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Six time world ice carving champion Tajana Raukar cuts into her work during a carving session

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## Snow, cold can't slow ice fest



Bill and Michele Johnson of White Lake along with 8-year-old daughter Alyssa take a look at one of the sculptures

### Carvers, spectators enjoy show

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Mother Nature tossed in more obstacles than usual, even for the dead of winter in Michigan, but some 12 inches of snow and bitter temperatures couldn't dampen the spirits of the organizers of the 23rd annual Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. While attendance may have suffered on the festival's final weekend, the extra days afforded by extending the festival to a full week left attendance figures 'at about normal,' according to Mike Watts of Watts-Up, Inc., the festival's organizer. "Considering we had a blizzard on one of our peak days, everything went fine," Watts said. "We were able to accomplish the carvings we'd planned, and a lot of the competitors, especially the students, braved the weather, even though it was awful conditions."

PLEASE SEE ICE FEST, A10

## Schools in black for now

### Leaders prepare for fiscal woes

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Jim Ryan believes he can keep the Plymouth-Canton school district in black ink for two more years. After that, the school superintendent is preparing for the worst. In a mid-year financial report to the Board of Education Tuesday, Ryan said the district experienced an increase of 497 students this year - 197 more than projected in July - which brought in an additional \$969,000 in state foundation grant money and helped improve the bottom line by \$1.9 million. Despite the positive short-term news, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Patricia Brand is

PLEASE SEE SCHOOLS, A5



For Basma Fakri, Sunday's historic election in Iraq represents hope

## Iraqi ballot represents new hope

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Basma Fakri never thought she'd be able to cast a vote in an Iraqi election that wasn't pre-determined to be "won" by former president Saddam Hussein. "I never thought this day would come," said Fakri, an Iraqi-American who lives in Plymouth Township. "Not in my lifetime, or my son's lifetime, did I think we'd see an Iraqi government that didn't have Saddam or his grandchildren running the country." "This is historic," she said. "Now, there is hope." Fakri, who became a U.S. citizen in 1991, registered to vote in the Iraqi election last week in Southgate, one of the five centers throughout the U.S. for Iraqis to both register and vote.

PLEASE SEE VOTING, A6

## Talent show lets students shine on stage

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

It's just what Brad and Stephanie Naberhaus needed as the morning of their first talent show dawned - a storm that would eventually drop about a foot of snow on the area. Nobody could have blamed the Naberhauses, who now run Speech, Language & Sensory Motor Systems, Inc. in Plymouth Township, for being nervous about how the day would go. They needn't have worried. The sixth annual Twinkle,

Twinkle Little Stars" talent show, which features all the talents of the clinic's special-needs students, went off with nary a hitch, despite the best efforts of Mother Nature. "We were so nervous, because people were starting to call to ask if we were still having it," Stephanie Naberhaus said. "Everyone puts in so much time, makes plans, and grandparents were coming. We had to have it on that day, because it would have been too difficult to reschedule. We decided to have it, because everyone looks forward to it."

For the first five years, the show was run by Stephanie's parents, former clinic directors Lorraine and Don Zaksek. The idea, of course, is to allow the kids to shine and to show they can go on to lead successful lives. That's pretty much the gist of the talent show, hosted by Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton. Some two dozen students danced, sang or told jokes to entertain a thrilled audience of parents, family members and friends. The show also featured

PLEASE SEE TALENT, A6



Barbara Wilson's 6-year-old daughter Kira runs to her with a gift of a rose at the 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' talent show Saturday

JERRY ZOLYNSKY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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Be sure to include the name, address and telephone number of the family you nominate.

Selection will be done by *O&E* staff members. Send nominations by e-mail to Ken Abramczyk at kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net. Dinner includes pizza, salad, Buddy Bread, soft drinks and table setting.

"The dinner is just a small way to celebrate a special person or family in 2005," said Marcy Brontman, marketing director for Buddy's

## Designer's challenge

Designer's Choice sponsors 'Designer's Challenge Question Time' at its warehouse, Provincetown Center, 15073 Northville Road, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29.

The event, originally scheduled for Jan. 22, was postponed due to the snow storm that hit the area that day.

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Participants should bring pictures, fabric and sizes to get design tips.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (734) 454-9222.

## Franklin scholarships

Applications are now available in the counseling offices of Plymouth, Canton and Salem high schools for the James W. Franklin Scholarship.

Seniors planning to attend a two- or four-year college who have participated in an organized swim program are eligible to apply for the \$1,000 award.

Applications and criteria are also available at [www.jameswfranklin.com](http://www.jameswfranklin.com)

## Tsunami relief

The Cutting Quarters Salon in Plymouth sponsors a 'Tsunami Relief Benefit' from 4-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31.

In effort to raise funds for the tsunami victims, the stylists will be providing all salon services to the community. All proceeds from the benefit will be donated to the American Red Cross.

The Cutting Quarters Salon is located at 328 Harvey. For more information, call (734) 459-0640.

## Our Gang exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents 'Our Gang,' an exhibition of paintings and drawings by Canton resident Byron Reed, Feb. 2-28.

The artist was born on Detroit's lower east side and his work depicts life before TV. Drawing entirely from memory, Reed captures a sprawling, vibrant and energized inner city.

Most of the scenes are recollections from childhood and represent his favorite subject just plain folks on the street. According to PCAC officials, the work is 'jazzy and very upbeat.'

The exhibit can be viewed 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The Arts Center is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. Call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 for additional information.

## Memory program

'Improving Your Memory: How to remember what you're starting to forget,' is the next in the Plymouth District Library's health and wellness series. The event takes place from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7.

This free workshop will provide vital information on how memory works and which factors affect memory. Participants, ages 50-65, will learn concrete strategies for tackling the areas of memory that are troubling.

The presenter is Lynn Stern, MSW, a clinical social worker at the U-M Health System Turner Geniatric Clinic.

She has co-authored a book by the same name and will present concepts guaranteed to help individuals learn that there is a tool to remember everything.

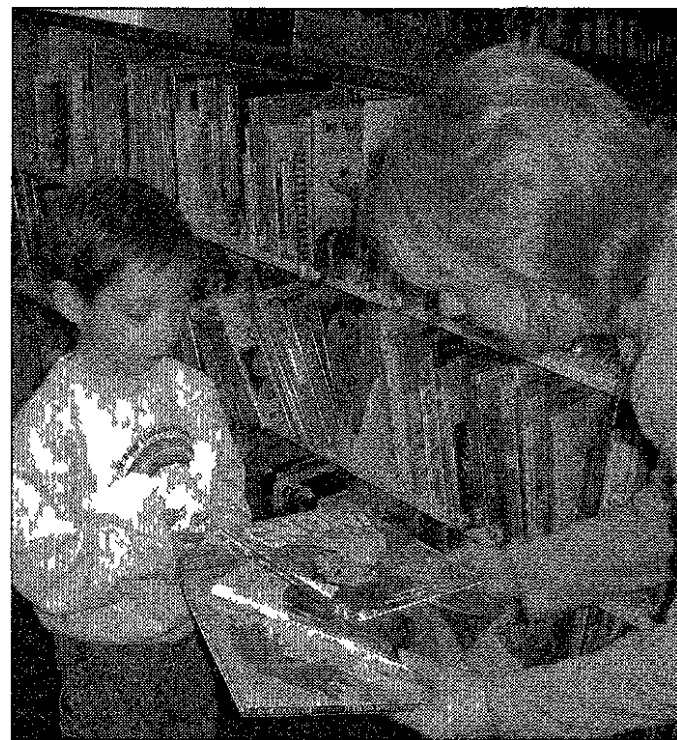
Registration is requested for the program and can be accomplished on-line at [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org) or by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

## Choir festival

The Detroit Area Chapter of the Chorister's Guild, in celebration of its 25th anniversary, is hosting a huge choir festival for children's choirs in the area.

The over 450 participants will range in age from 7-18 and represent 29 area churches of all denominations.

The festival takes place at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. In addition to the spectacle of nearly 450 young



## Ready to read

Nolan Manor, age 4, makes his book selections with his mother, Shanon Manor, at the Plymouth District Library. The library will host a series of one-hour programs to help parents share the wonder of books with their young children and to begin the process of preparing them to become good readers. All programs will be held on the following Wednesdays at 7 p.m.: Feb. 2 for parents of children ages birth-24 months; Feb. 9 for parents of children ages 2-3; Feb. 16 for parents of children ages 4-5. Free child care will be provided as sessions are for parents only. The program is sponsored by the Michigan Educational Savings Program. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

people singing, notable children's choir conductors Susan and Allen Pote will work with the massed choir and conduct them in concert. The public is welcome.

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# Stewart tapped for higher ed

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

State Rep. John Stewart was looking forward to telling his 88-year-old mother, a Phi Beta Kappa, about his appointment as chair of the Higher Education Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee.

Stewart, a Plymouth Township Republican, noted his mother's family included seven educators. He's also pleased about the appointment, made by new House of Representatives Speaker Craig DeRoche, R-Nov.

"I'm excited and I love this appointment," said Stewart, who will also be vice chair of the Judiciary Subcommittee of Appropriations. "I couldn't be happier."

Stewart served four years on the subcommittee. He was elected to the Michigan House to represent the 20th District in 2000 and was re-elected in 2002 and 2004. His district includes Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and part of Canton Township east of I-275.

His subcommittee will have some six members of both parties to do the framework, the heavy work. We're going to be a forum for re-establishing the value of higher education.

The legislators will determine appropriations for the state's 15 major public universities, as well as appropriations and scholarships for such smaller schools as Madonna University.

"It's been disheartening, Stewart said of the recent budget cuts in higher education. "We have taken a hit of 15 to 16 percent in the last two years" and are now cutting the substance of education.

"We're more aware than ever that universities can and should generate jobs," Stewart said, citing research and development for the auto industry and other fields.

Stewart and his wife have two daughters in Michigan schools. Laura is a senior at Western Michigan University studying education. She wanted to teach in China, but her dad said her education could be put to good use in Detroit or



JIM JAGOFFEL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, will chair the Higher Education Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee and will serve as vice chair of the Judiciary Subcommittee.

Benton Harbor schools. Younger sister Sarah is a sophomore at Grand Valley State University. John Stewart earned a law degree from Detroit College of Law/Michigan State University, a master's in public administration from Wayne State University and a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

Stewart recalled his four years at EMU, involved in music, IM sports and other activities. He believes EMU and other state universities are the best place for a student age 18-22 to find himself or herself.

Retention and student graduation are key issues for Stewart, as is holding the line on tuition. "We go over each university budget with a fine-toothed comb. We're not empire building," he said, adding the emphasis should be on students and their instruction.

Tuition control will require cooperation among Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Stewart's Senate counterpart and himself, he said.

Stewart noted his district is close to four major universities: the Dearborn and Ann Arbor campuses of the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and EMU. His

district has a high percentage of high school graduates going on to those schools.

He hopes to bring in Ford Motor Co. President James Padilla to testify as to what skills college graduates will need for the coming decades. "We need to train and educate our students differently, to be leaner and more agile," Stewart said.

Stewart also hopes to bring in Philip Power, chairman of HomeTown Communications Network, which owns the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Stewart also plans to ask his uncle, Jack Shingleton, a former Michigan State University trustee and placement official, to testify, along with former Michigan Gov. William Milliken and others.

His major goal is to make people aware about the wonderful experience one can have getting a well-rounded undergraduate education in Michigan. "We have a little bit of everything here."

Stewart will also work with Lt. Gov. John Cherry whose commission recently released its report on higher education and economic growth.

"I welcome it, I support it," Stewart said of the report. He wants to, in the words of an old Methodist minister, give feet to

## Educators welcome Stewart's appointment to committee post

Those who have worked with John Stewart on education issues were pleased to hear of his recent Higher Education appointment.

"John has been not only a friend to education, but has always consulted with us when it comes down to educational issues and how pending legislation would affect children," said Greg Baracy, superintendent of Wayne-Westland Community Schools. "Further, he represents his constituency well."

Stewart considers education a priority and works diligently to support public policy that pertains to those issues, Baracy said, adding, "If we had more legislators in Lansing like John, the state's financial and educational problems may be solved."

Officials at Eastern Michigan University seemed equally pleased to have Stewart aboard.

"We are pleased he is in a leadership role," said Juanita Reid, vice president of university relations at EMU. "We wish him well."

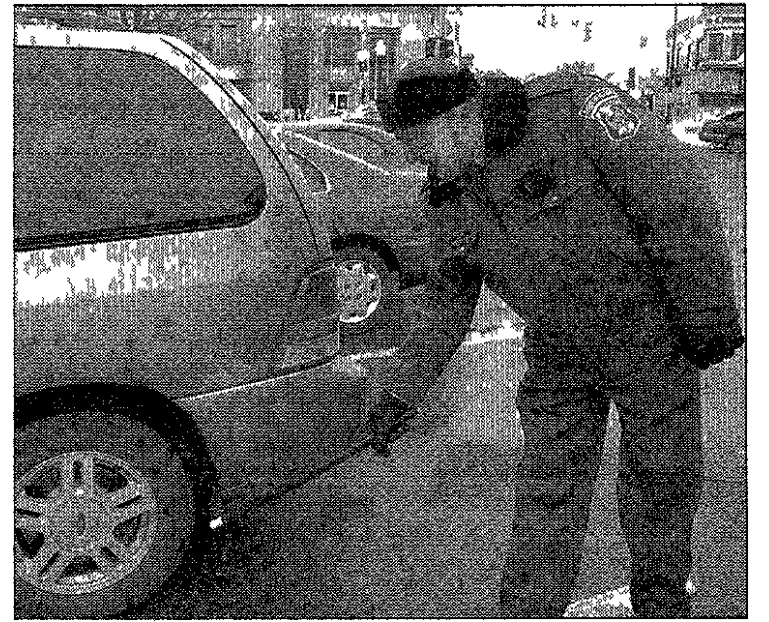
Reid said EMU faces challenges in its budget, and that Stewart will help to reach EMU's goals.

our prayers and make education a budget priority so that students can find tuition affordable.

Stewart was elected as a Plymouth Township trustee in 1988 and served until 1992. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Stewart, 55, and his wife, Beth, live in Plymouth Township. Beth Stewart is director of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jerry Greener, the new parking ordinance officer in Plymouth, started making his rounds on Penniman Avenue Wednesday morning.

## Have tickets, will travel

### Parking officer hits road to enforce ordinance

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

With a chalk stick in hand and a ticket book in his dark green jacket, Plymouth parking ordinance officer Jerry Greener began patrolling downtown streets this week in search of violators of the city's new parking ordinance.

"This isn't a political job," said the soft-spoken Greener — who also works part-time in the city's recreation department taking care of Don Massey Field — with a smile. "I'll just be looking for people who are parking too long, or taking up more than one space."

I like walking, and downtown is a nice place to be, said the Plymouth Township resident.

As provided for under the city's new parking policy, Greener will be handing out tickets to those who park more than two hours in prime parking spots in downtown Plymouth in an effort to increase the turnover rate.

The idea is to get those who want to park for significant amounts of time, including employees of downtown businesses, to park in lots that are designated long-term, such as

the upper deck of the central parking deck off Harvey Street or the lot behind The Gathering.

The lower portion of the deck has been allocated as two-hour parking.

"What we're trying to do is change behavior," said Greener's boss, Police Chief Wayne Carroll. "Those who are abusing the two-hour limits need to park where there are no limits."

"The best-case scenario is that Jerry writes no tickets," added Carroll. "Experience says some people need a little more nudge to learn proper parking patterns."

Carroll said parking tickets range from \$15 for a time violation to \$50 for parking in a handicap space.

If it's not paid within 14 days, late fees range from \$10-\$25. Warnings have been given this week, with actual tickets to be given out starting next week.

Greener, whose \$11-an-hour salary is being paid by the Downtown Development Authority, will work part-time hours. However, Carroll said his schedule will vary to keep potential violators guessing.



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# Perfect scores propel local ice dancers to national title

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

How do you improve on perfection?

If you're U.S. National Figure Skating champion ice-dancers Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto, you arrive at Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena most mornings at 10 a.m. and sweat through rigorous five-hour practices under the watchful eyes of world-renowned coaches Marina Zoueva and Igor Shpilband.

And you do it all with a 100-watt smile on your face.

Using moves that were as smooth as the ice they were skating on, Belbin and Agosto soared above the competition at the U.S. National Figure Skating Championships two weeks ago in Portland, Ore.

The duo — who train at the Arctic Edge and are members of the Arctic Figure Skating Club — were not only good in Portland — they were perfect, recording a record-shattering 14 perfect 6.0 scores in the pairs ice-dancing competition.

The performance we had in Portland was the result of a combination of things, said Agosto, who lives in Farmington Hills. "Everything seemed to come together at the right time, and Igor did a great job of putting together the choreography."

### PICTURE PERFECT

The 20-year-old Belbin, who resides in Canton with her parents, and Agosto have been the talk of the U.S. ice-skating community since racking up

the string of flawless scores on the way to capturing their second consecutive national title.

They shattered the previous record of four perfect ice-dancing marks set in 1983 by Judy Blumberg and Michael Seibert.

I think the key to our success is that the judges and the crowd realize that what we're doing is not an act, said Agosto, 23. "We're actually having fun out there, and that comes across in our performance."

The dynamic team of Belbin and Agosto was forged six years ago by Shpilband, who moved the talented skaters to his home base — the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills — to see if they would mesh as a championship-caliber tandem.

Shpilband got his answer in

about the time it takes to lace up a pair of skates.

"I saw a lot of potential in Ben and Tanith right from the start," Shpilband revealed.

They matched up perfectly. The number one reason they're so good is that they have such strong basic skating skills, plus they are athletic and strong. They have such a feel for the music and they work so well together.

### UNFORGETTABLE EFFORT

Shpilband said the couple's record-breaking performance in mid-January was something that will be etched in his mind forever. "The night they got all the perfect scores is one I'll never forget," he said. "It was nice to see all the hard work they have put in pay off. They make up one of the youngest teams of ice-dancers to enjoy this much success. They're only 20 and 23 while most of the top ice dancers in the world right now are around 30. They have a lot of potential as long as they keep working at it."

Belbin and Agosto's six-year run as partners is an accomplishment in itself, the Canadian-born Belbin admitted.

"A lot of ice-dancing teams break up after a year or so," she said. "They start nit-picking each other and it tears them apart. We're very driven and we're focused on achieving the same goals, so we get along great."

"I guess you could say we're still in the honeymoon phase of our skating careers together," Agosto added, smiling.

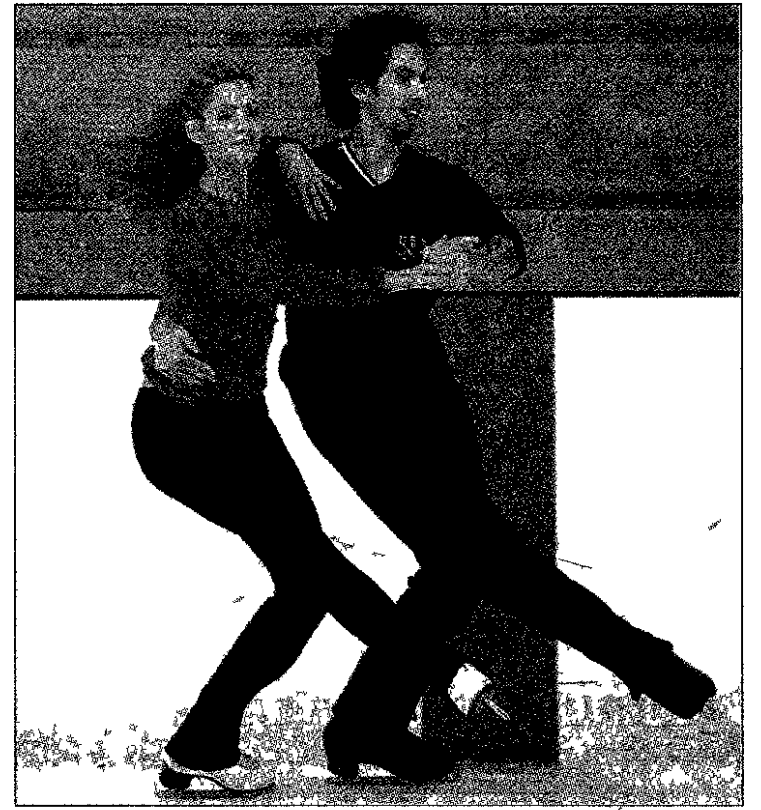
### SKATE AND SLEEP

The couple moved their training base from Bloomfield Hills to Canton in the summer of 2003 due to the freedom of the managers of the Arctic Edge offered them.

"I love it here," Belbin said. "We can skate pretty much whenever we need to, which wasn't always the case before we moved."

Belbin said she enjoys living in Canton for a variety of reasons, notably its laid-back lifestyle.

"I only live about five minutes from the rink, so it's very convenient," she said. "And the people here are great too. They're very warm towards us."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto display the perfect form that led them to their second consecutive ice dancing title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships Jan. 14 in Portland, Ore.

## Skaters hit ice for tsunami relief

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Training for the United States Figure Skating Championships was the number one thing on the minds of Canton-based ice dancers Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto in early January — but it didn't monopolize the pair's thoughts or time. Belbin and Agosto, who train at Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena, manage to adjust their schedules so that they could organize Skate Aid For Tsunami Relief, a star-studded ice show that will raise

money for the victims of the deadly Tsunami in southeast Asia. All of the funds raised will go to the American Red Cross International Response Fund.

The event will be held Friday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. Tickets for adults will be \$20 while children 12 and under will get in for \$15. Premier seating tickets, which include a post-show reception with the skating stars, cost \$100.

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I also like the fact that there aren't a lot of distractions in Canton. Most days, when we're not traveling, I go straight to the rink and skate, then go home and sleep.

### TRAINING DAYS

When they're not competing in events, Agosto and Belbin train on the ice approximately five hours a day from September through May.

During the summer, they take a break from on-ice practice and switch to more off-ice conditioning workouts like weight-training and cardiovascular exercises.

Since Belbin was born in Canada and Agosto was born and raised in Chicago, the duo won't be able to compete in the 2006 Winter Olympics. They do, however, have their sights set on the 2010 games.



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still forecasting expenditures over revenues by more than \$5.1 million on June 30. Looking ahead, without an increase in state funding, Brand is projecting a budget shortfall of \$11.8 million in 2005-06, and losses totaling \$16.9 million in 2006-07.

You're starting to see the glaring effects of three foundation grant freezes and two cut-backs," said Ryan. "You're also starting to see the negatives of

health care costs spiraling out of control, and retirement costs going up and up.

"You're seeing the future, and it ain't pretty," he said.

Ryan said he's hopeful that with additional cost-saving measures the district will end the current school year closer to a \$4 million shortfall, which he will recommend the board erase from the district's \$18.8 million reserves. Ryan said he wants to delay serious cuts as long as he can.

"We know eventually we're going to have to define some really bad things to do, but I don't want to do them right away," said Ryan. "Athletics,

class size, transportation those things directly affect kids. We need to delay those cuts as long as possible. I think that's what the public wants."

"We're going to look at some creative ways to look at revenues, like selling some property and being well-prepared for contract negotiations," Ryan said. "Maybe looking at privatizing our print shop."

Brand said word out of Lansing is the state might be handing out its first foundation grant increase in years, to the tune of \$200-\$300 per pupil. Plymouth-Canton currently receives \$7,025 per student. However, she's cautious

about the good news.

"The dilemma with the concept is the rest of the state's budget is miserable and awful, and will they continue to let the school aid fund sit on its own and not attempt to tap it to solve some of their other issues," she said.

Ninety-seven percent of the district's \$138 million budget is controlled by the state, with 90 percent of the budget people, including salaries and benefits. Brand said despite the more than \$18 million in current fund equity, that could be depleted by the end of the 2005-06 school year.

"You see those millions of

dollars and think of it as such a large amount of money," Brand said.

But, when you look at payroll being more than \$3 million dollars every two weeks, it quickly goes away."

Board President Mark Slavens said increasing enrollment is helping to keep the district's head above water, but that won't be enough.

"I think we'll have to make some severe cuts in 2006-07 if the state doesn't give us some additional foundation allowance, or address the health and pension problems," he said.

Board Treasurer Judy

Mardigan said no matter where future cuts are made, it will have a profound impact on the district.

"Whenever you cut a million dollars in this district, it's not going to be painless because we don't have a lot of excess," Mardigan said.

"We have among the lowest administrative costs in the state, we operate very large elementary schools and we have economies of scale at our high school park. It isn't like we have a lot of fat in the budget."

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If you're a former All-Star or a parent who can provide information and photos about your former All-Star, e-mail Special Editor Mary Klemic at mklemic@oe.homecomm.net or mail to Observer & Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Attn: Mary Klemic. Be sure to include a phone number where you can be reached. You can e-mail photos in a jpeg format (please send largest size possible) and make sure photos are identified. The special section will be published in May 2005.

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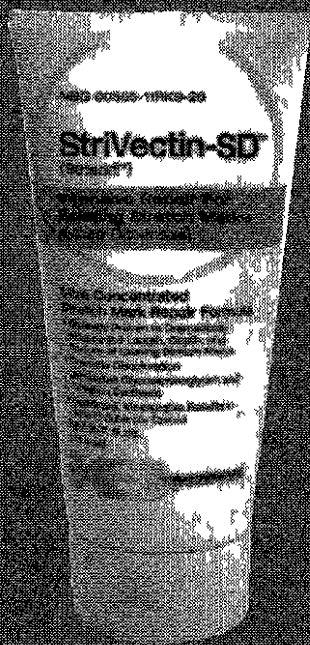
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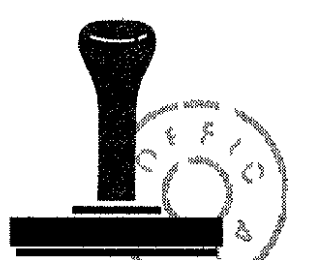
VOTING

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Fakri said she's looking forward to becoming one of the estimated four million Iraqis outside Iraq to cast her vote this weekend... "I'm looking to vote for people who are not prejudiced, who are open to all groups, cultures and religions, and who want to work for Iraq," she said.

of Iraq are determined to vote May God be with them" Fakri hasn't been back to her homeland since leaving in 1982, fearful of the direction Hussein was taking Iraq... "We left the country because I didn't want my husband to go to war," said Fakri, speaking of the Iran-Iraq conflict.

FOR THE RECORD



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Sports section in Passages on page C9.

DEATHS

- B Paul Cameron Babcock, 45, died Jan 19
Theodore A Betts, died Jan. 20.
C Alison A Crabtree, 46, of Hartland, died Jan 22
John William Crago Jr, 79, of Plymouth, died Jan 22
K George "Tom" Kazen Jr, 56, died Jan 20
N Robert Thomas Nicols died Jan 15
O Joseph A Oikowski, 89, of Garden City, died Dec 22
James M O'Toole, 85, of Westland died Jan 20
S Rose Marie (Wheeler) Shpiece 79, died Jan 20
Edward Aloysius Szczepaniak, of Bloomfield Hills, died Jan 16



Children attempt to spell out, 'Thanks, Moms and Dads' during the talent show at Geneva Presbyterian Church Saturday

TALENT

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dancing and tumbling, choreographed for the fifth straight year by Joanne Zavisa and volunteers from her Canton dance school, Joanne's Dance Extension. Her students have made helping the SILSMS a priority... "When they sign up every August the first thing they ask is, 'Are we doing the talent show?'" Zavisa said.



Family and friends watch students take part in the Twinkle Twinkle Little Stars talent show put on Saturday by Speech, Language & Sensory-Motor Systems Inc

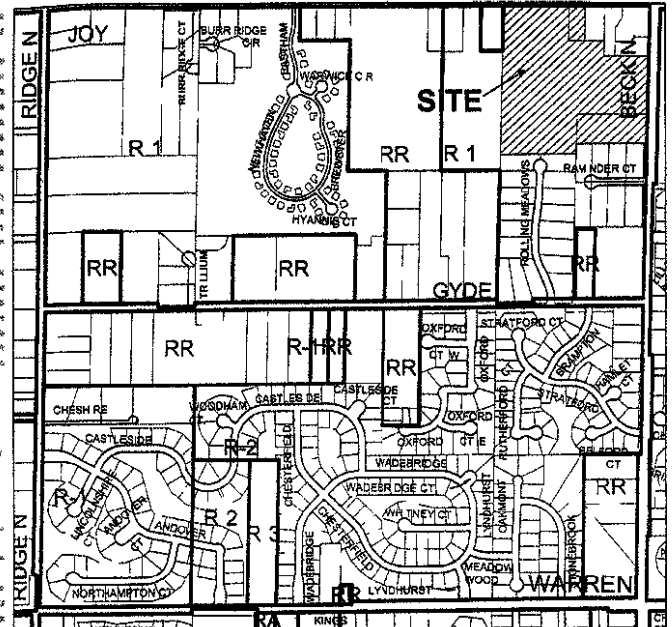
ing to be modeled in the event's fashion show. That kind of support is integral to the show's success, according to the Naberhauses... "It's nice because it's become a community effort," Stephame Naberhaus said.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 21, 2005, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 0 Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

WESTBUY ESTATES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27 04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 01 7 99 0001 713, 01 7 99 0001 7 14 and 0 17 99 0001 723 Property is located south of Joy and west of Beck Road (First Public Hearing.)



SECTION 5

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday February 17 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

For ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES for the Design of Road Resurfacing or Replacement and Improvements to Sheldon Road south of Ford Road in Canton Township Wayne County, Michigan

The Downtown Development Authority of Canton Township is soliciting letters of qualification for consulting services for the design of Road Resurfacing or Replacement and Improvements at Sheldon Road south of Ford Road in the DDA District in Canton Michigan. Letters of Qualification will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 11, 2005.

Requests for Qualification Documents may be picked up at

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REPEAL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. C-05-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY REPEALING THE NOXIOUS WEEDS ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. C-93-05; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE.

That the Noxious Weeds Ordinance Ordinance No. C 93 05, be and is hereby repealed

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause sentence, section paragraph or part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance

SECTION 3. REPEAL.

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal(s) herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance as amended

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner prescribed by law

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C 05 01 considered for first reading at the January 11 2005-regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday February 8 2005. The Ordinance in full is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42850 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth MI 48170 during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Phone No. 734 354-3224

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## Dieter Zetsche to chair United Way drive

United Way announced Thursday that Dr. Dieter Zetsche, president and chief executive officer of the Chrysler Group, will serve as the 2005 Torch Drive general chair.

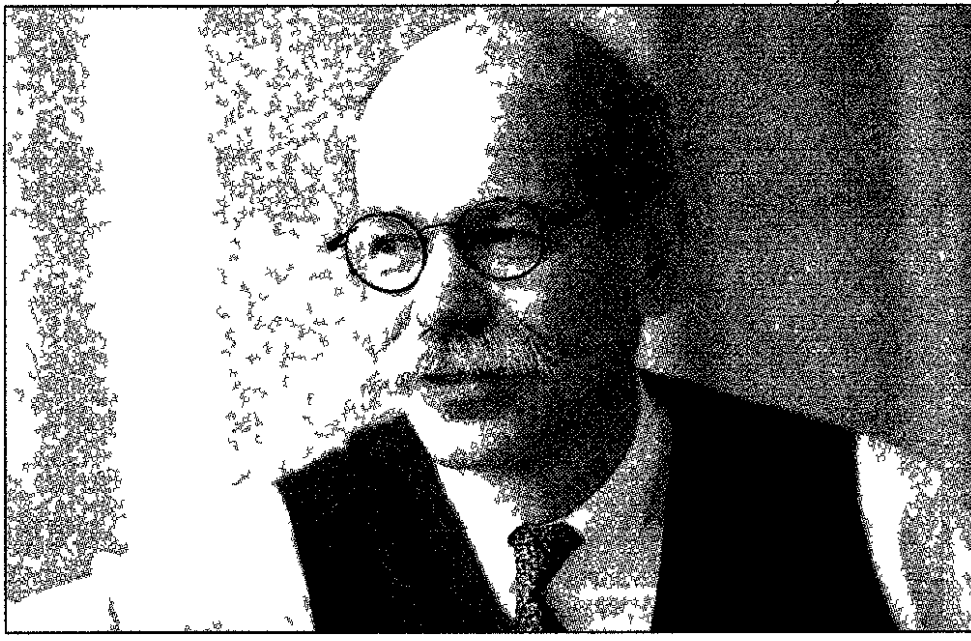
Zetsche is responsible for leading and directing more than 20,000 volunteers through the 57th annual fall fund-raising drive for United Way, which serves communities in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

"We are excited about Dr. Zetsche's commitment to this year's Torch Drive campaign," said Michael J. Brennan, president of United Way Community Services. "Sustaining the momentum of last year's successful campaign - in which we exceeded our goal of \$64.5 million - is critical to our mission of creating lasting, tangible community change. We have a Torch Drive chair who will help us to do just that."

Zetsche has been a member of the United Way Community Services Board of Directors since 2001, and currently serves as an honorary chair.

"In Dieter Zetsche, we have a campaign chair with a reputation for visionary and results-oriented leadership, who has also demonstrated a strong concern for our community," said Ralph W. Babb Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Comerica Incorporated, and United Way board chair. "We know he is the right person for the job given that the campaign is about making a measurable difference in people's lives."

Zetsche joined the research department of Daimler-Benz AG in 1976, and swiftly rose through the management ranks. He



Dieter Zetsche, president and CEO of Chrysler Group and member of the DaimlerChrysler Board of Management, will head this year's United Way campaign.

earned a doctorate in engineering in 1982 at the University of Paderborn (Germany), then went on to hold a number of top international assignments with Daimler-Benz.

Following the company's 1998 merger with Chrysler, Zetsche became a member of DaimlerChrysler's Board of Management. He was named to the top post at Chrysler in November 2000.

Since becoming CEO, Zetsche has led the automaker through a succession of new vehicle launches, including the debut of the award-winning Chrysler 300 last

year, and continuing sales growth.

UAW President Ron Gettelfinger served as the general chair of the 2004 Torch Drive. The goal of this year's fund-raising campaign will be set later this spring.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Plymouth needs King celebration

The professional development seminar put on last week in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. featured a nice presentation on diversity by Frank Wu, a 1988 graduate of Salem High School who is now the dean of Wayne State University's Law School.

Upon reflection, however, as the only event in the entire Plymouth community honoring the slain civil rights leader, it's not enough.

It's not enough because it's not open to the public. School district officials, having fought off a diversity issue themselves a few years ago, should be lauded for bringing attention to the various cultures of their student body, one of the most diverse in the state.

Plymouth city and township officials should be acknowledged for partnering with the district, each sending representatives to the event. We'd like to see more people sent to — and more importance placed upon — the event, but the governments are, at least, taking part in something.

But what the community really needs is a genuine — and public — salute to King's contributions, to his legacy.

Communities around us all do something. The Canton Public Library, for instance, hosted a King birthday celebration that featured a performance by Vision, the men's glee club of the Detroit High School for Fine and Performing Arts. The event drew about 100 people.

In Livonia, the People of Livonia Addressing Issues of Diversity and the Livonia Human Relations Commission presented a program, "Peace-ing it All Together." It's the 10th year for the celebration, which features entertainment, a diversity exercise and participation from middle school students.

In Garden City, organizers hosted the third annual Peacemakers Breakfast, honoring King and peacemakers such as Mahatma Gandhi, Jimmy Carter and Mattie Stepanek. More than 150 people turned out for the event, sponsored by the Garden City Public Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence.

A prayer breakfast in Redford drew some 50 people and, in Westland, hundreds of people — black and white, all ages — helped keep King's dream alive during a rousing, inspiring ceremony that featured church choirs singing gospel songs, poetry and even a letter that depicted how King might view the world, were he still alive.

And so it went in communities all over western Wayne County — except in Plymouth. But we have a year to change that. More importantly, as people in this community prove year in and year out, we have the heart to change it.

Surely there's a group — civic, municipal, church — willing to take on such a project. King's contributions, and his memory, deserve that much.

# Super Bowl XL tees up big opportunity

The metro Detroit area has a special opportunity in about a year from now.

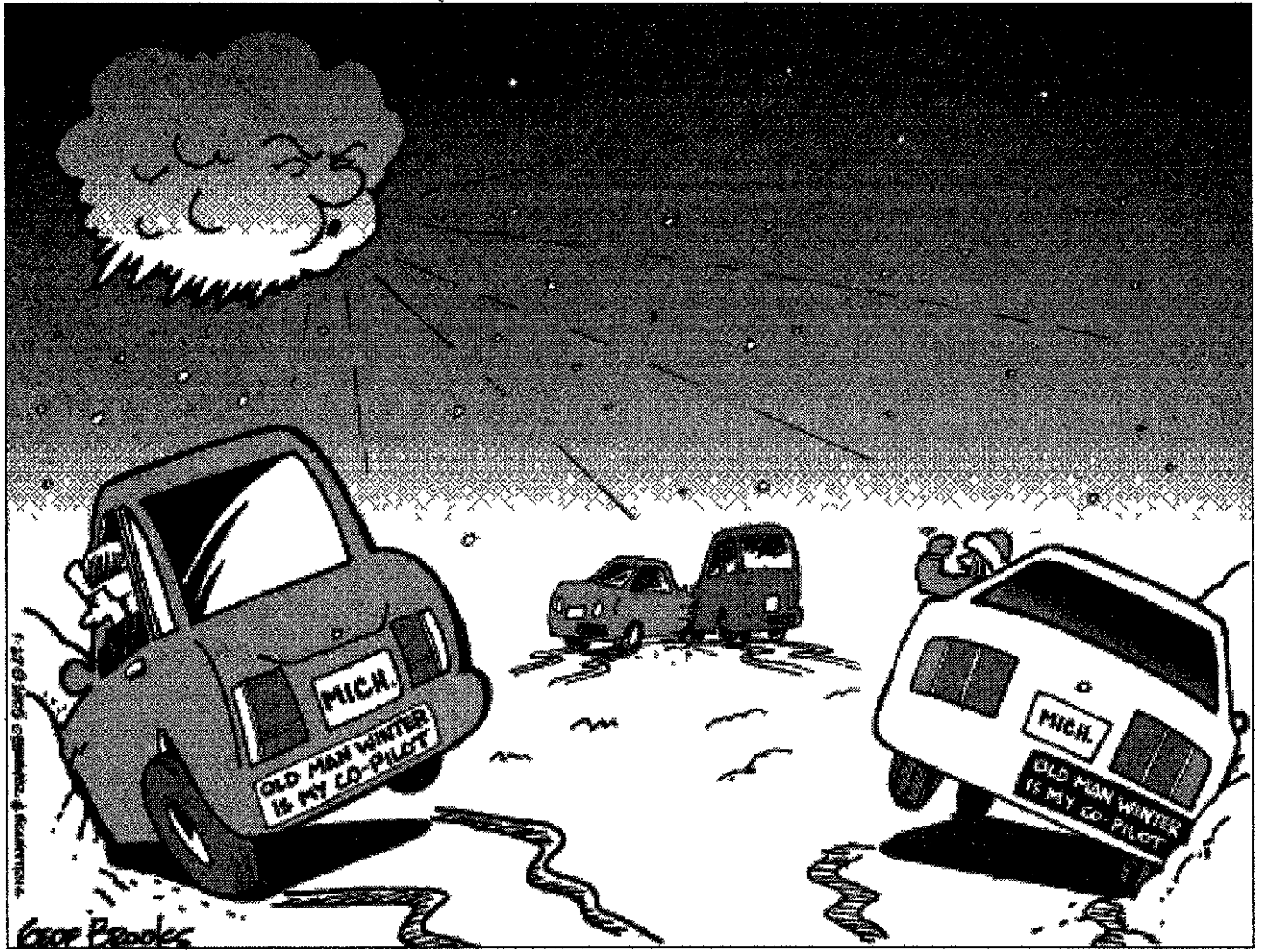
Some 100,000 visitors, which includes 3,000 media members from around the world, will gather here for Super Bowl XL. The National Football League championship game will be played Feb. 6, 2006, at Ford Field. There will be numerous family-oriented games, community events and high-profile private gatherings in the week leading up to the big game.

Organizers have been working on coordinating the regional efforts for this event since 1998, when it located more than 20,000 quality hotel rooms within a one-hour drive of Ford Field, and set about to identify fun, cold-weather activities throughout the area.

Our region will be under a microscope as people gather for the most-watched annual television event in the world. This provides a phenomenal chance to upgrade the area's image and grow its convention and hospitality industry.

Michigan's economic recovery is still lagging behind the rest of the nation. As metro Detroit tries to diversify its economy so it doesn't rely so heavily on the downsizing auto industry, the Super Bowl and the other major events give the Detroit area a chance to expand its convention business. If people are entertained and well-served for these sporting events, they may consider Detroit again for future conferences and events.

Special efforts like the Motown Winter Blast are great for downtown and they play to our strengths — downtown cultural attractions, cold weather, popular Motown music, great food, etc. — but we also need to keep our visitors entertained out here in the suburbs. An aggressive, collective effort over the next year could be vital to the growth of the region's economy.



## LETTERS

### Legion honors

I enjoyed Jeanette Burman's recent letter to the editor. I would also like to add a few things.

It is true, as she said, that the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary are organizations that work for the benefit of our veterans and their families. However, it goes beyond that as they have a very strong sense of community and involvement and especially nurturing of the youth.

Because these organizations are small and have limited resources, they are truly grateful for any assistance that comes their way. It was in that light the auxiliary recently held an "appreciation dinner" to honor some community members who it was felt had done things to help support the organizations' goals. Some of those honored were as follows:

■ Edna Somers, whose generous contributions made it possible to enable the Legion and the Auxiliary to send five local youth to the Girls' State and Boys' State programs in Lansing last summer.

■ Kevin Demsky, whose enthusiasm enabled him to personally bring in more than half of the \$3,500 generated during the Poppy Sale last spring.

■ An anonymous donor, who made a very generous donation which was to be used specifically to purchase gifts for the Ann Arbor VA Christmas shop.

■ Student Shane Kennedy and family, who took the need for a community service project and really made it count! They spent hours weeding, raking, polishing and placing American flags at the Korean and Vietnam monuments.

■ Marian Phelps and Judy Venuto, who crocheted over 40 lap robes for hospitalized veterans.

■ Joe McGarry, who was always available to help in any way, be it setting up or taking down for spaghetti suppers, garage sales or tasks needing to be done around the hall.

The year 2004 was a good one and with continued community support, 2005 should be even better.

Eunice Taylor  
Plymouth

### Not a bad law

I have noted with interest the *Plymouth Observer's* reporting on the unhappiness of Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan regarding the school election dates ("Locals sign on in school election," Jan. 23).

As Mr. Bruscatto notes near the end of this particular item, the new election law was to keep the school districts from having "stealth" elections and as a cost savings. I do not believe that the governor, who is in the pocket of the public education establishment, would have signed such legislation if she thought it was a problem for one of her main constituencies.

A couple of questions come to mind as I follow this controversy. Why did the CEO of our school district, Supt. Ryan, not work with the school board to find an alternative to the May date?

Since presidential, Senate, gubernatorial and the majority of state elections are held in November every other year,

would it have been more cost-effective for the school district to concur with that process? The reporter does not note whether he asked the municipalities that question, nor does he note whether the district CEO or school board asked the municipalities that question.

Why must PC schools and the superintendent have elections every year? These are presumably competent and intelligent people who allegedly work for the taxpayers. Surely they must be able to manage this situation to a positive outcome instead of whine about the law.

The law that Supt. Ryan is unhappy with is not a bad law. In this case, the Legislature acted in the best interest of the taxpayers and voters.

Mark F. Tooze  
Plymouth Township

### Need insurance reform

Many Americans (including Mr. Goebel, Jan. 13 letter to the editor) have been greatly misinformed about litigation and its costs on medical professionals and insurance-related costs to the country in general.

The Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics found the number of tort law suits filed between 1992 and 2001 dropped by 31.8 percent; the number of medical malpractice lawsuits have decreased by 14.2 percent; and the product liability lawsuits have dropped by 76 percent.

Also, the amounts of the awards have been dramatically decreasing. The inflation-adjusted award in all tort cases dropped 56.3 percent between 1992 and 2001 to \$28,000. Accordingly, if lawsuits were a major expense for insurance companies and a factor in driving up the costs of medical malpractice insurance, logic and justice dictate insurance premiums should be declining across the board.

Despite the decrease in both the number of lawsuits and the amount of the awards, medical malpractice insurance premiums allegedly continue to rise. Not surprisingly, a study of insurance premiums over the past 30 years shows there is a direct correlation between the rise and fall of the economy and the rise and fall of premiums.

The increase in medical malpractice premiums clearly has much more to do with how well the insurance company's investments are doing than the number of lawsuits or the amount of the awards.

Instead of legal reform, we must have insurance reform.

Michael Bartnicki  
Plymouth

### Don't blame society

This is in response to your article in the Jan. 23 *Observer* column concerning Detroit schools.

I am shocked by your typical irresponsible liberal views — to blame "society" for all the ills of Detroit students without suggesting what "society" should do to remedy the problems.

You imply the problem is that Detroit is an "almost all-black city" surrounded by white suburbs.

Well, this is exactly what Coleman Young wanted! He wanted blacks to rule themselves and make their own decisions.

But it has turned out they can't run their schools, nor the city.

Bill Cosby has had the guts to call for black responsibility to remedy their problems and to quit blaming whites (i.e. "society").

This is a tremendous breakthrough — long overdue, something we should all support and require.

Black responsibility is the key to solving their problems, so quit trying to blame "society."

Bill Piner  
Plymouth Township

### Stem cells save lives

I am responding to Thomas Hilton's letter to the editor regarding stem cell research.

Embryonic stem cell research requires the killing of human embryos to get their stem cells. We do not have to kill one human life to save another. Human stem cells are available from other sources: Placenta, amniotic fluid, blood, bone, bone marrow, and even fat tissue all contain stem cells.

Adult stem cells have already been found to be effective in treating some leukemia, heart disease, type II diabetes, immune deficiencies, eye diseases, and most recently the effects of Parkinson's disease. By contrast, embryonic stem cells have yet to demonstrate a single human therapeutic benefit.

Did you know, for instance, the following facts regarding stem cell research? The Karmanos Cancer Institute is urging expectant mothers giving birth at Hutzel Women's Hospital to donate their umbilical cords which have the proven potential to save another child's life. Umbilical cords are rich in stem cells which can be injected into a young cancer patient's blood stream in lieu of a bone marrow transplant.

Also, using umbilical cord stem cells, scientists in South Korea repaired the damaged spine of Hwang Mi-Soon, who has been paralyzed for 20 years. She was shown using a walking frame to take steps at a November 25 press conference. Doctors injected stem cells derived from umbilical cord blood into the damaged spine of the 37-year-old woman, who had been bedridden since damaging her back in an accident two decades ago.

Barb Schmid  
Canton

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## QUOTABLE

"We got hurt a little financially because of the snow storm, because we get part of our money from the vendors, and there were fewer people Saturday, but we're going to be OK."

— Mike Watts, Ice fest organizer, on how the festival fared during Saturday's snow storm



# U.P. land deal epitomizes the spirit of cooperation

Maybe you missed the announcement a couple of weeks ago. But the joint news conference put on by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Helen Taylor, executive director of the Michigan chapter of the Nature Conservancy, marked an enormously big deal for the entire state (and — full disclosure — for me, since I'm chairman of the Conservancy's board).

After more than three years of hard work, more than 248,000 acres of lakes, rivers and forest in the Upper Peninsula have now been protected through a conservation easement (an agreement spelling out what the new owners can and cannot do with the land).



Phil Power

In addition, the Conservancy will buy outright 23,239 acres in the Two-Hearted River watershed, one of Michigan's great places immortalized in Ernest Hemingway's great short stories, *The Big Two-Hearted River*. (The watershed is in Luce County, not too far northwest of the Mackinac Bridge.)

This is one of the largest and most visionary efforts ever undertaken by the Nature Conservancy. It will enable the owner, The Forestland Group, Inc., to cut timber on a sustainable and profitable basis. It will also preserve thousands of jobs in the U.P.'s forestry and tourism industries, guarantee public access for fishing, hunting and hiking, keep the land on the tax rolls of local communities, and restrict piecemeal development. When fully executed, this deal will link together more than 2.5 million acres of protected natural areas into a contiguous landscape of woods and water.

This is truly a case where everybody — landowners, workers, local government, conservationists and the public at large — wins. But it wasn't simple or easy. For some insight into what really happened, here are some of the behind-the-scenes details that never got into the press conference.

Initially, the Nature Conservancy tried to buy some 300,000 acres of land in the U.P. when they were put up at auction sale by the Bishop Trust in Hawaii. The group was outbid by the Forestland Group LLC. But we figured there was too much at stake to sit around and cry in our beer.

We contacted Doug Rothwell, then head of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., and pointed out that preserving this magnificent natural resource had an important jobs component. Some 3,000 jobs in the timber industry were at stake, plus many more in tourism and recreation if the land were developed.

Rothwell agreed and put us in touch with his wife, Sharon, who was at that time chief of staff

for then-Gov. John Engler. The governor jumped in with both feet, agreeing to work with us to raise the money to fund a conservation easement on the land. He helped persuade the folks who run the Natural Resources Trust Fund this was an important state priority.

And he offered to host a lunch in his office for the senior leadership of some of Michigan's largest and most generous foundations, including Mott, Dow, Kresge and Kellogg. I'll never forget the sight of the governor of Michigan padding around his conference room, personally serving coffee and pie to the assembled philanthropists before launching into his pitch.

To their everlasting credit, the foundations came through big time, more importantly, they stuck with us for the many months required to negotiate the deal with Forestland.

Then, two years ago, the newly elected Granholm quickly and enthusiastically also agreed to help. Just days after taking office, she hosted in her office another meeting for the foundation community, which gave us a chance to update everybody.

When the talks with Forestland got sticky and threatened to fail, Granholm personally joined the negotiations, calling both parties into her office and saying, "This is a good deal for Forestland, for the Nature Conservancy and, most of all, for the people of Michigan. I want to do whatever it takes to get this deal done."

She then suggested some shuttle diplomacy, carrying proposals back and forth between the Nature Conservancy folks and Forestland. After a couple of visits, she walked into our room, saying, "I think we're at the point where they're ready to deal." Her direct intervention was crucial and led quickly to a signed and detailed letter of agreement.

Working out the details of the conservation easement took many months and was hugely assisted by the hundreds of hours of pro bono time donated by the real estate lawyers at the Dykema Gossett law firm in Detroit.

Complicated big deals are never simple — and this was one of the most complex on record. It took lots of effort, imagination and good will. But thanks to many, many people — two governors of Michigan, senior leaders in state government, generous leaders of Michigan's great foundations, skilled staffers at the Nature Conservancy, an enlightened private firm and some very able lawyers — our children and our children's children will be able to enjoy forever some of the greatest places in Michigan. What a triumph!

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

# Groundhog copes with pressure of pleasing with predictions

It's not particularly tough duty, if you can get it, although the emotional strain is considerably higher than the physical toll.

But, for 118 years and counting now, Punxsutawney Phil has weathered the challenge of predicting, well, the weather. He gets his annual chance when all eyes focus on him Wednesday for Groundhog Day.

