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Officials want I-275 exit at Cherry Hill

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Traffic — it's not getting any better. But it could, if Canton Township is able to convince the state and county to construct another interchange off I-275.

Canton Township has invested some \$150,000 of a \$450,000 Michigan Department of Transportation traffic study. Until late last

week, the study seemed to point to the possibility of an off-ramp from I-275 to Warren Road, to alleviate some of the congestion on Ford Road. However, according to Municipal Services Director Tim Faas, the better alternative may be an exit at Cherry Hill.

"The vast majority of the traffic getting off at Ford Road is going from Ford Road to points south to Palmer Road,"

he said. An exit at Cherry Hill could help those motorists stay off Ford, Faas said.

Another alternative to the Warren Road exit would be a slip exit at Ford, which would require construction of additional lanes and a service road north of Ford, leading traffic directly to Haggerty.

The Warren Road option is still up for consideration, but will be considerably more costly than the initial \$80 million estimates.

"It would actually be more like \$126 million," Faas said. "And the cost to benefit ratio just wouldn't justify the added expense."

Once the study is completed, the township will use the data to try to convince MDOT, the county and the federal highway administration that more money needs to be spent here to correct all these congestion issues, Faas said.

"You can say that, but if you

don't have a study to back it up, you don't have the credence to prove it," he said.

South of Ford, traffic backups will be expected for another year, as a project at I-275 and Michigan Avenue has been delayed by a year. Improvements to the ramps there were supposed to be made this summer, but due to additional improvements to the bridge on the southbound exit, the project will be done next year.

Construction will cost approximately \$40 million and will begin after July 4, 2007, according to Faas. The project should help alleviate backups now common during shift change at the Ford Assembly Plant in Wayne.

For more information call the MDOT at (248) 483-5170 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

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First Step begins task of building new shelter

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Monday night, 13 women and 25 children spent the night safely at the local First Step shelter. Having fled abusive situations in their homes, they went to the one place that will take them in and help them get on their feet.

Though the Canton shelter itself is safe and clean, it's well-worn and no longer serves the needs of the entire Wayne County community, according to First Step Associate Director Theresa Bizoe. The organization is in the preliminary stage of planning for a new building.

First Step, founded in 1978, helps women and families escape abusive relationships. The organization has a 24-hour crisis line, a shelter, a sexual assault response team, counseling for victims and their children, legal services, health services and advocacy programs for children and victims. In 2004, 243 adults and 384 children had stayed at the shelter.



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Jessica Lavander, left, and Niesha Harris work the crisis line at the First Step shelter in Canton, which is no longer large enough to meet the group's demands.

"The facilities don't match what we do," Bizoe said. One thing she hopes the new building will have is some flexibility to enable First Step to serve the needs of single women and older people who are escaping elder abuse situations, she said.

OUTDATED

It's been no secret that the shelter needs to be replaced. Constructed in the 1950s, and purchased 20 years ago by First Step, it's served the group's needs well, providing some 11,000 nights of shelter a year. But it's crowded, Bizoe said. Nearly every night the 42-bed shelter is at capacity, and very often two families will share

one room. The average stay at the facility is 30 days, but some women need as long as six months.

The shelter is minimally staffed. Volunteers come in throughout the day and evening to answer the crisis line, assist residents and perform some administrative work. Oakwood provides a health clinic upstairs at the shelter, and therapists for the women and the children come regularly to provide service. Minor repairs and painting are done by volunteers, and the playscape outside was also constructed by volunteers.

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Canton police investigating a rash of auto break-ins

Canton police are investigating a rash of break-ins involving automobiles.

Over the past two weekends, there have been pockets of crimes in which cars are either broken into or simply ransacked, according to Sgt. Rick Pomorski. Some of the cars have had their windows broken and in other cases, thieves simply opened unlocked doors to gain entry, he said.

"The attraction is that people are leaving things in their vehicles that people can see from outside," Pomorski said.

It's not pocket change and compact discs that are catching the eyes of the thieves. It's wallets and cell phones and laptop computers, he said. "People leave things like that in their vehicles and criminals realize that and are breaking into cars."

He suggested parking in well-lit, heavily populated areas, and not leaving valuables in plain view.

The recent rash of break-ins has been too sporadic for police to have a solid chance of catching the culprits. But when thieves return to commit crime, police are much more able to catch them, Pomorski said.

"When it's repetitive we have a better chance of getting them," he said. Most recently, a Westland man and woman were arrested approximately six weeks ago. They are suspected to have committed as many as 70 breaking and enterings of cars, he said.

Though the break-ins weren't in Canton alone — they were committed in nearby communities as well — most of the ones in Canton were committed in neighborhoods north of Ford Road.

When a pattern emerged, the department assigned the Community Response Team, a consortium of officers from western Wayne County communities, and were able to make the arrests.

One arrest has been made in the Canton car breaking and entering crimes. A woman had left her purse in her car when she was dropping off her child at day care, and her purse was stolen from the front seat. Police quickly arrested the culprit, Pomorski said.

"It just goes to show you the criminals are preying. They're watching," he said.

Carol Marshall

School Board elections

Boundary issues, perspective among concerns for candidate

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Diane Gonzalez said her interest in Plymouth-Canton school board meetings was piqued last year, when the Bird Elementary boundary conflict hit the proverbial fan.

The Housing Committee wanted to redistrict children from two Plymouth Township subdivisions to Farrand Elementary. However, when Bird parents balked, the Board of Education overruled the committee. While parents were



Gonzalez

have on the school board," said Gonzalez, who lives in Plymouth Township. "I think when you have a

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pleased, Bird remained overcrowded.

"I became more and more interested in school board issues when I saw the influence that one faction of the community could

School hopeful focuses on paths, supports bond questions

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When John Jackson and his family moved from the East Coast 11 years ago, they identified two school districts in metro Detroit that met their high standards.

"We narrowed it down to Rochester Hills and Plymouth-Canton," said Jackson. "We met (former Principal) Dave Farquharson at Field, and he really sold us on coming here. My wife said she liked the enthusiasm and



Jackson

the school, and it was the right place. I think the teachers I've met here just validate that decision."

More than a decade later, Jackson, 59, of Canton has decided to run for one of the two open seats on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education in the May 2

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Bomb squad called in for grenade

The Canton Police Department last week called the bomb squad from Selfridge Air Force Base after a report that someone had left a gas grenade at a home in a Canton trailer park.

"We recovered a gas canister, a gas grenade, with CN (chloracetophenone) gas in it," said Sgt. Rick Pomorski. CN gas is commonly used for crowd control, and it works like tear gas.

"A gas grenade is round and a little bigger than a rubber ball with a fuse sticking out of it," Pomorski said.

Police picked up the ball and asked the bomb ordinance unit from Selfridge to dispose of it. The unit took the grenade to the police depart-

ment's gun range and exploded it, Pomorski said.

Though the case is under investigation, the person who left the gas grenade may not face any charges because it's legal to possess them.

"It's totally legal to buy these things at gun shows and it's not against the law to own them," Pomorski said.

The department saw the grenade as posing a public safety issue, particularly since many children live in the neighborhood, so police disposed of it.

Even though it was the first gas grenade reported in Canton, Pomorski said that an officer from Selfridge said it was the fourth they'd seen in a month.

DEATHS

A
David P. Alton Sr.
Alton, 78, of Warren, died March 16.

B
Rachel Brandon
Brandon, 81, of Plymouth, died March 26.

C
William Jay "Bill" Corliss
Corliss, 49, formerly of Farmington, died March 25.

D
Ronald James Denton Sr.
Denton, 57, formerly of Westland, died March 27.

G
Ann C. Geis
Geis, 88, formerly of Rochester, died March 12.

Violet D. Gilligan
Gilligan, 93, of Rochester Hills, died March 21.

Bernard Goldman
Goldman, 83, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died March 22.

J
Mary E. (Abbott) Johnson
Johnson, 91, of Rochester, died March 17.

H
June L. Habermehl
Habermehl, 80, of Farmington, died March 24.

Rachel Rose Leo
Leo, 71, of Troy, died March 27.

Floyd Ray Miller
Miller, 78, died March 24.

Pearl Nyovich
Nyovich, 88, of Sterling Heights, died March 19.

Sam Shell
Shell, 90, formerly of Detroit, died March 13.

David J. Wagner
Wagner, 60, of Birmingham, died March 26.

Patricia A. Weyer
Weyer, 64, of Rochester Hills, died March 13.

Harry S. White
White, 82, formerly of Livonia, died March 23.

Jean E. Willsey
Willsey, 84, of Rochester, died March 19.

Sophie Witkowski (nee Gilwiski)
Witkowski, 86, of Livonia, died March 25.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C10.

Council looking for members

Canton's Council for Community Excellence is currently looking for new members to help promote and publicize projects that support the vision of excellence for the community as well as acknowledge projects that further enhance the quality of life in the community.

The council meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Canton Township Administration Building in the lower level, and all meetings are open to the public. Goals discussed at monthly meetings include exploring what other communities are doing to enhance their community, planning an annual awards design excellence program, reviewing Canton's programs and providing recommendations for improvement, and looking for ways to promote excellence in the community.

For more information on the council visit www.canton-mi.org, go to "Quick Links" and click on Community Excellence. For those interested in becoming an active member please call Kris Sanders at (734) 394-5165.

Computer course

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is offering a Microsoft Publisher 1 training course at Canton Computers, which is located at the southwest corner of Canton Center and Ford roads. Computer training courses such as Microsoft Publisher and others have been scheduled throughout 2006 and are open to Chamber members and the public.

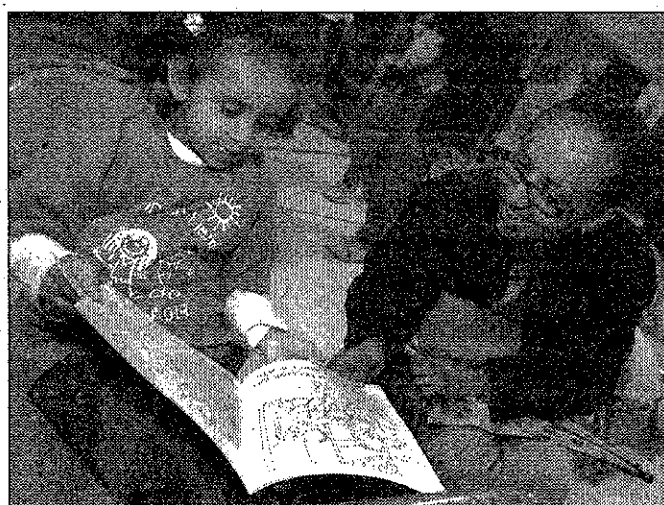
This computer training course provides an opportunity for businesses to save money by learning to design and create professional marketing and communications materials in-house. Cost for the seminar is \$25 for chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Class size is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Deadline for class registration is April 7. To register contact the chamber at (734) 459-2700.

For more information on the Canton Chamber of Commerce, visit www.canton-chamber.com.

Spring bug hunt

The Friends of the Rouge Spring Bug Hunt will be held

AROUND CANTON



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kindergarten-bound

Helina Wondossen shows her mother Aida Endrias what was in the backpack she received during Wayne-Westland's Kindergarten Roundup on Tuesday at Walker-Winter Elementary in Canton, one of 17 district schools to participate in the annual event, which gets future students acclimated to the school they will be attending in the fall.

on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Environmental Interpretive Center, located on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road.

The Spring Bug Hunt is an excellent way to help Friends of the Rouge assess the health of the Rouge River by joining a team of volunteers to search for critters in the streambed. Twice a year, teams of volunteers visit sites throughout the headwaters of the watershed and search for mayflies, stoneflies and other aquatic invertebrates. The presence or absence of these streambed creatures reflects the quality of the water and habitat.

No prior experience is necessary but pre-registration is a must in order to be assigned to a team. Children must be at least six years old and accompanied by a responsible adult. To register or for more information call (313) 792-9621 or e-mail picoordinator@therouge.org.

The Spring Bug Hunt is co-sponsored by Friends of the Rouge, Rouge communities, and the Subwatershed Advisory Groups.

"Golfapalooza"

The Jen Possible Golfapalooza is scheduled for May 5 at Fellows Creek in Canton. The event is a fundraiser for Jennifer Hayse, a Plymouth resident and a mother of two, who died of cancer on Feb. 10. Proceeds

will help the family pay bills.

The golfing event, which begins with a shotgun, 4-person scramble at 9 a.m. The cost is \$95 per person and dinner for \$30. Entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, a continental breakfast and lunch at the turn. Dinner to follow. Other fundraising opportunities include a silent auction, raffle drawings, a putting competition, skins, Texas hold'em holes, and more. Registration deadline is April 7. To reserve a spot, contact Todd Laird at (313) 755-0182 or Mike Michela at (313) 722-1018. To learn more about Jennifer's story or to make a donation, visit www.jenpossible.us.

Going away party

Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo, who recently re-enlisted in the Marines, will be having a going away party from 7-10 p.m. on April 20 at Bailey's Pub and Grille of Canton, located at 1777 N. Canton Center Road. Caccamo will be deploying to Iraq in the coming weeks. Appetizers provided and cash bar.

Proceeds raised at the event will go to the Canton Police Benevolent Fund and the Canton Firefighter Charity Foundation. These charities help with families of fallen police officers or firefighters, as well as help citizens who have been affected by local tragedy. Suggested donation at the door is \$10-20 per person. You pick the charity: either Canton Police Benevolent Fund or the

Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation. Please send RSVP to Caccamo's e-mail at TCaccamo@aol.com.

Fair deadline extended

Applications to participate in the 2006 Cherry Hill Invitational Fine Art Fair have been extended to April 3. This year's fair will be held Sept. 16-17 around the Cherry Hill Schoolhouse located on the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. To be accepted to the fair, artists must submit a completed application, three digital images, a non-refundable jury fee of \$20, a \$150 booth fee, and a resume, if available.

This juried show is an excellent opportunity for a limited number of qualified fine artists to showcase their work. The head judge at this year's fair is national and international acclaimed sculpture artist Mark Chatterley of Williamston. Accepted categories of fine art include: Ceramics, clay, drawing, etching, jewelry, glass, graphics, mixed media, oils, acrylics, photography, sculpture, weaving, watercolor and wood. Pre-manufactured or mass produced art is not permitted. To obtain an application please call Kris Darby at (734) 560-6169 or Joyce Murphy at (734) 394-5174.

Food and fellowship

Canton Lighthouse Aglow International invites all women to join them at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 1 at St. Joseph's Medical Center on Palmer and Canton Center roads for food, fellowship, and a good word on "Psalm 91." For more information, call Rochelle at (734) 981-6908.

Family social club

The public is invited to hear Lori Logeway of Room to Change, who will discuss suggestions for achieving a comfortable and functional home with items you already own and cherish at the Canton Newcomers April 5 meeting. The Newcomers is a social club always looking for new members.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse, located at 45800 Hanford (west of Canton Center). Refreshments will be served. For more information about the Newcomers, please visit cantonnewcomers.org for more information or call (734) 737-0755.

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Keeping your child's backpack cleaned out, storing old assignments, and leaving extras such as video games and inline skates at home can help to lighten the load. When you require the care of a physical therapist, call the **HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY** at 455-8370. You'll find us conveniently located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth. New patients are welcome.

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Teachers, transportation could face ax

Board faced with tough decisions in trying to cut structural deficit

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Teacher layoffs and cuts in student transportation could be among the tough decisions facing Plymouth-Canton Schools trustees as they figure out how to deal with a \$5 million structural deficit.

At Tuesday's board meeting, trustees generally agreed something needs to be done sooner rather than later before the district runs out of reserve cash, projected to happen in the 2007-08 school year.

"On the average, we have a \$5.4 million structural deficit each year, and that doesn't include anything in the salary line," Vice President Judy Mardigan said. "I think in the coming months, this board is going to have to come to grips with how we're going to deal with this structural deficit."

"I think you start looking in areas that don't affect the classroom, like supplies and reducing purchased services," she added. "After that, you possibly look at people. But you try to hold that off as long as you can."

Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski was more direct, noting transportation and instructional staff are "low-hanging fruit" that, if picked (for cuts), could help keep the district afloat.

"Nobody likes to talk about transportation, but it's a sizeable chunk and one of the key areas we need to look at," Ham-Kucharski said. "I hate to think of (cutting instructional staff), but I don't know where else we're going to look. Maybe not next year, but I don't think we'll be able to avoid it (in 2007-08)."

Chuck Portelli, president of

the 1,100-member Plymouth-Canton Education Association, isn't pleased much of the budget focus is on salaries.

"I have no clue if it's an attack on anyone, but it's a people business, and we're the people," Portelli said of teachers. "In the 30 years that I've been here, when they project two to five years out, we were always, always, always out of business. If you remember three years ago, we were going to be out of business this year. Somehow, we survive."

As the district prepares to negotiate contracts with its nine unions, including the teachers, Portelli would only say that he's "concerned."

According to Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent for business services, 89 percent of the district's \$145 million budget is related to people. The teaching staff represents \$62 million, or 74 percent, of the salary base. Transportation costs the district \$8.4 million; however, Brand said 40 percent — or \$3.3 million — is for special education, which can't be cut.

Trustee Tom Wysocki wasn't as pessimistic about future finances, citing a possible land sale and the recouping of \$2.3 million from the May 2 bond issue, to repay the general fund \$2.3 million for the middle school property purchased in Canton.

"That's almost \$5 million we would be bringing in, that swings things quite a bit," Wysocki said. "The economy is forecast to pick up about 2007. Looking out several years, we might not be in the shape we are now."

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Keeping the streak alive

Unbeaten Winterguard team hits regionals

BY ADELE ARMBRUSTER
CORRESPONDENT

What do Plymouth-Canton Educational Park students who just love the competitive spirit and pageantry of marching band do during the winter months?

It's called Winter Guard and Winter Drumline, and to capture the flavor of the sport of the arts, the public is invited to attend a community performance tonight featuring approximately 70 P-CEP Winter Guard and Winter Drumline students in the Central Middle School Gym in downtown Plymouth 7-9 p.m. Admission is free.

The program has grown dramatically since the Winter 2004 season when 20 students coached by Jennifer Leseth represented Plymouth-Canton. Winter 2005 saw the addition of a high school junior varsity team and also a middle school junior guard.

Now, in 2006, a Winter Drumline also proudly represents the P-CEP in state, regional and national Michigan Color Guard Circuit and Winter Guard International competitions. Leseth continues as the Winter Guard coach and Jonathan Ovalle directs Winter Drumline with assistance from Andy Ebert and Brian Williams.

Both Winter Guard and Winter Drumline create a musical program designed to be both competitive and entertaining. And both hone the skills required in the P-CEP Marching Band Color Guard and Percussion sections.

Winter Guard is a combination of music and dance incorporating the spinning, tossing, and twirling of flags, rifles, and sabres. Winter Drumline is indoor percussion.

The varsity and junior varsity Winter Guard teams are undefeated in the state of Michigan for the 2006 season; the varsity guard captured second place in the WGI Dayton Regional.

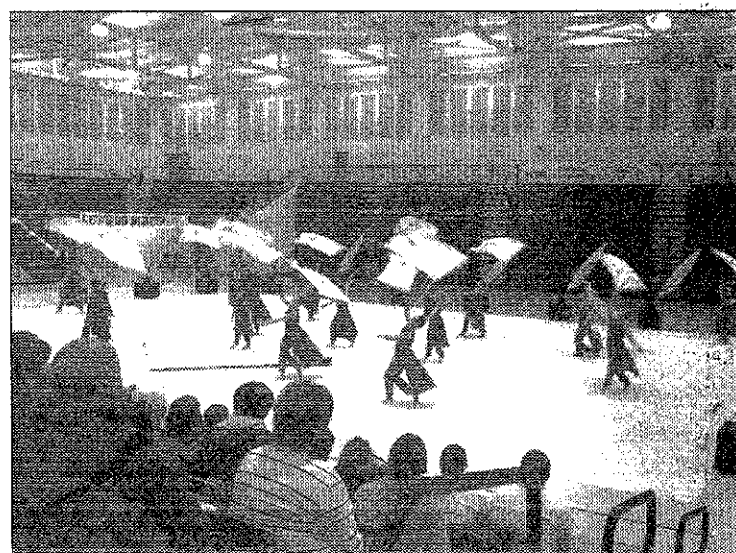


The junior varsity Winterguard team, added to the program in Winter 2005, is undefeated in the Winter 2006 season.

Varsity guard also competed this weekend in the WGI Nashville Regional, and will be in the April 5-9 WGI World Championship in Dayton, Ohio.

Both Winter Guard teams and the Winter Drumline are looking forward to the April 1-2 MCGC State Championship in Saginaw.

E-mail pcebguard@aol.com for additional information regarding the P-CEP Winter Guard or Fall Color Guard; e-mail pcepbandman@gmail.com with questions about Winter Drumline or Marching Band. Questions about all programs can also be answered by calling (734) 582-5666.



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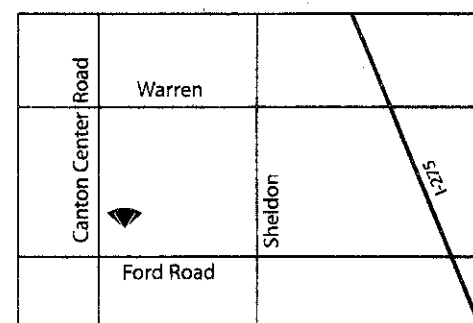


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Hungry businessmen offer Schoolcraft opportunity in China

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

American businessmen are beating a path to set up operations in China. But after sampling the local cuisine, they might have a hard time finding some good lasagna or a hearty beef Wellington.

The need to feed western businessmen could be a niche market for Schoolcraft College's esteemed culinary arts program. On March 14, three representatives from the college returned from a 10-day exploratory visit to three Chinese cities to test the idea of providing training to Chinese culinary arts students in the preparation of western food.

John Walsh, executive director of development and government relations; Bruce Konolow, director of culinary arts; and Shawn Loving, culinary instructor and owner of the Loving Spoonful restaurant in Farmington Hills, spent a hectic but productive trip visiting schools and commercial operations in Beijing, Shenzhen and Shanghai.

"Our mission was to learn about the culture and the business and educational climate so we can gather facts and see where we fit in to the big picture," Konolow said. "By being exposed to the three cities we went to, I believe we accomplished that. We also wanted to make friends and I believe we did that as well."

The trip was proposed by Laura Wang, a Northville business consultant. She accompa-

nied the three men on the trip, acted as an interpreter and consultant and stayed behind to attend some more meetings.

"She knew about the college and had a personal familiarity with our academic program ... and she knew a good meal," Walsh said. "She had eaten here. She also knew from business clients that they were struggling to find a decent western meal."

Wang chose the three very different venues. Beijing is the nation's capital, but it is also the site of the 2008 Summer Olympics and will be hosting thousands of visitors from the west. Beijing also has a Western Cuisine Association.

"She picked Shenzhen because it's a relatively new city, four million and growing. Fifteen years ago it was farm country," Walsh said.

In Shanghai, western-style cooking is available at the major hotels, which have European and American chefs but are required to hire Chinese cooks who need training.

Shenzhen Polytechnic Institute, which looks like a Florida resort, has a state-of-the-art culinary arts facility and shares a lot in common with Schoolcraft College. But other schools and restaurants, except for the major western hotels, aren't equipped to handle western cooking.

"A typical eastern kitchen is composed of a cooking line of woks," Konolow said. "A wok for sauteeing, a wok for deep frying, poaching or boiling. Something that's an all-pur-

pose unit. They do have a small oven that they use for various things, but they don't have the baking facility that we have. Their kitchens are styled for their cuisine. Very unglamorous, they're minimalists. They don't have the razzle-dazzle or sophisticated equipment they we feel we need for our cuisine."

FAST FOODS AVAILABLE

China has been introduced to some western cuisine — fast foods. Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pizza Hut, McDonald's, Burger King and Sizzler have all opened shops in the major cities. On weekends, Kentucky Fried Chicken often has long lines. But few western chefs are moving to China to open full-service restaurants. Western meals are primarily served at the major western hotels.

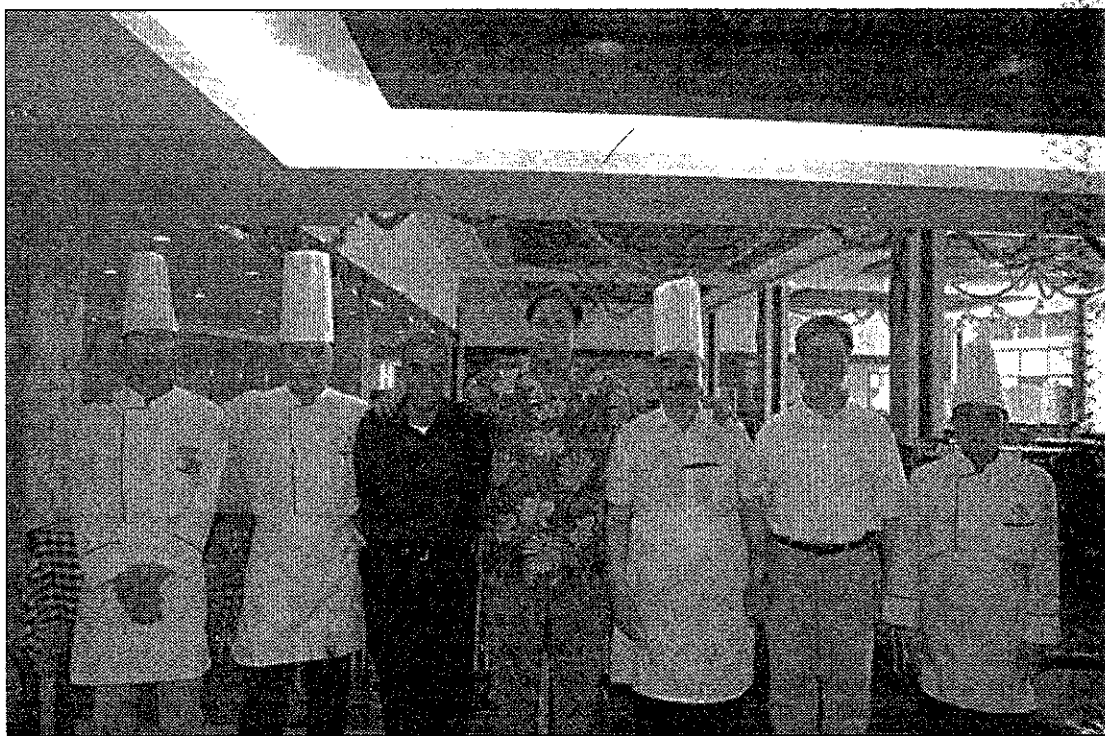
Starbucks and Coffee Beanery have also invaded China.

"We didn't get a bad cup of coffee anywhere we went, which is surprising given how important tea is to them," Konolow said.

Walsh said the trip offered several potential opportunities for Schoolcraft.

"In Shenzhen we saw an opportunity. It might start merely with an exchange of students and faculty," he said.

"One thing we talked about at length was the possibility of a joint degree; a degree in western cuisine from Schoolcraft and a degree in eastern cuisine from Shenzhen. That student would be valuable anywhere in



Chef Shawn Loving of the Loving Spoonful restaurant, third from left, Chef Bruce Konolow of Schoolcraft College, in the center, and John Walsh of Schoolcraft College, met with Chinese cooks in Shanghai.

the world, not just China."

He said in Shanghai, the opportunity might be more a business relationship. The group met with representatives from the Ritz Carlton and Marriott about doing seminars at the hotels. He said Beijing was both less western and more bureaucratic, offering fewer opportunities for a partnership.

Konolow and Walsh were surprised by the size of the country and its expanding capitalist economy.

"Take New York five times over and you might have Shanghai," Walsh said. "When

we drove in, driving in this little car, I turned to Bruce and Shawn and said our coming and going is not even a ripple."

The Schoolcraft group did make some excursions away from their business meetings — to the Great Wall and to a 1,000-year-old "water village" or fishing community.

"In my opinion, that gave us a real feel for traditional or rural China," Konolow said. "Out of 1.3 billion population, 800 million are farmers."

Walsh said the next step will be to meet with Schoolcraft

President Conway Jeffress and report on their findings. The school has been asked to participate in a couple of cooking fairs in China this summer and fall. The prospects look good for some kind of culinary program in China, which could expand to programs in nursing, hospitality and engineering.

"China is a player," Konolow said. "They are looming large in the world economy. It's important to be part of that economy."

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JACKSON

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election.

Jackson, head of corporate training for GMAC Insurance, has 16 years of experience on various professional and community boards, including a stint as president of the Plymouth-Canton Band Boosters. His son is a 2001 graduate of Canton High School, and his daughter is a senior at Canton.

"I want each kid to have the opportunity to reach their potential," Jackson said. "Everybody has the same goal to graduate and achieve, but there are different paths each needs to take. I want to make sure the paths are there for achievement."

Jackson believes some of those paths will be achieved with a new career and technical center at the high school complex, if voters approve a \$95.4 million bond issue. It's one of two bond questions on the same ballot, for a total of \$120 million, which Jackson

supports.

"The first part of the bond is critical because we need the career and technical center ... there are kids that need to go down those paths," said Jackson. "It's essential because of the number of students we have and the growth of the district, and to continue to make the school district attractive to come to."

"I look at the second part (theater, pool, auxiliary gym and athletic fields) as the arts and athletics piece, and will keep us where we need to be," he said.

However, Jackson said he's a bit concerned about the more strict high school graduation requirements that are expected to be signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"We're going to take away some of those paths, and some of the options for electives in the fine arts and social sciences," he said. "I'm concerned about the math requirements. Some kids may struggle."

Jackson is well aware of the annual Plymouth-Canton Schools budget deficits, which

have forced a reduction in the general fund balance.

"You can reduce expenses for only so long, and at some point you have to look at ways to increase revenue," Jackson said. "One thing I want to do, if elected, is become involved in the legislative committee, because I think that's the source of the potential revenue we can get. We can tweak Proposal A and the dollars we get for the school district."

Jackson, if elected, will face some tough decisions as Plymouth-Canton struggles to keep up with expanding enrollment, while facing a lack of funding from the state.

"I'm not looking forward to that, but I am prepared for it," said Jackson.

You have to make the tough decisions on the facts, and be as fair as you can to all parties.

"The schools exist for one reason, to educate our children, and we have to look at what's best for them," he said.

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GONZALEZ

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committee that works for so long to work for something, the board should have been hard-pressed to make another decision. There was a lot of community pressure on the board, and the way they treated the issue didn't look good publicly."

Gonzalez has since decided to throw her hat into the ring, running for one of the two four-year terms on the Board of Education May 2.

Gonzalez, who with her husband runs a residential and commercial real estate sales company, taught for 10 years in Detroit Public Schools. The mother of three — two attending Bird and one in preschool — Gonzalez believes the current board could use a different perspective in making its decisions.

"Since I have elementary children, I have a more elementary school perspective," said Gonzalez. "When you do the LEAP (reading) program with your kids at night, you

understand what's working and not working, intimately."

Gonzalez said she's not sold on the first of two bond issues to be decided by voters May 2, calling for renovations at many of the elementary schools and construction of a new middle school.

"The middle school is in crisis mode, they let it go too long," said Gonzalez. "I think (not building) the elementary school is a big mistake. The obvious choice would be (to build at) Miller Woods."

"I'm hoping somebody changes my mind, but right now I'm voting against it," she said.

Gonzalez said as the district struggles with finances, she'd like to see the school board take a more active role in developing possible cuts.

"We'll be faced with making some tough decisions, and maybe we're relying too much on the administration to

present the cuts," Gonzalez said. "I would like to take a look at the budget and go line-by-line. We need to look for out-of-the-box solutions, corporate sponsorships, university partnerships, and look at every program and see what's successful and what's not."

Unlike some who have expressed concerns about stricter graduation requirements to be handed down by the state, the former teacher doesn't have any problem with tougher standards.

"I'm a little concerned that if, as a school board, we don't have high expectations for the students, it will trickle down," she said.

"I realize we need to support the high school level by providing a foundation at the elementary and middle school level."

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SHELTER

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and chores are done by the residents themselves, Bizoe said. Most of the food and office supplies for the shelter have been donated.

"This is definitely communal living," she said. "Everyone helps with the chores. They help each other out by watching each others' children when they have to go out for job interviews."

As much support as the shelter and First Step have received from the community, the group is getting ready to ask for a little more. Since last fall, First Step has been working with Commercial Real Estate Women, CREW Detroit, to begin the process of planning for, and constructing a new building, as well as launching a fund-raising campaign.

GIVING BACK

CREW Detroit became involved as part of its 20-year anniversary celebration.

"We thought that rather than have a big party we wanted to give back to the community and do something worthwhile," said Marilyn Nix of Bloomfield Hills, who has been a member of CREW for all 20 years.

"What we're helping First Step with is determining what they have now, what they'll need in the short term and what they need in the long term," Nix said. The 30-member committee working on the project has identified an architectural firm and is looking for a construction management firm, she added.

Even though most of First Step's needs haven't yet been identified, one thing is apparent to CREW member Ann Tappan of Birmingham.

"Room. They need more

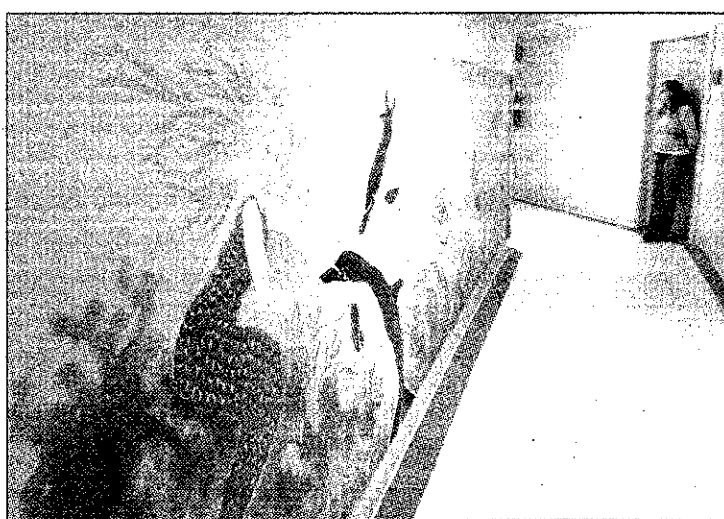
room," she said.

The shelter needs room for more lodging (the shelter only has eight rooms for lodging, though some of them are large) and programming.

CREW's involvement has brought to the process a new crop of professional and dedicated volunteers, which has been a core element of First Step's success since its inception.

"We are extremely grateful for the women of CREW who are lending their vast experience and knowledge to First Step, helping us to plan future directions. We welcome any other member of the community who is willing to get involved to end violence," said Judy Ellis, First Step executive director.

What First Step needs as it proceeds with its building project is diverse volunteers in a variety of professions – the law, construction, media and



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While the First Step facility is old and inadequate for the mission, it's not cheerless. One of several murals brightens this hallway.

advertising, and public relations, Bizoe said. The organization is also seeking volunteers to serve as First Step ambassadors – volunteers who can represent First Step at functions and work as a liaison to local government.

"What we need is people power. That's what we have always needed," Bizoe said. "What we need is for enough people to be outraged that

this is happening to women in our communities."

First Step hopes to build in Canton when it replaces its building.

"The community has been so good to us," Bizoe said. "When other communities said, 'Not in my back yard,' Canton said, 'Please come.'"

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All proceeds from ticket and raffle sales will benefit First Step. The evening features after-hours shopping with a 20 percent discount on most items (excluding certain designer items), culinary offerings from several local restaurants at food stations throughout the store, live entertainment, complimentary caricatures and a raffle with prizes including \$500 cash and a \$500 Parisian shopping spree.

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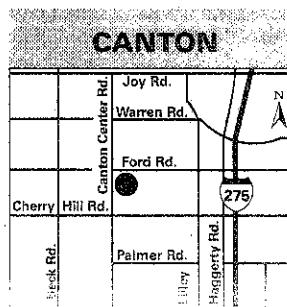
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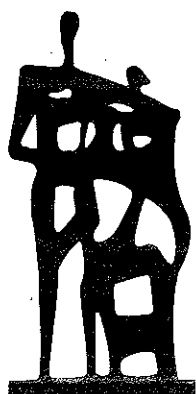


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The procedure uses a catheter (a long, thin, flexible tube) inserted through an artery (blood vessel) usually in the thigh up to the heart. A colorless dye is injected in the catheter and x-ray pictures are taken of the heart and coronary arteries. This is a nonsurgical procedure and a patient receives a mild sedative but remains awake during the procedure.

