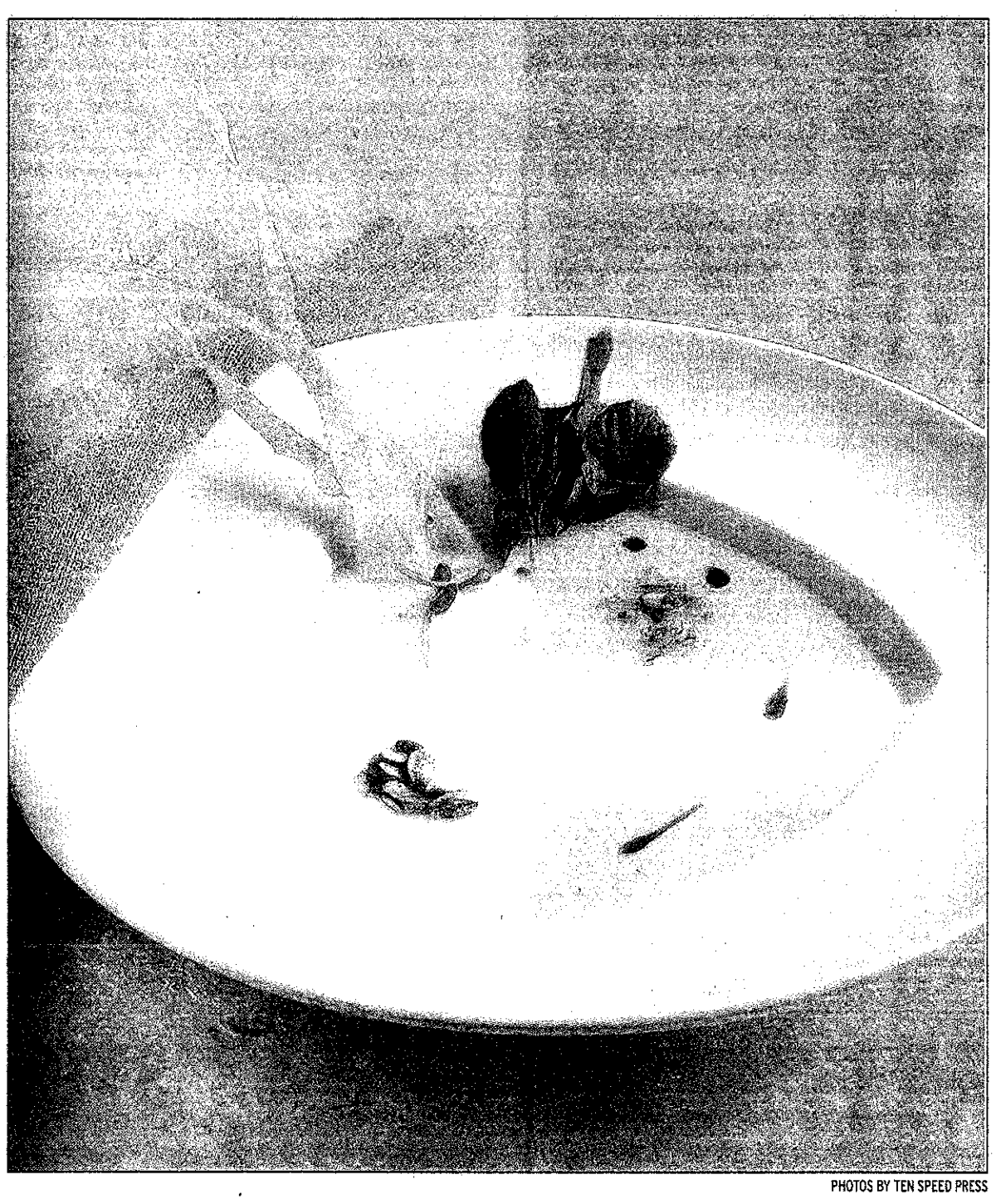

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Top left, Betty's Lentil Soup helped instill a love of cooking in George Morrone at a young age. This soup brings back memories for him which he highlights in a new cookbook. Top right, Sea of Cortez Scallop Bisque features samphire, a seaweed which can be found at specialty and gourmet food stores. Above, this combination of cream of parsnip and pumpkin soups captures the spirit of fall, especially when pumpkins are everywhere at Halloween.

Simply soup

Simmer and stir up flavors

With brisk autumn winds now in full force, home cooks focus on foods that bring warmth to the table and the stomach, such as soup.

George Marrone, owner of Tartare in San Francisco, highlighted his love and appreciation of soup with John Harrisson in *Simply Elegant Soup, 2004, Ten Speed Press, Berkeley, Calif.*

Why soup? It's a rare diner who can't recall a favorite soup or remember favorite memories, writes Marrone.

"Many individuals are conditioned to think of soup as mundane, but soup can be much more complex than first meets the eye," Marrone writes. "I have always enjoyed taking the opportunity, as a professional chef, to elevate the status of soup on my menus, so that they are just as interesting and appealing as the other first-course offerings — and maybe even more so."

Marrone takes his mother's Argentinian background and father's Italian one and blends their passion for food into the book. Soup was a staple in their home every season of the year, as he grew up on minestrone, pasta e fagoli (a pasta and bean soup), clam chowder and lentil soup, among others.

"Soups are a wonderfully versatile and adaptable course," he writes. "They can be comforting and satisfying, but they can also be elegant and sophisticated." Part of the enjoyment, he says, is to "elevate sometimes humble and mundane ingredients to special level, allowing them center stage, right in the spotlight."

Nothing pleases him more, he adds, than taking broccoli, cauliflower or squash and turning into a dish that really catches his guests' attention and get their palates to take notice.

Of course, soupmaking requires excellent homemade stock, not the canned kind. And good food takes time.

But these recipes run the gamut from simple (Betty's Lentil Soup) to the more complex (Jean-Louis'

PLEASE SEE **SOUP, D2**

Side dish

Holiday recipes

Do you wonder what vegetarians eat during the holidays as you sink your teeth into the roast turkey? Now you can find out and savor some culinary treats at the Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Seventh-day Adventist School Gym, 15585 Haggerty Road, just north of 5 Mile in Plymouth.

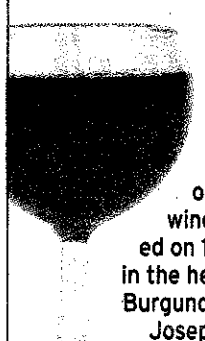
Samplings include main dish creations, but there will be many hors d'oeuvres, salads, vegetable creations and desserts. Each cook will be serving their oen dish so you will be able to get information about the recipes on the spot. A registered dietitian, several physicians and a certified fitness trainer will be among the servers to answer nutritional questions. A cookbook with recipes from the last 15 years will be available for $20 and a booklet with recipes from this year and last year's events for $6.

There will be three seatings at this event at 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $12 per person. Children 6-12 years are $4. Tickets are available only in advance and are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. The event is a sellout each year. Call (734) 495-0472 for tickets.

Winemaker Dinner

A Winemaker Dinner at Tribute Restaurant in Farmington Hills will kick off the 23rd International Detroit Wine Auction.

Tribute's Winemaker Dinner, hosted by Gary and Kay Cowger, will feature Laurent Drouhin of the famed Maison Joseph Drouhin in France on Friday, Nov. 5. A family-owned winery located on 160 acres in the heart of Burgundy, Maison Joseph Drouhin has built a reputation for wines that primarily reflect their individual terroir and vintage. The Drouhin firm constantly strives for wines of breed, finesse and elegance.



Tribute's Dinner, designed for Wine Auction benefactors and event sponsors, will blend fine wines with the award-winning cuisine of executive chef Takashi Yagihashi. A silent auction and live auction between courses and following the dinner will benefit the scholarship program for the College for Creative Studies.

The weekend of events will continue the following night, Saturday, Nov. 6, with the Detroit International Wine Auction at the Detroit Renaissance Center.

For ticket information, call the College for Creative Studies at (313) 664-7464. Tribute Restaurant is located at 34125 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

SOUP RECIPES

Author George Morrone's mother instilled in him a love of cooking, and this soup of hers brings back memories for him of fall and winter meals, and of growing up in New Jersey. She would return from work at 6 p.m. and start preparing the family meal from scratch. The family was used to eating late.

Since this coup is not pureed, take care to finely and neatly dice the vegetables as this will add to the visual presentation. You can experiment by making this soup with red or brown lentils.

Betty's Lentil Soup

- 1-¼ cups green lentils
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, finely diced
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 2 ribs celery, peeled and finely diced
- 3 carrots, peeled
- 3 sprigs thyme, plus 2 sprigs for garnish
- 4 sprigs flat-leaf parsley
- 1 dried bay leaf
- ⅛ teaspoon cayenne pepper, or to taste
- salt
- 4 cups chicken stock or vegetable stock

Cover the lentils with lukewarm water in a mixing bowl and soak for 20 minutes.

Heat the olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat and add the onion, garlic, and celery. Sweat the vegetables for about eight minutes, until translucent, making sure they do not brown. Finely dice half of the carrots and grate the remaining half; add both to the pan along with the thyme, parsley, the bay leaf, cayenne pepper, and salt.

Drain and rinse the lentils and add them to the pan. Add the stock, bring to a simmer, and skim off any foam or impurities that rise to the surface. Cover the pan, turn down the heat to low, and cook for 45 to 60 minutes, until the lentils are tender. Remove the thyme, parsley, and bay leaf and adjust the seasonings.

Finely mince the remaining two thyme sprigs. To serve, ladle the soup into warm shallow soup bowls and sprinkle with the thyme. Serves four.

Recipe courtesy of Simply Elegant Soup by George Morrone.

Samphire, also known as salicornia, glasswort, or seabean, grows on both the East and West Coasts. Hits crisp texture and salth flavor make it a great addition to this soup, as well as to salads. By all means use another fresh seaweed with good texture instead. Samphire can be found at gourmet or specialty food stores. For an optional presentation, garnish the soup with lightly sautéed bay scallops.

Sea of Cortez Scallop Bisque

- 3 tablespoons grapeseed oil
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- ½ cup minced white onion
- 12 ounces bay scallops (about 60 scallops)
- ½ cup dry vermouth
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 cup créme fraiche
- salt and cayenne pepper

- 4 fresh pink scallops, in the shell, for garnish (optional)
- ¼ cup fresh samphire, cut into 2-inch lengths, for garnish
- 4 peeled lemon segments, for garnish
- freshly cracked pink pepper, for garnish

Heat two tablespoons of the oil in a saucepan set over medium heat. Add the garlic and onion and sweat until soft, about eight minutes. Reserving 20 of the scallops (about one-third of the total) for the garnish, add the remaining two-thirds of the scallops to the pan and sauté for three or four minutes, taking care not to let the mixture caramelize. Add the vermouth and bring to a boil. Add the cream and créme fraiche, return to a boil, and season lightly with salt and cayenne pepper. Transfer to a blender, in batches if necessary, and puree until smooth. Strain through a fine-mesh strainer into a clean saucepan and keep warm.

Heat the remaining one tablespoon oil in a large sauté pan set over medium heat. When the oil is hot and almost smoking, carefully add the 20 remaining bay scallops and sauté for five to six minutes, until well caramelized. Remove the scallops with a slotted spoon and transfer them to a small mixing bowl. Add the pink scallops to the pan, cover, and sauté for four to five minutes, shaking the pan frequently, just until they open. Set aside on a plate.

Bring a small saucepan or water to a boil and add the samphire. Blanch for 30 seconds, drain, and add to the bowl containing the 20 cooked scallops. Season with salt and cayenne pepper. Divide the mixture among four warm wide soup bowls, arranging it in the center, and ladle the warm soup around. Garnish each serving by placing a cooked pink scallop and a lemon segment on top of the cooked scallops in the center of each bowl and sprinkling with freshly cracked pepper. Serves four.

Recipe courtesy of Simply Elegent Soup by George Morrone.

This soup captures the essence of the fall season, when Halloween is upon us and pumpkins are everywhere. It is the time of year in the kitchen when root vegetables really come into their own, with their hearty flavors and textures. In this recipe, the velvety, silky quality of the pumpkin works particularly well with the subtle spiciness of the parsnips. Sugar pumpkins are usually smaller than regular pumpkins, with sweeter and more tender pulp.

You can use acorn or butternut squash instead of pumpkin, in which case the color and flavors will be a little different, but equally satisfying.

Pumpkin seed oil is available at specialty food stores (and Williams-Sonoma, for example), or you can substitute hazelnut oil.

Cream of Parsnip and Pumpkin Soups With Parsnip Chips

Pumpkin Soup:

- 1 sugar pumpkin (about 5 pounds)
- 1 tablespoon grapeseed oil
- salt and cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 large white onion, diced
- 2 small cloves garlic, minced
- 5 cups chicken stock
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper, more as needed
- 1 cup heavy cream
- salt

Parsnip Soup:

- 2-½ tablespoons grapeseed oil
- 1 leek (about 8 ounces), white part only, washed and thinly sliced
- ½ yellow onion (about 4 ounces), thinly sliced
- ½ jalapeño, seeded and thinly sliced
- 4 parsnips (about 1 pound), peeled and sliced
- 10 ounces celery root (about ½ celery root), peeled and diced
- 4 cups chicken stock or vegetable stock
- ½ cup heavy cream
- zest of ½ lemon, minced
- salt and cayenne pepper

Parsnip Chips:

- 2 cups canola or safflower oil, for frying
- 1 large parsnip (about 6 ounces), peeled and thinly sliced lengthwise
- salt and cayenne pepper

Garnish:

- 2 tablespoons pumpkin seed oil
- pumpkin seeds reserved from pumpkin
- 4 sprigs watercress

Preheat the oven to 325º F. Cut the pumpkin in half vertically and scoop out the seeds and fibers; clean and reserve the seeds. Place the pumpkin in a roasting pan, drizzle the flesh with the grapeseed oil, and season with salt and cayenne pepper. Turn the pumpkin flesh-side down and roast for 45 to 60 minutes, until tender. Meanwhile, prepare the pumpkin seeds and parsnip soup.

Prepare the reserved pumpkin seeds by tossing them in a bowl with the one tablespoon extra virgin olive oil. Season with salt and cayenne pepper and evenly spread out the seeds on a cookie sheet. Roast, stirring occasionally, until crispy and golden brown, 10 to 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool.

To prepare the pumpkin soup, melt the butter in a large saucepan set over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and sweat for 8 to 10 minutes, until soft and translucent, do not let the mixture brown. Scoop out the flesh from the roasted pumpkin and add to the saucepan. Add four cups of the stock and the cayenne pepper, increase the heat to medium-high, and bring to a boil. Add the cream and return to a boil. Immediately remove the pan from the heat, transfer the mixture to a blender or food processor in batches, and puree until smooth. Pass the mixture through a medium-fine strainer into a clean saucepan. Adjust the consistency of the soup with the remaining one cup stock, as needed. Adjust the seasonings with salt and cayenne pepper and keep warm. Serves four.

Recipe courtesy of Simply Elegent Soup by George Morrone.

CALENDAR

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Cooking at Schoolcraft

Enjoy continuing education classes taught by culinary arts instructors at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Marcus Haight, certified executive chef and Schoolcraft instructor, will teach his Five Star Restaurant Revue 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13. Cost is $139 per class. Bruce Konowalow, director of culinary arts at Schoolcraft, will teach a hands-on class on Stewing & Braising 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. Cost is $109. Certified Master Chef Jeff Gabriel will teach Wok Stir Fry: Hands-On 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9. Kelli Lewton teaches What's For Dinner Tonight? 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 11. Cost is $79. For more information on these and other culinary arts continuing education classes visit www.schoolcraft.edu under Continuing Education Schedule or call (734) 462-4448.

Make Cider

Bring up to one bushel of washed apples and containers to make and take your own apple cider, using a hand-powered cider press at the Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center near Rochester on the following Sundays in October: Oct. 31. Fee is $3. Call the Nature Center at (586) 781-4621 to reserve a time.

Cooking classes

Sign up for Cuisine du Jour hands-on culinary training with Chef Keith Famie, the instructor for a Southeastern Asian Epicurean Journey 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 21. You can see a Wolf product presentation (a free class) 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, Nov. 9 or Dec. 14 at Trevarrow, 1295 N. Opdyke, in Auburn Hills. For more information, visit www.trevarrowinc.com or call (800) 482-1948.

Healthy Cooking Classes

Vegetarian, whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get "hands-on" experience preparing the recipes. Each class includes discussions on the healthy benefits of the ingredients. Upcoming classes include the Fall Cooking Series 2004 on Oct. 27. Wilson also offers a four-week Beginning Series, which she recommends as the "best place to start as the class is the most informative." Dates for all classes and schedule changes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are held in Garden City and the fee for each class is $25. Visit www.macroval.com or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.

SOUP

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Chestnut-Foie Gras Soup). The recipes probably require an intermediate cooking skill, but Morrone keeps the ingredient lists simple and discusses substitutes (acorn or butternut squash instead of a sugar pumpkin in the cream of pumpkin soup).

The soups cover all four seasons, too. Cream of parsnip and cream of pumpkin soups with parsnip chips will brighten that cloudy fall day. Winters

cauliflower and roquefort soup, and spring will be greeted with green asparagus soup. Chilled avocado soup with Hawaiian Plantation Shrimp surely will hit the spot on a summer afternoon.

The book also gives other versatile tips that you can incorporate into other dishes.

eggplant garnish along with the roasted eggplant in the soup. You can create the pickled eggplant for other dishes, such as green salads, as a spread or to top bruschetta.

Morrone encourages readers to enjoy the recipes and that they should not be intimidated

ment with ingredients and simplify where necessary, as suggested in the recipe sidebar notes," Morrone said. "The beauty of soups is that they are versatile – they can be rustic or elegant and made for large or small gatherings.

"Most of all, soup is a comforting food, with satisfying flavors and textures."

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Refried beans, sweet potatoes make quick, gourmet vegetarian dishes

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HYDE PARK, N.Y. (AP) – When I recently dropped off Leo at The Culinary Institute of America, it was with a mixture of pride and profound concern.

Unlike so many of his teenage peers, Leo knew early what he wanted in life and worked hard to get it. He didn't fritter away his time on nonsense television; he was planted firmly in front of the Food Network learning how to make fritters.

And while most boys his age lust over tabloid-style models, his bedside reading tends to be populated more by the Emerils and Ming Tsais of the world.

Leo and I were paired up as part of a mentoring program several years ago. Since then I have watched his culinary interests grow, and helped to nudge him along this path with more than a dash of pride. And I confess I planted the idea of The Culinary Institute.

So why the concern? When that thick acceptance envelope arrived last spring I realized I knew little about what Leo actually would learn when he headed off to what is one of the world's top culinary schools.

So I hit the stacks and started my research. And I wasn't sure I liked what I found.

When Leo graduates I want him to understand food as more than an object to be crafted. I want him to know it as a source of passion and emotion, as something which goes to the heart of culture and family.

When he picks up an heirloom tomato at the farmers' market, I want him to appreciate the care the grower put into it, to sense the generations of men and women who saved their seeds so he could pick that fruit.

My concern was attitude and approach. Would the school turn him into one of those pretentious [illegible]

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Or would he learn that the joy of food is the visceral connection it provides between people and their environment? Would he know that sometimes the most meaningful, most impressive dishes are those cooked by people who aren't cooks?

I was afraid not. I flipped through *The Professional Chef* (Wiley, 2002, $65), a massive and somewhat cold textbook-cum-cookbook put together by The Culinary Institute.

Sure, there's plenty of real food. The chowders and scalloped potatoes and hush puppies get their due. But those items are paired with a disconcerting number of dishes the average person can't pronounce, never mind desire.

And what about vegetarian sensibilities? When Leo and I toured the school last winter, the perky student showing us around acted as though meatless meals were part of some exotic religion to be observed but not tried.

Despite my concerns, I held my peace and dropped him off, fearing my bias for rustic goodness wasn't in Leo's best interest.

Then The Culinary Institute's latest book, *Gourmet Meals in Minutes* (Lebhar-Friedman, 2004, $40), landed on my desk. I fell in love. The book is beautiful, approachable and, most important, it is full of real food. So there are signs of another side to these food pros after all.

There are sautéed pork medallions with apple chutney, Reuben sandwiches, grilled chicken Caesar salads, even an impressive vegetarian chapter (not to mention oodles of other veg-friendly items throughout).

The recipes generally are easy and the methods intuitive, mostly sparing home cooks the sort of elaborate or complicated techniques and equipment I feared Leo would come to rely on.

One complaint: Most of the recipes serve eight, an unusual number for a book clearly aimed at the home cook.

For testing, I opted for some of the book's truly rustic dishes, including refried beans.

They were terrific and, as the book's title suggests, quick and simple to make. They went wonderfully with tortilla chips and fresh salsa, and would be great in burritos.

Also appealing are the vegetable burgers, an unusual combination of matzo meal and a variety of finely grated vegetables, a four-cheese pasta dish, and a capellini pasta with grilled vegetables and Gorgonzola cheese.

And no foie gras to be found.

Now I can rest easy knowing that while Leo will and should learn four-star finesse, he'll be among cooks with an understanding of real food for real people.

Vegetarian Refried Beans

(Preparation: 30 minutes)
1 tablespoon corn oil
2 cups diced onion
2 tablespoons minced garlic
1 cup diced tomatoes
½ tablespoon salt, or to taste
Four 15-½-ounce cans pinto beans, rinsed and drained
1 teaspoon cumin seeds, toasted and cracked (ground cumin can be substituted)
1 teaspoon chili powder
Hot pepper sauce, to taste

Heat the oil in a large skillet.

Add the onions and garlic and sauté over a medium flame until the onions are translucent, about 5 minutes.

Add the tomatoes, salt and beans. Mash the beans using a potato masher until only some of the beans remain whole.

Cook over a low flame, stirring constantly, until the flavors are well developed, about 10 minutes.

Season with cumin, chili powder and hot pepper sauce.

Makes 8 servings.

(Recipe from The Culinary Institute of America's *Gourmet Meals in Minutes.*)

Sweet Potato Cakes

(Preparation: 40 minutes)
3 russet potatoes, peeled and quartered
2 sweet potatoes, peeled and quartered
⅔ cup bread crumbs
⅓ cup milk
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
2 tablespoons chopped chives
1 tablespoon chopped sage
½ teaspoon salt, or to taste
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste

Preheat the oven to 250 degrees Fahrenheit.

Combine the russet and sweet potatoes in a large saucepan and add enough water to cover.

Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to simmer, covered, until the sweet potatoes are tender, about 15 minutes.

Using tongs, transfer the sweet potatoes to a baking sheet while allowing the russet potatoes to cook an additional 5 to 10 minutes, or until tender.

Drain the russet potatoes and place on the baking sheet.

Place the potatoes in the oven to steam-dry, about 5 minutes.

Remove the potatoes from the oven and increase the temperature to 475 degrees Fahrenheit.

Pass the hot potatoes through a food mill or ricer set over a large bowl.

Let stand until slightly cooled.

Stir in the remaining ingredients.

Form the mixture into 16 small cakes, about ½-inch thick.

Spray a baking sheet with cooking spray and arrange the cakes on it.

Bake the cakes until golden on both sides, turning as necessary, about 12 minutes.

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Tangy skirt steak ready in 30 minutes

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The concept of "quick cooking" may bring a dismal premonition of some rushed procedure, a fast, flavorless concoction flung together with no thought.

But it doesn't have to be so. Take a deep breath, grab a smart recipe, and count on a happier outcome.

For example: This sautéed skirt steak with braised scallions, brightened with the tang of lime juice, can be ready for the table in about 30 minutes, without skimping one bit on taste.

The recipe by Shelley Wiseman is from *Gourmet* magazine's October issue, in the Gourmet Every Day feature.

A suggested side dish is steamed broccoli with olive oil and Parmesan, which will take 10 minutes to prepare.

Sautéed Skirt Steak With Braised Scallions

(Active time 25 minutes, start to finish 30 minutes)

- 1-½ pounds skirt steak, cut into 4 pieces
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- ¾ cup water
- 1 pound scallions (3 or 4 bunches), trimmed to 7 inches long
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice, or to taste
- Garnish: Lime wedges

Put oven rack in middle position and preheat oven to 200 degrees Fahrenheit.

Pat steaks dry and sprinkle with ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper.

Heat oil and 1 tablespoon butter in a 12-inch heavy skillet over moderately high heat until foam subsides, then cook steaks, turning over once, 5 to 7 minutes total for medium-rare. Transfer steaks to a plate and keep warm in oven.

Discard fat from skillet, then add water and bring to a boil, scraping up brown bits from bottom of skillet.

Add scallions and remaining tablespoon butter, ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper, and cook, tightly covered, over moderate heat until scallions are tender, 5 to 7 minutes.

Transfer scallions with tongs to a platter and put steaks on top.

Pour any steak juices accumulated on plate into juices in skillet and boil until slightly thickened.

Add lime juice and pour sauce over steaks and scallions.

Makes 4 servings.

Steamed Broccoli With Olive Oil and Parmesan

(Active time 10 minutes, start to finish 10 minutes)

- 1-½ pounds broccoli (1 large bunch), tough stems discarded
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1-½ ounces finely grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese (3/4 cup)

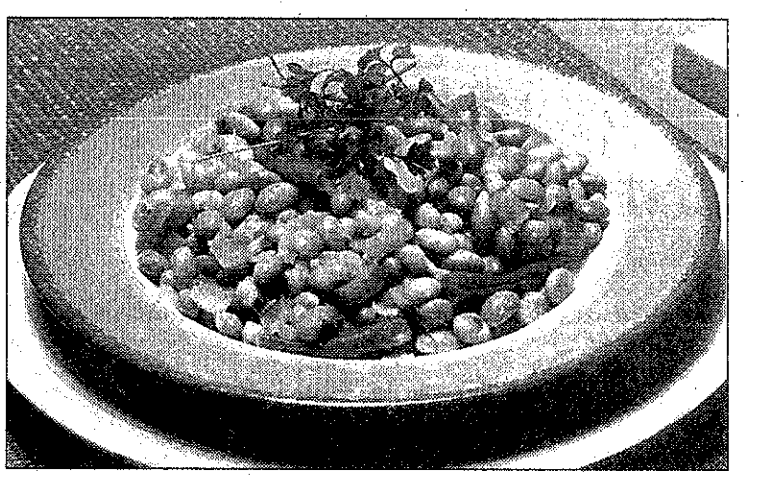
Cut broccoli into 1-½- to 2-inch-wide florets. Peel stems and cut lengthwise into ⅓-inch-wide sticks.

Steam broccoli in a steamer rack set over boiling water, covered, until tender, 5 to 6 minutes.

Transfer to a bowl and toss with oil, cheese, and salt and pepper to taste.

Makes 4 servings.

Green soybean highlights multi-bean medley



You can eat well and be trendy too.

Edamame (pronounced "eh-dah-MAH-me") has become a fashionable vegetable in recent years. Large peas nestled in a pod about the size of a sugar snap pea, the green soybean is sweet, crisp and packed with all the nutrients that put soy in the health headlines.

Although the effects of eating soy are controversial, soy has been linked in some studies to a lower incidence of breast cancer. Studies show that Asian women have very low rates of breast cancer compared to women in the west. (The Chinese have eaten soybeans since the 3rd century A.D., the Japanese by the tenth.) However, when Asian women migrate to western countries and start eating typical western diets, their breast cancer rates begin to rise.

Researchers are still investigating if soy consumption can really lower cancer risk and if so, how much is beneficial. Some scientists have reported benefits with as little as 11 grams of soy protein a day.

The Chinese call soybeans mao dao, or "hair bean," because of their fuzzy pods. The Japanese named them edamame (meaning branch beans), the name they are usually known by here in the United States.