Phil, or The Groundhog for those not well-schooled in the art of winter predictions, is the chief meteorologist of Punxsutawney, the tiny western Pennsylvania town home to Gobbler's Knob, the residence that houses Phil.

In a wide-ranging interview (that we may have actually made up), the world's most famous groundhog talked about the pressure — and the pleasure — of being the harbinger of spring. Since Phil speaks only Groundhogese, we had to use our Groundhogese-to-English dictionary (which we also may have entirely made up).

(NOTE: While we may be fudging a little with the quotes, the other information is entirely accurate, and can be found on the Web at [www.groundhog.org](http://www.groundhog.org).)

"It can be tough," Phil said of trying to please everyone with the right prediction. "Nobody wants to suffer through six more weeks of winter, but what am I supposed to do? If the shadow's there, it's there, man!"

He shrugs off the pressure like a veteran, though, after 118 years of predicting the weather (which is only slightly longer than Willard Scott's been doing it). No one is sure exactly when Punxsutawney first observed Groundhog Day — it was some time in the 1800s — but the first official trek to Gobbler's Knob came in 1887.

Phil's been doing the weather ever since, fighting off imitation groundhogs and other prognosticators to build a reputation as the pre-eminent weather source, specializing in Feb. 2 predictions.

"Sure, it's a small niche, but everyone is put here for a reason," Phil said. "I may not be much help the rest of the year, but gearing up for this one prediction can take a lot out of a groundhog."

Admittedly, there is some suspicion that it hasn't been the same Phil for all of those 118 years. However, information discovered in Gobbler's Knob suggests Phil gets his longevity from a secret recipe: "groundhog punch," a magical elixir he sips once a year.

Of course, each sip reportedly adds seven years to his life, which means he could go on for at least another (let's see, 118 times 7 drat, I hate math!) 826 years (insert skeptical remarks here).

As legend has it (according to the Web site) the celebration of Groundhog Day began with

Pennsylvania's earliest settlers. They brought with them the legend of Candlemas Day, which states, "For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day, so far will the snow swirl in May." So the story goes, Punxsutawney Phil was named after King Phillip. Prior to being called Phil, he was called Br'er Groundhog.

The name change came despite Phil's grumblings.

"Hey, Br'er is a cool name," he said. "I don't want to disparage the other Phils of the world, but wouldn't you rather be called 'Br'er?'"

Phil is protected by his "Inner Circle," a security team even bigger than Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's. There are 21 members of the circle who carry titles like "burrow master," "stump warden," "cloud builder" and "fog spinner."

The leader of the circle is the "president," to whom Phil makes his prediction because he's the only one who understands groundhogese (although we're expecting phone calls from the other 20 members of the inner circle seeking our new Groundhogese-to-English dictionary).

The inner circle is made up of dignitaries of Punxsutawney, home to approximately 6,800 residents and one groundhog family (Phil, his wife and a couple of groundhog children).

Punxsutawney was originally a Native American campsite halfway between the Allegheny and Susquehanna rivers. It is located on the earliest known trail to the east, the Shamokin path. The area was, at times, occupied by Shawnee or Delaware people and sometimes by Senecas or Iroquois.

By the late 1790s, the first white settlers came to the area now known as Jefferson County. Jacob Hoover was the first settler in the Punxsutawney area, building the first log cabin and probably the first grist mill in 1814. The Rev. David Barclay came to the area in 1816 and is considered the founder of the town. In 1850, Punxsutawney was officially incorporated as a borough.

(Yet another note: If that's not way more information than you needed about Punxsutawney, you can find more at [www.punxstahistory.org](http://www.punxstahistory.org).)

With the lure of Punxsutawney Phil and the beauty of the area, tourism has become a rapidly growing trade. That's a lot of pressure to heap on a groundhog.

"Yeah, sometimes they get to me," Phil admitted. "Sometimes, if I see my shadow, my kids catch grief at school, and that hurts. But I tell them it's a privilege to serve, and it comes with some responsibility. They're cool with it."

The calendar on my desk says spring is coming March 20 (like it does every year). Phil says that's a fictitious date invented to satisfy the calendar industry. Maybe we should wait and see what Phil sees Wednesday.

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# ICE FEST

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"All in all it was good, Watts added. The Japanese contingent arrived to temperatures in the 50s on Thursday, but by Sunday the thermometer had dipped into the teens. The weather didn't seem to bother the carvers, although they'd have preferred perhaps a little warmer. World champion Ted Wakar of Canton said the snow that fell Saturday "was a little brutal," but Sunday's cold didn't affect him. "I have no problem carving in the cold, Wakar said. But from an event standpoint, a little warmer would be better. You have to have the crowds. Otherwise it's just us out here, and I've seen myself carve before."

Nor did the Sunday cold stop Plymouth resident Lisa Denhof, who has attended the festival each of the eight years she's lived here. "I think the festival is great, Denhof said. "It's within our community, it brings revenue into the community. Plymouth is great about having stuff for every season."

The festival was a little different this year. First, Watts and the festival board extended it to a full week. Then they decided to start it on Martin Luther King Day to take advantage of many people having the day off. The festival also started after the Detroit auto show, in an effort to take advantage of increased media in the area and increased attendance. According to Watts, the plan worked out.



Taylor Smith of Warren (left) and Jacob Okray of Eastpointe take a break from the festivities Saturday.

Video Monitoring Service recorded some 46 local electronic news hits and 67 exposure hits around the country. "It turned out to be a boon because people were off work

(on MLK Day), Watts said. The media coverage was wonderful. Knowing Plymouth is on television across the country is one of our goals. That's exposure we couldn't afford to buy.



Making his first attempt at ice carving, Scott Tykoski, representing the University of Michigan-Dearborn, begins to sculpt his team's block of ice.

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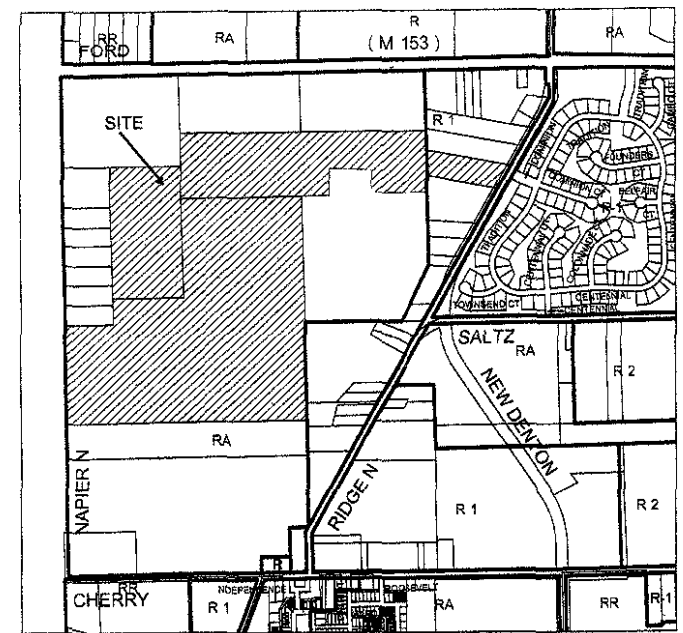
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday February 21, 2005 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**ROSEWOOD PLACE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) (PRELIMINARY PLAN)** CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 069 99 0010 000 069 99 0015 000 070 99 0002 000 AND 071 99 0003 000. Property is located west of Ridge between Ford and Cherry Hill Roads (First Public Hearing)



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Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday February 17 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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## Wallpaper chase

New styles, innovations assist in search

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

With such painting techniques as faux finishing, you might think the writings on the wall when it comes to wallpaper.

But think again. Wallpaper and wallcoverings are offering an almost limitless range of styles for any room. And innovations are making them easy to install and remove, as well as washable.

There still are very unique patterns that you can only duplicate with wallpaper," said Tom La Duke, owner of Arno Paint & Wallpaper in Royal Oak.

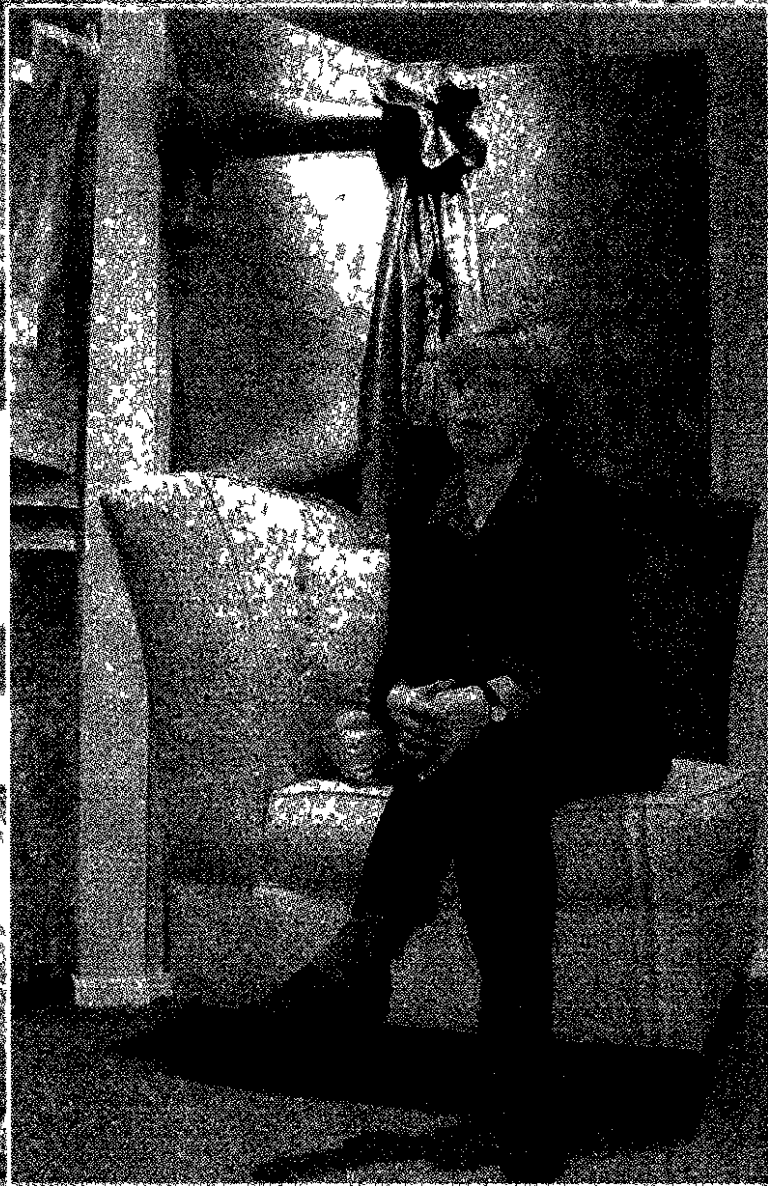
"Wallpaper is just a nice background for your furniture and treasures in your home," said Vera Mackey, showroom manager, Thybony Wallcovering at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

"It's like art for the wall... Wallpaper will enhance treasures that you have."

New products at Hahn Paint & Wallpaper in Westland include dry removable wallpaper, says the store's Carol Zimmerman.

"Just peel it all off in one sheet," she said.

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Vera Mackey, showroom manager at Thybony Wallcovering at Michigan Design Center in Troy, says wallpaper is like art for the wall. It makes an attractive background for furnishings, and enhances your treasures.

### HOW TO SHOP FOR WALLPAPER

Before you shop for wallpaper for a room, have a few things in mind and at hand.

Have an idea of the room's color scheme and light, and what you have in terms of carpet or fabrics for chairs and couches you want to blend, said Tom La Duke, owner of Arno Paint & Wallpaper in Royal Oak. Write the information down, and bring a fabric sample with you to the store.

After you order a wallcovering, hold off on doing anything else such as painting in the room until you are sure the color is right.

Know the size of the room, said Carol Zimmerman of Hahn Paint & Wallpaper in Westland.

"Ask, 'What are you using the room for?'" said Vera Mackey, showroom manager, Thybony Wallcovering at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

The Wallcoverings Association says to decide what you want the room to convey (light and airy, or rich

and dark). Evaluate the furnishings currently in the room, and decide what you want to keep there.

"Wallpaper is the final unifying element you need to pull your furnishings together and give your room a 'planned' appearance," the WA reports at its Web site, [www.wallcoverings.org](http://www.wallcoverings.org).

Discuss wall surface preparation with the retailer. Tell the retailer what kind of wall the paper will hang on (plaster, drywall, new drywall), the Web site said. Other information to take with you (with a room diagram), according to the WA, includes:

- What is the size of each wall? (Measure the height and width of each.)
- How many doors are in the room?
- How many windows are in the room?
- Is there a fireplace?
- Is there a staircase?
- What is the style of furniture? (Bring pictures.)
- Is traffic in the room light, medium or heavy?

## Show spyware the door - and keep it out

Sluggish performance. A hijacked Web browser. Pop-up windows everywhere. Generally flaky operation.

If your computer suffers from any of these symptoms, spyware could be the culprit.

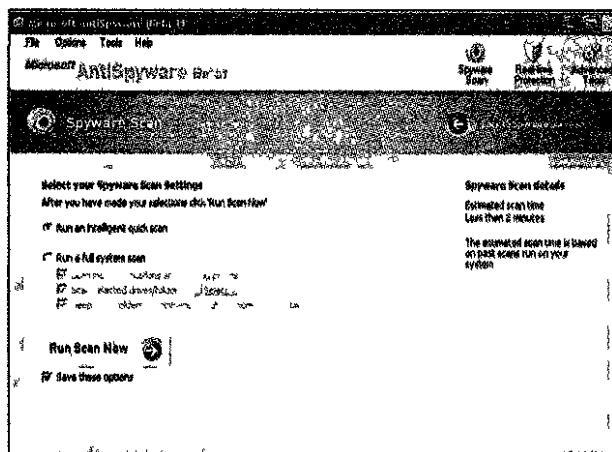
Not to be confused with spam (junk e-mail) or viruses (malicious software usually spread via e-mail), spyware comes mostly from Web sites you visit and software you install. The havoc it wreaks can range from an avalanche of pop-ups to broken Internet connections to a totally unusable PC.

In recent months, the problem has reached epidemic proportions. The unfortunate reality is that if you're connected to the Internet and use Internet Explorer, spyware attacks are all but inevitable. Another fine case of a few dim-witted individuals running things for the rest of us.

Fortunately, you can protect yourself from spyware - and rid your system of it - by following a few simple steps.

■ Educate yourself. Visit [Wikipedia.org](http://Wikipedia.org) (my favorite online encyclopedia) and read up on spyware. Knowledge is the best defense.

■ Avoid file-sharing programs like KaZaa, which



Microsoft's new Windows AntiSpyware utility provides a strong line of defense against those nasty invaders.

are notorious for shoveling spyware onto your hard drive. Same goes for a lot of seemingly innocuous free-ware, even when it comes from an otherwise trustworthy site like Download.com.

■ Beware Web sites offering adult content, free MP3 downloads, pirated software, and the like. Just viewing these and other sites can result in "drive-by

PLEASE SEE SPYWARE, B5

## What you need to know about carbon monoxide

New findings from a national poll conducted by RoperASW suggest that the first step to protecting your family from accidental carbon monoxide poisoning may be that homeowners need to learn more about the problem.

According to the home-safety study, there are dangerous gaps in awareness about carbon monoxide (CO). The study found that while 43 percent of Americans identify a home fire as an accidental tragedy most likely to cause injury or even death to a family member, nearly as many don't know that CO has no detectable smell. That may be one reason why this odorless gas is responsible for more accidental deaths than any other single poison (Journal of the American Medical Association).

Follow these home-safety tips to reduce the threat of accidental CO poisoning, especially during the home-heating season.

- Keep gas stove and range tops maintained and in

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## Accents

### On TV

Planterra Corporation, a West Bloomfield commercial interior landscape design firm, will be featured on an upcoming episode of *Rebecca's Garden*.

The episode is scheduled to air nationally on 185 network affiliates Sunday, Feb. 6. In the metro Detroit region, the episode will air on WXYZ (Channel 7) at 6:30 a.m.

The show offers a glimpse into Planterra's private collection of botanical specimens.

Larry M. Pliska of Franklin, president and founder of Planterra, will guide the TV crew through the winding aisles and lush foliage in the company's 22,000-square-foot antique greenhouse complex.

Among useful tips on tropical plant care, Pliska will talk about the many benefits of indoor plants.

*Rebecca's Garden* crew spent nearly two days shooting at Planterra's greenhouse and customer sites.

The plantings at the General Motors Wintergarden in Detroit and the Galleria Officecentre atrium in Southfield will be featured.

Additionally, Laura Barber of Rochester Hills, Planterra's greenhouse horticulturist, conducted a reporting demonstration and Shane Pliska of Birmingham, Planterra's development manager, offered advice on designing with "hip succulents."

### Urban gardening

The Urban Roots Community Gardening Training Program will teach 24 community garden leaders the skills they need to create and maintain strong, vibrant and sustainable community gardens. This program was specifically designed for residents of Wayne County gardening in urban areas. The program began from the need to create and sustain more community gardens by training community leaders in horticulture as well as community organizing.

The program's organiz-



ers are currently recruiting participants for this first year of classes. Classes will be held at American Indian Health and Family Services, located at 4880 Lawndale, Detroit, MI 48121.

Dates of classes are Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting Feb. 19 and ending April 23. This is a nine-week course, which, including a textbook, costs \$75. The completed application and fee is due no later than Feb. 1.

For further information or to receive an application, please contact Ashley Atkinson at The Greening of Detroit at (313) 237-8736 or Kristine Hahn at MSU Extension at (313) 833-3275, or by e-mail at [detroitagriculture@yahoo.com](mailto:detroitagriculture@yahoo.com).



# Is your home winterized?

As temperatures drop across the nation, Americans work to make their homes more airtight and energy efficient throughout the winter months.

But creating a more airtight home can result in unseen hazards in the air, says Danny Lapford, host of the nationally syndicated home improvement show, Today's Homeowner.

"With heating costs on the rise, homeowners can do their part to create a more energy efficient home this winter. But keep in mind that when you seal out the cold temperatures, you can seal in harmful particles."

While energy efficient, airtight homes may save on heating costs, smoke, dust, and mold spores sealed inside can make the air you breathe indoors up to 100 times more polluted than outdoor air. Lapford recommends the following projects—each costing less than \$50—that can be completed in a matter of hours or even minutes.

■ Check the exterior perimeter of your home for cracks or openings. If you have gaps in the door or window frames, seal them with a quality exterior caulk to help save money on your energy bills. If you have a crack in your patio or sidewalk, a concrete repair tube works well

(\$20.00 for a caulk gun and caulk and \$1.79 for a 5 1/2 ounce cement squeeze repair tube)

■ Upgrade to a high efficiency filter, like Filtrrete's new refillable filter. Doing so will help you and your family breathe cleaner air since the filter captures 10 times more dust, smoke, pollen, pet dander, mold and other tiny particles in the air than a fiberglass filter. This filter is easy to use, store and promotes less waste. You should change these filters every 2-3 months throughout the year, an easy way to remember is to do this on the first day of each new season. (\$15.00 includes filter with reusable frame and refill insert)

■ Fix drafty windows by installing a window insulator kit. Apply the clear insulating film to the inside of the window and use a hairdryer to shrink wrap the film to prevent wrinkles. (\$15 for a kit can cover three to five windows)

■ Insulate your water heater and pipes to keep utility bills down. Simply wrap a water heater blanket around your hot water heater and insulate the pipes with hot water pipe wraps. (\$15 for a water heater blanket and \$20 for water pipe wraps)

For more tips, log on to [www.filtrrete.com](http://www.filtrrete.com)

## Attracting birds

English Gardens will present a free gardening seminar Attracting Birds to Your Yard 1 p.m. Saturday Jan. 29 at its five metro Detroit stores in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100) and Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200). Learn tips on plant materials and other elements necessary to create a garden that's home to birds, butterflies and other small creatures. For the nearest English Gardens location call (800) 335-GROW or visit [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com)

## MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday Jan. 28 in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus in Rochester. Member Nan LaRosa, master gardener and frequent visitor to the famous Chelsea Flower Show in London, England, will be the guest speaker. She will present slides showing the latest trends in gardening as well as other visual treats from the show. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required. For more information call (248) 299-3948 or visit [www.meadowbrookhall.org](http://www.meadowbrookhall.org)

## Beverly Hills Garden Club

The Beverly Hills Garden Club will meet 1 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 1 at the Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W. 13 Mile. George Papadalis, owner of Telly's Nursery in Troy, will present the program Annuals for the Perennial Border. Guests are welcome.

## Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 1 at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road. A floral design staff member from English Gardens will give a step-by-step demonstration of design basics for fresh flower arrangements. Visitors are welcome.

## Gardening courses

Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia, offers gardening courses in its Continuing Education department. The schedule includes Landscape Design I, Wednesdays Feb. 2-16 and Perennial Gardening, Saturdays Feb. 5-19. The instructor is Merritt Wolson, a local landscape designer and horticulturist. Register by mail, fax, Web or walk in. For more information call (734) 462-4448.

## Downriver Rose Society

The Downriver Rose Society will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 2 at the Brownstown Community Center, 2131 Telegraph in Brownstown (between Sibley and West roads). Nancy Lindley, author of Roses for Michigan, will present a colorful and lively slide presentation of Old Garden Roses, antique and fragrant roses that succeed in Michigan. Admission is free. The public may attend.

For more information call Mike at (877) 860-5364 or Tom at (734) 783-5010. Lindley and her husband Roger own Great Lakes Roses in Sumpter Township south of Belleville. They grow more than 700 roses, many of them antique roses in the display garden around their home at the nursery. Nancy Lindley gives more than 100 talks a year about roses and has served as editor of the American Rose Society's Old Garden and Shrub Rose Gazette.

## Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet noon Monday Feb. 7 at the Longacre House on the west side of Farmington Road between 11 and 10 Mile. The topic will be What's New for 2005. George Papadalis, owner of Telly's Greenhouse, will explore new plants, old-fashioned favorites and several underused and hard-to-find annuals and perennials for the collectors garden. Guests are welcome.

## Herb study group

The University of Michigan Nichols Arboretum and Matthaei Botanical Gardens Evening Herb Study Group will meet 7 p.m. Monday Feb. 7 at the Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. The meeting will be in Room 125, the opposite end from the auditorium. Herbalist Joan Wysocki will speak on Herbs for Romance. The public may attend. Admission is free.

For more information contact the Gardens at (734) 998-7061. Lesley Chace at [ledsbeaken@aol.com](mailto:ledsbeaken@aol.com) or Joan Wysocki at (248) 349-5310 or [jdwysoc1@aol.com](mailto:jdwysoc1@aol.com)

## Community House Garden Club

Steven Nikkila, co-owner of Perennial Favorites, a garden and landscaping design firm in Waterford, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of The Community House Garden Club, Monday Feb. 7. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Through the use of before and after

photos Nikkila will demonstrate how to renovate old landscapes. He has planted, maintained and photographed gardens and landscapes since 1983.

The public may attend. Reservations aren't necessary. A \$5 donation is requested at the door.

For more information call The Community House at (248) 594-6410. Nikkila received his degree in landscape technology from Oakland Community College. He has been senior instructor for the Michigan School of Gardening since its inception in 1996 and assisted in the development of the school's curriculum. Nikkila has taught courses on photography, plant identification, organic gardening, gardening for wildlife and other horticultural courses at advanced master gardener conferences. He has taught in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania and internationally. Nikkila specializes in horticultural photography and his photographs have appeared in several books as well as numerous national and local magazines, newspapers and catalogs.

## Orchid fest

English Gardens will host its third annual Orchid Fest, featuring two weekends of free seminars, visits from growers and a display of more than 50 varieties of orchids. All orchids will be 25 percent off. The festival will begin this weekend and continue throughout February, which is National Orchid Month. English Gardens stores are in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100) and Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200).

Two seminars will be presented Saturday Jan. 29: Introduction to Orchids, 11 a.m. to noon at all five stores; and Orchid Repotting Techniques, 3-4 p.m. at the West Bloomfield, Royal Oak/Troy and Clinton Township stores.

A seminar, Growing Beautiful Orchids, will be presented 12 p.m. Sunday Jan. 30 at the West Bloomfield, Royal Oak/Troy and Clinton Township stores. Other seminars to be given at all five locations are Advance Orchid Growing, 11 a.m. to noon Saturday Feb. 5; Orchid Repotting Demonstration, 12 p.m. Saturday Feb. 5; and Growing Beautiful Orchids, 12 p.m. Sunday Feb. 6. Among the featured speakers will be John Doherty of Zephyrus Orchids and Lawrence J. Ohlman III and Sam Kimling of Orchids by Ohlman. Doherty will be at Royal Oak/Troy 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 29 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 30. Watson will be in West Bloomfield 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 5. Kimling will be in West Bloomfield 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 29 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 30 and in Dearborn Heights 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 5 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 6. Ohlman will be in Clinton Township 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 30 and Feb. 6.

For the nearest English Gardens location call (800) 335-GROW or visit [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com)

## Ash borer fair

The Emerald Ash Borer Information and Ash Wood Utilization Fair will take place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Jan. 29 at the Washtenaw County Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor Saline Road in Ann Arbor. The event is free and open to the public.

It is hosted by Michigan State University in partnership with the Southeast Michigan State University Extension Resource Conservation and Development Council.

For more information call Karen Reynolds, EAB education coordinator at Washtenaw County MSU Extension at (734) 997-1678 or e-mail her at [reynolka@washtenaw.org](mailto:reynolka@washtenaw.org). Using a variety of educational displays and demonstrations, the fair will address many of the questions homeowners may have about the Emerald Ash Borer and about the treatment and utilization options that exist for their trees.

Among the presenters will be representatives from many government agencies, area businesses (including tree care services, sawmills, wood workers and wood product industries) and local municipalities.

## Master Gardener club

The Master Gardener Association of Wayne County (MGAWC) org invites former and current master gardeners and master gardening students to attend membership meetings the second Thursday of the month. September through June, MGAWC volunteers meet in the Environmental Interpretive Center at the northwest corner of the University of Michigan Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen between Ford and Michigan Avenue. Celebrating 20 years of community service, MGAWC has refreshments at 7 p.m. and a speaker at 8 p.m. Cooking will be discussed at the meeting Feb. 10. MGAWC org has links to a campus map. Call (734) 786-6860 for a 24-hour recording.

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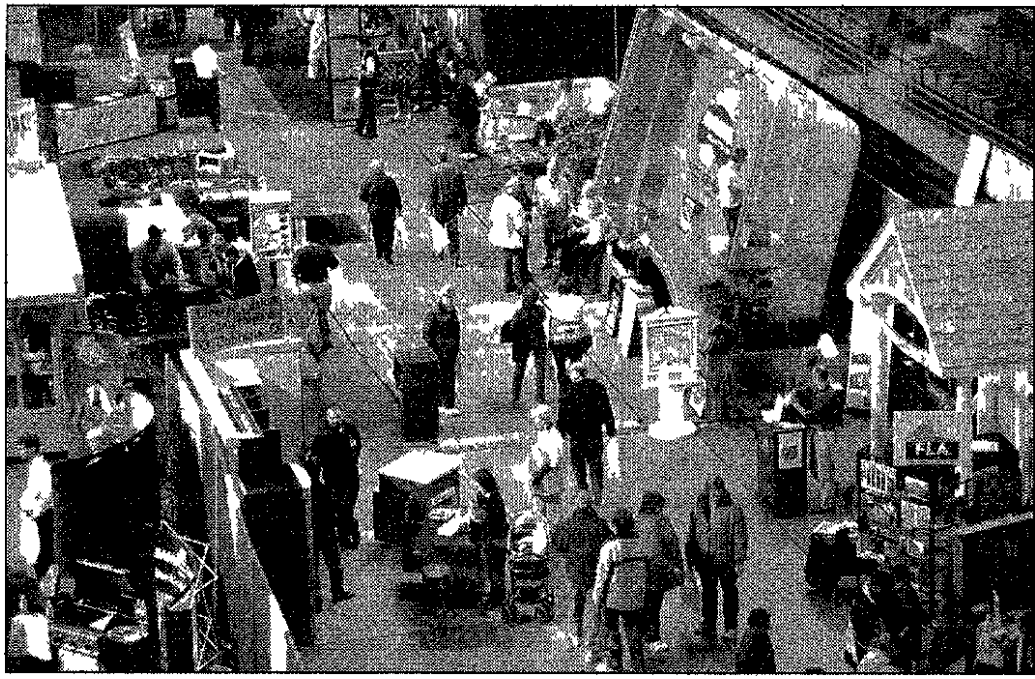
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The Novi Home Improvement show begins Friday, Jan. 28 and lasts through Sunday, Jan. 30 at the Novi Expo Center. Hours are noon-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$8 seniors, and children under 12 are admitted free. For information, call (248) 862-1019 or visit [www.builders.org](http://www.builders.org)

### HOME CALENDAR

#### Auction

The Frank H. Boos Gallery of Troy will conduct an auction 6 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Jan. 27-28 at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, just north of Big Beaver Road (16 Mile). The auction will feature fine paintings, Orientalia, erotica, period English and French furniture, Georgian silver, presidential material and other items. Call (248) 643-1900 or visit [www.boosgallery.com](http://www.boosgallery.com) for more information.

#### 'Everything sale'

The fourth annual Great Everything Sale will take place Friday, Saturday, Jan. 28-29 at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, between Main and Livernois, north of University Drive. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday (8 a.m. early bird admission \$2), 9 a.m. to noon Saturday (\$2 bag day). Objects for sale will include kitchen sinks, household items, small appliances, furniture, pictures, computers, clothing, baby furniture, toys, boutique items, collectibles, glassware, games, and books. (You name it, we've got it!)

All proceeds will benefit the community house's building expansion fund. Drop-off donations are needed. Call (248) 651-0622 for information.

#### Design center sale

Michigan Design Center's semi-annual Floor Sample and Clearance Sale will take place Saturday, Sunday, Jan. 29-30.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. MDC is at 1700 Stutz in Troy, north off Maple (15 Mile) between Crooks and Coolidge. MDC is usually open to interior designers and their clients only. This sale gives the public an opportunity to shop the showrooms at MDC, finding savings of 60 to 70 percent off list price on hundreds of floor sample items.

Admission is \$7. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Coalition on Temporary Shelter, the largest shelter for the homeless in Michigan. Merchandise will be sold as is. All sales are final. Payment may be by cash or check, and most showrooms will also accept Visa or MasterCard. A delivery service will be available with arrangements made at the customer's expense. Delivery must be accepted within 10 days of purchase. Design seminars will take place both days with no additional charge for sample sale participants. Topics include Trend Forecast 2005 (1 p.m. and 3 p.m.) and Pulling It All Together: Space Planning, Scale and Proportion (2 p.m.).

#### Jane Seymour

Actress Jane Seymour will give a free design seminar 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 at Parisian at The Village of Rochester Hills, on the northeast corner of Adams and Walton Boulevards. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call (248) 276-6705.

Seymour will discuss her inspiration for the new Grand Hotel Mackinac Island Home Collection and offer creative suggestions for home decoration. She will also autograph purchases from the collection.

#### Rochester Community House

The Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, presents a variety of classes. For information, call (248) 651-0622 or visit [www.rochestercommhouse.org](http://www.rochestercommhouse.org).

**In Quilts From Clothing**, Monday, Jan. 31, learn how to recycle wool, corduroy, flannel, jeans, ties, dresses, T-shirts, or sweat shirts into beautiful heirloom quilts. Fee is \$25. Bring clothing, rotary cutter, mat, ruler, large and small scissors, and seam ripper. You may bring patterns; the instructor will provide various patterns.

**In Rubber Stamping Made Simple**, Monday, Jan. 31, learn the appropriate uses of pigment versus dye inks, embossing, colorblocking, and marker techniques. Each participant will take home three greeting cards, a bookmark, and a gift box. Fee is \$15. A \$10 materials fee is payable to the teacher on class day.

**One Sheet Wonder Stamping** will be offered Monday, Feb. 7. Learn to create many different styles of cards and gift items with just one stamped and two colored sheets of card stock. You will make and take home nine different projects. Fee is \$15. A \$10 materials fee is payable to the teacher on class day.

# Here's annual list of funny things heard at the office

Continuing a tradition as old as someone who's still too young for kindergarten, the time has again arrived for the annual list of silly things people said at my clinic over the course of the last 12 months.

People quote lines to me from this list for weeks after publication, telling me which was their favorite. Some ask what's wrong with the people I talk to.



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

Always remember that there's nothing wrong with those whose words have been immortalized. It just so happened that they made a vocal mistake when I was within earshot.

They have either made a slight speaking error (such as someone noticing a ceiling drip during a rainstorm and yelling "the loof is reeking!"), or have picked up an incorrect vocal pattern (such as people who demand a more "Pacific diagnosis"), or perhaps are unclear on some information ("What country is France in, anyway?").

I will admit, my staff does cringe everytime they write "sneezing" instead of "sneezing" in a file, or when they mispronounce and say Mimihaha instead of Benihana.

In fact, just the other day, I was telling my staff how leader dogs for the blind began after World War I in Germany, when they would get dogs for the blind veterans. A technician found that to be odd.

"Why would Germany have blind soldiers?" she asked.

When I explained the injuries likely occurred during the conflict, and were not pre-existing, she asked that I not include her question in the list. I promised.

I made it part of the opening. This is all in fun. No one should be hurt, or angry, or feel like they're being beaten up, especially if their anger makes them want to hurt me by beating me up.

"We're just having pun, that's all!" "This was the only puppy without an umbilical hernia" (speaking of an umbilical hernia).

"Sometimes he makes me so mad I just want to give him the blue goose."

"She's almost seven months old. When will she start to administrate?"

"I fell out of the chair and made a skeptical of myself."

"When I grabbed his hindleg, he started whelping, and whelping really loud."

The number one behavior seen in dogs is behavior.

People quote lines to me from this list for weeks after publication, telling me which was their favorite. Some ask what's wrong with the people I talk to.

(In a phone conversation discussing bloodwork with a client.) "The bloodwork shows that his kidneys are failing."

"Both of them?"

"I used to own an American Mutthound."

"He's a mix - half pit bull and half chinchilla."

"How much would it be to get him noodled?"

"If only you didn't know what you knew then."

"I think she has a broken bicuser tooth."

Two clients chatting in the lobby.

"I saw Elvis perform in Ann Arbor."

"Was it before he died?"

"They want everyone to be blonde-eyed and blue haired."

Upon entering extremely hot building from freezing cold outside. "Wow! It's like going from the North Pole to the South Pole!"

"My old cat was half Siamese and half amnesia."

"You can keep it fresh in a hip-lock bag."

"In what joint do they get hip dysplasia?"

"I'm worried because his eye is suddenly inflated!"

"She stays in the basement bathroom where no light or dark can get in."

"Just a little bit, just an infant estimate amount."

"From the smell, I thought the dog would be covered in magnets."

"Are Mexican and Spanish similar languages?"

"No, he hurt both of his right knees!"

"If you're being attacked by a bear, you're supposed to stop, drop, and roll."

"My dog bit me. Do I have to worry about being sued?"

Finally, for years we at the radio show tried to get on Hollywood Squares, but now it's been canceled. I was lamenting the fact I would never be a celebrity guest, as they weren't making new episodes.

"Well, maybe you can be on one of the reruns."

I can only hope.

Dr. Brad Davis is medical director for the YCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City, MI 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 [www.AnimalTalkradio.com](http://www.AnimalTalkradio.com). E-mail questions or comments to [Questions@animaltalkradio.com](mailto:Questions@animaltalkradio.com).

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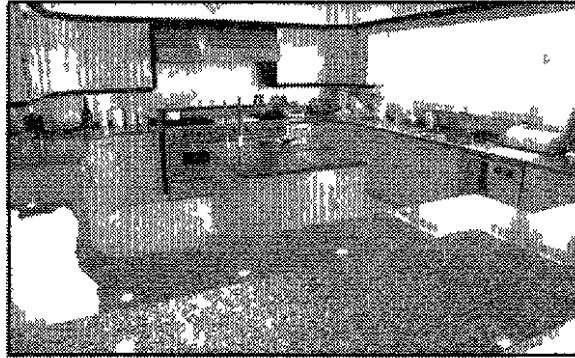
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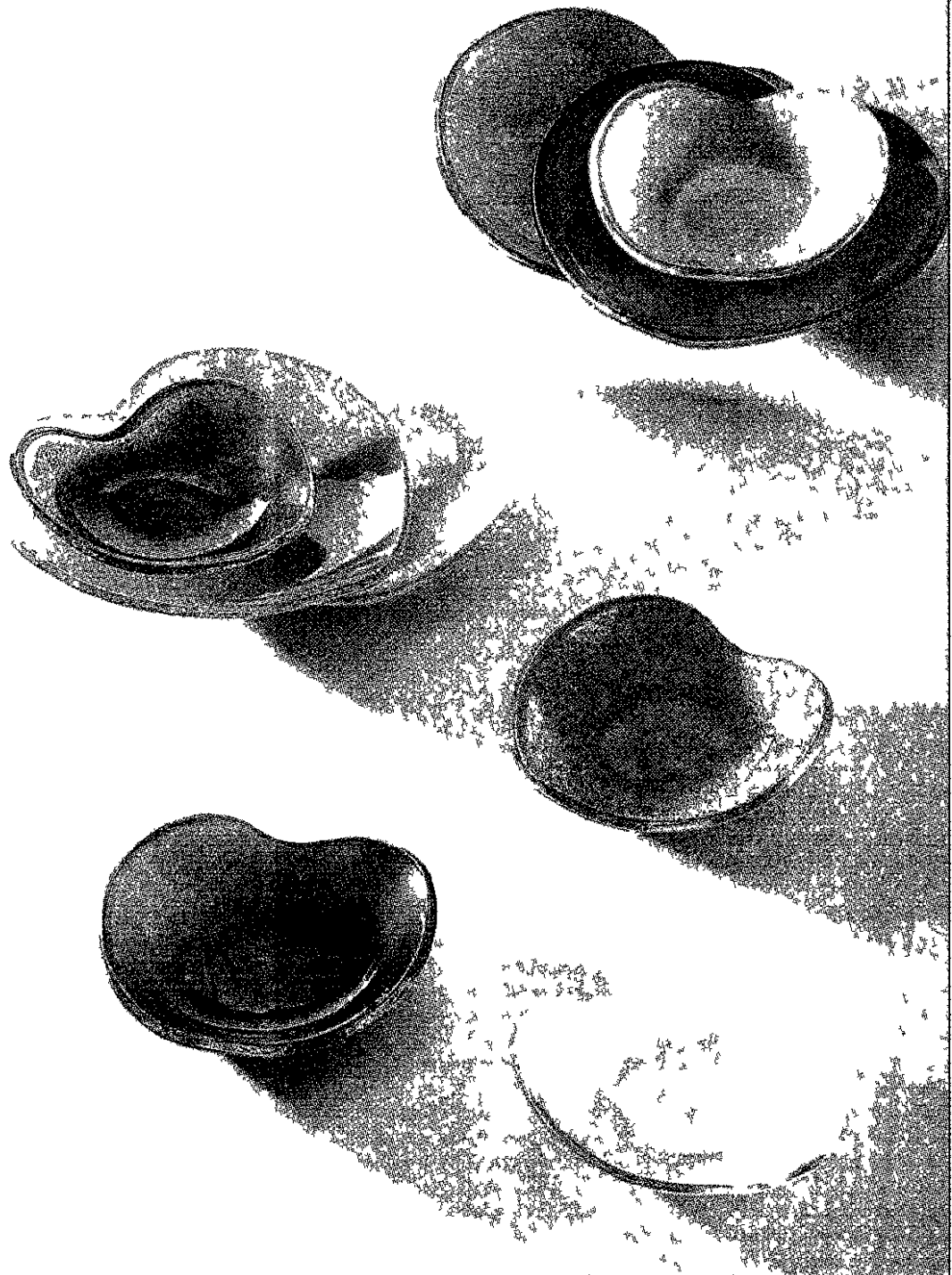


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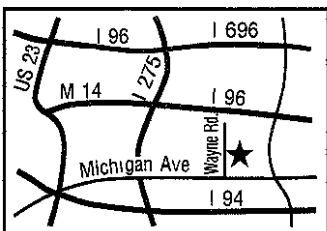
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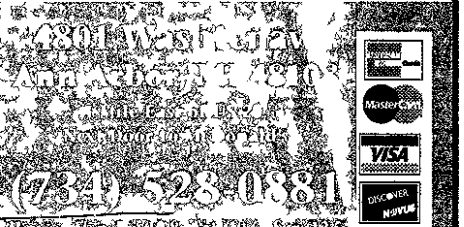


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**WALLPAPER**

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**PATTERNS**

Patterns go beyond floral and froufrou. You can find a wall covering with a specific motif, or that matches fabrics, for a custom look.

Arno Paint & Wallpaper, in business for 51 years, has a library of more than 1,000 wall covering sample books.

About 10 years ago, it had six or seven books of patterns with masculine motifs, now it has about 40, La Duke said.

"The men's section has really come a long way," said the store's Rosalie Cobbs.

A retiree from GM selected a border with a pattern of cars for his home office, she said. Among other patterns popular with men are plaids and sports designs.

You can give a room a lodge look, with wallpaper featuring rustic scenes and pine tree borders.

"Country is always in," Zimmerman said.

Wallcoverings can be embossed and reflect light, or feature raised patterns or faux surfaces. Silk and satin textures softly shimmer for a more formal look. Vinyl coverings are good for bathrooms, Cobbs said.

Borders can be scalloped or straight. A display of borders by Brewster at Hahn Paint & Wallpaper included using them to create a chair rail, to accent an angled ceiling or molding, or as trim along or around a shelf, wall, door or window.

Higher end papers are designed to match fabrics in upholstery or drapes, Mackey said. For example, you could have wallpaper with a certain

design in a sunroom, and matching indoor-outdoor fabric, she said.

Papers are also designed with coordinating patterns. One pattern could be placed on the top half of a wall, and a coordinating pattern on the bottom.

**INSTALLATION**

The industry has made wallpaper easier to work with. Many products have eliminated the need for booking and the use of sloppy paste. (Booking involves folding the ends of a sheet of pasted wallpaper toward the middle, to activate the paste, and to let the material relax and make it easier to handle.)

'Rip and Tear' is the big thing, La Duke said, speaking of a type of wallpaper that comes in large sheets. "Anyone can do it."

Cobbs recommends sizing (preparing) walls before installing a wall covering. Such products as Wallwik sheets are easy to apply, come off in one sheet and are reusable.

The Paper Tiger scoring tool perforates wallpaper you want to remove. You then apply stripping, which will get behind the wallpaper to loosen any paste.

**ON THE WALL**

Other items help decorate walls. Soy candles, available at Arno Paint & Wallpaper, have all-cotton wicks that burn clean and don't cause soot to form on the walls.

Super Fresco Paintable Textures by Graham & Brown are pre-pasted wallcoverings with textured patterns, including pressed tin, linen and brush strokes.

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**SPYWARE**

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downloads' - spyware that sneaks in via your Web browser.

■ Install a spyware detection-and-removal utility. Better yet, install two of them. Read on to learn which ones I recommend and how to use them.

■ Switch from Internet Explorer to Mozilla Firefox (www.mozilla.org). This open-source (read: free) Web browser offers far greater resistance to spyware and includes a couple neat features not found in IE.

■ If you've been thinking of installing a Wi-Fi router, here's another reason to do so. Most routers include a hardware-based firewall, which offers strong spyware protection.

When used together, these methods offer almost bullet-proof spyware deterrence.

To find and remove any spyware that might already be on your system, install at least two of the following: Ad-Aware SE Personal Edition, Spybot - Search & Destroy, and Windows AntiSpyware. Ad-

Aware and Spybot, both available from Download.com, are free. So is Windows AntiSpyware, at least for now. Currently in beta (but already a solid product), it's available from Microsoft's Web site.

Why install more than one utility? Because not every program removes every kind of spyware.

Consider this overlapping protection: To make the most of it, install one program, download the latest 'definitions' (the software will walk you through the steps), and then scan your system.

When it's done, install the next program, download its latest definitions, and then run the scan.

Repeat the update-and-scan process on a weekly basis.

Modern computing sure can be a hassle, can't it?

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**Let there be bright light**

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

We were on vacation and went on a walk in the moonlight with our wives at a nearby botanical garden.

It was beautiful. At least what we could see was beautiful. We needed flashlights to prevent tripping in the path as we traveled through those magnificent gardens.

At the end of the trail there was a beautiful opening in the canopy, and the sky was clear and overflowing with stars.

There was a place to sit and observe a gigantic waterfall. The white foam created by the rushing water glistened in the moonlight as it rushed down the mountainside.

Suddenly, a searchlight painted the falls and the mountain behind it. For a moment it was like daylight. It was unbelievable because the beam of brightness that seemed to illuminate the entire landscape was no more than a portable flashlight.

We had encountered a new breed of portable lighting: a 1 million candlepower rechargeable portable flashlight - no, not

flashlight, it was a lantern. Well, maybe it was a flashlight. In any event, it looked like a flashlight, but it was large like a lantern - and heavy, too.

It had a pistol grip and a trigger, like an electric driver drill. The business end of the device was about the size of one of those 6-volt flashlights with the handle on top. But the amount of light emanated didn't compare at all to that kind of flashlight.

The fellow carrying the light told us that he had paid about \$30 for his 1 million candlepower flashlight. We later searched the Internet and found them ranging in price from \$19 to \$70. The man said that there was a downside. The light was too bright to be used as a regular flashlight. When used for finding stuff in the workshop, the light was so bright it washed everything out. But, he said, in the darkness of night and for great distances the light was perfect. These puppies are pretty heavy too. They weigh in at 2-1/2 pounds or more, depending on brand and intensity. A typical flashlight only weighs a few ounces.

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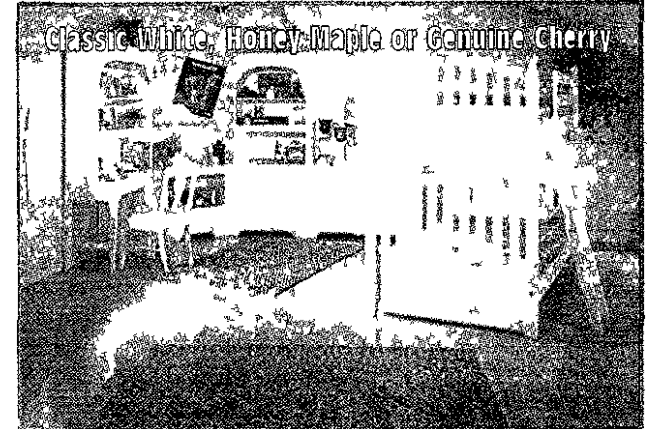
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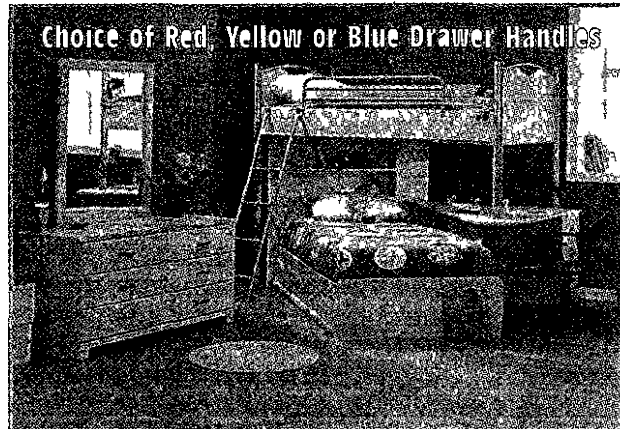
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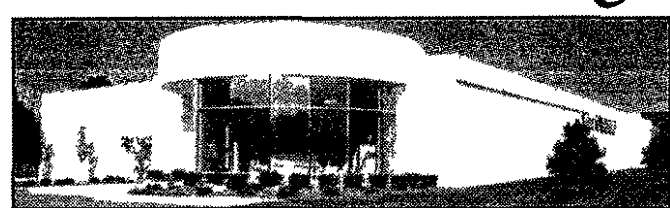
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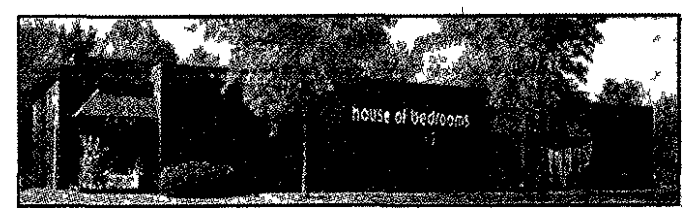
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## Sidelines

### Penguins clipped

The Plymouth-Canton Salem girls hockey team dropped a 7-1 decision to Grosse Pointe South Tuesday night in a battle of first- and second-place teams that was played at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

The Penguins entered the game in second place in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League, just three points behind the front-running Lady Blue Devils. The loss dropped PCS to 10-3-1 while South boosted its record to 13-0.

Ally Morawski and Hilary Inger teamed up to spell doom for the Penguins. Morawski provided the winners with two goals and two assists while Inger tallied a hat trick. The Lady Blue Devils raced to a 3-0 lead after one period and 6-0 advantage heading into the second intermission.

PCS's lone goal came with 2:18 remaining when Stephanie Murray lit the lamp after receiving a pass from Adrienne Cercone.

South goalie Whitney Hughes turned back 21 PCS shots. Penguins goalie Kristie Kowalski stopped 26 shots. Grosse Pointe South played a strong game and we did not," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "They scored their first goal at 9:53 of the first period, then they scored again 16 seconds later, so it kind of let the air out of our sails."

### Mustangs roll

The Canton Mustangs, a U10 boys soccer team, recently captured the Regional Soccer Tournament held at the High Velocity Sports Complex in Canton, The Mustangs, who went 4-0 at the competition, will now advance to the national portion of the event, which will include teams from all over the United States as well as Canada and Mexico.

The team consists of Evan Joseph, Brenton Zuzo, Robbie Morgan, Riley Doxtader, Colin Rooney, Tyler Bashaw, Garrett Moores, Phillip Milan, Joey Amado, Pasquely Posh, Taku Ikenaga, Adam Siedlaczek, Tyler Fosdick, Joff Malone, Kiefer Sneli and Spenser Solys. The team is coached by Larry Joseph, Gary Zuzo and Clive Sneli.

### MU softball saluted

Madonna University was voted the favorite to win the 2005 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's softball title in a poll voted upon by the WHAC coaches. The defending champion Crusaders earned a total of 34 votes, including four first-place votes, to garner the top spot followed by Aquinas, Cornerstone, Indiana Tech, Siena Heights and Concordia. In a poll conducted by the WHAC coaches and sports information directors, three MU women's softball players were voted to the 2005 pre-season squad including outfielder Mary Warchuck, third baseman Kathy Day (Livonia Ladywood) and starting pitcher Shannon Noder.

## 'Cat spikers earn first WLAA win

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

There's a good chance a few of Plymouth middle-hitter Jeanne Moise's thunderous kills Monday night left marks on the Plymouth High School gymnasium's hardwood floor - not to mention some bruises on the arms of the Walled Lake Western diggers.