What is the difference between cardiac cath and angioplasty?

A cardiac cath is used to take x-rays or pictures of the heart. Once done, an angioplasty, or balloon angioplasty, may be immediately performed.

The angioplasty procedure uses a catheter, like the cardiac cath, with a deflated balloon on the tip and is inserted through an artery to the heart. When the catheter reaches the narrowed artery in the heart, the balloon is then inflated and deflated several times to open up the artery.

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An electrocardiogram is a test used to record the electrical activity of the heart through electrodes placed on the chest, arms, and legs. It helps tell if there is a decreased supply of blood and oxygen to the heart, if there are any irregular heartbeats or rhythm and if a heart attack has occurred. It also tells what part of the heart was damaged.

A stress echocardiogram produces images of the beating heart made by bouncing high-frequency (ultrasound) waves off the heart. This is generally more accurate to diagnose blockage in arteries than an electrocardiogram. It also helps determine if more cardiac tests and treatment are needed.

A nuclear medicine exercise treadmill stress test evaluates coronary blood flow to determine which areas of the heart are not getting enough blood and oxygen, how quickly the heart recovers after exercise, any irregular heart rhythms and if a heart attack has occurred in the past. During this test, electrodes are placed on the chest and an intravenous line allows the medicine to flow in the heart. A special camera to record blood flow photographs the medicine.

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Twigs, branches, brush, pruning, and wood debris must be tied with heavy twine into bundles no longer than three feet, one inch in diameter, and weighing no more than 50 pounds. Bundles are limited to six per week.

Grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste must be placed in 30 gallon paper yard waste bags or 32 gallon reusable containers with sturdy handles marked "COMPOST." Stickers for reusable containers are available at Canton's Community Services counter. Containers weighing more than 50 pounds or that are more than 32 gallons will not be accepted.

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The good news is that during a recent police sting operation, more than half of the businesses targeted did not sell alcohol or cigarettes to underage police decoys. The bad news is nearly half of them did.

The Canton Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit conducted alcohol and tobacco sales checks during the first part of March. Decoy minors attempted to purchase either alcohol or tobacco at 13 businesses in Canton. Six businesses sold to the minor decoy, while seven refused the sale.

Those who sold to minors are: CVS on Canton Center, BP gas station on Sheldon, Sunoco on Joy, Mobil gas station on Haggerty, Palermo Restaurant and Pizzeria, and Farmer Jack on Canton Center. Those who refused sale of alcohol or tobacco to minors were Chinese Market, Rite Aid on Lilley, O'Sushi, Bombay Grocers and the Seven-11 stores on Canton Center and Warren roads.

The Special Enforcement Unit has performed tobacco and alcohol compliance checks at local businesses for the past several years. The unit espouses a zero tolerance enforcement strategy when dealing with violations of tobacco and alcohol sales to minors. Establishments selling alcohol to a minor receive a misdemeanor citation. Alcohol violations are also reported to Michigan's Liquor Control Commission.

The number of tickets in the last sting is a bit of a fluke, with nearly half of the businesses in violation. Last year, the police department checked 69 stores for tobacco sales violations and 24 for alcohol. The department wrote 14 tickets for tobacco sale to a minor and seven for sale of alcohol to a minor. This year, prior to the March sting, the department had visited 32 businesses, and only three had sold tobacco to minors. None had sold alcohol, according to Lt. Bob Kerr.

"Over the years, more and more businesses have come into compliance. To have this many is a surprise," he said.

The fine for selling tobacco to a minor is \$50, and is paid by the clerk, not the owner of the store. The fine for selling alcohol to a minor is up to \$100 and is a civil infraction if the sale occurs during a sting operation, Kerr said. If it happens as part of doing business, but is not part of a police investigation, the fine is up to \$500 or 90 days in jail and is a misdemeanor.

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(SAT/SUN 11:10) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10

FRI/SAT 11:10

CRASH (R)

FRI, SUN-TH 12:20, 2:30, 4:40, 6:55, 9:25

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FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R)

9:20

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AQUAMARINE (PG)

12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20

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THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA (R) 1:40, 4:10, 6:45

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12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40

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Commission approves construction plans for Costco and Border's stores

Canton's Planning Commission met on March 20 to take action on the following items.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Thompson Trust rezoning - Considered request to rezone from C-4, Interchange Service District to C-3, Regional Commercial District. Property is located at the southeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Haggerty Road. The planning commission recommended approval.

Costco - Considered request for a Planned Development District and site plan approval. Property is located south of Michigan Avenue and west of Belleville Road. The planning commission recommended approval.

SITE PLANS

Franks Nursery redevelopment (Border's/PETCO) - Considered request for site plan approval. Property is located at the southwest corner of Ford and Morton Taylor roads. The planning commission recommended approval.

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OUR VIEWS

Spring is time to volunteer

Spring is here. The robins are back and flowers are starting to break free from their winter slumber. And sure as the temperatures will start to rise, spring also means the time has come for numerous volunteer and fund-raising opportunities throughout the Canton community.

Several nonprofit organizations are gearing up for important events in the coming months. Most of these efforts are reliant on the number of people who volunteer to participate in or contribute to them in some way. There are opportunities to fit just about anyone's abilities, if you look hard enough.

If you don't mind rolling up your sleeves, Christmas in Action is a great organization to help out. The local chapter is currently looking for 200 volunteers to help fix up six aging Canton homes owned by senior citizens no longer able to make the repairs themselves. Some of the activities are as easy as washing windows, so every level of expertise is needed.

The group is also in need of donated materials and still must raise \$10,000 before the April 29 event. For more information, call (734) 844-8900.

If the environment is more of an interest, Friends of the Rouge and Canton Township are sponsoring a couple of activities related to the health of the Rouge River. First, April 29, there will be a spring bug hunt at several Canton locations, where volunteers will get in the water and look for aquatic organisms. The presence or absence of these critters tells much about the river's health.

Also, Rouge Rescue will celebrate its 20th anniversary June 3 this year at locations throughout the watershed. The site in Canton will again be at Flodin Park. Call Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9600 to learn more about these events.

Relay for Life will come to Canton for the eighth consecutive year the weekend of May 20-21. The event, which aids the American Cancer Society, raised \$250,000 last year. Teams of walkers will gather at Heritage Park and walk laps for two days, all the while raising money to aid cancer research and programs. For more information, call Debbie Zevalkink at (734) 391-5188.

Of course, these are just a few of the excellent programs in the community that depend heavily on volunteers like you. Getting involved in one will not only provide some much needed help for a good cause, you will also get the chance to contribute to your community. And nothing binds a community together more than when its residents work together.

Take seasonal cue for review of fire safety

Maybe it was an afghan they pulled off the sofa, or maybe it was a box they grabbed from the garage. Whatever they chose, it's likely kids will use it to make a pretend "tent" for the imaginary game of camping out.

Unfortunately, sometimes ordinary play time brings with it unwitting dangers. For instance, "Never put anything over a lamp, like clothes or a blanket, not even when playing," warns the Web site for the U.S. Fire Administration Kids (usfa.fema.gov/kids).

The Web site, and others found on an Internet search, are chock full of useful advice and games to teach children fire safety.

But it's this time of year — April 2 marks daylight-saving time — that parents need to take stock of simple safety precautions around their homes.

For starters, warn fire officials, make sure each house has at least one working smoke detector. Then twice a year — spring and fall are good reminders — change the batteries, whether they need it or not.

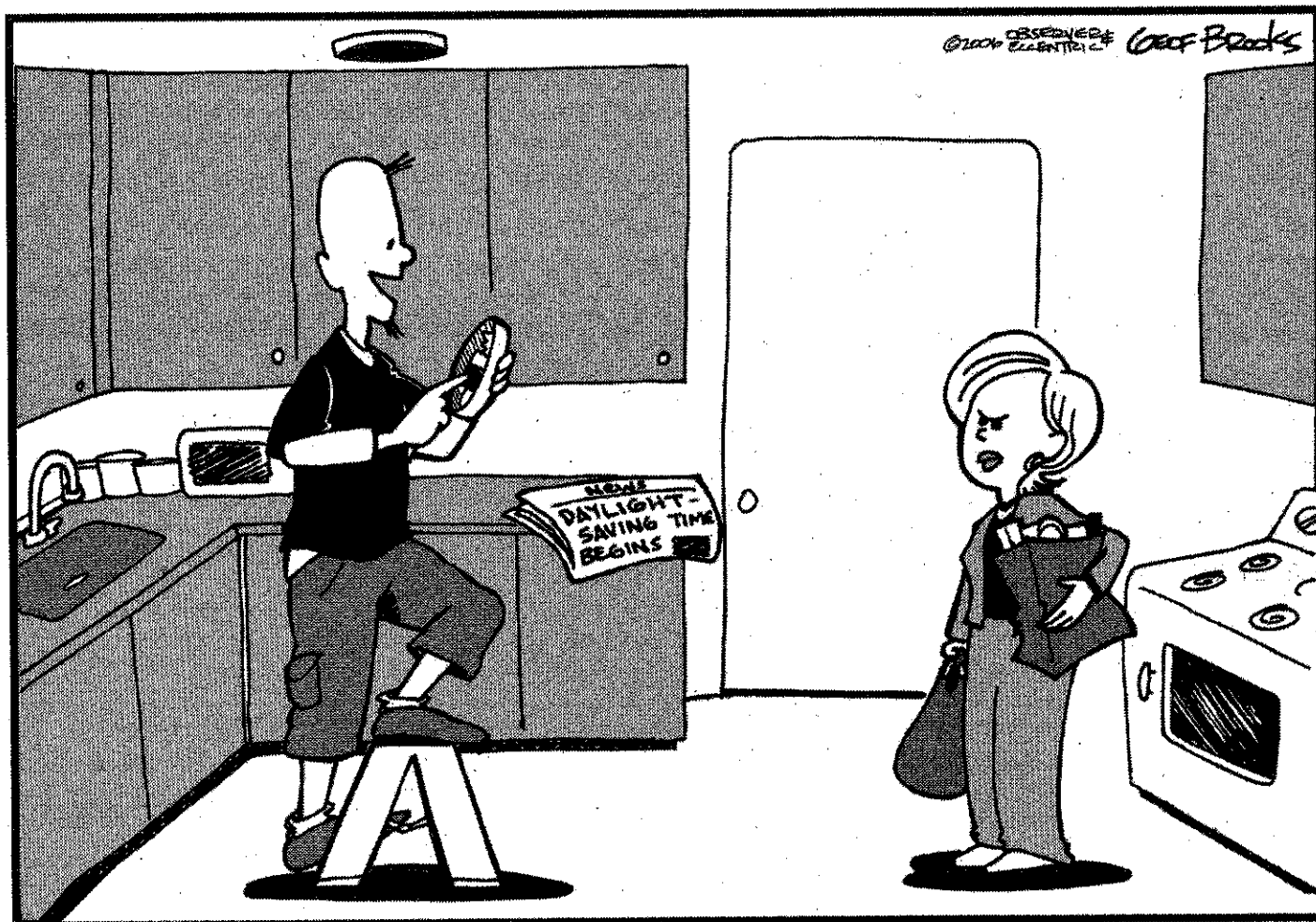
Fire safety isn't something to yawn over. Livonia, West Bloomfield, Garden City and Farmington all recorded at least one house fire in the first three months this year.

A woman and her two cats died March 4 in Farmington Hills, while a fire in Westland killed a 3-year-old child.

Other families were luckier. Smoke detectors on the second level of a West Bloomfield home in February alerted a family which escaped unharmed from a fire and, in another two-story house in Troy in December, a resident escaped unharmed after being alerted by smoke detectors.

These examples aren't a reason to panic, but to take precautions.

Spring into action Sunday and make fire safety more than just child's play.



"Aren't you proud of me, hon? For once, I didn't need your cooking to remind me to change the smoke alarm batteries!"

LETTERS

Sudden interest

Why is Mike Murray, a political operative with headquarters in a Lansing suburb, suddenly so interested in securing 129 videotapes of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board meetings, in addition to the votes, correspondence, expenses, etc., of just ONE school board member from 1999 to the present?

According to his recent letter to the editor, what this man knows and cares about our school district would fit into a small thimble.

Is it more than just a coincidence that this out-of-town political campaign operative filed an all-encompassing Freedom of Information Act request against a lone school board member just as a local state senator plans his strategy for re-election?

Who is Mike Murray really working for? All signs seem to point in one direction since the current state senator hired Murray to work for him in the past. Has the senator hired this political operative once again to protect his incumbency? Who holds the smoking gun?

Rest assured the information obtained from the FOIA will only be used in a self-serving way to create derogatory and negative campaign fliers against potential political challengers for this Senate seat.

So much for the lofty and noble oft-stated reason for requesting a FOIA — that "it's in the public's interest and right to know."

Bill Nowacki
Plymouth

Cheap shots

As a resident of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district for nearly 30 years, I was disgusted with the "cheap shots" nonresident Mike Murray leveled against our local public schools and board President Mark Slavens in a March 9 letter to the editor.

Murray, who runs political campaigns out of an office near Lansing, chose to attack the integrity and stellar reputation of our well-managed school district after learning that his Freedom of Information Act request was made public and that it would cost him well over \$11,000.

Mr. Murray is merely a "front man" for some politician seeking re-election who prefers to hide behind the curtain of anonymity. If the unnamed politician intends to use the FOIAed information for self-serving political gains, then that is a misuse of the 30-year-old Michigan FOIA law.

The outsider Murray should have done his homework before he "carpetbagged" into our school community, making unsubstantiated accusations and insinuations against President Slavens and the school district in the local *O&E* newspaper.

Perhaps the greatest insult of all appeared in the last paragraph of the FOIA, where Murray asked the district to produce every recorded piece of information, every scrap of a memo since 1999 — including 129 videotapes — and to do it for FREE.

Had Murray done some preliminary fact-finding, he would have learned that PCCS has always received high marks from the yearly Standard & Poor's Report

on Michigan school districts, and from yearly financial audits conducted by a reputable private firm. He would have found that PCCS is one of the top districts statewide that spends significantly less on administrative costs as measured as a percentage of the district's total budget.

Had he merely "scratched the surface," Murray would have found MEAP scores which are significantly above state average, the most Merit Scholarship winners out of 110 Michigan House Districts, high numbers of National Merit Scholars every year and that most graduates of PCCS go on to higher education. I doubt that Murray knew that Plymouth-Canton provides such a quality education to its children, and does it with nearly \$1,000 less per student than neighboring communities.

Since you said in your letter, Mr. Murray, that you had never met board President Mark Slavens — yet you felt you could cast him in an unfavorable light in this newspaper — let me fill in some of the gaps in your knowledge.

I met Mark nine years ago when we both were members of the PCCS Legislative Action Committee. Mark has always been very involved with our schools, serving on the Long Range Planning Committee, Bond Committees for Plymouth High School and Discovery Middle School, etc. For the nine years I have known Mark, I have witnessed his dedication and hard work on behalf of all the school children of our communities, including his own three.

It was Mark Slavens who pulled members of the greater school community together to form a nonprofit, Michigan Citizens for Fairness in Public School Funding, a group which would advocate for more adequate and equitable funding of our public schools, especially PCCS. As chair of the group, Slavens hosted three statewide summits on school funding, the last of which drew over 1,000 concerned citizens from across the state.

In his capacity as a school board member and now as its president, I have never had a reason to question Mark Slavens' integrity or the motives behind his decisions in regard to the education of children in our community. He also returns to the district the small stipend provided to members serving on the school board.

You don't need to get a FOIA, Mr. Murray, if you truly want to learn about our Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and those who work diligently to keep them in tiptop shape. The district is open, accessible and a beacon of excellence to those who will take the time to look.

Martha A. Trafford
Canton

Freedom is for everyone

I am surprised I wasn't offered the courtesy of a phone call before Kurt Kuban wrote his column ("FOIA request springs from the politics of personal destruction," *Observer*, March 23). Tony Bruscati has my cell phone number as well as my home phone number. I can be contacted at any time.

As for the content of the column, I have to say, again, I'm surprised.

Newspapers have a long and distinguished history of advocating openness in government and of holding public officials accountable for their actions.

Just days ago, your newspaper ran a lengthy column from the head of the Michigan Press Association asserting newspapers' rights under the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) to examine the list of people with criminal convictions who are employed by Michigan's school systems.

So, how is my asserting my legal right different from you asserting yours?

Indeed, my request appears far less invasive because I am seeking only the official records of Mr. Slavens as a school board member. The Michigan Press Association is seeking documents that may incriminate people for old crimes for which they've paid full restitution to society and which are unrelated to their current school positions.

I shouldn't have to remind you, but freedom is for everyone, not just your newspaper.

Should I infer from your column that since the public should not be allowed to freely examine Mr. Slavens' public record as a school board member, you will condemn him (and his liberal allies) with equal ferocity when — and if — he runs for another office and talks about the records of other candidates?

Moreover, since the PCCS has seen fit to charge me the astronomical fee of \$11,000 for access to Mr. Slavens' public documents, will you call on the PCCS to charge Mr. Slavens the same amount before he is allowed to use the content of those documents in any future campaign?

Finally, the central question remains: Why would Mr. Slavens — or someone acting on his behalf — attempt to subvert the public's FOIA rights by leaking my private request to your newspaper unless there was something incriminating in those documents?

The hyper-aggressive, over-the-top reaction by Mr. Slavens and his allies to a routine request should be worrisome to taxpayers, because if Mr. Slavens is not using public money for private gain, he has nothing to fear and I am only wasting my time.

Mike Murray
Murray Communications
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QUOTABLE

"I think it's important they're still thinking about the veterans. The truth is, they keep forgetting about the veterans, taking benefits away from them and forgetting what they sacrificed."

— World War II veteran Harry Torossian, 80, of Canton, during a groundbreaking last week for the Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park, which will honor Plymouth and Canton veterans who served in America's wars

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Our education system must adapt to changing realities

I paid for my college education bending, welding and assembling Mustangs at the world's largest industrial complex, the Ford Rouge plant, in the late 1970s. Long before robots and technology hit the factory floor, it was dirty, back-breaking work. It was also a dark time for the U.S. auto industry as foreign companies were producing higher-quality cars at a lower price and drastically cutting into the domestic auto makers' market share and profits. American factories were being shut down and workers were being laid off. Families were fleeing the state and bumper stickers proclaimed, "The last person to leave Michigan — please shut off the lights."

Fast-forward a quarter of a century and, as Yogi Berra said, it is "déjà vu" all over again.

Michigan's unemployment rate rivals the hurricane-ravaged states of Mississippi and Louisiana. The words Delphi, GM and Ford conjure up images of layoffs and fear, not quality and jobs. The initial response from the auto industry to change and competition was classic: denial, blame, scape-goating, protectionism and, finally, acceptance of the problem and the development of appropriate strategic responses. The auto industry made changes and was more competitive in the late '80s and '90s.

History has clearly documented what happens to industries and individuals that foolishly attempt to deny and resist change. With global competition and technological advances, the auto industry, along with the rest of Michigan, is facing a rapidly changing, disruptive world that will continue to defy predictability. We are living in a world where ideas and work easily flow across the globe.

Our public school system is at a similar crossroads and is winding through the classic response of denial, blame, scape-goating and protectionism. Without vision, innovation and productive change, our public schools will perish.

Public education in America represents the true Statue of Liberty, taking students from all backgrounds and giving them hope, skills, knowledge and opportunity for a bright future. Yet public education must adapt to the changing world by seeking ways to liberate educators and learners from the industrial model of the past. This model chains students to a six-hour school day that is structured within the confines of a classroom or school building, when learning has become a multi-dimensional experience, where knowledge is available anytime and any place.

We need to ask if our laws, policies, procedures and practices support the knowledge-age economy that our children are entering. Do they encourage and reward the digital revolution, boost technological innovation, enhance students' and workers' skills and promote agile

entrepreneurship and lifelong learning? Can we afford multiple small school districts with duplicative administrative costs? Can we afford not to address the legacy costs of health care and pensions that will continue to absorb any new investment the Legislature and governor commit to our schools? Is our system of education organized and structured to survive and thrive in the 21st century?

The expectation of today's student and employer is that learning will be more relevant and real. What would a 21st century educational environment look like with imagination, innovation and creativity that incorporates 21st century technology?

Imagine:

■ A time when all students have access to the best learning institutions in the world.

■ A time when state policy makers set rigorous academic standards and provide strong accountability for success.

■ Knowledge is gained in a network of learners connected country to country, school to school and student to student.

■ A time when our children, via the Internet and e-learning, can learn about children of China, India and Russia and also learn with them.

Today, faced with competition and global tides, the auto industry is once again forced to change or perish. So too must our schools.

Our collective quest must be to make these new global realities work for and not against us.

We are living in a world where the undereducated and uneducated will be left behind. The global economy rewards brainpower; regardless of its source, origin or geographical location.

The state and nation that adapts to change and invests in its people through quality education will be the most prosperous. It must be our collective goal to make Michigan that state and America that nation.

Our biggest fear should not be the outsourcing of jobs to China. Our greatest fear should be that the Chinese system of education is on steroids and producing more scientists, engineers and mathematicians, technology and other knowledge workers than we are.

Memorization and assembly line learning must give way to imagination, innovation and creativity. This is where the future of Michigan and America lie.

As Yogi Berra said: "The future ain't what it used to be."

We need to imagine the possibilities with a great sense of urgency.

Tom Watkins is a former Michigan state superintendent of schools. His report, The New Education (Re)volution, has gained national and international attention. The report can be found at www.nacol.org. He can be reached at tdwatkins@aol.com.



Tom Watkins

LETTERS

Don't blame Rove

I differ with Kurt Kuban's opinion column. Rather than Karl Rove; I believe that the Clintons, et al, were the political figures that initiated "political warfare" via lying, perjury, taking no prisoners, etc.

As for John Kerry; he was no Vietnam war hero. Rather he was an opportunist in uniform with a 35mm camera to record his deeds and recommended himself for three Purple Hearts to "escape" the combat zone. As long as he stayed in blue water (the South China Sea) he was happy. When he went "brown water" inland his knees started knocking.

Also for actions upon his return home, he was given a less than honorable discharge (by visiting the North Vietnamese in Paris), which was expunged by President Carter and upgraded to honorable. This document was never released in Kerry's military records in 2004.

Roger Kehrier
Plymouth Township

What about Sheldon?

I read about Tom Yack's video about all the wonderful things he has done for Canton and was going to write right away, then I thought, "why bother?" However, today as I was traveling on Sheldon Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer, I was rudely reminded why I should bother: There is little pavement left intact, it's crumbling away and the potholes are becoming hazardous. Pity the poor school bus drivers and the kids that are jolted every day. A road by a school should not be allowed to fall in such a state of disrepair. A couple of years ago the potholes on Sheldon cost me \$800 in car repairs; eventually a little gunk was dropped in the holes to "repair" them. Soon they were worse than ever. And Lilley is only marginally better.

Frankly, I'm not impressed by the beautification of Ford Road, which is a big mess anyway and will be even worse after the IKEA store opens — an ugly structure selling ugly furniture — and traffic will be even more insane. So, Mr. Yack, how about paying attention to Sheldon Road? Palmer gets an annual manicure, but how about Sheldon, and let's not forget Lilley either? I have been in small Asian towns in rural areas that had better roads than these.

Sara Magalotti
Canton

Ready for change

I appreciated Kurt Kuban's column about Mike Murray's Freedom of Information Act request because it exposed Murray as a political hack and a bully.

Of course, Bruce Patterson, Canton's state senator, is a well-known bully himself, so it should come as no surprise that a surrogate of his would act in the same fashion.

What's a little surprising, though, is that a tactic like this would be used even before Mark Slavens has announced whether he'll run.

If Slavens runs, that will be two local Republicans who should be nervous about retaining their positions come November — U.S. Rep. Thad McCotter (challenged by Democrat Tony Trupiano) being the other.

A growing number of young, educated professionals are tired of the bullying, smearing and incompetence that are trademarks of today's Republicans. With voters given solid choices like Slavens and Trupiano, Patterson and McCotter might well be on the outside looking in when election results are tallied later this year.

Matt Haran
Canton

Woman needs help

On three separate occasions at the intersection of Haggerty and Warren Road while I was going west on Warren Road and waiting in the turn lane I have been confronted by a woman, wearing glasses, having brownish hair and driving a gold and tan SUV. She points her index finger at my car, containing my husband and child and with thumb cocked mimics shooting a gun into our car.

If the vehicle had not been traveling east, opposite to the direction I was headed, I would have followed to get the plate number.

This is not funny to my family nor to my child. Can you imagine having your child say, "Mom, why is that lady acting like she is shooting us?"

Is she mad at something my husband wrote to the paper? Is she mad because she tries so hard to smile in the morning and can't get her lips to move upwards? Is she mad because she drives a huge gas guzzler and we have a family car? Is she planning on one of these fine mornings to get a real gun to shoot my family?

I think she needs to get help. Mimicking shooting someone while they are stopped at a red light is sick and unnerving to me.

One day this lady may do this to the wrong person and that person might retaliate. I suggest she learn to control her pistol finger. She may also one day spill innocent blood. Aggressive hand gestures are dangerous.

Bernadette Brock
Canton

Caccamo deserves apology

Shame on Mr. Shufeldt (March 23 letter to the editor) for suggesting that Todd Caccamo resign because he will be serving in Iraq. Also, shame on Mr. Shufeldt for criticizing Todd Caccamo for donating his salary to charity. Todd Caccamo's actions should be commended, not criticized.

Mr. Shufeldt owes Todd Caccamo and every other military person an apology for suggesting that they choose between serving in the military and any other career that they may desire.

Susan Luszczynski
Canton

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Aginian caps newspaper career with no regrets

Richard Aginian said he will have no regrets when he walks out of his office Friday, capping a 30-year career in community newspapers.

"Dick Aginian leaves a legacy of strong community newspapers, not only at the *Observer & Eccentric*, but at all the former HomeTown products he touched as chief executive officer," said Peter Neill, vice president and general manager of the O&E.

"In the *Observer & Eccentric* market he is a community leader who worked tirelessly, not only for his newspapers, but for the community as a whole. Dick's influence stretched far outside southeast Michigan and his national contribution to our business was rightfully recognized last year when Suburban Newspapers of America awarded him the Dean Lesher award for his contributions to the industry," added Neill.

Aginian spent his entire newspaper career working for Philip Power as president and CEO of HomeTown Communications Network until the chain was sold to the Gannett Corp. in April 2005. Since then, he has served as president and publisher for the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* groups.

"I am not viewing this as a retirement, but rather as an opportunity to do something else," he said. "Just not 60 hours a week."

Aginian said he started out with Power as the "finance guy," but decided to stay with the organization when he was given free rein to run the company.

"My goal all along was to either own or run my own business," he said. "I started as the controller and then went from there."

TEAMWORK

It proved to be a mutually beneficial partnership.

"Dick Aginian has been one of the giants of the community newspaper industry," Power said. "As CEO of HomeTown Communications Network, over many years he helped lead the organization to the absolute forefront of our industry. He understood with perfect clarity both the essential role hometown newspapers have in the everyday life of readers in their own communities and the requirements of solid business management in the success of the company. He excelled in both."

"Smart, thoughtful, ethical, blessed with an outstanding work ethic, Dick Aginian set the standards for what a top manager should be," Power added. "I learned an enormous amount from him every day we worked together. I'm delighted he has chosen to retire when at the absolute top of his game."

Under Aginian's leadership, HomeTown Communications grew to include weekly news-



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dick Aginian will retire Friday after 30 years in the community newspaper business.

papers in Ohio and northern Kentucky, a daily newspaper in Livingston County, and telephone books throughout the state of Michigan.

"I would say moving into Livingston, and starting and then expanding the phone books, were two significant accomplishments for the company," he said. "Looking back, there were some other things we should have done that we didn't, but you don't dwell on the past."

INDUSTRY KUDOS

Aginian's professional accomplishments were made apparent last summer when he was named winner of the 2005 Dean Lesher Award.

The award, presented by the Suburban Newspapers of America, recognizes senior level executives who have pioneered new concepts in suburban and community newspaper publishing, provided civic leadership to the communities they serve, enhanced the industry through leadership and produced outstanding newspapers, all representing a lifetime of achievement.

Aginian was nominated by Charles Lyons, chief executive officer of Post-Newsweek Media, who in his letter said Aginian "launched one of the most successful suburban newspapers in the country."

And while it will be strange not to head to the office Monday morning, Aginian said he plans to stay plenty busy continuing to serve the many civic and nonprofit organizations he has held leadership roles in over the years, spending more time traveling with his wife, Diane, and once the weather warms, lowering his handicap at his home course, the Oakland Hills Country Club.

Aginian said he plans to stay in Birmingham, and hinted a run at public office may be in the future.

"Birmingham is a great town, and if there is a way I can help keep it that way by running for elected office in the city, then it is always a possibility," he said.

RICHARD D. AGINIAN

■ **Hometown:** Birmingham
■ **Personal:** Married to Diane. Two daughters, Dawn and Marla.

■ **Education:** Ph.B., Wayne State University; M.B.A., Rutgers University.

■ **Professional accomplishments:** CPA; 1977-2005, president and CEO HomeTown Communications Network Inc.; 1976-77, treasurer, Suburban Communications Corp.; 1975-76, assistant to president, Flavey Motors of Troy; 1964-75 audit manager, Arthur Andersen & Co.

■ **Associations:** 2003-present, Board of Directors, YMCA Foundation member, Investment Committee; 2001-present, Board of Directors, Certified Audit of Circulation; 2000-present, trustee, William Beaumont Hospital; member Investment Committee, member Audit Committee; 1999-2004, executive vice chairman, 35th Ryder Cup, Oakland Hills Country Club; 1996-present, Board of Directors, Metropolitan YMCA; 1991-present, Board of Directors/trustee, Corporation for a Skilled Workforce; 1985-present, Board of Directors/trustee, Walsh College, chairman, finance and investment committees, member, Audit Committee, Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, former manager, Organization, Adcraft Club of Detroit, Oakland Hills Country Club.

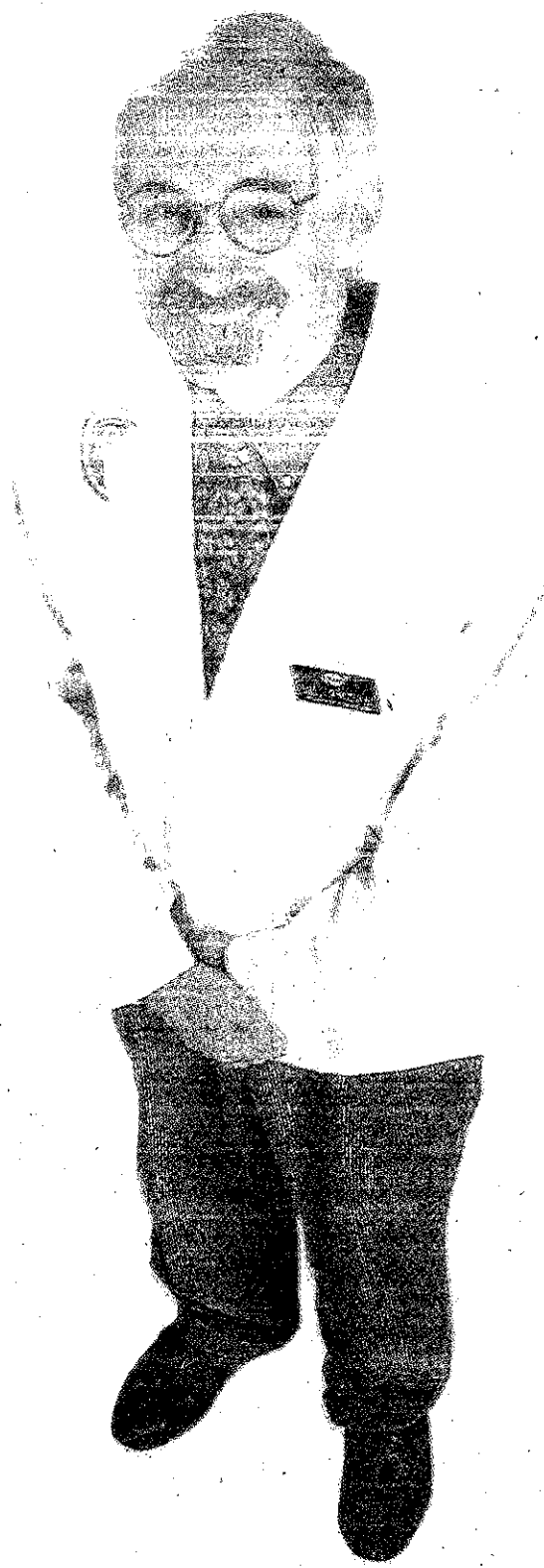
■ **Awards:** 2001, Paul Harris Fellow Award, Bloomfield Hills Rotary Club; 2001, Community Service Award, The Community House; 2000, Children's Coalition - Media Merry-Go-Round Award; 1998, Community Service Award, Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra; 1995, Village Players Superstar; 1995, Volunteer of the Year on behalf of The Community House in Birmingham, from the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

■ **Past civic/professional involvement:** 2003, president, Oakland Hills Country Club; 1993-95, president, The Community House; 1985-86, president, Suburban Newspapers of America; 1982-89, Board of Directors, Michigan Press Association.

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Clutter bug

Tackle that paper pile

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

You could put up a sign in the home office that reads: "Feng shui ist verboten."

Clutter and paper piles literally suck the life right out of a home office. Look to the left. Paper on the floor. Look to the right. Files that have sat for months.

Next to the printer are sheets of paper printed from a computer of a newspaper article about that restaurant that sounded intriguing (at least it did three weeks ago), or those search engine results for airfare, hotels, car rentals.

On the desk itself, financial articles are strewn about like leaves on a fall afternoon.

And it all just sits there.

"It can be extremely overwhelming," said Donna Lindley, professional organizer at Organize Your World in Rochester Hills and a member of the National Organization of Professional Organizers.

Clutter can be a problem when no system is in place, said Rebecca DeLoy, owner of Come to Order in Plymouth and also a professional organizer.

"If you set the mail down one day in the dining room, another day on the dishwasher or on a desk, you will have the mail all over the house. There has to be a system for everything you do."

"A lot of times (people) look at a pile of papers and they feel overwhelmed," said Lori Drouillard, professional organizer with Design and Declutter in West Bloomfield. "They end up jumping around the room."

"The most important thing to do is to pick a project and finish it. If you think of something else to do, make a note and get to this later."

SET UP ROOM

Lindley says paper piles take up more space because more junk mail hits the mailboxes, because of new privacy laws and so many people are on the "do-not-call" lists.

"E-mail is a large reason for it. (Computer users) feel the need to print it out more."

But home office users also need filing systems not just on the computer, but in the traditional file cabinets, too.

Lindley advises her clients cleaning a home office to make space on the top of the desk.

"Don't worry about the piles of papers, just set up enough room for a basic system," she said. "You want to have a system set up to handle papers to be filed."

And if today's mail has bills that need to be paid or have some urgency to them, then place them somewhere where they won't get buried.