Until recently, edamame were available only in Asian food stores. Now many supermarkets sell them frozen in bags, either shelled or in the pod.

Multi-Bean Medley

- 8 ounces green beans, trimmed and halved crosswise
- 1 (1 pound) bag frozen edamame
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 cup onion, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, finely minced
- 1 bay leaf
- Fresh rosemary sprigs, to taste
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 can small white beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1 celery rib, diced
- 1 cup fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 3 tablespoons flat-leaf parsley, finely chopped taste

Bring a pot of salted water to a boil. Add green beans and cook at a simmer until crisp-tender, about 4 minutes. Drain and transfer beans to a bowl of ice water. When beans are cool, drain well.

Return pot of water to a boil and add edamame.

Cook 4 minutes, drain and rinse under cold water. If edamame are in pods, shell them. (To speed preparation time, use two pots to cook green beans and edamame at the same time.)

In a 4-quart saucepan, heat olive oil. Add onion, garlic, bay leaf and rosemary. Cook over low heat, stirring, until onion is soft, 3 to 4 minutes. Add white beans, carrots, celery and stock. Bring to a simmer and cook, covered, about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add green beans and edamame and simmer, uncovered, until just heated through. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Stir in parsley. Discard bay leaf and rosemary sprigs and serve.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 199 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 25 g. carbohydrate, 14 g. protein, 6 g. dietary fiber, 328 mg. sodium. Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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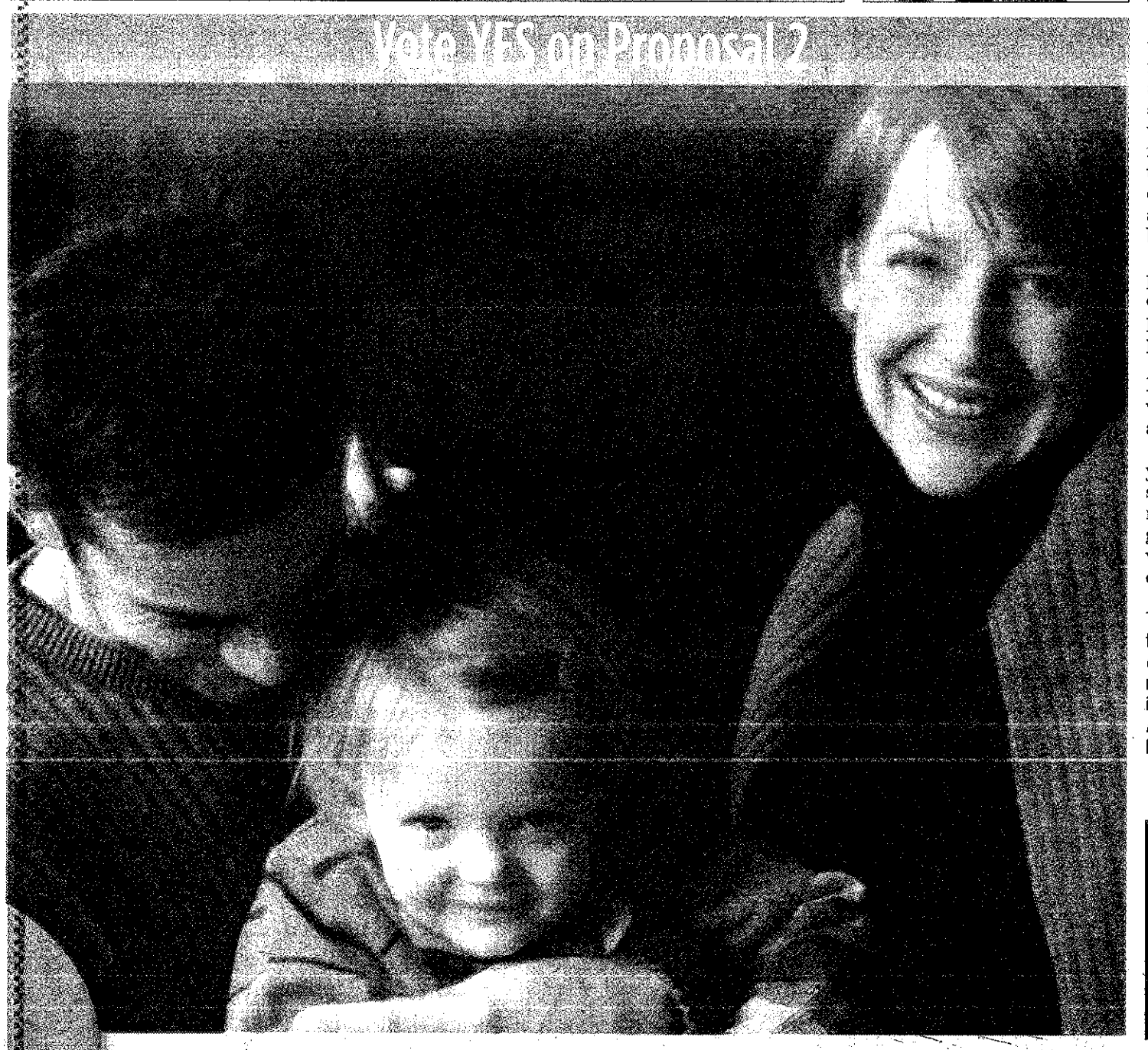

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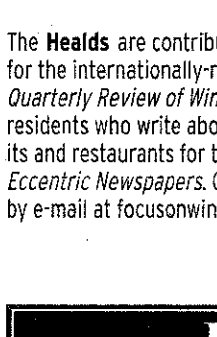

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Native American foods served at festival

A Native American selection of buffalo burgers, Indian tacos, fry bread and corn soup will be available at the 12th Annual Autumn Harvest Indian Festival Nov. 13 and 14 at the Southfield Pavilion.

Families are invited to witness the 19th century Native American customs, such as the women's fancy dance, jingle dress dance and men's traditional dance at the festival. Dancers will make deft and symbolic movements in colorful, towering headdresses, delicate beadwork and feathers and expressive face paint.

More than 50 Native Americans, representing the people of the Three Fires (Ottawa, Ojibway and Potawatomi) will perform. Displays, demonstrations and a natural beverage bar by Whole Foods Market will be added to this year's festival.

Lifestyle exhibits (including a full size teepee and wigwam), demonstrations, kids' crafts, storytelling and traders selling Native American arts and crafts from across the Midwest and the East Coast will round out the cultural celebration. Visiting Scouts can also receive credit for the Native American and Diversity badges.

Discount vouchers for a family of four are $20 and available at metro Detroit Art Van locations and Whole Foods Markets while supplies last. Tickets at the door are $7.50 per person. Parking is free. The Southfield Pavilion is located within the Southfield Civic Center at 26000 Evergreen Road, 1/2 Mile south of 11 Mile Road.

Autumn Harvest Indian Festival is sponsored by MESP, Whole Foods Market, DaimlerChrysler, Comerica, HAP, Lite Rock 93.9, Detroit Public Television and Southfield Parks & Recreation.

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Pear smoothie, pumpkin muffins produce breakfast for pampering

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CONCORD, N.H. (AP) – Few things can make a man who loves to cook feel more utterly useless than a newborn.

Admittedly, I'd gotten a bit ahead of myself by the time my wife and I brought our son home from the hospital recently. My head already was full of tastes and textures I wanted him to experience as soon a possible.

Would he pucker at Parmesan dunked in balsamic? Would he savor the crisp tartness of Cortland apples picked from the orchard down the street? And what about tomatoes, lightly seasoned with olive oil, sea salt and freshly cracked black pepper?

More important, would my wife let me near the child once she learned what I was thinking?

It probably is for the best that her more informed opinion that solid foods should wait prevailed. Nonetheless, this leaves me rooting about, searching for some way to feel useful and satisfy his needs (beyond diaper drudgery).

When Parker cries for his 3 a.m. feeding, there is little I can do to comfort him, a frustrating position for the hands-on cook. I admit 36 hours of labor entitles my wife to her monopoly on the joy of feeding our little bundle, but it still leaves me feeling lame.

Truth is, I wasn't sure I would even face this problem. Plenty of people warned that once the little guy came along, I'd be so tired and so overwhelmed I would lose all interest in cooking.

Overwhelmed and tired? Certainly. But not at the expense of my need to cook. Blame the nesting instinct, and a dad's desire to help his son along on his culinary explorations. Autumn's abundance of great food doesn't hurt, either.

The obvious answer, of course, is cooking for his mom, who is entitled to some pampering – and, after nearly a week of hospital food, to something more than Jell-O.

Breakfast seemed the best bet for giving her a treat. Dinner is predictable and too often interrupted by crying. Plus, a Sunday morning spread seemed the perfect way to celebrate our little one's one-week anniversary at home.

For inspiration I turned to Mollie Katzen's *Sunlight Cafe* (Hyperion, 2002, $29.95), which is dedicated to all things breakfast. Many of her recipes are simple and speedy – essential ingredients for a peaceful breakfast with a baby in the background.

I decided to start off with a vanilla-pear smoothie that calls for ripe pears, apple juice and yogurt. The pear tree in our back yard is laden and the little one has kept us from preserving the fruit as we had hoped. Now at least my wife will get a taste.

To continue the seasonal fruit theme, I also opted for Katzen's caramelized fruit, a deliciously different take on fruit salad. Any combination of fruit works, but I found fresh pineapple best. If you use more delicate fruits such as apples, reduce the cooking time, else you will end up with applesauce.

Finally, a batch of pumpkin muffins warm from the oven. Not only did I like the seasonal element of this item, I also figured muffins are easy to eat with one hand, just in case Parker had grown pouty by this point.

Vanilla-Pear Smoothie

(Preparation: 5 minutes)

2 medium ripe pears, peeled and sliced (about 2 cups)
1 to 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
¼ teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup vanilla yogurt
Pear nectar or apple juice
Maple syrup

Combine the pears, lemon juice, vanilla and yogurt in a blender and puree until smooth. Use the apple juice or pear nectar to thin the smoothie to the desired consistency. Sweeten to taste with maple syrup.

Makes 1 to 2 servings.

(Recipe from Mollie Katzen's Sunlight Cafe.)

Caramelized Fruit

(Preparation: 20 minutes)

½ to ¾ pound fresh fruit (apples, pears, apricots and pineapple are nice)
1 to 2 teaspoons unsalted butter
1 tablespoon vinegar (raspberry, cider or balsamic)
¾ to 1 teaspoon sugar
¼ cup orange juice
Lemon or lime wedges

Leaving the peels on, cut the fruit into thick slices.

Heat a medium skillet over a medium flame for 1 minute. Add the butter and swirl to coat the pan.

Reduce heat to medium-low. Place the fruit skin-side down in the melted butter and cook for about 5 minutes, or until it softens slightly. Turn the fruit with a spatula and gently press down. Drizzle with vinegar and cook another 3 minutes.

Sprinkle the fruit with sugar and cook until the sugar melts.

If desired, place the pan under a preheated broiler for 3 to 5 minutes, or until the sugar turns golden. Be sure to check the fruit every minute after the first 3 minutes to prevent burning.

Remove the pan from the heat and transfer the fruit to a plate with a rim. Pour the orange juice in the pan and stir to deglaze any sugar. Spoon this syrup over the fruit. Makes 2 to 3 servings.

(Recipe from Mollie Katzen's Sunlight Cafe.)

Pumpkin Muffins

(Preparation: 15 minutes active, 25 minutes baking)

Nonstick spray
2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon salt
1-½ teaspoons baking powder
1-½ teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground ginger
¼ teaspoon allspice
3 to 4 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon chopped orange zest
½ cup (packed) dark brown sugar
1 cup mashed pumpkin
1 large egg
½ cup milk
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, melted

Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Lightly spray 8 muffin cups with nonstick spray.

Combine the flour, salt, baking powder, spices, regular sugar and orange zest in a medium bowl. Crumble in the brown sugar and mix with a fork or your fingers until thoroughly combined. Place the pumpkin in a second medium bowl. Add the egg, milk and vanilla and beat with a whisk or fork until smooth. Slowly pour this mixture, along with the melted butter, into the dry ingredients.

Using a spoon or rubber spatula, stir from the bottom of the bowl until the dry ingredients are moistened. Don't overmix; a few lumps are fine. Spoon the batter into the prepared muffin tins.

Bake in the middle of the oven for 20 to 25 minutes, or until lightly browned on top and a toothpick inserted in the center of a muffin comes out clean. Remove the muffins from the tins and cool for 30 minutes on a wire rack.

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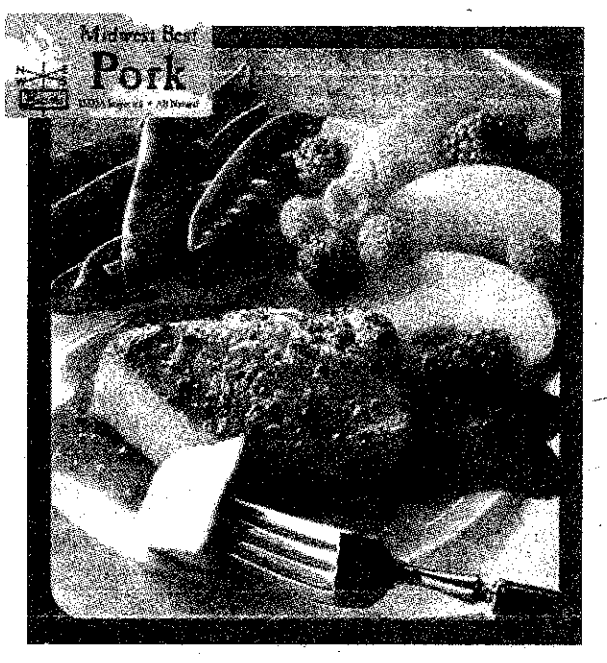

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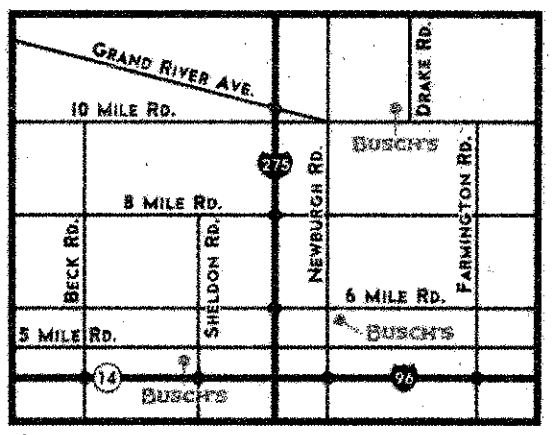

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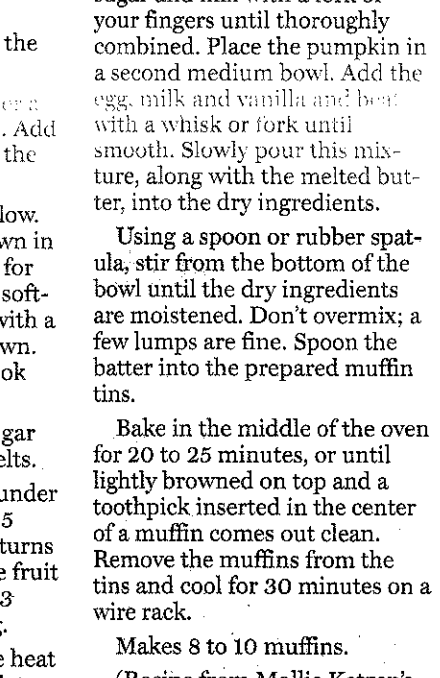

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50 yrs old. I love life. Sailing is a passion, being on a white sandy beach with a mask and snorkel in hand, listening to the ocean,and letting the salt air cover me. I love to travel. Being spontaneous and fun is so important. My children and family are #1 in my life Ad#:967531

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53 yrs old. DWF, looks younger, N/S, N/D, easy to talk to; good friend, enjoys movies, eating out, being pampered. Looking for a SWM, N/D, best friend, for a long term committed relationship. Ad#:798074

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38 yrs old. I am an easy going guy. I am not too serious but can be when I should. The kitchen is my thing, you won't go hungry as long as I am around. I like to get out and enjoy the day. I exercise 3-4 times a week. My match would be someone who likes foot massages at the end of the day Ad#:679702

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35 yrs old. Hello, I'm kind of new at this and I don't really put myself in a postion to meet women, so figured what the heck I'll try this anyway. I have a great family and we're very close, three sisters and a brother. I enjoy sports, I play hockey, softball, golf Ad#:1028550

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58 yrs old. Searching everywhere for my soul-mate. I'm a Waterford resident, 5'7", 165 lbs., offering honesty, fun, and romance. Looking for a fun-loving, intelligent female who has a little bit of a wild side, and who would enjoy being part of a romantic relationship Ad#:577320

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42 yrs old. I'm a SWM, 6', 190 lbs., with brown gray hair, and brown eyes. I'm seeking a SWF, 38-45, to have fun with, and live through it's challenges. I'm also looking for a person that is warm at heart. Ad#:1029970

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68 yrs old. SWM, 6'1", 210 lbs., brown hair and eyes, active, easy-going and fun to be around. Seeking an affectionate, SF, age unimportant, who is fun to be with! Ad#:683232

LETS BE HAPPY TOGETHER
49 yrs old. SWM, hardworking, 5'8", 175 lbs. Seeking a SWF, 45-48, who is easygoing, intelligent, and fit, for a long-term relationship in the Redford area only. No E-mails please! Ad#:406401

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WILL YOU JOIN ME?
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49 yrs old. Honest, outgoing, well-established, DWM, N/S looking for an honest, SWF, 42-52, who enjoys a wide variety of interests. Livingston County Area preferred Ad#:1015291

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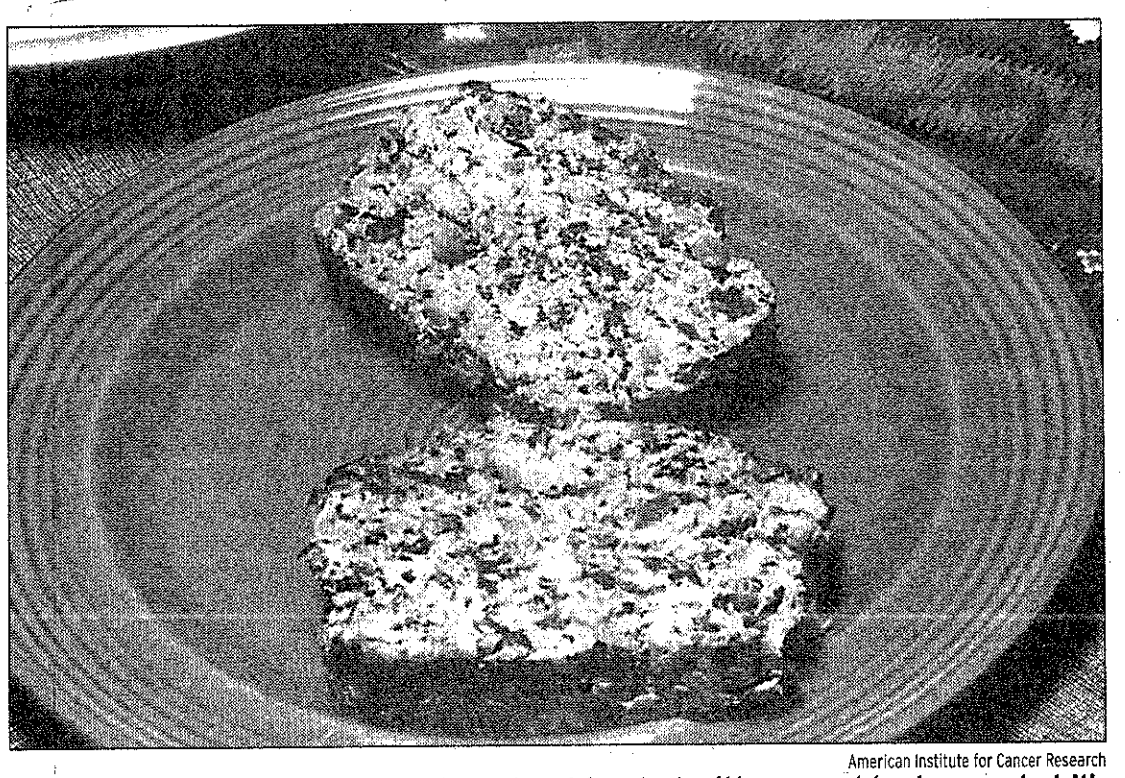

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Oats, spinach, corn and tomatoes are blended with ground turkey and chili powder for this Southwestern meatloaf.

Meat loaf has a place in a healthful diet

As the air begins to chill, thoughts of warm kitchens and comfort foods replace those of outdoor dining and grilling.

America's favorite comfort food is probably meat loaf. But many diet-committed, health-conscious diners take if off the menu for fear of saturated fat.

Relax. You can have your meat loaf and eat it too.

The easy availability of lean ground poultry and good frozen vegetables enable cooks to produce a tasty, attractive version of mom's meat loaf.

Turkey breast is a low-fat, high-protein ingredient. Buy turkey breast ground, and you have a perfect start for your healthful meat loaf.

Something like meat loaf has been made in the cuisines of many countries for centuries. When ground meat became common and affordable, the meat loaf took firm hold as an every-day dish. Each family had its own recipe, and variations were common, depending on what was in the refrigerator and pantry.

In the 1980s, meat loaf became chic. There was Tex-Mex meat loaf, Italian meat loaf, meat loaf with sun-dried tomatoes. The point is, meat loaf can be just about anything you want it to be.

In the following recipe, oats, spinach, corn and tomatoes are blended into ground turkey, making it easier to reach your five-or-more a day goal. They also help you stretch the meat into more servings.

The spinach and the corn add color as well as nutrients as well as phytochemicals. The corn also provides a nice crunch.

Southwestern Meatloaf

1/2 cup rolled oats (not quick cooking or instant)
2 egg whites, beaten until frothy
1 can (14 ounces) diced tomatoes
11/4 pounds ground turkey
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 teaspoon oregano
1 package frozen spinach, defrosted, squeezed dry and finely chopped
1/2 cup small corn kernels (frozen, canned, or fresh)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
1/4 cup chili sauce or ketchup

Preheat oven to 375º F.

In a large bowl, use a fork to mix together oats, egg whites and tomato. Blend in turkey, chili powder and oregano. Mix in spinach and corn until well blended. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Transfer meatloaf to an 8- by 5- by 3-inch loaf pan. Bake, uncovered, for 45 minutes. Spread chili sauce or ketchup over top. Continue baking until the juices run clear when the meatloaf is pierced with knife or the temperature in the center registers 165 degrees.

Transfer meatloaf from the oven to a rack on a counter and let sit 15 minutes before slicing. Makes 8 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 172 calories, 7 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 12 g. carbohydrate, 16 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 420 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Halibut entree is simple, stylish

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The combination of steamed halibut with couscous, and a side dish of cherry tomatoes, makes an elegant presentation for entertaining guests.

But you could also serve the halibut alone for a simpler meal or vary the accompanying items.

Best of all, these dishes are quickly made – and low in fat.

This suggested main course is part of a "cooking class" feature in *Cooking Light* magazine's October issue, written by Donata Maggipinto, entertaining and home style contributor to NBC's *The Today Show*, and cookbook writer.

The message of the feature is that successful dinner parties don't have to be complicated or fussy. Keep it simple yet stylish to make a big impression.

The colorful entree is inspired by the Italian vegetable dish peperonata, which includes sweet bell peppers, garlic and onions.

Use a large, 2-inch-deep skillet to make sure everything fits

Triple-Pepper Steamed Halibut

1-1/2 tablespoons olive oil
4 cups vertically sliced yellow onion
2-1/2 cups (1/2-inch strips) red bell pepper (about 2 large)
2-1/2 cups (1/2-inch strips) yellow bell pepper (about 2 large)
2-1/2 cups (1/2-inch strips) orange bell pepper (about 2 large)
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
4 garlic cloves, minced
1 cup dry white wine
1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano
Six 6-ounce halibut fillets

Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion, bell peppers, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon black pepper, and garlic; sauté 20 minutes or until tender. Stir in wine, basil and oregano; cook 1 minute. Sprinkle fish with the remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon black pepper; arrange fish over bell pepper mixture. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

Makes 6 servings (serving size: 1 fillet and 3/4 cup bell pepper mixture).

Nutrition information per serving: 298 cal., 7.8 g fat (1.1 g saturated), 38.1 g pro., 18.8 g carbo., 4.8 g fiber, 54 mg chol., 394 mg sodium.

Earthy saffron is lifted by peppery green onions in this quick side dish. Serve with the halibut to soak up the tasty juices.

Saffron Couscous

2-1/4 cups fat-free, less-sodium chicken broth
1/4 teaspoon saffron threads, crushed
2 tablespoons olive oil
1-1/2 cups uncooked couscous
1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/3 cup chopped green onion tops

Bring broth to a simmer in a small saucepan. Add saffron, stirring to dissolve. Cover and keep warm.

Heat oil in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Add couscous; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add broth mixture, hot sauce, salt and pepper; bring to a boil. Cover, remove from heat, and let stand 5 minutes. Fluff with a fork; stir in onions.

Makes 6 servings (serving size: 2/3 cup).

Nutrition information per serving: 212 cal., 4.8 g fat (0.7 g saturated), 6.7 g pro., 34.4 g carbo., 2.4 g fiber, 0 mg chol., 275 mg sodium.

Grape tomatoes also work well in this recipe:

Sautéed Cherry Tomatoes With Shallots

2 teaspoons olive oil
3 tablespoons finely chopped shallots (about 1 large)
4 cups cherry tomatoes
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Heat olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add shallots; cook 2-1/2 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Add tomatoes; cook 5 minutes or until slightly soft and thoroughly heated. Remove from heat. Stir in parsley, salt and pepper. Serve immediately.

Makes 6 servings (serving size: about 1/2 cup).

Nutrition information per serving: 39 cal., 1.9 g fat (0.3 g saturated), 1.1 g pro., 5.7 g carbo., 1.2 g fiber, 0 mg chol., 206 mg sodium.