Moise and the rest of the Wildcats definitely made an impression on Warriors coach Beth Canales, whose team fell in four games to Plymouth, 19-25, 25-22, 25-13 and 25-21.

The victory was a milestone for the Wildcats, who chalked up their first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association victory after four season-opening setbacks. Plymouth is now 12-5-1 overall.

Western shipped to 4-1 in the league (8-8-4 overall).

"No. 8 (Moise) is one of the best players we've faced so far this season," said Canales. "She's an awesome hitter. They have a sweet offense up the middle. We're not a very big team, so we couldn't stop their power game. I thought our girls played awesome, though. I was happy with our defense and our effort."

Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland shuffled the deck and came out with a winning hand against Western.

"We mixed up the line-up a little bit, and I liked the chemistry we had out there," she said. "We did a better job of service receiving tonight. Our serving was horrible, which is disappointing because that's been one of our strengths this season."

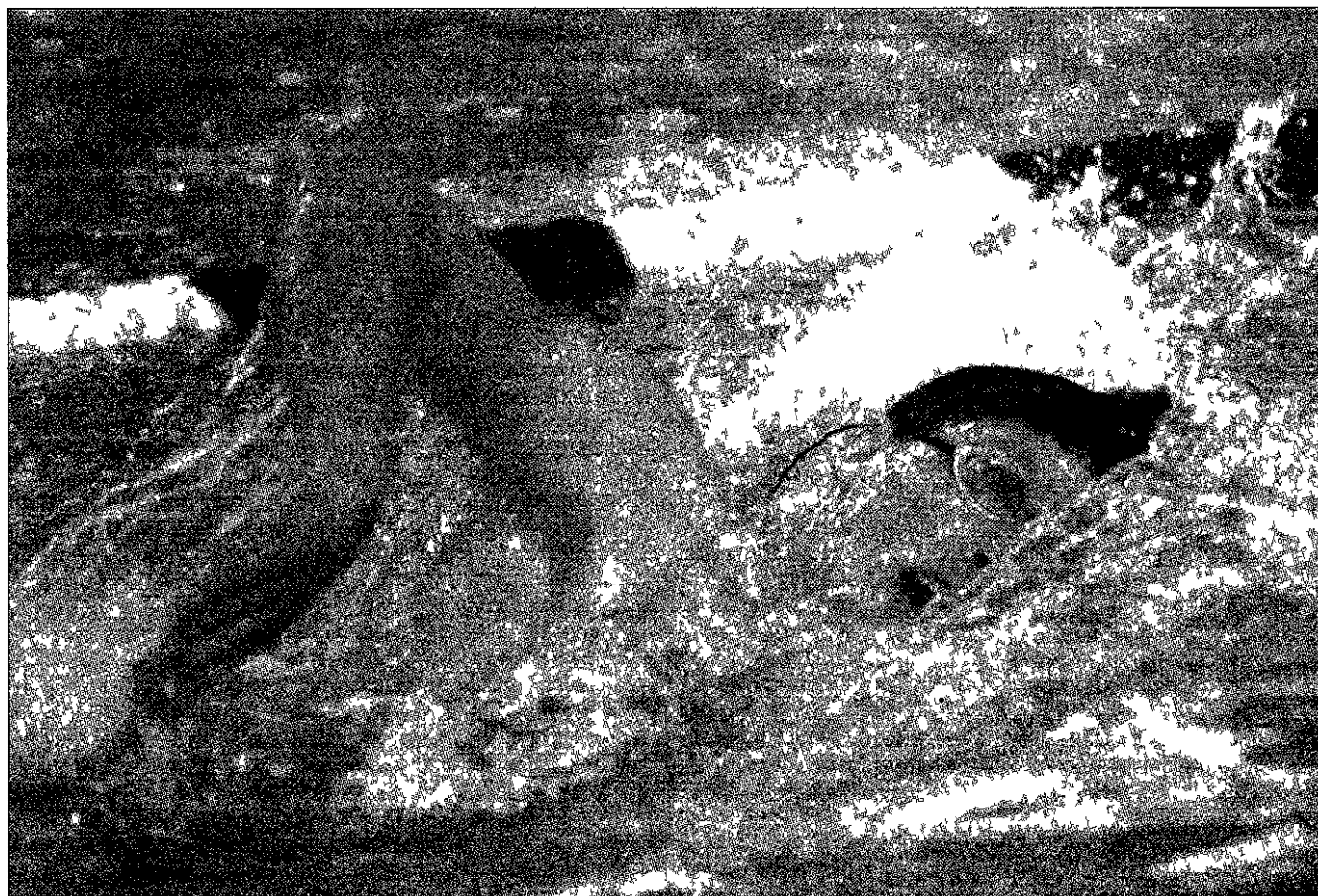
"Walled Lake Western has a strong team. They play very good defense. We had some strong hits that they dug up. This is one of the best conferences around, so our team learns something - win or lose - every match we play. This was our first game in the Western Division, so we're 1-0. Our new goal is to win the division."

Several of Moise's 24 kills had no deposit, no return written all over them as they hit the floor with such force that they bounced into the stands stationed 10 feet behind the end line. The junior also recorded 12 digs and seven blocks.

Junior setter Sarah Haskins served as a stabilizer for the Wildcats, racking up 29 assists and 18 digs. Brandi Swyhart was credited with 16 digs and Lauren Stemberger had 13. Jackie Dorre and Janet Hanchett complemented Moise on the front line, combining for nine kills.

Western won the opening game thanks to the strong all-around play of Western captain Ashley Belrose who slammed six kills and delivered a pair of service aces that stretched her team's lead to 19-14 during a pivotal stretch two-thirds of the way through the game.

PLEASE SEE WILDCATS, C6



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Salem's Matt Jurcak outstroked his competition in the 200-yard freestyle event during Tuesday night's meet against Canton. Jurcak turned in a time of 1:48.52 to outdistance second-place Canton swimmer Robert Blaesser by 11 seconds.

## Points well taken

### Strong finish pushes Salem swimmers past Canton

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Everybody who knew anything about Tuesday night's cross-campus meet featuring the Salem and Canton boys swim teams were expecting a close, down-to-the-wire competition.

They weren't disappointed. Led by strong efforts from seniors Matt Jurcak, Nick Dixon and Mike Higgs, the Rocks edged the Chiefs 97-86, in a meet held in the Salem High School Pool.

The slender victory boosted Salem's dual-meet record to 2-3 while Canton dropped to 2-1.

"We only beat them by a few points when we swam against them in an invitational earlier this year, so we knew it was

For swim meet stats please see Page C2

going to be a very close meet," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "Canton beat us last year, so it was nice to come back and get one tonight."

"We're only 2-3, but all three of our losses are to state-ranked teams, so our record isn't as bad as it looks. It's always nice swimming against teams that you're familiar with like Canton. We knew they were going to be tough, and they were."

Despite the loss, Canton coach Ed Weber was upbeat about his team's effort.

"Our number one goal going into tonight's meet was to swim fast, and we

did that," said Weber. "I thought we swam very well. One of our relay teams got DQed and another got out-touched, so there's the difference in the meet right there."

"I knew going in that it was going to be close and that we had a chance to win if we swam well. We swam well, but we didn't quite pull it out."

Weber praised the efforts of Jon Templeton, Nick Landis, Shogo Uno, Kevin Cafarelli and Ben Eberline, who all turned in season best performances.

Salem clinched the victory late in the meet with a first place showing in the 200-yard freestyle relay and Jurcak's win in the 100 yard backstroke.

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## Observerland mat title up for grabs

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Saturday's 14th annual Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament at Livonia Churchill may go down as one of the most competitive and star-studded fields of all time.

The lineup includes last year's co-champions, Churchill and Westland John Glenn, along with Redford Catholic Central, Salem, Canton,

Plymouth, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Clarenceville, Canton, Redford Union, Lutheran Westland, Wayne Memorial, Garden City, Farmington and North Farmington.

Action starts at 9 a.m. with the finals slated to go off at approximately 6 p.m. Admission is \$5.

"There's more party in the area," Churchill coach Marty Altounian said. "It's not a one-team race."

"To have a lot of champions is great,

but you can't win unless everybody contributes. Each kid has to win a couple of matches. It's those matches for fifth place. It's about the ones scoring down low."

It's no secret that Observerland's top-two ranked teams, Churchill and Redford CC, are the co-favorites. Both teams are strong in the upper weights and have some quality lower-weight grapplers.

PLEASE SEE WRESTLING, C3

## Livonia Franklin's treys bury Plymouth cagers, 59-32

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Franklin's basketball team may want to frame the stat sheet that was compiled during its game at Plymouth Tuesday night.

The Wildcats, on the other hand, would probably prefer to shred it.

Franklin overcame an early 10-2 deficit and ran away with a key 59-32 Western Lakes Activities Association victory in the Wildcats' gym. The triumph improved the Patriots' record to 8-3 overall and 4-2 in the WLAA. Plymouth, which has now dropped three straight contests, shipped to 7-5 and 2-4.

"We executed our half-court offense better than I've ever seen us execute it," said Franklin coach Russ Keberly. "The kids did a good job of reversing the ball tonight and we got a lot of back-door layups."

"We played extremely well on the defensive end, too. The kids were all over the place."

The game was one to forget for Plymouth, which at one point endured a 14-minute scoreless stretch. The Wildcats put up a goose egg in the pivotal third quarter, which saw their manageable 33-25 half-time deficit grow to 45-25 with eight minutes to play.

First of all, I'd like to give Franklin a lot of credit," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "They hit eight threes against us, which didn't help. Our gym is not the easiest gym to shoot in for visiting teams, but they didn't seem to have any problems

tonight. I thought we located people well on defense, it's not like they were wide, wide open. They just hit their shots."

"We actually were getting some good looks on the offensive end, but we couldn't finish. That happens sometimes during every game, but I've never seen it happen during an entire game like it did tonight."

Thomas Jankowski and Matt McCullough both netted 13 points for the winners, who were also bolstered by Mitch Jelonek's nine-point effort. Jankowski was instrumental in wiping out the Wildcats' early 10-2 lead when he strung together three consecutive triples in the opening quarter. McCullough finished with a pair of treys. Andre Bell yanked down a team-high 10 rebounds for the Patriots. Jelonek finished with eight and McCullough snared five.

Plymouth shooting guard D.J. Coleman was on fire early, scoring 11 of his team-high 14 points in the opening eight minutes.

He also tallied three steals and four rebounds. Josh Le Duc chipped in with six points and seven boards.

Franklin made 23-of-55 field-goal attempts (41 percent) and Plymouth buried just 9-of-45 shots from the field (20 percent).

The Patriots were 5-of-9 from the free-throw line (55 percent), Plymouth twined 12-of-23 from the stripe (52 percent).

The Patriots won in spite of 22 turnovers. Plymouth committed 16 miscues.

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Plymouth junior guard D.J. Coleman was the only Wildcat who could score on a consistent basis Tuesday night against Livonia Franklin. Coleman netted 14 in the Cats' 59-32 setback to the Patriots.



# Rockets nudge Chiefs, 42-38

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton may not sit atop the Western Lakes Activities Association basketball standings, but it definitely leads the league in close losses.

The Chiefs suffered another narrow setback Tuesday night at Westland John Glenn, 42-38. The loss dropped Canton to 6-6 overall and 2-4 in the WLAA. All four conference losses were by less than five points — but that's little consolation to coach Charlie Payne.

"We were up by 10 at one point and we led after three quarters, but we had a scoring drought that really hurt us," Payne said. "That has happened to us a lot this year. We'll be going along good, and then we'll hit a stretch when we can't score."

"Right now our goal is to just make the playoffs. I think we're about seventh or eighth, so we still have a shot. And as balanced as the league is this year, anybody who makes it into the playoffs can win it."

Playing its first game without power forward Julian Smith, Canton surged to a 12-7 first-quarter lead and 24-16 halftime advantage. Smith, one of the team's top rebounders, transferred to a prep academy in New York effective Monday.

The Rockets closed the gap to 31-27 after three quarters and finished off their visitors with a 15-7 run over the final eight minutes.

Senior point guard Andy Cortellini paced the Chiefs' scoring attack with 14 points. Fellow back-court mate David Cahille netted 11 and Kevin Thornton chipped in with eight points, five rebounds and a pair of blocked shots. Ryan Wadmann and Steve Payne pulled down six rebounds a piece.

"We actually handled the ball pretty well," Payne said. "We only had 11 turnovers, and our goal every game is to be under 12."



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Canton's Matt Carlson churns through the water during Tuesday night's 200-yard 1M event against Salem. Carlson finished second with a time of 2:07.69.

## SWIM STATS

### SALEM 97 CANTON 86 Tuesdays, Jan 25 at Salem High School

**200-yard medley relay** 1 Salem (Nick Dixon, Stan Chen, Pat Sautural, Penn Chou) 1:47.22 2 Canton (Alex Marinica, Dan Anthony, Shogo Uno, David Conzelman) 1:50.96 3 Salem (John Kline, Eric Martian, Billy Horgan, Cory Price) 1:54.48 4 Salem (James Crabill, Rick Strahan, Adam Clark, David Xia) 2:08.29

**200 freestyle** 1 Matt Jurcak (S) 1:48.82 2 Robert Blaesser (C) 1:59.03 3 Derek Schmitt (C) 1:59.17 4 Matt Underhill (S) 2:00.49 5 Jon Templeton (C) 2:01.64 6 Nick Leone (S) 2:03.20

**200 IM** 1 Nick Dixon (S) 2:04.39 2 Matt Carlson (C) 2:07.69 3 Nathan Phillips (C) 2:14.75 4 Nick Landis (C) 2:14.82 5 Penn Chou (S) 2:15.84 6 Billy Horgan (S) 2:22.81

**50 freestyle** 1 Shogo Uno (C) 23.75 2 Mike Higgs (S) 23.95 3 John Faraoni (C) 24.15 4 Cory Price (S) 25.27 5 David Conzelman (C) 25.45 6 Jason Williams (S) 25.72

**Diving** 1 Andrew Murawski (S) 227.70 2 Kevin Cafarelli (C) 219.60 3 Neil Murray (S) 126.90

**100 butterfly** 1 Uno Shogo (C) 56.85 2 John Faraoni (C) 58.81 3 Pat Sautural (S) 59.80 4 Billy Horgan (S) 1:02.66 5 John Kline (S) 1:03.74 6 Alex Marinica (C) 1:05.20

**100 freestyle** 1 Mike Higgs (S) 52.87

2 Derek Schmitt (C) 54.44 3 Jon Templeton (C) 54.47 4 Matt Underhill (S) 54.79 5 Nick Leone (S) 55.40 6 David Conzelman (C) 56.30

**500 freestyle** 1 Nick Dixon (S) 4:57.72 2 Nick Landis (C) 5:32.01 3 Ben Eberlein (C) 5:46.98 4 Steve Moore (S) 5:47.09 5 Nick Hoffmeyer (S) 5:55.27 6 Chris Early (C) 6:00.85

**200 freestyle relay** 1 Salem (Matt Jurcak, Penn Chou, Pat Sautural, Mike Higgs) 1:34.90 2 Canton (Jon Templeton, Robert Blaesser, Ben Eberlein, Shogo Uno) 1:39.89 3 Salem (Jason Williams, Cory Price, Matt Underhill, Nick Leone) 1:40.32 4 Canton (Derek Schmitt, Nathan Phillips, Alex Marinica, Nick Landis) 1:41.64

**100 backstroke** 1 Matt Jurcak (S) 56.77 2 Nathan Phillips (C) 1:02.05 3 Robert Blaesser (C) 1:03.51 4 John Kline (S) 1:04.70 5 Greg Calabrese (C) 1:05.04 6 James Crabill (S) 1:12.15

**100 breaststroke** 1 Matt Carlson (C) 1:06.31 2 Stan Chen (S) 1:07.32 3 Penn Chou (S) 1:08.94 4 Dan Anthony (C) 1:10.28 5 Kevin Karlinski (C) 1:11.86 6 Eric Martian (S) 1:14.83

**400 freestyle relay** 1 Salem (Mike Higgs, Pat Sautural, Nick Dixon, Matt Jurcak) 3:26.75 2 Canton (John Faraoni, Ben Eberlein, David Conzelman, Matt Carlson) 3:37.24 3 Canton (Jon Templeton, Derek Schmitt, Nathan Phillips, Robert Blaesser) 3:41.29 4 Salem (Matt Underhill, Nick Leone, Billy Horgan, Stan Chen) 3:45.85

## PREP BASKETBALL

Canton drained 7-of-15 free throws while the Rockets made 6-of-8 attempts from the line.

Six-foot-six forward Barry Eberhardt led John Glenn with 15 points. The victory improved the Rockets' record to 6-6 overall and 4-2 in the conference.

Canton will look to end its WLAA victory drought on Friday when it hosts Northville. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

**WALLED LAKE WESTERN 85, SALEM 65:** Western's senior shooting guard Denard Branch overwhelmed the Rocks with 30 points — despite sitting out most of the fourth quarter — to lead the Warriors to the one-sided victory in the Salem gymnasium.

The loss dropped Salem to 1-11 overall and 1-5 in the WLAA.

Junior forward Kevin Bradley led the Rocks' offense with 14 points. Seniors Dave Cardenas and Kyle Price both twined nine points in the losing cause.

Russ Young completed Branch's big night with 13 points of his own.

"Western pressured us the minute they stepped out of the locker room," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. They forced a few early turnovers that led to easy baskets, they outscored us 25-8 in the second quarter, which pretty much put the game away.

"We actually played better in the second half and we did a lot better job of handling their pressure. We hung in there in the second half and played them pretty even."

After trailing 45-22 at the intermission, Salem outscored the Warriors, 43-40, over the final 16 minutes.

One bright note for the Rocks was that they connected on 10-of-13 free throws.

## MAT RANKINGS

### OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING RANKINGS (as of Jan 21)

**TEAM** 1 Livonia Churchill 2 Redford Catholic Central 3 Westland John Glenn 4 Salem 5 Livonia Franklin

### INDIVIDUAL

**103 pounds** 1 Jesse Gardocki Franklin 2 Alex Fowler Churchill 3 Brandon Nikula John Glenn 4 Jeremy Stankewitz Salem 5 Jamie Preiss Wayne Memorial

**112** 1 Josh Preiss Wayne 2 Steve Ludke Garden City 3 Ken Nelson Redford Union 4 Jon Reale Livonia Stevenson 5 Jeremiah Aust John Glenn

**119** 1 Matt Keffler Salem 2 Jason Crothers Wayne 3 Antonio Cosme Redford CC 4 Ken Nance Garden City 5 Jon Roos Franklin

**125** 1 Ryan Stump Salem 2 Andrew Nadhir Redford CC 3 Rowdy Glasgow John Glenn 4 Mike Warren Franklin 5 Justin Keatts Wayne

**130** 1 Corey Phillips Canton 2 Justin Smith Churchill 3 Jim Wood John Glenn 4 James Jones Franklin 5 Robert Bytner Lutheran Westland

**135** 1 Ryan Webb Canton 2 Sean Dong Redford CC 3 Josh Wischmeyer RU 4 Orlando Carswell John Glenn 5 Scott Fysh Salem

**140** 1 Rece Cox John Glenn 2 Jim Moore RU 3 Dave Watkins Franklin 4 Konrad Konitzke Canton 5 Zack Listman Wayne

**145** 1 Jameson Murray Churchill 2 Jacob Bennett Salem 3 Alex York Stevenson 4 Nate Turco Franklin 5 Chr S Tomas RU

**152** 1 Ben Adams Churchill 2 Adam Kokenakes Stevenson 3 Val Gu Salem 4 Chad Phillips Wayne 5 Ramin Pakray Plymouth

Western nailed just 13-of-21 attempts. **PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 56, OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 46:** PCA crafted possibly its most impressive victory of the season Tuesday night, upending the always-tough Lancers on their home court. The victory was the first against four setbacks for the Eagles in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Senior point guard Stephen Sumner turned in a spectacular effort for the winners, canning a game-high 23 points. Mike McCord also played well, swishing 14 points while Matt Saagman added 11 and Aaron Ciborowski contributed 10.


**CANTON AGAPE CHRISTIAN 66, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 49:** Every player on the roster scored for the red-hot Wolverines, who upped their record to 6-4 overall and 4-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Tuesday night at Canton's Discovery Middle School. Sophomore point guard Jack Anleitner and Ryan Barber paced the Wolves' offensive onslaught with 14 points each. Barber also contributed a team-high nine rebounds for the victors. Derek Leathers was solid in the paint, racking up eight points and seven boards.

"We started kind of slow tonight, but our press generated some offense and it got us going," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "We're looking forward to Friday night's game against Plymouth Christian."

The Wolverines and Eagles will square off Friday night at Eastern Michigan University. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m. The game will be preceded by a volleyball match between the two schools.

Macomb led 15-13 after the opening quarter, but the Wolverines rebounded with a 23-point second stanza to secure a 36-23 halftime advantage. Agape outscored its hosts 15-12 in the third quarter to ice the win.

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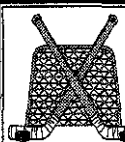
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**WRESTLING**

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Churchill relies on several key performers including Alex Fowler (103) Justin Smith (130), Jameson Murray (145) Ben Adams (152) Manuel Schubert (171) Joe Bargerstock (189) Hafeez Qureshi (215) and Pat Draheim (275)

CC counters with Antonio Cosme (119) Andrew Nadhir (119) Sean Dong (135) Trevor Stewart (160) Brad Bartram (171), Eric Vojtkofsky (215) and John Morasso (275)

"On paper we could meet in a lot of finals but its a big tourney and anything can happen," Altounian said

CC is tournament tested but is coming off its first two dual-meet setbacks of the sea son against Hartland and Belleville in last weekend's CC Super Duals

It should be a good meet it should be fun in our last shot, said CC coach Mike Rodriguez, referring to next season's school relocation to Novi "I'm only looking at it one match at a time We'll see what we have after Thursday (today's meet) with Adrian

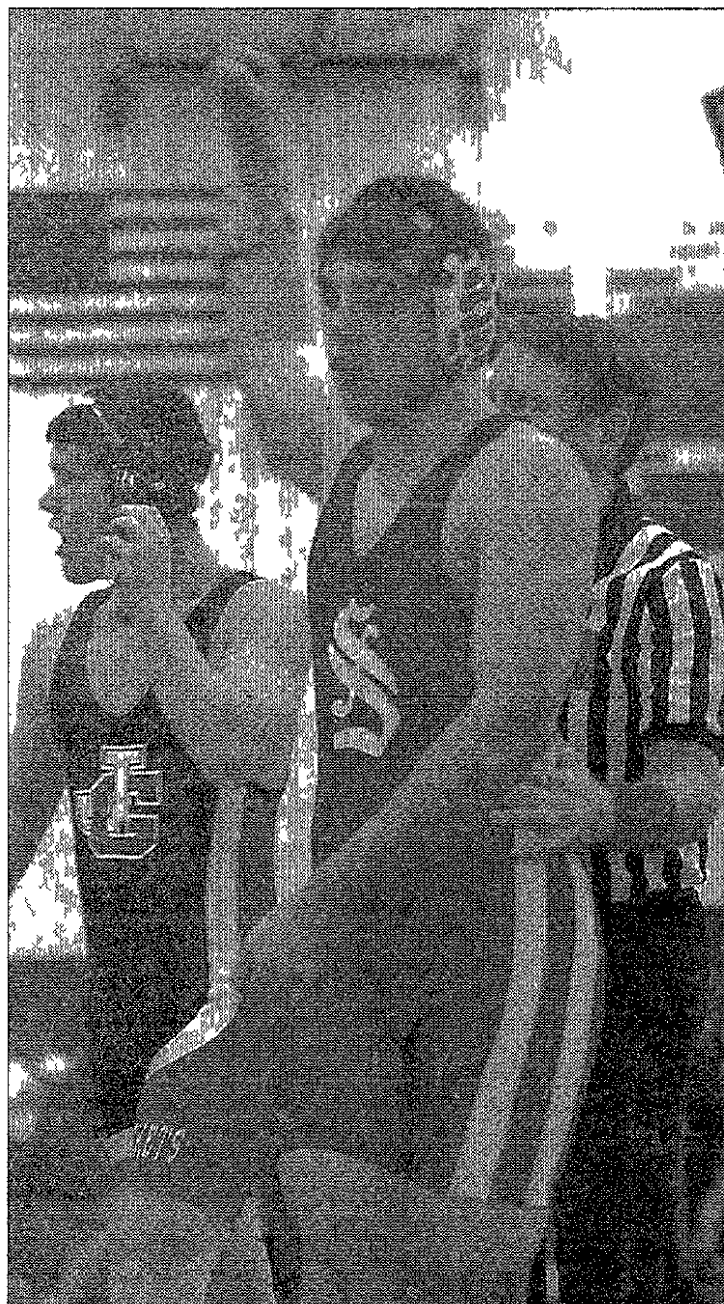
The tournament features a slew of defending champions including Division I state champions Stewart (160) of CC and Schubert (171) of Churchill

Other defending Observerland champions from last year include Franklin's Jesse Gardocki (103), CC's Nadhir (112), RU's Jim Moore (130), Glenn's Rece Cox (140) and CC's Brad Bartram (152)

Cox and Moore are rated one-two this year at 140

"Its going to be exciting Glenn coach Bill Polk said "The top five teams are going to be battling for every place but those two (Churchill and CC), should battle for the championship

"Its going to be a battle for the third place spot with Salem Canton, Franklin and us We can make it interesting by knocking off people and being the spotler We're looking forward to it



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Salem's Jeremy Henderson will be gunning for the 189 pound title at the 2005 Observerland Wrestling Invitational set for Saturday at Livonia Churchill High School

Salem's Stump is undefeated this year at 125 and the Rocks also feature Matt Keffler at 119 and Scott Fysh at 135

Its going to be a good one, Salem coach John Woochuk said Its always a tight tourney Four years back we were third and only 12 points out

Both CC and Churchill have strong lineups And it should be one of the better finals we've had at Observerland because a lot of kids were there last year

Also expected to make some noise are Franklin

undefeated in dual meets at 14-0 and winners of six tourneys, along with Canton, which features top-rated performers Corey Phillips (130) and Ryan Webb (135)

It was only three years ago that we were going to tournaments and leaving with one medal Franklin coach Dave Chola said

And it was only two years ago we were losing meets by 50 points I'm very pleased with how the guys have matured since their freshman years We look forward to this weekend

**Rock matmen win**

Salem's wrestling team improved its Western Lakes Activities Association record to 2-1 Tuesday night with a 48-26 victory at Walled Lake Northern

John Anson (130 pounds) and Val Gui (152) wrestled well tonight," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk "We had a couple other big pins from Jake Bennett (145) and Scott Fysh, who dominated at 135 We spotted them 12 points on voids (125 and 171) Overall, it was a pretty good performance The kids are coming around"

**SALEM 48 WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 26**  
Tuesday Jan 25 at W.L. Northern H.S.

103 pounds Jeremy Stankewicz (S) pinned Maxim Toma in 43 seconds 112 pounds Nick Steiger (S) won by technical fall over Dave Pichla in 4:59 119 Josh Giesey (WLN) dec Matt Keffler 3:12 125 Andrew Roeser (WLN) won by void 130 Josh Anson (S) dec Ryan Pichla 22:12 135 Scott Fysh (S) dec Josh Campbell 12:00 140 Ryan Olson (S) pinned Greg Koenia in 1:10 145 Jake Bennett (S) pinned Craig Waldle in 1:47 152 Val Gui (S) won by technical fall over Nate Wills in 6:00 160 Russ Caskey (WLN) pinned Kevin Mlynec in 3:01 171 Adam Dropiewski (WLN) won by void 189 Jeremy Henderson (S) pinned Brett Redwood in 1:47 215 Alex Smith (S) pinned Mark Ruggles in 23 seconds HVY Steve Kaptur (S) pinned Dave Carpenter in 1:16

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# Ex-Lions coaches are big part of Super Bowl history

Our goal here is to win Super Bowls. The bar is high. Those were a couple of Marty Mornhinweg's mantras in the two seasons he coached the Detroit Lions. Nearly two years to the day after being let go as head coach, Mornhinweg is indeed going to a Super Bowl. He just isn't taking Detroit along for the ride.

His official title with the NFC champion Philadelphia Eagles is senior assistant to head coach Andy Reid. Mornhinweg helped the Eagles do something they hadn't done since 1980. Marty would have liked his own Lions team in a Super Bowl, but just five wins in two seasons doesn't even earn tickets to the big game.

While the Lions have never done the tango on football's largest dance floor,



Mark Wilson

an amazing number of former Lions head coaches and assistants have been a part of it. Bobby Ross came to Detroit with a Super Bowl loss as head coach in San Diego. Don McCafferty led the Baltimore Colts to a win in Super Bowl V against Dallas. McCafferty coached the Lions three years later, but died of a heart attack before his second season. No telling what the Lions could have done had Donny Mac been around to finish the job he started. McCafferty replaced Don Shula in Baltimore. The legendary Dolphins

coach and steakhouse owner was once a Lions assistant. From 1960-62, Shula toiled under George Wilson before taking the Colts job. Shula coached Baltimore the year Joe Namath upset the Colts in the game that put the Super Bowl on the world map. He then won two with Miami after replacing Wilson, the man he worked for in Detroit.

Sometimes you need a scorecard just to keep track of the coaching ties in the NFL.

"Working for George Wilson in Detroit was one of the best experiences I had as a young coach," Shula once said. Replacing him with the Dolphins made him the winningest coach in league history. Shula's back-to-back Super Bowl wins will live in infamy.

Current Patriots coach Bill Belichick is heading to his third championship game. Belichick was a Lions assistant in the not-so-glorious late '70s. He worked under Tommy Hudspeth. It led to his gig with Bill Parcells and the two-time champion Giants. The irony there is that Parcells was once drafted as a player by the Lions.

To this date, Belichick is not on record as thanking Hudspeth for making him the coach he is today. If Tom Brady and New England beat the Eagles a week from Sunday, it will be Belichick's fifth Super Bowl ring. Five rings? Lions fans call that obscene.

Charles Haley won five Super Bowl rings as a player. He was a Lions assistant under Mornhinweg. The hope was

that Haley's success as a player would rub off on the team. The only thing that rubbed off was some luster of the rings with so many players checking to see what they actually looked like. Raymond Berry worked for both McCafferty and Rick Forzano with the Lions. The Hall of Fame receiver went on to coach the Patriots to the Super Bowl after the 1985 season, losing to the Chicago Bears. Berry came back as a Lions assistant under Wayne Fontes in 1991. Ironically, it's the closest the Lions have come to sniffing a Super Bowl since its creation nearly 40 years ago.

I sure would have liked to win it with New England, but getting there

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**WILSON**

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ain't half bad," Berry told me the day he was re-hired in Detroit.

The '91 Lions lost the NFC championship game to the Redskins in Washington. Berry was gone the following season and, of course, the Lions haven't been close since.

Steve Marucci missed it by a year. He left the Green Bay Packers staff to coach at the University of California. His one season in Berkeley was the year the Pack beat the Patriots in Super Bowl XXXI.

"Certainly would have relished the experience, but that's what I am working for now," Marucci said. Marty

Schottenheimer took the Chargers to the playoffs this season. At 19 years, Schottenheimer is the longest active coach to not lead a team to the big stage. Yes, he was once a Lions assistant. In 1978, he joined Monte Clark's staff and lasted through the '79 season. Not every former Lions coach has smelled the sweet aroma of championship success.

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Mark Wilson is host of the *Steve Marucci Show* Mondays on WRRK FM (97.1). He's a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscaster of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

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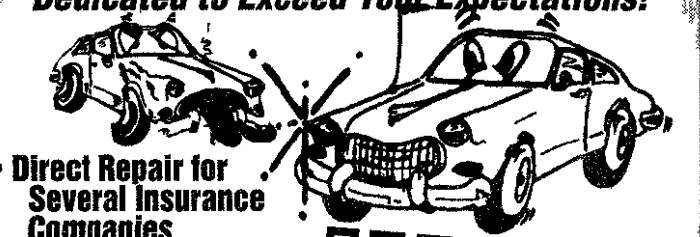
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<b>Jeff Fairbanks</b> King Bros Collision	6-4 162-07	True	False
<b>Dave Pohled</b> Livonia Chrysler Jeep	6-6 140-110	True	False
<b>Uncle Lou</b> Lou LaRiche Chevrolet	6-4 180-03	True	False
<b>Keith M Lang</b> Tennyson Chevrolet	6-4 174-88	True	False
<b>Gregg Hanson</b> Live 97 1 Motor City Mid Days	7-5 161-98	True	False
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**WILDCATS**

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Plymouth earned the equalizer in game two behind the front-court play of Moise and Hanchett, and the serving of Lindsay Vogelsberg and Brandi Swyhart.

The Wildcats dominated the momentum-seizing third game when it outscored Western 9-1 down the stretch. Chelsey Quinlan got things going early

in the game by stringing together five straight service points to turn a 4-3 deficit into an 8-4 lead.

Game four went down to the wire as Plymouth led just 21-19. However, a Dorre kill and a pair of Haskins service points put the hosts up 24-20. Belrose's kill closed it to 24-21, but Moise ended the match with a hard smash that doubled as an exclamation point on the Wildcats' most important win of the year

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# Canton serves WM a sweeping defeat

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If you want an objective opinion on how Canton volleyball player Laura McKendry's new jump-serve is coming along, ask a member of Wayne Memorial's team.

The Zebras found out firsthand Monday night that the new serve is coming along just fine, thank you.

Led by McKendry's 13 kills and nine aces, the Chiefs swept the Zebras, 25-15, 25-14, 25-16, to boost their record to 9-8-3 overall and 2-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Zebras slipped to 0-5. "We played good, solid volleyball tonight," said Canton coach Alex Perrin. "It was kind of a reversal of our match against Churchill last week when we were the team that was struggling. Laura used her jump serve exclusively for the first time tonight and she did very well with it. She had an excellent all-around match."

Andrea Johnson also excelled for the Chiefs, recording four kills and nine digs. Setter Stephanie Price was steady, contributing 22 assists, a pair of aces and nine digs, while Rachael Beaudoin had

**PREP VOLLEYBALL**

seven digs. "We got a boost from the return of Kelsey Bailey to the line-up tonight," Perrin said. "She had been out for three or four weeks."

**PCA spikes Inter-City**

The Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team improved its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference record to 3-1 Tuesday night with a four-game victory over visiting Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 25-14, 25-23, 25-23, 25-21. The Eagles are 4-8 overall.

A trio of Eagles had superb nights against the Chargers senior Kelli Seiler (17 kills, 15 digs and two blocks), junior Julie Bahbah (11 kills, 26 digs and 10 service points) and junior Bre Ruark (nine kills, 31 digs and 12 service points).

The Eagles return to action Friday night when they take on Canton Agape Christian at Eastern Michigan University. The match is set to commence at 5:30 p.m.

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**WEEK AHEAD**

**PREP BASKETBALL**  
Friday, Jan 28  
Salem at Livonia Franklin 7 p.m.  
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial 7 p.m.  
Northville at Canton 7 p.m.  
Canton Agape vs Plymouth Christian  
at Eastern Michigan University TBD

**BOYS SWIMMING**  
Thursday, Jan 27  
Westland John Glenn at Salem 7 p.m.  
W.L. Western at Plymouth at Salem High School pool 7 p.m.  
Canton at Wayne Memorial 7 p.m.

**PREP HOCKEY**  
Friday, Jan 28  
W.L. Central at Plymouth at Plymouth Cultural Center 8:30 p.m.  
Canton at W.L. Western 8:20 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan 29**  
Livonia Stevenson at Salem 8 p.m.  
PCS Penguins at Liggett 6 p.m.

**GYMNASTICS**  
Thursday, Jan 27  
Walled Lake Consolidated at Salem at Plymouth High School 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan 29**  
Salem Invitational 9:30 a.m.

**VOLLEYBALL**  
Thursday, Jan 27  
Canton Agape at Calvary Christian 6:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan 28  
Canton Agape vs PCA at EMU 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan 29  
Plymouth at Maurder Invitational 9 a.m.  
Canton Agape at Waterford Mott Tournay TBA

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Jan 29  
Schoolcraft at Alpena CC 7:30 p.m.  
Madonna at UM Dearborn 7:30 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Saturday, Jan 29  
Schoolcraft at Alpena CC 1 p.m.  
Madonna at UM Dearborn 5:30 p.m.

**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Friday, Jan 28  
Whalers vs Saginaw (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan 29  
Whalers vs Windsor (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Jan 30  
Whalers at Saginaw 2 p.m.

**WRESTLING**  
Thursday, Jan 27  
Livonia Churchill at Salem 6:30 p.m.  
Canton at Plymouth 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan 29  
Observerland Invitational at Livonia Churchill 9 a.m.

**SOCCER SIGN-UP**

The Canton Soccer Club is accepting registrations for spring soccer for players 5 through 19 years of age (as of March 1). Registration forms are available online at [www.cantonsoccerclub.com](http://www.cantonsoccerclub.com) or at the club office, which is located at High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Ave., Canton. For more information, please call (734) 480-7046.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., February 10th, 2005 for the following:

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TERRY G BENNETT, CLERK

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO: C-05-02 CHAPTER 32 NOXIOUS WEEDS**

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING NOXIOUS WEEDS, PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER'S DUTY; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO THE OWNER; PROVIDING FOR TOWNSHIP BOARD DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE; PROVIDING FOR EXCLUSIONS; PROVIDING FOR PROSECUTION; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE BY POSTING, PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1. NOXIOUS WEEDS.**

32 010 Definitions. This section provides for the definition of noxious weeds.

32 020 Violations, penalty. This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this ordinance may upon conviction, be guilty of a municipal civil infraction and may be fined and assessed costs as provided in PA 236 of 1961 as amended (MCL 600 8701 et seq.) including mandatory minimum fines.

32 030 Areas subject to chapter. The section provides for the areas in the township subject to the ordinance, i.e. residential and commercial areas.

32 040 Notice to cut weeds. This section provides for the posting of notice of this ordinance by the township.

32 050 Noxious weeds prohibited. This section prohibits a property owner growing noxious weeds or allowing noxious weeds to grow on the property.

32 060 Duty to remove. This section provides that the owner or occupant shall cut down such noxious weeds by certain periodic dates.

32 070 Removal by township. This section provides that the township shall remove the noxious weeds upon failure of the owner or occupant from doing so and the owner/occupant shall be billed. Upon non payment the bill shall be placed on the tax roll.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.**

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.**

This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.**

This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This section provides that this Ordinance as amended shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C 05 02 considered for first reading at the January 11, 2005 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2005. The ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, Phone No. 734-354 3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL CMC  
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON TOWNSHIP DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY For ON-CALL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES for Technical Assistance with Various Capital Improvement Projects in the Downtown Development Authority District in Canton Township Wayne County, Michigan**

The Downtown Development Authority of Canton Township is soliciting proposals for on call engineering consulting services for various capital improvement projects in the Canton Downtown Development Authority District in Canton Michigan. Proposals will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 11, 2005.

Requests for Proposals Documents may be picked up at

Canton Downtown Development Authority  
Charter Township of Canton Township  
1150 0 Center S  
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The Canton DDA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY for ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES for the design of Additional Turn Lane on Ford Road west of Canton Center Road Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan**

The Downtown Development Authority of Canton Township is soliciting letters of qualification for consulting services for the design of a dedicated right turn lane on eastbound Ford Road west of Canton Center Road to coordinate with the MDOT safety improvement project near that location. Letters of qualification will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 11, 2005.

Requests for Qualification Documents may be picked up at

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Plymouth is seeking priced proposals from qualified firms to provide all of the following services:

- Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal
- A Residential Recycling Program
- A Residential Composting Program
- Servicing of Stationary Recycling Container(s)
- Related Solid Waste Services as Described in the Request for Proposal

These services shall be provided for a minimum of two (2) years but may be extended over a multi year period not to exceed a five (5) year term. The Charter Township of Plymouth currently services approximately 8200 units for solid waste, recycling and compost collection and has an estimated population of approximately 28,000 persons. The following represents the appropriate loads of waste for 2002, 2003 and 2004:

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2003	8161	739	173	268
2004	8213	741	173	297

All proposals shall be made on the Proposal Forms and in accordance with Instructions to Proponents furnished by the Division of Public Services, Solid Waste Department. Each proposal shall be sealed and plainly marked. Copies of the proposal forms and instructions may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

Proposals must be delivered to and be on file with:

Office of the Township Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth  
42350 Ann Arbor Road  
Plymouth, Michigan 48170

on or before March 28, 2005, 3:00 PM.

ANY PROPOSAL RECEIVED AFTER THE TIME AND DATE SPECIFIED ABOVE SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED

The envelope containing the Proposal must be sealed and plainly marked "Proposal for Residential Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Recycling and Composting."

Proposals will be publicly opened and available for review at 3:05 PM on March 28, 2005 in the Clerk's Office Meeting Room located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

Questions should be directed to Susan Vignoe, at 734-453-8131 ext. 33 (Charter Township of Plymouth, Division of Public Services, Solid Waste Department).

Proposals must be submitted with a bid bond of \$180,000.00 executed by a Surety Company licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Michigan and acceptable to the Township.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within ninety (90) days after the date set for receipt of proposals.

The defined terms appearing in the General Specifications apply to all Contract Documents.

A Pre-Proposal Meeting for all interested parties has been scheduled for February 9, 2005 at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Plymouth Township Board Meeting Room located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road.

Questions/concerns regarding this document will be addressed at the Pre-Proposal Meeting.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals to waive irregularities and/or informalities in any Proposal and to make an award in any manner consistent with law deemed in the best interest of the Township.

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# Transfer Moore lifts Ocelots past Lorain

Schoolcraft College racked up a season-high 32 assists in a 123-85 men's basketball victory Monday night over visiting Lorain County Community College (Ohio)

The game was a makeup from a December meeting which was postponed because of snow

Central Michigan University transfer Marcus Moore, who recently became eligible, led the 18-2 Ocelots with 24 points and 10 rebounds

The 6-foot-6 Moore, who played at Mount Clemens High, was making only his second appearance as an Ocelot

"We shared the ball, got out in transition and it's the best we've played since our trip back from Florida (Nov 25-27 in Daytona Beach)," Schoolcraft coach Carlos

Briggs said "Marcus Moore brings us energy He rebounds and he guards well He picks up other people's energy"

Oakland University transfer Courtney Williams added 18 points and 17 rebounds, while Western Kentucky transfer Kevin Massiah had 18 points and seven rebounds

"Kevin (Massiah) has been playing better after coming back from his (hand injury suffered in a December car accident)," Briggs said

Martin Samarco finished

MEN'S HOOPS

with 17 points, seven rebounds and five assists, while Ty Scott and Jarred Axon each scored 15 points Glenn Garratt (Livonia Clarenceville) had 10

The Ocelots also made 18-of-22 free throws

Josh Rigsby and Jason Profitt tallied 17 and 13, respectively, for Lorain, which trailed 59-35 at halftime

MADONNA 69, CONCORDIA 67

(OT): The Crusaders' Derrick Mudri burned a three-point shot at the buzzer to send the game into overtime, where MU outscored the Cardinals 6-4 for their first Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory of the season

The game was played before a crowd of 216 Monday night at the Concordia Fieldhouse in Ann Arbor

Freshman point-guard Charlie Henry led the winners with 19 points and five assists Danny Rose contributed 16 points and Noel Emenhiser, the Crusaders' all-time leading scorer, netted 12

Bryan Verdun topped a balanced Concordia scoring ledger with 16 points Damon Friday had 15 and Cihan Mumcuogullari twined 11

# Despite split, Whalers stay 1st in division

The Plymouth Whalers held on to their grip on first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division this past weekend by splitting a pair of contests with Sarnia and Mississauga

The Whalers rode the hat-trick of Dan Collins to upend the Sting, 5-3, on Saturday night before a crowd of 3,182 fans at the Compuware Ice Arena. Collins' first career hat-trick brought his goal total to 18 for the season

John Vigilante scored his 15th goal of the season and added an assist John Mitchell celebrated his 20th birthday by scoring a power-play goal — his 16th — and he also notched a helper

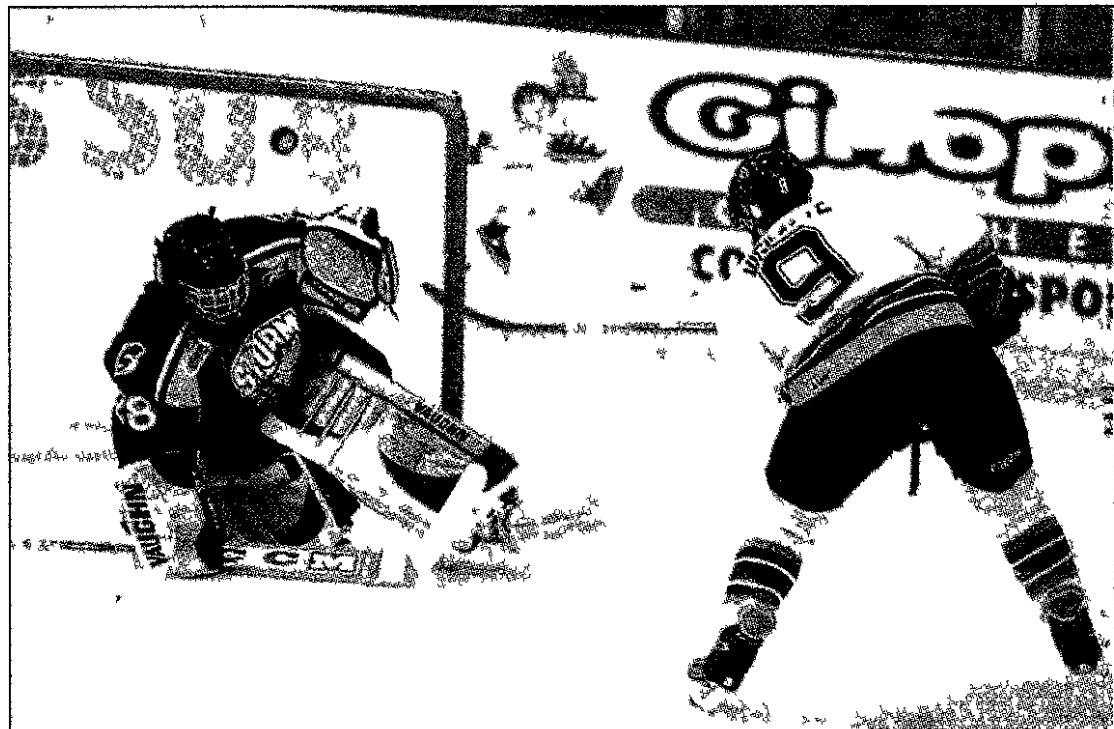
With the two points, Mitchell became the 11th Whaler in the franchise's history to record 200 points in a career He is currently one point behind Chad LaRose (201) on the all-time list

Plymouth fell behind early, but seemed to be revived when head coach Mike Vellucci decided to change goalie Ryan Nie with back-up Justin Garay late in the second period Garay stopped all 10 shots he faced, earning him his first home win of the season

Trevor Solomon, Brad Eftimou Mathis Olumb all scored for the Sarnia Sting

The Whalers suffered a 5-2 setback Sunday afternoon at Mississauga before a crowd of 3,604 at the Hershey Centre

The IceDogs victory over Plymouth was the team's first-ever in regulation over the Whalers in 14 games between the two teams Plymouth now



HOCKEY WEEKLY PHOTOS

Plymouth Whalers forward John Vigilante tallied his 15th goal and added an assist in the team's 5-3 victory over Sarnia Saturday night at the Compuware Sports Arena

holds an 11-1-1 edge in the all-time series, which dates back to 1998

In spite of the loss, Plymouth (20-19-4-3) remained in first place in the OHL's West Division, one point ahead of Sault Ste Marie, which beat Sarnia, 4-3, on Sunday night Plymouth has one game in hand on Sault Ste Marie Mississauga (21-14-9-1) moves into second place in the Central Division of the Eastern Conference

Besides Swift's pair — he now has 11 goals — Dave Pszenyczny, Jordan Owens and Dustin Jeffrey also scored the Ice Dogs

Jonas Fiedler scored his 12th goal of the season and John Mitchell his 17th Mitchell also assisted on Fiedler's goal and moves into 10th place in Plymouth's all-time scoring list with 202 career points, one ahead of Chad LaRose

Mississauga goaltender Michael Ouzas was one of the differences in the game, stopping 34 of 36 shots en route to his 14th victory of the season Garay started the game for Plymouth and was pulled after allowing Swift's second goal of the game at 9:59 of the second period Garay stopped 13 of 16 shots

Ryan Nie relieved Garay and went the rest of the way, stopping 15 of 16 shots

Mississauga never trailed in the game, breaking open a 1-1 tie at 0:13 of the second period on Swift's first goal of the game

After Swift scored his second goal of the game mid-way through the second period, Mitchell's goal at 17:06 of the period brought the Whalers within a goal, 3-2

But Mississauga scored two unanswered goals in the third period — Owens at 9:15 and Jeffrey on the empty net with 4:6 seconds remaining in regulation

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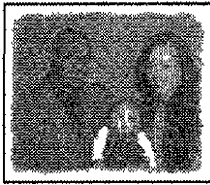


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## JANUARY

### Vatican II discussion

Discuss the documents that help us understand how God has let us know about Himself and His intentions for us 7 p.m. Thursday Jan 20 27 and Feb 3 in the activity center at St Aidan Parish 17500 Farmington between Six and Seven Mile Livonia No charge For details call (734) 425 5950

### New schedule

Fishin' for Friends & Faith is the Wednesday program running from Jan 19 to March 16 Optional buffet dinner is at 6 p.m. followed by program 6:30 p.m. There is something for everyone Kids travel to different stations as they learn through games crafts songs and mission projects the evening's Bible message Adults study Wrestling with Angels through video and discussion Fees are dependent on attendance and costs cover food curriculum and supplies Pre pay for a discount or pay as you go Dinner and program is \$40 program only \$25 Drop in dinner and program \$5 per night drop in program \$2.50 per night New schedule for Sunday morning worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by classes for all ages (nursery to adult) at 10:45 a.m. at St Matthew's 30900 Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt Livonia For more information call (734) 422 6038

### Chiz Rider concert

Nationally renowned trumpeter Chiz Rider plays 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Jan 23 at Calvary Baptist Church 43065 Joy Canton Call (734) 455 0022

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Small group informal Bible study from 9:30 a.m. Monday Jan 24 to April 25 (except March 28) at St Paul's Presbyterian church 27475 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 422 1470

### Concert

Featuring a piano concert by Paul Herrington with guest vocalist Martha Robertson 6 p.m. Saturday Jan 29 program includes classics and Broadway show tunes from Phantom of the Opera and Cats with perhaps a little comedy thrown in at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt A free will offering will be taken Proceeds benefit The Mustard Seed Concert Fund

### Film screenings

View Indigo a film about prescient children who can communicate via extra sensory means of perception 10 a.m. 1 p.m. 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday Jan 29 and 1 p.m. 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday Jan 30 at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt Indigo was the audience choice award winner at the Santa Fe Film Festival It is a movie of hope joy and most of all love Tickets are \$10 and available at the church or the door For more information call (734) 421 1760