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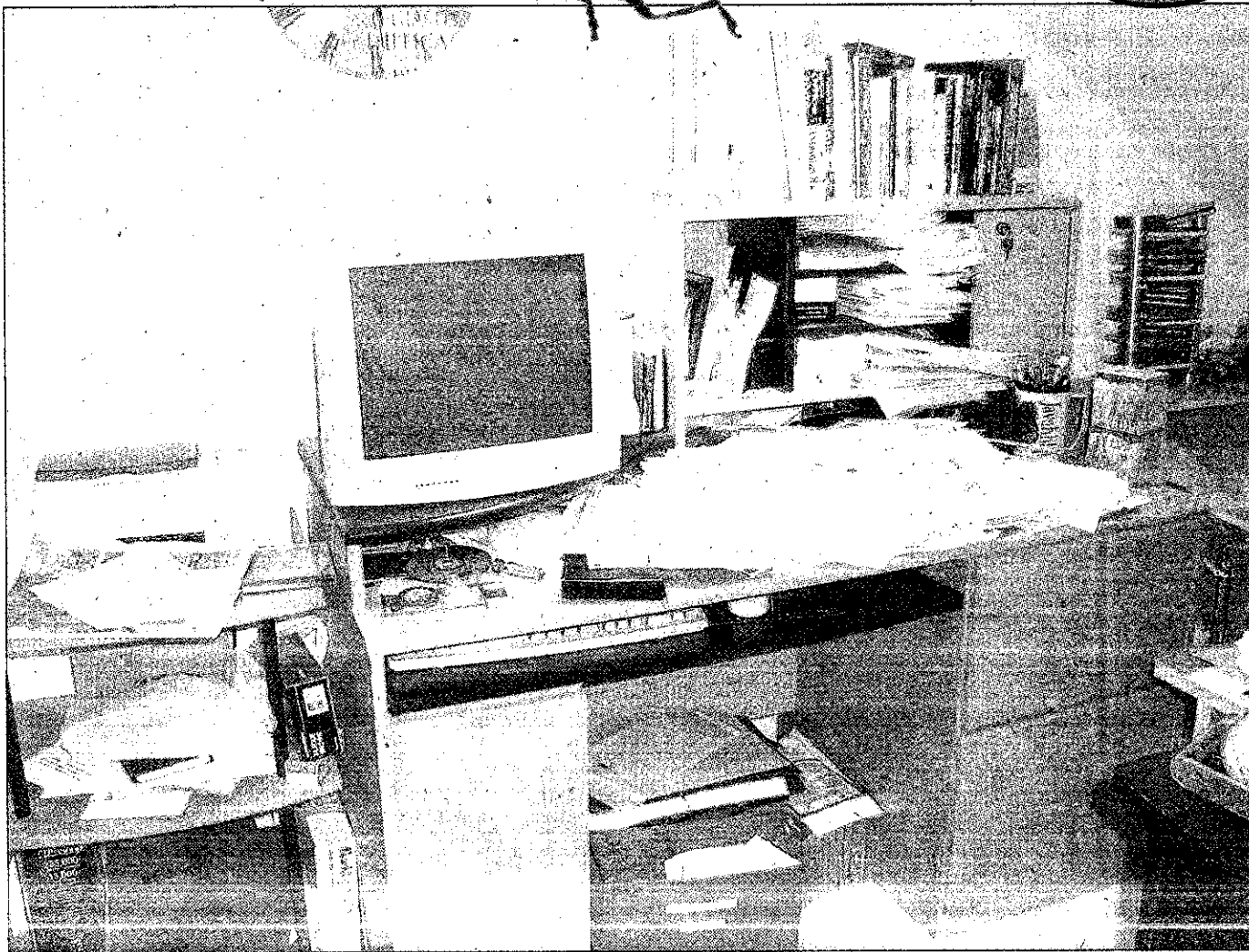


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Papers can easily pile up when they aren't filed or acted on quickly.

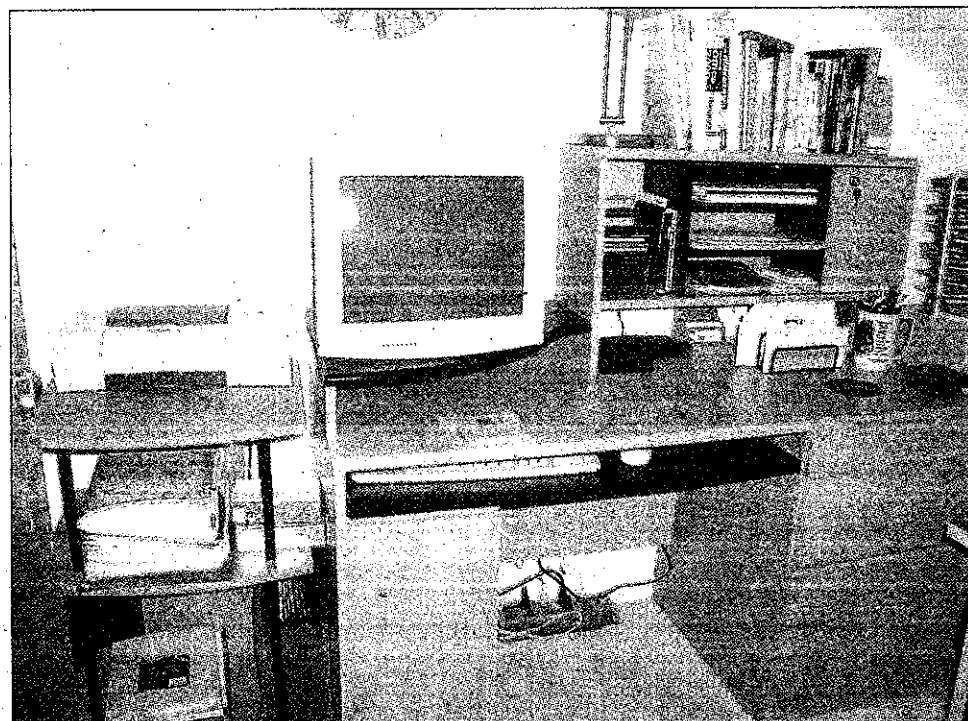


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Organizing the bills on top of the desk will remind the office user to pay them, while other documents that don't require immediate attention can be filed and placed nearby for easy access.

'If you set the mail down one day in the dining room, another day on the dishwasher or on a desk, you will have the mail all over the house. There has to be a system for everything you do.'

Rebecca DeLoy
owner of Come to Order in Plymouth

Accents

For HOPE

Vendors will offer unusual items for the yard and garden at the Spring Luncheon and Garden Boutique that will benefit the Women's Division for Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere).

The event will take place Wednesday, April 26, at The Reserve, 325 S. Eton in Birmingham, south of Maple (15 Mile) and east of Woodward.

Tickets are \$60 donor, \$110 benefactor. For reservations and information, call (313) 393-6590 during business hours.

The boutique will be open for shopping from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The reception and cash bar will begin at 11 a.m. Welcome and introductions will take place at noon, lunch at 12:15 p.m. and a raffle at 1:15 p.m.

Since 1958, Project HOPE has worked to develop and implement programs around the world to share health education and medical technology.

Bev Napier of Beverly Hills is president. Eva Meharry is chair.

Be prepared

"You've prepared yourself for big disasters - like earthquakes and floods - by storing drinking water and supplies," say James and Morris Carey, writing for ABC Weekly Features.

"But it's important to prepare for little disasters, too. Don't wait until a pipe bursts to start looking for a plumber. Don't wait until power's out to find an electrician."

"Be prepared. Plan ahead for various home snafus. Ask neighbors and friends whom they use and like. Ask the hardware store people, too."

"Then start an emergency phone list by category. The good guys are always the busiest, so have them do a small repair first in a non-emergency situation. Then, when big problems occur, you'll have someone you know and trust; someone who knows you, too."

Recognition

Scott and Joan Douglass, owners of Kitchen Solvers of Rochester Hills, have been recognized for placing eighth in the Kitchen Solvers Top 10 sales ranking for January.

The Top 10 sales rankings, by monthly sales volume, come from among more than 130 Kitchen Solvers franchise outlets throughout the United States and Canada. Scott Douglass opened the franchise in 1995 after successfully completing an extensive training program with the Kitchen Solvers parent company.

The business offers a full line of kitchen remodeling services, including custom cabinet refacing, pre-built and custom cabinetry, solid surface and custom laminate countertops, kitchen planning and design, and accessories.

PILING ON

When organizing your home office, Donna Lindley says you should ask the following questions:

■ Does this paperwork require action? Is it recent enough or is it something that is outdated?

■ Is it difficult to obtain again, or is it something that can be conveniently printed from your computer? "If you can, then you can throw it out," Lindley said.

■ How old is it and what is it? Anything with tax implications should be kept for seven years, and legal documents should be held onto permanently.

"We have what we call a FAT system," Lindley said. "Every time you pick up a piece of paper, it's either file, act or toss."

Bookmark these fun, informative Web sites



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Lately it seems I can't tear myself away from the Web. You may have the same trouble after checking out these four amazing sites:

CHATFU

Ever wished you could save your instant-messaging chats for posterity, only in comic-book form?

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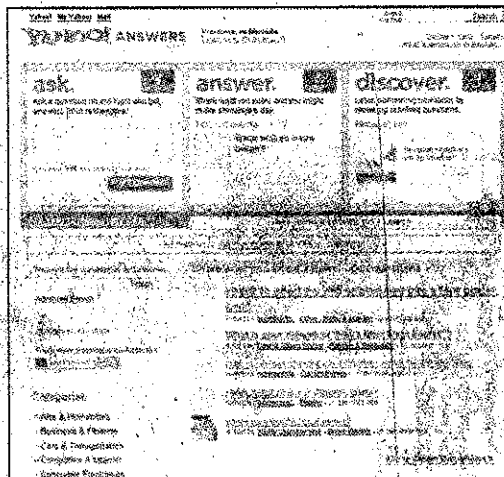
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About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

To me it was just a series of letters that the bank seemed proud of, and so I figured it had to be something really important.

(The Web site www.FDIC.com says, "an independent agency created by Congress in 1933, the FDIC supervises banks, insures deposits up to \$100,000 and helps maintain a stable and sound banking system." Well, that clears that up.)

Every day, we get so inundated by information it becomes impossible to tell what things mean, or if they matter.

Some cable channels have two or three scrolls at the bottom of the screen, plus headlines beneath them, someone talking in the middle, with weather and sports scores in the corners.

When you see acronyms whip by in their news blurbs, you barely have time to comprehend them, much less question their meanings. Even less likely would be knowing if the letters mean anything for you.

One group of letters that could mean something for you and your pet would be AAHA, and yes, it does say its acronym name like someone who caught R. Kelly in their closet ("Ah-ha!").

AAHA stands for the American Animal Hospital Association. This group was established in 1933 (oddly enough, the same year as the FDIC), and strives to make sure veterinary facilities attain and maintain a high level of quality in facilities and in practice.

A clinic needs to comply with most of the hundreds of AAHA requirements and pass a multiple-hour inspection by a consultant before it is certified an AAHA hospital.

This means that when you go into a hospital with the AAHA sticker on the door, you know the facility and practices within have been reviewed and have been deemed of a high quality by an experienced inspector.

According to the AAHA Web site, www.healthypet.com, about 3,000 vet hospitals participate in the program, and there they list them online.

AAHA evaluations aren't required by law, but occur only when those running the clinic decide to be evaluated. This shows even further the commitment toward excellence of those who have achieved certification.

When you see the AAHA sticker, you don't have to know what the letters mean. You can just rest easier knowing the people working there have made a commitment toward having solid, high-quality facilities and practices.

Just like the FDIC makes sure to keep your deposits safe, AAHA works to help make sure your pets are safe, by making sure veterinary clinics stay reliable and up to date.

Veterinary medicine also has the AVMA, JAVMA, SEMVMA, SCAVMA, AJVMA, TNAVC, and I believe there's a farming group called EIEIO. We'll discuss those at a later date.

VET-A-VISIT

Once again, Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine will have its annual open house, Vet-a-

Visit, at the Veterinary Medical Center, on campus in East Lansing. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 8.

Along with seeing some of the amazing facilities at the MSU Vet Hospital, you also get to talk to vet and vet tech students and faculty, which might help some of the young people who want someday to become a veterinarian or a veterinary technician.

Although the open house attempts to attract vet school hopefuls, it also has lots to see and do that a family should enjoy, such as the multiple large animals.

Cows can be milked, and a few have fistulas, which are like windows that open up to let you look into their stomachs.

A little less icky will be a petting zoo, with all of the animals' insides safely hidden under skin.

People who will have ideas on small animals also will be there, talking about things like picking out the right dog breed for you, ideas about the best pet health care, and discussions of those medical questions that vets get asked all the time — such as, "Can dogs see in color?"

Veterinary blood banks, something relatively new, will also be explored.

It's not all about medicine and seeing just how fast technical talk can bore children.

It's animals like horses and sheep, with vets and vet students answering questions about them. It's learning about setting up a fish tank, including recommendations on fish types.

It's about seeing live Michigan raptors on display. (No, not the dinosaurs from *Jurassic Park*!) Being close to hawks, owls or whatever they have available will certainly be impressive.

Very important procedures will be performed at the Stuffed Animal Surgery Clinic.

Here veterinary students will examine and treat your favorite stuffed animal, and will be

happy to accept a donation of a new stuffed animal for less fortunate children.

Most importantly, Vet-a-Visit gives youngsters of all ages who are thinking of a career in veterinary medicine a chance to get a taste of it, and to have fun while doing it.

Roundtable discussions are planned so those interested in the field can ask questions and find out if this is what they want to do.

As a personal note, at Vet-a-Visit 1989, two veterinary students did a display about fleas, creating a large background for their booth that looked like a newspaper, with the heading of *The Flea Press*.

The booth won as the visitor favorite, which meant a \$50 prize for the vet students who created it.

One of those students was me, and frankly I did most of the work.

I still haven't received the \$50, or even the \$25 that was my half.

I should note, I'm not bitter about it. It has been 17 years. I've let it go. Really. Totally. Not even a thought.

But if you happen to see someone there who might be able to get me my rightful prize, you might mention it in passing. You know, no big deal.

Anyway, the event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, and admission is free. Check out www.vetavisit.com or call (517) 355-0001 for more information.

Treat yourself and the family to a springtime Saturday visit to MSU's campus.

You could get lots of great memories, and could give young people lots of great dreams for the future.

Dr. Brad Davis is the medical director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City 48135. Mail questions and comments there. He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show *Animal Talk*. Visit the Web site at www.AnimalTalkRadio.com. E-mail questions or comments to brad@animaltalkradio.com.

HOME CALENDAR

Gorman's sale

Gorman's Home Furnishings and Interior Design will host a special spring warehouse sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 8, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at Gorman's Furniture Warehouse in Farmington Hills.

Gorman's Furniture Warehouse is at 23231 Industrial Park Drive, between Nine and 10 Mile roads. Industrial Park Drive is off Halsted, which is between Haggerty and Drake.

For more information, call (248) 473-9131.

All one-of-a-kind merchandise — including customer cancellations and "as-is" bedroom furniture, sofas, dining room sets, upholstery furniture and entertainment centers — will be available at discounted prices.

Recently closed-out merchandise, including collections from Stanley, Lexington and Drexel Heritage, will also be featured.

Gorman's associates and design consultants will be on hand to assist customers with their selections.

Antiques show

The 16th annual Community House Antiques Show will take place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, south of Maple (15 Mile) and between Southfield Road and Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham.

Admission is \$8. More than 40 booths will showcase a wide variety of items. The Antiques Show Cafe will be open noon to 3 p.m. both days.

A Preview Party is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at The Community House. Tickets are \$125 with admission at 6 p.m., or \$65 with admission at 7 p.m.

A fashion show and brunch is scheduled 9:30 a.m. April 7 at the Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend in Birmingham. Vintage apparel from the 1920s to 1980s will be presented. Reservations are \$50 and include admission to the show.

Champagne and Chocolates is scheduled 5:30-8 p.m. April 7 at The Community House. The event will give younger collectors a chance to browse for antiques while enjoying champagne and chocolates. Reservations are \$25.

A Passion for Everyday Vintage, a seminar and book signing by Alison and Melissa Houtte, is scheduled 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. April 8 at The Community House. The fee is \$15 and includes admission to the show.

For information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Saارين guides sought

Become a guide at the spectacular Art Deco-style Saarinen House on Cranbrook campus in Bloomfield Hills. The house was the home of Finnish-American architect Eliel Saarinen, Cranbrook's resident architect from 1925 to 1950, and his wife, textile designer Loja Saarinen.

Training includes four two-hour sessions in April-May, followed by a two-week practice period. Saarinen House touring season is May through October. Guides have a flexible schedule.

For more information, contact Curator of Education Elena Ivanova at (248) 645-3314, e-mail eivanova@cranbrook.edu.

The Baby's Room

USA BABY will host a Grand Reopening of The Baby's Room store in Novi Saturday, April 1.

The store, a franchisee of USA BABY, is at 27782 Novi Road, between I-96 and 12 Mile, on the back side of the Novi Office Center. The Baby's Room will have its Once-a-trimester sale April 1 to June 4. Call (248) 380-3510. The Baby's Room carries furniture and accessories for infants, and offers designer room vignettes that show

how a baby's room can look in various styles, colors and finishes.

Also at the Novi store is ChildSpace, a section of furniture and accessories for young children and teenagers.

Home decor

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels.

Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Simple Curtain (Mondays, April 3-17; cost is \$60) and Beginner Pillow (Mondays, April 10-24; \$60).

In Simple Curtain, beginners will learn how to sew as they dress up living room, bedroom, kitchen or bathroom windows. Students will make a simple rod-pocket window treatment, lined or unlined, to use alone or over blinds or shades. They will leave with a custom curtain that fits their decor.

In Beginner Pillow, beginning sewers will learn the basics while making two decorative square or rectangular pillows, using bias-cut, fabric-covered cord and inserted trims. Many of the techniques taught will apply to future home decorating classes.

Get organized

Learn organizational secrets from a professional organizer in a class offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning (CL2).

The class, Simplify Your Life - Get Organized Now!, will take place Tuesdays, April 4-11, at HFCC's Dearborn Heights Center, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, between Warren Avenue and Outer Drive.

Cost is \$39 for Dearborn School District residents, \$44 for non-residents.

To register, or for a complete list of CL2 courses, call (877) 855-5252 or visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2. Learn how to begin organizing your belongings, how to set up paperwork systems and where to donate unused items.

Auction

Joseph DuMouchelle of Grosse Pointe Farms, international auctioneers, appraisers and graduate gemologists, will have an auction of jewels and timepieces 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn (doors open at 6 p.m.).

An exhibition and inspection will take place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 17 Kercheval Avenue in Grosse Pointe Farms.

For information, call (313) 884-4800 or (800) 475-GEMS, or visit www.dumouchelleauction.com.

Crossing Flatland

Crossing Flatland: New Designs by Scott Klinker, an exhibit of new products for the home by the Cranbrook Academy of Art designer-in-residence, continues to Sunday, April 2, at Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills.

The museum is at 39221 Woodward, between Long Lake and Lone Pine roads.

Admission is \$6 for adults; \$4 for ages 13 and over, full-time students with ID, and ages 65-plus; free for ages 12 and under.

Call (877) GO-CRANbrook (462-7262). For 24-hour recorded information, call (248) 645-3323.

Crafters wanted

St. Damian of Westland is seeking crafters for its annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show, which will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 8. For more information, call (734) 721-4758 or e-mail nelius@comcast.net.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

Soil nutrient testing available in April

The annual Don't Guess... Soil Test! program, co-sponsored by Michigan State University Extension, local agencies and local retailers, makes soil nutrient testing available to home gardeners.

From Saturday, April 1, through Sunday, April 23, home gardeners can obtain an MSU soil nutrient test kit at the special price of \$14 per sample.

During Don't Guess... Soil Test!, customers may drop off

soil samples at participating retailers. Delivery to the MSU soil testing laboratory is provided at no extra charge.

Soil test results are mailed to the customer after the analysis and interpretation have been given, usually within four weeks.

For a list of Wayne and Oakland county participating retailers, see www.land-scape.org.

The soil test includes an analysis for: pH (acidity), phosphorus (P), potassium

(K), calcium (Ca), magnesium (Mg) and organic matter.

The organic matter test is an essential component for understanding soil health, available as part of the soil test kit only during this program.

Gardeners should consider have their soil testing for nutrients for the following reasons:

- To identify nutrients already in the soil
- To identify appropriate options for fertilizer

■ To obtain information useful for assessing plant growth problems

■ To identify whether the soil has ample organic matter.

Without a soil test, fertilizer applications for lawns and gardens are guesswork.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, April 3, at the Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

In Full Bloom: Flowers and Plants in Art will be the topic.

Linda Wells of the Detroit Institute of Arts will present slides that go through history to discover the special meaning behind flowers and plants and how they are used in art. Guests are welcome.

Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington and Five Mile roads.

Jane Suhail of Planterra Tropical Greenhouses will present a program on the care and nurturing of tropical plants. Visitors are welcome.

Bag bunnies

The Hill & Dale Garden Club Junior Gardener's Workshop - featuring "bag bunnies" for ages 5 to 12, parents and younger siblings - will take place 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Downtown Farmington Library. Pre-registration is requested. Call the library at (248) 553-0300.

Downriver Rose Society

The topic will be Antique Roses when the Downriver Rose Society meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, at the Brownstown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph, between Sibley and West Road in Brownstown. The public may attend. Admission is free.

For more information, call Mike at (877) 860-5364 or Nancy at (734) 461-1230.

Speaker Paul Banish has grown antique roses for decades. His talk will feature the history of these fragrant roses and how they've been enjoyed.

Banish will use colorful slides of roses in his garden to disclose which antique roses are especially well suited to Michigan.

Healthy lawn care

A free Healthy Lawn Care Workshop is scheduled 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6, in Room 304 at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois.

The registration desk and table displays will open at 6:30 p.m.

Advance registration is requested. Call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150 weekdays or e-mail LFDean@aol.com to register or to receive a program flyer by mail.

This around-the-house workshop is intended for residents who want to improve the quality of their lawn in an environmentally friendly way. Topics to be covered include soil health, soil nutrient testing, mowing, fertilizing methods, fertilizer selection, watering,

weed management, and starting a lawn from scratch with compost.

The featured speakers are professional landscapers Tim Doppel of Atwood LawnCare Inc., Jim Berns of Berns Landscaping Services Inc. and Jim Mackinder of Natural Organic Landscapes.

Orchid show

The Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday Orchid Show will take place noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, at Laurel Park Place Mall, 37700 W. Six Mile at Newburgh, just east of I-275 in Livonia.

Secrets of pros

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House lecture series will teach gardeners of all talents this season's new and improved techniques.

To celebrate National Gardening Month in April, Ford House is offering its Grounds for Gardening lecture series with gardening expert and columnist Nancy Szerlag. The cost for each lecture is \$9. To buy tickets, call Ford House at (313) 884-4222.

The series continues with Secrets of Gardening Pros at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5. Attendees will learn how to incorporate the latest potions and lotions into everyday gardening routines. Ford House is at 1100 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Shores. For more information about Ford House, go to www.fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.

Metropolitan Rose Society

The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet at 7:15 p.m. Friday, April 7, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais, east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile.

Andrea Maceri will talk about pruning roses this spring.

Admission is free. The public may attend.

For information, call (248) 689-9529.

Royal Oak Garden Club

The Royal Oak Garden Club will present Growing and Harvesting Herbs for Tea Blenders by Patricia Sagert, a certified tea etiquette consultant and member of the Herb Society of America, 1 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Royal Oak Public Library.

Admission is free. The library is at 222 E. 11 Mile.

For more information, call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540.

Garden Club of Dearborn

The Garden Club of Dearborn meets noon to 1 p.m. the second Monday of the month at Mitchell Hall at First Presbyterian Church, 600 N. Brady in Dearborn.

A Dearborn Treasure: Our Floodplain Forest will be the topic April 10. Orin Gelderloos, director of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Environmental

Interpretive Center, will present an interesting look at species and growth factors in the Rouge River floodplain. For membership information or a listing of programs and speakers, call Judy Henn at (313) 278-9396.

Garden design

Michael Saint of Good Earth Landscape & Interior Design of Clarkston announces a new class, Designing Your Garden from the Inside Out.

The class will take place Tuesdays, April 11 to May 2, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Fee is \$125. To register and for more information, call (248) 594-6401 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

You'll design a small garden using the view from your favorite window and incorporating hardy perennials, shrubs and bulbs to make the most of all seasons.

Bring snapshots of different views of the area from inside the house and from the outside area of the garden itself.

Materials needed are a sketch pad, drafting and colored pencils, erasers, a drafting slot guide and the standard plastic slot guides for drawing circles and triangles.

Garden party

English Gardens will celebrate April's National Gardening Month with its Annual Garden Party Weekend, Saturday-Sunday, April 1-2, at all six stores.

The weekend will feature free seminars, refreshments and a look at what's new for 2006.

English Gardens stores include locations in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900) and Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433).

Among the featured speakers will be Roger Swain, former host of PBS's The Victory Garden; Janet Macunovich, professional gardener and writer; and experts from English Gardens.

Swain's presentation, The Foundations of a Good Container Garden, will take place Saturday. Times are: 10 a.m. in Royal Oak, 1 p.m. in West Bloomfield and 4 p.m. in Ann Arbor. For more information, visit www.englishgardens.com or call an English Gardens store.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening presents a variety of classes for different levels at The Community House in Birmingham, 380 S. Bates; Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt; Troy Continuing Education, 201 W. Square Lake Road; Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor; and Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of

Telegraph.

Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. Special class sessions can be arranged for groups of 15 or more. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com.

The schedule includes: Pruning Tips, Monday, April 3, in Troy (fee is \$22); Irrigation Systems, Tuesday, April 4, in Livonia (\$42); Growing Fruit Trees, Shrubs and Fruiting Vines, three sessions beginning Wednesday, April 5, in Pontiac (\$102); Weeds, Monday, April 10, in Livonia (\$42); Choosing and Using Annuals and Perennials, five sessions beginning Tuesday, April 11, in Livonia (\$168); and Practical Gardening Tips, Tuesday, April 11, in Troy (\$22).

Spring symposium

A spring gardening symposium will take place from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, in the conservatory and greenhouses on Belle Isle. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door. Schedule details and registration forms are available online under "links" at www.bibssociety.org. Registration can be charged by calling the BIBS office at (313) 822-2548. Seating is limited. Pre-registration is strongly recommended.

Attendance can be used for master gardener credits.

All proceeds from the event will support educational programming at the conservatory.

The symposium will feature lectures on nine different topics, from creating whimsical outdoor spaces to caring for your treasured trees.

Nature program

The Junior League of Detroit, in conjunction with the Belle Isle Nature Zoo, conducts a free, educational nature program for children 1-3 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at the Belle Isle Nature Center.

The program includes a guest speaker, fun craft project, snack and book giveaway. It is open to the public, and groups are welcome.

For more information, call the Junior League of Detroit at (313) 881-0040. The last event this spring will take place June 17. The programs will resume in the fall.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

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YAHOO ANSWERS

Got a question about something? Anything? Head to Yahoo Answers (answers.yahoo.com) and ask the world.

Interesting, informative and surprisingly addictive, this nifty resource lets you post questions on just about any subject (there are a few restrictions), then sit back and wait for answers.

In the meantime, you can post answers to other users' questions and browse "resolved" questions (meaning those that are no longer accepting answers).

Obviously the information you get must be taken with a grain of salt - there are lots of well, yahoos out there - but in my experience people seem genuinely interested in helping.

For instance, I recently posted a question about my car's pesky oil leak, and inside of a few hours I'd received three responses - two of which were decidedly helpful.

Sigh. I love you, World Wide Web.

YOUTUBE

YouTube (youtube.com) gained notoriety a few months back as the sole online place to catch that funny Saturday Night Live video, Laxxy Sunday.

Since then it has emerged as the destination for watching and sharing original videos

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(though obviously some commercial stuff slips in there, too).

You can upload, tag and share your own clips, or just browse and view what's already there.

A word of warning: There's definitely some R-rated material, to say nothing of videos that are just in bad taste.

But YouTube is definitely an interesting place to visit, if for no other reason than to see what those crazy kids are up to.

PRODUCT OF THE WEEK

No, this isn't a site - it's an actual product. Just had to slip it in because, well, it's so cool.

On the surface, it looks like an ordinary Secure Digital (SD) memory card. You've seen them - they're used in most digital cameras and PDAs.

But this one, the SanDisk Ultra II SD Plus (sandisk.com), has a built-in USB connector. That means it can pull double duty as a USB flash drive - and a tiny one at that.

It's ideal for connecting to PCs that don't have an SD reader.

Plus, files transfer a lot faster over USB, so it's more practical than typical SD cards.

The Ultra II SD Plus is available in 512MB, 1GB and 2GB capacities, and is priced at \$69.99, \$89.99 (the sweet spot) and \$134.99, respectively.

Marvel of modern engineering, people!

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld*, 5th Edition, and *101 Killer Apps for Pocket PC*. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

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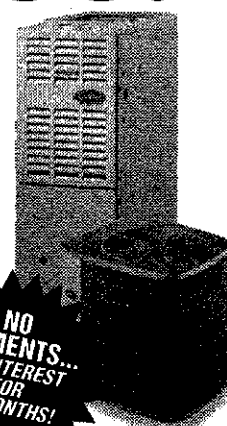
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CLUTTER

FROM PAGE B1

"The biggest thing is don't worry about the other piles," Lindley said. "There's a saying that today's mail is tomorrow's pile."

Filing can be tricky, Lindley said. "You might be a husband-and-wife team that has set up files. Car insurance might be filed under 'vehicle,' and the vehicle information might be filed there, too."

Lindley's company offers PaperTiger software that helps cross-reference titles and lists where information is stored (and more importantly, where the file is located) to help find the needed information.

Before sorting, Lindley wants to know exactly what information will be kept where.

When organizing, "take a look at what you have and try to keep the system simple," Drouillard said.

But life appears complex when clutter overwhelms families. And

'Most times people can't get started (organizing) on their own because it's overwhelming. That's why it's important to get an organizer.'

Rebecca DeLoy
Come to Order, Plymouth

that is because they don't attack the paper tiger and just let it lie once it arrives.

"Paper is the No. 1 issue with our clients, by far," Lindley said. "People don't have a system to handle action items. (An action item) may be an upcoming class, it may be a wedding invitation with a map, or a bill to be paid. That is probably the biggest problem."

FURNITURE CHOICES

Many homeowners who have home offices don't like file cabinets.

"They're using different systems because they don't like to file," Drouillard said. "There's different products available that they can use, such as baskets. They're organizing a piling system."

"You can have filing cabinets, but nothing will go in there if you don't like to file."

You can place these items behind doors.

"I ask them if they want it neat and tidy or whether they can find things, and they always say they want it (set up) so they can find things," she said.

Home office users need to look for an efficient use of space and select materials that are beautiful.

"Aesthetics are important," she said. "When you're choosing a desk, get one that's made out of a material that you prefer. The details and decorating are important and it does help use the space and use it properly."

DeLoy said home office users need to ask themselves what they want.

"The first thing they do is assess their needs," DeLoy said. "Do they

need bookcases, filing cabinets or a cork board? What is their style of working?"

How the material is stored depends on what it is, DeLoy said.

"Is it all paper, manuals or magazines? Manuals aren't going to stand up on a bookshelf. You might need a space container like you'd use for magazines or special bins."

"You need to keep things you need to access right away in a place that is very accessible. Things that aren't needed a lot can be tucked away on a top shelf."

"Most times people can't get started (organizing) on their own because it's overwhelming. That's why it's important to get an organizer."

Sometimes they need an organizer who can get them started, and then they can carry the re-organization all the way through. Sometimes they need help the whole time."

Bookcases, filing cabinets and cork boards can be effective office furnishings. Manila folders can be placed in overhanging folders for better organ-

ization

(For example, insurance and warranty folders can be collected in the overhang folder for the car.)

"Sometimes the cork boards can be receptacles for those miscellaneous items that you don't know what to do with," DeLoy said.

"You have to figure out your goals for what you want to do with the room, whether it will be used for business, homework or to pay the bills. You'll figure out then what your furniture needs are."

But don't fret if you have piles and piles of paper to sort.

"It is much easier to do if you break it down into smaller projects," DeLoy said. "And don't be afraid to throw things away. Ask for help. Don't be afraid if you cannot do it by yourself."

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Have your choice of Irish mosses

BY LEE REICH
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Irish moss conjures up images of soft, lush greenery, of plants carpeting the ground and swallowing up ruins of a craggy Irish castle.

Seems like a plant you could even use to replace a patch of lawn? Well, not so fast.

The problem is that a number of plants are called Irish moss. The only traits these plants share are being moss-like and green. They don't even necessarily grow in Ireland.

You may know one of the Irish mosses under the name baby's-tears, a houseplant whose creeping stems are smothered beneath a mantle of leaves. Each shamrock-green leaf is only a quarter of an inch long.

But you would have to climb among the hills of some Mediterranean island to find this plant growing wild, and it

survives outdoors only in perennially warm climates. It makes a nice houseplant, though.

Completely unrelated to baby's-tears is another Irish moss: the Brownii variety of club spike-moss, a bright-green, creeping plant that really is moss-like.

As with the other Irish moss, club spike-moss isn't really a moss. What's more, Ireland isn't its home. South Africa is.

This South African Irish moss happens to be a tropical plant, one that makes a very nice houseplant either alone in a pot or dressing up the feet of some tree-like houseplant in a larger pot.

Give this Irish moss some shade, constantly moist soil and consistently warm temperatures, and it will swallow up, if not the walls of an Irish castle, at least the walls of a flowerpot.

Other club spike-moss varieties also have feathery texture

and stems covered with scale-like leaves, so could also stand in for Irish moss.

Their colors range from rich, lush greens to those that have metallic or iridescent tints. Some are even bronze or bluish - the latter colors won't, of course, recall the rolling hills of Ireland.

A few club spike-mosses are native to northern states so could be grown outdoors even where winters are cold. You usually see them growing in pockets of moist soil, though, not blanketing large expanses of ground.

There is one more Irish moss that you really could find growing in Ireland. Actually, off the coast of Ireland, because this last Irish moss is a seaweed.

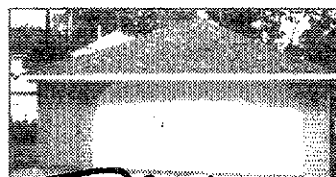
Its color ranges from greenish yellow to dark purple, and it is edible, with the texture of jelly.

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BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Brad says: "The surface of my 14-year-old concrete patio is so irregular that it's difficult to walk on."

"There are a dozen 4-foot-by-4-foot sections of concrete, separated by 2-inch strips of wood. Some of the squares have risen, some remain as placed originally, and others have dropped."

"A contractor has told me that the solution is to demolish the existing concrete and pour new. Is this the only way?"

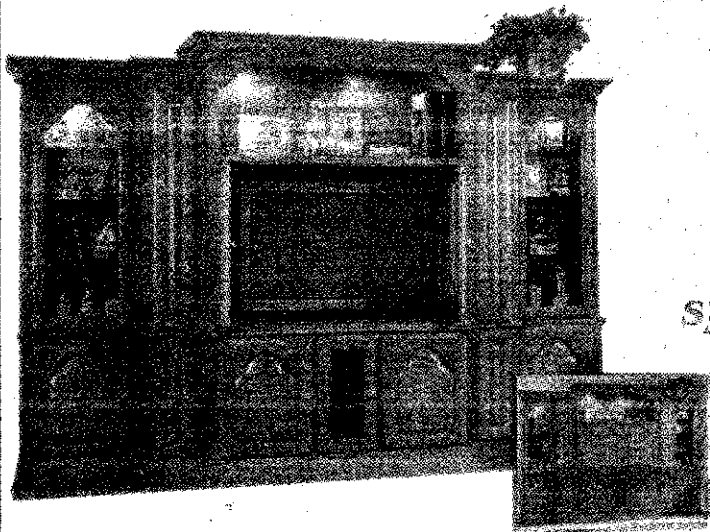
Until recently your contractor would have been correct, but that is no longer the case. There is an economically pleasant alternative that will save you about half the cost of removal and replacement.

In large commercial projects where concrete floors often are placed in sections, it has been standard practice for years to raise shifted or settled concrete sections, rework the earth below (usually the cause of the problem to begin with), and put the concrete back, creating a new, level finish.

A method called the Allen Process, after its developer, Alfred Allen of Napa, Calif., uses powerful air bladders to raise concrete without breaking it. The ground under can then be leveled and compacted, and the concrete is re-situated.

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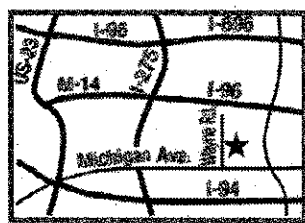


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PURE ENTERTAINMENT



Haddock, veggies in foil makes for easy dish

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fish cooked en papillote is going to be a winner, whether the packaging is greased parchment paper, as in the original French method, or today's more common aluminum foil.

The feast the diner unwraps consists of moist and tender pieces of fish, to which well-seasoned vegetables may have been added, plus a flavorful broth.

If you haven't yet tried it, the following haddock recipe will help. It's among the tested-beyond-doubt selection the editors of *Cook's Illustrated* magazine set out in their new cookbook, *The Best Light Recipe* (America's Test Kitchen, 2006, \$35).