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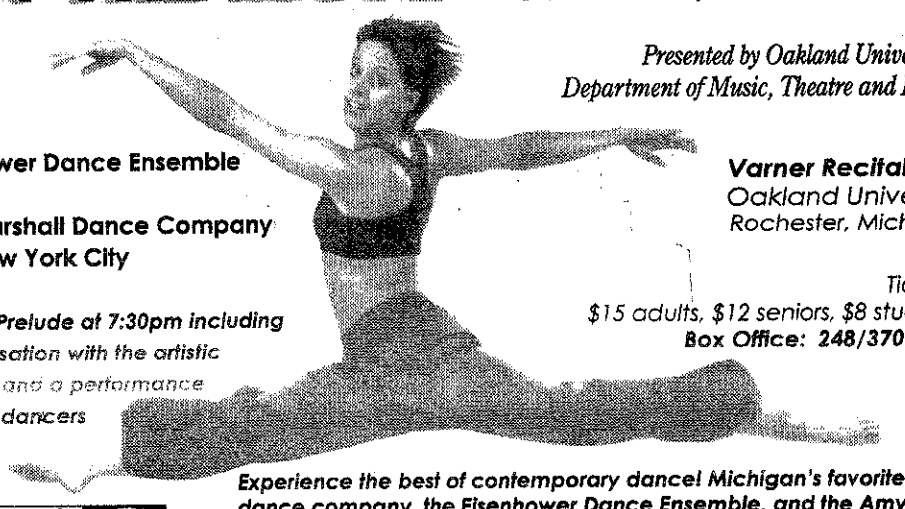

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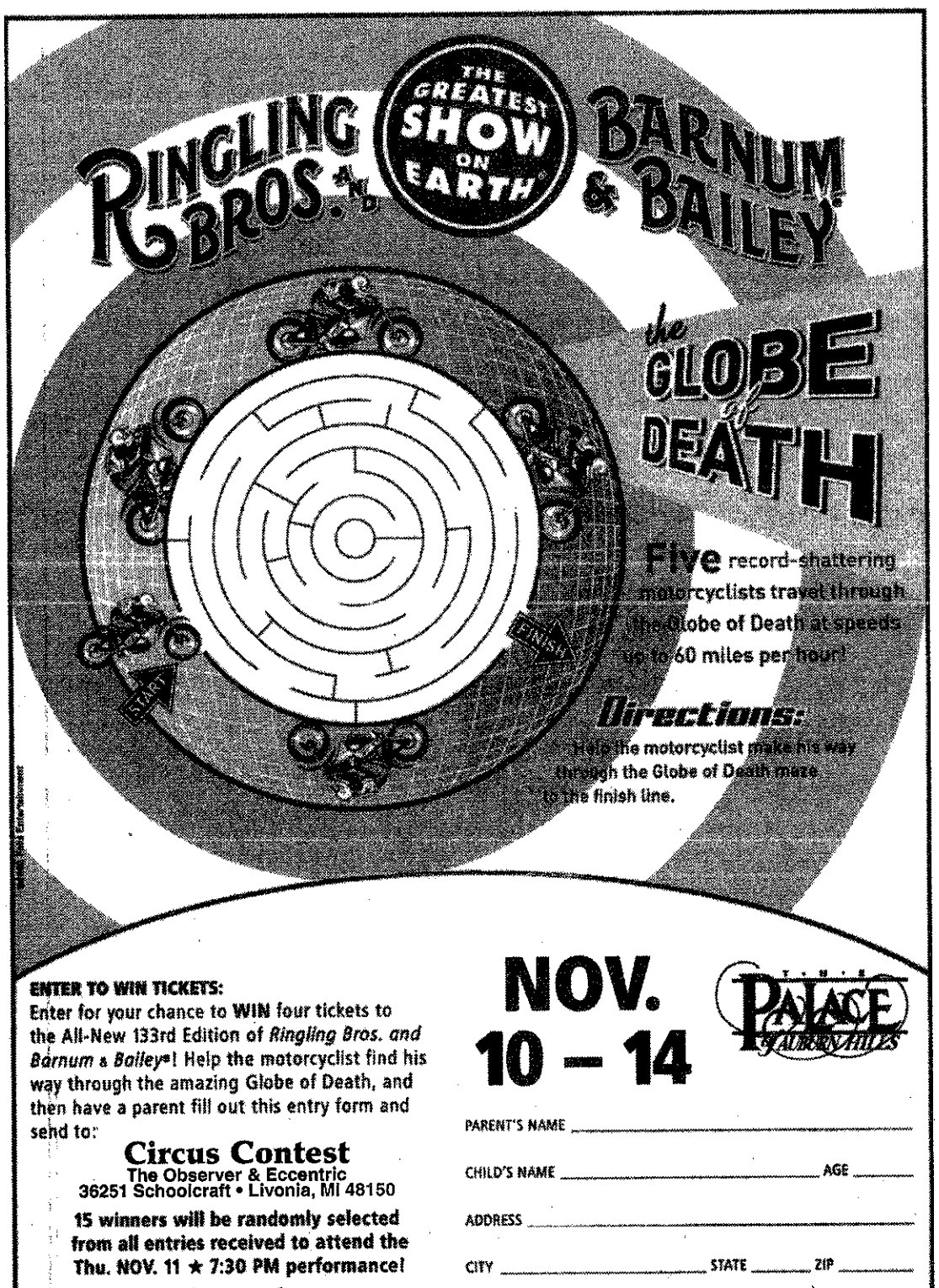

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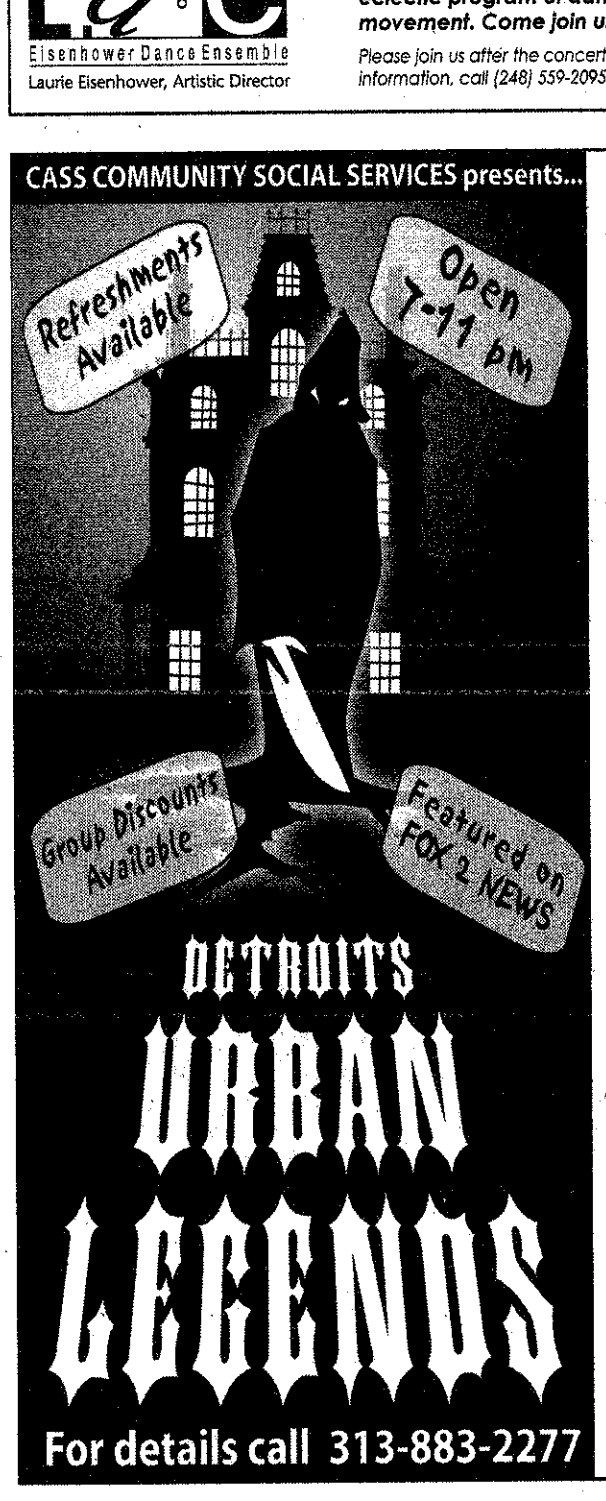

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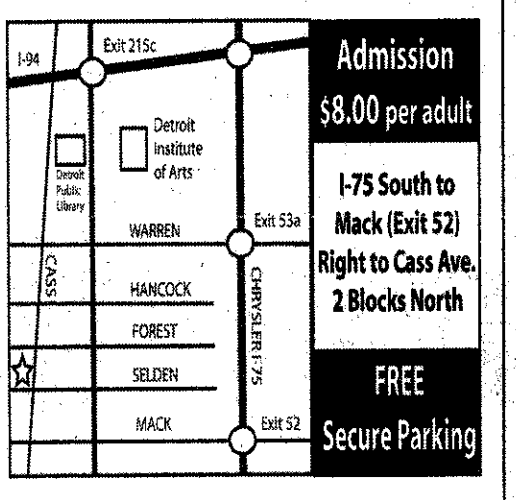

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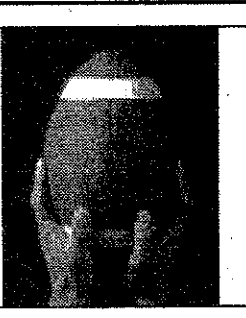

Enjoy pears, the queen of fruits

BY LEE REICH
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Bite into a tree-ripened pear. Yecchh! It's brown and mushy on the inside.

Pears, except for Asian pears and the Seckel variety, are among the few fruits that taste best if picked underripe, then ripened indoors.

And there is as much art to picking and ripening a pear as to growing it. Perhaps more, because pears are relatively easy to grow.

You can't pick just any unripe pear and then expect it to ripen well.

Unless the fruit is sufficiently mature, it merely shrivels without ever developing any sweetness or flavor.

One way to tell when to pick a pear is by looking at it. The skin becomes paler, but only slightly so. Even better would be to look at the raised bumps, called lenticels, on the skin; they change from white to brown as harvest approaches.

A more direct way to tell when to harvest is to lift a fruit upward, with a slight twist. If it's ready to be picked, it will readily pop off the branch.

Harvested fruit can go into storage, or else can be ripened for eating. The refrigerator is a good place to store pears, as long as you maintain high humidity by putting the pears into a plastic bag having a few holes.

Very cool, but not freezing, temperatures are ideal. Some pear varieties, such as Anjou, Bosc, Comice, Eldorado and Packhams Triumph, won't ripen unless they have been first exposed to several weeks of cool temperatures.

But don't store any pear too long or it will never ripen well. Pay as much attention to ripening a pear as to picking and storing it.

Pears need more warmth for ripening than for storage, ideally a room at temperatures between 60 and 70 degrees. Drafts should be avoided so that the ripening fruit doesn't dry out.

But don't put the fruit in a bag, or it will ripen too quickly because of a buildup of ripening gases.

The moment for eating now approaches. Check the ripening fruit almost daily by gently pressing your finger against the flesh near the stem.

When the flesh gives just a little, the time has come.

Get out the silver knife, light some candles, and experience the Queen of Fruits at her best.

The window of perfection for a ripe pear is fleeting, and if you become inundated with too many ripe fruits at once, dry them, marinate them in wine, or half and then bake them topped with a slice of Cheddar cheese.

Quick chicken dish features peppers, olives

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"The simpler the better" is a phrase that's welcome to many busy cooks.

When it's followed by the words "sensational home cooking," who's not going to be avid to know more?

The whole deal is set out in the title of a new cookbook, *The Simpler The Better: Sensational Home Cooking in 3 Easy Steps* by Leslie Revsin (Wiley, 2004, $24.95).

Revsin is a chef, food writer and consultant, known for having been the first woman chef at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, but also as a television food-show host and author of several other cookbooks.

Revsin says she was prompted to write this book to help her daughter, the working mother of two little boys, balance her limited time with her desire to cook.

Revsin's goal for the book: "Pared-down cooking. Really good food. And no gimmicks."

So here are some 100 recipes, each of which you can make in three steps or fewer, in under 30 minutes, using readily available ingredients.

"The cooking also calls for as few pots and pans as possible," Revsin says.

"After all, why use two pots when one will get the job done?"

For the following dish, chicken, vegetables and olive oil cook under cover over very low heat.

"This simple technique creates aromatic steam, which helps keep the chicken juicy," Revsin says.

"Meanwhile, the peppers, olives, garlic and oil blend their flavors in a delicious, concentrated way."

Suggested sides: roasted or grilled summer squash, and green beans.

Chicken Breasts With Roasted Peppers, Purple Olives and Garlic

- 12 pitted Kalamata olives
- ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 cup coarsely chopped roasted red bell peppers
- 2 large garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 3 tablespoons tomato puree
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts, 7 ounces each

Coarsely chop olives.

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over low heat.

Stir in roasted peppers, garlic, chopped olives and tomato puree.

Season with salt and ¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, 3 to 4 minutes.

Add chicken to skillet, cover pan, and reduce heat to as low as possible.

Cook, turning once, until chicken is white throughout, about 8 minutes.

Serve chicken hot, with sauce spooned on top.

Makes 4 servings.

Cook's tips: The quality of prepared roasted peppers varies widely.

Look for jars that contain vivid red peppers that appear firm and whole. Check the label to avoid those that have citric acid listed.

Variation: To add a little heat to the dish, sprinkle in a big pinch of hot pepper flakes as the chicken cooks.

(Recipe from *The Simpler The Better: Sensational Home Cooking in 3 Easy Steps* by Leslie Revsin.)

Team up pasta with vegetables

(NAPS) There's good news for those who are passionate about pasta. Researchers and dietitians say this much-loved food is good for you – and with good reason:

■ Pasta is a low-glycemic-index (GI) food. This means it does not cause sugar in the blood to rise quickly, so consumers receive the benefits of prolonged carbohydrate absorption. Pasta has a lower GI than wheat bread and oatmeal.

■ Pasta meals are efficient delivery systems for healthy foods. Pasta should not be eaten alone but with partners such as vegetables, fish, olive oil, tomato sauce, legumes and lean cuts of poultry and meat. Pasta meals provide a wide variety of essential nutrients such as fiber, protein and vitamins.

■ Pasta does not promote weight gain when eaten in the proper portions and healthy combinations.

Pasta meals are also central to the Mediterranean diet, which is characterized by an abundant variety of fruits, vegetables, breads, pasta, whole grains, potatoes, beans, nuts and seeds, olive oil as the principal source of fat, and low to moderate consumption of fish, poultry and dairy products. The New England Journal of Medicine recently reported that the Mediterranean diet reduces the risk of death from heart disease and cancer.

To learn more about the health benefits of pasta and find more healthy recipes, visit www.ilovepasta.org.

Here's a pasta recipe that includes the appropriate proportion of carbohydrate, protein and fat to be considered a healthy pasta meal.

Penne With Chicken And Broccoli

- ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled and minced
- ½ large onion, chopped
- 8 cups raw broccoli florets
- 1 pound skinless chicken breast, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 16 ounces penne
- [illegible] grated
- black pepper to taste
- ½ teaspoon salt

Bring a large pot of water to a rolling boil over high heat.

In the meantime, take medium-size saucepan and heat olive oil over medium heat. Sauté garlic and onions until translucent, careful not to brown. Add chicken pieces and thoroughly cook. When chicken is cooked, remove from heat and set aside.

In the large boiling pot, add broccoli and cook until firm yet tender. Using a slotted spoon or skimmer, remove broccoli and add to the saucepan with garlic, onion and chicken. Cook broccoli until it is completely broken down yet still green.

Return the large pot of salted water to a boil and add penne – cook according to package directions. When pasta's ready, reserve one cup of pasta water and add to broccoli mixture. Drain penne and toss into the broccoli mixture. Add grated cheese and mix. Serve immediately on individual dishes and top with fresh ground pepper to taste. Approximately two cups per serving. Makes eight servings.

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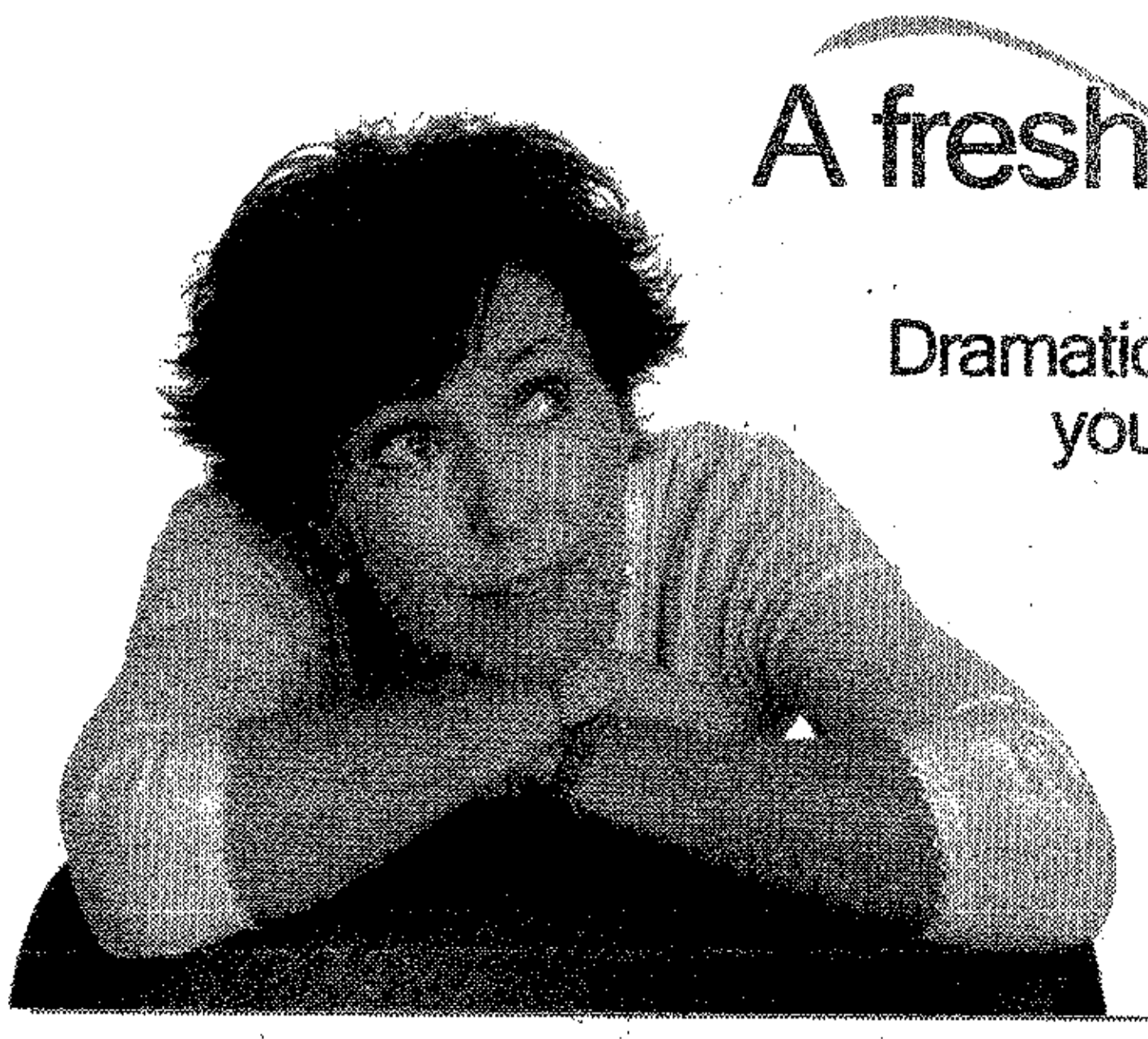

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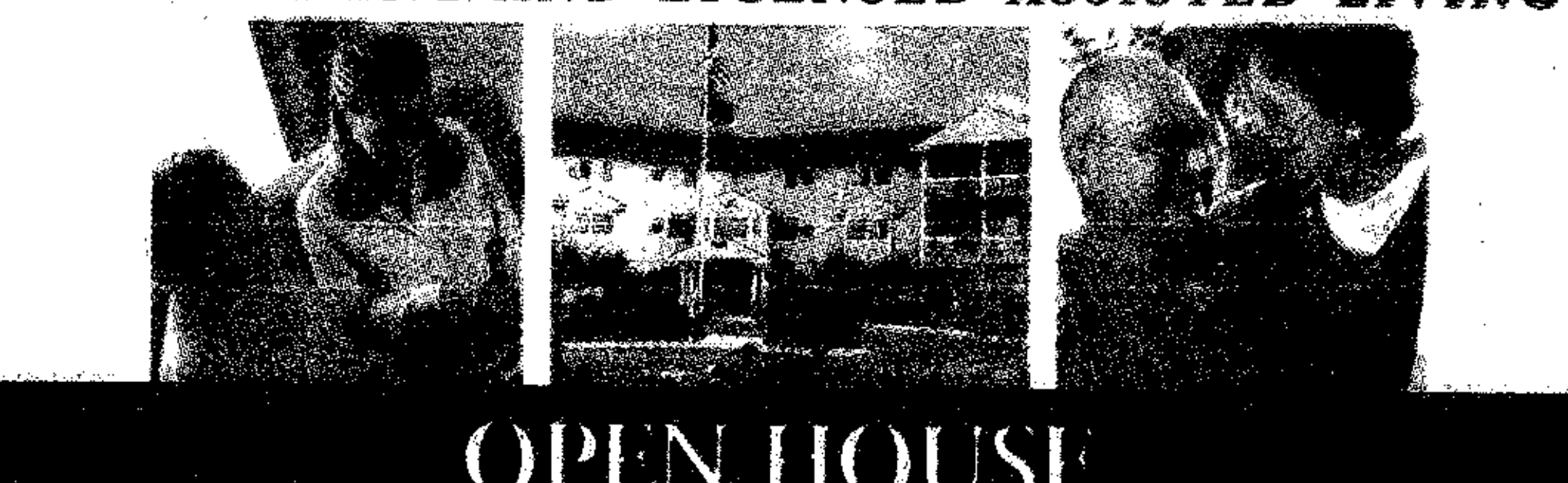

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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

Uniformly enforce sign prohibition

Some of the residents in our condominium want to put up political signs and there is a prohibition on signs except for "for sale" signs. Can we make an exception for them during this political season?

Unless the board of directors has the authority to approve certain types of signs, you should not vary from the restrictions that prohibit signs except for "for sale" signs. If you allow one political sign, you are going to have to allow all political signs and you may be setting a precedent by allowing any political signs. You are best advised to review your documents with your association attorney and if there is a strict prohibition on political signs, then you should strictly and uniformly enforce it.

We have an unusual problem in our clubhouse in that we rented it to one of our co-owners who we understand is planning on showing adult movies. We are concerned about the precedent being established. What do you suggest we do?

You have to look at your condominium documents or rules and regulations to determine whether or not there are any prohibitions on that type of activity and determine whether you think it is "immoral or offensive." That is a difficult issue to decide and you may not have the right to enforce that against the co-owners. You should, obviously, establish rules and regulations concerning who can attend the clubhouse during this event to the extent possible and consider passing rules and regulations in the future concerning what the clubhouse can be used for in connection with its rental to or usage by residents.

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Getting a third opinion saved sale, ash trees

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

As the old saying might go today, "Don't count your emerald ash borers before they're hatched."

Fact is, you see, you might not have any. And not having them could be a factor in the sale of a house. Just ask John Bond.

Bond is a sales agent with Max Brook Realtors, Birmingham. He had a listing on a house for sale in Troy. A nice house, he said. A 1970s house of about 2,400 square feet perched on a nicely wooded one-acre lot. His own house, actually, where he and his wife had lived for a couple of years.

But back to all those trees.

"Are those ash trees?" a potential buyer asked Bond.

"Uh," Bond said he told the looker. "I don't really know."

If they were ash trees, Bond said he thought at the time, he might lose the sale. He knew the customer was interested in the house. What to do? Were these trees infested with *agrilus planipennis*, the little critter, just slightly wider than a ball-point pen, that's been destroying ash trees throughout southeastern lower Michigan?

"Yep," a tree expert told Bond. "Ash borers. Got to cut them all down."

"Yep," another tree expert told Bond. "Ash borers. Got to cut them all down."

"Nope," tree expert Terence Riess said. "The marks you see on your trees are gouges made by the climbing spikes used by the tree trimmers you had here last year."

No *agrilus planipennis* gouges. But Bond, who no longer wanted to be home at this home, still wasn't home free. He was an eager home seller and he had an eager home buyer at hand.

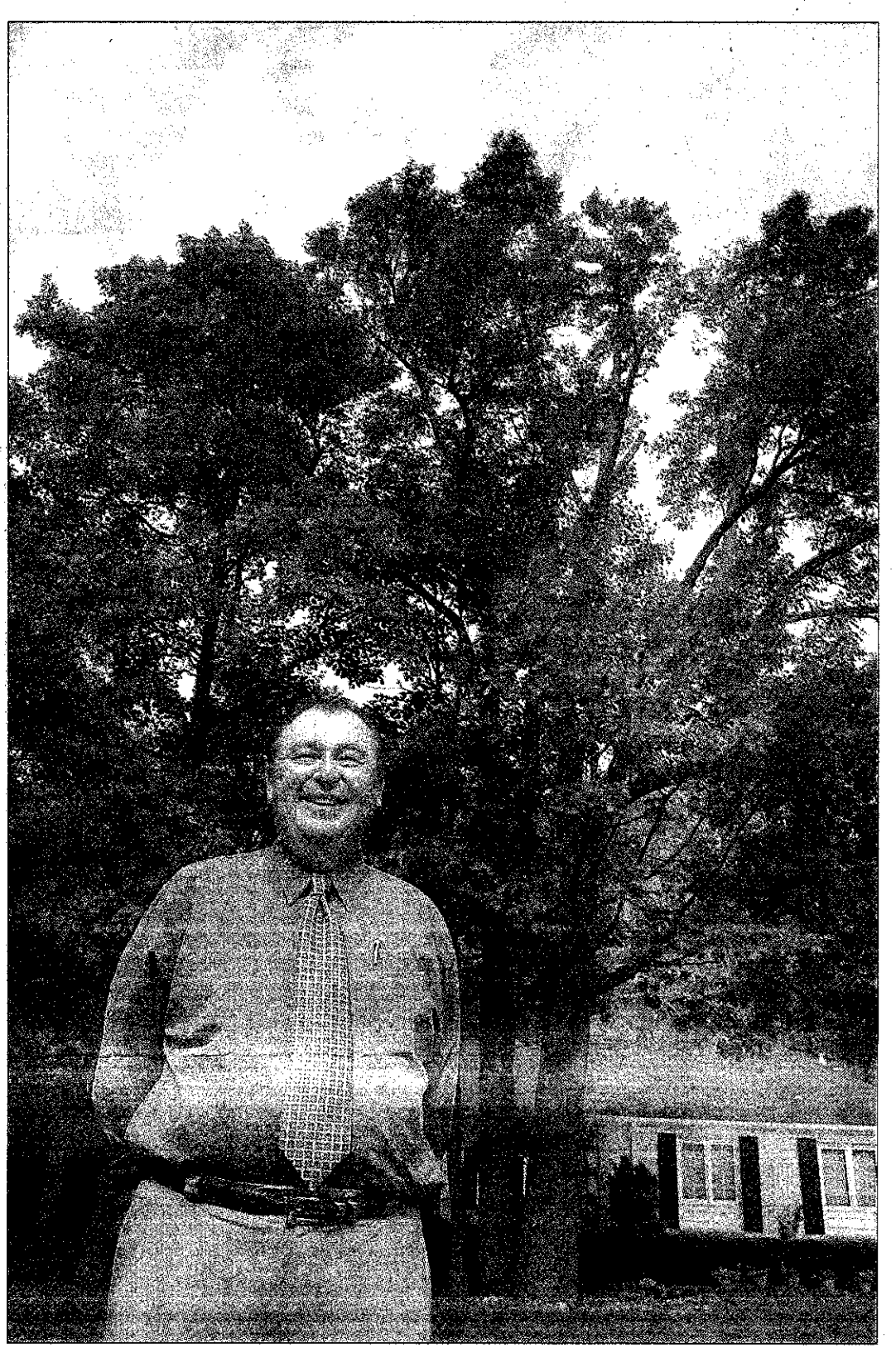
Sale and purchase of this $450,000 house literally hung on the branches of the 13 ash trees scattered about the property. Some of the trees, Bond said, were estimated at 75 years, seedlings when the stock market crashed in 1929.

Riess, who operates Innovative Tree Care with offices in Shelby Township and Troy, climbed Bond's ash trees, using ropes instead of spikes, and reported that his inspection with magnifying glass told him they were not infested.

One of the smaller trees, he said, had some other health problem that could possibly make it susceptible to an invasion of the wood snatchers. It ought to come down, he told Bond.

Riess then treated the healthy trees with approved therapeutic chemicals, a process the new homeowner will have to follow annually. Cost, he said, is about $100 per tree, which compares favorably to his cost to remove trees — from $150 to $10,000 each, depending on a tree's location on the property and any impediments, such as terrain features or power lines.