### Gospel concert

One of Gospel music's most popular artists The Dixie Melody Boys will be featured in concert on Saturday Sunday Jan 29 30 at Liberty Baptist Church Belleville The concert on Saturday will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday's services at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. as the church celebrates their fifth year anniversary For more information call (734) 728 5214

### Concert

Featuring Steve Morscheck 7 p.m. Sunday Jan 30 in the Sanctuary at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Road Northville Morscheck is a Metropolitan Opera singer and former Ward Assistant Choral Director He will be singing in the morning services and in the evening at the concert singing some of his favorite opera roles as well as hymn arrangement and gospel songs He will be accompanied by former Ward member Daniel Horn

### Conference

A Spirituality of the Ragged Edges The Honesty & Hope of Biblical Faith takes place 4-7 p.m. Sunday Jan 30 with J. Richard Middleton at Trinity Church 34500 Six Mile between Farmington and Newburgh roads Livonia Middleton associate professor of Biblical studies at Roberts Wesleyan College and Bible and Culture at Northeastern Seminary in Rochester New York focuses on suffering and the disorientation of life Cost is \$12 For more information call (734) 425 2800 Everyone is invited to Trinity Church 10:45 a.m. Jan 30 to hear Middleton preach from the book of Jeremiah

### Open house

As a kick off to National Catholic schools week Our Lady of Good Counsel school is inviting area families to join students and staff for an open house celebration 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Jan 30 Special performances and presentations have been scheduled throughout the day by the student choirs quiz bowl and art and science areas Tours of the school and registration information will be avail

able For more information visit www.olgcschool.net

### Grief workshops

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight week grief workshop From Grief to New Hope beginning 7:45 p.m. Monday Jan 31 at the church on Six Mile at Haggerty Northville This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses For registration information call Dorothy at (248) 374 5966 For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348 0115

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All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sunday at Church of Our Saviour Presbyterian 6655 Middlebelt West Bloomfield For more information call (248) 626 7606

### Catholic Church update

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## UPCOMING

### Classical Bells concert

Birmingham First Concert Series presents the professional handbell ensemble Classical Bells 7:30 p.m. Friday Feb 4 program includes music written specifically for bells as well as arrangements of familiar tunes at First Presbyterian Church 1669 West Maple between Cranbrook and Southfield roads A meet the artists reception follows the program No charge A free will offering will be collected to benefit future events in the series Call (248) 644 2040 ext 36

### Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Feb 5 at St Priscilla's Church in the family activities center 19120 Purlingbrook north of Seven Mile west of Middlebelt Livonia Lunch available

### Caring Ministry Workshop

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Feb 5 Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church hosts a Stephen Series Caring Ministry Workshop designed to enhance the caregiving skills of participants and help congregations organize a caring ministry system The cost is \$15 per person or \$50 for groups of four or more from the same congregation For more information or to register call Rev Bob Bayer at (734) 522 6830 or online at www.caringministry.org

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Christian recording artist songwriter and comedian Mark Lowry brings the God Is Crazy About You Tour 7 p.m. Saturday Feb 5 to Highland Park Baptist Church Detroit Lowry who has spent the past 25 years on the road has recorded six comedy and music videos four of which have reached Gold status with two additional recordings achieving Platinum recognition He has been featured on more than 60 of the popular Gather Homecoming Videos and his own video On Broadway All seats general admission To charge tickets by phone call 1 800 965 9324 For information call (248) 577 4070 or online at www.premierproductions.com or www.marklowry.com

### Pancake supper

6:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Feb 8 the traditional feast of rich foods using flour butter eggs and sugar prior to the start of Lent will be prepared and served to all by the seventh and eighth grade catechetical students there will be activities for the younger children and a brief liturgy bidding farewell to Alleluia until Easter Sunday all ages welcome at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church 1550 Waiton Rochester Hills Please call for reservations (248) 651 6550

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### Christian Motorcyclists Association

Meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month Beginning Tuesday Feb 8 Forgiven Warrior Chapter meetings will be held at Denny's Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road just east of I 275 in Plymouth

The first hour is dinner and fellowship and open to everyone We encourage visitors who would like to get to know more about us For more information visit the Web site at www.forgivenwarriors.com

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Begins Friday Feb 11 and continues every Friday during Lent except Good Friday 5:00-7:00 p.m. Menu includes baked or battered fried fish (\$7 senior citizens \$6 senior early bird Special 4:30-5 p.m. \$5.50) Children's Menu includes pizza or meatless pasta (\$4) and Grilled Special of the Day \$9 All meals include baked potato or fries clam chowder or soup d'jour slaw roll coffee or punch at St Genevieve 29015 Jamison (east of Middlebelt 2 blocks south of 5 Mile Livonia Carry out available Call (734) 427 5220

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Service with a Blessing of the Fleet takes place 11 a.m. Sunday March 13 for the commemoration of all mariners who have lost their lives on the Great Lakes especially Great Lakes personnel who died during 2004 in Old Mariners Church in Detroit's Riverfront Civic and Renaissance Centers Free parking in the Ford Auditorium Garage known as a Municipal Garage located in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward For more information call (313) 259 2206

## ONGOING

### Aerobic class

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### Bible studies

Led by C. Jack Brinkman 8:9 p.m. Thursdays at the Birmingham YMCA 400 east Lincoln Brinkman wrote the book The Word of God Jesus Christ Part of the proceeds from book sales go to the YMCA

### Bible Study for Parents

For Parents with Young Children 6 p.m. Sundays at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville Road four miles south of Michigan Avenue Belleville Child care available Call (734) 699 3361

### Services

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church (1550 Waiton Rochester Hills) will be holding services at the usual time during construction of the addition 5 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (contemporary service) on Sunday Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Enter and exit using the East Drive For more information call (248) 651 6550

### Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services at St Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Sunday For more information call (734) 422 1470

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### Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday worship 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the church 11575 Belleville Road 4 miles south of Michigan Ave Belleville Call (734) 699 3361

### Orthodoxy 101

Explore issues of faith and morals in a course entitled Orthodoxy 101 It meets weekly 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church 36075 W Seven Mile Road between Farmington and Newburgh roads Livonia The course is open to the public and there is no cost involved The Rev. Michael Matsko will be the instructor and will lead the discussion Please invite your friends and as Philip told Nathaniel Come and see If you have any additional questions call Beth at (248) 348 8631



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### JOHN W. ANDREWS

January 24 2005 Age 73 Beloved husband of Norma Dear father of Kimberly Anderson (Charles) and Kristen Boudia (Jay) Grandfather of Grace & Nathaniel Anderson and Ian Boudia Family will receive friends at A J Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward Ave (btwn 13 14 Mile) Friday 3 8pm Memorial service Saturday 11am at St James Episcopal Church 355 W Maple Rd Birmingham Inurnment White Chapel Cemetery Memorial tributes to the American Cancer Society 18505 W 12 Mile Southfield MI 48076 Obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



### SHEILA BARRY BAUSANO

Age 67 of West Bloomfield died January 24 2005 Beloved wife of 44 years to Dominic J Bausano DDS Loving mother of Patricia (Michael) Kenny M Barry (Melissa) Bausano Elizabeth (Daniel) Dietrich and Thomas (Marquente) Bausano Grandmother of Dominic and Timothy Kenny Gabrielle Chloe and M Pierce Bausano Sean Ryan and Gina Dietrich and Julia Bausano Sister of Eileen Waddell Aunt of Stephanie and Christopher Waddell Funeral mass from Prince of Peace Catholic Church 4300 Walnut Lake Road West Bloomfield Saturday 10:30 AM (In State 9:45 AM) interment Pine Lake Cemetery Friends may visit Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 340 Pontiac Trail Walled Lake (3 Blks S of Maple Rd.) Thursday 5 8 PM and Friday 3 8 PM (Rosary 7 PM) Memorials to the American Cancer Society appreciated

### THEODORE A. BETTS

January 20 2005 Husband of Margaret Father of Patty Laura Megan Alison and the Late Bruce Sister Jackie Grandfather of Robert Lowell Michelle Madison Logan Hayley and Brighton Funeral Service was held WM R Hamilton Co Birmingham MI on Tuesday January 25 2005 Tributes May be made to American Heart Association or Michigan Human Society

### ELDON GREGORY

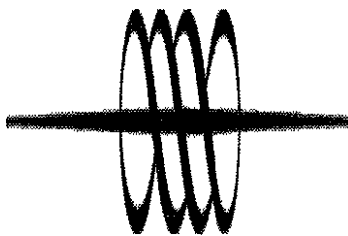
Age 90 of Livonia formerly of Plymouth and Northville died January 23 2005 He was born December 24 1914 in Hasty Arkansas He came to the Plymouth community in 1939 from Arkansas In 1981 he retired after 42 years as a millwright for Ford Automotve He loved to fish and hunt He was a loving father grandfather great grandfather and brother He is survived by his children Betty Jean Mikton of Howell Kenneth Gregory of Pontiac and Cheri Holman of Canton his grandchildren Kim Poches Kelly (Paul) Blalk Kevin Gregory Gregory Holman and Michael Holman his great grandchildren Mathew and Christina Poches and Sarah and Bradley Blalk and his brothers and sisters Hubert (Lois) Gregory Frank (Jane) Gregory Opal Featherston and Fern Richardson He is preceded in death by his wife Lois Funeral from Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S Main Plymouth Thursday 11:30am Memorials may be made to Marywood Nursing Care Center

### JACK H. JONES JR.

Of Inkster died January 20 2005 at 19 years of age Loving son of Jack H. Jones Sr. Dear brother of Craig Lisa and Ila Beloved grandson of Edna Jones and step grandson of John Clark Jack was a 2004 graduate of John Glen High School He participated with Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethons and MD's camp for 12 years Jack will be dearly missed by family and friends especially his endearing smile The funeral service was held Monday January 24 2005 at Coats Funeral Home Waterford Memorials may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Envelopes available at the funeral home To send a personal condolence please select Guestbook at www.coatsfuneralhome.com

### HELEN D. MACDONALD

Of Farmington Hills January 25 2005 at 78 years of age Beloved wife of George Cherished mother of Tom (Judy) David (Colleen) Leslie Amato (Pete) Scott (Barb) Lori (Colleen) Dearest grandmother of 12 grandchildren Funeral service Saturday January 29th (instate at 11:30 am) Funeral Mass 12 Noon at St Gerard Church 21300 Farmington Rd (between 8 & 9 Mile Rds.) Visitation at the Heenev Sundquist Funeral Home 23720 Farmington Rd (between 9 10 Mile Rds just N of Grand River) downtown Farmington (248 474 5200) Thursday 4 8 pm & Friday 1 8 pm Memorials to donor's choice



### RONALD L. McCANDLESS

Of Livonia passed away on January 21 2005 age 66 years Ronald was a Mason for the Masonic Lodge #152 in Redford MI He was a member of the Sheet Metal Journeymen's Union Local 292 Beloved husband of Judy dear father of Kim (Randy) Krause and Pam (David) Lawrence Loving grandfather of Kelley Scott Jessica Rachel many friends and Tigger too A Masonic Service will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by the funeral service at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday January 30 2005 at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home 3295 E Highland Road Highland Visitation will be on both Saturday and Sunday from 2:00-8:00 p.m.

### FREDERICK ZOICH

January 23 2005 Beloved husband of Elaine Dear father of Stephen and Matthew (Patricia) Loving grandfather of 6 Survived by 3 sisters and numerous nieces and nephews Held the rank of Army Sergeant Served in the Artillery in the Korean War Donations may be made to the American Heart Association Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Calumet Michigan

### KING RUHLY

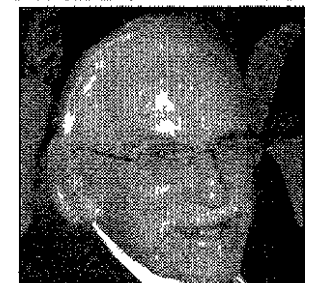
A long time resident of the Birmingham area died of heart failure on January 22 2005 at Wm Beaumont Hospital Mr Ruhly was born in Detroit in 1918 He attended Detroit Public Schools and graduated from Cooley High School He received his BA from Wayne State University Upon graduation he taught school in Franklin MI for two years prior to entering the Navy during World War II In 1940 King married Velma Meacham and they had four children After working 25 years for Michigan Chrome and Chemical Co in sales and sales management King become Executive Director of the Metal Finishing Suppliers He held this position for 17 years King was a member of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham a Life Master at bridge active in BASCC a friend of the Baldwin Public Library and a member of the First Methodist Church of Birmingham King is survived by children Pat Halasz of Portage WI Jim (Carol) of Madison WI John (Karrn) of Carrollton TX five grandchildren six great grandchildren his sister Peg Glowa of CA and his brother Ted (Donna) of NJ He is preceded in death by his beloved wife Velma & son Bob The Wm R Hamilton Co was in charge of the funeral services held on Jan 26 Memorial tributes may be made to BASCC 2121 Midvale Birmingham MI 48009 or Baldwin Public Library 300 W Merrill Birmingham MI 48009 or the charity of your choice

### PATRICIA ANN GIBBS

Formerly of Rochester Hills age 79 died January 22 2005 at the Lake Orion Nursing Center Patricia was born September 14 1925 in Detroit She is survived by her loving children Jeffrey David and Thomas as well as by 6 grandchildren She was preceded in death by her parents Franklin and June Page and her brother David Page Patricia was in the first graduating class of Sexton High School class of 1943 as also attended Michigan State and the University of Michigan Nursing School She worked part time at Crittenton Hospital A memorial service will be held from Bossardet Chapel Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors 39 W Burdick Oxford (2 Blks West of Lapeer Rd) Saturday January 29th at 11 AM Friends may visit Saturday 10 AM until time of service

### ROSE MARIE (Wheeler) SHPIECE

January 20 2005 Age 79 Dearest mother of Michael (Tracy Schwartz) Kathleen (Gar) Grainer and William (Karen) Grandmother of David and Daniel Schwartz Benjamin and Alexandra Grainer and Jacob Emily and Nicholas Shpiece Beloved wife of the late Harold daughter of the late Ora and Lena Wheeler Sister of the late Wilma Marchetti Mrs Shpiece was an attorney for over 50 years Her body was donated to the Wayne State University Medical School An open house in her memory was held at her sons house on Sunday January 23 2005 from 1 5pm Call 248 553 7096 for details In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the Farmington Community Library 32737 West 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills MI 48334



### PROFESSOR EDWARD ALOYSIUS SZCZEPANIAK

Of Bloomfield Hills on January 16 2005 Retired Professor of Aeronautical and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Detroit and World War II veteran (USN) He was known as a passionate teacher who expected his students to be able to think creatively when solving problems Throughout his life he consulted with various companies and governmental agencies on a wide range of contracts from engine design to metal stress analysis He was the beloved husband of the late Irene M Szczepaniak Loving father of Adrienne Gerard Diane and Sheila devoted grandfather of Christopher Samuel Marissa Claire Stacey Christine Tallulah and Lukas Dear brother in law of Arthur Sierota Lotte Soeren Henry and Val Capper Virginia Fredricks and the late Edward Capper Fond uncle of Richard and Shirley Padyjasek Brenda and David Kandt Prayer masses and contributions to charities in Ed's memory would be appreciated Family will receive friends at A J Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward (btwn 13 14 Mile) Friday 4 9 p.m. Funeral Mass Saturday 10 a.m. at St Hugo of the Hills Church 2215 Opdyke Road Bloomfield Hills Visitation at begins at church 9:30 a.m. A curious mind an aeronautical engineer a mathematician a historian a professor Throughout his 86 years Edward Szczepaniak never stopped learning A loving and gentle man who from a young age read and traveled to foreign lands through the pages of his books he touched the lives of his children and grandchildren with his wisdom knowledge and compassion You left us too soon but we know you missed them We love you very much You were the best dad and grandpa a child could ever have It was one heck of a ride with you and mom!

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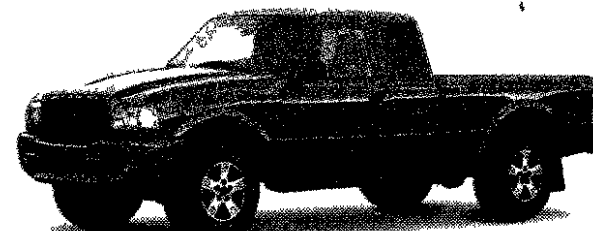
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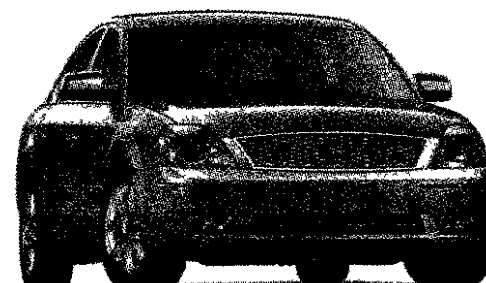
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## What makes a Burgundy great?

Several factors need to be considered to answer the question, what makes a Burgundy great? Vintage is important. Then, there's the location of the domaine. Yet, at the heart of it all, comes the owners of the Burgundy house.

There are few upstarts in Burgundy. Many houses or domaines were founded hundreds of years ago. Yet sadly, many lag behind.



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Not so with the house of Albert Bichot, established in 1831. Today, Albert Bichot, managing director, and his brother Christophe, export director, are the sixth and new generation representatives, respectful of family tradition yet attentive to adjusting the family company to new market requirements.

"Our principal job is adapting our work to the wine's life and not the wine to human work," Christophe said. "In winemaking as in growing the grapes, our aim is the same: minimum interference for maximum expression of fruit from a given vineyard terroir."

### AT THE TOP

Bichot ranks at the top of Burgundy producers in several ways. Production is in the top 10. With more than 260 acres covering three domaines, vineyard ownership ranks in the top five.

The Bichots purchase grapes from hundreds of growers, and at 4,000 cases annually, are the largest producer of Gevrey-Chambertin.

About 80 percent of production is exported to 100 countries around the world. Japan, England and Germany are at the top with the U.S. ranked seventh.

### VINTAGES

Before discussing some Albert Bichot wines that you should try, let's look at current vintages.

Power and personality mark 2003 Burgundy. Needs to go back more than 200 years to find a vintage with such elevated temperatures during the growing season and an early harvest that began between Aug. 4 and 11.

The result was perfectly-ripened grapes and deeply-colored wines with good balance.

Drought and rain marked vintage 2002 but far less devastating than the south of France. Further north in the Burgundy region, Chablis was not affected by climatic fluctuations and the grand crus vineyards were harvested at ideal ripeness.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY

#### White Burgundies:

■ 2002 Albert Bichot Domaine Clos de L'Eglise (\$17) is a Macon-Village wine with bright pear, slightly tropical and mineral notes and medium length.

■ 2003 Albert Bichot Domaine Long-Depaquit Chablis (\$28) is a step up to awesome fruit from a 12th Century historical estate. This is an appealing unoaked chardonnay that puts anything else labeled 'unoaked' to shame. Drink in 2005.

■ 2001 Albert Bichot Domaine Long-Depaquit Chablis Premier Cru "Les Vaillons" (\$36) is splendid drinking now. Think oysters.

#### RED BURGUNDIES:

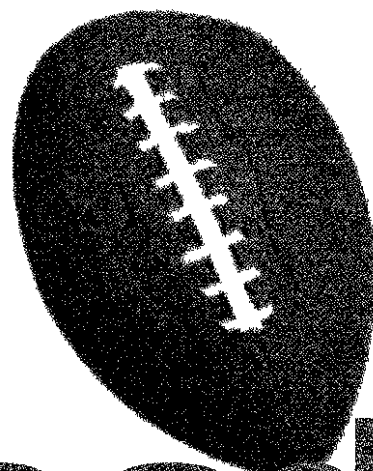
■ 2002 Albert Bichot Domaine du Pavillon Corton-Charlemagne Grand Cru (\$150) needs a two word description: stellar and delicious. If you're a Burgundy fan, buy at least one bottle to drink around 2010.

■ 2002 Albert Bichot Domaine du Clos Frantin, Vosne-Romanee (\$65) is a pretty wine from a vineyard next to Domaine de la Romanée Conti.

■ 2002 Albert Bichot Domaine du Clos Frantin, Gevrey-Chambertin (\$60) showcases big, black cherry aromas with complex flavors and great length.

The Healds are contributing editors for the 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.

# Are you



# Ready?

Chefs and NFL raise funds for charities at Super Bowl

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK | STAFF WRITER

**B**rian Polcyn owns a nationally acclaimed restaurant and has a cookbook soon to be published by the prestigious Norton Press, but he hasn't let success spoil him.

Ask him about his work with the Taste of the NFL, he just smiles as he tells a story about his introduction in front of a crowd at a small arena in one of the host cities.

"And here, representing the New York Jets is Bobby Flay," Polcyn said, recreating the lines from the public address announcer.

Representing the New England Patriots is Todd English from Boston, and again the crowd cheers.

"And here's Brian Polcyn." He claps twice, slowly, as if to dramatize his lack of national popularity. "And that was my wife," Polcyn jokes about the source of the applause.

That episode might drive most veteran chefs crazy, but Polcyn laughs about the incident, a refreshing break in an industry known occasionally for its ego and arrogance.

And to an observer, perhaps that lack of a cheer probably had more to do with the football teams the chefs represent (in Polcyn's case, the Detroit Lions) than the chefs themselves.

Polcyn has had plenty to cheer about as he is one of Michigan's most popular and recognized chefs. A new cookbook due out in the fall on charcuterie, which also happens to be a class he



Polcyn hopes his lobster and creme fraiche soup with smoked scallops and lemon confit scores at the Taste of the NFL XIV on Feb. 5 in Jacksonville.

hosts an NFL team volunteer their time and create dishes for an event that raises money to help feed the hungry.

### SUPER CHARITY EVENT

This year Polcyn travels to Jacksonville for the event Saturday, Feb. 5, the day before Super Bowl XXXIX, and he'll be creating lobster and cream fraiche soup with smoked scallops and lemon confit. (See related recipe.)

Jimmy Schmidt represented Detroit in the event's inaugural year (1992). After Schmidt declined the invitation for the second year, Polcyn was selected and has returned every year.

"It's a star-studded party," Polcyn said about the fund-raiser, which costs \$400 per person and draws 1,500-2,000 people. The Taste of the NFL pays for Polcyn's and an assistant's airfare.

Each chef is in a booth with a former football player. Visitors taste a food sample, taste wine and visit with the player and chef from



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Brian Polcyn, owner of Five Lakes Grill in Milford and instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, creates his lobster and creme fraiche soup with smoked scallops and lemon confit.

each NFL city.

Polcyn has teamed up with Jim Yarbrough, a tackle for the Lions in the 1970s, and Jim Hunter, a defensive back for the Lions in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Polcyn considers one of the Taste of the NFL highlights an introduction to Earl Morrall, who quarterbacked the Miami Dolphins' World Championship team for part of the season in 1974, and the Baltimore Colts, the latter team as a backup to Johnny Unitas. (As a lot of kids were in the 1970s, Polcyn also was big fan of Unitas.)

Then Polcyn met Morrall's wife Polcyn, with all the glow of someone who just met his childhood idol. ("You know how you are in a time warp," he says), got caught up in the moment and said, "You must be Earl's mother."

"They just kind of kept her moving through the line," Polcyn said.

Then he met Alex Trebek, who graciously said hello to Polcyn's daughter. "Who is this girl in the pretty little dress?" Trebek asked her. Dad then chimed in, "Alana, be sure to answer him in the form of a question." Polcyn added that Trebek didn't quite share Polcyn's appreciation of his joke.

Polcyn enjoys meeting and socializing with the other chefs, describing the hoopla surrounding some of the celebrities like Bobby Flay and Emeril Lagasse "like rock stars."

The event is a chance for chefs to check out other food fare. Polcyn enjoyed the other chefs' dishes from Jack McDavid of Jack's Firehouse in Philadelphia, Susan Spicer of Bayona, Herbsaint and Cobalt restaurants in New Orleans and Shin Tsuyimura from Nobu in New York.

Still, there is still a little ego among the stars as to who has the best food. "Are we competitive? Yes," Polcyn said.

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## Side Dish

### Quick meal

Let's face it, nobody has a whole lot of time for cooking these days.

That's why anybody who loves food has a few fast and furious recipes up their sleeve. So let's get together and share.

The Observer & Eccentric Taste section is developing a new column devoted to helping readers make it happen - the super-fast way - in the kitchen. Please e-mail or send your recipes and ideas, along with estimated cooking times, and your phone number, to Nicole Stafford: nstafford@oe.homecomm.net, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

### Cold Stone opening

Cold Stone Creamery will help fulfill more than just ice cream and waffle cone orders.

The grand opening of the Cold Stone Creamery at the Market at College Park, 17302 Haggerty in Livonia, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, also benefits Children's Hospital of Michigan. Fifty percent of the day's sales will be donated to the hospital. Cold Stone Creamery will also donate 100 percent of any prepaid cake sales placed Friday.

The day's activities will include free spoon samples throughout the day, clowns, face painting and a musician.

"We're very excited about this partnership with Cold Stone Creamery, and look forward to sharing in the grand opening celebration," said Jane Ford, development representative for the Children's Hospital of Michigan. "This opportunity allows ice cream lovers in the Livonia area to enjoy their favorite treats while having fun and supporting a very important cause."

Cold Stone Creamery's ice cream, frozen yogurt and sorbet are made fresh daily at each Creamery. Guests can customize Cold Stone Creamery's ice cream and yogurt with one or more of a variety of mix-ins, including fresh fruit and nuts, pie fillings, brand name chocolate and gummy candies, cookie dough, soft freshly baked brownies and more.

### China growth

China's relentless appetite for the colonel's chicken has KFC on a building boom in the world's most populous country, with 1,200 locations, soaring profits and a menu that mixes in bamboo shoots and lotus roots, according to the Associated Press.

At a time when its sales in the United States are struggling, KFC is dominating even rival McDonald's in China and turning the goateed visage of Kentucky Fried Chicken founder Colonel Harland Sanders into a ubiquitous symbol of America.

We are really positioned as a part of the fabric of life in China, said David Novak, chairman and chief executive of Louisville-based Yum Brands Inc., parent company of KFC.



**CHARITIES**

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The event brings brushes with other celebrities. At lunch at the Arizona Biltmore, Polcyn sat at a table adjacent to Diana Ross, and accidentally received her guest check. "So I got to say hello to her," he said.

Polcyn doesn't go to the actual Super Bowl game. "The city is just crazy," he said. "There are hundreds of private jets and the city is just jam packed."

He remembers New Orleans and the beloved Cheesheads (those Green Bay Packer fans) walking down Bourbon Street, some who obviously had too much to drink. "It's New Orleans and it's crazy," he said. "I usually leave (the Super Bowl host city) during the game."

**COMING TO DETROIT**

Polcyn usually looks at the logistics before he decides on what to create for Taste of the NFL. He usually does a charcuterie product (sausage or smoked foods) and likes to fix something ahead of time if it needs to be transported.

Polcyn looks forward to next

year, when the Super Bowl comes to Detroit. The specifics, details and location still need to be worked out for next year's Taste of the NFL, but Polcyn believes Detroit will step up to the plate.

"That's really going to be a big thing," Polcyn said of the Super Bowl. Public transportation will be important for visitors to get to their downtown or suburban destinations during that weekend, he said.

Half of the money raised at the event goes to charities in the host city and the remainder is split among the other NFL cities.

"When you see what's going on in the world and in this country, it's nice to give something back to the community," Polcyn said. "I think it's important that people eat. The fact that we have homeless people and hunger is a bad thing, especially when you consider that we are the richest nation on earth."

"And if we can raise money to fight hunger, it's a good thing." The Taste of the NFL Restaurant Guide 2005 is available for \$19.95 from tasteofthenfl.com. There is also information on national and local events, chefs, participating restaurants, recipients and merchandise.

**LOBSTER AND CREME FRAICHE SOUP WITH SMOKED SCALLOPS AND LEMON CONFIT**

- Lobster and Creme Fraiche Soup
- 8 cups fish fumet (can substitute clam juice or chicken stock)
- 2 (1 1/2 pound) live lobsters
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1/4 cup diced carrot
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup brandy
- 1 sprig fresh thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- 4 whole white peppercorns
- 1/4 cup arrowroot
- water for dissolving arrowroot
- 1 cup creme fraiche plus 1/2 cup salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 preserved lemon for garnish\*

- Smoked Scallops\*\*
- 4 cups water
- 1/4 cup kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon pickling spice
- 1 clove garlic
- 3 scallops

\*Preserved lemons can be purchased in specialty and international markets

\*\*Smoked scallops can also be purchased in seafood markets

To prepare the soup: In a tall stockpot, bring the fish fumet to a boil. Add the lobsters, cover with a lid, and steam for five-six minutes or until just cooked. Remove the lobsters from the pot and allow them to cool. Reserve the liquid. Remove the lobster meat from the shells and set aside. Cut three pieces of claw meat in half lengthwise and reserve for garnish. Discard the lobster stomach and chop the shells.

In a thick-bottomed sauce pot, saute the onion, celery, carrot, and garlic in the butter over medium-high heat until soft. Add the chopped lobster shells and saute. Add the brandy and flame. Add the thyme, bay leaves, peppercorns, and reserved lobster cooking liquid, bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and simmer for two hours to make the lobster stock. Strain through a fine mesh strainer into a clean pot. Bring that mixture to a boil and thicken with the arrowroot dissolved in water. Temper in one cup of the creme fraiche and season to taste with the salt and pepper.

To prepare the scallops: In a saucepan, combine all of the ingredients except the scallops. Bring the mixture to a boil, remove from heat, and chill completely. Add the scallops and brine soak them in the refrigerator for three hours. Remove them from the brine and discard the liquid. Rinse the scallops under water to remove any residual salt. Smoke them at 100°F for about one hour. Before serving, re-warm the scallops in a 325°F oven for about five min-

**RECIPES**

If you are using purchased smoked scallops, follow the instructions for re-warming. Slice each scallop in half so you have six rounds.

To serve: Using a spoon, carefully remove the rind from the pith and meat of the preserved lemon. Thoroughly rinse the rind in cold water, and then thinly slice into long strips. In each of six shallow-sided soup bowls, divide the lobster meat between each bowl and then ladle the soup on top. Place a dollop of the remaining creme fraiche on top of the soup, add the smoked scallop half and the reserved claw meat half, and sprinkle with the julienned preserved lemon.

Recipe courtesy of Brian Polcyn, owner and certified executive chef of Five Lakes Grill in Milford and instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The Boudin Blanc that follows was served at Taste of the NFL 2004.

**BOUDIN BLANC**

- Quatre Epices
- 3 tablespoons black peppercorns
- 1 tablespoon freshly ground nutmeg
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons whole cloves

- Boudin Blanc
- 1 pound pork butt ground fine
- 1 pound boneless breast of chicken ground fine
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons quatre epices from previous recipe
- 1 teaspoon white pepper
- 8 eggs
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh black truffles

6 feet hog casing (rinsed in tepid water)

- Sour Apple and Celeriac Salad
- 1 Granny Smith apple julienned
- 1 bulb celeriac julienned
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 cup minced onions
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- salt and freshly ground white pepper

Quatre Epices: Grind together all the spices in a spice mill. Store any unused portion in a spice jar or any other airtight container.

Boudin Blanc: Put the cold ground meat in a chilled food processor bowl. Add the seasonings and turn on. Slowly add the eggs (two at a time), milk, and flour. Turn off the food processor and then fold in the truffles. Poach a taste test in 175°F water to check for seasoning. To make sausages, begin by knotting one end of the casing. Using a funnel, fill the casing with the meat mixture, pushing it toward the knotted end. When the sausage is about five inches long, knot the casing to seal it. Repeat the procedure until all of the meat mixture has been used. Gently poach the sausages in 175°F water to an internal temperature of 150°F. If making in advance, gently reheat the boudin blanc in the oven or in a pan on the stove with a little stock.

Sour Apple and Celeriac Salad: In a mixing bowl, combine all of the ingredients and stir until incorporated.

To Serve: Slice the boudin blanc and arrange on plates with room temperature sour apple and celeriac salad. Serves 12.

Recipe courtesy of Brian Polcyn

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**Try this devilishly tasty low-fat pasta**

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Diavolo is Italian for devil, fra diavolo means brother devil – and when used to describe food it could mean something has a wicked peppery bite. In this low-fat pasta fra diavolo dish there is indeed a spirited touch of red pepper to give a kick to the tomato and shrimp sauce that's tossed with linguine. A heavenly idea, it turns out.

**PASTA FRA DIAVOLO**

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, sliced
- 28 ounce can whole tomatoes
- 8 ounce can tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/4 pound linguine

- 1/4 pounds medium size shrimp in shells, cleaned
- 1/2 pound surimi (imitation crab), shredded
- 1/2 cup fresh basil, cut into strips

Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and garlic, saute 8 minutes or until softened, without letting garlic brown.

Add tomatoes, tomato sauce, oregano, salt and pepper flakes. Bring to a simmer, breaking up tomatoes with wooden spoon. Simmer over medium heat 10 minutes. While sauce is simmering, cook linguine in large, deep pot of lightly salted boiling water until al dente, firm yet tender.


Stir shrimp into sauce, cook 3 to 4 minutes or until shrimp is cooked through. Stir in surimi, heat through about 1 minute. Drain linguine. Toss with shrimp sauce. Garnish with basil. Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 285 cal, 3 g fat (1 g saturated), 19 g pro, 45 g carbo, 4 g fiber, 929 mg sodium, 86 mg chol.

Recipe from Family Circle: Eat What You Love and Lose by Peggy Katalinich. Reagan Books 2004, paperback \$14.95.

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# German potato salad stars as side or entrée

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So start with a can of German potato salad, a classic combination of potatoes, vinegar and bacon, with just the right sweet-tangy flavor. It's a delicious dish when heated, without any extra embellishing. But when sautéed garlic, onion and bell pepper, and a dash of red pepper flakes are added, it takes on a decidedly homemade appeal.

With just one more ingredient like smoked sausage, ham or smoked turkey stirred in, it becomes the entrée - in under 30 minutes. Add a green salad or vegetable for a delicious dinner - tastier and quicker than carry out or delivery.



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- 1 tablespoon olive oil
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- 1 clove garlic minced
- 1 can (15 ounces) German potato salad
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley salt (optional)

With just one more ingredient like smoked sausage, ham or smoked turkey stirred in, potato salad becomes the entrée - in under 30 minutes

Heat olive oil in large (12-inch) nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add onion, peppers and garlic. Cook, stirring often until tender, about 10 minutes.

Add potato salad and crushed pepper. Heat through, one to two minutes.

Remove from heat, stir in parsley and salt, as desired. Makes about six servings.

Nutrition information per

serving: 97 calories, 1 g protein, 15 g carbohydrate, 4 g fat, 191 mg sodium, 2 mg cholesterol, 2 g dietary fiber, less than 1 mg iron, 914 IU Vitamin A, 6 mg calcium

Note: To make a main dish skillet, stir in cooked smoked sausage, cut into rounds or cubed cooked ham or smoked turkey.

Recipe courtesy of Seneca Foods

Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@homecraft.net

### Cooking at Schoolcraft

Enjoy continuing education classes taught by culinary arts instructors in the demonstration kitchens in the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Here is a list of classes for February: Red Wines of the World taught by Lee Hershey 7-9 p.m. Mondays starting Jan. 31 (5 weeks) (\$145). Cooking 101 Skill Development taught by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel 5-7 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 1 and 5-9 p.m. Thursday Feb. 2 (\$105). Grand Tuscan Cuisine - Italy at its Best taught by certified executive chef Brian Polcyn 5-8 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 23 (\$139). Help with Specialty Diets taught by Chris Tomassi 6-9 p.m. Thursday Feb. 24 (\$89).

March classes include: Swiss Chocolates taught by master pastry chef Joe Decker 6-9 p.m. Thursday March 10 (\$98). 30 Minute Meals taught by Bruce Konowalow, the director of Schoolcraft's culinary arts department and certified executive chef 9 a.m. noon Saturday March 12. Good Morning Sunshine (Breakfasts) taught by Michelle Bommarito 6-9 p.m. Tuesday March 15 (\$77). Meals 500 Start to Finish with Polcyn 5-8 p.m. Wednesday March 16 (\$139). Savory Soups and Stews with Gabriel 5-9 p.m. Thursday March 17 (\$89). For more information visit www.schoolcraft.edu under Continuing Education Schedule or call (734) 462-4448.

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## CALENDAR

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# Serve these healthy party wraps at your next gathering

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

(AP) - Easy to make and eat, wraps for meals can be fun, festive and healthful

That's the message delivered with these three low-fat recipes for wraps that can serve as appetizers, light meals and snacks - as well as a "hands-on" treat for children to help make

The recipes have been developed by the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) to ensure that good nutrition comes to the party, too

The wraps will probably fit in with any diet that family members or guests may be following, says Melanie Polk, AICR's director of nutrition education

Besides being low in fat and calories, they are low in what some dieters consider "bad carbs"

They are often sold as 'spring roll skins, and are available in supermarkets, especially those that focus on organic and other specialty foods, and Asian markets. Most are packaged in one of two sizes, 6-1/2-inch or 8-1/2-inch

Whole-grain tortillas and pita bread, Polk says, also make great wraps and offer good amounts of nutrients and dietary fiber

Wrap filling ingredients can vary considerably, so the wraps are quick and convenient to make, for such times as when unannounced company arrives

Any crunchy vegetable can be substituted for another, and many leftover cooked meats or stir-fried foods are well suited to wraps.

Following are instructions for using rice wrappers, plus recipes for three wraps with ethnic characteristics different from most commercial versions Southeast Asian, South Asian and Southwest American

Rice wrappers are traditionally used for Southeast Asian wraps but can be used for other types as well

However, they are thinner and more delicate than tortillas and other wrappers, so the filling ingredients should be cut very thin

A gentle hand, plus a little practice, perhaps, is needed in rolling up the wraps

## USING RICE WRAPPERS

Set out filling ingredients before making wraps. Set out a round baking dish big enough to hold a rice wrapper (A shallow bowl or plate with a little depth also works)

Fill it with enough warm water to submerge a wrapper. Place a cutting board or large, flat-bottomed plate next to it

Using fingers to hold a wrapper along the edge, about 3 or 4 inches apart, immerse the wrapper into the water for 2 or 3 seconds, then immediately remove it when edges begin to soften (Wrappers continue to soften)

Place it flat on the cutting board or plate, allowing the edge of the wrapper nearest you to hang over the side a little

Add filling ingredients in long, narrow rows from left to right. Be careful not to use too much or the wrapper may tear when rolled up

Lift the overlapping edge of the wrapper and fold it over to cover the filling. Fold in the ends, if desired, pressing gently to seal

Continue rolling the wrapper, gently pulling it toward you, to create a snug fit. Be careful not to use too much pressure or wrap it too tightly, which may create a tear

Gently press in the remaining outer edge to help seal the wrap

Transfer the roll, seam side down, to a serving plate. Continue making remaining wraps in the same way

To prevent wraps from drying out, tuck a damp (not wet) paper towel around the top and sides of each wrap until ready to serve

The following wrap is a version of a traditional summer roll popular in Vietnam and other parts of Southeast Asia

It is served with a dipping sauce made with Asian fish sauce, which is pungent, strong tasting and a somewhat acquired taste for Westerners. Soy sauce can be used in its place, or a combination of both sauces

In place of the dipping sauce below, other Asian sauces can be used, including commercially-prepared versions such as

Hoisin, Szechwan, sweet and sour, or peanut sauce, as desired

## SOUTHEAST ASIAN-STYLE WRAPS

For Southeast Asian Style Dipping Sauce

- 3 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce or Asian fish sauce
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 tablespoon unflavored rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon mirin (cooking sake) sake or water
- 2 teaspoons light brown sugar (packed)
- Asian chili oil Asian style chili garlic paste or hot sauce to taste (optional)

Make the sauce before the wraps to allow flavors to meld. Mix together in a bowl all the ingredients until well combined. Cover with plastic wrap and set aside (Sauce can be made 1 to 2 days ahead and stored, refrigerated. Allow sauce to reach room temperature before serving)

Makes about 1 cup of sauce

- For the Wraps
- 4 rice wrappers (see note)
  - 4 large red or green lettuce leaves rinsed and dried end of ribs trimmed
  - 1 cucumber peeled seeded and cut into long thin strips
  - 1 carrot peeled and sliced thinly or shredded into long strips
  - 1/4 pound cooked and shelled shrimp cut lengthwise in half (cooked lean chicken or pork may also be used)
  - 1 Asian pear (or mango) peeled and cut into long thin strips (optional)
  - 16 to 24 leaves of fresh cilantro or mint (optional)

Place a lettuce leaf on top of the damp wrapper (The frilly edge of the leaf can extend slightly beyond the edges on one side, if desired). Arrange 1/4 of the cucumber strips in a narrow row from left to right, across the third of the wrapper nearest you. Spread shrimp halves (cut sides down) end-to-end on top of the cucumber. Place a thin row of carrot next to the shrimp (on the side opposite from you). Place strips of pear or mango (if using) on top of carrots. Arrange cilantro (or mint) leaves (if using) end-to-end, lengthwise, between fruit and cucumber

Lift edge of wrapper closest to you and fold over the filling. If desired, fold ends over the wrapper (If lettuce extends beyond one end, don't tuck in at that end). Finish rolling the wrapper over the filling. Gently press outer edge into the wrap to help seal it. Place the wrap on a serving plate and cover with a damp paper towel, tucking edges in on all sides. Make the remaining wraps in the same way. If serving immediately, cut wraps into 2 or 3 pieces, cutting on the diagonal. Serve with the dipping sauce

If necessary, rolls can be made 2 to 3 hours ahead (but left uncut). Tuck a damp paper towel around each, then cover the serving plate snugly with plastic wrap and refrigerate. Before serving, bring wraps to room temperature and, if desired, cut diagonally into halves or thirds (Wraps cut more easily when cold)

Note: The amount of filling ingredients is geared to the larger wrappers, but novices might find the smaller wrappers easier to use at first. Any leftover filling can be used in a salad or soup

Makes 4 servings as an appetizer, light meal or snack

Nutrition information per serving: 164 cal, 2 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated), 15 g carbo, 20 g pro, 2 g dietary fiber, 637 mg sodium

The following recipe uses seasonings typical of dishes in South Asian countries, including India

In place of the Curried Dipping Sauce, a commercially prepared Indian-style sauce may be used, or a chutney pureed in a blender or food processor

## SOUTH ASIAN-STYLE WRAPS

- For Curried Dipping Sauce
- 1/2 to 1 tablespoon curry powder or according to taste
  - 1/4 cup fat free plain yogurt
  - 1/4 cup fat free mayonnaise
  - Salt and white pepper according to taste

Make dipping sauce before the wraps to allow flavors to meld. In a bowl, mix together the curry powder, yogurt and mayonnaise until well combined. Add salt and pepper to taste (Dip can be made ahead and stored, refrigerated, overnight. Bring sauce to room temperature before serving)

Makes about 1-1/2 cups of sauce

- For the Wraps
- 4 whole wheat tortillas or small pita pockets
  - 4 large lettuce leaves (iceberg or a leafy green) washed and dried

- 3/4 pound grilled chicken breasts (skinless and boneless) cut into very thin strips
- 1/4 cup very thin strips of peeled and seeded cucumbers
- 1/4 cup fresh baby spinach leaves stems removed
- 1 mango peeled and cut into long thin strips (optional)

Make one wrap at a time. Place a lettuce leaf on a tortilla or, if using a pita pocket, gently insert a lettuce leaf so that it lines the interior. Add to each wrap about 1/4 of the vegetables, chicken and mango (if using), in the following order: cucumber, chicken, spinach and mango (if using)

Spread a thin layer of the dipping sauce along the tortilla's edges that will be exposed once the wrap is rolled up. Roll up the tortilla, pressing the outer edges in so the sauce will help seal the wrap. Serve immediately (or wrap each individually in plastic wrap and refrigerate 2 to 3 hours before serving, then bring back to room temperature to serve). Serve with the dipping sauce. If using pita pockets, dollops of the sauce can be added before serving. Makes 4 servings as an appetizer, light meal or snack

Nutrition information per serving: 224 cal, 3 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated), 30 g carbo, 25 g pro, 3 g dietary fiber, 614 mg sodium

The following recipe is extremely adaptable to substitutions. For example, any grilled lean meat may be used, and a commercially-prepared salsa can be used for the dipping sauce

The Smooth and Spicy Sauce calls for chipotle chilies in adobo sauce, a commercially-prepared version of smoked jalapeno chilies in a tomato-based sauce, which can usually be found in the Mexican food section of large supermarkets

## SOUTHWESTERN-STYLE WRAPS

- For Smooth and Spicy Sauce
- 1/2 cup reduced fat mayonnaise
  - 1/2 cup nonfat plain yogurt
  - 3 tablespoons finely minced fresh cilantro leaves (stems removed)
  - 1 green onion (scallion) finely minced
  - 1/2 teaspoon garlic paste or minced garlic cloves to taste
  - 1 to 2 minced (1 to 2 tablespoons) canned chipotle chilies in adobo sauce or to taste
  - Salt and white pepper to taste
  - 1 to 3 drops hot sauce or to taste (optional)

Make the dipping sauce before the wraps to allow flavors to meld. In a bowl, mix together all the ingredients until well combined. The dip can be made ahead and stored overnight, covered with plastic wrap, in the refrigerator. Bring chilled sauce to room temperature before serving

Makes about 1-1/2 cups sauce

- For the Wraps
- 4 whole wheat tortillas
  - 4 lettuce leaves washed and dried
  - 1 red bell pepper seeded and cut into very thin strips
  - 1 green bell pepper seeded and cut into very thin strips
  - 1/2 cup jicama peeled and cut into very thin strips
  - 1/4 pound cooked turkey or pork (trimmed of fat) cut into very thin strips
  - 1 to 2 Gala apples (depending on size) cut into thin strips (optional)
  - 1/4 cup chives chervil or flat leaf parsley cut into strips

Place a tortilla flat on a cutting board. Place a lettuce leaf on top of the tortilla. (The top of the leaf can extend a little beyond the edge of the tortilla.) Along the length of the tortilla, in the third closest to you, place 1/4 of the filling ingredients in the following order: red pepper, jicama, green pepper, meat, apple (if using) and a small amount of herbs

Spread a thin layer of the dipping sauce along the tortilla's edges that will be exposed once the wrap is rolled up. Roll up each tortilla snugly, folding in ends, if desired (If leafy end of the lettuce extends beyond wrapper, don't fold in that end). Wrap tightly in plastic wrap, and set aside

Make remaining wraps. Finished wraps can be set aside up to 30 minutes before serving, which will allow flavors to develop (Wraps can also be refrigerated 2 to 3 hours before serving, bring back to room temperature before serving). If desired, cut wraps on a diagonal into halves or thirds. Serve with dipping sauce. Makes 4 servings as an appetizer, light meal or snack

Nutrition information per serving: 290 cal, 7 g total fat (2 g saturated), 32 g carbo, 30 g pro, 4 g dietary fiber, 528 mg sodium

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# Slow-cooked meals Start eating light, right now are worth the wait

Now that it is January, it's time to get back to basic cooking and simple meals

Opening the back door to inviting, mouth-watering, glorious aromas of comfort food in the slow cooker is very inviting on a cold winter night

Nothing says "loving" like a cooker full of chicken soup, beef stew or chili ready to eat when you come home! It's simple and easy - put the ingredients in the cooker, turn it on and let it cook, and you don't even have to stir until you're ready to serve

If you are purchasing a slow cooker, buy one with a removable liner. They are easier to clean. If you don't have the removable liner, spray the inside of the cooker before using so it is easy to clean

## KEEP IT CLEAN

Start with a clean cooker, clean utensils and a clean work area. Wash your hands before starting and during the preparation of food. Foods are safe in the slow cooker. They cook slowly at a low temperature, generally between 200 and 300° F. The direct heat from the pot and the lengthy cooking time combine to destroy bacteria.

This lower heat helps less expensive leaner cuts of meat become tender. These meats require about eight hours cooking on the low setting to make them fork tender. Defrost meat, remove the skin from chicken and excess fat from meat before browning and before putting in slow cooker.

When making stew, brown the meat first. Dredge the meat or poultry in flour before browning in a little oil in the skillet. Brown all sides of the meat evenly. Browning adds color, helps develop the flavor, seals in the juices, and makes the meat look better.

Pre-cook any ground meat such as hamburger or ground



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turkey before adding to a slow cooker. Pre-cooking keeps the ground meat loose so it doesn't clump together. Seafood should only be added during the last hour of cooking or it will overcook and get rubbery. Cut the vegetables into the same size pieces so they cook evenly. If you don't want to peel and cut vegetables, use a bag of frozen vegetables. Thaw them out first or the food is not going to get to the required temperature quick enough. Make sure whatever you are making is bursting with flavor with lots of eye appeal.

## TENDER COOKING

Pasta and rice can become pasty so cook them separately and add raw about one hour before the food is done. Add tender vegetables like tomatoes, mushrooms or zucchini during the last 45 minutes of the cooking times so they don't overcook. Dairy products should be added the last 30 minutes.

When all the foods are in the slow cooker, put the lid on, turn the heat to high for the first hour and then lower it to the low setting.

Don't lift the lid. Every time you lift the lid the temperature drops and the cooking time increases.

Don't worry about stirring. (No stirring is necessary! The liquid is not going to boil away, so don't worry about that.) Add spices toward the end of the cooking.

Cayenne pepper and hot sauce can become bitter after a long cooking time. Spices should be added the last hour or they lose their flavor.

Taste before serving to adjust the flavoring.

A slow cooker is great for hot beverages. Cider or hot punch can be left in the cooker for a prolonged time while you are shoveling snow, sledding, skating or just waiting for guests to arrive.

Do not warm cooked foods or reheat leftovers in the slow cooker.

Repeated handling can introduce bacteria to cooked foods and the slow cooker cannot get hot enough fast enough to keep these bacteria from multiplying. Any leftover food should be reheated on the stove, brought to a boil and then put in the slow cooker to keep it hot.

The benefits of a slow cooker are:

- Does not require constant attention or frequent stirring
- There is no worry about burning or overcooking
- You don't have a sink full of pots and pans
- Keeps your kitchen cool by keeping your oven turned off
- Saves energy
- Great for serving hot soup or stews at parties or buffets
- At a low temperature, more of the vitamins and minerals are retained
- Do just a little "prep" work and then sit back and wait for the wonderful aroma to fill the house.

On the way home, stop and buy a loaf of good crusty bread, the makings for a fresh green salad or a fruit salad. Add a glass of milk and you have a hot, nutritious "comfort food" meal.

Slow cookers were introduced in the 1970s and have seen renewed popularity lately. Slow cooking is a one-step, all day method of making glorious meals that you and the family will enjoy.

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You can start on a lighter new year with healthful, low-fat, low-calorie meals that are colorful, full-flavored and satisfying.

By combining different vegetables in interesting ways, you can enjoy a variety of colors, textures and flavors. You are also maximizing the health-protective substances offered only by plant-based foods - and get that full feeling with minimum calories.

Monounsaturated fats such as canola, olive, sesame and walnut oils are flavorful but far more healthful than animal fats. There are other ways to add extra flavor as well - herbs, spices and other seasonings add more flavor to any dish.