The front cover tells us the book offers "300 lower-fat recipes that put flavor first." Detailed documentation of the painstaking process of developing these recipes is

included, in classic *Cook's Illustrated* style.

The range is wide, from appetizers and salads, pasta and main dishes through quick breads and desserts. Each recipe comes with a nutrition analysis, often underlined with before-and-after comparison panels.

The book's fish-en-papillote recipe for haddock uses foil and, naturally, the ingredients and cooking times that won out during experimenting.

Cod, red snapper, thick sole fillets, halibut, and tilapia also work well in this recipe, the book tells us. Ask your fishmonger to remove the skin from the fillets.

The packets may be assembled several hours ahead of time and refrigerated, but they should be baked just before serving. Because the fish is sealed tightly in the packet, it will continue to cook out of the oven. To prevent overcooking, open each packet promptly after baking.

HADDOCK WITH ZUCCHINI AND TOMATOES EN PAPILLOTE

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 medium garlic cloves, minced or pressed through a garlic press (about 2 teaspoons)
1 teaspoon minced fresh oregano leaves
½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
Salt and ground black pepper
3 medium plum tomatoes (about 12 ounces), cored, seeded, and chopped into ½-inch pieces
2 medium zucchini (about 6 ounces each), sliced ½-inch thick
4 haddock fillets, 1-inch-thick (about 6 ounces each)
¼ cup minced fresh basil leaves

Adjust an oven rack to the middle position and heat the oven to 450° F.

Combine the oil, garlic, oregano, pepper flakes, ½ teaspoon salt, and ½ teaspoon pepper in a medium bowl. Measure half of the oil mixture into a separate medium bowl and toss

gently with the tomatoes. Add the zucchini to the remaining olive-oil mixture and toss to coat.

Cut four 12-inch squares of heavy-duty foil and lay them flat on a work surface. Shingle the zucchini in the center of each piece of foil. Season the fillets with salt and pepper and place on top of the zucchini. Top the fish with the tomatoes, then tightly crimp the foil into packets.

Set the packets on a rimmed baking sheet and bake until the fish just flakes apart, about 20 minutes. Carefully open the packets, allowing the steam to escape away from you, and let cool briefly. Smooth out the edges of the foil and, using a spatula, gently push the fish, vegetables and any accumulated juices out onto warmed dinner plates. Sprinkle with the basil before serving.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 240 cal., 9 g total fat (1.5 g saturated), 95 mg chol., 5 g carbo., 35 g pro., 2 g fiber, 410 mg sodium.

Cut down calories with steamed fish

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"A perfectly steamed piece of fresh fish is so pure and delicious that it will make you forget you are eating healthy."

That endorsement comes from the editors of *Cook's Illustrated* magazine, in their new cookbook *The Best Light Recipe* (America's Test Kitchen, 2006, \$35), in a feature dubbed "Steaming Fish 101." The book focuses on lower-fat recipes that have been developed to keep the flavor of the originals.

On fish steaming, the advice includes steaming times for different kinds of fish. The edi-

tors point out that the temperature, thickness and quality of the fish will all influence the cooking time and suggest cooks use the following recommendations as guidelines:

Start checking the fish for doneness before the suggested time to avoid overcooked fish. If you are going to be steaming a fish that is not listed on the chart below, compare it to a fish on the chart that has similar texture and thickness.

For simple steamed fish: Fit a large Dutch oven with a lightly oiled steamer basket. Fill the pot with water until it just touches the bottom of the basket. Bring the water to a

boil. Gently lay the fish in the steamer basket, cover, and cook, following the times in the following chart. Remove the fish from the steamer and let sit for 5 minutes before serving.

Steaming times:
Arctic char fillet (1 inch thick): 5 to 7 minutes.
Bluefish fillet (¾ to 1 inch thick): 6 to 8 minutes.
Cod fillet (1 inch thick): 6 to 8 minutes.
Flounder and sole fillet (1/4 to ½ inch thick, thin ends tucked under): 4 to 6 minutes.
Grouper fillet (1 to 1½ inches thick): 10 to 12 minutes.
Haddock fillet (1/2 to 1 inch

thick): 5 to 7 minutes.

Halibut fillet (1 inch thick); steak (1 inch thick): 6 to 8 minutes.

Monkfish fillet (1 inch thick): 10 to 12 minutes.

Salmon fillet (1½ inches thick); steak (1½ to 1¾ inches thick): 6 to 8 minutes for medium-rare, 7 to 9 minutes for medium.

Sea bass fillet (1 to 1½ inches thick): 8 to 10 minutes.

Red snapper fillet (1½ inches thick): 8 to 10 minutes.

Tilapia fillet (¾ to 1 inch thick): 6 to 8 minutes.

Source: *The Best Light Recipe*, America's Test Kitchen, 2006, \$35

WINE

FROM PAGE B5

that once rested solely on their name, are reorganizing their wine marketing and sales — relying less on negociants and seeking small importers for more direct and personal marketing relationships.

CHATEAU CANTENAC

Very good wines, made from grapes grown on superior soils, and sensible pricing have kept Chateau Cantenac from experiencing the full brunt of the ongoing, yet easing Bordeaux wine crisis. These wines are worth your attention.

A recent tasting of Chateau Cantenac wines from vintages 2000 and forward allowed us to compare notes from a tasting in June 2004.

■ 2000 Chateau Cantenac (\$40), a blend of 75 percent merlot and 25 percent cabernet franc, retained its powerful mouthfeel, generous, layered black fruit nuances and substantial length. A savvy buy from an excellent vintage.

■ 2002 Chateau Cantenac (\$31), which is a similar blend, has lost some of its baby fat yet retained black raspberry fruit in a nicely balanced and structured wine with good length in the finish.

■ 2003 Chateau Cantenac (\$33), is significantly more elegant than many Bordeaux wines that became victims of the record heat during the growing season.

Because the fruit was riper than is typical, Roskam backed off on the oak to craft a well-balanced pour with plenty of grip and dark fruit perceptions hanging long in the finish. This wine will be available next month.

CLIMAT DE CHATEAU CANTENAC

Wine labeled Climat de Chateau Cantenac, St-Emilion Grand Cru, is made from specific, superior blocks and rows in the vineyard.

■ 2002 Climat de Chateau Cantenac (\$45) is big and generous, displaying lush dark fruits. A killer wine at this price.

■ 2003 Climat de Chateau Cantenac (\$45) is more of everything found in the 2002. It may be styled because of the extraordinarily hot vintage, but it is rich, lovely and delicious

WINE PICKS

Eating fish on Fridays has remained a Lenten tradition although it is no longer a religious obligation for some people. The following are our recommendations for **unique seafood-perfect white wines** to perk up fish dinners for the remainder of Lent:

FROM CALIFORNIA

NV Sokol Blosser Evolution 9th Edition \$17, a blend of nine white grape varieties.
2004 Beckmen Le Bec Blanc \$20
2004 Zaca Mesa Roussanne \$25

FROM AUSTRALIA

2004 Wynns Coonawarra Riesling (dry) \$15

FROM FRANCE

2004 Chateau de Fontaine-Audon Sancerre Blanc \$24
2003 Langlois-Chateau Pouilly-Fume "Les Pierrefeux" \$26

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

and will be available in this market next month.

CHATEAU LA LAUZETTE-DECLERQ

These wines are Cru Bourgeois Listrac Medoc in origin and are fortunate children of the Bordeaux wine crisis. Due to the crisis in 2004, Roskam was able to strike an agreement, called a fermage in French, with the chateau owner. For 25 years, Roskam will farm the property and make the wine.

■ 2003 Chateau La Lauzette-Declercq (\$18), a 45/45 percent cabernet sauvignon/merlot blend with the remainder petit verdot and cabernet franc, is an easy-drinking red, brimming with black raspberry, black cherry, cassis and vanilla overtones. Intense and concentrated, it's a steal at this price.

The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

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Mock risotto fills plate with spring fare

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Classic risotto is hardly effortless fare, what with all that stirring over a hot stove. But its appeal is enough for cooks to leap at smart ways to cut short the prep part, and still get the great taste.

Vegetarians especially will appreciate this solution, a risotto using instant brown rice and a creamy Neufchatel cheese. This makes a rich, nutty-tasting stand-in version that may well become a family favorite.

The recipe, from the April-May issue of *EatingWell* magazine, bursts with a variety of vegetables that offer a colorful foretaste of spring: asparagus, green peas and red bell pepper. But you can substitute any veg-

VEGETARIAN

etables you wish for the asparagus and bell pepper.

To make it a perfect vegetarian main course, add a salad. You can also serve it as a side dish with grilled chicken or steak.

Mock Risotto

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 medium onion, diced
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups instant brown rice
4 cloves garlic, chopped
2 1/2 cups vegetable broth or reduced-sodium chicken broth
1 pound asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
1 red bell pepper, finely diced

1 cup frozen peas, thawed
4 ounces reduced-fat cream cheese (Neufchatel)
1/2 cup grated Asiago or Parmesan cheese, plus more for passing, if desired
1/2 cup minced chives or scallion greens

Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-low heat. Add onion and salt and cook, stirring often, until soft and just beginning to brown, 4 to 6 minutes. Add rice and garlic and cook until the garlic is fragrant, 30 seconds to 1 minute. Add broth and bring to a boil; cover, reduce heat to a simmer and cook for 5 minutes.

Remove cover and spread asparagus and bell pepper on top of the simmering rice - do not stir into the rice mixture.

Replace cover and continue simmering, adjusting the heat if necessary, until the liquid is almost absorbed and the asparagus is bright green but still crisp, about 5 minutes.

Add peas and cream cheese; stir until the mixture is creamy and the cheese is incorporated. Return to a simmer and continue cooking until the liquid has evaporated and the asparagus is tender, about 5 minutes more. Stir in 1/2 cup Asiago (or Parmesan).

Serve topped with chives (or scallions), and additional grated cheese, if desired.

Makes 4 servings, 1/2 cups each.

Nutrition information per serving: 368 cal., 14 g total fat (6 g saturated), 29 mg chol., 51 g carbo., 13 g pro., 7 g fiber, 665 mg sodium.

Skillet chicken combines with capers, peppers

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sharpening your sense of taste, learning to identify and understand different flavors, will take your cooking to a new level. And as your mental catalog of flavors builds up, so will knowledge of how they layer and interact.

This entrancing - and endless - process of learning is given a savory endorsement in the March issue of *Cooking Light* magazine, in a feature about using all five senses when you cook.

The savvy use of complementary ingredients in the following recipe for chicken breast aglio e olio (the traditional Italian combination of garlic and oil) provides an

exercise in the sense of taste. The recipe is contributed by restaurateur, TV host and cookbook author Lidia Bastianich, who is, of course, an authority on taste.

Chicken benefits from the strong flavors of garlic, capers and cherry peppers - as in the sauce for this dish. Taste the sauce before serving to be sure the flavors are balanced. You can use more or fewer capers, if you prefer. Bread crumbs serve as a thickener, giving the sauce body and texture. Serve with green beans and rice.

SKILLET CHICKEN BREAST

AGLIO E OLIO

Six 6-ounce skinless, boneless

LOW-FAT

chicken breast halves
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup all-purpose flour (about 1/2 ounces)
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 tablespoons butter
8 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
2 to 3 tablespoons capers, drained
4 pickled hot cherry peppers, halved and seeded
1 cup vegetable broth, preferably organic
1 tablespoon dry bread crumbs
3 tablespoons chopped fresh flatleaf parsley

Sprinkle chicken with 1/2 teaspoon salt. Dredge chicken in flour.

Heat oil and butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add chicken; cook 4 minutes on each side or until browned. Add garlic; cook 30 seconds. Add capers and peppers; cook 30 seconds. Add broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer 5 minutes or until chicken is done. Stir in bread crumbs; cook until liquid thickens (about 1 minute). Taste sauce, and add remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt, if needed. Remove from heat; sprinkle with parsley.

Makes 6 servings (serving size: 1 chicken breast half and about 1/2 tablespoons sauce).

Nutrition information per serving: 286 cal., 8.5 g total fat (3.3 g saturated), 40.9 g pro., 9.1 g carbo., 0.6 g fiber, 109 mg chol., 831 mg sodium.

Seltzer hummus has a nice fizz to it

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - Years went into the making of my favorite hummus. A moment of laziness persuaded me to dump it.

It wasn't an obsession, just a project. For years I tinkered and fiddled with recipes. Sometimes a bit more oil, sometimes a little less spice. Then after many attempts resulting in good-but-not-great hummus - success. I was happy.

Now I had my master recipe for whenever hummus was called for. It's reliably good, creamy, savory and spicy. It goes equally well on a sandwich or on its own with chips. The secret? Cashew-nut butter

and hot pepper sauce. Amazing.

But this column isn't about that recipe. It is about how a moment of laziness has prompted me to abandon it for a new hummus.

Traditional hummus is little more than chickpeas, tahini, garlic, lemon juice and olive oil. Problem is, not enough garlic and lemon juice leaves the hummus flat. Too much garlic or tahini and it tastes raw.

I was making hummus for my son, who is 1 1/2. He's not all that picky, so I usually don't bother getting fancy. Today the plan was just chickpeas, lemon juice, olive oil, garlic and salt. I dumped everything in the food processor and let it whirl.

The result was a little thick,

so I tossed in a few hot red peppers, figuring their liquid content would help smooth it out. And for fun, I added the zest of a whole lemon, just to see what would happen.

But still too thick. It needed water. That's when the glass of seltzer water I was sipping caught my eye. Odd, yes. Actually, really odd. But what the heck. I poured a bit in and flipped the switch.

Perfect consistency. But the taste? It blew me away. The seltzer water somehow heightened the flavors of the garlic and peppers, while also adding a quality that was - for lack of a better word - effervescent.

SELTZER HUMMUS

1 whole lemon
15-ounce can chickpeas, drained
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive

oil
1 teaspoon salt
4 garlic cloves
1/2 cup (or to taste) pickled hot peppers, such as jalapeno
1/2 cup seltzer water (not tonic water)
1 teaspoon smoked Spanish paprika

Use a fine grater to carefully zest the lemon, placing all of the zest in the bowl of a food processor. A vegetable peeler also can be used, but take care to remove only the thin outer layer of yellow, not the white.

Cut the lemon in half and juice it into the processor bowl. Add the remaining ingredients and pulse until very smooth. Serve immediately. Makes 2 cups.

TASTE CALENDAR

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Here is a schedule of classes from the Grapevine School of Wine:

■ Sunny California: Rich in Adventure and so is the Wine, 7 p.m., April 4, at Big Rock Chop House, 245 S. Eton St., Birmingham, \$45.
■ Shiraz Syrah: So What Is The Difference?, 7 p.m. April 5, Station 885, 885 Starkweather St., Plymouth, \$32.
■ Tempranillo: Spain's Most Noble Grape, 7 p.m. April 10, at Bistro Bourdeau, 3315 Auburn Rd., Auburn Hills, \$32.
■ Zinfandel: The California Fruit Phenomenon, 7 p.m. April 12, \$32.00 at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, \$32. Register on line for any of these events at www.grapevineschoolofwine.com. For additional information, call (248) 990-4613.

Indian Cooking

Incorporate the principles of Ayurveda, an ancient Indian science of health and well-being, at the following classes at 6:30-9:30 p.m. Indian Cooking Made Easy, April 6; Exquisite Daal Curries, April 27; Heavenly Vegetarian Curries, May 4; Delectable Chicken Curries, May 18 and Vegetables the Indian Way, June 1; \$39 class fee, \$13 materials fee payable to instructor, (248) 203-3800 or on line at www.communityed.net.

Schoolcraft classes

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

information or visit webadvisor.schoolcraft.edu. Here are some of the classes:

Hands-On

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

The following classes, instructed by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel are scheduled: Sauté Like a Pro, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 4; Stewing & Braising, 5-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, and Outdoor Grilling, 5-9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, April 25 and 27. Class fees range from \$109-\$139.

HFCC spring banquet

Henry Ford Community College's Hospitality Studies Program hosts a "Culinary Passport" strolling dinner with international foods 5-8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, in the Student and Culinary Arts Center on the campus at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn, \$40 tickets, call (313) 845-9651.

Party planning secrets

Learn Manhattan event planning techniques on a budget from a New York City party planner, 7-9 p.m., Monday, April 24, Room G10, Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln, Birmingham, \$39, (248) 203-3800, or visit www.communityed.net.

Great Lakes Great Wine Walk

More than 500 wines will be offered to sample including ice wines at the 11th Annual Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around Tasting, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in the J Building at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$45, proceeds used for student scholarships and competition travel funds. Call (248) 522-3700.

DINNER CALENDAR

Here is a list of special dinners at area restaurants. Please forward information at least two weeks before event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, fax to (734) 591-7279 or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com

Mondavi visits

Vintner Peter Mondavi, Jr. joins Morton's The Steakhouse in Southfield on April 4 in exploring fine vintages from the Charles Krug Winery of Napa Valley. Steakhouse dining and wines are paired with a silent auction that includes one 27 liter bottle (equivalent

to three cases) of Charles Krug, 'Vintage Selection, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2002. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America. Tickets are \$150 per guest and inclusive of tax and gratuity. A 6:30 p.m. reception precedes the 7:15 p.m. dinner. Morton's of Southfield is located at One Towne Square in Southfield. Reservations or questions about the event may be directed to Gaye Lynn Murdoch, sales and marketing manager at Morton's of Southfield. Phone: (248) 354-6006; e-mail: cm.mso@mortons.com; or online at www.mortons.com.



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PRESSURE

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ond book was released, Patsalis wrote pressure cooker manufacturers to find out what upgrades took place on the pressure cooking equipment.

Patsalis said the new generation of pressure cookers offers safety features, including a system where the extra steam escapes, so that marinara sauce doesn't end up on the kitchen blinds or floor. She discovered that many of today's cookers house a heat diffuser, a wire or metal plate that prevents direct contact between the heat and the bottom of the pressure cooker. Most cookers have the diffuser included, but they can be purchased if needed, Patsalis writes in her book.

"Heat diffusers should be used when preparing rice, bean or pasta recipes," Patsalis said. "Starches are heavy and fall to the bottom and the heat diffuser helps prevent scorching and burning."

Pressure cookers today range from about \$60 to \$225. Today's pots have stainless steel encasing aluminum.

But Patsalis has always enjoyed the ease of the pressure cooker.

"At the beginning of any stew is mire poix - garlic, onion, celery, carrots and parsley," Patsalis said. "Once you start that tomato sauce or that stew, you are on your way home."

Pressure cookers are making their way back into today's kitchen, Patsalis said. "I believe they're in more kitchens because of the energy they save, with two people working and more manufacturers are putting them out. My publisher would not have said to get another book out."

Patsalis worked on the third book



BILL BRESLER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Toula Patsalis fills a bowl with pasta fagioli with sausage.

for two years. She loves the blending of the flavors chefs experience when they cook. "As Chef Milos (Cihelka, former master chef at Golden Mushroom) once said, 'If you don't have a palate, you don't have a cook.'"

Broccoli is delicious steamed in the pressure cooker, as she demonstrates in her Broccoli, Bell Pepper and Tomatoes in Lemon Dressing. "Steam it away from the water," she says of the broccoli. "So you don't wash away the nutrients."

The pressure cooker can be used effectively by an outdoorsman as it cooks venison efficiently. Recently

Patsalis cooked corned beef for an hour and 15 minutes, then added the carrots and cabbage for another eight minutes. "And they were done," Patsalis said.

Patsalis encourages cooks to use their own favorite herbs in recipes.

Toula's husband Chris joked that he gained 20 pounds after the first cookbook. Today Toula prepares Pasta Fagioli with Sausage (page 168) and Broccoli (Page 148).

"Our palate is Greek but our daughter-in-law is Italian," Toula said, adding that she brought recipes from her family into the Patsalis family.

You'd be surprised at the culinary forte the pressure cooker brings, Patsalis said. Not just stews and soups, but bread puddings, chili, chutney, marinara sauce and even creme brule.

Patsalis adds carrot to her Potato Leek Soup. "I thought it looked so bland, why not add a little color to it," Patsalis said.

Toula and Chris Patsalis owned the Kitchen Glamor stores for 25 years, from 1975-2000. Patsalis teaches occasional classes at Hawthorne Appliance. Her cookbook is available for \$17.95 in most bookstores, Kohl's, Hawthorne Appliance and Marshall Field's.

PASTA FAGIOLI WITH SAUSAGE

- 1 cup white beans, soaked
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 medium onions, coarsely diced
- 4 garlic, cloves, crushed
- 1/2 cup finely chopped fresh parsley
- 2 large carrots, cut into 1-inch slices
- 1 medium red bell pepper, sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Pinch crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground fennel
- 2 cups penne or ziti
- 1 1/2 pounds sweet Italian sausage, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 (15-ounce) can diced tomatoes with sauce
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1/2 cup half-and-half
- 1/4 cup seasoned bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Drain beans and set aside. Heat oil in a pressure cooker over medium heat. Add onions and saute until limp. Stir in garlic, parsley, carrots and bell pepper.

Add beans and remaining ingredients, except half-and-half, bread crumbs and cheese. Secure lid. Over high heat, bring pressure up to high. Reduce heat to medium to maintain pressure and insert a heat diffuser between pressure cooker and heat. Cook 10 minutes.

Release pressure according to manufacturer's directions. Remove lid. Stir well. Stir in half-and-half and bread crumbs. Cover and let stand three minutes. Stir once again. Transfer to a large pasta bowl and sprinkle cheese over the top. Makes six servings.

BROCCOLI, BELL PEPPER AND TOMATOES IN LEMON DRESSING

- 1 large head broccoli
- 1 yellow bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 cup water
- 2 medium tomatoes, coarsely diced
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Dash freshly ground pepper

Trim away tough outer layer from broccoli. Cut broccoli stalks in half. Place steam rack into the pressure cooker and layer broccoli and bell pepper in the rack. Pour water over the top. Secure lid. Over high heat, bring pressure up to low. Reduce heat to medium to maintain pressure and cook 2 minutes.

Release pressure under cold running water. Remove lid. Place broccoli, bell pepper and tomatoes on a serving dish. Blend lemon juice, olive oil, salt and pepper together. Drizzle dressing over top of vegetables and serve. Makes six servings.

Recipes from *The Pressure Cooker Cookbook* by Toula Patsalis, HP Books, published by the Penguin Group, New York.

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Habit-forming

Whalers can't overcome third straight deficit, fall 2-1 to Spits

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's not as unhealthy as over-eating.

And it's nowhere near as addictive as smoking.

But if the Plymouth Whalers don't kick their recent bad habit of falling into early two-goal holes against the Windsor Spitfires, their Ontario Hockey League playoff lives may be cut short prematurely.

The Whalers fell to the visiting Spitfires, 2-1, Tuesday night in Game 3 of the first-round OHL series played before a large crowd at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth was able to overcome 2-0 deficits in the first two games of the best-of-seven series, winning 4-2 and 7-4.

The Whalers will carry a 2-1 series lead into tonight's Game 4, which is set for 7:30 p.m. at Windsor Arena, but they'll have to leave the momentum they earned during the first two games at the border.

"We can't keep giving up two-goal leads like we've been doing," said Plymouth coach Mike Vellucci. "It has continued to be a bad habit for us. Windsor came out hitting more than they did the first two games and their goalie (Anthony Guadagnolo) played a little better than he did the first two, but we made him look good on a lot of those shots."

"Game four will be the most important game,

which it usually is in the playoffs. If we can go up 3-1, it would be a huge boost for us."

Game 5 is set for Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena. If necessary, Game 6 would be played Sunday in Windsor (7 p.m.) and a Game 7 would face off Tuesday, April 4, in Plymouth (7:30 p.m.).

The huge whale the Whalers skate through during pre-game introductions was still deflating in the tunnel when the Spitfires scored 42 seconds into the game on Ryan Garlock's first goal of the series. Garlock was assisted by Bradley Snetsinger and Mitch Maunu.

Four minutes later, Bryan Bickell gave Windsor a 2-0 lead, but only temporarily. The video-replay system that is employed during the OHL playoffs showed that Bickell had kicked the puck in, thus wiping it off the scoreboard.

"We tried to use (the disallowed goal) as a motivational tool, but it didn't work out that way," said Vellucci.

Snetsinger saw to that when he knocked a rebound past Plymouth goalie Justin Peters two minutes later. He was assisted by Garlock and Keaton Turkiewicz.

Jared Boil threatened to cut the Whalers' deficit in half at the 8:20 mark of the opening period when he juiced a pair of Spitfire

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, C6

Whalers-Spitfires: Game 3



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Whalers center Evan Brophy digs the puck out of the corner and away from Spitfire Paul McFarland. The Whalers lost the game 2-1, but still lead in the best of seven playoff series.

TIGHTENING UP

The Plymouth Whalers' 2-1 setback to Windsor Tuesday night ensured that at least five games will be played in the Ontario Hockey League first-round series. The Whalers still lead the series, 2-1, but must travel to Windsor tonight for an all-important Game 4.

Following is the remainder of the schedule for the best-of-seven series:

- **Game 4:** Tonight, 7:30 p.m., at Windsor Arena;
- **Game 5:** Saturday, 7:30 p.m., at Compuware Ice Arena;
- **Game 6 (if necessary):** Sunday, 7 p.m. at Windsor Arena; and
- **Game 7 (if necessary):** Tuesday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., at Compuware Ice Arena.

Beyond the boards

Plymouth Whalers intern Julie Collard is pictured moments before she sang the "National Anthem" and "O Canada" prior to Tuesday night's Ontario Hockey League playoff game at Compuware Sports Arena. Collard, who didn't even know the words to "O Canada" prior to Tuesday, stood in for the Whalers' usual singer, who was home ill. To read how she did, see the "Plymouth Whalers: Beyond the boards" photostory on pages C6 and C7.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Humitz named area's best prep hockey coach for 05-06

Please see All-Area Hockey Team on Page C3.

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson's Mike Humitz employs a simple, but effective philosophy when it comes to coaching high school hockey.

"Our goal is always the same," he said. "We want to have fun, work hard and win as many games as we can along the way."

"And we certainly accomplished that goal this year."

The Spartans were very good



Mike Humitz
Coach of Year

trophies in 2005-06.

"This year's team was very special in many ways," said the 42-year-old Humitz, who was named Observerland Coach of the Year by the sports staff. "We had a special blend of kids who

this season, going 23-2-1 overall, losing only the first and last games of the season. Stevenson also carried away the Western Lakes Activities Association and Lakes Division

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are great hockey players and hockey players who love to play the game.

"Their commitment and enthusiasm showed every time they took the ice. Our record and accomplishments this year are a direct reflection of the quality kids in the program. This group of seniors won a lot of big games over their career. They have a lot to be proud of."

Humitz is 70-24-8 in his four seasons with the Spartans. It also includes two WLAA, two Lakes Division, two Livonia

Public Schools titles, along with a pair of invitational crowns.

The Detroit-area native grew up playing AAA and Junior hockey followed by four years at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

He also served as an assistant coach at UMD (1988-90), scout for the NHL Washington Capitals (1990-92) and coach of the Compuware Major Midget team (1992-94). He has also coached various youth teams as well.

Outside of hockey, he enjoys exercising and spending time with his wife, Celeste, a teacher in the Dearborn Public Schools,

along with daughter Colette and son Max.

Despite the sting of a 4-3 double-overtime loss in the regional finals to Division I state runner-up Dearborn Unified, Humitz is already planning ahead for the future.

"We're looking to pick up next year where we left off this year," he said. "The expectations are always high when you're involved in Stevenson hockey. We have a strong group of underclassmen returning next year. I'm looking forward to seeing what next year's team will accomplish. I'm sure they'll do good things also."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Steve Robb will be inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame Saturday afternoon during a ceremony at the University of Michigan's Crisler Arena. A former three-sport standout at Plymouth Salem, Robb has racked up a 136-67 record during his 20-year coaching career at Milan High School.

Select company Canton resident Robb earns place in coaching hall of fame

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Two decades after he first stepped onto a high school football field as a varsity head coach, Canton resident Steve Robb will be following his coaching mentor's footsteps into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The 51-year-old Robb, who graduated from Plymouth Salem in 1973 following a stellar, three-sport high school athletic career, will be inducted into the MHSFCA Hall of Fame Saturday afternoon in a ceremony that will be held at the University of Michigan's Crisler Arena.

Robb's high school coach and mentor, Tom Moshimer, was inducted in 1985.

"I consider myself fortunate to have been able to play for and learn from some great coaches like Tom Moshimer,

Tony Monte and Dick Bearup, to name a few," said Robb, who is a physical education instructor at Milan High School. "I can't tell you how much I learned from Tom Moshimer. He was one of many outstanding influences on my coaching career and on my life."

Robb has crafted a sterling 136-67 record during his 20-year stint as Milan's varsity head coach. Prior to earning his first head-coaching job, Robb served as an assistant coach at Albion and Dearborn Divine Child high schools. In 1985, he was the offensive coordinator during the Falcons' run to a Class B state championship.

"I received my high school football coaching indoctrination at Divine Child," Robb said. "That's when I found out how serious and rewarding coaching could really be."

PLEASE SEE ROBB, C2

THE ROBB FILE

- **Who:** Steve Robb
- **Family:** Married to Ann; father of Kylie, 10, and Joey, 6.
- **Background:** After graduating from Plymouth Salem High School in 1973, Robb played four years of football at Albion College. He has compiled a 136-67 varsity football coaching record at Milan High School over the past 20 years.
- **Honors:** On Saturday, Robb will be inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame during a ceremony that will be held in Crisler Arena on the campus of the University of Michigan.

Sidelines

Canton Boosters

■ The 4th Annual Canton Chiefs Football Golf Outing will be held Saturday, June 10, beginning with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start at Fox Hills Classic course in Plymouth Township.

For more information on the event, call (734) 467-8148 or (734) 981-9385.

■ The next Canton Football Boosters Club meeting will be held Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m. at the Box Bar in downtown Plymouth. Parents of current players and incoming freshmen players are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Spring camps

Canton's High Velocity Sports will be offering all-sport and craft camps during spring break, April 17-21.

The all-sport camp includes several activities, including flag football, basketball, volleyball, dodge ball and floor hockey. The camp will be offered daily or weekly. There are also half-day options (9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.) for kids between the ages of 5 and 8. Full-day camps for kids between 7 and 12 will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The camp fee is \$25 per day or \$99 per week for half-day campers and \$45 per day and \$189 per week for full-day participants.

The crafts camp, which will offer tie-dyeing, jewelry designing and many more activities, is offered to boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12 from 9 a.m. to noon, April 17-21. The cost is \$115, which includes the fee for all supplies.

For more information, visit www.hvsports.com or call (734) HV-SPORT. HVS's full summer camp schedule is available on the above-listed Web site.

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The course is ideal for beginners and scratch golfers thanks to a range of tee boxes that allow it to be played at anywhere from 5,046 to 7,125 yards.

Annual golf and corporate pass programs are available.

For more information, visit www.leisure.canton-mi.org/pheasantrun/golf.

Greer top player

Schoolcraft College's sophomore forward Charlese Greer (Pontiac Northern) has been named National Junior College Athletic Association Division II-Region 12 women's basketball Player of the Year.

Greer averaged 20 points per game, 10th highest in Division II, while shooting 59.2 percent from the field, which ranked her ninth in the country.

ROBB

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Robb has been a fixture in the Milan community since the day he was hired to take over its high school football program in the summer of 1986.

"Milan is such a great community," said Robb. "The outpouring of support I've received since I found out I was elected to the Hall of Fame has been incredible. A number of my former players have called me to tell me they're going to be there Saturday. In fact, so many of them are coming that we're going to have a post-ceremony get-together in Ann Arbor."

Robb said the roots for his success — both in life and in coaching — were planted by his parents, Lou and Iris Robb, during his formative years growing up in Plymouth.

"We didn't have a lot of money, but my parents made sure I had everything I needed," said Robb. "We were a blue-collar family, but they bought me a baseball mitt when I needed one, and they paid for my college."

The Hall of Fame-bound coach also credited his wife, Ann, for his victory-filled career.

"Ann was a very successful high school basketball coach at Wyandotte," said Robb, is the proud father of daughter Kylie, 10, and Joey, 6. "But when the kids got a little older, she gave up her coaching career so that I could keep mine."

After engineering Moshimer's wishbone offense at Salem for three years, Robb was an outstanding quarterback at Albion College during the mid-70s, earning the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Most Valuable Player award in 1976. Three years later, he got his first taste of coaching when he was hired to lead the Albion High School junior-varsity squad.

"I'm not sure who we played," Robb reflected, "but I know we won."

Over 27 years later, he's still winning.

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Youthful Chiefs look to four seniors for leadership

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's baseball team is counting on an infusion of talented young players and a return to health of an experienced one to lead it to success in 2006.

The Chiefs' 16-player roster includes just four seniors, qualifying Canton as one of the youngest teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association. However, a completely healthy Shawn Little (senior pitcher/outfielder) and the return of WLAA All-Division senior catcher Tarek Khasawneh and gobble-up-everything-in-sight shortstop Justin Latin should make the Chiefs a threat every time they step on the field this season.

"Overall, we're young, but we're strong up the middle

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with our seniors," said Canton coach Scott Dickey, whose team was 13-13 deep into last year's schedule before suffering a season-ending six-game losing streak. "Shawn hasn't been completely healthy since his freshman year, but he's 100 percent now, which will help. He'll be our No. 1 starting pitcher and he can hit, too (.375 batting average, 21 RBI in 2005).

"And I think Tarek is one of the best catchers in the area, especially defensively. He threw out 28-of-33 guys trying to steal last year, so he's legit back there. And we should be good defensively up the middle with Justin Latin at shortstop. With Shawn, Tarek and Justin, we have good senior leadership

at key positions."

Canton's fourth senior is Shawn Ruman, who will see time at first base and on the mound.

The Chiefs' 11 juniors and one sophomore all played pivotal roles in the junior-varsity squad's 25-4 2005 campaign. The best thing about the group of new-comers is their athleticism, Dickey stressed.

"It's probably the most versatile class of kids I've ever had," he said. "They're very athletic and they can play a lot of different positions. Plus, we have nine players who can pitch, so we're deep there."

Joining Little and Ruman on the mound will be juniors Kyle Gring, Corey Lewis, Brad Barath, Caleb Lerner, Ryan Waidmann and Chris Woudstra, and sophomore Ben Vaughn. Gring, a lefty, will see

plenty of action in the outfield when he's not pitching, as will Barath and Vaughn.

Lewis will battle junior Jon Puskar for time at third base while Woudstra and junior Keith Campbell will share duties at second base. Lerner, Waidmann and Ruman are all in the first-base mix along with junior Blaine Paden, who will also serve as the team's back-up catcher.

Juniors Jesse Pletsch (shortstop) and Brian Brubaker (outfield) will provide further depth for the Chiefs.

"We return the fewest number of starters (three) of any team in the Western Division," Dickey noted. "Walled Lake Western has five starters back from a team that made it to the 'Final Four' last year. Franklin and Wayne both have four back and Plymouth should be

strong, too, with all nine starters back.

"Every year our goals are to win the division, the conference and a district title. Hopefully we can continue the strong winning tradition Canton has had this year following the success of its football, wrestling and basketball teams. We should have an exciting team. We're young, but athletic."

Canton opens its 2006 slate this afternoon when it hosts West Bloomfield in a twinbill that is set to begin at 4 p.m. The Chiefs' perennially tough schedule also includes state powers Saline, Birmingham Brother Rice, Dearborn Divine Child and Novi Catholic Central.

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Madonna women's hoop coach steps down

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

It used to be that Marylou Jansen could work a full day in the education field, travel to Madonna University and swing into action in her "part-time" job as women's basketball coach.

But in the past few years, the demands of that job have expanded far past running practices and games into the administrative realm. So Jansen decided to resign from Madonna following a very successful 10-year stint in order to focus on her position as counseling director at Grosse Ile High School.

Jansen told the Crusaders players about her decision on Wednesday evening and it was officially announced today.

"Both jobs have grown, and something had to give," said Jansen, adding that she mulled the difficult decision for several weeks following Madonna's 2005-06 season. "It was me that was giving. It is just time for me to move on and pick one full-time job."

She acknowledged her plate



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Marylou Jansen stepped down as the women's basketball coach at Madonna this week following 10 years at the post.

got too full in recent years, particularly as college coaches — part-timers or not — are expected to basically do it all when it comes to their teams.