Lesson learned, Bond said, is to find out the truth about the condition of your ash trees before you reach for the saw. But doing nothing, he said, could even be worse.



John Bond's persistence saved these emerald ash trees, some 75 years old, on the property of his former home in Troy.

Learn more about the emerald ash borer

"The emerald ash borer was discovered in Michigan in May 2002," according to the Michigan State University Extension Service Web site. "It probably was introduced into the state at least five years previously from Asia, its native origin. The insect kills ash trees by destroying the tree's water- and nutrient-conducting vessels."

In their native country, Terence Riess of Innovative Tree Care said, the bugs have natural predators that keep them in check, but none here. He said woodpeckers are attracted to the insects, but by the time you see woodpeckers on your ash trees, it's too late.

If the spread of ash borers continues, Riess said, it could go as far west as the Mississippi River with the potential of destroying an estimated 50 billion ash trees in the eastern U.S.

Trees affected, Riess said, include the white, black and green ash. The mountain ash, a decorative tree with clusters of red berries in autumn, is a different species and not susceptible to this problem, he said.

More information and aid in identifying ash trees can be found at:

- www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/eab — The United States Forest Service offers an image gallery showing the insect and its work, both in various stages, and information about treatments.
- www.michigan.gov/mda — The Michigan Department of Agriculture offers extensive information about the problem.
- www.msue.msu/reg — Michigan State University Extension Service offers background information and up-to-date reports on developments in the fight. It was at MSU that the critter, new to this country, got its American name, emerald ash borer, given by Dr. Deb McCullough and Dr. David L. Roberts.



Mortgage Bits

Timothy Phillips

'Hard-money' lenders invest in 'risky business'

Sources for mortgage money become scarce with damaged credit and scores at or below 500 points. Traditional lenders have no interest in such "risky business," and even a rich uncle may decide not to return phone calls. Well, believe it or not, there is a small group of lenders who will ignore severe credit problems and financial ailments-and they actually want to return calls.

These unconventional mortgage lenders are called "hard-money" lenders. (And it's not because they collect payments with baseball bats.) These lenders loan money that is invested by people – like a rich uncle – who choose to use these specialized mortgages as investment vehicles.

Hard money mortgage companies are often willing to bail people out based on the strength of their property, not based on their strength as borrowers – or lack thereof. They handle all aspects of the mortgage transaction, and they do so in strict compliance with governing statutes.

Hard money lenders become increasingly valuable to borrowers with more dire situations. They can often even save homeowners who are at the tail end of a foreclosure process.

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"Bailouts are not cheap," says Trent Dalrymple, vice president of private lending at Northwestern Financial Corporation in Livonia. "Our private investors who make this money available usually command a high rate of return resulting in mortgage interest rates ranging from 12 to 17 percent for a short-term loan. After borrowers pick themselves up off the floor, they quickly come to realize that it's a small price to pay to save their homes and their equity."

Since home equity is a hard-money lender's only security, borrowers normally need at least 35 percent equity in their homes to be candidates. For example, for a home valued at $100,000, most will loan no more than $65,000.

Hard money mortgage solutions are short-term remedies used strictly for emergency situations. Hopefully, you will never need hard money, but isn't it nice to know that you do, in fact, have a "rich uncle" that may help you from becoming homeless?

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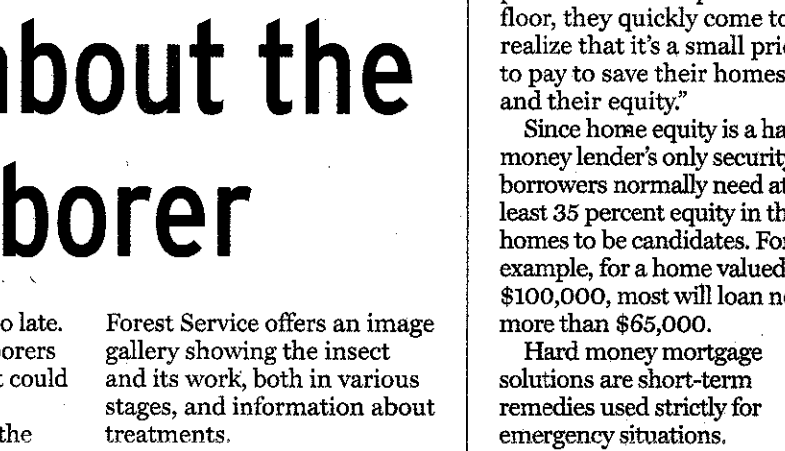

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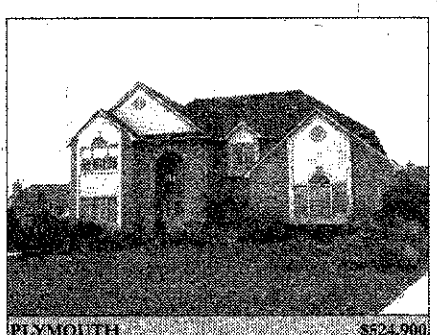
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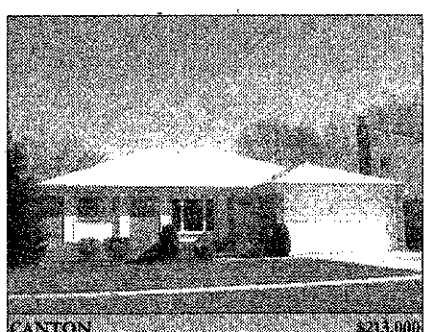
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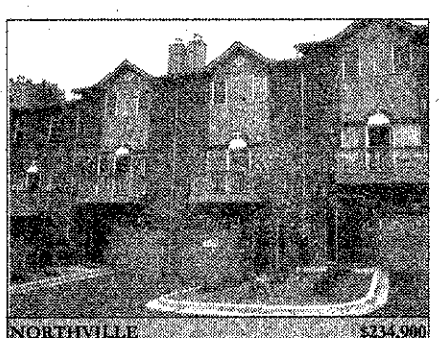
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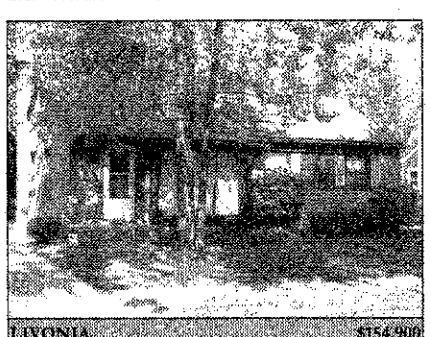
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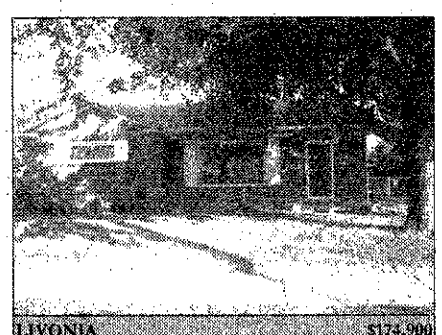
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1815 Hendrie	$396,000
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47050 Hidden River	$436,000
1053 Holbrooke	$492,000
454 Innsbrook	$365,000
44426 James	$237,000
8090 Lillian	$105,000
6201 Marshall	$292,000
6821 New Providence Way	$126,000
49229 Northhampton	$450,000
8476 Orhan	$180,000
6776 Poppleton	$490,000
3923 Ravensfield	$201,000
3993 Ravensfield	$227,000
1948 S Cavalier	$212,000
475 Sheffield	$220,000
43314 Silverwood	$265,000
45703 Spinning Wheel	$275,000
44519 Westminister Way	$220,000
1032 Whittier	$237,000
5841 Willow Creek	$224,000
6306 Willow Creek	$265,000

Garden City

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32286 Bock #24	$95,000
30448 Elmwood	$130,000
31730 John Hauk	$170,000
32710 Marco	$180,000
32939 Pierce	$120,000
6831 Whitby	$127,000

Livonia

33755 8 Mile Rd	$100,000
33771 8 Mile	$80,000
38170 Ann Arbor	$127,000
20216 Antago	$175,000
12340 Arcola	$114,000
9824 Blackburn	$255,000
34836 Bridge	$425,000
31657 Curtis	$388,000
15899 Deering	$180,000
17586 Deering	$155,000
20027 Deering	$122,000
11024 Denne	$205,000
33620 Elmira	$277,000
15028 Fairfield	$78,000
18631 Flamingo	$173,000
34009 Fonville	$285,000
9990 Harrison	$147,000
31132 Hathaway	$165,000
29835 Hillbrook	$195,000
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37942 Jamison	$205,000
11180 Karen	$152,000
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Mortgage rates continue to fall

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
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Rates on 30-year and 15-year mortgages fell to the lowest levels seen in six months, good news for people wanting to buy a home or refinance.

Freddie Mac, in its weekly, nationwide survey, reported Thursday, Oct. 21 that rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 5.69 percent for the week ending Oct. 21. That was down from 5.74 percent the previous week.

Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a high this year of 6.34 percent the week of May 13. Then during the late spring and early summer, rates slowly drifted downward as economic activity cooled, easing fears about inflation. However, since late August, rates have been exhibiting a seesaw pattern as markets responded to a variety of mixed signals on economic growth.

"Treasury bond yields eased somewhat this week, causing long-term mortgage rates to drift a little lower from last week," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

For 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates dropped to 5.07 percent, compared with 5.14 percent the previous week.

Rates for 30-year and 15-year mortgages were the lowest since the beginning of April, when they averaged 5.52 percent and 4.84 percent respectively.

For one-year adjustable rate mortgages, however, rates edged up to 4.02 percent, from 4.01 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year and one-year ARMs each carried a 0.7 point fee. Fifteen-year mortgages had a 0.6 point fee.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.05 percent with 15-year mortgages at 5.36 percent and one-year ARMs at 3.79 percent.

Home sales are expected to hit record highs this year, aided by low mortgage rates.

The Mortgage Bankers Association said refinancing accounted for 45.6 percent of all home mortgage applications filed, up from 44.5 percent the previous week. Overall home-mortgage applications also were up from the week before.

"Lower mortgage rates, in turn, caused mortgage application activity to increase last week in both the refinance and home-purchase sectors," Nothaft said.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, in a speech earlier this week, said the record level of debt being carried by American households and soaring home prices do not appear to represent serious threats to the U.S. economy.

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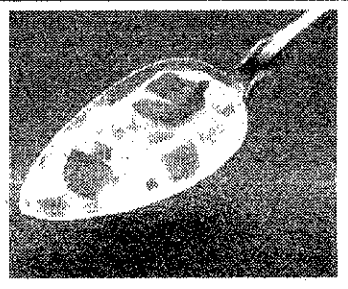

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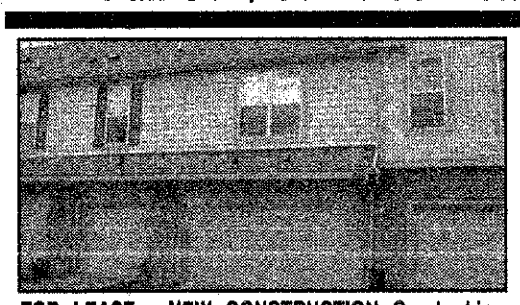
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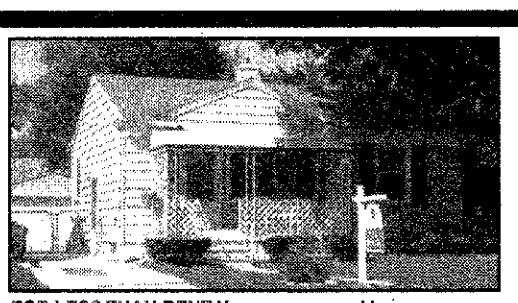
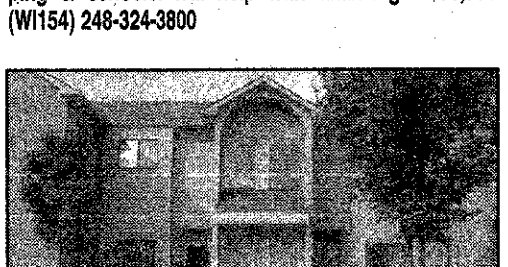
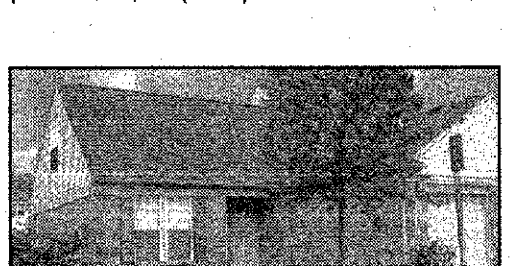

FOR LESS THAN RENT You can own and have a garage, a basement, a security alarm and a fenced yard! Move in before winter and while mortgage rates are still competitive. $109,000 (NE199) 248-324-3800


REDFORD CHARMER Brick & wet plaster construction. Hardwood under carpet. Totally re-done oak kitchen w/ loads of cupboard space. Glass drs to 2nd flr & bsmt. Bay window dining area. Neighborhood of pride. $122,500 (WOR) 248-647-0100



ALMOST NEW Absolutely stunning, totally updated kit w/ new white Euro cabinets, counters, ceramic flr. New GFA, furn, HWH. New carpet, windows & lites. A must see. $124,900 (JO348) 248-547-2000


START BUILDING EQUITY Quiet location, upper unit w/ balcony view. 2 bdrm & 2 baths. Warm neutral décor. Newer carpet, paint & wndw treatments. Bright kit w/ all appls. Mstr w/ priv shower/bath & vaulted ceiling. $129,900 (LI427) 248-324-3800


1ST FLOOR MASTER Soaring ceiling in great room w/ beautiful open staircase. Bright, white kit w/ all appls. 1st flr laundry w/ wash/dry. Att gar plus extra parking. Private end unit, deck, full bsmt. Lovely complex w/ pond. $144,900 (HU442) 248-324-3800


QUAINT & CLEAN 3 bdrm ranch. Freshly painted, eat-in kit, some newer carpet. Fin bsmt w/half bath, custom built dark rm. Spacious rear yard, all systems updated (heating, plumbing, elec). Garage, $159,900 (CL994) 248-547-2000


SHARP RANCH Located in a great neighborhood and close to everything. Move right in, maintenance free home w/ new roof, furnace, doors, wndws, and more. All appls stay. Nice mstr w/ priv, updated bath. $214,900 (WE199) 248-324-3800


GORGEOUS CAPE COD 2 story foyer w/ Palladian wndw. GR w/ vaulted ceiling & FP. Neutral carpet thru-out. DR w/ doorwall to cedar deck. Crisp white kit w/ bfast bar. Luxurious mstr w/ garden tub & sep shwr, his/hers WIC. $264,900 (RI320) 248-324-3800


GREAT VIEWS OF THE GOLF COURSE Condo living at it's best. Vaulted ceilings and neutral thru-out. Clubhouse with pool. Ranch style w/ lrg basement. Master bath w/ sep shwr & Jacuzzi tub. FP in great room. 2 car att gar. C/A. $294,500 (CL240) 248-324-3800


OUTSTANDING! Well maintained, one owner home. 4bdrm, 2 baths, 1st flr laundry, formal liv & din rm. Fam rm w/ gas remote FP. Granite in kit & half bath. Newer appls, furn & C/A. Part fin bsmt. $329,900 (BR333) 248-651-8850

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Hurricanes throw Florida housing market into turmoil

BY VICKIE CHACHERE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Riding out the ferocious winds of Hurricane Charley in their ranch house, the Tanay family made a decision: they were moving.

The Tanays had come to Florida from New Jersey seeking a small-town atmosphere for their four children, but were becoming disillusioned with the hustle and bustle of their rapidly growing community. When Charley blew through town on Aug. 13 and left the area in shambles, that was all they needed to begin looking elsewhere.

"The hurricane definitely pushed us to make our decision sooner," said Joe Tanay, a home construction project manager.

In the aftermath of the state's four devastating hurricanes this year, Florida homeowners and real estate agents are nervously watching how the storms will affect the state's red-hot housing market.

After Hurricane Andrew slammed into south Miami-Dade County in August 1992, about 75,000 residents in Homestead moved out. While the conditions this year are somewhat different, some real estate experts expect there will be homeowners who will eventually make their evacuations permanent.

Whatever affect this year's storms might have, it will be short lived, most experts predict. Despite the exodus from Homestead, new residents have flocked back to area, attracted by affordable homes built to higher safety standards and other amenities in the rebuilt community.

This year's storms have already caused a slowdown in building, delayed closings and complicated the process of obtaining homeowners insurance. But the long-term effects of Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne are less than certain.

Most don't expect the storms to permanently affect the value of Florida real estate, which is among the most rapidly appreciating in the United States.

Because property transactions typically take weeks or months to complete, it's impossible to statistically track which way the trend is going.

A step-by-step guide to finding a Realtor

Here are some tips for finding a Realtor from the National Association of Realtors.

■ Use the "Find a Realtor" search engine at www.Realtor.com on the National Association of Realtors Web site to find individuals who actively sell in your community

■ Get recommendations from past sellers

■ Look for Realtor signs in your community

Ask these questions:

■ What services do you offer?

■ What experience do you have in my immediate area?

■ How would you price my home? Ask about recent home sales and comparable properties currently on the market.

■ How will you market my home?

■ What is your fee?

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Happy & Safe Halloween
Bring kids of all ages to the Century 21 Today office, 28544 Orchard Lake Road, (between 12 and 13 Mile Roads), 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31 to visit with ghosts and goblins and enjoy a special treat - flavored cappuccino for parents. Fun and games. No charge. Presented with Group One Mortgage Corp. For information, call (248) 855-2000.

Preparing your home for sale
Three-part mini-workshop presented by Diane Howard, owner of Stage with Style in Plymouth, is designed to promote "the art of preparing a home for sale." To register, go to Schoolcraft College Community Education - www.schoolcraft.edu. The cost is $139. Class meets 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11 and Nov. 18, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20.

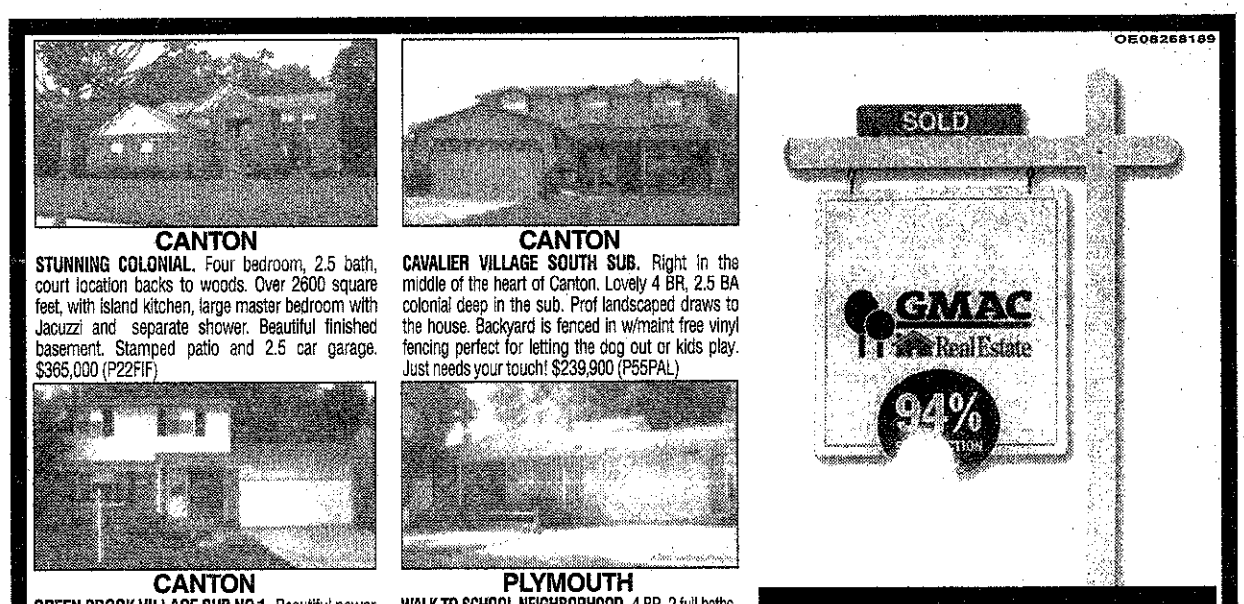
Home buyer workshop
At the Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford Road, Garden City, noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, no charge. Presented by Ryder Mortgage, Inc. Call (866) 471-0085 to reserve your seat.

Real Estate classes at Schoolcraft College
For more information, or to register, visit www.schoolcraft.edu or call (734) 462-4448. Real Estate Continuing Education, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, $60 in advance, $65 at the door.

Home Buyer Seminar
Offered by Rosemary Firestone 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9 at First Michigan Title, Six Mile Road at I-275 in Livonia. Speakers include Michael Firestone of Golden Mortgage and Craig Lee of Home Team Inspection Service. Call (734) 420-9600 for reservations or e-mail info@rfirestone-team.com.

Senior Health/Housing Fair
Waterford Senior Center, 6455 Harper Road, Waterford, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, open to the public, (248) 623-6500.

■ **Career seminar**
Looking for a cure for the common job? Real Estate One conducts career seminars on real estate appraising and sales at its office, 32961 Middlebelt Road, on the southwest corner of 14 Mile and Middlebelt roads. Seminars begin at noon every Wednesday, and last approximately one hour. Call Steve Leibhan, Sales Manager at (248) 851-4100 Ext. 405 for more information.



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STUNNING COLONIAL. Four bedroom, 2.5 bath, court location backs to woods. Over 2600 square feet, with island kitchen, large master bedroom with Jacuzzi and separate shower. Beautiful finished basement. Stamped patio and 2.5 car garage. $365,000 (P22FIF)

CANTON
CAVALIER VILLAGE SOUTH SUB. Right in the middle of the heart of Canton. Lovely 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial deep in the sub. Prof landscaped draws to the house. Backyard is fenced in w/maint free vinyl fencing perfect for letting the dog out or kids play. Just needs your touch! $239,900 (P55PAL)

CANTON
GREEN BROOK VILLAGE SUB NO 1. Beautiful newer kitchen w/corian counters & cabs. Open to a larger FR. 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths, finished bsmt that makes a great rec rm. Walk out to landscaped yard, that everyone will envy. Much more... $238,500 (79RUD)

PLYMOUTH
WALK TO SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD. 4 BR, 2 full baths, large FR w/gas FP. Updated kit w/pergo floor. Updated baths, new furn. & gar. Door. Private, fenced yard w/ underground sprinklers, lush perennial gardens & mature trees. Quick occupancy avail. (P19FAR) $239,900

PLYMOUTH
SOUGHT AFTER PLYMOUTH MEADOWS. Bring all offers on this remarkable 4 bedroom Cape Cod on 3/4 acres in Plymouth Township. 3 car gar. Approx. 2250' finished sq. ft. in lower level. Totally updated & beautifully maintained. $639,900 (P78KAT)

PLYMOUTH
EXCEPTIONAL 3 BEDROOM CAPE COD! Luxurious 1st floor master suite. Great room, formal dining room, island kitchen, walkout basement. 3 car garage. Professionally landscaped. Meticulous! Call today! $449,900 (P25QUA)

CANTON
SMOKLER TRUESDALE SUB! Great family home w/ loads of updates! 4 BRs, 1.5 BAs. New maple kit. w/ ceramic floor. Cul-de-sac location. Home Warranty at closing! $203,900 (P99WAL)

LIVONIA
EXTRA-WIDE 90 FT. LOT. Sharp 3 BR, 1.5 BA red brick ranch. Well cared for w/vinyl windows, neutral interior. Basement rec rm w/new carpet. No maintenance exterior, vinyl sided. 2 car gar, dbl-wide drive. Visit today! $184,900 (P11ANG)

NORTHVILLE
CONDO IN HIGHLAND LAKES Canterbury model w/2 BR, 1.5 BAs. 1200 Sq. ft. Great location within community. Wallside replacement windows w/warranty, newer cabs, cntr tops & sinks in kit & BAs. Clean neutral decor. Deck w/priv fence. Access to 3 lakes, pool, tennis cts & clubhouse. All appl's incl. $144,900 (P80QUE)

NORTHVILLE
GORGEOUS NORTHVILLE CAPE COD One year new home featuring premium wooded lot, cherry cabinets & vaulted ceilings. Must see-priced to sell at $395,900 (P02CYP)

WESTLAND
COUNTRY IN THE CITY! This must be the place. Spacious 4 brm, 2.5 bath colonial sitting on just about an acre. With over 2,300 sq. ft. Custom built. Fmly rm. (32x20), it's gorgeous. Oak kit, formal din rm, and a fin bsmt. add to the list...MUST SEE! $289,900 (P27COW)

PLYMOUTH
PLYMOUTH TWP. LAKE POINTE VILLAGE RANCH Sharp 3 BR, 2 BA brick ranch. Well cared for & updated, vinyl win, kit, BAs, roof. Fin bsmnt w/office & rec room. New landscaping & fenced yard. Interior location! Visit today! $197,500 (P71RUS)

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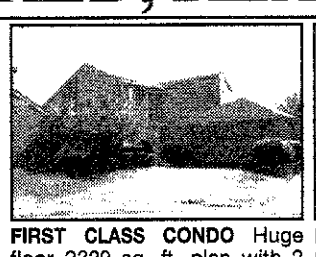
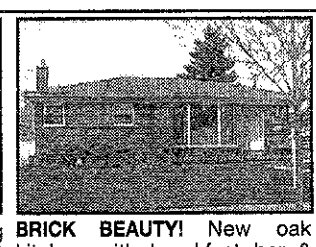
REDFORD CONTEMPORARY 3 bedroom ranch with 2.5 baths, finished basement with home theatre and wet bar, 2.5 car garage and a large deck and patio. $174,900 (429AR)


FIRST CLASS CONDO Huge floor 2329 sq. ft. plan with 2 beds, 2.5 baths and a 2 car garage. Totally neutral with new carpet, new windows, ceramic floor, siding, paint and more. Full basement and close to everything. $269,900 (246CH)


IMPRESSIVE CHARACTER Pulte Stratford model in sought after Central Park Estates now available. 2-story foyer & family room, dual staircase with bridge overlook, recessed lights & fireplace. Handsome master and guest suite. $439,900 (668LJ)


WONDERFUL COUNTRY AREA This 3 bedroom ranch is closet to all sports White Lake and enjoys lake privileges on Duck Lake! Nice open floor plan with a beautifully remodeled oak kitchen. Fresh paint & many updates. $137,900 (890CL)

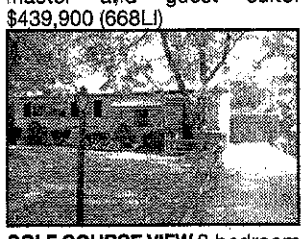

GATED COMMUNITY Stunning brick home with over 3000 sq.ft., 4beds, 2.2 baths. Private lot backs to acres of wooded commons. Finished walkout basement, newer roof and furnace, newer carpeting, bonus room, and more. $405,500 (586TU)


BRICK BEAUTY! New oak kitchen with breakfast bar & porcelain floors, new carpet, new plumbing, new deck, and a fantastic lower level with glass block. Take a look, you won't be disappointed. $167,500 (600FL)


INVESTOR SPECIAL Brick & aluminum ranch w/2 bedrooms & a 3rd in the lower level. Featuring a new hot water heater, 2 car garage, & a partially fin bsmnt. This home just needs a little TLC to make it special! Hrdwd flrs, new electric & a great area. $86,500 (625AR)


EXCEPTIONAL TWO-STORY Extensive quality upgrades in over 3000 sq. ft. Gorgeous .65 acre homesite on a quiet cul-de-sac. 4beds, 2.5 baths, finished walkout, 20x40 Gunite pool and a home warranty! $349,900 (512DO)