For good health and good weight, the American Institute of Cancer Research recommends a one-third/two-thirds proportion - modest but adequate portions (one-third or less) of animal meats on the plate, and generous portions (two-thirds or more) of a variety of plant-based foods such as vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans.

But remember that size matters, too. The most healthful, low-calorie dishes won't protect your health and weight if you eat super-sized quantities.

How you cook foods affects their health properties. Carcinogens are produced when meats are cooked at high temperatures, whether fried, roasted, broiled, or grilled. But high-temperatures - roasting, broiling and grilling - brings



AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

This hearty, low-fat vegetable soup is a great way to begin that New Year resolution to eat healthier foods.

out vegetables' natural sweetness and creates a rich, complex flavor. Cooking vegetables in large quantities of water, however, leaches out flavor, as well as nutrients.

## TOASTY OATMEAL VEGETABLE SOUP

- 1 cup rolled oats (not quick cooking or instant)
  - 1 tablespoon canola oil
  - 1 large onion, chopped
  - 3 cloves of garlic (to taste), finely minced
  - 1 large tomato, seeded and chopped
  - 1 carrot, diagonally cut into 1/4 inch slices
  - 6 cups fat free, reduced sodium chicken or vegetable broth
  - 1/2 cup finely chopped fresh parsley
  - Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- In a large, heavy skillet over medium heat, toast raw oatmeal,

stirring constantly, until oatmeal is lightly browned, about 3 to 5 minutes. (Oatmeal burns easily, so watch carefully.) Immediately transfer oatmeal to a small bowl and set aside.

In large pot, heat oil until hot. Add onion, reduce heat to medium and, stirring frequently, sauté onion until soft and pale gold. Add garlic and continue sautéing a few minutes more. Do not allow onion or garlic to burn. Add vegetables and broth. Bring soup to a boil, reduce heat to a simmer and cook about 10 minutes. Add oatmeal. Simmer 2 minutes more, or until oatmeal is tender. Add parsley and salt and pepper to taste.

Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 100 calories, 3 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 14 g carbohydrate, 5 g protein, 2 g dietary fiber, 589 mg sodium.

Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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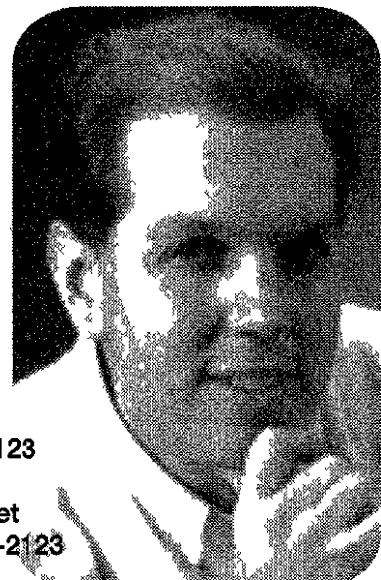
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## Cod, cauliflower make savory, low-fat dish

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Steamed cod with cauliflower in saffron broth, served with a slow-cooked onion salad if you wish, adds up to a savory range of flavor and texture while still meeting low-fat guidelines.

The recipes are from *Gourmet* magazine's December issue, from the Every Day feature.

A note suggests that if you decide to make the onion salad as well as the fish dish, you can cook the cauliflower while the onions finish roasting.

Steam the mussels and cod after the onions are done, just before assembling your salad.

### STEAMED COD WITH CAULIFLOWER IN SAFFRON BROTH

(Active time 25 minutes, start-to-finish 45 minutes)

1 large pinch of saffron threads crumbled  
1 cup lukewarm water  
One 2-pound head cauliflower  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 garlic clove crushed  
1 small carrot cut into 1/4-inch dice (1/2 cup)  
1/2 cup dry white wine  
1 cup fat free reduced sodium chicken broth  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1/2 teaspoon white pepper  
1 1/2 pounds small to medium mussels (preferably cultivated 3 dozen) scrubbed and beards removed  
Six 1/2-pound pieces cod or scrod fillet (1 inch thick) skinned and pin bones removed  
3 scallions chopped (1/2 cup)  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Put saffron threads in a small bowl, then stir in lukewarm water and let stand.

Trim cauliflower stalk flush with base of crown, discarding stalk, then quarter cauliflower lengthwise. Cut each quarter lengthwise into 1/2-inch-thick slices. Set aside large slices and reserve small pieces without any stem for another use.

Swirl oil with garlic in a deep 12-inch heavy skillet to coat, then heat over moderately high heat until oil is just smoking. Discard garlic. Carefully arrange cauliflower slices in 1 layer in skillet and cook until undersides are lightly browned, about 2 minutes. Turn over with tongs and cook until other sides are lightly

browned, about 2 minutes.

Add carrot and wine and swirl skillet to combine, then boil until liquid is reduced by half, about 30 seconds. Add saffron water, broth, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon white pepper and simmer, covered, until cauliflower and carrot are crisp-tender, 5 to 8 minutes.

While cauliflower simmers, pat fish dry and sprinkle both sides with remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon white pepper.

Increase heat to moderately high, then add mussels to skillet and steam, covered, until mussels just open wide, checking frequently after 3 to 4 minutes. (Discard any mussels that remain unopened after 8 minutes.) Divide mussels among 6 shallow serving bowls using a slotted spoon.

Place cod on top of cauliflower, arranging fillets in 1 layer. Sprinkle with scallions and parsley and steam, covered, over moderately high heat until fish is cooked through, 7 to 10 minutes.

Transfer some of cauliflower along 1 piece of cod to each bowl using slotted spoon. Season broth with salt and white pepper, then ladle broth (with carrots) over each serving.

Makes 6 servings

Nutrition information per serving: about 139 cal, 4 g fat

The salad includes several onion-related vegetables - shallots, leeks, garlic and chives.

For tender results, be sure to peel off the papery outer layer, the leathery second layer and any paper-thin membranes from the onions, shallots and leeks.

### SLOW-COOKED ONION SALAD

(Active time 35 minutes, start-to-finish 1-1/2 hours)

For onion mixture

4 medium leeks (1 pound total white and pale green parts only) trimmed and cut crosswise into 1-inch pieces (1 cup)

2 tablespoons mild honey  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper

1 sweet onion such as Vidalia (1/2 pound) trimmed and cut crosswise into 6 slices  
1 large red onion (1/2 pound) trimmed and cut lengthwise into 6 wedges

1 large white onion (10 ounces) trimmed and cut lengthwise into 6 wedges

6 medium shallots (10 ounces total) trimmed

8 fresh thyme sprigs

For salad

1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice  
1 teaspoon finely chopped garlic  
1 teaspoon coarse grain mustard  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
2 Belgian endives  
5 cups baby spinach (5 ounces)  
1/2 cup chopped fresh chives or scallions

Lemon wedges to accompany

To make onion mixture

Put oven rack in upper third of oven and preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Line a large shallow baking pan with foil, allowing 2 inches to hang over each end of pan.

Wash leek pieces well in a bowl of cold water, then lift out and drain well.

Whisk together honey, oil, salt and pepper, and add onions, shallots and leeks, tossing to coat.

Spread onion mixture in an even layer in baking pan. Scatter thyme on top, then cover with another large sheet of foil and crimp edges all around to seal, forming a package.

Roast until very tender, about 1 hour. Carefully remove top sheet of foil (steam will emerge) and turn on broiler. Broil onion mixture 5 to 6 inches from heat until tops of onions are browned and caramelized 2 to 5 minutes. (Check frequently removing pieces as they brown.) Discard thyme.

Make salad. Whisk together onion mixture roasts. Whisk together oil, lemon juice, garlic, mustard, salt and pepper in a large bowl.

Trim endives and halve lengthwise. Cut in half crosswise, then cut lengthwise into 1/4-inch-wide strips.

Just before serving, add endives to dressing along with spinach and chives and toss until lightly coated. Season with salt and pepper. Divide salad among 6 plates and top with warm onion mixture.

Cooks' notes: Onions, shallots and leeks can be roasted 1 day ahead and cooled completely, then chilled, covered. Reheat in a preheated 350-degree Fahrenheit oven 5 to 10 minutes. Dressing can be made 3 hours ahead and chilled, covered.

Makes 6 servings

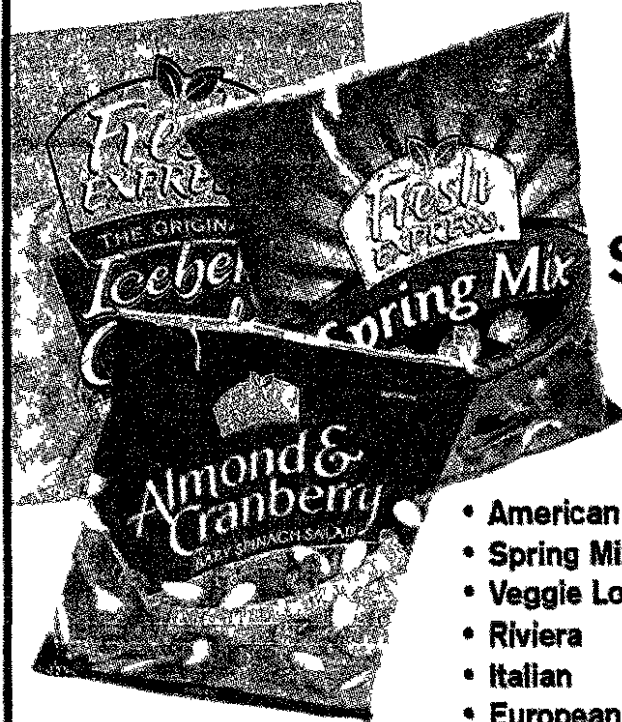
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## Real Estate Inquires

Robert M Meisner

### Be reasonable in accommodating disabled tenants

I am a landlord and am familiar with the Michigan Persons with Disabilities Act. Am I required to make every request and accommodation on behalf of a disabled tenant?

Not necessarily. A landlord's duty to accommodate requires those reasonable accommodations necessary for the disabled tenant's enjoyment of the premises and then only when the accommodations will not result in an undue hardship on the landlord. A landlord cannot refuse to allow modifications at the expense of the person with a disability. Each case, of course, turns on its own facts. You are best advised to consult with an experienced lawyer.

I am a frequent visitor to Las Vegas and am wondering whether or not condos or timeshares are a good investment.

In a recent visit to Las Vegas, it became clear that not only whole share condos are being built on the Strip, but so are timeshare condos, similar to what is going on in Manhattan. The marketing concept is that if one wishes to visit Las Vegas on a frequent basis, why shouldn't they own a section of real property in Las Vegas in the form of a timeshare condominium on or near the Strip? This has been popular in Manhattan and apparently is becoming increasingly popular as well as other residential developments along the Strip in Las Vegas. As with any other property, be careful about the developer from whom you purchase your condominium unit as well as the physical composition of the building which you are purchasing, including its management if you are to be an absentee owner.

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 \$2 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner.assocates.com](mailto:bmeisner@meisner.assocates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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## Mortgage Bits

Timothy Phillips



### Enjoy winter: Plan ahead, be prepared

I am passionate about helping seniors and empty-nesters keep the "gold" in their golden years. My senior clients have silver on their heads and gold in their hearts, but often pocketbooks are only half-full.

To me, the winter phase of a person's life should be all about enjoying family and life, not about chasing down an extra dime to make ends meet. Tackling a job or career at this point in life should be about earning "fun money" or pursuing a life passion, not struggling to make the rent or mortgage payment.

Success in the winter phase of home ownership comes with autumn planning. Seniors should have a strategy for managing debts, assets and life. As a minimum, their plan should include a specific time frame for relocating from their large family home to a more suitable domicile (a.k.a. downsizing), for putting excess home equity to work and for managing any stray consumer debt.

Neglecting any of these three areas can lead to real problems. In the worst cases, seniors who have paid off their homes, and paid cash for everything for years, may have no credit scores. When faced with large, unexpected expenses, their home equity is "trapped" because they cannot easily qualify for a refinance. They have high debts, low income and no credit. Sadly, it's usually avoidable with prior planning.

I prefer to act, than to be acted upon. The proverbial "ounce of prevention" is actually worth a ton of cure. It is imperative that homeowners review their life choices sooner instead of later. Optimally, late autumn or early winter is a great time to review your needs with your mortgage adviser.

As a mortgage broker, I feel strongly that there are specific mortgage strategies that are appropriate for the different seasons of my clients' lives. Getting professional help with your mortgage choices during each season of your life can truly enhance your life quality for all of your years.

This is the last of a five-part series. You may download the entire series online at [www.PhillipsHQ.com](http://www.PhillipsHQ.com).

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy archives at [www.PhillipsHQ.com](http://www.PhillipsHQ.com) or phone him toll free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.



## Ask questions to make sure you're covered

BY NORMAN PRADY  
CORRESPONDENT

"What's covered? What isn't covered? If our \$250,000 house burns down, will you give us \$250,000? If water comes in through the basement windows at the same time the sewer backs up, who pays us how much for what?"

Questions. Buying homeowner insurance is about asking questions.

Well, if your \$250,000 house burns down and the insurance company only gives you \$200,000 to rebuild it, remember what you said to the insurance agent when you bought your policy.

Do you remember what the agent said to you? The agent likely told you that trying to save money on the cost of the insurance isn't the smartest bet you could make.

"Because of the cost of insurance, people are trying to underbuy their coverage," said Marc Tomassi, an agent with Griffin Smalley Wilkerson insurance, Farmington Hills.

"They might decline the \$250,000 they need, saying, 'Our current market value is only \$200,000.' But that's not going to give them the money to rebuild the house. And with inflation and actual building costs, they're underinsured anyway."

Many homeowners, Tomassi said, seem to believe that nothing's going to happen or that "My whole house isn't going to burn down."

Besides inflation, Tomassi said, city codes might have changed since the house was originally built and there could be other factors causing an increase in the rebuilding cost.

If it's a house with wet plaster walls and hand-carved moldings, for example, how much more might that add to the rebuilding cost, assuming you can find the craftsman to do the work? So the money you might have saved by paying a lower premium can prove expensive for you, Tomassi said.

### INJURY, CLAIMS

How about the question of injury? Let's say that someone falls down your front steps. Or let's say a burglar in your house is bitten by your dog and the bad guy sues you. Do you know about liability insurance?

Do you know whether you live in a city that will try to hold you responsible if someone is injured by tripping on a broken public sidewalk in front of your house? And will you have to go to court to straighten out that claim? And meanwhile

### LEARNING ABOUT INSURANCE

Don't be unprepared. Talk to agents and compare information. Ask what policies cover and don't cover. Do some research on the Internet. Here are Web sites that offer consumer guidance about insurance.

■ Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America: [www.iaa.org](http://www.iaa.org)

■ Insurance Institute of Michigan: [www.iiimn.org](http://www.iiimn.org)

■ Michigan Office of Financial & Insurance Services: [www.michigan.gov/cis](http://www.michigan.gov/cis)

■ Insurance Buyers Guide: [www.insbuyer.com](http://www.insbuyer.com)

■ Federal Emergency Management Agency (the source of flood insurance): [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

who's paying all those bills?

Do you know the difference between a flood and sewer backup? Do you know that one isn't the other? Do you know that you might live in an area where you can get flood insurance? And do you know if you're buying your homeowner's insurance from a company that offers sewer coverage?

Do you know that if a pipe bursts and fills your basement with water, that's not a flood? Your policy might pay for the damage the water causes and the cost of getting into the wall to fix the pipe, but it probably won't pay for the repairs to the pipe itself.

Tomassi cautions about filing claims. "Don't make the small ones," he said. Be prepared, he said, to take care of the small ones on your own and not risk the cancellation that can come after three claims in three years.

Insurance, he said, is expensive for the homeowner and for the company, much more than in times past. Look for savings, he said, by choosing higher deductibles and using the lower premiums to create a self-insurance fund.

### FLOOD COVERAGE

And be sure you ask about flood insurance. It can be confusing, said Harry Howes of Howes Insurance Services, Royal Oak. The definition of flood is one of the problems.

"It's not water that backs up. It's a temporary condition on dry land resulting from the overflow of rivers or lakes."

To get flood insurance, Howes said, you must live in a community that has chosen to

participate in the federal coverage program.

The community must agree to follow federal guidelines for water management regarding drainage, storm sewer capacity and building codes.

Do you live in a participating community? Ask your city or village clerk. If so, you can find out what the coverage costs would be in the exact location of your house.

Rates vary, Howes said, within a community relative to elevations and history of flooding.

A house must have been built in 1974 or later to be eligible, he said, that being the year when coverage areas, topographical surveys and records were established.

Maximum flood coverage for a private home, Howes said, is \$250,000 plus \$50,000 for the contents. Do you see water rising near you today? OK, get the insurance now but understand that it won't be effective for a month.

Flood insurance, Howes said, also covers mudslides caused by water. But it doesn't cover earthquakes, he said, which you can get coverage for in Michigan at fairly low cost because we don't have many earthquakes here.

### OTHER INSURANCE

And there's more to a homeowner's insurance needs than a homeowner's policy. Just ask Leshe Palminter. She's an associate real estate broker with Max Brook Realtors, Rochester.

For example, she said, there's private mortgage insurance. "If someone buying a home is not able to put down 20 percent or more of the purchase price, a private company insures the loan for the lender."

Conditions affecting the value of the property and the loan can change over time, Palminter said, and it's up to the homeowner to get a new appraisal that could terminate the need for the insurance.

Title insurance, Palminter said, is bought by the seller for the buyer at the time of the house sale to ensure clear title to the property. Another form of title insurance is bought by the buyer to ensure the lender that it is the first lien holder on the property.

And there's more. Besides sewer insurance and flood insurance, Palminter said, there's sump pump insurance that covers the homeowner for losses from that system's failure.

And there's probably more. Ask

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# Could your home withstand a fire?


In December, a fire destroyed three townhouses and damaged a fourth in Lorton, Va., just south of the nation's capital. Investigators later determined that faulty wiring had sparked the blaze. Two firefighters were hurt, one burned, while

navigating the smoky townhouses in the pre dawn darkness. To avoid such a disaster, the National Concrete Masonry Association advises that you evaluate a building's fire safety when you rent or buy a home in a multi-family dwelling, or if you are planning to lodge


somewhere overnight or house your loved ones in college dormitories or nursing facilities. Buildings should contain these three components of a balanced fire-safety design: smoke detectors, sprinkler systems and concrete masonry walls between housing units.

## Featured HOMES OF THE WEEK


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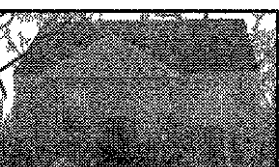
**Dearborn Heights** - Welcome home! 3-bed brick ranch located in a great area! New windows newer front door and finished bsmt with wet bar 2 car garage with electricity deck with natural gas grill. Immediate occupancy! \$122,900 (93WED)




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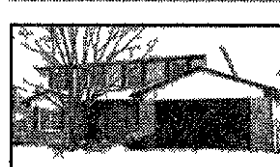
**Livonia** - Beautiful 4 bed 2.5 bath brick ranch Deck, Florida room newer roof furnace HWH updated bath new kitchen Newer carpeting hardwood floors finished basement garage new 6 panel doors appliances stay This one is a beauty! \$227,777 (35JAC)




**Ferndale** - The 2 bed home is all prepped for possible 3rd bedroom upstairs Fenced yard freshly painted new windows siding roof furnace C/A doors electrical some plumbing new kitchen flooring through out carpet bathroom all duct work is new! Just move in! \$109,900 (10SIL)



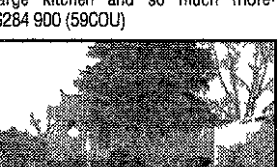
**Livonia** - Very clean and well maintained 4 bed colonial Newer windows furnace C/A steel entry doors great room w/gas F/P Patio door that leads to new paver patio freshly painted 2 car garage bsmt w/new lights paint and carpet Newer large kitchen and so much more! \$284,900 (58CQU)



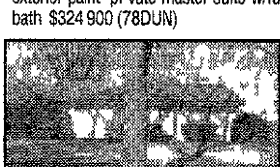
**Northville** - Beautiful 4-bed colonial 2.5 bath colonial Neutral and freshly painted beautiful hardwood floors in FR and den granite in entry and kitchen Bsmt garage 3 season room off FR/ extensive decking new roof A/C fireplace logs and exterior paint private master suite w/full bath \$324,900 (10HADZ)



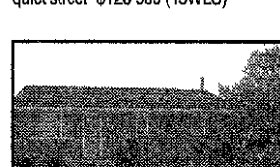
**Southfield** - Very nice and affordable 3 bed brick bungalow on a nice sized fenced in lot 2.5 car garage w/electricity updated sparkling white kitchen w/white tile floor freshly painted Security alarm updated bath nice curb appeal Very quiet street \$128,900 (15WVES)



**Westland** - Cute and clean 3-bed ranch with Livonia Schools 2 car garage finished basement Anderson windows open kitchen with eat in dining room C/A Doorway that leads to 16x16 deck Lots of perennials planted all around the home \$162,900 (39FRE)



**Westland** - Hot deal! 3 bed ranch with finished Florida room 2.5 car att garage newer vinyl windows roof C/A new kitchen cabinets tub and surround immediate occupancy satellite dish appliances stay home warranty \$120,900 (10HAZ)



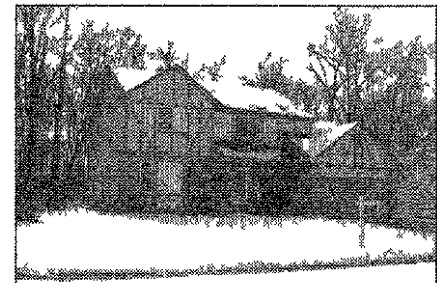
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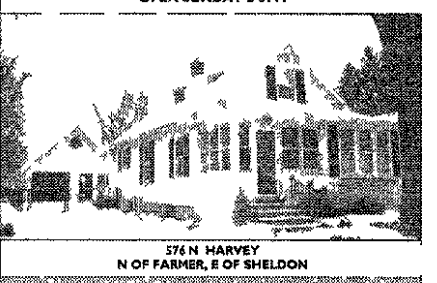
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39514 Bart \$166,000	6158 Stonetree \$227,000	6158 Stonetree \$227,000	773 Alvin \$130,000	18316 Lexington \$142,000
41515 Bedford \$135,000	47903 Stratford \$410,000	47903 Stratford \$410,000	8810 Bail \$181,000	19177 Lexington \$35,000
7560 Birchlan \$320,000	49566 Taft \$125,000	49566 Taft \$125,000	9073 Baywood \$257,000	15938 Lola \$100,000
44171 Brandywyne \$207,000	47797 Torrington \$391,000	47797 Torrington \$391,000	47122 Beechcrest \$475,000	17197 Nathalie \$49,000
45135 Brunswick \$250,000	1653 Trinity \$173,000	1653 Trinity \$173,000	11776 Deer Creek \$457,000	18260 Negaunee \$54,000
1514 Centennial \$458,000	1789 Trinity \$178,000	1789 Trinity \$178,000	12431 Woodgate \$191,000	18529 Negaunee \$18,000
44238 Cherboung \$163,000	227200 \$272,000	227200 \$272,000	140 S Union \$483,000	18698 Norborne \$18,000
7567 Chchester \$260,000	43653 Westmister \$210,000	43653 Westmister \$210,000	14245 Glen \$220,000	19435 Norborne \$103,000
39870 Deepwood \$180,000	28971 A vln \$186,000	28971 A vln \$186,000	15003 Lakewood \$259,000	19775 Poconan \$108,000
48240 Deer Trail \$356,000	33722 Alvin \$116,000	33722 Alvin \$116,000	15855 Cottonwood \$154,000	18849 Royal Grand \$150,000
46375 Doubletree \$307,000	33211 Barton \$159,000	33211 Barton \$159,000	11776 Deer Creek \$457,000	9601 Salem \$160,000
1549 Elmhurst \$68,000	27631 Bock \$155,000	27631 Bock \$155,000	12431 Woodgate \$191,000	14057 San Jose \$84,000
1453 Emerald Pines \$85,000	230 Farmington \$142,000	230 Farmington \$142,000	15612 Woodside \$260,000	9568 Tecumseh \$151,000
7333 Emerson \$244,000	32106 James \$110,000	32106 James \$110,000		26305 7 Mile \$71,000
39960 Finley \$257,000	28750 Kathryn \$150,000	28750 Kathryn \$150,000		
40421 Glen Eagle \$192,000	31457 Kathryn \$161,000	31457 Kathryn \$161,000		
40427 Glen Eagle \$182,000	6164 Lathers \$145,000	6164 Lathers \$145,000		
40439 Glen Eagle \$176,000	32619 Leona \$155,000	32619 Leona \$155,000		
40445 Glen Eagle \$174,000	33630 Pierce \$154,000	33630 Pierce \$154,000		
45222 Glenarry \$324,000	30621 Sheridan \$180,000	30621 Sheridan \$180,000		
45671 Graystone \$193,000	31465 Warren \$131,000	31465 Warren \$131,000		
7670 Haverhill \$468,000				
1050 H ngs \$211,000	28700 7 Mile \$148,000	28700 7 Mile \$148,000		
39725 Koppernick \$420,000	30715 7 Mile \$220,000	30715 7 Mile \$220,000		
1996 Liberty \$360,000	33583 8 Mile \$115,000	33583 8 Mile \$115,000		
1335 Longfellow \$185,000	33749 8 Mile \$119,000	33749 8 Mile \$119,000		
44561 Lowell \$200,000	33801 8 Mile \$92,000	33801 8 Mile \$92,000		
39846 Lynn \$183,000	15874 Alexander \$189,000	15874 Alexander \$189,000		
43526 Lynnwood \$190,000	14795 Arcola \$205,000	14795 Arcola \$205,000		
45093 Middlebury \$343,000	14942 Arden \$151,000	14942 Arden \$151,000		
45443 Muirfield \$404,000	32904 Bobrick \$272,000	32904 Bobrick \$272,000		
6807 Beck \$247,000	19086 Boulder \$150,000	19086 Boulder \$150,000		
45663 Stonewood \$189,000	14243 Brentwood \$176,000	14243 Brentwood \$176,000		
41944 Old Bridge \$180,000	20321 Brentwood \$148,000	20321 Brentwood \$148,000		
7760 Oxford \$125,000	34687 Bretton \$335,000	34687 Bretton \$335,000		
3735 Parklawn \$235,000	20580 Chestnut \$160,000	20580 Chestnut \$160,000		
2227 Pinecroft \$171,000	34012 Coventry \$247,000	34012 Coventry \$247,000		
4269 Pond Run \$283,000	16962 Farmington \$185,000	16962 Farmington \$185,000		
2155 Preserve \$222,000	16988 Farmington \$201,000	16988 Farmington \$201,000		
2163 Preserve \$214,000	18623 Floral \$147,000	18623 Floral \$147,000		
2042 Preserve \$207,000	29632 Grandon \$177,000	29632 Grandon \$177,000		
3914 Ravensfield \$179,000	18689 H ilcrest \$190,000	18689 H ilcrest \$190,000		
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			18419 Centralia \$125,000	4179 Harvey \$101,000
			17602 Denby \$130,000	6114 Linville \$132,000
			20455 Denby \$134,000	7975 Middlebelt \$400,000
			16531 Five Points \$106,000	6787 Redman \$178,000
			9156 Garfield \$155,000	7949 R vergate \$149,000
			11412 Garfield \$127,000	1543 Hambleton \$168,000
			15255 Garfield \$84,000	38212 Miller \$178,000
			18839 Glenmore \$101,000	1048 Venoy \$145,000
			17462 Indian \$141,000	35039 Sansburn \$157,000
			18658 Indian \$107,000	1242 Selma \$170,000
			19411 Indian \$103,000	38073 Sherwood \$87,000
			8950 K nloch \$163,000	1961 Stockmeyer \$175,000
			20419 Kintoch \$142,000	7775 Terr \$162,000
			20118 Lennane \$167,000	7211 Timber Ridge \$255,000
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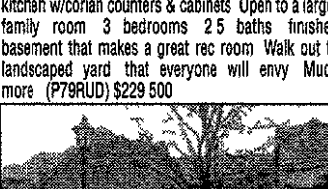
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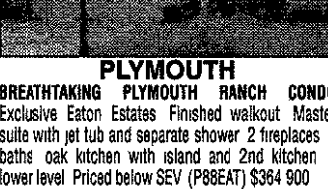
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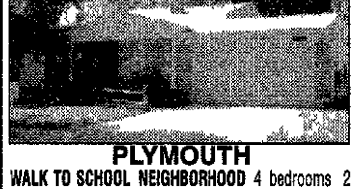
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## Out-of-state buyers flock to Florida

PRNewswire - Gina Charpentier fell in love with Florida 15 years ago. After vacationing in Florida virtually every year for the past decade, Charpentier, her husband Richard and 11-year-old son Louis will soon be moving from Pawtucket, Rhode Island to the Sunshine State.

"It's always been my dream to move to Florida and now it's finally going to happen," says Charpentier, 37. Assisted by Anne-Marie Ferraro, a Realtor with Watson Realty's Longwood office, the Charpentiers selected the Poinciana subdivision in Kissimmee to put down roots. A local builder is finishing a new three-bedroom home for the family.

"We came down to Orlando just before Hurricane Charley struck in August, and we're still coming. After the hurricanes, everyone asked me, 'Why go there?' I told them that I don't like the cold winters, and there are so many fun things to do in Florida."

Charpentier and her family are far from alone. More than 350,000 out-of-state migrants are expected to move to Florida in 2005, according to economist Hank Fishkind, president, Fishkind & Associates, Orlando. "We see continued

strong growth in Florida's housing markets," Fishkind says.

An attractive warm-weather climate is only one of the reasons buyers from throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Latin America are attracted to Florida, according to Frank Kowalski, 2005 president of the Florida Association of Realtors.

"Florida has a strong job market and a ready supply of housing in all price ranges," Kowalski says. "Although sales prices are rising steadily, residences in Florida continue to offer great values for buyers worldwide."

Other out-of-state buyers like the financial advantages of living in Florida, which has no state income tax, and a significant homestead exemption that reduces property taxes on primary residences.

For Cliff and Barbara Reynolds, moving to Orlando from Baltimore was an easy decision. "When Southwest Airlines offered me an opportunity to relocate here, I took it," says Cliff Reynolds. "In Maryland, it's always snowing on my birthday in January. Down here I plan to spend the day playing golf in the sunshine."

## Strong demand for Florida real estate continues

PRNewswire - Driven by strong out-of-state demand, Florida residential home sales are headed for a record year in 2004, according to economists and real estate experts.

Despite six weeks of local market disruptions caused by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne, statewide sales are likely to rise 15 percent over 2003, while median sales prices keep pace, according to Russell Grooms, 2004 president of the Florida Association of Realtors.

"Sales activity remains strong in virtually all Florida markets," says Grooms. "Buyers relocating from other states and other countries continue to comprise a significant portion of Florida's overall sales."

For the first nine months of 2004, Florida recorded 184,760 sales of existing single-family homes, a 15 percent increase from the 161,055 sales during the same period of 2003. The median sales price for the period was \$179,900, up 16 percent from \$155,100 in 2003.

Economists who follow Florida's real estate market agree there has been no slowdown in demand following the hurricanes of August and September.

"We have seen no impact on either new homes or resales," says Hank Fishkind, president, Fishkind & Associates, Orlando. "We see continued strong growth in Florida's housing markets."

Mike O'Connell, an economist with the South Florida Regional Planning Council in Hollywood, Fla., developed a computer model for the state that studies the economic impact of hurricanes on Florida. While hurricanes can accelerate long-term development trends already taking place in a community, they aren't likely to change the market, he says. Following several years of high demand and record home sales, the outlook for Florida's real estate industry remains strong.

Still, the hurricanes may affect some out-of-state buyers' decisions regarding where to purchase in Florida, acknowledges Lewis Goodkin, president, Goodkin Consulting, Miami. People may rethink moving to areas within Florida that they perceive as particularly vulnerable to hurricanes, he says. But there is no question that Florida, as a whole, remains an attractive warm-weather destination.

# Historically strong housing market expected in 2005

After four consecutive record years, home sales should ease but remain close to record levels in 2005, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Following an estimated 8.9 percent jump to 6.64 million existing-home sales in 2004, activity will remain strong. Sales should decline about 2.5 percent to a total of 6.48 million in 2005, which would be the second highest on record. New-home sales should come in at a record 1.19 million for 2004, up 9.5 percent from 2003, with 1.11 million sales expected in 2005 - which would also be the second strongest on record.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said the housing sector is operating at a higher plateau. "No one expects home sales to set a record every year, with some ebb and flow normal as market conditions and needs shift," he said. "Even so, home sales will stay well above what was considered to be a healthy level in the late 1990s. The population has grown, household formation is strong and demographics tell us this trend will continue. In addition, a similar mix of economic conditions expected in the U.S. for the foreseeable future."

Housing starts for 2004 are projected at 1.94 million units, the

best showing since 1978, new construction is forecast at 1.87 million units this year.

The rise in the national median existing-home price should be 7.7 percent for 2004, with the annual price at \$183,100, an increase of 5.3 percent is expected in 2005 to a median of \$192,800. The typical new-home price rose about 10.4 percent in 2004 to \$215,300, this year, the median should grow by 5.5 percent to \$227,200.

"A modest slowdown in home price appreciation will be healthy for the market, offering sellers a good return on their investment while keeping prices within reach for home buyers," Lereah said.

Lereah expects the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage to trend upward to 6.5 percent by the end of 2005, "still very low by historical comparisons," he said. "Outside of the last two years, when the fixed-rate mortgage averaged 5.8 percent, we have to go back to the mid 1960s to see comparable mortgage interest rates."

Inflation should remain modest with the Consumer Price Index rising 2.6 percent this year, following an increase of 2.7 percent in 2004. The U.S. gross domestic product is forecast to grow by 4.0 percent in 2005, after seeing a growth rate of

4.4 percent last year. The unemployment rate should decline to 5.1 percent by the end of 2005.

"Even with similar numbers, the reasons for economic growth have changed," Lereah said. "Over the last few years, the economy was driven by consumers, housing and defense spending. Over the next couple years, the economy will grow nicely on the weight of business spending, along with some improvement in net exports."

Inflation-adjusted disposable personal income is projected to grow 3.8 percent this year, following a 3.0 percent increase in 2004. The consumer confidence index should rise to 106 by the second half of 2005.

More detailed information about NAR's economic outlook, as well as other analysis of real estate industry statistics, can be found in the January issue of NAR's Real Estate Outlook Market Trends and Insights. The publication may be purchased by calling (800) 874-6500.

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## Rates on 30-year mortgages fall for third straight week

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Rates on 30-year mortgages fell for a third straight week as investors' concerns about inflation were eased by reports showing that prices fell in December.

The weekly survey released by the mortgage company Freddie Mac showed that rates on 30-year, fixed rate mortgages averaged 5.67 percent for the week ending Jan. 20, compared with 5.74 percent the previous week.

Low mortgage rates have pow-

ered the housing industry in recent years. Sales are expected to set records for both new homes and existing homes when all the results for 2004 are in.

Analysts are forecasting that housing will enjoy another good year in 2005 if mortgage rates do not rise too sharply, given the Federal Reserve's credit tightening campaign to ensure that inflation stays in check.

Economists said worries about inflation were eased with the report showing that consumer prices dipped by 0.1 percent in

December, reflecting the biggest drop in energy costs since July.

Rates on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, declined to 5.15 percent, from 5.19 percent last week. Rates on one-year adjustable-rate mortgages were 4.11 percent, little changed from the previous week's 4.10 percent.

Five-year hybrid adjustable rate mortgages were unchanged at an average 5.05 percent. These mortgages have a fixed-rate for five years and then they adjust each year after that.

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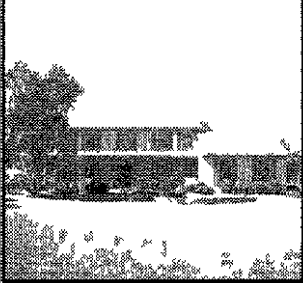






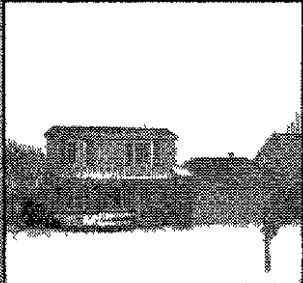







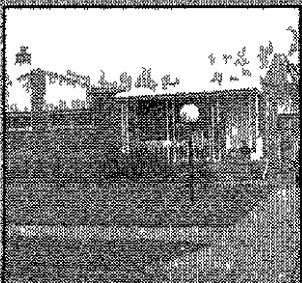




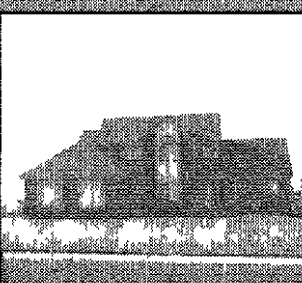




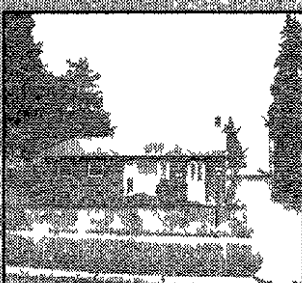
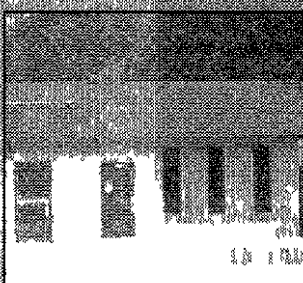













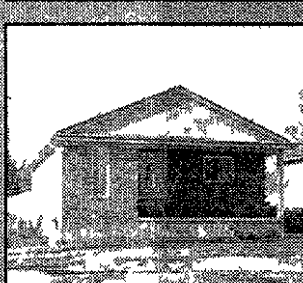


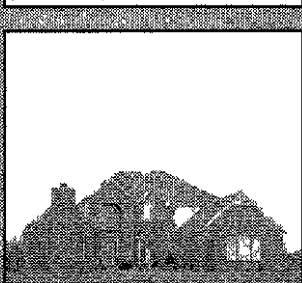

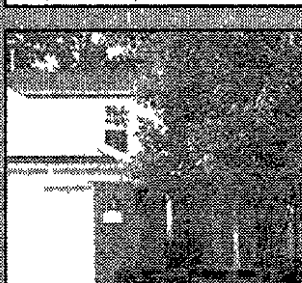
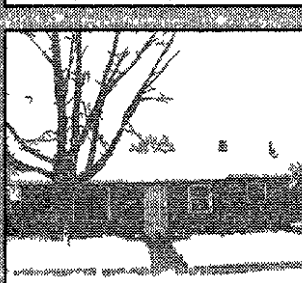

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<b>LIVONIA</b> Quiet family neighborhood close to school shopping & x-ways Sold 3 bedroom brick ranch w/ lots of updates Huge kit w/wet bar Beautiful in ground pool 1 year home warranty <b>\$179,900</b>	<b>LIVONIA</b> Just a walk to Rec Center! Sprawl ranch in heart of Livonia. Many features include Anderson windows Merlot cabs LR & FR mstr bath add office/computer room & att gar B'ful yard w/perennials, pond & arbor <b>\$169,900</b>

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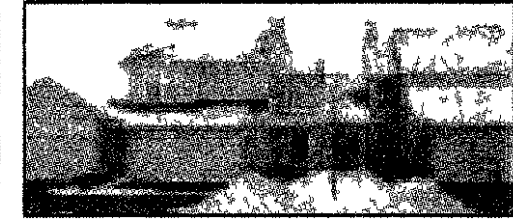
**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
NEW CONSTR W/LIVONIA SCHLS 4 BR 2 5 BA Colonial has 2421 SF bsmt & 2 car att gar Cer tile in BAs, cherry cabs & birch flr in kit nook, 1/2 BA foyer strcs Curtis Crk-11 hm development (24023356) \$374,900



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**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
FABULOUS BARBERRY UNIT! 2-story ceiling makes this LR inviting FR w/adj powder rm Can be bit w/3rd BR Avail upgrds Lndscpng, sprnklr sys lawn main & snow remov (23A1205) \$210,900



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WALK TO DOWNTOWN Sharp updates in 1994 FR addition kit w/white cab/all appls hardwood floors, roof in 94 plus furnace/ca siding 2 sheds, a great buy 349-6200 (24130106) \$199,900



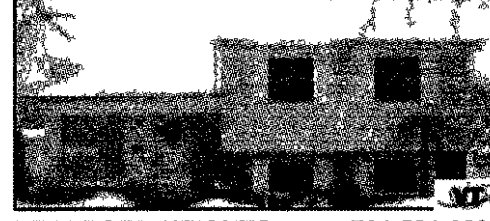
**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
THE ARBOR has an open flr plan Fr lower lv rec rm next to laundry & powder rm Townhome community will feature Indscpng, sprnklr sys, lawn main/snow remov Low assoc fees (23A1205) \$184,900



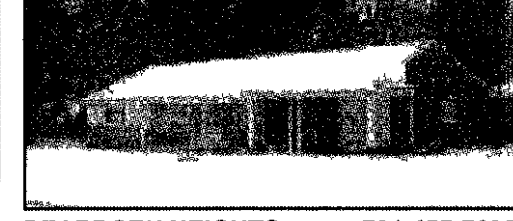
**WESTLAND** 248-348-6430  
FANTASTIC HOME W/LIVONIA SCHOOLS Beautiful 3 BR/1 5 BA hm w/hdwd flrs t/o New furnace 03 Newer wndw, roof glass block win cement drive/porch sprinkler sys & fin bsmt 2 5 car garage (25001547) \$171,990



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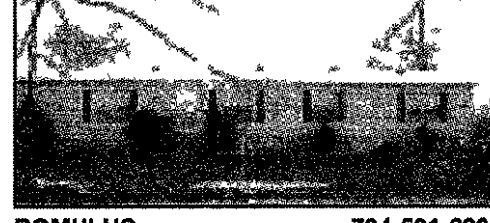
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**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
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COUNTRY LIVING IN THE CITY 3 BR 2 BA ranch with lots of features Mstr BA, dining rm 1st flr laundry, 2 car att gar and 108x120 lot! Must See! (25004824) \$124,900



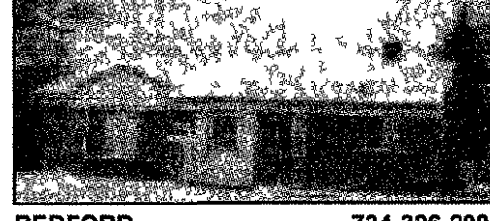
**WAYNE** 734-591-9200  
THIS IS THE ONE! 4 bedroom, brck bungalow, full basement, garage & large corner lot Home features formal dining room deck fenced yard and rose garden Hurry! (25004830) \$119,900



**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
WESTLAND 3 BR BUNGALOW Home features 3 large bedrooms, newer siding, roof, front door & deck Some hardwood floors Shows well Nice 2+ car garage & fenced lot Ready to move into (M357) \$119,900



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UPDATES! SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE! Newer kitchen, bath c/a furn roof windows HWH copper plumbing & fresh paint Computer room/den on first floor The perfect turn-key starter home! 349-6200 (25004290) \$104,900



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**EASTPOINTE** 734-455-7000  
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RANCH W/LOTS OF UPDATES 3 BR Updated kit with ceramic flr newer carpet, newer furn and new windows (A270) 24117161 \$145,000

**INKSTER** 734-326-2000  
UPDATES GALORE! This 3 BR brick home with fin bsmt & 1 1/2 car garage features newer roof windows furn & C/A plumbing circuit breakers & more Clean & bright! (A620) 24121319 \$112,000

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UPDATED 3 BR COLONIAL W/LOTS OF UPDATES Newly remodeled eat-in kit freshly painted fin bsmt w/berber carpet Nice size lot most appt stay near schools A must see! 349-6200 24158111 \$120,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
NEW CONSTR W/LIVONIA SCHLS 4 BR 2 5 BA Colonial has 2144 SF bsmt & 2 car att gar Maple flrs in foyer half BA kit & nook Ceramic tile in both BAs 24004538 \$324,900

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4 BR 2 5 BA 2 car att gar Newer roof furn HWH wndws & more Just hit the mkt! Fin bsmt FR w/nat'l FP & wet bar 24113515 \$224,900

**LIVONIA** 248-348-6430  
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**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
3 BR/1 5 BA LOADED W/UPDATES Formal DR Grt rm sizes Fin bsmt w/wet bar & FR Lg patio Indscp w/prvcy fnc 24120771 \$144,000

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
3 BR BRICK RANCH Additional kit space newer roof updated BA gar door glass block windows central air park like setting on Rouge River 24106305 \$159,900

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
1436 SF BROADFRONT BRICK BUNGALOW in dbl lot in desired golf & CC sub 3 BR 1 5 BA fin rec rm sun porch 1 5 car att gar 24148804 \$149,900

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**REDFORD** 734-326-2000  
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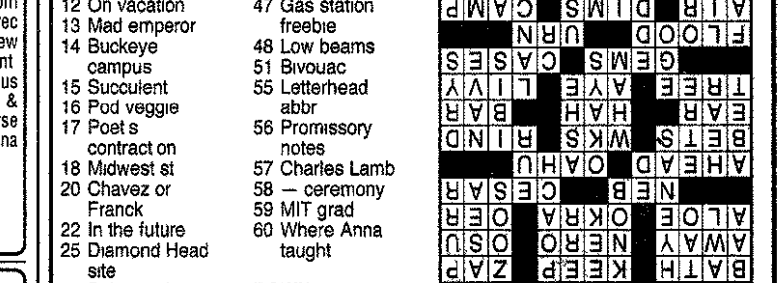
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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT RECEPTIONIST For a small office in a medium sized manufacturing company in NE Detroit Multi tasked position Responsible for phones mail and general office Needs to be proficient in Microsoft Excel and Word Send resume and salary history to Global Titanium Inc 19300 Flier Detroit MI 48234 Fax 313 366 5305 or email to info@globaltitanium.com

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Legal Secretary Oakland County law firm seeks a legal secretary with a minimum of two years litigation experience Word and WordPerfect proficiency required Send resume and salary requirements to Box 1059 Observer & Eccentric 36251 Schoolcraft Rd Livonia MI 48150

LEGAL SECRETARY for Southfield workers comp law firm Competitive wages/benefits Fax resume 248 352 1124

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Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

Office Manager/Secretary To run 1 person office for an electrical contractor in Farmington Mon-Fri 30 hrs/week minimum Good computer telephone and organizational skills a must A/R & A/P experience a must! Call 248 615 4448 or fax resume 248 615 4453

OFFICE HELP Will train Some computer knowledge helpful Plymouth TYME (734) 455 5566

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PART TIME MIDNIGHT COUNTER HELP 10pm to 5am shift Apply at the Looney Baker 13931 Farmington Rd Livonia

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ADMINISTRATIVE DENTAL Our team is seeking an experienced proactive team player with enthusiasm for your work & accountability for results Must have computer skills P actce Works a plus 4 day work week 401K benefits and bonus system Plymouth Canton area Please fax resume to 734 453 0467

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DENTAL ASSISTANT EXPERIENCED Full time Busy friendly patient centered Canton practice Must be enthusiastic Exp salary & benefits 734 981 4246

DENTAL ASSISTANT Livonia & Quality oriented Livonia Proodontist office is looking for an exp mature & dependable full time Dental Asst! Call Ann 734 427 6270

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DENTAL RECEPTIONIST DENTAL ASSISTANT Looking for experienced dental receptionist & assistant for Southfield based office Fax resume (734) 996 4974

Dental Receptionist/Assistant Seeking a personable and professional individual interested in high quality service to join our dental office in Novi Experience preferred Call (248) 381 0200

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST/INSURANCE BILLER Canton Full time Organized team player w/great communication skills Dental & DenTech experience preferred Excellent salary & benefits 734 981 4246

FRONT DESK Are you a motivated energetic pleasant person with exp join our Westland Dental office full time Mon Thurs 8 6pm Dentech computer system STM office medical billings and implants knowledge a plus Benefits include medical 401K 125C bonus plan and more Send resume to LICMEFORDK@aol.com or fax 734 728 1656

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FRONT DESK COORDINATOR Our Maple/Telegraph general dental practice is seeking an enthusiastic organized & experienced team member to provide exceptional service to our patients If you are searching for an organization where you can contribute and grow this is a 4 day/week position is for you! Fax letter of interest to 248 644 3172

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DIRECT CARE STAFF Everest Inc is looking for Part time days or afternoons WCS trained only Must have good driving record \$7.46 /start Annual raises Background check req Livonia area Contact Debbie at 734 524 1361

EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGIST Needed for busy cardiology office BS in a related field with experience in stress testing cardiac monitors & patient care required Fax resume to 734 464 3368

FRONT DESK Optometrist office located in Plymouth Looking for experienced full time professional General secretary at duties Please call (734) 458 4870 for interview

Laboratory Manager For medical device manufacturer chemistry & microbiology experience Responsibilities include Managing all laboratory operations including insuring incoming process and final quality control of all samples as well as improving and updating all technical and laboratory operations Fax resume to Lori Wash at Rockwell Medical (248) 980 9119

LPN/RN NURSES (For exp) needed in Southfield Canton and Shelby Pediatric and Quad experience needed Day Afternoon and Midnight shifts available Ask for Laura (586) 756 6661

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MEDICAL ASSISTANT Part Time tech exp in Farmington Hills Mysys system software Full time w/benefits Send resume to Amy T 27555 Middlebelt Rd Farmington Hills MI 48334

MEDICAL ASSISTANT For established busy pediatric office in Farmington Hills Competitive salary & benefits Fax resume to 248 203 0093

MEDICAL ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST Family practice office in the Novi area Experience necessary with front & back office Please fax resume to 248 960 9145

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Character charm & open floor plan in this 2 bedroom home located near downtown Plymouth. Hardwood floors, part ally, finished basement, garage. Newer furnace w/boilers & vinyl exterior.  
(E57PAL) 734 455 5600 \$212,000




**LIVONIA Sharp Condo**  
Large 2 bedroom 2 bath upper unit w/neutral decor, cove ceilings, gas fireplace, snack bar, doorway to private covered balcony, kitchen w/light oak cabinets & in unit laundry room.  
(E485M) 734 455-5600 \$149,900



**LYONS Just Like New**  
Open floor plan w/3 BRs 2 BA's light oak kitchen island. Hwdl flrs, secluded master suite w/jacuzzi tub & doorway to deck, track lights in BR w/double doorway to wrap around deck + 2 car garage w/marble tile.  
(E48EME) 734-455 5600 \$314,920



**MILFORD Terrific Colonial**  
3 bedroom 3.5 bath 1995 built colonial with view of Huron River. Pergo flooring in foyer, kitchen & living. Finished basement w/full bath, deck w/hot tub. Cathedral ceiling in FR w/gas fireplace. Open kitchen w/eating area & access to deck.  
(E91RIV) 248 349 5600 \$239,900




**FARMINGTON Wonderful**  
4 BR, 2 BA home in popular Farmington Meadow subdivision. Home boasts lots of updates: kitchen, baths, carpet, roof, furnace, C/A and HWH. Hardwoods. Under carpet on upper level. Fenced in yard w/perennial garden.  
(E30ROB) 248-349 5600 \$224,900