"The demands of coaching college basketball in 2006, it's not just walking into the gym and coaching," Jansen explained. "It's time in recruiting, it's camps, communications, budgetary (duties), setting up schedules."

Jansen added that the pro-

gram "deserves someone who can make it a full-time thing. The girls deserve that."

MU athletic director Bryan Rizzo announced the resignation to staff members today and will immediately begin a nationwide search for her successor.

"It is important we find someone with the passion, coaching ability and integrity that Marylou brought to the table in her time here so we

can maintain the level she has attained for our program," said Rizzo in a press release.

During Jansen's tenure, MU compiled a record of 156-148 and guided the Crusaders to NAIA Division II national championship appearances in 1997 and 2003.

She also coached the team to Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference titles in 2001, 2002 and 2005, while also winning the 2003 WHAC tournament championship.

This season, the team finished 14-17.

"I'm really proud of what we've done the last 10 years," Jansen said. "And I think the university is, too."

According to Jansen, who coached the Dearborn Divine Child girls basketball team to a pair of state titles (1993-94) before coming to Madonna, she couldn't have lasted as long as she did without the dedication of five assistants over the years — Andrea Fron, Jack Benetiz, Mary Murray, Kristy Bilbie-Bekius and Jennifer Dempster.

"I love coaching basketball," she concluded. "I love teaching it. But I could no longer coach it as a part-time job. It's too rigorous."

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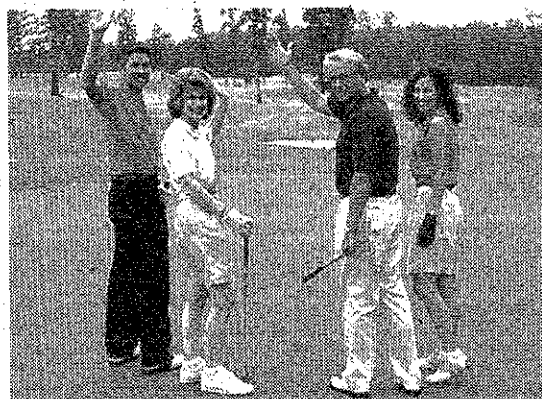
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FIRST TEAM

Drew MacEachern, Jr. G., Liv. Stevenson: The junior allowed just 21 goals all season, including six shutouts, with a 1.21 goals-against per game average.

He went 15-1-1 en route to All-Western Lakes Activities Association honors.

"Drew met every expectation this season," Stevenson coach Mike Humitz said of honorable mention Division I All-Stater. "He was a key contributor to our success. Whenever we needed a big save, Drew was there for us."

Justin Desilets, Jr. G., Plymouth: Desilets was instrumental in the Wildcats' 14-8-3 season, which ended with a first-round Division 2 Regional loss to Novi. The acrobatic, fundamentally sound net-minder yielded just over two goals a game and kept his team a threat to win every time they skated onto the ice.

"Justin did a great job for us this season," said Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois. "If we would have had a team MVP, he would have been it. He made a lot of big plays for us. I'm glad he's returning next year."

Jason Mifsud, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson: The senior earned All-WLAA honors while scoring five goals and adding 14 assists on the season.

"Jason is the most complete hockey player I've ever coached," Humitz said. "He is an outstanding player in every situation. Aside what he does on the ice, the attitude he brings to the rink each day makes all the players around him better players as well. Jason made me a better coach."

Phil Wendecker, Jr. Def., Liv. Churchill: The third-year varsity player was an All-Lakes Division selection in the WLAA.

He finished the year with six goals and 20 assists for 26 points while earning All-State recognition.

"Phil is our most complete player, he played in every situation," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "He's just a gifted player and I'm glad to have him back for one more year."

Shawn Anderson, Sr. F., Liv. Stevenson: The first-team All-Stater (Division I) and all-Western Lakes pick earned first-team All-Observer honors for the second straight year after scoring 30 goals and adding 26 assists for 56 points.

"Shawn is the best player in the state - bar none," Humitz said. "He was the most dominant player on a team full of very good hockey players."

"Shawn's combination of skill, speed and hockey sense set him

2005-06 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS HOCKEY

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Kevin Tollison, Sr. Def., Canton
Dan Lamonica, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson
Marcus Voran, Jr. F, Liv. Stevenson
Dan Kozlowski, Sr. F, Liv. Franklin

THIRD TEAM

Dave Carey, Sr. Def., Salem
Jason O'Guinn, Jr. Def., Plymouth
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Jason Hendrickson, Sr. F, Red. Unified
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apart from other players. His success came as no surprise to me. He is a very dedicated athlete."

Dave Graciak, Sr. F., Liv. Churchill: The Chargers' top scorer enjoyed a highly productive senior year with a team-best 21 goals and 19 assists for 40 points en route to All-Lakes Division accolades in the Western Lakes.

"Dave just had a great senior year," Mazzoni said of his two-year varsity player. "He showed great maturity as he became one of our go-to players." Graciak also earned All-State recognition and was the Chargers' co-MVP.

SECOND TEAM

Scott Lewan, Jr. G., Liv. Churchill: The junior was a workhorse in net for the Chargers, appearing in 23 of 25 games.

The All-Lakes Division choice posted a 13-6-4 record with 2.2 goals-against average, including five shutouts, and a 90.4 save percentage.

"Scott actually had better numbers this year than last year's All-Western Lakes performance," Mazzoni said.

"He saw more shots (564), had more wins (13), a higher save percentage (90.4) and more shutouts (5). We relied on him to carry us with all of the injuries we had at defense this year."

Eric Valeri, Sr. Def., Red. Unified: The steady Unified co-captain played solidly on the blueline as well as bringing scoring punch and senior leadership to a young team. Valeri tied for the team lead in scoring with 23 points, including 11 goals.

Valeri was rewarded for his season by being named the team's MVP as well as being selected to the All-Mega Red first team.

"Eric came in with the responsibility of being a leader," said Unified head coach Larry Singer about the fourth-year varsity player. "He played very well for us defensively and added a lot of offensive power. He scored some big goals for us."

Kevin Tollison, Sr. Def., Canton: The senior moved from forward to defense this season to fill a team need and he did it in style, solidifying the Chiefs' blue line with his heads-up instinct for the game and

uncanny ability to move the puck. He finished with six goals and 16 assists and was a key member of the Chiefs' special teams.

"Kevin did everything — and more — that was asked of him this season," said Canton coach Mike Behen. "His move from forward to defense was smooth and he was always in position."

Dan Lamonica, Sr. Def., Liv. Stevenson: The senior earned All-Lakes Division honors in the WLAA.

He finished with three goals and nine assists for 12 points.

"Dan is a great stay-at-home defenseman," Humitz said. "Dan's strengths usually do not show up on the scoresheet, but at the end of games I'm well aware of his contribution to our success."

"Without Dan, we would have not had the season we did."

Marcus Voran, Jr. F., Liv. Stevenson: The junior was only second behind teammate Shawn Anderson in scoring, finishing the year with 42 points and 17 goals and 25 assists en route to All-Lakes Division honors.

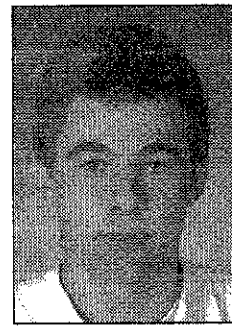
"In three years of coaching Marcus, I've never seen a bad game out of him," Humitz said. "He is the most consistent player I've ever coached. This is not surprising because he is the hardest worker I've ever coached. If I were a player, I would hate to play against Marcus."

Voran also earned honorable mention All-State Division I honors.

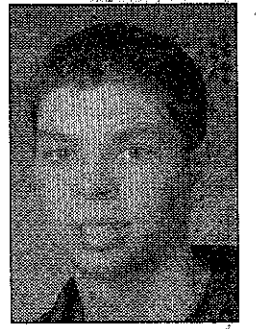
Dan Kozlowski, Sr. F., Liv. Franklin: Despite missing five games with a knee injury, the senior left winger finished with 25 goals and 24 assists to lead the Patriots.

His two-year scoring total is 97 points with 58 goals and 39 assists.

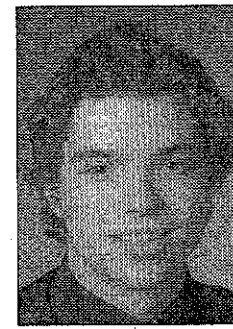
"Dan was a major force for us both on the power play and in short-handed situations," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "He's a talented hockey player and a good football player. He's a multi-talented athlete."



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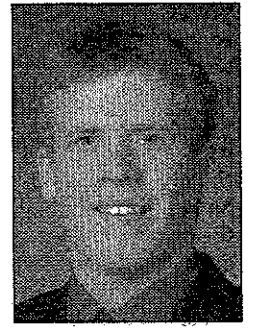
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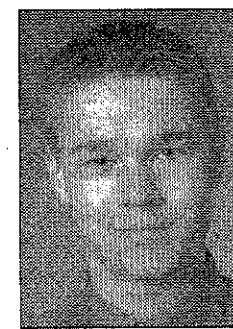
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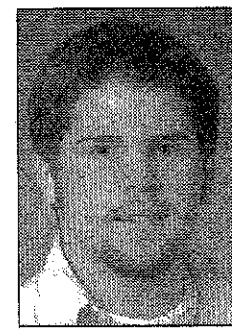
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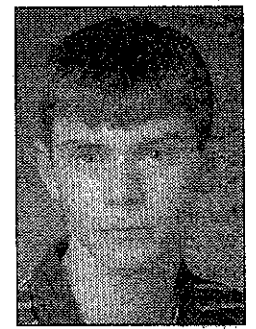
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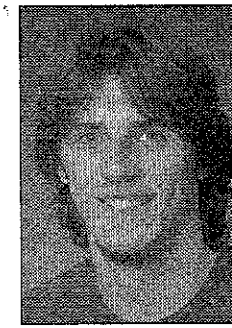
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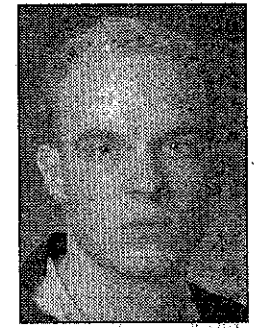
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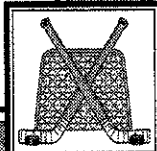
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Hoop champs

The 5th- and 6th-grade Mavericks compiled an 11-0 record and won the championship in the recently completed CEBL. Pictured (from left) are Alexander Rodgers, Mitchell Boehm, Colby Morris, Dominique Roberts, Gursimran Singh, Jasmeet Sidhu, Austin Spurlin, Michael Boes, Alex Hastings, Lucas McKinney and Clay Behrman. Not pictured are coaches Brent Behrman and Tim Boes.

Here's a spring checklist for the outdoorsman

What to do? What to do? What to do? Kind of sounds like the "groovy" lyrics from some "funky" '50s jazz riff. Actually it's the dilemma facing lots of outdoor enthusiasts these days.

Winter appears to be a thing of the past - although you really can't tell from recent weather - and spring has yet to arrive.

Fishing is at that "tweener" stage. Ice is gone on most lakes in southern Michigan, but they're in the process of "turning over" and the fishing has been very slow.

Rabbit and coyote hunting seasons are

still open, but without any snow on the ground, it's pretty tough to be successful in either of those endeavors.

What's a sportsman to do? Plenty.

For starters, steelhead fishing on the Clinton and Huron rivers was pretty good this winter and will get even better in coming weeks as warming water temperatures trigger fresh runs of fish from the big lakes.

Reports are starting to trickle in that walleyes are beginning to hit in the Lower Detroit River. Action has been slow so far, but with a little bit of warm weather one of the hottest spring walleye fisheries

in the world will kick into high gear. Look for the action to really heat up over the next couple of weeks.

If you're a deer hunter there is no better time than late winter and early spring to scout the area you hunt. Take a break one weekend day and go out looking for sheds from last year's buck.

While you're there, scout the areas and locate trails, funnels, saddles and other corridors leading to and from the primary feeding and bedding areas.

With the foliage down and no snow on the ground, visibility is outstanding and foot travel is easy. You can really get a good feel for the lay of the land at this time of year.

If you're hunting private land, pick out a couple of blind locations and get to work. Build a ground blind or hang a tree stand now.

By doing so, the deer in the area will be completely comfortable with the changes you make - like trimming branches and making shooting lanes - by the time hunting season comes around next fall.

It's also a good time to get your fishing gear ready for the upcoming open-water season. Respool your reels and repack them with grease, if needed. Check the eyelets on your fishing poles for knicks or gouges that will weaken your line when that trophy fish hits. Replace whatever is necessary.

Clean out and reorganize your tackle box. Sharpen the hooks on all your lures and make any necessary repairs to

lures, bobbers, reels, fishing vests, tackle boxes and the rest of your gear. Put a new edge on your fillet knife.

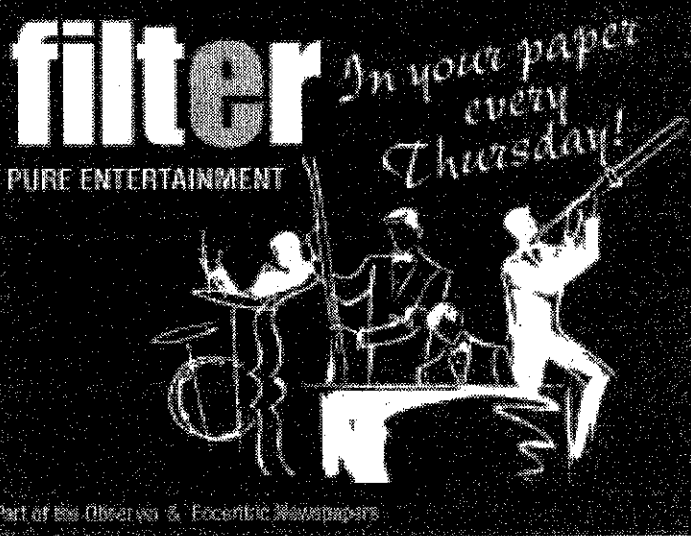
It might be the "tweener" season but there is plenty to do in preparation for the arrival of spring.

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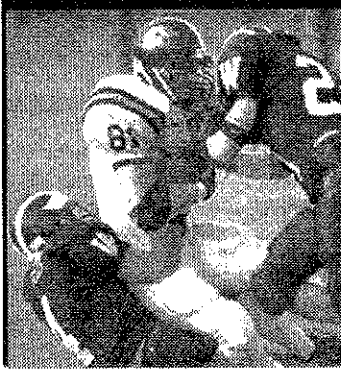
Michigan Sea Grant has confirmed the presence of zebra mussels in 23 more lakes including Bush in Oakland County and Torch in Antrim County - the second largest lake in the state in terms of surface water. That brings the total of confirmed infested lakes 227.

Other lakes zebras were confirmed in last year are: Cedar Lake (Alcona County); Miller (Allegan); Douglas (Cheboygan); Sand (Clare); Margarethe (Crawford); Lime (Jackson); Pickerel (Kalkaska); Blind, Bruin, Halfmoon, Patterson and Watson (Livingston); Twin Lake (Luce); Spring and West (Montcalm); Ess (Montmorency); Bradford (Otsego); Esau and Grand (Presque Isle); Prairie River (St. Joseph); and Bear (Van Buren). Zebra mussel infestations have now been confirmed in 53 of Michigan's 83 counties.

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Canton, Plymouth finish in middle at Huron relays

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Canton and Plymouth boys track teams finished in the middle of the pack at Saturday's season-opening Huron River Relays at Eastern Michigan University.

But it was a mighty talented pack.

Competing against many of the most-respected track-and-field units in the Midwest, the Chiefs finished 14th and the Wildcats 15th in the 40-

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team field.

"Considering it was our first meet, I was happy with where we placed and how we competed," said first-year Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell. "A lot of the top teams in Michigan were there along with some very good teams from Indiana and Ohio."

"Fourteenth out of 40 at that meet is pretty good with all the good

schools that were there," added Richardson. "I thought we might do a little better than we did, but we had a few guys who couldn't go, so we had to make some changes."

Detroit Mumford won the meet with 62 points, followed by runner-up Ann Arbor Pioneer (50) and third-place Fort Wayne (Ind.), which racked up 49 points. Canton notched 15, just ahead of Plymouth's 14.5.

Canton's highest-placing foursome was its 3,200-meter relay team of

Cyrus Azizi, Phaltiel Whitlock, Josh Hurst and Eric Zech, who finished fifth in 8:33.50, 22 seconds behind gold-medalist Pioneer.

The Chiefs' sprint-medley relay quartet of Azizi, Andy Rossow, Dalton Walser and Phaltiel Whitlock placed sixth in 3:49.8 while their 1,600 relay team of Adam Somers, Whitlock, Tim Belcher and Rossow placed seventh in 3:41.50.

"Phaltiel Whitlock had a great day, scoring in all three of his relays,"

Richardson said.

The Wildcats placed in a pair of events: Anthony Scaparo was fourth in the mile run (4:44.85) while their distance-medley relay foursome of Justin Huey, Josh Le Duc, Kyle Wallath and Scaparo also placed fourth in 11:39.96.

Britnell also noted that pole-vaulter Ben Ambrose turned in a personal-best effort of 11 feet, six inches.

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Arnold named new Wayne hoop coach

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Looking to create stability in its girls varsity basketball program, Wayne Memorial athletic director Dewie Cole announced last week that Dave Arnold, who spent the past five seasons at Riverview Gabriel Richard, will take over for Kris Barrett.

Arnold becomes the fourth girls basketball coach in four years at Wayne, which is coming off an injury-riddled 2-18 season.

"I talked to people who have been the district," Arnold said. "They've had some good athletic programs and it's a place where I think I could have a positive impact."

"Hopefully they'll buy into what we're doing. That's the key."

The 37-year-old Arnold posted a record of 60-49 in five seasons at Gabriel Richard, including four trips to the Catholic League playoffs and two divisional titles. The two-time Catholic League Coach of the Year also appeared in two district finals.

"It's not that daunting a task to me because I'll be facing the same thing that I faced in the Catholic League," Arnold said. "I see a lot of the same parallels going into the Western Lakes (Activities Association)."

Cole believes Arnold can steer the Zebras in the right direction.

"He knows what you have to have in a program, real tough discipline and hard work," the Wayne A.D. said. "There's potential there. You just have to get it out of the girls."

After meeting with Cole and Wayne principal John Albrecht, Arnold was convinced Wayne was the proper fit.

"I feel I have the administrators' support as far as what I want in a program," he said. "They have the same vision as I do and how I function."

"You could say I'm more old school. It's probably more disciplined basketball than what's hip and trendy."

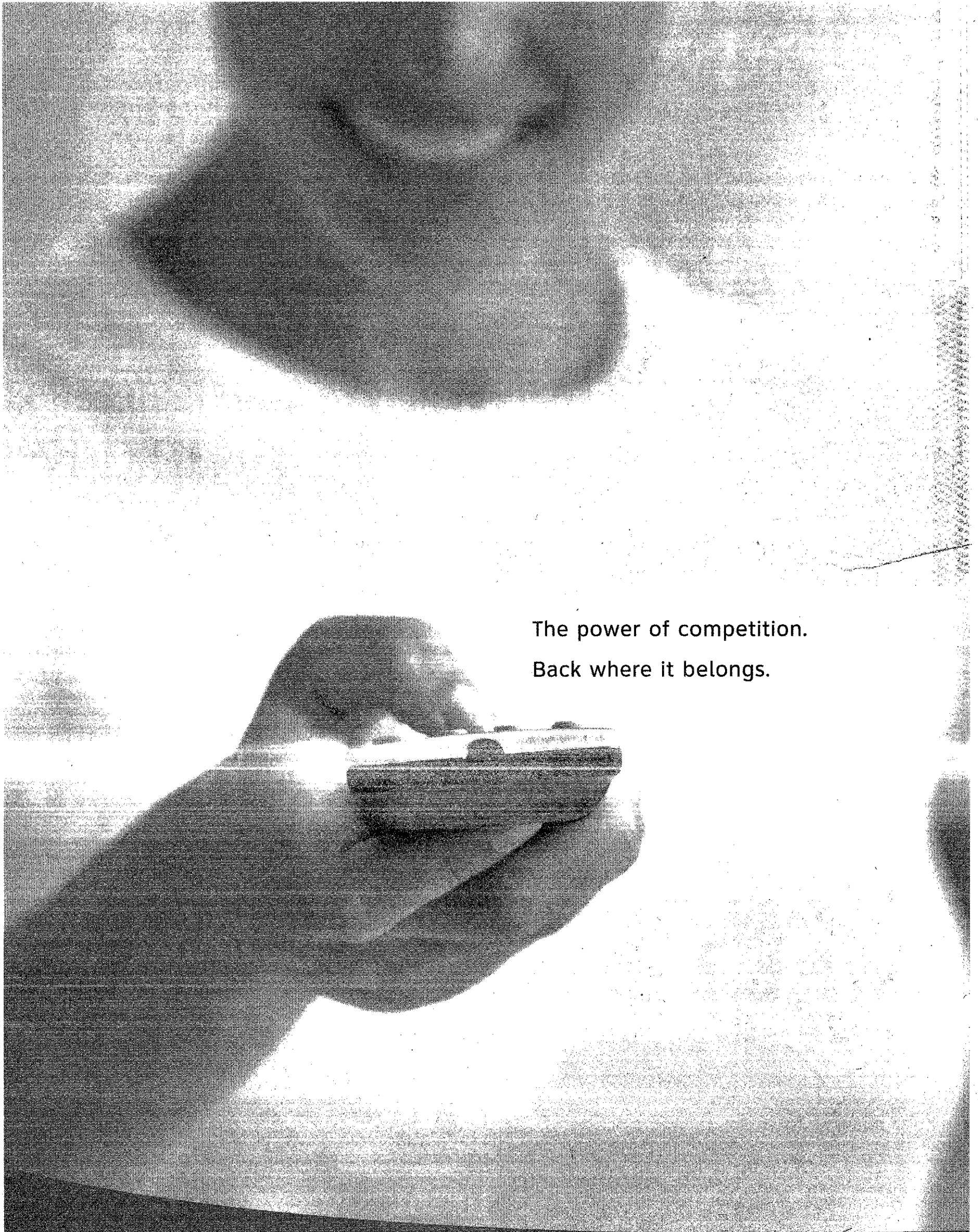
Prior to his five seasons at Gabriel Richard, Arnold also served two different stints, a total of five seasons, as girls varsity coach at Southgate Anderson (where he coached Central Michigan University's Casey Manning, a 1,000-point scorer).

He also coached two seasons, 2003-04 and part of 2004-05, at Henry Ford Community College.

A native of Trenton, Arnold was a standout high school golfer who attended the University of Kentucky (where he worked camps under Rick Pitino).

He currently serves as an office manager for the University of Michigan's U-Move Fitness program, which also conducts summer camps.

He recently obtained his degree from U-M in Sports Management.



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Plymouth Whalers: Beyond the boards

There's more than meets the 'ice' during OHL hockey games at Compuware

When it comes to Plymouth Whalers' hockey games, the action isn't limited to the ice – it extends well beyond the boards and through a network of individuals who help make the game run smoothly. Plymouth/Canton Sports Editor Ed Wright and Staff Photographer Bill Bresler went behind the scenes durign Tuesday night's Plymouth-Windsor OHL playoff game to uncover some of the unheralded work that is done by off-ice officials and Whalers' employees.

WHALERS

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defensemen to earn a one-on-one shot against Guadagnolo. However, the Spits' large and mobile goalie knocked the shot harmlessly away.

Plymouth outshot the Spitfires, 10-9, in the second period, but they couldn't solve Guadagnolo, who didn't have to leave his comfort zone for the majority of the shots.

The Whalers turned up the offensive heat two-thirds of the way through the period, peppering the 20-year-old Windsor goalie with five shots during one two-minute stretch, but he passed the test and secured his team's 2-0 advantage through two periods.

The Whalers' comeback hopes were reborn 2:44 into the third period when Wes Cunningham beat Guadagnolo with his first post-season goal, but Plymouth's comeback was dethroned like M-14 construction traffic after that.

Peters was pulled for an extra attacker with 55 seconds left, but Plymouth failed to mount a serious threat.

The Spitfires outshot their hosts, 31-27.

Earning the game's three stars were Garlock, Plymouth's John Armstrong and Maunu.

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Oh, say can she sing

Intern hits home run with last-minute, anthem-singing role

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Not long after she arrived at Compuware Sports Arena Tuesday night, Plymouth Whalers intern Julie Collard's boss asked her to do him a favor.

"Our regular singer is sick, so we were wondering if you could sing the 'National Anthem' and 'O Canada' before the game," Collard's boss inquired.

Although the 23-year-old Eastern Michigan University student is an accomplished singer who has performed solos in front of large groups of people, she was initially hesitant to agree to the favor for a couple of pretty valid reasons.

"I didn't even know the words to 'O Canada,' and I had never sung in front of 3,000 people," she revealed, a half-hour

THE SINGER

before the game. "But after, I thought about it a little while, I said, 'Sure. Why not?'"

Collard tracked down the words to the Canadian anthem and immediately started rehearsing.

"I had somebody hum the music to me while I sang," Collard said. "I'm always nervous before I sing, but once I start singing, I'm fine."

Following the introduction of the players, Collard stepped onto the ice and performed a flawless rendition of both anthems.

It was so good, it's doubtful any of the 3,000 people in attendance knew she was the pinch-hitter and not the clean-up hitter.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Whalers intern Julie Collard completes a flawless rendition of the "National Anthem" prior to Tuesday night's OHL playoff game between Plymouth and Windsor. The last-minute stand-in also sang "O Canada" – only a few hours after learning the lyrics.

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Official time-keeper Ken Hyde pays close attention to the on-ice action during Tuesday night's Plymouth-Windsor OHL playoff game. The Livonia resident has kept time at Whalers' games for the past seven years.

Time is of the essence for Hyde

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Livonia resident Ken Hyde may have had the best seat in the house for Tuesday night's Ontario Hockey League playoff game between Plymouth and Windsor.

From his front-row, red-line seat, Hyde literally could have reached over the Compuware Sports Arena glass and shook hands with the players as they rushed by.

But to do that, he would have had to take

THE TIME KEEPER

his undivided attention off his task at hand — serving as the game's official time-keeper.

"I watch the action on the ice and start and stop the clock when it's called for," said Hyde, who has kept time at Compuware for seven years. "I work closely with the on-ice officials."

"The best part of this job is getting to work with all the great people here. I've always liked hockey, so what could be better than this."

Baron is Whalers' supplies guy

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

How versatile is Plymouth Whalers' equipment manager Marc Baron?

An hour before Tuesday night's Whalers' Ontario Hockey League playoff game against Windsor, Baron was sitting in front of a sewing machine, mending players' socks.

"I do it all," said Baron, smiling. "Most of my work is done before the game even starts — sharpening skates, setting up the locker room, making sure the players' sticks are ready. But I do things during the games, too, like replacing sticks and repairing equipment."

Baron watches the games from behind the Whalers'

bench, just in case his equipment expertise is needed on a moment's notice.

"Most nights go really smooth," he said, "but there are other nights when sticks are breaking left and right and players' skates lose their edge."

Baron arrives at his seven-days-a-week job at Compuware Sports Arena most days around 10 a.m. On game days, he doesn't head to his Livonia home until after 10:30 p.m.

Along with making sure the equipment is in tip-top shape, Baron is also in charge of inventory.

When something is running low, he orders more.

"I've been doing this for 10 years, so I definitely enjoy it," said Baron.

THE EQUIPMENT MAN



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Whalers equipment manager Marc Baron arranges the players' sticks during the first period of Tuesday night's Ontario Hockey League playoff game against Windsor.

Goal judge duties require eagle eye

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If you didn't know any better, you would have thought Inez Stevenson was competing in a game show Tuesday night.

She was stationed in a hard-plastic booth with a remote-control planted firmly in her right hand.

And her concentration level was off the charts.

No, Stevenson wasn't a contestant on Jeopardy! — she was serving as one of the two goal judges for the Plymouth-Windsor Ontario Hockey League playoff game at Compuware Sports Arena.

With one push of the remote control's button, she could turn on the flashing red light behind the net and either send a large majority of the fans into a delirious cheer or a moaning silence.

"The most important thing with this job is to keep your eye on the puck," said Stevenson, who is nearing the end of her eighth year as a goal judge. "You can't be distracted by the players in front of you or the fans sitting behind you, or you might miss

THE GOAL JUDGE



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Goal judge Inez Stevenson never takes her eyes off the puck during Tuesday night's Plymouth-Windsor OHL playoff game at Compuware Sports Arena.

something.

"The fans here are great. They keep to themselves and never say anything if they think I missed something."

Stevenson said her training was straightforward.

"I started out at the Tier 2 level for the Compuware Ambassadors," she said. "It was all on-the-job training. You either have it or you don't."

The pay isn't great, but Stevenson isn't complaining.

"We work for free," she said. "They feed us a nice meal before the game, which, for me, is enough. It's a fun job."

Re-surfacing ice an art form for driver

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

You wouldn't believe all the attention Matt Schultz gets whenever he drives his company-owned vehicle in Plymouth Township a couple of nights a week from September through May.

"People wave and yell things to me all the time," Schultz said, "but I can't hear them because the thing is so loud."

The "thing" Schultz is referring to is one of the two Compuware Sports Arena ice re-surfacing machines. Technically it's an "Olympius," but most hockey fans refer to it as a "Zamboni," which is the brand name of a similar re-surfacing machine.

Schultz's work vehicle only reaches a top speed of "9 to 10 miles an hour," and it's a gas-guzzler, but he loves the job of

making sure the Compuware ice is as smooth as glass before the Plymouth Whalers hit it after every intermission.

"I've been here four months, but I've been doing this kind of work for eight years," said Schultz. "I've operated these things in Novi, at Suburban in Farmington Hills, all over the Detroit area."

"I've been kind of a rink rat my entire life, so this is a perfect job for me."

Later this year, Schultz, who recently earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Detroit-Mercy, will leave his job at Compuware for the police academy, where he will train to become a law enforcement officer.

Once he graduates, his work vehicle will no doubt be faster and sleeker, but the waves will probably decrease.

THE ICEMAN



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Matt Schultz maneuvers the ice-resurfacing vehicle off the Compuware Sports Arena ice during the first intermission of Tuesday night's OHL playoff game.

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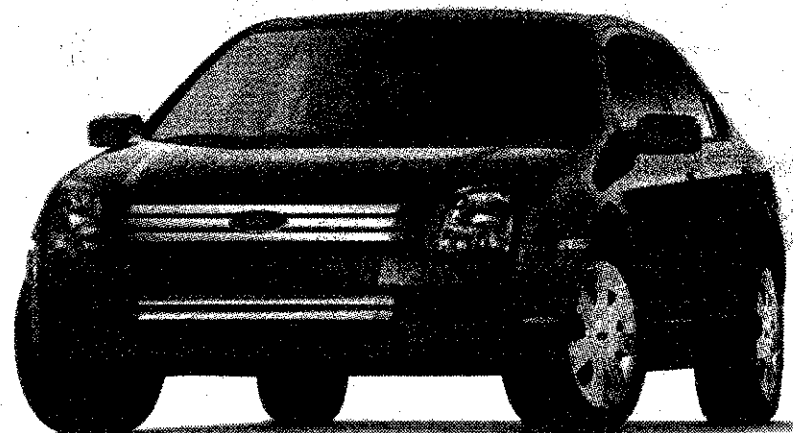
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PLYMOUTH BOOSTERS

The next meeting of the Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, in Room 401 of Plymouth High School.

The club will be awarding two \$500 scholarships, applications for which can be downloaded from www.football.plymouthwildcats.com. The deadline for applying for the scholarships is Monday, April 24. The completed applications must be mailed or delivered to: Counseling Office of Scholarships, Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

GCYBSA REGISTRATION

Local youths can still register for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association by picking up registration forms at the Canton Sports Center or the Summit On the Park.

For more information or if you have questions, call (734) 394-5489.

GEMS NEWS

The Plymouth-based Gems on Ice synchronized ice-skating team will be holding clinics and tryouts beginning April 2 at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

The clinic schedule is as follows:

- April 2 and April 9, 4:40-5:30 p.m. — juvenile, preliminary and pre-juvenile;
- April 6 and April 13, 6:10-7 p.m. — intermediate/novice and juniors;
- April 20, 6:10-7 p.m. — skills session for all levels; and

■ May 11 and May 18, 6:10-7 p.m. — masters clinic.

Everyone who is planning on trying out for the 2006-07 Gems on Ice teams must attend at least one clinic, which will cost \$20 each.

Tryouts for the club are:

■ Preliminary/Pre-Juvenile (skaters must be 12 and under as of July 1, 2006 and should have passed FS 2 and at the beginning test levels for moves in the field) — May 4, 6:10-7 p.m., and May 7, 4:40-5:30 p.m.

■ Juveniles (must be 12 and under as of July 1, 2006, and passed preliminary moves in the field) — April 23 and April 30, 4:40-5:30 p.m.;

■ Intermediate/Novice (must be between the ages of 11 and 15 as of July 1, 2006, and have passed pre-juvenile moves in the field) — April 23 and April 27;

■ Juniors (must be 12 years old and older as of July 1, 2006 and have passed intermediate moves in the field) — April 27 and April 30; and

■ Masters (25 years old and older) — June 4 and June 11, 7:30-9 p.m.

If skaters meet the tryout requirements for multiple divisions, they should attend the tryouts for both divisions.

Rosters for all the teams (except Masters) will be announced in early May. The Masters roster will be announced in June.

The tryout fee is \$50 per skater for any and all tryouts.

BASEBALL CLINIC

The annual Salem Varsity

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

The clinic, which costs \$25, includes three hours of instruction, snacks and a T-shirt.

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

ADULT SOFTBALL

■ The Canton Softball Center is now accepting registrations for its Session 1 adult softball leagues. Over 25 competitive and recreational men's and co-ed softball leagues will be offered this spring.

Registration started March 1 and is based on a first-come, first-served basis.

Leagues are offered Sundays through Fridays and will begin in early- or mid-April and conclude in early-July, depending on the day the league is held.

All leagues will have a doubleheader schedule format. Friday leagues will have a 12-game schedule; Monday through Thursday leagues will play 18 games; and Sunday night leagues will play 16 games. Registration for Session II will begin June 1.

For more information, contact the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600; or visit csc.canton-mi.org.

■ The Northville Parks & Recreation Department will be offering an adult women's softball league beginning May 9 and an adult coed softball league beginning May 7. The per-team entry fee for the 11-game leagues is \$460. For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

YOUTH HOCKEY

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

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

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

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

OLGC FOOTBALL

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

OLGC offers teams for boys in third through eighth grades (as of the fall of 2006). Families that belong to one of the following parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a'Becket,

Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James (third- and fourth-graders only) and St. John Neumann.

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

For more information, contact Mike Nelson at mikenelson@ameritech.net; or (734) 737-9935.

Also, information about the program can be found at www.olgcfootball.net.

ANN ARBOR RUN

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

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

Runners can run the river, enjoy the post-race carnival atmosphere, then take the family a block down Main Street to sample the offerings of the Taste of Ann Arbor Festival. Proceeds benefit the Champions for Children Campaign, spearheading fund raising for the new C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

Honorary chair Tyrone Wheatley will walk the 5K in support of the fund. Complete information is available at www.dexterannarborrun.com.

YOUTH GOLF

Plymouth's Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center will serve as one of 105 national qualifying sites for the 2006 Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt competition. The event, a free golf skills competition for kids between the ages of 7 and 14, will be held Thursday, July 20,

at 4 p.m. at Fox Hills.

More than 35,000 youngster throughout the country are expected to compete in the DC&P. Winners from each local event will have the opportunity to compete in regional championships and possibly represent their hometowns at the national championship in October.

For more information, including a complete schedule and registration form, visit www.TheGolfChannel.com.

TOP 50 GOLF

The popular Top 50 Jr. Golf Tour, which is organized by the non-profit National Golf Scholarship Association, has added 10 events in southeastern Michigan to its 2006 schedule.

The tour will offer 27 events throughout Michigan for its participants.

Players compete in the following divisions: girls 15 and under; girls 16 and over; boys 15 and under; and boys 16 and over. The tour offers free golf and scholarship opportunities for its member players.