NATURE IS YOUR NEIGHBOR Pleasant brick colonial on a large private lot. Formal dining, hardwood floors & Berber carpet. Bright kitchen and great location with Northville schools make this an outstanding value. $274,900 (174EM)


GOLF COURSE VIEW 3 bedroom ranch on a large lot with a park-like setting. Garage and carport, finished LL, luxury bath, updated kitchen, family rm. w/wood burning stove and a lrg. Yard with a pond. $158,900 (180FI)

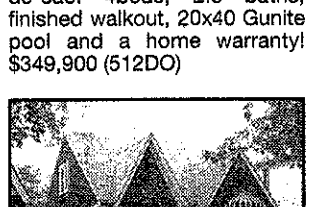


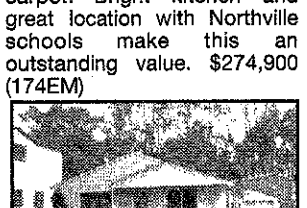
PRIME RESIDENTIAL LOTS Fabulous building sites in Washtenaw County – Wooded walkouts with ravines and streams. Builders plans available or bring your own. Call today. Starting at 160,000 (000VA)

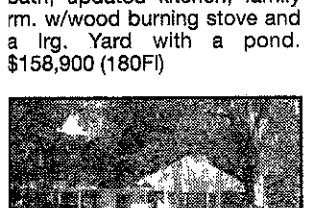

LIVONIA SCHOOLS! Nice broad front ranch with a newer tear off roof, copper plumbing, refinished hardwood floors, water heater, entry door, and fresh paint! Doorwall to covered patio overlooks nice yard. Affordably priced at. $139,700 (522GA)

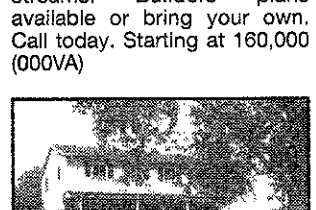

BREATHE EASY Take time to enjoy the important things in life in this beauty w/a maintenance free exterior, easy care landscaping, mature trees & a family friendly neighborhood w/ many community activities. 3 beds, basement & garage. $259,900 (072GE)


NEW BEGINNINGS Start here in this affordable brick ranch! Very clean with all the big ticket items updated! Carpet, windows, roof, furnace, water heater and electrical. Basement and appliances. Walk to the elementary school. $115,900 (793GL)


PACK YOUR BAGS Move right into this 4 bedroom brick home in Dearborn. Professionally finished basement with kitchen and bath. Complete roof tear off, newer windows, furnace, ac, hot water heater and cement work. $169,900 (025KI)

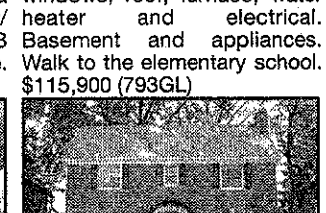

CUTE AS A BUTTON It's hard to find the perfect house but this one is it. Nicely updated with newer furnace, windows, plumbing, roof, bath and garage. Attractive home at an even better price. $129,000 (820LO)

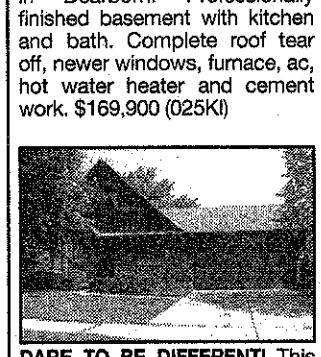

MOVE IN NOW! Lovely Cape Cod with 4 bedrooms, formal living w/natural fireplace and hardwood floors. Large family room w/newer carpet. Formal dining area, finished basement w/wet bar, 2.5 baths and a 2.5 car garage. $204,900 (040LY)


ALL THE BELLS AND WHISTLES Amenities galore can be found in this wonderfully updated colonial. Generous room sizes, gourmet kitchen, fireplace w/ marble surround, master w/ jetted tub – features you would normally find in a home twice it's price. $205,000 (856LY)

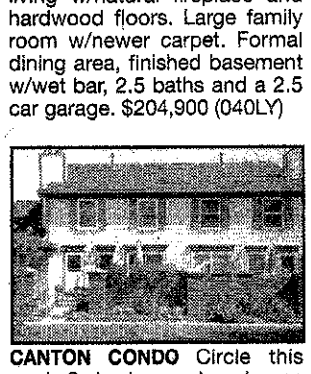

POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE North Canton Colonial offering 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, formal living & dining rooms, kitchen w/nook & ample cabinet space, family rm. w/fireplace and wet bar. 1st floor laundry, nicely updated and beautifully maintained. $259,900 (629MA)]


GREAT INVESTMENT Enjoy earning income off of this brick ranch duplex with many updates. Roof, copper plumbing, ceramic baths, appliances, and much more. Hurry this one wont last. $118,000 (800TI)

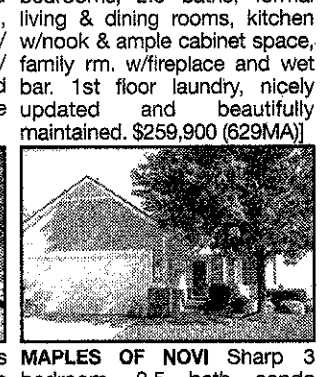

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT Stunning 5 bedroom, 3 full bath home with a luxury master, updated kitchen, hardwood floors & built-ins. Finished basement, garage, fireplace and fenced lot with deck and sprinkler system. $269,900 (075WA)

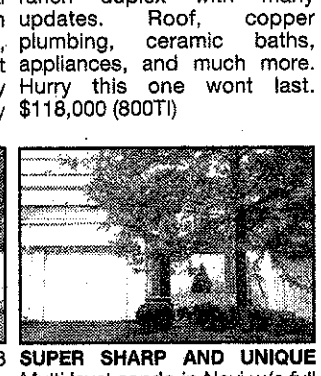

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT! This delightful Cape Cod is lovingly cared for and only a short walk to Canton's finest schools, shops & recreation. Convenient first floor master plus 2 large bedrooms upstairs. Partially fin bsmnt w/rec room & attractive lndscpng. $219,900 (716YO)

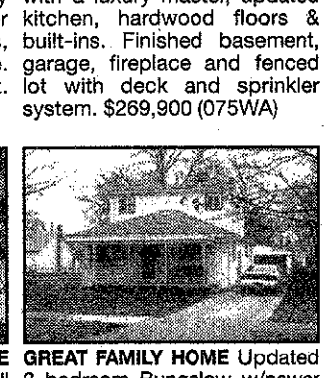

GREAT STARTER HOME Cozy 2 bedroom home with a partially finished basement, new kitchen floor, newer windows, and fresh paint. One year home warranty for peace of mind. Great family neighborhood. $119,900 (451LE)


CANTON CONDO Circle this one! 2 bedroom townhouse featuring a finished basement, large master bedroom, brick fireplace, wood deck, crown moldings, clubhouse, pool and more. Call for details. $137,000 (109NO)


POTTERY BARN PERFECT This totally updated home near Divine Child is superb. De Guillio kitchen, full finished basement with a bath, Anderson windows, paver patio, oversized garage, and an enormous 480 square foot master! WOW! $229,900 (641DR)


MAPLES OF NOVI Sharp 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo offering ceramic & hardwood floors, crown moldings, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, cedar deck, partially finished basement w/ workout room & plumbed for a bath, plus an attached 2 car garage. $224,900 (363CO)


SUPER SHARP AND UNIQUE Multi level condo in Novi w/a full bath on each level. Master suite w/WIC & a balcony. Dining room w/mirrored wall overlooking the living room w/ fireplace. White kitchen w/appliances, finished basement, deck & attached garage. $179,900 (479CO)


GREAT FAMILY HOME Updated 3 bedroom Bungalow w/newer carpet, copper plumbing, newer furnace, central air, cement patio, kitchen floor and more! Spacious second level bedroom w/lots of storage space. 2.5 car garage and fenced yard. A great value! $104,900 (937PO)

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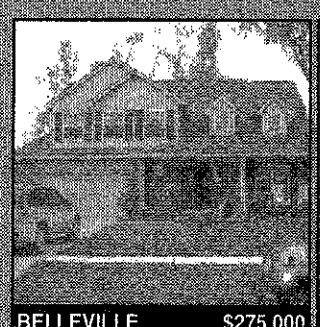
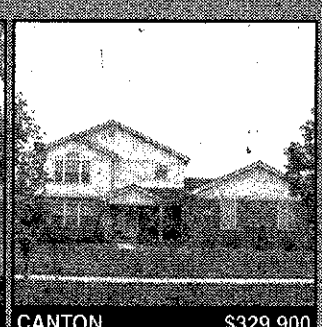
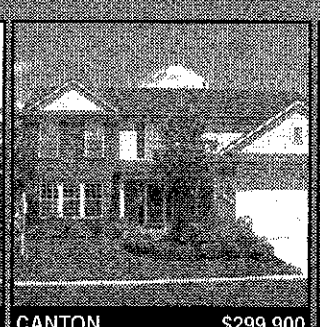


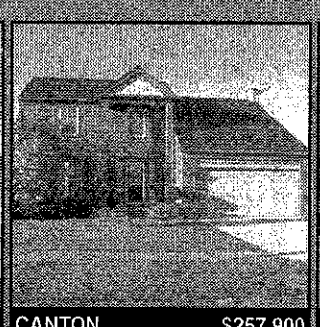
BELLEVILLE $275,000
Gorgeous 2 br, 2½ ba col in Pine Forest. Kitchen w/Merillat cabs & ctr island, hdwd flrs, oak strcse, fr w/cath clngs & fp, huge mstr w/sitting area. Part fin bsmt, mature trees, pvr patio. Close to lakes & parks. (OEP14RUT) 888-870-9127



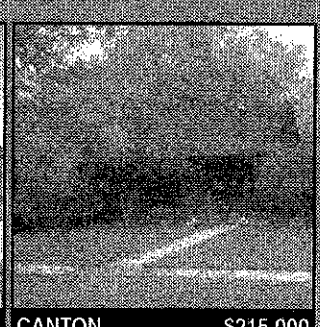
CANTON $329,900
3 br colonial w/3 car garage. Lg kit & nook w/maple cbnts & wood flrs. Natural fp in fr w/custom mantle. Prof fin bsmt, 1st flr lndry, lux mstr suite w/jetted tub. Lg corner lot w/br pvr patio, some fencing allowed. (OEP56SOR) 888-870-9127



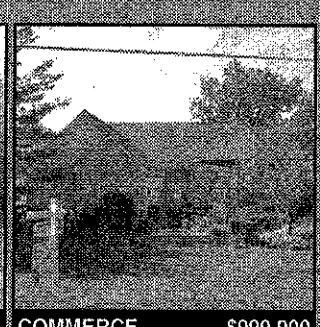
CANTON $299,900
Sharp & clean 4BR, 2.1BA "Princeton" colonial. Gourmet kitchen & nook (all appl's stay). Formal dining room. Open family room w/gas fireplace. Lux master suite w/vaulted ceiling & fashion bath w/jetted tub. (OEP20PON) 888-870-9127



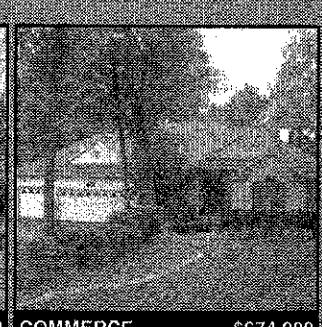
CANTON $257,900
Neat As A Pin-make It A Point To See This Tastefully Updated 4 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Colonial. Hdwd Foyer, Formal Dining Rm W/bay Window, Fam Rm W/frpl. Spacious Kitchen W/new Ceramic Flr, Appliances. (OEN40FAI) 888-870-9123



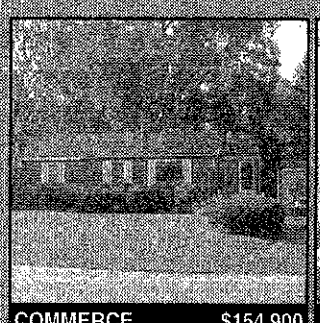
CANTON $215,000
Frost Is On The Pumpkin But The Family Is Warm & Cozy W/3 Frpl's In This Spacious Ranch In Desirable Carriage Hills. Great Rm W/vaulted Ceiling, Skylights, FR, Mstr Bdrm W/private Walkout To Garden Area. (OEN84WIC) 888-870-9123



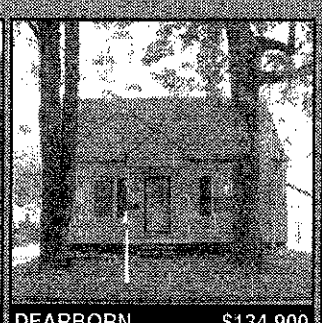
COMMERCE $999,900
Southern exposure on All Sports Commerce Lake! Fabulous views, sandy beach & private yard. Marble foyer opens to GR w/wall of windows to view lake, hwd flrs in FR, DR & Kit, gourmet kit w/subzero & granite,1st Flr Mst. (OEN85VAN) 888-870-9123



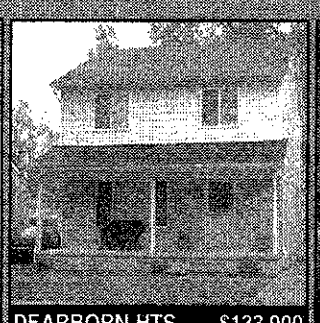
COMMERCE $674,900
Custom Full Brick Ranch On Private 1.2 Acre Lot W/woods On One Side & Canal Frontage W/private Dock On All Sports Lake. 10 Ft. Or Higher Ceilings On 1st Fl., hwd Floor In Foyer & Dr,built-in Spkrs T/o,1st Fl Mstr Ste (OEN20WOO) 888-870-9123



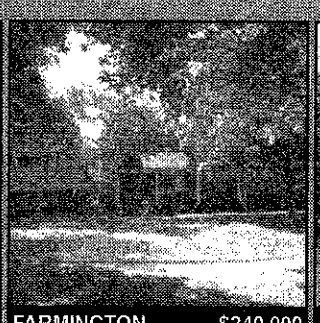
COMMERCE $154,900
Cozy cedar shake ranch within walking distance to all sports lake. 3 bedroom, basement and garage. Large country kitchen w/french doors to lovely private fenced yard. Wood burning stove. (OESLY93STA) 888-870-9131



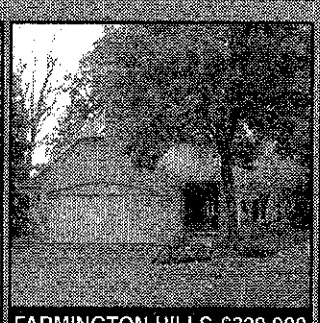
DEARBORN $134,900
Absolutely Beautiful Renovated Home! 3 bd., 2 full baths !!Dearborn Bungalow New: Wndws, Berber Carpet, Shower Tiles, Pergo Fl In Kit, Doors & Fresh Paint. Fin. Bsmt. Huge 2½ Car Garage. This Is A True Turn Key. (OEL12EDG) 888-870-9105



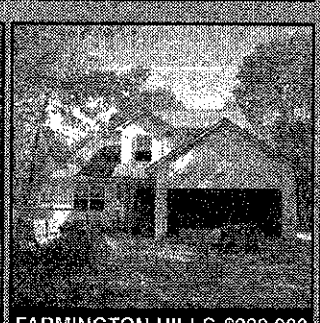
DEARBORN HTS. $133,900
Lovely newer brick Colonial! Open floor plan great for entertaining. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath. Beautiful oak kitchen. Central air. Large yard with privacy fence. Large covered front porch. Must see. (OESLY46CAM) 888-870-9131



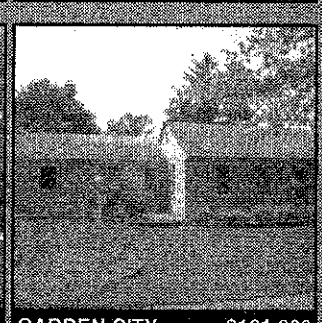
FARMINGTON $340,000
Walk To Downtown Farmington From This Wonderful Family Home. Extensive Upgrades In The Past Year Include: Windows, Trim & Sills, Siding & Gutters, Keyless Entry Garage Door, Entry Doors, Interior Doors & Moldings. (OEN23MOO) 888-870-9123



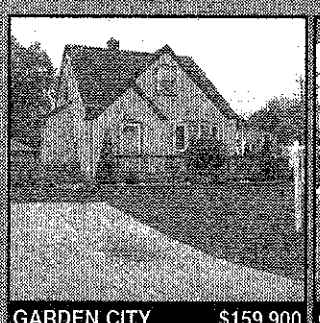
FARMINGTON HILLS $329,900
Beautiful 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Det Condo W/wooded Setting On Lg Lot. Cath Ceilings, Nat Frpl. Lg Mstr Ste W/WIC, Dressing Area & Jacuzzi Tub. Kit Boasts Island, Eating Area, hdwd Floors. Private Wrap Around Deck. (OEL67BUR) 888-870-9105



FARMINGTON HILLS $239,900
Fantastic New Construction In Farmington School District. This Colonial Offers A Lavish Mstr Ste W/its Own Bath W/a Tub & A Shwr, 1st Flr Laundry, Formal Dining Rm, & A Dream Kit. W/loads Of Cabinetry & An Island. (OEN54COL) 888-870-9123



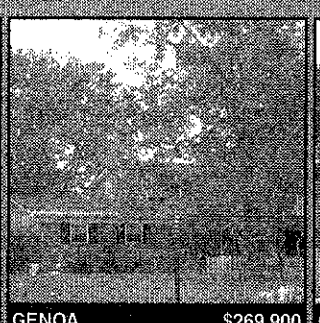
GARDEN CITY $161,900
Charming 3 bedroom brick ranch. Double lot w/a 36 x 25 cement in ground pool. Beautifully remodeled kitchen (02), ca (02), cement patio around pool (02). Fiberglass windows (02), furnace & hwh (00). (OEP55DON) 888-870-9127



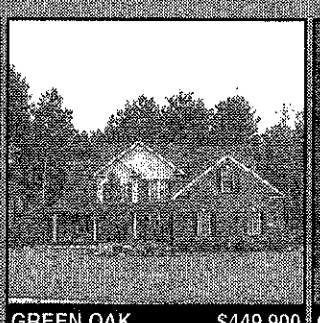
GARDEN CITY $159,900
Beautiful kit w/oak cbnts, newer contrps & cer flr. Spac living & dining rm. Huge master suite w/private balcony & deck, vaulted clng, office & full updated bath. Great landscaping & hug dbl lot w/newer wood fence. (OEP43DEE) 888-870-9127



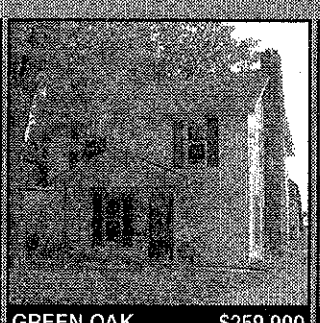
GENOA $785,000
Luxury abounds in builders wwn Custom Built Colonial.4 V-lg Bdrms, 5 Full Baths, Prof. fin, W/O Bsmt, Custom Paneling, Trim & Moldings T/O, All season sunroom, 3 fp, 33x15 kit W/hearth Rm, Ingrd Pool, 3+car Garage. (OEL35URB) 888-870-9105



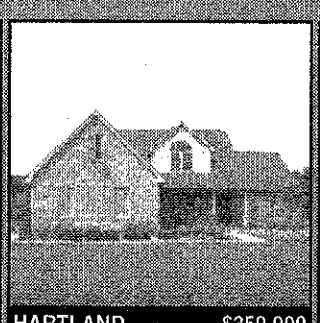
GENOA $269,900
This is the perfect family home. Fin w/o bsmt. Full bath on every flr. Patio off the bsmt rec room & another patio off FR, both open to a very lrg backyard. On a cul-de-sac w/.66 acres. (OESLY36FOR) 888-870-9131



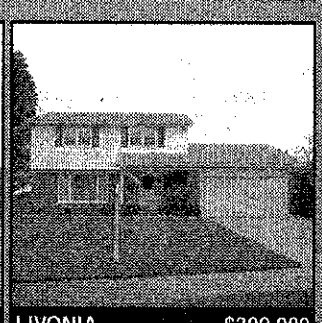
GREEN OAK $449,900
A hidden treasure! This house sits on over an acre and backs to Nichwagh Lake. All bedrooms have walk-in closets, crown moldings and corian counter top. Loft ceilings in walkout. Must see! (OESLY03FAL) 888-870-9131



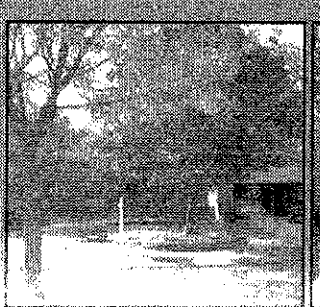
GREEN OAK $259,900
Great opportunity to own a lake front view & privileges w/o having to pay lakefront taxes (greenbelt). Home remodeled 1990. Upper 16X24 deck off mstr BR overlooks lake. Stone FP & Pergo flooring in LR. (OESLY74GRO) 888-870-9131



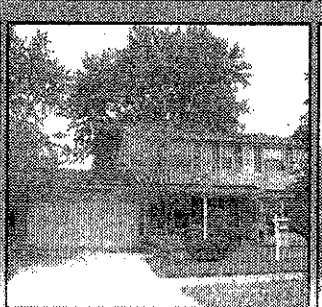
HARTLAND $359,900
Newer Cape Cod backing and siding to protected land! 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3 car garage, basement w/daylight windows. 2 story great room w/corner fireplace. Upgraded lightening and intercom. (OESLY63GIO) 888-870-9131



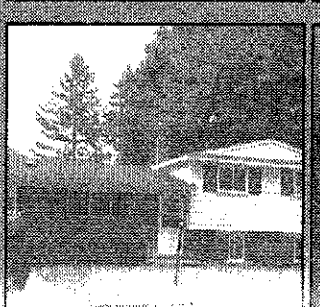
LIVONIA $309,900
Beautiful, Completely Updated 4 BR, 2.5 bath brick colonial in "Beatrice Gardens". Kit w/oak cabinets, granite counters, & all appls. LR & formal DR w/crown moldings. FR w/fp & dwall. Fin bsmt. 2 car att gar. (OEL12WES) 888-870-9105



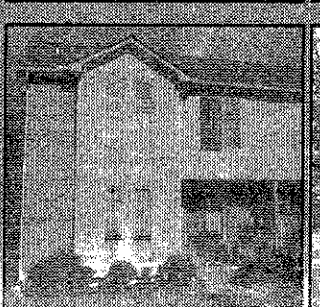
LIVONIA $279,900
Awesome 3br Brick Ranch On Cul-de-sac Backs To Woods. 2.5 Baths, Beautifully Updated Kitchen, Light Cabinets, Counters, Flooring, Appliances. Recessed Lighting & Crown Molding T/o, Prof. Decorated. (OEN77VEN) 888-870-9123



LIVONIA $259,900
Sharp 4 Bdrm, 1.5 Bath Brick & Alumn Col W/den/office. Updtd Kit W/oak Cabs, Corian Cntrs, Ceramic Tile Flr & All Appls. Lg Formal DR. FR W/nat'rl Gas Fp. Baths Updated. Partly Fin Bsmt. 2 Car Gar. Vinyl Wind T/O. (OEL99BAR) 888-870-9105



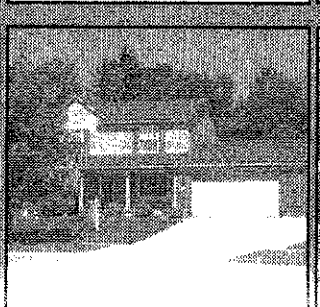
LIVONIA $229,900
Lovely, Bright & Airy Home In Popular Icyl Wyld Sub. 3 Bdrm, 1.5 Bath Tri-level. Spacious Flr Plan W/lg Family Rm. Well Maintained & Fenced Backyard W/lg Deck, Newer Windows. (OEN16FAI) 888-870-9123



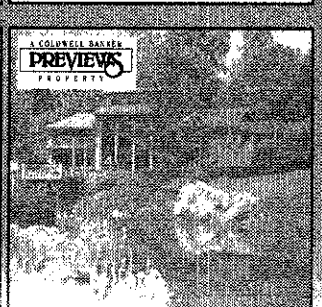
LIVONIA $169,990
Desirable End Unit Has Lg. Foyer W/LR Leading Onto Deck & Sep. Dining Area. Lg Kitchn W/merillat Cabs. Lg Pantry,1st Fl Ldry, Kit Appl Inc. Kit/Foyer Floor Pergo. Mstr Bdrm W/wic & Full Bath, 2nd Bdrm W/full Bath. (OEL78MER) 888-870-9105



LIVONIA $159,900
3 Bdrm, 1 Bath Brick Ranch W/ Vinyl Trim On Large 75' Wide Lot. Lg Eat-in Kitchen. Hrdwd Flrs & Wet Plaster Walls T/O. Full Bsmt. Attached 1.5 Car Garage W/Auto DO & Brzway (Could Be Converted To Make A Cozy FR.) (OEL05MER) 888-870-9105



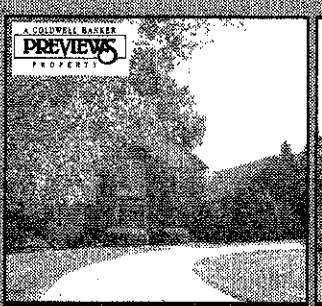
MILFORD $284,900
Located Deep In Sub On Private Cul-de-sac W/sidewalks! Hwd Floor In Foyer, kitchen & Half Bath,private Backyard W/goldfish Landscape Pond, 2nd Fl Laundry, c/a (7/04), skylight in Main Bath, Fin Ll W/rec Rm & Full Bath. (OEN18MEA) 888-870-9123



NORTHVILLE $1,250,000
Extremely rare "over-the-top" public offering. Faultlessly maintained & extravagantly updated home offering un-rivaled privacy & eye popping view of water & lavish landscaping. Walkout lower level out to 2.75 acres! (OEP20VAL) 888-870-9127



NORTHVILLE $365,000
Charming home is located in one of the nicest areas of Northville w/winding streets & large commons area. Many updates in the past few years include windows, furnace, AC, aluminum siding & gutters. (OEP88MOR) 888-870-9127



PLYMOUTH $524,900
Truly spectacular! 4 bedroom, 3.1 bath colonial on picturesque½ acre plus lot. New in 2001 kitchen w/Corian countertops. Spacious great room w/fireplace. Prof fin WO w/spa, B/I bar, FP & addl 1634 sq. ft living. (OEP28LEB) 888-870-9127



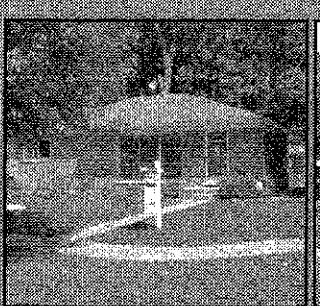
PLYMOUTH $497,500
New construction. Custom quality inc granite cntrtops t/o, cherry cbnts, ceramic & brazilian HDWD flrs, 9' clgs. Custom moldings, ceramic baths & 1st flr laundry, stonecast FP surround, LL prepped for bath. Jac tub. (OEP35IRO) 888-870-9127