**LIVONIA Lovely Newer Ranch**  
Large 3 bedroom 3 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached garage, patio, finished basement, circle drive, great room w/fireplace, open floor plan, large deck, bow windows, oak kitchen w/dining area. Home Warranty.  
(E88MER) 734 455 5600 \$248,900



**BROWNSTOWN Wonderful Newer Home**  
3 bedroom 2 bath brick ranch built in 2003 offers 2 car attached garage, full basement, ceramic floors, skylight, master bedroom w/WIC, 1st floor laundry, great room w/gas fireplace.  
(E08JUN) 734 455 5600 \$204,000



**NOVI Rare Find In Motel**  
Updated 3 bedroom 1.5 bath ranch w/FR, LR & a den. Private 2 tier deck, hardwood floors, under carpet. Finished basement, master bath updated w/ceramic tile. Newer vinyl windows & flooring in kitchen.  
(E05MEA) 734-455 5600 \$234,900



**LIVONIA Cape Cod**  
Lovely cape cod on huge shady lot in wonderful neighborhood. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 1st floor master. FFL oversized 2 car garage, updated kitchen and bath. Lots of perennials.  
(E64DEE) 248 349 5600 \$149,900



**NORTHVILLE New Listing**  
Private yard with huge deck. Walk to downtown from this charming cape cod. This lovely home has been tastefully decorated T/O & features oak hardwood floors, newer maple kitchen updated baths & 4 car garage.  
(E50ORC) 248-349-5600 \$370,000



**LIVONIA This One Has It All!**  
Located on oversized lot offering a 3 BR, 1.5 BA bungalow w/4 car attached garage, updated finished basement, hardwood floors, T/O updated ceramic tile in bath & kitchen w/newer appliances, granite & oak cabinets.  
(E26SHA) 734 455 5600 \$213,900




**NOVI Nothing Could Be Finer**  
Charming 2 bedroom 2 bath ranch overlooking a lake. Like pond offers gas fireplace, C/A, basement, patio, some appliances, hickory hardwood floors.  
(E07PON) 734 455 5600 \$218,000



**WESTLAND Recently Remodeled Brick Ranch**  
Remodeled kitchen & bath, refinished hardwood floors, newer roof, windows, cement parking & electric service. Offered in this 3 bedroom 1.5 bath home w/2 car garage & finished basement w/possible office.  
(E51BIR) 734 455 5600 \$139,900



**NORTHVILLE Not Too Many Left!**  
Historical District opportunity. Neighborhood offers 3 BR, FR, screened porch and on a court near downtown. Newer furnace, HWH, Northville schools. Near car washes & shopping. Shopping Home warranty.  
(E15LIN) 248 349 5600 \$265,000




**CANTON Newer Colonial**  
1987 colonial with Plymouth Canton schools. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 car side entry garage, finished basement, w/hardwood floors, fireplace, patio. Well landscaped corner lot. Great curb appeal. Neutral & clean.  
(E20LEM) 248 349 5600 \$239,900



**NOVI Well Maintained Condo**  
Upper carriage unit, very neat and updated. All major appliances stay. Very clean, private entry & attached garage.  
(E29ROC) 734 455 5600 \$122,900



**YPSILANTI Affordable Condo Living**  
2 bedroom 1.5 bath end unit ranch close to everything. Freshly painted, newer flooring in kitchen, all appliances stay + storage room.  
(E42WAS) 734-455 5600 \$88,317



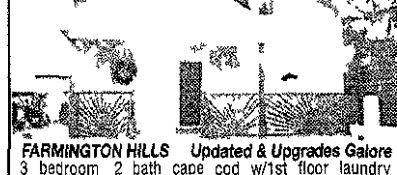
**REDFORD Won't Last Long**  
Beautifully updated ranch offers 2 car garage w/newer roof, finished basement w/2 car garage, new furnace, C/A, kitchen flooring, windows, 6 panel doors & front porch.  
(E28GAR) 734 455 5600 \$119,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS Charming Home**  
Newly updated 2.5 BR home. Newer siding, roof, C/A, deck, kitchen w/pantry, finished basement, vinyl carpet, fireplace in living room. Updated electrical & plumbing. Large yard w/1 car garage. Move in condition.  
(E22ALB) 248 349 5600 \$124,900




**WEST BLOOMFIELD Great Value**  
Beautiful 4 bedroom 3.5 bath colonial. Granite, 42 maple cabinets, custom hardwood, finished basement w/vinyl windows, carpet & fresh paint. 1.5 car garage. Great of with plenty of room to play.  
(E24MER) 248 349-5600 \$619,900




**FARMINGTON HILLS Updated & Upgrades Galore**  
3 bedroom 2 bath cape cod w/1st floor laundry, cathedral ceiling, family room, newer oak cabinets, kitchen w/newer appliances, arched front porch & 6 privacy fence.  
(E04REN) 734 455 5600 \$154,900




**LIVONIA Why Rent When You Can Buy**  
Charming 2 bedroom townhouse w/party finished basement, fresh paint in most rooms, all appliances, finished hardwood floors in living room, dining room & bedrooms. Also 1 year home warranty.  
(E78MID) 734 455-5600 \$92,900



**WYANDOTTE Updated with Plenty of Charm**  
Newer Pergo flooring in kitchen & living room. 2 car garage, partially finished basement, spacious eat in kitchen w/appliances. All this in this 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath bungalow.  
(E63ORC) 734 455 5600 \$131,000



**LIVONIA You'd Better Hurry**  
Super ranch home priced right & just listed. 3 BR, 1.5 BA w/1st floor laundry, 2 car garage w/opener, fenced yard & close to shopping & schools. Fresh paint & carpet in LR. House roof shingles 03 and 1 year home warranty.  
(E610XB) 248 349 5600 \$144,900



**PONTIAC Brace Yourself**  
This home will take your breath away. Extremely clean and neutral T/O. Vaulted ceilings, 3 BR, 2 BA, FFL, 2 car attached garage, deck, finished lower level too. Don't hesitate on this outstanding home. Quick occupancy.  
(E08VAL) 248 349 5600 \$184,900



**WESTLAND Soaring Ceilings**  
In this 3 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial, updated fixtures & flooring, finished basement, attached garage & fenced yard w/2 level deck.  
(E70STO) 734 455 5600 \$189,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS A Home For All Seasons**  
3 bedroom 1.5 bath extra shower stall, C/A, large eat in kitchen, fireplace in family room, nice driveway to patio, oversized 2 car garage, shed for extra storage, newer windows, electrical panel & bath fixtures.  
(E19CRE) 734-455-5600 \$205,000




**ORCHARD LAKE Small Home w/Lake Privileges**  
Nothing fancy, but you'll love the fun with all sports. Upper Straits Lake privileges. Boat & dock facilities. West Bloomfield schools. Great site for large custom home.  
(E34PAR) 248-349 5600 \$199,900




**LIVONIA Honey, Stop The Car**  
Awesome brick ranch with 3 BR & 2 full BA. Super finished basement has wet bar & office. Lets party. Great house for entertaining inside & out. Fireplace & updated kitchen. Most mechanicals & windows updated.  
(E10OHI) 248 349-5600 \$184,999



**DEARBORN Great Location**  
We maintain 3 bedroom brick bungalow. Close to school and park. Finished basement. Updates include vinyl windows, carpet & fresh paint. 1.5 car garage, ceiling fans & C/A. Also.  
(E35BIN) 248 349-5600 \$149,900



**PLYMOUTH 1st Time On the Market!**  
2 BR bungalow w/natural fireplace, LR, newer carpet built in cabinets, custom built cabinets, walkouts, apps & sunny dining area, new roof, A/C, dumb & elec. Ceramic BA w/whirlpool, part finished garage.  
(E74ROU) 734 455 5600 \$267,500




**DEARBORN Stunning Dearborn Hills**  
Colonial 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths w/huge family room overlooking extra deep private yard. 2 car garage, updated kitchen & bath. Newer vinyl windows & carpet. 11/04 Hardwood floors in LR/DR. Walk to golf course.  
(E35MOH) 734-455-5600 \$262,900



**WIXOM Welcome Home**  
Awesome cape cod features formal LR & DR w/bay windows. Two story entry, GR & kitchen w/hardwood floors w/open floor plan. Spacious master suite w/master bath. Finished walk out w/4th BR. Two tiered deck.  
(E89WAR) 248 349 5600 \$369,900



**NOVI Backs To 5 Approx Acre Park**  
Rare! Novi offering in desirable Birchwoods subdivision. Includes roof over garage, hardwood in family room, 39 fieldstone facade or fireplace, 97 large kitchen w/breakfast area, 2 car side entry garage. Fin bsmt.  
(E15BIR) 248 349-5600 \$329,900



**NORTHVILLE Springwater Condo**  
A 10+ upgrades include granite counters T/O (including all 2.5 baths), hardwood floors, in-room alarm sound system, tile foyer & baths, maple kitchen cabinets, stainless steel granite counters & SS appls. Hardwood floors in DR. FR & kitchen. Sound system, manta clubhouse & tennis courts.  
(E72SPR) 248 349 5600 \$289,900



**DEARBORN HGTS Move In Ready**  
This sharp & clean 3 bedroom 1.5 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached garage is ready to your decorating touches. A wonderful place to call home.  
(E01HUB) 734 455 5600 \$144,900




**BELLEVILLE All Sport Lake Living**  
2 bedroom 2 full bath home on Belleville Lake offers garage, updated kitchen & baths, upstairs deck, off master bedroom w/hot tub. Newer vinyl windows.  
(E95POT) 734 455 5600 \$247,900




**LIVONIA Location! Location!**  
Exceptional lot on cul-de-sac. Newer wood floors, 5 bath, glass entry door, double wall roof, tear off gutters, kitchen & counters. Huge FF laundry could be 1b. Large MBR suite w/WIC & full BA. Bsmt w/glass block. Huge deck.  
(E53SHE) 248 349 5600 \$339,900



**NORTHVILLE Executive Retreat**  
Wow! Great floor plan, great location, Northville Hills. Go! Community, 4 spacious bedrooms, 3.5 baths & granite. Backyard features a private resort in ground pool, daylight. A must see.  
(E05MER) 248 349-5600 \$799,900



**NOVI Elegant Lakefront Living**  
Prestigious Island Lake offers this incredible condo, finished walkout, LL, brick patio, gourmet kitchen w/granite counters & SS appls. Hardwood floors in DR. FR & kitchen. Sound system, manta clubhouse & tennis courts.  
(E10ISL) 248-349 5600 \$579,900



**PLYMOUTH Classic 1923, 2 Story Home**  
On a double lot 1 blk from downtown Plymouth! Enclosed front porch welcomes you. LR & DR w/hardwood floors, never replace cabinets, flooring & breakfast nook. Newer roof, windows, electric, plumbing & more.  
(E65MAP) 734 455 5600 \$295,000



**CANTON Tee It Up**  
28x10 deck overlooks 13 & 14 hole. Extensive finished basement. Cherry wood wet bar, recessed light carpet, bright open kitchen w/dishwasher, pull out drawers, pantry. Master suite w/3 closets & 2 car attached garage. End unit condo.  
(E05CLE) 734-455 5600 \$324,900



**NOVI Won't Last Honest**  
Superior 3 BR, 2.5 BA colonial in excellent location. New this year kitchen, patio, doorways, some carpet. Newer roof, windows & more. Great finished basement, carpet, driveway & full bath. Loaded w/extras. Move in cond.  
(E05JAM) 248-349 5600 \$279,900



**LIVONIA Updated Ranch**  
3 bedroom ranch features remodeled kitchen w/newer cabinets, countertops and floor. Newer windows, air conditioning. All sitting on large corner lot with a spacious 2 car garage. Ready to move in!  
(E93INK) 248 349-5600 \$114,900



**NOVI Detached Condo Backs to Woods**  
Pride of ownership, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, finished w/O lower level, 2 fireplaces, 2 deck levels, hardwood floors, 1st floor laundry & 2 car garage. This place shines.  
(E89SLE) 248 349-5600 \$289,900



**WESTLAND Bring Back The Sparkle**  
3 bedroom 1.5 bath brick ranch w/ replacement vinyl windows, newer roof. Eat in kitchen, finished basement, large fenced yard + Livonla Schools. Hardwood floors in most rooms.  
(E44CAR) 734 455 5600 \$144,900



**CANTON Quality Built Pond Setting**  
A winning combination. Premium lot overlooking pond, master suite w/jacuzzi tub, WIC, 2 story foyer, maple kitchen, FFL, deck, 2 car garage, basement, V&V private golf course. Community pool & clubhouse.  
(E27HOG) 734 455 5600 \$241,900



**WESTLAND Move Right In**  
3 bedroom ranch w/soundproof bonus room in basement. Updates include roof, bathroom, C/A, HWH, electrical, siding and more. Freshly painted. Covered patio w/landscaped yard. Great kitchen w/eating area.  
(E08AVO) 248 349-5600 \$132,000



**NOVI Fantastic Colonial**  
Four bedroom home with many updates including windows/doorways, carpet, kitchen & baths. Finished LL. Professionally landscaped. Newer lighting T/O. FFL, fresh painted interior & exterior. Truly a must see.  
(E14BUC) 248 349 5600 \$329,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS Why Rent?**  
Painted 2nd floor unit in Two-Fish Estate. Is in perfect condition. Newer decor T/O. Upgrades include ceramic entry & kitchen, quality carpet & mirrored closet doors. 8a cony unit laundry, carport, pool & tennis.  
(E24TWE) 248 349 5600 \$84,900

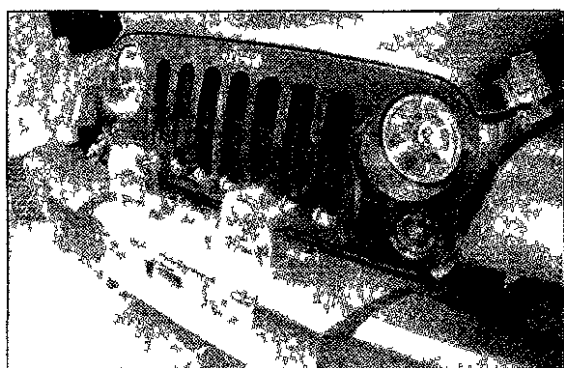
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Ford Division President Steve Lyons with the 2006 Ford Escape Hybrid at the North American International Auto Show



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## Truck of the Year: Escape paves way for more hybrids

BY SAM TRICOMO  
STAFF WRITER

It's not the typical pavement pounding, payload hauling four-wheeler people have come to expect to be named the North American International Auto Show's Truck of the Year, but the Ford Escape Hybrid is not an ordinary truck.

Dubbed by the company as the cleanest, most fuel efficient sport utility vehicle in the world, the Escape Hybrid - a gas/electric four wheel-drive SUV - is considered a full hybrid. That means it has the ability to operate under gas or electric power. I'm excited about this being named Truck

The North American International Auto Show Truck of the Year is the Ford Escape Hybrid

of the Year, said Mike Schrieber of Bill Brown Ford in Livonia. "There is already a lot of interest in this vehicle and being named the best never hurts."

Hybrids use a combination of traditional gasoline internal combustion engine technology and electric power to reach maximum fuel efficiency.

In the case of the Escape, the car switches from gas to electric power depending on demand.

That equates to fuel economy of 35 mpg in the city, a 75 percent increase over the conventional Escapes rating.

By designing the Escape's electric motor to work with the gas engine, Ford maintained the torque and horsepower ratings needed even in a small SUV.

The electric motor operates with the gas engine when extra power is needed and by itself in stop-and-go driving.

"Escape Hybrid's combination of outstanding fuel economy and genuine Ford SUV go-anywhere capability, passenger room and

cargo capacity sets it apart from other green vehicles," said Ford Division President Steve Lyons. "Being selected Truck of the Year is a great accomplishment for the world's first full-hybrid SUV. Escape Hybrid embodies our philosophy of great products, strong business and better world - and paves the way for the future as we expand our commitment to hybrid technology."

Typically, any hybrid vehicle can cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000 more than its conventional siblings but that has not hurt sales for the Escape.

Since its introduction in August, Ford has sold more than 4,000 Escape Hybrids.

The NAIAS Truck of the Year award is judged by a panel of 50 automotive journalists.

In addition, the Escape Hybrid also received the following awards: Best Products of 2004, *Business Week*, Best Use of Technology, Texas Auto Writers Association, Best of What's New, Automotive Category, *Popular Science*, *Elle*, *Elle*, Top 25 Green Cars, *Green Car Magazine* and Environmental Power List, *Organic Style*.



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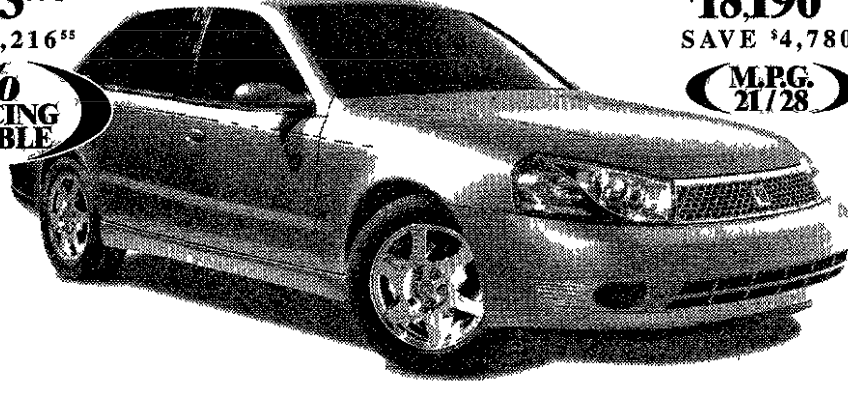
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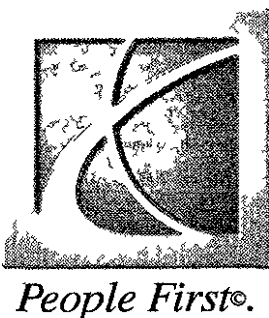
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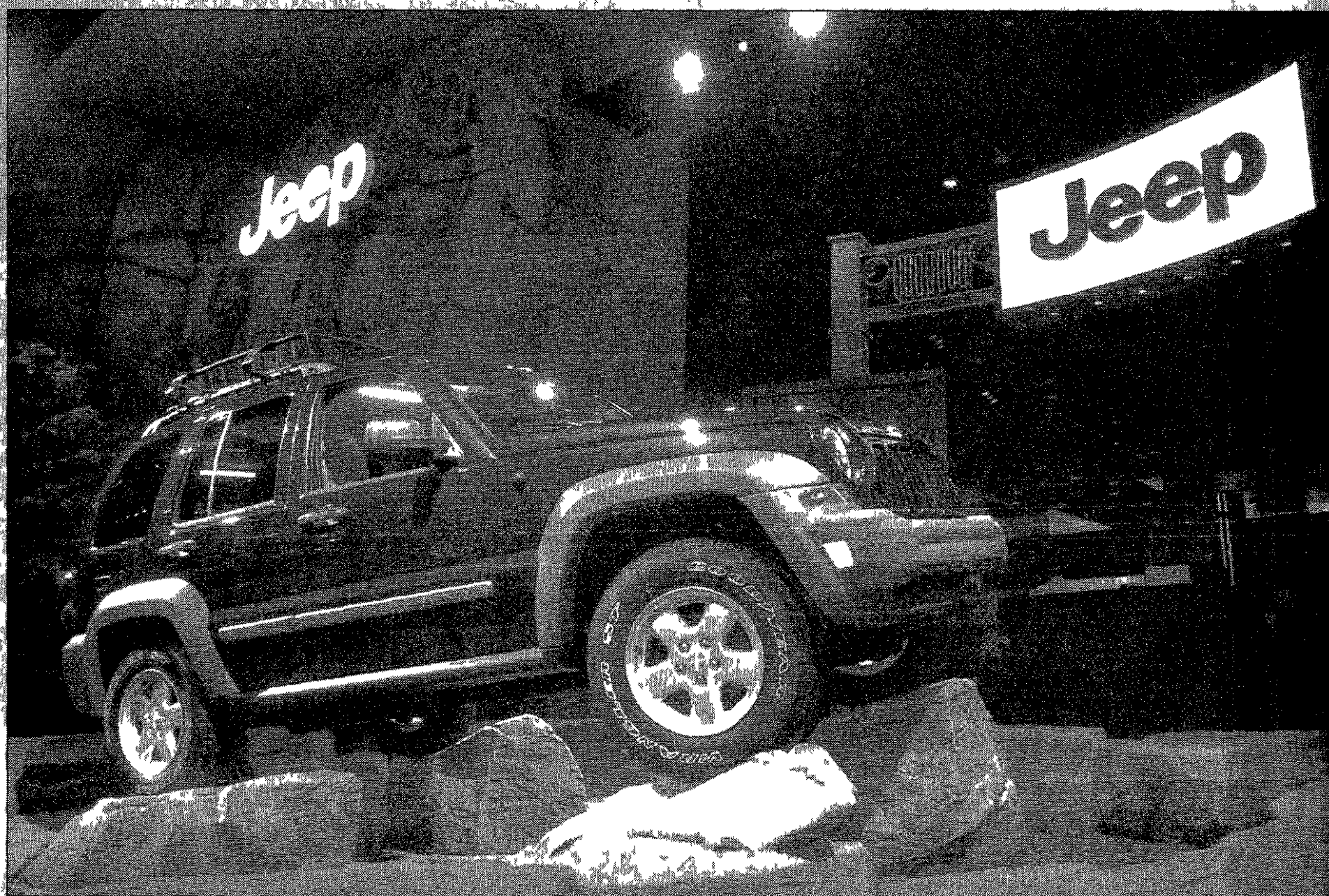
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# Riding with power



Above, the Jeep Liberty gets an optional turbocharged diesel engine that offers a large towing capacity and better mileage. Top, The front end of the Jeep Gladiator features the familiar grille, high-tech lighting, and a winch built in to the bumper.

## Powerful Jeep concepts offer extreme surprises

**H**oping to cash in on the love affair American drivers have with its popular Jeep lineup, Chrysler is preparing to be the first in the country to offer a diesel-powered SUV.

The new 2.8-liter turbo diesel engine delivers the torque of a V-8, the performance of a V-6 and the fuel economy of a four-cylinder engine.

The diesel-powered Liberty will carry the badge CRD which stands for Common Rail Diesel and list at \$25,125 in spot trim. Liberty CRD Sport 4 by 4 is \$25,125 and \$27,355 in the more luxurious Limited trim.



The Jeep Hurricane is an off-road concept vehicle taken to the extreme. It has two Hemi engines and four-wheel steering that enables it to turn within its own length.

Jeep also kept its name in the news and on the lips of attendees at the North American International Auto show with two unique concept vehicles, the Gladiator and Hurricane.

The Gladiator is the company's lifestyle pickup featuring a canvas top and expandable truck bed.

"Jeep Gladiator is an authentic statement of Jeep brand heritage that explores what shape and features a modern Jeep pickup might have," said Trevor Creed, Senior Vice President, Chrysler Group Design.

Jeep enthusiasts will likely recognize the Gladiator name from the 1962 full-size pickup

truck model.

The Gladiator will also be powered by a 2.8-liter, 4-cylinder common-rail turbo diesel engine that provides 295 foot-pounds of torque and 163 hp.

Jeep's Hurricane concept represented one of the most unique auto show unveilings as it spun itself in a circle on a relatively small stage at the NAIAS.

"Jeep Hurricane is simply the most maneuverable, most capable and most powerful 4 by 4 ever built," said Creed. "It pays homage to the extreme enthusiasts' Jeep vehicles in form and off-road capability, but is a unique inter-

pretation of Jeep design. Simply stated, it is the extreme example for the Jeep brand."

Hurricane features two 5.7-liter Hemi engines mounted front and back which make for a combined 670 horsepower and 740 foot-pounds of torque.

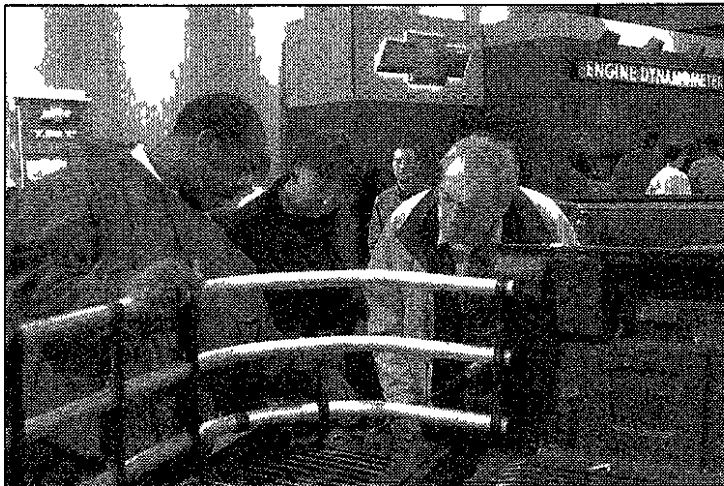
But the real surprise comes from the vehicle's zero turning radius.

The zero turning radius is made possible via skid steer technology much like that used on a forklift and toe steer technology which allows the front and rear wheels to turn inward.

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George Bonner works in Chevy truck assembly in Fort Wayne, Ind. He was in town to help show off the product he builds. John and Albarossa Lake of Timmins, Ontario, learn about the bed extension gate on this Chevy Silverado pickup.

## Big Three retain bragging rights in truck market

BY SAM TRICOMO  
STAFF WRITER

It started with the compact market in the mid- to late '70s. Since then, Detroit's Big Three have seen customers choose foreign brands in every segment except one: trucks.

And that remains a bragging point for Ford, GM and Dodge.

### DODGE

"With our full-sized truck customers at Dodge, and for the other domestic nameplates it's about brand loyalty," said Chris Dillaway of Tamaroff Dodge in Southfield.

Dodge is the No. 3 nameplate for full-sized trucks but that does not cause the company concern.

"Of course we consider being competitive very, very important but we don't lose sight of our mission which is to provide the highest quality, most versatile and useful trucks on the market," said Colin McBean, manager of truck communica-

tions for Chrysler.

McBean said the 19 percent of the market that Dodge's full-sized Ram commands is something the company is proud of and that the percentage continues to grow.

That loyalty and continuation of market share gain for Dodge was helped by last year's introduction of the famed Hemi engine into its pickups.

New for 2005, the 3.7-liter Magnum V-6 and the 4.7-liter Magnum V-8 feature a standard 6-speed manual transmission.

McBean said features that equate to toughness and versatility like payload, towing capacity and engine offerings, keep buyers coming back.

The Daytona version of the Ram will no doubt please both the truck and hotrod enthusiast. Because it will be sold in such limited supply, McBean isn't sure how many will be available.

This is the kind of product that really creates interest and



The Ford F150 continues to be a cash cow for Ford.

excitement within the brand, McBean said.

The Daytona Ram takes some styling cues from the famed NASCAR Daytona Charger of 1969-70. It has a rear air wing and special Daytona lettering on the rear quarter panel.

### GM

Everyone involved with truck sales in General Motors' two divisions, Chevy and GMC, was in a good mood during the North American International Auto Show as all-time sales records were set in 2004 for the Sierra pickup and Envoy SUV.

"We've been very aggressive in the marketplace and people are connecting with the Professional Grade branding we have worked on," said Richard Asher, manager of GMC communications.

Asher said GM trucks and SUVs are finding success in their upscale trim level known as Denali. For 2005, the types of interior refinements found in the Yukon Denali package will also be available in the smaller Envoy SUV.

"We also are looking at the Denali version of the Sierra and that's an exciting truck," Asher said.

In terms of growth, Asher said the luxury utility market is the fastest growing segment of trucks.

And we find that the most common garage mate to any of



Jeanne Brooks, product manager for the GMC Envoy, and Craig Bierley, GMC Product Director. The GMC Envoy (in the background) is a popular model.

our Denalis is a Mercedes, Asher said.

### STILL NO. 1

Ford again remains king of the truck sales hill with sales of its popular F-150 still topping all others.

The company set a sales record in 2001 by moving 911,597 F-150 and F-250 mod-

els. In 2004 they topped that with the newly designed F-Series and sold 939,511.

If you give buyers unmatched quality and capability, the sales numbers will show, said Gina Bonacchi of Ford trucks.

Ford offers five different trim levels in its F-150 Series from basic work truck to the

luxurious Lariat edition.

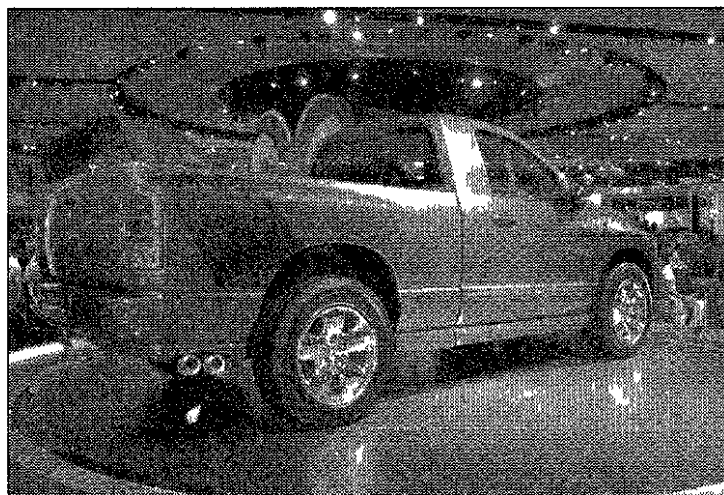
"We have a lot of buyers who want these vehicles for work but the overall market contains a number of buyers looking for different levels of comfort and we have a model to fit them all," Bonacchi said.

Mike Schreiber of Bill Brown Ford in Livonia said the F-Series brings a number of buyers into the show room and most drive away in a new pickup.

"This is a great truck and continues to be a sales leader for us. I love having these to sell," he said.

John Berghoffer of Avis Ford in Southfield agreed. Though Avis often attracts more car buyers, Berghoffer said the F-Series is a great addition to the dealership's business.

"We're a city store so most of our customers are looking for cars but that doesn't mean we don't move these F-Series trucks. People love them for their capabilities and they keep coming back to them," Berghoffer said.



The Dodge Ram Daytona carries a wing inspired by the Charger Daytona muscle car of the late 1960s.

## New Range Rover models supercharged

Land Rover introduced two new Range Rover models at the North American International Auto Show. The Range Rover for 2006 becomes the most powerful Land Rover ever made, while the Range Rover Sport debuts as the brand's first performance-based SUV.

Each vehicle has two new engine options - supercharged or normally aspirated.

The supercharged 400-hp 4.2-liter V8 engine found in the Range Rover for 2006 offers 35 percent more power than the outgoing V8 and over 25 percent more torque, contributing to a more refined vehicle. The normally aspirated 4.4-liter V8 engine produces 305-hp and is also more powerful than the outgoing V8.

Range Rover Sport, meanwhile, is powered by a 390-hp, 4.2-liter supercharged V8 engine producing a top speed of 140 mph. A normally aspirated 4.4-liter, 300-hp V8 engine is also available.

"We see the addition of these two models as a natural progression for the Range Rover nameplate," said Matthew Taylor, managing director, Land Rover Performance, blended with a premium package, but grounded in Land Rover heritage. There is now a Range Rover to satisfy the widest range of consumers.

### BRAND FLAGSHIP

The Range Rover for 2006 maintains its role as the flagship for the brand, emphasizing grace, class and understated luxury. While the model retains its acclaimed styling, subtle changes enhance its look, including new front grille



FORD MOTOR COMPANY

The Range Rover Sport was introduced at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

and bumper, power vents, lamps, and wheels. New 19-inch alloy wheels are also offered.

The supercharged derivative is distinguished by additional styling modifications, including a diamond mesh front grille and power vents, unique 20-inch alloy wheels, and special black-on-silver badges.

Additional features on the Range Rover for 2006 include:

- Dynamics: Sharper steering, crisper braking performance and improved air suspension.

- Refinement: A quieter interior and additional color combinations.

- Technology: Adaptive headlights, tire-pressure monitoring, touch-screen control for audio, phone and off-road driving information.

### RANGE ROVER SPORT

Designed to complement the flagship Range Rover, Range Rover Sport delivers inspiring and refined performance on all surfaces. As a sports tourer, it

is optimized for fast, comfortable long-distance driving.

Design cues borrowed from the iconic flagship model - such as a floating roof - help ensure a strong family resemblance.

Additional features on Range Rover Sport include:

- Driver-focused interior: A cockpit with a high and sweeping center console, so the driver reaches across to the controls rather than down to them.

- Breadth of capability: Terrain Response, low range gearing, and four-corner air suspension ensure excellence on a variety of surfaces.

- Technology: Adaptive cruise control (its first Land Rover application), bi-xenon adaptive front lighting, and on-road/off-road satellite navigation.

- Safety: Electronic Traction Control, Emergency Brake Assist and Dynamic Stability Control. On the supercharged version, four-piston Brembo front brakes augment superb braking ability.

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# So pretty you won't want to get them dirty

BY SAM TRICOMO  
STAFF WRITER

Since the introduction of the original Escalade, Cadillac has introduced two other models, the ESV and EXT.

The EST is a four-door pickup and the one most often seen modified with aftermarket goodies like bigger wheels and tires.

"This tends to be our most expensive vehicle and the one likely to be decked out," said Escalade Marketing Manager Jim Vanairk.

The ESV features touch-screen navigation, leather interior, and that bold Cadillac grille treatment.

"Our ESV buyers typically use them for hauling their families," Vanairk said. "This is also a big

They may be built for hauling but taking a look at the gleaming metal offered by manufacturers in the luxury SUV and truck market makes it hard to imagine getting them dirty.

## CADILLAC

When it comes to flash, power and prestige the three Escalade models offered by Cadillac in the full-sized truck market are hard to top.

Introduced in 2001, the Escalade represented not just a new direction for the full sized truck market but also for Cadillac.



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Lincoln introduces the Mark LT truck at the North American International Auto Show. Top left, The 2005 Escalade is an SUV that evokes a true sense of driver confidence. The standard Road-Sensing Suspension constantly adapts to road conditions.

recreational use vehicle with families. Often times that could mean towing a camper or a boat.

With three choices in the Escalade lineup, Cadillac managed to sell more than 60,000 of the upscale trucks in 2004.

## LINCOLN

Ford's Lincoln-Mercury Division met the challenge provided by

Cadillac with the introduction of the Lincoln Mark LT for 2005.

The Mark LT, like the Escalade EXT, combines pickup truck and upscale SUV into one package.

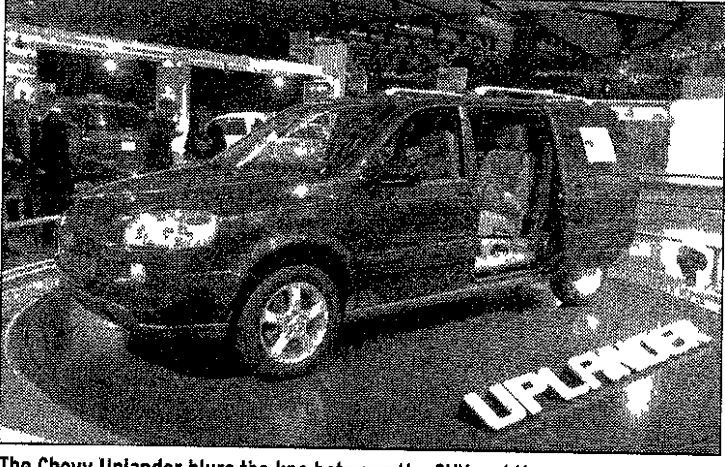
The Mark LT takes luxury to a place it has never really been before - the truck market, said Darryl Hazel, Lincoln Mercury president.

This is a Lincoln designed for two different types of customers.

First, it's for people who need a truck, but want all of the trappings of a luxury vehicle.

Second, it's for those who don't necessarily need a truck, but need to make a bold statement that can only be made by a few unique vehicles in today's market.

The LT goes on sale early this year and Hazel said the division expects great sales numbers.



The Chevy Uplander blurs the line between the SUV and the minivan.

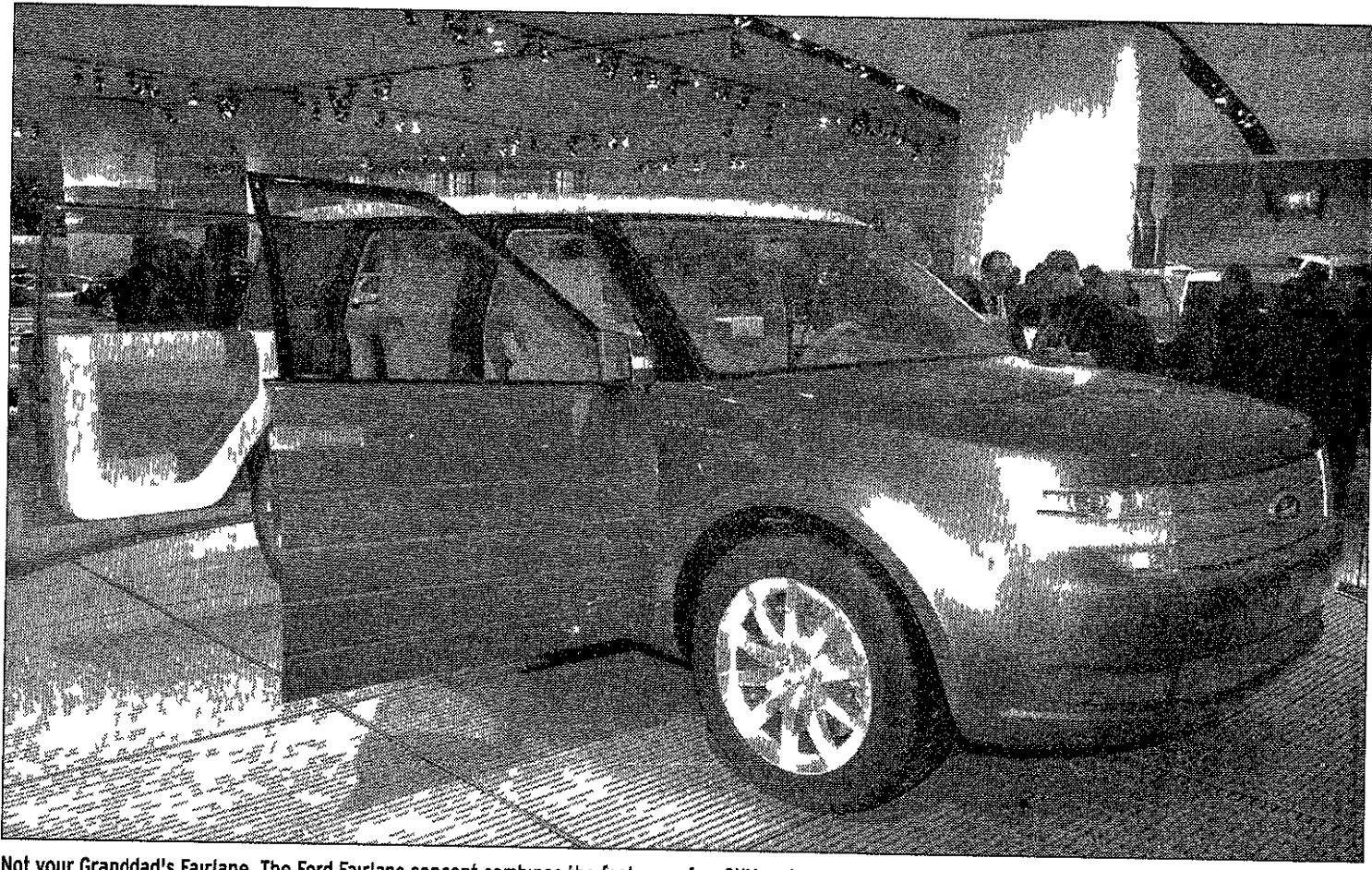
# Uplander, Fairlane: Comfortable, spacious

The new Chevy Uplander combines the bold styling of an SUV with the versatility of a minivan.

It offers a functional interior - including a clever overhead rail system that lets you choose what to store and where to store it - a long list of entertainment and safety features, and spacious seating for seven with a third-row

50/50 fold-flat bench seat. Ford Motor Co. introduced its Fairlane concept at the North American International Auto Show.

The six-passenger, three-row people mover has "French-opening" doors that offer maximum access to the front and rear seating areas. The second-row power armrests automatically retract



Not your Granddad's Fairlane. The Ford Fairlane concept combines the features of an SUV and minivan.

downward when the side doors are unlatched to open more room for passengers to maneuver.

Fairlane appeals to families as well as empty-nesters who need passenger accommoda-

tions for nights out, or game-room flexibility while hauling friends or grandkids.

Today's empty-nesters are much more active than previous aging generations. They also are busier than

their predecessors, caring for grandchildren or elderly parents.

In fact, 40 percent of leading-edge baby boomers - those 55 and older - are technically empty-nesters, yet only

27 percent claim to live at home along with their spouse. Searching for flexible solutions, seven out of 10 of the top vehicles purchased by boomers are pickup trucks and SUVs.

# Ford Explorer Sport Trac concept raises bar of performance

Concept isn't a word that just applies to cars. Car makers rolled out plenty of interesting "concept" trucks too.

The Ford Explorer Sport Trac concept is a sport utility truck that continues Ford's innovation in a vehicle segment it pioneered, with graceful lines that cover a growling heart.

"The sport-utility truck market is red hot, and it's time for the original to raise the bar again for everyone else to try to follow," said Chris Feuell, Ford SUV group marketing manager.

The Explorer Sport Trac concept exterior is nearly five inches longer, two inches wider and sits two inches lower than today's current Sport Trac model.

The dropped posture combines with massive 21-inch gunmetal wheels and a ground-effects look to give it a dominant, low and fast appearance.

A lowered suspension, 21-inch wheels and longer overall length combine to give the Sport Trac concept a sleek and sporty look.

In keeping with the theme of modern elegance, exterior door handles are removed and a touch on the vehicle's key fob opens doors from outside.

The Sport Trac concept's design is not just for good looks, the load bed is wider, longer, and deeper, resulting in a 30-percent increase in cargo capacity over today's model. At the rear, the Explorer Sport



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The Explorer Sport Trac concept is a sport utility truck with a sleek, sporty look.

Trac concept incorporates a spoiler cue to give the vehicle a sense of speed and dynamics. Power cues - such as the strong, bright exhaust

pipe extensions - remind that this is a performance vehicle.

The load bed is wider, longer and deeper than today's model for a 30

percent increase in cargo capacity.

The Sport Trac concept also has an available swing-over tubular bed extender that dramatically increases

its ability to haul oversized cargo.

Sport Trac concept's instrument panel and center stack is driver-focused and dominated by the easy-to-access navigation screen.

## COOL, COMFORTABLE INSIDE

The Explorer Sport Trac concept's all-new interior features four-bucket captain's chairs.

The Light Ice Blue and Midnight Navy interior colors emphasize urban style and street rod simplicity.

The instrument panel is defined by a strong center stack, a floor shifter, and a well-laid-out, dominant oval instrument binnacle containing the primary gauges.

The Explorer Sport Trac concept boasts more power than the current production model.

The concept's sophisticated performance-tuned 4.6-liter Triton V-8 offers more power and more towing capability, as well as quicker acceleration.

Independent rear suspension will be added for the first time to the next generation Explorer Sport Trac.

De-coupling the suspension to allow each rear wheel to operate independently brings significant advantages to a vehicle's driving performance. Ford pioneered the use of independent rear suspension in SUVs.

IRS is now standard on Escape, Explorer and Expedition, as well as the new Sport Trac concept.



# Toyota Tacoma selected as 2005 Motor Trend Truck of the Year

Motor Trend magazine selected the Toyota Tacoma as the 2005 Motor Trend Truck of the Year. Each year, Motor Trend evaluates all new eligible pickup trucks and awards the coveted Golden Calipers to the one that most clearly raises the bar in the category, specifically in terms of significance, superiority and value.

"The new Tacoma is a good example of Toyota listening to its customers and delivering the best materials, fit and finish for its price class," said Angus MacKenzie, editor in chief of Motor Trend. "Buyers get Toyota's legendary durability and quality in a beautifully built little truck. Proving there is no penalty for buying a reasonably priced, more fuel-efficient truck, especially significant in this time of rising fuel prices, the 2005 Toyota Tacoma is truly deserving of the title of Motor Trend Truck of the Year."

Toyota has made the 2005 Tacoma's interior and exterior more engaging, while preserving the affordability that consumers have come to rely on. The new base 2.7-liter VVT-1 four-cylinder engine produces 164 horsepower and 183 pound-feet of torque, while the optional 4.0-liter V6 offers 245 horsepower and 282 pound-feet of torque. Buyers can choose from three cabin configurations, two bed lengths and two- or four-wheel drive to configure a Tacoma to suit their lifestyle or work needs.

"Toyota came out swinging from the get-go with a huge roster of truck variants," added MacKenzie. "With 18 different configurations, the Tacoma is the broadband of the segment."



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The Toyota Tacoma is Motor Trend's Truck of the Year

and full of surprise and delight features.

This year, the editorial staff of Motor Trend conducted testing on five new vehicles, searching for the pickup truck that best represented exceptional value, superiority in its class, and the most significant development on the new-truck scene for 2005. All truly new or substantially revised trucks were considered with the condition that they be available for public sale by Jan. 1, 2005.

For the 2005 Motor Trend Truck of the Year competition, the winner was selected from the following eligible models: Dodge Dakota, Ford F-250/F-350 Super Duty, Hummer H2 SUT, Nissan Frontier, and the Toyota Tacoma.

### EVALUATION PROCESS

Motor Trend editors spent several weeks with the contending vehicles, exploring their performance, features, and functionality. Thorough testing was done on each vehicle with a specific focus on the following engineering and technology, performance, ride and handling, styling and

design, interior fit, finish and materials, utility, and value. Special attention was paid to the "pickup" aspects of loading and securing cargo, performance with a payload, and towing. Once the testing and evaluations were completed, editors chose the Toyota Tacoma to receive the coveted Golden Calipers.

Motor Trend evaluates the eligible vehicles based on three key categories: Significance, Superiority, and Value. Significance refers to the vehicles' impact on the market and innovation in engineering, technology design, safety and packaging. Superiority balances the playing field and looks for class-leading levels of performance, style and functionality within its specific competitive set. Finally, the all-important Value question asks, "What does this vehicle deliver in relation to what the consumer has to pay to purchase and own it?"

The complete report on the 2005 Motor Trend Truck of the Year testing and selection will be published in the February issue of Motor Trend.



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The Ridgeline is Honda's first entry into the full-size truck field

# Honda enters market with truck for weekend warriors

BY SAM TRICOMO  
STAFF WRITER

Honda hopes to have better luck with its entry into the truck market, the Ridgeline, than its Asian counterparts Toyota and Nissan. Introduced during press week at the North American International Auto Show, the Ridgeline falls into the mid-sized pickup category but offers the versatility of Chevrolet's Avalanche.

"I don't see this as a competitor against the Ram or F-150," said Chris Dillaway of the Tamaroff Automotive Group in Southfield. The Tamaroff Group includes Honda, Dodge, Buick and Nissan.

Dillaway said he anticipates strong interest in the Ridgeline and hopes suppliers can meet demand.

"If they send me I will sell them," Dillaway said. Asian automakers tend to release new products from West Coast to East Coast and

Dillaway said that typically means scant numbers of new offerings in his showrooms.

"We're one of the largest Honda dealers and we received three Odysseys a month when they were introduced. For hybrids I've got a waiting list," he said.

With its Accord, Honda has been able to top sales records year after year. It battled with the Ford Taurus, which offered big incentives to buyers for the top spot.

The Ridgeline is not expected to be a direct competitor against Ford's F-150 or Dodge's Ram as Toyota's Tundra and Nissan's Titan.

This is for the weekend warrior. It will be a Honda buyer who wants a Ridgeline, Dillaway said.

Neither the Tundra nor the Titan have served much competition for the Big Three with approximate market share percentages of 2 and 4 percent, respectively.

The Ridgeline has a four-wheel, fully independent sus-

pension and automatic four-wheel drive and half-ton capacity with a 5,000-pound towing ability.

The Ridgeline is powered by 255-horsepower 3.5-liter SOHC VTEC V-6 engine.

Unique to the truck are a tailgate that opens from the side or folds down and an in-bed storage trunk.

"The truck market is evolving and we think Ridgeline is at the leading edge of the trend," said Dick Collier, executive vice president of American Honda Motor Co. Inc. at the truck's introduction at Cobo.

The Ridgeline delivers all the capabilities of a truck with none of the traditional truck trade-offs. It combines Honda innovation, Honda engineering and Honda's commitment to environmental and safety leadership in a next-generation truck package.

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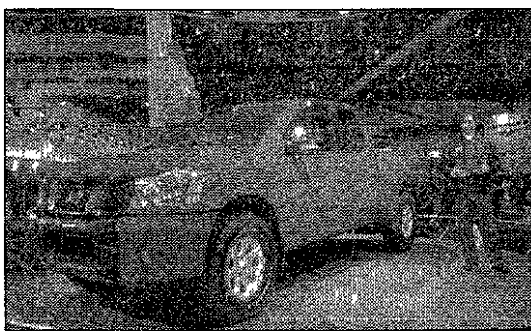
# Nissan's Titan has many fine features

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# Show features virtually emission-free autos

PRNewswire - Major automakers introduced a new generation of vehicles at the North American International Auto Show that are 99 percent cleaner than vehicles from 30 years ago.