Registration is now open for local boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 years old.

Interested students and parents can visit www.Top50JrTour.com or call (248) 321-9900 for more information.

Among the southeastern Michigan events is a stop at Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth on June 22-23.

Each event is comprised of an 18-hole qualifier and an 18-hole tournament.

The top 40 players at each qualifier play in the tournament for free.

The top 10 finishers at each tournament are exempt into the following tournament and they will play for free.

The 2006 tour kicks off June 15-16 at Bay Pointe Country Club in West Bloomfield.

CITY OF LIVONIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #2
ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (2006-2007)
FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)

The City of Livonia will hold a second Public Hearing at 7:00 pm, Thursday, April 13, 2006 in the third floor conference room of the Livonia City Hall. The purpose of this second hearing is to again obtain the views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties regarding the preliminary 2006-2007 CDBG budget and past program performance. An additional purpose of this public hearing is to obtain views on housing needs, homeless needs, and other public facility needs in the community, particularly as they related to low and moderate income persons and households. The hearing is required in order for the City of Livonia to receive Community Development Block Grant funds starting with the 2006 fiscal year (August 1, 2006 - July 31, 2007).

Written comments regarding proposed activities and past performance issues may be directed to the Livonia Housing Commission at 33780 Lyndon Avenue, Livonia, MI 48154. Copies of materials to be discussed during the public hearing are available for examination at the Housing Commission-Community Development Office during normal business hours. For additional information please contact the Housing Commission-Community Development Office at (734) 421-6450 ext. 102.

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FY2006 CDBG ACTION PLAN AND
REPROGRAMMING

On April 11, 2006, at 2 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Room, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the above captioned activities. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2006 CDBG program. The funding requests are: First Step, \$36,000; Growth Works, \$8,800; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, \$20,500; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$3,000; Canton Township Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Canton Township Sheldon School site improvements, \$128,910; First Step Building Acquisition, \$20,000; CDBG program administration, \$69,741; Affordable Housing Contingency, \$100,000. The FY 2006 CDBG allocation is \$373,707. There will be a second public hearing to reprogram FY 2003 Housing Lot Purchase funds to FY 2005 Affordable Housing Contingency. The reprogramming neither cancels an old project nor creates a new project. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-
March 21, 2006

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Conklin, Deb Bilbrey Honsowetz, Brad Sharp, Greg Hohenberger, Mary Falzon **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. "Christmas in Action" Update.** Christmas in Action (CIA) of Wayne County is a non-profit organization that provides free home repairs for elderly or disabled homeowners in Canton. Launched in 2005, All volunteer board, Relays on volunteers and local businesses to provide funding and skills. CIA 2005 Efforts: Repairs were done on 7 Canton homes, 200 volunteers participated, Over \$30,000 in donations and materials, Work done; Plumbing, Painting, New Roof and Siding, Windows, Poured new Concrete Drive-way. 2006 Plans: Event day April 29, 2006, 6 Canton homes chosen. **Item 2. Fellows Creek Improvements.** **2005 Golf Financials were presented and justification for improvements to Fellows Creek were presented.** **Justification for Improvements** Protect our investment, Aging Facilities, Necessary to stay competitive, Investment for long term viability, Ash Bore devastation **Review of the capital improvements needed at Fellows Creek Golf Course.** **Fellows Creek Golf Club Proposed Upgrades, Course Improvements, As presented May 30, 2005 Short Term Priorities** Dead Tree Removal, Stump Removal, Central Control, Irrigation Pond Dredging, Drainage work-Control Flooding, Pumphouse Room/Wall, Maintenance Facility/Chemical/Storage Bldg., Rebuild 4 holes, Cart Path Repair Work, Lotz Road Cart Crossing **Subtotal: \$1,070,000 Long Term** Restoration of Bunkers, Irrigation System Head Replacement, Maintenance Bldg. Upgrades Cart Path System Connect. Re-align tee boxes **Sub-total: \$1,220,000 Fellows Creek Golf Club Proposed Upgrades Equipment Improvements As presented May 30, 2005** Miscellaneous banquet Banquet facility, AED Automated First Responder Equip.External Defibrillator Lightening Prediction **Sub-total \$49,000 Fellows Creek Golf Club Proposed Upgrades Clubhouse Improvements As presented May 30, 2005 Long Term** Parking Lot Replacement, Mechanical System Replacement, Exterior Signage Replacement, Landscaping Improvements **Sub-total \$250,000 Fellows Creek projected expenses** **Short Term 1 - 3 Years** Course \$1,070,000 **Long Term 4 - 10 Years** Course \$1,220,000 Clubhouse \$ 75,000 Clubhouse \$ 250,000 Equipment \$ 49,000 **TOTAL LONG TERM \$1,470,000** **TOTAL SHORT TERM \$1,194,000** **GRAND TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURE \$2,664,000** **Item 3. Leisure Services 2005 Annual Review. 2005 Expense Summary:** Expenses came in \$345,414 less than estimated in 2005. **3. Overview of the BLOCK:** Opened August 20, 2005, 230 different youth have visited, 5,883 total visits, Average of 50+ youth per day, Add 20 new youth per month, Total Staff - 10. **Adjourn** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter at 9:23 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk - **Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.**

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4207 McGhee	Boxes, Toys, Furniture	
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Shurgard Storage of Canton South* 45229 Michigan Ave*Canton* 734-398-5418	2022 Windham	Sports/hshd
4016 Byars	Learn/dev	
4025 Osborne	Household	
4064 Barbara	Household	
5018 Newsome	Household	
6002 Douglass	Safe	
Shurgard Storage of Dearborn*24920 Trowbridge*Dearborn*313-277-2000	1012 X-Rally, Inc	Business equipment
Shurgard Storage of Livonia*30300 Plymouth Rd*Livonia*734-522-7811	2121 Taylor	Household Items
2095 Thompson-Searcy	Household Items	
3120 Kapanowski	Household Items	
4044 Whitmore	Household Items	
Shurgard Storage of Taylor*9300 Pelham Rd* Taylor*313-292-2950	2003 Smith	Household Items
2005 Slavik	Household Items	
3010 Reno	Household Items	
3036 Ryan	Household Items	
4015 Mayo	Household Items	
4057 Ryan	Household Items	
5045 Harris	Household Items	
6041 Slavik	Household Items	
6105 Phillips	Household Items	
Shurgard Storage of Westland*36001 Warren* Westland*734-326-6000	5152 Butler	Household & Suzuki
6098 Smith	Oldsmobile Achieva	
3196 Tolbert	Household Items	
4026 Behlow	Household Items	
4052 Baker	Household Items	
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3116 Hendon-Jenkins	Household Items	
Shurgard Storage of Plymouth *41889 Joy Rd*Canton*734-459-2200	9124 Zolenski	Household Items
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: March 30, 2006
Permit No. MI0058016
CECO-Northville Compressor

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality proposes to issue a new discharge permit to: Consumers Energy Company for the CECO-Northville Compressor Station located at 9440 Napier Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. The applicant discharges treated groundwater and treated petroleum-contaminated wastewater to Sump Drain, in the NW 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 6, Town 1S, Range 8E, Wayne County.

This draft permit authorizes an increased loading of pollutants to Sump Drain which will lower the water quality with respect to certain parameters. In accordance with Rule 323.1098 of the Michigan Water Quality Standards, the applicant has provided a statement of exemption from antidegradation requirements. As part of the decision process the Department is proposing that the exemption statement meets the requirements of Rule 323.1098, and that an Antidegradation Demonstration is not required.

Comments or objections to the draft permit received by May 1, 2006, will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit. Persons desiring information regarding the draft permit, antidegradation exemption, procedures for commenting, or requesting a hearing should contact: Stephanie Swart, Permits Section, Water Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30273, Lansing, Michigan 48909, telephone: 517-335-6721, e-mail: swartsl@michigan.gov.

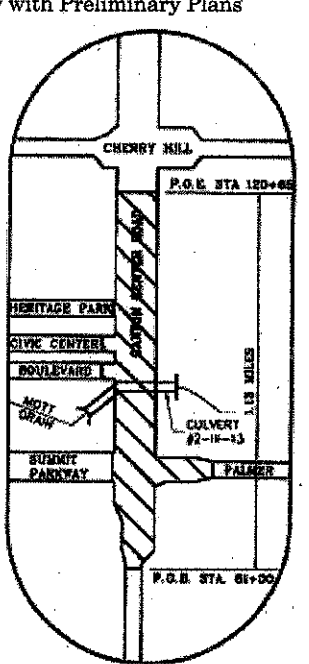
Copies of the public notice and draft permit may be obtained via the Internet (<http://www.michigan.gov/deq> - on the left side of the screen click on Water, Surface Water, and NPDES Permits; then click on 'Permits on Public Notice' which is under the Permits banner) or at the Water Bureau Southeast Michigan District Office located at 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092-2793, telephone: 586-753-3700.

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WAYNE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN COOPERATION WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE CANTON CENTER ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CHERRY HILL TO PALMER) CANTON TOWNSHIP April 4, 2006 7 p.m. at the Summit on the Park PDC Room - Banquet Center 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Township

•Project Overview with Preliminary Plans



•Reconstruction with five lane cross section and widening Palmer
•Road, grading, drainage, and sidewalk improvement overview
•Proposed construction Summer 2007
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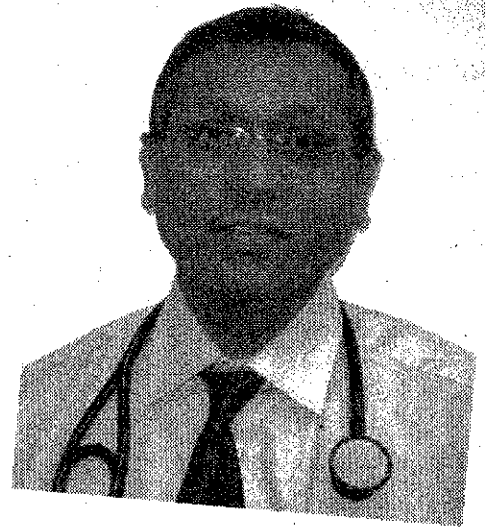
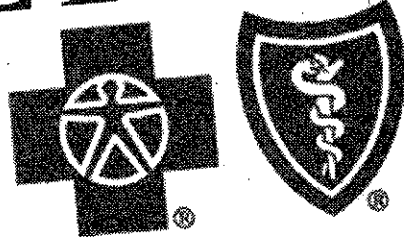
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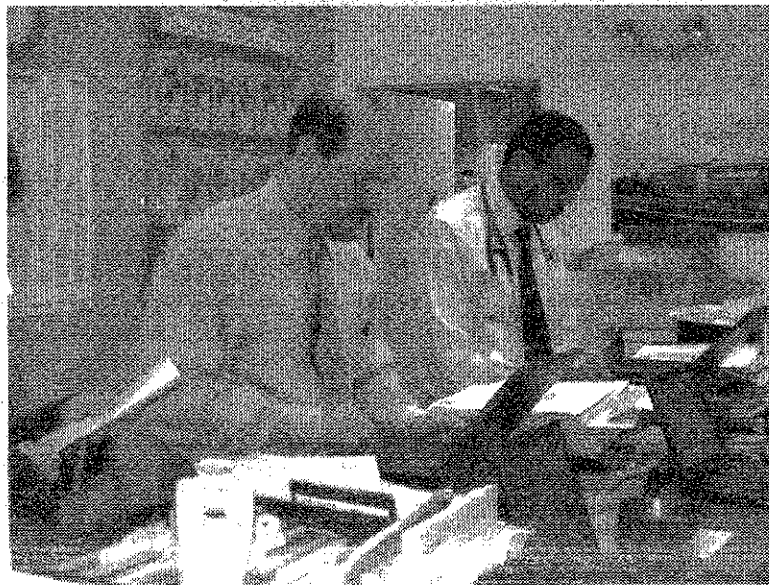
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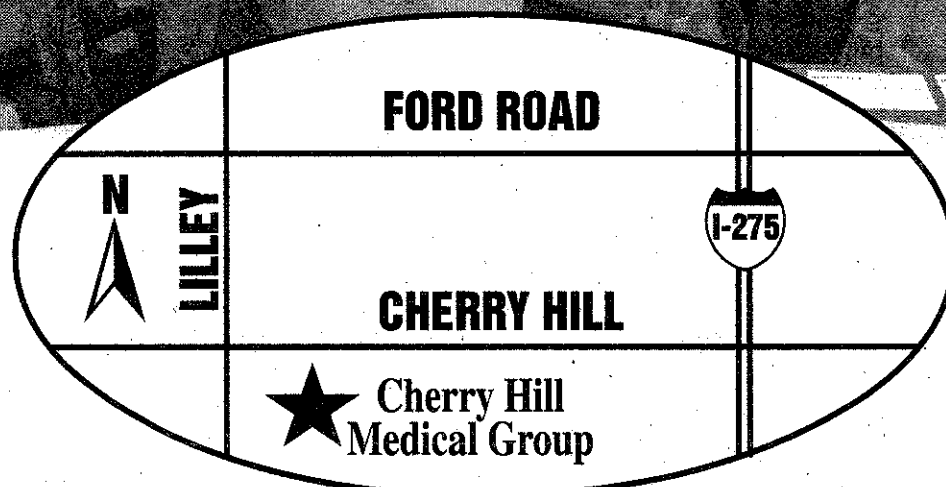
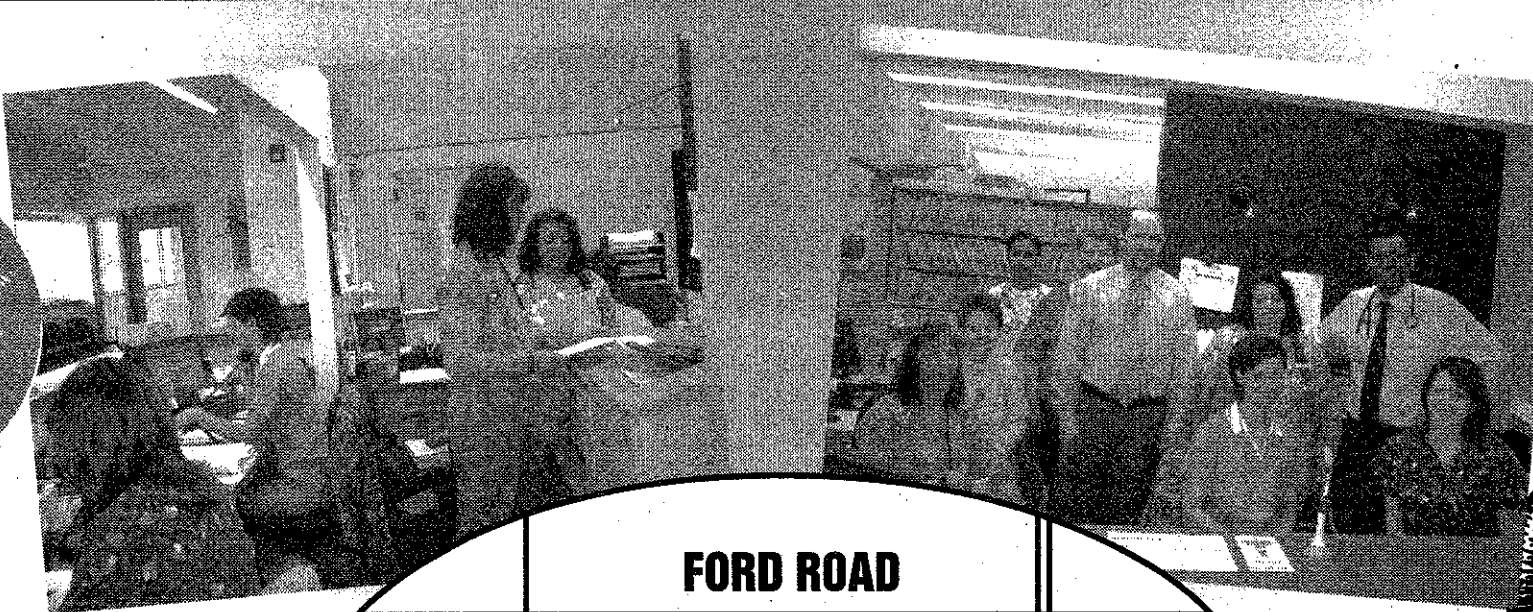


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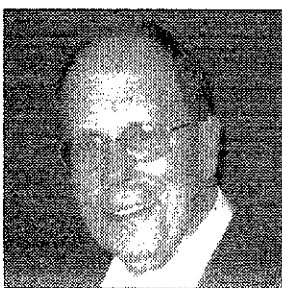


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**BERNARD GOLDMAN**

Age 83, beloved husband of Norma Goldman, greatly loved father of Mark and Carolyn Goldman of Fountain Hills, beloved grandfather of Liam and Grace Goldman and devoted brother of Miriam Canvasser and the late Bernice Miro, died at his Fountain Hills residence on March 22, 2006 after a two-week battle with congestive heart failure and other complications in Mayo Clinic Hospital. Born in Toronto, Canada, he emigrated to the USA as a child and was a long-time resident of Bloomfield Hills near Detroit in Michigan. A veteran of WWII, he served for 14 months on Guam with the 21st Bomber Command in the South Pacific. Prior to leaving for Guam, he married his wife Norma with whom he enjoyed 61 years of marriage. He was Emeritus Professor of Art History at Wayne State University in Detroit where he taught for 40 years in all fields of Art History, specializing in the art of Central and Western Asia. He edited the Bulletin of the Asia Institute for many years and served with distinction for ten years as director of the Wayne State University Press. He is the author of The Sacred Portal, Reading and Writing in the Arts, and The Arts of Central and Western Asia, as well as over a hundred articles on the history of art in scholarly journals. He edited The Discovery of Dura Europos and was scheduled to lecture on the subject of Dura Europos in May at Wayne State University. The class was closed at 75 students and was assigned to a larger classroom to accommodate the extra students still wanting to register. Graveside services were held Sunday, March 26th in Mt. Sinai Cemetery in Phoenix. Contributions are suggested to the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Suite #175, Southfield, MI 48034.

**DAVID J. WAGNER**

Age 60 passed away on Sunday, March 26, 2006, after a long battle with heart disease and congestive heart failure. Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend was preceded in death by his loving parents, Leonard T. and Martha Ann Wagner. He is survived by his wife, Lola, children Wendy Neeley (Chris), David, Gretchen Buczkowski (Pete), grandchildren Kaitlyn and Hunter, brother Tim (Kathy) and Mike (Merilee). Dave will be sadly missed by several nieces, nephews and friends. Born and raised in Toledo, Ohio and a graduate of the University of Toledo, he lived his last 35 years in Birmingham, MI. Dave served as District Manager for 22 years at the Detroit Newspapers, where he took an early retirement, and then worked for EDS and SPX. He enjoyed carving duck decoys, for which he won many ribbons. Dave loved to travel and spend time with his grandchildren, family and friends. He will be remembered most for his creative and uplifting sense of humor along with his courageous spirit. Funeral Mass Thursday (today) 11:00am at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, 32340 Pierce, Beverly Hills. Visitation begins at church 10:30am. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorials to the National Alopecia Areata Foundation, P.O. Box 150760, San Rafael, CA 94915-0760. For further information call A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

FLOYD RAY MILLER

Age 78, March 24, 2006. Beloved husband of the late Audrey. Dear father of Gary (Donna), Linda Tucker, Terry (Elayne), Robert (Barbara), Melanie Firth, Brenda Letizio, Sharon (Larry) McCoy and the late Michael. Grandfather of 25. Great-grandfather of 25. Brother of George E. Miller, Joyce Nason and Laura Richardson. Services were Wednesday from the John N. Santeu & Son Funeral Home.

HARRY S. WHITE

82 of Prudenville died Thursday March 23, 2006, at Hill top Manor Health Care Center. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Prudenville Chapel of Christler Funeral Home. Interment will be held in Denton Township Cemetery. Mr. White was born Feb. 6, 1924, in Fowlerville to Howard and Ida (Stewart) White. He married Helen Johns Oct. 6, 1946, in Detroit and the couple moved from Livonia to Prudenville in 1979. He served in the U.S. Navy. Survivors include his wife; daughters, Michele (Keith) Helfrich of Northville and Kimberley (Jim) Barefield of Colorado; daughter-in-law, Lisa White of Carleton; brothers, Hollis White of Houghton Lake and Howard White of Beaverton; grandchildren, Jessica, Charlotte, Natalie, and Brittany; and great grandchildren, Haley and J. Michael. He was preceded in death by his sons, Michael in 1995 and Phillip in 1999; and brother, Henry White in 2005.

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JUNE L. HABERMEHL

80, Lifetime resident of Farmington, March 24, 2006. Cherished sister of Joyce Habermehl. Funeral service was held Monday, March 27th, at 11am. in the Chapel at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens (N.E. corner of 12 Mile & Novi Rds.) Novi. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes suggested to Angela Hospice or LCMS World Mission, P.O. box 790089, St. Louis, MO 63179-9901. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. (248-474-5200 or heeney-sundquist.com).

MARY "BARD" MILLER SIMON

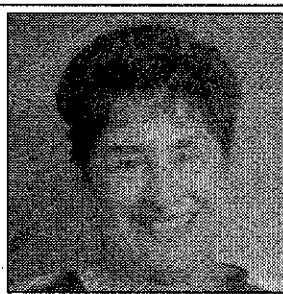
Passed away on Saturday March 18, 2006, at the age of 46, after a long and devastating fight against the ravages of Multiple Sclerosis. She is survived by her son Mitchell Jack Francis Simon III, age 9, and her husband Mark of Corona del Mar California, her Father Stephen Cotter Miller, her step-mother, Dorothy "Dodo" Booth Miller of Harbor Springs Michigan, her Sister Ann Harmon Farwell of Redondo Beach California, her Brother Stephen Andrew Miller of Apple Valley California and her fraternal Grandmother, Mary Simon of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. Bard was a student at Brookside School Cranbrook, The National Cathedral School for Girls in Washington DC, and a graduate of Seaholm High School in Birmingham, Michigan. She spent three years at Michigan State University and then graduated with a Bachelor's of Science Degree from the University of California at Los Angeles. After College, Bard returned to Washington DC to write for the Women's National Health Review. In 1986 Bard moved back to Los Angeles where she met her husband and she later moved to be with him in the Palm Springs area. Bard became a Sales Executive and later General Manager of the printing company Communications Marketing, Inc. She was a volunteer for the Desert Aids Project, the Boys and Girls Club of Coachella Valley, and the Temeculan Society. Bard was preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy Cutter Miller of Laguna, Beach, California who died of cancer in 2003.

MARY E. (ABBOTT) JOHNSON

Age 91, a lifetime resident of Rochester. Born May 26, 1914, passed away March 17, 2006, at her home, surrounded by her loved ones. Beloved wife of 64 years of the late William E. (June 9, 1998). Dear mother of Robert E. (Judy), daughter-in-law Bea Johnson, Patti (William) Wendel, Merry Ann (Donald) Pas, Sharon (David) Smith, and the late William, Jr. Dear sister of Bobbi Anderson. Loving grandmother of Marty Johnson, Kimmy (Randy) Kipp, Jeff Watkins, Hilary Smith, Scott Wendel, Heidi (Greg) Leidtki, Becky (Dave) Shosey, Nicole Smith, and nine great grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held Monday, April 3, 2006, 12 noon, at Christian Memorial Cemetery, 521 E. Hamlin Rd., Rochester Hills, with a luncheon following. Arrangements by Ashley-Scott Funeral Home, (248) 541-2300

RACHEL BRANDON

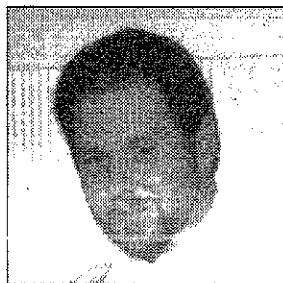
Age 81, of Plymouth, died March 26, 2006. She was born August 6, 1924, in Columbia, Tennessee. She came to the Plymouth community in 1951, from Union City, Tennessee. She was a homemaker, and an avid doll collector. She was a member of the Plymouth Church of Christ. She loved to garden, cook, and sew. She especially enjoyed her family, and was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Clarence; her children, Bob (Pat) Brandon, Donna (Jimmie) Gribble, and Tonya Willette; her grandchildren, Alison (Rollin) Morgan, Chris (Teresa) Brandon, Rachel Leann (Steven) Jones, Timothy (Milayana) Brandon, Michelle (Dink) Lindburg, Susan Brandon, and Dirk Willette; her great-grandchildren, Ian, Angela, Haley, Joshua, Collin, Kara, Allison, Benjamin, and Calvin; and her brother, Linnie (Barb) Brown. She is preceded in death by her children, Jacqueline, Johnny, and Regina Brandon. Services were held Wednesday, March 29, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**RACHEL ROSE LEO**

Age 71, from Troy MI, passed away on March 27, 2006. She was born on April 2, 1934, and was a former resident of Detroit. She is preceded in death by her parents, Alfonso & Adelina Leo. She is survived by her brother, Dominic Leo of Troy, MI, and many cousins and friends. Rachel was employed with The Easter Seals Society of Michigan in Detroit for over 24 years as an Assistant to the Director of Developmental and Communications. She was a member of St. Anastasia Catholic Church, Troy, MI and enjoyed swimming, walking and cooking. Visitation and Rosary were held on Wednesday at Price Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Road, Troy. Instate Thursday 9:00 am until funeral mass 9:30 am at St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 4571 John R Road (btwn Wattles and Long Lake Roads). Interment White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy, MI. Memorials to St. Anastasia Catholic Church Building Fund. (248) 374-5200 or pricefuneralhome.net

ROBERT W. HOKENSON

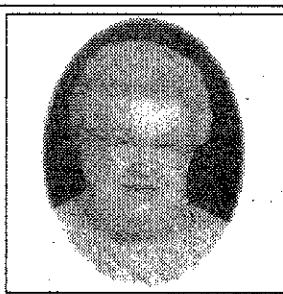
Age 69, lifelong resident of Plymouth, died March 28, 2006. He was born June 28, 1936, in Plymouth. He is survived by his brother, William Hokenson; three nieces; one nephew; three great-nieces; one great-nephew; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Friday 2pm. Visitation 1pm until time of service. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

**RONALD JAMES DENTON, Sr.**

Age 57, of Bear Lake (formerly of Westland), died Monday, March 27, 2006, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was born March 28, 1948, in Detroit, the son of Clyde and Lois (Sugden) Denton. Ronald had worked as a truck driver for Waste Management for many years; and was most recently employed by Beckman Production Service. In his spare time, Ronald enjoyed fishing, playing golf, watching sports and drag racing. Most of all, Ronald loved spending time with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren. Ronald is survived by: his wife, Frances Denton; his sons, Ronald James (Candy) Denton Jr. of Westland, and Jason Albert (Chandra) Denton of Westland; 2 step-children, Paula Jean (Timothy) Batzer of Bear Lake, and Paul Theodore Hamilton of Bear Lake; nine grandchildren, Stephanie, Abigail, Maranda, Brandon, Isaac, Dezyrae, Sarah, Mackenzie and Isabella; one grandchild on the way; seven brothers and sisters, Sherill (Don) Behnke of Okemos, Kathy Clayton of Davison, Billy (Ida) Denton of Canton, John Denton of Canton, Mike (Karen) Denton of Westland, Pete Denton of New Boston and Jerry (Vicki) Brown of Westland; his close friend, Bob Hamilton; and numerous nieces and nephews. Ronald was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 1pm, Saturday, April 1, 2006, at the Terwilliger Funeral Home in Kaleva. Interment will be in the Springdale Township Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday from 5-8pm at the funeral home. The Terwilliger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. www.terwilligerfuneralhome.com

SAM SHELL

Age 90, of Scottsdale, AZ (formerly of Detroit), died March 13, 2006. He attended Ohio State University at the age of 14. Moving to Detroit from Ohio in 1940, he practiced optometry and owned a jewelry store. He then joined Aronsson Printing Company. His business career spanned 70 years. He was a past president of Franklin Hills Country Club, and belonged to congregation Shaarey Zedek. Over the past 20 years, he spent winters in Scottsdale. He celebrated his 90th birthday one month ago surrounded by friends and family; he expressed deep gratitude for his good fortune and long, happy life. He is survived by his wife, Margie Shell of Scottsdale; sons and daughters-in-law William Shell and Elizabeth Charavusira, Richard Shell and Cynthia Bansen, Michael Gross, Neil and Aura Gross; daughter Ellen Gross; grandchildren Jeffrey, Stephanie, Dana, Daniel, Anthony, Megan, Robert, Gary, Gabriel, and Sara; great grandchildren Cassidy, Johanna, Jacob, Ryan, and Anna; brother and sister-in-law Harry and Dorothy Shell. He was the beloved husband of the late Sydelles Shell, brother-in-law Herbert Aronsson. Interment in Scottsdale. Contributions may be made to Arizona Kidney Foundation, 4203 East Indian School Rd., #140, Phoenix, AZ. Arrangements by Ira Kaufman Chapel.

**SOPHIE WITKOWSKI (nee Gliwski)**

Age 86, of Livonia, formerly Redford Twp., passed away March 25th, Loving wife of 45 years to the late Chester J. Witkowski. Dear mother of Paul (Julie), of Livonia and Nancy (John) Guara, of Dearborn Hgts. Beloved Grandmother of Amy and Ryan Witkowski. Sister of Joseph Glewski, Tiverton, RI and the late Stella (Walter) Bolcon, of Fall River, MA. Proud Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Sophie served in the US Navy as Hospital Apprentice 2nd Class during WWII. After the war she earned her Beautician's license with the GI Bill. Upon marriage at Holy Trinity Church, she moved to Detroit, MI. Here she worked as a Beautician and later at Sears Roebuck Stores until retirement in 1981. Until her illness, she enjoyed traveling with the Redford Senior Travelers Club, taking chances at the slots, water exercise classes, and being with her grandchildren. Visiting was Wednesday at Charles Steep Funeral Home (313) 531-1888. Funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday 10 am at St. Valentine Catholic Church (Beech Daly bet. Schoolcraft and 5 Mile Rd.) Interment St. Hedwig Cemetery. The family suggests memorial donations to the American Diabetes Association, Angela Hospice or charity of your choice.

**WILLIAM JAY "BILL" CORLISS**

Park City - Our dear friend, Bill Corliss, age 49, passed away Saturday, March 25, 2006, from injuries sustained in a cycling accident. He was born November 17, 1956, the son of William R. and Jessie Friday Corliss. Bill grew up in Farmington, Michigan. On November 29, 2003, Bill married his longtime soul mate, Deb Kirby, in Park City, Utah. Bill graduated from the University of Michigan with Bachelors in Exercise Physiology. His life's work was spent in one of his passions, the bicycling industry, most recently as Director of Electronics Development for Bell Sports. He is survived by his wife, Deb; son, Jordan; parents, Bill and Jessie; two brothers: Steven (Sandra), Gregory (Edna); brother-in-law, Bob (Allison) Kirby; and nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Bill Corliss Bicycle Advocacy Fund. An account in Bill's name has been set up at Frontier Bank, 1245 Deer Valley Drive, Park City, Utah 84060. A visitation was held Wednesday, March 29, 2006, from 4:00 - 8:00 P.M. at Olpin-Hoopers Funeral Home, 288 North Main Street, Heber City, Utah. Funeral services will begin on Thursday, March 30 - 11:00 A.M. at the Park City Community Church, 4501 No. Hwy 224, Park City, Utah (behind Park City Nursery).

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

MARCH**Lenten dinners**

Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church on Six Mile east of Middlebelt in Livonia will host Lenten Fish Fry dinners 4-7 p.m. Fridays (except Good Friday) during Lent. Fish dinners are \$5 each, with proceeds benefiting the church.

Fish fry

In recognition of its 75th Anniversary, St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia is offering Lenten Dinners 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, in the cafeteria of St. Michael School on Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 261-1455. Dinners are all-you-can-eat and feature a choice of hand-dipped fried or baked cod along with a large assortment of side dishes and beverages. Cost is \$8 adults, \$4 children ages 3-11, and free for under age 3.

Fish fry dinners

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Standing up for peace in a world of conflict 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern near Lahser, Southfield. Call (248) 356-1020, ext. 137

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Two-part seminar

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Hosanna-Labor Lutheran School is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2006-2007 school year, at 9600 Laverne, Redford. After school care 3-6 p.m. Call (734) 937-2233 for information.

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Pastor Herschel Eie leads a Lenten Bible Study 6:20-7:10 p.m. Wednesdays, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford. The church continues Sunday services with an adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m., traditional worship and children's Sunday School at 10 a.m., contemporary Mustard Seed service at 6 p.m. Tuesday adult Bible Study at 11 a.m. Call (734) 421-7620.

Lenten programs

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

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Orchard Lake Schools, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake. For more information, call (248) 706-6769. A museum, the John Paul II Center, is open to visitors on Polish Sunday or by appointment by phoning (248) 683-0412.

Women's fellowship

Salad potluck 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. No ticket/reservation required. Call (248) 374-5920.

Potluck dinner

5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038. The dinner is followed by a musical program by Rev. Joon Yoo, pastor of the Amen Korean Methodist Church of Novi.

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Lenten Vespers

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit conducts services April 2, Sunday of St. John Climacus at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 20500 Anglin, Detroit, (313) 366-0677, and April 9, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt at St. Paul Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Cathedral, 700 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights, (313) 565-9863. For information, contact the Very Rev. Michael Matsko, Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia, at (248) 476-3432 or mmatsko@twmi.rr.com.

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The sale, presented by the Congregational Church of Birmingham, UCC, opens Wednesday, April 5 with early admission at 4 p.m. for \$3 followed by free admission 5-8 p.m. at the church, 1000 Cranbrook on the southwest corner of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. The sale continues 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6 with a 1/2 price sale (on most items) from 1-4 p.m. and bag sale on most remaining items 5-7 p.m. No strollers due to limited space. All net proceeds benefit outreach/charitable programs of the church.

Luncheon series

Ecumenical Lenten series hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth for churches of Plymouth noon to 12:30 p.m. service, 12:30-1 p.m. soup and bread lunch Wednesday, April 5, at 701 Church Street. Donation to benefit Salvation Army.

Lent program

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

Lenten schedule

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

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First Friday

With speaker David Edwards 7 p.m. April 7, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church. No ticket/reservation required. Child care provided. Call (248) 374-5920.

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A shutout by Madonna University senior pitcher Erin Brockert in Sunday's doubleheader opener kept the Crusaders' winning streak alive. But Madonna ran out of gas in the second game, losing 10-4 to Ohio Dominican.

Crusaders' winning streak snapped at 15

It had to end sometime. After reeling off 15 victories in a row, Madonna University's softball team finally tasted defeat — a 10-4 setback at the hands of Ohio Dominican on Sunday.

Earlier Sunday, the visiting Crusaders (15-1) won 4-0 over the Panthers (18-8) on a complete-game, three-hit shutout by senior pitcher Erin Brockert.

Madonna actually was headed toward a sweep, leading 4-0 in the fourth. But Ohio Dominican, after scoring a run against Crusaders junior starting pitcher Shannon Noder in the fourth, went to town against Brockert in a relief role during the fifth and sixth. She gave up nine runs (six earned) and 10 hits in 2 1/3 innings.

The big guns for the Panthers in the nightcap were Gina Schneider (2-3, four RBI) and Stephanie Bowshier (2-3, four RBI).

For Madonna, the bright spot in the loss was a three-run

homer in the fourth by freshman catcher Alison Grant.

Sophomore first baseman Christina Finch collected two hits in three at-bats.

In the opener, it was a different story as the Panthers could not do much against Brockert — who helped her cause with a 2-for-3 game at the plate, including two RBI.

Meanwhile, MU scored twice in the third to go up 2-0. Brockert's sacrifice fly to right scored senior second baseman Stacey Sexsmith and another run came in on an error.

Finch then homered to right-center field in the sixth, to up the Madonna lead to 3-0 and the final run scored in the seventh on an RBI double by Brockert.

Taking the loss for Ohio Dominican was Sara Hutson, who gave up seven hits and walked three in a complete-game outing.

Madonna will host Rochester College at 3 p.m. Thursday.

Pelicans trip up MU, 6-1

Madonna University's varsity baseball team could not get the bats going against Spalding's Sean Morgan Sunday, and the Crusaders wound up losing 6-1.