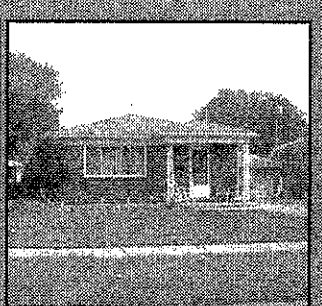
PLYMOUTH $369,900
4BR, 2.5BA br colonial in Beacon Estates. Great flr plan w/lg fr w/nat br fp, hdwd flrs, 2 skylites & fr drs out to beautiful yard. Lg kit w/lots of storage in neutral cabinetry. 1st flr lndry w/lg mud rm & storage. (OEP37CON) 888-870-9127



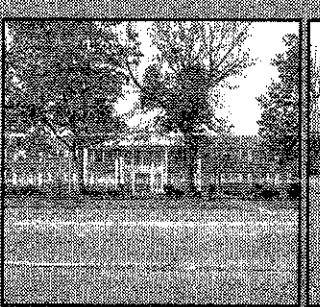
PLYMOUTH $188,500
Super Value! Remodeled kit w/oak cab, neutral cntrs & flr. Cozy FR w/natural FP & doorwall to deck. All bedrooms have hardwood flr. Spacious master bedroom. Close to all conviences & short walk to elementary school. (OEP21TAV) 888-870-9127



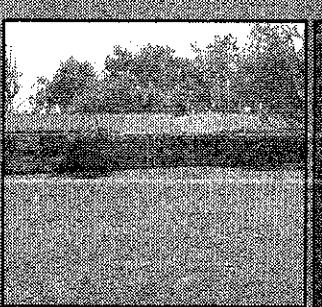
REDFORD $158,000
Wow! Get Ready For A Treat! Private Cul-de-sac Location Backing To Tree Lined Fence. Fab. fin Bsmt W/bath. Many Updates In Past 3 Yrs: Roof, Landscaping, Garage Door, Gutters, Vinyl Siding Glass Blk Windows. (OEN70WES) 888-870-9123



REDFORD $118,900
Nice 3 Bdrm, brick Ranch W/part Fin Bsmt & 2 Car Garage. Great For First Time Buyers. Home Offers New Windows & Doors (04), New Furnace, Central Air & Humidifier (04) & New Bathroom. (OEL28KIN) 888-870-9105



REDFORD $37,700
Affordable upper 1 Bdrm Unit In Nice Complex, Close To Everything. Open Lg Courtyard, Comm Pool, Bsmt W/rec/game Room. Private Ent & assigned Parking. Assoc. Fee Inc Heat & Water. (OEL015MI) 888-870-9105



SALEM $230,000
Opportunity knocking! Zoning on this sprawling ranch allows for business to be operated at home. Outbuildings allowed. Over 2400 sq. ft. on over 2 acres. (OESLY747MI) 888-870-9131



SOUTH LYON $800,000
Great investment opportunity! Almost 7 acres of development friendly land in the cit of South Lyon. All utilities to property. (OESLY00STR) 888-870-9131



SOUTH LYONS $499,900
New construction. Quality thru-out! Beautiful executive home featuring tray ceilings, walk-in closets, bay windows garden tub. Jack and Jill bath. Open floor plan. Landscaping and sprinklers. (OESLY31GLE) 888-870-9131



SOUTH LYON $217,900
Large 3 bedroom , 3.5 bath condo w/open airy floor plan. Finished basement w/family room, full bath, walk-in closet and huge storage/workroom. (OESLY07EVE) 888-870-9131

SOUTH LYON $179,900
Dynamic Cape Cod style condo w/ walking distance to downtown! 2 bedroom w/loft that could be 3rd bedroom. 3.5 baths, 2 car garage, fin walkout basement. Dramatic 2 story great room, ceramic tile in kit & baths. (OESLY07REE) 888-870-9131

SOUTHFIELD $249,900
Beautiful Updated Quad. Spacious FR W/gas Fp, formal DR & Liv Rm W/new Bay Wndw. Lg Mst Bdrm W/ Bath, WIC. Refin. Hrdwd Flrs In All Bdrms. Freshly Painted. Glass Blk Wndws, updated Elec. 1 Yr Home Warranty. (OEL35KEN) 888-870-9105

SOUTHFIELD $137,900
Clean Ranch In Cambridge Village. Beautiful Hdwd Floors T/O. Updated Bath. New Picture Window, New Window In Kit & New Doorwall. Large Laund Rm W/ Built In Cabinets For Lots Of Storage. FR W/ Doorwall To Patio. (OEL84LEX) 888-870-9105

WAYNE $114,900
This Home Might Need Some Sprucing Up On The Inside, But It Is The Best Buy Around. Brick Front Bungalow That Has Had A Large Addition On The Back Of The Home (OEN37WIN) 888-870-9123

WEST BLOOMFIELD $300,000
Second Floor Is Roughed-in. To Be Completed By New Owner. One Year Home Warranty Included. (OEN50ALL) 888-870-9123

WESTLAND $169,900
Clean, Contemporary 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Ranch W/Studio Ceilings. Newer Carpet & Paint. Custom Cabinets In Updated Kitchen, Prof Fin Bsmt. Newer Siding, Roof, Windows + 2.5 Car Garage. Livonia Schools. Home Warranty. (OEL44MEL) 888-870-9105

WESTLAND $157,900
Great location! Charming 2 bedroom, 1½ bath condo with Livonia schools. Neutral decor. High efficiency furnace, doorwall overlooks deck & wooded area. Near Westland Mall. Show & sell! (OEP80RIV) 888-870-9127

WESTLAND $128,500
Charming home offers bay window w/bench seat, updated bath, lge BR closet & an updated kit w/solid oak cupboard doors & ceramic floor. Double lot has 10 Oak trees, perennials & gazebo. (OEN58WIL) 888-870-9123

WHITMORE LAKE $239,000
Wow! All sports lake priveleges on Whitmore Lake on quiet dead end street! Brick paver patio for entertaining w/large lot w/sprinklers. Spotless w/motivated sellers. (OESLY30HOR) 888-870-9131

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3 bdrm, 2.5 bath condo.
1037 Elmwood. $218,900.
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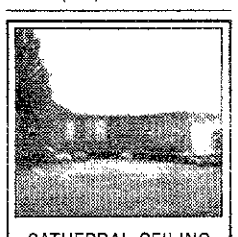

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Farmington Hills

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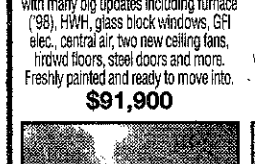
LIVONIA
1,200 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, two bath brick ranch with two car attached garage and professionally finished basement. Newer roof, central air & HWH. Remodeled bath w/double sink, family room with fireplace, doorwall to covered patio. Very clean
$219,900



LIVONIA
Livonia please check your needs: Livonia Schools ✓, brick ranch ✓, 3 bedroom & 2 bath ✓, 1,123 sq. ft. ✓, updates ✓, 2 car garage ✓, finished basement ✓, under $180,000 ✓.
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CANTON
Awesome brick ranch condo (end unit). 2 bedrooms, cathedral ceilings, skylight, finished basement with office and plenty of storage. Fenced patio. Gorgeous !
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Canton-42708 Lilley Pointe
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Garden City-31505 Pierce
Brand new construction, 3 bdrm cape cod style completed late summer or early fall. $195,000

Open Sun 1-4 Garden City-31755 Hennepin
Nice 2 bdrm ranch on lg lot, huge mstr bdrm, utility rm & 2+ car garage. $109,900

Garden City– 33614 Leona
Great 3 bdrm ranch. Hot tub on deck. Finished Bsmt w/bar & 2.5 car garage. 152,000

Garden City-30607 Marquette
Wow!!! 3 bdrm broadfront brick ranch. Lots of updates. Partially finis. Basement. $149,900

Dearborn -4952 Williamson
Nice 3 bdrm bungalow has att. Florida rm. Lots of updates. Fin.bsmt & 1.5 car garage. $159,500

Inkster-6549 Somerset
Wow! 3 bdrm bungalow, w/1,315 sq ft, partial finished basement and nice deck. $117,900

Livonia-9366 Eastwind (Condo)
Luxury condo built in 1991 has 1,878 sq ft, 2 bdrm, fireplace & 2 car att gar. $219,900

Plymouth-44624 Oregon Trail
Great! 4 bdrm colonial 2 car garage & full basement. Lots of updates. A must see!! $224,900

Plymouth– 46080 Rockledge
Wow! 3 bdrm super sized ranch, w/2.5 baths, fin. basement, 2 car att.garage & fireplace. $314,900

Redford-9356 Sarasota
Wow! 3 bdrm ranch open floor plan. Lots of updates. Garage & finished bsmt. $147,500

Westland-1161 Barchester
Spectacular! 3 bdrm ranch, w/2 full baths, finished basement, & 2 car att garage. $199,900

Westland-7321 Gilman
Nice 3 bdrm ranch w/Livonia Schools. Huge backyard , & updated bathroom. $95,100

Westland-36121 Glen
Wow! Over 1100 +sf for a 2 bdrm. Huge family room w/F.P. 2 car garage. $119,900

Westland-28030 Mackenzie
Great! 3 bdrm ranch w/Livonia schools. Hot tub, pool, & fin. Basement. $179,900

Westland-32662 Menominee Ct
Great opportunity for investors. All units are rented and well maintained. $129,900

Westland-35104 Nancy
Wow! 1,537 sq ft 4 bdrm ranch. full basement w/ block windows. Lot of updates. $164,900

Westland– 32871 Mecosta
2 bdrm ranch. Lots of updates, This home is great for first time buyer or investment. $72,900

Open Sun 1-4 Westland-1892 Stieber (Condo)
Nice 2 bdrm, ranch condo w/full basement and lots of updates. A must See!!! $72,900

Westland– 2222 Stieber (Condo)
Nice 2 bdrm, ranch condo w/partial finished basement & new furnace & air. $76,900

Westland-36670 Spanish Oak Dr
Great! 3 bdrm colonial. Family room w/F.P. & full basement lot more to see. $219,300

Westland-534 Van Sull
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Open Sun 1-4 Detroit– 13978 Bramell
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Detroit-8203 Brace
Wow! Completely remodeled 3bdrm ranch, w/ basement & 3 season front porch. $74,900

Detroit-8614 Northlawn
Nice 2 bdrm, unfini. basement & garage. Perfect for investment or first time buyers. 49,900

Detroit-22446 Tireman
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Detroit-15032 Maddelein St
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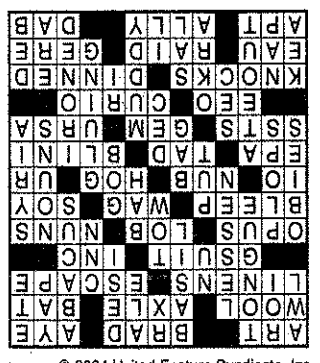

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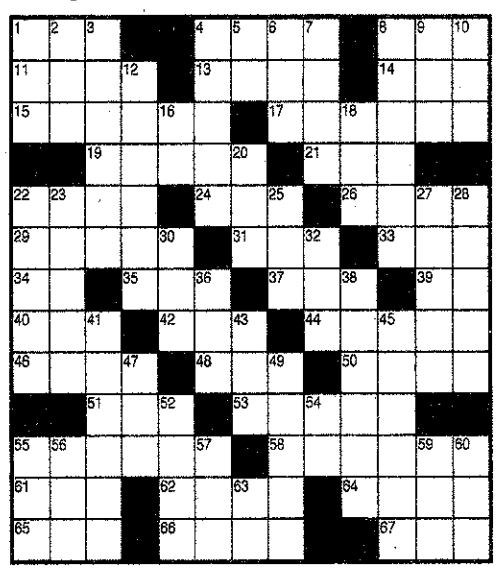

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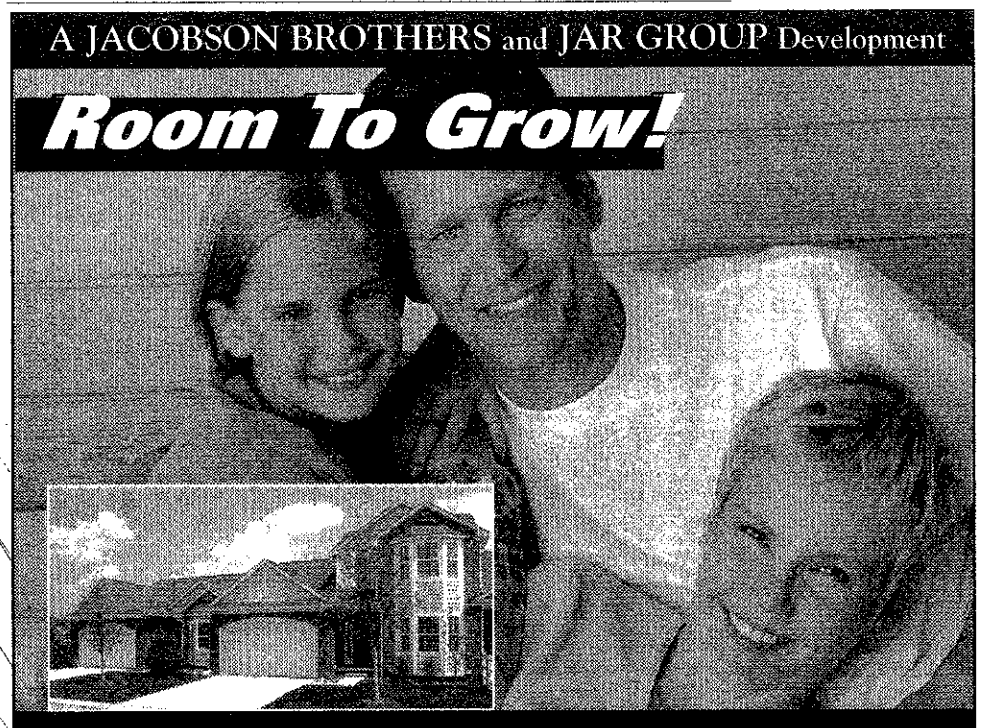

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w/ many trees surrounds 3-4 bdrm Colonial w/finished bsmt & 2 car side entry garage. Living room, dining room, family room w/ marble fireplace. Kitchen w/appliances opens to deck. C/A. 1st floor laundry. $258,000. (BR256)
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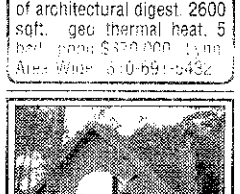

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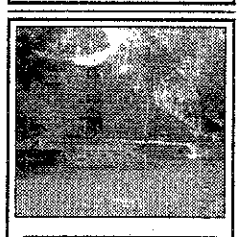

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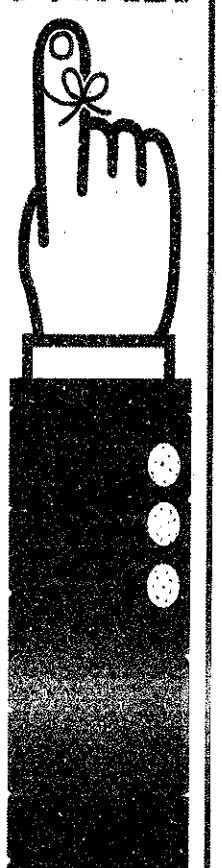

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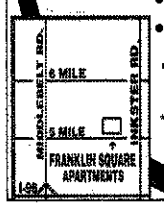

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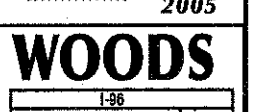

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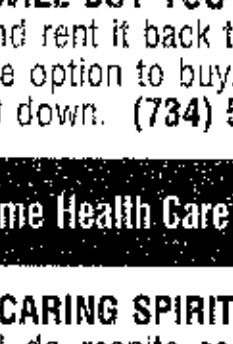

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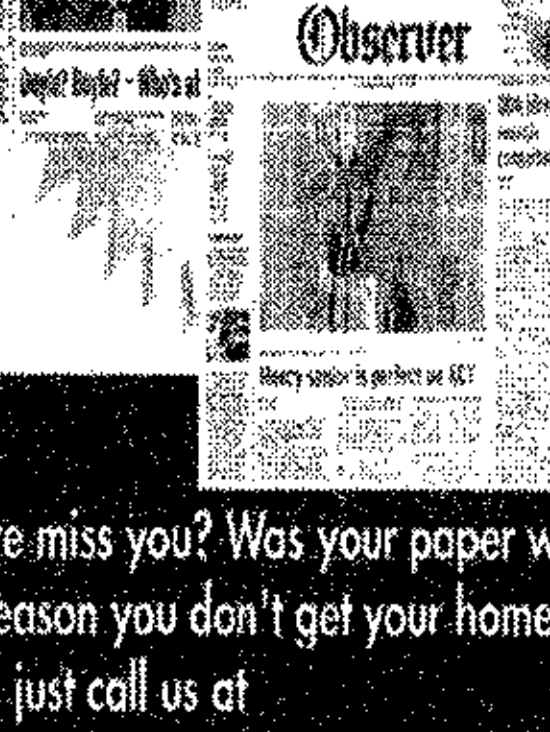

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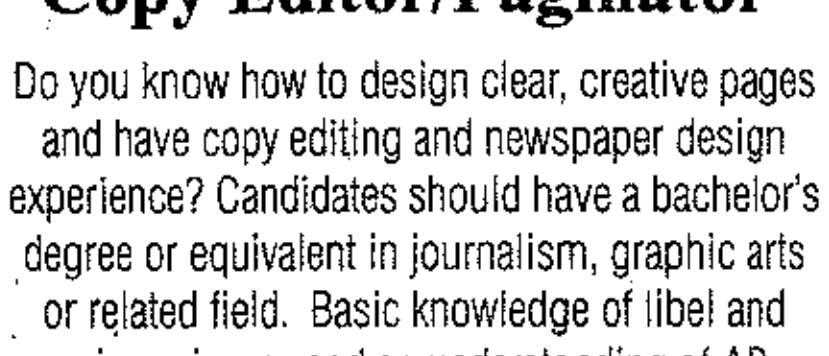

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Medical equipment company looking for individual to do various activities. Responsiblities will be divided between chauffeur to president, equipment deliveries, and warehouse duties. Excellent driving record a must. Fax resume to Attn: Paul
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or fax resume to
(248) 547-1061

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Specialized Pharmacy, P.O. Box 3347, Livonia, MI 48151 Attn. HR-Driver, by fax to (734) 513-9418 or e-mail jobs.sps@omnicare.com
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The Charter Township of Canton is accepting applications to establish an eligibility list for the position of full-time Laborer. Must be available for call-out, nights, weekends, holidays and overtime. Applicant must possess a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) Group B with the added Endorsement N, including air brakes or Learners Permit from the State of Michigan at the time of application. Must successfully pass road test, at applicant's own expense, within 60 days after employment. Must possess a current, valid Michigan Drivers License with a good driving history. Applicant may be required to apply for his/her driving record, at own expense, through the Secretary of State. Rate of pay: $14.15-$19.89 per hr. plus benefits. Applications available at the Township Administration Building, Human Resources Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 or make request in writing, along with a self-addressed stamped business size envelope, to above address for application form (please specify Laborer application). An application form is also available on the Canton Township website at
www.canton-mi.org.
All applicants must complete a Canton Township application form in its entirety and the form must be received by Canton Township Human Resources Division prior to 4:00 p.m. November 3, 2004 The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer

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PART TIME POSITION
at Florist receiving department. Unpack & condition fresh flowers & supplies. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Part time days, Mon.-Thurs. Apply at: BLOSSOMS, 33866 Woodward Ave., Birmingham.

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PERSON/STUDENT For part time with IT/Computer Tech Skills, entry level. Please fax resume to 248-476-4990

PERSONAL DRIVER
Mature, chauffer's license. Good driving record. Must be available on call. Able to work some odd hours and some weekends. Includes business courier service. Prefer retiree w/professional demeanor and military background.
Call 313-292-5500 between 9am-4pm. Mon-Fri.

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CREDIT MANAGER
CUMMINS BRIDGEWAY, LLC
21810 CLESSIE COURT
NEW HUDSON, MICHIGAN 48165
mary.p.cioma@cummins.com
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Redford, MI 48239

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www.canton-mi.org.
All applicants must complete a Canton Township application form in its entirety and the form must be received by Canton Township Human Resources Division prior to 4:00 p.m. November 5, 2004 The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Reliable, self-motivated person to do warranty servicing of manufactured homes. Must have good driving record and have own tools. Background in plumbing, electrical, and carpentry a plus. Full time. Fax resume Attn: Julie, (248) 374-0945.

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Growing Steel Product Manufacturing Company seeks hard working individuals to join our team. We are currently looking for a Maintenance person, Press Helper, Heat Treat Operator, and Planner Mill Operator. Must be available to work the afternoon shift. Must have basic math skills. Hi-lo exp. helpful but not necessary.

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Apply in person Mon-Fri., 9am-4pm at: Steel Industries Inc., 12600 Beech Daly Road, Redford. S. of I96 on the east side of the road.
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STAFF ENGINEER I

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STAFF ENGINEER II

Accepting applications for the position of Staff Engineer II. Salary: $49,417 - $64,242 per year. Job description with complete qualifications will be available on the Canton Township website at www.canton-mi.org or may be viewed at the Canton Township Human Resources Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188. Applications may also be picked up at the /Canton Administration Building, Human Resources Division, or on the Canton Township website. A Canton Township application form must be completed in its entirety and on file in the Human Resources Division prior to 4pm., October 29, 2004. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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SYSTEM MODULAR FURNITURE INSTALLER NEEDED

Quality driven office installation Co., looking for self motivated, team work, orientated individuals, Knowledge of multiple, systems & systems furniture reconfiguration required. Warehouse exp. a plus. Excllent benefits, profit sharing, 401K, Bonus program & room for advancement. Send resume to resume@morsemoving.com or fax to 734-485-8748 or call 734-480-4178 to schedule interview/appt.

Help Wanted-General 5000

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Farmington Hills law office. Excellent phone skills. (248) 865-0860

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The Equipment & Supply division of Domino's Pizza, Inc. is looking for a hard-working individual to work for our Livonia warehouse facility. This person should have experience in warehouse picking/packing and able to operate a forklift. Work for a progressive company with great benefits in a team-oriented environment. (EOE) Fax resume with cover letter and salary requirements to: 734-462-0467, or mail to Domino's Pizza Equipment & Supply Attn: Scott Cowie 39000 Plymouth Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

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Livonia lumber yard looking for reliable help to prepare orders, load trucks, help customers. Afternoons, teamsters, benefits, $10-14. Apply in person 11940 Merriman Rd. South of I 96

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BOOKKEEPER Part-time
for Southfield CPA firm. G/L & P/R Taxes. Flexible hrs. Fax resume to: 248-208-9049

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Full time position, excellent typing, computer knowledge, data entry, filing, pleasant phone manners essential. Inventory exp. is a plus. Please fax resume 734-946-0438 or mail to: Diakon Logostics. 28437 Higland Rd. Romulus, MI. 48174

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

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OFFFICE ASSISTANT
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OFFICE MANAGER
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Birmingham law firm seeks a receptionist with a minimum of two years exp. Send resume and salary requirements to: Office Administrator, Carson Fischer, P.L.C., 300 East Maple Road, 3rd Floor, Birmingham, MI 48009 or fax 248-644-1832

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

RECEPTIONIST, Part-Time
Mon-Fri. 12-5. Farmington Hills co. Must be highly organized & able to multi-task. Exc. communication skills on phone & in person Working exp. on computer, word processing, accurate typing & spelling essential. tfite@corp.realcomp.com Fax: (248) 699-0123

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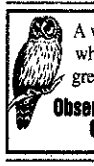
Full-time for a court reporting firm. Duties include: phones, filing & typing. Must be detail oriented. 13 Mile/Telegraph. Fax resume 248-644-1120 Attn: Meredith

SECRETARY
For growing law firm Must type a min. of 80 words per minute. Experience in the legal field preferred but not necessary . **PLEASE SEND RESUME AND SALARY REQUIREMENTS along with resume to:** 248-886-8652 Attn: Susan



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Help Wanted-Dental 5040

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Experience needed for Farmington Hills prosthodontic practice specializing in crown & bridge & implant surgery. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 8-5. Call Dr. Joel Zahler: 248-626-6656 (days) 248-851-1517 Eves or fax resume: 248-626-5023

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DENTAL ASSISTANT

West Dearborn office searching for an experienced & caring dental assistant to join our practice. Must have superior dental & people skills. Please fax resume to (313) 563-1384

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MEDICAL ASSISTANT For family practice office. Must be exp. & PT. Fax resume: 248-477-8730.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT/ RECEPTIONIST
Part-time. Minimum 1 year exp. Must be professional. Call (313) 730-1591 or Fax resume (313) 730-1634

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST For family practice office. Exp. with computer knowledge. Fax resume: 248-477-8730.

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST
We have a position available for person with experience and ability to utilize multi-line telephones, type accurately, verify medical insurance, work as a team member, have excellent organizational skills, as well as excellent communication skills for direct patient contact. We offer good hours, wages, and benefits. Fax resume to (734) 525-3876.

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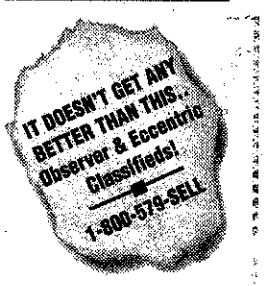

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PLYMOUTH Fabulous Yet Casual
Close to downtown Plymouth, this top floor condo features 2 skylights, bay window, 1st flr. laundry w/stackable washer/dryer. Kitchen has oak cab. Seller is offering $1,000 décor allowance. Truly worth viewing!
(E11PIN) 734-455-5600 $130,000

NOVI Picturesque Colonial
Landscaping from Better Homes & Gardens with brick paver patio with built-in lights, hot tub & gazebo, perennial gardens. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, finished basement, 2 car att. garage and maple kitchen & more.
(E65BRO) 734-455-5600 $279,900

WESTLAND Premium Lot!
Wonderful 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial built in 2000 presents 2 car attached garage, basement, spacious kitchen opens to family room with fireplace and sliding door to brick paver patio. All backing to nature preserve.
(E15CRA) 734-455-5600 $225,000

DEARBORN HTS. 3 Bedroom Colonial
Full of charm from the covered front porch to the homey décor. Updates include: newer roof, oak kit cabs, bathroom floor & more. Hardwood floors T/O formal LR & DR. Deep backyard w/shed. C/A & 1st floor laundry.
$99,900 (E03NEW) 248-349-5600.