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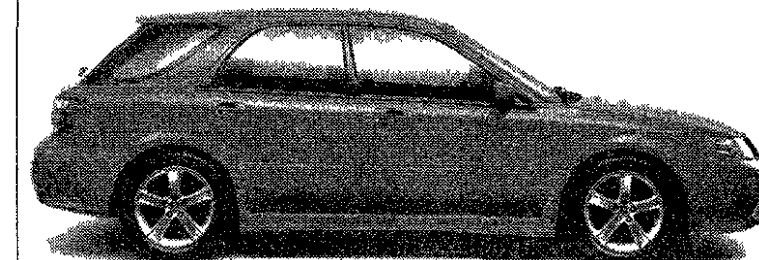
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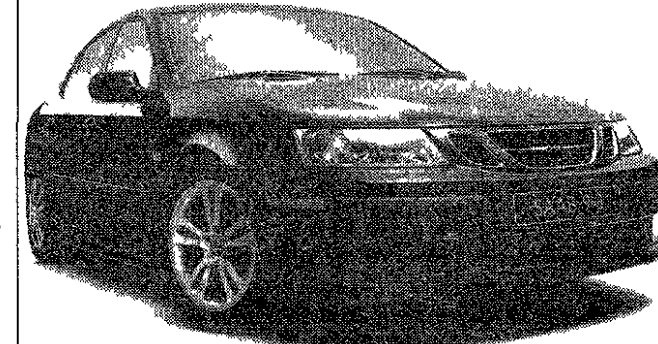


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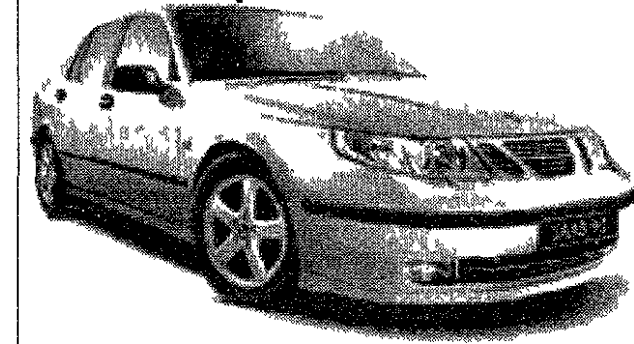


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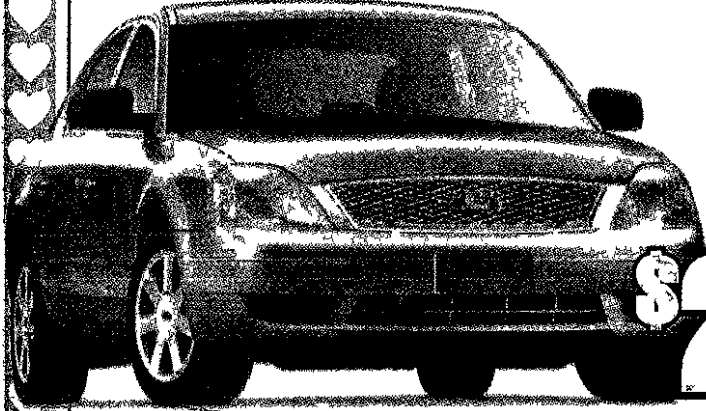
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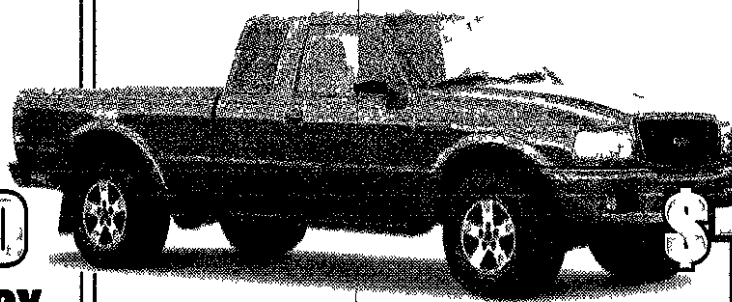


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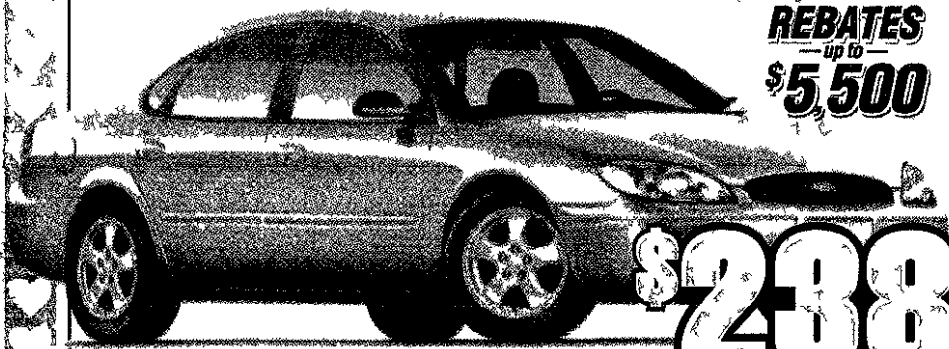
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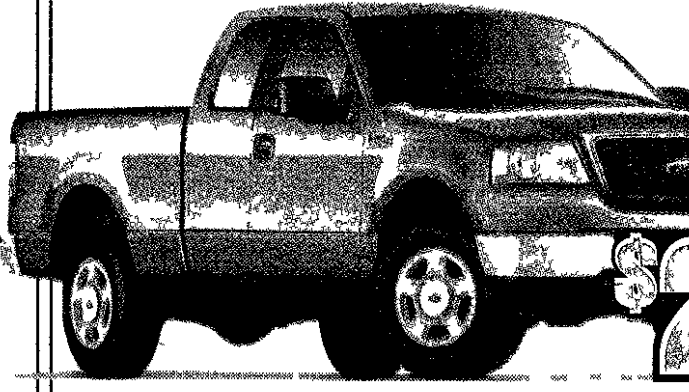
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## 2005 FOCUS ZX5 SE 5 DR

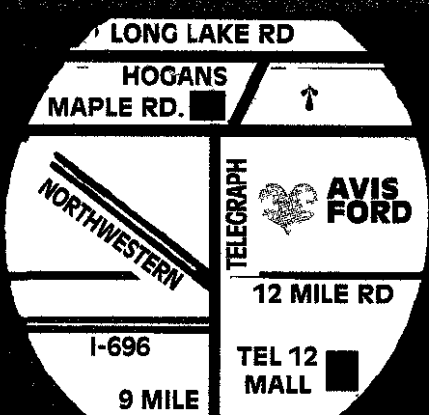


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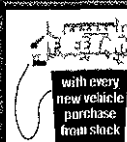
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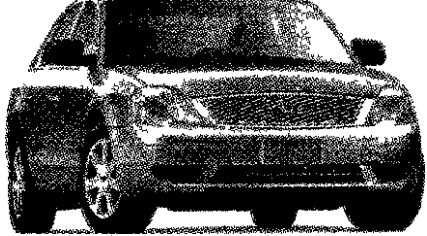


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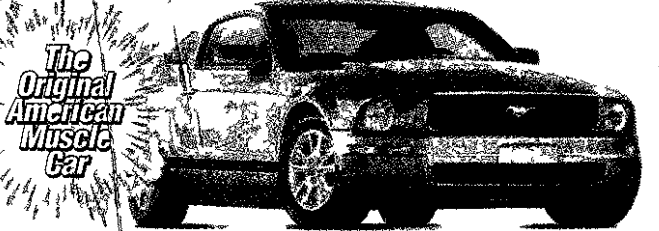


AM/FM CD radio anti lock brakes 17x7 7 spoke 3rd row bench seat premium sound system 3.0L 4V V6 Duratec engine continuously variable transmission P215/65R17 BSW tires 5.19 ratio reg axle traction control 60/40 split 3 passenger 2nd row Stock #51719 WAS \$25,595

**NOW \$20,567<sup>25\*</sup>**

**A-PLAN 24 MONTH LEASE**  
ZERO DOWN \$237<sup>12</sup> 1500 DOWN \$174<sup>47</sup>

## 2005 Mustang V6 Premium Coupe



Power driver's seat manual air conditioning AM/FM stereo 6-CD in dash MP3 16" bright machined cast aluminum wheels 4.0L SOHC V6 engine automatic transmission P215/65R16 A/S tires wheel locking kit anti lock brakes traction control Stock #51913 WAS \$21,815

**NOW \$18,753<sup>46\*</sup>**

**A-PLAN 24 MONTH LEASE**  
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## 2005 Ford Escape Hybrid 4WD



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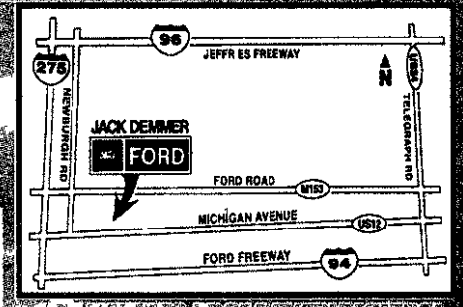
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3.8L 4 valve DOHC V8 five speed automatic transmission on air sport tuned suspension, heated/cooled front seats leather power moonroof dual zone temp control Stock #50057 WAS \$42,395

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**2005 MERCURY MONTEREY**  
4.2 EFI engine 4 spd auto trans heated seats dual zone air overhead console dual sliding doors AM/FM stereo CD/cass Stock #41362 WAS \$34,240

**AS LOW AS \$19,299<sup>26\*</sup>**

**2005 MERCURY MONTEGO**  
3.0 24 valve V6 air conditioning six speed automatic transmission passenger power seat AM/FM six CD MP3 audio adjustable pedals Stock #50393 WAS \$25,740

**AS LOW AS \$19,975<sup>30\*</sup>**

**24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL**  
A-Plan \$199<sup>00\*\*</sup> \$847 29 Due on Delivery

**2005 MERCURY MARINER**  
2.3L engine automatic overdrive transmission on air AM/FM CD fog lamps power mirrors roof rack leather steering wheel Stock #50791 WAS \$22,430

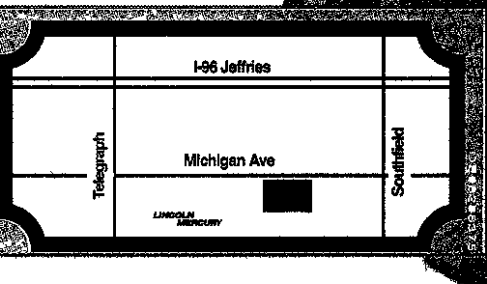
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### ATTN WORKAHOLICS

SWF 39 5'7" 125lbs ISO professional looking for friendship possible relationship Not just arm candy have opinions feelings don't want perfection just right person #410965

### LOOKING FOR GOOD FRIENDS

SBF 38 is looking for SWH/AM who is educated fun outgoing adventurous spontaneous Laughing and conversation are good things Must be a gentleman #292589

### LOYAL

SWF 43 Leo N/S blonde/blue professional chef green thumb petite enjoys cooking boating seeks compatible SWM 43 50 N/S for dating and possible relationship #958732

### STRIKING

blue eyed blonde! Slim sensual romantic fun caring seeking attractive fit fun loving male 47 57 Friendship LTR I enjoy movies I walk music huge laughter each times Lets get to know each other! #982332

### LIFE IS TOO SHORT

Mature and outgoing SBF 50 years young 5'7 175lbs thick not fat great figure interested in meeting mature black male who loves to live spontaneously #276032

### CALL ME

if you are a business man 60 70 SWM N/S ND homeowner interests in homebased sports I'm a alternative medicine sports I'm a SWF 73 w/the above #418289

### ONE OF A KIND

SBF 38 blonde/blue 5'6 mother enjoys bowling pool concerts long park walks cycling music especially Rod Stewart Seeking Macomb man to share happiness #404691

### LOST IN MICHIGAN

SBPF 29 5'5 190lbs no chl den never married very attractive easygoing laid back loves travel Looking for sincere open minded laid back male who has his stuff together #229089

### CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR

Me 26 4'9 155lbs brown com plected employed You 5'9 6'4 190lbs 240lbs single drama free handsome Friendship first maybe long term later #271252

### LONG DANCING, ROMANCING

DWF 45 N/S H/W proportionate perky brown eyed girl honest and outgoing seeks SWM 40-50 for good friendship dating and special times #576279

### CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF mid 50s seeks attractive gentleman 50+ with similar interests I love jogging walks concerts quiet evenings #574342

### SEE FOR YOURSELF

SBF 42 5'2 170lbs compassionate hard working enjoys 70s/80s rock/dance scenic drives movies fishing playing pool reading ISO active SM who's up for a little adventure once and a while Friendship/LTR #580735

### FRIENDS FIRST

SWF 42 one child looking for affectionate outgoing SWM 34 44 N/S with good sense of humor and can make me laugh I love sports pool concerts long walks more #579622

### SEARCHING FOR A MAN

40 50 who's looking for commit ment love and laughter I'm a 43 year old DJ who's bright spunky and pretty Please only Jewish men inquire #962317

### SINGLE FATHER WELCOME

WF 36 5'4 108lbs two children enjoys cooking the outdoors beaches art museums theater movies fine dining Seeking attractive WM 37 52 who is fit and secure #579528

### PRECIOUS ONE

SWF very pretty a young 39 medium dark/green works in medical field seeks attractive SWM outgoing honest caring sensitive and creative for best friend more #205875

### A LOT TO OFFER

Outgoing SBF 24 5'6 95lbs professional employed loves the fun and excitement of festivals enjoys new movies and concerts seeks handsome honest SBM #286833

### FULL FIGURED BEAUTY

Light complected SBF 25 5'5" 265lbs brown eyes dimples enjoys movies parks playing pool Seeking SM 18 32 who is sweet treats a woman with respect #112932

### TAKE A CHANCE

SBF 33 seeks SBM 30 35 for friendship possible LTR I enjoy rfiowes walks dining out sports and more #568333

### SEEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE

SWPF 57' long brown hair looking for an educated man 35 55 who likes politics reading and going to movies #529129

### LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL

in a SBM 38 50 6+ 190+ Must be honest and laid back I enjoys movies going out walks nice conversation dining more #531635

### GET IT TOGETHER

SBF 28 5'5 N/S plus sized brown/brown would love to spend some time with a nice SBM 30 40 N/S who has his life together #543576

### VERY ROMANTIC

45 yr old SJPF N/smoker N/drinker social worker/masters degree who loves music dance singing and sports over weight but charming parent of one looking for SWM/AF 45 65 who is honest romantic and sensual #559964

## SWEET, FUN LOVING

adventurous attractive friendly young lady looking for a friend and possibly more Seeking good hearted male 29 60 with the same qualities #557342

## MACOMB COUNTY SWEETIE

I am a 5'2" brunette dark eyes early 60s searching for a tall financially secure gentleman who knows how to treat a lady #46121

## CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF 50+ physically fit enjoys jogging concerts theater quiet evenings Seeking attractive gentleman over 50 with similar interests #130522

## WORKS HARD, PLAYS HARD

Hard working fun loving SF 41 brunette will try almost anything once likes Mexican cuisine tropical travel Seeking open minded spontaneous good humored athletic SM into sports movies and travel #556130

## BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE

Sports oriented BF 39 20s teenage daughters physically challenged loves jazz sports gospel picnics amusement parks Seeking SF 29 45 #223080

## GET TO KNOW ME!

SF 38 N/S mother of two looking for working man 28 55 N/S for friendship first #431382

## LOVABLE AND SWEET

SBF 30 5'2 brown/brown 170lbs mother working student LTR N/S seeks independent smart BM 35 75 for friendship possible relationship LTR #437579

## HONESTY REQUIRED

Beautiful full figured SBF 35 is looking for tall dark handsome SBPM who is honest and down to earth to spend time with #401088

## ADAM

Financially secure independent SBF 31 5'7 160lbs enjoys concerts movies dining quiet times and more Seeking SCM 30 45 with similar interests for possible LTR #217475

## LOVES TO DANCE

Tall brunette very attractive 5'9 long black/green looking for an available WM 53-70 5'10+ who loves to dance also #531151

## SOUND LIKE YOU?

SWF 18 5'6 blonde/hazel 150lbs sweet honest outgoing likes concerts movies hanging with friends Seeking honest attractive funny outgoing SM for casual dates fun and friendship #562708

## MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES

SWCF 51 4'11 115lbs blonde hair two grown children loves animals church children sports Seeking a good Christian man 50 62 for friendship first possible LTR #593953

## SEXY REHEAD/GREAT LEGS

DWF 54 4'2 125lbs 5'6" enjoys blues animals gardening home owner no kids Seeking SM 5'10 + N/S social drinker for LTR #546938

## ARE YOU OUT THERE?

SF 52 looking for a BM gentleman 40 60 who likes movies plays fine dining and more #562052

## FRIENDS BEFORE LOVERS

SF 20 seeks attractive outgoing available SW/BF 18-30 for friend ship possibly more Why not call? #576322

## LOVELY CULTURED TRIM

Warm professional who enjoys dancing theater classical and big band music movies books travel dining out seeks tall attractive educated gentleman w/good build for LTR #3 73 #506895

## WORTHWHILE

Tall slim attractive intelligent extroverted SPF 58 who enjoys music theatre art and nature Seeking fit cultural educated man w/sense of humor #543917

## NOT INTO GAMES

Petite WF 50s with herpes willing to give it another chance seeks one on one relationship with SM Race age unimportant #405796

## RESCUE ME!

SBF 41 5'5 average build enjoys church family shopping much more Looking for SBM 43 47 professionally employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman #408635

## SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE

Full figured African American woman attractive 44 no children ISO African American male 32 38 to spend quiet evenings I'm carefree love laughter good times concerts plays sporting events traveling and quality time #290167

## LOVING AND CARING

Independent active loving caring down to earth SF 46 N/S vegetarian enjoys movies fine dining travel Looking for handsome SW/AM 45 49 w/w proportionate N/S professional job #421896

## FRIENDSHIP FIRST

God fearing loving intelligent SBF 43 enjoys church the out doors laughter dining out gospel music and more Seeking god hearing honest caring SBM 40 45 for friendship first #221725

## NEW TO WAYNE CO AREA

SBPF 40ish 5'8 nurse with children marriage minded smoker loves drama movies dancing and crossword puzzles Seeking WM 45 60 smoker who enjoys music and sports #245545

## WHERE IS MR RIGHT?

SF 46 likes dancing bowling romantic evenings swimming Seeking SM 40 55 with good sense of humor #257065

## ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?

But gentle of heart? Good looking trim SM 42 55 N/S? Very cute SBF 53 emotionally and physical ly in shape with eclectic interests currently accepting applications #263664

## A PRECIOUS JEWEL

Very attractive BPF Christian 47 55 145lbs honey brown N/S enjoys outdoors movies traveling cooking Seeking romantic SBM 40 55 financially secure similar interests for LTR #432793

## RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM

SWF 43 N/S would like to meet an outgoing friendly non smoking man 35 53 who likes outdoors bicycling walking family #115785

## AM I LOOKING FOR YOU?

Attractive kind hearted SBF 44 58 full figured enjoys dining out movies playing cards family and more Seeking family oriented intelligent humorous SB/HM 40 60 for friendship and companion ship #238281

## SHALL WE?

DWF 40 5'4 HW proportionate light brown hair N/S loves golfing suspense movies and travel Seeking active outgoing WM 40 49 N/S for friendship #245969

## SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing active DWF retired ISO fun male 60+ who likes bridge tennis reading hiking animals kids popcorn willing to don a tuxedo now and then #271793

## GET TO KNOW THIS

petite attractive SBF 57 N/S enjoys music concerts dining Looking for SBM 57 63 for friend ship possible LTR #402995

## WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

I could be it Attractive SWF 50 5 105lbs willing to try just about anything with the right person Seeking SM 32 60 for special relationship #418068

## TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE

SBF tall medium build N/S who enjoys music traveling comedy shows seeks man 45 55 N/kids N/S outgoing affectionate stable for LTR #444748

## LIBRA

DBF 50 looks much younger enjoys music long walks quiet times Seeking WA/HM 53 50 for friendship possible long term relationship #253857

## FABULOUS AND FULL FIGURED

Cute sexy SBF 41 N/S will try anything once loves movies plays dancing holding hands cuddling Seeking attractive sexy BM 31 50 N/S with similar interests #113224

## DARK EBONY

SBF 42 5'8 full figured seeks intelligent man 48 60 5'8 6'2 medium build or heavier set for possible relationship #232593

## SOMEONE SPECIAL

Classy attractive SBF 50 53 120lbs ISO SWPM 50+ for special friendship I love boating music quiet times movies at home romance outdoors travel #233568

## AFFECTIONATE & ATHLETIC

SBF 45 6'2 190lbs enjoys cooking roller skating dancing Seeking SM 40 55 5'5+ N/S N/Drugs for friendship dating possible LTR build on honesty trust respect #425305

## ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF

49 H/W proportionate medium build enjoys cruises concerts dining out movies traveling Seeking honest passionate SM 45 60 with similar interests for dating possibly more #134441

## ARE YOU THE ONE

DBF 63 H/W proportionate outgoing loves the arts plays dancing movies outdoors scenic drives ISO SM D/D free w/similar interests smoker social drinker ok No games #417236

## men seeking women

### EVENINGS AT HOME

Respectful SM 39 5'11 sl m build N/S delivery man likes to watch movies eat dinner go dancing seeks SBF 23 35 N/S for LTR #527179

### KIDS OK

SBM 31 5'9 mustache and beard slim build Pices mar rage minded security guard smoker seeks woman early 30s #538147

### LOOKING FOR LOVE?

SBM 25 5'9 smoker seeks woman 20 46 N/S with sense of humor with whom to have fun #564731

### LUST FOR LIFE!

Sweet SWM 36 5'6 130lbs brownish/blue Leo smoker enjoys fast cars boats adventure not into bar scene Seeking sweet SWF 23 41 N/S for possible relationship #437557

### OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING

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

### EVERYONE LOVES A COOK

SWM 46 professional chef eats healthy likes to get away to romantic bed and breakfasts on the weekends ISO SF 35 48 for relationship #55727

### MAYBE IT'S YOU

SWM 52 Aries N/S seeks friendship first with SWF 35 48 Call now I would like to hear from you #548509

### SO SPONTANEOUS

Dark complected spontaneous humorous SBM 6 206lbs aver age build Capricorn smoker seeks SWF 28 50 smoker who is down to earth loves to communicate #574713

### UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

Educated good looking energetic open minded SAM 59 Aquarius N/S seeks single woman 34 50 who wants to receive unconditional love #575907

### SEEKING ART LOVER

Good looking SM 46 5'8 155lbs college graduate outgoing easygoing seeks slim attractive SF who enjoys concerts movies dining out art theater symphony long walks and romance #331159

### GET IN TOUCH

SBM 34 57 180lbs sl m build N/S likes shows trying new things Seeking SWF 19 37 N/S w/good head on her shoulders #572848

### LOVE ME TENDER

SWM 38 N/S likes sporting events movies dinner dates looking for SWF 32 45 who knows how to treat a guy right #573879

### BE COOL

Fit SBM 33 5'10 N/S occasion al drinker no kids seeks SWF 24 25 who is honest and will enjoy being around me #574817

### GET AT ME

SBM 25 6 smoker likes to chill at home with a good movie enjoys writing poetry seeks large lovely SBF 18 34 smoker who is real and plays no games #575283

### SEE FOR YOURSELF

Employed SWM 39 6'1 155lbs brown/brown attractive and fun enjoys biking the beach movies road trips more Seeking SF 20 45 for friendship and possibly more #573191

## LET'S HAVE FUN

SWM 38 muscular build 5'8 170lbs hardworking enjoys life outdoors working out moves romantic evenings at home Seeking attractive physically fit WF 25 45 for fun and laughs lead ng to LTR #452643

## A QUALITY GUY

DWM 56 5'10 handsome and secure Seeks honest S/DWF sense of humor enjoys travel can die get d nners plays dancing concerts boating moves for friendsh p possible LTR #269646

## LOOKING FOR YOU

SWM 49 5'5 115lbs blue eye Gemini smoker seeks a sweet woman 18 35 for dating if this sounds good call #567644

## LOVELY IN ROYAL OAK

Male 39 5'11 160lbs part time clerk blond/blue Taurus enjoys movies dining out and music Seeking friendship or relationship with a woman 20 38 children ok #568215

## NO BAGGAGE

SWM 32 Virgo N/S loves to travel watch sports and dine out Seeking WF 23 42 for friendship and dating #568293

## LOVEABLE LEO

Outgoing SBM 23 5'10" smoker athletic seeks SBF 20 29 smoker who wants to make the most out of life Get back to me! #571328

## CARPE DIEM

SBM 19 5'8 Sagittarius N/S seeks SBF 20 21 N/S who respects herself and understands the value of life #571617

## ECLECTIC

DWM 54 HPTW fit degreed financially and emotionally stable varied interests including travel music sports intelligent conversation NPR art and more Seeking beautiful independent SW/HF 44 54 w/similar interests for friend ship #575306

## ARE YOU MY GIRL?

SBM 22 6 nice complexion enjoys movies hanging with friends bowing more Seeking funny intelligent SF to share the good times with #576253

## MUSCULAR & FRIENDLY

SWM 45 6'2 209lbs N/S enjoys conversations college football and new activit es Seeking a down to earth SF Age/area open #982364

## QUIET EVENINGS AND MORE

SWM 56 5'8 brown/blue physical bu d N/S enjoys every moment of life ISO SF 45 59 who loves motorcycles and freedom #491039

## LOOKING FOR YOU

Native American male 28 6' brown/brown Scorpio smoker seeks a spontaneous level headed woman 20 40 smoker to chat with #569061

## VERY OPEN-MINDED

SWM 38 5'7 165lbs single father athletic build Scorpio N/S light drinker loves archery Seeking WF 22 52 N/S for friendship possible romance #570408

## MORE THAN A DATE!

Your hearts desire SWM 45 positive outlook neat clean seeks SWF friend love companion for dating and possible LTR #355547

## JUST A SIMPLE GUY

SBM 38 125lbs 5'6 looking for nice sweet young lady 26 38 race open to share friendship and interests #122987

## SEEKING SINCERE ONLY

Seeking female 30 50 Must be beautiful down to earth independent and sincere Seeking sincere relationship Face open #220090

## DO YOU EXIST?

SWM 35 enjoys music traveling the outdoors honesty quiet evenings dining out laughter and more Seeking intelligent confident loving SF 29 45 for friend ship maybe more #205309

## ARE YOU OUT THERE?

DWM 46 enjoys dining out laughing out reading traveling and more Seeking outgoing intelligent gent sincere SWF 40 50 for friendship maybe more #209918

## OUTDOORS TYPE

College educated SBPM 39 6'2 in good shape very healthy enjoys bowling walking biking happily employed Seeking good friendship possible LTR with SBF 32 45 #415803

## SEEKS OUTGOING SISTER

SBM 34 works in sales loves bowling going to shows seeking a nice SBF 26 34 no dependents who is established outgoing #533322

## STRAIGHT UP, LOW KEY

Easygoing cute SWM 40s not into loud noise and big crowds enjoys art wine tastings charity work Seeking outgoing lady who is attractive fun loving friendship maybe more #5



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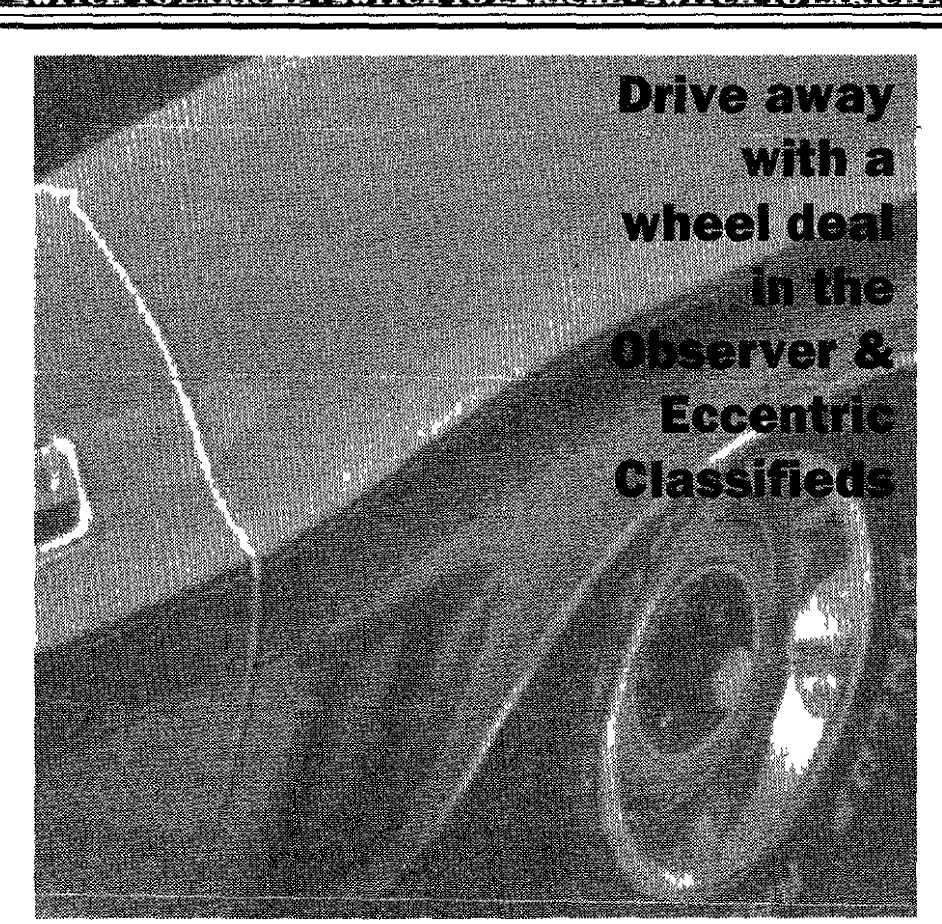
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## The 2005 Honda CR-V

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### Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

When Honda and Toyota came up with their versions of light sport-utility vehicles several years ago, with the CR-V and the RAV4 respectively, the two Japanese automakers not unexpectedly hit the nail on the head. Now that the entries in the category have proliferated recently, Honda is still doing things right with its CR-V. In fact, you could argue that CR-V is doing more things right than anyone else in the segment.

The 2005 Honda CR-V is roomy, fun and easy to drive, reliable in bad weather, and well designed on the outside and the inside. It sports relatively good gas mileage and a modest price tag to boot. Honda keeps improving the CR-V - including some new wrinkles for this year's model - but it remains difficult for the company to improve significantly on its original concept of a car-based SUV that would serve the demands that most American consumers are ready to make on these vehicles.

For the most part, we want our SUVs to act like SUVs. That means we want to have upright seating and a feel of command from the driver's position. We want surefootedness. We want enough power to feel confident and perform well in all routine driving situations. And we want enough passenger and cargo room for the vehicle to deserve the appellation "utility" CR-V comes through admirably on all those fronts.

Some of us also want a lot of power under the hood for climbing the Rocky Mountains. CR-V doesn't offer that. The vehicle doesn't even come in a six-cylinder configuration. Others, of course, buy SUVs to take them off-road, but the relatively slight CR-V isn't recommended for that either.

As with nearly every Honda, CR-V presents a spare, if pleasing, external design. The front grille and bumper have been redesigned for 2005 to improve aerodynamics, complemented by cylindrical headlights that also are new. A shorter,



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more blunt front end gives CR-V a more rugged look than earlier versions of the vehicle, but you'll never mistake this SUV for a Hummer. In any event, the high-mount tail lights on either side of the rear window remain from the original CR-V design, a truly worthy trademark touch.

Unusually among SUVs, CR-V's tailgate glass opens separately from the door, which is fine except that the lower part of the gate is side-hinged and opens to the right - an accommodation of right-hand-drive models in Japan, but inconvenient for American curbs where opening to the left would be much more convenient.

As with Honda now and from the beginning, the greatest thing about its vehicles is their driveability, and CR-V is no exception. Almost in defiance of its competitors, CR-V doesn't even offer an option for a six-cylinder engine. But Honda's engineers, naturally, have managed to coax the utmost performance out of the vehicle's 2.4-liter, inline four-cylinder engine. 160 horsepower and 162 pound-feet of torque.

And while that can't equal the outright oomph of some of CR-V's competitors, Honda makes up for that lack of raw power with fine gearing and optical tuning of the engine to typical driving

needs, lending a performance that underscores CR-V's original relationship to the Civic platform on which it is based. CR-V, unlike some competitors, allows you to forget that you're driving an SUV, and for the most part that's a good thing.

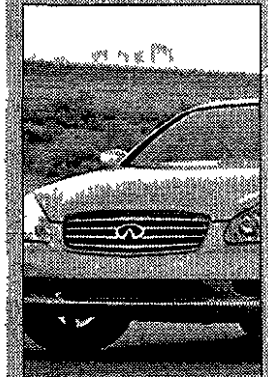
Of course, the four-cylinder configuration also pays off in fuel economy. CR-V delivers an EPA-rated 27 miles a gallon on the highway and a fine 22 mpg in the city.

This isn't to suggest that CR-V is a small or frail thing, however. Its performance out in snow and ice in this challenging Michigan winter was highly dependable. Once inside the vehicle, you'll also find that CR-V offers a generous allotment of room both for passengers and cargo, featuring among other things extraordinary flexibility for the back seat in its range of front-to-back motion and degree of recline.

Clever interior-design twists include a foldaway middle console, so that you can either use it to stash stuff or get rid of it in case you need the room on the floor. There are plenty of other cubbyholes and compartments, some that it's even fun and a bit of a challenge to find. And the climate controls in CR-V are mercifully simple - no small thing in January in metro Detroit.

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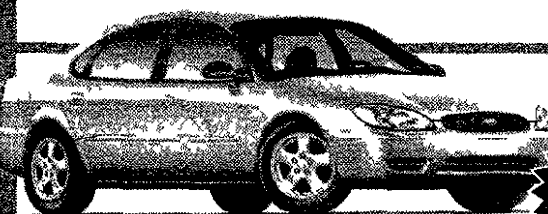
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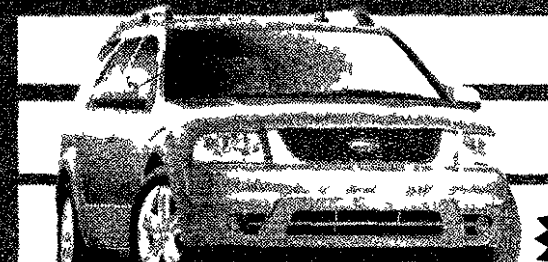
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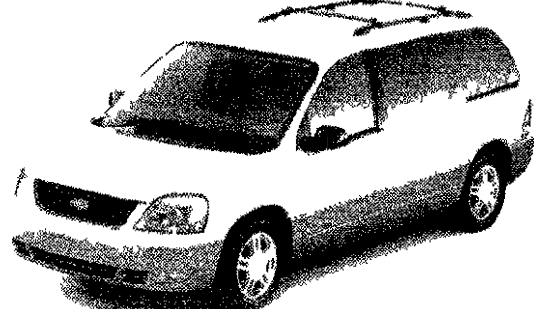
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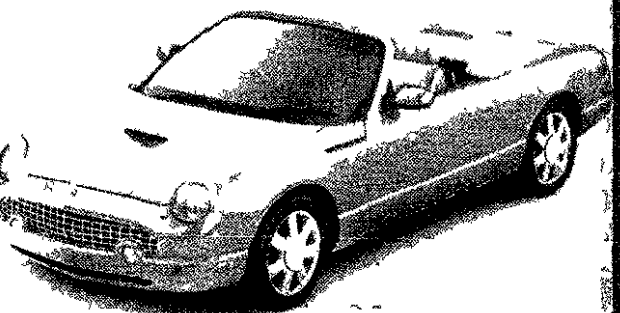
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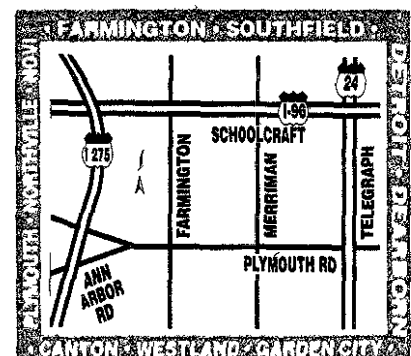
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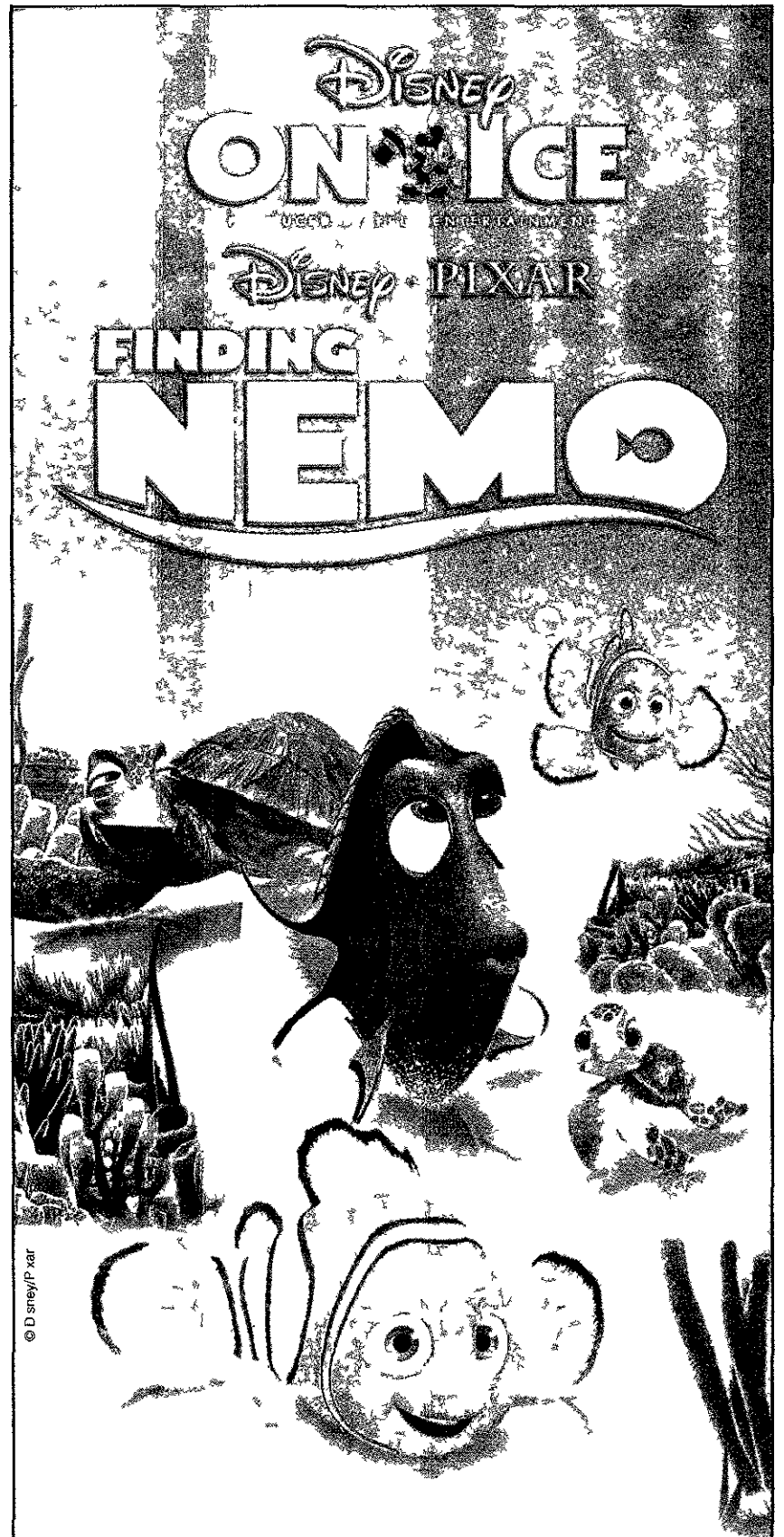
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# Hot Ticket Hollywood story

## 'Chappelle's Show' comedians come to Royal Oak

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

**T**he road to fame has been easy for funny guy Charlie Murphy. He admits it. No struggling artist story here. Eddie Murphy's brother has traveled the road backward.

Most comedians begin their careers performing stand-up in small comedy clubs and only dream of landing TV or movie roles, but Murphy launched his career in films — *Mo' Better Blues*, *Jungle Fever*, *Harlem Nights* and more.

Today he's best known for his role on the HBO Emmy-nominated blockbuster *Chappelle's Show*.

And while struggling comedians slowly work their way into big comedy clubs, Murphy was practically handed gigs, but he was too busy doing films and TV. But now that the *Chappelle* cast is on break, Murphy is taking his comedic style on tour to nightclubs and theaters nationwide.

He and *Chappelle* co-stars Donnell Rawlings and Bill Burr are bringing their show, *I'm Rich, Bitch!* to the Royal Oak Music Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 5. The show's been selling out in the Midwest and on the East Coast.

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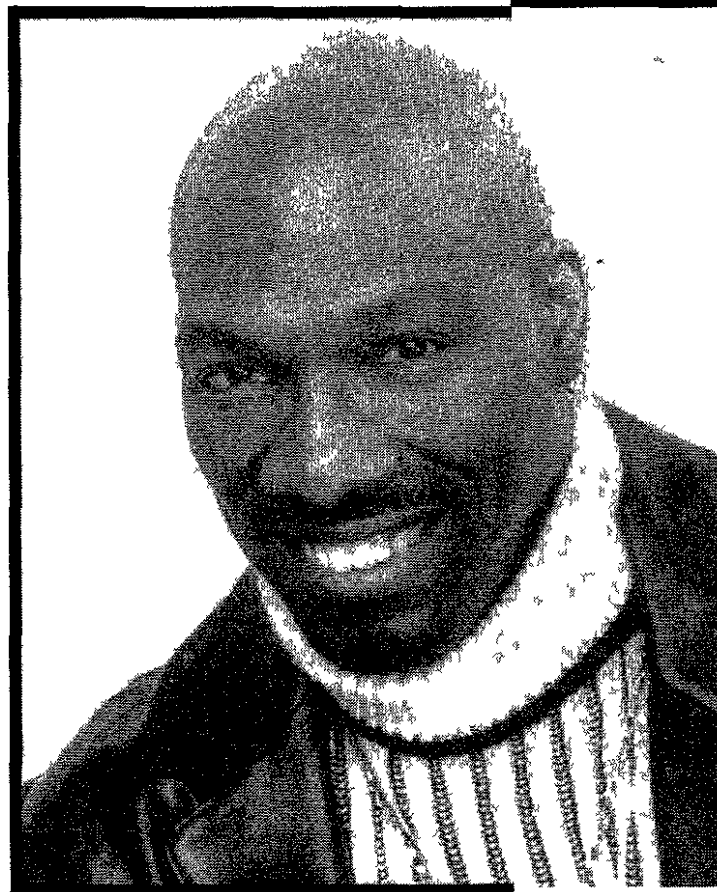
I want people to realize that it's an adult show, Murphy said. "We'll perform at an adult establishment, not a high school, which means I can say whatever I want. I don't govern myself. We're all adults, we should be able to handle anything. It's just comedy."

That's Murphy's response to questions on how raunchy *I'm Rich, Bitch!* will be. Topics range from Burr talking about race relations, Rawlings discussing Kobe Bryant and Murphy telling tales of his role as his brother's bodyguard. Of course, it's all funny.

"It's slices of life, it's all improv, we're coming to make you laugh," Murphy said. "It's what we love to do."

Murphy said he was surrounded by comedy his whole life.

"I was always a funny guy, I like to make people laugh, always entertained small groups, friends at parties. The only difference with *Bitch!* is that I'm not



Part of the crew from 'Chappelle's Show,' Donnell Rawlings, Bill Burr and (pictured here) Charlie Murphy, are bringing their adult humor to Royal Oak.

talking to six friends, I'm talking to a few thousand friends."

The comedians draw from everyday experience for the TV show and their live act.

Rawlings is also known for his roles in *Spider-Man 2* and as a host on Spike TV's *Late Night*. Burr has his own show on *Comedy Central Presents*.

It was Burr and Rawlings who convinced Murphy to take his talents on the road.

"Normally when comedy shows wrap up for a season, the comedians begin their live tours," Murphy said. "The guys pulled me along, encouraged me to do it."

"I wanted to do stand-up years ago, but didn't want the comparisons (to Eddie). But it's been 25 years since he's been doing it, so enough time has past."

When Murphy isn't touring with *Bitch!* or working on *Chappelle*, he works with his brother. The twosome have written and will star in the film, *Death Do Us Part*.

As for *Bitch!*, Murphy said he, Burr and Rawlings are just three guys who like work.

"We're incredibly blessed," he said. "You see those entertainers on the streets playing guitar hoping for some spare change, and some of them get nothing. We're no different from them. We're entertainers too, just very lucky ones."

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### I'M RICH, BITCH!

**What:** Comedians Charlie Murphy, Donnell Rawlings and Bill Burr best known from HBO's smash show *Chappelle's Show!* in a stand-up comedy act.  
**When:** 8:30 p.m. & 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5  
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Director Pedro Almodovar's film 'Bad Education' a thriller opens the Detroit Film Theatre 2005 season



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Big screen

# DFT season should put film lovers in state of euphoria

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

## DETROIT FILM THEATRE

**What:** Detroit Film Theatre Winter/Spring 2005 season

**When:** Films run Friday-Monday with most shows at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Monday

**Where:** Detroit Institute of Arts theater auditorium (rear of building), 5200 Woodward Ave. Detroit

**Tickets:** Adult admission, \$7.50; senior citizens, full-time students with valid identification and DIA members, \$6.50; coupon book of five tickets, \$30; call (313) 833-3237 or visit [www.dia.org/dft](http://www.dia.org/dft). Discount tickets available in book five for \$25.

A thriller by Spanish director Pedro Almodóvar, a documentary about Martin Scorsese's real life family and an animation festival — for serious film buffs, this sounds like a kid-in-a-candy-store experience.

And, yeah, it's all for the taking come the Detroit Film Theatre's Winter/Spring 2005 season, slated weekends and Monday starting Feb. 4 and continuing through May 2.

Opening the season is Almodóvar's *Bad Education*, a tale of desire and duplicity a la film noir.

"This is a really different direction for Pedro," remarked Elliot Wilhelm, DFT director. "It's a thriller. It's a very intense thriller. And it's so beautifully worked out."

Almodóvar, the Oscar-winning director who created *Talk to Her* and *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*, is known for his romantic melodramas and farce. *Bad Education* runs Feb. 4-6 and then again Feb. 11-13.

Need we say more? It is Almodóvar after all.

Equally intriguing is the opportunity to get behind the scenes and into the life of famed director Martin Scorsese. In the 1970s, the director offered up *Mean Streets* and *Taxi Driver*, but he also created two rarely seen documentaries. *Italian American* presents a series of interviews with his parents in their New York Little Italy apartment with Mrs. Scorsese all the while cooking spaghetti sauce in the kitchen. *American Boy* profiles Stephen Prince who played that really freaky gun dealer in *Taxi Driver*. The films run together on April 4.

### MUST-SEE ADAPTATION

Another must-see is a new film adaptation of William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, slated Feb. 18-20. Not sure if you're in the mood for the bard or the controversy that this story ignites? The film by Michael Radford stars, in addition to Jeremy Irons and Joseph Fiennes, heavy-hitter Al Pacino as the Venetian moneylender Shylock.

It's a straightforward interpretation of

Shakespeare's play, and Al Pacino is incredible," said Wilhelm.

DFT's animation festival, dubbed the 2005 Animation Show, features a group of works assembled by *King of the Hill* creator Mike Judge and comic genius Don Hertzfeldt. It's slated March 25-27 and April 1-3.

Also playing in March is *Born Into Brothels*, a documentary about the children who live in Calcutta, India's red light district. The 2004 film, which has garnered 20 major film festival awards, follows a British photojournalist who went to the district intending to document the lives of prostitutes, but instead becomes involved with the children there. So intrigued by the kids, the journalist turns her camera over to them and eventually gets their work published. The film is slated March 11-13.

"She ends up realizing that she can use this to get the children out of there," said Wilhelm, adding, "I'm predicting this film is going to be an Academy Award nominee."

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# The quest for the worst goes on and on

Will my search never end?

So lamented Bela Lugosi in one of his many unmemorable movies. But he touches a nerve, for I, like he, am on the eternal quest, but mine is to see every horror film ever made. I've seen most, but many remain elusive. For example, who has a copy of *Peter Rottentail*?



**Beyond Bad**

**Greg Kowalski**

This has enormous potential to be a truly awful film. As I understand it, a serial killer is killed and comes back to life as the Easter Bunny.

How could you not want to see a movie like that?

Then there's *Oranges Revenge of the Eggplant*. This all-fruit and vegetable movie tells the story of Dr. Sunkyst and his battle against an evil eggplant. Sounds rotten, you say. I think it's a rather fresh

idea. There's even a Web site [www.evileggplant.com](http://www.evileggplant.com).

Then there's *Autopsy: A Love Story*. This is not to be confused with an earlier Italian film that is enhanced with footage of an actual autopsy (try eating pizza while watching that one), and as the title implies is the tender love story about a man in love with a corpse.

Happens all the time, I know, but this shows real promise of being different. One critic calls it 'engaging.'

More of the dead. Has anyone seen *A Chronicle of Corpses*? It's a tale of a decayed 1820s Virginia family with some serious problems, including murder.

Still speaking of the dead, I long to see *Zombie Death House* and *Zombie Planet*. The former is a prison tale in which inmates are experimented upon - with disastrous results. In a throwback to the good ol' days, the producers are offering a \$1,000 Shock Insurance Certificate with the film just in case you should die of fright. I don't think you will. *Zombie Planet* offers a timely warning to all those caught up in the carb craze. In this futuristic tale, a carb diet has turned people into flesh-eating zombies, which implies that we must all be low-carb creatures. Anyway, I have an appetite for flesh-eating zombies.

And there are others, including many indie films that go straight to video. They often disappear with barely a trace and can sometimes be found lurking on the deepest corners of the video store shelves years after they have been forgotten. Keep an eye out for these, and if you spot them, let me know.

Greg Kowalski is ever searching for the worst of the worst. He can be reached at [gkowskioe@homecomm.net](mailto:gkowskioe@homecomm.net).

BY DAVID GERMAIN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

■ *The Village* - After arriving in droves over opening weekend, audiences quickly fled M. Night Shyamalan's little village, not finding it scary enough or loaded with surprises on the order of his *The Sixth Sense* or *Signs*. Yet the brooding thriller about an isolated community living in terror of what lurks in the woods beyond has far subtler rewards in its examination of fear and demoralization, and how self-exile is no guarantee the evils of the world won't find you out. William Hurt, Sigourney Weaver, Adrien Brody and Joaquin Phoenix lead the cast, which is dominated by sparkling newcomer Bryce Dallas Howard. The DVD features a batch of unremarkable deleted scenes with introductions by Shyamalan, who also contributes his usual snippet from one of his childhood home movies. Available separately is *The Buried Secret of M. Night Shyamalan*, a two-hour glimpse of the filmmaker that proved an embarrassment for the Sci-Fi Channel after it was revealed the network fabricated a hoax that it was an "unauthorized documentary" whose production Shyamalan had sought to shut down. DVDs, \$29.99 each (Disney).

■ *Without a Paddle* - Seth Green, Matthew Lillard and Dax Shepard are clueless buddies who head to the wilds in search of lost loot stolen by legendary skyjacker D.B. Cooper and find an over-protective mama bear, tree-dwelling babes, menacing marijuana farmers and a mysterious old coot (Burt Reynolds). The slapstick mini-hit has audio commentary with director Steve Brill, who also joins cast members for a video commentary feature. Brill also offers remarks on a batch of 13 deleted scenes, and the DVD has promotional spots and a making-of featurette that aired on MTV. DVD, \$29.95 (Paramount).

■ *Ice Station Zebra* - The 1968 Cold War thriller starring Rock Hudson as a submarine captain on a rescue mission to the North Pole gained status beyond its commonplace story because of the obsessive fascination of Howard Hughes, who watched it repeatedly in his seclusion toward the end of his life. *Ice Station Zebra* is part of a wave of Warner Bros. vault titles hitting DVD. Bette Davis stars in the 1940 W. Somerset Maugham adaptation *The Letter*, which features a newly discovered alternate ending. The 1950 version of *King Solomon's Mines* features Stewart Granger and Deborah Kerr. Robert Taylor has the title role in 1952's *Ivanhoe*, co-starring Elizabeth Taylor and Joan Fontaine in Walter Scott's tale of knights and chivalry. The 1942 wartime romance *Random Harvest* stars Ronald Colman and Greer Garson. DVDs, \$19.97 each (Warner Bros.).