Morgan gave up just four hits in pitching the Pelicans to their 11th victory in 30 decisions this year. Madonna dropped to 6-13-1 on the season.

Highlights for the Crusaders in the non-conference tilt included two hits (including a double) by third baseman Ben Ramsey and a run-scoring single by shortstop Kyle Fedorka in the fourth, which at the time cut Spalding's lead to 3-1.

The Pelicans added two runs in the fifth to break the game open.

Taking the loss for Madonna was Keegan Beaton, who went just three innings on the mound while giving up two

earned runs on five hits.

Following Beaton on the hill were Tony Luttman, Mike Hand, Andy Wojcik, Ryan Bradowski, Mike Orehek and Scott Miller. Wojcik fanned three in his lone inning of work.

The only other Madonna hit was a single by Dan Miller (1-1).

Leading the Pelicans on offense were Alex Kerins (3-3) and Jeremy Jackey (3-4). Clubbing a solo home run was Jacob Julius.

The Crusaders' scheduled doubleheader Tuesday at Ohio Dominican was postponed because of rain. No makeup date has been set.

Next up for MU is a Saturday afternoon (1 p.m.) doubleheader at Siena Heights to open the 2006 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference season.

Madonna begins search for women's hoops coach

Madonna University is accepting applications for the part-time position of women's basketball head coach.

Qualified candidates should possess a bachelor's degree and previous coaching experience (high schools or college) is preferred. The search will continue until the position is filled.

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For full consideration, mail resume, cover letter and a list of three references (including phone numbers) to: Human Resource Department, Attn: Women's Basketball Posting, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Livonian pitches Wayne State to softball tourney title

Baseball Warriors sweep pair of doubleheaders

The Warriors' softball team (9-14) won the Wayne State University-hosted invitation-al last weekend with three victories on Sunday — two pitched by Livonia's Meghan Misiak, who earned tourney MVP honors.

WSU defeated Ferris State, 4-3, routed Findlay, 14-1 and won the tourney with a 10-1 rout over Hillsdale in the championship contest.

Sarah Berry, who hit .462 with a homer and five RBI over the weekend, and Sue Verbeem (3-3 in the final game, 5-9 overall) were named to the All-Tournament team.

Misiak pitched two complete-game wins, giving up just two earned runs in the process while striking out 10.

The Warriors will play GLIAC doubleheaders at Findlay on Saturday and at Ashland on Sunday. WSU returns home for a doubleheader on Wednesday, April 5 against Ferris State.

BASEBALL

After losing 13 of its first 14 games, the Wayne State baseball team swept back-to-back doubleheaders at Gannon last weekend, a come-from-behind 8-2 triumph in the opener followed by a 4-2 victory.

The second victory had to wait until Sunday to be completed, because it was suspended because of darkness on Saturday after six innings.

But the Warriors held on to finish the win, behind Ryan Mosher's pitching (two runs in six innings).

Wayne State then won 15-1 and 12-7 in Sunday's regularly scheduled twinbill. In the first game, Derek Ranck (Clarkston) hit a grand slam and freshman starting pitcher Anthony Bass fanned 11 batters in just five innings.

The Warriors finished the sweep in style, scoring five runs in the 11th inning to bounce back from a 7-1 deficit.

After WSU fell behind 7-1 early, the Warriors chipped away and finally tied the game 7-7 in the sixth. Then in the telltale 11th, Scott Martin brought in two runs with a double and additional runs were knocked in by Ranck, Jon Weisman and Kevin Kadrofske. Jon Swartout finished with a career-high nine strikeouts in 7.2 innings of relief work, allowing just two hits and one walk.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Warriors' men's tennis team split a pair of home GLIAC matches at Eastside Racquet Club in Detroit, defeating Findlay, 8-1, on Saturday before falling to Mercyhurst, 6-3, on Sunday.

Wayne State led 2-1 after doubles and recorded triumphs in all six singles matches, five in straight sets, against the Oilers. Ryan Buck and Adam Williams (Northville, Mich.) were victorious in both singles and dou-

bles against the Lakers on Sunday, and Buck extended his winning streak at No. 6 singles to four.

WSU will play its next three matches on the road, beginning with a 1 p.m. nonconference meeting at Alma on Saturday, April 1. The Warriors will continue GLIAC play on Sunday at Ferris State and Monday at Grand Valley State.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Wayne State women's tennis team had its three-match winning streak snapped with a 5-4 loss to Lake Superior State on Saturday in Allendale, Mich. The Warriors responded on Sunday with a 7-2 victory over Grand Valley State. WSU will play its next spring match at Alma on Monday, April 10, at 3:00 p.m.

MEN'S GOLF

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Look for a vacation rental that suits your needs

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Kate Rosevear of Plymouth Township has had a few surprises over the years with vacation rentals. She and friends had rented from news ads or word of mouth.

Some accommodations were overly rustic, while others were too elegant for cross country weekends, said Rosevear, owner of Carlson Wagonlit Travel/Suncoast Travel of Plymouth and Wayne. She noted the field's not highly regulated.

"There are resorts up north that have condominium rentals that are quite reliable," she said. She and friends sometimes cleaned up rentals - "We left them better than we found them" - and lost a security deposit after it was said they had done damage.

"Overall, it was a good experience over the years," said Rosevear, who recommends getting agreements in writing. "It was a good time."

Laura Oblinger, senior vice president of the Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce, has some thoughts on vacation rentals as well. "People do visit the Traverse City area. This is a 12-month destination," she said. "The summer months do tend to be our highest months."

Vacation property listings are available on their Web site, tcchamber.org. There's also a regional marketing effort, done with the Traverse City Convention and Visitors Bureau, the chamber, National Cherry Festival and Charter Communications. The site traversecity.com has links to all of those.

Efforts focus on a five-county area, Oblinger

said. Petoskey and Harbor Springs, further north, also have their own chambers which can provide information.

Requests come into the Traverse Area Association of Realtors, which covers a five-county area, said administrative assistant Bobbie Stevens. "We have a lot of wonderful vacation spots."

For that Realtor group, you can visit taar.com and click on rentals or www.nmvr.com, for Northern Michigan Vacation Rentals. There's an online form to post rental information, Stevens said, free to Realtors and \$50 to the public for a three-month ad.

"They can search by a variety of topics," Stevens said, including whether it's a cabin or cottage. The Realtor site attracts some 1,500 unique visitors a day.

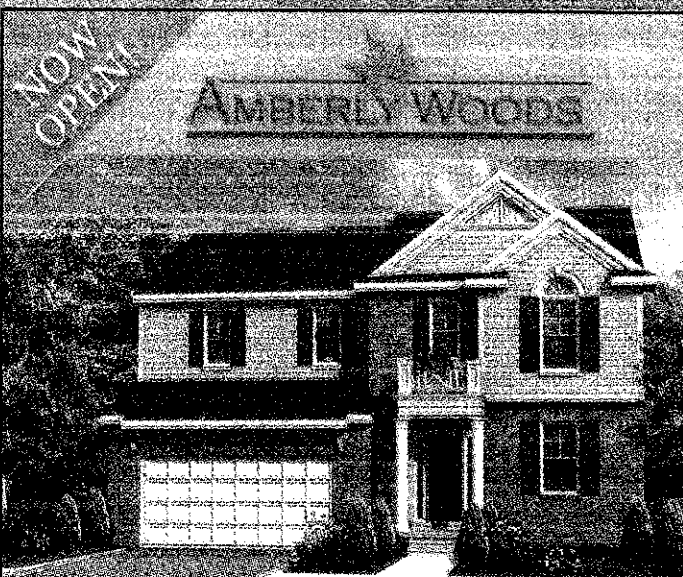
Rosevear recommends talking to friends and family about vacation rentals. She does that kind of thing rarely in her work at the travel agency. "I know that part of Michigan rather well," she said.

There are condos and Alpine chalets that are comfortable. "You get what you pay for is what it amounts to," Rosevear said.

There are also some timeshare resorts, not a lot but well-maintained, she added. It may be wise to take a drive up north to see your accommodations in advance, Rosevear said.



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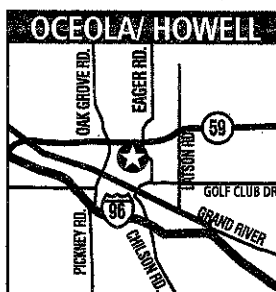
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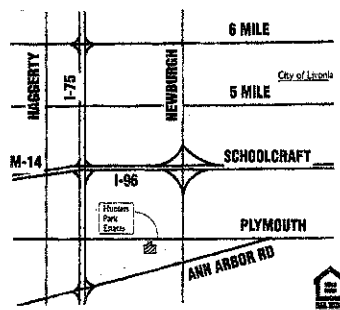
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Tampa development sign of hope

Q. I understand there is some development along the river port area of Tampa which may be beneficial as a source of reference to Detroit. Do you have any information concerning that?
A. There is much development along the river area and port area in downtown Tampa. Indeed, the old Ybor City has been converted to a restaurant/night club, cigar factory area with a trolley running from Ybor City to the downtown convention center spurring developments and businesses including high rise condominiums. The area has become a tourist attraction which could be developed in the downtown river area along the Detroit River which would no doubt spur development and commerce. Tampa is again another example of the city that has taken a dilapidated area and refurbished it to the benefit of all.



Real Estate Inquires

Robert Meisner

Q. Many of our board members are out of state during the winter and cannot participate in board meetings because of that. Do you have any suggestions?
A. In Michigan if everyone present at a board meeting can hear everyone else, a conference call is a good idea with a speaker phone located in those places where board members are present so that they can hear all other board members. Just because someone is out of state at the time of a given board meeting does not mean they cannot participate in the

conference if the association is willing to provide the technological apparatuses available for such a board meeting. Indeed, we encourage our community association clients to insure that all board members are present at all meetings through whatever electronic means is possible.

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

Consider home loan's closing costs

Many mortgage borrowers are so focused on shopping interest rates that they often miss out on other important loan factors. Interest rate is one loan element; it is not everything. Such one-dimensional shopping is like buying an automobile based solely on its looks without even considering performance, fuel economy, insurance costs, and residual value.



Timothy Phillips

ment and prepaid taxes and interest, in addition to their loan's costs and fees. There are essentially three ways for borrowers to cover most mortgage costs: pay cash out of pocket, use your home's equity, or have somebody else pay for them. That "somebody" could be a seller, if you find one willing. It could also be your lender, who will usually put you in a loan product that will produce a sufficient "yield" to cover your costs. Do not be deceived. If a lender claims to cover your costs, he will certainly recoup that money in some other way. Nobody works for free, and a "no cost" loan sim-

ply means that you are paying for your own expenses in another way. If you have it, using your home's equity is usually a good option, especially if you intend to stay in the loan for a very long time. This tack should give you an optimum interest rate which will save you huge money over time. Today's TIMBIT! Accepting a slightly higher interest rate and asking your lender to cover your costs is a good idea for short-term mortgages. You will have slightly higher monthly payments, but you will pocket the chunk the money you would have otherwise forked out on those costs. **Timothy Phillips** is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. Visit www.PhillipsHQ.com for article archives and www.CarteretOnline.Biz for mortgage calculators and solutions. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of Oct. 31-Nov. 4, 2005, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.			
Canton			
48591 Antique	\$278,000	28470 Alvin	\$119,000
48610 Antique	\$163,000	29744 Balmoral	\$133,000
42619 Barchester	\$145,000	32513 Bock	\$185,000
43231 Barchester	\$276,000	32361 Brown	\$230,000
50515 Belmont	\$194,000	6737 Burnly	\$157,000
40618 Blytheheld	\$194,000	6416 Dillon	\$153,000
1181 Brookline	\$249,000	33120 Florence	\$120,000
49002 Castleside	\$511,000	511 Helen	\$150,000
44201 Cherbourg	\$230,000	31112 Krauter	\$104,000
211 Cherry Stone	\$271,000	33711 Rosslyn	\$125,000
4022 Cornerstone	\$46,000	32215 Rush	\$122,000
44195 Cranberry	\$186,000	32259 Sheridan	\$165,000
1521 Emerald Pines	\$85,000	6928 Whitby	\$135,000
1562 Emerald Pines	\$321,000	29800 Windsor	\$180,000
8205 Endicott	\$211,000	Livonia	
49156 Fifth Avenue	\$320,000	32725 Barkley	\$210,000
4026 Forest Bridge	\$52,000	18561 Brentwood	\$110,000
4081 Forest Bridge	\$54,000	36063 Dover	\$125,000
4099 Forest Bridge	\$58,000	29539 Grandon	\$167,000
4350 Forest Bridge	\$58,000	36564 Grandon	\$210,000
4368 Forest Bridge	\$58,000	30178 Hoy	\$138,000
4404 Forest Bridge	\$58,000	37954 Jamison	\$140,000
45518 Glengarry	\$380,000	27546 Long	\$143,000
45717 Graystone	\$192,000	36262 Margaretta	\$250,000
45725 Graystone	\$205,000	9733 Middlebelt	\$94,000
45957 Graystone	\$234,000	31720 Middleboro	\$191,000
41510 Hanford	\$225,000	9317 Montana	\$203,000
6976 Harvard	\$117,000	11034 Oxbow	\$165,000
1645 Heritage	\$185,000	30926 Roycroft	\$175,000
4611 Hunters	\$156,000	38125 S Vista	\$350,000
1414 Kensington	\$349,000	37129 Saint Martins	\$290,000
42798 Lilley Pointe	\$126,000	9840 ShadySide	\$178,000
2290 N Woods	\$323,000	17187 Stamwich	\$205,000
48523 Oak Bridge	\$58,000	15074 Westbrook	\$298,000
48551 Oak Bridge	\$58,000	15611 Westbrook	\$230,000
41644 Pheasant Creek	\$339,000	Plymouth	
2084 Pinecroft	\$173,000	50581 Beechwood	\$237,000
42186 Saratoga	\$182,000	11349 Cedar	\$195,000
49651 Shenandoah	\$521,000	41231 Greenbriar	\$210,000
41058 Southwind	\$119,000	48404 Joy	\$190,000
41230 Southwind	\$123,000	13482 Karl	\$409,000
Garden City		40629 Newport	\$145,000
		9315 Oakcliff	\$240,000
		284 Pinewood	\$135,000
		49525 Pointe Xing	\$175,000
		1150 S Harvey	\$313,000
		1372 Sheridan	\$322,000
		820 Starkweather	\$320,000
		11827 Sycamore	\$133,000
		1450 W Ann Arbor	\$84,000
		Westland	
		37041 Amhurst	\$215,000
		33408 Bendon	\$68,000
		30817 Birchwood	\$140,000
		35142 Birchwood	\$165,000
		30651 Burlington	\$122,000
		1135 Craig	\$215,000
		36527 Fairchild	\$191,000
		36661 Gilchrist	\$183,000
		35561 Glen	\$107,000
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LIVONIA - Absolutely perfect 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath ranch w/great rm & large hearth rm inc: new oak & Corian kitchen, premium Pella wood windows w/bit-in blinds, roof, furnace, vinyl trim, etc. Gorgeous fenced yard w/paver patio & sprinklers! Must See! \$309,900 (L86Sou)

CANTON - Immediate occupancy on this updated 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath colonial. Huge master suite w/access to awesome bath w/jetted tub & dual showerheads, large deck w/benches in fenced yard, updated roof, siding, windows, A/C, carpet, etc. \$222,900 (L95Fye)

CANTON - Beautiful new 4 bdrm, 3.5 bath cape cod w/great rm & large hearth rm w/see-thru FP, 1st floor master w/dual walk-in closets, large kitchen w/walk-in pantry, granite island & oak floors, daylight basement, completely landscaped! \$554,200 (L70Ox)

LIVONIA - Buy or lease this 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial in a great sub! Offers large family rm w/FP, library, 1st floor laundry & many, many updates inc: furnace, A/C, baths & windows. Fantastic price w/fantastic location! \$289,900 or \$1800/mo (L65Pol)

LIVONIA - Great 1st flr condo located in back of complex near woods. Updated white kitchen w/newer counters, sink & wood-like flr. Hamilton porch enclosure w/glass & screens, newer Wallside wndws, bsmt storage, car port & comm. pool. \$69,900 (L85Far)

DEARBORN - Stunning West Dearborn brick bungalow is perfect in every way! Gorgeous kitchen, 2 bdrms on main flr, lg 2nd flr master w/full bath, fin'd basement, updated roof, windows, copper plumbing, furn, A/C + more. Mint! \$154,900 (L20Wil)

CANTON - Exquisite 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial, nearly 3600 sq ft & located in great area of Canton. Walk to new high school from this contemporary home w/1st flr library, circular stairway, sun rm + 3 car garage! \$448,000 (L95Lab)

FARMINGTON HILLS - Unbelievable home on 1/2 acre wooded lot, 4 bdrm, 4 baths, 2 lavs, library, fam rm, spacious kitchen, exercise rm w/hot tub, waterfall & sauna, fantastic ingrd pool & patios. 2.5 car heated garage w/add'l heated workshop! \$424,900 (L23Woo)

WESTLAND - Great family home offering 3 bdrms, 2 baths, fabulous master w/huge walk-in-closet & adjoining 20x15 sitting rm, huge 130x125 lot w/brick paver patio & walkway. Updates inc: kitchen, windows, shingles, elec box + more. \$159,900 (L40Boo)

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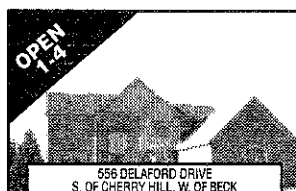
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ELEGANTLY APPOINTED - Prestigious Pulte Carrington boasts 4 bds, 3 baths & private treed lot. Prem Elevation w/grand staircase & 2 story FR. Kitchen w/cherry, Corian, & walk in pantry. Hearth room w/2 sided fp. Prof landscaped w/custom brick paver patio & sprinklers. \$524,999 (P-495CE)



PULTE CHARMER - 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath Pulte Colonial. Trad floor plan w/kit featuring light cabinets, island, pantry & all appl. Separate family rm & formal dining rm or flex as a private den. Mst ste w/ high ceilings & luxury size bath w/WIC. 1st fl laundry w/washer & dryer. \$274,900 (P-692CL)



PRIVACY ABOUNDS - This Fairways West executive style home features an open 2 story foyer w/hwd floors. Chef's kitchen w/neutral ctops, desk area, hwd floors & nook that opens to custom deck. Large family room w/2-sided trpl, & library w/frpl. Master suite w/cath ceiling, bath & WIC & finished bsmt. \$423,900 (P-351EL)



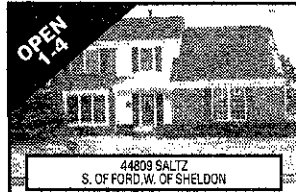
CALL THE MOVERS! - Outstanding value in this 4 bd, 2.5 bath Fairways colonial. 2 story foyer, formal Living & Dining rooms, & private Library. Large gourmet kitchen w/island & hwd floors. Family room w/gas fp. Mstr. Ste w/his & her WIC & glamour bath. 2 tier paver patio & sprinklers. \$399,990 (P-583FO)



A BREATH OF FRESH AIR - Stylish Pulte 4 bd home features a 2 story foyer & large kitchen w/hwd floors. Spacious FR w/frpl, Flex room could be used as LR or library. Large master features private bath, WIC & sitting area. Professionally landscaped yard backing to commons area. A real value, don't miss it. \$389,900 (P-395SP)



MOVE RIGHT IN - Beautifully updated colonial featuring Kitchen w/corrian, Anderson windows, & professionally finished bsmt w/egress window & guest bdrm w/bath. Everything has been done for you, call today. \$399,900 (P-273RE)



FABULOUS FIND! - 4 bdrm. Colonial w/newer carpet, fresh paint, ceramic Foyer 7 Kitchen, spacious Family Room w/frpl, Formal Living & Dining rooms, master suite w/WIC, partially finished bsmt and much more... \$256,000 (P-809SA)



UNBEATABLE PRICE - Immaculate townhouse features vaulted ceiling, attached garage, daylight basement, 2nd floor laundry, all appliances stay, 2 bd., 2.5 baths, & basement is plumbed for additional bath. Much more to see, call today! \$159,999 (P-878SU)

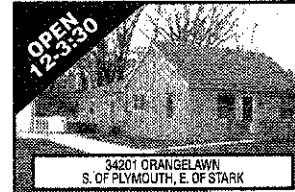
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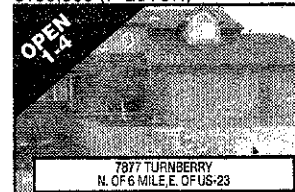
PRICED TO SELL! - Barely lived in 2 Bd, 2.5 Ba. 2 story condo built in 2005. Large open 1st floor w/9ft ceilings, Open Kitchen area w/Maple Cabinets & all appliances. Spacious Master Bd w/cathedral ceiling, WIC & bath, 1 Car garage, pool & clubhouse. Neat, neutral & immediate occupancy! \$169,900 (P-536PE)



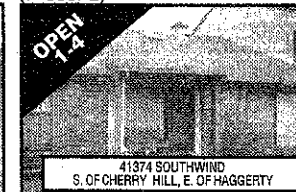
UPDATED COLONIAL - 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial w/wonderful features. Open floor plan, 1st floor laundry, family room w/frpl & cathedral ceiling, updated oak Kitchen w/nook & doorwall to brick Patio. Master suite w/double closets & bath, neutral decor t/o, & backs to woods. \$184,900 (P-570TI)



PHEASANT VIEW CAPE - Outstanding home on a corner lot w/huge great room floor plan offering dramatic ceilings, a gourmet kitchen with Jenn-air appliances, 1st floor master with a jetted tub, crown moldings and a 3 car garage. \$404,900 (P-215CR)



LIFE ON THE GREEN - This immaculate & tastefully decorated home is a must see! 2/3 of an acre situated on the 11th tee in a popular golf community. 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial, master suite with jetted tub & 2 WICs, stunning Kitchen w/island, & a 3 car garage. \$289,900 (P-877TU)



GREAT LOCATION - For this immaculate and unit ranch in Canton. Amenities include skylights, cathedral ceilings, updated roof, furnace & central air. Bright kitchen w/appliances, full basement, pool, clubhouse and more. \$128,400 (P-374SO)



OUTSTANDING BLENCARRY SUB! - Original owner of this 2591 sq ft 4 bd, 2.5 bath Blencarry Sub. Features down family rm w/gas fp, formal living & dining room. Kitchen w/oak cabinets & doorwall leading out to brick patio. 2nd floor laundry, spacious Master w/jacuzzi tub & WIC. \$359,900 (P-887WE)



UPDATED HOME - 4 bd, 2.5 bath Livonia colonial. Beautiful new kitchen w/white cabinets, granite, vaulted ceiling & tp, formal Living & Dining rooms. 1st floor laundry & Den. Updated bath, windows, furnace, & large Deck. \$338,500 (P-002RO)



TANGLEWOOD CONDO - Finally a condo in prestigious Tanglewood. This 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo offers wood floors, Kitchen w/double oven, fireplace, large Master Suite, WICs, 3 bd, 2.5 baths, & a 2.5 car Garage. Come see! \$369,900 (P-526SA)



WALK TO TOWN - Just a short walk to downtown Plymouth from this 5 bd, 2.5 bath colonial. Features a maintained w/many updates inc roof, furnace, vinyl windows, & carpet. Great value for Plymouth. Don't wait to long. \$264,900 (P-641GL)



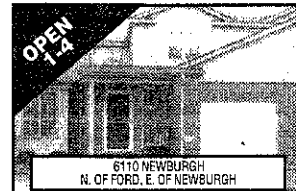
IMMACULATE - Beautiful home onced under market value due to owner's relocation. Features a floor plan, large master suite, 1st floor laundry, finished bsmt, nice yard, & convenient location. \$342,500 (P-741CH)



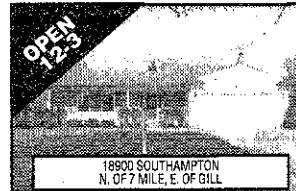
ELEGANT & SPACIOUS - 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial in popular Winoski. Features a formal Living Room, Florida Room, partially finished basement, & many other upgrades. Call today for more details. \$239,500 (P-371HI)



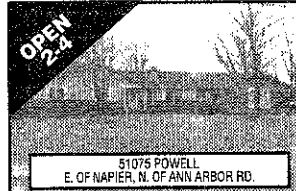
SPARKLING COLONIAL - Beautifully updated kitchen w/oak cabinetry, dining room w/wooded style floor, vaulted family room w/fireplace & doorwall to patio overlooking a manicured yard. Really nice. Call today. \$210,000 (C-371BE)



MOVE-IN CONDITION - Decorated w/designer colors t/o. Hardwood floors, attached Garage w/direct access to unit. Open area upstairs could be library or study. Great Room wired for surround sound. Patio area planted w/beautiful perennials. This will not last! \$189,900 (P-110NE)



LIVONIA CHARMER - Gorgeous 4 bd, 2 bath home w/over 2000 sq ft. Formal Living & Dining rooms. Family Room w/natural frpl, oversized lot w/fresh landscaping & cement Patio. Move in condition. \$290,000 (P-900SO)



CUSTOM IN EVERY WAY - 1.75 acres! Over 3700 sq ft of living in this super brick ranch w/3 car garage! Open & airy w/2 way frp from formal DR to cath ceiling LR! FR w/unique fp & doorwall to open yard, kit w/maple cabs, skylights, baths, storage & w/o bsmt. Must see inside! \$434,500 (P-075PO)



LIKE NEW! - 2 bd ranch condo w/all the bells & whistles! Can't be beat unit which boasts neutral carpet, new kit w/white cabs, formal dining rm & large liv rm w/gas fp & doorwall to brick paver patio. Top this off with a full bsmt, plantation blinds and you've got a winner! \$126,500 (P-146SO)



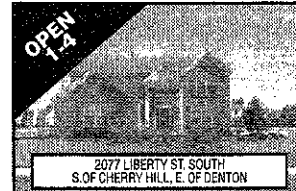
GREAT HOME - Outstanding colonial w/marble flooring in foyer & Kitchen. Huge master suite w/vaulted ceiling, fireplace, WIC, bath w/double sinks, & soaking tub. Great neighborhood. \$251,900 (C-881TA)



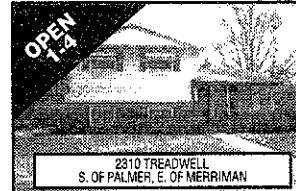
PLYMOUTH COLONIAL - Desirable Hough Park. Over 2500 sq ft w/4 bd, 3 baths, formal dining, 1st floor laundry, recently added Great Room, & 3 car garage. Great neighborhood! \$494,900 (C-490MA)



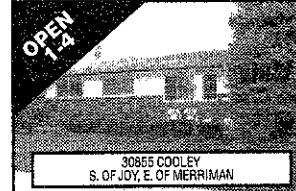
AWESOME RANCH - This one will knock your socks off. Numerous upgrades such as windows, carpet, paint, hwd flooring, & paver patio. Living Room w/frp, beautiful updated bath w/granite, & a huge 1/2 acre lot. Put this one at the top of your list. \$234,900 (C-555AN)



LOOK NO FURTHER! Than this exquisite 4 bedroom colonial in Canton's Central Park. Grand entry, hardwoods, gourmet kitchen, formal areas, fireplace, a superb master, 2.5 car Garage, & an oversized lot! \$374,900 (C-077LI)



GREAT HOME - 3 bd quad level in popular Westland sub. Family Room, 1.5 baths, basement, 3 season Florida room, & 2.5 car Garage in quiet neighborhood. Call today for an appointment. \$169,900 (C-310TR)



SHARP BRICK RANCH - With Livonia Schools! Spacious living room w/cozy fireplace and doorwall to the covered patio overlooking the backyard. Finished basement, garage and a roomy floor plan. \$176,900 (C-855CO)



METICULOUS LIVONIA RANCH - 4 bd, 1.5 bath ranch w/1200+ sq ft. Updated Kitchen w/Pergo style floor. New roof on home & garage. Updated windows, furnace, A/C, circuit breakers, & copper plumbing. Patio door leads to Deck & beautiful yard. Finished bsmt. This home is ready for you! \$200,000 (C-161LY)



ONE OF A KIND - Captivating colonial w/virtually maintenance free exterior. Hwd floors abound, 3 full ceramic baths, recessed lighting in Kitchen, & 20x13 raised Deck for relaxing outdoors. A must see! \$455,900 (C-621OR)



HEART OF CANTON - Super Cape Cod with a striking great room floor plan offering a fireplace, finished basement, first floor master and a patio for summer enjoyment. Clean and inviting home. \$299,900 (C-214 SA)



RANCH ON 4 ACRES! - Located in Canton, offering a large floor plan with over 4 acres (possible split), 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths and a 40x48 pole barn. Family room fireplace and appliances remain. Call now. \$374,900 (C-331SA)



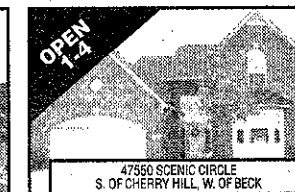
PLYMOUTH CONDO - Colonial on private treed lot. New Kit w/Pergo flrs & maple cabs. Updated FR w/ceramic trim fp, newer crpt. Deck overlooks wooded yd. New Wallside wndws w/trans warr, newer tear off roof, newer 6 panel drs. Warr. \$229,900 (C-693WA)



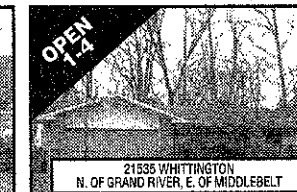
A MUST SEE! - Beautiful colonial on private treed lot. New kit w/Pergo flrs & maple cabs. Updated FR w/ceramic trim fp, newer crpt. Deck overlooks wooded yd. New Wallside wndws w/warr, newer tear off roof, newer 6 panel drs. Warranty. \$229,900 (C-693WA)



NEW CONSTRUCTION - Beautiful Arlington floor plan. 1st floor bdrms, 2 car attached Garage w/private drive on a premium lot. Over 22k of upgrades including basement w/egress window. This won't last long! \$239,900 (C-587ST)



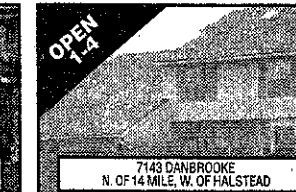
HOUSE BEAUTIFUL IN CANTON - Absolutely stunning home offering many upgrades like granite in the kitchen, top of the line carpeting, marble surrounding the fireplace, cherry wood floors. Call to see it today! \$274,900 (C-550SC)



SPACIOUS RANCH - This 3 bd, 2 ba condo w/large spacious rooms. Wonderful Galley Kitchen w/all appl. Newer vinyl windows, furnace & hwh. Neutral decor, full Basement & a garage. Call today! \$189,900 (P-535WH)



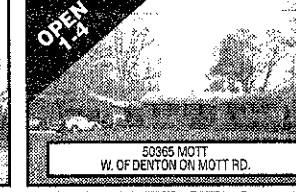
BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED - 2 Bd, 2.5 ba condo w/large spacious rooms. Wonderful Galley Kitchen w/all appl. Newer vinyl windows, furnace & hwh. Neutral decor, full Basement & a garage. Call today! \$127,900 (P-534CO)



UPSCALE COMFORT! - Newly remodeled 2 bd, 2 bath condo in Greenpointe Sub. New hwd flrs, tiled fp, freshly painted w/neutral colors, mstr bath, skylights, new SS appl, new deck & fin bsmt. Comm. pool & tennis w/Walled Lk. Schls. \$189,900 (P0143DA)



GREAT COLONIAL - 3 bd, 1.5 bath w/nice features. Updates Kitchen w/granite, hardwood floors on entry level & large closets. Deck in the large, private backyard. A must see! \$162,000 (P-048AS)



COUNTRY IN THE CITY - Sprawling ranch on 1+ acre lot. Lovely Living Room w/frp, 4 bds, 1.5 baths, newer carpeting, hwd floors, large enclosed porch, new roof in '05, & a 1 yr. Home Warranty for the lucky buyer. What more could you ask for? \$189,000 (P-365MO)



GREAT OPPORTUNITY - Spacious 3 bd, 2 bath brick home w/many updates inc. new windows, C/A, updated baths & kit, tear off roof in '97, bsmt is plumbed for bath, new cement patio, FR w/nat fp, new gar dr w/opener, new frt dr, & interior freshly painted. \$229,900 (P-494VA)



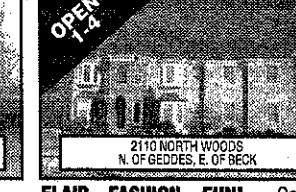
CHARMING STONE HOME - 4.65 Acres embraces this charming 4 bedroom home. Fireplace, hwd & ceramic flrs welcomes you home. 48X30 pole barn. Swimming pool. Great craftsmanship. Built in 1930. Numerous updates. Plym-Canton Schls. \$454,900 (P-291NO)



MUST SEE - Well maintained Canton colonial. 3bds, 1.5 ba, updated kitchen, baths, roof, AC, windows, doors, carpet, gutters, & hwh. Add to this a stamped concrete patio, sprinklers, all appliances, family room w/frp, & an impressive master bedroom. \$219,900 (P-815SC)



WALK TO DOWNTOWN - Outstanding Plymouth neighborhood! Custom built w/all many updates including furnace, air, hwh, Kit apps, & roof. Hwd flrs, 3 full baths, large FR w/frp, & an impressive master bedroom. \$519,000 (P-411LI)



FLAIR, FASHION, FUN! - Canton colonial. Formal DR w/columns, 2-sty GR w/cast stone & marble fp, cherry cabs, extensive use of designer ceramic & paint. Paver patio, curved staircase, side entry gar, bridge overlooking GR. \$389,000 (P-110NO)

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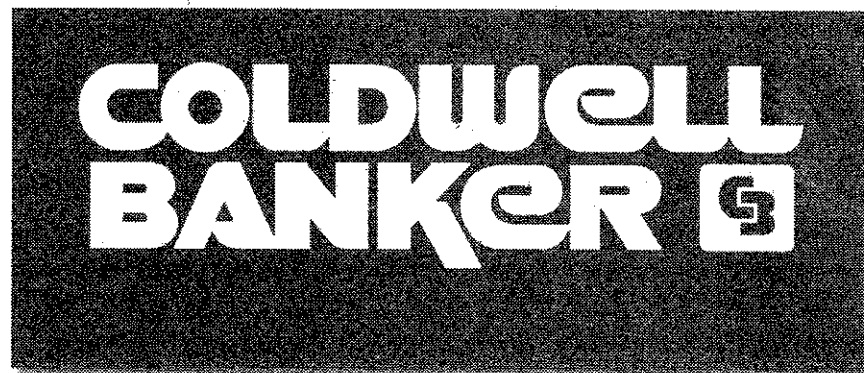
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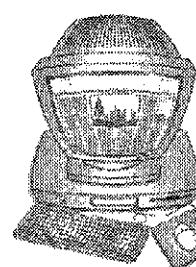
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\$169,900

SOUTH LYON
 Exquisite brick 3 BR, 3 bath, 2 lav, home with 50x7 front & back porch plus deck. Freshly painted. Large gourmet kitchen & DR w/ gathering room and fireplace. Hardwood floors, Corian countertops, snack bar island, SS appls, and so much more.
\$389,900