HOWELL Cozy Ranch Near Town
3 bedroom home with large kitchen with eating area & dining room open to kitchen. Basement & room for garage or carport. Fence of trees in back and side. Home warranty included.
$138,000 (E10MAS) 248-349-5600



BELLEVILLE Beautiful Colonial
4 bdrm., 2.5 bath, 2 car att. garage, 2 story foyer & great room, cathedral ceilings, hardwood t/o kitchen. Master bedroom w/cathedral ceilings & bath w/jetted tub & sep. shower. Basement planned for 3rd bath.
(E05WIL) 734-455-5600 $265,000

PLYMOUTH Picture Perfect
Turn key condition with many updates in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow offering coved ceilings and wet plaster. Finished basement and garage. Updated roof, windows, furnace, C/A and much more.
(E51PAC) 734-455-5600 $235,000

CANTON This is it!
Absolutely gorgeous townhouse built in 1997 with basement, fireplace, attached garage, neutral throughout. Move in ready! A must see!
(E12HUN) 734-455-5600 $157,000

FERNDALE Looking for a Neighborhood?
Shaded streets offer clean 3BR Ferndale bungalow with detached garage. Finished basement for extra room to relax and play. HWH & A/C – 1 year. Watch the world go by from your own covered porch.
$132,500 (E86FLO) 248-349-5600

MILFORD Custom Built - 2001
This custom built 3BR, 2.5BA contemporary shows like a model. Two story great room, custom moldings library w/French doors, double oven & cook top. Newer custom deck. Located on approx. 3 acres w/horses allowed.
$469,900 (E87HOL) 248-349-5600



GARDEN CITY Well Maintained Home
Updated with roof-single layer, circuit breakers, furnace & C/A, windows & more. Newer kitchen appliances, 2 car garage w/attached out building. All this in this 3 bedroom brick/aluminum ranch.
(E05SUN) 734-455-5600 $138,000

SALEM TWP. Escape to a Country Life
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch sitting on approx. 2 acres w/fish pond, 2 garages. Updated kitchen, Andersen windows, furnace, C/A, electrical & roof shingles. 1st floor laundry and much more.
(E63CUR) 734-455-5600 $339,900

EASTPOINTE Pack Your Bags
Unique ranch offers open floor plan w/sunken great room with cathedral ceiling, doorwall leads to 3 tier deck, dream kitchen with oak cabinets, large finished basement & gar. Newer roof, C/A & home warranty.
(E03BEE) 734-455-5600 $142,900

LIVONIA Super Sharp Ranch
Beautifully decorated and clean Livonia home w/huge fenced-in yard. Home boasts hardwood floors, coved ceilings, custom window treatments, newer bath, large updated kitchen, newer windows and roof.
$144,900 (E91FLO) 248-349-5600

TAYLOR Meticulously Maintained
Perfect townhouse condo w/2BR, 1.5BA. Newer furnace, A/C, carpet, windows, appliances. Updated kitchen w/ceramic floors in foyer and bath. Gas and H20 included in assoc. fees, clubhouse, pool, tennis courts.
$74,900 (E98DUP) 248-349-5600



SOUTHGATE Move Right In!
Charming 3 bedroom, brick ranch with 2 car garage with patio, full finished basement with dry bar & family room, large deck with gas BBQ grill. Newer carpet in living room & hall, newer roof. Plus, so much more!
(E63CYN) 734-455-5600 $150,000

PLYMOUTH Live Downtown
Historical 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath Colonial with all the modern updates. Hardwood floors t/o, large family room w/brick fireplace, partially fin. basement, open kitchen w/appliances, lg. fenced yard w/newer deck.
(E16HOL) 734-455-5600 $204,900

PLYMOUTH Woodlore South
4 BR home! Foyer w/curved staircase & hardwood floor. Great room has 2 story ceiling, marble trimmed gas FP, LR w/bay window, French doors to lib., kit. w/cherry cabs., master w/glamour bath, 3 car att. gar & bsmt.
(E99MAR) 734-455-5600 $539,900

WIXOM 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths
With 3 car garage. Nearly half an acre in prestigious sub. Master suite w/cathedral ceiling. His & hers walk-in closets & soaking tub. Ceramic tile in kitchen & nook. Security system. Intercom with radio. Sprinkler system.
$319,800 (E09DEV) 248-349-5600.

REDFORD Ready, Get Set Move!
Spacious well-maintained 3BR, 2BA bungalow w/finished basement & 2 car garage. In-ground pool, large deck, formal dining room, family room, breakfast room w/snack bar, kitchen with large island
$158,900 (E59DAL) 248-349-5600



VAN BUREN Ready to Move into Condo
2 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhouse with hardwood floors [illegible] kitchen & DR, ceramic tile in baths, [illegible] basement w/daylight windows, gas fireplace in LR, accent and recessed lighting, plus attached garage
(E85MIL) 734-455-5600 $184,900

CANTON Custom Built Cape Cod 2005
[illegible] approx. 1 acre lot with 4 BRs, 3.5 BA, 4 car att. garage, 2 story foyer, formal DR, hearth room off large kitchen, breakfast nook, all bedrms w/WIC, full bsmt. You can pick your special wishes
(E52ROL) 734-455-5600 $787,500

LIVONIA Great 4 Bedroom Ranch
[illegible] cathedral ceiling & natural FP, newer roof on house & garage, newer windows, HWH, A/C & furnace. Hardwood flrs., master bdrm w/att. lav. All major appliances & part. fin. basement & 2 car garage.
(E19PIN) 734-455-5600 $204,900

LIVONIA Outstanding
This 3BR, 2BA brick ranch has an open floor plan [illegible] cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, updated [illegible] windows, shingles, entry doors, more. Updated bath w/ceramic tile & Jacuzzi, finished bsmt & garage
$192,500 (E63DEN) 248-349-5600

ROMULUS Exciting Cont[illegible]
[illegible] on golf course [illegible] GR & master FP in GR. Open floor [illegible] upgrades. Recessed lights, bedroom with [illegible] Best of both words – new home and golf
$189,900 (E79CRY) 248-349-5600



CANTON Gorgeous Condo
Offers 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, cathedral ceilings, private entry and your own laundry room. Upgraded oak kitchen, ceramic tile in baths, mirrored wall in dining room and home warranty.
(E88LIL) 734-455-5600 $123,000

DEARBORN Super Sharp Ranch
2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch, roomy living room, separate dining room with Pergo floor, updated bath, newer kitchen floor, 2.5 car garage with newer roof. Vinyl windows.
(E62DAR) 734-455-5600 $110,000

REDFORD Charming Ranch
Brick 3BR home w/fantastic oak kit, spacious LR & DR. Master BR w/triple closet doors. Vinyl windows, newer concrete, fin Bsmt with block windows. Patio, newer concrete, 2 car garage. Well maintained.
$144,900 (E90TEC) 248-349-5600

LIVONIA Indoor Swimming Pool
Come on! Take a vacation in your own indoor swimming pool. Recreation room with full bath. This 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath ranch is truly unique.
$299,999 (E61VAR) 248-349-5600

REDFORD Large Brick Bungalow
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home on large lot. Complete roof tear off-02, Wallside windows-00, copper plumbing, updated electrical, hardwood throughout, 2 car garage-great for the mechanic.
$139,900 (E21CRO) 248-349-5600



TAYLOR Don't Miss This One!
Newer construction condo opens to a 2 story foyer. Beautiful gas fireplace, master bedroom with walk-in closet and vaulted ceiling. Features C/A, 2 car attached garage and carpeted basement.
(E78COA) 734-455-5600 $172,000

LIVONIA Outstanding Ranch
Full brick finished basement with additional kitchen & bath. Newer roof, windows, oak kitchen, plus above ground pool with deck plus 8 person hot tub all offered in this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home and 2.5 car garage.
(E22RAY) 734-455-5600 $229,000

NORTHVILLE End Unit Ranch Condo
Bright, clean & neutral end unit upper ranch condo with open floor plan. Cathedral ceilings in GR, DR & kitchen. Includes: 1st floor master, study, FFL, all appliances & deck overlooking pool area. Close to town & xways.
$139,900 (E55SUR) 248-349-5600

FARMINGTON HILLS Rare Find
First time offering-3BR, 2BA condo w/fin. bsmt. & att. gar. Hrdwd. floors, 6 panel doors & many extras. First floor laundry. Super flowing floor plan. End unit w/view. Botsford Commons Condo a 50+ community.
$249,900 (E64SYC) 248-349-5600

COMMERCE Lovely Home
You'll love coming home. Elegant 3 bedroom 2.5 bath w/first floor MBR & first floor laundry. Stainless steel appliances. Large yard w/professional landscaping. Fireplace in living room. 2 car garage & Full basement
$299,000 (E65COM) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH So Sweet!
Clean & beautifully maintained. House with beautiful yard! 3 bedrooms, finished basement, garage, many updates and amenities. Bright and cheerful kitchen. Hardwood floors and all appliances.
(E80SUN) 734-455-5600 $239,900

CANTON Priced to Sell!
Large master bedroom, partially finished basement, home warranty, attached garage offered in this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath Colonial condo.
(E87BED) 734-455-5600 $124,900

ORCHARD LAKE Lake Privileges
Small Home, nothing fancy, but you'll love the fun with "all sports" Upper Straits Lake privileges. Boat & dock facilities. West Bloomfield schools. Great site for large custom home.
$199,900 (E34PAR) 248-349-5600

SOUTH LYON Walkout Ranch
Condo in Centennial Farms - a 55+ community. Everything you need for enjoyable living. Two baths, central air, fin. walk-out family room w/fireplace, Florida room, front deck & patio garden. Close to clubhouse & beach.
$158,900 (E91SHE) 248-349-5600

SOUTH LYON Ranch Condo
Centennial Farms 55+ end unit w/2BR & 2 full baths. Extra sink in dressing area. Great view from dining room window. Newer dishwasher. Large patio. Single car garage. Clubhouse & beach on Crooked Lake.
$142,000 (E52CAM) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH Nestled in the Woods
Very private setting. 2 BR, 2BA condo. Lg. LR & DR w/corner FP. FFL, 2 private store rooms in basement. Beautiful oak cabinets w/all appliances to stay. Neutral décor. Deck overlooking beautiful setting.
(E49SYC) 734-455-5600 $149,900

WESTLAND Great Open Floor Plan
3 bedrooms, 2 full baths in this well cared for ranch offering finished basement for additional living space. Many updates include: kitchen w/center island and Pergo type floors. Oversized 2 car garage.
(E65HAZ) 734-455-5600 $169,900

NORTHVILLE Ranch Condo
Beautiful end unit 2 bedroom ranch ground level condo w/cathedral ceilings. Private location with attached garage. Open floor plan. Central air and easy living. Community pool, tennis courts, clubhouse & more.
$127,500 (E77ONA) 248-349-5600

NORTHVILLE Northville Township
Looking for land to build your dream home? Don't look any further, these two parcels come to approximately 2.76 acres. Currently zoned residential, with the right developer, it could be RM-1 material.
$500,000 (E91RID) 248-349-5600

HOWELL Sprawling Ranch
Private setting on approximately 1 acre for this 3BR 2.5 bath ranch. Huge walkout lower level with large rec room & extra room, perfect for a home office or playroom. First floor master and laundry.
$239,900 (E61BON) 248-349-5600



DETROIT Don't Miss This
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick Colonial with 2 car garage, full basement, living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, breakfast nook overlooking the family room, plus C/A, many appliances and doors.
(E55BLA) 734-455-5600 $99,000

GARDEN CITY Super Clean Bungalow
Updated 3 bedroom bungalow, nicely finished basement with 4th bedroom and additional living space! 2 car garage with workshop and 220.
(E21RUS) 734-455-5600 $144,900

LIVONIA Honey, Stop the Car
Awesome brick ranch with 3BR & 2 full baths. Super finished basement. Has wet bar and office. Let's party. Great house for entertaining inside & out. Fireplace & updated kitchen. Most mechanicals & windows updated.
$189,999 (E10OHI) 248-349-5600

NORTHVILLE Past & Future
will perfect this 1989 Circa Carpenter Gothic home. Build your dream home with 21st century amenities & retain its early charms. Huge lot w/prime location in the heart of historical downtown Northville. Sold "as is."
$269,900 (E21RAN) 248-349-5600

FARMINGTON Matchless! Meticulous!
It's a no-no! No painting, no fixing, no yard work in this townhouse style condo. Take a plunge in the pool or workout in the fitness room. Private patio for BBQ clubhouse, 2BR, 2.5BA, 1st flr. laundry, WIC & carport
$129,900 (E02ATL) 248-349-5600

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NOVI **$418,900**
DELIGHTFUL CAPE COD Enchanting cape cod, impressive GR w/vaulted ceiling & frpl, delightful kit & brkfst area, den, lovely mstr ste w/cathedral ceiling, grt deck & wooded yard. 349-6200 (24088291)

248-348-6430



HAMBURG **$409,900**
WHAT A BEAUTY! Super maintained brick colonial on superb 1 acre lot w/wooded backdrop. 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths, deep bsmt, 3 car gar, patio. Terrific mstr ste- what are you waiting for? (23O7807)

734-455-7000



NOVI **$375,000**
OUTSTANDING NOVI LOCATION Lovely 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial that is spotless. Updates incld: windows, doorwall, kitchen counter, sink, faucets & floor. All kit appliances included. 349-6200 (24099568)

248-348-6430



CANTON **$354,500**
SHOWS "LIKE NEW" Spacious colonial offering 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths, hdwd firs. Huge mstr. Lg deck, nicely landscaped. Many extras. Lg private lot, no homes behind. (23N3410)

734-455-7000



REDFORD **$350,000**
HAVE BUSINESS DOWN, LIVE UP Business on main floor, 2nd floor is a fabulus 2 bdrm, 2 BA. 1,900 sq ft apartment w/GR, DR, new kit, 2 fp's, new windows, private entrance, parking. Must see! (G264)

734-326-2000



FARMINGTON HILLS **$339,900**
4 BR, 2.5 BA BRICK COLONIAL Lrg eat-in kit, formal dining rm, lib w/custom dual work station & solid cherry shelving. Mstr w/BA & WIC, fin bsmt, tiered deck. 50 acre commons w/tennis, & more. (24098383)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA **$319,000**
LOVELY HOME WITH LIVONIA SCHOOLS! Sprawling 4 bedroom quad on 1/2 acre cul-de-sac. Florida room, walk-out, floor to ceiling stone fireplace, sprinklers. New A/C, neutral decor. (23B31861)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA **$314,900**
LOCATION, QUALITY, VALUE & CHARM 3 BR brk ranch built 1988. 2.5 BAs, fam rm w/ FP, full bsmt, 2 car att gar. A secluded setting w/mature trees (approx 3/4 acre). (24112385)

734-591-9200



LYON **$299,900**
3 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATH COLONIAL 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Master bedroom with master bath and walk-in closet. Tiered deck and paver patio on nearly a half acre lot. (24125480)

734-591-9200



CANTON **$291,400**
3 BR, 2.5 BATH COLONIAL In wonderful Sunflower Sub. Newer neutral crpt, freshly painted, roof 03, new stainless steel appls, new gar door opener, FR is open to kit w/FP & doorwall to deck. (24129532)

734-591-9200



LIVONIA **$289,000**
GREAT LOCATION IN LIVONIA Treed 1/2 acre lot. 2200 sq ft. 3 BR, 1.5 BA brick ranch. New furn & A/C in 03, newer entry door, 2 car att gar/ heated. All convenience on one flr. (24108031)

734-591-9200



SOUTH LYON **$275,000**
CAREFREE & RELAXED LIFESTYLE Beautiful condo w/all amenities. LR w/frpl & cathedral ceiling, lovely kit w/hdwd flr, spacious mstr w/ vaulted ceiling, fabulous fin'd bsmt, patio, 2 car att'd gar. 349-6200 (24123980)

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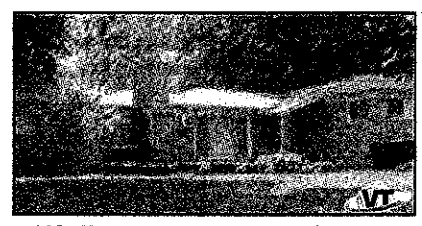

LIVONIA **$269,900**
4 BR, 3 BATH RANCH Here is your chance to live in Coventry Woods. Nice brick ranch w/ 4 BRs, 3 BAs, fin bsmt w/wet bar. Hm sits on big wooded lot. GR w/FP. Formal DR, updated kit. (Rf 8-04) (24128320)

734-591-9200



PLYMOUTH **$264,900**
JUST LISTED Exceptional bungalow w/1700 sq ft. Enormous GR w/floor to ceiling stone FP. Master suite w/sitting area & full BA. Everything is updated! Move right in! (24122843)

734-591-9200



NORTHVILLE **$259,900**
MOVE IN CONDITION IN THE HEART OF NORTHVILLE Many updates incld roof, windows, A/C, fin bsmt, interior doors, hdwd firs, crpt, sprinklers, vinyl trim. All appliances. Call for your prvt tour. 348-6430 (24128906)

248-349-6200



CANTON **$257,000**
THIS CANTON HOME IS A 10++!! Over $50,000 in recent updates. Granite kit, stainless steel appl's, new paint, carpet, 6 panel doors, prof landscaping. Newer a/c, furnace, windows & roof. Home Warr. 349-6200 (24125279)

248-348-6430



NOVI **$249,900**
LIKE NEW 2002 year built, end unit ranch style condo. 2 BRs, 2 BAs, 2 car gar & great Novi location. Upgrades thru-out, cath ceilings, jetted tubs, FP, hdwd firs & great view! (24127660)

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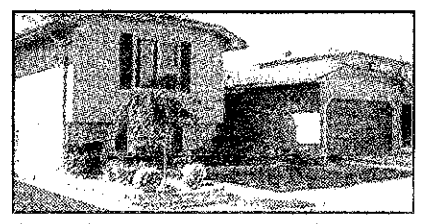

CANTON **$236,900**
MOVE IN & MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME Completely updated 4 BRs, 2 1/2 baths. Pergo floors, custom kitchen cabinets, family room boasts a IG wet bar & natural fireplace. Large deck and landscaped yard. (F443)

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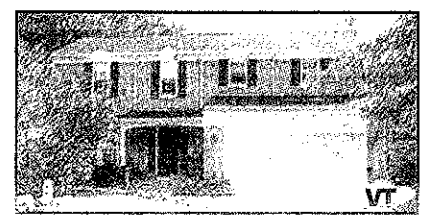

CANTON **$224,900**
4 BR, 2.5 BATH COLONIAL Amazing value! Over 2300 square feet, 4 BRs, 2 1/2 baths, huge master suite, large bedrooms. www.localgem.com for pictures or call 877-934-6683 ID 706 (24104297)

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PLYMOUTH
FABULOUS BARBERRY UNIT! makes this LR inviting. FR w/ac. Can be bit as 3rd bdrm. Avail [illegible] lndscpng, sprnklr sys, lawn main & snow removal. Prime location. (23A1205)

734-455-7000



PLYMOUTH **$184,900**
THE "ARBOR" has an open flr plan. Fin lower level rec rm next to laundry & powder rm. Townhome community will feature lndscpng, sprnklr sys, lawn main/snow removal. Low association fees. (23A1205)

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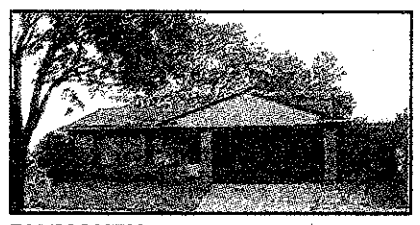

PLYMOUTH **$175,000**
GREAT POTENTIAL! 3 BR RANCH Bring your ideas. 3 BR, 1.5 bath ranch w/full bsmt & 2 car att gar. New furnace, hdwd firs, FR w/natural FP. Arbor Village sub w/sidewalks. 349-6200 (24125531)

248-348-6430



WESTLAND **$172,500**
OUTSTANDING LOCATION. Clean, well kept condo. New carpet on 1st floor, oak kitchen cabinets, all appliances included. Finished basement. Deck from doorwall. Absolutely turnkey! 349-6200 (24103092)

248-348-6430



GARDEN CITY **$156,900**
BEST BUY IN GARDEN CITY! In great area!1350 sq ft, 2.5 baths, fin bsmt, 2.5 car garage. Huge mstr bdrm w/bath, expanded kit/ gathering room, new carpet & paint. (23M32750)

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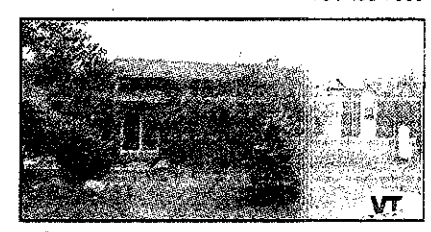

NOVI **$150,000**
DETACHED RANCH CONDO Great 2 BR carriage w/1 car direct access gar. New windows, neutral decor, ceiling fans. Open floor plan.**6 MONTHS FREE ASSOC FEE** Move right in! 349-6200 (24118495)

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DEARBORN **$149,900**
FABULOUS UPDTD BRICK BUNGALOW Gorgeous top of the line kit, 2 beautiful new bdrms. Hdwd flrs thru-out, newer wndw, copper plumbing w/tankless hot wtr heater, new exterior & storm doors, appl incld. 349-6200 (24103105)

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WESTLAND **$147,500**
CLEAN AND NEUTRAL Move in and relax. It's all been done for you. 3 bdrms, 1.5 baths, new A/C & furnace. Maintenance free exterior, lg garage. See to believe. (23A30591)

734-455-7000



GARDEN CITY **$146,000**
LOTS OF UPDATES This 3 BR ranch has just what you're looking for. Updated kitchen with ceramic floor, newer carpet, newer furnace and new windows. (A270)

734-326-2000



WESTLAND **$139,900**
1,400 SQUARE FOOT RANCH 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, living room, family room, 100x140 lot. Great in-law quarters. (H137)

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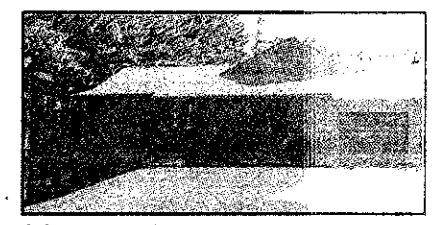

SOUTH LYON **$138,000**
PRIME LOCATION! W/O UNIT & LAKE ACCESS Privacy & beauty in end unit w/Florida rm, fam rm, fireplace, direct garage access, 2 BRs, 2 BAs, & appl's. Overlooks trees, in 55+ co-op. Includes beach and clubhouse 349-6200 (24124573)

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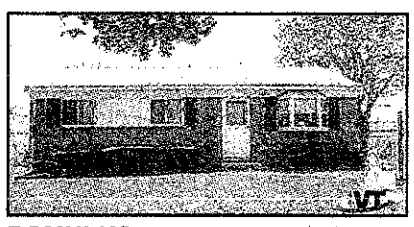

ROMULUS **$128,900**
SPACIOUS 3 BEDROOM RANCH WITH 2.5 GARAGE Hardwood floors, family room off the kitchen adds to the charm of this home. Recent updates, front sidewalks & basement. 349-6200 (24048353)

248-348-6430



REDFORD **$125,000**
LARGE BRICK BUNGALOW Large brick 3 bedroom bungalow. Very clean & freshley painted. Fireplace in living room, eat-in kitchen & separate dining room. All appliances & home warranty too! (24129435)

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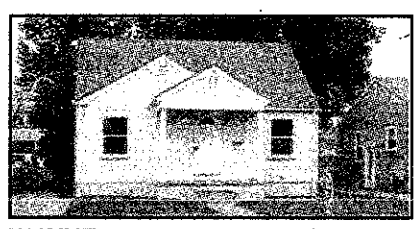

WAYNE **$122,500**
BETTER THAN NEW Almost everything new. New roof shingles, vinyl siding, windows, kitchen cabinets, counters, ceramic tile bath, furnace, duct work, and more. Hurry. (G394)

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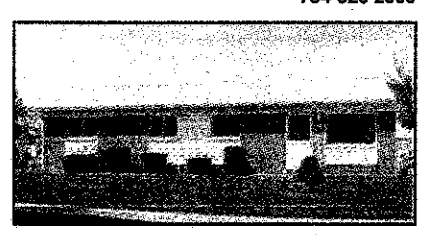

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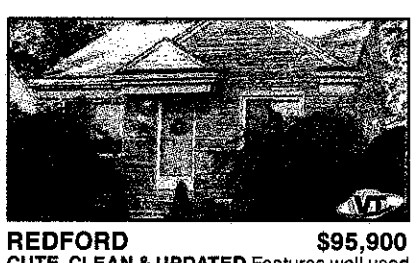

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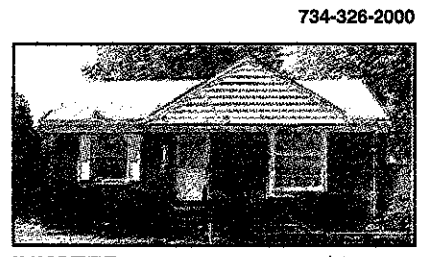

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AMAZING BUY is this brick ranch with full finished basement & garage. Remodeled kitchen with oak cabinets. Hardwood floors, remodeled bath. (B110)

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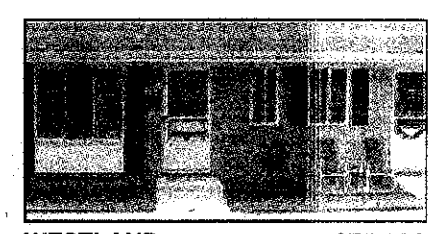

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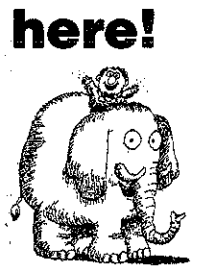

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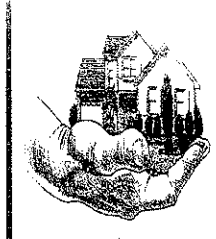

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Too much more to mention. Call for complete listing!

THIS IS A SALE YOU CANNOT MISS!

Announcing an Estate Sale Fri. & Sat., Oct. 28 & 29, 10 am -4 pm. 16027 Birwood Beverly Hills (S. of 14, between Greenfield & Southfield) Featured Artists Home Antique art work & collectibles throughout. Round Jacobean table & chairs, carved Victorian sofa, carved Victorian chairs, Jacobean cabinet, clocks, mahogany curio, Sheraton mahogany settee, silver, china, mahogany tables, electronics, Thomasville bedroom set, Christmas, jewelry plus much more. Something for everyone.

ANOTHER BERNARD DAVIS ESTATE SALE! 313-837-1993 Empty Nester Downsizing Sale. 6920 E. Nashway Dr., W. Bloomfield. Northwestern Hwy. to Orchard Lake Rd. turn right, Orchard Lake Rd. to Maple Rd. Left on E. Maple to Nash Acres Subdivision, Nash Dr. to stop sign turn left onto E. Nashway Drive. Fri. and Sat. Oct. 29 & 30, 9am-5pm. Items Include: Oriental vases and figurines, upholstered wing chairs and sofa, curio cabinets & contents, marble top commodes, pair of leather chairs & leather sofa, silver & [illegible] desk, and chairs, corner bookcase, lamps, wall & side tables, mirror, chess set and game table, pair of oriental dogs, pictures and silk pillows, wrought irorn & wood patio tables and chairs, patio umbreilas, golf bags, hat boxes, plants, decorative accessories and Much, Much More!!!!

ANTIQUE ESTATE SALE - Oct. 28, 29 & 30, 9am-4pm. Cylinder rolltop desk circa 1920, walnut oval dining table w/6 leaves, 2 pre 1900 German wall clocks, sterling silver flatware, Hummell & Royal Daulton figurines, oak buffet, cut crystal, picture frames, mirrors, etc. Also garage sale. 17324 Beechwood, Beverly Hills.

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BERKLEY Antique Sale! Furniture, church items., 4124 Cornwall, (12 & Coolidge area, take Kenmore to Cornwall). Sat. Only! 9-4pm. 248-890-1754

CANTON - Fri. Oct. 29, 9-5. Royal Holiday Park, lot 112, W. of Hix, on Warren Rd.

ESTATE SALE All household items! Tables, kitchen appliances, sofa, & misc. items. Sat 8-5. 19461 Robson, btwn 7 Mile & James Couzens Dr., Detroit. (313) 342-0346

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LEGENDARY ESCAPES ANTIQUES & AUCTIONS Fine & costume jewelry, Limoge, Nippon, Franciscan china, perfume collection, exceptional antique furniture, Stag glass, WWII items, 1000's other collectibles. Auction/Estate Sale, Jewelry auction starts 11AM, Sat, Oct 30. Preview Fri., 6pm. NO BUYER'S PREMIUM. 4800 sq.ft.. Historic Winery/Grand River/Orchard Lake, Farmington. Cash, Checks, credit cards accepted. 248-477-3240

SOUTHFIELD ESTATE SALE Antiques & collectibles, Inlaid waterfall bedroom set, formal Jacobean dining table & chairs, costume jewelry, inlaid waterfall highboy & vanity, flatware, artwork, Victorian parlor set, Something for everyone! 29355 Candlewood. N off 12 Mile, W of Southfield. Oct. 28-30, 10-4.