■ *King* - Timed to the slain Civil Rights leader's birthday, this two-disc

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set has the 1978 miniseries chronicling the life of Martin Luther King Jr., starring Paul Winfield and Cicely Tyson. The set has interviews with co-star and King pal Tony Bennett, co-star Ossie Davis, writer-director Abby Mann and others, along with excerpts from King's speeches and public appearances. DVD set, \$19.98 (MGM).

■ *Monk: Season Two* - Television's most phobic detective returns in a four-disc set containing year two's 16 episodes. Tony Shalhoub stars as the title character, whose obsessive-compulsive disorder sidelines him from working on the police force but who manages to step in as a brilliantly unorthodox consultant on bizarre cases. The set includes a featurette on the show's creative team. DVD set, \$59.98 (Universal).

■ *Gilligan's Island: The Complete Second Season* - The seven castaways are still stuck on a deserted isle, but at least they get to do it in full color after a freshman year in black and white. Season two's 32 episodes are packed on three discs, with an introduction by "The Professor" (Russell Johnson) and series creator Sherwood Schwartz, who also provides commentary on one episode. DVD set, \$39.98 (Warner Bros.).

■ *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys*

- *Season Five* - The big Greek do-gooder (Kevin Sorbo) heads to Hades in year five to see about resurrecting his slain sidekick (Michael Hurst). The eight-DVD set has 22 episodes, accompanied by a CD-ROM disc with background materials.

Extras include commentaries by Sorbo, Hurst, frequent guest star Bruce Campbell and others, plus interviews with Sorbo and Anthony Quinn, who made occasional guest spots as Hercules' dad, Zeus. DVD set, \$69.98 (Anchor Bay).

■ *Hunter: The Complete First Season* - Debuting in 1984, this take-no-prisoners cop show starred Fred Dryer as a Dirty Harry-type detective who hits the mean streets with an attitude. The six-disc set packs 19 episodes, plus half an hour of new interviews with co-star Stefanie Kramer and producer Stephen J. Cannell. DVD set, \$39.98 (Anchor Bay).

■ *MI-5: Volume 2* - The British espionage show is back with a five-disc set that contains season two's 10 episodes, which include 2 1/2 hours of footage that did not appear in the show's U.S. broadcasts (season three begins airing this month on A&E). The set features cast and crew interviews and commentaries. DVD set, \$79.98 (BBC).

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## Special event

# Dance Cuba dazzles with precision and diversity

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Move over Radio City Rockettes, Dance Cuba is coming to town

The Cuban-based company melds Spanish, Cuban and African culture, but does so with finely tuned uniform precision

It speaks to the culture, in that in Cuba everyone is equal. Everybody is on the same level. There is no chorus in society, which is not to say that there are not solos, said Vince Paul, the show's executive producer and president of World Arts Inc. Paul grew up in Farmington and produces dance programs from around the world, bringing them to Detroit and other American cities.

Dance Cuba is slated to give two performances only, Feb 4-5 at Music Hall in Detroit.

'It's a fusion work. That is to say that Cuba is a fusion of many different cultures, said Paul.

Accordingly, the company's acclaimed choreographer, Liza Alfonso, incorporates elements of Spanish flamenco, ballet and African dance.

But the company's signature is their technically superb precision work, said Paul.

"The idea is strength and balance, and it's a repertory that is very difficult to do on the kind of precise level that they do it. We sort of have that Rockettes image of uniform movements, but their movements are so much more complicated and it comes down to every eye brow raise being in unison.

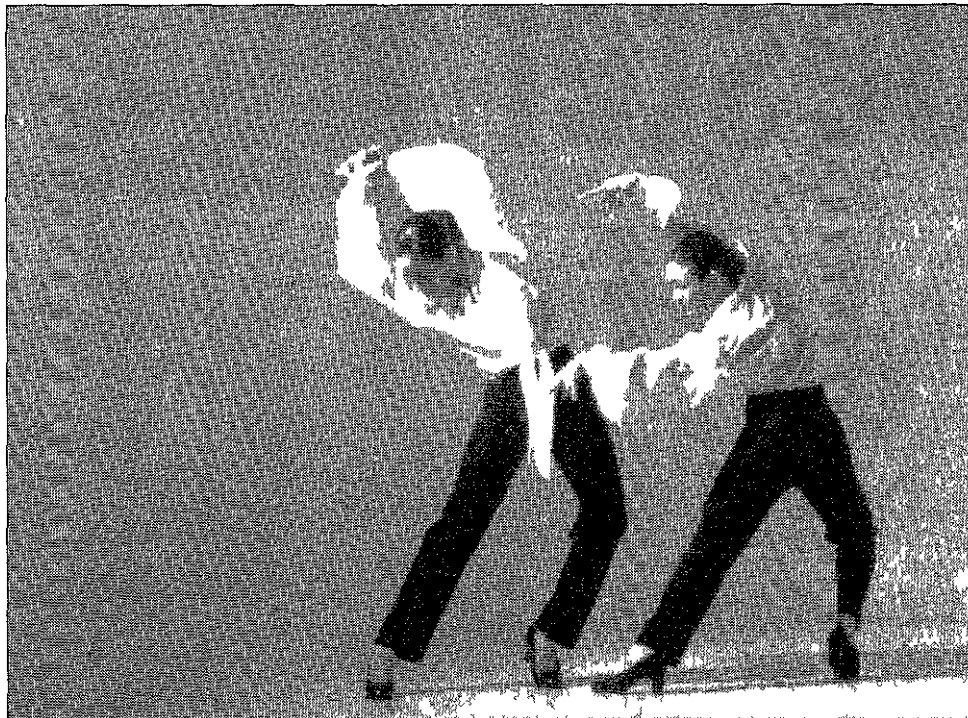


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Dance Cuba presents its unique dance style - a fusion of Spanish flamenco, ballet and African dance - in two performances at Music Hall in Detroit.

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# Jester Jeff

Chelsea's resident  
Hollywood actor  
is still chasing  
down laughs



PHOTO DANNA SEGRETT COURTESY OF PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

Sandra Birch, (from left) and Michelle Mountain star in Jeff Daniels' new comedy about two sisters, *Norma & Wanda*

It's dark inside Jeff Daniels' tiny corner office at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea.

Daniels seats himself in the darkest corner of the room, props his booted feet up on an old wooden crate like a farm boy and hunkers down into a posture that one comes to realize is characteristic of him.

Legs crossed and slightly bent, one elbow comes down to thigh, head and chest fold in, chin drops into cup of hand, and before you know it the 6-foot something Hollywood actor has shed his height and something more, for he is looking up toward you with those *Dumb and Dumber* eyes from a dim corner of the room.

No, Daniels, who lives in his hometown of Chelsea, is not hiding in the shadows. He's just trying to blend in, to physically minimize his celebrity, as if to say, "Listen, don't fuss, I'm just a silly guy who likes to bust out a few gags. But, hey, feel free to laugh at me at anytime."

Daniels, who turns 50 this year, is up to all his usual comedy hat tricks. He's still starring in movies — jetting off to Hollywood and shoot locations as required — writing plays and raising money for the

Purple Rose Theatre, which he founded in 1991.

At the moment, he's in rehearsals for his new play *Norma & Wanda*, which opens Friday and runs through Saturday, March 19.

A farce about two very different sisters, the comedy involves yet-to-be disclosed mature audience content and a Baby Jesus Memorial Brunch that induces heavy-duty anxiety between the play's characters.

"I've been around that dynamic for years," said Daniels, whose wife Kathleen, also a native of Chelsea, has two sisters. "I wanted to write a comedy after *Escanaba*. This play sat in the first draft for a long time, since 1996. I picked it up two years ago, maybe, and really just went after the comedy."

Two sisters, adult content, farcical comedy — who knows where this play is going? Both Daniels and the play's director, the Purple Rose's artistic director Guy Sanville, are happy to report it's tough for the audience to figure out.

"Comedy is dead, if it's predictable," said Daniels. "That's part of my process. You write yourself

PLEASE SEE DANIELS, E9

STORY BY NICOLE STAFFORD | STAFF WRITER



## DANIELS

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into a corner. Then the craft of it becomes getting out.

In initial drafts, Daniels stops at crucial plot junctures to determine what the audience thinks is going to happen. Then, taking cues from his characters, he goes in an unpredictable direction. The actor-director-writer has created nine plays for the Purple Rose, the last four of which were published by Dramatists Play Service. He considers American playwright Langford Wilson his greatest mentor.

But back at the Purple Rose, he looks to Sanville for guidance. It's more typical than not for Daniels to hand the artistic director a 1,000-page manuscript for editing, cutting and feedback. "I'll say, 'it's a play about this or a play about that,'" Sanville said, adding *Norma & Wanda* tackles the subject of forgiveness.

### MAKING AN IMPRESSION

The two met in 1992 when Sanville, an unknown local actor, came to the theater to audition for Daniels' play *The Tropical Pickle* and made quite an impression with his portrayal of the script's off-balanced character.

"This guy walked in from Lansing and I thought he came straight out of an institution. I mean, 'is he on his meds?'" recalled Daniels.

Sanville was cast again at the theater



PHOTO BY DANNA SEGREST, COURTESY OF PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY

Terry Heck, (from left), Michelle Mountain, Sandra Birch and Grant R. Krause unfold a tale of forgiveness and family at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea.

and then worked as a director. In 1995, he was named artistic director.

Sanville describes Daniels as "very smart, very honest, very direct and like all good playwrights, ruthless with his material, like a machine." From a director's point of view, he says Daniels is appropriately hands-off and hands-on.

"He doesn't come in here and dictate from day one that this line has to be said this way or the set has to be that way. He'll come in say this is great and this is okay or you're way

off here. It's a great collaboration."

Is there a downside to directing Jeff Daniels' plays?

"The only thing that bugs me sometimes — and it's not his fault — is the fame thing. It is a double-edged sword.

On the one hand, it means that Sanville can get playwright John Guare to take his telephone calls. On the other, celebrity has a way of interfering with what should be everyday routine at the theater.

Occasionally, actors cast in shows are a bit

## SISTER ACT

**What:** Jeff Daniels' new comedy about two sisters, *Norma & Wanda*

**When:** Opening night, 8 p.m. Friday, play continues through Saturday March 19 with evening performances at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and matinees slated 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday

**Where:** The Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park in downtown Chelsea

**Tickets:** \$22.50-\$32.50, call (734) 433-7673 or visit

[www.purplerosetheatre.org](http://www.purplerosetheatre.org)

star struck when Daniels comes in to check out rehearsals. Watching play previews and opening night presents other challenges. If Daniels is seated in the theater, the audience watches him react instead of the play.

"But I found a way to watch," Daniels said, describing a small closet located next to the sound and lighting booth at the rear of the theater that's been equipped with two seats. "It's our luxury sky box," he joked. "Once the public is here, I'm gone."

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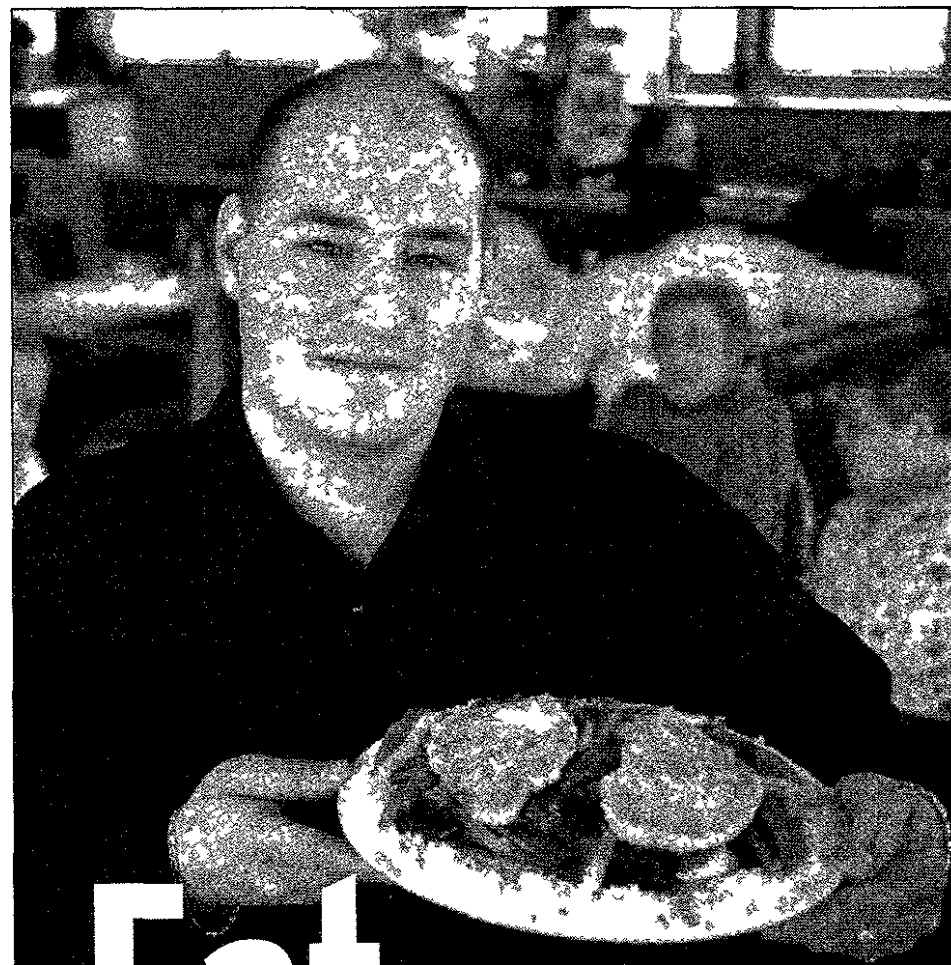
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## Table hopping



# Eat well

Ray Kurmas presents Healthy Stir-Fry, a popular item on the menu at The Avenue Family Restaurant.

Sensible prices are on the menu at The Avenue

STORY BY ELEANOR HEALD | CORRESPONDENT

Last August, frequenters of eateries along Woodward Avenue, between Ferndale and Bloomfield Hills, noticed a change

The Ram's Horn, north of 13 Mile Road in Royal Oak, changed its name to The Avenue Family Restaurant. The menu expanded yet pricing remained sensible

"Lacking capitalization to go it alone, I opened this location as a Ram's Horn franchise in 1974," said partner and building owner, 52-year-old Tim Derda. "As the third ten-year contract was nearing its end in 2004, I knew that my

partner Ray Kurmas (34 years old) and I could own our own restaurant outright'

Kurmas, like Derda, began his career as a cook at another Ram's Horn. They met in 1987 and over the years Kurmas left the kitchen to begin managing and then entered a partnership with Derda



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Don't drive away when you see that. Both Derda and Kurmas run the front of their house — directing fast and efficient clearing of tables and quick seating of parties waiting. During peak hours, a wait is rarely more than 10 minutes.

Although the restaurant was remodeled from ground up in 1997, it offers the appearance of happening only a few months ago. Attention to detail, such as clean carpets and replacement of worn chairs, only happens when owners are on premise and do not leave their restaurant to hired or outside management.

A kitchen staff of three or four working different shifts pump out an average of 700 meals per day.

Service is competent and friendly in this 134-seat eatery with counter space for six, ample booths for four and tables for four to six. Burgundy green, gray and mauve tones form a background to hanging plants and attractive lighting that creates an inviting atmosphere where smoking is not permitted.

#### VALUE PRICING

At The Avenue, a patron can eat breakfast, lunch or dinner any time of day. However, breakfast specials, ranging \$2.59 to \$3.39, run only to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday.

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Stir-Fry, on the Healthy Avenue Page. Essentially the dinner menu does chicken eight ways and accounts for 50 percent of all orders.

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BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD  
CORRESPONDENTS

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# Music

## It's so hard to say good-bye



Bobby Lewis will retire his Cracker Jack Band this month after a 45-year run.

### Bobby Lewis & The Cracker Jack Band

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Bobby Lewis & The Cracker Jack Band will be dearly missed

For 45 years the rock band has been dedicated to Michigan

Yes, they've played Las Vegas and Reno, performed for Elizabeth Taylor, knew Frank Sinatra and bonded with Bobby Vinton. This band could have moved to Los Angeles or New York for an even bigger career. Instead the band was signed to Motown and made strong roots here.

Bobby Lewis & The Cracker Jack Band has played nearly every Michigan festival imaginable and every event big and small. The music is rock n roll.

As of Sunday Jan. 30 Bobby Lewis & The Cracker Jack Band will be no more.

And the final show is already sold out.

The gentlemanly band will play one more show at The Venue in Dearborn.

After that Lewis, formerly of Florida who now has a home in Northville, will pursue new musical projects. He's giving the band name to current members of the Cracker Jack Band and they'll continue to perform.

Just not together as Bobby Lewis & The Cracker Jacks.

"It's been a great run, Lewis said. Detroit is a great town for musicians and I wanted to quit while we were ahead. I want to focus on writing."

What's so special about Lewis and the band is the loyal following.

From 1970-1983 they were a house band at the now defunct Your Mustache nightclub that was located at Ford Road and Oakman. In its heyday, when Lewis

and the band performed, it wasn't unusual for Bobby Vinton or Peggy Fleming to be in the audience. After the club closed the band continued playing other night clubs and events, becoming a Detroit mainstay.

#### STRONG FOLLOWING

"We've had a strong following for years," Lewis said. People came and met at our shows, got married, brought their kids to our shows. We've grown up with a lot of people. We even made it through the disco era because we didn't fall into that trap. We stayed true to what we loved.

And what they love are good songs — originals and also remakes like *Drift Away* by Dobie Gray. Lewis also worked to introduce the audience to new styles of music.

"We exposed our audience to many up-and-coming musicians like Steely Dan," Lewis said. We played their songs live before they were popular. The audience appreciated that. We weren't a cookie cutter group.

His daughter, popular local musician Gia Warner, said she realizes the impact her father has on the Detroit music scene.

Is there anyone in Michigan who doesn't know Bobby Lewis & The Cracker Jack Band? Warner said, "I've heard stories of people telling me how they remember seeing my dad perform at Your Mustache."

I think all of Michigan went to that place during its heyday at least once. Lewis, a singer who also plays the guitar, banjo and mandolin, is known in the local music scene as an entertainer who treats his band well and respects his audience. He's honed musicians such as Larry London, a drummer considered one of Nashville's best, for example.

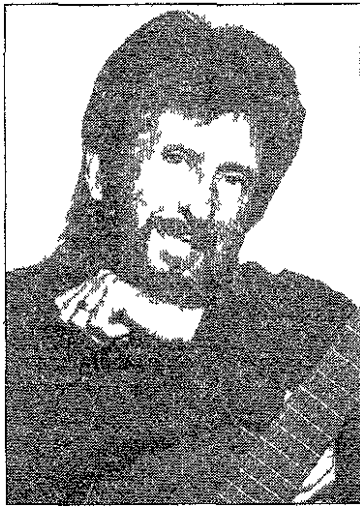
It's his love for musicians and music

that's made him so successful. Warner said. He always kept the shows fresh because he loves being on stage.

Lewis played guitar on Warner's upcoming album. He hopes to play bluegrass and plans to release a CD of the *Bobby Lewis & Cracker Jack Band* sometime this year.

Through the years we tried to provide high caliber entertainment and I'm grateful to everyone who followed us," Lewis said. "It's time to try something new."

Keep in touch with Lewis' projects by visiting his daughter's Web site at [www.giawarner.com](http://www.giawarner.com).



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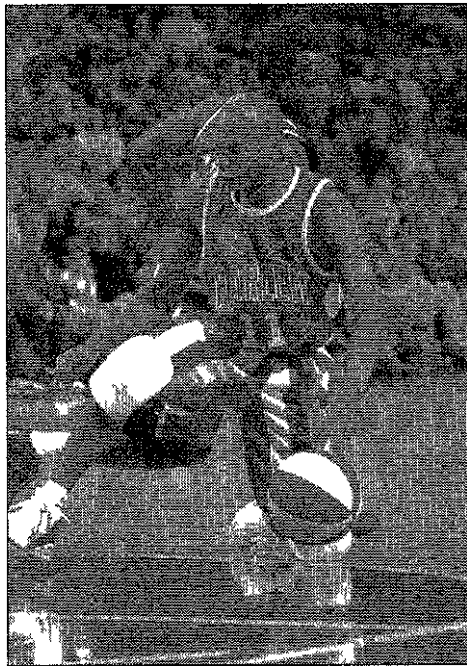
BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

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The Harlem Globetrotters have been entertaining generations since the late 1920s The team's impact on basketball is strong Globetrotters were instrumental in creating the 'slam-dunk'

Everyone gets a kick out of them I did when I was a child"

Blakes is in his third season as a Globetrotter, a career that's a dream come true

'What young kid hasn't dreamt of playing pro sports?' Blakes said

## STERLING REPUTATION

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Globetrotters reputation shines More than 90 percent of the team members are college graduates On court, they behave modestly

'A lot of athletes don't want the responsibility of being role models, but like it or not, we are,' Blakes said 'We want to show children the possibilities that are out there if they work hard We serve as goodwill ambassadors to schools, hospitals anywhere we can make a child smile

Blakes said being a Globetrotter takes more than world-class athletic talent

'You need to have the personality for it, Blakes said "I was always a down-to-earth guy, always smiling on the court, trying to be a positive person The Globetrotters noticed that so they approached me

Smiles are important, but talent even more so Blakes played for the University of Wyoming when the Globetrotters approached him

The Globetrotters developed the fast-break offense, the slam dunk and a scouting system to recruit players, Blakes said Recently, the team set world records in the vertical slam dunk

"We're always looking to push the limits," he said

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# Art

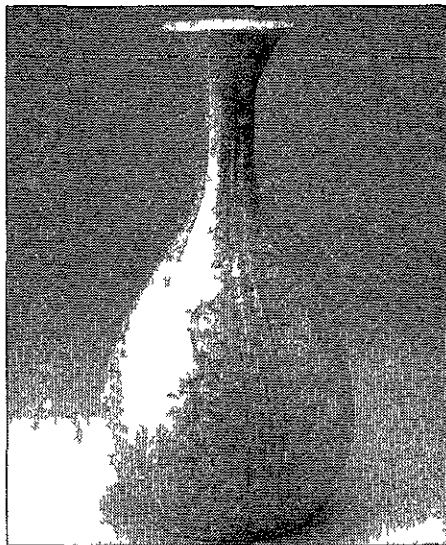


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Celadon glaze pottery is the most well known style of Korean ceramic art. A wine bottle with an inlaid design of chrysanthemum blossoms represents the style and the Goryeo Period between 918 and 1392.

## Still standing, still speaking

Exhibit presents Korea's enduring, but centuries-old, art works

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

It's fair to think of Korean pottery as a sort of sole survivor with a profound tale to tell.

Unlike most other works of art created centuries ago in Korea, ceramics weathered the country's tumultuous history at least partly because of their burial in tombs.

Korea, by virtue of its location as a peninsula, had been ravaged by warfare throughout its history, so you can't trace Korean architecture and also the paintings did not survive. Many were taken to Japan as booty of war," explained Maribeth Graybill, senior curator of Asian art at the University of Michigan Museum of Art, where an exhibition of Korean pottery spanning the second century to 1910 recently opened.

*The Enduring Art of the Korean Potter*, which continues through July 24, also debuts the Ann Arbor museum's newly acquired collection of more than 250 Korean ceramic works.

UMMA has the largest collection of Asian art in Michigan. The acquisition, part gift and part purchase, rounds out

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### New York Philharmonic

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HILL AUDITORIUM

Hill Auditorium

PROGRAM (SAT. 12/5)

Mozart: Symphony No. 29 in A Major, K. 202 (1774)

Wagner: Symphony No. 5 in D Minor (1864)

PROGRAM (SUN. 12/6)

Dvorak: Symphony No. 9 in E minor, Op. 95 ("New World") (1893)

Bach: Concerto for Orchestra (1943)

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Letters from Mozart

### Netherlands Wind Ensemble

Barth Schreier, conductor

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 8 PM

Backham Auditorium

PROGRAM

Mozart: Serenade No. 10 in G Major, K. 361 ("Gran Partita") (1781)

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Rehearsals on Mozart's Gran Partita

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Your Guide to Entertainment

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## PROFESSIONAL THEATER

### Jewish Ensemble Theatre

*Door to Door* by James Sherman through Feb. 13, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900, www.jettheatre.org

### Fox Theatre

The new production of the musical *Oliver!* through Jan. 30, shows at 8 p.m. today, Saturday and 6:30 p.m. Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$28-\$70.50, (248) 433-1515 or (313) 471-6611 or visit www.OlympiaEntertainment.com

### Meadow Brook Theatre

*Driving Miss Daisy* through Jan. 30 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Show times and ticket prices vary, visit www.mbthe

atre.com or call (248) 377-3300

### The Fisher Theatre

*The King and I* through Jan. 30, show times vary, tickets \$30-\$68, (248) 645-6666, (313) 872-1000 or www.nederlanderdetroit.com

### Detroit Repertory Theatre

*Intimate Apparel* by Lynn Nottage, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday 3 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Sunday, through March 20, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, \$17-\$31, (313) 868-1347, www.detroitreptheatre.com

### Detroit's City Theatre

Mitch Albom's *Duck Hunter Shoots Angel* has extended its performance schedule through Feb. 27, tickets \$25-\$40, (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com. For information, call (313) 872-1000 or www.NederlanderDetroit.com

### Breathe Art Theatre Project

Sam Shepard's dark comedy *True West*, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave., West Windsor, Ontario, \$22 (Canadian) with a student rate of \$16.50, available from the box office, call (519) 253-7729 or visit www.capitolon.ca

## YOUTH THEATER

### PuppetArt

*Firebird*, 2 p.m. Saturday, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit, \$5 children, \$7 adults, (313) 961-7777

### Starlight Theater

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott, presented by Oakland Theatre Guild, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Feb. 4-5, Feb. 11-12, 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, Feb. 6 and Feb. 13 at the theater inside Summit Place Mall, 315 N. Telegraph, corner of Elizabeth Lake Road, \$14 adults, \$12 seniors, \$10 children, 12 & under at the door, on line at www.starlighttheater.net or call (248) 335-1788. Order advance tickets on line before Jan. 28 and save \$3. Enter the coupon code OTG333

## COMMUNITY THEATER

### Avon Players

*A New Brain*, musical based on the life of composer William Finn, with book co-authored by James Lapine, Jan. 27-29, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, performances start at 8 p.m. at 1185 Washington Road, one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester Roads in Rochester Hills, \$16-\$14 student/senior discount tickets for Sunday matinees, (248) 608-9077

### Farmington Players

*Proof*, 8 p.m. curtain, 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 28-30, Feb. 4-6, Feb. 10-13, 17-19 at the Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 Twelve Mile Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads, tickets \$13-\$10 on Thursdays and for seniors on Jan. 30, (248) 553-2955, www.farmingtonplayers.org

### Players Guild of Dearborn

Comedy *Dear Ruth* by Norman Krasna, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Jan. 28-29, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, 21730 Madison, Dearborn, (313) 561-TKTS or www.playersguildofdearborn.org

### St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild

Neil Simon's *Rumors*, 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, Jan. 27-29, \$15 students/seniors, \$13, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-0527 or www.stdunstantheatre.com

### Village Players

*High Spirits*, Noel Coward's classic comedy



Sketches From the Front, 'Drawing from Life: Steve Mumford in Iraq, 2003-2004' exhibit at Cranbrook Art Museum opens Jan. 29 and runs through April 3 in the Museum's deSalle Auditorium. Mumford's work chronicles military and civilian life in Iraq. He will present a lecture of his experiences at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 28. The museum is at 39221 Woodward Ave. in Bloomfield Hills. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Fourth Fridays of each month. Admission free for members, \$6 general public, \$4 students and seniors, children 12 and under are free. For more information, call (877) GO CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrook.edu

*Blithe Spirit* is set to a rollicking musical score, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Jan. 28-29 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, 34660 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, \$15, (248) 644-2075 or www.birminghamvil-lageplayers.com

### Stagecrafters

*Pippin* through Feb. 13 at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette in downtown Royal Oak, tickets \$16 and \$18, call (248) 541-6430

### Pontiac Theatre IV

Neil Simon's *Rumors*, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Feb. 4-5, Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene, (248) 249-7471 or email pontiactheatreiv@comcast.net

### Rosedale Community Players

*The Melville Boys* by Norm Foster, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Feb. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand River (1/4 block east of Lahser), Detroit, \$12, (313) 537-7716 or (313) 532-4010

## COLLEGE THEATER

### Bonstelle Theatre

*Metamorphoses*, based on Ovid's ancient stories, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Jan. 28-29, Sunday, Jan. 30, 3424 Woodward Ave., one block south of Mack Avenue at Eliot. The box office at the Bonstelle Theatre is open only one hour prior to each performance, \$12 regular, \$9 for students, senior citizens, (313) 577-2960

## DINNER THEATER

### StarBrite Dinner Theater

Presents *Ripe Conditions* by Claudia Allen, Friday, Saturday through Feb. 19 at

14th Street Grille & Bar, 350 East 14 Mile in Madison Heights. The laugh-filled romp tells the story of a pair of bumbling brothers who compete for the affection of their attractive and newly widowed sister-in-law while a tornado threatens to blow apart their plans. Cocktails and dinner are at 6:30 p.m., curtain 7:30 p.m. Three-course dinner and theater, including tax, cost \$39.50 per person. Visit www.starbriteprod.com for information or call (248) 589-9900 for reservations.

### Tony n' Tina's Wedding

Extended run through Saturday, Feb. 12, Performances Friday, Saturday, Freedom Hill's Ralph A. Liberato Hall at Freedom Hill County Park, 14900 Metropolitan Parkway (16 Mile Road), east of Van Dyke (M-53) in Sterling Heights. Doors open 7 p.m. Evening includes a full Italian style dinner by Andiamo's champagne toast and piece of the wedding cake. Live band provides music for dancing, \$60 in advance, (586) 268-7820, (248) 645-6666, www.free-domhill.net or www.ticketmaster.com

### Rogerland Productions

*Run for your Wife* by Ray Cooney, 6:30 p.m. buffet dinner, show 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday through Feb. 25, \$25 per person, show only \$12 per person, tax, tip, drinks and dessert not included, Clawson Troy Elks, 1451 E. Big Beaver west of John R. Troy, (586) 776-9844

## AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

### Novi Theatres

*Oliver!* actors ages 7-99, 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3 (children), 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 (adults), 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6 (callbacks), The Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, (248) 347-0400



The Actors' Company presents the Prince Street Players Ltd. musical production of *Sleeping Beauty*, 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (northwest corner of I-275) in Livonia. Tickets \$8, ages 12 and younger, \$10, ages 12 to adult. Seating is limited, call (248) 988-7032 or visit www.theactorsco.com. The show has twelve tuneful songs, colorful sets and costumes and fast-paced dialogue. *Sleeping Beauty* is portrayed by Jacqueline Plunkard and the prince by Sean Ward.



### Clarkston Village Players

Auditions for *Bat Boy The Musical* Story and Book by Keythe Farley and Brian Fleming at Clarkston Village Players Depot Theatre  
18 roles available for adult men and women

Auditions will include readings from the script singing a prepared song and a dance audition Auditions are at 2 p.m. Sunday Feb 6 and 7 p.m. Monday Feb 7 For information visit [www.clarkstonvil.lageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvil.lageplayers.org)

### Rosedale Community Players

*Self Help* comedy by Norm Foster 2 p.m. Sunday Feb 6 7 p.m. Monday Feb 7 Upstage Theater 21728 Grand River (1/4 block east of Lahser Road) Detroit three men and women 25 and older sought (313) 532 4010

### The Henry Ford

Auditions for spring and summer shows 3 8 p.m. Monday Feb 21 3 8 p.m. Tuesday Feb 22 Anderson Theatre inside Henry Ford Museum 20900 Oakwood Blvd Dearborn Call (313) 982 6100 Ext 2154 or visit [www.TheHenryFord.org](http://www.TheHenryFord.org) (click on employment or Greenfield Village for the audition page)

### Oakland Community College

Just for You arts and entertainment series call for entries in the 10th annual Through Our Eyes photo contest and exhibit March 10 through April 1 second floor Student Center OCC Highland Lakes Campus 7350 Cooley Lake Road Waterford  
Submission deadline 5 p.m. Thursday Feb 24 For entry forms information call (248) 942 3241

## DANCE

### Moon-Dusters

Ballroom dancing to a live band 8 30 11 30 p.m. every Saturday Livonia Civic Center 15218 Farmington Road Livonia \$6 guest \$5.50 associates \$5 members (248) 968 5197

## COMEDY

### Paisano's Joey's Comedy Club

The Sandman 8 15 p.m. & 10 45 p.m. Friday Saturday Jan 28 29 \$12 7 p.m. Sunday Jan 30 \$10 5070 Schaefer Dearborn dinner packages available (313) 584 8885

### Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Tom Mabe 8 p.m. today \$9 8 p.m. & 10 30 p.m. Friday Saturday Jan 28 29 314 E Liberty \$12 (734) 996 9080 Discount for tickets purchased in advance

## CLASSICAL

### Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

Brass Bonanza featuring organist Tony Trenney 3 p.m. Sunday Jan 30 First Presbyterian Church 1669 W Maple Birmingham David Jackson musician and trombone professor at the University of Michigan presents *The Slide's the Thing* preview at 2 15 p.m. \$25 adults



The Detroit Ensemble Theatre presents 'Men in Suits - two short dark comedies about life in the most dysfunctional family of them all the Mafia 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan 28-29 at the theater in Roseville at the intersection of Ten Mile Road and Gratiot Avenue Tickets are \$15 and are available by calling (888) 220-8471 or at the door Pictured from left are Cliff Kanske Ken Wood and Megan Pennefather

\$22 seniors (over 60) \$10 students at door or call (248) 559 2095 [www.detroitchamberwinds.org](http://www.detroitchamberwinds.org)

### DSO

Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 2 featuring conductor Neeme Jarvi and pianist Alexander Markovich 10 45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday Jan 28 8 p.m. Saturday Jan 29 at the Max M. Fisher Music Center 377 Woodward Ave Detroit (313) 576 5111 [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com)

### UMS

Audra McDonald 4 p.m. Sunday Hill Auditorium 825 N University Ann Arbor \$10 \$44 (734) 764 2538 [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org)

## FOLK

### Kitty Donohoe

Award winning singer songwriter brings her three octave voice and multi instrumental talent to Trinity House Theatre in Livonia 8 p.m. Saturday Jan 29 \$12 at the door or call (734) 464 6302 Trinity House Theatre is at 38840 W Six Mile Road in Livonia [www.kittydonohoe.com](http://www.kittydonohoe.com)

### Clarkston Village Players

Presents Jeremy Kittel Trio 8 p.m. Saturday Feb 5 at Clarkston Village Players Depot Theatre \$12 call (248) 625 8811 or visit [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org)

### Larry Arbour

Coffee Beanery Cafe 28557 Woodward Ave Berkley 7 30 p.m. Saturday Jan 29 (248) 336 9930

### The Ark

The 28th annual Ann Arbor Folk Festival 7 p.m. Friday Jan 28 and 6 p.m. Saturday Jan 29 Hill Auditorium 825 N University Ann Arbor \$30 or \$45 for both nights (248) 645 666 (734) 761 1451 or [www.theark.org](http://www.theark.org)

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### The Magic Bag

Tony Fusco Tribute with The Gaza Strippers 3D Invisibles and Mitch Manns 8 p.m. tonight \$7 Radiocraft 8 p.m. Friday The Mega 80s 8 p.m. Saturday 22920 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 544 3030 [www.themagicbag.com](http://www.themagicbag.com)

### Winter Rock Fest

At Memphis Smoke 100 S. Main Street Royal Oak (248) 543 4300 8 p.m. Sunday Jan 30 A Detroit rock festival including Blind Shame Proxi Joe Anthony and Natives of the New Dawn to raise money for the Detroit Music Awards \$5 donation [www.detroitmusicawards.com](http://www.detroitmusicawards.com)

## JAZZ

### Peabody's

Al Duncan and Patrick W. Doran 8 30 p.m. Saturday Jan 29 34965 Woodward Ave Birmingham (248) 644 5222

### Edison's

John D. Lamb 8 p.m. to midnight today Tall Cool One 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday Saturday 220 Merrill St Birmingham (248) 645 2150

### Kimmie Horne

Has released her recently recorded CD *High Standards* and will be performing at Motor City Casino on the Overdrive Stage 5 30 8 15 p.m. Saturday Jan 29

### Bugs Beddow Band

Memphis Smoke 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday Jan 28 (248) 543 4300 [www.bugsbeddow.com](http://www.bugsbeddow.com)

## ART

### Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Jim Cogswell *Definite Article* opening 8 p.m. Friday Jan 28 exhibit continues to March 5 407 Pine St Rochester [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.org)

### Cranbrook Academy of Art

Network Gallery at Cranbrook Art

Museum *Cranbrook to Lancaster and Back* Contemporary works in clay fiber and metal from the Robert L. Pfannebecker Collection opens 5 8 p.m. Friday continues to March 26 39221 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills (248) 645 3312 [www.cranbrookart.edu/museum](http://www.cranbrookart.edu/museum)

### Zeitgeist Gallery

Tribute to Jacques Karamanoukian opening reception 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday Jan 29 Guest musicians begin playing at 9 p.m. Exhibit continues to March 12 2661 Michigan Ave between 19th and 20th Streets less than a mile west of the old Tiger Stadium (313) 965 9192 or [www.zeitgeistdetroit.org](http://www.zeitgeistdetroit.org)

### Full House

555 a nonprofit studio/gallery at 4884 Grand River Ave in Detroit is seeking submissions for Full House a show that runs Jan 29 to Feb 12 Artist's talk 7 9 p.m. Saturday Jan 29 reception 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. will feature food from local merchants and live DJ sets by Monika Lockett aka DJ Genesis (Subgroundz) additional performances by Eric Leiss (Espleece 6Dirty) and Mark Szymanski (Omoa Music) Bring up to 15 pieces of work All mediums and subject matters are welcome The cost of participation is \$15 To reserve your space in the show email [trevor@555arts.org](mailto:trevor@555arts.org) [www.555arts.org](http://www.555arts.org)

### Janice Charach Epstein Gallery

*The Forgotten Photographs The Work of Paul Goldman* opening reception 6 30 8 p.m. Thursday Feb 3 exhibit continues to March 20 Jewish Community Center 6600 W Maple West Bloomfield (248) 432 5448

### Epiphany Glass

Opens studio to the public 4 9 p.m. Thursday Feb 3 View an individually crafted collection of handblown glass sculptures including the Splash Free Form and Nest series Meet artisan husband and wife team Jason Ruff and April Wagner Live glass blowing demonstrations will be conducted every half hour No charge All welcome 770 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac (248) 745 3786

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Artrageous 2005

A lavish mix of live entertainment a fashion show wine tasting art and jewelry auction dining and more Presented by the Fanclub Arts Foundation to benefit arts education 7 30 p.m. Saturday Jan 29 at The American Center Building 27777 Franklin Road near Telegraph and the Lodge Freeway \$100 call (248) 584 4150 or visit [www.fanclubarts.com](http://www.fanclubarts.com)

### Michigan Camper Travel & RV Show

Through Sunday Pontiac Silverdome 3 9 p.m. today Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday \$750 adults \$3 children 6 14 children 5 and under free

[www.michigancampershow.com](http://www.michigancampershow.com) (800) 828 6550

### Sesame Street Live

Premiere benefit to support Detroit Public Television 7 p.m. Wednesday Feb 2 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit Tickets and other goodies will be available in packages of four at the \$200 \$120 \$100 and \$50 support levels and may be purchased with major credit card by calling (313) 876 8100 or visiting [www.detroitpublicity.org](http://www.detroitpublicity.org) More information about the special event may be obtained by calling (313) 876 8195

### Snow Ball

Black tie dinner with live auction of fancy packages and music by the Johnny Trudell Orchestra 6 p.m. Saturday Feb 5 Townsend Hotel Ballroom Birmingham Joel Grey presents a lively show for an intimate audience Benefits Variety The Children's Charity tickets \$300 friend \$400 patron and \$500 benefactor (248) 258 5511

### Camp & activities fair

The 16th annual Super Summer for Kids A Camp & Activities Fair offering one stop shopping for interesting and stimulating camps is set for Sunday Feb 27 in the Birmingham Public Schools Corporate Training and Conference Center 31301 Evergreen Beverly Hills (behind Groves High School) More than 70 U.S. and Canadian Camps both day and overnight will be showcased at the event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Many new camps will attend this year according to Elaine Sturnam camp fair organizer In addition new programs for older children that include overnight travel programs computer camps sports camps and programs that have a community service component will be represented Admission is free In addition high school and college students interested in summer employment will also have the opportunity to obtain information The camp fair is presented by Elaine S. Events and co sponsored by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Metro Parent Magazine

## MUSEUMS

### Detroit Institute of Arts

*Murano Glass from the Olmick Spanu Collection* through Feb 27 5200 Woodward Ave Detroit \$10 adults youth ages 6 17 \$5 [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org) Museum open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Sunday Closed Monday and some holidays

### Detroit Science Center

*Monster Trucks An Xtreme Exhibit* continues to May 29 \$4 adults \$2 children age 2 and up and seniors with paid general admission For more information call (313) 577 8400 or visit [www.detroitsciencecenter.org](http://www.detroitsciencecenter.org)



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the museum's holdings in the geographical area and significantly increases its Korean art collection. The gift came from Bruce and Inta Hasenkamp of California, with funding for the purchase from Elder Sang-yong Nam, an alumni of the University of Michigan, and his wife.

Now the museum's collection of the country's ceramics spans the centuries and fairly represents important Korean pottery styles. The exhibit presents the pieces in chronological order.

Thin-bodied, gray stoneware made for society's elite and funeral rituals between the second and eighth centuries is the earliest work featured.

"They're really kind of awe-inspiring," Graybill said. One piece, a mounted equestrian warrior that functioned as a lamp, is extremely rare with less than 10 known.

The next grouping, from the Goryeo Dynasty spanning 918 to 1392, features celadon-glazed pieces used in Buddhist rituals. Although influenced by Chinese green-glazed wares, they show off Korean potters' unique contributions to the style - molded and carved decoration and abstract or pictorial inlays.

"Although (Korean potters) learned celadon from the Chinese, they took it in very interesting directions," said Graybill. Chinese potters used layers of clay, pro-

## SPANNING TWO MILLENNIA

**What:** The Enduring Art of the Korean Potter' an exhibit of ceramics

**When:** Through July 24 regular museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday

**Where:** University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State St. University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor

**Tickets:** Admission is free, suggested donation \$5. Call (734) 763-UMMA or visit [www.umma.umich.edu](http://www.umma.umich.edu)

ducing thick, rich and lustrous pieces, but Korean artists created thin delicate works with elaborate designs.

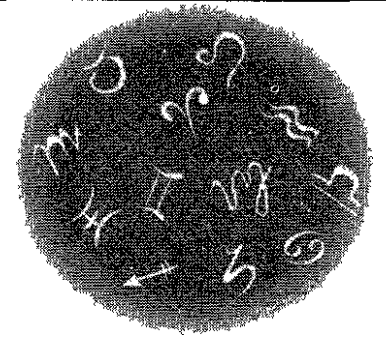
The Joseon Dynasty, from 1392 to 1910, followed, marking the fall of Buddhism and its replacement with Confucianism. As such, the new Korean government favored austere white porcelain in accord with Confucian frugality. By the 17th century, tastes shifted toward blue-and-white wares and another style - buncheon ware - emerged.

"The exhibit truly is an opportunity to survey Korean art through the centuries," said Graybill.



## Star struck

(Jan. 27-Jan. 29)  
By Dennis Fairchild



### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

A chance remark or encounter should now provide you with the perfect opportunity to force both intensely personal and financial matters out into the open. Just ensure that others realize that your patience is exhausted and that a new format must be put into operation. **ASAP, Aries!**

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You've been hoping for an opportunity to shake off that careful, practical Taurus tag and try something different. Well, you are now about to get your chance. A new life beckons, so don't be afraid to discard anything that fails to measure up to your exacting measures.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

If you carry on at your current pace, it won't be long before you're running on empty. The trouble is you have so many things on the go at the moment that you don't have time to slow down. You must make the time. You'll find it's a precious commodity.

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

No matter what setbacks you may have suffered recently, you must get over them quickly. Moon Kid: There are many good things coming your way when the Sun enters your element next month, and you'll miss them if you're moping around with that "woe is me" look on your face. **Cheer up!**

### LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

You can change just about anything right now - your e-mail name, hairstyle, or career. The most important thing is that you change something at this time, because Mars changing signs promises that changes are a-comin' soon - and they will be good for you! Don't be lazy, **Lion!**

### VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

You'll be remarkably laid back over the next few days, and nothing will bother you very much. What's come over you? Most likely you've come to the conclusion that nothing in life is worth getting worked up about. It has taken you a long time to get there, but it was an important realization.

### LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Once you overcome certain irrational fears, you'll find that new openings and opportunities bring a new dimension to your existence - and maybe a new source of income as well. You're capable of much more than you are achieving. Stop worrying and start living, **Libra!** If you can dream it, you can be it!

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Having forged new alliances recently, you must now go a step further and start making them work for you. What is the point of having talented and influential friends if you don't use them? Do something for them, and they'll do something for you. **Scorp, assert and insist!**

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Certain folks still do not believe that you have made your very last attempt to settle your differences and bring about a reconciliation. Therefore, you must be prepared to go to any lengths to ensure that you are compensated in full for your past efforts. Refuse to be drawn into any more put-downs, **Archer!**

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

With the Moon in your element now, you won't be short on ideas or opinions. In fact, you'll have far too many of them for some people's liking. Be that as it may, you won't hesitate to let others know what you think and what you expect of them - and the time is ripe, **Cap!**

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

Loved ones will want to go their own way and do their thing now, and if you're wise, not only will you let them, you'll encourage them too! You should be delighted that they want to be more independent - it means they've learned something positive from you, **Water Bearer!**

### PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

The time has come to make a serious assessment of your financial position and make the kind of changes that will ensure your long-term security. **Fish!** That means making short-term sacrifices, but it's a small price to pay for peace of mind - and money in the bank!

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# Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda we present our top entertainment picks for the week  
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## Blogs

If you haven't heard yet (and who could've escaped them by now) blogs exist! Short for Web

logs, blogs are journals found on the Internet, but they are so much more than that. They create online communities where everyone can share their ideas on everything - from the breakup of Jen and Ben to the stupid thing the President said. Most blogs (the good ones anyway, the ones with advertising and sponsors and some even with a staff of writers and reporters) deal with specific topics - everything from politics ([www.wonkette.com](http://www.wonkette.com)) to tech gadgets ([www.gizmodo.com](http://www.gizmodo.com)). This week I focus on entertainment blogs - perhaps the most common type of blog (next to personal musings). Note: I have no scientific research to back this up! Because there are so many pop culture blogs, it can be a little daunting to sort through the best. It's a good thing I'm here to tell you which are the most interesting. I mean, what if the blog you love isn't really that great? How would you even know unless I told you? May I suggest you clip this column out and stash it in your desk at work for that dreaded downtime? You'll thank me later. As a sidenote, if something is marked NSFW, it means it's Not Safe For Work and you best not open that link if you value your job. Unless, of course, you work in porn, in which case, click on anything you wish.

### Entertainment blogs

Many entertainment blogs are simply pop culture mockery and the creme de la creme of snarky comments is **Golden Fiddle** ([goldenfiddle.com](http://goldenfiddle.com)) - plus, if you're into that sort of thing, they often post photos of hot chicks. Reading this blog will have you on the cusp of everything new - from movie trailers to celebrity happenings to band touring dates - and keep you current of sarcasm trends.

**Scott Stereogum** ([www.stereogum.com](http://www.stereogum.com)) has a penchant for young teen starlets and left of the dial MP3s. Mostly a music blog, Stereogum often links to album streams and new music videos, but he also hooks you up with the latest Ashlee Simpson and Britney Spears faux pas.

On the local front, **Whatever's** ([www.whatevs.org](http://www.whatevs.org)) is a seriously popular blog that compiles the must-know entertainment commentaries and Detroit interest stuff. A tightly written blog (he was just nominated for the Bloggies shortlist prize), this is a great place for those unfamiliar with blogs to be thrown into the fire, but be careful if you have a super uptight boss - it often carries sexy photos of young starlets. (Notice a trend here?)

**Mister Pants** ([misterpants.com](http://misterpants.com)) is rarely updated, but when it is, you'll find the best and weirdest links many related to entertainment or at least providing entertainment (the line is blurry here, if a blog is not exactly about entertainment, yet provides entertainment, it is an entertainment blog, correct? I hope so, cause farther down I discuss those).

### MP3 and Music blogs

Free music, you ask? Why yes, blogs focusing on

free MP3s do exist. As well as blogs with a music focus.

**Large hearted Boy** ([blog.largeheartedboy.com](http://blog.largeheartedboy.com)) provides lots and lots of daily MP3 links, many of which are bootleg shows or live versions of single songs. It also provides daily links to music stories all over the country, allowing you to catch one of your favorite artists in an Arizona newspaper interview. The sheer volume of daily music-related stuff makes this site one of my favorites.

**Said the Gramophone** ([www.tangmonkey.com/blogs/music](http://www.tangmonkey.com/blogs/music)) is a blog not unlike my column. MP3s are posted with a personal impression of the song. A music fan's commentary, if you will. Good stuff.

Another MP3 elite (read elite like they have loads of visitors, not like they are snotty) blog is **Fluxblog** ([www.fluxblog.org](http://www.fluxblog.org)). Providing daily MP3s of very left-of-the-dial musicians, the best thing about this site is the pure variety of music picked.

On the local front, **Motor City Rocks** ([www.motorcityrocks.com](http://www.motorcityrocks.com)) runs a blog compiling local music and Detroit interest stories, as well as local show reviews and band news. Elsewhere on the site, you'll find a local event calendar. This is a must for local rock music fans.

Here are a few more worth checking out:  
**The Modern Age** ([www.themodernage.org](http://www.themodernage.org)) - Garage rock blog from New York.  
**CatchDubs** ([www.catchdubs.com](http://www.catchdubs.com)) - Often linked by other blogs, I would be remiss not to mention this one.

### Blogs to Kill Time With

I often wonder if **Gawker** ([www.gawker.com](http://www.gawker.com)) will one day collapse from its own sarcasm. With a total disdain for *The New York Times* intern party reports, Page 6 like blind items, celebrity screwups, it's a lot like *Vice* with more hipster hate and less swearing.

**The Minor Fall, The Major Lift** ([www.popfactor.com/tmftml](http://www.popfactor.com/tmftml)) is a Jeff Buckley lyric, but I've never been able to figure out how that relates to the content. After a brief hiatus, this smarty pants is back with a bang, discussing stories you missed with a unique insight.

Finally, maybe the best local blog is the simply named **Detroit Blog** ([detroitblog.blogspot.com](http://detroitblog.blogspot.com)) - despite not having a comment form (this is the only thing I would change, as this blog is very positive commentable). This well-researched and well-written blog takes you urban exploring in Detroit in the winter months (because it's too cold to truck around abandoned buildings), it provides great local news links, but click back through the archives to take a tour of the Motown Recording studios, old hotels, the Riverfront area, and tons more. I can't tell you how much I've learned from this extremely interesting and historically relevant blog.

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