LIVONIA
 Spotless, super sharp brick ranch w/ 3 BR, 1.5 bath. This home has a country kitchen, FR w/ fireplace, door to patio. Great features for entertaining. Updates include: windows, furnace, paint, rec room w/ wet bar. Clean as a pin!
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FARMINGTON HILLS
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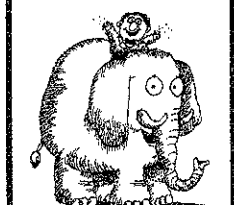
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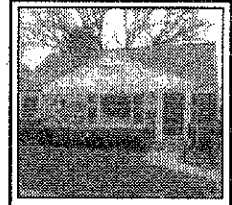
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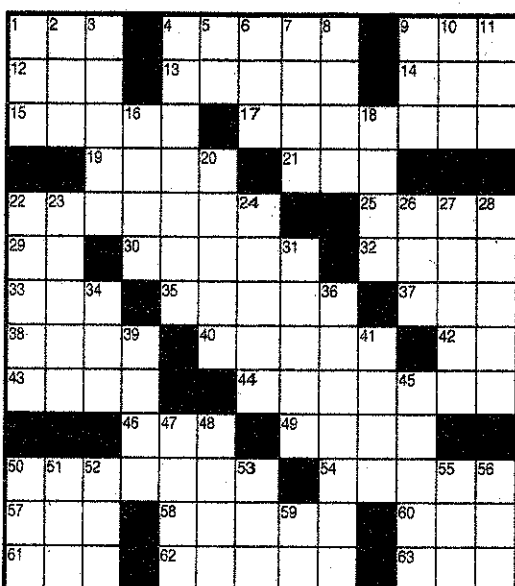
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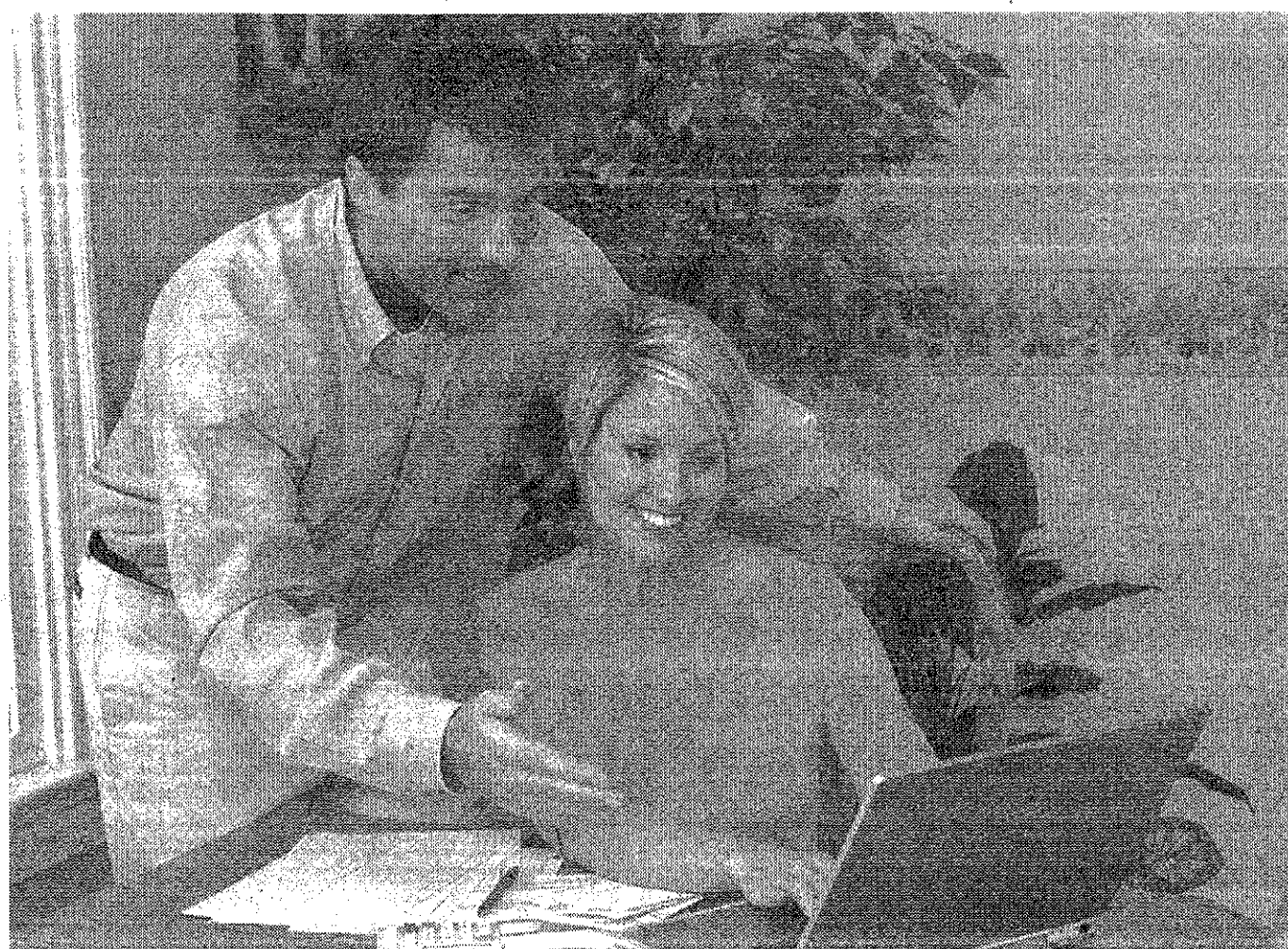
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CANTON Wonderful Location
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(E71COP) 734-455-5600 \$259,000



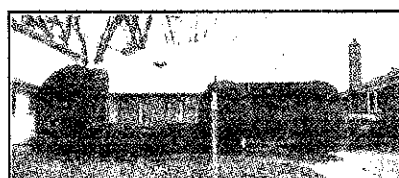
CANTON Unbelievable Value!
In this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath updated colonial w/part fin bsmt, 2 car att gar, newer kit w/oak cabs, floor, sink & countertop. Family room w/fireplace, formal LR & DR. Eat-in nook w/doorwall to deck.
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CANTON Best Location In Complex
This spectacular townhouse unit is nice. Newer windows, doorwall, paint, carpet and finished lower level. Fireplace in living room. Unit overlooks large common area with clubhouse and pool. This is clean.
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NORTHVILLE Fantastic Value
Former builder's model. Elegant decor. Gour cherry kit w/granite, lib w/wedges panelling & B's, 2-sty FR w/frpic, formal LR & DR, MBR ste + bonus rm. Fin LL w/home theater, FR wet bar + guest ste w/drdl BR & full BA.
(E25BIN) 248-349-5600 \$675,000



REDFORD Just Turn The Key!
This great 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch has it all. Finished basement w/newer full bath. 2.5 car garage. Updated furnace, C/A, roof & seam free gutters & vinyl windows + some appliances.
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Beautifully updated with lots of surprises, coved ceiling, hardwood floors, x-lg kitchen, basement & garage. Newer windows, furnace, deck, drive, paint & carpet. Nothing has been ignored.
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Charming, colonial w/wonderful curb appeal offers newer vinyl siding & windows, open floor plan, oak staircase & banister, living room w/fireplace & mantle + partially finished basement & garage.
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3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home with bright kitchen and breakfast room. Large living room with dining L. Remodeled bathrooms. Finished basement with loads of storage. One year home warranty included.
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Seller's have really pampered and updated this stunning doll house. Three bedrooms with huge MBR, updated kitchen, fabulous finished rec room and decorated in warm neutral colors, wood deck, 2.5 car garage, C/A.
(E03NEG) 248-349-5600 \$137,900



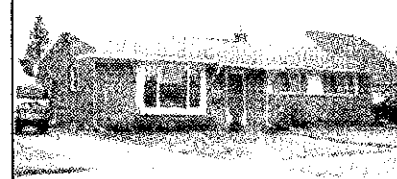
LIVONIA Rare Newer Ranch
Gorgeous updated home in popular Renolds Ravines & offers a spacious open floor plan. Large great room w/fireplace, master suite, 1st floor laundry, finished basement & newer roof. Tastefully decorated T/O.
(E66HOW) 734-455-5600 \$289,900



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GARDEN CITY Don't Miss This One!
Great opportunity to own this charming 4 bedroom bungalow with attached garage, large kitchen, deck off side door, hardwood floors & double lot all in a great city.
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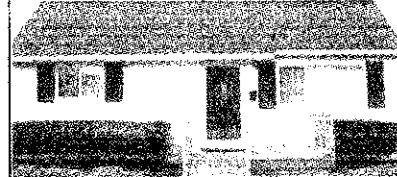
LIVONIA Updated Brick Ranch
Extensively updated 3 BR, 1.5 BA home on main level. Nice LR, lovely remodeled kitchen w/oak cabs, double oven & Corian counters. Spacious dining area, C/A, newer windows, tear-off roof, fin bsmt, 2.5 car garage.
(E11LOR) 248-349-5600 \$184,900



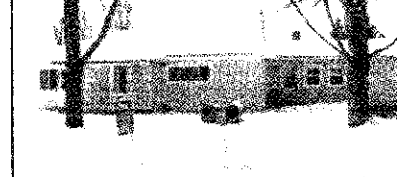
WESTLAND Cape Cod Dream Home
Delightful home w/a kitchen of your dreams. 3 BR, 3 BA w/FR master. Garage is 3+ car size w/large work area. Gas fireplace in LR. Partially finished basement w/wood floor. Hardwood floors in FR, LR & DR. Move in cond.
(E37GRA) 248-349-5600 \$259,999



LIVONIA Immaculate Ranch
Neutral decor, 3 bdrm brick home w/many updates, window, roof, bath, kit, elec, C/A, H2O, int/ext doors, carpet, drive & patio on extra large lot w/brick 2.5 car garage w/hot tub. A true must see!
(E54CLE) 734-455-5600 \$158,900



YPSILANTI It Will Capture Your Heart!
This charming 4 bedroom cape cod offers private backyard, newer HWY, bath, roof, vinyl windows, circuit breakers & new wood porch in '05. Open staircase, hardwood floors & 2 car garage.
(E10LEX) 734-455-5600 \$121,900



PLYMOUTH TWP Live In Plymouth
Great floor plan w/wood flrs, vinyl windows, tear off roof, vinyl siding offers this 3 bedroom ranch on double lot w/2 car attached garage. Low two taxes but all the amenities of living close to downtown.
(E45BRO) 734-455-5600 \$195,000



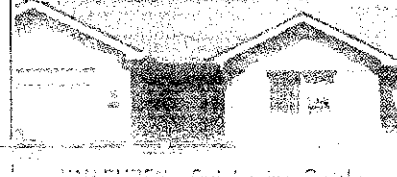
PLYMOUTH Charming Cape Cod
4 BR, 2 BA home on fenced park-like corner lot. Spacious GR w/bay window, hwd flrs & natural frpic. Updated kit, breezeway to att gar. Wallside windows & glass block in bsmt. Brick paver frt. porch & walk.
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NORTHVILLE Well Maintained Colonial
4 BR, 2.5 BA family home close to town & schools. Newer white kitchen, deck, furnace and windows. Finished LL with full bath. 2 car attached garage. Private backyard off sliding glass door. A must see.
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LIVONIA Great Value!
Offering little living room & kitchen in updated condition. New carpet in 2006. Fresh paint & new kitchen including attached garage.
(E77HAZ) 734-455-5600 \$96,950



WESTLAND Great Location, Great Value!
3 BR, 1.5 bath w/updated kitchen, new bath, HWT, side yard, large oak kitchen, FR, hardwood flrs, deck & attached garage.
(E32WHE) 734-455-5600 \$153,000



WESTLAND Great Value!
Great floor plan w/wood flrs, vinyl windows, tear off roof, vinyl siding offers this 3 bedroom ranch on double lot w/2 car attached garage. Low two taxes but all the amenities of living close to downtown.
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CLARKSTON Waterfront Condo
1.5 BA home w/beautiful views of the pond. Neutral decor T/O. Large MBR w/2 closets + WIC & full bath. Lower level finished w/walkout to pond. Lg laundry rm.
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FARMINGTON HILLS Custom Cape Cod
Charming, island kitchen w/appliances, formal DR, library, heated 3-season room, FR master suite, profs fin bsmt w/wood floor & guest ste. Great backyard & 2 car att gar.
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REDFORD Charming Inside & Out
Remodeled kit w/vinyl cabs & ceramic floor, updated bath w/waxed sink, LR & DR areas w/wood ceilings & fireplace. Partially finished basement & 2 car garage all offered in this 3 bedroom bungalow.
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(E29POG) 734-455-5600 \$229,900



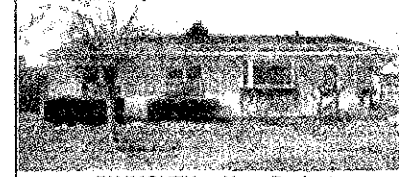
NORTHVILLE Town & Country
Charming W/O ranch on wooded setting. Close to town, 4 BR, 2 fireplaces, hardwood floors, plaster w/coved ceilings. Updates include: roof '01, Andersen windows '02, water heater '04, driveway '04. Don't miss out.
(E11WOO) 248-349-5600 \$399,900



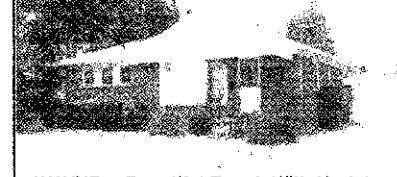
REDFORD Spectacular & Spotless
Updated 3 BR brick ranch. Newer kitchen, windows, HWY, electric, finished basement, Berber carpet, remodeled bath. Beautifully landscaped. Great curb appeal. Kitchen appls & window trmts stay.
(E27LEX) 248-349-5600 \$134,900



GARDEN CITY Tree-Lined Streets!
3 BR ranch, Lg LR w/Andersen bay windows. Refaced w/oak cab drs, pull-out, B-I dishwasher & stove incl. FR w/Andersen drwl to patio. 90% plus furn, C/A & ceiling, heated 2.5 car gar w/opener, 1 yr. warranty.
(E37BRO) 248-349-5600 \$134,900



PLYMOUTH Near Perfect
This great 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch has all the updates done, the kitchen, all baths, 6 panel doors, hardwood & ceramic floors + a finished basement. 2 car garage, brick paver deck w/retractable awning.
(E19BRO) 734-455-5600 \$219,900



WAYNE Beautiful Ranch With Updates
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick home w/2 car garage, updated windows, roof, HWT, eat in gorgeous kitchen, LR/DR combo, large bow window, breathtaking lot & landscaping, some appls, part fin bsmt, sunroom.
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NORTHVILLE Amazing Colonial
Gorgeous 4 bedroom, 3.1 bath home on one of Northville's finest subs. Home boasts LR, DR, library, 2-story GR, huge kitchen with W pantry, master suite duo staircases & FR. Neutral decor & southern exposure.
(E55WHI) 248-349-5600 \$599,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Luxurious Detached Condo
3 BR cape cod w/FR mstr ste w/cath ceiling, lg W-I closet & mstr BA w/jetted tub & sep stall shower. 42" cherry kit cabs, brkfst nook, ceramic tiled flrs, 2-sty GR w/waxed flrs & frpic, FR, Lib w/cath ceiling, Deck.
(E85ABI) 248-349-5600 \$405,000



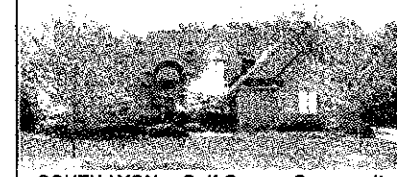
NORTHVILLE Waterfront Beauty!
Spring Hill Lake Estate! Finest value in Stonewater! Premium lot! Custom lighting, neutral decor, amazing lake view! Hwd flrs, MBR w/sitting rm, glamour bath w/jetted tub! Cust indoor, deck & pavers! Must see.
(E15CLA) 248-349-5600 \$724,900



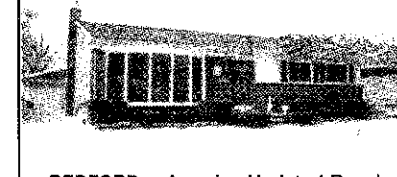
REDFORD A Real Dream House
This all brick 3 bedroom ranch is extra clean w/updated furnace, C/A, oak kitchen, windows, cement drive, carpet & oak flooring T/O. Partially finished basement, all appliances & ready for you to move in.
(E41SUM) 734-455-5600 \$129,900



WESTLAND Gorgeous Condo Backs To Woods
2 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached garage, newer fireplace, HWT, windows, updated flooring, newer cabs, sinks & ceramic in both baths. Deck off back, C/A, ceiling fans & neutral decor.
(E29PEM) 734-455-5600 \$178,900



SOUTH LYON Golf Course Community
Beautiful cape cod on gorgeous wooded lot. First floor master w/Jacuzzi tub, 2-story GR w/2-way fireplace to breakfast room. Newer carpet T/O. All upgraded appliances. Finished LL & upgraded lighting. Must see.
(E59SAI) 248-349-5600 \$529,900



REDFORD Amazing Updated Ranch
3 BR, 2 BA brick home w/s. Redford schls. Newer windows, roof, furn & C/A. Kitchen & it oak cabs & all appls. Lg LR w/bow window. Both full baths. Fin bsmt w/entr cmt w/TV, DVD & stereo. 2 car gar. 1 yr. warr.
(E75BRA) 248-349-5600 \$167,900



CLINTON TWP Contemporary Home
Dramatic surprising fin architecture. Large GR w/fireplace, library, kitchen w/cass, FFL, MBR ste w/oversized BA, 2 person soak tub, sep glass shower & more. Prof fin bsmt w/office & storage, 3 BR, 3.5 BA.
(E20DUN) 248-349-5600 \$324,000



GARDEN CITY Super Sharp Brick Ranch
Gorgeous 3 bdrm home w/updated kit w/oak cabs & vinyl flrs, newer bath, vinyl windows, interior & exterior doors, roof, patio w/gazebo & newer glass block windows in finished basement & a garage.
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CLINTON TWP Numerous Updates
From kitchen & bath tile to C/A & furnace + hardwood floors & freshly painted. Finished basement & a garage, offered in this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick/aluminum ranch.
(E08WOO) 734-455-5600 \$173,000



WIXOM Picture Perfect
Spacious colonial w/wood floor plan backing to commons on quiet cul-de-sac. Gorgeous "Pottery Barn" decor, kitchen w/WI pantry, Master ste w/WI closet. Two story GR. Professionally fin LL & brick paver patio.
(E19PHE) 248-349-5600 \$514,900



WARREN Updated Bungalow
Newer furnace, vinyl replacement windows. Updated kitchen with ceramic tile flooring. Fenced yard with nice deck. One year home warranty.
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BROWNSTOWN Beauty From Door To Deck
Brick 3.5 story condo - new in 2005. Open island kitchen, GR w/fireplace, FFL, 3 BR, 3 BA, 2 car attached garage, C/A, sprinklers & deck. Beautiful quiet setting. Shopping & restaurants within walking distance.
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CANTON Outstanding Colonial!
This 5 bedroom 2.5 bath has it all. Updated 42" oak cabinets w/crown & tool molding, bay picture windows in breakfast area, great room w/fireplace & doorwall to deck + 2 car attached garage & basement.
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NORTHVILLE TWP Elegance At Its Best
Enter into a gallery foyer leading to stately music conservatory, luxurious master ste, executive kitchen w/volume ceilings, crown molding & granite T/O. Hardwood flrs, 5 BR, 4.2 BA, cust LL w/walk-out.
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NORTHVILLE Beauty On Heather Lake
Enchanting Curtis estate built beauty in Stonewater. No expense spared on this former model. Italian tile floors, Brazilian cherry floors, glazed cherry cabs, professional SS appls. Gorgeous views from prem hilltop property.
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NORTHVILLE Spectacular Condo
3 BR, 1.5 BA 2-story condo. Finished room in basement, finished hardwood in LR & kitchen. Appliances stay. Gas fireplace in FR. New paint T/O. Pets are allowed in these condos. Lake view. Big deck.
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LIVONIA Great Colonial
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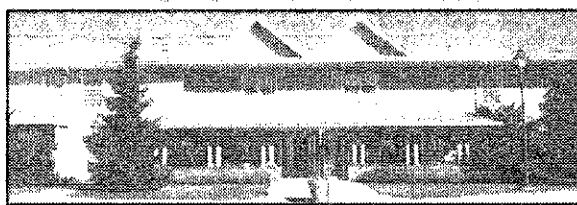
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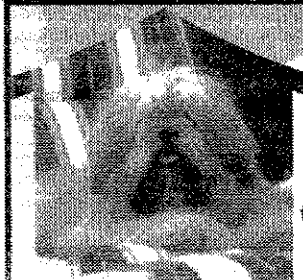
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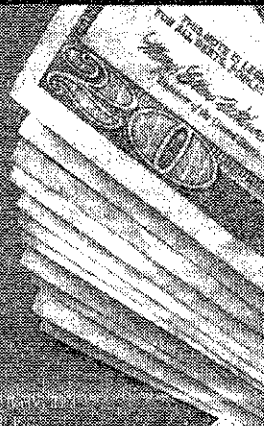
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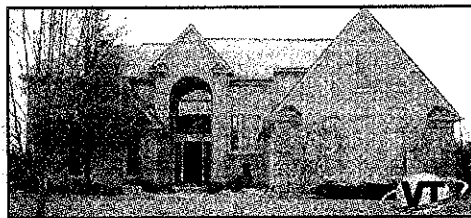
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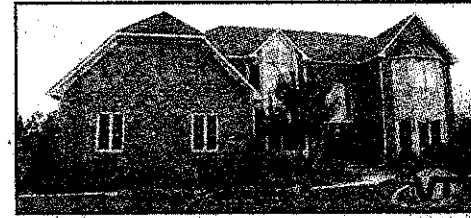
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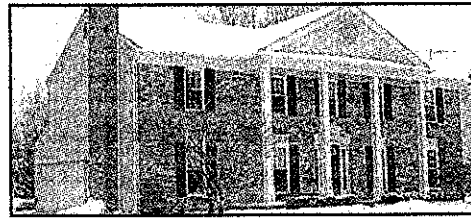
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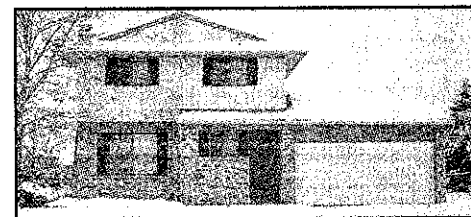
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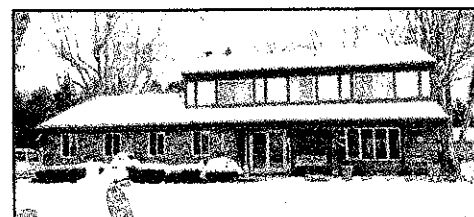
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Great Location! Totally updated home. New kitchen - '06. New elect & roof - '04. A/C & plumbing - '02. Anderson Windows t/o. Hardwood floors under carpet. Freshly painted. Large addition to living room with gas FP, fin bsmt & more. (26019646) \$255,000



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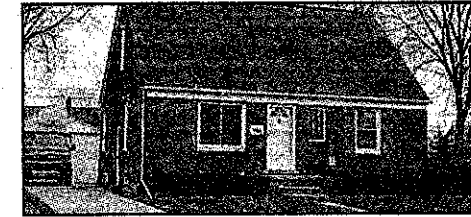
NOVI 248-348-6430
Charming, comfortable & cozy Colonial! Move right in. Remodeled kitchen, large master, updated baths, new windows, C/A, newer roof & carpeting, great landscaping & fenced yard. 349-6200 (26016648) \$184,900



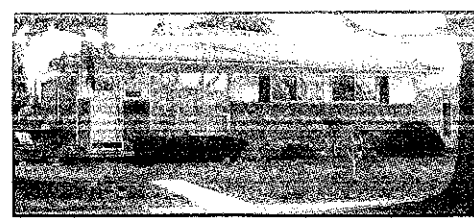
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Beautiful Home! Absolutely one of the nicest houses in the sub. Huge eat-in Kitchen with storage & counter space. Hardwood floors, 6 panel doors & 2.5 baths! Part fin basement, newer windows. (26028144) \$184,900



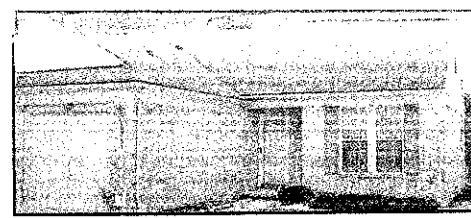
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EVERYTHING IS NEW OR NEWER! Gorgeous Tri-level on a quiet dead end street. Huge backyard, large deck, fireplace, new tile, paint & carpet. (26001996) \$184,500



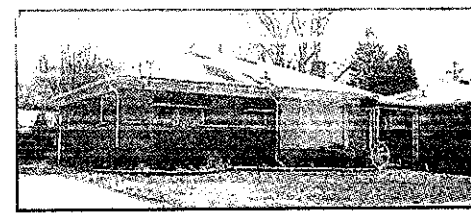
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
3 bedroom brick bungalow in Livonia. Updated, great kitchen & bath! Livonia schools. (25167701) \$159,900



GARDEN CITY 734-591-9200
3 BR, 1.5 bath well maintained home. Great eat-in kitchen, large finished bsmt w/FP, bar, half bath, oak hardwood floors under carpet. New oak cabinets in kitchen with Wallside Doorwall. Brick patio in large backyard. (26033578) \$159,900



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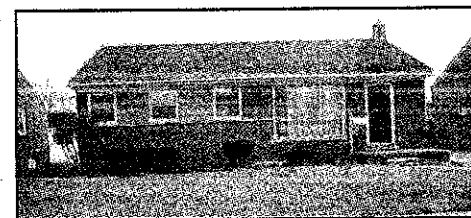
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Location, quality, value & charm! You'll love this brick 3 BR ranch. Clean and tastefully decorated. Updates include kitchen, electric, copper plumb, fin. bsmt w/FP. Landscaped yard with sprinkler system. 2 car gar. (26001489) \$144,900



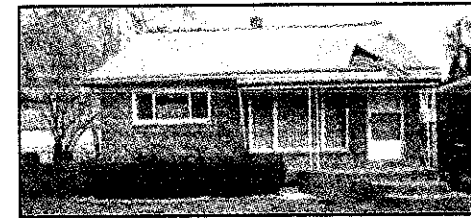
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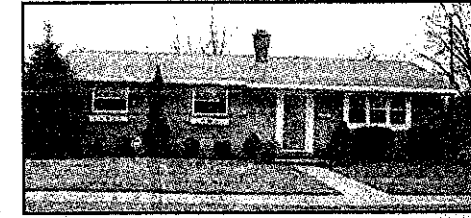
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FORD & SHELDON-BEAUTIFUL 3 BR Condo with 1.5 baths. Close to shopping & freeways, & fin bsmt has new carpet. Eat-in kitchen with new maple cabinets & all appl. Ceramic tile in foyer & bathrooms. 349-6200 (25130248) \$144,500



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AFFORDABLE & ENJOYABLE! Maintenance free brick 2BR condo is fully renovated. Full fin. bsmt. Newer carpet, furnace, A/C. Freshly painted. Deck. Great location. Immediate occupancy! (25137523) \$75,990

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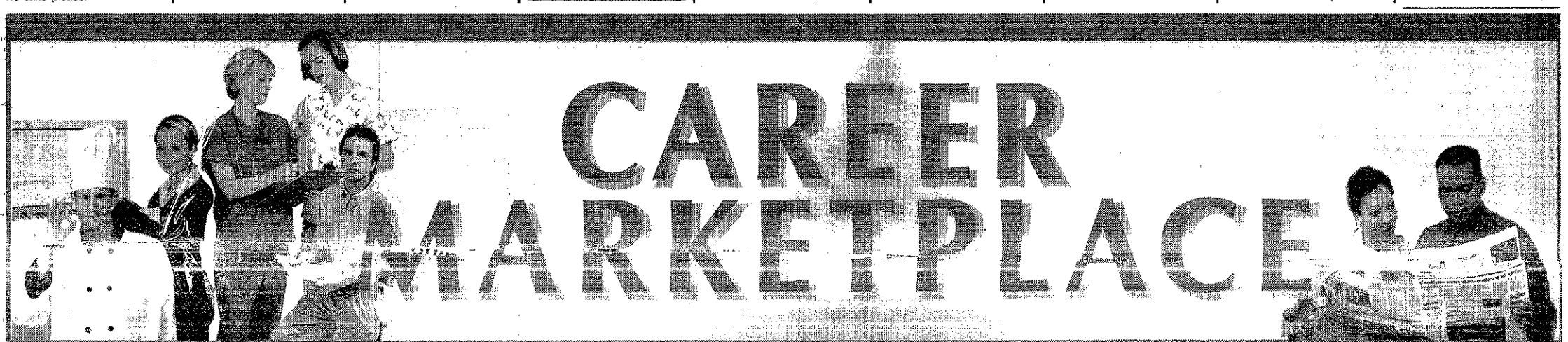
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STUTTERER UNLOCKED THE DOOR AT WORK



WORKWISE
by
Mildred L. Culp

"It's not a problem like it once was," says retired newspaper editor Vince Vawter, "because, basically, I don't care any more. I

think it comes to that. You get to where you just live with it and overcome all of the hurdles. I've come a lot farther than I ever thought I would."

A global survey reaching 566 people in 37 countries finds that 51 percent believe that stuttering has compromised their job status, according to Toronto's Marshall Rice, associate professor of marketing at the Schulich School of Business at York University. Respondents observed employers:

- aborting job interviews (42 percent);
- refusing to hire, citing the stuttering (14 percent);
- requiring outperformance to achieve equal opportunity with non-stutterers (61 percent); and
- possibly misjudging a stutterer when supervising (68 percent).

A person who stutters might feel alone, but according to The Stuttering Foundation in Memphis, more than three million people in this country have this communication disorder. On a personal level, how can an individual overcome isolation, negative employment practices and stigma?

ENLISTING PATIENCE

Vawter, the retired newspaper editor, found a way to teach compassion in the workplace, but it took time to get there. As a young sports writer, he observed how stuttering complicated his communication with revved-up athletes and coaches during games. He went back to school, became a copy editor in Memphis in 1970, and advanced to news editor, until the paper closed in 1983.

Two years later, he became assistant managing editor at The Knoxville News Sentinel. That was his turning point, "the point at which I realized I am who I am, could work hard and could do my job well, and could communicate the basics; so it really didn't matter what I sounded like," he says. It may not have mattered to him, but what about the people in his workplace? Something went smoothly, because he served as managing editor for 10 years.

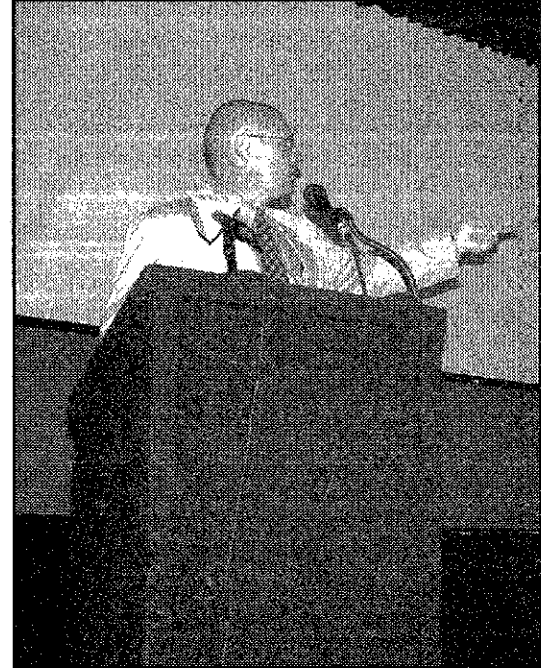
The key to unlocking the door was alerting others to his stuttering at the outset in business meetings, public speaking, whenever he was tensing up. He found that advising people of his stuttering before he began speaking formally or entered an interview had tremendous impact. He'd say, "I am a person who stutters. You may hear some things that make you uncomfortable. For that, I'm sorry. But let me assure you, it doesn't make me uncomfortable and we'll communicate the best we can. Just have a little patience."

Removing the element of surprise among

hearers prepares them to listen carefully and patiently, and, he concedes, makes communicating easier for him. "That takes the pressure off everybody," he remarks. In fact, he mentions that trying not to stutter exacerbates the problem. He adds just a bit more: "I will try to answer questions the best I can but don't think of my disfluencies or hesitations as strange. It's just the way I talk." After the Knoxville years, he moved to the Evansville Courier and Press, where he was first editor/president and, two years later, publisher.

Meanwhile, Vawter had attended several educational programs for people who stutter. His favorite one covered precision fluency in an intense four weeks, conducted at the Hollins Communications Research Institute in Roanoke, Va. It also instilled enough confidence to propel him into public speaking in high schools and into a position to build confidence among people with any impairment.

Sander Flaum, co-author of "The 100-Mile Walk" (AMACOM, \$24.95), a book on leadership, condenses his tale of stuttering to a few short pages. He attributes his success to his mother, who risked her marriage to teach him that he could accomplish anything. "The point isn't that we've had hard times," he writes. "The point is what we do with them. Do we turn them into excuses or challenges?" Like Vawter, he maintains that "leaders must be willing to work beyond any notion of personal limitation until the job,



Vince Vawter, retired newspaper editor, says, "It's not a problem like it once was".

whatever that takes, is done." He advocates persistence.

Vawter combines it with psychology and creativity.

(Obtain a free brochure on "Stuttering: Answers for Employers," at by e-mail (), or by mail (The Stuttering Foundation, 3100 Walnut Grove Road, Suite 603, Memphis, TN 38111-0749.)

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Within a couple of years, things will get even more interesting as excess automotive capacity, and too many models and players, chase fairly stagnant levels of automotive sales in the U.S. marketplace.

That's because Geely, China's seventh-largest auto maker, expects to bring thousands of econoboxes to the United States within the next couple of years. And Chery, slightly larger than Geely, plans to import a slew of mid-market models beginning in 2007, in cooperation with the irrepressible automotive entrepreneur Malcolm Bricklin.

Chery and Geely are aiming at different parts of the U.S. auto market. But like the previous waves of Asian importers - Japanese beginning in the Seventies, and Korean starting in the Eighties - they're both expecting low prices and reasonable quality to shoo horn them into significant niches here. For retail distribution and repairs, they both can count on existing auto dealers who may want a fresh boost in an intensely competitive market that lately has turned sour for General Motors and Ford brands. And both Geely and Chery sense little latent resistance to Chinese-made goods by American consumers.

"In the beginning, things will be tricky, and they'll have to adapt," says Savio Chan, president of US China Business Partners, a Melville, N.Y.-based firm that forges business ties between the two countries. "But within four or five years, they'll be fine, and they'll slowly pick up steam and market share here."

At the same time, however, the obstacles facing Geely and Chery in America are immense. They're already running into headwinds from stiff safety, pollution and other federal regulatory requirements. Retailing and repair issues are life with landmines for the Chinese.

Political resistance might yet surface as thousands of GM and Ford workers continue to get their walking papers over the next year or two, at the same time that the news carries images of the first Chinese imports hitting American shores. In fact, just this week, Geely-USA's head, John Harmer, told an audience of automotive analysts that he and Geely are seeking support from the Beijing government and other Chinese car makers



The Geely was featured for the first time at this year's Auto Show.

for "a broad-based public-relations effort" to deal with the protectionism issue.

And the vaunted Chinese ability to undercut Western wages doesn't mean as much as one might assume, even in the U.S. market, because automation has slashed the labor content of manufacturing worldwide. "They can come in with relatively inexpensive vehicles, but the world is getting so efficient at making vehicles everywhere that the labor-cost advantage no longer is so great," says David Cole, executive director of the Center for Automotive Research at the University of Michigan.

Besides, each of the Chinese auto makers is battling its own individual gremlins: Geely, because of how nefariously it handled previous importation of scooters to the U.S. market, and Chery because of the debacle created by Bricklin's pullout from the Yugo venture in the late Eighties, after he had spearheaded the importation of the tiny, featherweight cars made in Yugoslavia.

There's no doubting the potential of the Chinese auto industry of which Chery and Geely are just a small part. Vehicle production is leading the entire boom in Chinese manufacturing. While China produced a mere 220,000 cars in 1993, by 2004 that number had jumped to annual output of 2.34 million units. And China's overall vehicle population reached 26.9 million

in 2004, increasing fourfold from 1990's 5.5 million, according to the National Bureau of Statistics of China. Such is China's new thirst for gasoline that its growing demand for imported oil became one of the major factors in the trebling of world petroleum prices over the last two years.

But not all of this increase in automotive output is geared to domestic consumption -- even for a national population that has reached 1.3 billion or for an economy that has become a global juggernaut. Car registrations now are expected to grow only steadily, rather than exponentially, over the next decade. Other Asian countries already are importing Chinese-made vehicles by the thousands, some of them manufactured under joint ventures between the Chinese industry and GM, Volkswagen and other Western auto companies. For the first time in 2005, China emerged as a net exporter of vehicles, with its 173,000 units sent abroad representing a 27% increase in imports from the year before.

So all of this has created a major question that now hangs over the global auto industry: When will China begin making a difference in the North American vehicle market.

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