WEST BLOOMFIELD 5405 RAINTREE CT. Oct. 26 & 30, 9am-5pm. Black leather sectional, Cartier clock, B&G figurines, 3 train sets and other toys, Nazi & other war related items. ¾ length black mink & dark brown long hair Beaver coats. Gold & Sterling Jewelry, watches, tools, garage stuff, books and much more. Off 14 Mile Rd. Just W. of Farmington Rd. inside Timbers Edge. **Sale By Bags Included.**

Garage Sales 7110

BLOOMFIELD - Huge Moving Sale! Sat., 9-4. Exercise equip, tools, TVs, toys, lawn equip, & more. Just W. of Adams, on Wattles, corner Tarry.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS 651 Foxhall Rd., S of E. Square Lake, off Eastways or Bloomfield Crossing. Oct. 28-29, 9-3pm. 30 year cleanout! Bikes, x-country skiis, golf clubs, appliances, dishes, books, musical decor, frames & more.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Christmas in October, Christmas come early & cheap, tools and all the usual good stuff. Thurs.-Fri.-Sat, 9-4pm., 5741 Blandford Rd.

CANTON - Moving Sale. Oct 29-30. 10-4pm. Everything must go! 8629 Mannington. S. of Joy, 2 blks E. of Sheldon.

FARMINGTON HILLS Oct., 30th 9am-3pm. 25329 Briarwyke Dr., S. of 11 Mile. W. of Inkster off of Skye Dr., Small Appliances, household items, lots of good stuff at good prices!

FRANKLIN Outdoor furniture, riding mower, household & yard items & misc. Thurs. & Fri., 9am-4pm. 25875 Balsam, S. of 13, E. of Franklin.

LATHRUP VILLAGE Friday & Saturday 9-6. Household, clothes, & fishing, 18411 Santa Ann. 1 block N. of Lincoln. W. of Southfield.



PLYMOUTH Moving Sale! Friday & Saturday, Oct. 29th & 30th, 9-5. 48039 Basswood Ct., off of Colony Farm Dr., btwn Joy & Ann Arbor Rd. Lots of linens, household items, some furniture, camera equipment & more!

REDFORD 15801 Wormer. Thur. Oct. 28 through Sun., Oct. 31, 10-4. 2 blks. N. of 5, 2 blks. W. of Telegraph.

REDFORD 17677 Delaware, N./6, E./ Inkster. Sat., Oct. 30, 10-5. Kids stuff, crib, toys, lots of books & household items.

REDFORD ESTATE SALE 26421 Kenneth. Oct. 28, 29 Possible Nov 1, 2 Antiques, Furniture

TROY - Thursday & Friday, 10-5. 2966 Lanergan Dr., just E. off of Adams btwn Big Beaver & Wattles.

WAYNE: Estate/Post Moving Sale. 10-29 & 30, 9-5. 37501 Glenwood at Newburgh. (48184) Antiques/Collectibles from 105 yr. old Baltimore Victorian. Furniture, light fixtures, glass, household items. 1983 Cadillac, motorcycle.

WEST BLOOMFIELD 2580 Pine Lake Rd., btwn. Square Lake & Long Lake, W. of Middlebelt. Oct. 29-30, 9-4. Golf clubs, fishing rods, skis, lawn furniture, electric deli slicer, antique table, books, odds & ends, no clothing.

WEST BLOOMFIELD Fri.-Sat, Oct 29-30, 9-5. Sporting goods, men's & women's clothing, jewelry, kitchen, home accessories, etc. 7275 Merrybrook Drive South, N. of 14 Mile, W. of Middlebelt, Briarcliff Knoll Subdivision. 248-890-8549

Moving Sales 7130

BLOOMFIELD West Wabeek Condo Sale: Oct., 29, 30. 10-3. Like new sofas/sectional, glass table dining set, leaded glass wall unit, 2 Victorian twin beds, candelabras, wrought-iron kitchen table set+ patio furniture, clothing & etc. South Long Lake to West Wabeek entrance to right on Golf Ridge, Left on Wingate, Left on Chipping Way. 1877 Chipping Way, (248) 865-9296

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Mon. Nov. 1, 9-2pm. 1147 Timberview Trail. Twin bed w/wicker headboard & table, Navy parsons chair, Wood card table w/4 chairs, 8 pecan dining room chairs, wicker backs, needlepoint seats. Credenza dark walnut. Sewing machine, pecan bedside table. Cherry computer desk. Pecan chest w/lattice front. Small kitchen appliances & misc. glassware. 248-852-1160

DAVISBURG Moving Sale Oct. 30, 11-4. Christmas items, misc. household, some antiques. W. on Davisburg Rd. to 9957 Pebble Creek Ct.

DEMOLITION SALE
Everything to go!
Fri. 9 - 5. Doors, sinks,etc. 33464 Heritage Hills Dr., S/14, W/Farmington. Farmington Hills. Call 248-568-5678.

FARMINGTON HILLS -Moving Sale. Thurs.-Fri., 11-4pm. Sat.-Sun., 1-5pm. 31153 Claymore, S. of 14, E. of Drake. Furniture, toys, misc.

LIVONIA: MOVING Couch, off-white, pull-out, $200. 3 yr. old Lawnmower, $200. 2 yr. Honda Rototiller, $250. (734) 591-3697

MOVING
Must sell furniture, power-tools, exercize equip, more
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MOVING SALE- Sat Oct. 30th 9-3pm. 2727 Indian Mound Rd. Bloomfield Village, N. of Maple S. of Quarton

ORCHARD LAKE Moving Sale! Like new cond. upright player piano, 4' teak bench, pewter, silver, china, patio furniture. Oriental table, writing desk, 7 & 8' sofas, chair, ottoman, swivel chair, oriental rugs, twin bed sets, many household & misc. items. Oct. 29-30, 10-4. 3377 West Shore. Near OLC Club. 248-682-3377

PLYMOUTH TWP Furniture, household, Thurs. 9-6, Fri. 9-1. 46331 Ann Arbor Rd.

PLYMOUTH: Moving Sale. Furniture, appliances, household items. Thur-Sat., Oct. 28-30, 8-6. 47398 Adams Ct. Beck & Ann Arbor Rds.

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2 weekends! Oct 22, 23 plus Oct. 28, 29, 30. 9-5pm. Multi household everything! Furniture, lamps, glassware, tools, etc. 9303 Jerome.
1 blk E/Beech Daly, between Joy Rd & West Chicago.

Redford: Fri., Sat., Sun. 9-5pm, 15378 Wormer - Sofa & love seat, $500; 4 matching tables & 2 lamps, $75 each; Spinet piano w/bench, $350; 4 mahogany dining room chairs, $100; oak computer desk, $25. 313-543-3054

Moving Sales 7130

SOUTHFIELD - refrigerator, deep freezer, desk, file cabinet, lawn mower, snowblower, exercise equip., washer & dryer. 248-569-6878

STEEL DESK W/CHAIR, 2 girls' chests one w/hutch, lamp table, lamps, 2 gold living room chairs, maple platform rocker, recliner, Art Deco kitchen set, racing bike-Peugeot, ladies & mans bikes, ping pong table, antique soda fountain chairs. 248-363-7884

W. BLOOMFIELD - Thurs., Fri. & Sat. Oct. 28, 29, 30, 9am-4pm. 7407 Westbury Blvd., between Halstead and Haggerty Rds. N. of 14 Mi. Full house of contemporary furnishings, glass, china, leather sofas, tread mill, TVs, art work and original photographs, garage full, all exc. cond. Moving, everything must go. NO EARLY BIRDS.

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Traditional Chippendale Table 2 Leaves, 8 carved chairs and China Cabinet. 53 In Round Inlaid Tables And 6 Chairs $2475.00. 4 Pc Carved Mahogany King Sleigh Bedroom Set $3950. Chippendale 60 In China Cabinet $1875. 4 Pc Carved Cherry King Four Poster Bedroom Set. Fabulous Oak Carved Armoire. Complete Marble Top Sinks In Carved Cabinets. Console Tables. Bombay Chest. Executive Desk. Hand Painted Fine Furniture And Lots More.
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BEDROOM - Kid's, contemporary, white, dresser, bookcase, desk, 2 night stands, $250. Dining room, Pier 1, glass, 6 chairs, matching sofa, end, cocktail tables, $800. 734-432-9993

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BEDROOM SET
7 piece, Queen size, with mattress. Solid maple 5 piece kitchen set. New gas grill. 248-567-4514, 810-225-8502

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Boy's 8 piece traditional style pecan, excellent condition, $650. (248) 584-4218

BEDROOM SET (MASTER) mahogany head & foot board, 2 end tables, 2 mirrored dressers, king mattress, with box springs, exc. cond., $1200. email for photos z1977280z@juno.com (248) 538-0287

BEDROOM SET - Harden cherry 4 poster bed, triple dresser w/mirror, chest & nightstand. Like new. $2000/best. (248) 651-2752

Bedroom Set, solid oak. 6 pc., Early American. Full or queen. Mint condition. $1700. 248-231-9198

BEDS -Going Out for Business Sale! All mattresses must go! Open to public. Dealers welcome. 734-231-6622

BUNK BEDS (twin) & matching oak dressers. Almost new! From Children's house of bedrooms. $1399 or best offer. Call (248) 231-5004

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CHILDREN'S PINE Captain's bed, with 3 drawers, by Bassett, $20. (248) 349-6364

DESK - CHARLESTON STYLE solid cherry ladies desk w/chair, side end table, Stiffel floor lamps, Pair Sherril chenille chairs, Kenmore sewing machine. 734-844-7894

Dining Room - Thomasville, oak, table, 2 leaves, 4 straight & 2 arm chairs, china cabinet, $500/best. 734-432-0095

DINING ROOM SET white washed wood, tables, 6 chairs, matching lighted, hutch. $3500/new asking $1000. 3 piece living room group modern. Asking $1000. Dinette set $250. (248) 476-5415 wendybongero@hotmail.com

DINING ROOM SET - solid mahogany, large table, 6 chairs, buffet, great condition, $600. Call 248-356-5157

DINING ROOM SET
Double pedestal mahogany dining room table With 8 chairs, 2 leaves & pads. $3500/best. 248-330-2875

DINING ROOM SET Mint cond. Marble dining table (cream) & 6 cream chairs. Marble & glass custom china cabinet. $2700/best. (248) 449-8885.

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Household Goods 7160

DINING ROOM TABLE 5 ft., round lazy susan, 8 cushion chairs, & curio cabinet, Asian style with pearl inlay, glasstop for table & lazy susan exc. cond., $1100. email for photos z1977280z@juno.com (248) 538-0287

DINING ROOM TABLE Black marble, 7 ft., pedestal base, 6 black upholstered chairs. $350. (248) 553-7558.

DINING SET-Mahogany $300. Oak entertainment center. $100. Oak cabinet & china built-in. $200. Maple high chair. $20. Car seat/stroller $20. Dresser. $25. 734-432-0484

DINING TABLE Marble, beige, 72x40, $350. 6 contemporary chairs, cream, w/padded cushions, $250. (248) 879-5136.

DINING TABLE with 2 leaves, 4 chairs, Thomasville, solid light oak, mission/contemporary, beautiful, like new, $500. Sq. coffee table, 2 end tables by Lane, light oak, contemporary $100. 248-723-5551

DINING/LIVING ROOM SET Drexel Heritage, Woodbriar, server, game table with 4 chairs, bar/entertainment unit, sofa table, end table & 2 cocktail tables. $1,000/best. (248) 644-0656

DINNING TABLE & CHAIR- Ethan Allen, bone white w/cinnamon top. 5 chairs. 734-525-3602

DIRECTOIRE circa 1930's mahogany, Regency bedroom set, 7 piece. (248) 661-0015

DREXEL HERITAGE Hutch display cabinet. Approx. 84"high, x 16"wide x 65" long. Best offer. (248) 478-1716

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FORMICA & CHROME KITCHEN TABLE 1950"S $50. 1970'S California style formica kitchen table, 4 chairs. $40. Italian floor lamp, gilt shade & statue, boy w/jug. $30. French Provincial credenza & drum table., marble tops, white/gold wash. $150/both. White colonial rocker, $20. (313) 538-4292

FURNITURE *SPECIAL* 36" TV w/stand, glass kitchen table w/4 chairs, leather rocker & loveseat. $600 - 248-787-2678

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FURNITURE
Cherry Queen Anne & Chippendale, oriental rugs, entertainment center, fireplace screen/tools, patio furniture. South Lyon. 248-486-5494

FURNITURE Mahogany secretary, w/hutch. Like new. Drop leaf dining table/4 chairs. sleigh bed. (248) 333-7605

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Loft beds, (2 twin) including mattresses, exc. cond. Also 2 matching tall bookshelves. $1000/best. 734-207-8863

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WASHER/DRYER- Kenmore. Almost new. Best offer. SOLD

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PIANO - Upright. Excellent condition. Walnut finish. $800 or best. 248-373-1733

PIANO- Cable Nelson upright darkwood case with matching bench. Ideal for beginning or intermediate student. $500. (248) 258-4884

PIANO: Mendelssohn upright spinet, excellent condition. 734-425-6598

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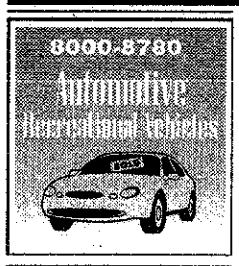

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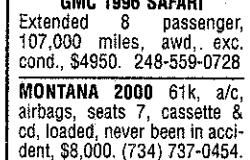

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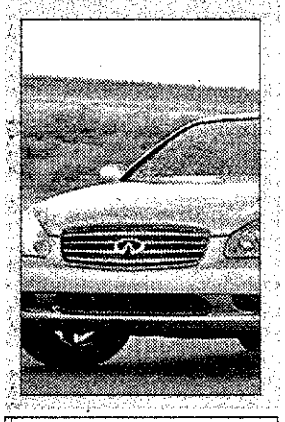

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The Mazda 6 is built at The Ford Motor Co. - Mazda joint - venture plant in Flat rock, Michigan.

Over the last few years, Mazda has managed to make the "Zoom, zoom, zoom!" slogan of its advertising stick in America's popular imagination. More than that, the tag line and Mazda's energetic TV commercials depicting its cars zipping all over the place have helped to create an expectation that Mazda vehicles are going to be runabouts.

At least that's what I expected when I got into the sleek-looking 2005 Mazda 6 that I drove recently. And I wasn't disappointed: the 6 might be the most fun "ordinary" sedan that I can recall driving in a long while. It's stylish and "young" looking to this baby boomer; is sumptuous enough on the inside; and offers performance and handling that give the driver confidence – as well as the fun. Moreover, at manufacturer's suggested retail prices ranging from the high teens to the mid-twenties, Mazda 6 offers all of this at a very accessible price.

Actually, overall, the 6 reminds me of my first impressions of the Honda Accord when they emerged on the American market in a big way in the early Eighties. They were sleek; they were crisp; and their responsive power plant made them a far sight better than any American-made competitor in the segment. All of that made Accord bring a smile to my face.

Ever since its trailblazing rotary engine of a generation ago, Mazda's heritage also largely has been about powertrains. The 6 is a descendant of the vehicle that really put Mazda on the map in the American market for something else: the 626, a clean, crisply styled sedan that debuted in the United States in 1979 and was redesigned in 1983. Mazda redesigned 626 every five years until the 6 – bearing a new name, including new engines and boasting a sleek new design, as well as an attention-getting advertising campaign – debuted in 2003.

The 6 is available as a sedan, wagon or four-door hatchback. The sedan I drove presented a pleasing, wedge-shaped design that is common to all models.

I also liked the flattened triangular shape of the 6's grille, a sleek alternative to the in-your-face latticework on so many new models such as the Chrysler 300 series. The version I drove also sported 17-inch allowy wheels, sport-type front and rear bumpers, boss-looking oval exhaust outlets and a rear spoiler.

But by far, my favorite aspect of the 6 is the engine and transmission in the manual-shift sport version that I drove. It was powered by a potent 220-horsepower, 3.0-liter V6 engine, an advanced, all-aluminum, 24-valve design that utilizes variable valve timing to maximize low-end torque. Mileage is in the low 20s for highway driving. The five-speed manual gearbox has what Mazda calls a "double-cone synchronizer" for "direct, quick shifts."

Whatever. All I noticed is that the 6 was a joy to drive, the power more than ample in every driving situation and the shifting silky smooth, even to the point where passengers barely objected to my driving!

Ditto for the 6's sure-footed suspension, a double-wishbone design that is complemented by four-wheel disc brakes. On the recent rainy weekend when I drove the car (including some precious human cargo) all over, I retained utmost confidence in the 6's handling integrity in wet conditions and in stop-and-go traffic.

Inside its vehicles, Mazda has come a long way as well, and the 6 exemplified that. Audio and climate controls are easy to understand with several big knobs to make for easy tactile control without the driver's having to search the whole instrument panel visually just to turn up the temperature a notch.

The black, leather interior of the version I drove was very comfortable, even luxurious, laid out in a clean and contemporary design, although the materials maybe weren't quite up to snuff with some competitors'. Some reviewers have complained about the 6's rear-seat space, but during several trips back there I was utterly comfortable. Perhaps rear-seat space might become an issue on a long trip. Trunk capacity was ample, and a 60/40 rear-split seat folds to expand the 17.6-cubic-foot trunk if necessary in the sedan.

Mazda has come a long way, and 6 displays this advance perhaps better than any other vehicle. Plus it's built at the Ford Motor Co.-Mazda joint-venture plant in Flat Rock, Mich. All in all, there's good reason to put the 2005 Mazda 6 on your short list if you're purchasing or leasing a mid-size sedan.

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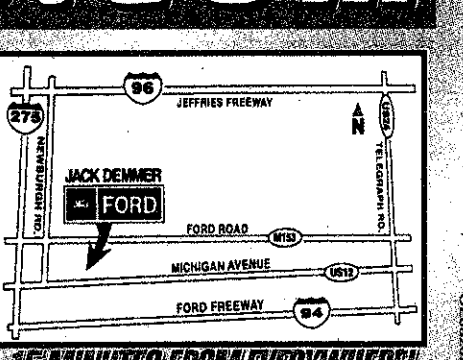

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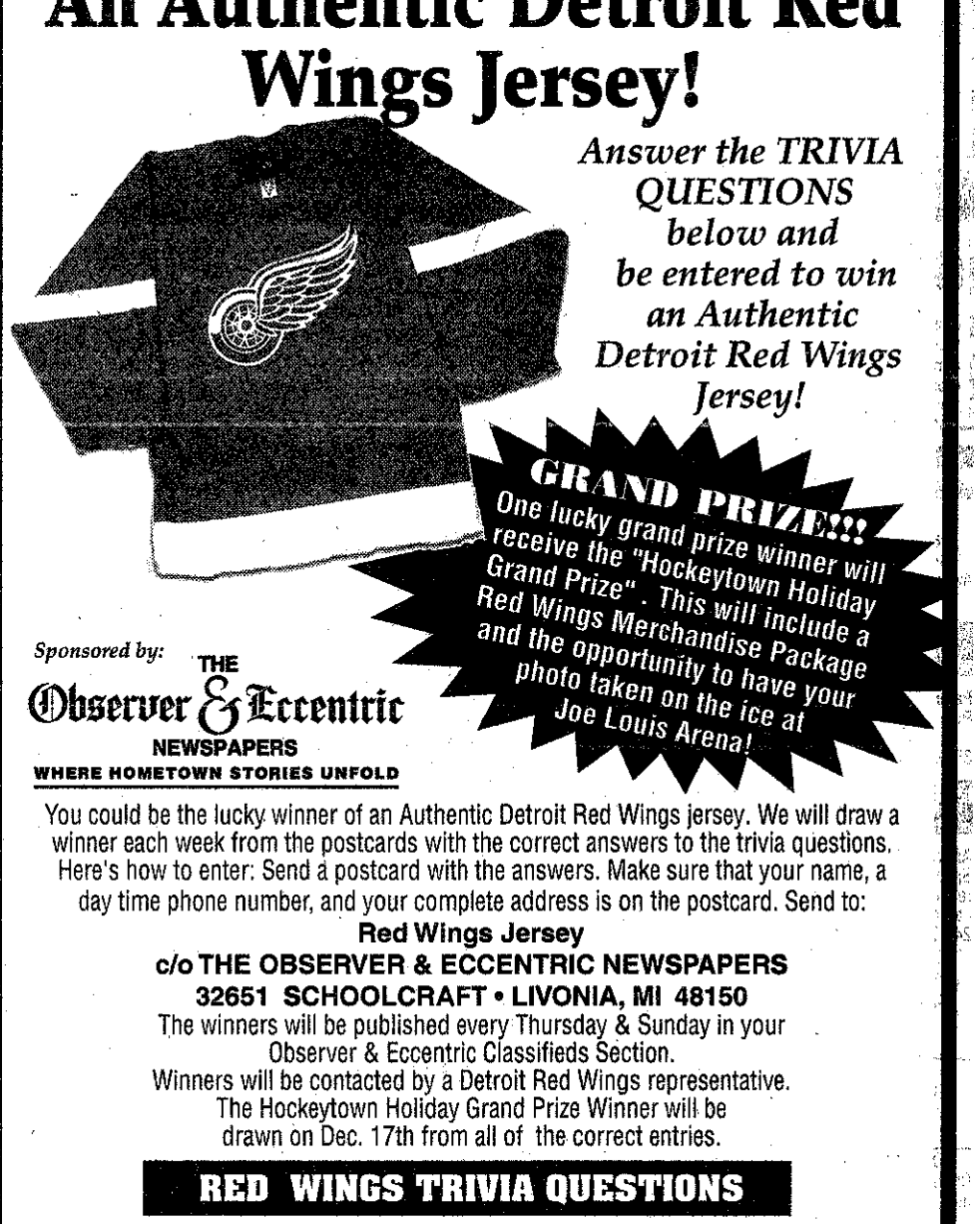

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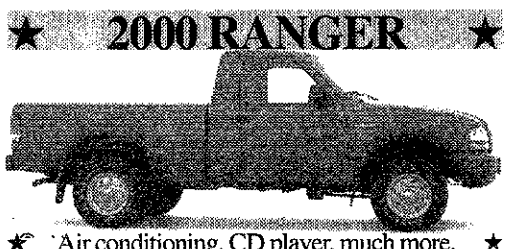

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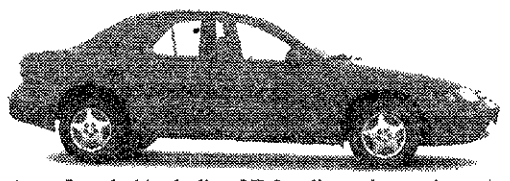

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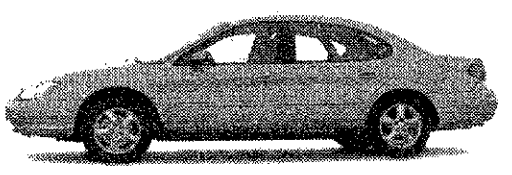

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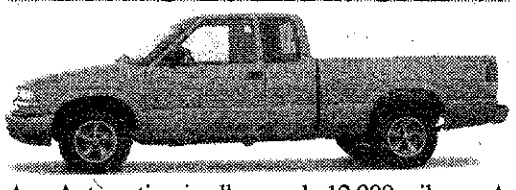

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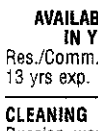

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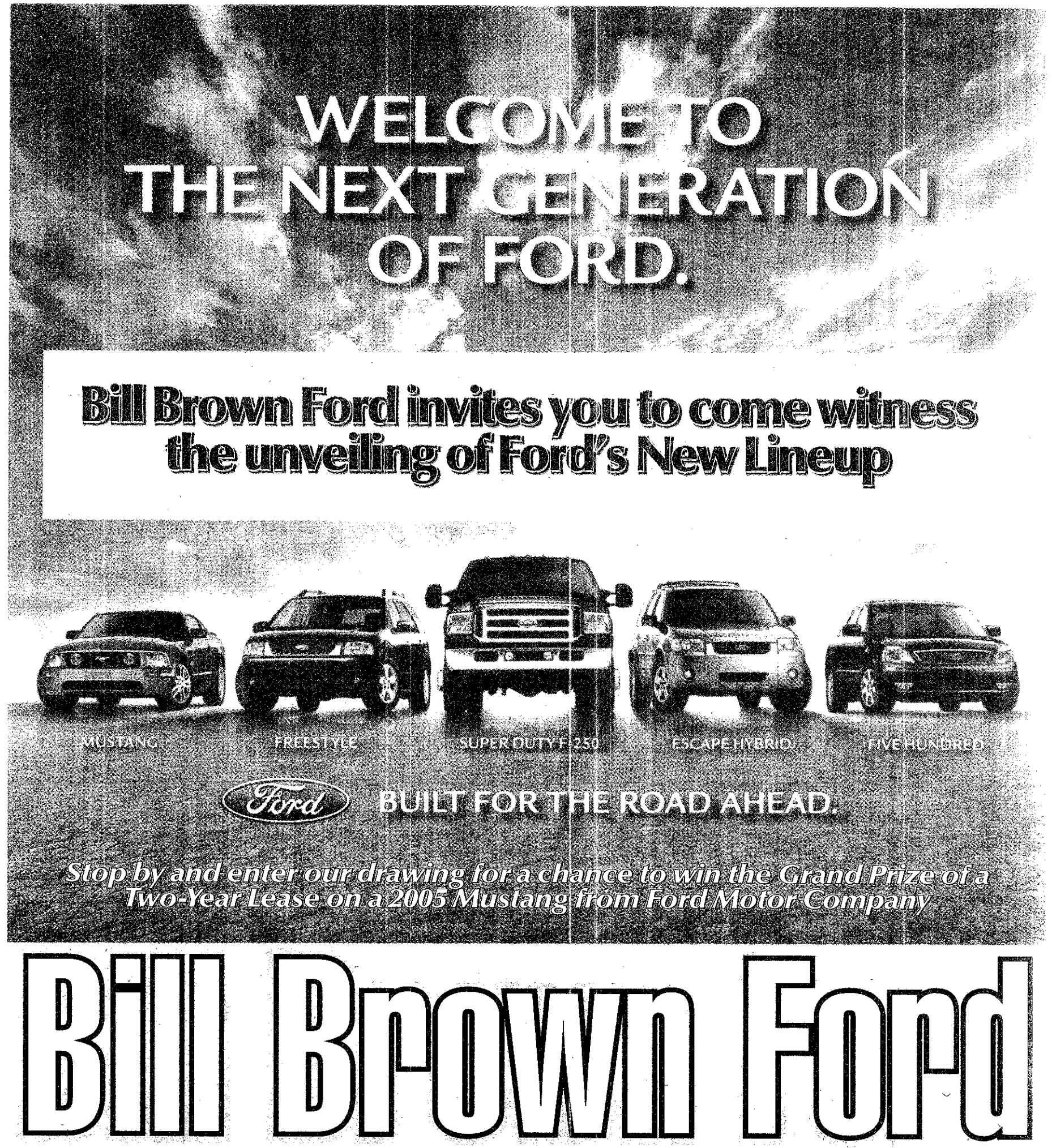
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